

C.A.R.P. Newsletter

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A Carpenters Estate Community Plan

Residents and local businesses challenge UCL plans

Despite our politicians' propaganda about the Olympic Legacy and the long-term benefits we are supposed to gain from the Olympics in this part of London, we know that the council and UCL's plans for the future of the Carpenters Estate are designed to get rid of our existing community.

As part of CARP's campaign strategy, we have highlighted this double speak in the media and have obtained coverage in local and national press and on TV. As a result we continue to gain support (from outside our community) for our desire to hold onto, refurbish, and regenerate our estate and neighbourhood for the benefit of those who currently live and work here.

We've asked two community based organisations – Just Space and London Tenants Federation to help residents

and others in our community to put together a 'Community Plan' setting out what we all want for the future of our estate; our homes, green and play spaces, community facilities and local employment.

A number of residents and businesses have already taken part in walkabouts, meetings and workshops and some students, who are studying planning, have been helping to develop community-led 'alternatives' to the council / UCL plans .

There is more to be done – a further workshop, a walkabout and exhibitions which you are invited to attend / contribute to.

Contact Joe 07838383141 or Osita 07962378149 for info about future workshops.

UCL students protest against plans to demolish our homes

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In November, forty students entered and occupied a room at University College London in Bloomsbury, in protest against the plans to demolish our homes and build a new campus in Stratford.

The university delivered a High Court possession order on the occupied room, naming three UCL students. Fearing that they would be personally liable for £40,000 in legal fees, the protesters agreed to leave.

However, students are continuing their awareness campaign, organising protests on campus, visits to the estate and film screenings at the university. Support for residents continues to grow across UCL, against this terrible plan.

Boris Johnson to take over planning power for our part of Newham

London Legacy Development Corporation headed by controversial London Mayor

Plans for what local politicians want to see developed for years to come on both on our estate and across Newham are all set out in London Borough of Newham's planning policies.

However, in October 2012, planning powers for the Olympic Legacy area, covering parts of Newham (including the Carpenters Estate), Hackney, Tower Hamlets and Waltham Forest

were handed over to the 1st Mayoral Development Corporation; the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).

The LLDC will have to draw up and consult on its own planning policies and plans, which once formally in place, will take over from Newham's existing ones in this part of the borough. Some early consultation on its 'Local Plan' took place in December 2012. Further consultations will take place later this year and an independent 'examination' or hearing will be held in 2014.

It is important that residents are involved in influencing what goes in the LLDC's plans and in challenges them where they don't meet our needs. The development of a Carpenters Community Plan will help with both.



Residents protest outside Newham Town Hall in October last year, against the plans to demolish the estate. Fifty people turned up to ask questions of the council, but Robin Wales and his cabinet closed the doors and refused entry.

CARPENTERS AGAINST REGENERATION PLANS

CARP is a group of residents campaign to save the estate from demolition, and for a fair deal from Newham. For more information contact Joe 07838383141 or Osita 07962378149

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