# Putting the 'social' back into regeneration:

Social regeneration and urban renewal in inner London

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# Contextual Background: London Borough of Southwark



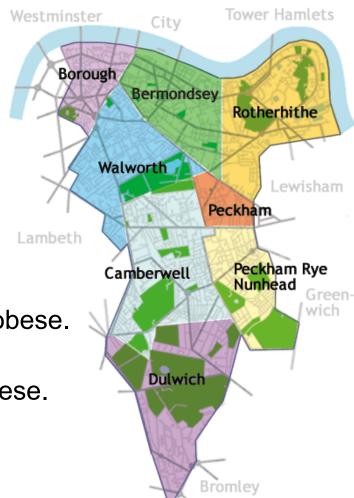
Map of Southwark within London

- Population: 310,000 at high density
- Diversity: 45% from non-white backgrounds
- Deprivation: 12<sup>th</sup> most deprived borough in London, 23<sup>rd</sup> in England
- More than 1,500 new homes built every year



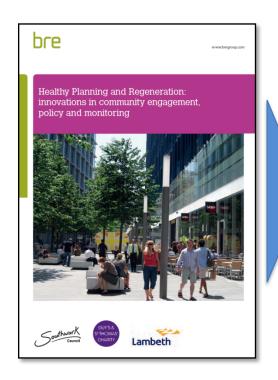
#### Statistical analysis: Health in Southwark

- Life expectancy is increasing.
- Social inequalities leading to unequal health outcomes:
  - Life expectancy:
    - 5 ½ year difference for women
    - 9 ½ year difference for men
- 43% of 11 year olds currently overweight or obese.
- Children are up to 120% more likely to be obese.
- 55.3% of adults are overweight or obese.
- Over 80 deaths per year attributable to poor air quality.





#### Research to inform policy: Old Kent Road





Plan for a Healthy Old Kent Road

- "The area has lost it's sense of community"
- People in the community have limited interaction with each other.
- Changing housing needs as the population grows older.



# Planning Policy: Sustainable development to achieve social regeneration



#### **Social Regeneration**

"Social regeneration is ensuring that the places where people live, now and in the future, create new opportunities, promote wellbeing and reduce inequalities so people have better lives, in stronger communities and achieve their potential"

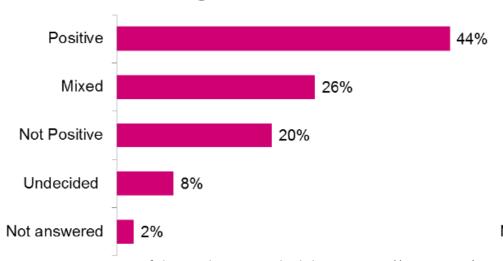


### Listening to the community

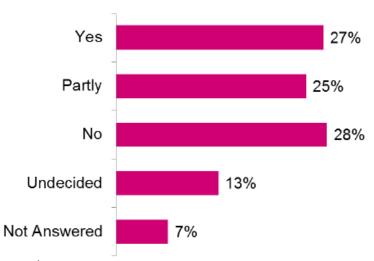
70% of respondents feel wholly or partly positive about change in the borough and 52% feel they have personally benefitted from change.



# How positive/happy do you feel about change in Southwark?

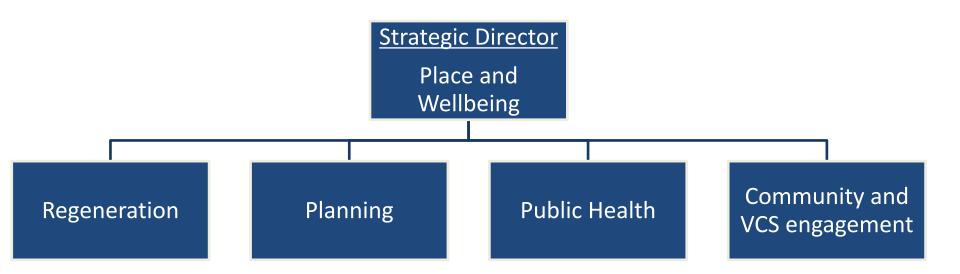


# Do you think you have personally benefitted from changes in your area?



As a proportion of those who were asked the question (\* n=2,695; † n=2,164)

# **Creation of the Place & Wellbeing Department**



- Bring public health function together with statutory planning service and regeneration programme.
- Further supported by community engagement and voluntary sector services.
- An opportunity to accelerate the Council's commitment to integrated health and wellbeing across all Council activities including through a "Health in all Policies" approach.

# Planning Policy: Old Kent Road Area Action Plan



Area Action Plan

- **20,000** new homes
- **7,000** affordable homes
- 1 further education college
- 3 new Bakerloo Line stations
- 1 new health center
- **10,000** new jobs
- 1 major cultural attraction
- 1 new secondary school
- 2 new primary schools
- 9 primary school expansions



### Making investment relevant to public health



- 3 new parks
  - Mandela Way
  - Gasworks
  - Linear Park at the old Surrey Canal
- Increase active travel by improving walking and cycling links
- Movement Plan to improve wellbeing through unconscious decisions and habits

An artists impression of the new linear park delivered through several neighbouring developments.



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