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HOSPITAL CUTS KILL!

THE DRAFT PLAN AND WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOUR HEALTH SERVICE.

The West Lambeth Health Authority has just published its 'draft' strategy for the development of the health service locally. For all the residents of Waterloo is makes grim reading.

In certain respects the report is quite optimistic. It recognises the inadequacies of long-stay treatment in large institutions such as Tooting Bec Hospital. For what it terms its priority care groups (the elderly, the adult mentally handicapped and the adult mentally ill) it recommends the need for locally based community care and treatment.

If such community care is to mean more than closing hospitals and expecting over stretched families to care for elderly and sick relatives, then it needs real investment (money) in community day centres, small residential units and trained staff.

This is where the draft plan hits the brick wall of present health policy. The government has told the West Lambeth Authority to REDUCE its budget by £10.8 million within ten years. The report states quite categorically that there is no possibility of developing community health care facilities and maintaining the present level of hospital acute services if such a reduction is even attempted. In fact, the Health Authority could only achieve such reductions by closing ALL hospitals except St. Thomas', and reducing the number of beds at St. Thomas' by so much that it would lose its teaching status and begin a spiral of inevitable decline. (The so-called Choice A of the Draft Plan).



Health Plan 2

The Draft Plan states that this choice is unacceptable, and suggests instead that the reductions be achieved over 15 years instead of ten. Such a policy would still threaten the teaching status of St. Thomas', as it would reduce the number of beds there below the minimum number of 945 needed to provide general training for doctors. It would also rely heavily on job losses (reducing the number of doctors by 21%, and of nurses by 32%), and the dubious 'savings' of privatisation and further job losses for ancillary grades. Even after all this, the fifteen year spread of the cuts (Choice B) still would not meet the Government's target: it would leave a FURTHER £2.8 million of cuts still to be found.

The only option which offers any hope of maintaining a

comprehensive health service in the area is Choice C, which seeks to maintain the present health care service and also develop the community health care approach BEFORE any hospitals like Tooting Bec are closed. As the report states quite calmly: 'this would conflict with the Region's outline revenue allocation' - meaning: there's no money for this approach.

One thing is clear: the choice between maintaining an adequate level of health care in West Lambeth and obeying the Government's demands for reductions in health spending cannot be avoided.

Health Plan 3

A group of local residents and workers in the local health

service have come together to campaign against the possible reductions in health care spending. We want to make sure that everyone in Waterloo is aware of the tremendous damage that will be done to OUR health service unless WE stop it. For more information, please contact: Katrina McCormick on 633 0852.

If you feel strongly that the health service in our area should not be starved of money, then write and let the District Health Authority know. Its important that they know which of the three choices local people prefer. Send your letters before February 28th to:

District Administrator,
St. Thomas' Hospital,
Lambeth Palace Road,
London SE1

Don't leave it to someone else: do it now!

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The local newspaper



The Waterloo Action Centre will shortly be running a basic training course including supplementary benefit, housing benefit, housing and health rights. The course will run for about 8 weeks starting 13th February, for about two hours on Wednesday afternoons.

It is mainly intended for new shopfront volunteers but there may be a few places for those interested in learning about their rights.

If you are interested in volunteering we'd be really pleased to talk to you about it. People usually do one morning a week and the main qualities we look for are patience and a sympathetic manner.

We welcome anybody keen to volunteer. We are keen though to hear especially from black people and from other minority groups so that we can provide a better service to all our customers.

If you're interested, drop into WAC, 14 Baylis Rd or phone 261 1404, and have a chat with John Austin



WORK!

Part-time help wanted in busy office. Fifteen hours per week, including some Saturday work. Must be responsible.

For more information, contact Brian and Kath at: 63, Stamford St, SE1 (928 5239)

MORLEY COLLEGE FAMILY ART WORKSHOP

Friday: 5-8pm

A place for families to work together.

Topics covered: metalwork, painting, puppets and printing - and lots of other exciting things.

Come and have a look and join us!

Tutors: Joan McCarroll
Hermione Wood

HAPPY OLD AGE

A little more tired at the end of day;
A little less anxious to have our own way;
A little less care for gain or gold;
A little more zest for the days of old;
A broader view, and a saner mind -
A little more love for all mankind.
A little more love for the friends of youth;
A little more zeal for established truth;
A little more charity in our views;
A little more leisure to sit and dream;
A little more real the things unseen.

Blessed are they who understand
my faltering steps and shaking hand.

Blessed are they who know my ears today
strain to catch the things they say.

Blessed are they who seem to know
my eyes are dim and my mind is slow.

Blessed are they with a cheery smile,
who stop to chat for a little while.

Blessed are they who make it known
that I'm loved and respected and not alone.

COIN STREET COMMUNITY BUILDERS

invite you to visit the Design and Exhibition Centre and temporary park at 99 Upper Ground, SE1 (behind the National Theatre). For further information on Coin Street and the Waterloo area phone 633 9291. The Centre and Park were funded by the Greater London Council.

BLACKFRIARS SETTLEMENT
are looking for a
SENIOR PLAYLEADER
at the Waterloo Adventure Playground to be in
charge of a small team running the playground.
Salary APT & C Miscellaneous 8 plus allowance
for unsocial hours. Likely starting point £8238 pa
(award pending)

OPEN SPACE SECRETARY
(part-time) to deal with bookings and the
paperwork of an all-weather sports area, which is
a part of the Waterloo Adventure Playground. 8
hours a week.
Salary APT & C Scale 3 (AP2) pro rata. Likely
starting point £6811 pa (£1.75 per hour) (award
pending)
For further details and description please
contact Peter Hudson, Blackfriars Settlement,
44-47 Nelson Square, London SE1 0QA. tel:
01-928 9121

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each story. Contact SE1 at
12 Meymott St, SE1 or ring
Keib on 928 8501 ext. 155 or
Gerry Vignola on 928 0711.

DHSS CAN HELP YOU

KEEP WARM!

MONEY TO KEEP THE COLD OUT

The recent spell of cold
weather sends a chill through
everybody who thinks of heavy
gas and electricity bills to
come. If you're on supple-
mentary benefit, this money is
hard to find.

Did you know you can get
extra money each week for
heating, depending on your age,
health or your accommodation?
Some people may even be enti-
tled to a grant to buy fires or
improve insulation and draught-
proofing (to help keep heating
costs down).

If you are on supplementary
benefit why not fill in the
tear-off slip below and send it
to the DHSS to claim what is
yours by right!

To: DHSS
Supplementary Benefits
Wedge House
Blackfriars Road
SE1

Full name:
Address:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to claim a weekly
heating addition on the
following grounds:

Please tick

I/somebody in my
family is sick
(e.g. bronchitis,
rheumatism,
arthritis,
anaemia)

I/someone in my
family is disabled/
normally housebound

I/someone in my
family receives
mobility or atten-
dance allowance

I/someone in my
family is over 85
over 65
under 5

My home is centrally-
heated -
with four rooms
or less
more than five rooms
(excluding bathroom,
wc & hall)

My home is difficult
to heat (e.g. damp,
draughty or very
large rooms)

My home is excep-
tionally difficult
to heat (e.g. very
damp, draughty or
exposed)

I wish to claim a single
payment for:

Fires - state how
many

Draughtproofing

Hot-water cylinder
jacket

Hot water bottle

SIGNED.....

STUART HOLLAND M.P., SPEAKS OUT !!

Dear SE1 Readers,

This is the beginning of my 7th year as member of parliament for Lambeth Vauxhall, and one of the most difficult which the constituency has had to face because of the government's policy of 'rate-capping'. It seems that the Tories have a simple philosophy - if at first you don't succeed, cut, cut and cut again at community investment and local services, until you have brought people to their knees. 'Knee capping' rather than 'rate-capping' is what they are about.

I am glad to say that the community in SE1 has been fighting continuously against these Tory cuts. We are not on our knees yet. Mums and dads in SE1 fought hard to keep open HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL. They asked me to arrange a meeting in the House of Commons with the Tory education minister, and I was glad to do so. We put the whole case to the minister - Mr Dunn, who told me he would take all the arguments into account. The parents joined me in a delegation to the department and advised him not to close the school.

We lost that battle, but we have not lost the war. On COIN STREET itself, the close links between the Association of Waterloo Groups, the Labour GLC and Labour in Lambeth have meant a dramatic success. Despite Mr Heseltine and other Tory ministers giving planning permission to the AWG for housing - but counting on no funds being available to build these houses, the GLC and Lambeth council (who each own part of the sites)



moved very fast, spurred on by the AWG and the local community. Now, against all the odds, the old buildings are coming down and new housing is going up.

TANSWELL ESTATE is another success for the local community. The modernisation programme had been delayed for ages by officials at the Dept. of the Environment. Local residents got in touch with me and asked if I could help. As a result of the tenants' pressure and my adding a push, Tanswell now has its modernisation programme.

It won't solve all the problems, but on top of the agreement which we gained from the Labour government before 1979 to convert the former NCP car park opposite the Old Vic into an open space area, it will make Tanswell a better place to live.

For all local residents who wish to contact me: my advice sessions are at the Citizens Advice Bureau, 323 Kennington Road on the second and fourth Mondays and Lambeth Town Hall on the first and fourth Mondays of each month (starting at 7.30 pm and excluding bank holidays and August). I appreciate that it can often be difficult for people to get to these sessions and during February I will be holding a special advice session in Bishops Ward during the day-time. A leaflet giving details of this will shortly be distributed locally, or people can contact the local ward Labour Party (928 8806). Do come and see me if you think I can help with a problem - or come and tell me of someone else's case if they cannot easily get to see me.

FILMS ON THE SOUTH BANK.

The days of the local cinema are sadly gone in this age of television and video. All the more reason why we should be grateful for our nearness to the National Film Theatre on the South Bank.

Despite many people's initial impressions, not all the films at the N.F.T. are in a foreign language or very highbrow and intellectual.

February for instance sees two major reviews. The first concerns Robert De Niro, one of Hollywood's major stars in films such as Mean Streets (Thursday 7th February 8.45PM) and "The Deer Hunter" (Thursday 19th February 7.00PM).

The second is a review of World War Two as seen through British Film and television fiction. For many people in Waterloo and North Southwark, the war was a major part of their lives. For all of us it is interesting to see some of the war-time films such as "The Bells Go Down" made in 1941 about the war-time fire service (Monday 11th February 6.15PM) and "Western Approaches" made in 1944 about the Atlantic convoys (Thursday February 14th at 8.30PM). These films make an interesting contrast with later attempts to re-tell the history of that period such as "Yanks" made in 1979 (Friday 15th February 8.00PM).

The N.F.T. also has a popular repertory feature which in February includes "Another Country" (11th - 15th February at 2.30PM and 16th February at 2.00PM) and "Missing" (Wednesday February 27th 8.35PM).

Children are also included in February with regular Saturday and Sunday Matinees at 4.00PM. Including "The 5,000 fingers of Dr T" a lavish technicolor musical fantasy on Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th February.

The N.F.T. also hosts the Irish Film season on each Friday in February with an emphasis on the life of the Irish in Britain. Particularly interesting are two films "The Irishman" and "Our Hire" which will be shown on Friday February 1st at 8.30PM.

The National Film Theatre has over 100 different films to view in February as in most months. For more information contact the N.F.T. on 928 3232 or go along and collect a programme

To view films at the N.F.T. it is necessary to become a member. This can be done on a daily basis or a full year and is very straightforward.

Tickets normally cost £2.40 and there are half price concessions for OAP's and the unemployed (proof of eligibility needed).

ARE YOU FOR OR AGAINST?

Hands-on Experience?

'Children's Experience Centre'. This would be a kind of museum of computers and robots and other machines that children would be able to learn about by using them (what people call 'hands-on experience').

Apparently it would cost about £1.50 for a child to visit.

However, some people think that before the GLC make any decision about such an idea, there needs to be public consultation about the whole question of the future use of these spaces and how to make them better.

There is to be a public meeting on the issue on Thursday February 14, at 6.30pm at 99 Upper Ground so if you've got something to say about the building, or about the idea of a 'Children's Experience Centre', get along to the meeting. Or if you just want to know more about it, contact Steve at 99 Upper Ground, on 633 9291.

PAVEMENT PARKING BAN

The GLC has recently introduced a ban on parking on pavements. From the 2nd of January it became an offence to park with one or more wheels on a foot-path, central reservation or on a grass verge. There is a fine of twenty-five pounds for infringement.

The ban will be welcome news for all pedestrians but especially for those with disabilities, elderly people, parents with small children and shoppers.

You can participate in keeping the footpaths car free by writing for hand-bills to put on the wind-screens of offending cars warning them that now can be fined.

The address is:
GLC
TD/PM/PC
County Hall
London SE1 7PB

A CONFERENCE NOT TO BE MISSED!

One of the most important housing conferences for many years is due to be held on Feb. 23rd at Hamden Community Centre, 150 Ossulton St by Euston Station. Registration fee: £1 (50p unwaged).

With the cutback in house building and repairs, the cuts in the staff in social security and the housing benefits, more and more people are living in terrible housing conditions or becoming homeless through lack of housing and employment; building workers are on the dole - so come along to this conference and fight back by joining the campaign for housing improvements: in the next few years - hopefully. Enquiries: Mike Comley, WAC.



Edward Henry Co-op

Cathedral Ward Branch SOUTHWARK-BEHMONDSEY CONSTITUENCY Labour Party

Cllr. Alan Davis & Cllr. Geoff Williams

ADVICE SESSIONS

If you have a problem they would be glad to see you on:

2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at: Blackfriars Settlement Nelson Square from 7.00-8.15 pm.

CHILDREN (AND ADULTS) ARE SEEN HAVING AN ENJOYABLE TIME AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY AT EDWARD HENRY HOUSING CO-OPERATIVE IN COIN STREET, WATERLOO.

UNUSUAL HOBBIES!!!

ANYONE WITH ANY UNUSUAL HOBBIES?

If so, please send details to: SE1 Newspaper, Meymott St, SE1

UPB supermarket

Flat Iron Sq, Union St.

Try us...for food, drink and household goods.

The cheapest shop between Long Lane and Blackfriars Rd in a recent SE 1 shopping survey.

THE MORRIT CLUB at BLACKICK COMMUNITY CENTRE, would like to thank Peter and Betty and all the customers of the CROWN PUBLIC HOUSE, Blackfriars Rd. SE1 for the wonderful response of a raffle they held for Childrens Christmas Party.

CHARTERHOUSE YOUTH PROJECT

WANTED ^{very much} PREFERABLY ALIVE YOU?

THIS PERSON likes sport, games, discussions, crafts (from video-making to jewellery-making), parties and group fun!

So far many people could easily fit the description of the WANTED PERSON... even if only some of the activities appeal.

Let's narrow the suspects down...this person would enjoy making these activities possible for young people - preparing, helping, persuading, and sometimes calming when enthusiasm runs too high!!

If this description fits somebody you know, who would like to voluntarily give one evening a week (or even once a month)...or if you discover that you are a WANTED PERSON... PLEASE LET US KNOW...YOUNG WOMEN HELPERS ARE ESPECIALLY NEEDED.

Monday: Girls Only Groups.

Tuesday: Mixed Club Night.

Wednesday: Mixed Club Night.

Thursday: Juniors Session.

THE RAINBOW CROSBY ROW (off LONG LANE)

RING: Gary or Mina 407-5666

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
VISIT OUR SHOP

Mrs Robinson's Bookshop Mon-Fri 11-6 SAT 11-6

Books for children of all ages

Mrs Robinson's Bookshop Mrs Robinson's Bookshop is a small, friendly bookshop situated in Hatfields, just off The Cut. It is run by Mrs Robinson (appropriately enough) and has been there for the last three years.

The bookshop has a very good collection of children's books and is an excellent place to find a suitable present for a growing youngster. It stocks the popular "Brockwell Books", an inexpensive (25p) series of children's stories with twenty-two different titles.

Mrs Robinson's also has a good range of secondhand books of all titles and a growing range of new books for expectant mothers and fathers.

In short it's a bookshop with a friendly atmosphere, unlike many of the larger bookshops in the West End and Mrs Robinson will advise on what books are available. It's a place to go and browse and have a chat about books as well as buying them.

Opening hours:

Monday-Friday 11am-6pm
Saturday 11am-4pm

GARDENING

WITH KEIB THOMAS

Photograph by Peter Simmons.



Prunus X Amygdalo - persica (hybrid peach/almond)

The days are lengthening and on mild days the sun is noticeably warmer. By the end of February leaf buds will be swelling and the first spring flowers appearing, e.g. crocuses, aconites, snowdrops and the earliest daffodils. This year however, I shall be more interested in the flowering trees and shrubs in SE1.

The one I am looking forward to most is the flowering tree in the photo above. It is a cross between an almond and a peach. Given a mild spell, it should start flowering sometime in the last 10 days of February, coming into its peak of bloom in March. You find it opposite Colombo Sports and Community Centre. This tree is still young so that its best

show is yet to come in further years. If you wish to see two mature trees smothered in pink bloom, take a trip down Lambeth Walk early in March. Lambeth Council must have planted these many years ago in the grounds of China Walk estate. What an investment they have turned out to be - they're breathtaking in full bloom.

The other shrub worth mentioning at the moment is the climbing Winter Jasmine. There is one trained over a wall in St George's Cathedral car park, its a fountain of yellow flowers at this time of year. It's easy to grow (even in shade) and flowers throughout the late Winter and Spring.

Sheltered Housing gets go ahead

In response to Southwark Council's persistence the Government has now given the go ahead for Southwark to build a sheltered housing unit on the former site of the Courages Bottling Plant on Southwark Bridge Road. Work will start this April and when it is complete the unit will provide thirty-five two person flats for the elderly. This is a major victory for the local community which has been fighting for over 10 years

to get homes and jobs in this part of Nth Southwark instead of offices. It is also a victory for the Community Areas Policy of the GLC.

The GLC bought the site under its Community Areas Policy. In addition to sheltered housing, there will be 107 family houses with gardens. Work on a first phase of 21 houses and flats will start this summer. Work has already commenced on 21 industrial workshops in Park St and this will be followed by the construction of 6 small factory units in March

POST OFFICE OCCUPIED

On Thursday January 24th over 150 local residents occupied the Crown Post Office at Borough High St in protest at the threat of closure hanging over two Crown Offices in the SE1 area. The occupation lasted nearly two hours while a delegation went to put the case for keeping the Offices open to the Assistant District Postmaster.

The occupation followed a half-day strike by the P.O. counter staff the day before which shut down all Crown Post Offices in the London District in order to attend a rally

and lobby of Parliament in protest at the threat by the postal authorities to close nearly 70 Crowns in London.

The Campaign to keep the P.O. counter service at full strength has been going on for some months and is formed by local community groups, Tenants Associations and the SE London Counter & Clerical Branch of the UCW.

Four sub-Post Offices have already been closed in SE1 and an announcement is expected soon on the Crowns. The Campaign though will continue.



Photo by Paul Traynor (Militant)

SE1 EDITORIAL GROUP

Sally Howe; John Howes;
Margaret Schofield; Dave Scott;
Peter Simmons; Keib Thomas;
Gerry Vignola; Paul Wheeler.

Lunar Cycles Bicycle Repair Co-operative

13 London Road, London, SE1
Tel. 01-261-0602
Tues-Sat 10-6
Repairs, Spares, Accessories



DOG SHIT!

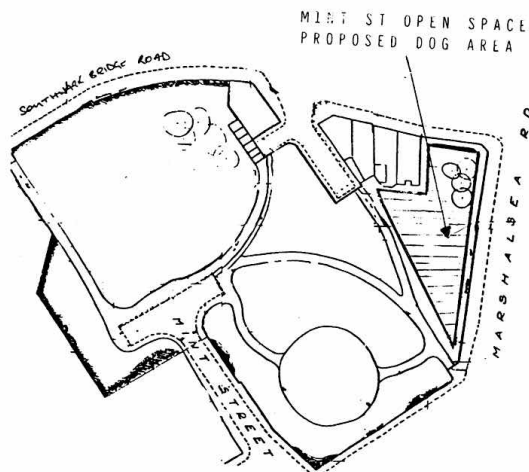
Councillors go to the dogs

Nth Southwark Councillors are to act on the menace of dogs which foul public open spaces in the area.

After many complaints from local residents, as well as a campaign by members of the local Cathedral Ward Labour Party branch, the 2 councillors for Cathedral Ward-Alan Davis and Geoff Williams-have said they will be taking up with the Borough Engineer the suggestion which has come from local residents to set aside part of the Mint St Open Space as a fenced off dog exercising area.

The problem is very severe on the Mint St Open Space-an area saved from speculative office development by Southwark Council which was officially opened last year-where parents have been worried about their children catching diseases from dog faeces.

When local groups such as NorSPAG, Mint St Adventure Playground Association, the Marshalsea TA, and tenants from Douglas Buildings and Union St were consulted, they said that they wanted to see a properly sign-posted special dog area with seats. They agreed the best site would be on the Marshalsea Rd side of the park (see Map). They also wanted a park attendant to be employed there by the Council. These suggestions are now being taken up by Geoff and Alan.



HOSPITAL CUTS Cont

What Local People Have To Say

Tony Phillips. Chairperson of the Association of Waterloo Groups.

said "the Government must be crazy to cut money from areas like this when the NHS can't even cope with the present demand. It's inner city areas where extra resources are needed".

"More decrease of beds at the hospital which this plan will do will encourage people who can afford to pay for private medicine. As the number of private beds increase, the number of NHS beds will decrease. This will mean one health service for the rich and one for the poor". Elaine Thomas, Waterloo Resident.

Nurse in West Lambeth District

"I am very concerned about the hospital having to send patients out early, the district staff are already over stretched and over stressed".

PAT MOBERLEY
(Member District Health Authority)

ST THOMAS

If Option B is approved, the much-loved South Western Hospital will be closed to in-patients, leaving no hospital to serve the needs of the elderly in central Lambeth. At the same time, massive cuts in beds at St Thomas' will take place. THESE BEDS ARE NEEDED! There is NO EVIDENCE that we are doing too much for the old or the sick - on the contrary, waiting lists are increasing and more and more patients have admissions cancelled.

The DHA has no policy for retaining JOBS and TRAINING PLACES. Option B will mean many more JOBS and NURSE TRAINING places will go. This will harm the NHS and will help to bring a blight on local communities.

Marie Parry Jones
Resident from Wellington Mills

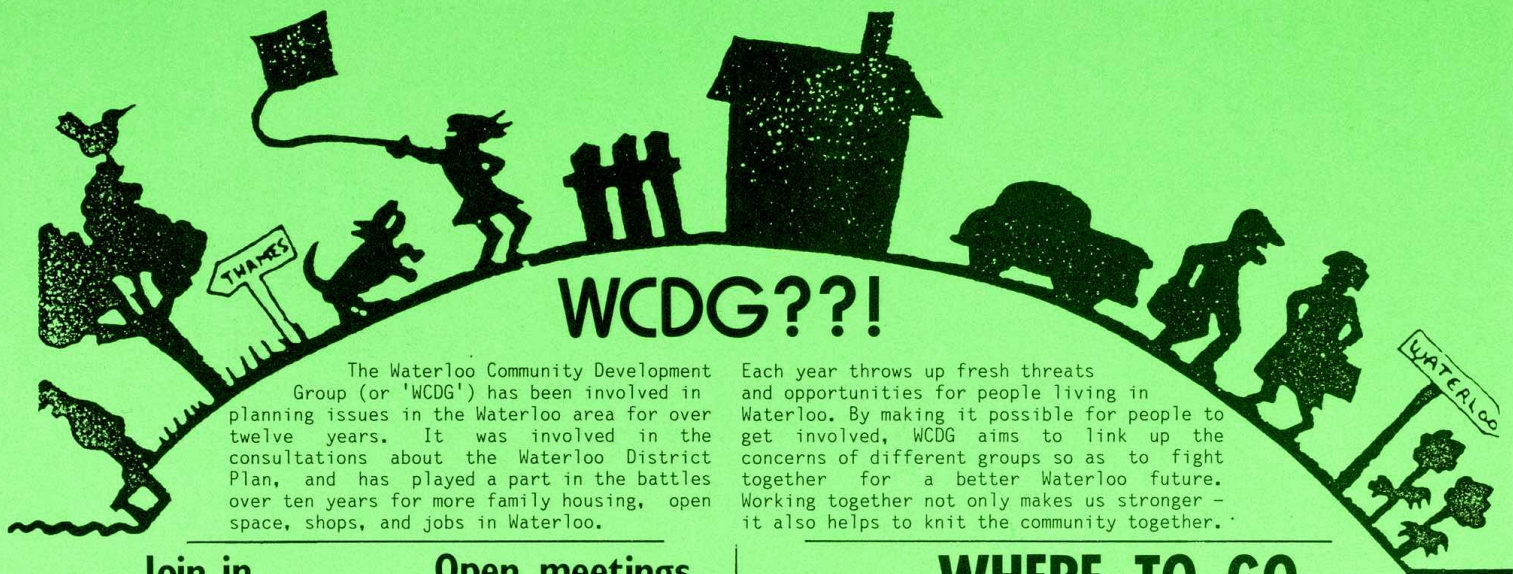
"I feel NHS is already declining and if Option A or B are implemented it will mean a further deterioration".

Caroline Laing Local Resident
A Domestic at St Thomas's

"I am very worried about job losses. Also the standards are declining because they are giving people twice as much work which cannot be completed. As a patient at St Thomas' I know the waiting lists are already very long".

Local Resident

"Tooting Bec must go but only when there is something better in its place".



The Waterloo Community Development Group (or 'WCDG') has been involved in planning issues in the Waterloo area for over twelve years. It was involved in the consultations about the Waterloo District Plan, and has played a part in the battles over ten years for more family housing, open space, shops, and jobs in Waterloo.

Each year throws up fresh threats and opportunities for people living in Waterloo. By making it possible for people to get involved, WCDG aims to link up the concerns of different groups so as to fight together for a better Waterloo future. Working together not only makes us stronger - it also helps to knit the community together.

Join in

Membership of the Group is open to any resident of the Waterloo area who supports the aims of the Group. The intention is to make it possible for ordinary people to have their voice heard when decisions are being made that will affect their life in the area. SE1 readers should feel free to call in at 99 Upper Ground, or to ring 633 9291 to learn more about the work of the Group and how you can get involved.

Open meetings

The regular meetings of the group are now to be held at 7.00pm on the third Wednesday of every month at 99 Upper Ground, in the new park by the National Theatre (see map). Dates for the next few months are:

February 20th
March 20th
April 17th
May 15th
June 19th

Current issues

Apart from the public consultation beginning on February 18th about additions to the Waterloo District Plan, main issues of the moment are:

possible plans for more offices in Westminster Bridge Road (Century House)

new plans by Burtons for offices to replace the existing Burton's shop and the two shops next to it.

increasing the number of residents car parking spaces in Waterloo

improving the South Bank area (Jubilee Gardens, etc)

trying to get housing built on sites in the Cut and by Aquinas Street

keeping a check on all new planning applications that are made (see below).

BULLRING: What do you want

PICTURE BELOW: The Waterloo Circus or 'Bullring'



One particular question that is coming up very soon is about the Bullring (that big hole inside Waterloo roundabout, and those echoing spaces under the bridge that you walk through to get up onto the bridge from there, or out to the National Theatre).

Some people want to rent those echoing spaces from the GLC and construct a building in there under the bridge, to house something called a 'Children's Experience Centre'. This would be a kind of museum of computers and robots and other machines that children would be able to learn about by

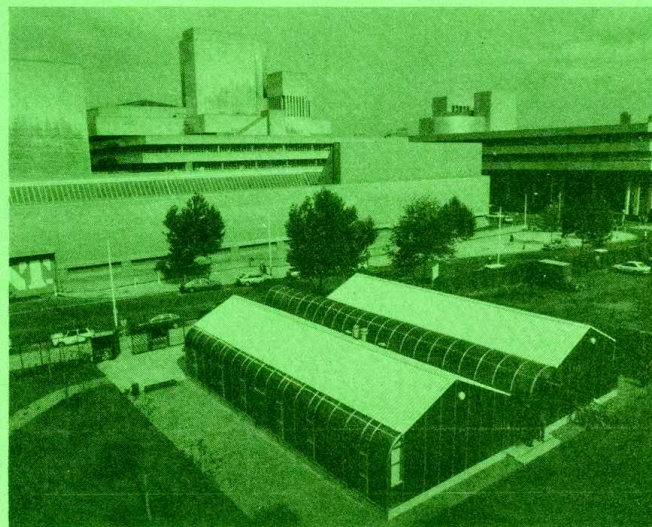
using them (what people call 'hands-on experience').

However, some people think that before the GLC make any decision about such an idea, there needs to be public consultation about the whole question of the future use of these spaces and how to make them better.

There is to be a public meeting on the issue on Thursday February 14, at 6.30pm at 99 Upper Ground so if you've got something to say about the bullring, or about the idea of a 'Children's Experience Centre', get along to the meeting. Or if you just want to know more about it: contact Steve at 99 Upper Ground, on 633 9291.

PUBLIC MEETING
6.30pm
FEBRUARY 14th
99 Upper Ground

WHERE TO GO



Above: the building at 99 Upper Ground.

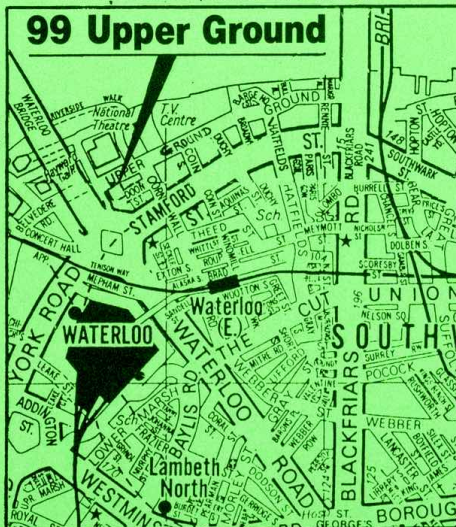
If you want to know what changes are being planned in Waterloo, you could do worse than to call in at 99 Upper Ground (see map) or ring 633 9291.

That's where you'll find the offices of the Waterloo Community Development Group. They have copies of the plans of any developments of which Lambeth Council has been notified.

Until recently you had to go down to Brixton if you wanted to see these plans. But now a

copy of each set is delivered to 99 Upper Ground and is available there for public inspection.

So from now on, if you hear of some change that is being planned in your neighbourhood, and you want to know more, get in touch by phone (633 9291), or drop in at 99 Upper Ground and have a look for yourself. Incidentally, you'll also find there the most recent designs for the Coin Street sites.



Exhibition:
YOUR IDEAS
ARE NEEDED
Come and see the exhibition and say what you think is needed to improve the South Bank area.

WATERLOO
COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT
GROUP
633 9291

COIN STREET UPDATE

COIN STREET UPDATE

Coin Street Community Builders has received detailed planning permission to build 56 new homes on the existing Coin Street car park. Each home has a private garden. The detailed permission was given the day after the Royal Fine Arts Commission had accused CSCB of persisting with a "Garden City concept and a suburban layout which are wrong in scale and inappropriate for this central London site."

The Royal Fine Arts Commission had supported Greycoats' 16-storey, 1/2 of a mile long wall of offices plan for Coin Street. The housing development should start on site at the beginning of June.

DEMOLITIONS

Meanwhile demolition of buildings on the other Coin Street sites continues. The Boots' buildings are almost completely demolished; the Eldorado coldstore is half-demolished and a contract to demolish Nelsons and Gabriels Wharves was recently let.

PARK AND RIVERWALK

A group of residents from the North Southwark and Waterloo areas has been meeting to discuss the design of the new park which will link Stamford Street with Upper Ground. These meetings are open to all local residents (ring Theresa or Gwen on 633-6402 for more information). A meeting on February 6th will decide the final design of the park which is to be funded by the GLC. In the meantime CSCB has applied for detailed planning permission for a riverwalk linking the walkway in front of LWT to that in front of the King's Reach buildings. Plans and illustrations are on display at the Design Centre behind the National Theatre.

ALLOCATION OF HOUSING

Following two public meetings and discussion by the Coin St. Action Group, the Association of Waterloo Groups and the North Southwark Community Development Group, CSCB has accepted that the Borough Councils should allocate the first 56 Coin St. homes in relation to the proportion of money each Council puts into the development. However, CSCB is insisting that a proportion of the new homes go to existing local residents, that non-local authority tenants are included in the allocation, that a non-racist allocations procedure is adopted, and that a satisfactory definition of housing need is agreed.

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DETAILED DESIGN BRIEFS FOR THE BOOTS SITE AND STAMFORD WHARF

Following consultations with local groups, the GLC and the Borough Councils, CSCB has agreed a brief for the detailed design of Stamford Wharf in line with the existing AWG planning permission. CSCB is seeking ideas and proposals for the areas earmarked for the 'Thames Museum' and the shopping arcade. If you have ideas for this large space (3 floors of the wharf building, equivalent in size to eight tennis courts) please send your proposals to CSCB at 99 Upper Ground, SE1. But please remember that CSCB will have to raise money to build and run whatever is being proposed!

A decision on the design brief for the Boots site has been deferred until AWG has discussed the site. So far the North Southwark Community Development Group, the Coin Street Housing and Social Facilities Group and Lambeth Council have all indicated that they want to see a substantial Tenants/Community facility as well as new housing on the site.

For further information ring: 633-6402

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WATERLOO DISTRICT PLAN

Since 1977 the Waterloo District Plan has provided a firm foundation for Lambeth Council and the people of the Waterloo area in their efforts to protect and promote the interests of the local community.

The Plan makes no bones about the need to put people before profit. It aims to provide : More and better homes for local people - The right sort of jobs - and a full range of social and community facilities - a pleasant and safe environment.

The Plan has stood the test of time and as a framework for the future development of Waterloo, it is as effective today as it was in 1977. However, certain issues have emerged and become more prominent in the area in recent years.

The Council intends to add new policies to the Plan covering SHOPPING, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND WOMEN.

Between 18th March and 1st April we will be seeking YOUR VIEWS on how these policies should be drawn up.

COME TO THE PUBLIC MEETINGS AT

WATERLOO ACTION CENTRE
14 BAYLIS ROAD, SE1
12TH MARCH at 7.00PM

HAWKESTONE HALL
KENNINGTON ROAD
(opp. Nth Lambeth Tube)
27th MARCH at 7.00PM

READ THE LEAFLETS : They will be sent to every household in the area in mid-February. They give a summary of the proposed policies and give you a chance to put your views in writing.

TALK TO THE PLANNERS : Lambeth planners will be at the North Lambeth Library in Lower Marsh every Monday evening (6.00-8.00PM) and every Wednesday morning (10.00-2.00PM) between 18th February and 27th March.

PHONE : 674 9844 (ext.373) and ask Elaine Paterson or Paul Duffield
For further information about the proposed policies.

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