

Neighbourhood Forum Workshops

Parents of under 5's (Somersetown CC Drop-in users)

5 x parents and 1x ward councillor picked out forum cards individually whilst discussing as a group. The discussion was concerned with inclusion and how the planning project could reach other people. Key points made were:

- Involve local people outside of specific groups and allow self nomination. Forum could be decided by ballot of some form.
- Bangladeshi and Somali communities usually take part in their own or separate groups and activities. Efforts should be made to get everybody to work together as well as taking the project to those groups.
- Workshops will also need to take place after working hours. There are many people with jobs who want to be involved.
- Origin Housing should be more involved (through membership of the forum) as current level of involvement isn't enough to look after residents interests.
- Older people should be represented as their local services have been seriously affected by cuts.
- Less involvement of big business as likely to have different agendas.
- Local consultation has largely involved multiple choice questions e.g. choice of colours for new tiles in flats or whether people like the council's ideas for something or not (Amphill Square). People are fed up with this tokenistic approach.

Forum total (exc.advisers)	Residents & councillors	VCS & community groups	Business	Institutions, public sector etc	Cooptees or advisers
27	3x councillors (rotating).9 x residents associations (Goldington, Ossuslton, Ossulston leaseholders, Levita, Amphill, Coopers, Mayford, Churchway, Phoenix).1x young peoples rep.	1x Somersetown CC.1x NHYC.1x Age UK.1x local health interests.1x local faith rep.	2x small business.1x market traders.	1x British Library.1x Origin Housing.1x Somersetown Medical Centre.1x SNT.1x Shaw Theatre.1x Francis Crick Institute	1x Student Housing rep. 1x St Pancras CA. 1x CFPT. 1x VAC. 1x DISC. 1x Argent Kings X Ltd. 1x School liaison.
25	3x councillors.5x residents.3x young people's reps.	1x NHYC.1x Age UK. 1x faith rep.	2x small business.	1x British Library. 1x Shaw Theatre. 2x SNT. 2x community police. 3x school reps.	1x young people's.1x diversity & inclusion.1x education, employment & skills.1x older peoples.1x DISC.1x VCC. 1x legal.

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21	13x residents.2x young people's reps. 2x older people's reps.	1x Somerstown CC.1x local health interests.		1x Origin Housing.1x school reps.	1x ed.emp&skills.1x local housing associations.1x legal.
25	11x residents.2x young people's reps.2x young people's reps.	1x Somerstown CC.	3x small business.2x market traders.1x St Pancras International.	3x school reps.	1x young people's.1x older people's.1x housing associations.1x legal.1x environment & sustainability.1x CCPCG.
21	2x councillors.7x residents associations (Mayford,Ossulston,Phoenix, Coopers,Goldington, Ampthill, Churchway).1x young people's rep.1x olderpeople's rep.	1x Somerstown CC.1x Age UK.1x local health interests.1x local BME interests.	1x railways / transport.	1x Origin Housing.1x SNT.1x community police.1x Francis Crick.1x local school rep.	1x ed.emp&skills.1x CFCT.1x legal. 1x CCPCG.1x public health.1xhousing officer/cabinet.1x Families in Focus.
20	2x councillors.8x residents.	1x Somerstown CC.1x local health interests.	2x small business.	2x community police.2x SNT.2x school reps.	1x young people's.1x older people's.1x CFCT.1x Borough Commander Met Police.1x planning officer/cabinet. 1x DISC.

Older people

8x older Somerstown residents worked together and agreed on one set of forum cards. Points made included:

- All residents across the defined area ought to have representation but it is difficult to represent all interests and inevitable that some groups may be left out.
- Should have at least 1 councillor; could involve all 3 and rotate. Could also include councillors as advisers.
- Residents are very important but there are so many and they can't all sit on a forum. Depends on how representative TRAs are and how well run, but doesn't have to be TRA member if person is seen as having status in the community.
- One rep from each housing association but should represent a larger area if possible e.g. not just one TRA speaking for whole housing association e.g. Origin covers all houses in Ossulston Street.

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- Should involve Mr Patel from Chalton Street as business rep.
- Leaseholders need one rep to address problems associated with selling on of leaseholder properties.
- St Pancras Community Association isn't physically located in neighbourhood but does considerable work in the ward.
- British Library works a lot with schools in the community.

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27	1x councillor. 2x Origin Housing tenants. 6x residents associations (Ossulston, Coopers, Church way, Mayford, Phoenix, Monica Shaw Court). 1x general leaseholders rep. 1x SNP. 1x older people's rep.	1x Somerstown CC. 1x St Pancras CA. 1x Plot 10. 1x NHYC. 1x local faith rep. 1x local BME interests. 1x local health interests. 1x Sure Start.	1x small business (Nisa Patel, Chalton St). 1x market traders.	1x British Library. 1x Origin Housing. 1x student housing rep. 2x schools reps.	2x councillors. 1x St Pancras / transport police. 1x community police.

Open session

During this 2 hour session people worked in mixed groups. Cards were chosen for 6 different forum versions. Points made by people in this session included:

- Camden Central SRB partnership was suggested (by a number of people) as an example of an inclusive forum that comprised 25 people and managed to make decisions. Could be used as a model for cooperation and collective decision making rather than starting from scratch. Council officer and community contact details were shared for getting advice.
- It was noted that the housing situation is complicated, and resident / tenant representation will need to consider this carefully. For example Origin Housing tenants and residents covered a number of associations and areas that were not identified on the cards. It was also pointed out that not all TRAs are representative, and there is a hierarchy of enclaves within the wider neighbourhood e.g. estates, blocks within estates etc.
- Communication was raised. Many people didn't use email so the project will need to be able to communicate widely in other ways.
- Residents associations were extremely inclined to have representatives from all of them rather than agreeing a percentage of residents representing all of the associations.
- Although not present it was suggested that a Hopscotch Asian Women's Centre representative should be involved.
- Students use the sport centre so should be involved at some level.

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- **Need to encourage more business to get involved.**
- **The group emphasised the need of creating a Business Forum (apparently an attempt to set it up by Roger (Coffee House) has not been successful. So there is one or a few representatives permanently involved.**

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26	3x councillors.2x older people.2x young people. 2x residents association (Ossulston,Coopers).	1x Somerstown CC.1x St Pancras CA.1x NHYC.2x faith reps.2x local health interests.	1x market traders.2x small business.1x large business.	1x Francis Crick.2x schools rep.1x British Library.1x Origin Housing.1x community police.	1x cabinet member equalities.1x ed,em& skills.1x env& sust.1x public health officer.1x VCC.1x CCPCG.1x DISC.
21	1x councillor.2x older people.2x young people. 2x residents associations (inc. Amphill).	3x Somerstown CC.1x KCCAC.1x NHYC.3x BME interests. 1x CCPCG. 1xVAC.		1x student housing rep. 1x Circle 33 HA. 1x young people adviser. 1x ed,em& skills.	
29	1x councillor(or 3 rotating). 1xyoung people.1x older people.8x residents associations(Levita,Churchway,Amphill,Goldington,Coopers,Mayfrod,2xOssulston).2x Sideny St est.2x Drummond est.2x Eversholt est.	1x Somerstown CC.1x St Pancras CA.1x NHYC.1x faith reps.1x local BME interests.1x AgeUK.	1x market traders.1x small business.1x Argent KingsX.	1x Francis Crick.1x schools rep.1x SNT.	1x cabinet member equalities.1x ed,em& skills.1xCFCT .1x CFPT.1x VAC.1x DISC.1xplanning officer / cabinet.1x older people.1x young people.
31	9x residents.3x young people.3x older people.	2x Somerstown CC.1x NHYC.2x faith reps.2x local BME interests.2x local health interests.	3x small business.	1x Francis Crick.1x schools rep.1x SNT.1x community police.	1xCFCT. 1x ed,em& skills 1x VAC.1x CBMEA.1x public health officer.1x older people.1x young people.

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32	1x councillor.11x residents.1x young people.1x older people.	1x Somerstown CC.1x NHYC.2x faith reps(rotating).1x local BME interests.1x local health interests.1x START festival of culture.	1x market traders.2x small business(rotating).	1x Francis Crick.2x schools rep.1x British Library.1x Origin Housing.1x SNT.1x UNISON.1x Chalton St sports centre.	1x cabinet member equalities.1x ed,em& skills.1x env& sust.1xCFCT.1x CFPT.1x DISC.1x older people.1x young people.1x CCPCG.1x student housing.
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