

SOMERS TOWN WALKABOUT 2

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TRA represented Estates

Goldington Street Estate

- Mix of private and council accommodation, one block sheltered housing
- Cecil Rhodes House and Chenies represented by Goldington Street Estate Tenants and Residents Association

Unity Mews, Chalton Street

- Origin Housing

St Nicholas Flats, Werrington Street

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Sydney Street Estate, Werrington Street

- Origin Housing
- Student hostel accommodation above housing

Godwin and Crowndale Estates

- Mainly Camden Council housing
- Represented by Godwin & Crowndale T M C
- Large sports area fenced off from outside

St Augustines House, Eversholt Estate, Eversholt Street

- Security intercom with fob key, except for ground floor and only protecting internal access points to flats
- External perimeter non-gated therefore courtyard opens to all.
- Bizarrely it is secured from tenants unless they have a key, or go around the side-entrance
- Problems with prostitution and drug-taking in court yard
- Looking to get gate fitted on the Phoenix Road entrance
- Unloved and under-utilized play area/football pitch and allotment (intended use for all residents of Eversholt Estate)
- Allotments are secured but interest in using them waned as residents didn't know enough about gardening to make use

Unrepresented or un-contacted estates/streets

Charrington Street, Platt Street, Goldington Street (west), Penryn Street

- Mainly Georgian townhouses comprising a mixture of privately owned and rented accommodation

- Not known to be represented by tenants association
- Residents largely un-contacted so exact mix of housing unknown
- Survived bombing during the war unlike many areas which have since been developed as social housing elsewhere in Somers Town.

Medway Estates

- Mainly council housing
- Not known to be represented by tenants association

Sussex House, Chalton Street

- Residents so-far uncontacted but is assumed to be privately owned or rented housing
- Not known to be represented by tenants association

Bridgeway House Estate

- Camden Council housing
- Not known to be represented by tenants association

Jubilee Pub (converted into flats)

- Not known to be represented by tenants association

Spaces and amenities

Polygon Road (opposite Edith Neville school)

- Open space used as a playground/open air gym for children
- Good example of a well-used and utilized space with many children using the playground for recreational leisure

South Camden Community School, Charrington Street

- Tendency for school children to congregate outside school grounds outside of normal school hours and engage in anti-social behaviour(ASB) towards local residents
- Banging on residents windows, smoking or spitting near home entrance, threatening verbal behaviour cited as examples of anti-social behaviour.
- Police have been called out on a number of occasions.
- Sense of a defragmented community unable or unwilling to intervene to prevent ASB contrasting historically with a more hands-on approach by residents to mitigate ASB

Aloysius Roman Catholic Primary School

- Good use of roof space with kids playground on top

Platt Street/Goldington Street

- Godwin and Crowndale Community Hall- used?

The Alfred Public House, Chalton Street

- CLOSED and unused

The Neptune Public House, Werrington Street

- CLOSED and unused

Oakley Square

- Suspected use as an area for anti-social drinking and drug-taking.

Police Depot Development Site, Doric Way

- Quite a number of flats overlook the site (mainly Origin?)
- Concern from local residents about health impacts when redevelopment begins
- Would they consider sound and dust-proofing as is the case with some City of London developments?
- Brilliant opportunity for residents to use the neighbourhood planning process to prioritise what they want out of the redevelopment.