

# NIGHT TIME OUR TIME

A Night Time Strategy for Wandsworth

Working towards a vibrant, resilient and safer night time

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## FOREWORD

I am delighted to present this unique, one-of-a-kind document outlining a vision to improve the night-time experience for Wandsworth residents, workers, and visitors. This is the beginning of the dialogue.

The significance of this study cannot be overstated. This strategy, in particular advocates for the many people who work in or are affected by the night-time economy and who are frequently overlooked in important decision making.

The night-time experience is determined by who you are - what you look like, your gender, sexual orientation, mental and physical health, ethnic origin, previous experiences, and if you can afford a taxi home or to work.

For many, the night-time is filled with fear, and those who feel the most alienated are frequently the ones who are least heard.

This strategy places a special focus on the groups that have the most difficulty getting what they need at night, such as low-income workers, young people, and women.

We want businesses and high streets to thrive, but we also want people to feel comfortable and involved so they can enjoy what our neighbourhoods and town centres have to offer after dark. To do so, we must reconsider the night, redesign how our neighbourhoods should look and feel, and what kind of uses and services are available after 6 p.m.

The Council recently signed up to the Women's Night Safety Charter and is conducting ongoing conversations with particularly vulnerable groups such as those living in more deprived areas of the borough and the LGBTQI+ community. This demonstrates our commitment to improving safety.

This paper aims to kick-start a new emphasis on the night-time, making it more accessible to all, and ensuring that everyone who works, studies or enjoys the night feels safe and heard.

**Councillor Kemi Akinola**  
Deputy Leader of Wandsworth Council  
and Cabinet Member for Culture



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## NOTE FROM NIGHT CZAR

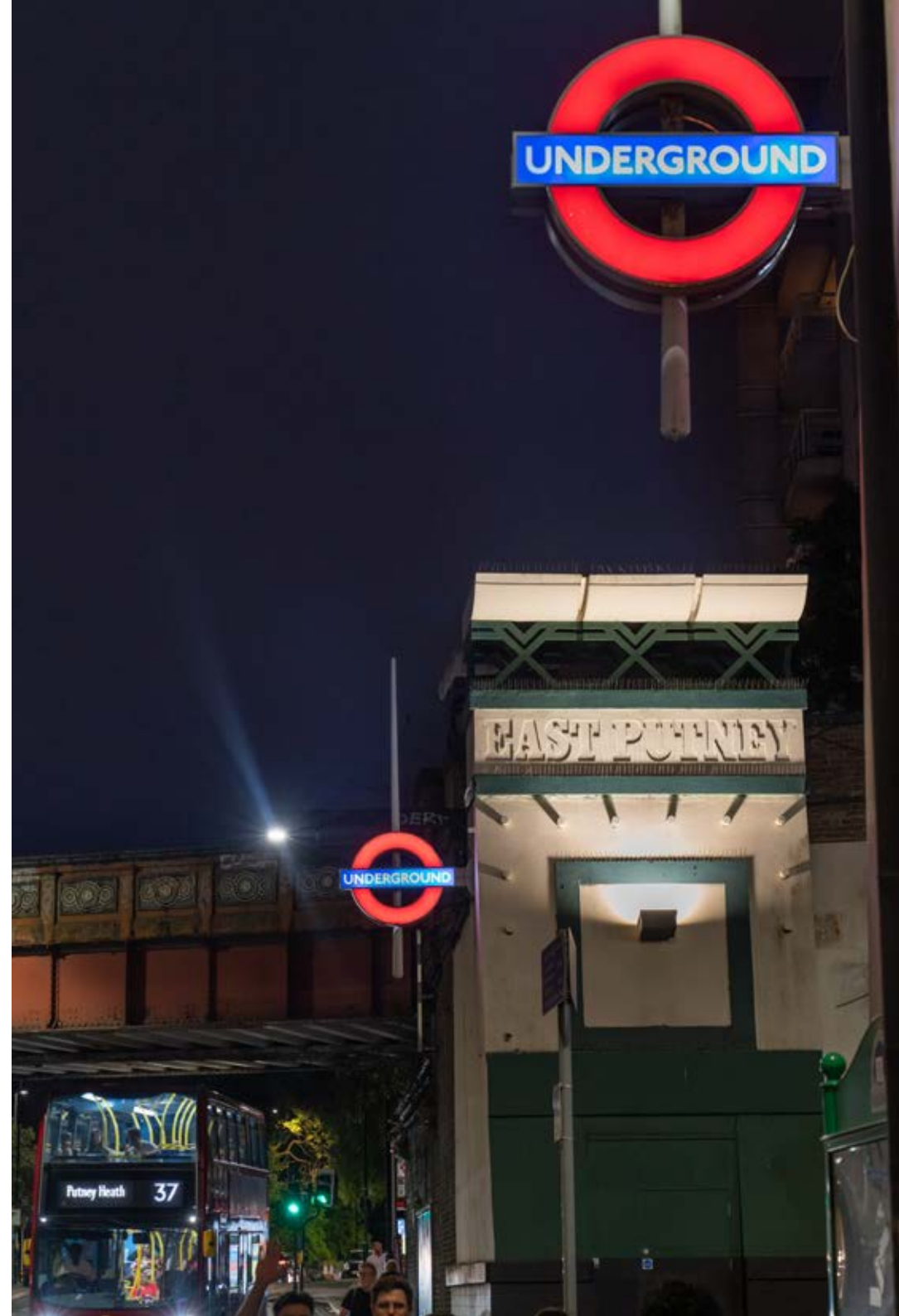
I'm delighted to introduce the London Borough of Wandsworth's ground-breaking night time strategy. Night Time, Our Time is the first of its kind and provides a vision for a better experience for everyone in the borough between 6pm and 6am.

Night is a time of huge potential but also of inequality. The Mayor and I are helping to ensure London seizes the opportunities of being a vibrant, safe and inclusive 24 hour city, whilst tackling the challenges that night workers, businesses and local residents face at night.

We're helping boroughs to extend high street opening hours and cut red tape for businesses, so that Londoners have access to shops and services at the times they need them. We're bringing different and innovative uses to town centres at night, making them safer and more welcoming for everyone. We're also ensuring the voices of residents, communities, businesses and night workers are part of the conversation. These are just some of the ways that we can unlock the potential that night has to offer.

Congratulations to Wandsworth and all their partners on this important achievement. It sets a high bar, not just for London but for towns and cities around the world. I look forward to seeing Wandsworth flourish as Night Time, Our Time is put into action.

**Amy Lamé**  
Night Czar



# 1 INTRODUCTION

## Purpose of the document

This Night Time Strategy for Wandsworth sets out the Borough’s strategic vision for the evening and night-time which will help shape, influence and link with wider strategies and policies across the Council. It provides guidance for the Council, partner organisations and businesses to ensure the night-time economy in the borough is encouraged to grow, whilst ensuring it is sustainable, reflects the needs of local residents, businesses and workers and is inclusive to all.

The Strategy supports wider Council priorities to create a more just and fairer borough with its focus on improving the night-time experience for all, taking into account the residents that often feel the negative impacts of the night-time economy too. It recognises the importance of safe neighbourhoods at night as well as during the day, the foundation for a successful night-time economy. Listening to the experience of night-time workers and other participants has brought fresh insight into the preparation of this strategy. Providing a voice for those involved in the night-time economy is an important principle for taking its recommendations forward.

The focus of the Strategy is not just on leisure, hospitality and the entertainment industries, but also night workers such as those in health care, warehouse logistics and deliveries, as well as people leaving their offices in the evening or late night. The night-time economy is significant, but the Covid-19 Pandemic has brought to light the fragility of our night-time industries as well as the safety of Londoners, especially women, low income, disabled, young and vulnerable people, moving around the city at night.

Following the tragic death of Sarah Everard and Sabina Nessa in 2021, a spotlight has been cast on the borough around women’s safety and the general safety of Londoners at night. Wandsworth is the safest inner London borough statistically, but with 52% of the borough’s population being women (the majority falling into the 25-39 age bracket); an increasing night-time workforce of which women are an increasing part; and for our high streets and town centres to recover successfully following the Covid-19 Pandemic, it is critical that we plan for an inclusive and safe environment for all our residents, visitors and workers.

The purpose of this document is to celebrate the night and draw together practical recommendations for improving the night-time to meet the needs of everyone. We know the night-time economy can have negative impacts on residents too, and through this Strategy hope to balance the needs of all those who use the night. The Strategy promotes cross-departmental working internally within the Council such as Economic Development with Licensing, as well as linking into other Council strategies like the Walking and Cycling Strategy, Arts and Culture Strategy, Ending Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy, and the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

The Night Time Strategy also encourages extensive consultation with businesses and the public, and engagement with external stakeholders such as the Metropolitan Police, Transport for London and the Greater London Authority (GLA).

Some of the recommendations in the Strategy will require funding, and where appropriate the Council will redirect existing resources or explore options for external or partnership funding. The Strategy provides a platform for developing future projects and an evidence base for funding applications



Clapham Junction

## Our approach

The Night Time Strategy project is led by the High Streets and Local Growth Team in the Economic Development Office at Wandsworth Council. This Strategy is informed by comprehensive data collection, consultation with relevant stakeholders, inter-departmental working and recent public engagement through the Night Time, Our Time series of consultations and the final draft consultation.

Recent engagement that has informed this strategy:

- First Draft Night Time Strategy consultation (March – May 2023) (283 responses)
- Night Time, Our Time interactive map consultation (September – February 2023) (967 responses)
- LGBTQI+ Forum Night Time Strategy Workshop
- Deconstructed Discoball 5 day / 5 night interactive installation project (October 2022)
- Sounds of the borough sound recording project (October 2022)
- Night Time, Our Time online questionnaire (January - May 2022) (438 responses)
- Night Time Stakeholder Panel (February 2022 – ongoing)
- Face-to-face meetings with businesses on staff safety and recruitment (May – June 2022)
- Attendance at various events and forums
- Night walks and drives with Councillors
- Ongoing conversations with businesses and markets
- Conversations with youth clubs and youth services
- Creative workshops

## Our Stakeholders

Key stakeholders that were consulted during the production of the Strategy include:

- Roehampton Women's Network
- GLA
- TfL
- Central London Forward
- Roehampton Response Network

- Wandsworth Knife Crime Forum
- Wandsworth Older People's Forum
- Roehampton Western Area Housing Panel
- DLUHC
- Metropolitan Police
- Parks Police
- South Thames College
- New Covent Garden Market
- Battersea Power Station
- Positively Putney BID
- Clapham Junction BID
- Wandsworth Town BID
- The Putney Society
- Roots to Change
- The Clapham Grand
- Le Fez
- Hannah/The Earlsfield
- Tooting Business Network
- Tooting Broadway Market
- Battersea Arts Centre
- Tara Arts
- Living Streets
- Wandsworth Queer Forum
- Devas Youth Club
- Providence House Youth Club
- Free 2B Alliance
- Chestnut Grove School
- Youth Justice Service
- George Shearling SEND Youth Club
- The Base
- Local councillors
- Over 70 night-time business managers and staff



# 2 VISION



Nine Elms Powerleague, Thessaly Road



## 2 VISION

We need to reimagine a night-time that is inclusive for all, regardless of gender, age, race, disability or income. We want to reclaim and celebrate the night, with consideration to the new issues that behold us – concern around safety, economic challenges such as the rise in cost of living, and a continued wariness around crowded indoor places following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

A common misconception around the Night Time Strategy is that it aims to increase late night opening hours to encourage more venues for drinking. Our vision is more holistic and inclusive, recognising the wide range of activities that constitute the night-time economy. It seeks to create a more balanced night-time that provides services that appeal to a diverse range of users, whilst respecting the need for peace at night in residential areas – from community hubs for residents and young people, late night supermarkets for night workers, to safer transport hubs for all.

The council commits to the below four principles to guide the improvement of the night:

- **Voice** – listening to those who participate in or are affected by the night time environment so their voices are heard and reflected in our work
- **Collaboration** – working better across agencies, organisations and communities to create a better night time experience for all
- **Knowledge** – providing guidance, training and information that informs a better understanding of the night time economy and safety
- **Investment** – specific interventions to create positive impacts in particular locations or piloting new ideas



Street food stalls in Tooting Market



# 3 PEOPLE



Summer evenings in Battersea Park



# 3 PEOPLE

The success of the night-time economy – and therefore the borough’s economy as a whole – depends on the continued and increased use of the borough at night. People are at the heart of what makes the night-time vibrant and we want the experience of our town centres and the borough as a whole to feel safe, engaging, welcoming and inclusive to all so everyone is encouraged to use it.

As part of this, we need to understand who uses the night-time and why, and how we can draw more people out at night. This includes night workers, disabled people, young and old people, and a special focus on the safety of women and minority groups.

## What you said:

### Safety and activity

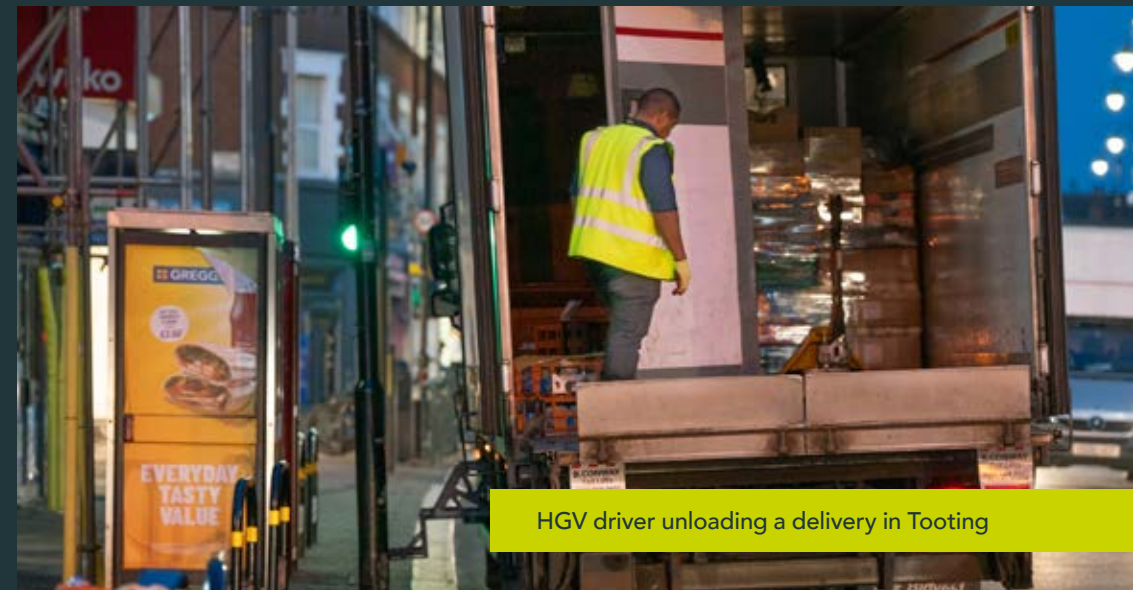
- Many residents do not visit Wandsworth’s town and local centres often at night, and a large amount never do
- Fewer people visit any of the town centres in the late night (midnight – 6am) compared to the evening (6pm – midnight)
- The main reasons for not using the night-time are feeling unsafe, poor lighting and a lack of activities
- Aggressive drunken behaviour and street harassment by men is an issue
- Many people with protected characteristics such as women, disabled people and the LGBTQI+ community do not feel safe in the borough at night
- Women’s perception of night-time is still affected by the tragic death of Sarah Everard
- More activity (places open later), CCTV, more police, male education, rough sleeper support and better lighting is needed to improve safety at night
- People do not know what is happening in their town centres and require better communication

### Young people

- Many young people do not feel safe travelling around the borough at night alone and they have nowhere to get help if phone batteries die
- Young people want and need more places to go to feel more connected to their communities, and where their parents can feel they are safe
- Violence amongst young people at night often starts with a disagreement in school
- The youth community feels unsupported by the police and there is distrust between young people and the police

### Night workers

- Night workers are anxious about going home at night, especially down quiet, dark roads. Many have had negative experiences
- Transport is a key issue, with unreliable and expensive options in the borough at night
- There is a lack of amenities for people working in the night
- Groups of night-time delivery drivers across the borough harass and intimidate passers by



HGV driver unloading a delivery in Tooting



## What we recommend:

### Safety

- Promote later opening hours for a range of businesses in alignment with Council policies, with a greater consideration of safety benefits and the consideration of the night-time work force
- Improve street lighting through well-considered interventions that respond to the local area, prioritising locations that night-time users tell us are problematic, ensuring they are creative, warm and welcoming as well as practical
- Encourage, where appropriate, spill out spaces of cafés, restaurants and bars onto back streets to improve activity and contribute to a sense of safety (through table and chair use where practical), with consideration of local residents and those with mobility issues
- Work with local businesses to consider practical solutions to improve perceptions of safety at night, such as locking gates, placing bins in appropriate places and ensuring walkways are kept clear
- An enhanced 'place-based' approach to existing Council and Police joint working to identify crime hotspots, security interventions, consider more CCTV, tackle Violence Against Women and Girls and provide greater police presence and faster response rates in areas of need
- Police, Council and businesses to work together to reduce crime through initiatives such as Ask for Angela / Wave training, Good Night Out campaign, White Ribbon and Women's Night Safety Charter, continued torch walks, with aspirations for Purple Flag status
- All new drinking establishments expected to undertake sexual harassment training provided by the Council as a proposed condition in their licence, and encourage existing establishments to undertake training too
- Council to partner with external organisations to offer bystander, personal safety and self-defence training, including for disabled people who are more likely to experience harassment at night
- Enhanced communications and outreach support at night offering help to rough sleepers, people suffering mental health problems and women escaping domestic abuse



Patmore Estate



### Young people

- Work with young people, community services and town centre partners to create safe spaces for young people to spend time in at night and reconnect with the community
- Better monitoring and communication with Police and partners of disputes in schools to stop escalation of incidents into the night
- Police to continue to build trust with young people by attending schools, youth clubs and community centres to provide clarity around stop-and-search and gain a better understanding around why young people carry knives
- Youth workers to accompany police at night for shared learning
- Encourage young people to attend activities in the evenings and visit new places through buddy schemes, detached youth work, targeted youth support, cycle training, travel training or youth club buses
- Provide tools for young people on ways to help them stay safe at night such as education on their rights surrounding stop-and-search, bystander training witnesses, and impacts of substance misuse and littering

### Older people

- Encourage activities and events in the evening for older people that are affordable and accessible
- Provide specialised transport (like Wandsworth Community Transport shuttle services) at night for less mobile members of the community
- Discuss accessibility on buses with TfL

### Night workers

- Build on our engagement with night workers to continue to monitor their needs to provide desired amenities and access to out-of-office hours services
- Seek to improve safety for all night workers such as hospitality staff, cleaners, taxi drivers and NHS workers, with the Council leading the way on supporting its own staff working at night such as carers and housing officers
- Provide amenity space for bus, HGV and delivery drivers to access toilets, healthy food and rest space at night



- Manage the delivery sector to have a more harmonious relationship with pedestrians, avoiding pavement obstruction and tackling antisocial behaviour

### Learning

- Provide workshops and resources for parents and young people through schools on gender-based violence, social media, bullying and gang crime
- Campaign targeted at men and male-only sessions held around sexism, including boys to men mentoring, that puts the focus on men and boys to change their behaviour whilst avoiding placing blame on individuals and encouraging collaboration, de-escalation and male pride instead
- Campaigns advocating zero tolerance for intimidating drunken behaviour, sexism, discrimination against people with protected characteristics such as race, age, disability and being part of the LGBTQI+ community and for improving adult attitudes towards young people



## The Women's Night Safety Charter

Wandsworth has signed up to the Mayor of London's Women's Night Safety Charter, with the aim of making London a city where all women feel confident and welcome at night.

To support the Charter, any organisation that operates at night can sign-up and pledge to the below commitments:

- Nominate a champion in your organisation who actively promotes women's night safety
- Demonstrate to staff and customers that your organisation takes women's safety at night seriously, for example through a communications campaign
- Remind customers and staff that London is safe, but tell them what to do if they experience harassment when working, going out or travelling
- Encourage reporting by victims and bystanders as part of your communications campaign
- Train staff to ensure that all women who report are believed
- Train staff to ensure that all reports are recorded and responded to
- Design your public spaces and work places to make them safer for women at night



Walking alone at night

# 4 PLACE



The Bedford, Balham



# 4 PLACE

A place is made up of buildings, roads, parks and spaces, but the success of a place is more than just the sum of its parts. All the different elements of a place create a feeling, a sense, a 'vibe': if they work well together, these factors can make town centres feel vibrant, fun and welcoming at night.

We want to explore what makes a place a positive experience at night, and how we can transport these learnings across the borough.

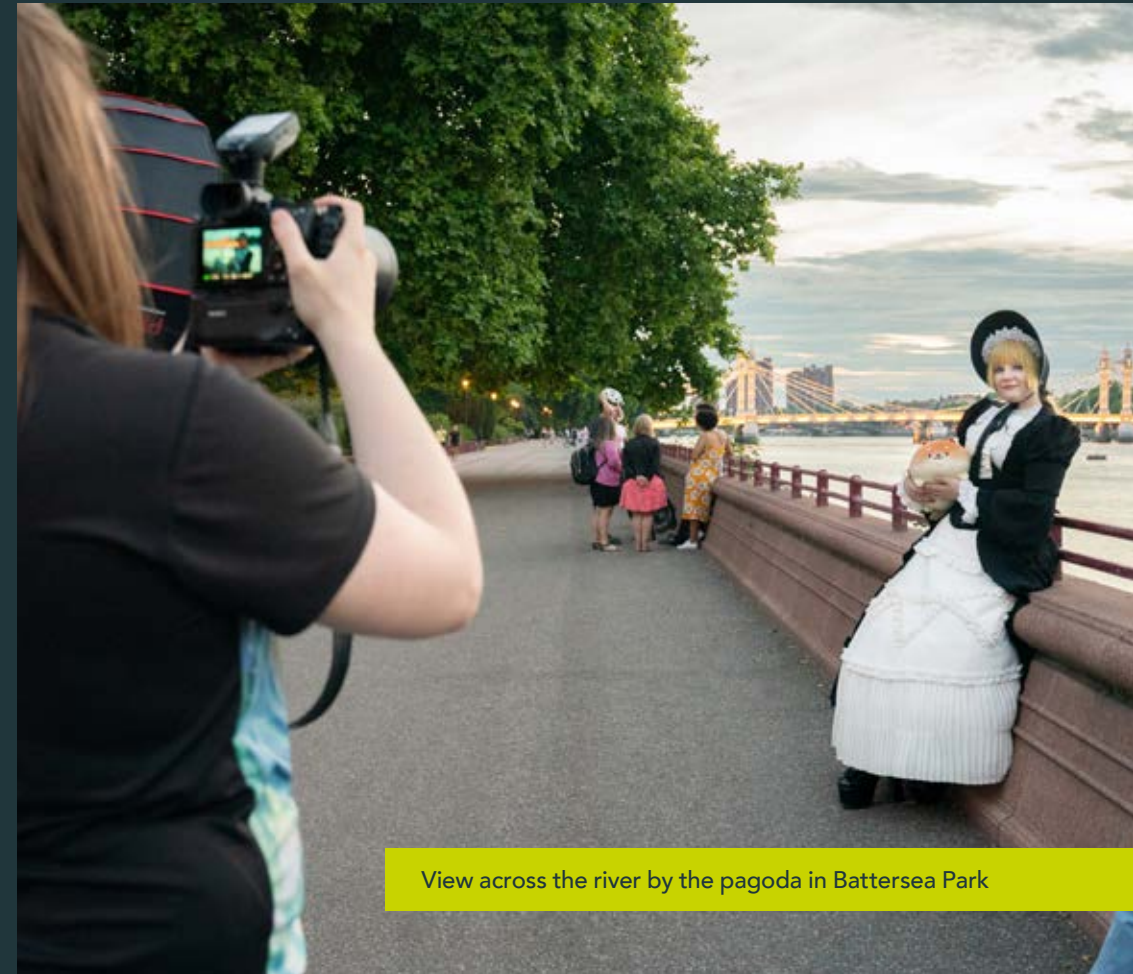
## What you said:

### A place for everyone

- You visit your town and local centres mostly for restaurants, pubs and shopping in the evenings (6pm – midnight)
- Pubs are the main reason for visiting town and local centres in the late night (midnight - 6am)
- You asked for more culture, especially music venues and outdoor performances
- Businesses at night mostly cater to the younger, more affluent section of the community
- Need to celebrate the magic of community and cultural spaces across the borough with more activities and events
- Need more youth clubs, sports facilities and safe places where young people can spend time during the evening
- Need a wider range of later opening businesses, not just surrounding alcohol, to activate streets for safety and help local economy prosper
- Estates across the borough feel unsafe at night

### Design our centres for the night

- A lot of shop windows are dark or have shutters down at night, creating dark patches
- Disused spaces, empty units and railway arches should be used where possible
- More creative and warm street lights wanted, with better colours



View across the river by the pagoda in Battersea Park

### Parks and open spaces

- Many people are scared of using parks at night
- More outdoor spaces wanted for the community to use in the evenings
- Businesses, residents and visitors have welcomed the pedestrianisation of streets in the borough
- The river is underused and could connect better to the night-time economy

## What we recommend:

### A place for everyone - encouraging people out

- A range of evening and night-time uses on high streets beyond just eating and drinking, tying into the 15-minute neighbourhood approach with consideration of impact on existing residents
- Ensure uses on offer at night respond to the needs of the whole community, including activities for young and old people, people with disabilities, and families to enjoy the night-time together
- Continued engagement with residents (including young people, LGBTQI+, ethnic minorities, older people), local businesses, workers and visitors to the high streets to understand what they would like to see improved in the night-time
- Engage with businesses and relevant organisations to improve provision for night workers such as healthy food options that are open later, evening childcare i.e. night nurseries or in-house crèches, and places to rest
- Implement free USB points for charging phones across town centres in safe spaces such as street furniture, bus stops and transport interchanges
- Investigate toilet provision including accessible toilet locations and work with venues to address public urination issues
- Evening and night-time social hubs that are inviting to intergenerational communities
- Review the borough's estates at night and work with residents to implement interventions that improve night-time conditions in problematic locations

### Design our centres for the night

- Consider the design and use of pedestrianised streets and spaces into the night after dark and during the winter through lighting, shelters and spill-out space
- Promote active frontages at night with consideration to residents, using sustainable lighting and colourful shutters to animate high streets when shops are closed, especially in dark areas and corners where more than two consecutive units are shut



Creative improvements to Thessaly Road Bridge

- Work with owners of vacant units to introduce temporary and permanent solutions such as exhibitions and installations either inside or on their frontage to help animate streets at night
- Encourage public art in town centres such as outdoor murals and installations, working with the community to create more attractive, safer places and provide a sense of ownership



### Parks and open spaces

- Police to direct more surveillance to parks at night
- Encourage walking and cycling routes through parks to increase activity at night and help with perception of safety
- Lighting used strategically with consideration to biodiversity
- Introduce amenities that encourage residents, older people, people with disabilities and young people to use parks and open spaces, such as more seating, food markets, dog owner events and skate parks.
- Provide support for people with mental health difficulties and rough sleepers that spend time in parks at night
- Local and town centres should have flexible open space, such as that of Granary Square in Kings Cross, potentially with shelters, that can accommodate a range of ad hoc uses for the community of all ages to meet at night
- Encourage the use of the Thames riverfront for walking

### Protecting Biodiversity

The council understands the importance of biodiversity and will strive to minimise any disruption to biodiversity in its night-time plans. Any interventions will need to be determined on a case-by-case basis to consider impacts on biodiversity, landscape character and site-specific management plan objectives, informed by a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and any necessary specific surveys if required.



Cycling through Battersea Park

### Culture and art

- Develop an affordable or free night-time programme of events, both indoors and outdoors, for each town centre with local businesses, musicians, artists, young people, and community groups, delivered annually
- Engage with creatives and improve licensing policies to enable independent individuals to put on events at night
- Pilot night markets that create a destination for the evening and night-time when high street stores close, in collaboration with residents
- Support night-time activities or events through heritage and night trails that tell stories of the borough at night, connecting our Town and Local Centres, and utilising the river Thames as an asset
- Outdoor exhibitions, interactive artworks and murals on undesired paths and walkways or development hoardings

### Architecture and public realm

- Consider producing Supplementary Planning Guidance to ensure ground floor architecture and public realm design is informed by, and enhances the night-time experience, with facade design that transitions seamlessly into the night
- Development proposals to prepare strategies that provide flexible, well-designed and adaptable spaces for commercial and community night-time uses
- Encourage weather-proof outdoor performance and gathering spaces to be designed into new developments with consideration of residents
- Avoid dark corners and narrow pavements in consideration of safety at night
- Ensure women and other user groups are consulted on significant placemaking design proposals to encourage gender equity at night



Clapham Grand



### Creative lighting

- In line with the Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy, produce a Lighting Strategy (to be considered in future Planning Permission for development schemes) that recommends placement and type of lighting across the borough to create safe and inclusive places, informed by appropriate guidance on the impacts of lighting on biodiversity
- Ensure the lowest energy lighting is used, timed and / or motion-detected where appropriate, and the Lighting Strategy complies with Wandsworth's Environment and Sustainability Strategy (2019-2030)
- Identify locations for design solutions and/or improved lighting such as underpasses, alleyways, dark spots and gateways to the centres
- Creative use of lighting in the public realm to animate streets and transform spaces with particular attention to those that feel hostile. For example through use of bead lights on trees, up-lighting of buildings, light projections and temporal lighting etc.
- The use of warm lighting is encouraged over harsh lighting to reduce negative perceptions of safety rather than flood lights that look like a deterrent and reinforce perception of danger
- Consider using light to create a positive presence of buildings that are closed at night such as cultural, civic, religious and educational facilities, and businesses, as well as landmarks
- Design in shields, baffles and louvres to ensure light does not shine into homes, which is already used for traffic lights to mitigate light from flooding homes



Condell Road Shops



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# ECONOMY





# 5 ECONOMY

One of the key aspects of this Strategy is to acknowledge that the night-time economy is changing, and has been for some time. Research undertaken by the GLA found that 1.6 million Londoners work in the night-time in a range of industries, including healthcare and deliveries (not just hospitality), which is over a third of the capital's workforce. 65% of Londoners are active at night, working, socialising, running personal errands, attending cultural activities and playing sport, requiring a range of uses and services around this.

Wandsworth is estimated to have a night-time workforce of 112,000, worth at least £1bn per annum (around 10% of the borough's Gross Value Added). People of all ages now want a wider variety of uses, affordability, and more than just bars and clubs to attract them to the borough's high streets. As our high streets evolve post Covid-19 Pandemic, our aspiration is to offer diversity in the high street experience during the night-time, whilst supporting our existing businesses that make the night-time what it is.

## What you said:

### More uses

- You want more culture, community facilities, music venues and restaurants in the night-time
- Some people want more late night pubs in areas where this is lacking
- Live events and licensing difficult as they come with a lot of challenges but need to support London's music scene and young up-and-coming artists. Venues need to be recognised for their efforts rather than restricted.
- More creative, flexible community events / spaces are needed
- Later opening hours in quiet places could generate more evening activity and create a flood of light onto pavement at no extra cost or design
- Some residents do not want more noise generating uses at night
- The night should not just be about drinking alcohol

### Working together, creatively

- Existing venues and bars should operate as more than just one use i.e if there is no performance in the evening their bars could still be open
- Support businesses outside of hospitality too, need a balanced approach
- There are currently no LGBTQI+ venues in Wandsworth and it is hard to gauge which venues are LGBTQI+ friendly
- Licensing needs to be managed carefully to ensure late night spots are placed in the most appropriate places
- There should be exceptions for opening hours during special events, i.e during Ramadan shops stay open until 1am in Whitechapel and similar exceptions should be made in Wandsworth
- You want to know what cultural and live events are happening at night
- There needs to be a space for people, including old and young people, to continue conversations and share ideas around place
- Pedestrianisation was welcomed by many, but businesses outside of pedestrianised zones felt left out and would like to be included in creative solutions for attracting footfall too

### Use of outdoor spaces

- Parks could be used for more family orientated events i.e outdoor cinema. This would bring early evening trade into areas, benefitting surrounding businesses (Battersea Park already does this).
- Green spaces are good places to seed the arts and attract young people

### Rising bills

- Cost of eating out has risen and there is a real concern for the hospitality industry. Restaurants have seen more of a reduction in customer numbers than pubs
- Could try to bring people out on cold evenings so they do not need to have heating on

## What we recommend:

### Working together, creatively

- Council to investigate, in the context of the Arts and Culture Strategy, how the creative economy can tie into night-time economy ambitions
- The council to work together with existing cultural institutions and festivals to understand how it can promote and assist them in continuing to thrive during the evening and late night
- The council to engage town centre BIDs and local business associations on promoting the night-time economy in their local areas, for example to deliver events or offers, such as a paint shop working with a furniture shop to deliver an interior design night
- Respond to the feedback of Queer Wandsworth on a variety of issues, including a new LGBTQI+ venue in the borough, encourage venues to present rainbow flags, and celebrate the LGBTQI+ community
- Promote safe spaces for women, young people and anyone else that feels threatened when using the night
- Consult residents about new night-time uses and provide clarity on how to complain about noise

### New, affordable and flexible spaces

- Work with anchor cultural venues and bars to promote and revitalise their night-time offer with local and London talent. This could be through introducing or expanding live music and performance such as comedy, theatre or poetry
- Daytime businesses and institutions such as schools to experiment with 'second life' evening and night-time activities
- Work with businesses and other organisations to introduce more evening and night-time uses, including cafes and community hubs that are not solely based around drinking alcohol
- Avoid clusters of gambling venues in areas where some people may be at significant risk of gambling related harm



Night time entertainment

- Encourage all businesses, venues and events to be accessible and inclusive to all – LGBTQI+, people with disabilities, people of all ethnicities, gender and age
- Rethink workspace provision now that workspace is in the same use class as retail, allowing for mixed retail and workspace units without requiring planning consent. This could activate high streets by those requiring desk / studio space at night
- Promote sustainable, ethical goods at night such as late opening repair shops, vegetable box pick-up spots and healthy takeaway establishments



### Night workers

- Encourage businesses to provide good working practices, including London Living Wage, and support for staff to entice and retain workers in the hospitality and gig economy sectors
- Engage with employers to ensure they consider the needs of staff travelling during night-time hours and make provision for the safety of employee journeys in out-of-office hours
- Support businesses to recruit to the night-time workforce for example through job fairs at local universities, community spaces and youth clubs
- Work with night-time employers to provide information on legal and mental health services for night shift workers, collaborating with initiatives such as Night Club
- Work with town centre BIDs to promote better night worker conditions and initiatives, like special discounts for night workers at specified businesses

### Night Club

Night Club is a unique initiative that brings sleep researchers together with shift workers and employers to create a better and healthier experience of working at night - including by delivering engaging evidence-based training to staff. More information can be found at [www.night-club.org](http://www.night-club.org)

### Digital inclusivity

- An easy-to-use online calendar showing day and night activities for each town centre, promoted across the borough through a strong visual campaign. Though various streams do already exist such as [wandsworthart.com](http://wandsworthart.com), these should be centralised, with print-out alternatives too

### Data collection and incentives

- Comprehensive data on town and local centres collected for businesses to understand where later opening hours could work best
- Work with local businesses to encourage later opening times trials



Night workers



# 6 TRANSPORT



Black taxis waiting for passengers in Balham



# 6 TRANSPORT

Getting around Wandsworth at night in a safe, accessible and straightforward way is essential to creating an active and welcoming night-time experience for all. Though the reinstatement of the night tube has been welcomed by many, much of the borough is not served by the underground and a special focus is needed on transport at night, where more issues can arise compared to the daytime.

Between night workers, residents and visitors alike, the attractiveness and affordability of the different modes of transport, from walking to public transport and taxis, influence our choices of travel. Wandsworth Council is committed to improving active travel through its new Walking and Cycling Strategy (2022-2030), which strives to allow all residents, of all ages and abilities to either walk or cycle to their destinations in the borough without experiencing danger. Transport, including walking and cycling, requires ongoing review to ensure residents, workers and visitors feel they can explore the borough at night whether alone or in groups. A good quality transport system is also necessary to support businesses at night and meet climate change goals.

## What you said:

### Walking and safety

- Most people either walk or travel by bus at night in Wandsworth
- You want better walking facilities in the night-time with more wayfinding and signage
- Underpasses, side roads and quiet areas feel unsafe
- Back alleyways are unlit and attract crime
- Better lighting is needed across Town and Local Centres
- Transport hubs and interchanges between bus stops and stations can feel unsafe at night
- Women shift workers feel unsafe at night at bus stops and walking home
- LGBTQI+ community feel unsafe after dark, especially in quiet areas
- Some businesses do not allow their younger staff to work at night
- Some youth clubs walk their young people home

### Cycling

- Bike stands are often located in dark and uninviting places and there is a fear of crime when using the stands, as well as bikes being stolen
- Need more Santander cycle docks

### Public transport

- Public transport needs to be safer, especially for those with protected characteristics such as young people, women and the LGBTQI+ community
- Need to improve accessibility across the borough as it is hard to reach some parts by public transport
- Concerns around the loss of some bus routes and the frequency of night busses

### Taxis / private transport

- Not everyone can afford taxis, artists for example performing at venues often cannot afford taxis to go home at night
- Some businesses have budgets to pay for women and vulnerable staff to travel home at night by taxi, but not all can afford this
- Free parking may not serve sustainability interests but helps with safety at night for some people



## What we recommend:

### Public Transport

- Work with TfL, National Rail and other transport providers to create safe, vibrant environments at transport hubs and bus stops at night
- Work with TfL to provide bus time information at all bus stops
- Interventions to improve the experience at busy interchanges and transport hubs, such as public artwork, calming music, seating and sustainable greening
- Council to consider licencing and later opening hours decisions to support a safe environment at transport hubs
- Links between bus stops, train and tube stations should be well lit and easy to find at night, including for people with accessibility needs
- Information campaign to let passengers know how to seek help if concerning situations arise i.e notifying bus driver if something unsettling happens on their bus
- Engage with TfL and rail companies about affordability of transport and experiences of transport for night workers, especially for women and ethnic minorities
- Review frequency and routes of evening and late-night services to see if current availability is fit-for-purpose, especially in areas underserved by public transport

### Walking and wayfinding

- TfL's Legible London signs placed in all town and local centres
- Strive to remove street clutter, litter and enforce fly-tipping
- Clear wayfinding interventions and safer crossings, including through creative lighting with women's safety in mind, that are accessible and inclusive for all
- Implement the Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy

### Cycling

- As proposed in the Wandsworth Walking and Cycling Strategy, use the London Cycling Design Standards to ensure all new cycle tracks in the borough meet Cycleway standards
- Place new bike stands in safe and well-lit areas near late opening venues and outside active frontages
- Engage with TfL, e-bike operators and other providers on existing bike stands and new placements in safe and convenient places like stations, for flexible travel options at night
- Introduce night-time confidence building cycle sessions to encourage people to use active travel at night and educate on cycle safety such as lighting and high-vis accessories at night
- Encourage young people to take up cycling at night through incentives in schools and youth clubs

### Private transport

- Council to work with TfL, Police and taxi providers to help ensure the safety of taxi users
- More car club bays to be introduced
- Review accessible parking availability in town centres and increase spaces if needed

### Deliveries

- Provision for delivery drivers of all types recognising them as night workers, such as designated parking spaces for HGV and delivery drivers waiting for jobs, with a view to also minimising disruption to residents and pedestrians
- Incentivise businesses to use more sustainable forms of transport at night, such as e-cargo bikes, particularly for doorstep / last mile deliveries



# 7 PLACE-BASED RECOMMENDATIONS



Putney High Street

# 7.1 TOOTING AND FURZEDOWN

## Tooting

### What you said:

#### People

- More police presence needed, especially between 11.30pm and 3am
- Tooting High Street has intimidating groups of people
- Tooting Broadway does not feel safe due to begging, anti-social behaviour and drug dealing
- Women receive unwanted attention at bus stops on Mitcham Road near Tooting Broadway Station
- Anti-social behaviour on Mitcham Road, Rogers Road, Cowick Road, Firecroft Road, the area outside Sainsbury's, Salvador Passage, the passage leading to Sainsbury's from Tooting High Street and the area outside McDonalds
- The footpath between Tooting Athletics Track and Thrale Road attracts intimidating people on benches
- Shops and take-away establishments can act as safe havens from threat of violence or robbery
- Street drinking ban needed
- More help for rough sleepers

#### Place

- Tooting has many trendy places to visit
- More green and outdoor space needed for use in the evening
- Tooting High Street and Tooting Bec has a lot of litter and fly-tipping

- The footpath between Tooting Athletics Track and Thrale Road needs lights to come on earlier in winter
- Derelict phone boxes attract anti-social behaviour
- Corner of Noyna Road feels unsafe
- Lack of public toilets
- Potters Lane underpass needs to be brightened up
- Nutwell Street - from the Little Taperia to the end of the street by the park is dark and feels unsafe
- The Common is dark at night and feels unsafe
- More use of the Common at night, like introducing a skate park or letting businesses experiment with uses like food markets
- The Commons is a green and natural open space that has peace and quiet, and should keep it that way

#### Economy

- You like Tooting and Broadway Markets
- Fast food delivery drivers and mopeds present anti-social behaviour and block pavements
- Residents must be considered when adding more entertainment venues, with strict noise regulation
- Rubbish and food waste from the markets and cafes
- Larger coffee shops with more seating should be introduced as alternatives to pubs and restaurants
- More music venues and an LGBTQI+ venue needed
- Taxi drivers use quiet corner in Kenlor Road cul-de-sac as a bin and urinal



## Transport

### Cycling

- Improve segregated cycle lane provision around Tooting and Tooting Common
- Encourage considerate cycling through Tooting Common
- Need more e-bikes and dockless parking space provision, especially at stations like Tooting Bec for women to cycle home safely from the station

### Public transport

- No lift at Tooting Broadway station acts as a barrier to travel for those with mobility issues
- Place more lights at bus stops and surrounding trees on south side of Tooting Common

### Private transport

- Cars often go through the no entry sign on Fircroft Road revving engines loudly and playing music
- Restrictions on road turns from Tooting High Street have made routes longer, using more fuel and raising emissions
- Too much traffic and delivery mopeds



Street food stalls in Tooting Market

## What we recommend:

- Council to discuss increased police presence at hotspots across the town centre such as Tooting Broadway Station, the Sainsbury's area, Tooting High Street and Mitcham Road McDonalds
- Work with businesses to create safe spaces for anyone that feels threatened
- Consider introduction of public toilets
- Campaign around antisocial behaviour and noise around town centre and residential streets
- Manage impact of food delivery drivers on town centre
- Totterdown Street outside Tooting Market as a new open space for evening activity
- Council to work with phone providers to consider removal of phone boxes
- Council to work with Waste Team and businesses to reduce litter
- Lighting and creative interventions on problem pathways such as footpath along Tooting Athletics Track and and Potters Lane
- Consider activities for young people in Tooting Common
- Encourage non-drinking night time uses like cafes, as well as music and LGBTQI+ venues
- Open two new cycle routes through the Common - from Tooting Bec Road to the Lido and from Drewstead Road to Sternhold Avenue
- Council to work with e-bike providers to introduce e-bikes and parking space in appropriate places
- Discuss safety and accessibility interventions with TfL at stations and bus stops, including harassment of women around Tooting Broadway
- Enforce illegal private vehicle behaviour

## Furzedown

### What you said:

#### People

- Open drug dealing at top of alleyway between Westcote Road and Blegborough Road

#### Place

- Positive sentiment around Moyser Road and Tooting Bec Athletics track
- Many parts of the area feel unsafe at night
- Streets off Mitcham Lane are narrow, have poor lighting, are filled with litter and host antisocial behaviour in recessed entrances

### What we recommend:

- Work with Police to increase presence in crime hotspots
- Work with Police, Waste Team and Enforcement to keep area around Mitcham Lane between Blegborough Road and Eardley Road clean
- Consider creative interventions at Thrle Road, Leveson Road, Mitcham Lane, part of Moyser Road (outside Budgens) and Footpath between Treherne Court and Franciscan Road



# 7.2 BATTERSEA AND CLAPHAM JUNCTION

## Battersea

### What you said:

#### People

- Street-drinking on Battersea High Street at night makes area feel unsafe
- Winstanley and York Road estate is prone to loitering by drug dealers, drug users and homeless people
- There is a network of drug dealers on Shaftesbury Estate
- Estates in Battersea generally do not feel safe for women walking alone at night
- Men congregate at Charlotte Despard Avenue in the night, making women feel unsafe
- Drug dealers operate on Livingstone Walk, making area feel unsafe
- Need more community facilities and low-cost activities

#### Place

- Battersea High Street pedestrianisation has been a positive change
- Battersea Park Road has poor lighting, litter, a cluttered public realm and anti-social behaviour at night
- The poor condition of the Winstanley Estate attracts antisocial behaviour
- Grant Road with the train embankment on one side and Winstanley fences on the other feels trapping
- Public realm on Queenstown Road – especially the underpass – feels unsafe at night, as well as the grass verges and bus stop next to Embrace Charity shop

- Unhappy with Savona Estate at night
- Stewarts Road feels unsafe by the railway bridge and narrow entrance on southern side
- The railway arches at the back of the Doddington Estate feel unsafe at night
- Culvert Road and underpass feel unsafe
- Railway footbridge between Shaftesbury Estate and Battersea Park Road feels unsafe
- Ganley Road has poor lighting

#### Economy

- More night life is awaited
- Portuguese café (Santacruzense) near the Patmore estate is well used, affordable and open late
- New Covent Garden Flower market late night / early morning café and flower market underused by locals

#### Transport

##### Walking and wayfinding

- The pedestrian crossing lights switch off late at night making it difficult to cross the road
- Thames footpath feels unsafe at night
- Battersea Park gate near Albert Bridge to be left open at night to encourage walking through the park to Battersea Power Station

##### Public Transport

- A new and regular bus service required from Vauxhall to Clapham Junction which stops at Battersea Power Station tube
- Need for more 344 buses at night (not necessarily all the way to Liverpool Street) as service is always full since new underground stops have been introduced

## What we recommend:

- Work with police to increase presence in crime hotspots and remind groups of men about impact on women
- Review lighting and condition of estates, working with Adult Social Services and charities to help those loitering on estates
- Consider lighting interventions in dark areas such as Battersea Park Road and Ganley Road
- Consider creative interventions and greening on problematic roads and underpasses such as Stewart's Road
- Increase activity on Thames footpath at night
- Introduce more night time uses and activities with local community in mind
- Promote underused night time café at New Covent Garden Market
- Discuss night time walking routes with the Parks Team
- Work with TfL to improve connectivity by bus in light of new underground stops





## Clapham Junction

### What you said:

#### People

- More of a focus needed on residents, not just visitors
- Help for rough sleepers and more police needed
- The station area on St John's Hill and Falcon Road underpass hosts anti-social behaviour
- Intimidating people shout and follow pedestrians walking between Winstanley Estate and Clapham Junction Station at night, making women feel unsafe
- Prevention of urination against florist box outside station is needed
- Police presence requested at night outside Clapham Junction Station, especially up to 8pm when children are still returning from school activities
- Streets drinkers congregate at Bramlands Close at night, making people feel unsafe when walking between Falcon Road bus stop and the station
- Loud shouting on Lavender Hill between 12am and 4am as people return from night venues
- Anti-social behaviour on Lavender Gardens

#### Place

- Northcote Road summer pedestrianisations have been welcomed
- Less lighting needed in the town centre
- Falcon Road is dirty and feels unsafe, should be improved with lighting and artwork
- Public toilet needed
- Later opening shops needed for safety
- Better lighting is needed, shop windows around the Station are unlit at night creating dark patches

- The store front of the empty furniture shop on Battersea Rise could be animated
- Area around Devas youth club needs better lighting

#### Economy

- Battersea Arts Centre underused at night
- Supermarket night workers deal with difficult drunk customers
- Night workers experience a range of challenges when returning home from shifts, including a lack of public transport options, stop and search by police, and antisocial drunken behaviour on the streets

#### Transport

##### Walking and wayfinding

- Clapham Junction is a major interchange but has unclear wayfinding – people get lost looking for bus stops and station entrances

##### Public transport

- Loss of 319 bus has had a negative impact on night workers
- Difficult for night workers to get home after shifts

##### Private transport

- Vehicles speed on busy stretch between Wandsworth Common and Northcote Road
- Better taxi pick up points needed

## What we recommend:

- Work with Police to increase presence in crime hotspots such as St John's Hill and around Clapham Junction Station
- Campaign around sexist, drunk and anti-social behaviour
- Work with Adult Social Services and Community Safety to promote safe spaces and provide help for rough sleepers and those with mental health issues
- Introduce creative interventions at Falcon Road underpass
- Consider introducing a public toilet
- Provide space for community activities and a place for locals to spend time off the streets
- Encourage later opening times for shops and animate windows of closed shops
- Carefully consider more lighting where necessary
- Explore creative lighting and interventions to improve wayfinding around the station and to popular night time venues
- Discuss night time bus routes with TFL
- Work with National Rail on safety around station, including through increased activity, public realm design and improved taxi pick up points





# 7.3 WANDSWORTH TOWN AND WANDSWORTH COMMON

## What you said:

### People

- Drunk people hang around and litter outside East Hill and on benches at the Spit
- The Riverside Quarter feels unsafe for many, recent rape incidents have scared women, and parents are fearful to let their children out at night
- Young people often get mugged near King George's Park
- More youth facilities needed

### Place

- People like the Ram Quarter and Old York Road
- The Wandle Path, Spit, Wandle Bridge, nearby pathways and all routes to the Riverside Quarter feel unsafe
- Underpass alongside Wandsworth town Station, Smugglers Way and surrounds feel unsafe and needs more lighting
- Old Burial Ground feels unsafe at night
- Incidents of sexual violence on Mapleton Road, feels very unsafe and requires CCTV
- Riverside Quarter needs more CCTV and more layered lighting (not just direct light)
- Lights are too bright and blinding on the Causeway and on the footbridge over Wandle River

- Wandsworth High Street and bus stop on Fairfield Street outside the Town Hall feels unsafe at night after work
- King George's Park feels unsafe at night but locking of park also an issue as forces people to walk long way round
- Wandsworth Park feels unsafe at night, especially for women and needs more lighting or gates locked at night
- John Archer Way entrance to Wandsworth Common needs more lighting
- Cricket nets could be added on the Rugby pitch for evening sporting activity

### Economy

- Riverside Quarter needs more activity and animation by filling the empty shops and spaces in the area
- The healthy food stalls outside Southside Shopping Centre, now closed, were a welcome addition to the town centre

### Transport

#### Cycling

- There should be a path for cycling along the River Wandle leading to the Thames uninterrupted without having to go onto the main roads, which is particularly dangerous at night
- The Ram Quarter pedestrian area should be open to cyclists, away from the dangerous one-way system

#### Public transport

- Wandsworth Town Station exit does not feel safe at night
- Trains have become less frequent
- Bus timings are problematic
- The 485 bus would be much more useful if it passed the station
- Need a night bus passing through the Riverside Quarter

## Walking and wayfinding

- All routes to the Riverside Quarter, including from the station, the Causeway, Smuggler's Way, Bell Lane Creek Bridge and through Wandsworth Park feel unsafe for women due to poor lighting, no public transport and deserted entrances
- The Buckhold Road and Wandsworth High Street crossing has an overcrowded island that is deadly dangerous and people have already died here
- Wayfinding from Wandsworth Town through the Ram Quarter to Southside needs to be improved

## What we recommend:

- Work with Parks Team to provide safety interventions and lighting at entrance of parks and Common, and consider diversifying sports offer
- Introduce activities for young people
- Discuss with Police and consider creative interventions at street drinking hotspots and isolated areas like the Wandle Path, the Spit and Smugglers Way
- Encourage creative interventions and increased activity / businesses open at night at the Riverside Quarter
- Introduce considerate lighting in appropriate locations
- Improve aesthetic of underpass alongside Wandsworth Town Station and discuss safety around station entrance at night with Southwestern Trains
- Consider healthy food night market outside Southside Shopping Centre
- Improve cycle path provision away from one-way system and along the River Wandle
- Discuss bus routes with TfL to better connect station and Riverside Quarter
- Widen overcrowded island crossing on Wandsworth High Street
- Improve wayfinding from the station to the Ram Quarter, and the Ram Quarter to the Riverside Quarter





# 7.4 BALHAM

## What you said:

### People

- More police needed on the streets
- Balham High Street hosts anti-social drunken behaviour
- Women experience intimidation and harassment at night from drunk people and drug users
- Intimidating anti-social behaviour under Balham Station Bridge, Lochinvar Estate and Oakmead Road
- Men are increasingly urinating openly on the pavements, roads and against garden gates

### Place

- People like the lights in the trees on Hildreth Street and the new public realm improvements along Bedford Hill
- Better lighting needed
- More outdoor space for use in the evenings
- Dark alleyways when walking towards Oldridge Road from bus stop
- Poor lighting on Oakmead Road, Travel Lodge car park, Emmanuel Road and on route beside St Francis Xavier College
- The area around Ramsden Road by the library and Waitrose car park feels unsafe after dark
- Lack of public toilets
- Balham High Road is unclean

### Economy

- Primary school could host a market out of hours
- Hildreth Street Market should be open in the evenings
- Hildreth Street night life causes noise nuisance every weekend
- Drinking on Balham High Street spills out into the residential streets
- Night time staff recruitment difficult due to safety concerns and poor transport
- More venues and activities requested at night and after midnight

## What we recommend:

- Work with Police to increase presence in hotspots of anti-social behaviour such as Balham High Street, under Balham Station Bridge, Lochinvar Estate and Oakmead Road
- Consider introducing a public toilet
- A night market either at Hildreth Street or in primary school
- Consider introducing creative lighting and other interventions on roads and car parks highlighted as feeling unsafe such as Oakmead Road and Travel Lodge car park
- Work with businesses on Hildreth Street and Balham High Street to encourage patrons to leave area respectfully
- Consider introducing a new late night venue or existing venue to stay open longer with live music

# 7.5 ROEHAMPTON

## What you said:

### People

- There are intimidating people around, men harassing women
- Young people, especially girls are scared to walk around at night
- Some women drive at night for safety
- More police and CCTV needed – there used to be a police station in Roehampton and crime has increased since closure
- Supermarket workers and delivery drivers have been robbed at night
- Need to provide a space for young people, potentially at Dilton Garden
- Need more community facilities and events

### Place

- More lighting needed across the area including Clarence Lane and alleyway between Roehampton High Street and Medfield Street
- Fear of crime at night outside both shopping parades on estate
- Ryefield path and alleyways across the area feel unsafe
- Multiple knives found in area clean up

### Economy

- Everything on Danebury Avenue and beyond shuts very early which limits street activity and safety
- More cafes and commercial units should be available to get more people and eyes on the street
- More affordable shops needed locally as people have to travel for this
- Need more restaurants, education, culture and entertainment

### Transport

#### Walking and wayfinding

- Subway from Putney Common has no lights at the stairs, groups of men hang around and a historic murder adds to fears, but the route is well used as it links to the 265 bus to ASDA

#### Public transport

- Better public transport needed as the 424 bus does not run at night or on Sunday
- Buses do not always stop unless arm is completely out

## What we recommend:

- Work with police to increase presence
- Provide amnesty boxes for knives
- Campaign around intimidating male behaviour
- Introduce more community facilities and activities for residents, and young people in particular
- Consider creative interventions and lighting in areas highlighted as problematic such as Clarence Way, alleyways and subway to 265 bus
- Encourage affordable businesses to the area that open late such as culture, entertainment and food and beverage establishments
- Work with existing businesses to open later
- Discuss bus route provision and driver behaviour with TfL



# 7.6 PUTNEY

## What you said:

### People

- Groups of people drink on the streets and gather outside Putney Library
- Between 10pm and 2am the high street is full of antisocial behaviour, fighting, noise, drug taking, urinating which feels unsafe for older people and young families
- More police presence needed

### Place

- Women feel unsafe on Woodlands Way due to dim lighting
- Upper Richmond Road from Putney High Street to Charlwood, and Junction of Putney High Street, Lower Richmond Road and Putney Bridge, and Burston Road, particularly the small street which runs between the office block and post office, feel unsafe
- Some respondents feel Wandsworth Park should be better lit for safety whereas others oppose, raising importance of dark spaces for wildlife
- Dissatisfaction with Putney High Street outside McDonalds
- Add security cameras, mirrors at both ends and more lighting on Putney Rail Bridge pedestrian walkway

### Economy

- Bars do not call police after incidents of antisocial behaviour to avoid closure
- Some night workers have been mugged on way home from shifts
- Less concentration of bars and news agents selling alcohol needed

### Transport

#### Public transport

- Intimidating and drunk behaviour on buses
- Need security guards on trains

## What we recommend:

- Work with police to increase presence in hotspots of antisocial behaviour and areas highlighted as feeling unsafe
- Visible campaign around drunken behaviour
- Work with BID and individual businesses to improve patron behaviour
- Consider creative interventions and lighting in problematic areas such as parts of Upper Richmond Road, Junction at Putney Bridge and alleyways
- Consider safety interventions on Putney Rail Bridge pedestrian walkway
- Encourage diversity in the types of businesses open at night, including non-alcohol-based venues and activities
- Discuss safety on buses with TfL



# 7.7 EARLSFIELD

## What you said:

### Place

- Earlsfield in general is not well lit
- More police needed
- Haldane Place Road and Corner on Kingham Close leading to Wells Place feels scary at night for lone women
- Kimber Road has lighting and litter problems

### Economy

- More evening shopping wanted

### Transport

#### Cycling

- Merton Road and Garratt Lane carriageways should be improved for cycle safety - the combination of the darkness, higher vehicle speeds and obstructive parked cars is dangerous to cyclists and deters people from cycling

#### Public transport

- Needs to be more accessible by public transport at night

## What we recommend:

- Consider creative interventions and lighting in problematic areas such as Haldane Place Road and Kimber Road
- Encourage businesses to open later
- Review cycle safety provision on Merton Road and Garratt Lane
- Discuss later running transport options with TfL





# 7.8 SOUTHFIELDS

## What you said:

### Place

- People like the current lighting outside Southfields Station
- Many people feel unsafe at night
- More police and CCTV needed
- Better lighting needed, including over footbridge on Keswick Road
- Travelling home from Southfields Station through the park to Westfield Waterside development feels unsafe in the winter
- Southfields passage feels unsafe

### Economy

- More music venues needed

### Transport

#### Cycling

- Wimbledon Park should allow pedestrians and cyclists 24/7 access, locking Revelstoke Road entrance at night forces cyclists to take a long diversion from Wimbledon Park Road via Replingham Road and this extra distance via congested roads discourages cycling

#### Public transport

- District Line often down which makes travel difficult

## What we recommend:

- Work with police to increase presence
- Introduce creative lighting interventions in parts that feel unsafe
- Encourage evening uses like music venues
- Work with Merton Council to improve cycle provision through or around Wimbledon Park at night



# 8

# NEXT STEPS



Thessaly road underpass



## 8 NEXT STEPS

Following approval of the Night Time Strategy, the Economic Development Office will produce a checklist and assign responsibilities for the range of stakeholders and Council departments involved in taking the recommendations forward. The High Streets Team will establish a night-time working group with the Police, TfL and Licensing to begin conversations and work with internal departments, town centre BIDS, individual businesses, youth clubs and community groups to address the town and local centre specific recommendations. The Strategy will now also be considered in Planning and Licensing decisions, as well as by the Community Safety, Transport and Highways teams.

This Night Time Strategy has been shaped by stakeholders, residents, businesses, visitors and night workers and endeavours to balance the needs of the wide range of people using Wandsworth at night. The Strategy is not static however, and due to the changing nature of resident needs, demographics and the night-time economy, a night-time status report will be completed annually, informed by data collection and consultation.

For further information or suggestions, please visit: [wandsworth.gov.uk/night-time-strategy](https://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/night-time-strategy) or email [NTS@Wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:NTS@Wandsworth.gov.uk)



Rollerblading on Thessaly Road, Nine Elms





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