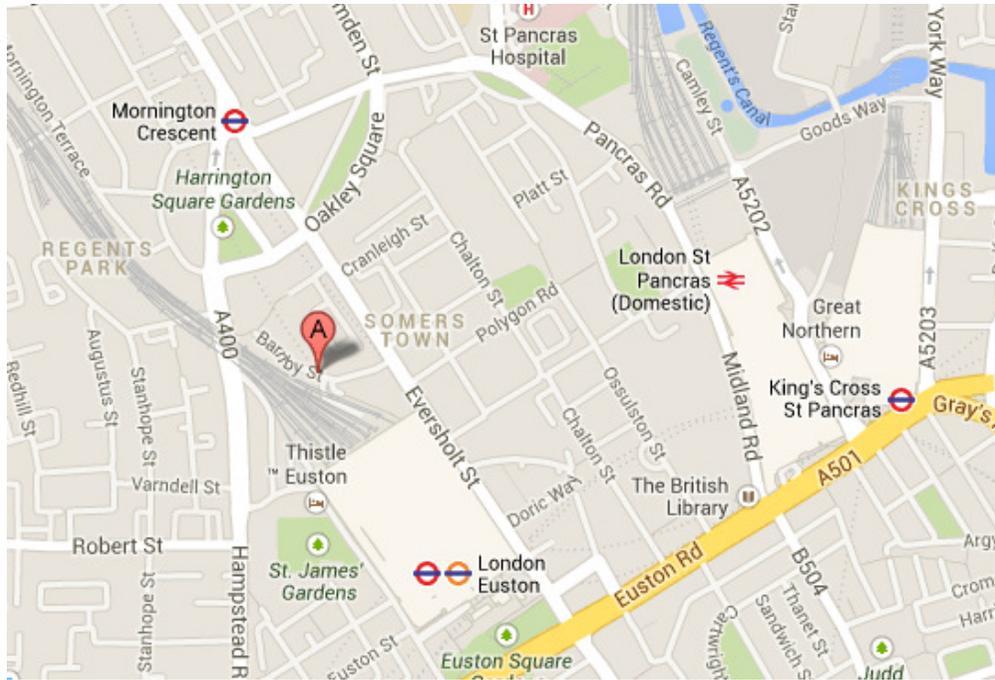


Conference Venue
Amphill Hill Square Tenants Hall
Barnby Street, London NW1



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London Tenants Federation
2013 Conference
Opportunity & Intensification Areas

10.30a.m.- 4.30p.m Saturday 30th November
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Programme

Almost half a million new jobs and more than 350,000 new homes are planned in London's largest areas of development - 33 opportunity and 10 intensification areas.

Can tenant and community groups in these areas:

- make gains or prevent losses in terms of homes and jobs for their communities;
- prevent buildings of community interest being torn down;
- effectively maintain a strong consensus voice and get that voice heard, including through developing alternative community-determined plans?

The conference will examine some of what has happened at Kings Cross; the most advanced of the of the 33 opportunity areas and use this as a generator for wider discussion on other community involvement in large-scale development areas.

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Attendees will be able to sign in and get tea or coffee from 10.00am

10.30 Introduction

SPEAKERS: Each speaker will present for about 10 minutes, leaving around 15 minutes for questions, answers and comment.

11.00 **25 years of campaigning in Kings Cross** - Marian Larragy

11.25 **Peoples' Plans** - Michael Parkes

11.50 **Viability and Deliverability** - Michael Edwards

12.15 **Preservation of Industrial Buildings** - Malcolm Tucker

12.40 **LUNCH**

13.30 **WORKSHOPS:** Each workshop (details below and on adjacent page) will be asked to bring back to the plenary session three key points from the discussion and two suggestions of areas of future work.

14.50 **Tea break**

15.10 **Successes and failures of community engagement with large-scale development in London**

15.40 **Plenary session**

16.30 **End**

Workshop 1 Alternative, community-determined plans: Developing alternative plans is not new, but this may have been given new focus and impetus through the Localism Act. This workshop will look at some produced in the past and the London picture now, particularly in large development areas. It will consider to what extent communities are able to use alternative plans to challenge and influence the authorities' plans and to set out a strong independent community-determined vision for their areas.

Workshop 2. Making gains on new jobs preventing losses of existing, at Kings Cross and elsewhere: Huge amounts of industrial land has been lost in London and with it jobs that would in the past have sustained ordinary (working class) communities, often in close proximity to their homes. Businesses, even those still viable and serving local communities, are being displaced in large development plans. This workshop will consider what was achieved at Kings Cross, what is occurring elsewhere and what London-wide work is being carried out on alternative strategies around provision of local employment.

Workshop 3. Getting housing that meets need, and viability assessments: This workshop will look at levels of social-rented and 'affordable' homes being delivered and also demolished in opportunity areas. It will consider the changes that are taking place at the most and least expensive ends of the housing 'market'. It will explore what national policy and emerging practice guidance say on viability and deliverability, how this is being used to reduce levels of affordable homes in developments and challenges that might be made on this.

Workshop 4. Preserving buildings of community interest: To what extent are existing buildings being torn down in large development areas in an attempt to erase their past history? Can a strategy of preserving existing buildings help not only to sustain existing communities but also retain, in built form, some of their social and industrial history. What strategies and existing policy can we best use to pressure for refurbishment of buildings of community interest and to secure them for community use?

Workshop 5. Maintaining a consensus voice and getting it heard: Kings Cross Railway Lands Group managed to bring together a relatively tight knit locally based and focused campaign, involving a wide range of tenant and community groups and others. What difficulties do groups have in achieving this, particularly around keeping people fully informed and in providing a consensus voice? How do we also ensure that community voices are heard (through media and elsewhere) and that any pressure we might apply is sufficient to achieve the changes we want?