

Dear Neighbours at Southwark Street Estate,

We are writing to let you know about early proposals to build new homes for social rent in your local area.

The proposed development sites are the ball court, playground and former air raid shelter at Sumner Buildings, Sumner Street SE1 9JX.



As you may be aware, there is a significant shortage of affordable housing in London, particularly in central areas. The City of London Corporation is committed to helping address this need by delivering new, high quality homes for people on the City Corporation and Southwark Council housing registers.

We are still at a very early stage in the process, however as proposals develop, we will make sure local residents have the opportunity to see the plans and share their views before any planning application is submitted.

We began speaking with residents at Sumner Buildings in December 2025 and have already heard feedback on a range of issues, including:

- **Parking:** How parking provision will be affected by an increase in properties and a potential reduction in parking spaces.
- **Access:** How access to and movement around the area will be managed and impacted during the construction phase.
- **Privacy:** Whether existing properties will be overlooked and experience a reduction in natural light.
- **Landscaping:** Whether green spaces and landscaped areas will be retained.
- **Play Areas:** Current play areas are well used, will they be replaced

To support the engagement process, the City of London Corporation is working with NewmanFrancis Ltd, an independent community engagement organisation. NewmanFrancis will be leading on communication and engagement activities, ensuring that local residents' views are heard and considered as the project develops.

Over the coming months there will be opportunities for you to find out more and share your thoughts including at our upcoming pop-up event. Please feel free to drop by at any time during the event below to chat with the project team and ask any questions.

Estate Pop-Up Event



Tuesday 12th May 2026

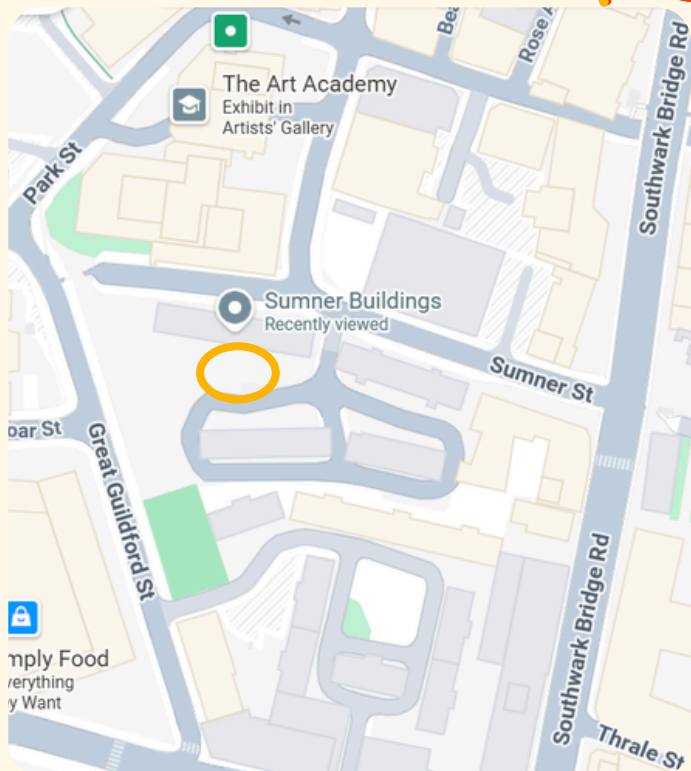


3:00pm – 7:00pm



**Courtyard of Sumner
Buildings**

(Scan QR code for location)



Contact Us

If you would like to share feedback or ask a question in the meantime, please contact NewmanFrancis:



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You can also view information and stay up to date with the project by viewing the project page by scanning the QR Code.

