

# SHAD THAMES RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

Open Meeting – 7.30pm to 9.00pm Monday, 14 April 2008  
Bridge House (upstairs), Tower Bridge Road, London SE1

All residents living in the Shad Thames area had been invited to the open meeting

## Invited Speakers:

Stephen Cornford, Executive Director, Potters Fields Park Management Trust;  
Sgt. Rob Evans, Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team, Rotherhithe Police Station  
Lead Councillor Nick Stanton; and Councillor Eliza Mann.

## Core Group:

Anna Hollingsworth, Jilly Frisch, Julian Griffiths, Anne Lynn, Nick Napier, Michael Place, Penelope Tay,

**Local Residents:** approximately 60 local residents attended

**Julian Griffiths, Chair, STRA** welcomed everyone, asked those interested to join the STRA Network, either by signing-up at the meeting, or via the website, [www.shadthames.org](http://www.shadthames.org) He gave a brief summary of issues which STRA had been involved in (Most Bar, 19 Queen Elizabeth Street), and mentioned a few items coming up (Pont variation of licence, The Don extension, Filming on Horseleydown Lane).

**Stephen Cornford, Executive Director, Potters Fields Park Management Trust** reported on issues he dealt with on a regular basis in running the park, such as skateboarders, keeping the stonework clean, negotiations with the coffee shops/ice cream concession, etc. He mentioned that the PFPMT is looking at ways of supporting and improving other local park sites. Stephen reported that he is now receiving enquiries about renting/using the Park from far afield (e.g. France, Spain, USA) and he believed that the Park could now move towards being more selective in taking bookings for high revenue with minimal usage time.

**Sgt Rob Evans, Riverside Safer Neighbourhood Team, Rotherhithe Police Station** gave an overview of how his team (2 police officers, and 3 PCSOs) operated in the area, mentioning that the quarterly meetings of the Riverside Ward Panel set three priorities each quarter, with the proviso that one of these involved work with young people. He mentioned a trial project involving young people and computer games, for which he had obtained corporate support, was very successful and looked as though it would continue and be expanded.

One of the local residents reported that there could be drug dealing along Shad Thames, and Rob undertook to pass this information to the appropriate police unit. Another question was whether the Riverside Team could patrol along the Shad Thames riverside after closing time, i.e. between 11.00pm and 1.00am, just to remind people leaving bars and restaurants to be quiet, and not to stay in the area. Rob said this would mean changing the shift pattern, but he would aim to schedule such a patrol about every three weeks. Rob also gave the mobile number of the Riverside Team to the meeting.

**Nick Stanton, Lead Councillor**, spoke about recent discussions with Berkeley Homes, which had resulted in a cooperative agreement between Berkeley Homes and Southwark Council. He said that so far agreement had been reached to find a new architect to come up with a plan to have some sort of iconic building on the site, together with some housing. A steering group of 4 persons (2 each from BH and Southwark) would be working on finding a suitable architect. Nick was asked if it would be possible for STRA to have some representation on the steering group. While everyone present was pleased to know that the previous plan for the eight glass towers had been shelved, some concern was voiced about BH having too much influence over the architect to be chosen, and the "brief" for the site.

Nick mentioned that BH would now put a concrete covering over their current work building a car park on the site, and that their application to convert the old school into a hotel had been put aside, and a new application made for the building to be used as offices for the next three years.

**Eliza Mann, Councillor**, gave details about a parking review consultation which was about to start, (information would be on the STRA website). She was also asked about the Saturation Policy for Shad Thames – this was still ongoing, and a further meeting would take place in the near future. The application from The Don to extend their licence to 4.00am and 5.00am was raised, and it was emphasised that residents who had objected should make an effort to attend the hearing, or to ask a local Councillor to represent them. Eliza said she has always worked closely with local individuals and with local residents' associations, and was willing to represent local interests if asked to do so.