

Appendix 5: Responses to survey questions 6 – What do you value about the area; and 7 – Anything else you want the Council to consider?

Questions 6 – What do you value about the area?

History and Heritage

- Incredible history. Hidden gem buildings. Active high street serving the needs of community and wider area
- The whole area needs protecting. It is part of our heritage.
- I love the area's history and more could be done to make this history more visible and interpreted.
- I value the many historic buildings which contribute to the area's unique character. More could be done to raise the profile of the heritage value of Deptford, to widen awareness of the historic value of many buildings which are in shockingly poor condition.
- The passion that local people have about the history
- Although a strong sense of history, it is a 'real' place, not a preserved artefact.

Variety of built form

- The architectural variation and timeless quality of the area as a result.
- The types of housing particularly around the St Johns area and roads off of Friendly street, Watson Street etc - would love to live in one of those houses.
- The history and old buildings that show the diversion of the area, be it architecturally important or typical of it's date. All this is being lost elsewhere.
- The variety of buildings in age, style, use.
- The diversity of small buildings. The liveable scale. Pedestrian and cycle priority. Low-rise, walkable.

Vibrancy and mix

- The variety, not all the same Victorian style aesthetic. Not being spilt by high rise , like central Lewisham in ruined. That there are still original setts on roads, Love the cheek by jowl nature. The 1950s next to the 1970s the fishmongers by the African Fabrics.
- I value the multi-cultural multi-ethnic life within the CA; I value the heritage, I value the buildings I just think the High St has such potential and has the opportunity of retaining its diversity. At the end of the day, the power to shape the high st is in the hands of the Landowners and long-term leaseholders - we need to get them collectively to understand the value of what we have.
- "I love the vibrancy of the area, the mix of uses and styles. The fact that much of the area is residential on upper floors, retail on lower, combined with cultural and other business uses. However, this 'vibrancy' needs to be tamed. And proactively. Much of the High Street is a jumble of signs and clutter and would benefit from a sensitive decluttering without losing the essential character.
- Diverse use-mix. Wide range of cultural activities and cultural institutions..

Community

- It's vibrancy. The resultant sense of community that derives from that.
- The community of people who live above the retail premises on the high street
- The community between the shop holders and residents
- History and community
- The community, especially projects such as Tidemill Garden, really exemplifies how people genuinely care about social cohesion and engaging all with the natural environment. Mixed community. Strong sense of community even though there are diverse and strongly held opinions

Independent businesses and markets

- The diversity of independent businesses on the high street, the markets, and the strong and friendly community spirit. The range of different buildings makes the high street an interesting and attractive place to walk along - and where historic features have been retained and respected on buildings it shows that heritage and contemporary design can work successfully together.
- Very few retail chains, many diverse independent stores selling useful things. The market.

Other

- There is no value as this conservation area has no merit
- What are you asking me about? This is an appallingly poor questionnaire. I can't see any maps.

Question 7 -Anything else you want the Council to consider?

Open space and green space

- The lack of green space and community garden. the poor design outside the library!! A lovely planter raised to allow seating or skate boarding would improve the blandness. Make sure it isn't about gentrifying. But the council have let Kennedy's butchers be vandalised, so how would any improvement like this help?

Traffic and parking

- How to maintain the character of the high street while allowing businesses to flourish (old and new), in particular a comprehensive and pragmatic rethink of parking and traffic on and around the high street that supports business but is empathetic to residents. It should include genuine listening to the residents and business people - not the cursory lip service done when consulting about the recent high street changes that have caused at least as many problems as they have resolved . Cars are all over the pavements blocking pedestrians, traffic dangerously speeding and no sensible parking for patrons of the high street.
- Pavement parking and dangerous driving on the high street continue to be a threat to pedestrians and cyclists.

Management

- A stronger more proactive lead in relation to the regeneration of the high st - more 'presence' in relation to enforcement and more liaison - having a town centre manager was a good idea and needs to be continued (funded); local volunteer groups cannot do it all!

Enhancement

- Investing more money to maintaining the boundaries even by simply cleaning the streets !!!
- Funding for enhancements to existing buildings/frontages, in particular signage etc.

Other

- Make the Conservation area accessible for people who want to buy/rent in the area. Am glad of that there is planning to widen the area to conservation.
- De regularise this area as there is no basis for any conservation here, this is a mish mesh or disjointed units that some people locally have taken to be their cause celebre.
- I think this is pathetic as a consultation as it doesn't ask any important questions or show any visuals that would make it half real.
- Most of these people were not here when this place was left to rot and their interference will not make things any better