A. Access and security

Access and security today

Routes through the Town Hall site, whether for pedestrians, servicing or cyclists, are along Porden Road or Buckner Road. However, many of the buildings turn their backs onto these routes and no activity is encouraged in those spaces. This means they do not always feel safe and anti-social behaviour sometimes occurs.

Future proposals for access and security

To address these issues, we would like to:

• Provide assessable and easy to navigate routes for pedestrians and cyclists through the public outdoor spaces
• Keep existing routes from Acre Lane to Brixton Hill and create a new pedestrian route between the Town Hall and Electric Brixton
• Potentially close Buckner Road at night (allowing access for public/community events), to prevent unsociable behaviour which affects neighbouring residents
• Provide new lighting for main routes and lighting to highlight features, whilst also managing issues of light pollution
• Consider new CCTV coverage to provide a safer environment

Images show ideas of the types of spaces that could be created - photos are examples of spaces elsewhere.

Give us your thoughts

Tell us what you would like to see in relation to future access, routes and security on the site.

You might want to consider some of the following prompt questions, but please feel free to comment openly:

Q. What factors should be considered with the design of routes for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers?
Q. What safety aspects should the team look at when working on the design of public spaces?
Q. Which public spaces or routes are currently a problem for anti-social behaviour?
Q. How should the access routes into the site make visitors feel?
Q. What issues face these spaces at night time and would closure of routes after dark help?

Please write your comments on one of the cards provided and place in the tray marked A.
B. Leisure areas and public art

Leisure areas and public art today
Currently there are no allocated leisure areas within the Town Hall site or areas which would naturally be used as such. Equally, there is no public art in these spaces.

Leisure areas and public art in the future
Some future ideas include:
- Leisure and children’s play areas spread throughout public spaces along Porden Road, Buckner Road, and in the Town Hall courtyard
- Play areas located so they are visible from the new offices or overlooked from proposed/existing residential properties to ensure these are safe
- Public art distributed throughout the scheme with potential opportunities for:
  - Hung/framed art under cover (artist walk)
  - Sculpture/installations (sculpture gardens)
  - Art screen for projection/paint/installation art
  - Internal/external gallery space for local artists.

Give us your thoughts
Tell us what you would like to see from future leisure areas and public art within this development.
You might want to consider some of the following prompt questions, but please feel free to comment openly:
Q. What would make staff or visitors want to enjoy public spaces as described here?
Q. How should the leisure areas make people feel?
Q. What other sorts of features could be included in leisure areas?
Q. How could the community get involved in public art – what could this look like?
Q. How so we make these places inclusive for all ages and backgrounds?
Please write your comments on one of the cards provided and place in the tray marked B.
C. Outdoor spaces for staff and visitors

Outdoor spaces today
Currently there are no outdoor areas within the Town Hall site which can be used for staff, visitors or for events such as weddings or other ceremonies and celebrations.

Outdoor spaces in the future
Current ideas to create new spaces for use by all Town Hall visitors and staff are:
- Provide safe, enjoyable, healthy routes and outdoor spaces for all users
- Provide outside spaces useable by staff and visitors to all civic facilities for:
  - Break out and informal meeting areas
  - Event photography
  - Play and rest
  - Opportunity to enjoy nature and art
  - Dedicated areas for bins, both public and from office operations with easy and flexible access for collection/deliveries.

Give us your thoughts
Tell us what you would like to see from spaces used by civic facilities in the future.
You might want to consider some of the following prompt questions (but please feel free to comment openly):
Q. What is good and bad about the Assembly Hall today? – how well used is it?
Q. How well is the Assembly Hall set up to accommodate different types of events? – what other types of events should it be equipped to host?
Q. What features make a good flexible space for events? – how should it make you feel?
Q. What is good and bad about the current register office? – what could make it a better experience for visitors?
Please write your comments on one of the cards provided and place in the tray marked C.
D. Planting and green spaces

Planting and green spaces today
Currently there are no green spaces or planting within the Town Hall site. The only greenery comes from a couple of trees along Brixton Hill and occasional planting at the Town Hall entrance.

Planting and green spaces in the future
There are opportunities for planting and green spaces all around the outside of the Town Hall as well as along Porden Road, Buckner Road and within a new courtyard area at the back of the Town Hall.

Ideas to brighten up these spaces include:

Trees
- Increasing biodiversity and creating a high quality, inviting environment
- To minimise sound and visual impact for neighbours
- Using trees along Buckner Road
- Using more formally clipped box headed trees in the courtyard areas to create a distinct character.

Garden areas
- To create smaller, more intimate spaces and a healthier place to work and enjoy
- An opportunity for people without gardens to enjoy nature
- With insect hotels, bird and bat boxes and tree and plant selection to encourage year round bee/insect friendly plants

Photos shown are ideas for planting and green spaces that could be created. These are examples of spaces elsewhere.

Plan above shows early ideas for where planting and green spaces could be created throughout the site.

Give us your thoughts
Tell us what you would like to see in the future in terms of planting and green spaces.
You might want to consider some of the following prompt questions (but please feel free to comment openly):

Q. What different things do workers, Town Hall visitors and neighbouring residents look for in green spaces and planting?
Q. How should green spaces and planting make you feel?
Q. What sort of features or planting could be included to provide spaces that look and feel different from one another?
Q. How can green spaces and planting turn spaces into those which people want to spend time in?
Q. How can we make green spaces and planting hard wearing and make sure they last?

Please write your comments on one of the cards provided and place in the tray marked D.
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E. Street furniture
(seats, bins and cycle parking)

Street furniture today
There is very little seating and few bins, cycle parking and other street furniture across the Town Hall site. Any that does exist is fairly low quality. This does not encourage people to use these spaces or to keep them clean.

Street furniture in the future
We want to make these spaces more practical and attractive by:

- Creating seating set into raised planters or as standalone benches to create interest
- Using amphitheatre seating within the Town Hall courtyard to create a’ Lambeth Forum’ – a space where activities inside the Town Hall such as important meeting or events can be relayed
- Provide cycle parking for the public located in overlooked areas to make them safer
- Where possible provide cycle racks that also act as public art with text or images across them
- Using large and strong sculpture or art installations as places to both sit and play on

Give us your thoughts
Tell us what you would like to see from seating, bins, bicycle parking and other ‘street furniture’.

You might want to consider some of the following prompt questions (but please feel free to comment openly):

Q. What should be considered when designing these accessories to the development?
Q. How can the design be inspiring and contribute to Lambeth’s/ Brixton’s creative identity – should it look to do that?
Q. How can street furniture make public spaces better used and more inviting?
Q. What are the do’s and don’ts for the design of street furniture and where they should go?

Please write your comments on one of the cards provided and place in the tray marked E.