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Press Release – Vision For Peckham

The result was clear and loud: “We want the Cross River Tram – But we don’t want the depot”! About 60 to 100 people attending this information and discussion podium, mostly local business owners and affected landlords from the TFL’s depot plan. Andy Simmons from Peckham Council was present to observe and contribute. He spoke of 83% of shopping revenue lost in Peckham for shopping in neighbouring boroughs at the moment. The tram will have an economic benefit!”

At what price? The local residents agreed that the “diversity of shopping” might suffer due to the area becoming more attractive after the tram due to higher rents etc. A extension of the East London Line is much more needed. It will take 12 – 15 minutes to link to Camberwell, and people wont be forced to use the car on any east-west connection.

Nobody mentioned the local artists, which are 65 from all around the world at the moment.

In the aftermath of the Vision For Peckham meeting in the CIP House last Saturday Artbust wants to raise the hand for the ever-growing community of artists in the affected Peckham area. We have presented, promoted and organised already 2 shows with these artists under the title “Ruthless Peckham”. We are able to pre-announce our next show, which will open on Thursday the 8th of June in 2006 under the title

NOTIONS OF DRAWING

An Exploration of Drawing

Exhibition Brief: Consider the following to make a drawing: Photography ? Light ? Shadow ? Note Making ? Mark Making ? Tone and Relieve ? Plans and Diagrams ? Instructions ? Preparation ? Plans? **THE MEDIA IS NOT IMPORTANT !** Important is that the artwork reflects on the possibilities of “drawing”.

We invite anybody from Transport For London, the local government to see the thriving community, which will disappear or break apart if artists are forced to leave.

Joe Bohne
London, 20th of March 2006