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## Resorts: ART and TFL/POLITICS

Dear NEWSDESK Team!

We are offering an art story mixed with a political impact. This email should make the issue known or at least sound intriguing.

### **A.**

Since the beginning of June we (Artbust) are having a (Quote) “stunning” Art Exhibition, which (Quote) “brings Peckham back on the list of art venues”. It is a challenge of our notions about drawing. It is a charming, harmonised show. I consider this a “must-to-be-seen event!”

### **B.**

Since last year we started out to use the show’s venue partly in order to protest against TFL plans to purchase compulsory the whole area including the artists’ studios, to make space for their Cross River Tram Depot. This will blight the heart of Peckham.

For all issues I do have several main contacts and material, which will support this story. Combined with the following Artbust press release you will find a bullet list summary of the main issues of the Cross River Tam discussion.

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London 13/19th June 2006

- attachments -

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For immediate attention:

**Please note this is a cross over (departments) release  
(Art / Politics / London / TFL):**

## Press Release NOTIONS OF DRAWING, An Exploration

### ART vs. Politics

"**Notions of Drawing**" opened the first week of June in Peckham and can be seen until Sunday 2nd July 2006. More than 250 people attended the opening night alone. This is a stunning figure for any Gallery opening. Photos from the private view, which took place on the adjacent terrace overlooking the skyline of London, can be found on our web site.

"Notions of Drawing" is an experiment. The stunning show comprises rich variations on the theme of "drawing". It showcases a wide range of art work, from site-specific work, photography, sculpture, drawings and performance. An outstanding group of artists were puzzled together by the show's curator Renata Fernandez, after responding to a nationwide ad. She manages to balance between extremes and after all succeeds in compiling a harmonious show of great quality. The word goes "this is a must to be seen" event.

Trains to Peckham Rye Station leave conveniently from Victoria Station at least 4 times per hour (01-11-31-41 past the hour mainly).

Artbust managed to bring Peckham on the map of art venues. Under the title "**Ruthless Peckham**" it started last year to use the show's venue partly in order to protest against TFL plans to purchase compulsory the whole area, including the artists' studios, to make space for their Cross River Tram Depot. This will blight the heart of Peckham.

For more details on:

Notions of Drawing

[www.notionsofdrawing.co.uk](http://www.notionsofdrawing.co.uk)

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[www.artbust.co.uk](http://www.artbust.co.uk)

Renata Fernandez

[www.RenataFernandez.com](http://www.RenataFernandez.com)

Ruthless Peckham

[www.RuthlessPeckham.co.uk](http://www.RuthlessPeckham.co.uk)

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Attachment to press release June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Artbust supports “**Peckham Vision**” initiative to save the historic town centre

## **CONTROVERSIAL PLANS TO LOCATE TRAM DEPOT**

*IN HEART OF PECKHAM TOWN CENTRE*

- TfL (Transport for London) & Southwark Council plan to locate major maintenance depot for proposed Cross River Tram in heart of Peckham town centre. **Southwark already paid TFL several millions** in order to get the depot in this site. Locals are taken by surprise for the lack of information.
- **Plans to purchase compulsory the site for very little money look suspicious** since there is much opposition from the locals against the depot plan. It looks like there is an interested third party to buy the area and make profit.
- The depot would take more than 5 acres, and destroy or disperse 40 businesses, over 400 jobs, 9 African churches, about 60 artists, and lose for ever these creative, flexible, exciting urban spaces in Peckham. This includes a brand new social housing development.
- **Central Government Planning Inspector rejected the proposal** because the decision to locate in Peckham was ‘**defective**’ and based on ‘misinformation’ that the site was derelict, and other possible locations had been prematurely discarded.
- The newly elected Southwark Council is now beginning the final countdown to a decision on this large central Peckham site being earmarked for the tram depot in the context of decisions on the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) for land use in the borough;
- Key meetings in Southwark Town Hall, Peckham Road, SE5:
  - **Monday 19 June**  
6pm: Special Planning Committee on all the key issues from the UDP, including the tram depot;
  - **Monday 26 June**  
7pm: The Executive decides its recommendations to full Council
  - **Wednesday 28 June**  
7pm: Full Council Assembly meets and decides on recommendations from Executive
  - Then a 6-week consultation period will follow on the decisions already taken.

**(Peckham Vision)**