

You said... we did – 5th December 2022 – Community Engagement meeting

On 5th December 2022, Convoys Wharf held a community engagement event at Grinling Gibbons school. Following a presentation updating those present on recent developments on site, the audience split into four breakout groups, which were set up to facilitate conversations around proposed uses for the Olympia Building, located at the heart of the scheme. The Community Groups received a briefing on the plans so far from Howard Pye, the lead architect from Jestico+Whiles, who are leading on the development of this plot. Each of the four groups considered the following questions...

"How can Deptford's historic and cultural heritage be reflected in the development of plans for the Olympia Building, in particular in relation to the theme of...WORKSPACE...LEISURE...FOOD...COMMUNITY"

...and recorded their ideas and contributions for consideration by Convoys Wharf and their architects. The following are the **top 3 actions that Convoys Wharf plan to take following this public engagement exercise.**

- ✓ An idea that was popular was to make the space a **high innovation, highly creative place**. The Convoys Wharf team have taken this on board, and subsequently are seeking meetings with Vice-Chancellors of all universities within Greater London to discuss the potential opportunities for further education providers to be brought to Deptford and the site itself.
- ✓ Another popular idea was how the Olympia building could be used for **food, and that Convoys Wharf should work with the current food market operating in Deptford**. To this end, Convoys Wharf will be holding discussions with the LB Lewisham, to understand the feasibility of hosting a food market and how it could work with and not in opposition to the current market.
- ✓ Another idea focused on how the development could **promote food education and provide skills to the local community**. The Convoys Wharf team thought this was a really interesting idea and have confirmed their desire to explore this with the Council, including looking at what programmes the Council currently run in this area and how they can be integrated, as well as any other ideas the Council may propose. Convoys Wharf will also be working with Lewisham College's Hospitality Department to further explore collaboration opportunities.

These are just three examples (there are more) of how the community came forward with thoughtful suggestions and ideas about the development, which the Convoys Wharf team took onboard and have thought about subsequent actions to reflect the community's desire.

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