

CURRENT PROJECTS PORTFOLIO

Improving South Bank

Improving the physical environment of Waterloo was at the heart of the original establishment of SBEG. Although the South Bank of today is virtually unrecognisable from that of seventeen years ago, there's still much more to be done. Improving the public realm and ensuring its ongoing effective management are key aspects of our work.

Capital Schemes



Jubilee Gardens

SBEG is leading the transformation of Jubilee Gardens from a flat featureless patch of grass into a new green landmark for London which will be managed by a charitable Trust. We have brought together local business, statutory authority and community interests, to create a world-class public park in the heart of London which is as 'soft and green as it is sustainable'. Further information can be found at www.jubileegardens.org.uk



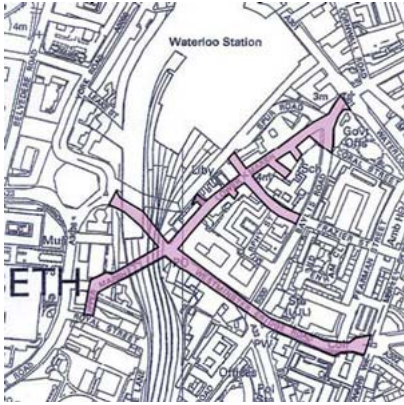
Waterloo Square

The vision for Waterloo Square is to create a radically improved public space at the heart of Waterloo and to reconnect Waterloo Station with the surrounding area. The site takes in the IMAX roundabout and underpasses, goes along Waterloo Road as far south as Lower Marsh/The Cut, and stretches west as far as the junction of York Road and Mephram Street. The Waterloo Square scheme creates the opportunity to radically rethink this complex labyrinth of streets, squares, subways, raised walkways and poorly thought out street design. Further information can be found at www.waterloocitysquare.info



South Bank Decentralised Energy

This comprehensive project is looking to encourage proactive energy efficiency and promoting CHP innovations throughout the South Bank neighbourhood through cooperative business partnerships. The project is the first of its kind, in studying a whole area of central London, and is exploring the opportunities to create a Decentralised Energy Network for existing buildings and new developments. The legacy of this project will pave the way for a more efficient solution to the supply of energy to South Bank and lower the carbon footprint of one of London's most important and progressive districts.



Lower Marsh Regeneration Project

The primary aim of this project is to address issues of accessibility, way-finding and safety along Lower Marsh through physical improvements that will benefit all users of the street, from residents and visitors to local businesses. SBEG performed the project management function for the appointment of a Design Team which was awarded in 2010. The project is being run by the Lower Marsh Regeneration Steering Group of which SBEG is a key stakeholder. Further information can be found at www.lambeth.gov.uk/Services/Environment/Regeneration/LowerMarshRegenerationProject/

Neighbourhood Services



Graffiti Removal Service

The South Bank Graffiti Removal Service has been operating since January 2007 and aims to ensure all graffiti in the area is removed within 24 working hours (or 4 hours if offensive). Operating on both public and private estates, the service has been extremely successful in controlling levels of graffiti and fly posting. As levels have decreased the service has diversified and also now undertakes pavement jet washing, removing abandoned bikes (which we donate to local young people) and gritting.



South Bank Clean Team

SBEG launched the South Bank Clean Team in October 2009. The service operates seven days a week, to ensure the pavements of South Bank and Waterloo are kept clean and tidy. The Clean Team undertake a variety of other jobs in the area, including polishing street furniture, weeding and clearing landscaped borders, putting up posters and maintaining signage.



Street Population

By coordinating stakeholder activity via the Bishops Homelessness Tasking Group, SBEG takes a long-term problem solving approach to reducing the impact of anti-social street drinking, rough sleeping and entrenchment.



South Bank Business Watch

South Bank Business Watch (SBBW) is a collective of commercial, cultural and public sector organisations focusing on security issues affecting the South Bank Community Security Zone and wider area. The Group leads an intelligence-led approach to security activity in line with the South Bank Security Strategy. By pooling security and risk management knowledge, SBBW ensures that security and police resources are used effectively. SBBW acts as a coordinating body and consultative group for police and business security initiatives and is recognised as a leader in best practice for business security groups throughout London.



South Bank Patrol

South Bank Patrol commenced in October 2008 and was established to provide a highly visible street presence to deter crime and the fear of crime, reduce and eliminate illegal street trading, reduce anti social behavior and engage with private security teams, police and other agencies throughout the area. South Bank Patrol continues to have an increasing impact on the area and has recently been accredited for the Community Service Accreditation Scheme (CSAS) which allows the team to utilise designated police powers such as seizure of alcohol within a controlled drinking zone, and dealing with anti-social behavior and low level crime.



South Bank Area Wide Communications

Digital radio handsets are carried by all practitioners operating in the South Bank area including South Bank Patrol, South Bank Police Team and all Business Security Control Rooms. These radios enable real-time response and information sharing and add resilience in the event of a critical incident. The radio service went live in July 2009 and has proved extremely successful with a number of key incidents dealt with utilising the equipment as well as the everyday common use.



South Bank CCTV Users Group

The aims of the Group are to progress work with statutory, voluntary and business partners that enables public place CCTV to contribute to the prevention and detection of crime, assist with Counter Terrorism measures, decrease anti-social behaviour, illegal street trading, environmental crime and enhance community safety and reassurance within the area. The CCTV Group ensures that there are effective legal agreements in place for the sharing of data, images and information, intelligence-led deployment and monitoring of cameras. There is a strategy and Code of Practice that ensures any use of CCTV and images is legal, accurate and proportionate.



London 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games

SBEG is taking a central role in preparing the South Bank for the Olympic and Paralympic Games, in a year which will also see the reopening of Jubilee Gardens to coincide with Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in May 2012. Seminars and workshops are being delivered to businesses which will help them plan travel for employees, address public realm and security issues, and maximise commercial opportunities.

Policy and Strategy



Neighbourhood Management

We ensure our streets are clean, safe and welcoming. In 2006 SBEG commissioned researchers Davis Langdon to assess the service standards delivered by both public and private landowners. We then developed a strategic approach to monitoring and improving delivery, and introduced graffiti removal, cleaning and patrol services that work across the area irrespective of ownership or borough boundaries with the aim of achieving a consistent standard across the area.



South Bank Security Strategy

The South Bank security strategy aims to recognise and assist in the delivery of security objectives for the area. The core elements of the strategy set out to reduce crime and the fear of crime, reduce anti-social behaviour and assist in the prevention of terrorism. This is achieved by improved coordination between business, the public sector, the police and the security services. It encourages partners to identify and prioritise areas of need and to develop projects to meet this need. In order to help facilitate and develop the security strategy, in 2007 the South Bank area was designated as a Community Security Zone. This means that the area is of 'special interest' and many successful cross borough initiatives on security and crime related issues have been introduced.



Transport Policy

In recognition of the significance transport plays in the development of the area, SBEG continues to develop policy in this field. With a particular focus on transport sustainability, the Group works to manage passenger coaches, walking, cycling and river services, and public transport. We also work in partnership with Southwark and Lambeth Councils to monitor and regulate utilities and other street works, and contribute to transport planning for major events.



Environmental Sustainability

SBEG run a number of projects which seek to reduce carbon and make the area more environmentally sustainable for the future. In addition to developing a district energy scheme, currently at feasibility stage, SBEG also run the Lambeth Carbon Reduction Partnership, which aims to swap best practice on building management with the aim of reducing energy consumption.

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Urban Design Strategy

SBEG's long-term strategy for the area was first detailed in 1994 in a menu of over 30 environmental projects which were agreed by the board, the two local MPs and residents alike. By 2002 many of the recommended projects had been completed or were in progress, whilst at the same time new developments were planned and general perceptions of the area had started to change. Since then, the 2002 Urban Design Strategy has underpinned the group's vision, specifying the projects necessary to make a lasting difference to the area. To read the Urban Design Strategy, visit our document library.



Streetscapes Design Guide

The roads, pavements, parks, trees, lights, crossings, signs, bollards and barriers that make up our public spaces have a huge impact on how we use and navigate the city. The [Streetscapes Design Guide](#) outlines SBEG's commitment to creating a coherent identity for the streets and open spaces bounded by the River Thames, Blackfriars Road and Lambeth Road. It provides a co-ordinated streetscape strategy, establishing a clear identity for the public realm. To read the Streetscapes Design Guide, visit our document library.



King's College Plaza

Our work extends back from the riverside to ensure that the area as a whole is clean, attractive and welcoming. The scheme focused on environmental enhancements to the immediate area surrounding King's College and the Bus Station, in order to make this open space feel safer and more accessible. The Plaza now features high quality granite surfacing, cycle provision, better lighting both on the street and in the trees, plus new seating.



IMAX Underpasses

The BFI IMAX Underpasses are one of the main pedestrian routes to South Bank, linking Waterloo Station directly to the area's cultural attractions. Yet this labyrinth of corridors was previously unwelcoming to visitors, employees and residents. SBEG managed a project which saw the walls resurfaced and redecorated using anti-graffiti paint, as well as the installation of an innovative low energy lighting system which can create different colour moods.



South Bank Security Zone & Security Strategy

SBEG set up the South Bank Community Security Zone, a business-led, cross-borough partnership of local police, the two councils and key stakeholders. The results of this partnership include the establishment of South Bank Business Watch.



Riverside Lighting Scheme

SBEG's Urban Lighting Strategy aims to brighten up the beautiful Riverside Walk whilst helping reduce fear of crime and improving both security and accessibility. The first phase of this work saw the complete refurbishment of the historical sturgeon lights and the installation of an impressive tree lighting scheme, completed in 2006.



Riverside Walk

This flagship project involved opening up the popular route between the London Eye and Tate Modern to make it more attractive and welcoming to visitors and Londoners. The first phase of the work was opened in May 2002 by the Mayor of London, Ken Livingstone. Distinct new surfacing, lighting and landscaping were applied along the route. The infrastructure was also upgraded to facilitate future development without the need for excavation of the walk. Finally, Bernie Spain Gardens was improved to provide a relaxing green space along the walkway.



Waterloo Road Lighting

Completed in 2007, the Waterloo Road Lighting Project saw the replacement of the existing lighting columns from the southern end of Tennyson Way to the Lambeth boundary. SBEG was responsible for the work which delivered energy efficient, Geo lighting columns and banners, making the street safer and more attractive, and is part of a series of improvements to the streets surrounding the station.



Waterloo Steps Refurbishment

Since 2008, walking to the riverside from Waterloo Bridge is now far more pleasant due to the complete refurbishment of the east side of Waterloo Steps. The new granite steps, stainless steel handrails and upgraded lighting were jointly funded by Southbank Centre and London Eye Section 106. The project was managed by SBEG.



Belvedere Railway Arch

The refurbishment of the railway bridge which crosses Belvedere Road at Concert Hall Approach was completed by SBEG in 2008. Working with Lambeth Council and Network Rail, SBEG has upgraded the arch to ensure the area is clean and more welcoming to all who use it. The project delivered brick and metal work cleaning, pigeon proofing and repainting.



Legible London

The Legible London wayfinding system of nearly 100 on-street maps has been installed across the South Bank and Bankside area. As one of three pilots, the signage is now being evaluated to test how innovations such as head's-up - rather than 'north-up' – mapping facilitate pedestrian movement through what is generally accepted as a hard to navigate area. The system aims to connect the riverside with the station and retail areas to the south and includes a street gazetteer and walking times. SBEG was a central stakeholder at all stages of the project, coordinating implementation on private estates with local authorities and TfL.



Sutton Walk

£1 million was awarded to SBEG by the Arts Council Lottery Fund to support the commissioning of both temporary and permanent installations of public art. This transformed the most commonly used route from Waterloo Station to the South Bank, Sutton Walk, from an ugly 50-metre viaduct into an inspiring gateway to the area. An international competition was won by artist Alberto Duman and architects MacCormac Jamieson Pritchard, who were chosen from four selected teams. This resulted in the installation of a back-lit glass image wall along one side of the walk and a large free-standing mirror monolith. SBEG liaised closely with the London Borough of Lambeth and local landowners to ensure their support for the project. It was completed in 2001.