

# Woodberry Down: Empowering Our Community

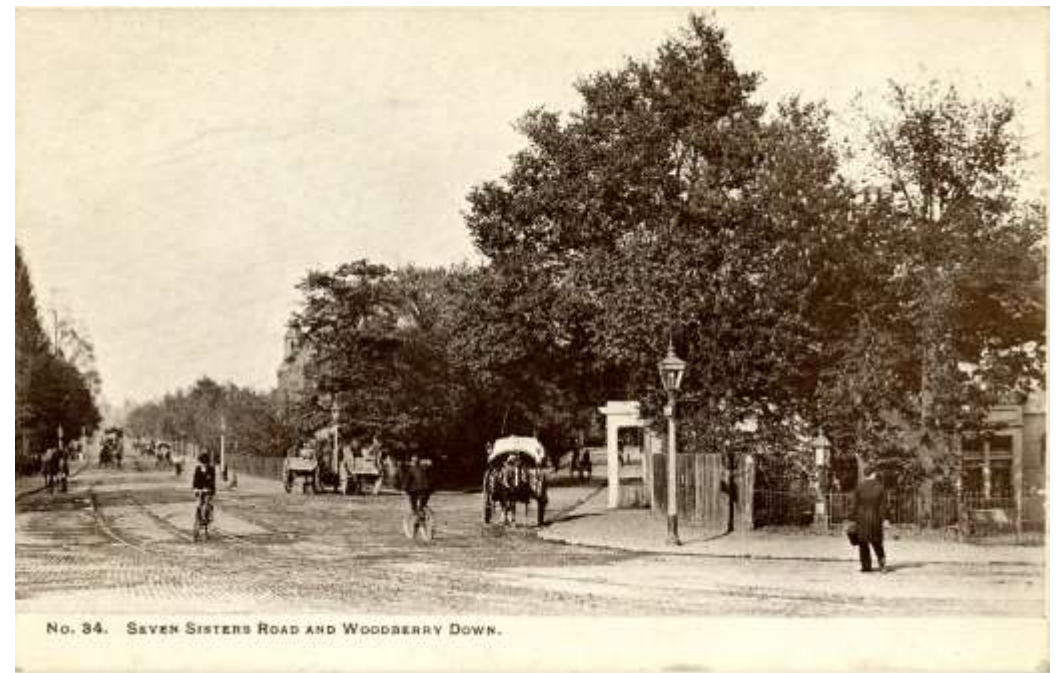


Geoff Bell

Chair, Woodberry Down Community Organisation

# Where we came from

- Informed by our geography
- Inner city London – run down housing
- Our reservoirs – a cause for pride, a reason for development
- Inspired by our history
- Post second world war – a diverse community – a self sufficient “town”; a community that fought for its rights



# The Regeneration Deal

- From 2000 homes to 5,500 – 40% “affordable”
- A mixed tenure development
- A partnership development
- Regeneration, not refurbishment
- The right to return





# Making our voices heard

- Established by the local council, elected by the community
- The early story: “consultation”
- We make our voice heard: the Memorandum of Agreement
- Where we are heard – Masterplan review, The Round Table, monthly meetings with partners including Mayor of Hackney
- For a balanced and integrated community



# Our aims

- Making sure affordable is affordable
- Proportionate views
- For tenants choice – the case of separate kitchens
- Build a community, not just homes – school, community centre shops



# Where we are

- Progress of regeneration
- The design committee: the developers learn our worth: from plugs to windows
- Making choices – the case of Block D.
- A landscape that works for all
- Ensuring we stay close to our community – monthly board meetings
- Learn the lessons





# Where we want to go

- Increase accountability – the viability issue
- Increase the number and percentage of social homes
- Ensure Woodberry Down is a “Green” development
- Build a proud community: a balanced and integrated community
- Ensuring WDCO remains viable
- Not the total answer, but a contribution to it.
- Woodberry Park or Woodberry Down?





[WWW.WDCO.CO.UK](http://WWW.WDCO.CO.UK)