



Ignas Galvelis



Liba Hoskin

STOP THE AYLESBURY SOCIAL CLEANSING

Keep the community together, say local campaigners and Green Party



Aylesbury residents have been fighting plans from Labour-run Southwark Council to demolish their homes. The second public inquiry is due to complete in April. Across the Aylesbury, **2,700 council homes are to be destroyed. None will be built in their place.** Previous experience of the Heygate demolition suggests council tenants will be rehoused in scattered locations across Southwark, losing their communities while rents may increase.

Aylesbury Estate homeowners are being hit with Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPOs) which will **force them out with payoffs much too low to buy any other property in the area** or even in London. The UK Government previously recognised that Southwark's plans **breach the homeowners' human rights.**

Over 70% of Aylesbury residents initially said 'no' to this redevelopment agenda, but Southwark Council then simply ignored their own consultation. Pressure groups and local Green activists have been supporting the refurbishment option all along, which would **avoid the social and environmental harm** the proposed demolitions will cause. The council provided **"inadequate and unbalanced"** information to the first inquiry, according to independent academic witness Professor Jane Rendell. At a recent 'Homes for All' meeting there was a consensus on **"refurbishment not demolition"** for the estate.

Aylesbury resident Ignas Galvelis said: "Southwark Council's plans will **'cleanse' Aylesbury homeowners out of their own communities altogether**, while **new housing association homes face rent hikes.** Labour-run Southwark Council has failed to represent the interests of local residents, allowing the CPOs favouring developers' interests to proceed. The Green Party **stands with tenants and homeowners protecting our community.** That's why I will stand as a Green Party candidate here in the Southwark Council elections on 3rd May."



Ignas speaking in defence of social housing

SAVE HARKERS STUDIO

Unique theatrical arts space set to be converted into luxury flats



Liba and Ignas say:
"Save Harkers Studio"

The Walworth community is **fighting to save one of the last surviving Victorian scene-painting studios**, based at 'Flints' at the Queens Row. Harkers Studio housed a local business which served both the theatre industry and the wider arts community. Labour-run Southwark Council has granted planning permission to **redevelop the building into flats and office space, without much consultation.**

Local Green activist Liba Hoskin said: "We do not need more luxury flats. We need to **keep the few remaining industrial buildings and workspaces in our area** for small businesses, craftsmen and artists."

Visit www.southwarkcan.org/harkers or scan the QR code (right) to learn more, and to sign and share the #SaveHarkersStudio petition.



ELEPHANT & CASTLE REGENERATION PLANS: LOCAL COMMUNITY TO WIN IMPROVEMENTS?

Property company Delancey has been forced by **huge local community pressure to reconsider their redevelopment offer for Elephant & Castle Shopping Centre** and the London College of Communication site. **700 formal objections** were lodged. Less than 4% of the proposed 1,000 homes were to be at social rent. The plans **failed to meaningfully address the future of existing traders**, including the large cluster of Latin American businesses. Delancey, based in the Virgin Islands (an alleged tax haven), are projected to **make a profit of £154 million** from the scheme.

Liba Hoskin, a retired maths teacher, said: "**United pressure from many community groups**, including the local Green Party, appears to be **forcing some improvements for the local community** in Delancey's Elephant & Castle redevelopment plans. We now **need proper consultation and dialogue** to ensure that **the final deal will work for local residents and traders.**"



Ignas (left, with his children) and Liba (right) at one of the large community protests against the inadequate Elephant plans

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- **making streets safe** for walking and cycling
- **cleaning up the air** we breathe
- standing up for **equality, human rights** and **social justice.**

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The **Southwark Council elections** on Thursday 3rd May 2018 will **decide the future direction for regeneration** of our area, and many key local services including housing and social care.

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If you have a comment or query about our area, Ignas and Liba would love to hear from you.

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