

SAVE ALL HALLOWS NEWS

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Southwark Cathedral says it will submit a new planning application to develop All Hallows community garden.

Once again without consulting with local residents, workers or supporters.

For the third time since 2005, Southwark Cathedral will be submitting plans to Southwark Council to redevelop All Hallows Church, Church Hall and Community Garden at the back of the Winchester Park Estate in Borough SE1 with a development of private flats for rent.

Residents have twice successfully opposed proposals that would have damaged the quality of community life in a conservation area. The Cathedral is proposing to demolish the church and replace it with a building that will box the estate in, reduce natural light and privacy, and increase artificial light levels and noise.

The latest proposal could also ruin and end access to our award-winning walled Community Garden that was created from the rubble of a WW2 bombsite by local residents and maintained by them for nearly 40 years.

In September 2009, residents presented alternative plans drawn up by our architects, for a community and cultural centre and garden, instead of the market rent flats proposed. Our proposal could provide as much, if not more, income than the Cathedral proposals.

In June 2010, the Cathedral made the decision to submit a new application. Once again the Cathedral has ignored the letters, voices and wishes of local people by refusing the offer to consult or hold a public consultation meeting before submitting a new planning application.

Twice in the past, Southwark Council's Planning Committee has rejected proposals by Southwark Cathedral thanks to the campaigning efforts of hundreds of local residents, workers and supporters.

For more information on the campaign, be added to our mailing list or volunteer in the garden, please visit our website: