



December 2018

Dear All,

The Cinema Museum (TCM) has noted the email activity around the development plans of Anthology and the use of TCM for meetings. TCM trustees thought it might be helpful to reiterate their position.

TCM POSITION ON ANTHOLOGY AND THEIR DEVELOPMENT OF THE WOODLANDS PART OF SITE

- Anthology purchased the entire site (Woodlands, The Masters House and the Lodge and Male Receiving Ward) from SLaM.
- Anthology are our landlords.
- TCM have a short lease on our properties from Anthology.
- The terms of the lease that TCM had with SLaM stated that TCM were not able, by law, to make any objections to any planning permission sought for the Woodlands part of the site. The same terms were transferred to the lease the Museum now has with Anthology so TCM is unable to put in any objections to any planning applications.
- TCM want to be supportive of a successful development for everyone.

OUR POSITION ON OUR BUILDINGS

- TCM met with Anthology before they exchanged contracts with SLaM and Anthology assured TCM trustees that they understood our requirement to secure ownership of the buildings to ensure the long-term future of the Museum, its collections and its work.
- Anthology have stated that they want us to remain and that they understand we need ownership of the buildings in order to be a sustainable museum and Community Asset - and have promised to work with us to that end. TCM trustees are concerned at the length of time it is taking for Anthology to agree specific terms with TCM since they acquired the site in May 2018. However, Anthology have agreed to provide us with a timeline and a process map regarding the future of the Museum and we are confident of receiving that shortly.

OUR POSITION ON FREE USE OF OUR SPACE

- TCM wants to support thorough consultation regarding all regeneration and development in Lambeth and at The Elephant and we encourage everyone to engage with Anthology, regarding the Woodlands site (Kennington Stage) who are keen to talk with local people about what they think and how they feel.
- Over the past years of local regeneration we have given our space free of charge and supplied our volunteers time free of charge to: Lambeth Council; Southwark Council; local T&RAs; local community groups; The Elephant & Castle Partnership and Anthology.
- Aside from looking after the interests of our charity, TCM has not taken a position on these regeneration, planning and consultation issues; we remain neutral, but are keen to help important public conversations to take place. Anyone (individuals or organisations) involved in/impacted by regeneration at the Elephant or in Kennington and the general surrounds of The Cinema Museum can access our space for related meetings free of charge - just get in touch.

I attach a copy of the Museum's July statement - we are in discussions with Anthology this week and will circulate an update after the Museum's next board meeting.

With our thanks and very best wishes,

Martin Humphries (Chair of the board of trustees and Director of The Cinema Museum)
On behalf of The Cinema Museum Trustees