



PUBLIC STATEMENT

Dear Friend,

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You have received this briefing because you have shown an interest in the future of The Cinema Museum.

As you know The Cinema Museum is manned almost entirely by volunteers and as you are also aware, we cannot access any significant funding, due to our lack of security of tenure. This makes life difficult for a charity and an independent museum. So we have been attempting to purchase our current home from our landlords, South London & Maudsley Hospital Trust (SLaM).

Discussions have been on-going for some time and SLaM have now determined that they will be disposing of their freehold interest in our property and they have agreed to sell that freehold interest to The Cinema Museum.

Both SLaM and The Cinema Museum are in the process of undertaking the due diligence required of a NHS Trust, an Independent Museum and a charity – which will take some time. However, we are hopeful that 2017 will conclude the matter and The Cinema Museum can commence its development.

The development of The Cinema Museum will be planned in line with the Museum's existing wellbeing business plan, its work with those at risk of social isolation; its work on education/pathways into work and its work on the development and support of new artists/new artistic projects and new/independent production companies. The business and development planning will be undertaken in consultation with: South London and Maudsley Hospital Trust; The Cinema Museum volunteers; current users of The Cinema Museum; local residents of Lambeth and Southwark; local businesses of Lambeth and Southwark, Lambeth Council; Southwark Council; Health and social care providers in Lambeth and Southwark; the Museum sector; the cinema sector; London College of Communication; London Southbank University; local regeneration partners; local housing association partners; local charities and local community of interest groups.

The Cinema Museum remains open as usual and it is our intention to remain open during the development work – that business continuation planning is currently underway. If you have any further questions please contact Martin Humphries, the Museum Director on martin@cinemamuseum.org.uk

Thank you very much for your interest in our future.

Martin Humphries & Ronald Grant on behalf of the board of trustees of The Cinema Museum