



## **King's Cross Team - Glossary of Terms**

These are words that you would come across relatively frequently on the King's Cross team pages and in the documents that are available to download.

Some words or phrases have general use in planning and regeneration jargon, whereas some are specific to the work of the King's Cross Team in Islington Council.

### **Accountability**

In regeneration it means that a policy decision is made open to the public who can then assess its validity.

### **Area Action Plan (AAP)**

Part of the Neighbourhood Framework for the King's Cross Team. Local Plans for sub areas in King's Cross developed by the King's Cross Team in Islington Council in partnership with local communities. The AAPs will set out priorities to be considered for any future development.

### **Argent St George (ASG)**

This are the developers that have been chosen by the landowners, LCR (see below) to develop a masterplan for the King's Cross Central site.

[www.argentstgeorge.co.uk](http://www.argentstgeorge.co.uk)

### **Arc of Regeneration**

An area stretching from Finsbury Park in the North across the Arsenal developments to the King's Cross area in the South. This arc will receive special attention in the council's efforts to regenerate the Borough as well as from other agencies such as the London Development Agency (LDA), see below.

### **Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL)**

This is the new international rail link that will take the Eurostar trains from Paris and Brussels into King's Cross St Pancras in 2007. It is after this development is finished that a vast piece of land behind the stations will be freed up for development by Argent St George (see above). [www.ctrl.co.uk](http://www.ctrl.co.uk)

### **Community**

The web of personal relationships, groups, networks, traditions and patterns of behaviour that exist amongst those who share physical neighbourhoods, socio-economic conditions or common understandings and interests.

### **Community Consultation**

A process which involves asking people what they want and need or what their local area should be like.

**Community Engagement Statement (CES)**

Part of the Neighbourhood Framework for the King's Cross Team. This is a document that sets out the processes and principles for the engagement and consultation of local communities in the King's Cross area.

**Cultural diversity**

Refers to the variety of cultural activity taking place within a location. It includes to social backdrop to one's life offering an array of products, services, arts and activity. It can also be the reservoir to a vibrant local economy via cultural industries.

**Deprivation**

A condition in which individuals, groups or communities do not have adequate food, shelter, education or opportunities for employment to break a vicious circle.

**Displacement**

The extent to which the effects of a project impact - positively or negatively - on surrounding areas.

**Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)**

Developers that wish to develop large sites have to submit an assessment on how their development would impact the surrounding areas regarding issues such as health, noise, pollution etc.

**Gentrification**

The process of renewal and rebuilding, accompanying the influx of middle-class or affluent people into deteriorating areas that often displaces earlier, usually poorer residents.

**Holistic**

Addressing an issue/are as a whole, rather than tackling the individual components (e.g. housing, education) separately.

**Islington Strategic Partnership (ISP)**

This is a partnership of local people, businesses, the council and other partners set up along the Government ideas set out in the Neighbourhood Renewal. They have produced a Community Strategy for Islington, see [www.islington.gov.uk/community](http://www.islington.gov.uk/community)

**King's Cross Partnership (KXP)**

This was funded by the Governments Single Regeneration Budget (SRB) and existed from 1996 until March 2003. It brought together various local community groups, major businesses and landowners, the two local authorities and other statutory agencies. It funded a number of projects of various size in the area. [www.kingscrosslondon.co.uk](http://www.kingscrosslondon.co.uk)

### **Lifelong Learning**

The continuous development of skills and knowledge throughout life to enhance quality of life and employment prospects, [www.lifelonglearning.co.uk](http://www.lifelonglearning.co.uk)

### **Local Context Appraisal (LCA)**

Part of the Neighbourhood Framework for the King's Cross team. This provides a snapshot of the area regarding a number of topics such as health, education, tourism and open space. The LCA will guide the Area Action Plans (see above) and draw out priorities and opportunities for improving the area.

### **London Continental Railways (LCR)**

Landowners of the Railway Lands behind King's Cross Station.

[www.lcrproperties.com](http://www.lcrproperties.com)

### **London Development Agency (LDA)**

This is the governments arms length office for the regions that has the responsibility to address economic improvements and opportunities for investments in the London region. [www.lda.gov.uk](http://www.lda.gov.uk)

### **Neighbourhood Framework**

This is the foundation for the King's Cross team. It consists of three parts; community Engagement Statement; Local Context Appraisal and; Area Action Plans. See 'Neighbourhood Framework' page on this website

### **Neighbourhood Renewal Fund (NRF)**

Provides public services and communities in the 88 poorest local authority districts with extra funds to tackle deprivation. The original £900 million pot has been extended for a further 3 years and has been increased by a further £975 million. [www.neighbourhood.gov.uk](http://www.neighbourhood.gov.uk)

### **Neighbourhood Wardens**

Civilian staff who patrol areas in an attempt to control low-level crime such as vandalism. Generally employed by local authorities and housing associations.  
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### **North King's Cross Neighbourhood Management Project**

This team aims to facilitate joined-up working with agencies and engage local residents and businesses in order to improve service delivery and reduce deprivation in the area.

### **Planning Brief**

Guidelines for what a Local Authority wish to see, or not to see, on a particular site. The brief will inform any potential developer on policies before a planning application is submitted. See 'Current Consultation' on this website.

### **P&O**

Owners of the four blocks on York Way/Pentonville Road known as the Regents Quarter development. [www.regentquarter.com](http://www.regentquarter.com)

**Regeneration**

The process of upgrading an area through social, economic and infrastructure, investment and improvement.

**Registered Social Landlords (RSL)**

Landlords of social housing that are registered with the Housing Corporation. Most are housing associations but they also include trusts, co-operatives and companies.

**Section 106 Agreement**

It is a legal agreement between the Local Planning Authority and a developer. It makes sure that important elements to the development is delivered over time, for example transport networks and open space that is to the benefit of local communities.

**Social Exclusion**

Persons, families and groups whose resources (material, cultural and social) are so limited as to exclude them from the minimum acceptable way of life in the society they live in.

**Sure Start**

A Government programme aimed at supporting children, parents and communities through the integration of early education, childcare and health and family support services. See [www.islington.gov.uk/learning](http://www.islington.gov.uk/learning)

**Sustainability**

The ability of an urban area to continue to function at levels of quality of life desired by the community without restricting the options available to the present or future generations and causing adverse impacts inside and outside the urban boundary.

**Unitary Development Plan (UDP)**

Contains planning policies for the whole borough that will guide any decisions to grant or refuse planning applications. The UDPs are updated when new circumstances make the old policies invalid. [www.islington.gov.uk/planning](http://www.islington.gov.uk/planning)