



New Graffiti Removal Service Smartens Up the Streets of South Bank

The streets of South Bank are smartening up thanks to a new Graffiti Removal Service which aims to improve quality of life for residents and employees as well as making South Bank more attractive for the 15million visitors who come to the area every year.

Five days a week, in working hours, the team patrols the area between Blackfriars Bridge to Lambeth Bridge, extending back to Stamford Street, and also takes calls from businesses reporting graffiti on their estates. Graffiti is removed within 24 hours of it being reported or within 4 hours, should it be offensive.

Adrian Couch, Projects Director for South Bank Employers' Group comments:

"In the past, there has been a very mixed level of provision, with some businesses monitoring their own estates and others reliant on the London Borough of Lambeth. The new service replaces this piecemeal approach with reliable, consistent and standardised provision."

The service is funded by planning gain (Section 106) monies from the London Borough of Lambeth and contributions from the area's large employers. It is managed by South Bank Employers' Group on behalf of South Bank Partnership which is overseeing the regeneration of the area.

The Graffiti Removal Service represents the first phase of a wider strategy to standardise and coordinate management of the South Bank area. Future projects are intended to cover security patrolling, CCTV, street cleansing and maintenance.

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Notes to editors

About South Bank Partnership

- South Bank Partnership brings together South Bank's two MPs, the leadership of Lambeth and Southwark Councils, Ward Councillors, representatives of the Mayor's agencies plus the area's major businesses, arts organisations, universities and hospital.
- The work of the Partnership is underpinned by their action plan: "Under Pressure and on the edge – London's South Bank: A Manifesto for Action" which is available to download from www.sbeg.co.uk/southbank_partnership.htm