

Urbanism Awards 2023 nomination: Somers Town, London

Great Neighbourhood category

The supporting statement for Somers Town's nomination is quoted in full below.

"Somers Town is an inner city neighbourhood in the Southern part of the London Borough of Camden, between the railway lines running out of Euston and St Pancras. There is an exceptionally high proportion of council owned housing and the population has traditionally been poor. In the early 20th century the London County Council built some of the finest public housing inspired by cities such as Vienna, and is worth visiting simply to see public housing at its best, and a successful multi-ethnic community.

"Just over a decade ago a local initiative put on a conference to promote a New Heart for Somers Town. Instead of just rebuilding a run-down primary school, Camden undertook a large mixed use development, which included building flats for sale to help cross-fund other facilities. Edith Neville Primary School is involved in many innovative arts programmes such as Scene and Heard, and the neighbourhood as a whole demonstrates how cultural programmes, such the Skip Garden on spare land by the British Library, can help"