

Welcome to the Peckham THI

This exhibition celebrates the Peckham Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI), which started in 2015, and is due to finish in late 2022.

The **Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)** programme is the National Lottery Heritage Fund's grant programme for the repair and regeneration of the historic environment in towns and cities throughout the UK.

The THI contributes to the special character of the Rye Lane Peckham Conservation Area by supporting works to the external fabric of key buildings and shopfronts.

The THI buildings

Eight properties clustered around the junction of Peckham Hill Street and Peckham High Street have already been repaired and restored, with one more project on site at No. 100 Peckham High Street.

Building owners have contributed to the costs, and the works have been carried out according to the specific standards required for conservation projects, using appropriate materials and craftsmanship.

The nine THI buildings are:



Top row: 119 Peckham High St, 116 Peckham High St, 130 Peckham Hill St, 86 Peckham High St, 88 Peckham High St

Bottom row: 102 Peckham High St, 105 Peckham High St, 109 Peckham High St, 100 Peckham High St

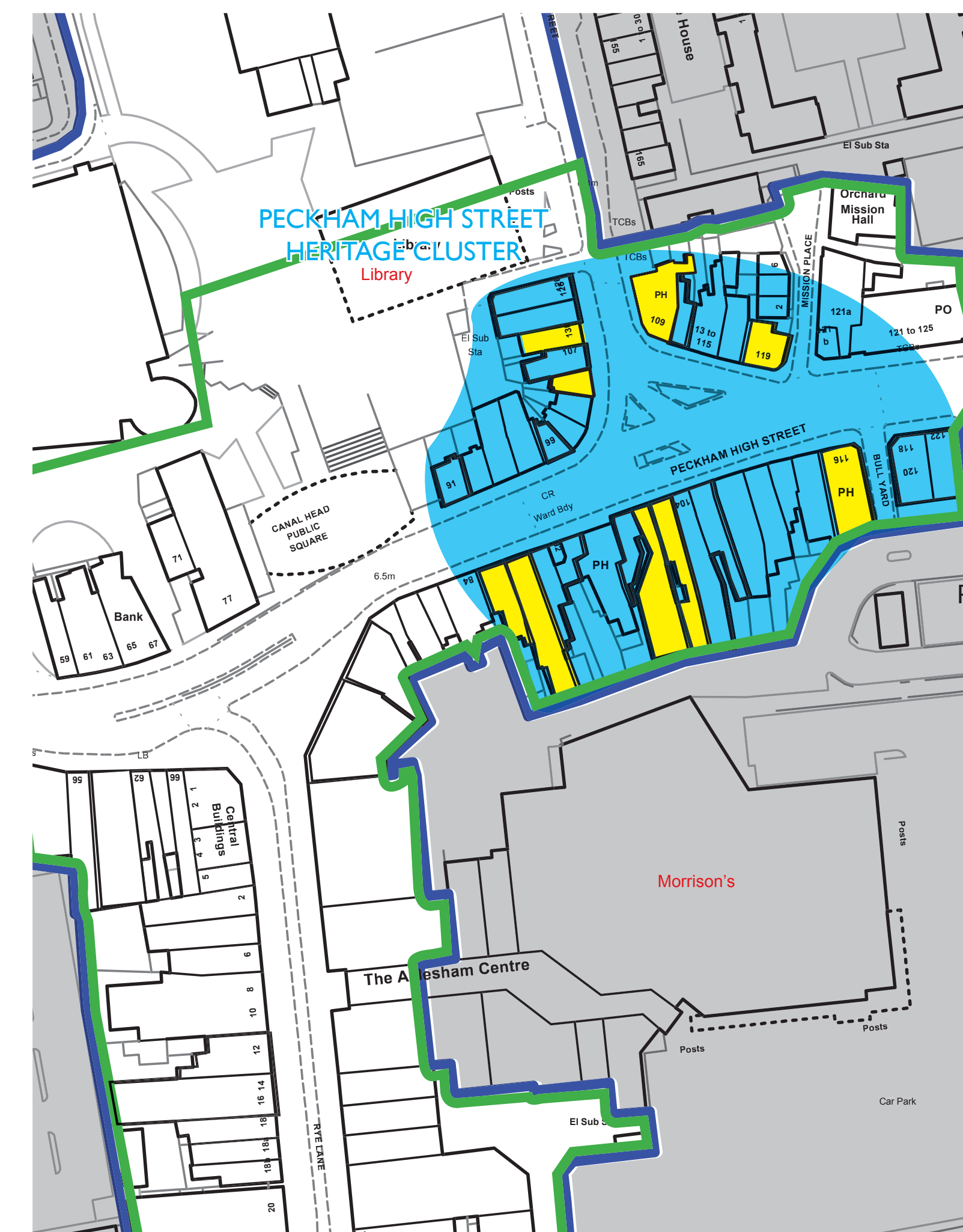
Partnership and community projects

As part of the THI, the **Peckham Heritage Regeneration Partnership (PHRP)** was set up to review progress of the repair and restoration works and also to develop a range of projects to encourage and support community involvement in Peckham's built and social heritage.

The story of the Peckham THI

This Peckham THI is the result of years of hard work to promote awareness of Peckham town centre's historic buildings by **Peckham Vision** and **The Peckham Society**.

- For several decades the Peckham Society played an important role in highlighting the heritage value of individual buildings in Peckham. Eventually its work led to English Heritage (now the part called 'Historic England') undertaking an extensive Historic Area Assessment of Central Peckham in 2009.
- In more recent years Peckham Vision has built on this work to raise awareness of how these historic buildings continue to play a pivotal role in shaping the character of the town centre. In 2011 Peckham Vision invited



map showing the completed THI projects within the 'heritage cluster' around the junction of Peckham Hill Street and Peckham High Street

the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) to visit Peckham town centre to see if it was a candidate for the THI scheme. The HLF encouraged the development of a THI bid, to be led by Southwark Council, working with local people and groups.

- In autumn 2011, the Rye Lane Conservation Area was designated, and in 2012 the THI application passed the first stage of approval.
- The THI bid was prepared by Southwark Council's Design and Conservation Team, and in 2014 the

Heritage Lottery Fund granted £1.675m and Southwark added funding to make a common fund of £2.3m.

- At the time the HLF noted that one of the strengths of the council's bid was the proposal to establish the Peckham Heritage Regeneration Partnership (PHRP) – a joint council, community and business led group to deliver wider public benefits as well as the repair and restoration of Peckham's historic buildings. Working with Peckham Vision through the process of the bid had developed the basis for this strong community element in the PHRP.

Challenges along the way

In the early stages of the THI, there were challenges in picking suitable buildings for THI support, and raising awareness of the project, so a great deal of groundwork was carried out to address these issues.

- By 2014, 44 buildings within the town centre had been surveyed to prioritise which buildings would become eligible for funding.
- Between 2015 and 2017 building owners were contacted to make them aware of the project. The participation and financial investment from leaseholders and freeholders have been a crucial part of the THI, and this has required careful and detailed discussion.

