

Future Academies Trust Fieldwork Day

TEACHER NOTES

- The power station had been derelict for nearly 40 years.
- It was decommissioned in 1983 and has since passed through a series of different owners (British, Chinese, Irish and Malaysian).
- The power station itself is a Grade 2 listed building which made it a very expensive project.
- The Power Station is one part of the broader Nine Elms regeneration project- which includes the new US Embassy.
- The Power Station project has an estimated cost of £9 billion.

In the overall Nine Elms project:

£15 billion total investment

20,000 new homes

25,000 new jobs (post construction)

80 new community and leisure facilities, for everyone

Improved transport links including 2 new Northern Line stations

Development of new park and open spaces

2017: US Embassy opened

2021: Battersea Power Station and Nine Elms stations open

The 2021 Census showed us that Battersea Power Station is within an LSOA amongst the 30% most deprived neighbourhoods in the country. The area did not score well on crime, living environment and barriers to housing:

- 620 for living environment
- 811 for barriers to housing and services

Many people, companies and organisations praise the redevelopment.

It is quite difficult to find articles and groups against the regeneration (unlike in the Olympic Park and Brent Cross Town). Perhaps this is because it sat derelict for so long? Or perhaps because there weren't people living in the development before (it was brown-field site) and so conflict has been lower?

One of the key issues is the lack of affordable housing in the development.

On one site, 9% is affordable compared to the 15% allocated in the 2010 planning application and the 50% which was aimed for by policy at the time.

The rooftop 'villas' sold for around £8 million.

In terms of strategies for the regeneration, it has certainly been marketed as an inclusive, luxury development. The shops inside, the website and the general feel of the area make this obvious.