

Regeneration: work in progress

PHO704 Sustainable Prospects

Work in progress: an unfinished project that is still being added to or developed (OED)

My project concerns the impact on residents of the regeneration of urban centres and housing estates in east London, with a particular emphasis on social infrastructure, and the ways in which regeneration projects commonly threaten rather than enhance the lifechances and well-being of residents. The initial portfolio images focus on the development of east London urban centres around the Elizabeth Line, the outcome of Crossrail, the largest engineering infrastructure project in Europe. These include eight images made from the site of the former Ilford photographic materials plant (now a supermarket car park, soon to be redeveloped). The final eight images focus on an estate in Barking undergoing three phases of demolition, development and resident displacement. The images represent both my own work in progress, and exploration of the work in progress of regeneration in the unloved outer boroughs of east London that have come to be known as the 'rising east'.

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