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### Greenwich residents get emotional

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**The Greenwich Peninsula is undergoing massive changes. Millions of pounds have been invested into the area but are the locals happy about it?**

A German artist has created a map charting the emotions of people living in and around the Greenwich Peninsula.

The so called "emotion map" was invented by Christian Nold who wired up local residents to a lie detector and GPS system and measured how stressed they felt in different parts of the area near the Dome.

Christian is a bio-mapping artist and has worked in towns and cities as far a field as Mumbai and Stockholm. He reads the skin responses from the modified lie detector and asks people to comment on why they felt the way did when their body reacted in a certain way. The results are then inputted into a computer and using a bio-mapping website and Google Earth software he creates a map of emotions.

Through an arts group called Independent Photography, Christian worked with 50 local residents in the Greenwich Peninsula to see how they felt about the area as it goes through a huge regeneration.

Some of the most emotive spots he found were the traffic crossing at the entrance to the Blackwall tunnel and the Dome itself. The development of new housing was also a sore point for many local people.

Once best known for its shipbuilding industries, the peninsula banks of the River Thames are now prime property hotspots. Luxury flats and apartments with views of Canary Wharf are due to take the place of derelict factories and shipyards. Some developers have dubbed this new Riverside community 'Manhattan on the Thames'.

According to Greenwich Council, by 2021 the Greenwich Peninsula will have 10,000 homes. 3,800 of them will be 'affordable dwellings' or social housing.

Nearly half of those new homes will be in Lovells Granite and Pipers Wharf which is featured in the video report linked to this story.

Local resident Rachel Gibson took me on a walking tour of the area while wired up



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to Christian's biometric invention. Lovells Wharf  
"There's so much history here in Greenwich. It's great for it to be put down on a map as a record before it changes too much," she said.

Independent Photography are working on a host of other arts projects with local people in the Peninsula area.

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