



DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING
CITY OF NEW YORK

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND REVIEW DIVISION

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SCOPING MEETING
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT
(CEQR No. 21DCP180Q)**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Section 5-07 of the Rules of Procedure for Environmental Review (CEQR) AND 6 NYCRR 617.8 (State Environmental Quality Review) that the New York City Department of City Planning, acting on behalf of the City Planning Commission as CEQR lead agency, has determined, based on the Environmental Assessment Statement, that a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) is to be prepared for the **Innovation QNS** project (CEQR Number 21DCP180Q). The CEQR lead agency hereby requests that the applicant prepare a DEIS in accordance with 6 NYCRR 617.9(b) and Sections 6-08 and 6-12 of Executive Order No. 91 of 1977 as amended (City Environmental Quality Review).

A public scoping meeting has been scheduled for Monday, June 14, 2021 at 2:00 PM. In support of the City's efforts to contain the spread of COVID-19, DCP will hold the public scoping meeting remotely. To join the meeting and comment, please visit NYC Engage (<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nycengage/events/index.page>).

To dial into the meeting to listen by phone you may call any of the following numbers:

- +1 (646) 558-8656
- +1 (253) 215-8782
- +1 (877) 853-5247 (toll free)
- +1 (888) 788-0099 (toll free)

Enter the following meeting ID and password when prompted:

- Meeting ID: 938 6698 8414
- Password: 1
- [The Participant ID can be skipped by pressing #]

If you would like to register to testify via phone, need assistance with technical issues, or have any questions about participation you may call any of the phone numbers listed above. Then enter the following meeting ID and password when prompted.

- Meeting ID: 963 2027 6792

- Password: 1
- [The Participant ID can be skipped by pressing #]

Instructions on how to participate, as well as materials relating to the meeting, will be posted on the site in advance of the meeting, at least one hour prior to the start time. To help the meeting host effectively manage members of the public who sign up to comment, those who do not intend to actively participate are invited to watch the livestream or the recording that will be posted after the meeting. The livestream can be found in the above NYC Engage link and will be made available on the day of the scoping meeting.

Written comments will be accepted through Thursday, June 24, 2021. They can be submitted through the above webpage or mailed to Olga Abinader, Director, Environmental Assessment and Review Division, New York City Department of City Planning, 120 Broadway, 31st Floor, New York, New York 10271.

Copies of the Draft Scope of Work and the Environmental Assessment Statement may also be obtained by contacting the Environmental Assessment and Review Division, New York City Department of City Planning, 120 Broadway, 31st Floor, New York, New York 10271, Olga Abinader, Director, by calling (212) 720-3493 or by emailing oabinad@planning.nyc.gov. In addition, the Draft Scope of Work and scoping protocol will be made available for download at <https://www1.nyc.gov/site/planning/applicants/scoping-documents.page>.

Please inform the Department of City Planning if you need a reasonable accommodation, such as a sign language interpreter, in order to participate in the meeting. Requests for a reasonable accommodation or foreign language assistance during the meeting should be emailed to AccessibilityInfo@planning.nyc.gov or made by calling 212-720-3508. Requests must be submitted at least ten business days before the meeting, by May 31, 2021.

The Applicant (a joint venture between Kaufman Astoria Studios, Bedrock Real Estate Partners, and Silverstein Properties) is requesting a rezoning and other discretionary actions (the Proposed Actions) to facilitate the Proposed Development, which would redevelop a portion of the five (5) city blocks bounded by 35th Avenue to the north, 43rd Street/Northern Boulevard to the east, 36th Avenue to the south and 37th Street to the west (the “Project Area”) in the Astoria neighborhood of Queens in Community Board 1. The Project Area (Blocks 641, 668, 669, 670, and 671) contains 43 tax-lots, of which 21 are controlled by the Applicant while the remaining lots are controlled by others. The Applicant-controlled lots would be declared a Large Scale General Development (LSGD) and would contain the Proposed Development also known as the Innovation QNS project.

The Innovation QNS project is intended create a series of arts and cultural venues, eating and drinking establishments, a grocery store and world market and other local retail, service and community facility uses, as well as approximately 2,800 new residential dwelling units of which 25% of the residential floor area (approximately 711 dwelling units) would be permanently set aside as affordable units under the Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) program.

The Analysis Year for the Proposed Actions is 2032.