



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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Imperial West development – Construction work restarts

After a 2 year lull, construction work is due to start again shortly on the Imperial West site. The next phase includes the building pictured below – as it will appear looking west along Oxford Gardens. This is the £200m 'Research and Translation Hub' which will provide space for university and industry spinouts and new ventures.



Contractors Laing O'Rourke are due shortly to commence the exploration works for the drilling of the boreholes for the ground source heat pumps. The main piling work for the basement is due to commence in early October. The contractor will utilise rotary drilling systems which (we are told) will cause the minimum disturbance.

Imperial College have changed their plans in one respect. The proposed 13 storey hotel is to be replaced by a new bio-medical engineering centre, funded in part by a £40m bequest from Imperial alumnus Michael Uren.



A planning application for this further building is expected early in 2015.

Only then will we know how the height and scale compare with the previous hotel proposal. Plans for the 35 storey residential tower remain unchanged.

West London Stables under threat

The riding stables beneath the Westway roundabout have been there since 1989, providing riding lessons to adults and children. The land is leased from the Westway Trust by the owner of the stables, Sarah Tuvey.



Sarah has been given notice to quit, by the Trust. We have asked the Trust for more background, but have been told this is a commercially confidential issue between the Trust and the leaseholder.

Westway Trust are not offering Sarah any alternative premises.

There is a petition on the RBKC website calling on the Council to urge Westway trustees to reconsider their decision. Signatories are over 470. If the figure of 700 is reached the petition will be considered by a council committee. See at this [link](#)

A reminder that the latest version of the Draft St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Plan can be seen online at www.stqw.org and this [link](#).

The Plan is currently being reviewed by RBKC officers before a formal 6 week final consultation period. We hope that this will start in September. A leaflet summarising the Plan will be delivered to all households in the defined neighbourhood area.

St James proposals for former M&S site in White City

Residential developers St James have been consulting on outline plans for their proposed 1,500 new homes on their site off Wood Lane (between Imperial's landholdings and Westfield 2).

The exhibition boards can be seen [here](#). We understand that the residential blocks will be tall buildings (25 storeys plus). Traffic implications for Wood Lane remain a major concern for the StQW Forum, as explained in the Draft StQW Plan.