



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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Feedback from the StQW and SHRA Annual General Meeting

The AGM for both the St Helens Residents Association and the StQW Neighbourhood Forum was held at St Helens Church Hall on November 16th. The meeting was well attended by members and by local councillors.

Notes of the meeting have been circulated at the same time as this newsletter. The existing members of the management committees for both bodies were re-elected for a further year. There are 3 vacant places on each of the committees, so any residents new to the area (or longstanding members) who would like to join one or other committee, are very welcome to get in touch at the email address below.

The difference between the two bodies is that the residents association was formed first, and covers a wider range of issues. The StQW Forum was established in 2013 specifically to put together the neighbourhood plan for our area, and focuses only on planning issues.

Both bodies share the same membership of over 420 local residents, and if you meet with new neighbours in the area please encourage them to join. There are times when there is strength in numbers, as we have found on various local issues.

The Forum is coming to the end of its first 5 year term, and will need to re-apply to the Council in early 2018 for further designation. At that time, we may want to consider extending the boundary of the neighbourhood to that we have more opportunity to influence the plans of the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation for Scrubs Lane and Mitre Bridge.

No more news on the High Court challenge by the Legard family on Nursery Lane

The judicial review case of Legard v Kensington & Chelsea Council concluded on October 12th, but Mr Justice Dove has yet to issue his judgment.

Meanwhile the grass has been growing back through the hardcore laid at Nursery Lane by the developers who hoped to build 21 townhouses on the land. The site is peaceful, and looking like Local Green Space, as is its designation in our neighbourhood plan.

The Council has been applying the planning policies in the StQW Neighbourhood Plan, since the referendum in February 2016. This can affect the outcome on planning applications. St Helens Residents Association monitors new applications each week, and it is clear that some applicants (or their architects) have not noticed that StQW policies may vary from RBKC policies, on e.g. conservation matters. If you know someone proposing building works, let them know this fact. It can save the applicant abortive work and costs.

Notting Hill Carnival – consultation on licensing

The Council is consulting on it tightening up its regulations on licensing, in relation to the Carnival.

The changes would involve stricter requirements for Temporary Event Notices (TENS) over the Carnival weekend. The aim would be to increase crowd safety and reduce criminal behaviour at Carnival.

The Council does not organise the Carnival, but facilitates the event in liaison with the Police and the organisers (Notting Hill Carnival Enterprises Trust). If you have any views on licensing issues, you can send these via email to slpconsultation@rbkc.gov.uk

OPDC second consultation on an neighbourhood forum for Old Oak.

As explained in our September newsletter, the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation joined forces with Hammersmith & Fulham Council in largely scuppering proposals for a large (280 hectare) neighbourhood area at Old Oak.

The interim neighbourhood forum is made up of residents associations and community groups in the area. These residents wanted to exert maximum influence on plans for 24,000 new homes at Old Oak. OPDC and LBHF were not keen on this prospect and instead designated two small and separate areas.

This created a need for a second OPDC consultation, so that the Interim Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum can at least establish itself formally, and prepare a plan for a 22 hectare part of East Acton ward, on the western side of Wormwood Scrubs.

The OPDC consultation website is at www.london.gov.uk/OldOakNF2. Around 30 SHRA/STQW members responded to the previous consultation last May, supporting the proposals for a much larger Old Oak neighbourhood. Anyone can respond to this second consultation, and our neighbours in East Acton would welcome support.

You may also want to express disappointment that OPDC resisted community involvement in a wider neighbourhood plan. This has diminished our chances to challenge the very extreme housing densities (and resultant tall buildings) proposed in the OPDC Local Plan, or affect decisions on Linford Christie Stadium.

This Plan will be 'examined in public' in early 2018 and we will be making local views known to the Inspector chairing this process. We will also be taking the opportunity to rehearse the case for an extra Over-ground station at 'Westway Circus' at the southern end of Latimer Road. Latest date for the planned new underpass at this location remains summer 2019.