



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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Cargiant publish plans for 'Old Oak Park'

Cargiant are consulting the public this month on plans for their 46 acre site between Willesden Junction Station and the Grand Union Canal, north of Wormwood Scrubs.

The firm (owned by Tony Mendes) is promoting the scheme as a 'new Little Venice' with 9,000 homes, parks, public squares and cafes/restaurants along a 1km stretch of the canal. The consortium working on the plans includes Arup engineers and PLP Architects (designers of the 35 storey tower yet to be built at Imperial West).

The Cargiant consultation leaflet can be downloaded from <http://www.oldoakpark.co.uk/consultation.aspx>. Remaining exhibition dates and venues are:
 Thursday 25th June (3.30-7.30pm) Harlesden Methodist Church, 25 High Street Harlesden
 Saturday 27th June (3.30-7.30pm) Harlesden Methodist Church
 Thursday 2nd July (3.30-7.30) Holiday Inn London West
 Saturday 4th July (10am-4pm) Holiday Inn London West (near North Acton Underground station)



Cargiant's scheme does not include a new ground for QPR football club. Rival proposals from QPR have yet to appear, beyond a very initial masterplan exhibited last year. It is likely that the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation will be asked to decide on competing planning applications, in autumn 2015.

StQW Neighbourhood Plan consultation ends July 16th

The final round of public consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan runs for a further three weeks.

The Draft Plan and all accompanying documents are on the Council website at www.rbkc.gov.uk/stqw

The web page does not show a running list of comments received so we have no idea how many people have responded to date. A brief email of support would be appreciated, if you have a moment. (Please send to planningpolicy@rbkc.gov.uk, or use the RBKC online form if you wish to comment in detail).

Over 90 objections to proposed housing development at Nursery Lane

The plans by Metropolis Property Ltd to build 20 upmarket houses on the open land at Nursery Lane have prompted a predictable high volume of objections from local residents.

With some funds from the Kensington Society and contributions from neighbours, the Nursery Gardens Action Group retained top planning QC Matthew Horton to advise on the current planning application. His legal opinion can be found at www.stqw.org under 'news'. It states very clearly the reasons why the application should be refused as 'premature' until such time as the StQW Draft Plan has been 'examined' by an independent examiner. This public hearing is due to take place in September.

The Council will be deciding on the current application in the next few weeks, either at the Planning Committee on July 21st or via a decision by the Director under delegated powers (if the application is refused).

At a meeting last month with London Realty (development managers) we again asked about ownership of the site. It seems that a sale from the Legard family has yet to be completed (due to 'legal processes'). We were assured that the sale is a done deal and is not conditional on receipt of planning permission. This does not explain why Sir Charles Legard has written to support the planning application. So we have asked for fuller information.

A final reminder of the Summer Fair at the West London Bowling Club (112a Highlever Road) on Saturday 27th June from 11am to 5pm. There will be a Childrens Fancy Dress Competition at 1.30, a Dog Show at 2pm, stalls selling vintage clothing, cards, books, jams and bric-a-brac, along with Pimms and teas. Fingers crossed for sun as well.