

St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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Draft StQW Neighbourhood Plan now published online.

The first full version of the Neighbourhood Plan for this area is now available online, on the StQW website at www.stqw.org. Click on Draft Plan and you will see a menu, showing each of the 12 sections of the Plan. The introduction section sets the context.

We will be refining and expanding this draft over the next six weeks, until mid July, in the light of comments received. An updated Draft Submission version of the Plan will then be available for a further 6 weeks of statutory consultation. At this point we will be circulating a hard copy leaflet, summarising the many policy proposals, to all households in the neighbourhood area.

Please have a look at those parts of the document which interest you, whether it be housing, conservation, open space, transport or shopping in this neighbourhood.

We need your thoughts and views on whether you feel we have covered the right issues, and come up with the right policy proposals. The Draft Plan will need majority support at a local referendum if it is to be adopted as part of the planning framework for RBKC.

Following the StQW Survey earlier this year, and the series of open meetings of the Forum held at St Helens Church hall in recent months, your management committee think we have a good idea of what you want to see in the Plan. **But if we have missed things that you care about, now is the time to tell us, by emailing to info@stqw.org**



A reminder of how the next phase of Imperial West will look from Oxford Gardens

Latest news on Nursery Lane site

Over 60 local residents came to the Forum's meeting on May 29th, to make known their views on the sale of this piece of land (off the northern part of High-lever Road) as a potential 'opportunity for residential development'.

The Draft StQW Plan designates this site, and other remaining original 'backland' sites on the St Quintin Estate, as Local Green Space. The public meeting also agreed that the Forum should apply to RBKC to have the Nursery Lane site registered as a Community Asset. If this application is approved, any sale would be held up for 6 months while the local community can come forward with other options.

We do not see this site as being suitable for residential development. Other parts of the neighbourhood, such as Latimer Road, are seen as better locations for new housing – including some within affordable reach for a younger generation.

Meanwhile we are making sure that developers bidding for the site are made aware of the full range of planning obstacles ahead.

All change at Hammersmith and Fulham Council

The change of political control at Hammersmith and Fulham Council was one of the surprise results of the local of London's local elections on May 22nd.

The new Labour administration has already signalled that it will take a different approach to major developments in the borough. The council's initial focus will be on reviewing the decisions made to date on the Earls Court scheme, which involves the demolition and two housing states.

We have asked the council to review the planning agreement entered into with Imperial College, at the time when this development was granted planning permission in 2012. We think that the financial context of this scheme has changed since the planning approval, and that this deserves a fresh look.

Construction work on the next phase of Imperial West – a set of buildings which will be very visible from Oxford Gardens – is due to restart this October.