

St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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While the streets of our neighbourhood are peaceful at the moment, (give or take a building project or two) the pace of development around us remains relentless.

Imperial College's latest plans

Imperial College have circulated flyers with details of public exhibitions on their plans for their second major site at White City (south of the Westway). These plans remain at a fairly early stage, but the overall scale is becoming apparent. The five sessions are:

Friday 12 May 12.00–17.00 at the Harrow Club 187 Freston Road, W10 6TH

Saturday 13 May 14.30–18.00 St Helens Church, St Helens Gardens W10 6LP

Thursday 18th May 11.00–16.00 at Wood Lane Community Centre, White City Close, W12 7DZ

Friday 19th May 15.00–20.00 White City Community Centre India Way, W12 7QT

Saturday 20 May 10.00–15.00 Brickfields Hall, Shinfield Street, London W12 0HN

Meanwhile Imperial West's 35 storey residential tower rises a few more storeys every month. Latest forecast for completion of the underpass between Latimer Road and Wood Lane is summer 2019.

Developments in Scrubs Lane

The 22 storey tower at North Kensington Gate (south) has been given planning permission by the OPDC and the Mayor of London. Strong objections from RBKC, Hammersmith & Fulham Council, Historic England and Andy Slaughter MP did not persuade the OPDC Planning Committee to refuse the application, although the vote was close.

Next in the planning pipeline is the proposed scheme at 'Mitre Yard' (see below on the right).

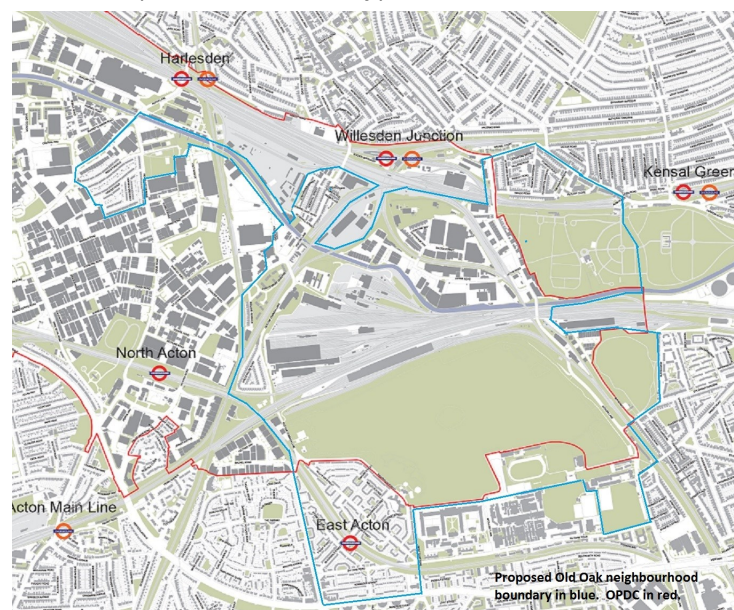


St Helens RA will be submitting an objection and a further email will be circulated with more detail before the deadline of May 16th. This is what Scrubs lane will look like if and when both developments are built.

Consultation on proposals for an Old Oak neighbourhood area and forum

Local residents living within 200m of the OPDC boundary will have had a letter from the Development Corporation and Hammersmith & Fulham Council, announcing a 6 week consultation on the 'designation application' for a large neighbourhood area at Old Oak,

A shadow forum has been meeting over the past year, using the experience gained by the StQW Forum to good effect. The map below shows the proposed area for which an Old Oak neighbourhood plan will be prepared (the blue boundary).



How far such a plan will be able to influence the outcome of regeneration at Old Oak remains to be seen.

An active and well-informed group of locals will be working hard to convince planners and politicians that London can come up with something better than a repeat of what has been built at Vauxhall/Nine Elms and Battersea - a swathe of residential towers with little sign of the human scale or liveability that makes much of the capital an attractive place to live and work.

In order to be designated, the Forum needs evidence of widespread support from local people. Please find a moment to go onto the consultation website at www.london.gov.uk/OldOakNF to give your view. Old Oak will take 20 years to develop, but the big decisions are being made in the coming year. See also at www.oldoakneighbourhoodforum.org

Friends of Wormwood Scrubs (FOWWS) and Friends of Little Wormwood Scrubs are both involved in the Old Oak Interim Neighbourhood Forum, and take a strong interest in OPDC plans.

For meetings and events on Little Scrubs, see their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/flws.scrubs