



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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RBKC consultation on redesignation of our Forum

The Council is currently carrying out a 6 week consultation on the Forum's application for 'redesignation'.

All neighbourhood forums have a five year lifespan, and then need to seek approval for renewal of their legal status, from the local planning authority. The Localism Act 2011 included this requirement to avoid a scenario in which forums continued indefinitely without making any progress on a neighbourhood plan.

The StQW Forum was formally established on 3rd July 2013. Hence we have applied for redesignation. **The consultation runs until 19th June 2018.**

This process does not affect the status of the StQW Neighbourhood Plan. The plan and its policies remain in force until such time as the Forum chooses to review and update its content. We have no immediate plans for a review. The Council's updated Local Plan (which incorporates the StQW policies) has yet to be adopted.

The neighbourhood area covered by the StQW Plan is shown on the map below. We have not applied for any change to this boundary.

MAP 1: The St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Area



Responding to the consultation

Information on the consultation, and a simple form for making a response, are on the Council's website at this link

[https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/
SQWNF/redes/manageHomepage](https://planningconsult.rbkc.gov.uk/consult.ti/SQWNF/redes/manageHomepage)

Or you can simply email planningpolicy@rbkc.gov.uk and say that you support redesignation of the forum. Please include 'SQWNF redesignation' in the subject line.

The process of redesignation has already been undertaken by a few other forums in London, and should prove straightforward. If you have a moment to respond to the consultation, that would be appreciated.

There are now 7 neighbourhood plans in force in various parts of London, and another 500 plans across England. A further 3 year Government programme of financial support started last month, and neighbourhood planning is firmly embedded in the recently updated National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Local Election results in Kensington and Chelsea

As most people will have seen, the outcome of the local elections on May 3rd brought little change to the overall composition of the Council.

In the two wards covered by the StQW Forum/St Helens Residents Association, Labour took one seat from the Conservatives in St Helens ward.

Three of our local ward councillors retained their seats on the Council. The following four people were elected:

Dalgarno ward

Councillor Pat Healy (Labour)

Councillor Robert Thompson (Labour)

St Helens ward

Councillor Mo Bakhtiar (Labour)

Councillor Portia Thaxter (new Labour councillor)

Information on any changes in the Council's 'Leadership Team' (formerly the Cabinet) has yet to be announced.

Fundraising for Forest School at New School Studio

This crowdfunding campaign, featured in our last newsletter, was successful in meeting its target on SpaceHive and raised £17,725 from 49 backers. This included a £4,000 contribution from Westway Trust.

New Studio Pre-School in Kelfield Mews can now progress its plans to use some of the backland behind Kelfield Gardens/Wallingford/St Quintin as a Forest School (see at <http://www.forestschoolsuk.co.uk/>)