



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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The next open meeting of the Forum/St Helens Residents Association will be on Wednesday June 5th at 8pm at St Helens Church Hall. All welcome.

We will be discussing two current consultations that affect our neighbourhood. Both of these close in mid June so there will be time left for individual residents to send in responses.

Future options for Linford Christie Stadium

The three alternative options put forward by Hammersmith & Fulham Council were explained in our last newsletter. The Friends of Wormwood Scrubs have since circulated a leaflet giving their views on why Option 2 (a refurbished community sports centre) should be supported).

QPR Football Club have been active in promoting their own preferred outcome. This would be a 30,000 seat stadium which the Club could either own or lease as a replacement for their Loftus Road ground. QPR are [pitching this](#) as a 'hybrid' between the LBHF options 2 and 3 (LBHF option 3 being a 45,000 seat stadium used for 'performance' events as well as sports).

After discussion at our open meeting, StQW/SHRA will send in a response. But individual responses will help to balance the several thousand responses that QPR will be able to encourage from their fans, most of whom do not live in the immediate area.



Image of Wood Lane looking north from Shepherds Bush Green

Transport for London are [consulting on plans](#) for 3 sets of highway improvements at Wood Lane, Holland Park and Notting Hill Gate. The proposals aim to improve pedestrian safety and make life easier for cyclists.

The plans are complicated, and detailed slides will be shown at our open meeting. All schemes involve reducing road space for vehicles and the impact on traffic and journey times is predicted, But with what level of accuracy?

Regeneration plans at Old Oak face uncertainty

A combination of events is casting doubt on plans of the London Mayor to build 25,000 new homes at Old Oak, over the next 30 years. It looks as if the pace of development will be slower than originally planned.

The Examination in Public of the OPDC Draft Local Plan was adjourned last month. After hearing from Cargiant and from local groups (including StQW and the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum) the Planning Inspector has asked OPDC for more evidence that this housing target is viable and realistic.

Cargiant/London & Regional Property are clear that they now wish their business to remain at its present location. As the landowner, they will resist attempts by OPDC to acquire sites via Compulsory Purchase.

The opening of Crossrail has been delayed from late 2018 to March 2021 at the earliest. The extra station at Old Oak Common was never due to open before 2026, but there may now be knock on delays. Questions continue to be asked about the cost-effectiveness of HS2. This project is now probably too well advanced to cancel, but might not survive a change of Prime Minister or of Government.

Meanwhile, there has been no start on site for the three residential towers along Scrubs Lane, approved by the OPDC Planning Committee in 2017 and 2018.

Latimer Road planning application approved

The scheme to redevelop Unit 1 Latimer Road, as discussed at our open meeting in February, has been granted permission by the RBKC Planning Applications Committee.



We hope to start discussions with RBKC planners in the next few weeks, on drawing up a design code for the street. The intention is to encourage further mixed use schemes at Units 1-14 Latimer Road.