

St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

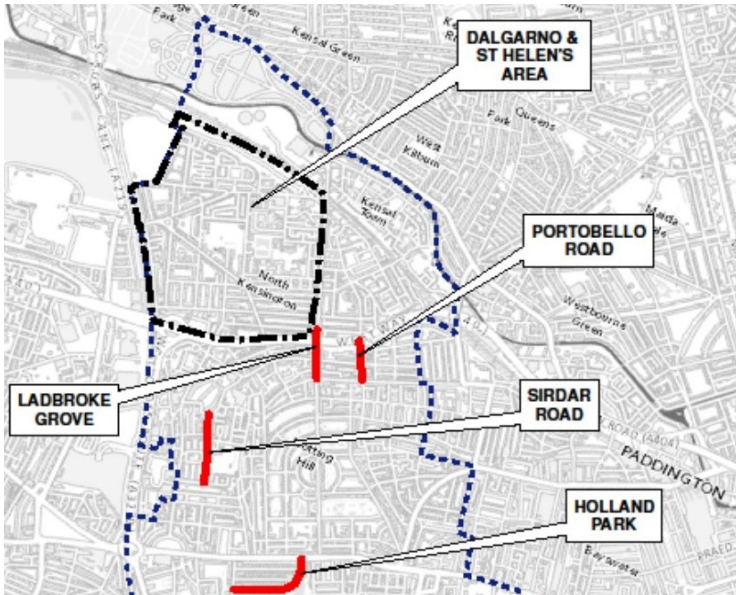
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Council consults on 20mph speed limit in our neighbourhood

RBKC has launched a consultation on introducing a 20mph speed limit on a number of individual streets in the Borough. The St Helens ward and parts of Dalgarno ward have also been selected for a 'whole area' pilot.

A leaflet and questionnaire explaining the context is being delivered to all households. The website at www.rbkc.gov.uk also gives more background. This includes a set of FAQs on 20mph limits, which are now in place in many parts of inner London. See at this [link](#) or search the RBKC website under 'Transport' and 'consultations'.

Ward councillors have long campaigned for a 20mph pilot in this part of the Borough. The Council accepts that not everyone will keep to this limit, but London-wide experience shows that such schemes can bring benefits overall. Average speeds on many congested streets are not much higher anyway. The map below shows the area and individual streets involved.



Depending on the public response to the consultation, the Council would introduce any such limits using an experimental traffic order, for up to 18 months, from Spring 2019.

A pilot would mean that traffic in our streets would be closely monitored. This might help draw more attention to the regular late afternoon gridlock at the Barlby Road/ St Quintin 'triangle'. Speeds of vehicles along St Quintin Avenue should also reduce. This includes the many construction vehicles which show no mercy to bikes and other vehicles.

Outcome of our Annual General Meeting

The joint AGM of the St Helens Residents Association and the StQW Neighbourhood Forum was held on November 14th in St Helens Church Hall.

A well attended meeting included 3 of our 4 ward councillors. The current management committee members of both bodies were re-elected for a further year. There are places remaining on both committees, and anyone interested in joining can contact info@stqw.org or sthelensassn@aol.com.

Bill Bergin from the **RBKC Enforcement Team** updated the meeting on the Council's current efforts to join up its work on street enforcement and planning enforcement.

The teams of RBKC officers dealing with breaches of planning permissions, noise nuisance, waste and flytipping, and parking control now all form part of one council department. Sue Harris, Executive Director Environment and Communities is in overall charge.

Following a pilot in Chelsea of this new way of working, the same approach is being introduced in North Kensington. Breaches of Construction Traffic Management Plans (CTMPs) are a live issue in our neighbourhood. These can be reported to Bill at bill.bergin@rbkc.gov.uk.

If you encounter skip vehicles or grab lorries blocking the street, this should not be happening. Some basement contractors in our area are having visits from RBKC Enforcement Officers and fines levied for a range of breaches. CTMPs are a 'condition' attached to planning permissions and have to be observed.

The Council's Code of Construction is also being enforced more robustly. The Code includes limits on hours of 'noisy working' and such work is not allowed on Saturdays or after 6pm on weekdays.

A copy of the Council's one page summary of the Code is circulated with this newsletter.

If you come across contractors (or homeowners) who you think are not complying, but are reluctant to pursue matters yourself, then feel free to email sthelensassn@aol.com. We can then liaise with the council (and ward councillors) in helping them to identify frequent offenders on breaches of planning permissions, codes, or legislation.