

AGM of the StQW Neighbourhood Forum and St Helens Residents Association

St Helens Church Hall
November 16th 2017 (Part 1 of 2)

Agenda for this evening

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Annual report and financial report
3. Elections to management committees for 2017/18
4. News from Kensington Town Hall
5. Update on local impact of 2015 Housing Act – Jan Sweeny
6. Planning news - Imperial campus, TfL Overground consultation and the future of Old Oak
7. Any other business

Annual Report and financial report

The main local event of the year has been the Grenfell fire and its aftermath – to be discussed under ‘news from the Town Hall’

The StQW Neighbourhood Plan policies are being used by RBKC but shops still closing in our shopping parades. New ‘Cycle Quietway’ has not helped.

Temporary Kensington Academy school on the Scrubs

Latimer Road has its new theatre. RBKC will be moving community groups from Canalside House to Unit 12 Latimer Road

Proposed Latimer Road underpass completion date remains summer 2019

Plans for more Westway Trust sports facilities still at very early stage

Nursery Lane – High Court case concluded, judgment still awaited

St Quintin Nextdoor social media site has 392 members/18% of households

Financial report – StQW/SHRA expenditure and income minimal this year

StQW/SHRA elections to management cttees

SHRA and StQW remain as bodies with separate constitutions but same membership (over 420 members)

StQW Forum is the body legally 'designated' for the neighbourhood plan. The Forum will need to apply for further designation before July 2018 when its first 5 year term expires

The two management committees share several of the same members and have been meeting together as one in 2016/7 to keep things simple

Most existing members have agreed to stay on. Ruth Hillary resigned from SHRA last year to focus on Bowling Club.

3 vacancies on each management committee. Current workload not intensive.

St Helens management committee elections

Proposed officers

Chair Henry Peterson

Treasurer Maggie Tyler

Secretary Tania Martin

Other current management committee members: Nigel Whitbread, Jenny Harborne, Catherine Mannheim, Ben Joseph, William Cooper, David Marshall, Fiona Withey, Jimmy Makromallis.

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StQW Forum management committee

Current committee members

Andre Michaud (Bracewell Rd)

William Cooper (Eynham Road)

Richard Ehrman (Latimer Road building owner)

Jenny Harborne (Highlever Road)

Tania Martin (Highlever Road)

Henry Peterson (Chair) (Highlever Road)

Nigel Whitbread (Wallingford Avenue)

Fiona Withey (Kelfield Gardens)

Andrew Hanson (Highlever Road)

David Marshall (Finstock Road)

Steve Divall (St Helens Church)

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News from Kensington Town Hall

- The new 'Leadership Team' in post since June (Cllr Elizabeth Campbell Leader, Cllr Kim Taylor-Smith Deputy Leader)
- Grenfell Recovery Scrutiny Committee set up with Cllr Robert Thompson as its Chair
- Progress on rehousing Grenfell survivors has been slow (with reasons)
- Estate renewal programmes on hold at Silchester East/West and at Barlby/Treverton (primary school rebuild going ahead)
- Council is prioritising social housing for those developments with an element of 'affordable' housing
- New North Kensington Library plans dropped.

Update on local impact of 2016 Housing Act

Jan Sweeney

- Extending the Right to Buy to housing associations tenants
- Legislating for the sale of 'higher value' vacant council homes to fund the extension of the Right to Buy
- Introducing mandatory rent increases for 'high income' tenants in council housing under the 'Pay to Stay Policy'
- Phasing out secure tenancies for life for local authority tenants
- placing a general duty on local authorities to promote the supply of Starter Homes, which will be counted as 'affordable housing'
- Introducing measures to deregulate housing associations to give them greater powers and freedoms

Planning news – Imperial College

Recent consultation on plans for southern site on White City campus

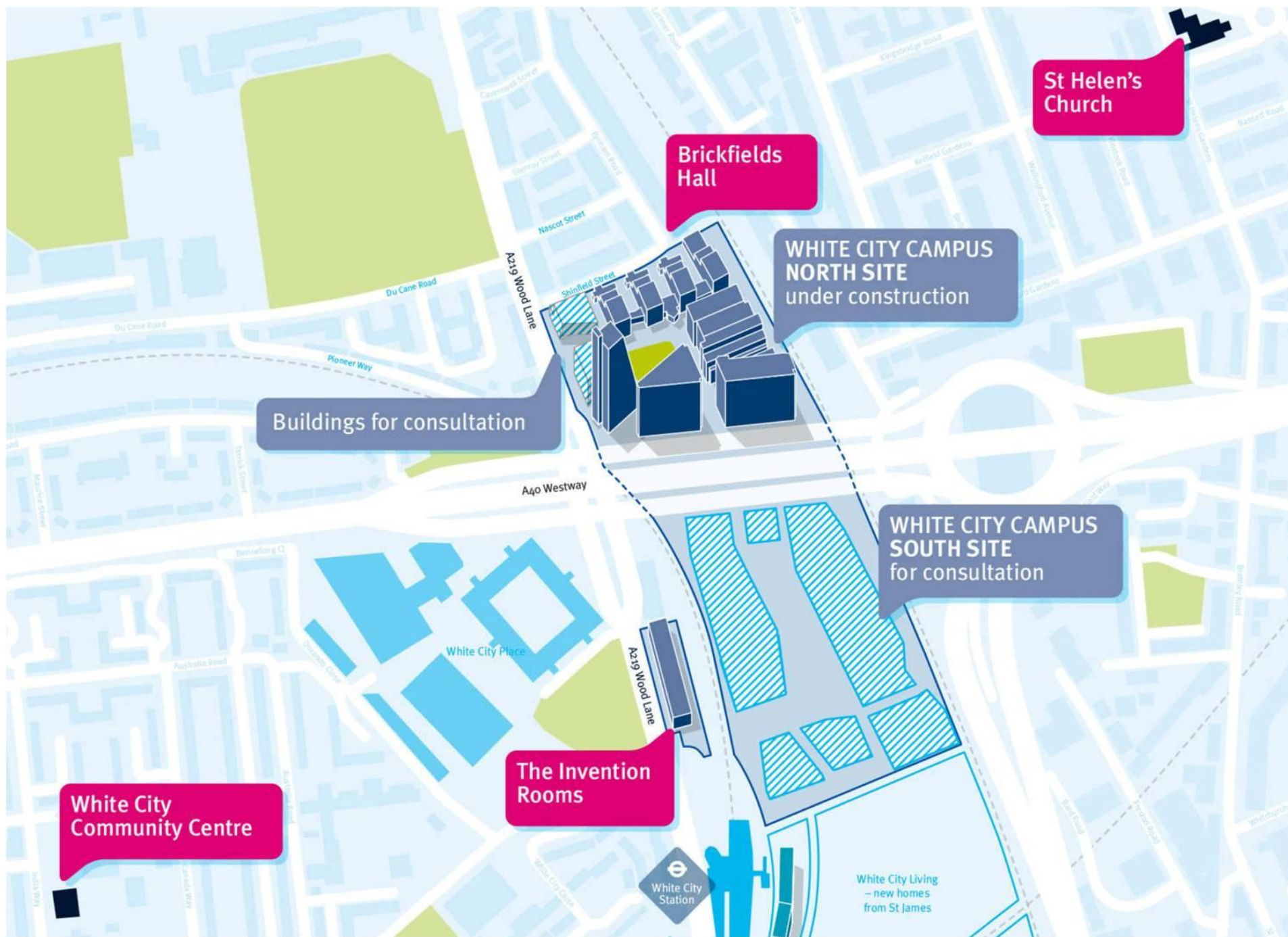
Outline application to be submitted shortly. Six development areas to be built out over many years

Application sent in for 20,000 sq m of 10 year 'meanwhile' office space

Open day held for 'Invention Rooms' on Wood Lane (community innovation space for young people, making and prototyping)

Final planning apps to be submitted soon for last 2 buildings on Woodlands site, due for completion 2019





Lobbying for an Overground station at 'Westway Circus' – TfL consultation



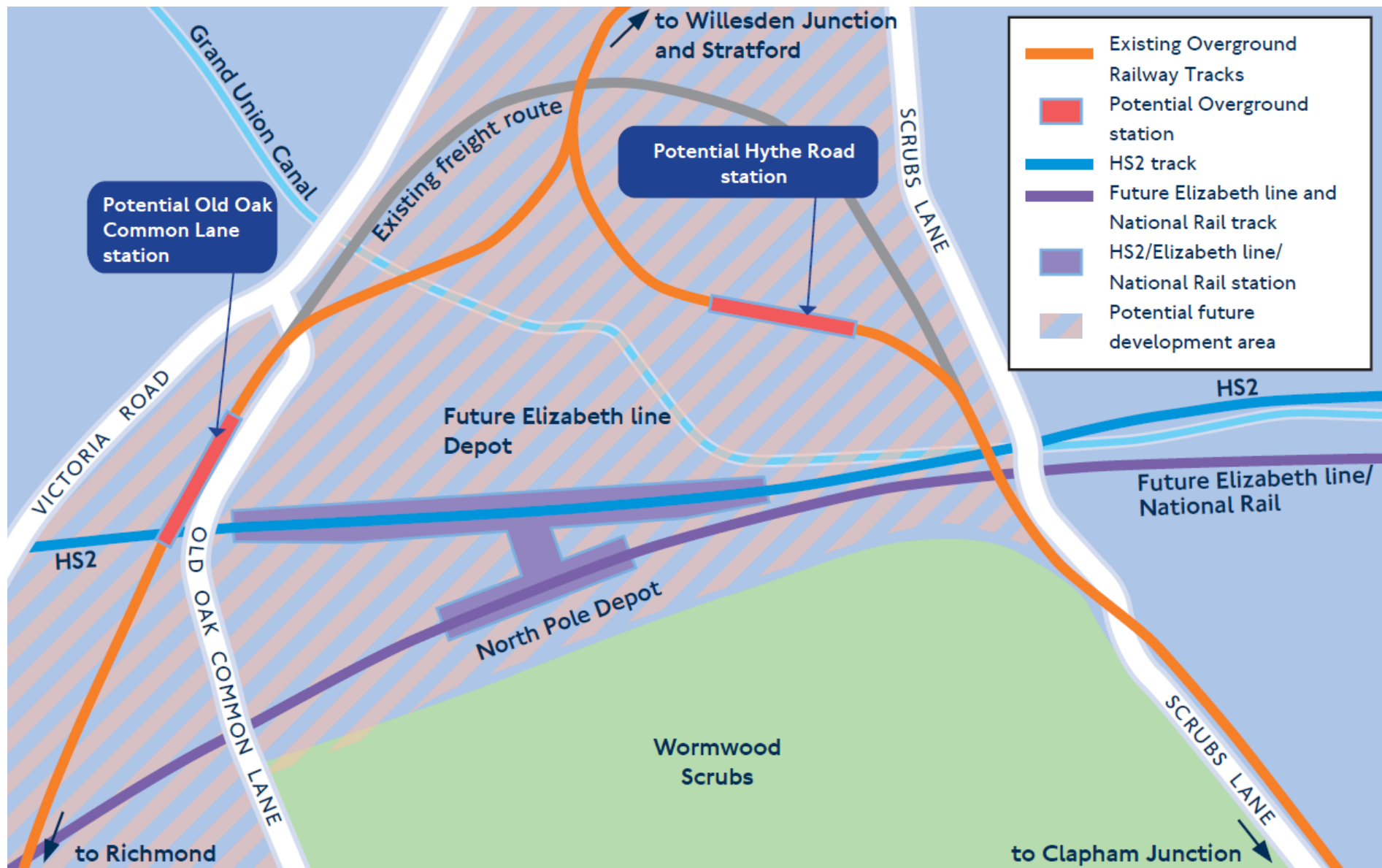
Proposed pedestrian/cycle underpass beneath West London line (£4m set aside in 106 Agreement in 2013, estimate now around £10m). Station could include single ticket office/barriers serving both platforms



Suggested site for Overground station at Westway Circus
(looking north, at site of proposed underpass at Imperial West)



Overground platforms could be sited under Westway ramps



TfL proposed locations of new Overground stations at Old Oak



Proposed Overground station at Hythe Road
Involves building new viaduct and track and removing existing embankment
Estimated total project costs of £198m at 2023 outturn prices