# St Helens Residents Association St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

Open Meeting May 29th<sup>h</sup> 2014

# Agenda for tonight

1 Local election results

2 Nursery Lane (Clifton Nursery) site

3 StQW Neighbourhood Plan – first consultation version

3 Any other business

#### **Local election results**

#### St Helens Ward

Councillor Eve Allison (Conservative)

Councillor Mo Bakhtiar (Labour)

#### **Dalgarno Ward**

Councillor Pat Healy (Labour)

Councillor Robert Thompson (Labour)

Hammersmith and Fulham now a Labour council

# **Nursery Lane site**







### **Planning history**

- Originally created as space for communal sports and recreation - part of St Quintin Estate layout
- Ashfield Tennis Club until World War 2
- Offered to Council in 1952 as public open space
- Garden nursery business since 1953 (Clifton Nurseries from 1964)
- RBKC propose housing in 1970. Planning Inquiry 1972 rejected these plans.
- Inspector suggested southern part could be used for old persons housing.
- Sheltered housing built 1977 on southern part.

## Latest position

- Legard family decide to sell the land
- Knight Frank invite bids for a 'residential development opportunity'
- We understand that 80 bids submitted, with 12 shortlisted
- Site is 0.48 of a hectare
- Pangbourne Avenue site was 0.4 hectare and permission granted for 20 private market units and 17 'affordable' flats, plus nursery school and clubroom.

#### **Potential outcomes**

- A. A private housing scheme with some affordable flats similar to Pangbourne Avenue?
- B. A more exclusive housing scheme with fewer homes (£5-6m each?)
- C. A private sports club/health centre with tennis courts and pool?
- D. A private school?
- E. Sheltered or extra care housing for elderly?
- F. Local Green Space?

## **Local Green Space**

2014 National Planning Policy Framework states:

- 'The Local Green Space designation will not be appropriate for most green areas or open space. The designation should only be used:
- where the green space is in reasonably close proximity to the community it serves;
- where the green area is demonstrably special to a local community and holds a particular local significance, for example because of its beauty, historic significance, recreational value (including as a playing field), tranquillity or richness of its wildlife; and
- where the green area concerned is local in character and is not an extensive tract of land'.

## **Community Asset Register**

A neighbourhood forum can nominate sites or buildings to be added to the RBKC Asset Register

West London Bowling Club already on Register

Criteria – must 'further the social, cultural or leisure interests of the community'

Can a case be made for the Nursery Lane site?

### **Action**

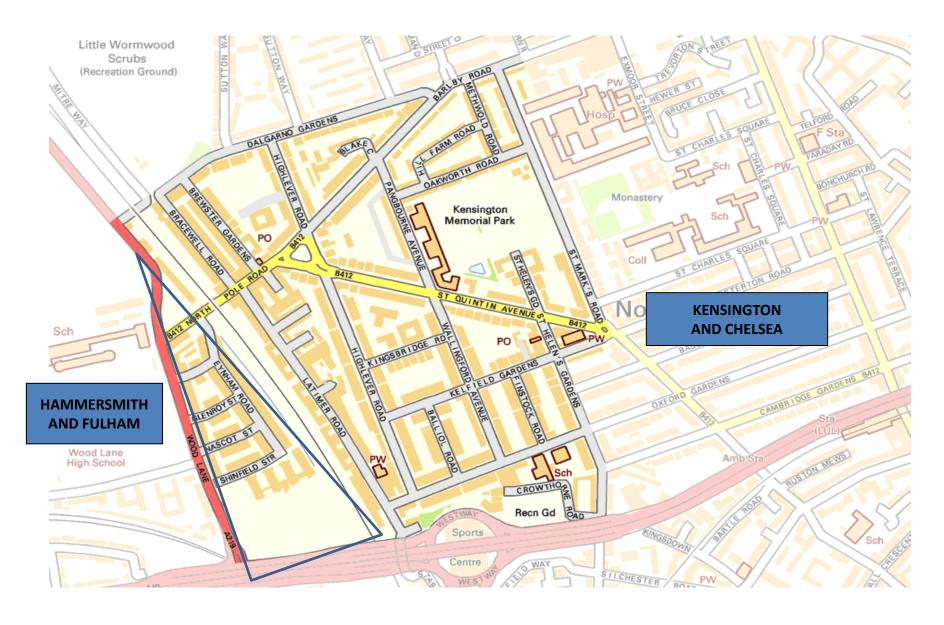
- What do immediate neighbours of the site want?
- What do the wider community in our neighbourhood want?
- What should the draft StQW Plan say about the future of the site?
- How do we fight off developers of private housing given K&C's extreme land values?
- Is there support for Local Green Space proposal?

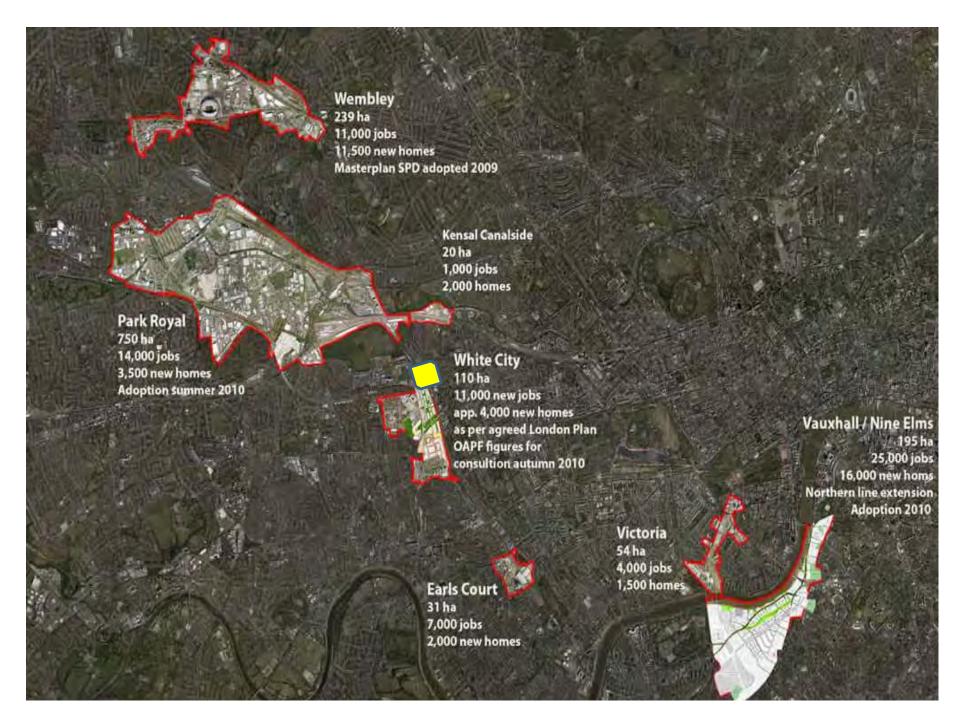
## **StQW Neighbourhood Plan**

#### A quick reminder:

- These plans allow local communities to prepare a plan for their area
- Over 1,000 now happening across England
- When finished, the Plan is voted on in a local referendum
- If supported, the local council must adopt the Plan and use it when making decisions on planning applications.

### ST QUINTIN AND WOODLAND





### 'Vision' for the Plan

To secure the future of our neighbourhood - one that offers the best features of life in central London - for this and future generations





### **Objectives of the Plan**

- 1. Keep the area as an attractive place to live and work
- 2. Update conservation policies
- 3. Protect environmental quality (wide streets, views, trees)
- 4. Protect open space community use of backland sites where ownership permits
- 5. Improve public transport reduce traffic
- 6. Improve connectivity to neighbouring areas
- 7. Maintain safety, security, tranquillity

# **Objectives of the Plan (continued)**

- 8. Safeguard viability of our shopping parades
- 9. Manage new development in a way that maintains character of the area
- 10. Keep buildings in active use (reduce vacant shops and offices) allowing wider mix of uses
- 11. Maintain and increase employment opportunities
- 12. Provide housing affordable to younger generations (Latimer Road, Crowthorne Rd site)
- 13. Protect local education, health and community facilities (St Quintin GP surgeries)

### First draft of Plan now available

A full draft is available online at www.stqw.org

#### Next steps:

More informal consultation in June/July 6 week statutory consultation in September Revisions and independent Inspection Referendum late 2014