

# St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

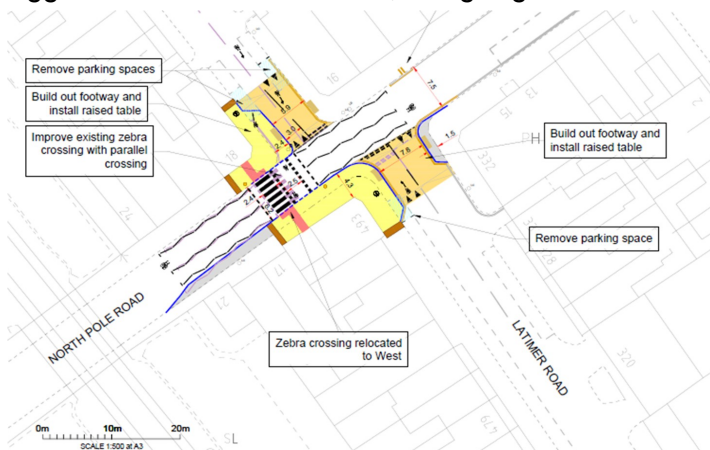
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## Cycle Quietway crossing at North Pole Road

The roadworks involved in this new crossing are now completed. But residents are left wondering how often this new Quietway from Ledbury Road to Mitre Way will be used in practice by cyclists.

The route is due to continue on, across Wormwood Scrubs, to Acton. This further section of the route has yet to be constructed so it remains early days. But the fact remains that the Quietway involves cyclists in taking quite a detour, as compared with the shortest route available.

The crossing at North Pole Road was described as 'innovative' when presented at our open meeting last June. Many at the meeting felt that it would add to congestion in the street and was potentially dangerous given poor visibility for cyclists amidst traffic and the cars and vans parked daily on yellow lines. SHRA suggested an alternative route, using Highlever Road.



Few people realised at the time that the idea behind the crossing is that cyclists mount the pavement at the locations in yellow on the above map, in order to cross North Pole Road on a designated strip next to the zebra crossing.

These busy stretches of pavement are now deemed a 'shared surface' for pedestrians or cyclists. So much for those of us who maintain an old-fashioned view that cyclists should stick to the roadway.

The signage at the crossing does not signal how the crossing should be used, either to cyclists or pedestrians. There will be a small prize awarded by the StQW Forum to the first resident witnessing a cyclist executing this particular manoeuvre as intended and in a 'Quietway' manner.

The RBKC section of the Quietway cost £235,000 (from a Transport for London budget). The section across the Scrubs will cost over £0.5m. Time will tell whether this proves to be money well spent.

## QPR's plans to relocate to Linford Christie stadium

Hammersmith and Council will be the key body making decisions about QPR's proposal for a 30,000 seat stadium at the site of the Linford Christie athletics track (on the south east corner of Wormwood Scrubs).

The council are the freeholders of the Scrubs, which is classed as Metropolitan Open Land. QPR have met with representatives of the StQW Forum and of Friends of Wormwood Scrubs in recent weeks. It is clear that their plans are still at a very early stage, and the Club says it is in 'listening mode' in discussions with a range of local organisations.

## Proposals for an Old Oak neighbourhood area and neighbourhood plan

An 'interim' neighbourhood forum has been meeting over the past year and has now submitted a formal 'designation application' for an Old Oak neighbourhood area. Consultation on the proposals will start on May 4th.

The forum will do its best to influence the plans of the OPDC for the area (which includes the Scrubs, the Cargiant land, Scrubs Lane and the area around Old Oak Lane, as well as Park Royal).

The controversial proposals for a 22 storey residential tower in Scrubs Lane were approved by the OPDC on April 5th. LBHF local councillors voted for refusal and Hammersmith MP Andy Slaughter spoke against the application at the meeting. But the Development Corporation is very keen to see development underway in the OPDC area, and the scheme was approved by 5 votes to 3 after a three hour debate.



There were 41 public objections, including many StQW/SHRA members. The Hammersmith Society and St Helens Residents Association have submitted final joint representations to the Mayor of London, who has powers to override the OPDC decision.

If you want to let the Mayor know your views you can email to [mayor@london.gov.uk](mailto:mayor@london.gov.uk) quoting **115-129a Scrubs Lane 16/0118/FULOPDC** saying that you support the objections from the Hammersmith Society and St Helens RA. These can be downloaded from the latest post at [www.sthelensresidents.org.uk](http://www.sthelensresidents.org.uk)