



# St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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## Consultation survey

We are circulating a survey questionnaire to households in the neighbourhood, asking for views on the range of issues that the StQW plan will need to cover.

The questions are on housing, transport, shopping, parks, health-care, education, conservation and development. A leaflet version will be delivered to homes shortly, or you can complete the survey online at this [link](#). We need to know your views.

## Norland referendum result

The Norland area in K&C held its referendum on its proposed neighbourhood plan on December 5th. On a 26% turnout, voting was 74% for and 26% against. The plan will now be adopted by the council and will guide future planning decisions in the area.

## Hammersmith & Fulham Council decisions

H&F council has finally made a set of decisions on the April 2012 application to designate an area within its borough as part of the St Quintin and Woodlands neighbourhood.

But these decisions are not the ones that we expected or sought. The council has decided to:

- refuse to designate the part of the proposed St Quintin and Woodland neighbourhood area on its side of the borough boundary
- refuse to designate the St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

The council has instead designated a small and unnamed 'neighbourhood area'. This is limited to Eynham Road and surrounding streets, excluding the Imperial West site.

The council has based these decisions on opposition to the original cross-borough proposals, from members of the Brickfield Association of Residents.

This changes nothing on the work now under way to put together a neighbourhood plan for the K&C side of the original area (the larger part). But it may make it harder to influence several issues of importance to residents and businesses on both sides of the Borough boundary.

We have met with the council, and with members of Brickfields Association of Residents, to explain why we think these decisions are short-sighted and reflect a misunderstanding of how the Localism Act is intended to work.

We will be continuing to involve those H&F residents who do want to take part in preparing the StQW neighbourhood plan. We hope that once local people see more clearly what the plan will cover and the benefits that it could bring, the council will change its mind.



## Regenerating Latimer Road

Look out for dates for a couple of consultation workshops, on the future of Latimer Road.

We need ideas from local residents and businesses, on what is needed to bring more life to this street.

As a RBKC 'Employment Zone' Latimer Road has been in gradual decline for over a decade. It is one of very few parts of the borough where office units can stand empty and unlet for years on end.

Latimer Road lacks the public transport links, up-to-date office buildings and restaurants/coffee shops that create successful business areas.

We have been suggesting to the council that a wider mix of uses is needed. At present, clinics, crèches, gyms, schools, or art galleries are not allowed planning permission.

This could change, via new planning policies in the neighbourhood plan.

The street might also benefit from more housing, within existing buildings and above workshops and studios.

A 'creative quarter'? Another Hoxton Square? Or something quieter? Please tell us how you would like the area to change.

Dates for consultation workshops will be circulated in the New Year.