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North Pole Road CCTV

Two cameras have been added to the RBKC CCTV network, covering the North Pole Road shopping parade. The funding for these was obtained by the StQW Forum from our share of the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL). As an area of the Borough with an [adopted neighbourhood plan](#), we are eligible to bid for 25% of all CIL payments made when new floorspace is created in developments in the area.

These cameras are recording at all times and are actively monitored by the joint RBKC/LBHF control room from 3pm to 1am, seven days a week. The control room liaises directly with the Police. Presence of the cameras should provide reassurance to shopkeepers and the public. If anyone has particular concerns about anti-social behaviour or drug-dealing from specific addresses, we can pass on information to the CCTV control room.

Consultation on the Draft Local Plan for the Borough

The Local Plan is the key planning document against which all planning applications are assessed. The Council is revising its Local plan earlier than usual, because the version adopted in 2019 did not include new housing proposals (which were then under review following the 2017 Grenfell tragedy).

This [consultation on a first draft of a new version of the Local Plan](#) runs until 23rd March. A second draft will be consulted on in autumn 2022. The StQW/St Helens RA will be submitting comments and working with the Kensington Society in doing so.

Our main priority will be to ensure that the new version of the Local Plan continues to support the policies in our neighbourhood plan. This includes protection from development for the three Local Green Spaces at the Bowling Club, Kelfield Gardens, and Nursery Lane. We will also be looking closely at new or updated RBKC policies for Latimer Road, on flood prevention, green issues, and on alterations/extensions to houses.

Please email sthelensasn@aol.com if there are any specific points on which you would like StQW/SHRA to include in our representations. Anyone can also respond directly to the consultation.

Tall building proposals for Kensal Canalside and North Acton

Following the good turnout at the 'Development Forum' organised by the Council last November, Sainsbury's/Ballymore and Berkeley Homes/St William have delayed submitting their planning applications at Kensal Canalside.

Questions and objections from the public at this session at Barlby Primary School have had some effect. The Council has signalled to the developers that towers of 36 storeys will not be acceptable.

The updated site allocation in the Council's Draft Local Plan now allows for buildings of 6-31 storeys (Trellick Tower height) at Kensal Canalside. This is still very high by the standards of this borough.

The Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum is continuing to battle against the plans of Imperial College for seven new buildings at North Acton. These include one tower of 56 storeys and two more at 50. Hammersmith MP Andy Slaughter is supporting the campaign, and Hammersmith & Fulham Council has made objections. Ealing Council has not, despite public commitments from the Council Leader Peter Mason to '*clamp down on tall buildings*'.

To help the campaign against the proposals at North Acton, we have reworked our website from a decade ago, when St Helens RA was opposing Imperial's 35 storey tower on Wood Lane. The application at Portal Way looks unlikely to be decided before April and the OPDC remains obliged to consider all further representations. See at www.imperialfolly.org.uk if you would like to add to the 42 objections to date from members of the public.

Sale of Notting Police station

At a well attended meeting in St Johns Church on 2nd February, Deputy Leader Kim Taylor-Smith explained the Council's plans to ensure that the police station site in Ladbroke Grove remains in social and community use. The Kensington Society secured registration of the site and buildings as an Asset of Community Value, some years ago.

RBKC has put together a package of potential uses, including GP surgeries and specialist housing accommodation (probably for adults with learning disabilities) which have underpinned a serious bid to acquire the property. There remains a risk of commercial bids at higher levels, from developers of 'prime' housing who may fail to take account of the planning constraints on the site.

The decision on a preferred bidder lies in the hands of the [Mayors Office for Policing \(MOPAC\)](#). The petition mounted by the Kensington Society has attracted over 2,000 signatures and we hope that this will influence the Mayor's decision. There is still time to sign up at [Ensure that the Notting Hill police station retains its community use](#).

Tea for the Queen

The Council is inviting older residents of the Borough to a Community Tea for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. The Tea will take place on **Sunday 5th June, from 12.00 – 3.00** at Kensington Town Hall and is being organised by a volunteer committee led by the Kensington and Chelsea Forum.

We have been invited to nominate guests to attend, and to pass on names of anyone wishing to volunteer to help on the day. Let us know at sthelensasn@aol.com if you (or someone whom you know) is interested, with your name, address, phone number and preferably an email address. We will then forward on nominations to the Kensington and Chelsea Forum.

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