



# St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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## Things are happening in Latimer Road

Bringing improvements to Latimer Road, in terms of its range of uses, general vitality, and 'streetscape' was one of the main reasons why our residents association/ neighbourhood forum embarked on a neighbourhood plan for this part of the Borough, back in 2012.

Seven years later, there are several things happening. Some good news, and some delays on previous plans:

- Westway Trust is seeking planning permission for a complete rebuild of the riding stables in Stable Way. A popular community project in action until a few years ago, the stable buildings and riding arena are currently unused. The Trust has plans for a new purpose built equestrian centre, to be run by Sarah Tuvey as before.

There are still issues to be resolved, on fund-raising for all the capital costs involved and on the charitable body that will run the operation. If anyone is interested in helping with the project email [info@stqw.org](mailto:info@stqw.org) to be put in touch with Sarah and Westway staff involved.

- In Latimer Road itself, there are planning applications being considered by RBKC for the neighbouring houses at 341 and 341A, on the western side of the street. Both involve modest upward extensions. In this section of the street, views to the west are already blocked by Imperial's mega-buildings.

- Next, we are expecting proposals to come forward for redevelopment of two of the light industrial units 1-14 Latimer Road. Both look likely to involve a mix of employment space at ground level and much needed new housing above. Both are at the 'pre-application' stage of discussions with RBKC planning officers. More information will be available once applications are finalised and submitted.

- The bad news is that the date for the long-promised pedestrian/ cycle underpass, linking Latimer Road and Wood Lane beneath the railway line, has gone back again. Summer 2020 (as opposed to Q3 2019) is now seen as the earliest possible completion date.

Even this date remains dependent on Hammersmith & Fulham Council agreeing to take on legal responsibility for the completed structure. StQW are continuing to lobby for this to happen, given that the underpass was this council's proposal back in 2013, as a 'S106 community benefit' agreed with Imperial College.

Better access to the Central Line would much improve public transport options for our neighbourhood. We are having to wait a long time for this 'planning obligation' to be delivered.

## St Helens Ward Gathering - Saturday 2nd Feb

St Helens ward councillors are inviting residents to a 'Ward Gathering' aimed at hearing views and listening to local concerns. The event will run from 1pm to 5pm on Saturday 2nd Feb and is being held at Bay 20, 71 St Marks Road W106JG.

This is the new community building constructed for Westway Trust by the BBC as featured in their [DIY SOS programme](#) last autumn. Well worth a visit if you have not already been there. The excellent upstairs community space is available for bookings via email to [bookings@bay20.org](mailto:bookings@bay20.org) or phone 020 3579 0384.

## North Kensington Community Energy Project

We have featured this project in previous newsletter. The project is a [community-owned energy enterprise in RBKC](#). They are installing solar panels at on 2 primary schools (Avondale Park and St Thomas Primary) and on the Dalgarno Trust building. These will help to power the schools and create a community fund of £28,000 for local groups.

They are looking for further funders interested in investing £100 or more in the project. Investors will receive their money back with interest at an average 3% across the 20-year life of the project.

North Kensington Community Energy is part of the Repowering London initiative, and is supported by RBKC. There will be a further opportunity to meet the organisers at a session from 6.30-8.30pm on Tuesday Jan 29th in the Town Hall (Horton St, W8 7NX). Or contact [dave.fuller@repowering.org.uk](mailto:dave.fuller@repowering.org.uk) for more details.

## Heathrow consultation on changing flightpaths

This is a separate issue from the proposed Third Runway, and more immediate. The consultation is here <https://afo.heathrowconsultation.com/> and runs until 4th March.

Heathrow are planning to change the way that planes use the existing two runways. They are consulting on alternative geographic 'design envelopes'. These show the heights at which planes would be travelling, and the resultant noise implications.

It is a complex consultation, and the W10 area will be affected. We have asked the council for advice on the options. Let us know if you have mastered the online diagrams, and we will share views at an open meeting in February.