

January 2024 newsletter from StQW Forum and St Helens RA

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St Helens Residents Association St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

A Happy New Year to all our members. Let us hope that 2024 proves to be a good year for our neighbourhood and for all who live and work in this part of North Kensington.

Ballymore/Sainsburys planning application at Kensal Canalside

January 12th is the Council's deadline for responses to this major planning application. In practice, the application will not be decided until the later part of 2024 and legally any comments have to be taken into account by the RBKC Planning Committee up to that point. But if you were thinking of sending in a comment now is a good moment.

A new post under 'News' on the [opening page of our website](#) includes a final draft of the StQW objection, which we will be submitting to the Council (and to the GLA) on January 12th. Please let us know if there are any extra points that you would like raised in this response..

There are already several hundred responses to the application published on the RBKC online planning file, supporting or objecting to the proposals. To have a look at these (or to submit a comment online) click on [this link](#) and enter 'Canal Way' or the reference number **PP/23/06575** in the box called 'Simple Search'. On the next page, click on the application number and scroll right down to the foot of the page of details, to open up the 'view documents' page. **Or to keep life simple you can send an email to planningapplications@rbkc.gov.uk with the reference number in the header.**

Some suggestions of grounds for an objection to this high-density, high-rise mega development (proposed by joint developers Ballymore and Sainsburys) were included in our December newsletter. This is [at this link](#) on the newsletter page of the StQW website.

We will be keeping track of other comments submitted by local organisations including the [Kensington Society](#), the [KeepKensalGreen](#) campaign, and the [Golborne Forum](#). It may well be that more information will emerge in the coming weeks, including 'Stage 2' comments from the Mayor of London and further details of decontamination plans for the site. The impact on local traffic of adding 2,516 housing units and a new Sainsburys superstore on land with a single access and exit point on Ladbroke Grove remains a major concern for all living in the surrounding area.

Nucleo performance at Ladbroke Hall February 6th

An invitation from Nucleo is below. This event will be at [Ladbroke Hall](#) the newly opened arts and social club at Carpenters Workshop in the former Rootes building in Barlby Road. The restoration of the building was featured in our October 2023 newsletter. Ladbroke Hall, now run a [series of music events](#) including Jazz Nights on Fridays. The concert below is an invitation-only event organised by the local charity [Nucleo](#).



One of our Borough's best-kept secrets, the local charity, Nucleo, extends a warm invitation to all for its upcoming Celebration Recital. This special night promises enchanting performances by a selection of exceptionally talented young musicians, showcasing the depth and diversity of Nucleo's programme. From its youngest instrumentalists to the most senior, witness the dedication and talent within Nucleo's vibrant musical family.

Nucleo is a "music for social action" project offering free, ensemble-based music-making opportunities to over 450 children and young people through our immersive programme in North Kensington.

Event Details:

Date: Tuesday 6th February

Time: 6.30pm-9pm

Venue: Ladbroke Hall, 79 Barlby Rd, W10 6AZ

Please join Nucleo for an evening filled with beautiful music, community spirit and the joy of supporting young talent. Although admission is free, seating is limited, so if you wish to attend please RSVP to sophie@thenucleoproject.org <https://www.thenucleoproject.org>

Charity Reg No: 1169328

A talk at the Bowling Club about the future of Holland Park

Details below of another local event next month::



Creating future history for Holland Park

Talk by Jennie Kettlewell, Chairman, The Friends of Holland Park

Thurs 29 Feb, 7.30 pm at the West London Bowling Club

112a Highlever Road, W10 6PL

RSVP: membership@westlondonbowlingclub.com - Guests fee £5

It is often said that Holland Park is a jewel of a place, but what is the park all about and what makes it so special? We must ensure it stays special for future generations and that means planning and taking action now. So what are The Friends' concerns and what projects are in the pipeline? The talk will be illustrated with pictures of the park, from its history to its flower displays, and there will be time for questions afterwards.

The [Friends of Holland Park](#) is a registered charity with over 1,000 members. Its aims are to project and enhance the historic and natural assets of the park.

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