



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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Consultation survey

The StQW survey questionnaire has now been delivered to all households in the RBKC part of the neighbourhood area. We used a delivery company to tramp the streets this time, and if you did not receive a copy let us know and/or use the online version at this [link](#).

We have received some () returns to date. Completing questionnaires is not everyone's favourite pastime, but we do need to hear your views if the neighbourhood plan is to reflect what a majority of people want to see happen in this area.

Community Asset Registers – West London Bowling Club

One part of the 2011 Localism Act introduced new legislation on Community Asset Registers. The idea is that local communities should be able to nominate buildings or landholdings important to their neighbourhood, and that their local council should then impose a 6 month moratorium on sale to a developer, thereby allowing other alternative propositions to emerge.

This Act was part of the Big Society agenda of the Coalition Government, about which we do not hear much these days. But it is on the statute book, and is being used in various contexts.

In Kensington & Chelsea, the London Lighthouse building is on the register. This has given the K&C Social Council and other organisations a chance to put together a potential offer for the site.

Locally, the StQW Forum has agreed with the Directors of the West London Bowling Club that an application should be made to add this land and building to the Asset Register. This piece of 'backland' green space was part of the original layout of the St Quintin Estate dating from the early part of the last century.

Residential property values in this borough are now so high that developers would pay enormous sums for this site. As we have seen, the new housing development in Pangbourne Avenue has been marketed in Hong Kong and Shanghai as 'Argyll Place' at prices way beyond most of those who have lived in this area in recent decades.

The Neighbourhood Forum is keen to ensure that some areas of green space remain in this area. And we are exploring with the Bowling Club what wider range of uses might achieve future financial viability for the club.

You can find out more about Community Asset Registers at this [link](#)

In the meantime, we would welcome letters or emails of support for the application to include the site on the Community Assets Register. These should be sent to james.preece@rbkc.gov.uk or to us at info@stqw.org and we will forward them on.

Regenerating Latimer Road

The drop-in session for local businesses and residents to discuss some initial ideas for the future of Latimer Road is being held on **6th February between 2.00 and 7.00pm at Unit 8 on Latimer Road** (this building is one of the industrial/workshop units, opposite No 270).

Come and see some initial ideas for the future of the street, and to tell us what sort of planning policies or physical changes are needed to improve the area,



New station on the West London Line

We are continuing to campaign for an extra station to be added to the West London Line, beneath the Westway roundabout and next to the proposed Imperial West/Latimer Road cycle/pedestrian underpass (which would allow access to both platforms).

The West London Line Group (a body of railway enthusiast with a track record of promoting new stations) has also made the case for this option. Their recent press release can be found [here](#).

Initial reaction from Transport for London has been discouraging. They argue that priority should be given to a new Overground station at the planned Old Oak HS2 and Crossrail hub.

We maintain that both will be needed if Wood Lane and North Pole Road are not to become grid-locked at all hours of the day. So we will continue to lobby RBKC and LBHF on the issue.