

# St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

Newsletter July 2019

## Outcome of consultation on future of Linford Christie Stadium

We discussed the three consultation options at our open meeting on June 6th, and there was unanimous support for Option 2 and for refurbishing the stadium as a community-led local sports centre. A response to this effect was sent in from StQW/SHRA to Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

The published results of the consultation have come as a surprise and disappointment to the Friends of Wormwood Scrubs.

A report to the Council's Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Committee on June 26th states *Over 8,782 completed questionnaires were received with over 80% of respondents supporting the Trust or the Council completing a major redevelopment as their preferred option.*

The LBHF report, and an annexe giving a breakdown of the consultation responses can be downloaded at <http://democracy.lbhf.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=467&MIId=6578>

The report concludes that *The consultation responses also showed majority support for the Trust or the Council to consider making provision for professional and community sports, and as a venue for major entertainments.*

So the prospect of a 30,000 or 45,000 seat venue on the Linford Christie site looms larger. There is still much work your to be done by the Council, including a transport study, before any final decisions are made.

FOWWS have flagged up that only 19% of the responses were 'local' in coming from the four northern wards in the Borough. Much larger numbers were from Greater London at 48% and 'rest of UK' at 28%.

This shows the reach of the QPR lobbying machine, as expected. The statutory role of the Scrubs is for *use by the inhabitants of the metropolis for exercise and recreation*" so the views of all Londoners would seem a legitimate factor to be weighed in final decisions.

## St Marks Park

The Council will be holding four drop-in sessions at the Park (by the Kiosk) to discuss improvements to the park buildings. Dates and times are

**Monday 1 July 10am-1pm**

**Friday 5 July 2pm-5pm**

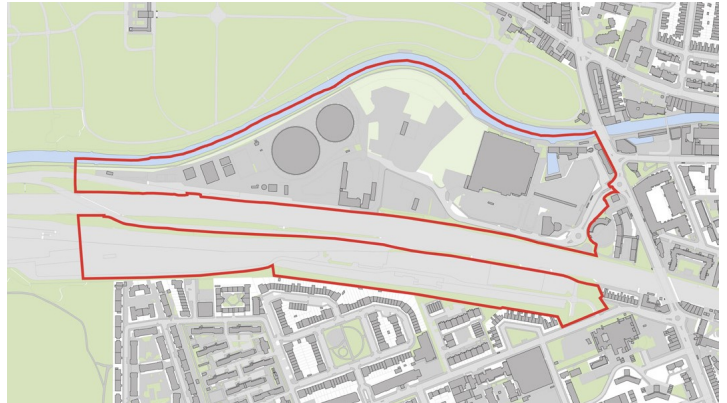
**Tuesday 9 July 12-3pm**

**Thursday 11 July 4pm-7pm**

An online consultation will run from **1st-21st July** at [www.rbkc.gov.uk/KMP-survey](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/KMP-survey)

## Next stage in plans for Kensal Canalside

RBKC planning officers held a series of initial consultation workshops in March, with residents who will be affected by plans for the area south of the Grand Union Canal. As a Mayoral Opportunity Area, this last expanse of 'brownfield' land in the borough is destined for 3,500 new homes.



Kensal Canalside Opportunity Area shown by red line

The Council has now advanced its plans one stage further. Details of Community Walkabouts and Workshops being held on **12th and 13th July** are on the leaflet circulated with this newsletter.

## Plans for Old Oak run into further trouble

Our June newsletter brought news that Cargiant is now fighting the proposals of the Old Oak Park Royal Development Corporation to include its 43 acres of land at Hythe Road in plans for 24,000 new homes at 'Old Oak North'.

This battle will continue at a final public hearing of the Examination of the OPDC Local Plan on July 18th. Our sister neighbourhood forum (Old Oak NF) will be there to add to questions about the realism and viability of the OPDC's proposals. It has now become clear that TfL will not fund a new Overground station at Hythe Road. Housing densities planned by OPDC ought now to be reduced, given continued poor levels of public transport access in the area. But will this happen?

## TfL consultation on Wood Lane cycleway

These proposals were also discussed at our last open meeting. As agreed, a StQW/SHRA response queried several aspects of the scheme. We also suggested that a new Overground station at 'Westway Circus (Latimer Road) would have more impact in reducing private car traffic and air pollution along Wood Lane.

At a packed public meeting at Kensington Town Hall, the Council said that it would not support the schemes for Holland Park Avenue/Notting Hill Gate. RBKC is responsible for these roads, while LBHF is responsible for Wood Lane (and has yet to take a view).