# WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE ST QUINTIN AND WOODLANDS NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

Open Meeting June 27th 2013

#### What is a Neighbourhood Forum?

- a body formed by local people
- like a residents association, but with legal powers to draw up a Neighbourhood Plan
- a forum can co-exist with existing groups and residents associations
- membership is open to anyone living or working in the Forum area
- a new committee, elected by all members

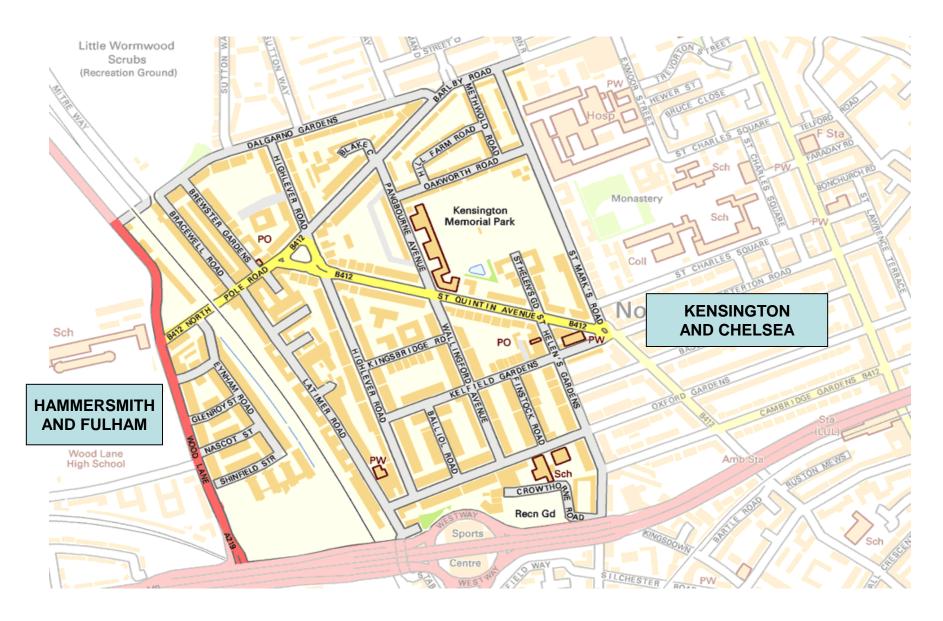
# What is a Neighbourhood Plan?

- a plan for what local people want to see happen in their area
- equivalent to the small area plans that the council prepares (e.g. for Westway)
- requires 50% plus support from a local referendum, to be adopted
- if approved, becomes part of council's planning framework shaping development

## Stages of preparing a plan

- defining the neighbourhood (done)
- approval to 'designation' (agreed by RBKC, not by LBHF)
- local consultation on content of plan (now starting)
- independent check (arranged by council)
- community referendum
- if supported by majority, plan has legal force

#### ST QUINTIN AND WOODLAND



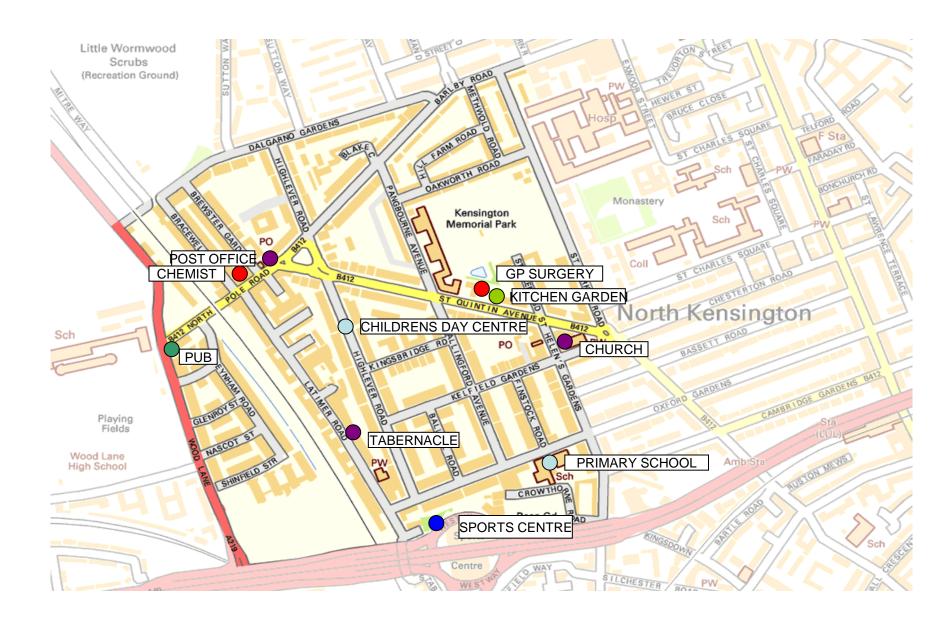
# Position on 'designation'

RBKC is designating that part of the area which lies in their borough

LBHF has yet to decide on designation (responses to consultation evenly divided)

Should LBHF residents and the council choose to participate later, there will be a separate LBHF referendum/adoption

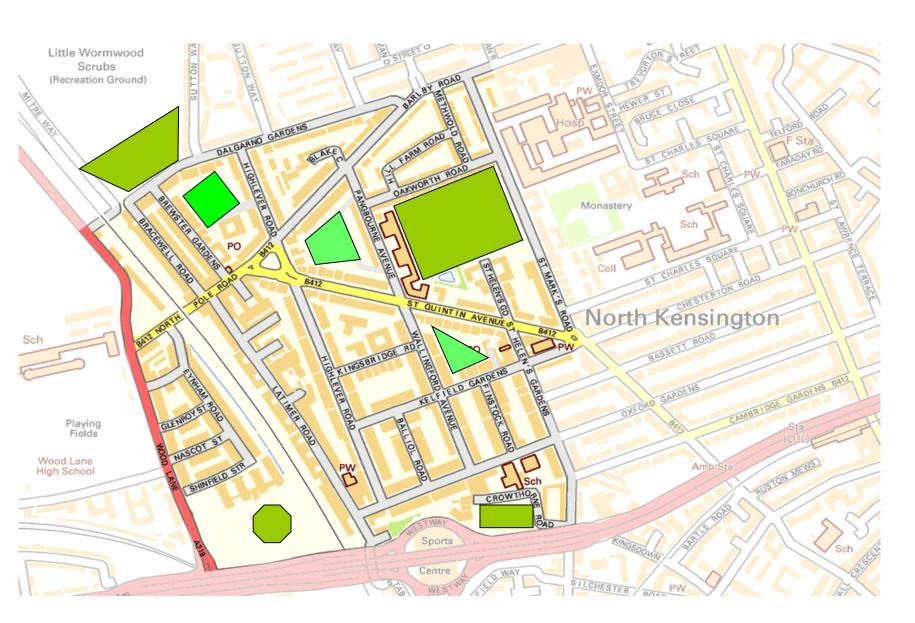
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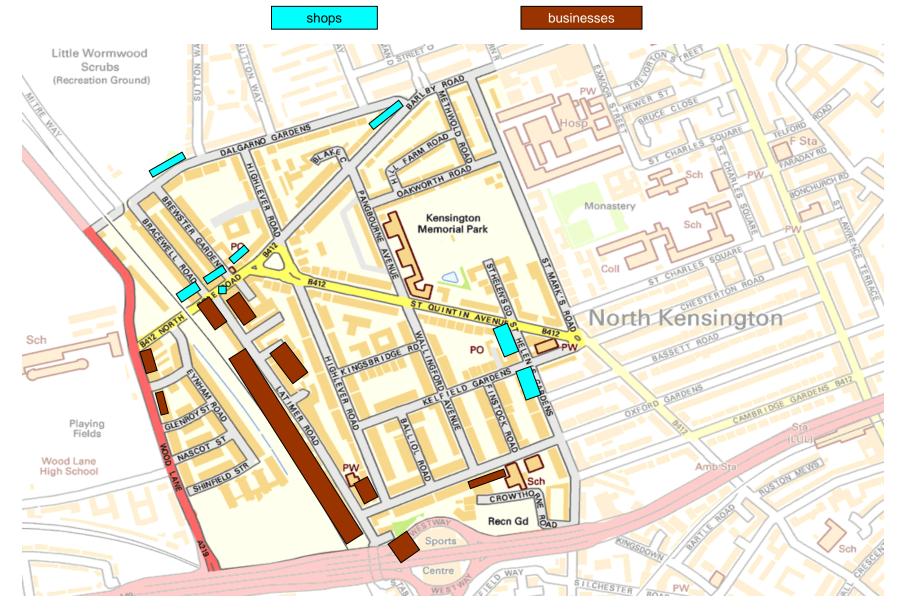
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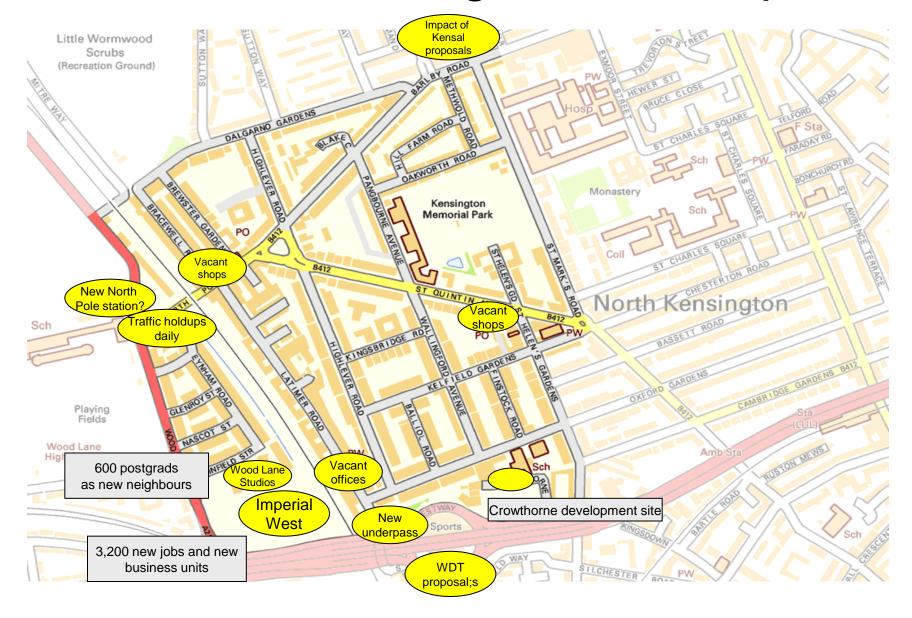
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#### SHOPS AND BUSINESSES



#### Issues for the neighbourhood plan



#### Next steps

The forum elects a management committee Meetings and workshops are held to talk about different parts of the plan (shops, business and employment, transport etc) Ideas fed in through www.stqw.org A draft plan is consulted on, when ready The forum decides what should be in the version submitted to the council

## How is this activity funded?

- St Helens Residents Association has been awarded a government grant of £6,760
- This will pay for room hire, printing, and consultation materials
- Plus some technical consultancy when needed
- There is no fee for membership of the forum
- Volunteer help will be welcome, especially from those with expertise

#### For more information

- Go to <u>www.stqw.org</u>
- Write to St Helens Residents Association at 95 Highlever Road W106PW
- Ring 020 7460 1743 (SHRA phone no.)

# Update on planning issues

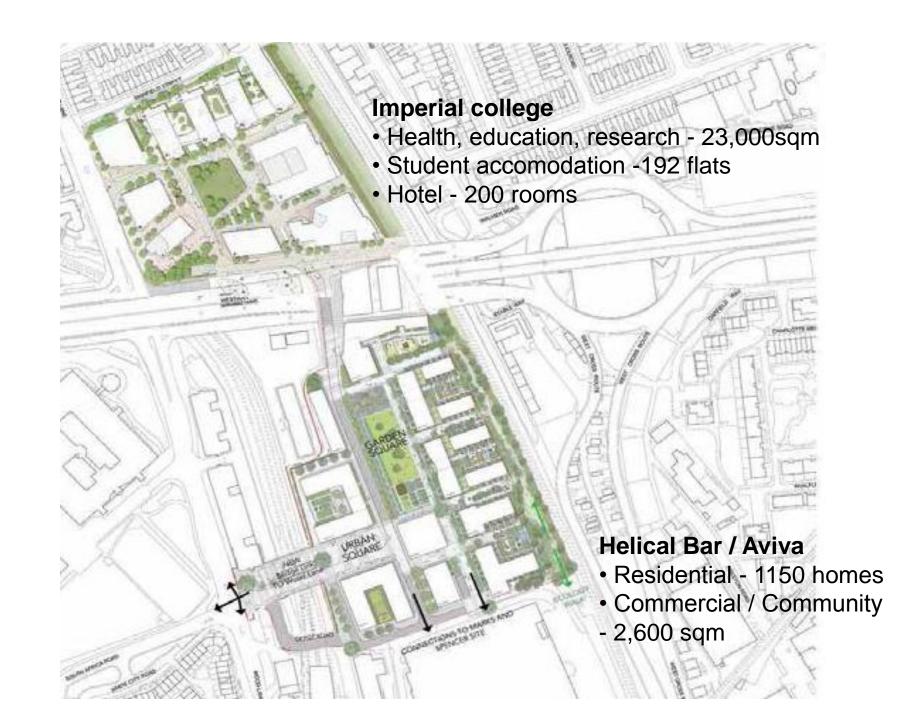
- Imperial are buying former Dairy Crest site in Wood Lane
- White City OAPF republished for consultation
- Appeal on advertising tower in Latimer Rd
- New rules on 'change of use'

# Imperial's growing 'campus'

- Imperial has announced its purchase of the Dairy Crest site in Wood lane
- This gives them a 22 acre site north and south of Westway
- Current proposals for Brickfields Urban Community of 1,150 houses will be replaced by new plans from Imperial
- What chance of changes to current plan?

## White City Opportunity Area

- Revised version (due late 2011) has finally been published
- GLA and LBHF consultation exercise
- Deadline for comments 2<sup>nd</sup> August
- Planning permissions already granted on 3 of the 4 sites.
- Responses to previous 2011 consultation largely ignored
- Still worth sending in comments



#### **FURTHER SOUTH ALONG WOOD LANE**



#### 'Building heights in the indicative masterplan.....'



'Tall buildings along the Westway – proposed'



## Network Rail advertising tower

- Would be sited at southern end of Latimer Road, next to Westway ramp
- 32m (100 feet tall) with 7x5 m illuminated panels
- Appeal heard on 12 June
- Inspector's decision in about a month

# Change of use

- Government has relaxed rules on change of use, as from May 30<sup>th</sup>
- A1 retail space can change to A2 or A3 (café) or B1 (office) for a 2 year period without planning permission
- Business to residential also allowed but not in RBKC which gained an exemption from this new national policy