



St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

Newsletter March 2017

Several short updates in this month's newsletter.

Ladbroke Hall/Sunbeam Studios

Ladbroke Hall in Barlby Road is one of our area's few Grade II listed buildings. Owned and run by local resident Adam Dawe, it now operates as Sunbeam Studios, an event venue much in demand for photo shoots of high end fashion, and also available for weddings, parties and corporate events including hire-able meeting rooms.

Built originally to serve one of England's earliest car factories Sunbeam Talbot (later taken over by Rootes) the building includes a magnificent turbine hall as well as offices which house a community of creative local companies. A new wing is being added to the building, replacing the vacant former GP surgery. This has been designed to match the existing building.



See at www.sunbeamstudios.com for more info on range of services including rental, catering, and any enquiries.

West London's threat from tall buildings

The 35 storey tower at Imperial West in Wood Lane rises steadily each week as new floors are constructed. The OPDC Planning Committee recently granted planning permission to the first of the two Aurora developments in Scrubs Lane.

The second application (the 22 storey tower next to the canal, featured in our October newsletter) is due to be decided by the OPDC on 5th April. RBKC has submitted strong objections, as have many local residents, plus St Helens Residents Assoc and the Hammersmith Society. But the omens do not look good.

Two further residential towers are set to follow, at 'Mitre Yard' and at 2 Scrubs Lane.

Crime in St Helens ward remains low

PC Stuart Stoter (Designated Ward Officer for St Helens) held a further ward panel meeting last week. The level of burglaries in the ward remains low at 4 a month (after an increase to 7 over the Christmas period).

The part of Memorial Park around the gate to St Marks Road has see some problems of groups of youths congregating and several arrests for drug offences have been made. But overall, crime levels in our neighbourhood are significantly lower than in wards to the east of Ladbroke Grove.

QPR Football Club and Linford Christie Stadium

A flurry of press reports in mid February suggested that QPR football club will be relocating from Loftus Road to a new 'community stadium' on the site of the Linford Christie athletics track (in the south-east corner of Wormwood Scrubs) off DuCane Road.

Both the Friends of Wormwood Scrubs and StQW/SHRA have been trying to follow up on these reports. Linford Christie is a large enough area for a 30,000 seater stadium, but the site remains Metropolitan Open Land and the planning obstacles to the proposals of QPR and Thames Valley Harriers would seem formidable.

Hammersmith & Fulham Council, and the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust, will be the major decision-makers in what happens next. So far the council has remained silent on the subject. More news next issue.



Linford Christie Stadium

Nursery Lane

A date should shortly be fixed for the High Court hearing on the Judicial Review claim by the Legard family against RBKC. Meanwhile the Council's enforcement team are being kept updated on the current unpermitted use of the site for recycling 'garden' waste via skips.