

# St Quintin and Woodlands Neighbourhood Forum

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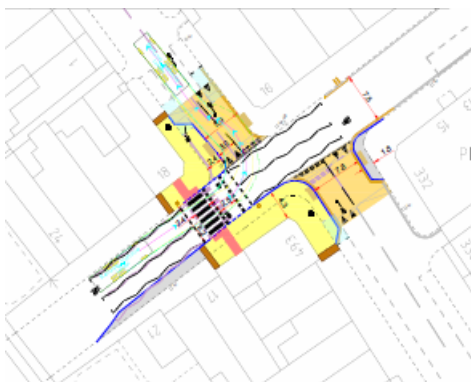
## Cycle Quietway plans for StQW area

The Council is currently consulting on the details of a proposed new section of the Mayor of London's 'Cycle Quietways'. This route will run from Ledbury Road in Westminster to Mitre Lane (next to Little Wormwood Scrubs).

There are implications for the StQW area and in particular for Latimer Road, North Pole Road and Bracewell Road, which will form part of the route.

The Council explains the proposal as follows *Quietways are designed primarily for people who have considered cycling, but been put off by the idea of sharing busy roads with lorries and buses - though of course we hope that many existing cyclists will also appreciate being able to use clear, direct routes along quiet side streets. It is important to note that Quietways are different from the Mayor's Cycling Superhighways, which have tended to grab most of the press coverage of cycling routes. For example, on the Quietways, we will not be painting coloured lanes on the roads, and we will not be designing the routes for very high volumes of commuter cyclists.*

Drawings showing the proposals can be viewed at [www.rbkc.gov.uk/cyclegrid](http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/cyclegrid). The main feature for our area are proposals for a new layout to help cyclists negotiate what is acknowledged as a 'tricky junction' when crossing from between Latimer Road and Bracewell Road.



RBKC plans for works to Latimer Road, North Pole Road and Bracewell Road.

See further plans at link above for more detail.

Congestion at North Pole Road has long been a local concern. Will additional cyclists weaving their way north/south create new problems, or slow traffic and make the street safer?

You can comment on the plans by sending an email to [cyclinggrid@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:cyclinggrid@rbkc.gov.uk), by 5 June 2016. Please send us a copy if you would like a collective response to be put together and submitted on behalf of StQW/ St Helens Residents Association.

## Open Gardens Weekend

This annual event gives access to over 200 gardens across London. Hammersmith United Charities are opening their gardens at their sheltered housing at John Betts House (Rylett Road W12) and Sycamore Gardens W6, both in Hammersmith (£4 entry each).

The West London Bowling Club will also be open for the Garden Square weekend on **Sunday 19th June from 10.00 to 17.00**, and for its Summer Fair on **Sunday 25th June**. The bowling season is back in full swing and the Club's petanque court (French boule) under construction.

## St Helens Festival

After an interval of a couple of years, Cllr Judith Blakeman and vicar of St Helens Steve Divall are organising a further Festival in St Helens Gardens. This will be a celebration of the Queen's 90th birthday, and will take place from approx **1pm to 4pm on Saturday 11th June**.

As in the past, the section of St Helens Gardens outside the church will be closed to traffic. This gives another opportunity for local residents to think about the merits of more regular Saturday closures of this section of street, to create a 'pedestrian piazza' as suggested in the StQW Neighbourhood Plan (see image below).



This project is on the Council's list of potential streetscape improvements for this part of North Kensington. Saturday road closures and a 'shared surface' for this part of St Helens Gardens are not out of the question, if there was support from local residents and the shops in the street. Further consultation would be carried out by RBKC before any decision was made.

Silchester Estate Residents Association will be holding a Fun Day on **June 4th, from 15.00 to 17.00 in Waynflete Square**. There will be a tour of the estate gardens on 18th June and of the architecture of the estate on 19th June.

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