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Ladbroke Grove Police station - please help to save this building for future use for health and other local services

- **Come to the public meeting in St John's Church, Ladbroke Grove, Notting Hill on Wednesday 2 February at 6:30pm.**
- **Please [sign the petition](#) organised by the Kensington Society**

Notting Hill police station at the top of Ladbroke Grove closed its doors in 2017. A 'front desk' at Royalty Studios, Road has not been an adequate substitute. The Mayor's Office for Policing (MOPAC) has been under pressure to sell off police stations across London for capital receipts. This police station has been on the potential sales list for some time.

The Kensington Society applied successfully to the Council to have the building registered as an Asset of Community Value. This delays a sale to allow the local community to come up with proposals, but does not stop a sale going through after 6 month moratorium..



In August 2021, the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime (MOPAC) notified the Council of its intention to put the site on the open market. The Kensington Society, with support from the Ladbroke Association, StQW/SHRA and other local bodies have since been helping the Council to come up with a package of social and community uses which could achieve a viable alternative bid for the site.

MOPAC commissioned a sales brochure from estate agents Knight Frank and put the site on the market. Knight Frank suggest that the main police station could be converted into 16 apartments, with the rest of the site used to build various options of new apartment blocks.

The alternative plan is for RBKC to acquire the site, with the existing building used in part for relocating local GP surgeries and part for community use. A new building would provide specialist accommodation, potentially for up to 20 adults with learning disabilities who are currently housed (at high cost) outside the Borough and away from their families. The Police would be offered part of the space for a front desk, much needed in an area where many tourists expect to be able to report a theft or other crime.

Much work has gone into these alternative proposals, by council departments, lead councillors, the Kensington Society and the NHS. The proposition is a viable one, but there remains the risk of developers of 'prime' London apartments coming in with an offer that MOPAC find irresistible. This is why the Society is mobilising local people to keep this building and its site in social and community use.

The Council will explain their plans at the meeting in St John's Church. Kensington MP Felicity Buchan, our representative on the London Assembly (Tony Devenish), the RBKC Council leadership; representatives from local residents' associations; and the local Independent Police Advisory Group will also be there. The Metropolitan Police and representatives from the Mayor's office have been invited.

You may already have received an invitation to the meeting from Felicity Buchan MP, asking you to register with her office. However, this is not a party-political meeting and all those local residents interested in the future of the police station are welcome to come whether or not they have registered (provided there is room for all of us). If you have any queries in the meantime, or would like to see a copy of the Knight Frank sales brochure, please email sthelensasn@aol.com.

Thanks and best wishes,

Henry Peterson, Chair StQW Neighbourhood Forum and St Helens Residents Association

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