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Consultation in progress for designation of our Neighbourhood Forum

The OPDC is carrying out a second public consultation on designation of the Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum. As reported in our last newsletter, the OPDC Board on 12th September decided to refuse this part of our previous application, on the grounds that the number of 'eligible' forum members that we had listed amounted to 16 people rather than the legal requirement of 21.

Given that the members we had listed were spread across the full 280 hectare area applied for, of which OPDC approved only 22 hectares, this shortfall was not surprising. But it meant that a second application, and a second public consultation, has been needed.

The consultation is published on the OPDC website at www.london.gov.uk/OldOakNF2 and the consultation runs until **18th January**.

You can respond via email to oldoaknf@london.gov.uk giving your name and postcode. Responses can come from anyone, whether or not they live or work within the much reduced area that OPDC had designated.

If you are one of those who would have wished your street to be included within the designated area, and to have been eligible to vote on the final neighbourhood plan please mention this. OPDC need reminding that there are residents living all round the OPDC area who would have liked the chance to be involved. As a reminder, the blue boundary below was what we asked for, the green boundary what OPDC finally approved.

Draft London Plan published

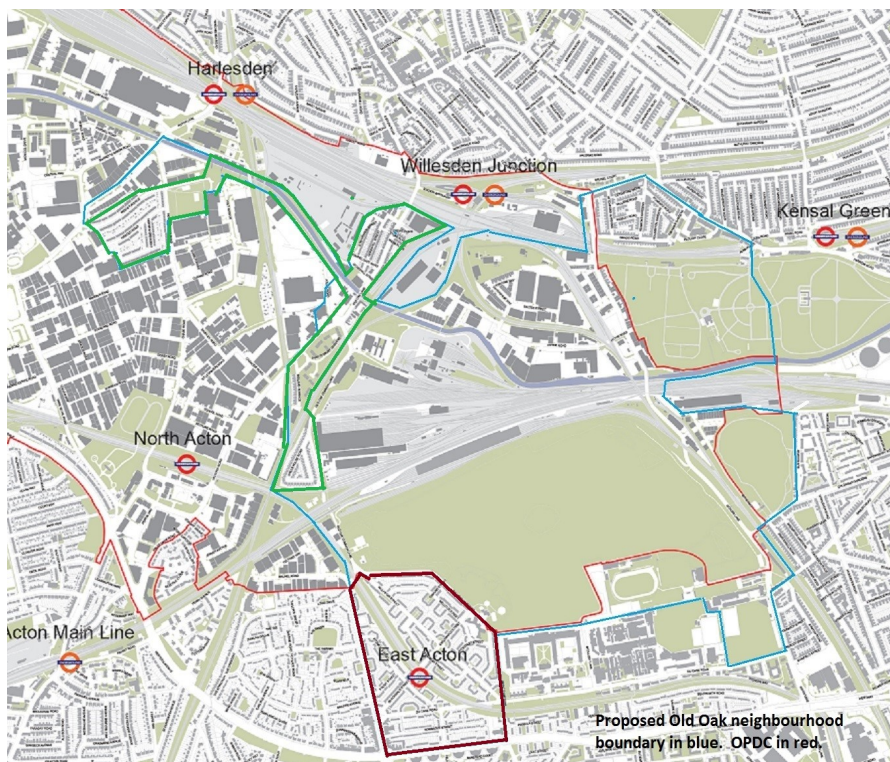
The Mayor of London has published his new London Plan, which will replace that drawn up by Boris Johnson. Consultation runs until 2nd March 2018 and you can download and comment on the document at <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/planning/london-plan/new-london-plan>

The London Plan does not say much about Old Oak other than that the area *is set to be transformed* with a total OPDC target of 25,500 new homes.

The annual target of new homes, for the next decade, is 1,367 a year. Now that OPDC has acknowledged that the HS2 station and Crossrail depot cannot realistically be 'decked over' at a viable cost, the Corporation is very reliant on the Cargiant landholding as the main source of further housing sites.

Cargiant will not be submitting even an outline planning application until mid 2018. As for any major housing developer, the pace at which their 46 acre site is then built out will depend on the state of the housing market. This remains very uncertain, post Brexit and with London house prices falling back rather than rising.

It is notable that none of the 3 housing developments approved by OPDC in Scrubs Lane have yet received final planning permission. Negotiations on S106 Agreements remain 'in progress' in each case. This too may be a symptom of a falling housing market.



No firm news on QPR's plans for Linford Christie Stadium

QPR have continued to hold some consultation sessions and to meet various local bodies, but little hard news has emerged on the state of discussions with Hammersmith & Fulham Council.

It is understood that a series of options for the future of Linford Christie Stadium are being worked up for presentation to the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust.

The Council is the sole corporate trustee and holds Wormwood Scrubs (including the stadium land) in trust for 'use by the inhabitants of the metropolis for exercise and recreation' under an 1879 Act of Parliament.

The Trust is managed by a LBHF committee made up of 3 councillors and 2 non-voting co-opted members, Miriam Shea and Stephen Waley-Cohen.