

# Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum and Grand Union Alliance

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The Collective, Old Oak Lane

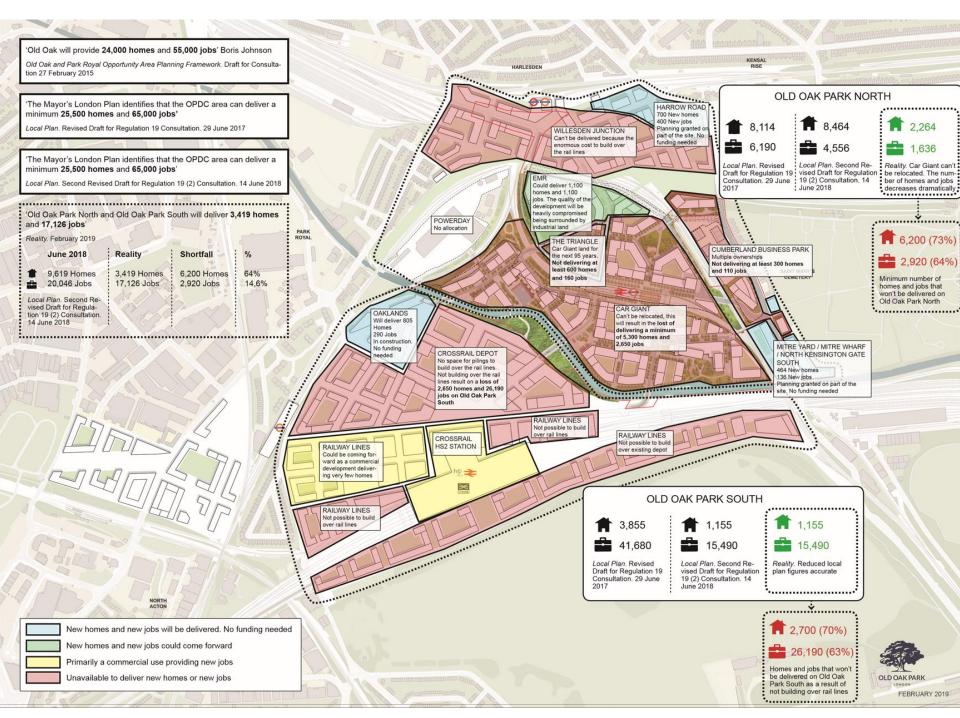
## Agenda for this evening

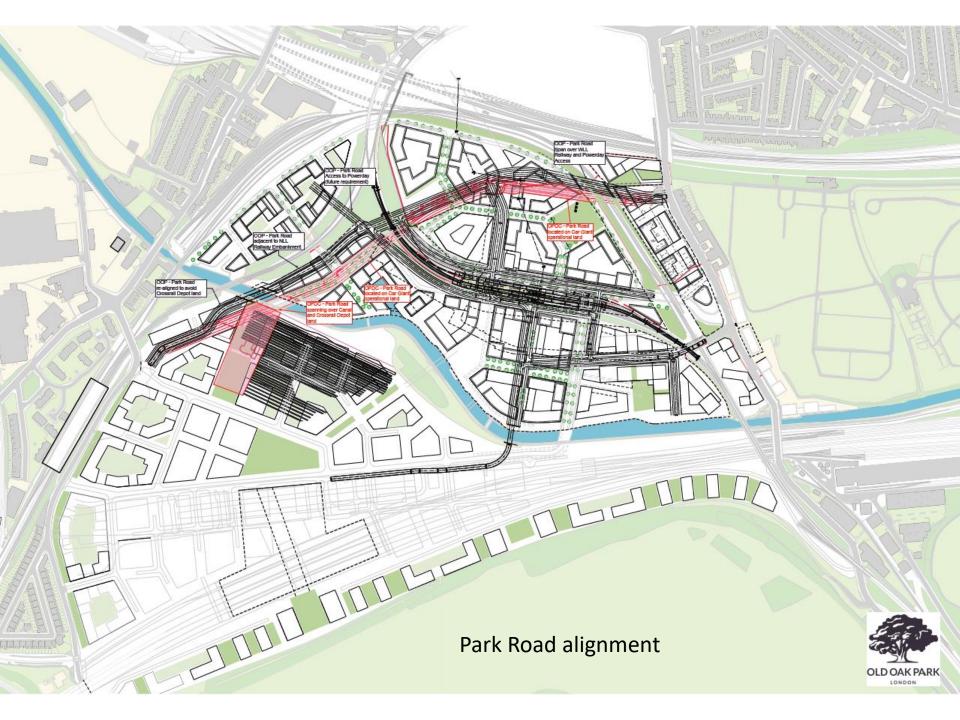
- Old Oak North what happens next?
   Q&A session with Geoff Springer from
   Cargiant/London & Regional Properties
   and Jonny Popper from London
   Communications
- Update on OONF consultancy project funded by OPDC
- OPDC Local Plan examination what should we say at the public hearings in April?

#### **Cargiant v OPDC**

OPDC is the Mayoral Development Corporation in charge of planning/regeneration at Old Oak Cargiant have been preparing plans for 'Old Oak Park since 2014 – version 4 was for 6,500 homes We had assumed Cargiant was discussing with OPDC a detailed planning application for 2019 But Cargiant has now halted all proposals after spending £8.5m

HS2 and OPDC proceeding with their own plans





## **OONF** consultancy project

OPDC has agreed to fund consultancy work up to £10,000 to put together initial data on our designated neighbourhood area.

We provided a brief. OPDC carried out a tender exercise.

Two bids received, from Navigus Planning and from Fluid (both consultancies work on urban renewal)

We have fed back our evaluation of the two bids

#### **OPDC Local Plan examination**

Planning Inspector appointed is Paul Clark MA MRTPI MCMI

He reviews the Draft Plan and decides on 'soundness' and 'effectiveness' plus legal compliance

Public hearings start 2 April

OONF and StQW Forums have sent in 4 sets of 'Written Statements' to add to earlier representations on the Reg 18, 19.1 and 19.2 Draft Plan.

#### What we will argue at the hearings

That the OPDC Draft Local Plan has major flaws and is 'unsound' and 'ineffective'

Because it is based on assumptions and expectations which are proving to be false.

OPDC has not changed its position on housing numbers when the facts change. Resultant density at Old Oak North unsustainable.

#### 2015 - the Boris 'vision'

2015 Opportunity Area Planning Framework for OPDC area

As Mayor of London, Boris **Johnson** promoted the idea of a 'Canary Wharf of the West'



#### The facts change

OPDC forced to accept that 'overdecking' of the HS2 station is not viable – too expensive and the station design requires natural ventilation.

OPDC also have to accept that the newly built Crossrail depot and sidings are here to stay and that these sites are not available until after 2038

The commercial heart of a new Old Oak shrinks to the 'adjacent site' next to the HS2 station.

#### HS2 station as per recent consultation

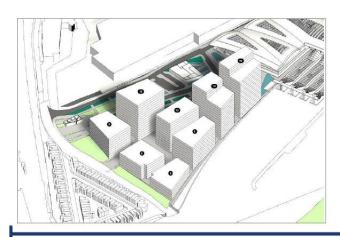


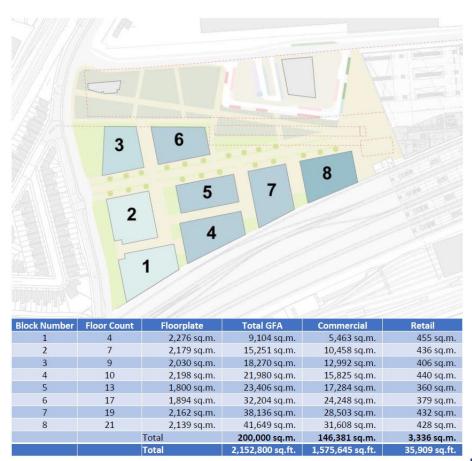
## **HS2** station site as being marketed

# **Development Capacity**

Conceptual studies have explored maximising floor space, achieving 146,000 sq.m. (1,575,000 sq.ft.) of office accommodation.

This is comprised of 8 blocks ranging from 4 to 21 storeys





## The facts change again

Schemes in Scrubs Lane approved by OPDC in 2017 do not start on site – with no certainty on transport infrastructure and a fall in the London housing market





North Kensington Gate on left, Mitre Yard scheme on right, looking south on Scrubs Lane

#### The facts change for a third time

Cargiant/London and Regional Properties decide to stay on site with their present operation and halt plans for Old Oak Park

This leaves scope for much reduced housing at Old Oak North

Park Road may still prove a viable piece of infrastructure if HIF funds are available

OPDC continue with a Local Plan promoting 25,000 new homes – some after 2038.

#### **EIP** hearings

Will be held in public at London Councils offices in Southwark Street

April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> are important days

Will the Draft Local Plan be 'modified' or declared unsound and back to drawing board?

If OPDC had designated our 280 hectare area, this would have allowed for neighbourhood plan policies that could have been more responsive and quicker to vary than in a Local Plan.

#### Any other business

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