

Old Oak Neighbourhood Forum and Grand Union Alliance

May 4th 2021
On Zoom

Agenda for the evening

- 1. Welcome to the meeting
- 2. OPDC Local Plan latest on 'modifications' and 'examination'
- 3. Extending the OONF boundary approaching landowners at Atlas Road/Channel Gate
- 4. HS2 works on Victoria Road, the Scrubs and Old Oak bridges
- 5. OPDC and HS2 joint engagement strategy
- 6. Developments in the pipeline (1 Portal Way, Castle Pub, Kensal Canalside (Sainsburys/Ballymore), 2 Scrubs Lane

Timetable for next steps on Local Plan

OPDC consultation on 'major modifications' due to start after May 6th elections

Will run for 6 weeks

OPDC will seek to limit scope of responses

We will argue that Inspector needs to reconsider the Local Plan as a whole – so much has changed since the Draft was submitted in 2018

OONF representations prepared and circulated with agenda for this meeting. Comments welcome.

Main points in our representations

- No road links between east Acton and north Hammersmith – has become 2 separate plans
- Extent of changes (on which consultation has been limited)
- Location of 'Old Oak major town centre' is a muddle – North Acton to Channel Gate?
- Housing targets lead to excessive overdevelopment on every possible available site
- Not positively prepared, justified, effective, or consistent with national and London policy

London Plan policy on Tall Buildings

Sec of State Robert Jenrick intervened on New London Plan last December

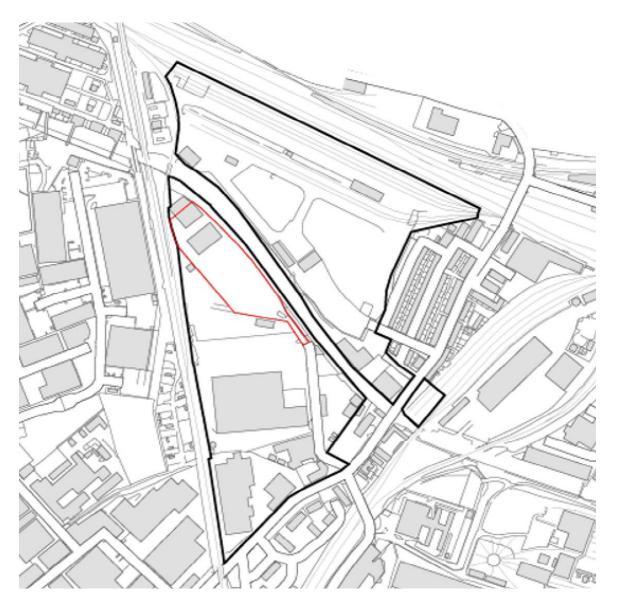
Directed the Mayor to make changes to Policy D9 on Tall Buildings. Mayor accepted these.

Locations for Tall Buildings must be identified and assessed as 'suitable' in Local Plans

OPDC modified Local Plan (arguably) does not include sufficient specifics of locations or assessments of 'suitability'.

'Conformity' with 2021 London Plan required.

Extending the OONF boundary

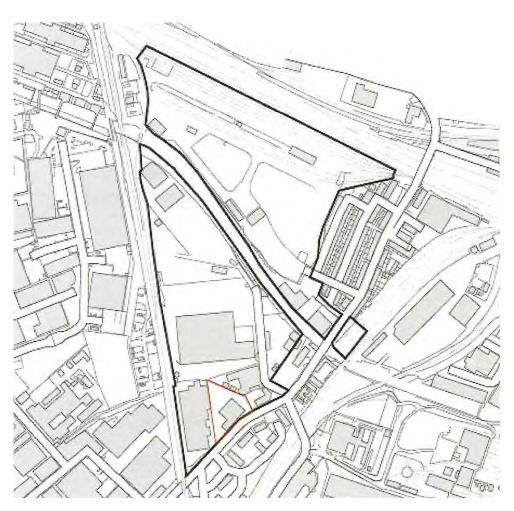


We need to approach existing landowners.

This site is owned by Park Score Ltd. Head Office in Greenford.

Four industrial units, one purchased in 2020.

Approaching landowners Tudor House

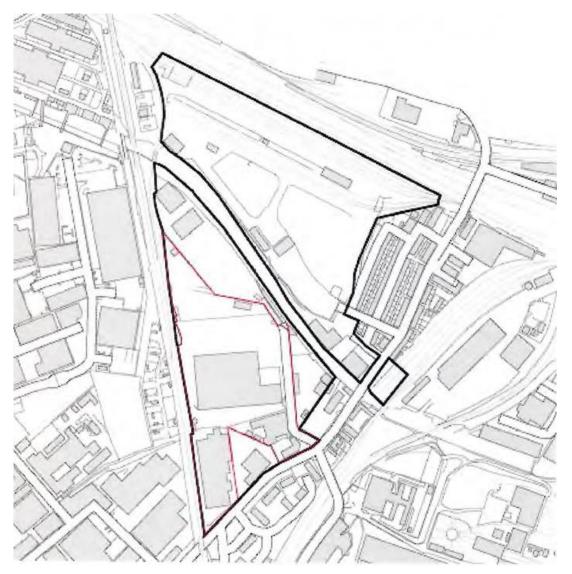


This site on Victoria Road is known by OPDC as the 'Tudor House' site.

Planning records on LBE website 'not available'.

Freeholder 55 Victoria Rd Ltd registered in BVI Leased by EE Ltd (mobile phone company) until 31 October 2028

Land owned by HS2 and Sec of State



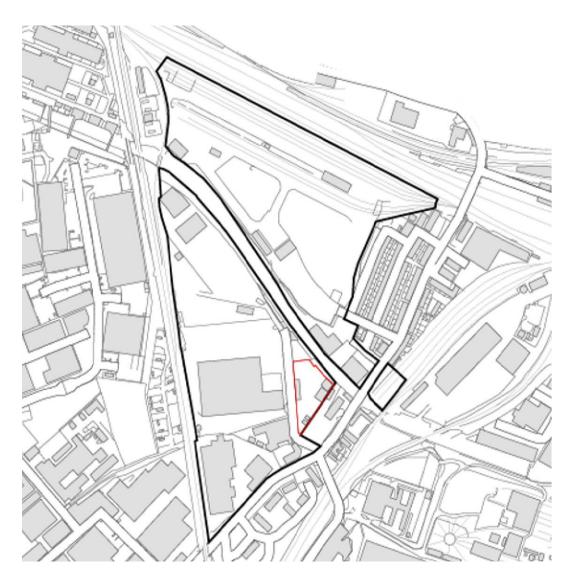
For how long will HS2 be using this site as a 'construction compound'?

Major investment being out in on the conveyors and other construction infrastructure.

2026 earliest departure date mentioned by HS2 in consultation sessions.

OOC station opening now scheduled for 2029-2033,

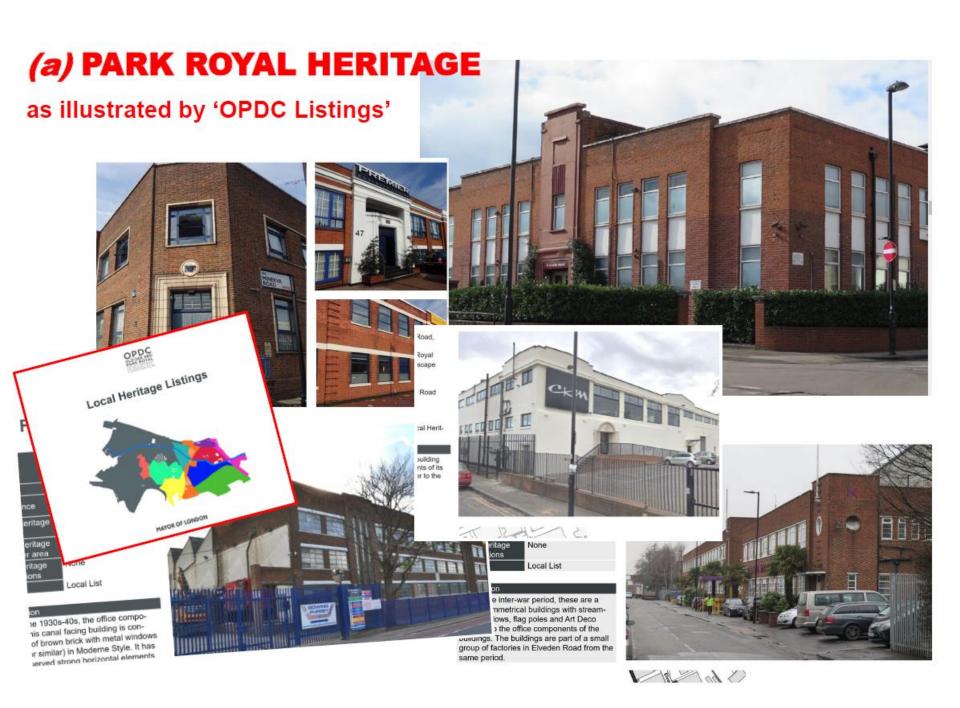
Approaching landowners (continued)



This site is owned freehold by Tommy James and Eamon O'Loughlin

Current use as bus depot

May have a 7 year lease from 2018 to Carphone Warehouse?



(b) HS2 PROPOSALS

'Victoria Rd Crossover Box' site





Can we do better than this rubbish?



(c) RESPONSE BY HS2 Ltd

HS2 Head of Planning (May 2021):

"Everything we build above ground, we have to get the design approved by the relevant planning authority."



Community engagement in design development

HS2 Ltd

Planning Forum December 2015



- Seven criteria identified:
 - Proximity to overlooking residential areas
 - 2. Within regeneration area 🗸
 - 3. Scale 🗸
 - 4. Select Committee's instruction X
 - 5. Level of local concern 🗸
 - 6. Sensitivity of local context ✓
 - 7. Proximity to community facilities 🗶

But HS2 says:

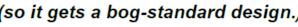
"Victoria Road Crossover Box is NOT a statutory 'Key Design Element'."

(so it gets a bog-standard design.)









(d) RESPONSE BY OPDC

"OPDC's design team have been involved throughout the pre-application meetings.

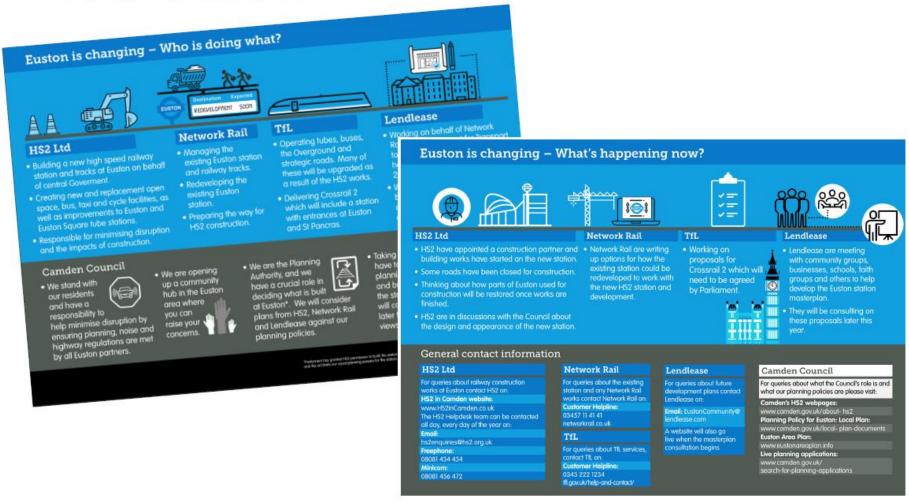


"Their advice has taken into account the local context and the design / external appearance of the buildings.

"A full assessment of the design and external appearance will also be undertaken once a Schedule 17 application has been submitted."

(a) HS2 and OPDC 'joint engagement'

Already a joint <u>Camden</u> leaflet:



(b) HS2 and OPDC 'joint engagement'

"By entering into this **joint working agreement**, HS2 and OPDC are seeking to collaboratively:

- Increase local understanding of what work is being undertaken and when, making information easier to access and comprehensive
- Build better relationships and more regular dialogue between residents and the HS2 and OPDC teams
- Raise awareness of the communication channels available for people who live and work near to our construction sites."



April 2021 update:

"[Since Nov 2020] we have liaised with engagement teams in the Boroughs to request their feedback to finalise it, as well as incorporating the feedback we received from Board members."

"Before it is published, we will request a meeting with Borough Leaders and local MPs to approve it. As we're in pre-election period, this will all need to take place after 6 May."

"You may have seen our recent newsletter mailed to 15,000 local properties with a HS2 construction page, updating on engagement events,... and regular, close working between both teams."