

# REGENERATION NEWS

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## SUMMER OF CONSULTATION

Hundreds of Battersea residents have been meeting with the Regeneration Team to discuss the proposed development plans for the Winstanley and York Road estates. A planning application is due to be submitted later this year, comprising of an outline planning proposal of the masterplan and detailed proposals for Phase One.

The summer consultation programme started on 2 June with the Get Active Battersea Festival in York Gardens. Around 1,000 residents turned out in the blazing sunshine for an action-packed afternoon of live performances, interactive games and sports activities. Many visitors took on the Test Yourself Zone to set personal records on the running track and reaction wall, whilst the youngest attendees were occupied with a range of activities from inflatable obstacle courses and trampoline bungees to face painting.

The festival was once again organised by Wandsworth Council and Enable Leisure and Culture, and supported by the Winstanley and York Road joint venture partnership. This year, attendees were able to explore the plans through a large 3D foam model and floor display of the redevelopment area, which had been decorated with artwork by pupils from Falconbrook Primary School. Visitors discussed the proposals with consultant experts and JV team members, and exchanged their comments and feedback for a much-needed, cooling ice-

cream. The full exhibition was on display for a further two sessions held in York Gardens library on 5 and 7 June.

The public consultation continued with a programme of individual events intended to reach people of all ages, who live or use services in the local community. On 12 June, the Regeneration Team hosted a dinner for more senior residents living in the area. The team enjoyed sharing in the guests' memories and experiences of the estate and learning their hopes for the future. Entertainment included a viewing of Battersea Junction, a documentary film containing interviews with residents of Battersea, past and present, produced by children from Falconbrook School in collaboration with digital:works...

**Taylor Wimpey**





The team has also been present with their pop-up gazebo outside Clapham Junction station speaking to commuters during the evening peak hours, and at the well-attended Falcon Road Festival on 30 June. Other, more specialised events have included a drop-in session at the York Gardens Children's Centre, where service users were able to meet the architects of the new community hub facility and specifically discuss the plans for the reprovided children's centre and nursery.

You can view the June exhibition boards online at [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/winstanleyyorkroad](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/winstanleyyorkroad) or in the regeneration project office at 10 Lavender Road.



## YOUR NEW YOUTH SPORTS OFFICER, CONOR HARTLEY



"I'm Conor, the Sport and Physical Activity Officer at Enable Leisure and Sport. I have been working in this role for six months since George Henry left. My previous experience has always been in sport and activity, most recently in the schools' environment.

I am responsible for working with local sports organisations to provide opportunities for young people to get active in the Battersea area. My aspiration is to create long-running opportunities for physical activity for young people into 2019 and beyond. Organising the Get Active Battersea Festival with the Regeneration Team in June was a great way to showcase the types of activities available in the area at present. We have most recently supported Chelsea Kicks to set up some free 3vs3 football sessions at Battersea Sports Centre for young people aged between 11 and 19, every Thursday from 4 – 6pm. Follow us on Twitter [@BatterseaGet](https://twitter.com/BatterseaGet) for more information."



## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

### Pop-up health huts

The Council's Public Health Team attended both the Get Active Battersea Festival on 2 June and the Big Local's Falcon Road Festival on 30 June to deliver mini-health checks for local residents. Besides providing friendly and personalised advice about health and nutrition, a number of visitors were recommended to register with their nearest GP.

If you were not able to come along to either of the festivals, you can still have health checks done at your local GP practice. NHS Health Check is a free check-up of your overall health for anyone aged from 40 to 74. It can tell you whether you are at higher risk of getting certain health problems, such as: heart disease, diabetes, kidney disease and stroke. See the NHS website [www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-health-check/) for further information.

## COMMUNITY VOICES

### ANDREW BEECH, YORK ROAD ESTATE RESIDENT AND COMMUNITY FIGURE



I was born and bred in Battersea, and have lived on the York Road estate for over 10 years with my wife and two children. My passion is to encourage other people into fitness. I run weekly kids' fitness classes in York Gardens library and karate and girls' weight lifting sessions in Battersea Sports Centre. I also work with Enable Leisure in schools and run Beat It health clubs to try to address obesity in children. Once a week I volunteer with my local church, St Peters, to teach kids rock climbing. It is important to me that children learn to build their confidence, integrate socially and keep healthy through sport.

I have been the Chair of the Pennethorne House Residents' Association for 5 years. My neighbours know that they can approach me about anything that concerns them or with ideas for improvements, and I will make sure that the issues are discussed in our RA meetings or raised with the right person in the Council. The regeneration is a common theme of our discussions, but the good thing about the regeneration is it proves that the Council does care about us. As an RA we try to support each other in the block, and I organised for the committee to pay for one resident to train as a Zumba instructor. I also mentored and trained her through the process, and am proud that she now offers Zumba classes in the Pennethorne House club room. The sessions take place at 9.30am on Tuesdays and 6.30pm on Wednesdays and cost £2 for non-Pennethorne House residents.

Earlier this year I was honoured to be presented with the Mayor's Housing Community Champion pin for my involvement in community activities on the York Road estate. The support and funding that I receive from this award will allow me to continue helping others to learn new skills in the year ahead. People say that there is nothing to do in our area, but there is. You just need to apply yourself, and I try to demonstrate that.

I love our community; the fact that people get on and sit down and talk to each other. It is important that people can have their voice and that the spirit of the community is maintained, whilst making improvements to the area. The Regeneration Team have encouraged that – they have their office right in the hub of the community and put on so many events where people can come, give their views and get information about what's going on. Through the regeneration, people can start taking a bit more pride in their area and there will be many more opportunities for people who want to achieve better things with their lives. I hope that people will be positive about the changes; things can only get better and we should embrace that.

## YOUR LOCAL COUNCILLORS

The Winstanley and York Road estates are in Latchmere ward. You can raise any issues with your local councillors:

**Cllr Tony Belton**, [TBelton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:TBelton@wandsworth.gov.uk), 020 7223 1736

**Cllr Simon Hogg**, [SHogg@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:SHogg@wandsworth.gov.uk)

**Cllr Kate Stock**, [Cllr.K.Stock@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:Cllr.K.Stock@wandsworth.gov.uk)

You can also contact the Cabinet Member for Housing, **Councillor Kim Caddy**, at [KCaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:KCaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk) or leave a message on 020 8871 6041.

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# Spotlight On:

## YORK GARDENS: A PARK FOR ALL

The redesigned York Gardens will offer a healthy, attractive and safe environment, with opportunities for fitness, play and relaxation for all ages.



The new York Gardens will be the central focus of the regenerated area, providing safer and more direct routes to the modern housing built around the park. There will be three key zones, each providing a variety of opportunities to exercise, sit and relax, play and learn about nature.

### A: Adventure playground and outdoor gym

Set amongst some of the large existing trees is the adventure playground with mounds, slides, large swings and picnic tables for all the family to enjoy. The area also has an outdoor gym and running track for those wanting to exercise in the open air.

### B: Central path and activities

A giant climbing net sits as a focal point to the park and as a focal point of fun! Dog owners have their own fenced area so they can let their dogs off the lead freely and meet other owners. There are also areas for basketball,

chess and table tennis, and open green space for kickabouts and festivals.

### C: Urban square

At the front of the park is a square with trees, seating and giant swings that look out over the park. From here there are a number of walking/ running loops and direct routes across the neighbourhood.

These proposals for the park will be included in the detailed planning application to be submitted in the Autumn. It is intended that key principles such as the size of the park, key routes through the area, the variety of habitats, flora and fauna and the range of activities on offer be agreed at this point. The details of the park equipment and layout of the zones will be decided at a later stage through consultation with local residents.

**Fact:** the brand-new park would be large enough to fit two standard 100x64m football fields and one small five-a-side pitch, and would offer a perimeter running track of 800m!

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