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ROEHAMPTON CHRISTMAS LANTERN PARADE

Throughout December children from local schools and residents of Roehampton worked hard to make and decorate lanterns to celebrate the beginning of the festive season.

Children and residents attended over a dozen workshops organised by the Regeneration Team to make their own lanterns and exhibited their own festive flare by decorating the lanterns with glitter, tinsel and tissue paper.

Pupils and parents assembled outside Eastwood Nursery and Nursery School, Sacred Heart Catholic School and Heathmere Primary School, from where they paraded their lanterns through Roehampton to the Alton Green. On arrival, the lantern bearers were served festive treats and beverages (made by the Camden Society) and a selection of carols were performed by An A-Chaired Taste, the Alton estate's over-60's choir. Attendees were then treated to performances by World Heart Beat Music Academy, a local music charity providing musical tuition to residents from across Wandsworth.

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Rob Nicholson, Headteacher at Eastwood Nursery and Nursery School, said that: "The Eastwood children were delighted to be able to take part in the Lantern Parade just before Christmas - an important and valuable opportunity for each child to learn about and feel part of their local community. The workshops were excellent! Each child learned new skills, had the opportunity to be creative and accomplish a finished product by making their own lantern with the support of the Regeneration Team. We were very proud to be part of the lantern parade!"

We would like to thank all the children and residents for making lanterns and joining the Parade, and all the singers and musicians who made the event a success.

Rev. Jim McKinney

“On 1 February we bid a sad farewell to Rev. Jim McKinney. Jim was deeply involved in the Roehampton Partnership and was a Church of England representative on the council’s Education Committee. His funeral service took place at Holy Trinity in Roehampton where he served as vicar for 20 years.



Jim McKinney played an absolutely massive role in the life of Roehampton and he was equally significant in the affairs of Wandsworth Council. He was practically a councillor; he argued with passion for the best educational opportunities for all children in the borough and worked with dedication to bring together people of different backgrounds, faiths and politics. Jim built bridges across divides.

Jim’s style was to look for the common bonds and use these as a foundation for progress. I am particularly thankful for the very important and at times highly demanding role of chairing the Roehampton Partnership where he grappled with the challenge of providing housing which meets the needs of the communities in Roehampton and the wider Borough.

Jim McKinney leaves for us all the challenge of bringing to fruition the new Roehampton he so dearly believed was possible. ”

Cllr. Ravi Govindia

Views towards St Joseph's Church with proposed village square and community building (Block A)



New approach to youth service provision in Roehampton

The first phase of the regeneration will deliver a high-quality multi-purpose community facility (currently known as “Block A”) at the heart of the estate and adjacent to the new village square. This building will include a new, state-of-the-art youth space for the estate, which will replace the Base and the Roehampton Youth Club, together with other community facilities including an enhanced library, a community hall, health provision and a café.

Following consultation with young people the Council has also approved a new approach to the provision of youth services in Roehampton which will improve access to the new and existing facilities. This will include a redesign of the Alton Activity Centre where a new multi-use games area and updated play equipment will be installed, better access to existing sports and leisure facilities (including the Roehampton Sports and Fitness Centre), and the delivery of services to all corners of the

estate via a new multi-media vehicle which will contain ICT equipment and a mini studio. The council has also approved funding to refurbish the existing multi-use games area next to Witley Point which will create a significantly enhanced facility in Alton East. Works to improve the playing surface are due to begin shortly and council officers will be consulting children, young people and local residents about further improvements to the facility in the near future.

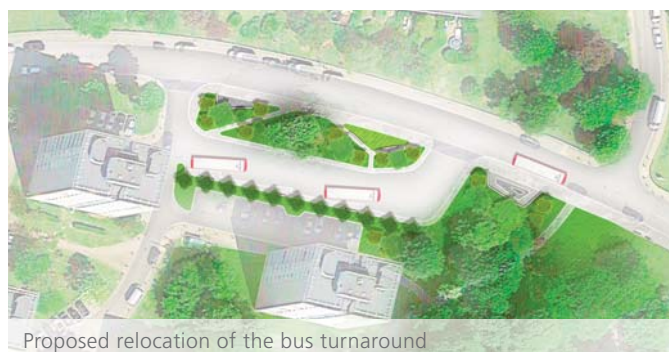
To enable the construction of “Block A” the Roehampton Youth Club, along with the Housing Office, will need to be demolished to allow construction to begin. To maintain the provision of youth services when the Youth Club is demolished, many of the activities currently provided by the Youth Club will be relocated to the Base on Danebury Avenue. As a result, the Base will be upgraded to include a new training kitchen, a music studio, an ICT suite, an arts corner and “Chill Out” multi-media area, as well as internal redecorations and the replacement of existing furniture. These works are due to be completed in the Spring.



Summary of Consultation Activity

Since June 2013 the council has been consulting residents on a range of proposals to regenerate the Alton area.

This process is fundamental to any regeneration proposal, and the extensive feedback we have received has informed the development of the proposals which will be submitted. Redrow were appointed as the council's development partner in 2017, and since then we have held a range of consultation events including exhibitions at the Roehampton Parish Hall, 14 resident workshops, "open sessions" across the estate, workshops with young people and the Roehampton Festivals in 2017 and 2018. In November two "drop-in" sessions were also held, giving residents another opportunity to learn about proposals to move the bus turnaround and to redesign the Alton Activity Centre:



Proposed relocation of the bus turnaround

Bus Turnaround

Improving the bus turnaround has always been considered an important part of the regeneration of the Alton area. The current turnaround at Portswood Place is small forcing buses to wait along Danebury Avenue which causes delays to traffic, obscures road crossings for pedestrians and has a detrimental effect on the heritage value of the parkland scenery around Downshire Fields and Mount Clare. The proposal is to move the turnaround from its current location to a site next to Tunworth Crescent. This will improve the historic parkland setting of the area, make public transport more accessible for residents of Alton West, reduce delays along Danebury Avenue and greatly improve access to the new community facilities at Portswood Place.

Attendees raised some concerns about the effect of the turnaround on nearby residential blocks, on bus services on Alton West and on on-street parking. Attendees were assured that there would be adequate distance between

the new turnaround and nearby blocks, and that the new turnaround would be obscured by mature, evergreen landscaping. Wider concerns raised about parking are shared across the estate, and a range of measures to improve the management of parking will be included in the Travel Plan which will be submitted as part of the planning application.



Proposed re-design of the Alton Activity Centre

Alton Activity Centre Site

Improving the facilities at the Alton Activity Centre site is vital to the new approach to the provision of youth services across the estate. The centre will be redesigned to provide a new multi-use games area, updated play equipment for all ages and improved landscaping.

There were 25 attendees at the drop-in, and feedback was broadly positive with attendees pleased that the proposals would be delivered during the first phase of the regeneration. Attendees said that they would like the opening hours to be extended, more community space for teenagers and young adults, and security to reduce the risk of anti-social behaviour.

The presentation boards used at both the drop-in sessions are available to view on the Alton Regeneration website (www.altonestateregen.co.uk), and you can contact the Regeneration Team for more information.

All feedback has been recorded in the "Statement of Community Involvement" which will be submitted as part of the planning application in Spring. This will detail all the consultation and engagement activities, feedback from the community and how this feedback has informed the development of the proposals.

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Update on Main Planning Application

The council and Redrow are working hard to finalise the proposals for the wider improvement to the Alton area which will benefit the whole community. It is expected that the planning application will be submitted after Easter, and this will be followed by a period of statutory consultation which will give residents another opportunity to comment on the application.

Parish Hall Update

As set out above, the regeneration of the Alton estate will deliver in the first phase a new community building containing an enhanced library, a community hall, a café, a doctors' surgery and new youth facilities.

To enable this to happen the Western Area Housing team will be temporarily moving out of their current office on Holybourne Avenue into the Roehampton Parish Hall (at the junction between Roehampton Lane and Alton Road). This will allow the Western Area Housing Office to be demolished and construction of the new community building to begin.

The Parish Hall has been undergoing refurbishment so that it can accommodate the Western Area Housing team and the Regeneration team. The Parish Hall will have a new reception area, consultation rooms, meeting rooms and work space for over forty members of staff.

Speaking about the new offices Danny Edwards, Head of the Western Area Housing Team, has said: "We are very excited to be moving to our new offices at the Parish Hall. We have seen the plans and they will be a welcome improvement on our current offices, and we are looking forward to moving in with our colleagues from the regeneration team!".

The main refurbishment works is due to complete in February to allow furniture and computer equipment to be fitted. It is planned that the new office will be open soon and the council will contact all tenants in the area to confirm the precise date of the move in due course.

Your ward councillors

The Alton estate is in Roehampton and Putney Heath ward.

Surgeries take place on the second and fourth Saturday of every month, from 11am to 12noon, at Roehampton Library, 2 Danebury Avenue, SW15 4HD.

Your Roehampton and Putney Heath ward councillors are:

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You can also contact the Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Kim Caddy, at kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk



Consultation on Fontley Way Development

A key aim of the Alton estate regeneration is to ensure that secure council tenants and resident homeowners are able to move directly into a newly built replacement home.

As part of this commitment and to ensure that the needs of existing residents are met we are proposing to build 14 new family homes at Fontley Way (on the site of the former One O'clock Club). Designed to a high quality architectural standard, in the context of the existing estate, the proposals will include private outdoor spaces for all homes, and will meet or exceed the space requirements set out in the London Plan.

In order to discuss the proposals with residents we will be holding two consultation sessions at the Manresa Clubroom (Fontley Way, Roehampton, London, SW15 4LY.)

These will take place:

- between 17:00 and 20:00 on Thursday 14 March
- between 10:00 and 13:00 on Saturday 16 March.

If you have any questions or require assistance getting to the venue please contact the Regeneration Team at Roehampton@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or on 020 8871 6207.

Community Capacity Development Update

In September Wandsworth's Public Health Team held a workshop on community capacity building with representatives from local community groups and organisations.

It was agreed that support was needed to help strengthen local groups and organisations so that they could better support the local community. The council is now looking at ways in which it could help build the voluntary sector and has asked for volunteers from the workshop to sit on a Steering Group which will lead the effort. The first meeting of the Steering Group took place in late November, and the group hopes that it will be able to expand the voluntary provision in Roehampton.

The council has also finalised the Health and Wellbeing Profile for Roehampton as well as the Community Capacity Report, which are now available online at www.datawand.info/health-profiles/roehampton. These reports detail the current health and wellbeing status of residents in the area as well as the development needs of the community.

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