

Alton News

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Building on your vote

This is a momentous time for the Alton. After years of uncertainty and underinvestment, the majority of residents have clearly and powerfully told us they want change for the estate.

Due to the large number of residents eligible to vote, the recent Alton Ballot was London's largest regeneration ballot ever, and 82% of those who voted said they want a better future for themselves and everyone who calls the Alton home.

I want to thank every resident who took part in the ballot. **Your voice matters.** Your vote has unlocked the next chapter in the story of the Alton – we will now get on with building new homes, better community spaces and more opportunities for people who live and grow up here.

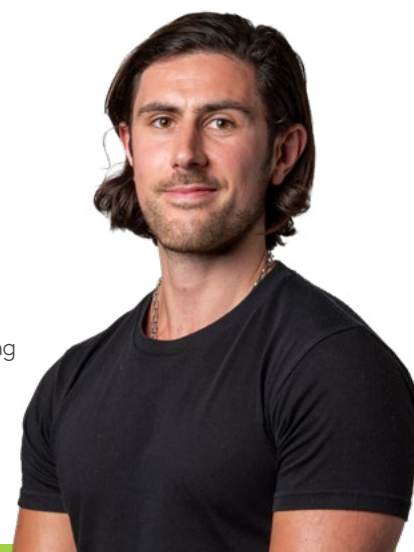
The benefits go beyond building new homes. From providing two new GP surgeries, library, youth facilities and a Family Hub to improved community spaces, shopping area and green spaces, we'll work with you and update you at every step of the way.

We're continuing with the Alton Renewal Plan's immediate estate improvements, and you'll see work start soon on Downshire Field and a new Alton Activity Centre play space.

We also pledge to keep rents fair, prioritise families facing overcrowding and ensure over 50% of new homes are genuinely affordable.

This edition of Alton News is about what comes next. It's about the plans, the people and the progress. And it's about working together to make sure the Alton thrives for generations to come.

Aydin Dikerdem
Cabinet Member for Housing



Sign up to receive text alerts

Our text message distribution list enables residents to receive news and event information relating to the Alton Renewal quickly and directly.

If you are interested in signing up to receive our text alerts, please call or text **020 8871 6207** or email us at altonrenewal@wandsworth.gov.uk with your name, address, mobile phone number and the phrase/subject line **'Alton text alerts'**, and we will add you to our SMS distribution list.

Alton Newsletter - have your say!

The Alton Team try to put together news and articles that we think you'd like to read.

Do you enjoy it? Is it relevant and of interest? What else would you like included?

We'd appreciate your feedback to help shape future editions.

Please send any positive comments or constructive criticism to our mailbox

altonrenewal@wandsworth.gov.uk putting **'NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK'** in the subject line.

Or call us on **020 8871 6207**.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Alton Team Contact Details

You can contact the Alton Renewal Team on **020 8871 6207** or **@AltonRenewal** or at wandsworth.gov.uk/alton

If you would like to discuss anything in person with a member of the team, please contact us and an appointment can be arranged.

You can also find us at the Information Stall **outside the Base** on Danebury Avenue each **Friday, from 2pm-4pm**.

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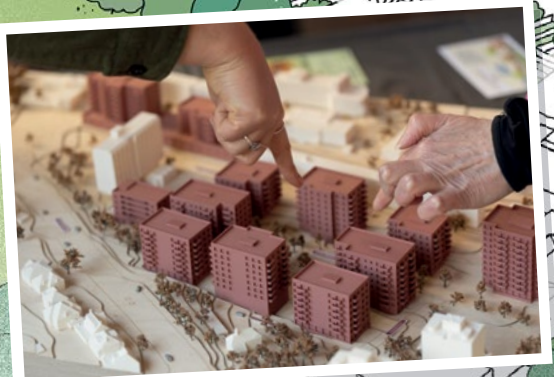
Councillor advice sessions are held on the **first Saturday of every month at Roehampton Library**, 2 Danebury Avenue, from **11am - 12 noon**.



Alton Votes

YES

82% of
residents
voted
YES





What the ballot result means

The Alton resident ballot to regenerate the estate was the largest ever ballot of its kind to be held in London, with almost 3,400 local people eligible to vote.

After a year of discussions with residents and community groups, the council's proposals included plans to build up to 650 new homes, together with a new library, two GP surgeries, youth facilities, Family Hub, improved shops, green spaces and access around the estate.

The plans will now go ahead after an overwhelming majority of 82% of residents who cast their vote said 'yes' to the regeneration.

This is a huge milestone for the Alton and this decision will shape the future of the estate.

The positive result means we can move forward together to deliver the much-needed new housing, major works to some existing blocks, improved community facilities, new shops and green, safer public spaces for everyone to enjoy. Over the coming months we'll continue to work with residents and the wider community to ensure local needs remain at the heart of every decision.

This newsletter outlines the next steps and opportunities to get involved in shaping the Alton's future.



What the vote means for me

“I voted YES for CHANGE. This is a once in a generation chance for improvements to the Alton estate.”

George - Alton West

“I voted yes because I thought of the many positive changes that would happen that are important for safety & wellbeing.”

Nusrat - Tangle Grove

“I voted yes because the regeneration will transform the area in a drastic way.”

Amanuel - Danebury Avenue

“I voted yes because the long overdue proposals to improve the Alton much better reflect the needs of the residents of the estate.”

Angus - Alton East

“I voted yes to ensure future generations of Roehampton enjoy the benefits of an innovative and thoughtful renewal designed for everyone.”

Jo - Winchfield House

“Alton residents deserve more than there is and a brighter tomorrow.”

Albert - Brockbridge House

“I love the Alton because it is my home. I would therefore love to see it regenerated so it is clean, beautiful & thriving.”

Saida - Charcot House

“I voted yes because I want my kids to grow up in a peaceful environment.”

Shagufta - Danebury Avenue

“I voted yes because I want to see some improvements in Roehampton especially for young people growing up like my grandchildren.”

Orleen - Fontley Way

“I voted yes because I have lived here for 42 years and the block I live in should have been knocked down a long time ago. I look forward to a new Alton.”

Sandra - Harbridge Avenue

“Everyone will benefit from the new community spaces and green areas.”

Farzana - Danebury Avenue

Finalising the estate designs

The positive ballot result means that we will be going ahead with the detailed design of four key areas of the Alton.

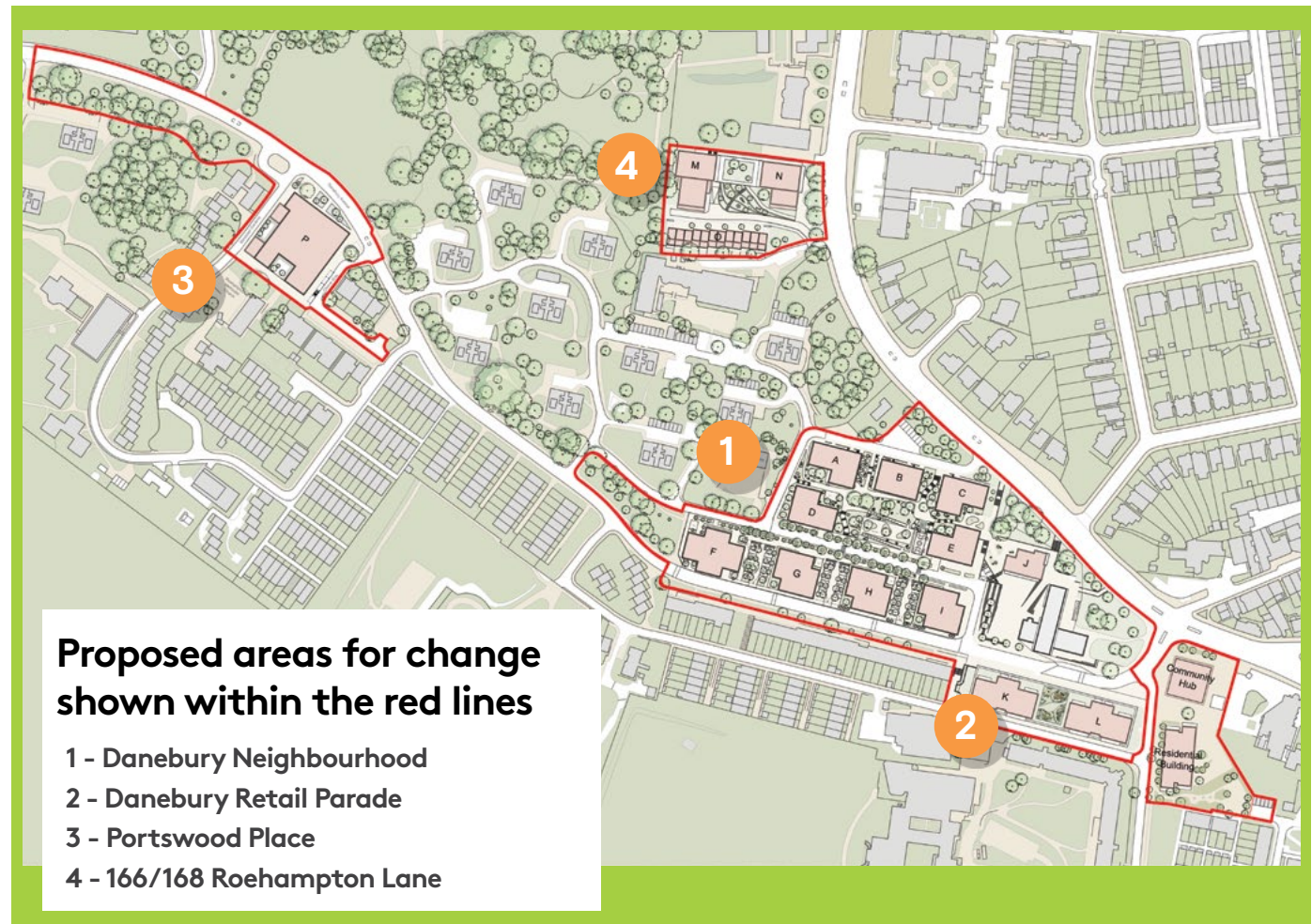
1 - Danebury Neighbourhood: New homes replacing blocks on Harbridge Avenue, Kingsclere Close and the northern side of Danebury Avenue, all surrounding a new central green square. A new community square and events space west of Allbrook House (currently the ramp and carpark location). A new block of homes to the north of the square with additional ground floor shop or community space.

2 - Danebury Retail Parade: A replacement parade of shops with flats above, including a larger supermarket and an improved link to the Roehampton Sports and Fitness Centre.

3 - Portswood Place: A new community facility for the services currently based at 166/168 Roehampton Lane (the Family Hub) and the Danebury GP Practice.

4 - 166/168 Roehampton Lane: Two new blocks of flats and a terrace of family homes.

We'll publicise the latest design updates, progress and ways for you to get involved. Check altonrenewal.co.uk





View of the community hub building with new homes behind

Bringing Block A to life

Standing on the site of the old Co-op building, what is known as 'Block A' will be transformed into a new community hub and housing.

We're now preparing to submit a full Planning Application for the changes at the end of this year.

Next to it, on the corner of Roehampton Lane and Holybourne Avenue, the building was previously home to the housing offices and youth club but has stood empty for years.

We know local residents and shops are unhappy that this site has been vacant for so long, so we are moving ahead with making improvements here before the wider Alton regeneration plans begin.



New homes on Holybourne Avenue





Building civic spaces

New community hub

A 'gateway building' to the estate that is highly flexible and adaptable. A new library, youth space, council offices, meeting rooms, bookable community space and a new Alton GP Practice all under one roof.

New homes

55 affordable homes with a broad mix of 1, 2, 3 and 4 bed apartments, including 10% wheelchair accessible homes, creating a balanced community that offers choice and homes for life. Each home will have external balcony space.

High quality landscape & play space

Creatively reworking the differences in the site levels to provide a range of spaces for residential amenity and play space, some of which will be accessible to all and open to the whole community.

Improved public realm

A new community courtyard space in the centre of the site, alongside enhancements to the surrounding streets and spaces with increased tree planting, improvements to footpaths and roads.

Over 100 engagement events have helped shape the Block A proposals, with input from residents, the Alton Access & Inclusion Panel, the Youth Advisory Panel, Alton Community Panel and local community groups. The design team has listened to what matters most to local people: more homes, more play space, and a new community centre. The result is a design proposal that reflects local priorities and celebrates Roehampton's identity.

You can see the latest plans in detail on the display hoarding around the site, and as designs develop even further, we will share updated designs on the hoarding itself as well as on the website

altonrenewal.co.uk

The planning application for Block A will be submitted in December 2025. Construction is expected to begin following approval and further design development, with ongoing engagement to ensure the new facilities meet community needs.





New homes and green spaces on Harbridge Avenue

What happens now?

Over the coming weeks, we will be confirming a detailed programme of what will happen and when, and the impact that will have on the estate.

Whilst we work on developing the detailed programme of works, we can share the dates on the following page for the next year so you can start to see how the plans will come forward. The design process takes some time to get right, and we want to make sure that everyone has the opportunity to feed into the plans as they start to solidify. There will therefore be a long period of time where we can work with you all to make sure we get the design right. Look out for engagement events coming up for you to participate in.

Whilst every effort will be made to keep local services active through the construction period, there will inevitably be some disruption, but we will endeavour to keep you updated through a construction update in this newsletter and notices across the estate. The Renewal website will also be updated continually with updates, so keep checking back to see the latest news.

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A new community square



New homes on Roehampton Lane



Proposed timeline of activity

Planning Application for 'Block A' (the old Co-op building) submission - December 2025

We will be submitting a detailed Planning Application which covers the two new proposed buildings and all the landscaped spaces around it.

Design development November 2025 – October 2026

A period of time where we can develop more detailed plans for the four identified areas before submitting the Planning Application. Those areas will be coming forward broadly in this order to enable the most effective build programme and minimise disruption across the estate.

- 1 - Portswood Place and Community Square
- 2 - Danebury Parade
- 3 - 166-168 Roehampton Lane
- 4 - Danebury Neighbourhood & Village Green

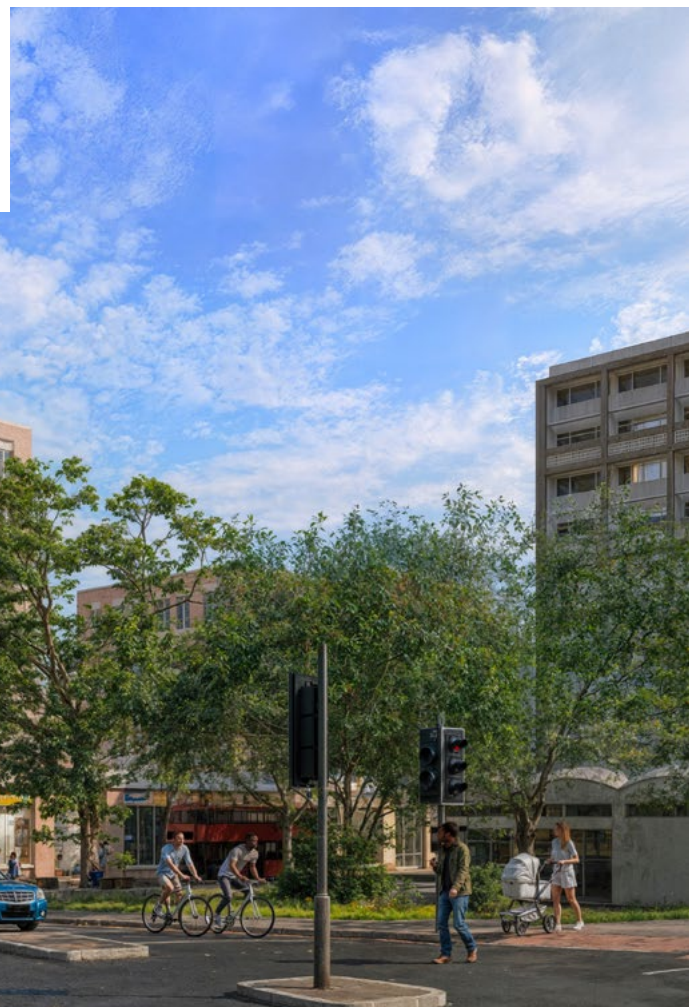
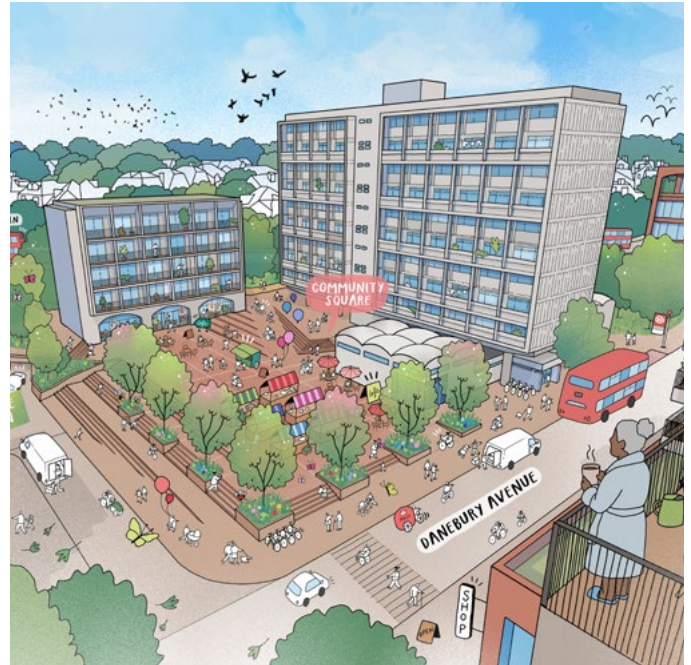
Community & Stakeholder engagement January - November 2026

A series of co-design workshops, exhibitions and meetings where you can attend and have your say on the emerging design. We will also meet existing community groups, stakeholders and residents to better understand specific needs for homes, landscape areas and community facilities too.

Planning Application submitted – Target date Spring 2027

We are targeting a submission date for the Planning Application that will cover all four areas of redevelopment. This Planning Application is likely to be a Hybrid Application which will cover the first phases to be delivered in more detail than others.

We have updated our FAQ document with more detail about what happens next. This can be found on the Renewal website altonrenewal.co.uk/renewal/ballot





This is what has been happening on some of the other Alton Renewal Plan projects that have been progressing over the last few months:

The Four Seasons

By now, you may have spotted the new community mural below Allbrook House on the library wall. This was created by Adalberto Lonardi and more than 50 residents as part of the ongoing murals project. The Four Seasons mural depicts the buildings and people of the Alton and was painted by the community themselves on site.

Looky Rooky

The new augmented reality walking trail of Roehampton is now available as an app, developed for families and young people to exercise and learn more about Roehampton and its local landmarks through five walking trails. Available for Android and iPhone.

Lighting

The Alton Community Panel spent some time with the lighting designers recently and reviewed the proposals for new and improved lighting across both Alton East and West. This will help illuminate some of the spaces that people have said they don't feel as safe in and help light up areas and routes where most people go.

Play areas

Play space improvement works are set to commence in November 2025, marking a key milestone for the project. As part of the Early Improvement Plan, two enhanced playspaces at the Alton Activity Centre and Downshire Field are scheduled to open in summer 2026, delivering improved recreational facilities for local families.

Follow the latest online updates:

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or our Alton Renewal X feed - @AltonRenewal

Looky Rooky! The Roehampton Rook Finder

FREE

Explore Roehampton by searching for our five funky Rooks on your smartphone!

Can you find Rambling, Rad, Resilient, Rockstar and Razzle Dazzle Rooks and help them collect all their belongings?

Download the trail and you're ready to hunt



Find all 35 locations



GET THE APP



Learn more wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton-walking-trails
Need help? Visit www.letsargo.app

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Looky Rooky! How to use the app

- 1 Download the LetsARgo app using the barcode
- 2 Find Looky Rooky and download the trail
- 3 Approve camera and location permissions
- 4 Put your sound on
- 5 Open trail and walk to each orange pin, when the location circle gets big and your phone pings you've found one!
- 6 Click the circle and tap 'let's go'
- 7 Tap the screen when the image turns to a hand and you've pointed the camera somewhere safe, off the road
- 8 Once you've found a rook or collected one of their items by tapping the treasure chest, click the top left pin on your screen to get back to the map and continue
- 9 Once you've found all 35 points you'll earn a trophy face filter, which you can redeem at the bottom tab in the app

There are 35 points and each 7 gives you a new rook (in any order)

It is not recommended to do all points at once as that would be a lot of walking. Do 7 at a time and see how you feel.

The app will save your collected points so you can come back at any time to continue the trail



GET THE APP

Let's go!





Let the Festivities Begin

Christmas Tree Switch-On & Schools Lantern Parade

Thursday 27th November 3.30 – 4.30pm

Corner of Danebury Avenue and Holybourne Avenue

Join the Mayor of Wandsworth at our magical Christmas Tree Switch-On & Schools Lantern Parade!

Expect festive fun with:

- Stilt Walkers & Circus Skills
- School Choirs
- Bauble Decorating
- DJ
- Hot Chocolate

Free Event – Everyone Welcome!

Stella's Imaginarium Family Christmas Circus Show

Saturday 29th November Starts 4.30pm

The Family Hub, 166 Roehampton Lane

A heartwarming winter spectacle full of aerial acrobatics, twinkling lights, and festive cheer.

Family show - Suitable for all ages

Free event – but tickets are essential!

Tickets available from Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stellas-imaginarium-tickets-1858802049969?aff=oddtcreator>

Rockin' Into Christmas – 55+ Christmas Party

Friday 5th December 4pm - 8pm

Minstead Sheltered Clubroom (2B Minstead Gardens)

- Live Rock & Roll singer
- DJ
- Buffet and good vibes!

BYO drinks

Free Event but space limited so please contact: sharnay.johnston@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or call 07970 406296 to reserve your place

Christmas Tree Light Switch-On & Schools' Lantern Parade

In the presence of the Mayor of Wandsworth



Featuring:
Stilt Walkers
Bauble Decorating
Refreshments

Thursday 27th November from 3.15 pm
Corner of Danebury & Holybourne Avenue



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The Night Before Christmas – A Magical Family Show

Monday 22nd December 1.30pm & 3.00pm

The Family Hub, 166 Roehampton Lane

Jellyfish Theatre presents a joyful, interactive show inspired by the classic poem.

Live music, laughter, and festive imagination

Special visit from Father Christmas with a gift for every child!

Family show - Suitable for all ages

Free event – booking essential

To book, email jo.baxter@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk with your preferred time (1.30 or 3.00pm) and number of adult and children's tickets you require.



Let's begin
this exciting
new chapter
for the Alton
together!

