

Regeneration plans progress following listing decision

A recent application to list Allbrook House and Roehampton Library has proven unsuccessful.

Historic England (formerly English Heritage), which administers and maintains the register of England's listed buildings, announced on 10 November that the Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sport will not add the buildings to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest. The Secretary's report states the buildings 'lack cohesion' and create 'a poorly functioning public realm.'

Allbrook House and Roehampton library have been earmarked for new homes and modern community facilities including a new library+, community



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hall and a revitalised village green. This decision means that both buildings will continue to form part of the council's regeneration proposals for the Alton area regeneration.

The council welcomed this decision and the plan to redevelop the estate continues to move forward as proposed. The next stage in the redevelopment programme will be to procure a development partner and it is anticipated one will be appointed in late 2016.

Housing needs survey wrap up

Households who have yet to complete their Housing Needs Survey are asked to make contact with the regeneration team urgently to book an appointment.

Door knocking commenced on 19 October 2015 and the majority of households have now been visited.

If you are calling to book an appointment and do not reach a team member please leave your name, address and contact number and you will receive a call back shortly.

Contact: 020 8871 6207

A Roehampton community quilt

As many residents will be aware, the Roehampton community quilt was completed in September and is currently being displayed in Holy Trinity Church.

Funding for the project came from a health and well being grant awarded by the council in the summer of 2014.

Everyone from the community was invited to participate and many residents from the estate took part making new friends and learning new skills. After a year of dedication and work from local residents preparing individual squares to make this quilt, it can now be enjoyed by all.

Pam, an Alton estate resident, who runs the over 60's café has stated 'this quilt has captured a period of time in



Elaine Curley and members of the 60's + café

Roehampton before a big change comes to the estate. It will be a lasting piece of art marking the period of time before the regeneration.'

While the quilt is in Holy Trinity Church it has not yet been determined if this is where it will be permanently displayed. If you have any suggestions of a new home please get in touch.

Active Lifestyles First session free!

Zumba Monday 8.30-9.30pm
£4 or £30 for 10 weeks
Newlands Community Hall, Stroud Crescent, Putney Vale, SW15 3EP

Pilates Tuesday 12-1pm, £3.50
Roehampton Sport and Fitness Centre, Laverstoke Gardens, SW15 4JB

Tone and Stretch (50+) Friday 11am-12pm, £3.50
St Josephs Catholic Church, 218 Roehampton Lane, SW15 4LE

Kickboxing Saturday 11am-12.30pm, £3

Roehampton Sport and Fitness Centre, Laverstoke Gardens, SW15 4JB

For more information on any of these classes please contact activelifestyles@wandsworth.gov.uk or call 02088716373.



Spotlight on: A revitalised Portswood Place Centre



Vision of a new Portswood Place Centre

The redevelopment of Portswood Place will see the area transformed and play more of a significant role in residents' lives.

The design proposals for the new Portswood Place Centre include a revitalised location for the Regenerate

offices, Danebury Avenue Surgery and the relocated Eastwood Children Centre and Nursery.

A new community pavilion including a meeting hall, cafe and space for sheltered living offices will face the Bull Green. This new addition will result in more space for residents and community groups to use.

COMMUNITY VOICES



Louise Wootton

"I was born in Roehampton and have lived here for 34 years. I currently live in a Harbridge Avenue property. A big concern is having no security here so the blocks are easily accessed by anyone. I've even found people hiding in my garden. This area of the estate is also very dark because of a lack of street lighting. I don't feel safe walking around when it is dark.

These properties are also meant to be family homes but the rooms and kitchen are not big enough for families that have more than two children like mine. I'm happy that through the redevelopment residents will be allocated a home that suits their needs and hope the new properties are decently sized.

I see a lot of positives being offered in the redevelopment. I can see a new green space by the library being well used. I hope there are more green spaces made throughout the estate for parents to play with their children and more services and facilities for teenagers. I also think that a new pedestrian entrance to Richmond Park is great. I already use the park often in the summer but can see more residents taking advantage with easier access.'

New onsite office for the Regeneration Team

The council is now in the process of purchasing the Roehampton Parish Hall and it will soon be the location of an onsite office for the regeneration team. The new site office will make it much easier for residents to connect with the regeneration team.


An officer from the Economic Development Office's Work Match team will also be available one day a week to residents who would like assistance with finding work.


The hall has plenty of space which will be available for community groups to use for meetings and events.



The Regeneration Team wishes you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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