

This newsletter is produced by Wandsworth Council and Redrow Homes to help keep you informed about the regeneration of your estate

NEW CHILDREN AND FAMILIES CENTRE AT PORTSWOOD PLACE



The regeneration of the Alton Estate will create a new community hub at Portswood Place.

Staff at Eastwood have seen the final plans for their new building at Portswood Place having spent two years working with the regeneration project team to ensure the new purpose-built facilities will meet all the needs of local children and families. The building will host the new Eastwood Nursery School Centre for Children & Families alongside a separate pavilion building accommodating a mix of community uses.

"We have high aspirations for our children because we know that parents and carers want the very best for them," said Rob Nicholson, Eastwood's Head

Teacher. "The new centre at Portswood Place will allow us to bring all our facilities together under one roof so that we can provide a more coordinated service."

Eastwood offers a comprehensive range of early years education services for local families. "We are proud to work with families from diverse backgrounds," says Day Nursery Manager Wendy Thrussell "and we are devoted to giving children the best opportunities to learn, play, progress and prepare for school."

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The proposed building comprises a maintained nursery school (a Council-run school for children under the age of 5), a not-for-profit private day nursery and Children's Centre, and a community space which will be available for hire by local groups.

Eastwood's Business Manager Hope Francis said: "We can't wait to show the new facilities to our local community and tell them about the full range of opportunities we are able to offer."

Whilst all classes can cater for children with different levels of ability, one of the classrooms has been designed specifically for children with special needs, with a link to its own play terrace. The new children's centre will also feature a separate reception area and external play space, a toy



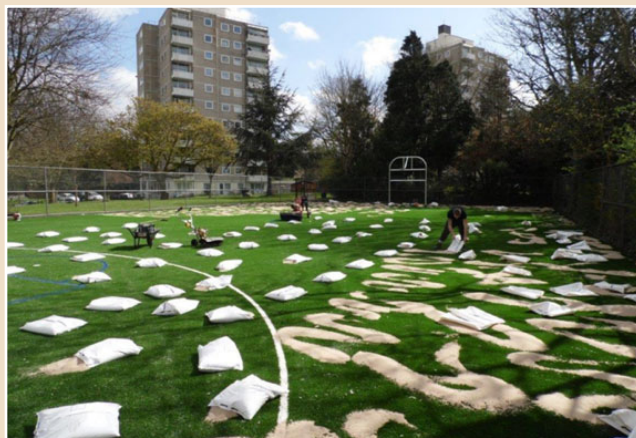
library and playroom, together with various meeting, therapy and treatment rooms.

Rob concludes: "We believe the new building will itself stand for opportunity, potential, flexibility, quality and the ability to offer the best activities and facilities to the people of Roehampton. Eastwood's slogan is 'at the heart of the community with the community at the heart', so it's entirely appropriate that we will soon be located at Portswood Place."

Improving Youth Services

Following consultation with young people the council has approved a new approach to youth services in Roehampton. The Base and the Roehampton Youth Club will be combined into a single, larger youth centre in the new community building ("Block A") overlooking the new village square. To complement this new facility the council will also be improving its play offer by investing in a new multi-media vehicle which can provide services to more peripheral areas of the estate. The council will also be refurbishing play spaces including the Alton Activity Centre, Downshire Fields and at Witley Point.

To this end council officers have been investigating options for the refurbishment of the Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA). Work has already taken place to replace the surface of the MUGA with astro-turf (see image), and the council will also be making improvements to the surrounding landscape. The council has been consulting young people, children's services, community groups and local



residents in order to develop proposals for the area.

Council officers will be consulting local residents about the proposals on **Tuesday 4th June from 17:00 to 20:00** on the Witley Point MUGA. If you would like to find out more please contact the Regeneration Team at **roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk** or on **020 8871 6207**.



YoungSpoilers

During March and April young people from Roehampton Youth Club have been working with YoungSpoilers to create a range of news-based songs, interactive display banners, music videos, and have taken their work to the newly refurbished Grand Hall inside the Battersea Arts Centre and performed on live radio.

11-13 year olds from Roehampton Youth Club with little experience producing music or media have developed a series of songs and music videos based

on the latest news headlines, as well as a range of publicity banners. The young musicians also impressed a full house in the historic Grand Hall as the opening act for the *Beat Box Academy Frankenstein*.

This was the result of an eight week music and song development programme run by creator Dean Garon. The aim of the programme is to get disenfranchised young people interested in "boring" news stories by translating them into fun raps and entertaining songs. It was the first Wandsworth based project to receive "Culture Seeds" funding since it launched in June 2018.

Commenting on the collaboration, Dean said: "I am so proud and fascinated at the results these unexperienced young people created in a matter of weeks. These naturally talented individuals proved that with the right direction, young peoples voices can be heard and can make a difference."

To view the videos, live performances, banners and broadcasts, visit newsspoilers.com/youngspoilers.

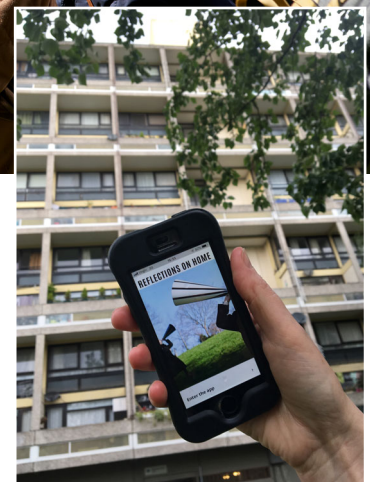
Reflections on Home

Launched on the first two weekends in May on Downshire Field, *Reflections on Home* was part of Wandsworth Arts Fringe 2019.

Over the past year, artists in residence Sara Heywood and Jane Watt worked with over 200 people who live, work or have a connection with the estate to gather a vibrant mix of audio-visual material.

Conducting interviews and workshops with local schools, youth groups, OAP groups, Roehampton University, local businesses, workers and residents, the artists developed a temporary installation with interactive sound sculptures, audio guided walks and a mobile sound app that celebrated the area's rich history, past and present-day experiences.

If you missed the installation you can still experience the work by downloading the *Reflections on Home* audio walking sound app. As you walk around the estate, different sounds, voices and stories emerge



as you enter audio hotspots.

The App is free to download onto a mobile phone or tablet from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store (www.reflectionsonhome.org.uk).



The Roehampton Festival 2019

The Regeneration Team and Regenerate are teaming up to bring the Roehampton Festival back to Downshire Field this year on Saturday 7th September. Hundreds of residents turned out last year to enjoy an afternoon of sport, live music, crafts and food, and we want to make this years festival even better. If you or your group would like to have a stall at the festival please contact the Regeneration Team with details of your proposal.



One small sandwich for man, a giant sandwich for mankind

Established by Regenerate, *The Feel Good Bakery* is an exciting social enterprise providing support and employment for young people caught up in negative behavior.

The Feel Good Bakery trains, coaches and employs young people who are turning their backs on gang life and crime by helping them develop professional and life skills.

By partnering with grassroots organisations that do amazing work with children living in extreme poverty in countries such as Kenya, Romania, South Africa and Zambia, the Feel Good Bakery also helps to improve the lives of young people around the world. For every sandwich you buy, a child in need of food will receive a free meal.

Freshly prepared each day, *The Feel Good Bakery* supplies sandwiches for office lunches, conferences & meetings. They deliver directly to your door from their refrigerated vehicles or on traditional bicycles and trailers. To find out more or to view a menu visit

www.thefeelgoodbakery.com

Parish Hall



The regeneration of the Alton estate will deliver a new facility ("Block A") which will provide an enhanced library, a community hall, a café, a doctors' surgery and a new youth centre. To enable this to be built the Western Area Housing Team has moved into the Parish Hall. This will allow the Housing Office to be demolished and construction of the new community building to begin.

As a result the Parish Hall has undergone refurbishment to accommodate the staff from the Housing and Regeneration Teams. It has been fitted with a new reception area, consultation rooms, meeting rooms, and workspace for more than forty staff members.

The new office is open Monday to Friday from 09:00 to 16:30. You can contact the Team at hms@wandsworth.gov.uk or on **020 8871 5530**.



Planning Application Update

Redrow will be submitting a Planning Application for the regeneration of the Alton estate area very shortly. The submission will be followed by a period of statutory consultation which will give residents another opportunity to have their say on the exciting new proposals.

The application proposes:

- Up to 1,103 private and affordable new homes to meet the needs of a wide variety of households
- A new village square to connect Alton East, Alton West and Roehampton Village
- A new multi-purpose community building which will overlook and interact with the new village square
- An enhanced library, healthcare facilities, youth facilities and a community hall
- New commercial space including new and replacement retail units on Danebury Avenue and at Portswood Place
- A new community hub at Portswood Place including a nursery and children's centre, a community hall, and a separate pavilion building containing a replacement club room for elderly residents, a retail unit and health uses
- Enhanced and uninterrupted landscape at Downshire Field and the relocation of the bus turnaround area
- New and replacement play facilities across the estate including renewed play-space and facilities at the Alton Activity Centre

Key Documents

In the coming weeks residents living in and around the proposed development area will receive a formal notice in the post from Wandsworth Council's Planning Department advising them that the planning application has been submitted. Redrow also plans to issue a brochure in the post which summarises the scheme proposals. Residents wanting to review the full Planning Application and all its supporting documents will be able to access the materials online via Wandsworth Council's Planning Portal. Anyone who wishes to comment on the application will be able to do so by email, in a letter, or via the planning section of the council's website. Further information, including the application reference number, will be provided in the formal notice.

A hard-copy of the application will be made available to read at **Roehampton Library** (Danebury Avenue, SW15 4HD).

Library Opening hours:

Monday: 9am-7pm

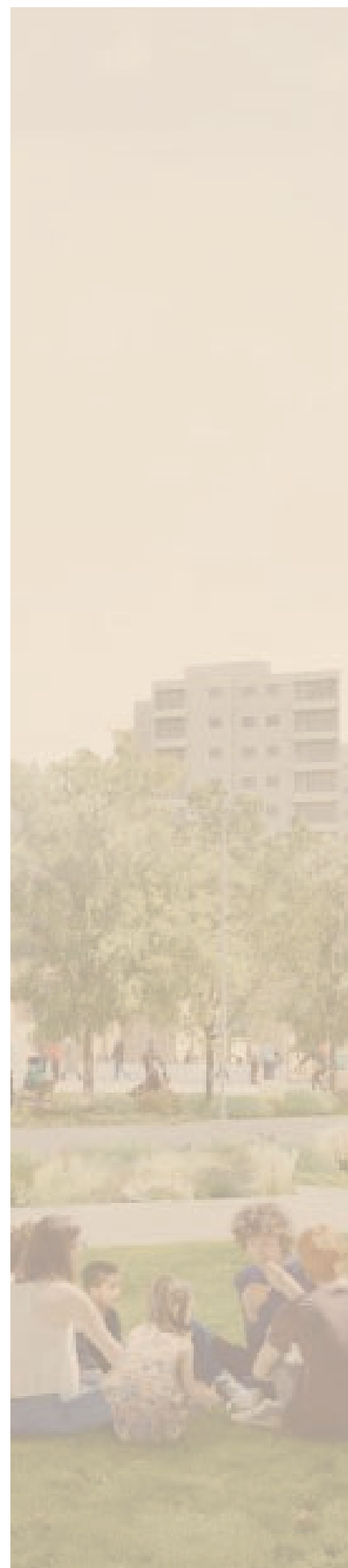
Wednesday: 9am-7pm

Friday: 9am-5pm

Saturday: 10am-2:30pm

Alton Estate Regeneration Website

Once the application has been submitted, the Alton Estate regeneration project's dedicated website (altonestateregen.co.uk) will be updated with all the latest information on the proposed plans and will provide a one stop shop for all residents keen to know more about the Alton Estate.





New Homes at Fontley Way

A key aim of the Alton estate regeneration is to ensure that both secure council tenants and resident homeowners are able to move directly into newly built replacement homes. To this end the council is proposing to build 14 new family homes at Fontley Way (on the site of the former One O'Clock Club).

Designed to a high architectural standard, the proposed development will provide private outdoor space for all homes, additional play space in the local area, and the homes will meet or exceed the space requirements set out in the London Plan.

In order to discuss the proposals with residents the council held two consultation events at the Manresa Clubroom. Feedback was broadly positive with attendees saying that they liked the proposed materials, and that they liked that the new homes integrate into the existing neighbourhood. They were also pleased that improvements will be made to the surrounding landscape which will enhance the parkland character of the area.

Residents raised concerns about the provision of parking for the new building. While council officers understand the concerns of residents, the new development will provide 10 new parking spaces as well as secure storage for bicycles. The wider regeneration of the Alton area will also improve public transport links between Roehampton and the rest of London.

Concerns were raised about construction traffic and its effect on properties neighboring the site. Residents were told that the project team are currently exploring different options and were reassured that a logistics plan would be submitted with the planning application for the Fontley Way site.

Residents were also asked to vote on options for a new play area for over 5s. They were very keen that children could benefit from the surrounding green space, and the architects are currently in discussion with planners to confirm the new play provision.

View the consultation boards online:
altonestateregen.co.uk/latest-news

Phone: 020 8871 6207 or email: roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk

 @AltonMasterplan  Alton Estate regeneration (and ask to join)

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton

Jobs and training

The council's Work Match service is available to help local people into employment.

Staff will know about local vacancies, help with writing CVs and covering letters, applying for jobs, and preparing for interviews.

Workmatch also delivers the New Routes to Work training course for people low in self-confidence or long term unemployed.

Booking is currently by appointment only, so please contact **(020) 8871 5191** to do so or email **wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk**

putting the word Roehampton in the subject line of your email.



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:

Cllr Jeremy Ambache
jambache@wandsworth.gov.uk

Cllr Claire Gilbert
cgilbert@wandsworth.gov.uk

Cllr Sue McKinney
smckinney@wandsworth.gov.uk

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

