

ALTON GREEN

ROEHAMPTON SW15

REGENERATION NEWS

Autumn 2020

Issue 26

www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk

www.wandsworth.gov.uk/roehampton

**ROEHAMPTON:
OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

REDROW DEPARTURE

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

**FONTLEY WAY
PLANNING APPROVAL**

**WITLEY POINT
REFURBISHMENT**



ROEHAMPTON: OPEN FOR BUSINESS



Roehampton Library

In the last stage of the phased reopening of Roehampton Library users are now able to browse shelves and choose books to borrow. Users are also able to use the computers (although users must make a reservation online or over the phone), browse a condensed children's library and reserve books online for collection.

There are many precautions in place - numbers will be managed to allow for social distancing and to enable self-service equipment to be cleaned. All library users must bring their library card with them, sanitise their hands and wear a face covering at all times (unless exempt from doing so). Children under 12 need to be accompanied by an adult at all times and users will be asked to provide their library card number in order to comply with Test and Trace requirements.

If you know what titles you want to borrow, you can reserve these free of charge online or by ringing the library during opening hours. If you have 'Library Takeaway' items or reservations to pick up, you can still collect these at the library. If you're looking for something new to read the library is also running a 'mystery bag' service to match readers with a variety of books selected by Roehampton's librarians.

Opening hours are still limited and visitors are advised to visit www.better.org.uk/library/wandsworth for further details.



CO-OP RELOCATION



The regeneration will deliver a new bespoke store for the Co-op

To enable the construction of 'Block A' (the new library, health facility, youth club and council flats) the Co-op has moved from the top of Danebury Avenue to a new unit opposite the Roehampton Library. The temporary facility has undergone extensive refurbishment and has been fitted with self-service check outs to accelerate the flow of customers.

The store is operating a one-in one-out policy, customers must socially distance and must wear a face mask (unless exempt from doing so). Contactless card payment limits have also been increased to £45 to make transactions safer, and there is a dedicated shopping hour for vulnerable customers and key workers (8am to 9am from Monday to Saturday and 10am to 11am on Sundays).

The regeneration will deliver a new bespoke store for the Co-op on the ground floor of 'Block O', which will be located where Roehampton library currently stands. The new store will have more than twice the space of the original store (722 sqm compared to 332 sqm).



REDROW'S DEPARTURE FROM THE ALTON REGENERATION



The Council remains committed to delivering the regeneration

Following a review of their housing schemes in London and across the country, Redrow Homes have announced that they will be reducing their operations in London. As part of this reduction Redrow have taken the difficult decision to step away from the Alton Estate regeneration and have approached the Council to request a managed exit from the project.

Following Redrow's departure the Council has agreed to become the applicant and "owner" of the planning application to ensure momentum is maintained. This will allow the Council to review options for delivery of the scheme while the application is considered by the Local Planning Authority and the Mayor of London.

CLlr Ravi Govindia, Leader of Wandsworth Council, commented:

"It is deeply disappointing that Redrow feels unable to progress with this transformative scheme and, as a result, the Council has taken the difficult but pragmatic decision that it is better to look at alternative options rather than try and proceed with an unwilling partner."

Despite these unprecedented times, the Council remains completely committed to delivering the transformational regeneration the residents of the Alton Estate expect and deserve. We will be exploring options as to how to deliver the scheme without Redrow and to maintain momentum subject to planning permission being granted. I know residents on the Alton are looking forward to better opportunities in the area and we are determined to work harder than ever to meet these expectations. Our commitment to improving the lives of our residents remains unchanged and I hope critics of the scheme can now get behind our efforts to transform the estate and do what is best for residents."

The Council has agreed to maintain the existing commitments to residents in the regeneration area and will continue to offer early moves to tenants who want them and to acquire residential properties from leaseholders wanting to sell.

WITLEY POINT REFURBISHMENT



The refurbishment provides a better facility for local groups

The refurbishment of the Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) has been completed. The pitch has been expanded and new features added including fencing, planting, paving, bicycle storage, slides, a trampoline, bouldering equipment, seating and exercise equipment.

The refurbishment provides a better facility for local groups such as the Base and Chelsea Kicks, as well as local residents and young people from across Roehampton.

A socially distanced opening event will be held to allow the Mayor of Wandsworth to officially open the new facility and to advertise it to local children and families.



ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



The council has approved funding to enable ongoing engagement with residents as part of the Council's commitment to the Alton Estate Regeneration.

Council officers have been working with local community groups and stakeholders to develop an engagement strategy which will be considered by the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee in November. A key focus of the strategy will be supporting local groups and facilities to reopen safely, as well as working with residents who find it difficult to access existing community activities in the area.

6 PORTSWOOD PLACE:

Do you know of a group or individual looking for a temporary space to hold an exhibition or community activity? 6 Portswood Place is an empty retail unit opposite Downshire Field which may provide the space you are looking for.

Please contact the Regeneration Team for more information on **020 8871 6207** or at roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk

FONTLEY WAY PLANNING APPROVAL

Wandsworth Council's Planning Committee voted unanimously in favour of the development of fourteen new family homes on Fontley Way. As well as replacement family homes to enable the Alton regeneration, the development will deliver parking, secure cycle storage, landscape improvements, under-5 play and outdoor amenity space. The development will also make a contribution to the play area at Ibsley Gardens to improve facilities for children over the age of 5.

Following the departure of Redrow Homes from the Regeneration, council officers are looking at alternative options to construct the homes. Residents will be notified as soon as a delivery plan is identified and when a construction programme has been agreed.



Computer Generated Image

CITIZEN'S ADVICE UPDATE



EU citizens need to secure their rights to live in the UK

If you or anyone in your family are a European citizen, you need to take action to secure your right to live, work, study and to receive benefits and services in the UK after Brexit. Citizens Advice Wandsworth can help you apply to the EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status).

The EU Settlement Scheme (settled and pre-settled status) is free and open to EU citizens and their non-EU family members. To make a successful application you need to prove your identity, prove that you live in the UK and declare any criminal convictions. For more information please visit gov.uk/eu-settled-status.

You should apply before 31 December 2020 as this is when your rights could change. You need to apply even if you have a Permanent Residence card, as your residence card will not be valid after 31 December

2020. You are also advised to apply if you have Indefinite Leave to Remain as you will obtain a more secure status.

Citizens Advice Wandsworth works in partnership with Wandsworth Borough Council to offer information and advice about Brexit and related issues to EU citizens and their non-EU family members living or working in Wandsworth.

The EU Project Team can help you apply to the EU Settlement Scheme and you can contact them at:

euadvice@cwandsworth.org
or
020 3559 2054

For more information please go to www.cawandsworth.org/eu

ROEHAMPTON SHEDS



New home for Roehampton Sheds

Council officers have been working with Age UK and Roehampton Sheds to develop a meanwhile-use for an empty retail unit at 5 Portswood Place. Formerly a Chinese Takeaway, the unit has been vacant since 2017 and is due to be demolished in 2022. To enable the unit to be bought into use, council officers are working with the Roehampton Sheds team to convert the unit into a woodwork studio. This will give Roehampton Sheds more space which will allow them to operate in accordance with social distancing guidelines. The space will also enable the Sheds team to collaborate with groups on community projects across the Alton Estate.



ROEHAMPTON COMMUNITY BOXES – 5000 DELIVERED!

As the COVID-19 pandemic persists into Autumn volunteers and community groups from across Roehampton continue to support residents through the Roehampton Community Box project. Since the lockdown began in March over 5000 boxes have been delivered and 120 boxes continue to be delivered every week.



If you would like to support this project please go to:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/Roehampton-community-boxes



ROEHAMPTON YOUTH

Wandsworth Youth Council

The Wandsworth Youth Council (WYC) is open to all young people aged 11 - 19 or up to 25 years old with a disability, and who live, work, study or attend a youth provision in Wandsworth. The Youth Council is made up of young people who are interested in developing campaigns and projects about issues that are important to them and ensuring that every young person can have a say in decisions that affect them.

We meet on Tuesday evenings, and spend the time creating projects and events, talking to professionals and decision makers, eating snacks and of course – having fun! Always looking to welcome new members and want to make sure that young people's voices are heard across the whole of Wandsworth! You'll meet and make friends with other people in your borough, get training and development opportunities, and make a real difference for young people in Wandsworth. To get involved text Hannah on 07511 942396 or email wandsworth@participationpeople.com.

Youth Opportunity Fund:

Projects FOR Young People, BY Young People

The Youth Opportunity Fund ("YOF") gives young people in Wandsworth the opportunity to apply for funding to spend on activities that will benefit other young people and make a real difference to their communities.

It gives young people the opportunity to plan, develop and deliver innovative and creative community projects. Young people are involved in the entire process, and the panel that awards the funding is made up of young people too!

Each individual application can be for up to a maximum of **£4,000!** This year's themes are: Climate Change, Knife Crime, Homelessness and Mental Health.

Applications are currently open and the deadline has been extended to Tuesday 27th October.

For more information and application packs, get in touch with Hannah 07511 942396 or wandsworth@participationpeople.com

WHAT'S ON

Some of the upcoming community events this season



WHAT	WHERE	DAYS	TIMES	NOTES
Roehampton Library	Danebury Avenue	Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat	10:00 – 14:30	Browsing and click-and-collect.
The Base	Danebury Avenue	Wed - Fri	15:00 – 20:00	Age 12+
Play stars	Alton Activity Centre	Mon, Tues	15:00 - 18:00	Ages 8-12
Chelsea Kicks	Witley Point MUGA (Wanborough Drive)	Fri	18:00 – 22:00	
Bicycle Repair Workshop	Witley Point MUGA (Wanborough Drive)	Thur	18:00 – 19:00	
Roehampton Sports and Fitness	Laverstoke Gardens	Mon-Fri	07:00 – 20:00	Soft play, studio and showers currently unavailable.
		Sat-Sun	08:00 – 16:30	

*If you would like to advertise an event or activity to over 4500 addresses across Roehampton please contact the Regeneration Team

YOUR WARD COUNCILLORS



Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, Wandsworth councillor surgeries are cancelled until further notice. You can contact your local councillors at:

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
kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk



REGENERATION TEAM



You can contact the Regeneration Team on **020 8871 6207** or at roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk

