



NEIGHBOURHOOD NEWS

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Dear Members,

Since our last newsletter we have taken one step further with our Neighbourhood Plan. In June, you all would have received emails and flyers through your door advertising our Regulation 14 consultation, where we encouraged you to submit comments on the Plan's policies and projects.

Thank you to those of you who wrote in with observations and suggestions. These and comments from stakeholders such as TFL and Historic England are now being assimilated into a revised draft in preparation for a review with Westminster City Council.

Once this has been completed, the updated draft will be posted on the website. We'll let you know as soon as it goes up.

Our policies and projects are still intended to:

- Restore our heritage and ensure good design on our buildings
- Improve our public realm and strengthen our community
- Protect residential amenity and our natural environment

Our gardens are an important part of this natural environment, and we celebrate them with the results of our local Garden Competition below. In addition, we have some Public Realm news for you, and very important (!), **please save the date for our Winter Party which will be held on Tuesday, December 5th**. An invitation with details will be sent in the next few days.

With best wishes to all our members,

Penny Bagnall-Smith
Chair

GARDEN COMPETITION

Our conservation area delights in its green and leafy status and our gardens are a particular source of joy. We asked two of our committee members and long-time residents to view the gardens and highlight those they felt made a significant contribution to the beauty of the neighbourhood.



You can see the winners (who will be receiving a prize!) plus photos and commentary by following the “Garden Competition 2023” link on the Newsletters page of our website.

UPDATE ON PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS

Pedestrian Crossing at Ledbury Rd.

One of our councillors is pushing ahead with our request for a pedestrian crossing across Ledbury Rd. near the north side of the roundabout junction with Westbourne Grove.

We’ve been told that the existing infrastructure in that location might make the addition of a crossing easier but because it crosses into RBKC on the other side of the street, coordination between the two boroughs makes this a somewhat lengthier process. We’ll keep you posted.

Play Street proposal for Northumberland Place – [Mid-late November consultation.](#)

This proposal creates strong emotions both for and against. We asked our councillors to involve Westminster Council to ensure everyone knows their views have been heard. Max Sullivan has replied to let us know that:

- In late November there will be a questionnaire on the Commonplace platform (WCC’s consultation platform).
- Postcards will be delivered through the doors of residents within a 25 m. radius of the proposed scheme. (Though we’ve asked for a wider radius as residents are concerned about traffic impacts on other streets. We can assist with these notices.)

- Lamp column wraps - will include the Commonplace weblink and QR code to the consultation and then placed at either end of Northumberland Place.
- In-person drop-in session – Provisional date 14th November 2023 - this will be confirmed in line with local venue availability and consultation platforms and support measures being ready. Other face-to-face inquiries can also be arranged.
- Once finalised, the date of the in-person drop-in session, postcards and lamp column wraps can all be confirmed, and a further update provided.

Overview of traffic in our area

We're conscious that a number of folks are worried about the possible knock-on effect of a play street on surrounding roads.

Our councillors have taken this on board and have requested an overall traffic review of the area, which will include the possibility of other Public Realm projects that neighbours are keen to see developed such as FiveWays and a Needham Rd. scheme.

Again, ALL of these will be open for discussion before anything definitive takes place.

But now, time for some fun!

WINTER PARTY – please save the date....

We will be holding our winter party upstairs at the Walmer Castle on Tuesday, December 5th at 6:30 p.m.

We'll send a follow up email with details on the evening's entertainment, provisions and how to buy your ticket.

We very much hope you'll attend and look forward to seeing you there.