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# PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE DELIVERY OF NEW COUNCIL HOMES



*A revised proposal for the phasing and delivery of council homes as part of the regeneration of the Alton Estate will accelerate the delivery of new council homes*

Redrow Homes submitted a planning application for the Alton Area regeneration in June. Following the statutory planning consultation both the Council and Redrow Homes have carefully reflected on comments made by the public and by the GLA in respect of the location of council housing. A comprehensive proposal has been prepared by the council's Regeneration Team which addresses these concerns and will accelerate the delivery of council housing in the first phase of the regeneration.

The revisions are:

- Block A will now provide an increased proportion of replacement homes available for Council rent
- Block O will now provide replacement homes for Council rent and resident leaseholders rather than private homes
- Block Q2 will now be completely shared ownership
- Blocks F and G will now provide a mixture of Council homes and homes for private sale

The revised proposals will provide a greater mix of social and private housing across the intervention area and accelerate the delivery of new council homes and shared ownership homes. Changing the housing mix of Block A and Block O will bring forward the delivery of 40 replacement Council homes by many years and will also help facilitate the second phase of construction. It will also mean that Blocks Q1, Q2 and Q3 will provide social rent homes, shared equity homes and shared ownership homes, improving the tenure mix.

Brochures detailing these changes have been delivered to all residents in the intervention area. The Regeneration Team has also held 1-2-1 meetings with residents to explain the changes to their housing options, and three drop-in sessions have also been held.

All the information provided at these sessions is available on the Wandsworth Council website – if you would like more information please contact the Regeneration team on **020 8871 6207** or at [roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:roehampton@wandsworth.gov.uk).

## KEY

- Replacement homes (social and shared equity)
- Private homes
- Shared Ownership

## Former Proposal



## New Proposal



# FONTLEY WAY

## Fontley Way Planning Application Submitted

The planning application for 14 new council homes at Fontley Way was submitted to Wandsworth Council on the 11th November 2019. The Fontley Way development will provide new high-quality family housing for existing residents from within the intervention area, as well as a range of improvements to the landscaping and local play provision.

In addition to two consultation events and an information drop-in event, a statutory planning consultation has been undertaken by the Council's Planning Department. You can view the application by going to the Council's Planning Portal [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning) and entering the reference **2019/4697**.



For more information on how the proposals have evolved since consultation, please visit: [www.altonestateregen.co.uk](http://www.altonestateregen.co.uk)



Fontley Way

## WHAT'S ON ROEHAMPTON

EVENT	LOCATION	DAY	TIME
Knit-and-Knatter	Roehampton Library	Alternate Wednesdays	14:00 – 16:00
Over 65's café	Methodist Church (Minstead Gardens)	Thursday	11:00
Men-in-Sheds	Methodist Church (Minstead Gardens)	Wednesday	12:00 – 15:30
R.O.C.K.S. After School Club	Alton Activity Centre	Mon – Fri	15:50 – 18:30
Family Sports	Alton Activity Centre	Wed	16:30 – 18:00
Art Classes	Alton Activity Centre	Monday	10:00 – 12:00
Youth Club	The Base	Mon – Fri	13:00 – 21:00
ESOL level 1	Roehampton Library	Monday & Wednesday	16:00 – 18:00
ESOL Level 2 & 3	Roehampton Library	Monday & Wednesday	10:30 – 12:30
English Conversation Group	Roehampton Library	Wednesday	17:00 – 18:00
Homework Help	Roehampton Library	Mon (Term Time)	15:30 – 17:00
Reading Support	Roehampton Library	Mon	15:30 – 18:00
Craft Club	Roehampton Library	Sat	11:00 – 12:00
Story Time (Ages 0 – 3)	Roehampton Library	Fri	10:30
Rhyme Time (Ages 2 – 5)	Roehampton Library	Wed	10:30
Citizens Advice Wandsworth	Mount Clare, Minstead Gardens	Mon – Fri	10:00 – 16:00
Chelsea Kicks	Witley Point MUGA (Wanborough Drive)	Fri	18:00 – 21:00

# ROEHAMPTON FESTIVAL

*Residents and community groups from across Roehampton celebrate the end of the summer holidays*



The festival returned to Downshire Field with more activities than ever. The event featured live music, inflatable rides, food, stalls, sports, a rodeo and a city farm.

Enable returned to promote health and fitness in the local community, providing free health check-ups and advice on how to keep fit. They were supported by local groups who arranged activities including dodgeball organised by Knight's Gym, rugby by Roselyn Park, tennis by the Rackets Cubed and boxing by Carney's Community.

Regenerate also attended in force, organising the children zone which featured a double decker youth bus staffed by XLP, art and crafts by youth workers from the Base, body art by Infinite Arts Media, table tennis, graffiti, calisthenics and much more. Regenerate also arranged the stage, which featured music from DJ Lance, Banned From Sainsbury's, Jordan, Karis, Tea Boy, Fatch, Dockem and Mallone.



Regenerate RISE also hosted the Kings & Queens banquet, providing a well-earned feast for elderly residents, as well as a range of entertainment including a steel drum band, dancing, an acapella group and bingo.



The Mayor of Wandsworth, Cllr Jane Cooper, said:  
***“The Festival celebrates the best about Roehampton – it’s brilliant to see so many residents and children enjoying their local area and learning about the services and activities that local groups and volunteers provide!”***

We would like to thank Enable, Regenerate, Regenerate RISE and all the groups and volunteers who made the event possible, and we look forward to returning in 2020.



# BLACK HISTORY MONTH



*Ubuntu Museum, a community enterprise run by Jackie Mwanza, held its first exhibition at 6 Portswood Place*



Ubuntu Museum was founded by Jackie Mwanza, a visual artist who has over 12 years of experience working with galleries, museums, schools and youth clubs promoting inclusivity in education. Talking about the project Jackie says that *"Ubuntu Museum was born out of a need to share my experiences of being a black African female in Britain. There are too few stories and points of views of people of colour in Britain and the West generally, so I have created Ubuntu Museum to put out these stories"*.

Following on from their success at the Roehampton Festival, Ubuntu Museum returned to the Alton estate for its first exhibition – "The Nude Gallery" – which was held at 6 Portswood Place until Mid-December. The exhibition looked at the use of "flesh" and "nude" colours in commerce and culture, and referenced figures such as Michelle Obama, Kate Middleton, Malorie Blackman, Marvel's The Black Panther and Carlos Acosta. Talking about the exhibition, Jackie says: *"I wanted to highlight how assumptions about "flesh colour" and "nude tones" permeate everyday life, and the problems it causes for men, women and children of all colours."*

For more information go to [www.ubuntumuseum.com](http://www.ubuntumuseum.com)

## THE ROEHAMPTON CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

*The Christmas Festival returned to Roehampton on Tuesday 17th December!*

The Regeneration Team hosted the event at the Minstead Gardens Methodist Church, and featured decorations made by local children, music by World Heartbeat Music Academy, songs by local schools and carols by the Minstead Gardens choir (An A-Chaired Taste). There were also plenty of free festive snacks and hot drinks, as well as crafts and games for the whole family.



# INTERVIEW

## Janice Fernandes, Roehampton Library Manager

*Janice has over 28 years of experience as a librarian and has worked at the Roehampton Library for the last two years.*



During her career Janice has seen the role of libraries change considerably: *"This morning we have Age UK running 'DigiPals' sessions to support older residents to use IT, English language lessons run by the Workers' Educational Association (WEA) and a children's reading playgroup organised with Eastwood Nursery".*

As well as managing the Roehampton Library, Janice organises community and cultural events across the libraries in Wandsworth, and as a result knows what makes a library successful. *"The location of any library is very important. We are in a prominent location at the centre of the estate – you can't miss it! Ideally we wouldn't be so close to the road, and we could benefit from more visibility and natural light".*

Janice has been to consultation events and has provided a lot of feedback on the proposals for a new library. *"We are looking forward to the new space and to working over two floors. We're also glad that the new library will receive a lot more daylight, and are interested to see how the relationship between the new library and the new village square will develop".*

The new library will have twice as much space as the existing building, and will have areas for quiet study, community groups, IT and for reading. The new library will also open directly onto the new village square, providing the opportunity for outdoor activities and events.



Amanda Stirrup, Head of Libraries at Wandsworth, said that

*"Partnerships within the new building will take the local library facility into a new phase, where it is modern, community focused and delivers what local people need in exciting, creative and effective ways, and will become a blueprint for a new approach across the library network. The building, with its inherent flexible approach to space, will help create a sense of local identity and belonging for local people and bring library services to the attention of those who traditionally have not used them."*

## 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:

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You can also contact the Cabinet Member for Housing, Cllr Kim Caddy  
[kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:kcaddy@wandsworth.gov.uk)

## 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](mailto:wandsworthworkmatch@wandsworth.gov.uk) putting the word **ROEHAMPTON** in the subject line of your email.

