

ALTON GREEN

ROEHAMPTON SW15

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*“The Alton regeneration will deliver more than new homes, it will re-energise Roehampton and provide state-of-the art community facilities that will benefit the Roehampton community and wider Wandsworth.”*

Leader of the Council, Ravi Govindia



# PLANNING APPLICATION SUBMITTED

*After an extensive programme of pre-application consultation and engagement Redrow Homes has applied to the Council for planning permission for the redevelopment of part of the Alton Estate in Roehampton.*

A planning application has been submitted for the Alton area which includes 1,103 new and replacement homes, new community facilities and improvements to the local infrastructure.

Phase one of the development will deliver new homes for existing residents and a multi-purpose community building which will contain a bigger Roehampton library, a new youth centre to replace the Base, a doctors' surgery, a community hall and a café.

This new community building will open onto a new village square which will provide space for community activities and events. The application also includes proposals for a new and enhanced retail 'offer' on Danebury Avenue which will increase the retail space and provide a bigger grocery store for the area.

On Alton West, the regeneration of Portswood Place will provide a new building for the Eastwood Nursery School Centre for Children & Families, a community hall, a new retail unit and a potential new community space. The proposals also contain plans for the refurbishment of the Alton Activity Centre play space and the Downshire Field play area.

The Leader of the Council Ravi Govindia, said:  
*"We are delighted to be working in partnership with Redrow to deliver this long-awaited transformation. This partnership is another demonstration of our commitment to building more homes across the borough and providing better housing choice for Wandsworth people".*  
*"The regeneration of the Alton Estate will also offer opportunities for people to train, learn new skills*

*and improve their general wellbeing. We want to ensure that people of all backgrounds can fulfil their ambitions in Wandsworth and that is why this regeneration programme and partnership is so important."*

Mark Parker, managing director at Redrow East London, said that Redrow have been working with residents and local stakeholders for many years to develop plans that work for local people.

*"Our shared vision is to create a sustainable new community that combines new homes with important community infrastructure".*

*"The area has a strong cultural identity and a number of important heritage buildings that we have taken into consideration during the design process. The new homes will be delivered in accordance with the Design Code that has taken inspiration from the modernist buildings of Alton West and the Victorian streetscape of Roehampton Village. The homes will be surrounded by areas of attractive open space and new pedestrian and cycle routes will be created, linking Alton Green to the surrounding communities. We look forward to continued engagement with the local community over the coming months and years."*

Though the statutory consultation period has finished it is still possible, throughout September, to view the plans and comment on the application online at: [www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning) by entering the reference number "2019/2516". If you would like more information on the application please contact **Janet Ferguson** on **020 8871 7959**.



Computer generated image of Portswood Place Community Hub

# ROEHAMPTON GETS ACTIVE!

*The Roehampton Festival will be returning to Downshire Field on Saturday 7th September from 2pm.*

Wandsworth Council's Regeneration Team, Regenerate, Regenerate RISE and Redrow Homes are working together to bring the Festival back to Roehampton this summer. The event will feature music, dancing, amusement rides, street food, sports, a city farm and more.

There will also be a variety of community and voluntary groups from the local area providing information about their services and advertising a range of local activities including cookery classes, sports and fitness sessions, healthy living and employment opportunities.

Residents will also be able to view the masterplan for the Alton area regeneration, and to ask representatives from the Council and Redrow about the phasing plan for the redevelopment, the choices residents will have on the interior decorations and kitchens of the new properties. There will also be information about the Alton Green cultural strategy.



## KINGS & QUEENS BANQUET

The Festival will also feature the return of the Kings & Queens banquet. Older residents will be treated to a three-course dinner and entertainment provided by Regenerate RISE with the support of Hillsong Church. To find out more please contact Mo Smith at: [mo-smith@regenerate-rise.co.uk](mailto:mo-smith@regenerate-rise.co.uk)



## JOBS, TRAINING AND APPRENTICESHIPS

As part of the regeneration Redrow will create a range of jobs, training and apprenticeships for the local community. As well as jobs in construction, roles will be made available through Work Match in areas such as security, site office administration, and decorating. Redrow and Work Match will be attending the Festival to provide information about likely opportunities.



# FONTLEY WAY / DROP-IN SESSION, AUGUST 2019

Following two consultation events in March on the proposals for the Fontley Way site, the Regeneration Team hosted a drop-in event on Tuesday 6th August to inform residents of recent changes to the planning application and to address any concerns residents might have. Following feedback from residents and discussions with planners four changes have been made to the proposals:



1. Rather than provide a new play area for over-5s on Fontley Way, we are proposing to refurbish and improve the existing play area at Ibsley Gardens. The Fontley Way site is a short walk from Ibsley Gardens, and the existing play area is more accessible to children from across the estate. We are proposing to move the new development's under-5s play area closer to Fontley Way, to make it more accessible to local residents.
2. We are also proposing to convert the private communal green behind the development into a series of private gardens for the ground floor maisonettes.
3. The demolition of the existing structure will start in the autumn half term, to reduce disturbance to the neighbouring nursery.
4. Fourteen spaces in front of Crondall House will be suspended during the works to provide access for construction traffic. These fourteen spaces will be reprovided on Fontley Way, with the suspended spaces being reinstated on completion of the development.



## BESSBOROUGH ROAD BEGINS



*Construction has begun on the first 10 homes to support the regeneration of Alton Green.*

Located on Bessborough Road, the development will provide ten new Council homes for tenants and leaseholders already living on the Alton Estate. The development contains five maisonettes and five flats, each with access to either a private garden or private balcony. The development will also be fully adaptable to meet the mobility needs of residents, and one maisonette has been designed specifically for wheelchair use. The development will offer bike storage, a play area - and landscape improvements to the front of the property and to Petersfield Rise.

Wandsworth Council's development partner, Redrow Homes, went on site at the end of July to clear the area and to erect hoarding. The hoarding will feature paintings by pupils from Heathmere Primary School on the theme of "My favourite thing about Roehampton". Pupils' paintings depict London buses, deer from Richmond Park, and the local dinosaurs.

If you were not able to attend the drop-in session, you can view copies of the exhibition boards on the News & Events section of the Alton Estate Regeneration website:

[www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk](http://www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk)

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Bessborough Road hoarding

# WITLEY POINT MUGA REFURBISHMENT



*The Council has agreed a new model for youth services in Roehampton. Key elements of this include a multi-purpose facility in the proposed community building on the Village Square, improvements to the Alton Activity Centre and Downshire Field play area, and a new mobile facility to reach all parts of Roehampton.*



Following consultation with young people, children's services, community groups and local residents, Council officers have also developed proposals for a range of improvements to the Witley Point Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) and surrounding area.

Resurfacing of the pitch was completed at the beginning of April 2019 and future improvements include new goals, fencing, paths, planting and shrubbery, lighting, toilets, children's play facilities and access to sports equipment. The proposal also includes a new area for spectators beneath the existing tree canopy and new "welcome areas" at the two entrances to the MUGA, with feature paving, bins and notice boards. There are additional plans for a new running track. Existing obstacles on the site such as trees and rocks will create informal play opportunities.

The MUGA is in an established setting, with surrounding wooded areas and the Council has commissioned an ecological survey to ensure the potential impact on local wildlife is minimised.

You can view the MUGA improvement proposals on: [www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk](http://www.AltonEstateRegen.co.uk)

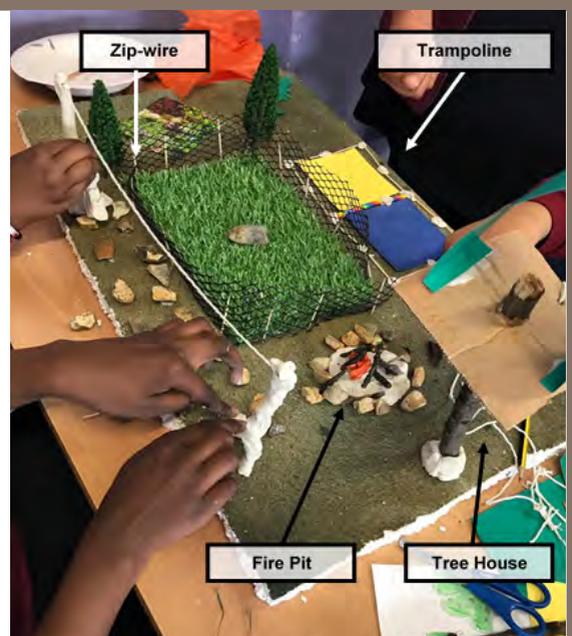


## MUGA WORKSHOPS

Engagement sessions have taken place with Roehampton Youth Club, Chelsea Kicks Juniors, Chelsea Kicks Seniors, and pupils from Heathmere Primary School.

The young people identified areas which need improvement including the fencing, shrubbery, lighting, access, amenities and play equipment.

Working in groups they also used a variety of materials to create their own designs of what they would like to see in the area.



# THE BASE REFURBISHMENT



*The BASE on Danebury Avenue has opened following its recent refurbishment, to increase its capacity and to improve services for young people in the area.*

The BASE now contains a fully fitted training kitchen, a music studio, an ICT suite, an arts corner and 'Chill Out' multi-media area. The refurbishment will ensure that the Base is able to host a wider range of activities and facilities in order to meet the needs of the users of both the BASE and the Roehampton Youth Club until the new youth facility is opened in the new multi-purpose community building ("Block A"). The refurbishment also includes a movable partition which can be used to create a space for smaller group sessions, new PCs and new furniture.

Pat Ingram, manager of the BASE, said that:

*"The young people are pleased with the refurbishment - it feels bigger, cleaner and more exciting! The kids love the new facilities, especially the new studio, computers and kitchen."*

## 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.



## 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.

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