OPDC
OLD OAK AND PARK ROYAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Your October update



Welcome to our community newsletter! Read on to find out what is happening in our area, including the latest updates and upcoming events.

Community Updates





Summer of activity in North Acton Square

North Acton Square has been buzzing with activity this summer as part of the Mayor of London's Summer Streets initiative.

OPDC worked with Park Royal Design District, the North Acton Business Improvement District (BID), The Republic Community Projects and Ealing Council, alongside local organisations including Absolute Beginners, Standard Market, Soundburger and Em & Dora's Sourdough & Bakes, to bring a programme of events and activities to the square throughout the summer.

There is still plenty happening this autumn, with Awakener Coffee holding an 'Introduction to Modern Coffee' workshop on **Saturday 17 October from 2.30-4.00pm**. You will discover how to read coffee bag labels and cafe menus, explore new brewing methods, taste a selection of coffees, and get to take some beans home!

And from **Monday 26 to Saturday 31 October**, Canal & River Trust (CRT) will be holding a free exhibition in the square. Over the past year, CRT have been holding plant walks and print making workshops along the Grand Union Canal as part of a programme called 'A Canalside Flora'. Through these workshops, they have built up a collection of prints and poetry which they will be exhibiting in the square.

To find out more about these events, check out the links below.

Awakener Coffee Workshop

CRT Exhibition





Park Royal Design District festival returns to North Acton

Park Royal Design District (PRDD) brought art, culture and creativity to Park Royal this September with its annual festival, ‘Manufactory’.

More than 2,000 people attended the two-day festival, enjoying art, performance, music, making, food and open-door events across London’s largest industrial district.

PRDD is a non-profit platform for creativity in Park Royal, bringing together artists, performers, makers, designers and producers from across the area and beyond. Its year-round programme culminates in the annual September festival.

OPDC is proud to support PRDD alongside Imperial College London. If you joined us for Manufactory, we hope you had a great time!

You can find out more about PRDD below.

PRDD





Park Royal subway transformed with new mural

A new mural has transformed Masons Green Lane subway, one of the key gateways into Park Royal and an important arrival point for the UK's largest industrial estate.

The mural, created by artist Andrew Werdna, was inspired by photographs taken by local people. Andrew and his team handed out disposable cameras to passers-by at Park Royal Station, inviting them to capture everyday moments from the area. These images helped shape the mural's design, ensuring that it reflects the character and community of the area.

The mural is now complete, so be sure to take a look next time you're passing by!

This commission was jointly delivered by OPDC and Transport for London (TfL).



OPDC and The Sharks Annual Boat Race

On 30 September, the OPDC team took to the water at Harlesden Canalside for the annual boat race, organised with our partners, The Sharks.

We were joined by teams from local organisations Canal & River Trust and QPR in the Community Trust, competing to raise money for fantastic community projects - Brent Food Bank and QPR in the Community Trust.

If you would like to support these projects, you can donate via the link below.

JustGiving Page





OPDC Small Grants spotlight

This month, we spotlight two organisations supported through OPDC's 2026 Small Grants programme – Old Oak Social Enterprise and Abundance Arts.

Old Oak Social Enterprise (OOSE) is a community-led organisation creating welcoming spaces, activities and opportunities for local residents. This summer, it brought 20 residents from in and around Old Oak together for a Summer Tea Party, with food, dancing, activities and plenty of conversation. It was fantastic to see residents of all ages enjoying the afternoon!

OOSE holds community sessions **every Wednesday and Thursday from 4pm to 7pm**, giving residents a chance to meet their neighbours, take part in activities and enjoy refreshments. There is no need to book – just turn up at **Old Oak House, 43-45 Erconwald Street, London, W12 0BP**.

Abundance Arts work with local young people, families and the wider community, using creative learning to support community wellbeing. The organisation recently brought local young people together to create a mural at Brent Start College in Stonebridge. Inspired by walks they had taken around the area, the session gave participants the chance to get creative, share ideas and explore what makes their neighbourhood special.

Find out more about OOSE, Abundance Arts and our Small Grants programme below. We will spotlight more of our Small Grantees in the next edition, so keep an eye out!

Old Oak Social Enterprise | Abundance Arts | Small Grants Scheme

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Upcoming Events, Consultations & Opportunities



Improvements to streets and public spaces in the OPDC area - Big X and North Acton Gyratory Scheme

OPDC, Ealing Council, Brent Council and Transport for London (TfL) are holding two drop-in events in October and November to hear your thoughts and ideas on transport and public realm improvements in Park Royal, North Acton.

We would like to share our initial ideas for the Big X and North Acton Gyratory Scheme. The ‘Big X’ refers to the four main roads through Park Royal: Park Royal Road, Abbey Road, Coronation Road and Acton Lane. And the ‘North Acton Gyratory’ refers to the main roads around North Acton: Victoria Road, Horn Lane and Wales Farm Road.

We are looking to introduce improvements to these roads to make walking and cycling safer, by improving pavements and crossings, delivering cycle lanes and creating space for planting and trees.

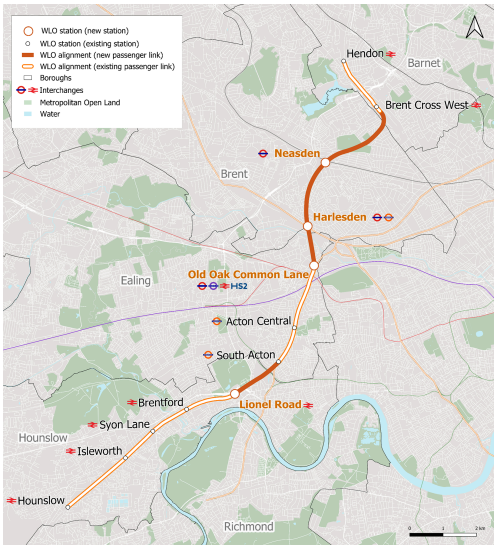
We are holding two drop-in events where you can give your views:

- **Tuesday 20 October**, 3.30pm-7.30pm, Klatch Studios, Studio 1, 29 Park Royal Road, NW10 7LQ
- **Saturday 7 November**, 10.30am-1.30pm, Woodward Community Hub, 1 Victoria Road, W3 6FA

You can also find out more about the project and have your say by visiting our consultation page via the link below. Details will be available online from **Wednesday 21 October** and you will be able to fill out a questionnaire to let us know your thoughts. We welcome comments by **Wednesday 2 December**.

If you have any questions, please contact us at info@opdc.london.gov.uk

Consultation Page



Have your say - West London Orbital proposals

The first public consultation about plans for a new West London Orbital rail service is now open.

The West London Orbital would form a new part of the London Overground network, linking Hendon in the north with Hounslow in the south, via twelve stations, including four new ones at Harlesden, Neasden, Old Oak Common and Lionel Road.

The proposals aim to provide quicker and easier journeys around West London, increase capacity on the transport network, provide an alternative to car use and support new homes and jobs along the route.

You can find out more by visiting the consultation website below, which includes the online consultation survey.

You can also get in touch about the proposals by:

- **Email**: westlondonorbital@tfl.gov.uk
- **Phone**: 020 3054 6037 (call back service, please leave a message stating that you wish to talk about West London Orbital and a member of the team will call you back)
- **Post**: Write to FREEPOST TFL HAVE YOUR SAY (West London Orbital)

A number of drop-in events will be held during the consultation – you can find details here. These are not formal meetings but an opportunity for people to call in to discuss the proposals with the team and ask questions.

The consultation is open until **Wednesday 18 November**.

TfL's Consultation Page



OPDC Community Drop-ins

Members of the OPDC team are available on a monthly basis to meet with residents, answer questions, and share updates about ongoing work in Old Oak.

The next drop-in will be combined with the Big X and North Acton Gyratory event, mentioned earlier in this newsletter, on **Tuesday 20 October from**

3.30-7.30pm at Klatch Studios, Studio 1, 29 Park Royal Road, NW10 7LQ.

There is no need to book or register – just come along at a time that suits you.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Partner Updates



Base One officially opens

In September, Base One at 1 Portal Way in North Acton officially opened!

Base One is London's newest science and technology hub, owned by Imperial College London and operated by science specialists Sciopolis. It offers lab and office space for fast-growing science and tech businesses, supporting the growth of innovation and advanced manufacturing in the UK.

Located in North Acton, Base One is part of Imperial's Old Oak Innovation Cluster and sits within the wider regeneration of Old Oak, which will bring transformational change to West London.

Base One is open to the public with a public café, co-working space and event space which everyone is welcome to use. So, make sure you head down to Base One if you're in the area – it is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 6pm.

To find out more about Base One, click the link below.

Base One



Old Oak Common Lane closure 2028 – information drop-in events

HS2 and BBVS are inviting you to attend a drop-in event about the upcoming long-term road closure of Old Oak Common Lane.

These drop-in events are aimed at providing more information for the community. The closure is scheduled to start early in 2028 and will last four years.

Please see the list of drop-in dates below:

- **Wednesday 14 October**, 4pm-8pm - HS2 site on Atlas Road, NW10 6DN
- **Thursday 22 October**, 12:30pm-4pm - Old Oak Family Hub and Community Centre (76 Braybrook St, London, England, W12 0AP)
- **Wednesday 28 October**, 4pm-6pm - Visitors Centre, Old Oak Common Station Site, Old Oak Common Lane, NW10 6DZ
- **Tuesday 1 December**, 10am-2pm - Bow Arts - Oaklands Social (formerly known as The Lab), 19 Green Street, NW10 6FT

To attend a drop-in, RSVP by emailing the BBVS Community Engagement team at community@bbvsjv.com or call the Helpdesk at 08081 434 434.

Volunteering Opportunities - How Can We Help?

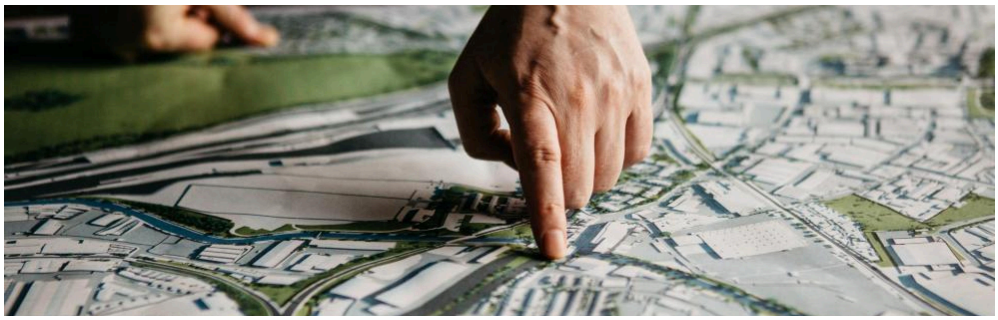


This summer, volunteers from OPDC helped to set up a community dinner hosted by Absolute Beginners in Minerva Works, as part of the Summer Streets initiative.

We are always on the lookout for new ways to help out in the community, and that is where you come in. If your organisation needs a few extra hands, whether it is just for a one-off project or something ongoing, we would love to hear from you.

We want to work with local groups and projects that could use some volunteer support. Drop us a line at info@opdc.london.gov.uk and tell us what you're up to.

Planning Applications



Live Planning Applications

- 26/0070/VAROPDC: 1 Portal Way, North Acton, W3 6RS – variation of conditions of planning permission 21/0181/OUTOPDC to change the use of Building E from residential to 1,350 student bedrooms, and alternative layouts for Building F to provide 576 student bedrooms with associated changes to the external appearance of the building.

- 26/0072/FUMOPDC and 26/0074/FUMOPDC: Asda Superstore, 2-20 Western Road, Park Royal, NW10 7LW - Comprehensive phased redevelopment to provide: i) a temporary single-storey car park deck, petrol filling station and vehicle access, to facilitate ii) a new superstore and 1,510 new homes, c.2,000sqm of flexible town centre uses, public and private open space, car parking, cycle parking and associated works.

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