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Your June update



Welcome to the OPDC newsletter, your source for the latest updates, opportunities, and stories from Old Oak & Park Royal!

Small Grants Programme in 2025



We're excited to share that 10 fantastic local organisations and initiatives have been selected to receive Small Grants Funding from us this year!

A huge thank you to everyone who applied — your commitment to making a difference in our community is truly inspiring.

The new awardees will be starting their projects soon, and we can't wait to see the impact of their work unfold. We'll be sharing updates and event announcements on our social media, so stay tuned!

Congratulations to our new cohort – we're looking forward to celebrating your successes throughout the year.

Click below to watch a brilliant video, created by Brent TV which documents our recent celebration event featuring interviews with representatives from both new and previously funded projects! Pictured above, some of our fantastic awardees.

Our next round of Small Grants will open toward the end of this year, if you would like to be kept informed, please contact the team info@opdc.london.gov.uk



Young Brent Foundation and The Sharks - John Lyon boat launch



It was a pleasure to join this amazing launch event held by our partners, Young Brent Foundation and The Sharks @ NW10 canoe and kayak club.

The event saw the John Lyon canal boat being launched for the summer season and we were pleased to see so many people enjoying being on the water in the kayaks and taking a journey on the John Lyon!

There's lots more exciting of events happening over the summer, so make sure you click the below to find out how you can get involved.

[Find out more](#)

NCIL and Planning Obligations SPD consultation - have your say!



In 2024, OPDC adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL), a standard charge on development in the area. A percentage of the CIL collected is spent in consultation with the local community (known as Neighbourhood CIL or NCIL).

From **16th June to 28th July 2025**, we're consulting on your priorities for what this NCIL funding is used for.

As different parts of the OPDC area are likely to have different needs and priorities, we are inviting views on your priorities for three different neighbourhoods:

- North Acton
- Old Oak
- Park Royal

Within these neighbourhoods, we are asking which of the following you think is the most important for your area:

- Community centres and facilities
- Schools and education
- Employability and skills
- Health
- Open space and playspace
- Arts and culture
- Healthy streets
- Sports, recreation and leisure
- Public transport improvements
- Environment, sustainability and biodiversity

When we hold £500,000 in NCIL, we will invite the community to apply for specific projects, and your responses to this consultation will guide how we allocate funds.

Revised Planning Obligations SPD

Alongside NCIL, we are also consulting on some proposed changes to the **Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)**.

This is a guidance document which explains OPDC's approach to using planning obligations. Planning obligations, also known as Section 106 agreements, are legal agreements negotiated between developers and OPDC.

They are intended to mitigate or offset the negative impacts of development or to inform the nature of development. The changes we are consulting on are focused on planning contributions towards construction management and employment and skills.

If you would like to find out more and have your say on both NCIL and the Planning Obligations SPD, please join us at one of our in-person or virtual events:

Thursday 3rd July, 3.30pm - 7.30pm

The Community Hub, Woodward Building, 1 Victoria Road, North Acton, W3 6FA
Drop-in, no booking necessary

Wednesday 9th July, 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Park Royal Project Space, Excelsior Studios, 17-19 Sunbeam Rd, NW10 6JP
Drop-in, no booking necessary.

Tuesday 15th July, 6pm – 7pm

Online Event

Please register to join [here](#).

[Find out more and give your feedback here](#)

Midland Terrace playground - new community mural



Children and families came together for a vibrant afternoon in May at Midland Terrace Community Playground to meet mural artist Tasia Graham, who will be transforming the playground fence with a new community-inspired design.

Tasia introduced herself to the local community and quickly got children involved by handing out jumbo chalk to decorate the floor and fence. The young attendees enthusiastically shared their ideas and creativity, drawing colourful designs and suggesting what they would love to see included in the final mural!

The contributions from the local community will play an important role in shaping the mural, which is expected to be completed by August.

Tasia has also invited local volunteers to join her in the painting process, making this a truly collaborative piece of public art, keep an eye out for more details on this.

We look forward to sharing the mural with you and celebrating the creativity and imagination of the Midland Terrace community!

Meet your OPDC business specialist



Did you know OPDC has a dedicated business specialist service to support local SMEs in Old Oak and Park Royal?

Whether you're a start-up or an established business, OPDC offers a free initial consultation across a range of business-critical topics including creative sector funding, finance, marketing, HR, technology services and food manufacturing workspace solutions.

Our commissioned specialists offer guidance and help you navigate the resources that can support your business to grow. They also provide valuable insight to help shape future business support.

To discuss a referral to a business specialist, please contact the OPDC team on: Marvin.Mileham@opdc.london.gov.uk or William.Seago@opdc.london.gov.uk

Volunteering opportunities - can we help?



At OPDC, staff are encouraged to give back to the community through hands-on volunteering. Teams have recently taken part in canal clean-ups and flower planting along the towpaths with the Canal & River Trust, helped prepare food parcels with Brent Food Bank, and supported clothing donations for refugees and asylum seekers at St Dunstan's Church in East Acton.

We're always looking for new ways to get involved. If your organisation needs volunteers, we'd be happy to hear from you!

Please email us at info@opdc.london.gov.uk if you have a project you need support with.

Brent foodbank - can you help?

Brent Foodbank is always looking for extra hands to support their work, whether you have a couple of days or a couple of hours available a week. Roles like **food bank centre helper**, **warehouse assistant** and **van driver** help keep things running smoothly and make a real impact in our community.

If you'd like to volunteer, please click here

Live planning applications



- [23/0235/FUMOPDC](#): 93-97a Scrubs Lane, new development of 63 homes and 129 sqm of ground floor commercial uses (Class E).
- [25/0011/FUMOPDC](#): Woodward Block A, 1 Victoria Road, London W3 6AR - redevelopment to provide a 14-storey building comprising purpose built student accommodation with flexible commercial and community space at ground floor.
- 25/0071/VAROPDC – 628 Western Avenue, W3 0TA – Section 73 application to vary conditions attached to planning permission 19/0006/FUMOPDC to reduce the floor to ceiling heights of the industrial floorspace, delete the office floorspace, and incorporate 5 additional floors of hotel accommodation within the approved building envelope.

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