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Your August 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



OPDC Small Grants scheme gets underway with first events and more to look forward to this summer

The 19 Small Grants projects awarded OPDC funding this year have started working with the local community to deliver their projects across Brent, Ealing, and Hammersmith & Fulham.

They include Society Dance Academy's Ground Zero event in North Acton Square, where some of the best street dancers from across London impressed the crowd with their skills. The team also gave lessons on street dance and were joined by a graffiti artist who worked with young people to produce some drawings.

The Society Dance team will be back in the area with another event soon - keep an eye on our socials for further details, and make sure to come along!

Community organisation Hikayetna held a wonderful afternoon event of stories and sharing food which they called 'Park Royal Stone Soup'. Guests included Amir Darwish, a British Syrian Poet, and performance artist and author Grace Quansah, who engaged the audience with their delightful and powerful stories. A Syrian family recipe was the centrepiece of a food demonstration from Omama's Kitchen which got everyone talking about their own family recipes.

Look out for Hikayetna's next event, which is due to be held on **Saturday 5 September, 1.30pm - 3.30pm**, in the **North Acton Pavilion, North Acton Playing Fields, Eastfields Road**. Everyone is welcome - follow our socials for more details closer to the time.

Our engagement team supported Small Grants recipient, The Upper Room, volunteering to serve food to homeless and vulnerable people in Shepherd's

Bush. The team had a fantastic afternoon, and if you would like to volunteer with The Upper Room, you can find out the details [here](#).

For more information about the Small Grants Programme and to view the full list of this year's Small Grantees, click the links below.

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Wesley Playing Fields - update on improvement works

Construction of Phase One of the improvements to Wesley Playing Fields continues. We are pleased to update you that **the children's playground is now open**, with a phased reopening of other areas.

Phase One works will bring improved play areas, more planting, a new shelter, wider paths and more visible and accessible entrances to the playing fields.

Our contractor Blakedown Landscapes (SE) Ltd has been working to deliver Phase One. The hot weather and issues with the supply of specialist equipment means some work has taken slightly longer than anticipated, however, all areas of the playing fields will reopen by mid-September.

We will be organising a celebration to take place in early-October following completion of the works. We will share further details about the event closer to the time.

We are keen to involve as many of the community as possible, so if you have any ideas about what you would like the celebration to include, please get in touch with the team at info@opdc.london.gov.uk

We will continue to update you as the works progress. If you have any questions in the meantime, please reach out to the Ealing Parks team at parks@ealing.gov.uk or call them at 020 8825 6999.



OPDC and Construction Youth Trust team up to provide career pathways for local young people

We are excited to have teamed up with [Construction Youth Trust](https://www.constructionyouthtrust.org.uk/) to unlock career pathways for young people across the OPDC host boroughs of Brent, Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham.

Construction Youth Trust, a leading social mobility charity, will work with OPDC to deliver a two-year programme reaching 1,800 young people, inspiring them to explore careers in construction and connecting them directly with employers, industry professionals and hands-on experiences.

The programme will link major employers with local schools, offering workshops, site visits and immersive projects that help young people build confidence, skills and networks, whether they are interested in engineering, architecture, trades or other future-focused careers.

If you would like to find out more about the programme, you can contact Construction Youth Trust at hello@constructionyouth.org.uk

You can read our press release via the link below.

[Press Release](#)



Pilot project underway to match locally available training and skills with the needs of food and drink manufacturing businesses

Toward the end of 2025, OPDC came together with local food and drink manufacturing businesses, and further education providers, to discuss how to close the gap between locally available training and the skills needs of local food and drink manufacturing businesses.

This conversation led to a pilot course, launched in April this year and run jointly with the West London Institute of Technology (IOT) Food and Drink Innovation and Skills Hub, which OPDC is part of.

Through the course, delivered by Harrow, Richmond and Uxbridge College (HRUC) and which OPDC co-funds, learners attain an accredited language qualification which will help boost their career prospects and benefit them in their personal lives.

The pilot has already supported 20 local workers to improve their English speaking and listening skills.

If you would like to find out more about the project, please get in touch at info@opdc.london.gov.uk



Improving the experience of pedestrians and cyclists on Victoria Road and Old Oak Lane

We are working with Ealing Council to deliver early improvements for walking and cycling along Victoria Road and Old Oak Lane.

Following engagement with local communities in October and November last year, in which we held two drop-in events and hosted an online survey to collect feedback, we have updated our proposals.

We held a further drop-in event on 14 July to present the updated proposals and give residents the opportunity to speak to the project team. We are also hosting an online survey in which you can give your feedback on the proposals. This is live now and will be open until **Sunday 16 August**.

If you would like to view the materials from the drop-in session or fill out the survey, please visit the link below.

If you have any questions, you can contact the team at info@opdc.london.gov.uk.

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Summer screenings at North Acton Square

As you may have seen, there has been a big TV screen in North Acton Square over the past month, showing World Cup matches, Wimbledon, and a selection of movies.

We have been working closely with Park Royal Design District, the North Acton Business Improvement District (BID), The Republic Community Projects and Ealing Council to provide screenings and other activities throughout the summer as part of the Mayor of London's Summer Streets initiative.

Keep an eye on our socials for updates on what's coming up at North Acton Square and find out more about how we are bringing Summer Streets to the area below.

Summer Streets



HS2 Project Update

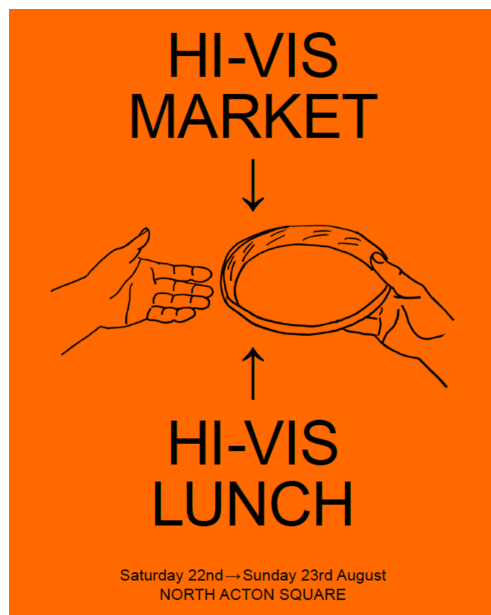
Mark Wild, CEO of HS2, has given an update on the project, which you can watch below.

The update highlights some of HS2's most significant recent milestones, including progress at Curzon Street, major motorway viaduct installations, the award of the Washwood Heath depot contract, and completion of the Copthall tunnel, the first of five green tunnels.

Mark also explains how the project reset is strengthening HS2, outlines their new health and safety strategy designed to drive further improvements across all HS2 sites, and reflects on continued engagement with local communities and the investment being made through the HS2 Community and Environment Fund.

[HS2 Project Update video](#)

Upcoming Events, Consultations & Opportunities



Community market and lunch coming to North Acton Square

As part of the Summer Streets initiative, there will be a weekend of activity in North Acton Square, located outside North Acton underground station, on Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 August.

On Saturday, Standard Market will bring a taste of Park Royal to North Acton, with craft, makers, music and food from across Park Royal (and the world).

Date and time: Saturday 22 August, 11am to 4pm

Then on Sunday, Absolute Beginners will present a 'pay-what-you-can' community lunch, featuring food from some of Park Royal's best food businesses. To get a ticket, use the link below.

Date and time: Sunday 23 August, 1pm to 3pm

We hope to see you there!

[Hi-Vis Lunch tickets](#)



Opportunity to comment on the Proposed Submission West London Waste Plan (Regulation 19)

The London Boroughs of Brent, Ealing, Harrow, Hillingdon, Hounslow and Richmond-upon-Thames, and OPDC, have published the Proposed Submission West London Waste Plan (WLWP) for comment. The emerging WLWP sets out the proposed planning strategy for waste management in the plan area up to 2041, including identifying sites proposed to be safeguarded for waste use.

You can submit your comments via Ealing's online consultation portal below. Visit the portal to view the consultation documents and find out more about this stage of the process.

Printed copies of the WLWP and other documents are also available to view at OPDC's office, at The Collective (Old Oak), and at other selected venues across the WLWP area which are all listed on the consultation portal.

The consultation runs for eight weeks, and all responses must be received by **23:59pm on Monday 28 September 2026**.

The responses we receive will be submitted to the Government, together with the WLWP and other supporting documents, for examination by an independent planning inspector.

[Ealing's Consultation Portal](#)



Holiday Activities and Food Programme - free activities and food for children and young people throughout the summer holidays

Funded by the Department for Education, the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme provides free holiday provision, including healthy food and enriching activities, to eligible children and young people in our host boroughs of Brent, Ealing and Hammersmith & Fulham during the school holidays.

The programme is up and running, and activities will be taking place until **Friday 28 August**. Check the eligibility criteria and find out about the activities happening in your area below.

LB Brent

LB Ealing

LB H&F



OPDC Community Drop-ins

We will be pausing our monthly drop-ins for the summer holidays, and will be back at **Oaklands Social @ Oaklands Rise** on **Tuesday 22 September** from 3-7pm.

If you would like to get in touch in the meantime, you can still contact us at any time via info@opdc.london.gov.uk

Thank you to everyone who has joined us at our drop-ins since the start of the year. We look forward to seeing you in September, and if you are off on your summer holidays, we hope you have a wonderful time!

Volunteering Opportunities - How Can We Help?

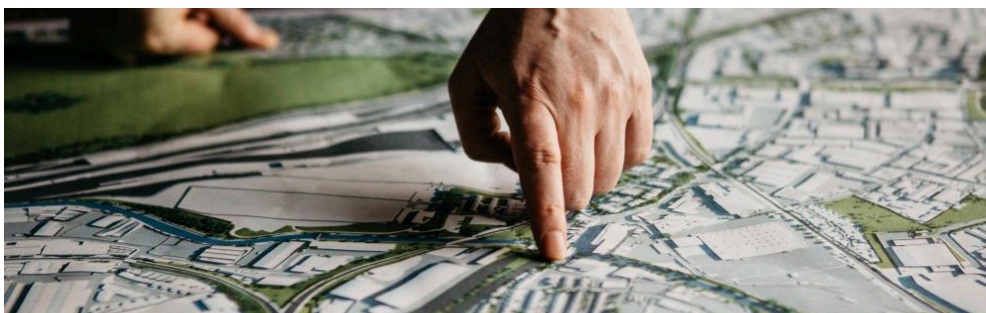


This month we have been busy helping out in the community. We have supported the Upper Room in preparing hot meals for homeless and vulnerable people in west London.

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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