



Join Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation's Community Review Group

If you live, work in or regularly visit the Old Oak and Park Royal Area, here is your chance to join London's first Community Review Group to help shape development in the local area.

The Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) is responsible for creating a new urban district of affordable homes, job opportunities, facilities and public spaces. We are recruiting for community members to join our Community Review Group and play an integral role in deciding how this exciting regeneration project takes place – read on to find out more.

"It's been a privilege to be a member of the Community Review group for the last two years. I've welcomed the opportunity to look at development plans for places that I know well, and to ask questions and contribute to the discussions. I discovered things about my neighbourhood that I hadn't known before!"

Carola Addington, Community Review Group member

"I have learnt a lot from being a member of the Community Review Group. It has helped me to understand what I have to offer, and I would recommend this experience to anyone who feels responsibility and a desire to engage in what happens to our neighbourhood."

Celia Toler, Community Review Group member



What is happening at Old Oak and Park Royal?

OPDC was established by the Mayor of London to oversee the delivery of 25,500 new and affordable homes and generate 56,000 new jobs for London it will also create a new urban district with the High Speed 2 Old Oak Common Station at its heart.

We want to make sure that both current and future residents and businesses benefit from the significant investment in the area by the Elizabeth Line and High Speed 2 (HS2). New housing, shops, offices and parks are planned for the Old Oak and Park Royal area. This is one of London's largest regeneration projects and it is important for both the capital and the UK as a whole, providing many of the housing and jobs Londoners need and a yearly boost to the UK economy of £5.6bn.

What is the Community Review Group?

The Community Review Group is made up entirely of local people who either live or work in Old Oak and Park Royal, or visit regularly. It's part of OPDC's plan to ensure that new developments are of the highest possible quality, while also empowering local people to have a say in the urban design process. The group gives its views on projects and planning applications, influencing placemaking, housing, transport, public spaces and environment. It plays an active role in ensuring that new development serves the needs of local people, both now and in the future. The group's discussions are turned into formal reports, which are shared with OPDC's Planning Committee before they make planning decisions.

How is the Group managed?

The group is managed by Frame Projects on OPDC's behalf. Frame Projects is an established company that manages several community review and design review groups in London and the south-east. They are responsible for recruiting OPDC Community Review Group members. Their job is to make sure the Community Review Group is independent and properly briefed, and that members can communicate what they think to OPDC.

Who are we looking for?

We're recruiting new members. We want to recruit people of different ages and backgrounds to ensure the group continues to reflect the diverse make-up of the local community. We want to hear from you if:

- you live in Old Oak or Park Royal, or within 2km of the area
- you work in the area
- you visit the neighbourhood regularly
- you are over the age of 16

We would also particularly like to hear from groups who are under-represented:

- women
- younger people (especially 16-24)
- older people
- people with children
- people of Black and minority ethnic heritage
- people who do not identify as heterosexual
- people with a disability
- travellers
- boat dwellers



You don't need any experience or knowledge of planning or architecture. We're keen to have people on the group who know their local area and who want to have a say in how it changes in the coming years.

What skills or experience do I need?

Members should have a diverse range of skills, experience and knowledge. We're looking for a broad cross-section of members drawn from across the community who:

- bring a strong understanding of the local area, the way it works, its history and its people
- can provide positive advice from a community perspective on proposals for development and change, and on the needs of existing and new residential and business communities
- will make confident contributions in meetings
- will collaborate and respect the contribution of others in group discussions
- have an awareness of the constraints and opportunities faced by the OPDC

These are preferred but not essential skills, and training opportunities will be provided. Members will contribute as individuals and not as representatives of any organisation or group.

How can I apply?

We will ask you to fill in a short application form once you've contacted Frame Projects. If shortlisted, we will invite you to attend a workshop with other candidates, before making a final selection. Applicants will need to be aged 16 or older to be part of the group.

How often will the group meet?

If you are interested in joining, we will need you to attend an in-person evening workshop to find out more about the Group's work on either Monday 19 or Tuesday 20 September. If you are appointed to the group, you will also need to attend an induction meeting on Monday 3 October. Group members commit to attending a two-hour meeting every month on a Monday evening, and to reading some background information beforehand. Each member is appointed for a year to start with, and will have the opportunity to carry on being involved for longer if they like.

What are the benefits?

We will provide you with support as a group member through free training. This might include help with reading plans and maps, understanding development proposals, or getting your views across in Group meetings. Members also have an opportunity to influence how the Group evolves. Additional support, such as travel expenses, will be available.



How can I get involved?

If you're interested and want to find out more, please send an email to community@frame-projects.co.uk or call us on 020 8164 9980. We'll then send you a short application form.

