



Join the Community Review Group for Old Oak & Park Royal

"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 plans for developing places that I know well and to ask questions and contribute to the discussions. The initial training for the group was fun and extremely helpful. Not only did I gain insights into the design process, but I also began to view familiar places with a new perspective. 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

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) has asked Frame Projects to recruit new members for its successful Community Review Group, which comments on development plans in Old Oak and Park Royal.



What is happening at Old Oak and Park Royal?

In April 2015, OPDC was established by the Mayor of London to oversee the delivery of tens of thousands of new homes and jobs for London.

Over the next 30+ years, 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). This will result in a new superhub station opening at Old Oak. 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 is important for the future of London, providing many of the housing and jobs Londoners need.

What is the Community Review Group?

The Community Review Group is 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 about the urban design process. The Group has been meeting for 2 years, giving its views on plans, projects and planning applications tackling issues such as public realm and placemaking, housing, transport, public spaces and environment. It plays an active role in helping to ensure that new development serves the needs of people living and working in the area. The Group's discussions are turned into formal reports, which are considered by OPDC's board and its planning committee.

How is the Group managed?

The group is managed by Frame Projects on OPDC's behalf. Frame Projects is a 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, properly briefed and can communicate what it thinks to OPDC effectively.

Who are we looking for?

Some of the current Community Review Group members are stepping down, and we're looking to recruit around five new group members of different ages and backgrounds, to ensure the Group continues to reflect the diverse make-up of the existing 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 come to the area regularly

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

- younger people
- older people
- people with families
- boat dwellers
- gipsy and travelling community
- people with disabilities



What skills or experience do I need?

You don't need experience or knowledge in 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 the way it will evolve in the coming years. We're looking for people who can contribute ideas, be creative and get involved in discussions. You will need internet access as meetings are currently happening online. Training will be provided, and members will contribute as individuals, not as representatives of any organisation or group.

How can I apply?

Contact Frame Projects, below, for a short application form. The deadline is 5pm on Friday 18 October. If shortlisted, we will ask you to attend a online workshop with other candidates on the evening of 27 October, before making a selection. You need to be 18 or older to join.

How often will the group meet?

We will need new Group members to attend an online induction meeting in the evening on 2 November. Members commit to attending monthly meetings, currently held online, on a Monday evening, and read background papers beforehand. Each member is appointed for a year to start with, and has the opportunity to carry on being involved after that.

What are the benefits?

We will provide you with the support needed for your role 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 can also influence how the Group evolves. Additional support, such as travel expenses, is 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 3971 6168. We'll then send you a short application form.

