

RedFrog June Update

Dear Member,

We hope you are enjoying the summer. We are writing to provide an update on various events.

O2 Planning Application

Firstly, the case officer handling the O2 Centre application has said that, although the official closing date of 2 June has now passed, he will continue to accept submissions until the Planning Committee stage.

The proposals conflict with various national and local policies and the towers will be visible from locations in the RedFrog area.

Objections have been submitted by both the RedFrog Residents Association and the Neighbourhood Forum. These are largely based on a professional report commissioned from Tony Burton, the examiner of the RedFrog Neighbourhood Plan.

The RedFrog objections are here:

[O2 objections/RED FROG Assn objection, 2.6.22.pdf](#)

[O2 objections/RedFrog NF objection, 2.6.22.pdf](#)

Comments should be emailed to David Fowler at david.fowler@camden.gov.uk and copied to planning@camden.gov.uk

Reduction in TfL Bus Services

You may also wish to take part in the consultation on TfL's proposals to reduce bus services. Affected routes in this part of London include:

113, 31, 189, 24 and 16 - some of which are planned to be discontinued.



<https://haveyoursay.tfl.gov.uk/busreview>

1. [Baker Street proposals.pdf](#)
4. [Euston Road proposals.pdf](#)

Planted Tree Bases

RedFrog has been undertaking research to determine which native plants survive best around the bases of street trees.

Considerable success is being achieved with native mallow and phacelia.

Mallow



Phacelia



Kidderpore Avenue Pavement Widening

Following its consultation, Camden has decided to keep the widened pavements outside St Luke's School permanently.

You can find out more on the changes on Camden's website: [Have Your Say Today – School Pavement Widening – Commonplace](#)

Potential Full Fibre to the Premises (FFTP)

Large numbers of residents are dissatisfied with the broadband provision by Virgin. An alternative is full fibre to the premises, which would mean no more outages.

FFTP is available from G-Network, but will only be provided if there is potential interest. If anyone would potentially be interested in FFTP, please can you send an email to: corry.sweet@g.network

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New Commemorative Plaque in RedFrog

A black plaque has been erected by Heath and Hampstead Society in commemoration of Sir Isaiah Berlin, philosopher. This takes the number of RedFrog plaques to eight, of which two are HHS Black Plaques, five are English Heritage Blue Plaques and one was erected in 1950 by the Czechoslovak community.

Branch Hill Pond and the Lost River Westbourne

Exhibitions were held in February to provide information about the Lost River Westbourne and the reinstatement of Branch Hill Pond. The exhibitions were well attended, attracting some 150-200 people, and included a special press night opened by the Mayor of Camden.

City of London Corporation has started to clear brambles and excavation is expected to take place in time for the autumn rains.

In the meantime, Diana Clements, Geologist, will be leading the first Walking the Westbourne trail on Sunday 26th June at 10.30 am. This will follow the route of the former Westbourne from Branch Hill to the Thames. Please send an email to diana@clements16.co.uk if you would like to attend. It is a free walk but numbers will be restricted to 25 on a first come, first served basis. Further details at this link [Walking the Westbourne.pdf](#)

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