

A community network focused on influencing large-scale development plans in Old Oak & Park Royal

Grand Union Alliance Conference 2017

Saturday 24th June

Old Oak and Park Royal Development
Corporation (OPDC) draft *Local Plan*

**Our venue today - Pentecostal
City Mission Church 2 Scrubs Lane**



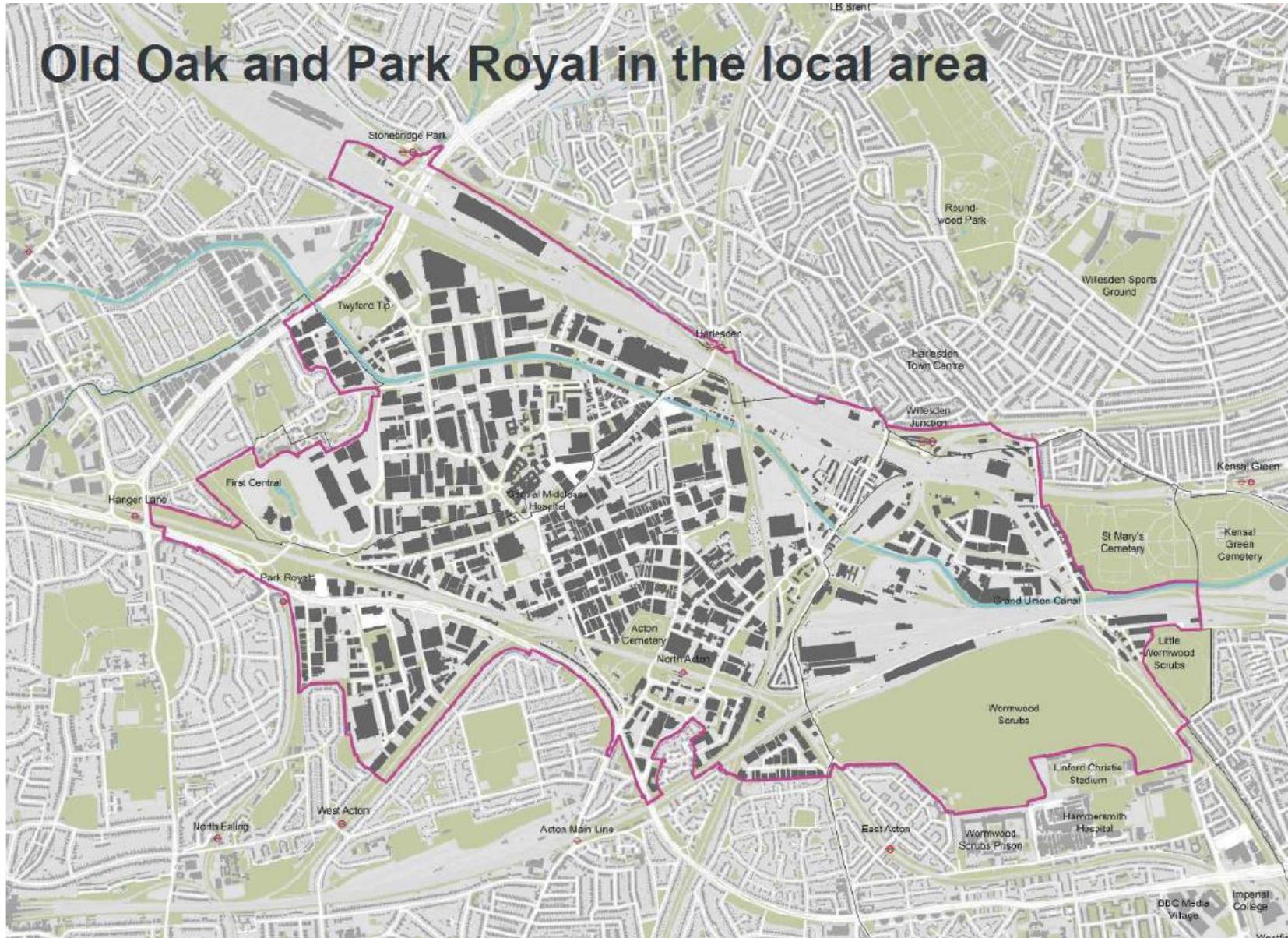


Planning application due for 2 Scrubs Lane



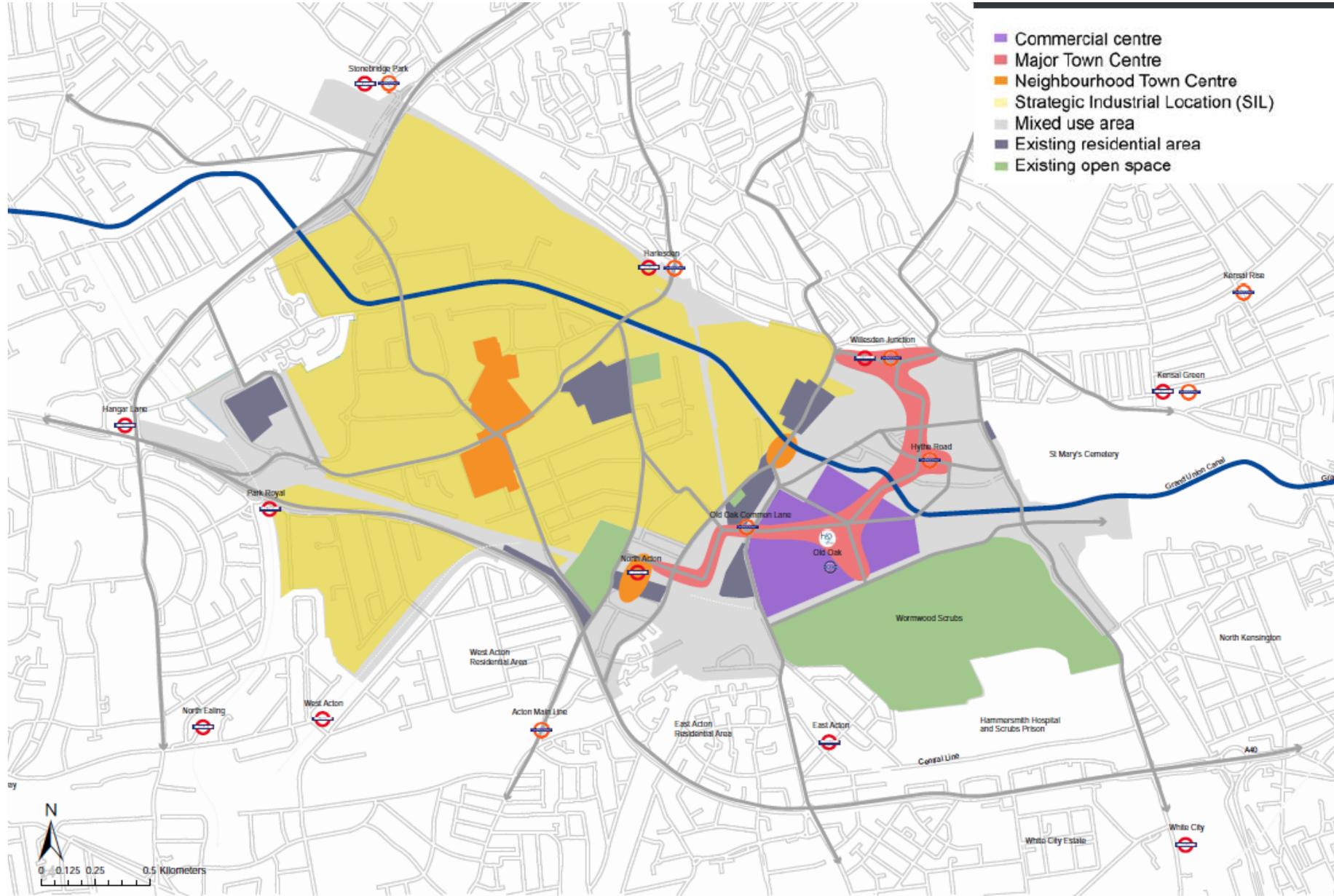
Artist impression of the site looking east from Harrow Road

Old Oak and Park Royal in the local area

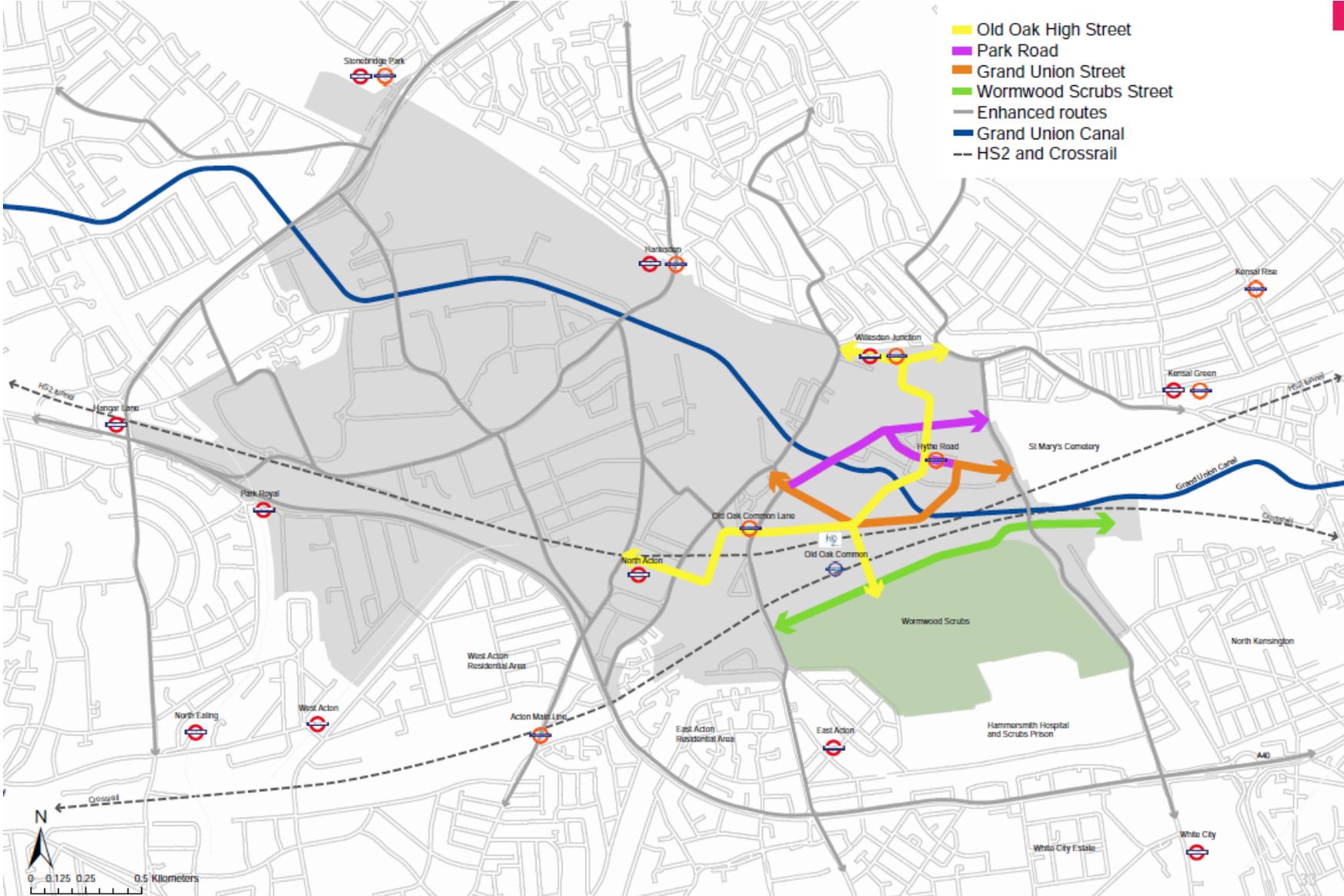


- **OPDC is a Mayoral Development Corporation** (established in April 2015); taking over the planning powers from the boroughs of Ealing, Hammersmith & Fulham and Brent.
- Planning applications will be determined (agreed or not) through reference to its OPDC Local Plan, once adopted.
- This is the final consultation on the OPDC's draft Local Plan.
- It is proposed that there is capacity in OPDC area for 25,000 new homes and 65,500 new jobs.
- High Speed 2 and Crossrail stations will be situated here.





Connections



A Local Plan for Old Oak and Park Royal

Development of the Local Plan



The OPDC draft (regulation 19 Local Plan)

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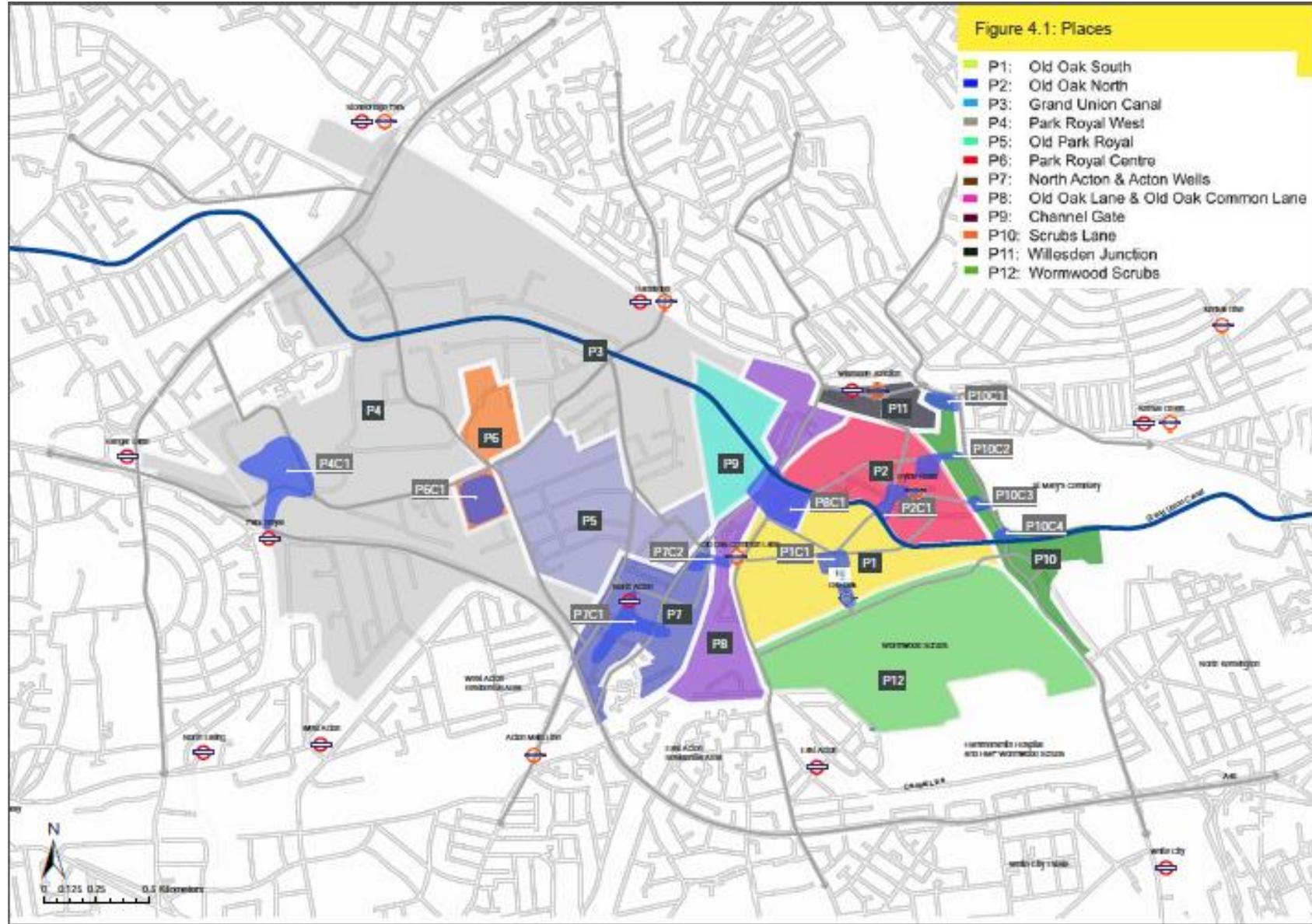
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GUA conference focus

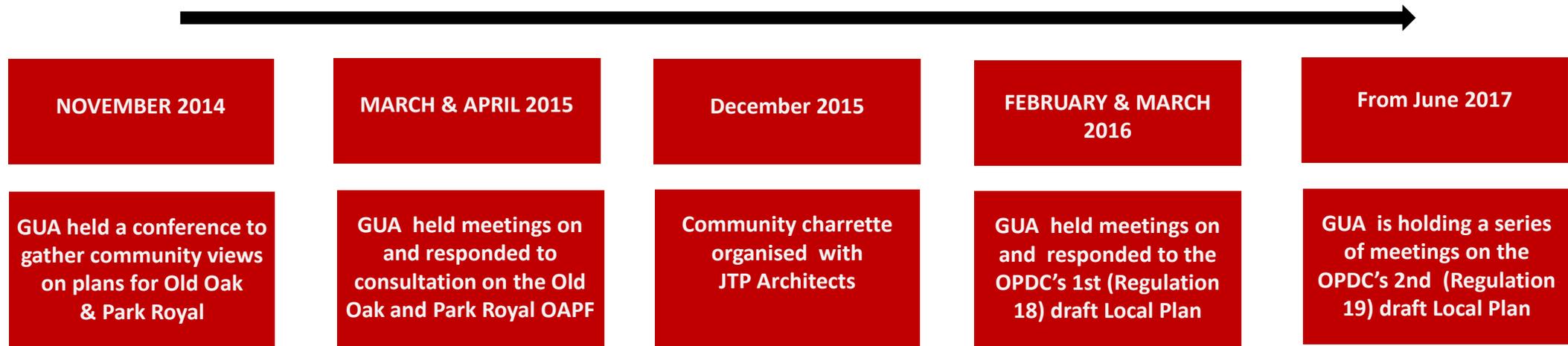
Today we will focus on **places** in the OPDC area and some of the key issues and theme-based policies most relevant to new and existing places - through presentations and general discussion, and in group discussions. This includes:

- density and high-rise buildings;
- design and heritage;
- housing (including affordable housing and targets);
- public realm, green and play spaces;
- town centre and community uses;
- new infrastructure and viability of the plans.

Places

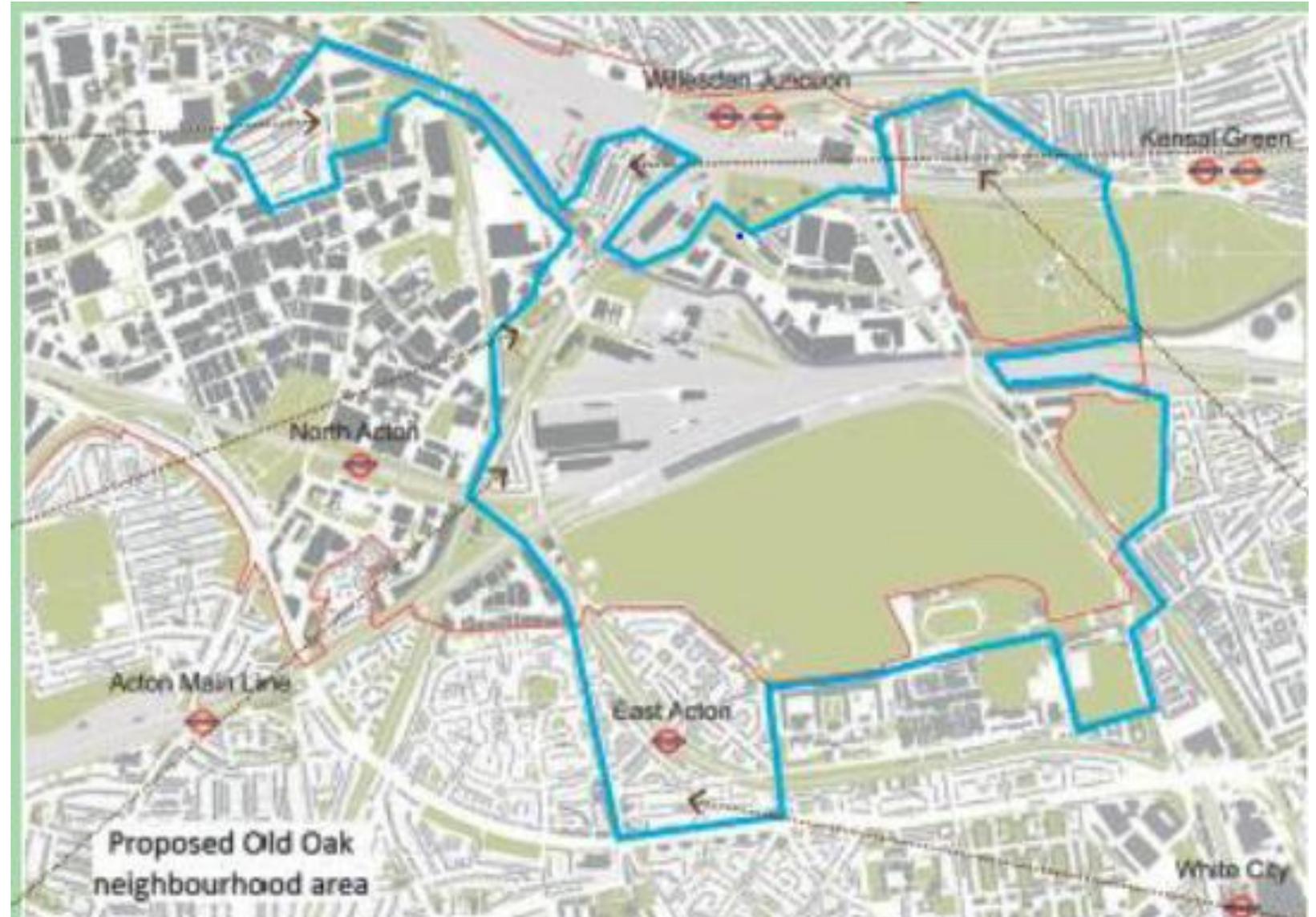


GUA's efforts to influence policy



- Most of the GUA's proposed ground rules on community involvement were adopted in the OPDC's Statement of Community Involvement.
- Some GUA members have already, or are in the process of, establishing Neighbourhood Forums and writing Neighbourhood Plans.

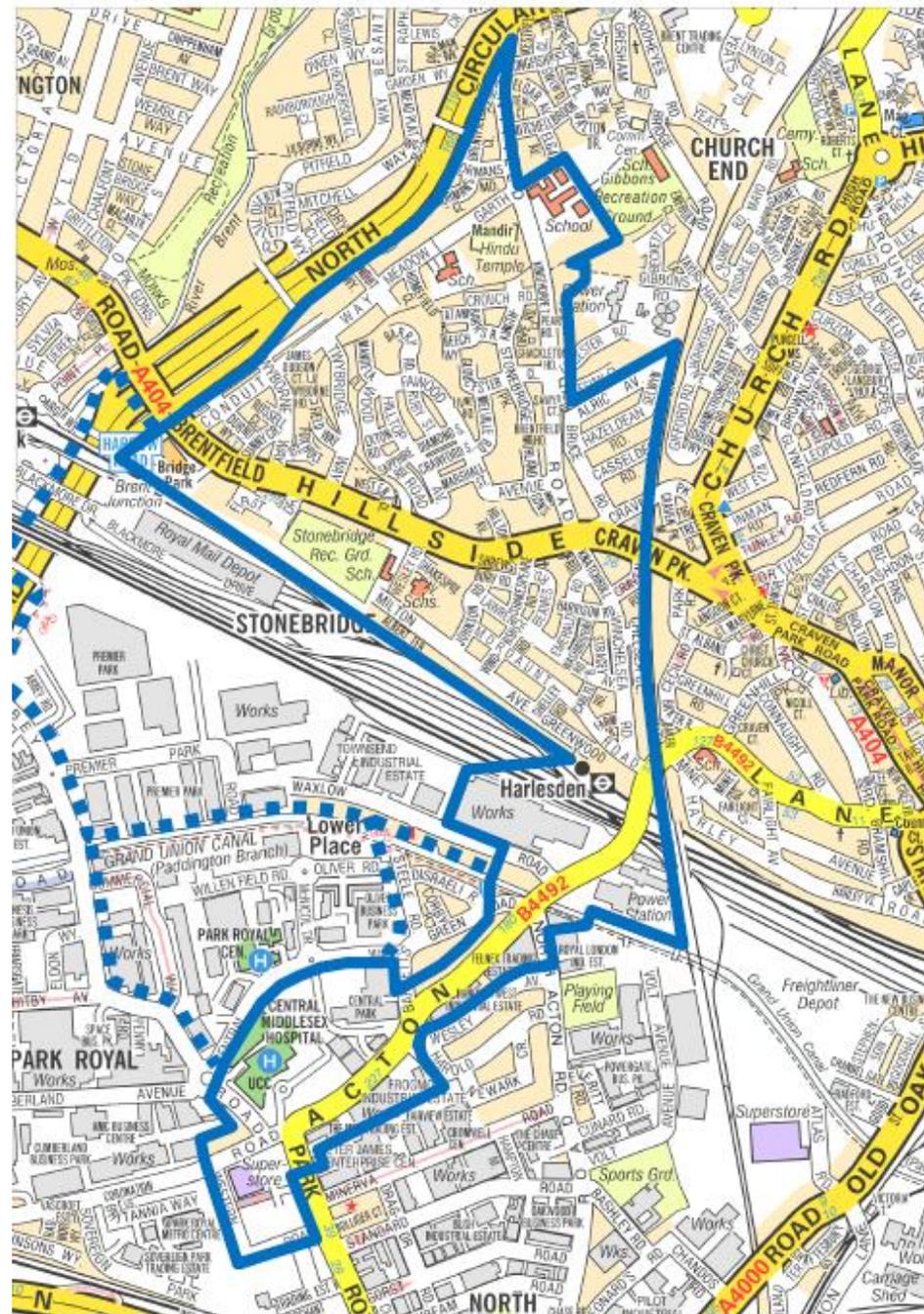
**Old Oak
Neighbourhood
Forum** has
recently applied
to the OPDC and
Hammersmith
& Fulham for
'designation' of
their Forum and
Neighbourhood
area.



**Harlesden
Neighbourhood
Plan area.**
The Forum has
just consulted
on its draft
Neighbourhood
Plan



Stonebridge and Park Royal Centre is a developing Neighbourhood Forum.



Why is it important to engage in this consultation?

- With this (regulation 19) Local Plan consultation, responses will first be considered by the OPDC, but, since this is the version the OPDC wants to adopt, it is unlikely that they will make anything but minor alterations as a result.
- However, all the responses to consultation are also considered by an independent planning inspector. Their role is to examine the Local Plan impartially and in public and to ensure that it is 'sound'.
- There are a number of 'tests of soundness' that the inspector will consider.

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- The planning inspector will invite those who have made responses to the consultation to attend a public examination and will seek to resolve issues raised in the consultation responses.
- Hearing sessions are inquiring rather than adversarial.
- Planning inspectors are often very keen to hear from community members and the examination provides a good opportunity to gain amendments to the Local Plan before it is adopted.