

# Berkeley Homes Planning Application for Sopwith Way depots - time to have your say—deadline 13th October!

**Dear Resident**, as previously reported in this newsletter, and as you could hardly fail to notice, **Berkeley Homes have built 'depots' along the length of Sopwith Way**, on land underneath the railway arches which is owned by Railtrack.

These depots, which are being used to store materials for the VISTA development, were opened in April 2016 without any consultation with residents. Following resident complaints, Wandsworth Council found that Berkeley Homes **DO NOT HAVE PLANNING PERMISSION** for the depots. Wandsworth Council sent Berkeley Homes an enforcement letter on 2nd August 2016, instructing them to cease using the depots or to submit a planning application within 28 days. Berkeley Homes missed this deadline but continued to use the depots and have now submitted a retrospective planning application. This comes after nearly 6 months of using these depots without planning permission, causing a massive amount of nuisance and loss of quality of life for affected residents.

The planning application from Berkeley Homes can be read online on the Wandsworth Council planning website - [planning reference 2016/5174](http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/planning/reference/2016/5174)

Or use this link

<http://tinyurl.com/z6bvpsk>

Comments about the application can be made on the online application or contact the relevant planning officer directly:

Mr Narinder Lakhan  
([nlakhan@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:nlakhan@wandsworth.gov.uk))

You should have received a letter (dated 22 September) from Wandsworth Council about the planning application.

**The deadline for responses is 13th October.**

Residents are strongly urged to make their feelings known to the council as soon as possible and to give a detailed account of how this reckless and inconsiderate behaviour of Berkeley Homes has impacted their quality of life and the value of their property.

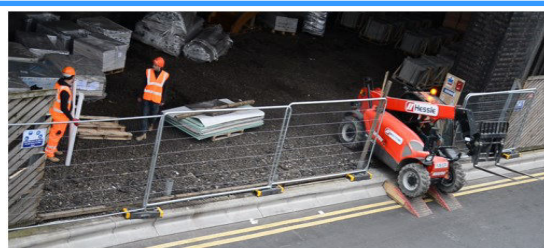
These depots are being used throughout the day, from 8am to 6pm, by heavy diesel engined vehicles moving materials to VISTA. As affected residents will be well aware, the noise and vibration from these vehicles, along with the constant noise of their reversing sirens, is utterly unacceptable. Even with our triple-glazed windows closed, the noise and vibration is extremely intrusive and makes it impossible to work or relax in our own homes.

**Berkeley Homes have said that they will use these depots UNTIL THE MIDDLE OF 2017** when the VISTA development is due for completion but if planning permission is granted their use may well continue indefinitely, whether by Railtrack or Berkeley Homes.

**Can you imagine selling or renting your property with this horrendous noise going on indefinitely?**

**If planning permission is granted there will be a permanent change to the quality of your life and the value of your property at Chelsea Bridge Wharf.**

**Don't let that happen—have your say and take action now!**



**We don't have to put up with this - take action now!**

**Make a formal objection to the planning application on the Wandsworth Council Planning site - deadline 13th October**

Use this link <http://tinyurl.com/z6bvpsk> or you can contact the relevant planning officer directly: Mr Narinder Lakhan ([nlakhan@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:nlakhan@wandsworth.gov.uk)), citing planning application reference 2016/5174

**Come to the residents' meeting on**

11th October 7-8.30pm, at the Pestana Hotel

**Sign the petition**

<http://tinyurl.com/BHdepot> Demanding that Berkeley Homes remove these depots and respect Chelsea Bridge Wharf residents!

**Complain to Berkeley Homes**

The VISTA site manager is Jamie Street

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**Complain to Rendall & Rittner**

[CustomerFeedback@rendallandrittner.co.uk](mailto:CustomerFeedback@rendallandrittner.co.uk)

**Contact your councilors**

Marie Hanson [MHanson@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:MHanson@wandsworth.gov.uk)

Nicola Nardelli [nnardelli@wandsworth.gov.uk](mailto:nnardelli@wandsworth.gov.uk)

**Contact your MP**

<http://www.janeellison.net/contact-jane/>

**Join the contact list** to keep abreast of developments regarding the depots and related matters

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