



OLD STREET

As the southern gateway for the A1 Borough, the junction of the Goswell Road and Old Street marks the transition from the City to Islington. **How should we celebrate important gateways?**



GOSWELL ROAD

The Goswell Road features many educational institutions, including the City University and City and Islington College. They form a campus that lines the A1. **How can education become part of the A1 experience?**



UPPER STREET

The evolution of Upper Street has left ample places for people to shop, eat, drink and enjoy; from Camden Passage to the N1 shopping centre, Upper Street has a rich history. **How can we make the whole street a place for local people to come together?**



HIGHBURY CORNER

Few people know about the arboretum located at the heart of Highbury Corner. The arboretum is home to one of the few Black Poplars in London. **How can we make the most of the hidden spaces along the A1?**

2.0 A1 AS IT IS NOW



HOLLOWAY ROAD

The new Arsenal Stadium is scheduled to open in the summer of 2006 with seating for 60,000 spectators. **With so many regeneration projects happening along the A1 corridor, how can we make the best use of these opportunities to unite the street?**



NAGS HEAD

The Odeon was once England's largest purpose built cinema, and is still one of the many icons and much loved venues along the A1. **How can we protect the existing character of the A1?**



WHITTINGTON PARK

Whittington Park is a popular park with sports pitches and children's play area. **How can we connect the open spaces along the A1 making the corridor feel like one big open space?**



ARCHWAY

Archway was dramatically reconfigured with the widening of Archway Road in the 1970s. Heavy traffic dominates the town centre and the layout of the street is difficult and confusing to pedestrians. **How can we remedy the mistakes from the past?**

2.1 A1 PATTERNS

AS THE A1 EVOLVED FROM NORTH - SOUTH, COMMUNITIES HAVE ESTABLISHED TO THE EAST AND WEST. HOW DO WE KNIT THE TWO TOGETHER CREATING AN A1 BOROUGH?

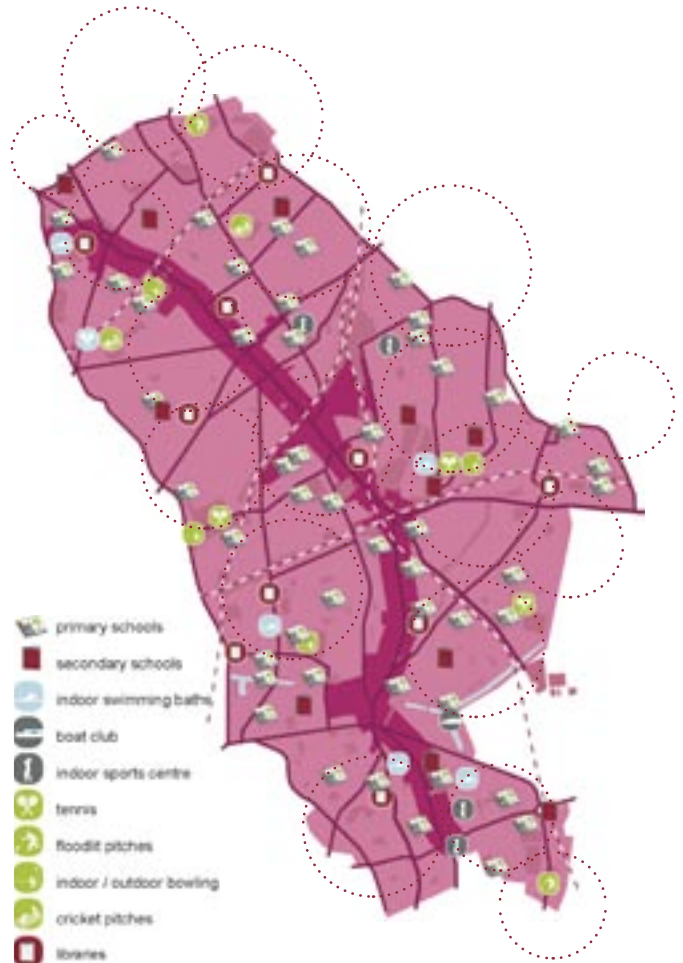
MOVEMENT

The A1 corridor connects north and south, but is often recognized as a barrier for the communities to the east and west. Many forms of transport bisect the A1, but where are the key east – west connections for the pedestrians? **Could some of the existing movement networks be adapted to better accommodate pedestrians? Cyclists? Public transport? How can we best use the capacity of the street to move people rather than cars?**



COMMUNITIES

Why is the A1 a place that separates rather than connects local people? Is it because they don't know what is on the other side? How can we make the A1 a place for local people to come together?



EDUCATION

There are a great number of further educational establishments between Archway and Highbury Corner. In some aspects the A1 resembles a linear campus with points of education along it's entire length. **Could the A1 be one long campus? What can / do the universities do to make the A1 more intelligent? How could Islington's communities connect into the A1 learning experience?**



OPEN SPACE

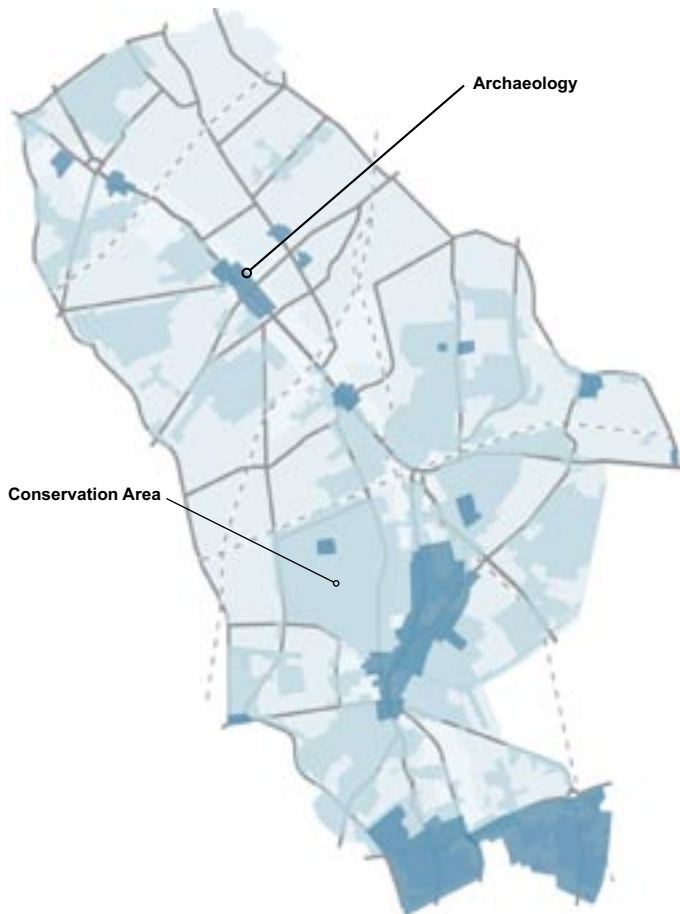
While Islington does not have the large open spaces that other boroughs within London may lay claim to, it does have a wealth of smaller green spaces distributed across the borough. **What if our starting point was to see the A1 as one linear open space punctuated by 8 beautiful squares that help us cross the road? A public promenade connecting the smaller open spaces - creating a cohesive network of public spaces?**



THERE ARE A NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT REGENERATION / REDEVELOPMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY CHANGING THE PERCEPTION, ROLE AND FUNCTION OF THE A1. HOW CAN WE ENSURE THAT THE A1 RESPONDS TO AND SHAPES THESE POSSIBILITIES?

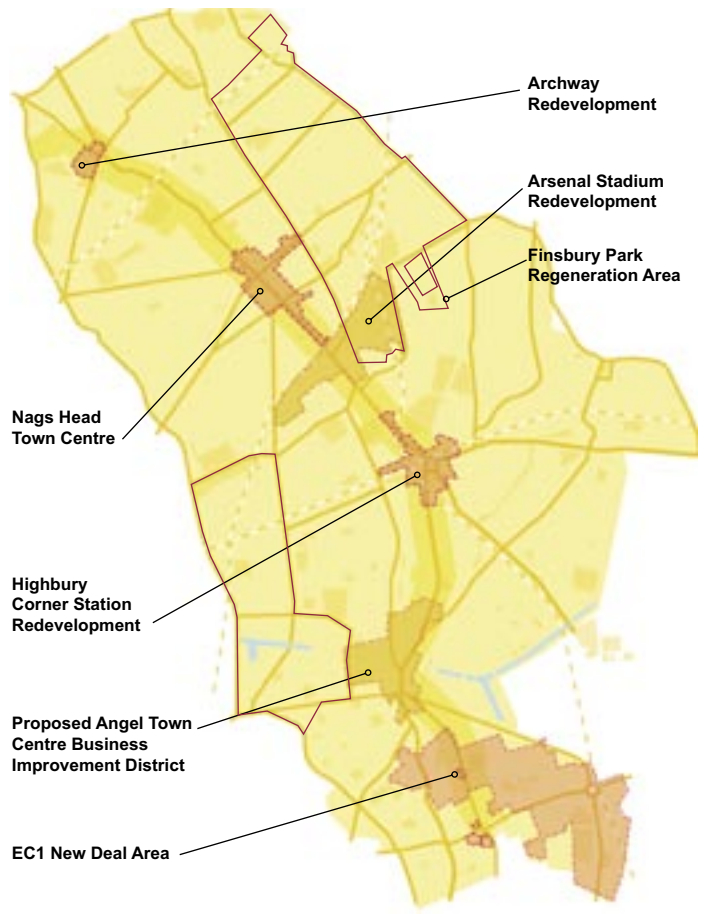
CONSERVATION

The majority of the A1 corridor south of Holloway Road Underground station is covered by Conservation Areas. This is especially true of Upper Street between Highbury Corner and Angel, where coverage is almost total. The only exception to this is the northern section of Goswell Road, which only has Conservation Area status in a few places on the western side. North of Holloway Road Underground station, a few Conservation Areas exist on the western side of Holloway Road in the Nags Head and Archway Areas.

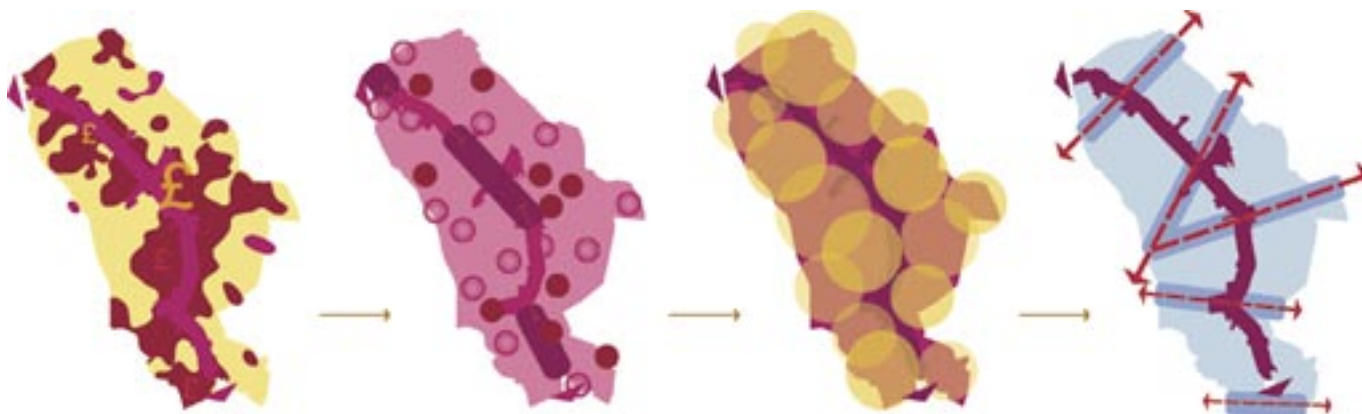


GROWTH

Islington is the second most densely populated area in Britain. It is also one of the most socially diverse. Only four in ten households have cars, although the borough still suffers from traffic congestion and high levels of demand for parking. Islington's population is projected to increase by 20%. This means more demand for local services - including travel. **More density; more population growth; more diversity; more demand for travel.**



PATTERNS OF LAND USE AND ACTIVITY



SPENDING

Highest levels of economic activity are focused around the A1 corridor.

LEARNING

Primary and secondary schools are located at the centre of the communities they serve.

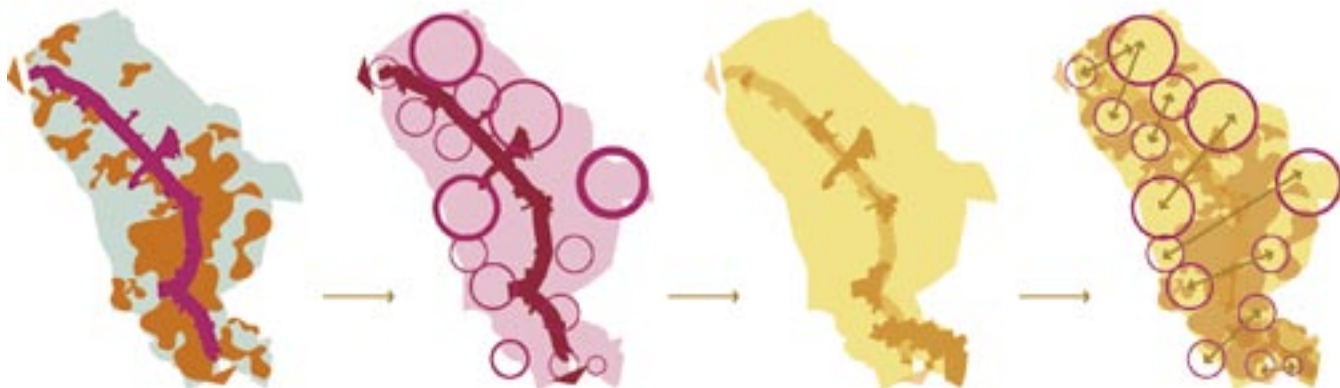
LIVING

Residential areas lie to the east and the west of the A1. Parks and leisure facilities are located throughout these areas.

MOVING

The A1 is the primary north - south road in Islington but east - west access on foot and by public transport is more difficult.

PATTERNS OF GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT



CONSERVATION

Most of the older areas are lovely places to walk - the traditional street pattern offers attractive walking routes - promoting easy east - west movement.

SEVERED COMMUNITIES

Some of the larger housing estates offer fewer and less attractive walking routes and limit east - west pedestrian movement.

REGENERATION

There are a number of significant regeneration / redevelopment projects underway, changing the perception, role and context of the A1.

CONNECTING

Thinking strategically about stitching together east - west areas and recognising the opportunities within the A1.