

A Community Garden for St Jude's Street Garden



Introduction

Following the public consultation undertaken in Autumn 2022, we are now assessing the viability of a community garden space at the eastern end of St Jude Street Garden.

The proposal to include a community space in the park was supported by 94% of those providing feedback from the consultation.

Ideas for how the space could be used ranged from a school or outdoor classroom (38%), food growing (23%), community-led wildlife garden (22%) and a Council managed biodiverse area.

If a community space was delivered, it could be used by local schools, the adventure playground and local residents.

As well as discussing the development of a community garden with local schools, we are seeking to establish how many residents may wish to use or help maintain the space. If a number of residents are keen to become involved, it is recommended that the use of the space would be best managed through the establishment of a Friends of St Jude Street Garden Group.

This leaflet provides some initial information on what the community garden may include and some initial concept images of what the space could look like.

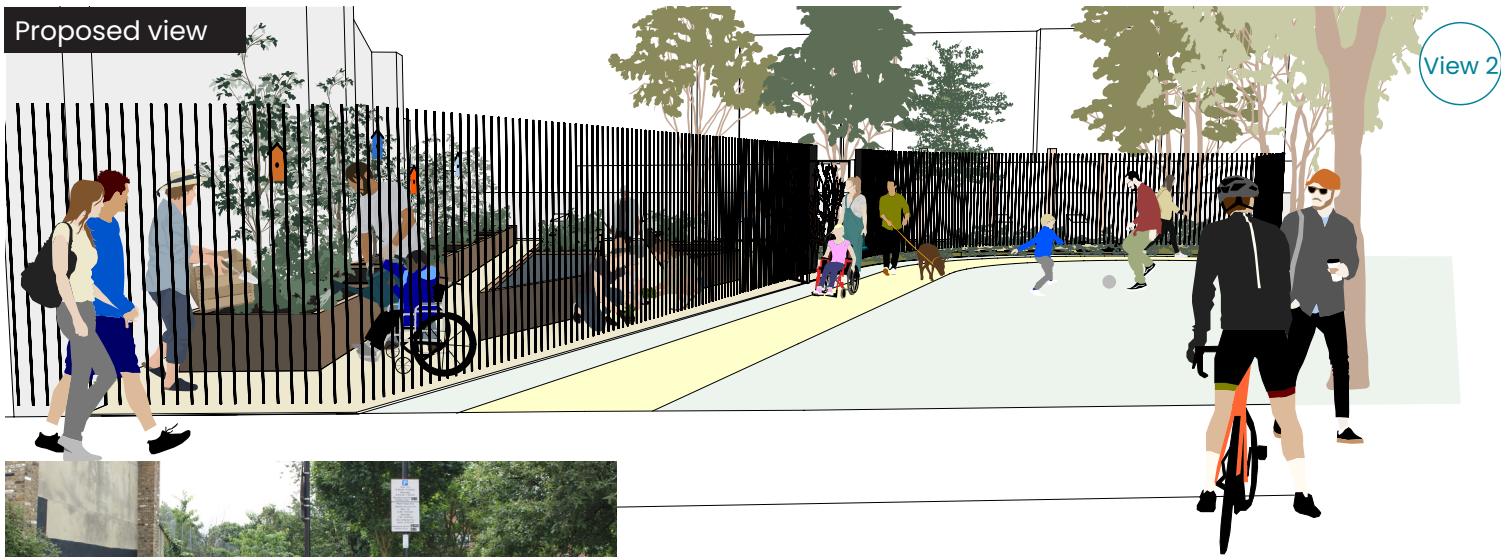
The benefits of a Community Garden

- The eastern end of St Jude Street Garden is currently under-used and blighted by anti-social behaviour. Encouraging active and diverse community use could transform this space.
- The community garden could provide valuable green space for local primary schools, to deliver teaching in relation to food growing and biodiversity.
- The community garden could provide food growing space for local residents

What could a Community Garden space include?

- An enclosed, managed space for use by the local community.
- Enclosed by a secure fence, with a gate including access control.
- Raised bed allotments.
- Outdoor teaching space.
- Native hedge, shade garden and new trees.
- Raised pond.
- Secure watering point and tool store.
- Bird and bat boxes.
- Insect hotels and log piles to encourage wildlife and promote biodiversity.

Proposed view



Existing view



View from St Jude Street



Tell us your views

We would welcome your views on the following:

- **Would you be interested in using the Community Garden space?**
- **Would you be interested in being a member of a Friends of St Jude Street Garden Group?** The establishment of a Group would be supported by Islington Council.
- **Would you be interested in helping to maintain the Community Garden?**
- **Any other comments on the proposals?**

The next steps

Following this consultation the project team will be developing a detailed masterplan for the park.

The final plans will be displayed in the park and online in the Spring.

To leave your feedback on the Community Garden, please scan the QR code, or visit:

www.islington.gov.uk/stjudestgarden

Alternatively, you can email:

StJudeStGardenRenewal@islington.gov.uk
or contact Tevin Onuoha, Project Manager
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Please reply before Friday 21st April 2023.

You can find out more information about the project at: www.islington.gov.uk/stjudestgarden

