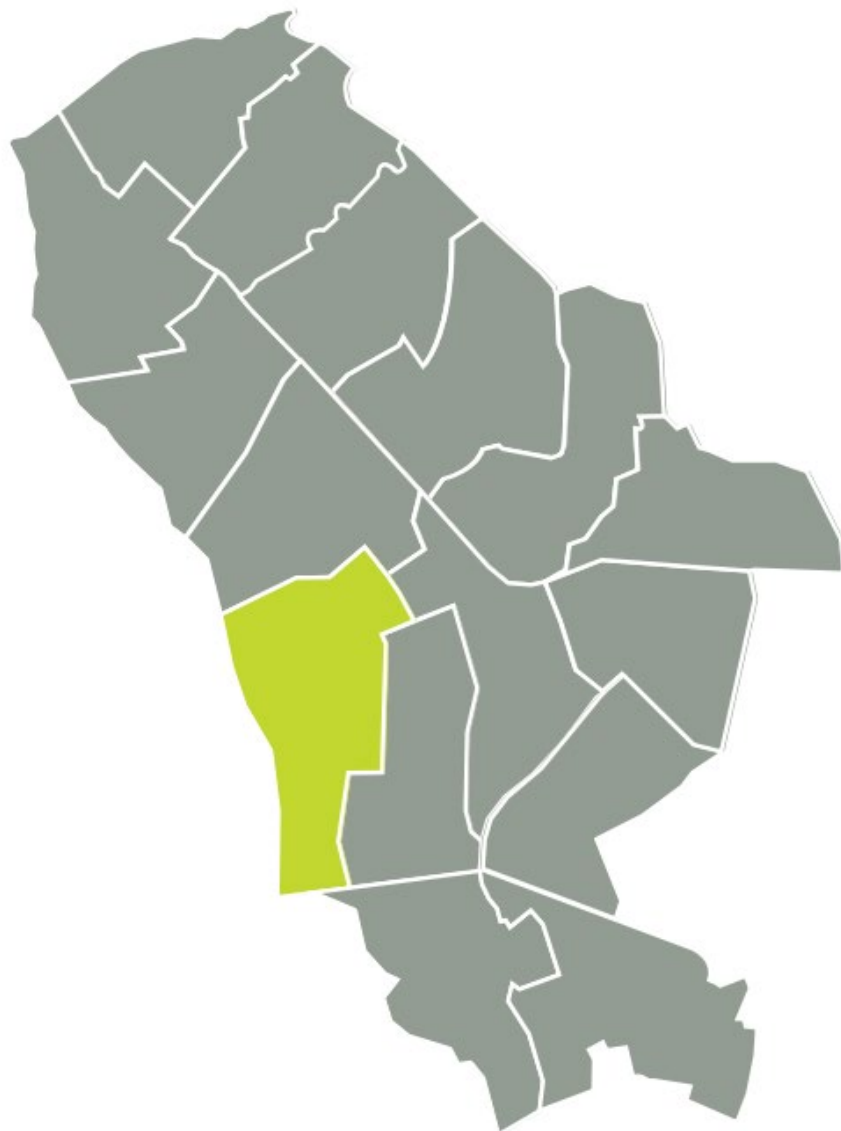


# Caledonian

## Community Plan - March 2022



## Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to look at our Community Plan for Caledonian.

The Community Plan gives details of different schemes that, as your local councillors, we want to prioritise because we believe they will improve our area and enhance the lives of the people who live here.

Some of these improvement schemes have recently been completed, others are in the process of being implemented and some relate to projects we hope to see carried out in the future subject to funding becoming available.

As you can see, the projects in this Community Plan are wide-ranging. They include improvements to our leisure and other community facilities, initiatives that make our parks, streets and green spaces safer and more welcoming and schemes that make travel easier and more pleasant.

We work with local groups like tenants and residents' associations, schools, neighbourhood watch groups, gardening clubs, community centres and local special interest organisations of all kinds to come up with the improvement priorities that are set out in this Community Plan. If you have ideas for projects, you would like to see here, then get in touch with us by sending us an email or by coming along to one of our regular ward partnership meetings.

The money to pay for the projects described in this Community Plan comes for the most part from financial contributions that developers are required to make when they build in our area.

## Contents

The projects are split into three sections:

- Awaiting funding – projects that councillors are minded to support depending on availability of funds but have not yet made any allocations towards.
- Being Implemented – projects that have been funded and are ongoing.
- Completed – projects that were previously funded and now completed.

Details of potential, current and past projects are also available to view on our [interactive map](#).

## Funding Allocations

Once projects have received funds they are listed as being implemented and then completed. Projects are primarily funded through contributions received from two different mechanisms secured when planning permissions are granted – Section 106 contributions or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Please contact [S106@islington.gov.uk](mailto:S106@islington.gov.uk) for further information on the specific developments the funds originated from.

## How to Get Involved

Contact your councillor to propose a new project or attend a ward partnership meeting.

For more information about this community plan please contact us on either [CIL@islington.gov.uk](mailto:CIL@islington.gov.uk) or [S106@islington.gov.uk](mailto:S106@islington.gov.uk)

# Vision Statement from Caledonian Councillors

Caledonian Ward is a distinctive part of Islington with a strong sense of community and local pride. A collection of neighbourhoods with Caledonian Road at its core, the ward stretches from Kings Cross to Lower Holloway. In contrast to the redeveloped lands of Kings Cross Central to the west and Barnsbury to the east, much of the ward consists of publicly built high density housing estates. It is a collection of neighbourhoods where people of different cultures and backgrounds live and where wide extremes of poverty and affluence co-exist.

In the period since 2010, our community has faced considerable hardship resulting from austerity policies and continuing economic uncertainty. We have particularly experienced problems from youth crime and violence; many of our families live in overcrowded homes; our young people face obstacles to achieving their full potential; many of our residents have poor physical and mental health and considerably shorter life expectancy than the average; and despite our close proximity to London's centre of economic activity, many of our residents are shut-out from the Capital's buoyant jobs market.

Our goal is to make Caledonian ward a place where all our residents get a fair chance to reach their full potential and to enjoy a the best quality of life: a decent home, a good job, a clean and safe environment. This plan describes how we intend to secure investment in Caledonian to cut crime, build new homes and improve estates, get local people into work, improve the public realm, revive our High Street, invest in our schools, reduce traffic and cut air pollution. But the Council cannot, and should not, do this by itself. Much of our neighbourhood's recent history has been punctuated by initiatives that have been done to the community, not with the community.

Despite many challenges, we represent a community that is optimistic and determined to pull-together. In securing investment in new physical and social infrastructure, as the ward Councillors, we are committed to help the community itself to determine and co-deliver these improvements.

**Councillors Una O'Halloran, Sara Hyde and Paul Convery**

# Awaiting Funding

## Open Space

### **Increase in the Number of Street Tree**

Approximate Cost: £22,500

The project will deliver tree planting throughout Caledonian ward, in line with the Council's tree strategy. The planting will contribute to a greener Islington, which protects and promotes nature, and is better equipped to deal with climate change.

## Transport and Public Realm

### **Maiden Lane Overground Station Business Case**

Approximate Cost: £TBC

The allocation will support an initial feasibility study into the long-term potential of a new Overground station at Maiden Lane. Islington and Camden Council will share the cost of the project.

### **Eco Zone on Canal Towpath Caledonian**

Approximate Cost: £105,000

The scheme would create a no burning ECO Zone along Islington's canal network. The zone will lower the level of NO<sub>2</sub> & particulate matter in the area, creating a clearer stretch of open water for all residents to enjoy. In order to support the 'no burning' zone, the project will involve the installation of electric charging points along the canal network, making it the first electric only stretch of canal in the UK. Finally, the zone will stop the triple and quadruple mooring of boats.

# Being Implemented

## Community Facilities

### Caledonian Traders Association Development Fund

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£50,000)

The allocation will create a development funding pot to support the Trader's Association. The allocation will align with a key objective in the 'We are Cally Community Plan' of creating a thriving, connected local economy that works for everyone. Alongside the aspiration to build stronger relationships between traders and to simplify local businesses buying and selling from each other.

### Inclusive Economy Initiatives for Caledonian Ward

Allocations:

- S106 (£50,000)

The project will involve improving the high-street offer on Caledonian Road to existing residents and businesses, including the occupiers at Kings Cross Central. Additionally, the project will also look to increase local employment outcomes particularly from major developments such as Kings Cross Central and from the industrial area cluster at Royal Vale/Brewery Road.

### Jean Stokes Community Centre

Allocations:

- S106 (£100,000)

The project will involve the refurbishment of the Jean Stokes Community Centre. Three key changes will include improvements to the buildings accessibility, moving from an 'appointment only' to a 'drop in' centre and creation of a basement space for Caledonian organisations and charities.

### West Library Improvement Works

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£100,000)
- S106 (£184,000)

The improvement works will include the creation of a web-enabled office and meeting area, to allow unemployed residents to access job-search facilities. Along with the installation of a lift to make the first floor accessible for all.

## **Caledonian Festival - Long Term Financial Support**

Allocations:

- S106 (£100,000)

The allocation will provide funding to the Caledonian festival over a 3-year period.

## **Caledonian Youth Outreach Work**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£20,000)

The scheme will provide outreach work from a youth club base. The outreach work will support young people in a variety of situations and will direct them to planned activities to help establish positive relationships. In addition to providing an ongoing level of individual and group, support through Copenhagen Youth Project activities beyond the initial intervention.

## **Engagement (Community & Youth)**

Allocations:

- S106 (£25,000)

The funding will support the delivery of elements of the Good Growth project in Caledonian related to community and youth engagement activities.

## **Estate Improvements**

### **Nailour Estate**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£50,000)

The project will create a new junior playground on the site of a disused ball court. The work will include the introduction of a variety of play equipment including a multi play climbing frame, play hill and an obstacle course. Additional works will involve the removal of fencing around a greens space on the west of the estate, to provide residents with access.

### **Delhi Outram Estate Ball Court Reimagining**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

The ball court on the Delhi Outram Estate has fallen into disrepair. Councillors have identified the space for redevelopment. The initial stage of the project will involve a site meeting and consultation with residents and resident groups to discuss potential options.

## Open Space

### Bingfield Park Improvements

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£186,279)
- S106 (£318,721)

The project will involve the remodelling of the children's playground, installation of a new sports surface & kick about area, new youth services, installation of CCTV and an extension of the parks footprint.

### Barnard Park Renewal

Allocations:

- Strategic Local CIL (£100,000)

The project will undertake a major redevelopment of Barnard Park to ensure it is fit for purpose, as it is one of the most important parks in the Borough. The work will include the refurbishment of the playground building, which contains the public toilets and attendants hut, as well as refurbishment to the play areas, sports facilities and pathways.



### Caledonian Ward Tree Planting

Allocations:

- Strategic Local CIL (£14,797)

The project will deliver tree planting throughout the Caledonian ward, in line with the Council's tree strategy. This will contribute to a greener Islington, which protects and promotes nature, and is better equipped to deal with climate change.



## School Facilities

### **Robert Blair Primary School - Reconfiguring Entrances & Frontage**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£90,250)
- S106 (£51,250)

The project will involve the re-positioning of the school's entrances and frontages. In addition to the re-organisation of the buildings internal layout.

### **Winton Primary School Sport Pitch Resurfacing**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£17,000)

The Winston Primary School sports pitch has not had any investment since 2006. The scheme will involve the relaying of a new coloured anti slip surfacing, to reduce injuries. New line markings would support a variety of sports including football hockey basketball. Additionally, lighting upgrades will ensure that the community are able to use the pitches outside of school hours in the evening.

## Transport and Public Realm

### **Frederica Street/Sutterton Street Traffic Management**

Allocations:

- S106 (£12,000)

The project seeks to prevent rat-run traffic gaining access to Blundell Street and Caledonian Road. In order to reduce pollution and congestion for local residents.

### **Cycle Route East-West from Randall's Road to York Way (Feasibility)**

Allocations:

- S106 (£10,000)

The project will investigate options for a new east-west cycle route from Randall's Road to York Way.

## **Copenhagen Street/York Way Junction Public Realm Improvements**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£15,000)

The scheme will introduce measures to cease rat running by vehicles. Through the introduction of a cycle lane and the potential blocking of one of the entry points. The work would also include an overall refurbishment of the surrounding open space.

## **Pembroke Street Crossing into Bingfield Park**

Allocations:

- S106 (£24,000)

The project will create a widened footway that will merge into the existing pathway running through the Bemerton Estate. The footpath will connect via a raised table in the carriageway, which will provide a level crossing.

## **Copenhagen Street and Market Road Enforcing HGV Ban**

Allocations:

- S106 (£5,000)

The project will involve the implementation of width restriction with associated CCTV enforcement on Market Road. The measures will help to enforce the existing 7.5-tonne lorry ban scheme in the area.

## **Caledonian Low Traffic Neighbourhood**

Allocations:

- S106 (£950,466)

Area-wide improvement to the street environment of "the Caledonian / Copenhagen Street corridor", a collection of streets around a neighbourhood of predominantly social housing that includes the middle of Caledonian Ward and the southern part of the Barnsbury Ward. The project's objective are to significantly reduce through traffic, cut vehicle speeds and to increase walking and cycling through the area alongside public realm improvements to enhance the quality of life for approximately 7,000 residents and 6 schools in the area.

# Completed

## Community Facilities

### Community Provision Review in Caledonian Ward

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£5,700)

Community Provision review in Caledonian Ward.

### Support for Copenhagen Youth Project Volunteering Programme

Allocations:

- S106 (£17,904)

The funding has allowed Copenhagen Youth Project to appoint an experienced Volunteer Coordinator that developed an advanced volunteering programme. The appointment ensured the creation of new processes and systems for the recruitment, training and supervising of local volunteers.



### Caledonian Arts Project/Festival

Allocations:

- S106 (£32,313)

The project has delivered local regeneration through arts development in the Caledonian ward.

## **Bemerton Children's Centre - Replacement & Upgrade of Garden Learning & Play Areas**

Allocations:

- S106 (£40,000)

The scheme has delivered improvements to the frontage and signage at the front of the building. In the garden, further improvement includes the replacement of non-slip surfaces and awning and the upgrading of garden equipment.

## **Stranraer Way 1-20 New Path Creation**

Allocations:

- S106 (£106,418)

The project has involved the re-paving and the separation of pedestrian and parking areas. In addition to the installation of new picnic tables and seating.

## **Estate Improvements**

### **Delhi Outram Estate Play Area Improvements**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

The scheme has increased the play area on the estate, which provided local children with increased play and social space.

### **Bemerton Estate - East-West Route to Kings Cross**

Allocations:

- S106 (£130,970)

The project improved the legibility and permeability of the public realm within the northern King's Cross area. The project created an east to west pedestrian route from the new development at Kings Cross Central, through the Bemerton Estate (Perth Green), which linked through to Caledonian Road and Thornhill Square to the east.

### **Westbourne Estate**

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£80,000)

The project provided food-growing equipment, fence improvements, the laying of new tarmac and paving. In addition to the provision of sports play equipment.

## Caledonian Estate Secure Cycle Parking

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£7,810)

The project created new cycle parking facilities on the Caledonian Estate. The work involved the installation of a medium sized shelter and the conversion of a garage, which allowed for the secure storage of bikes. The project will help support the growth of cycling in the borough.

## Caledonian Estate Improvements

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£67,000)

The scheme involved the upgrading of the central space on the estate, improvements to the children's play areas and improvements to the estates frontage.





## Playspace

### Crumbles Castle Adventure Playground Improvements

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£74,000)
- S106 (£61,165)

The project provided funding to improve the play infrastructure at the Crumbles Castle Adventure Playground. The works have provided a safe, high-quality and engaging play space for children.



### Thornhill Square - Play Area

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£15,957)
- S106 (£4,320)

The project involved the re-surfacing of the Thornhill square playground, as over the years the space has seen a significant amount of use. The work will ensure the children have a safe space, in which to play.

### Lumpy Hill Adventure Playground Improvements

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£17,135)
- S106 (£32,865)

The project involved the redesign of the main entrance to the adventure playground. The design saw the fence moved to incorporate disused land between the adventure playground and the tennis centre. Additional works involved the modernisation of the kitchen and toilet facilities and replacement of flooring.

## Edward Square Play Area

Allocations:

- S106 (£25,000)

The scheme delivered re-surfacing to the Edward Square play area, ensuring a safe environment for children to play in.

## Sports and Recreation

### Bingfield Park Games Area

Allocations:

- S106 (£25,312)

The project involved the resurfacing and general improvements to the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA). The project has improved the pitches drainage and increased the range of sports the pitch can support.



## Transport and Public Realm

### Bingfield Street - CCTV

Allocations:

- S106 (£12,000)

The project saw the installation of additional CCTV on the corner of Bingfield Street and Havelock Street. The new cameras will provide surveillance into Bingfield Park and sight lines down Bingfield Street and Havelock Street. To help improve security in the area.

### Westbourne Road - New Zebra Crossing

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£25,000)

The scheme saw the installation of a new zebra crossing on Market Road and at Westbourne Road (junction of Bride Street, walking route to St Mary Mags School) to create a straight walking route from Shearling Way to the entrance of the park and adventure playground.



### Road Safety Measures - Corner of Lofting Road and Hemingford Road

The scheme delivered works to reduce vehicle speed and increase safety at the corner of Lofting Road and Hemingford Road.



## Freeling Street Parklet

Allocations:

- S106 (£5,000)

The project saw the transformation of a closed highway area into a pocket park. The space will act as an entry point into the East-West pathway from Caledonian Road to Bingfield Park.

