

Junction

Community Plan – March 2022



Introduction

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

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, neighborhood 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 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 or S106@Islington.gov.uk

Vision Statement from Junction Ward Councillors

Our vision is for Junction Ward to be a place where everyone, whatever their background, has the same opportunity to reach their potential. We know that decent and secure housing is key to this. That's why we want to see more genuinely affordable houses being built, improvements made on our council Estates and protections put in place for people renting privately.

We're ambitious for Archway's Town centre and will work towards ensuring a diverse offer that includes some socially responsible chain stores complemented by locally minded independent shops. We'd like to see more office space including, crucially, affordable workspace so that our Ward is increasingly somewhere people come to work and create.

We also want to build on the fantastic cultural life that exists here and would like to see Archway become home to a community arts space.

Our ward has a lot going for it - excellent transport links, a full-service NHS hospital, good schools, a leisure centre, playing fields and parks – and we will work with residents, local businesses, the police and community leaders to make it safer, cleaner and more attractive for everyone.

Councillors Janet Burgess MBE, Sheila Chapman and Kaya Comer-Schwartz

Awaiting Funding

Transport and Public Realm

Whittington Park/Holloway Road - Cycle Path

Approximate Cost: £50,000

This scheme would remove the road markings and infrastructure which creates a split cycle/pedestrian path from Whittington Park to Holloway Road. At present, the path is dangerous and leads to conflict between pedestrians and cyclists. The works would create a wide, dual use space with appropriate signage.

Huddleston Road/Station Road - Cycling

Approximate Cost: £35,000

This scheme aims to reduce anti-social behaviour at Huddleston Road/ Station Road by introducing measures such as signage and CCTV cameras as deterrents.

Being Implemented

Community Facilities

Whittington Park Community Centre - External Fire Escape

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£32,656)

Ward councillors have agreed a financial contribution to the restoration of Whittington Park Community Centre, particular for the new fire escape element of the project. The wider scheme involves the restoration of two of the community centre spaces (Lower and Upper Hocking Hall) which currently have broken windows, cracked walls, inadequate heating and limited access. The transformation would create bright and comfortable spaces for various classes, events, parties and sports.

Islington Boxing Club Refurbishment

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£1,000)

The project contributes to the redevelopment of the Islington Boxing Club, which at present is in a tired state. The funding will support the planning application process including all the necessary surveys, investigations and designs. The boxing club is a nationally leading centre for women's boxing and acts as a successful youth centre for young people from across the Borough. When a full planning permission is granted the Club will begin fund-raising through out 2022 and the first half of 2023, with building works to begin in the second half of 2023.

Whittington Nursery Veranda

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

This scheme will fund an extension to the Community Nursery's veranda. The upgraded veranda will provide a safe play space for the children to use in all weather conditions.

Estate Improvements

Small Scale Improvements On Estates

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£65,000)

This scheme will provide funds for small scale estate improvements. Specific improvements will be delivered in consultation with Tenants and Residents.

Girdlestone Estate

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£12,500)

This scheme will involve improvements to safety and accessibility of the public realm around the estate. An initial allocation have been made to gate access to the empty garage spaces as well as conduct a detailed study of the common areas around the estates as well as look into the community safety breaches that the residents have raised. The survey will conclude with a detailed report and a plan for implementation of the improvements.

Wedmore Community Garden

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£24,560)
- S106 (£440)

This scheme would rebuild the community garden which was moved when a new part of the estate was built. The project would would cover soft landscaping and planting.

Tremlett Grove Community Garden

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£1,000)

This scheme is to provide a new bench in the community garden, to complement the works previously delivered at the estate.

Transport and Public Realm

Hargrave Road Build Out

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£40,000)

This scheme will involve the construction of a build-out on the southern side of the road adjacent to the junction with Holloway Road. Waiting and loading signs would be amended to "No Waiting or Loading at any time" around the build out.

Completed

Community Facilities

Whittington Park Community Nursery New Doors

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£3,000)

This scheme replaced the existing doors at Whittington Park Community Nursery which were not fit for purpose. The nursery previously had concertina doors which promoted free flow access to the outdoor area for the children. The doors were also one of the fire evacuation routes. The previous doors were too heavy for the side frame fixings which had resulted in frame and door movement. To remedy this the doors were replaced with more suitable, purpose-made doors.

Whittington Park Nursery Garden

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£19,643)

The scheme installed French drains, a soakaway, good quality synthetic grass, and an area for planting and mud play. The scheme was required as the garden area used to quickly become unusable from autumn to spring and in wet summer weather. The project was completed in February 2019.

Estate Improvements

Palmers Estate - Bin/Lumber Screen

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

This project created a new bulky items/lumber store outside Longley House to improve the appearance of the public realm for residents of Palmers Estate.

Girdlestone Estate Community Centre

Allocations made:

- S106 (£19,894)

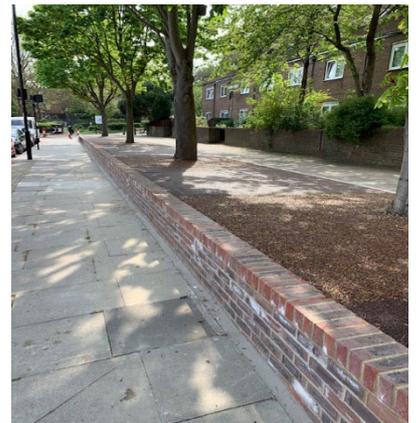
This scheme resolved damp problems at the Girdlestone Estate Community Centre. The project also funded new flooring and new skirting boards.

Girdlestone Estate - Resurfacing Annesley Walk Tree Pits

Allocations made:

- S106 (£27,786)

This project improved the Annesley Walk tree pits. The damaged bricks, which previously formed part of the tree pits, were removed and the tree pit area was resurfaced in a red tarmac to match existing Estate roads. The surface is now more aesthetically pleasing and safer for use by everyone. The widening of the pavement gives pedestrians more space, meaning they are able to flow more freely.



Bovingdon Close Estate

Allocations made:

- S106 (£52,672)

This project provided improvements to the outside space on the Bovingdon Close Estate. The Estate's playground is located on a highway access road at the rear of the Estate, and was previously surrounded by a high walled structure. The playground's location meant that it was not regarded as being a useful or safe amenity for children on the Estate. The project redesigned the previous high walled play area; provided new play equipment and safety surfacing; and upgraded the column lights. All of which delivered better outcomes for residential amenity and safety. The project was completed 2017.

Tremlett Grove Estate

Allocations made:

- S106 (£15,421)

This scheme delivered improvements to the public realm of Tremlett Grove Estate. Works included: provision of additional equipment for the playground between Llewlyn House and Fell House; resurfacing and repaving of defective areas in various parts of the Estate; and, improvements to the disused paved podium area with a professional soft and hard landscape design. The project was completed 2017.

Open Space

Water Fountain in Tufnell Park Playing Fields

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

This project involved the installation and maintenance of a new drinking water fountain. On-going maintenance will include: sanitation; cleansing; testing repairs and vandalism cover; water usage; and, inspection costs over the lifetime of the water fountain.



Junction Ward Tree Planting

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

This scheme delivered additional street tree planting in the ward in line with the Council's tree strategy. New tree locations include: Ashbrook Road, Bickerton Road, Cathcart Hill, Despard Road, Francis Terrace, Lidyard Road, Macdonald Road, Monnery Road, Pemberton Gardens, Pemberton Terrace and Tytherton Road.

Tufnell Park Playing Fields

Allocations made:

- S106 (£33,000)

This scheme provided improvements to the turf and drainage of the grass sports pitches at Tufnell Park playing fields. It included the complete refurbishment of changing rooms and public toilet facilities, with improvements to accessibility (new baby changing units) and energy efficiency (including a new boiler and double glazed windows).

Playspace

Whittington Park Water Play Facility

This scheme completed repairs to a children's water play facility in the park. Renewal and replacement of several parts of the feature were in place to allow regular use of the facility.

