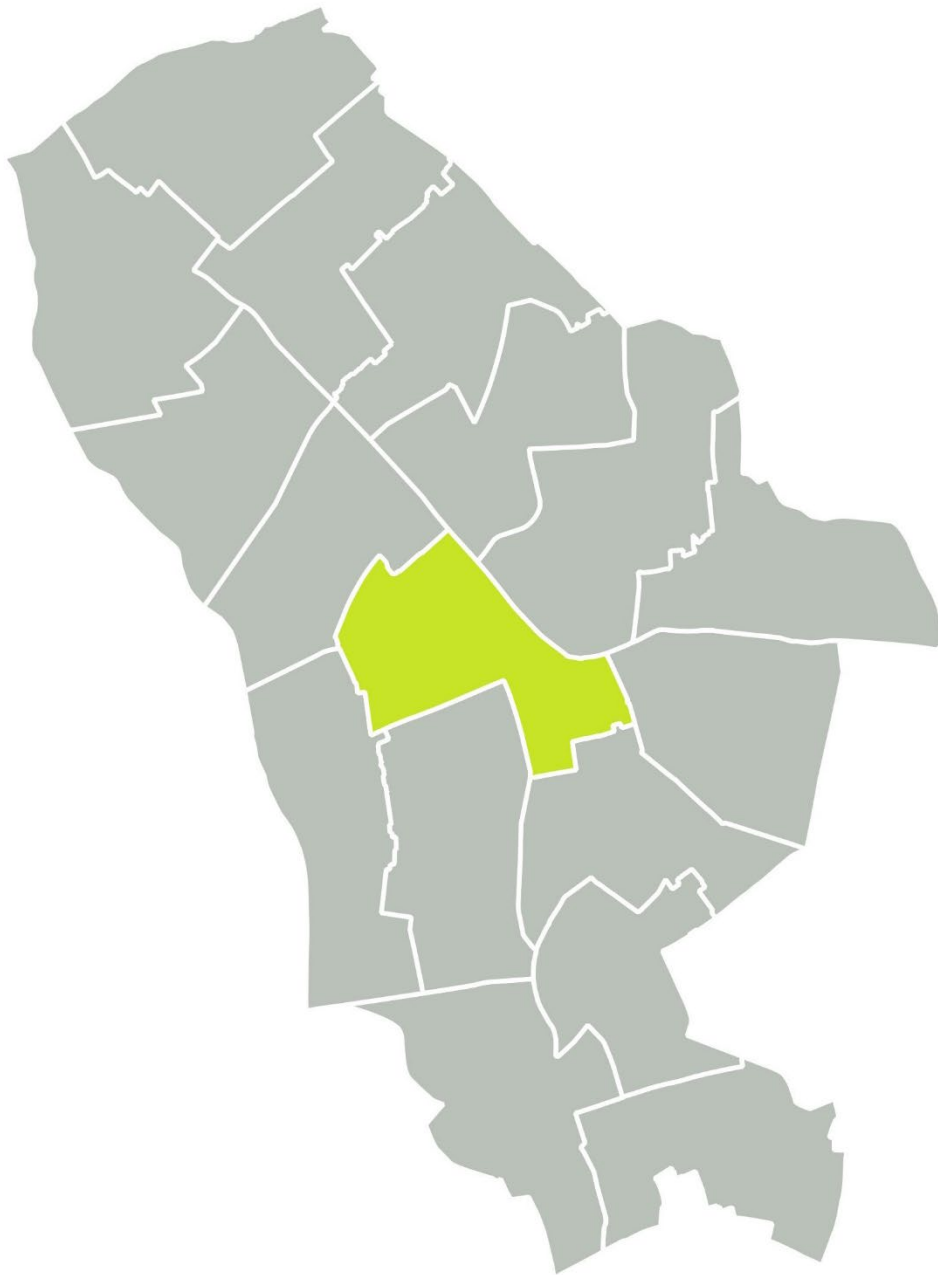




Laycock

Community Plan - June 2022



Introduction

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

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 for further information on the specific developments the funds originated from, if required.

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

Being Implemented

Sport and Recreation

Outdoor Gym at Laycock Green

Allocations made:

- S106 (£35,300)

This project will install outdoor gym equipment at Laycock Green. The outdoor gym will consist of 5 to 6 pieces of equipment for use by the general public, as well as appropriate surfacing and ancillary items such as a bench and a bin. The scheme aims to help boost the health and wellbeing of local residents, both physically and mentally, by providing a free and accessible way to exercise. Outdoor gyms will also provide an alternative to indoor gyms for people who remain concerned about transmission of COVID-19.

Arundel Square Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£20,239)
- Local CIL (£54,761)

This project will replace and improve the playground at Arundel Square which is in desperate need of renewal. Refurbishment of the playground will improve the public realm, increasing amenity and providing a wider range of outdoor play opportunities for children in the area, especially younger children.

New Building at Martin Luther King Adventure Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£175,000)

The project is to replace the existing, ageing building with a fit for purpose, wind- and water-tight building that will blend into the adventure playground, park and proposed home zone entrance to Paradise Park. The works include the demolition and removal of the current building in favour of an ecological/economical building. Priorities include increasing the amount of outdoor play space to accommodate increasing numbers of children attending both in term time and during school holidays.

Community Facilities

Ringcross Community Centre

Allocations made:

- S106 (£30,000)

This scheme is to convert old garage into a food storage space; build another cabin to help with preparing and service of food; and renovate their kitchen. The renovations will include new frontage, flooring, electrics in the garage, new kitchen and flooring to bring it up to health and safety and hygiene specifications, additional electrical points and lights. A new database and monitoring system for the foodbank will be introduced.

Job Perks Club

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£4,000)

The scheme will benefit young people, families, and the BAME Communities by providing them with training and apprenticeships as well as therapy and mentoring sessions to support their wellbeing and career development. The scheme will also improve young people's IT skills and their access to IT facilities by providing the participants with access to Ringcross Centre's IT lab.

Prospex Tech Hub

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£33,000)

This scheme involves funding a tech hub that will address the technological divide by inspiring disadvantaged young people aged 8-21 years to access the same technology opportunities as their peers. The hub provides access to equipment as well as radio, photography, video- and podcast-making training to young people in the area.

School Facilities

New Entrance at Canonbury Primary School

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£34,960)
- S106 (£65,040)

This project will create a new pedestrian entrance at Canonbury Primary School. The project aims to increase road safety and reduce exposure to pollution by moving the entrance away from Canonbury Road. The addition of the entrance will provide a safe space for parents to wait, away from the road, at the start and the end of the day. This would greatly assist with road safety concerns, the length of time children stand next to stationary traffic, as well as social distancing.

Westbourne Early Years Centre - Metal Gate and Signage

Allocations made:

- S106 (£5,000)

This project will assess and replace the metal gate and signage at the front of Westbourne Children's Centre. Replacement of the metal gate will improve the appearance of the centre, making it more inviting for parents and children visiting. The existing signage will be moved to a lower, eye level point so it is clear to visitors and passers by, to make wayfinding clearer.

Transport and Public Realm

Pedestrian Crossing On Cottage Road

Allocations made:

- S106 (£70,000)

This project will deliver a pedestrian zebra crossing on the Cottage Road and Caledonian Road junction at the Waste and Recycling Centre. The proposal aims to create a safer crossing and more visibility for pedestrians crossing from Cottage Road to Caledonian Road, particularly for those with push chairs and mobility scooters. It will also include measures to calm traffic and reduce vehicle speeds.

Completed

School Facilities

Canonbury Primary School Improvements

Allocations made:

- S106 (£171,751)

The project will improve the educational facilities at Canonbury Primary School, providing improved facilities for physical education and sports. This includes a new multi-use games area with changing and toilet facilities, which should increase community use of the facilities.

Laycock Primary School Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£45,000)

This scheme delivered resurfacing of the playground, provision of new 'ghost train' and play equipment with safety surface and line markings for sports. In addition, a quiet zone for non-sports play was created.

Westbourne Children's Centre

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£23,891)

This scheme replaced the whole of the outdoor flooring, replacing it with a soft safety surface across the whole area. The scheme also replaced the older plastic play equipment with a natural wooden play tower. Project completed in 2019. The outside area is now aesthetically pleasing and safer for children, and has received positive feedback from local residents and parents.



Open Space

Compton Terrace Gardens

Allocations made:

- S106 (£130,498)

This scheme restored the perimeter walls of Compton Terrace Gardens and reinstated the gardener's hut. All walls were re-filled, top coping stones were repaired and replaced, and where needed, all brickwork was cleaned. All railings were also re-painted and any missing railing heads were replaced. The project was completed in 2019.



Playspace

Haslam Close Multi-use Games Area Refurbishment

Allocations made:

- S106 (£60,000)

The scheme delivered improvements to the multi-use games area including a new fence, new surface and associated line markings, new multi-use goal ends, and new entrance works. The ball court was previously in a state of disrepair and unsafe with broken fencing. The project was completed in 2020.



Community Facilities

Freightliners Farm

Allocations:

- S106 (£22,487)

The works delivered through the scheme included the renovation of paving, decking and access to public areas of garden, renovation of reed bed water habitat, hard landscaping works, as well as the barn/classroom improvements.



New River College Multi Use Games Area - Lough Road

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£25,000)
- S106 (£50,000)

The project delivered improvements to the play space and sports provision adjacent to Lough Road Pupil Referral Unit, for supervised use by students of the college during operational hours, and for the general public at other times.

Paradise Park Children's Centre - Café

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£16,524)
- S106 (£18,475)

The project involved setting up a café-children's centre providing early childhood services to the most vulnerable families. The centre runs programmes focused around wellbeing as well as campaigns and activities preventing obesity and oral health decay.

Papworth Gardens

Allocations:

- S106 (£20,000)

The project involved replacing the sport/play equipment and food growing area.

Transport and Public Realm

Highbury Station Road Footway Works

The scheme delivered footway improvements particularly on the railway side which was in poor condition and carriageway resurfacing for ease of movement for cyclists and all vehicles.

Estate Improvements

Mersey Estate Football Pitch

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£11,083)
- S106 (£70,305)

This scheme involved a feasibility survey which was undertaken to ascertain the full condition of the boundary wall between the football pitch and the Mersey Estate. This survey has been used to develop a scheme for the removal of the side brick wall and its reinstatement with ball pitch rebound railings, and the replacement of the existing metal fence with more robust fencing.

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.

