

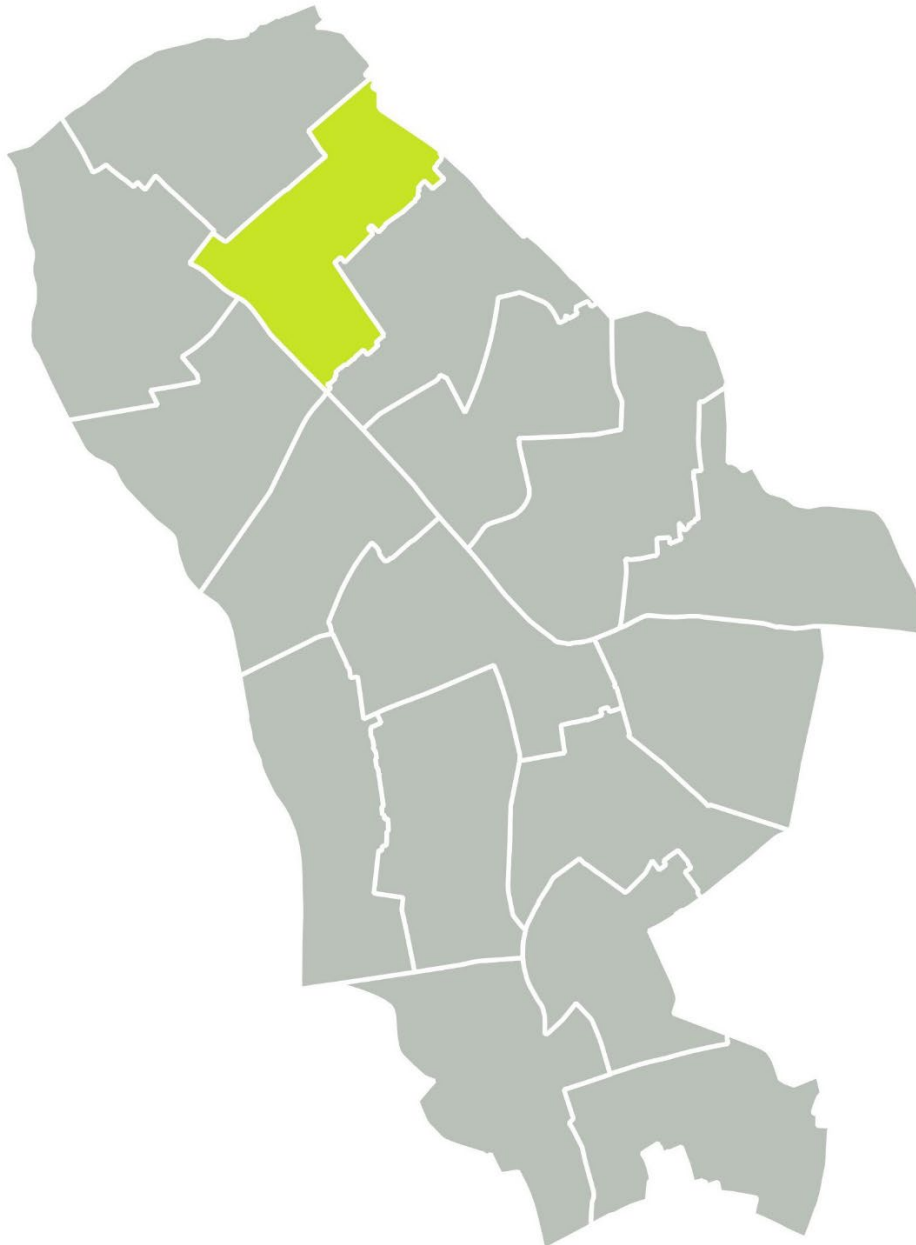


ISLINGTON

For a more equal future

Tollington

Community Plan - June 2022



Introduction

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

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

Awaiting Funding

Open Space

Shelley Court Garden Improvements

Approximate cost: £20,000

This scheme aims to improve Shelly Court Garden, which lies at the corner of Regina Road and Hanley Road. The area is currently dull and unattractive with cluttered anti-climb installations, bins, and a concrete hard standing platform designated as a lumber point. Improvements may include: removal of the aggressive anti-climb spinners; overhaul and painting of the large ornate gates/panels; installation of matching lower level screens to contain and screen the lumber area; de-cluttering the signage; and, installation of new vibrant planting in front of lumber point.

Sussex Close Playground Improvements

Approximate cost: £100,000

The scheme aims to improve the playground area of Sussex Close Estate. Within the estate, the grass areas are well maintained, however the playground equipment is limited and sparse. The current play area has more benches than equipment in the space which encourages anti-social behaviour. Renewal of the playground with more equipment that targeted toddlers is appropriate, as older children can utilise the Cornwallis Youth Project. An improved play area would increase usage and therefore natural surveillance, which discourages anti-social behaviour.

Blenheim Court Playground and Open Space Improvements

Approximate cost: £100,000

The scheme aims to deliver environmental improvements Blenheim Court, focusing particularly on the playground and an area of green open space. The playground is in desperate need of renewal. Improvements could include the installation of new play equipment, new wet pour safety surfacing, installation of benches and landscaping works. The open space could also be improved to make the area more engaging. For example, by installing more benches, litter bins, planting and natural/informal play equipment. Other environmental improvements may include planting wild flowers and installing bird boxes and insect hotels. This would increase biodiversity across the estate.

Being Implemented

Sports and Recreation

Wray Crescent Community and Cricket Building

Approximate cost: £450,000

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£70,000)
- S106 (£50,000)

This scheme will involve the replacement of the brick pavilion at Wray Crescent Open Space with a new, multi-use building that will support and encourage cricket at the site, helping to make it a destination for the sport in inner London. As well as sporting infrastructure, the building will provide a community space for the public benefit and an office for Middlesex County Cricket Club who are keen to establish a presence at the site.



Transport and Public Realm

Improvements to Parking Arrangements on Hornsey Road

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£25,000)

This scheme aims to investigate and address the issue of road blockages, often caused by delivery vans, on Hornsey Road. It will develop, and consult on, proposals to address the problem, by altering parking arrangements and providing a partially inset loading bay for delivery vans to park in. This would create more carriageway space for the running lanes when approaching the signalised junction by Tesco, which would reduce blockages and facilitate a better flow of traffic.

Hornsey Road Public Realm Improvement Scheme

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

This project aims to improve the public realm on Hornsey Road. It will focus particularly on the stretch of road which lies north of Tollington Park and towards Hanley Road, and aims to improve the street scene with urban greening using trees, flowerbeds and sustainable drainage systems (SuDS).

Open Space

Wray Crescent Park Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£45,000)

This project will explore options for improving Wray Crescent Park. In particular, it will look at planting and other landscaping improvements in the area adjacent to the site of the new Wray Crescent Community and Cricket building. It aims to make the space more user-friendly and attractive. Further improvements may also include updating equipment, repairing the planter wall, and joining up the walking route around the edge of the park.

Landseer Gardens Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£15,000)

This project is seeking options to improve the space at Landseer Gardens. The aim is to make the park more attractive and user-friendly, improving amenity for users and reducing instances of anti-social behaviour in the area. Options include upgrading the play equipment, adding benches and adding planters.

Everleigh Street Open Space Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

This project is seeking options for the redesign of the open space at Everleigh Street. The initial allocation will fund a preliminary scoping exercise to explore options for the space. As well as a public consultation exercise to engage with local residents, gathering their suggestions and listening to their opinions.

Tollington Ward Tree Planting

Allocations made:

- S106 (£5,835)
- Local CIL (£5,000)

This scheme will deliver additional street tree planting in the ward in line with the Council's tree strategy. During the 2020/21 planting season, trees were planted on Blythwood Road, Davenant Road, Kiver Road, Lambton Road, Shaftsbury Road, Stonenest Street and Whewell Road.

Community Facilities

Tollington Contribution to Restoration of Islington War Memorial Arch

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

The Islington War Memorial Arch is Grade II Listed and is in a very poor condition. It is the only listed war memorial on the national Heritage at Risk register. Many of the names of the fallen are damaged, illegible or badly eroded and the condition of the memorial is no longer a fitting tribute to their sacrifice. Without action the memorial will continue to decay. This project will contribute to funding specialist heritage advice to establish options restoration.

Estate Improvements

Tackling Anti-social Behaviour at Blenheim Court

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£40,000)

This scheme aims to prevent anti-social behaviour at Blenheim Court. The proposal is currently at feasibility stage. Various options to tackle and deter anti-social behaviour are being considered. Options include the installation of a CCTV camera; the delivery of a door entry system; and, the installation of safety mirrors in the stairwells of the building. The purpose of the scheme is to improve the security of the building, making residents feel safer and improving their amenity.

Crouch Hall Court Pram and Cycle Storage

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£21,450)

This scheme will deliver additional secure cycle storage and pram storage at Crouch Hall Court, where there is a high demand for more cycle facilities. The installation of a larger cycle storage unit, which can accommodate 10 cycles and a cargo bike, will help residents to store cycles safely, rather than taking up space inside properties or being left in communal areas of buildings where they can undermine fire safety requirements. The project will also provide 4 pram storage units, providing space for families with young children to store their buggies. Again, preventing buggies from taking up space inside of properties or being left in the stairways of buildings.

Tollington Secure Estate Cycle Storage

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£30,000)

This scheme aims to provide secure cycle facilities at estates in Tollington, which do not yet have any secure cycle storage for residents. In particular, this project aims to deliver storage which will fit unconventional bikes, such as adapted and cargo bikes. New hangars, shelters and covered stands will help residents to store cycles safely, rather than taking up space inside properties or being left in communal areas of buildings, where they can undermine fire safety requirements. The availability of secure cycle storage will encourage more cycle use, with personal, environmental, health and economic benefits.



Completed

Community Facilities

St Mark's Church of England Primary School

Allocations made:

- S106 (£79,800)

This scheme provided an AstroTurf pitch on the existing school playground for school and community use. The project formed part of a larger redevelopment of the school grounds.

Estate Improvements

Kingsdown Road and Sussex Way Open Space

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£37,930)
- S106 (£4,785)

This scheme provided improvements to open space at Kingsdown Road and Sussex Way. The space was a large open greenspace with no designated use other than a small contained playground which was limited in its play opportunities. The playground area was removed and the green space was fully re-designed/landscaped to provide a single functioning and attractive enclosed park/garden for local residents, offering opportunities for play and rest.



Crouch Hall Court Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£57,595)

This project aims to upgrade and re-design the existing three small playgrounds on the estate, with expansion where possible. Each area of play equipment will target a different age group from toddlers through to older children.

Open Space

Cornwallis Open Space Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£13,171)

The scheme delivered a range of soft landscape improvements at Cornwallis Park. It involved removing of a number of old large shrubs, which opened up the space, improving sight lines and removing potential spaces for antisocial behaviour. A range of new plants, bulbs and shrubs, including shade tolerant plants, were planted and new turf was laid. The project has improved the amenity and appearance of the park, creating a more welcoming and pleasant space for users.

Wray Crescent - Playground

This scheme provided refurbishments of existing park playground building containing public toilets and attendants hut. An accessible toilet was included in these improvement works.

Sports and Recreation

Wray Crescent - Cricket Pitch/ Park

Allocations made:

- S106 (£38,284)

This project improved the quality of the turf for cricket use as well as the installation of netting around the boundary to prevent damage to nearby property.