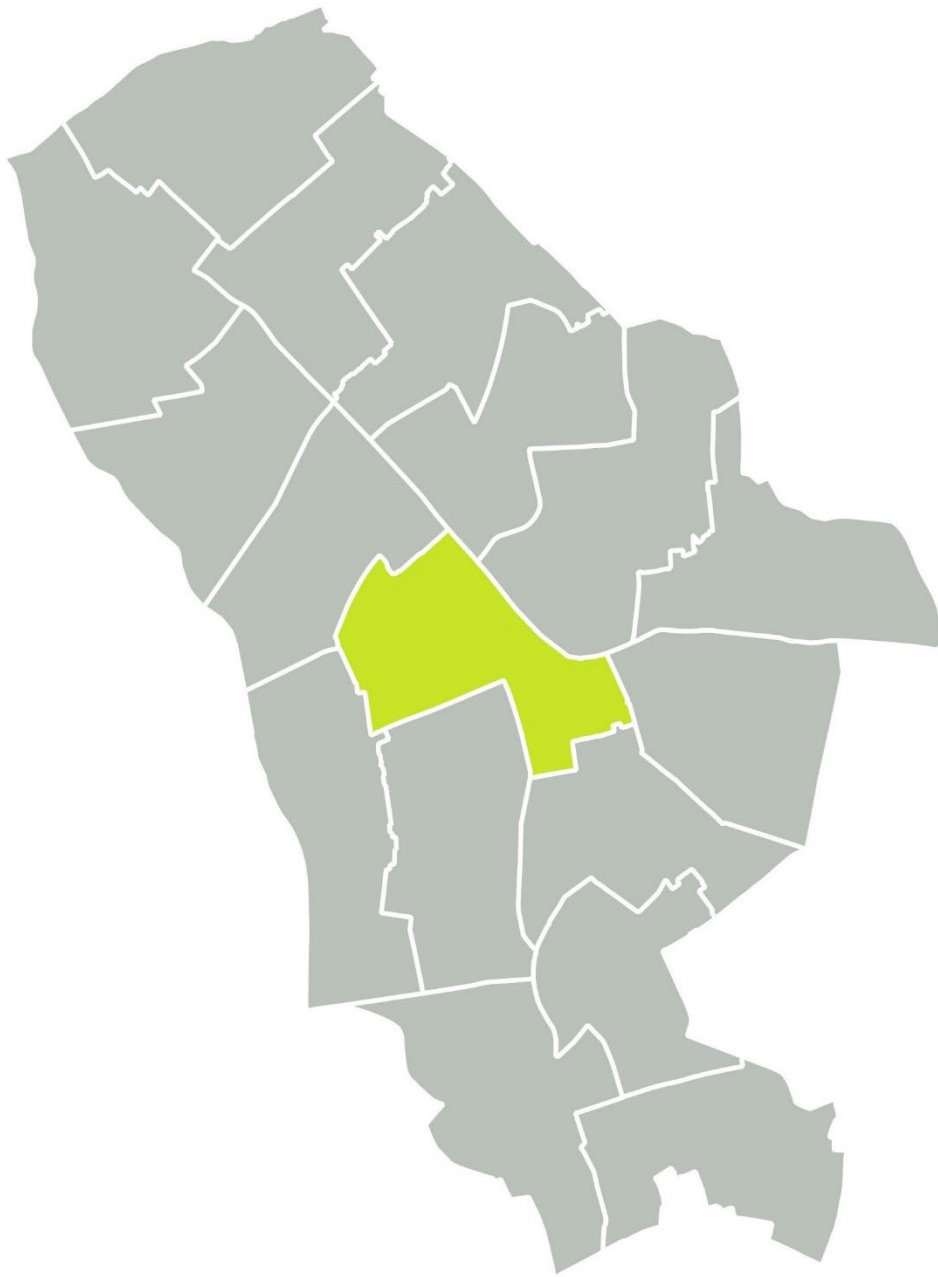




# Laycock

## Community Plan – February 2023



# 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](mailto: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](mailto:CIL@Islington.gov.uk) or [S106@Islington.gov.uk](mailto:S106@Islington.gov.uk)

# Awaiting Funding

## Sport and Recreation

### **Caledonian Estate Basketball Court Renewal**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would renew the basketball court at Caledonian Estate. The basketball court is currently in a poor state. It is currently inaccessible and underused. The proposal would explore options to refurbish the court to bring it back into use, or to repurpose the space into a community garden.

## Open Space

### **Paradise Park - Installation of New Gate**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would install a new automatically closing gate at the entrance to Paradise Park on Mackenzie Road. The entrance is located near to Paradise Park Children's Centre. The new gate would improve safety by preventing the gate from being left open.

### **Paradise Park - Toilets**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would install a portaloo, as a temporary solution, to improve the toilet facilities in Paradise Park.

### **Paradise Park - Water Fountain**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would install a water fountain in Paradise Park near to the ball court.

### **Paradise Park - Lighting Improvements**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide additional lighting in Paradise Park to increase visibility and improve public safety.

### **Repurposing Bins at Laycock Green**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide additional larger bins at Laycock Green. The existing smaller, metal bins - which feature a heritage Laycock logo - will be repainted and re-purposed as planters.

# **Estate Improvements**

## **Secure Estate Cycle Storage**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would deliver bike hangers at Adam's Place Estate and Starliner Court. It 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 also encourage more cycle use, with personal, environmental, health and economic benefits.

## **Environmental Improvements at Starliner Court**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide environmental improvements to the outdoor amenity space at Starliner Court. Improvements may include landscaping works, installation of wooden planters for community growing projects, installation of seating/and or picnic benches, as well as updating the existing play equipment. These works will improve the public realm, increasing residents' amenity and increasing play opportunities for children.

## **Gardening Project at Centurion Close**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project aims to build on the existing planting activities undertaken by residents of Centurion Close. It would provide soil, plants, gardening equipment and an outdoor water source to enable residents to continue with their community gardening activities. The project will also explore options to bring the underused hardstanding area back into use.

## **Environmental Improvements at Papworth Gardens**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide environmental improvements to the outdoor amenity space at Papworth Gardens. Improvements may include landscaping works, installation of wooden planters for community growing projects, and the installation of seating/and or picnic benches.

## **Addressing Antisocial Behaviour on Westbourne Estate**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would explore options to address antisocial behaviour on the estate through working with residents.

## **Environmental Improvements at Caledonian Estate**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide environmental improvements to the outdoor amenity space at Caledonian Estate. Improvements may include landscaping works, installation of wooden planters for community growing projects, and the installation of seating/and or picnic benches.

## **Door Entry System at Adam's Place Estate**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would install a door entry system at Adam's Place Estate. Residents of the estate currently have to leave their flats and manually open the main entrance doors for visitors and deliveries. Installation of a door entry system would improve accessibility and deliver an improved sense of security for residents.

## **Environmental Improvements on Mersey Estate**

Approximate Cost: TBC

This project would provide environmental improvements to the outdoor amenity space at Mersey Estate. Improvements may include landscaping works, installation of wooden planters for community growing projects, installation of seating/and or picnic benches, as well as updating the existing play equipment. Options to address antisocial behaviour on the estate will also be explored. These works will improve the public realm, increasing residents' amenity and increasing play opportunities for children.

# Being Implemented

## Sport and Recreation

### **New Equipment for Islington Boccia Group**

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£1,200)

This project will fund new equipment for Islington Boccia Group based at the Ringcross Community Centre. Boccia is a Paralympic sport which involves athletes throwing, kicking or using a ramp to propel a ball onto the court with the aim of getting closest to a 'jack' ball. It is designed specifically for athletes with a disability affecting locomotor function. Islington Boccia Group have adapted the game to also include learning difficulties, sensory difficulties and complex needs athletes. The funding is for 2 new sets of Boccia Balls, score cards and equipment. The new equipment will allow the group to improve their training and playing skills, enabling them to enter regional Boccia Competitions representing Islington.

### **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 will 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

## 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.

## 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.

# 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.

## **Paradise Park Children’s Centre – Sun Shade**

Allocations made:

- S106 (£5,000)

This project will involve installing a sun shade in the children’s play area which will provide a safe space to play during the summer months, maximising time spent outside and providing much needed shade for when the children are sleeping.

## **Transport and Public Realm**

### **Pedestrian Crossing on Cottage Road**

Allocations made:

- S106 (£40,000)

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.

## **Estate Improvements**

### **Haslam Close Lighting and Surfacing**

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£56,000)

This project will upgrade the lighting at Haslam Close Estate with LED lights to create a safer public realm at night. Patch surfacing improvements will also be applied across the estate to prevent water pooling in places where the block paving currently dips.



# Completed

## Sport and Recreation

### Outdoor Gym at Laycock Green

Allocations made:

- S106 (£35,300)

This project installed an outdoor gym at Laycock Green. The outdoor gym consists of various pieces of equipment for use by the public, as well as appropriate safety surfacing and 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. The project was completed in July 2022.



### Paradise Park - Football Pitch

Allocations made:

- S106 (£90,000)

This project involves replacing the existing worn-out artificial turf at Paradise Park with new artificial turf including associated line markings.

## 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.



## 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. The outside area is now aesthetically pleasing and safer for children and has received positive feedback from residents and parents. The project was completed in 2019.



## 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-filleted, 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.



# Community Facilities

## Ringcross Community Centre Foodbank

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.

## 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 at 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 on 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 Caledonian Estate. The project delivered improvements to the children's play areas and improvements to the estate's frontage. These works improved the public realm, increasing residential amenity and delivering enhanced play opportunities for children on the estate. The project was completed in 2019.

