

Event title:	Workshop 3 - Your Open Spaces and Streets
Event date:	18 November 2021 (4.30pm - 7.30pm)
No. of registered attendees:	18
Location:	Community Centre, Fleming Road
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This summary report is a record of the workshop 3 'Your Open Spaces and Streets', hosted at the community centre, Fleming Road. A short online presentation was held on 17 November that briefly explained the content of the workshop. This was then followed by a physical 'drop-in' event on 18 November. The physical event was a chance to cover the content in more detail, record resident feedback and workshop open spaces and streets with residents. This workshop forms part of a series of workshop events over the last few months. The report records the comments and feedback made by the residents.



The content of this brochure is as follows:

- Feedback on types of streets
- Feedback on shared residential courtyards
- Feedback on play and recreation spaces
- Feedback on various types of rooftop spaces
- A record of residents' ideas and feedback on the following topics from workshop tables:
 - Open spaces
 - Resident courtyards
 - Streets
- A place for general feedback on residents' priorities for the design charter.



Note that '**key feedback**' (indicated in bold) is feedback that was received by two or more residents. 'Other comments' record residents' individual feedback.



Types of streets



Key feedback:

- **More trees are needed on the streets**
- **Positive response to greener streets**

Other comments

- Low brick walls of front gardens for ground floor homes are preferred
- We like the ideas of landscape and SUDs on streets, but dumping can happen in these areas

Shared resident courtyards



Key feedback:

- **Consider integrating water feature into landscaping**
- **Green, natural and softscaped landscaping is preferred**
- **Concerns play within residential courtyards will create noise issues**
- **Courtyards should be secure for residents only**
- **Concerns about privacy of homes**
- **We like BBQ spaces, canopy or parasol areas for shading**
- **Podium parking should be well lit, gated and managed**

Other comments

- Sizes and locations of trees in courtyards should be well considered to avoid blocking the sunlight into the homes
- Small windows are not ideal
- Concerns about anti-social behaviours around BBQ areas
- Concerns about sunlight within courtyard spaces
- Prison-like entrance to courtyard should be avoided
- Mixed opinions on wildflower planting as some residents worried it may be outgrown and not be maintained properly



Play and recreation spaces



Key feedback:

- Positive response to the outdoor gym ideas
- Accessibility for all is important - we like the play spaces can be used by kids, youth and other residents
- Support the ideas of adventure, imaginative and multi-purpose spaces
- Concerns of play areas directly outside people's homes due to noise and anti-social behaviour

Other comments

- Teenagers need places to meet
- Traditional play spaces may not work well on the estate
- Existing play spaces in the estate are poor
- Kids want swings inside play spaces
- People will look after their spaces if regeneration happens
- Play areas in public spaces rather than resident courtyards are important as they contribute to a strong sense of community and kids should be allowed access to all play



Various types of rooftop spaces



Key feedback:

- Solar panels on rooftops are important
- Roof amenity should be secured and well managed
- Concerns about too many wild plants on the green roof
- Positive response to ideas around sustainable roofs contributing to the biodiversity
- Preference on green roofs if not for sustainable purpose
- Preference on roofs that can be accessed and used by community members

Other comments

- Mixed opinion over play spaces on the rooftop spaces
- How do satellite dishes work?
- Who is responsible for repairing in case of leakages?
- Sport facilities on rooftops
- BBQ spaces on rooftops
- Prefer allocated or private 'grow your own'
- Recycling of water on blue roofs



Open Spaces

'I love the meadow and wildflowers in open spaces'



'I don't like the wildflower, it may be overgrown and take space that could be usable otherwise'

'It would be great to have an outdoor gym'



'We need more cycle lanes in the estate'



- Cycle lane
- Play
- Seating
- Planting
- Lights
- Outdoors gym
- Sustainable urban drainage system
- Signage

The dots indicate what residents want to have in open spaces

Key feedback:

- Management and maintenance of open spaces is important
- Strong support for outdoor gym
- Prefer green and planting on open spaces
- Lighting is important for safety
- Positive response to multi-purpose play area
- We like lots of seating spaces for watching birds
- Support for cycle lanes integrated into open spaces

Other comments

- Dog parks
- There are currently no facilities in open spaces in the estate
- 'Grow your own' or allotments
- Planting should be easy to maintain and manage

Courtyards

'Secure entrance is important to make sure it can only be used by the residents'



'It would be great to have both communal space and private gardens'



'I love the green and natural feel in the courtyards'



- Play
- Seating
- Planting
- Lights
- Grow spaces
- Cycle parking
- Back gardens
- Entrances / access

The dots indicate what residents want to have in the courtyards

Key feedback:

- Preference on green and soft landscape in courtyards
- Cycle parking in the public realm can attract anti-social behaviours therefore private/indoor bike storage is needed. This is preferred over outside bike storage
- Secure entrances is important

Other comments

- Mixed opinion over play spaces in courtyards as some residents expressed their concerns about the noise issues

Streets



- Cycle lane
- Play
- Seating
- Planting
- Lights
- Crossing
- Sustainable urban drainage system

The dots indicate what residents want to have on the streets



'It is important to have street lights to feel safe'



'Love the greener street ideas. It would be amazing if this can happen.'

Key feedback:

- Good street lighting is important
- Planting and trees on streets are strongly supported
- Flooding risk needs to be considered especially around Baird Avenue
- Better car parking solution is needed for residents. Conventional street parking takes too much space on streets

Other comments

- More seating for elderly
- Concerns over the management and ownership of car parking spaces
- Prefer separated cycle lanes and pedestrian paths
- Speed bumps, zebra lights and give way signage are needed for traffic control
- Concerns about what certain access will be like if the scheme moves forward, for example the access to Sheringham Tower, and the access from Greenford Road and Baird Avenue
- Mixed opinions over introducing cycle lanes

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As well as themed workshop boards we gave residents a space to give more general feedback on their open spaces and streets alongside other key themes, allowing us to better understand residents' priorities and record any issues we may have overlooked. This is what they said:

Key feedback

- **Strong preference on greener spaces and streets if they can be easily maintained**
- **Positive response to play areas for all age groups**
- **Traffic management and control should be well considered**
- **Variable and usable open spaces**
- **Management and maintenance of open spaces are important**

Other comments

- We want more amenities and facilities on the estate - shops like Sainsbury's, etc.
- Smell of drugs is an issue as it transmits between homes
- Windows in circulation spaces and bathrooms are needed
- Noise issue around Greenford Road
- Circulation space is narrow inside homes
- Good storage is needed
- Lighting around Sheringham Tower and the alleyway is needed
- Would be nice to have balconies for Sheringham Tower
- EV charging points are a priority
- Car parking is an issue on the estate
- Having your own front door is a preference
- Parking permits should be considered
- Outdoor bins are preferred to inside ones