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Shape Newham Assembly One - Green Street and Plaistow

Wednesday 4th December 2019, 1800-2030
At Applecart Arts, the Littlewood Theatre

Presenters: AOC

Area Designers: AOC

Number of resident tables:

- Two for Green Street
- Two for Plaistow

Plaistow's "which do you prefer" questions:

1) AOC – Broadway Parade

Q. *To seat or not to seat? That is the question*

- a. **Short term seating** over long term seating please

Q. *Simple bright colours or a bright geometric pattern?*

- a. Keep it simple and bright please

2) Disorder – Rawstone Mural/Black Lion

Q. *Which schools should be used locally?*

A: Sample suggestion of Schools:

Lister Primary School

Newham 6th form college is the largest in area

Sample suggestion of groups/initiatives:

Applecart arts are already involved

Local Victory Youth Group

Memorial Community Church youth group

Green Streets "which do you prefer" questions:

3) AOC – Park Square

Q. *Should the project be highly structured with a series of rooms, or highly flexible with a blank canvas for space?*

- a. More **structured**, there needs to be another reason to go to the space than drinking and smoking.

4) AOC – Priory Road/St Stephens Parade

Q. *Should the project at St Stephens Parade or on Priory Road?*

- a. *The response was mixed with **50:50** overall votes.*

5) Sophie Percival - Stations Welcome

Q. *What do you want to celebrate about Green St's High St identity?*

- a. Fashion/textiles/ occasion wear, Food (speciality spices), football heritage, Queens Market

Q. *Which materials do you like?*

- a. Lighting projects (Nathan Colley ref) 3 votes, billboards (Blondey McCoy ref) 1 vote, tiles (Jaqueline Poncenet ref.) 1 vote, casting 1 vote

6) Ed Crooks

Q. *Which do you prefer, a surface finish welcome sign, a sculptural 3d piece, a walkthrough gateway or some crafted furniture?*

- a. A **gateway/sculptural** piece please!

General notes on ideas generated

AOC

Site specific

- People didn't realise the car park existed
- Didn't know the parade was called the Broadway
- Night time usage of the area is an issue with the playground
- Existing carpark has prostitution and illegal activity. There are no restrictions in the park and you get abandoned vehicles
- The Ingles on Broadway Parade is well used.
- Lighting/safety is an issue
- There is no focal point
- There is a bus stop with no canopy here, could you incorporate one?

Ideas

General

- Shared space
- Engage with the shopkeepers

Environment

- Trees and flower beds for bees (1a)
- Can we celebrate the existing trees with some uplighting
- Create an open space for us
- More grass and rain gardens!
- A green roof to the canopy?
- There are planters on barbers alley as a precedent. Locals maintain?

Material/Design

- Knock down wall
- Terracycle products (1a)
- Can it be a picnic area?
- Raise the canopy?
- Complement the local businesses
- Improve wayfinding
- Can we celebrate diversity? A different colour for each different shop?
- Simple colour
- Simple lettering: "Broadway Parade" or "Plaistow Village"
- Lighting design here
- Please don't under design so it falls apart
- Improve the connection with the library! (signage) and Balaam street
- Beautiful buildings and the police station are good local references

Seating

- Mixed response, 50:50 don't design "in case of" vs. short term only

Local Resources

- Cockles are sold in the car park area of the Black Lion
- Black lion is a great resource but its not used properly, a CamRa pub!
- Other local interests:

- Sauls/Sal's flower shop
- Kebab shop - uncle jims
- Library
- Hospital and local college
- Pet shop
- The park
- Beautiful buildings and the police station are good local references
- West Ham boxing is behind the station now
- Largest employers of doctors: Newham University Hospital
- The largest 6th for college in London is here
- Greengate pub was a great local resource

Dis/Order

Potential engagement groups:

Schools

- Lister School, 11-16 year olds
- Newham 6th form College, 16-18 year olds

Youth Groups

- Rein (LBN contact is Paul Lesley)
- Victory Youth Group – St Andrews Church
- Youth Initiative - Memorial Community Church
- Apple Cart Arts

AOC - Park Square

Site

Site specific

- Getting to the station. A transitional zone.
- Currently not a good space to hang around in - attracts a scary type of person
- Stolen goods sold nearby, there are brothels and drugs
- Spilling out of the residential site, softening of space
- Site chosen because lots of people see it/pass through it
- Some didn't realise the site was the car park (1b)
- There is a cycle shortcut onto stations welcome and urination down this alley

Ideas

General

- Welcoming
- Another point in the area beyond smoking and drinking
- Residents amenity support - look at tenure from area. Need a buy in from them.
- Festivals, nearby events happen. Is it needed.
- Could stop its use as a carpark/reduce car access/make it one way
- Shops could open on to it

- Colourful to attract children. Furniture attractive to children and staggered/ children's park

Environment

- Trees and flower beds for bees (1a)
- Connecting with parks in other areas
- Cleaner and greener, solar powered lights.
- Trees and flowers - flower beds get used for rubbish. Hardy and tough instead...eg green walls?
- Improve air quality
- Bike parking

Material/Design

- Softening of the square +
- Better lighting near bus stop
- Start at pedestrianised red zone and connect it with green street
- Staggered short term seating like in kings cross
- Terracycle products (1a)
- Replace the bollards with a nice gate
- Signage over roads
- Bins please
- Coloured floor, with patterns on the ground
- If it was better lit we would feel more confident
- Festoon lighting/trees with lights - there wont be children in area after dark

Local Resources

- West Ham heritage
- Go to the site for shopping and events
- Chai Wallah restaurant
- Celebrate products, black hair products
- 3xspice shops
- People come from far, there is a good wide catchment
- GS is Grey and Dull on the outside, but vibrancy inside.

AOC

- The wall is a "quick win"
- There is a desire for town centre spending
- 50:50 votes for St Stephens Parade and Wall Opening on Green Street tables
- Plaistow was in favour of Wall Opening.

Site specific St Stephens Parade

- The alley next to st stephens parade is not inviting
- North East of GS - narrow alleyway, opposite washington road
- Maintenance required
- Community gardens

Ideas

- Add to st stephens parade and brighten

- tagging/graffiti concern along the alleyway art works

Site specific Wall Opening

- People congregate in cars
- There is a big wall

Ideas

- Make open network of walkways and bikeways - (facilitator comment about a lot of people agreeing)
- Paint and open wall to create connections to estate behind priory road, prevent new dev being cut off
- Barratt homes happy to help
- Engage residents on Priory Road
- Walkway along Barking Road
- hw/v could create/attract alleyway art work

Other

- There is a site up the road near Plashet Road where you could have a fountain

Sophie Percival

- Site

- Prominent site as it is at the entrance to the station. Could be a good spot for 'Welcome to Green St.'
- Opportunity to give the station an identity through the artwork (example given by resident of Anchor sculpture on Deptford High St.)
- Better something sculptural and elevated rather than on the wall (as unsure about permissions.)
- There is a popular kiosk for food and drink on the corner of site - 367 Green St
- This is an anti social area (urinating)
- People could be encouraged to use it as a pedestrian route as it is good route via Park St to Plashet Park.
- The artwork should be able to be seen by pedestrians but also by passing cars.
- There is the fire gates. Could this be redesigned as bollards. Residents said it wouldn't be a good place for street furniture.

- Identity

- West ham football heritage
- Should celebrate the commercial side of Green St
- Restaurants - Chaiwallahs (veggie) on Boleyn Road is popular
- Residents said Green St is a place to go to buy fabrics and get outfits made for weddings/ occasions. Or buy fabrics and send it home to get outfits made.
- Residents said Green St is a place people come from outside the area to buy specialty spices. Spice shops quoted were Variety Food, Barra, Mina Stores.
- Would be a good place for welcome to Green St sign - should have a night mode (be lit at night.)

- Resident suggested should be a feminine artwork looking at jewellery, garments etc and be colourful.
 - Other
- Pedestrianise Park Road
- Explain that the park is further down the road
- A transitional zone.

Ed Crooks

- **Identity:**

- Could reflect the vast history of the site from recent West Ham (possibly through colour?) to historical Boleyn and Henry VIII
- Reflect diversity of residents and uses in area
- Barking Road has a different identity to Green St proper - how can the excitement of the main high st be reflected and brought down?
- If at the entrance to Green Street could it be both a signpost and a spatial gateway.
- There is a void in the identity following the moving of West Ham - could the square facilitate one residents dream of a 'West Ham' match day market?

- **Existing context:**

- If part of the public realm it should compliment the existing features - particularly the Bobby Moore statue
- Possibly could refocus attention on existing elements eg. the statue. ie Seating to replace existing railing?
- Can it address the perceived divide between communities ie new and old?
- Significant local landmarks: Dr Who shop, Convent, old West Ham Boleyn Stadium, Boleyn pub, Moore statue, Boleyn cinema

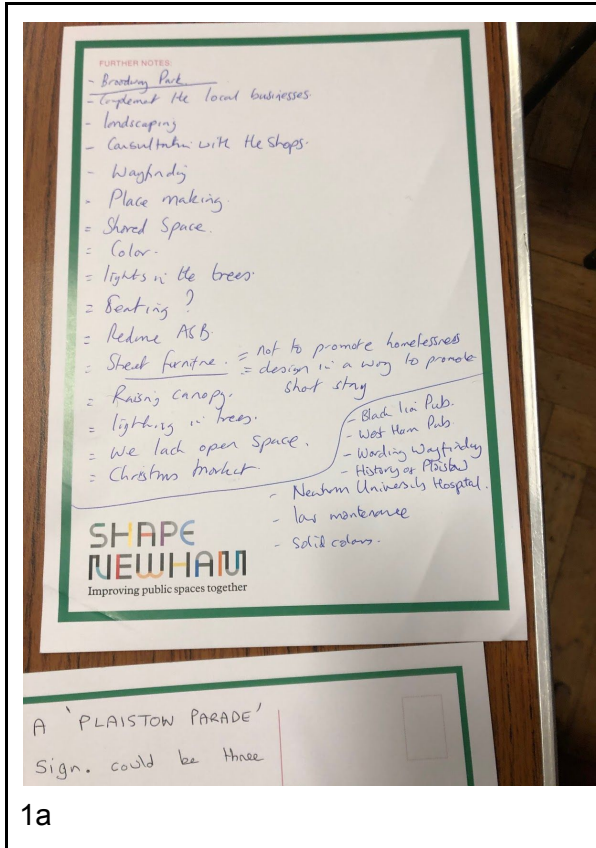
- **Wayfinding:**

- could it help people navigate the junction? Colourful crossings?

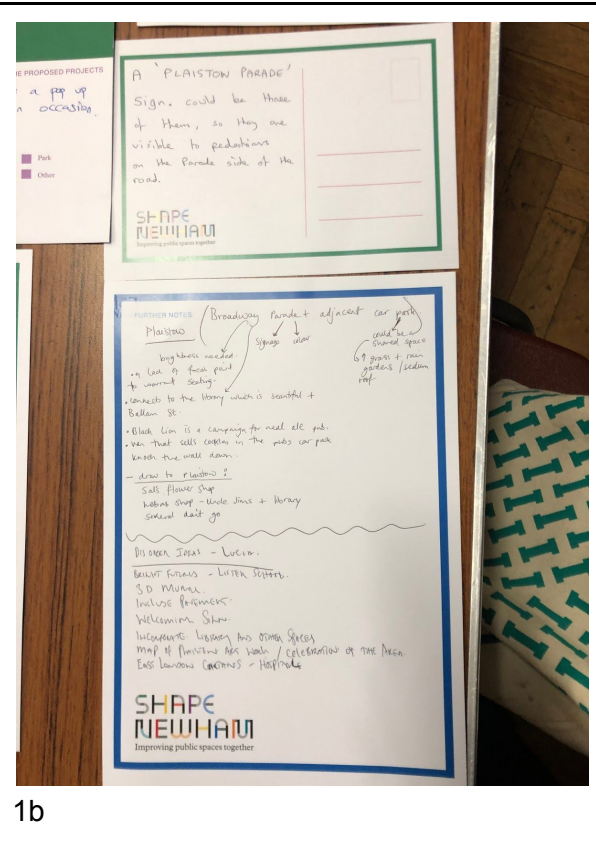
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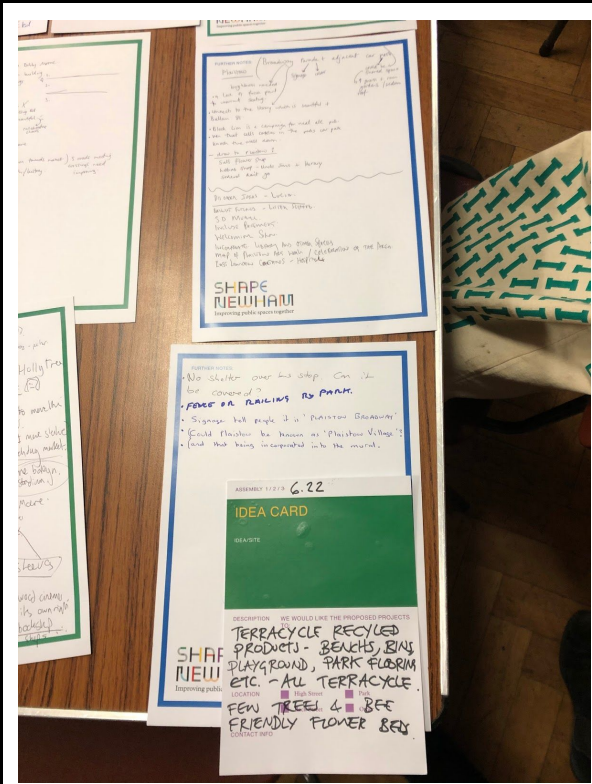
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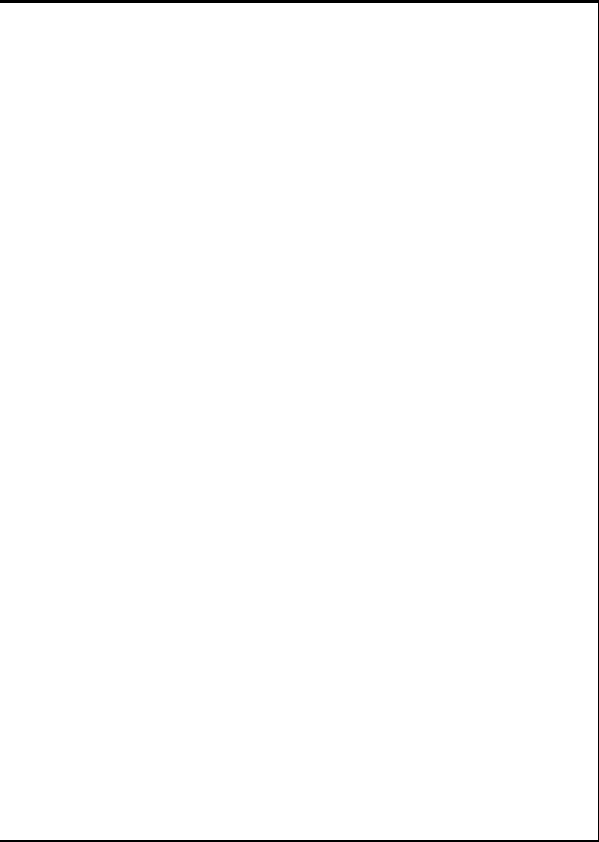
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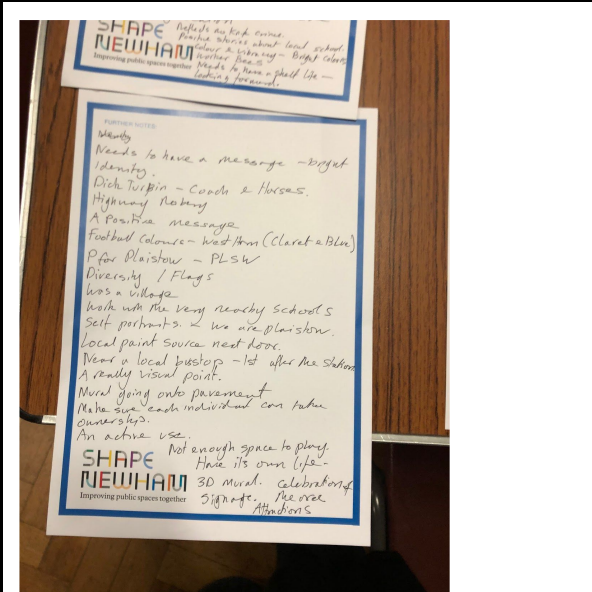
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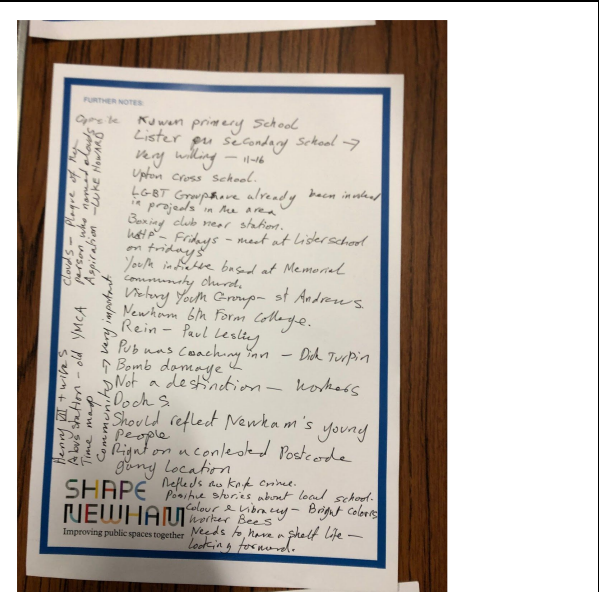
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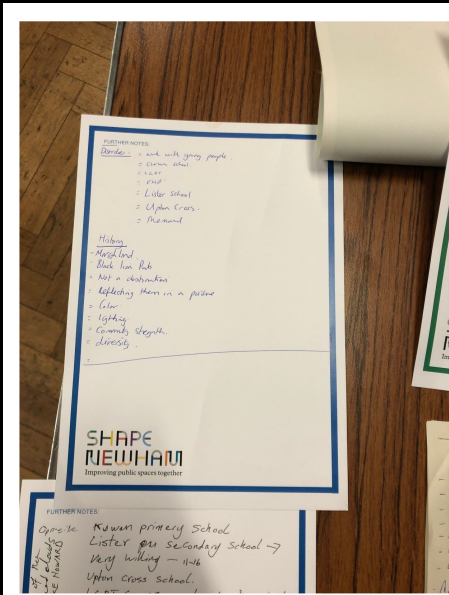
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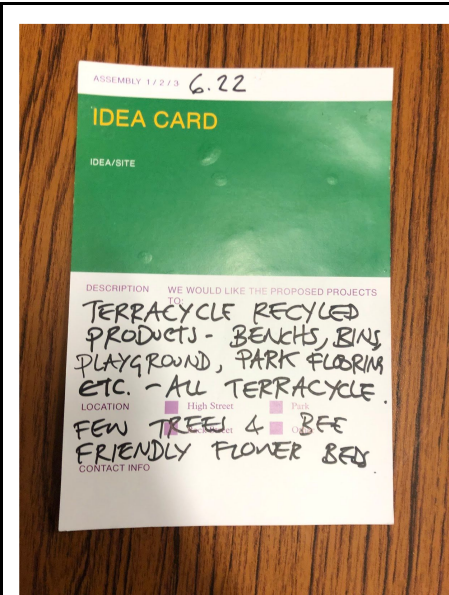


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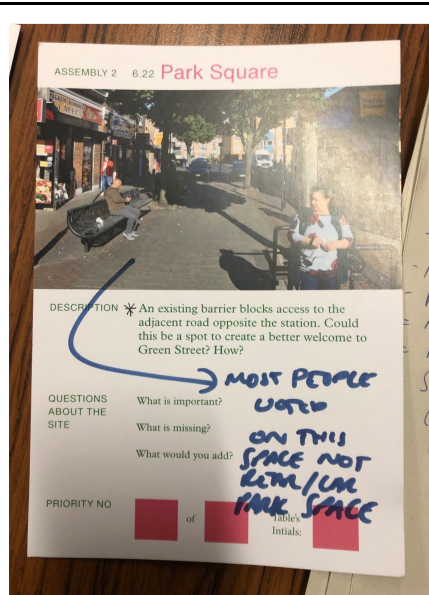


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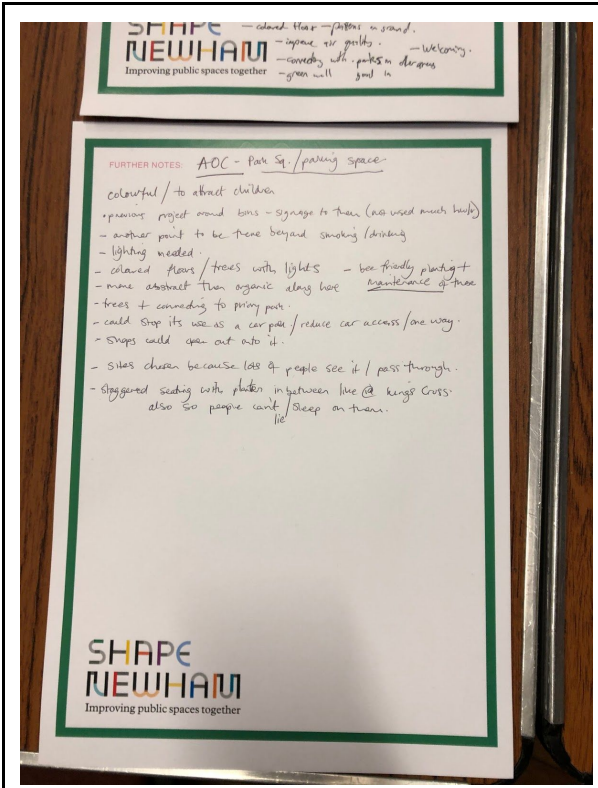
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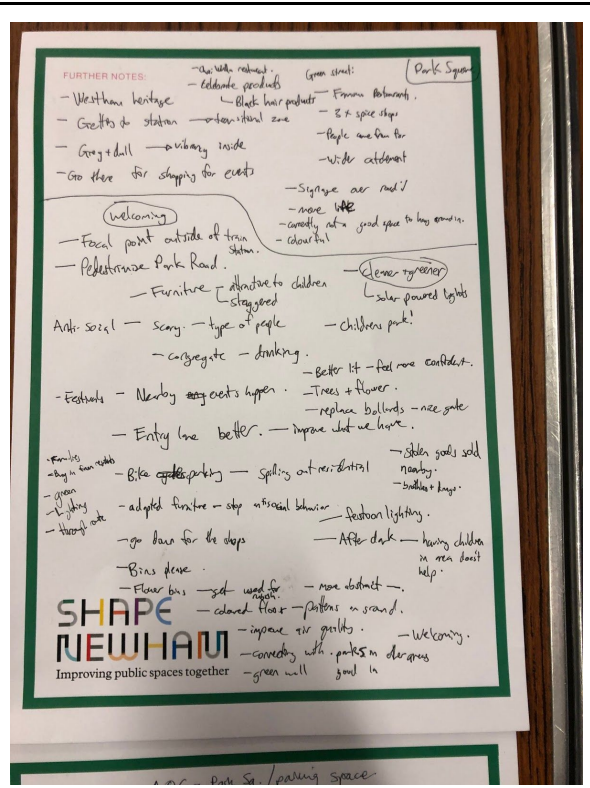
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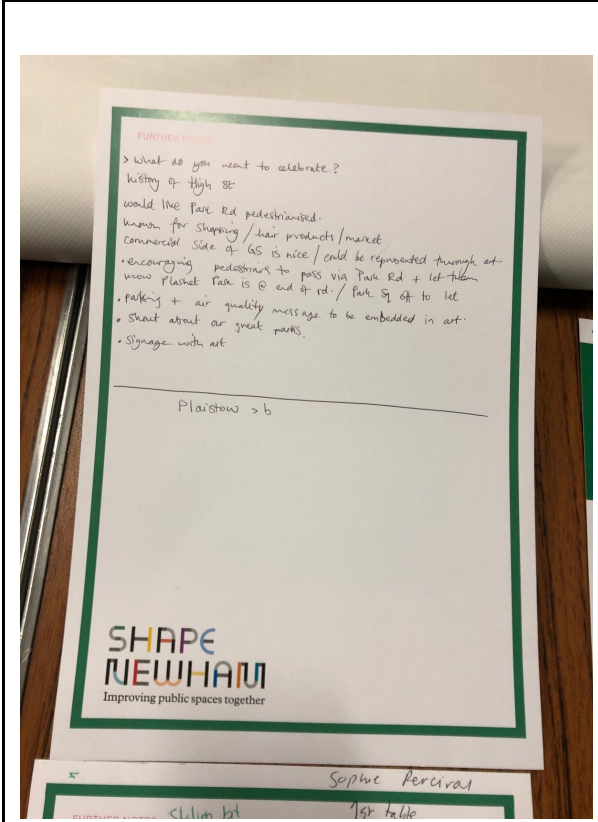
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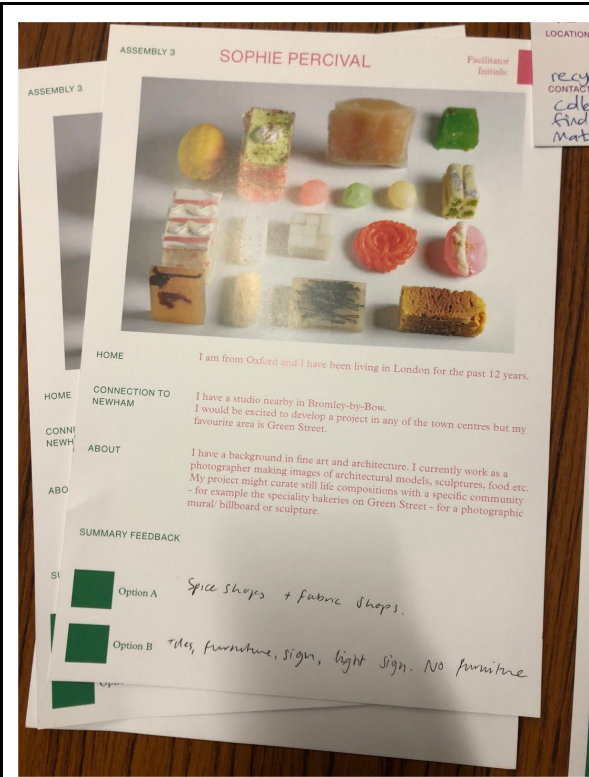
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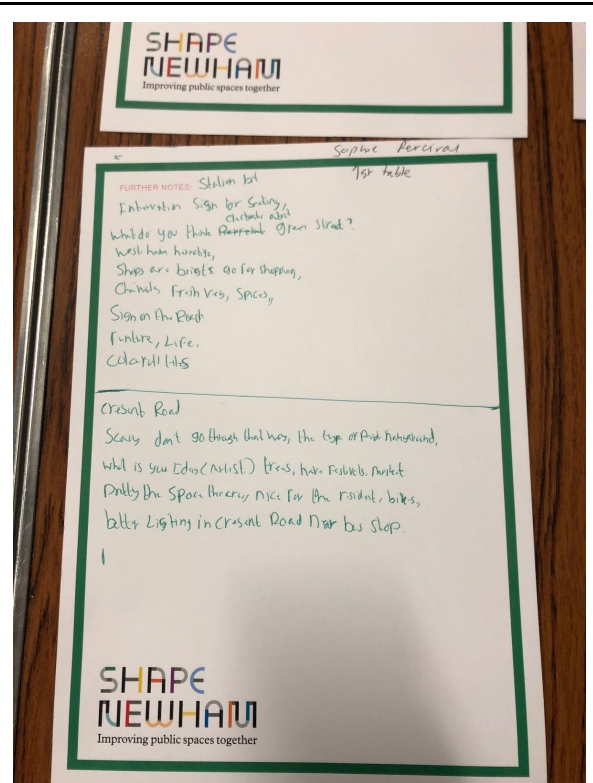
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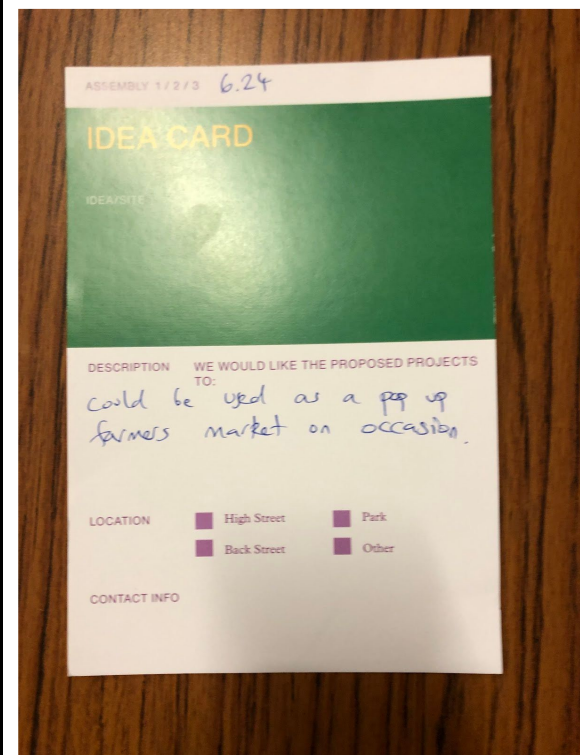
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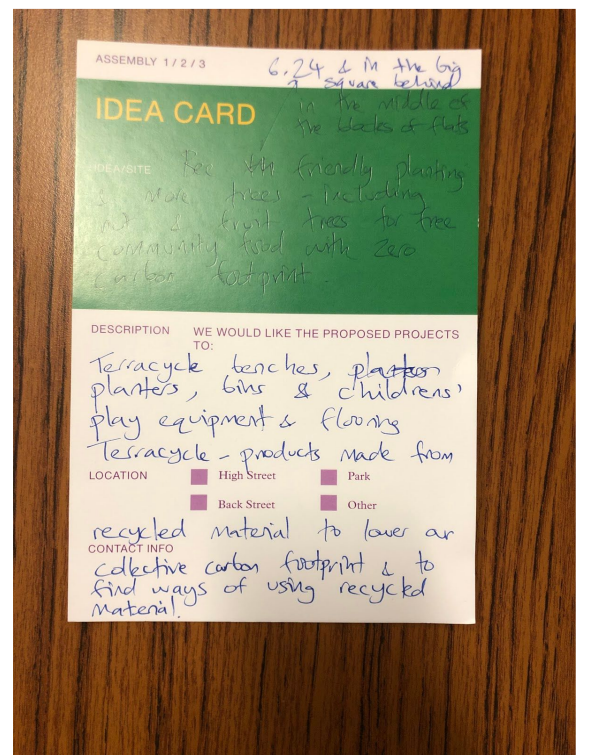
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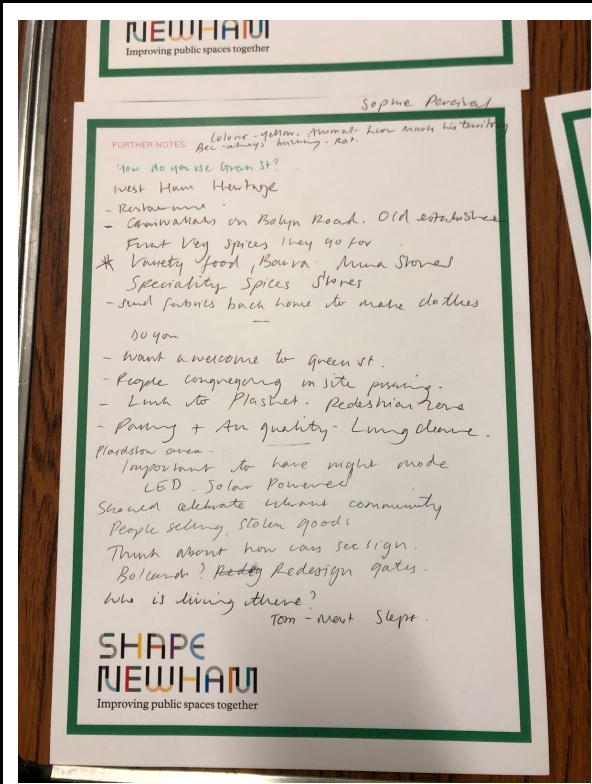
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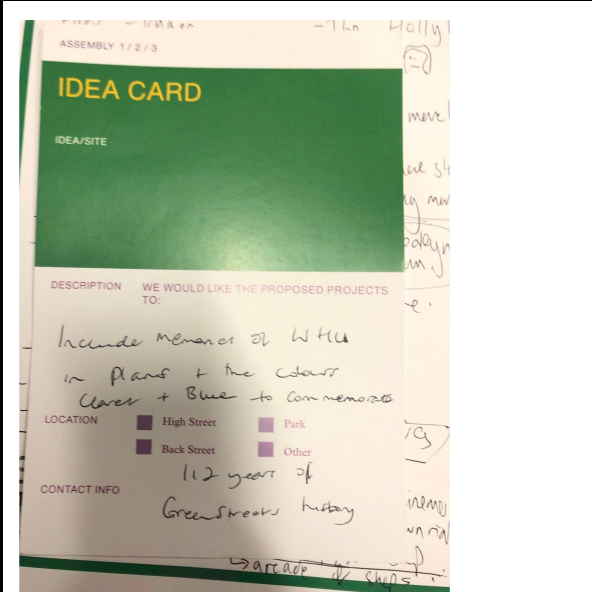


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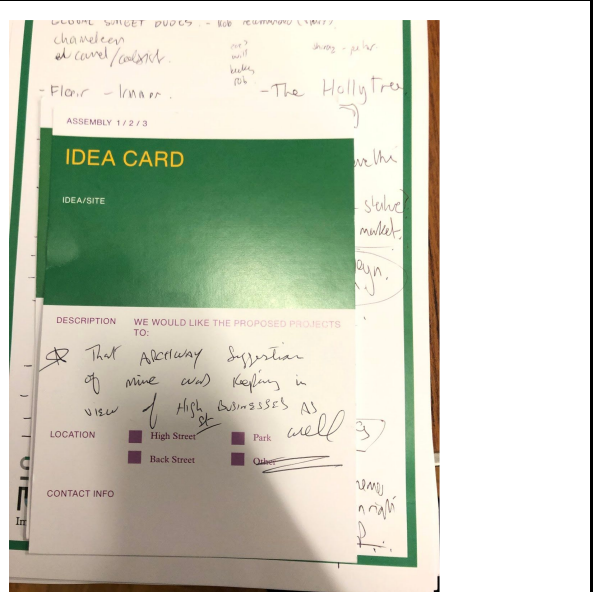


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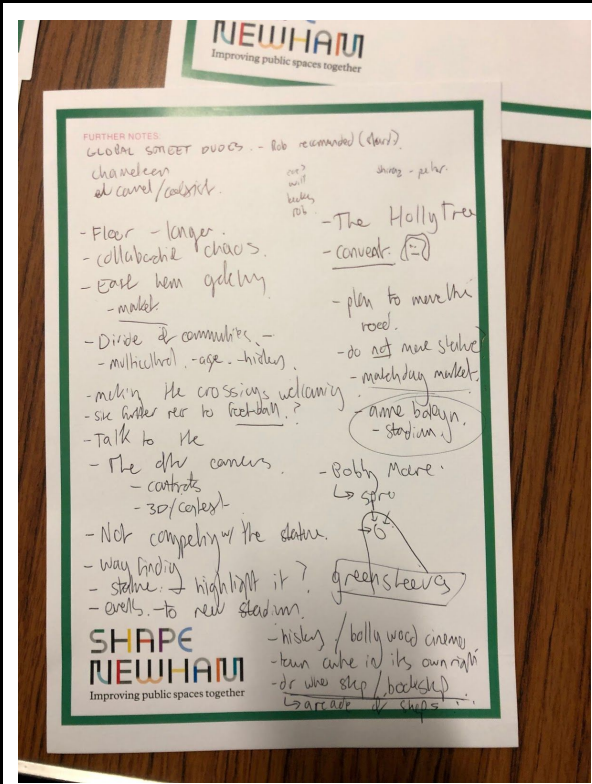
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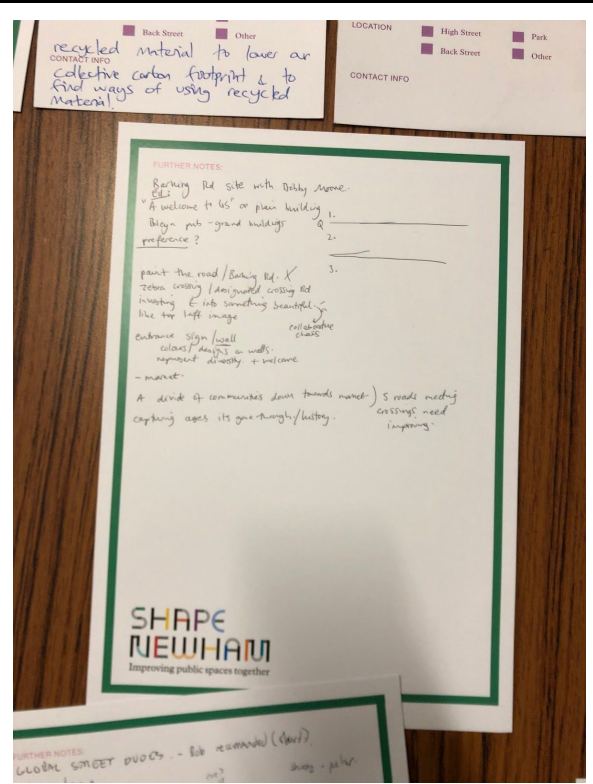
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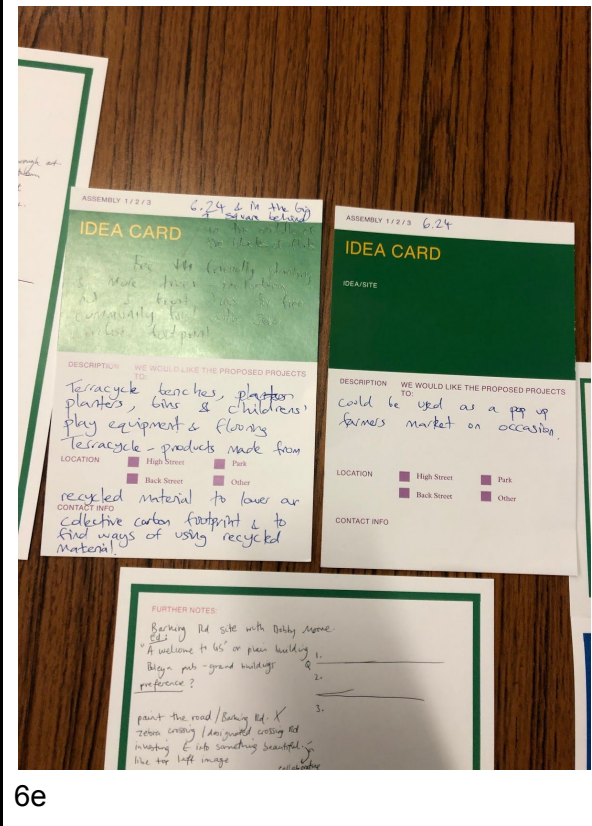
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Photos of tables

Plaistow



Green Street



Photos of event

