

# Shape Newham Assembly One - Maryland, Manor Park, Forest Gate & Little Ilford

Wednesday 16th October 2019, 1800-2030  
At Forest Gate Learning Zone

Presenters: AOC  
Area Designers: OSM

Number of resident tables:

- One for Maryland
- Two for Manor Park
- Three for Forest Gate
- Zero for Little Ilford (resident feedback at Jack Cornwell drop in sessions instead)

## Forest Gate's Selected Priorities:

1) **An Environment for All** - A strong economy that supports local businesses, nurtures talent and provides opportunities for all.

2) **Bright Futures** - supporting children and young people's aspirations, keeping them safe and removing barriers to success.

Summary Comments: Residents of Forest Gate focussed a lot on the positive things that already exist in their community, such as community groups and initiatives, and were able to quickly generate ideas for improvements to the area. Common themes included gardening and green space, youth engagement, and improving their quality of life with more programmes and activities.

## Maryland's Selected Priorities:

1) **An Environment for All** - A strong economy that supports local businesses, nurtures talent and provides opportunities for all.

2) **Building Communities** - Supporting residents by improving community engagement and the spaces around housing provision.

Summary Comments: Residents of Maryland feel that the area lacks identity, wayfinding and security. Opinions of the area suggest that it is impersonal and unwelcoming, generating fear of crime, a lack of pride, and disinterest in association with the area.



## Manor Park's Selected Priorities

1) **An Environment for All** - A strong economy that supports local businesses, nurtures talent and provides opportunities for all.

2) **Building Communities** - Enabling residents to live in well designed neighbourhoods.

Summary Comments: Residents here wanted to make sure that the project was for everyone and not just the few, in order to make the most of the legacy of the project. Maintenance is key, and ensuring that what is there is kept up, and what is built has low maintenance in mind - in this regard, many residents saw Leyton as a good example of improvements that had been made around the Olympics and then maintained on an ongoing basis.

## Little Ilford:

1) **Quality of Life** - supporting children and young people's aspirations, keeping them safe and removing barriers to success.

2) **Bright Futures** - supporting children and young people's aspirations, keeping them safe and removing barriers to success.

Summary Comments: Residents raised lots of concerns about congestion on Romford Road. There was also the desire that delivering a project here should not create traffic jams because of roadworks and ideally any intervention would help relieve traffic.

## Resident's Site Suggestions:

- Community Garden at Idmiston Road and St James' Road
- Improvements around school, community centre and church on Maryland Road, Community Road and Waddington Road
- Playground and shops on Penny Brookes Lane
- Surrounding / crossroads of Emmanuel Parish Church
- Forest Gate Youth Zone
- Forest Lane Park – improvements to signage
- Blank wall above Mason's Chemist / Pharmacy off Woodgrange Road
- Forest Gate Station – open space above, kiosk, wall etc
- Car park next to Manor Park community notice board
- Signage near Manor Park station
- Earham Road / Forest lane footbridge
- Forest View Road - feels unsafe at night and needs to integrate into the public realm



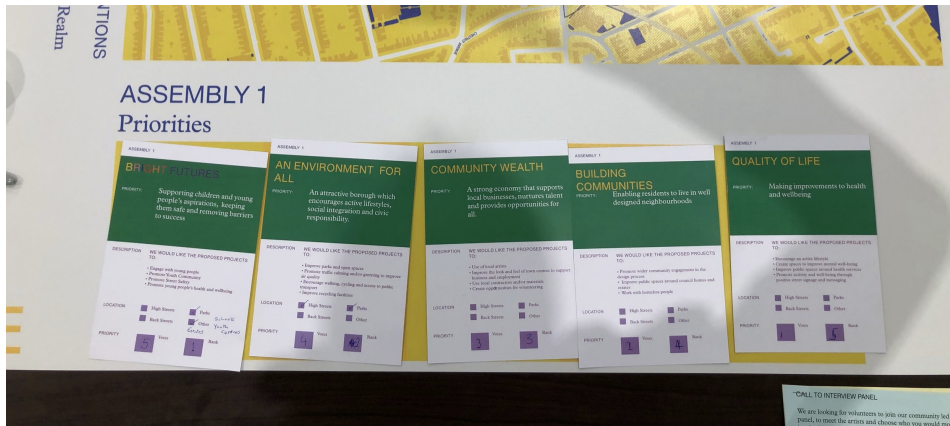
- Community notice board and corner shop at Romford road end of Carlton Road (suggestions are highlighted if progressed to be shortlisted in assembly two)

## Appendices – Photos and Summary Notes

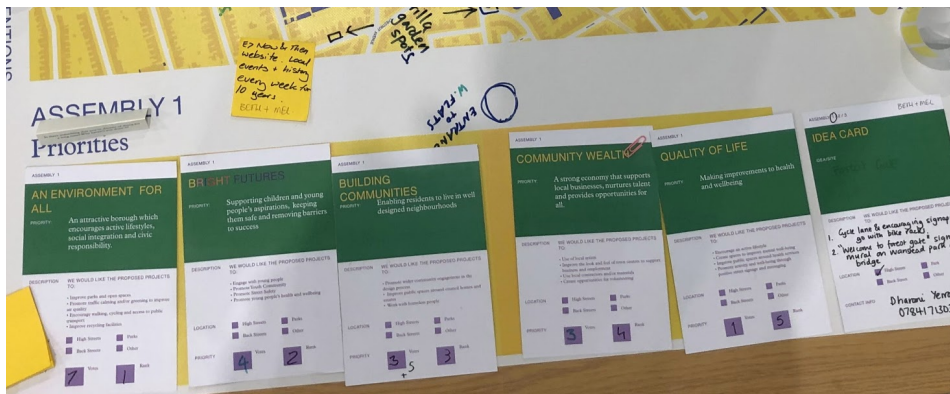


# Photos – ordered priorities

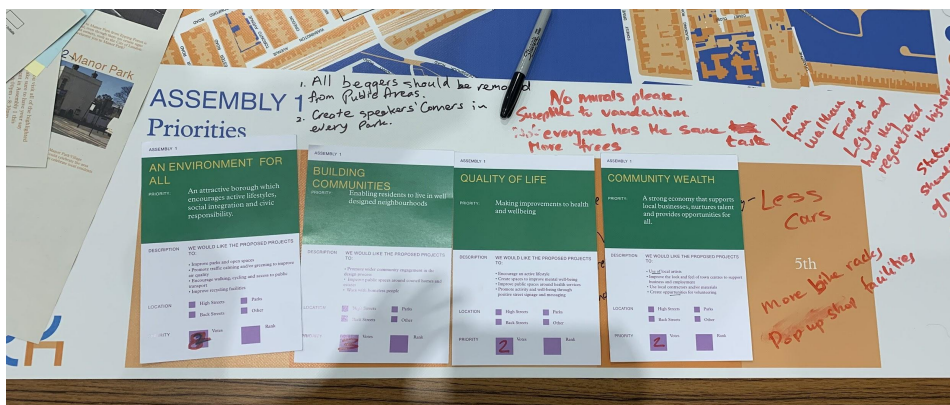
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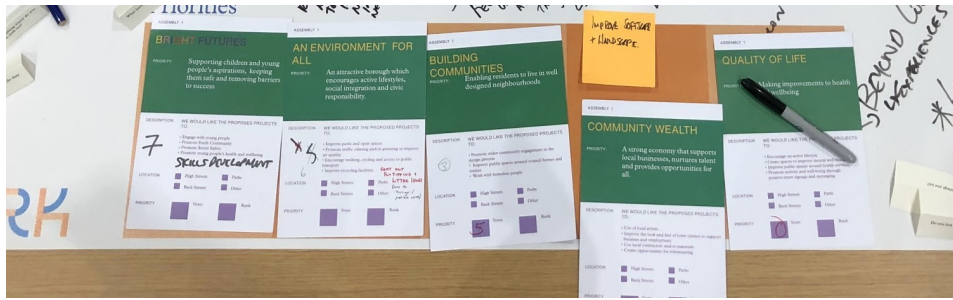
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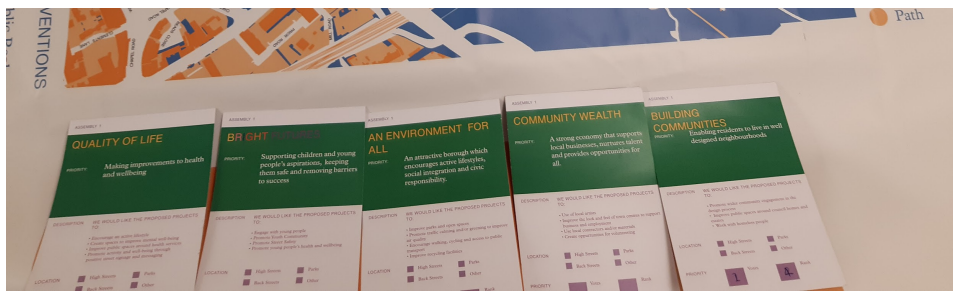
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## Manor Park Table 2



## Little Ilford Table 1



## Summary Notes – ideas, suggestions and other comments:

### Maryland

- Positive
  - Community BBQ
  - Pub and garden would be great
  - Community Garden = providing health well-being activities e.g. yoga, meditation, mindfulness
  - New trees, new pavements, and micro-gardens
  - Hanging baskets, colour, recycling
  - Engaging content in public spaces for young people: work with schools and young people, recreational, open air cinema, more stuff for young people, signposting better, skate-ramps
  - Notice Boards
  
- Negative
  - Wayfinding Legibility - Hard to find places or get through - fear of crime
  - I know I live in Maryland but what is in it? It doesn't have an identity
  - I always say I live in Stratford
  - Clock gone! outside Maryland Station
  - Crime around the station
  - Concerns with street sleeping outside Maryland Station
  - General station area empty but an opportunity
  - Remove hideous sculpture
  - Tesco Mess - sort it out

### Forest Gate

- Gardening / Green Spaces / Parks:
  - Guerilla Garden Spots - Wanstead Park Station area
  - Guerilla Gardening - teaching and collaboration with the gardener
  - Earlham Road / Forest lane footbridge perfect to improve the space / create space for the community to use / make it greener
  - More planting on corner between Woodgrange Rd / Serbert Rd
  - Website and blog community garden
  - Green Street community project - garden parties - studios / investor space for start-ups
  - Environment biodiversity - lack of wildlife in parks
  - Good lighting in parks for safety
  - Dorset Road Community Garden - Green Street - Community Garden Parties
  - Alen Grove Community Garden
  - Welcoming Winter @ Forest Gate Community Garden
  - Bloomin' Forest Gate community project
  - Raised beds in Wanstead Park station platform
  - Green corridor along Woodgrange Road



- Raised beds to stop fly tipping - Arthur Horsley Walk, alley between Magpie Close and Tower Hamlets Road
- Bright Futures / Young people and children:
  - Work with school and local environment to build local pride
  - Midnight Basketball - using spaces more efficiently
  - Bright Futures: go to people's doorsteps to reach out to young people - weekly sessions in estates (Tower hamlets example) - in estate courtyards
  - Youth trucks and play buses - building relationships
  - Playgrounds - Wanstead Flats
  - Manor Park Youth Leadership programme (6 months ... leadership) - mix of young people
  - How to reach out to young people and children - gaps from service to people
  - Long term resources for young people - adult services that they can build trusting relationships with
  - Woodcraft : 0 - 3yrs older siblings welcome
  - Young people : relationships are important
  - Too much anti-social behaviour. Engage residents in improvements and to take care - Odessa Road Open Space
- Quality of Life / Community / Events:
  - E7 Now and then Website. Local Events and history every week for 10 years
  - Outdoor Gym
  - Market place on Woodgrange Rd / Serbert Rd corner - "community exercise club"
  - Forest Gate Festival - on Osborne Rd
  - Cycle lane given so much cycle parking - Woodgrange Road between Hampton Road and Osborne Road
  - Environment and Mental Health
  - Learning about cooking
  - Community projects that make people proud of where you live
  - Sense of ownership in places
  - Cycling and safer routes
  - Cycle lane instead of single yellow line parking - Wanstead Park end of Woodgrange Road
  - Library is good for coffee as well - it was rebranded -music events - library was safe space for newcomers
  - Teaching English - free classes for people who are new to the area and don't have English as their first language
  - Upbeat @forestgatearts - an experimental open mic evening to celebrate and encourage contemporary spoken word and music
  - Lack of language opportunities - teaching english
- Murals / Painting /Artists
  - Art display and raised beds in stations
  - Paint the road and make it more people friendly - crossroad outside of Emmanuel Parish Church



- Message on the bridge *Welcome to Forest Gate* - near Forest Gate Youth Zone
- Paint hoardings - Woodgrange Road
- Forest Gate Artists - no premises to display - affordable desk space - make people visible
- Revolving art installation above Forest Gate Station
- Forest Gate platform station Wall
- Hendrix Mural
- Economy
  - Affordable workspace - popup workshops - community wealth - artist studios to help them develop + we that creatively here
  - Financial sustainability
  - Invest in local ideas / start-ups + businesses, rather than big businesses
  - Options of young entrepreneurs - studios / flexible working spaces for start-ups
  - Design / skill / creative workshops for the community
  - Community bank for entrepreneurs not being able to get loans
  - Jobs - unemployed and those who are not, are not developing skills and ... or building relationships supporting local business
- Appearance / High street / Waste
  - Borough bad at recycling
  - Recycle bins outside station? - Forest Gate Station
  - Clean up Bin area outside Forest Gate Youth Centre
  - Seating / Benches between Forest Gate Station and Wanstead Park station
  - Improve street lighting - Arthur Horsley Walk, alley between Magpie Close and Tower Hamlets Road near green spaces
  - Signage in Magpie Close for parked cars. Engines to be switched off!

### Manor Park

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- Appearance / High street / Waste
  - Sort out fly tipping and litter issues
  - Cleaning
  - Remove “massage” stickers
  - Maintain pavements
  - More seating
  - Accessibility - More dropped kerbs
- Crime
  - Street drinking concerns





- Groups
  - Twitter Manor Park Village - Follow groups
  - Age UK Volunteers
  - NCC - Newham Climate Collective
  - Citizen Assembly
  - MP village email (clean up / play street / jumble trail)
  
- Community Engagement
  - Develop skills
  - Education - secondary schools
  - Engage with young people within the wider community
  - A Speakers corners in every park - a stage to be provided / improvements
  
- Gardening / Green Spaces / Parks:
  - More trees and planting in the area
  
- Cycle routes from Ilford to Stratford
  - More cycle racks and routes
  
- Economy
  - Start-up spaces for incubating small businesses

### Little Ilford

Residents raised lots of concerns about congestion on Romford Road. There was also the desire that delivering a project here should not create traffic jams because of roadworks and ideally any intervention would help relieve traffic.

- Could the look and feel of the crossings change to make them safer to use and help relieve congestion?
- Cars wrongly use the right turn into Lugg Approach which is dangerous - can something be done to separate out the right hand turn?
- lots of accidents at junction between North Circular and Romford Road





Forest Gate Table 1



Forest Gate Table 3



Manor Park Table 2



Manor Park Table 1





