

NEXT STEPS

8.0 ADDITIONAL STUDIES

8.1. Publica undertook this study over five months between December 2021 and May 2022. To progress and develop the evidence further and or to update the evidence in the coming years, there are several studies which could be undertaken. Additionally, there were requests made by LBN in the document feedback that could not be accommodated during this initial piece of work. They are listed below.

- **8.1.2. Additional use classes:** Feedback on the study highlighted certain use-class groups and/or types of facilities which could be included in the baseline mapping including residential day centres for older and disabled people. Additionally understanding the vacant buildings across the borough that either fall within the studies use-classes or not e.g. retail or leisure buildings that with change of use could serve as community facilities.
- **8.1.3. Location and types of services within community facilities:** The baseline mapping focussed on locating community facilities across the borough. To gain an overview of the types and location of services within them, the e-questionnaire asked facility managers to state which services were provided and for organisations and services to state which facilities they used. However due to the limited responses in the e-questionnaire, it did not provide enough data on the types of services being delivered within community facilities. Collaboration with umbrella organisations including Compost and One Newham and engagement with the community through workshops and interviews

would provide more detailed quantitative and qualitative information about the types and location of service provision in the borough in relation to community demand.

- **8.1.4. Aligning other Newham commissioned studies:** Include information gathered from other studies by LBN into the CFNA GIS file, to include:
 - The update to the 2017 Leisure Infrastructure Needs Assessment (emerging).
- **8.1.5. Further information on affordability:** To gain a meaningful understanding of affordability across the borough, a separate detailed investigation could be undertaken. This may cover varying aspects of affordability including:
 - Affordability for organisations who hire space
 - Affordability for facilities managers to run and maintain the space
 - Affordability for users who wish to participate in services.
- This could be completed through further engagement with organisations, facilities managers and internal workshops with LBN Officers to understand the determining factors of how rates are set and methods to increase affordability of facilities in the borough.

- **8.1.6. Comparison study to other London boroughs:** Through speaking to other boroughs undertaking similar studies including 15-minute neighbourhoods, the quantum, distribution and density of community facilities could be obtained. This would allow a comparison to take place to benchmark Newham and understand deficiency or proficiency of community infrastructure in relation to other London boroughs.

