

YOU SAID, WE DID: COMMUNITY FACILITIES

During our Issues and Options engagement in 2021, you said

- Residents value their local community facilities.
- There needs to be more flexibility on the current Town-Centre-First approach for new and intensified community facilities.
- There is a need for affordable community spaces.
- More facilities for children and young people are needed.
- More leisure and sports facilities are needed.
- Cultural facilities need to be protected and more are needed in the borough.
- More GP surgeries, schools and childcare facilities need to be provided to support growth.



Our evidence says

- There is a strong case for locating community facilities and services within Town Centres as important places for social integration, transport connectivity, co-working and support the high street. However, the current Town-Centre-First approach is inflexible and does not recognise that many existing community facilities and opportunities for new community centres are outside of town centres.
- Design constraints and the condition of community facilities can negatively affect the delivery of services.
- Newham needs more sports / leisure facilities, in particular swimming pools.
- There is a gap in sports / leisure provision in the Canning Town area.



The Plan proposes

- The introduction of a Social-Value Health Impact Assessment. This assessment tool helps fully consider the impact of any development that affects a community facility.
- Larger facilities should be directed to designated town centres, where there is good transport connectivity, and where facilities can support the viability and vitality of Newham's high streets. Smaller community facilities, in certain circumstances, can be located outside of town centres to support the network of 15 minute neighbourhoods.
- Clear guidance on how new community spaces should be designed, including the need to meaningfully involve the community and organisations which use or will use the space through co-design.
- The introduction of a standalone policy on the need to protect existing and to support the delivery of new cultural facilities.
- Safeguarding land for the delivery of schools, childcare and health care facilities.

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Use the QR code to visit [Co-Create](#) and read and comment on the Draft Local Plan.



At our libraries

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