

YOU SAID, WE DID: HIGH STREETS

During our Issues and Options engagement in 2021, you said

- Increase the variety of shops and facilities on Newham's high streets.
- The 15 minute neighbourhood concept should be carefully applied so that it does not result in less access to day-to-day goods and services.
- A proactive approach should be taken toward enabling and managing the visitor, evening and night-time economy.
- There are still too many betting shops and hot food takeaways, which needs to be addressed.
- The public realm needs to be more attractive and enable social interaction and community development. Need more alfresco spaces and street markets.



Our evidence says

- Newham's existing Town and Local Centres are serving local needs well, have lower vacancies than national average and are evolving in line with national trends.
- There is a need to balance opportunities for increasing variety in our centres with the need to promote and protect retail and leisure in Primary Shopping Areas.
- There are more parts of established high streets that could be protected. Alongside delivery of new Local Centres, these will help to address gaps in access to groceries and services in the existing protected network.
- With the exception of Stratford, the visitor evening and night-time economy is not well established in Newham's centres and many residents travel out of the borough to access leisure and culture activities.
- Markets make a significant contribution to the success of Newham's centres.
- Two-thirds of adults and 43% of children in Year 6 are carrying excess weight. 1 in 3 children have tooth decay.



The Plan proposes

- To promote shops, cafes and restaurants, services, offices and workspaces within the Primary Shopping Areas of Town and Local Centres.
- To support meanwhile uses, pop-ups/events and the multi-functional operation of buildings, promote affordable small commercial units, enhance and activate public realm, and protect existing markets and support the creation of new ones.
- A new requirement for every home to be within 400m of a designated shopping area, or within 15min walking distance of at least two shopping areas. New Local Centre and Neighbourhood Parade designations to address gaps and further protect well-functioning high street frontages.
- Support for the retention of established corner grocery shops in areas which are further away from protected shopping areas.
- To promote evening and night-time uses in suitable locations, with the highest concentration allowed in the largest town centres.
- Tightening of the concentration criteria for hot food takeaway and all types of gambling premises. Healthy eating catering standards promoted for all food-based businesses, and marketing standards to promote responsible operation of pawn shops, pay day loan shops and gambling premises (where no over-concentration).

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How can I get involved?



Online

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



At our libraries

Read the Draft Local Plan at all local libraries and provide feedback through the printed questionnaire.



Come to one of our events

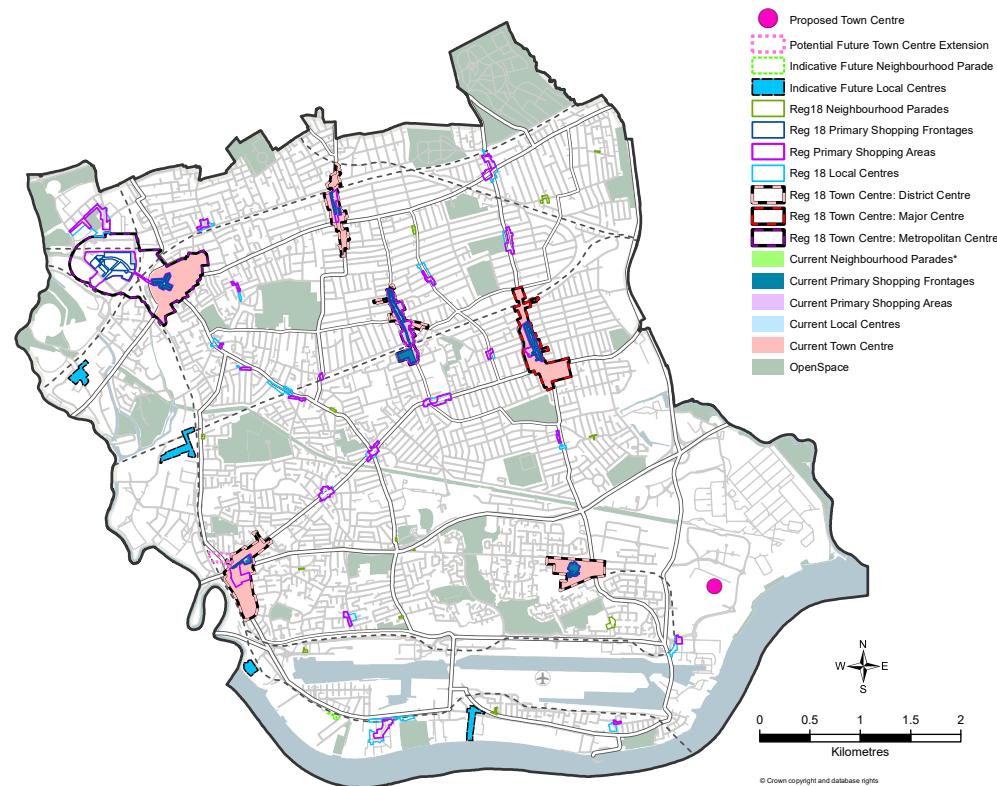
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Have your say before 20 February 2023

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Proposed Changes to Newham's Town Centres Network



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*designation name same as Local Shopping Parades in the Local Plan (2018)

Note: The proposals can be viewed in more detail online on the Draft Newham Local Plan Reg 18 Policies Map.