

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood Citizens Assembly

13th September, 18:00-21:30

Introduction

- The purpose of the assembly:
- To set priorities for the Community Neighbourhood Plan.
- To give local people a chance to shape how the local budgets are spent.
- A space in which you can create working groups for any local projects you might want to start yourselves

Housekeeping

- Info on toilets, fire exits etc
- Break time
- Accessibility: facilities available (creche, room team support, wheelchair access etc)

Assembly Schedule

Round 1- What do you appreciate about your local area?

Round 2 - What changes would you like to see in your Community Neighbourhood?

Round 3- What priorities should be addressed in the Community Neighbourhood?

- Break -

Round 4- Voting on priorities

Round 5- Move tables and discuss priority you're most interested in

Volunteering for working group

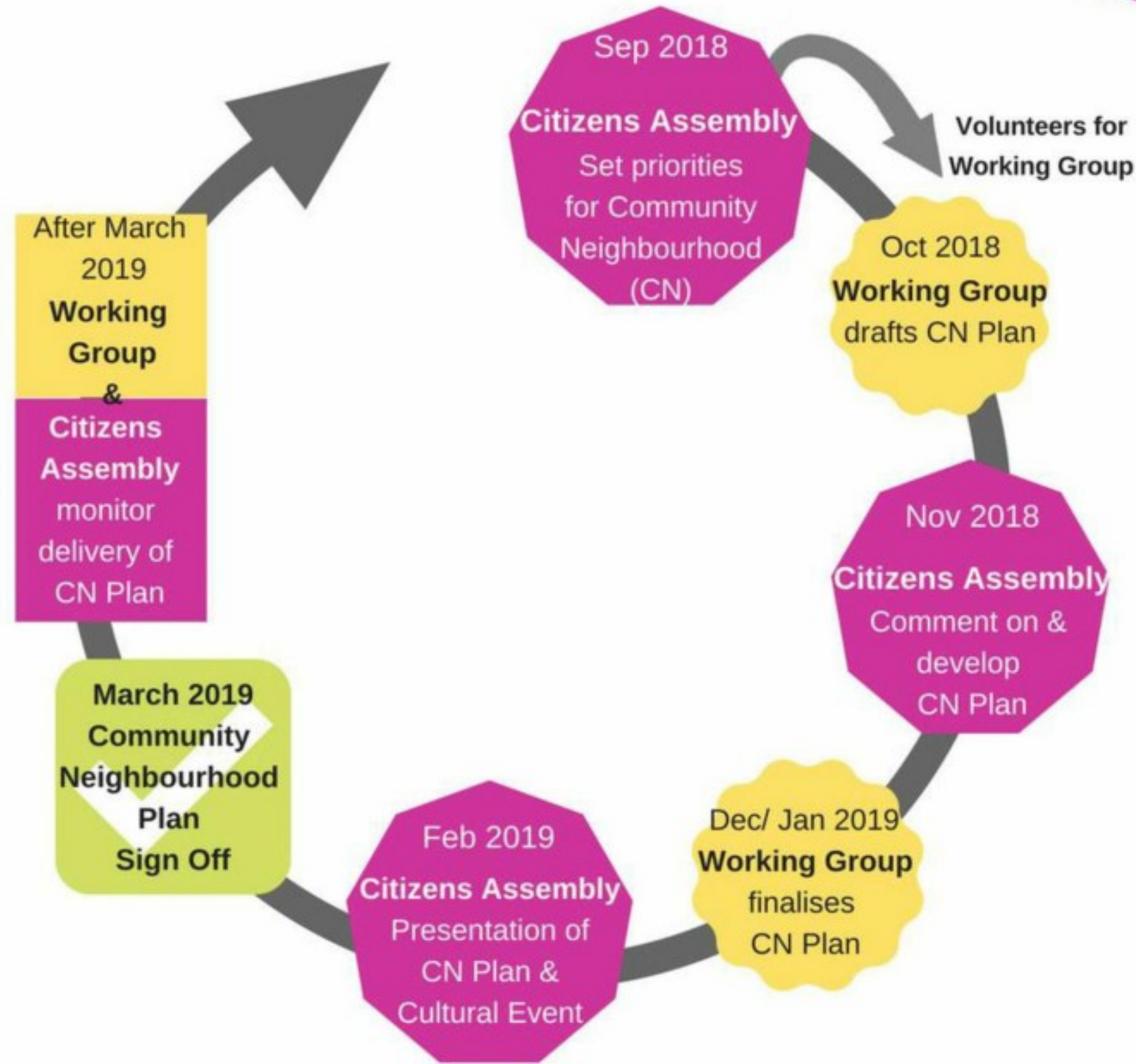
Conclusion

Refreshments

Guidelines for the Assembly

- Listen to each other
- Be respectful
- You don't have to agree
- Be careful not to dominate
- Don't worry if you don't have loads of ideas
- Share what comes to mind
- Make sure responses get entered into the laptops by table hosts
- Enjoy being part of shaping your Community Neighbourhood

Cycle of Assemblies



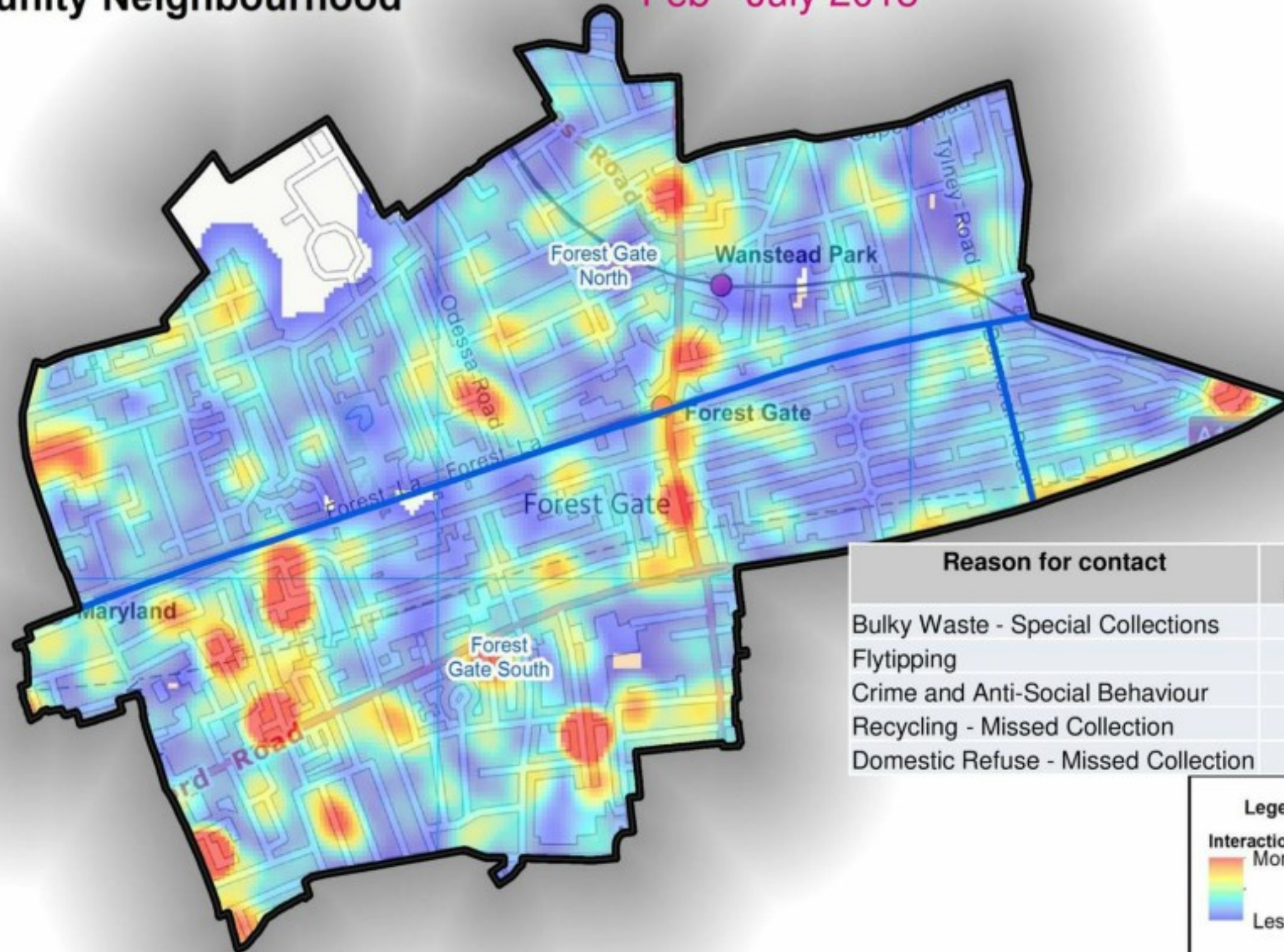
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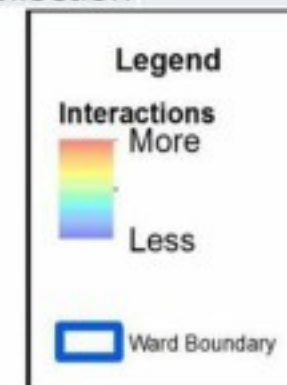
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Z	Adult Learning/Youth Zone
A	Adult Learning Centre
Y	Youth Zone
	Community Centre
	Library
	Town Hall
	Ward Boundary

Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Interactions with the Council
Feb - July 2018



Reason for contact	No of interactions
Bulky Waste - Special Collections	1050
Flytipping	319
Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour	301
Recycling - Missed Collection	266
Domestic Refuse - Missed Collection	248



Survey Data

Question	Newham	Forest Gate
People from different backgrounds get along well together (Definitely / tend to agree)	88%	
Sense of belonging in the neighbourhood (Very / fairly strongly)	89%	
% of residents who are satisfied with the area (very / fairly satisfied)	88%	
% of residents concerned about litter / dirt in the streets in their local area (chosen as top 3 local concern)	43%	Higher
% of residents concerned about crime/ Asb in their local area (chosen as top 3 local concern)	39%	Higher
% of population concerned with young people hanging around (a very / fairly big problem)	62%	
Fear of Crime (very / fairly worried)	52%	
% people who feel unsafe after dark (Fairly / very unsafe)	26%	Lower
People who feel they can influence local decision-making (strongly agree / agree)	34%	Lower
For residents making ASB complaints to Newham Council - % satisfied with the handling of ASB complaints	42%	

Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

more rubbish collection

Better cycle paths on Woodgrange Road

PARKING

cleaner streets

finish station improvements

increase street cleaning around business areas

improve street lighting

Focused community Arts centre - arts, dance, drama, music

Flytipping and change the cost of 20 pounds



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

More places where older people meet up

get rid of poor landlords and bad tenants

Less parking restrictions

cleaner streets

get the street cleaners to pickup the rubbish that falls out of the bag

No Lidl

Flytipping

more responsible citizens regarding cleanliness

A station



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Thorough Enforcement of the landlord licensing rules

HMO

Interaction with the different demographics, would like to see more interaction

cleaner streets - action from the council

BSL lessons

road pot holes and narrow roads

footpaths - tree roots

More trees please

Control of crime No drugs the streets come alive at night with prostitution, drugs, drug dealing

Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

More greenery

review the parking zone

more cycle hoops / places to secure your bike

Something done about fly tipping. Strong feelings

Meat deliveries

reduction in anti social behaviour; ie prostitution, drug taking, drug dealing

TFL - needs lift on forest gate station

reduce fly tipping

Burnt out house on Serbert Road is still derelict. Given that it is sat empty - more could be done to support people needing housing



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

more police patrolling

need to have resident parking in any zones

reduction in car use to improve air quality

Great community is questionable, would like more interaction with different social, age, demographics, cultural groups

discount on parking facilities when going shopping in areas. robin promised it. tower hamlet you can park in any zone for 30mins free

Recycling collection within Newham is shocking

Something done about the open drug scene particularly young people

change the library back to a traditional setting

reduction in prostitution



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

more education awareness on environmental issues

Access to Forest Gate Station is still delayed

Youth ASB

Improve the cycle lanes

More policing on the streets

no flytipping - could be better facilities, free bulk waste, enforcement, cctv

reduction in drug taking & selling

more bikes racks and have the bike hire available locally

Local Community and Voluntary sector is not well supported by the Council



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

visibility of police and how they deal with crimes. police need to manage the relationships with perpetrators

the recent development in Woodgrange rd, bottle necks and inhibits the access of emergency services. lots of illegal parking there is not enough enforcement as yellow lines have not been replaced

More youth provision

Less street drinking

more regeneration and private development

Prostitution

youth activities in open access play

Cleaner streets

Spotted Dog need help, that could be a community centre. One of Newhams oldest building



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

council tax increase to pay for better facilities

More cycle lanes

Closed shops put back in to use

more council meetings that open to public

THE STICKERS

Homeless issues in Forest Gate

Cycling with cars parked on Woodgrange Road is difficult

more cafes (independent)

publics asb - drug dealing, prostitution, urination, drinking



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Pavements

Deaf youth service reinstated

Spitting

less betting and chicken shops

Roads are difficult to cycle on, they are in poor condition

better youth pathways

Speeding down roads

youth engagement

empty shops used by local community groups



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

more even spread of community action and social capital

better youth mental health services

Sense of Community-

council meeting with council staff and residents. like the ones they use to have for tenants

Make Newham a criminal free state for landlords/prostitutes/drug dealers

Woodford Rd Dangerous Crossing

betting, chicken chips

updates traffic with the count down for crossing

Streetdrinkers and drugs

Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

cctv camera in the road to tackle crime.

Newham Mag would like to keep it but more input from local residents, not a propoganda sheet for the Council

Newham Recorder is a joke

parenting classes, parents need help to meet the needs of their families

have more community police walking around

increase in youth activity

Homeless people in library

homelessness

Mixed Youth provision -



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

measures to encourage small businesses to stay - business tax, lower rent, incentives

reduction in youth crime

strategic development and consultation of business coming into the area

The council need to improve their recycling offer and increase recycling banks

need more cctv that belong newham and manged by newham

Encourage disabled groups

encourage cycle

more policing on foot

Woodgrange Road- taking too much time, with poor rates of working



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Romford Road Surfaces

Sort out roads

need more boutique businesses

Yellow line and illegal parking not enforced

A lot of work seems to be done on Woodgrange Road, despite previous attempts

More affordable housing

better engagement with the police and enforcement teams.

More social housing

moveable covert cameras that can be moved for fly tipping and crime



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

safer cycling

more transparency and information around planning & development and minimising the time that shops are vacant

Area outside Athertons is a mess. Bike locks are still attached on railings after bikes had been stolen.

More community events

Better or more Parking

access at forest gate station needs to improve

Bring back the public naming and shaming of offenders

more cycling infrastructure

less pollution



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Keep our rich history and heritage

Youth activities

channel of communication between residents and the council needs to improve

walking to schools

more street cleaning around bins

More trees and green areas woodland

new community space (perhaps at durning hall)

more events organised by the community

planning page needs to improve



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

Carpark needed

Less betting

Parking - at the end Avenue a restricted car club bay

training centres for the youth are needed early intervention, i.e. mentors are needed more opportunities for integration

community garden perme;nanet

less betting shops

reduced drug dealing and taking (strong concensus)

Less chicken shops and betting shops

Mentoring



Round 2: What changes would you like to see in Forest Gate Community Neighbourhood

less fast food shop

Fly tipping

drug dealing

Parking Bays on restriction when the car club

Lidl



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

More police presence

antisocial social behaviour

More adult learning right across the area

drug dealing and taking and prostitution (strong consensus)

fly tipping and street cleaning

more community police

street cleaning - more rota

weekly collection of commotal area

Spotted Dog, Stratford Picturehouse- the extent that the Council can influence things in the public realm or explain to residents why things can't be done



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Woodgrange Rd bin locations not good, creates flytippings

More affordable housing

support for young people especially around care homes

Better Recycling

stop charging bulky waste

Spotted Dog as a community space

Flytipping

policing - more officers on the streets and better engagement with the community

Improving aspirations and opportunities for young people



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

More recycling collections

more education on recycling and more collection for bins

Cleaner streets - litter and flytipping

reduced car use and more cycling infrastructure and increased walking (strong consensus)

Green waste management

More social and affordable housing

monitoring alleyways for issues

improved cleanliness of streets; ie dog fouling

Youth - more diverse activities and clubs



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Outreach services for drug users and women being exploited within the @!#*\$ trade vulnerable adults need support not to be criminalised

Parking restrictions

more police enforcement in the area

Spotted Dog, perhaps the council could underwrite it to allow it to come back into community use

tacking crime and ASB, drugs,

sustainability of community events that prevents criminality

Improve the quality of policing to establish real governance

Heritage needs to be protected in Newham

reduction in violent crime strong agreement



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Flexible parking scheme

re thinking of selection for youth council that needs to be inclusive at all ability levels not just on academic level.

Reduction Drug and prostitution

Spaces where people are happier and healthier, private or public partnerships, charitable donors

more youth centre and more activities and work on a better engagement with youth

Methodist Church and Durning Hall development plan what is going on

More options for elderly people to include vulnerable groups

more social and affordable housing (strong consensus)

better high street planning - ensuring a wide and diverse range of businesses on the high street that meets the need of the community



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

affordable housing stock in Forest Gate

Widen pavements to bring priority to the pedestrian and reduce pollution

Better open communication with Councillors and MPs

Less betting shops and less fast food shops monitor the regeneration developments to ensure that the high street is not blighted if the developments do not take place

getting forest gate station fixed

HMO standard of all housing in FOREST GATE

Protect heritage buildings and sites, new development on Woodgrange and Earlam Grove. Why get rid of good buildings.

more joined up working with the right service areas and organisations to address the problems e.g. youth services.

Better links for local people to involve themselves in the arts



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

fine for utility that don't get the work done on time they should work towards the deadline

Section 106 monies should go back into the community to improve the infrastructure of the local community

Civic society - educated from a young age and all other ages

Dog mess - more enforcement and tougher fines

More support for carers

Cleaner streets - less fly tipping, improve recycling

Addressing drug and gang culture right across the board

Preserve these buildings by using heritage buildings as community spaces

improve safety on the street and increase youth activity



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

more information on regeneration and development. have more consultation.

Living walls and other environmental and greening initiatives

reduction in asb - flytipping, safety

Better awareness of the impact of knives and weapons eg by a film (s)

More imagination for the environment - there was a plan to paint the wall along Forest Lane with local children and the plans got scrapped

Support for independent businesses

ensure that community facilities are supported and sustainable, not diminished. retaining the current level of provision / increasing

More greening and environmentally friendly neighbourhood

More youth clubs funded by the council



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

local councillors need to engage with residents more

better response from Flytipping task force and better customer service residents paying for bulky waste. bad experience

new developments should have the necessary community infrastructure including schools, doctor and community facilities

Deal with HMO's and enforcement

Improvement up the league table for recycling

parking restrictions need reviewing - 30 minute bays

Air Pollution

Better use of all green space

More activities for older people ie zumba

Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Safe and accessible community spaces

Turning spaces into green areas

More greening

More greening More road sweepers better refuse collection - better quality service - refuse being left behind after refuse collections

More cyclist areas

build up mechanism to address criminal asb

The council website needs to be improved to make it easier for residents to navigate it

Re-invest money from parking fines into the local neighbourhood it is taken from

Better information on how the council spends its money. More transparency.



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

empty properties to be brought back into use

transport temporary closures due to engineering works

having services online is not inclusive for all residents.

More flexible parking at all times

Pollution needs to be improved

Input in future development schemes i.e. Lidl

cleaner streets, Jet washing the streets

visible policing

Supporting community cohesion for all ages



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Community use of empty shops

more sustainability of community events and sustainability and sports

Higher visibility from Councillors and MP

Council tax has been frozen for 10 years and has had an impact on resources. Denying ourselves additional resources from potential increases.

Frozen Council tax was a great thing

more face to face service for residents for local services

Addressing prostitution and drug-dealing

More affordable housing especially for local people

More local entertainment



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

more encouragement of arts

Greater police presence

access more service though the community neighbourhood

Celebrating young People and making them feel safe in their neighbourhood

Extend the internet usage in libraries

Big issue of prostitution in the morning in Romford Road, Diserali Road

Enforcement of uniformity of shop signs to improve the look and feel of the high street

Extend the hours of libraries

Safer cycling



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

More direct advice (face to face)rather than online

Gas canisters

Better relationship with the Police, regular consultation meetings

recycling bins outside shops to encourage everyone to dispose of their litter responsibly

community street festivals, support to community groups

Support for form filling for older and disabled people. Too much emphasis on online

parking around high streets (free for short periods) - promoting local business

supporting young people in Forest Gate

open school playgrounds at weekends



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

More advice from NHS particularly Mental Health

Reform of the Newham Mag, it is an important tool for local democracy

improving roads (pot holes), incorporating safe cycling - maintenance. Including tree roots

Drug dealing

having a multi knowledge person at each areas

Crime

More collaboration with and support for 3rd sector

Invest in youth activities

increased cultural capital, opportunities, social clubs, local talent



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Street drinking

Flytipping

Become part of London Air Quality Network

Anti social behaviour

Charge more for parking if more than one car

MP's should be part of the solution and should be at assemblies like these

Reduce pollution

better information for newcomers to let them know how to dispose of refuse Landlords to be made more accountable for upkeep and management of properties Do something about the Spotted dog

Raise health awareness



Round 3: What are the priorities that need to be addressed in this Community Neighbourhood?

Councillor and Mp relationship



Hearing from the tables

- A roving microphone will be passed around
- Brief summaries from a few people of what your table discussed

Round 4: Scales

Not a priority

1. Youth Space and Support
2. Environment- Greening and Green Spaces
3. Council Communication and Support
4. Planning and the Built Environment
5. Housing - Social and Private
6. Community Spaces and Cohesion
7. Police, Safety and ASB
8. Waste Management and Fly Tipping

Essential priority

Round 5: What ideas do you have to address this issue (by yourselves and with the Council)?



Volunteering for the Working Group

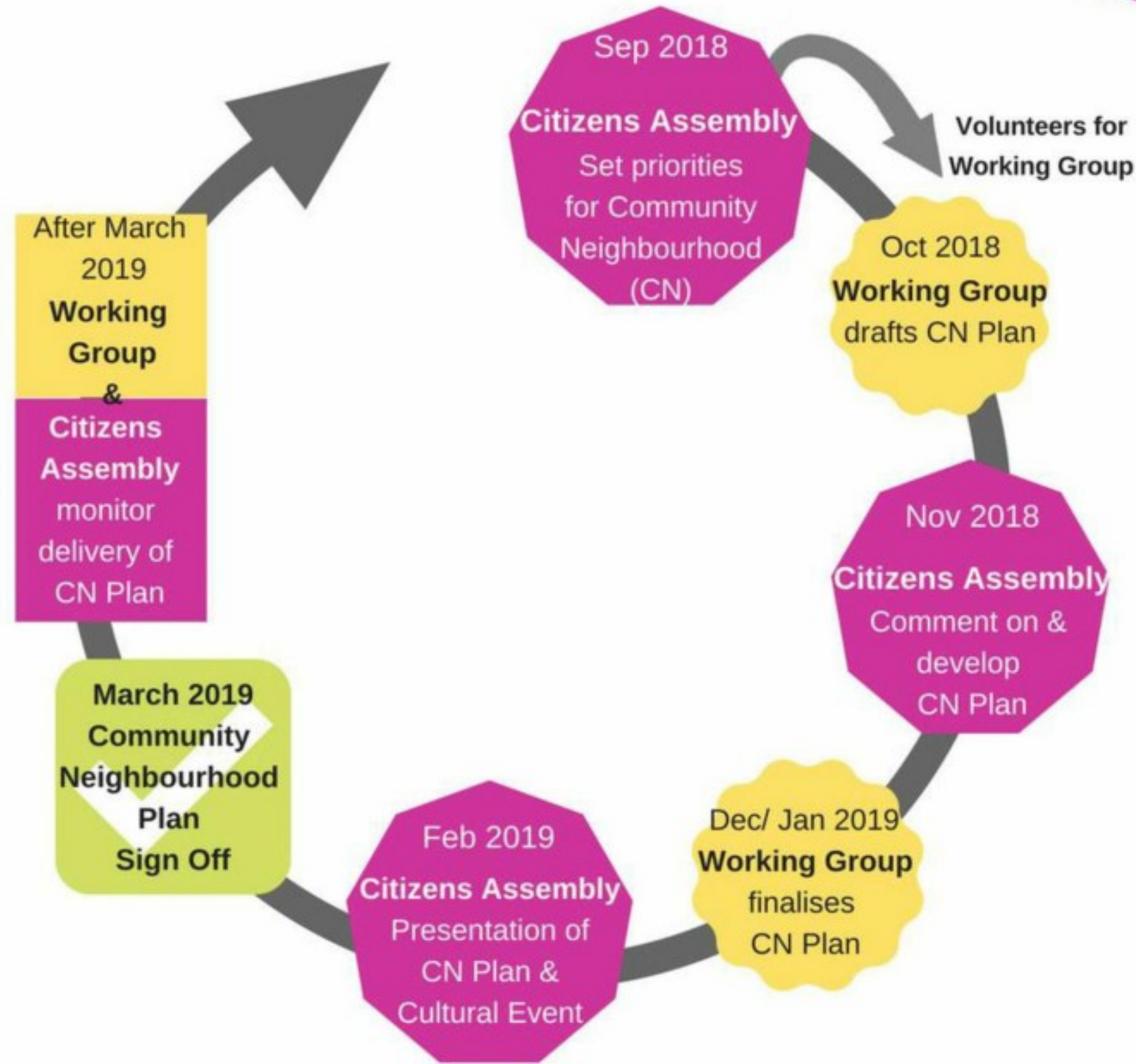
- This is an opportunity to serve your local area and shape the Community Neighbourhood Plan
- Volunteers represent the Assembly and the community, not just a personal or group agenda.
- We'd love volunteers from all backgrounds
- The Working Group will meet regularly after each Citizens Assembly to create the Community Neighbourhood Plan.
- It is a commitment (but a rewarding one!)
- If you'd like to volunteer for the draw to be chosen for the Working Group, let your table host know.

Volunteering for the Working Group

The Working Group will consist of 12-18 people:

- 6 - 9 volunteers from the locality
- 2 councillors
- 3 council officers and local stakeholders.
- If you volunteer it doesn't necessarily mean you will be chosen this time around.
- At the end of the evening session, names will be drawn from a hat of volunteers so that each ward is equally represented.

Cycle of Assemblies



Community Grants

- Let's Get the Party Started! grants programme - organise an event in Newham to bring the whole community together and we could support you with funding of up to £250 (can be up to £500 in exceptional circumstances)
- Go For It grants programme - If you are passionate about an activity, project or interest that benefits Newham residents and gets them involved in regular activities, you can apply for funding of up to £1000 for short-term projects or up to £2,000 for activities that are likely to become sustainable.

A few local
community
projects:



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The Gate:



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Neighbourhood Projects:



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Councillor Surgeries

Forest Gate North		
Councillor Sasha DasGupta Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am The Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre 2-6 Woodgrange Road London E7 0QH	Councillor Anamul Islam Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am The Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre 2-6 Woodgrange Road London E7 0QH	Councillor Rachel Tripp Every Saturday 10.30am to 11.30am The Gate Community Neighbourhood Centre 2-6 Woodgrange Road London E7 0QH
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Conclusion

- Words from local councillors
- What happens next
- Refreshments
- Drawing names of volunteers – (evening session only)
- Feedback forms
- Thanks for your participation!

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