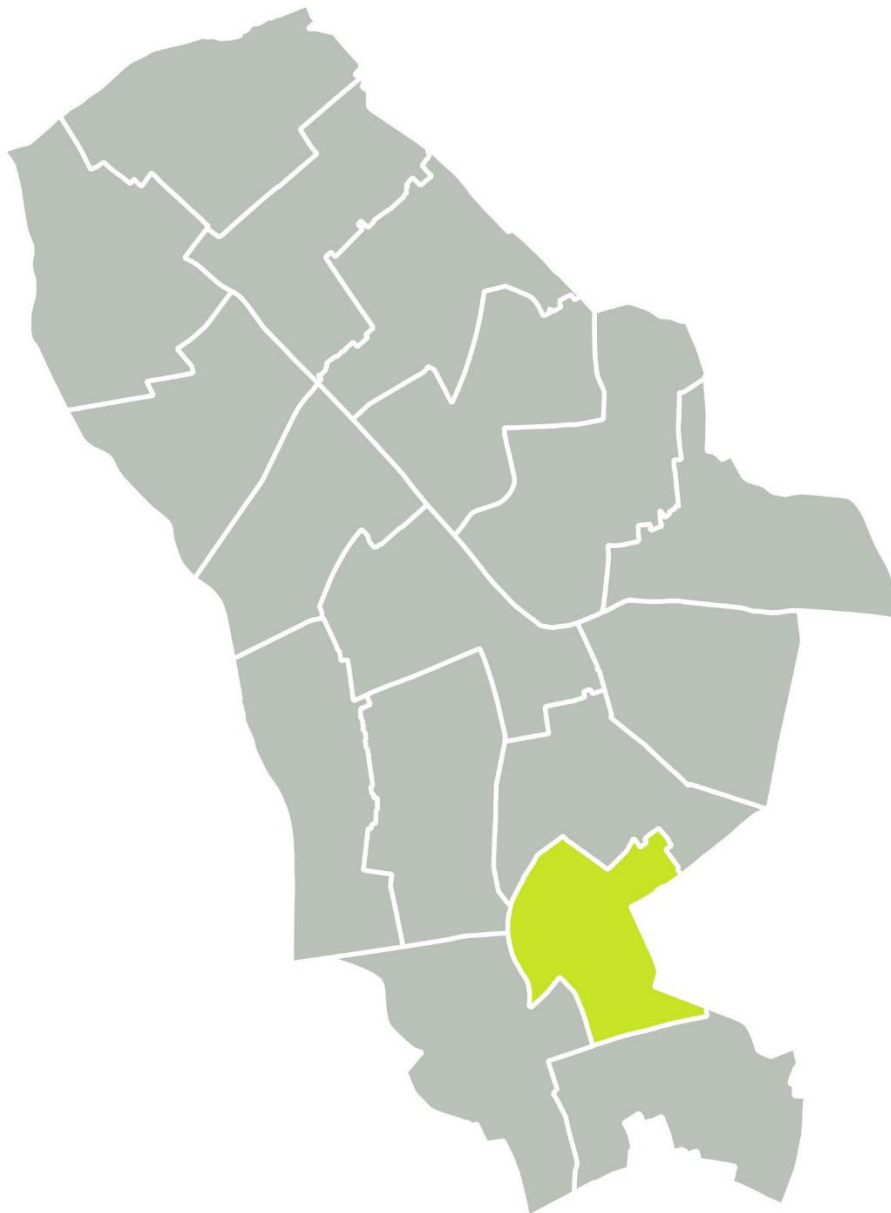




St Peter's & Canalside

Community Plan – February 2023



Introduction

Thank you for taking the time to look at our Community Plan for St Peter's & Canalside.

The Community Plan gives details of different schemes that, as your local councillors, we want to prioritise because we believe they will improve our area and enhance the lives of the people who live here.

Some of these improvement schemes have recently been completed, others are in the process of being implemented and some relate to projects we hope to see carried out in the future subject to funding becoming available.

As you can see, the projects in this Community Plan are wide-ranging. They include improvements to our leisure and other community facilities, initiatives that make our parks, streets and green spaces safer and more welcoming and schemes that make travel easier and more pleasant.

We work with local groups like tenants and residents associations, schools, neighbourhood watch groups, gardening clubs, community centres and local special interest organisations of all kinds to come up with the improvement priorities that are set out in this Community Plan. If you have ideas for projects you would like to see here, then get in touch with us by sending us an email or by coming along to one of our regular ward partnership meetings.

The money to pay for the projects described in this Community Plan comes for the most part from financial contributions that developers are required to make when they build in our area.

Contents

The projects are split into three sections:

- Awaiting funding – projects that councillors are minded to support depending on availability of funds but have not yet made any allocations towards.
- Being Implemented – projects that have been funded and are ongoing.
- Completed – projects that were previously funded and now completed.

Details of potential, current and past projects are also available to view on our [interactive map](#).

Funding Allocations

Once projects have received funds they are listed as being implemented and then completed. Projects are primarily funded through contributions received from two different mechanisms secured when planning permissions are granted – Section 106 contributions or from the Community Infrastructure Levy. Please contact S106@islington.gov.uk for further information on the specific developments the funds originated from, if required.

How To Get Involved

Contact your councillor to propose a new project or attend a ward partnership meeting.

For more information about this community plan please contact us on either CIL@Islington.gov.uk or S106@Islington.gov.uk

Awaiting Funding

Estate Improvements

Environmental Improvements at Elia Mews Estate

Approximate cost: TBC

This project would explore options to improve the outdoor amenity space at Elia Mews Estate. Improvements may include updating the existing play equipment and multi-use games area (MUGA), as well as landscaping works, planting and other improvements to the open greenspace. These works would improve the public realm, increasing residents' amenity and providing more play opportunities for children.

Transport and Public Realm

People Friendly Streets Supportive Measures

Approximate cost: TBC

This project would explore opportunities for greening and parklet buildouts at various locations throughout the ward. The measures would support the People Friendly Streets programme and would provide opportunities for greening and traffic calming. The aim of the scheme is to improve the public realm and increase safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

Being Implemented

Estate Improvements

Secure Estate Cycle Storage

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£16,000)

This project will provide secure cycle storage on two housing estates - Elia Street and Popham Street. Although Popham Street Estate has now moved out of St Peter's & Canalside ward and into St Mary's & St James', this is a legacy project, which was funded and implemented prior to the ward boundary changes on 05 May 2022. Councillors will continue to support this project until completion. Disused garages will be converted into cycle storage at both estates. This will help residents to store cycles safely, rather than taking up space inside properties or being left in communal areas of buildings, where they can undermine fire safety requirements. The availability of secure cycle storage will also encourage more cycle use, with personal, environmental, health and economic benefits.

Macclesfield House

Allocations made:

- S106 (£300,000)

The scheme will deliver improvements to areas of hardstanding, estate lighting, green spaces and the recycling area & bin chamber. Additional work will include the installation of green garage roof.

Kestrel House Open Space

Allocations made:

- S106 (£465,000)

This project will deliver improvements to the open space around Kestrel House, including landscaping and play improvements. Additionally, the project will deliver an artwork element on the eastern part of the site alongside works to the ventilation shaft for Bunhill Heat & Power.

Peregrine House Gardens MUGA and Football Pitch

Allocations made:

- S106 (£300,000)

This project will deliver improvements to the multi-use games area (MUGA), playground and communal garden. Alongside improvements to the residents room, with a focus on upgrading the ICT facilities.

Packington Estate Community Gardening Project

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£39,898)

This project will support an ongoing community gardening project on the Packington Estate. The scheme is run as a partnership between Islington Parks Service, The Arc Community Centre and Octopus Community Network and has been successful in engaging local people around the estate to transform and take care of their green spaces. This project will fund a programme of community engagement and gardening workshops to upskill volunteers and residents, as well as the installation of four watering points and two tool storage units.

Sports and Recreation

Islington Boat Club

Allocations made:

- S106 (£78,498)
- Local CIL (£4,200)

This project will provide support to improve the facilities at Islington Boat Club. Improved facilities would enable the club to re-open and would help to support the future of the boat club.

Transport and Public Realm

King Square Shopping Area Public Space

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£157,000)
- S106 (£443,000)

The purpose of this project is to consult with the local community to design and deliver improvements to the public space at King Square shopping area. The funding will cover the design, consultation, and implementation stages of the project.

Environmental Improvements and Traffic Restrictions on Charlton Place and Camden Passage

Allocations made:

- S106 (£30,000)

This project will deliver environmental improvements and traffic restrictions on Charlton Place and Camden Passage. Works will include narrowed carriageway, seating, planting, and tactile paving.

School Facilities

Ecological Pond at Moreland School and Children's Centre

Allocations made:

- S106 (£1,550)

This project will re-develop the pond area at Moreland School and Children's Centre. The current pond space is currently unusable and overgrown and does not offer a welcoming space for wildlife or for the children to learn and experience nature. The aim of the project is to increase biodiversity, improve the ecological sustainability of the school grounds, and to provide a welcoming, safe space for children to learn about pond habitats to support their environmental and science learning.

Open Space

Contribution to St James Church Masterplan

Allocations made:

- S106 (£80,000)

A masterplan has been developed to implement various public realm improvements at the area outside of St. James Church on Prebend Street. This project will provide a contribution to support the implementation of the masterplan.

Replacement of Temporary Fencing at Duncan Terrace Gardens

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£60,000)

This project provides matched funding to replace the temporary fencing which runs along the plant and flower beds in Duncan Terrace Gardens, with permanent, metal, bow top fencing. The park has a very active Friends of Group who take responsibility for the upkeep of the plant beds. There has been a huge communal effort to preserve and increase the biodiversity value, health value and amenity value of the park. However, the work of the volunteers is regularly undermined by the poor state of the fencing, which allows access to dogs and park users. The current fencing was installed in 2007 and is in desperate need of renewal. Its replacement will remove the need for regular, costly repairs to the temporary fencing.

Graham Street Park Environmental Improvements

Allocations made:

- S106 (£45,124)

This project will explore options to improve the public realm at Graham Street Park. The scheme will focus on the section of the park which runs along Regents Canal. It will address issues of uneven surfacing due to extensive tree root growth, as well as improving biodiversity with increased planting activities.

Completed

Playspace

Waterside Adventure Playground Zipwire

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000)

The scheme replaced the broken zipwire at the Waterside Adventure Playground, a popular venue for children, young adults, and their families.



Basire Street Playground

Allocations made:

- S106 (£23,170)

This project improved the public realm and play equipment at Basire Street Playground, improving the amenity of the area and providing better play opportunities for children. Works included: the installation of a new climbing frame; the installation of grass safety matting; refurbishment of all of the benches; and, the repainting of all play equipment. Project completed in 2020.

Sports and Recreation

Graham Street Park Masterplan

Allocations made:

- S106 (£142,144)

The Graham Street Park Masterplan has been delivered which included measures that improve the park users' sense of safety, a new play area, improved park boundary, a new multi-use games area, space for community events, and better links with the canal basin.

Estate Improvements

Public Realm Improvements at Watersview Estate

Allocations made:

- S106 (£20,000)

This project aimed to improve residential amenity and address anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the open spaces surrounding the Waterview Estate. Improvements included: the installation of new column lamps, motion sensor lights, and additional signage. The new lighting in particular has been well received and has proven effective in making residents feel safer after dark. Project completed in July 2020.



Popham Community Centre - Paving

This scheme involved improving the paving adjacent to Popham Community Centre, which was previously in poor condition. Previously, people with mobility problems were struggling use the centre, due to the damaged paving. The repairs have increased accessibility and safety at the centre.

Popham Community Centre - Internal Decorations

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£5,000.00)

This scheme delivered improvements to the community centre which involved general redecoration of the space, installation of new blinds and full refurbishment of the kitchen.

King Square Estate

Allocations made:

- S106 (£219,836)

The scheme will deliver landscaping, public realm and community space improvements to King Square Estate as part of a new build project.

Transport and Public Realm

Eco Zone on Canal Towpath

Allocations made:

- S106 (£20,000)

This project created a no burning Eco Zone along the canal towpath. It involved installing electric charging points along the canal network and became the first electric only stretch of canal in the UK. The project aimed to lower nitrogen dioxide emissions and particulate matter; to stop the triple and quadruple mooring of boats; and to reduce complaints in the area regarding noise and pollution.

Jessop Court Improvements

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£9,501)
- S106 (£10,498)

This project provided improvements to Jessop Court, including the entrance area, lift lobbies, stairwells and landings, car park and bin area, and the front and back garden areas of the block.

Open Space

St Peter's & Canalside Ward Tree Planting

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

This scheme provided increased street tree planting in suitable locations in the ward, in line with the Council's tree strategy.

King Square Gardens Water Bottle Re-fill Station

Allocations made:

- S106 (£5,189)

The project introduced a new water drinking fountain at Kings Square Gardens, providing visitors and residents the opportunity to refill water bottles for free.

Replacement of Bird Boxes at Duncan Terrace Gardens

Allocations made:

- Local CIL (£12,500)

This project replaced the dilapidated bird box structure at Duncan Terrace Gardens. The structure was a collection of wooden bird and bug boxes which created an important 'habitat' for the birds, insects and invertebrates that occupy the gardens. Installed in 2010, the sculpture was originally a temporary installation, to remain in situ for 3 years. However, due to the success of the project, the structure was retained in the park. Over time, it became riddled with rot and had to be removed on health and safety grounds. The scheme has replaced the existing structure with new bird, bug and bat boxes, as well as eco towers, bee posts and a bug hotel noticeboard. The new structures will further promote biodiversity and will be longer lasting than the previous temporary installation.



School Facilities

Packington Children's Centre

Allocations:

- Local CIL (£10,000)

The project improved the nursery facilities at the Packington Children's Centre. The whole playground area was covered in new safety surfacing, which immediately reduced number of accidents. Feedback from parents demonstrates the positive impact the new space is having on parental anxiety about their young children accessing the outside provision in all weathers.



King Square Community Nursery at Rahere House

Allocations:

- S106 (£75,000)

The project provided funding for an outdoor play area that featured an enclosed toddler play space, educational play zone, a bridge connecting the new play area with the path under the pergola and installation of a new security gate.

