# N O R T H U M B E R L A N D P A R K

NORTHUMBERLAND PARK HOMES AND SPACES PLAN

Working together to develop a plan for change and improvements to homes, public spaces and streets across Northumberland Park







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# **GET INVOLVED IN THE NORTHUMBERLAND PARK HOMES AND SPACES PLAN**



We know residents across Northumberland Park want to see change and improvements to their homes, their neighbourhood and council services. We also know residents want to feel safe and have better opportunities for themselves and their families. As a council, we understand that delivering this change, tackling inequality, and building a fairer borough requires a joined-up approach and close working with our residents, communities, and partners.

Earlier this year, we launched the Northumberland Park Community Placemaking Plan which sets out how we will work together to listen, develop ideas and tackle the issues that are most important to residents. With your help, we want to work together to create a healthier, happier, safer and more connected community.

# HOMES AND SPACES

Residents have been clear they want to see change and improvements to homes, public spaces and streets across Northumberland Park and we need to work together to understand what this change should look like. To do this we are working with residents to develop a Homes and Spaces Plan, which will set out a vision for Northumberland Park and the type and scale of change and physical improvements the community want to make the area a better place to live, work and enjoy.

This booklet sets out the draft priorities that will guide any future change in the area. We need your feedback to make sure they are the right priorities to be focussing on.

#### This booklet explains:

- → The work we have done with the community so far
- How we want your views to develop the Homes and Spaces Plan
- → What happens next

We are committed to engaging you in decisions related to the design of the homes and spaces where you live. You are the local experts and know more about Northumberland Park and its needs and assets than anyone else.

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**Councillor Ruth Gordon** 

Cabinet member for House Building, Placemaking and Development Haringey Council



# **CREATING GREAT PLACES**

Great places are created by the community and make people's lives better. They are places where people belong, have fun and are healthy, happy and fulfilled. With the support of the community, we've created a Community Placemaking Plan for Northumberland Park with four areas of action.

# **SAFE AND SOUND**

# HOMES AND SPACES -COMMUNITY SPACE AND SERVICES **JOBS, SKILLS & TRAINING**

In this document you'll find out more about the communities' ideas for how we can improve homes and spaces in Northumberland Park.

The Homes and Spaces Plan will be developed with residents and the wider community. You are the local experts and know your area the best.

# NORTHUMBERLAND PARK PLACEMAKING PLAN AREA





## **WORKING WITH RESIDENTS**

Earlier this year, we set up the **Community** Voices Design Group. The group meets each month and is made up of 12 council tenants and leaseholders from across the Northumberland Park Placemaking Plan area. The group will help us develop the Homes and Spaces Plan, which we will test with all residents and the wider community across Northumberland Park at key points along the way. Any decisions about the future of the area will be made by the whole community.

For more information about this programme, please phone or text Sarah on 07967 442513 or email NPCommunity@haringey.gov.uk.

# WHAT IS THE HOMES AND SPACES PLAN?

Residents have been clear that they want more family housing, change and improvements to Northumberland Park to make it a safer, healthier and happier place to live. Last year, working with residents, we appointed architects called Hawkins\Brown to work with us, and you, to develop a Homes and Spaces Plan which will set out what change and improvements across Northumberland Park could look like.

We know that there are mixed views on the type and scale of change, so we want to work together to develop a Homes and Spaces Plan which will set out a shared vision for Northumberland Park and agree the type and scale of change residents want to see. As the plan develops, it will include proposals such as ways to improve open space and how unused land could be used to deliver more family homes.

# TIMELINE

### DECEMBER 2022 - JANUARY 2023

## **STEP 1: DEVELOP PRIORITIES FOR CHANGE**

These priorities will be used to guide future change and ensure that the vision and design proposals meet residents' aspirations for the area.



# **EARLY 2023**

# **STEP 2: DEVELOP AND AGREE KEY AREAS FOR CHANGE**

We want to ensure that we deliver change where residents most want to see it. At this step we will be asking residents and the wider community to prioritise where they most want to see change, and ask for feedback on areas already identified by the Community Voices Design Group and from ongoing feedback we have received.

### **MID 2023**

## **STEP 3: DEVELOP OPTIONS FOR CHANGE**

We will use the agreed priorities, along with feedback on the areas where you would like to see change happen, to develop three different options showing what change could look like across Northumberland Park. We will ask for your feedback on these options.

## END 2023

## **STEP 4: DEVELOP A PREFERRED OPTION FOR CHANGE**

Once we have your feedback on the three options for change, we will develop a preferred option, which we will again ask for your feedback and views on.

### **EARLY 2024**

# **STEP 5: AGREE THE HOMES AND SPACES PLAN**

Agree the Homes and Spaces Plan with you, the Northumberland Park community.

# JOIN THE CONVERSATION

We are at the very beginning of creating the Homes and Spaces Plan and want to hear your views on Northumberland Park and the work we have done with residents so far.

To make sure as many residents and members of the community can have their say, we are asking you to talk to us and give your views from Tuesday 20 December to Tuesday 31 January. This will be the first of many opportunities to give us your views as the Homes and Spaces Plan develops.

The Homes and Spaces Plan covers five priorities:

New homes to meet the needs of the communit

Increased safety for residents and their homes

Improved open space to enjoy, play, and socialis

Safe movement and routes

Well used spaces and buildings that serve the c

It is important that we get the priorities right as they will help to inform the type of change and future projects that come forward in Northumberland Park.

Your views are key to delivering change in the area and will help to ensure the priorities for improvement reflect the aspirations of the Northumberland Park community.

Please take some time to read the information and keep the following questions in your mind as you are going through the document:





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# **RESIDENT PRIORITIES AND YOUR VIEWS**

We have been working with the Community Voices Design Group to develop resident-led priorities for change. These priorities have been developed from recent feedback received from residents and also what you have told us over the years.

#### YOU SAID

- $\rightarrow$  More family housing to help with / stop overcrowding
- $\rightarrow$  More secure homes with better locks
- $\rightarrow$  More gardens
- $\rightarrow$  Better communal areas
- → Building new homes on unused spaces
- $\rightarrow$  Bins that work and don't attract vermin

#### **PROPOSED PRIORITY: New homes to meet the needs** of the community

### WHAT WILL THIS PRIORITY ACHIEVE?

#### New homes should:

- → Prioritise council family housing to meet the local housing need-tackling issues of over-crowding and accessibility
- $\rightarrow$  Be built with secure communal entrances and to design out long - term management issues
- $\rightarrow$  Have access to private outdoor space for residents
- $\rightarrow$  Improve the area where they are built

#### YOU SAID

- $\rightarrow$  Children can't play here
- $\rightarrow$  The underpasses don't feel safe
- $\rightarrow$  Drug dealers use these flats by breaking in
- $\rightarrow$  Less fly-tipping
- $\rightarrow$  Anyone can walk through and do what they want in our outdoor space
- $\rightarrow$  You don't feel safe on Park Lane

#### **PROPOSED PRIORITY: Increased safety for residents** and their homes

#### WHAT WILL THIS PRIORITY ACHIEVE?

#### Improvements should design out anti-social behaviour and crime:

- $\rightarrow$  Provide eyes on the street and active ground floors throughout the day
- $\rightarrow$  Improve streets and spaces that are difficult to manage
- $\rightarrow$  Give residents spaces that are secure and private
- $\rightarrow$  Improve waste and refuse storage and take bins off the street
- $\rightarrow$  Have better control and security of homes and buildings

#### **YOU SAID**

- → Park Lane should be greener and made for pedestrians
- $\rightarrow$  We have one of the worst play areas in Tottenham
- $\rightarrow$  There's no space for residents
- $\rightarrow$  Children can't play here
- → The football cage is really well used
- $\rightarrow$  The football cage works really well as there's only one entrance into it, and it's for residents

#### PROPOSED PRIORITY: Improved open space to enjoy, play, and socialise

### WHAT WILL THIS PRIORITY ACHIEVE?

#### Improvements should ensure open spaces:

- → Are over-looked and well lit
- $\rightarrow$  Encourage activity by residents, businesses, and community groups
- $\rightarrow$  Are for all ages, but with a particular focus on older children and teens
- → Are provided alongside areas to socialise and play in (areas that are currently under-used)
- $\rightarrow$  Increase the green spaces between buildings

#### YOU SAID

- → Match-day is chaos
- $\rightarrow$  Some crossings aren't safe
- → Some roads need to be widened to cope with the buses and HGV's
- $\rightarrow$  There aren't enough crossings

#### YOU SAID

- $\rightarrow$  There's not much for young people in the area
- $\rightarrow$  We need space for neighbours to get together
- $\rightarrow$  There's all this empty and un-used space
- $\rightarrow$  There's a lot of empty shopfronts
- → The NRC does run some community activities, but it's not very visible



### **PROPOSED PRIORITY: Safe movement and routes**

#### WHAT WILL THIS PRIORITY ACHIEVE?

#### Improvements to streets should:

- $\rightarrow$  There's nowhere to cycle safely
- $\rightarrow$  Lorries park here and block and damage the pavement
- $\rightarrow$  Bring activity back to the streets throughout the day

# WHAT WILL THIS PRIORITY ACHIEVE?

- - $\rightarrow$  Make better use of undercrofts and other under-used spaces for community uses and business start-up spaces

  - $\rightarrow$  Ensure there are places for the community to connect and socialise
  - $\rightarrow$  Improve access to health and well-being resources e.g. at the Neighbourhood Resource Centre (NRC)

- $\rightarrow$  Provide safer and well-lit routes across the area and improve existing roads
- $\rightarrow$  Work with the stadium to manage parking, vehicles, and crowd control to benefit residents
- $\rightarrow$  Encourage walking and cycling by giving more space and providing safe routes, improved crossings and bike storage
- → Better connect Northumberland Park to the wider area

#### PROPOSED PRIORITY: Well used spaces and buildings that serve the community

#### Improvements to community facilities should:

- $\rightarrow$  Provide spaces across the area for a range of community facilities and services
- → Support and enhance existing businesses and community spaces

Do you have any questions about the priorities?



# HAVE YOUR SAY

We need your views on the draft priorities that will guide any future change in Northumberland Park. Your feedback will ensure they are the right priorities to be focussing on as the Homes and Spaces Plan is developed.

# HERE ARE ALL THE WAYS YOU CAN GET INVOLVED AND HAVE YOUR SAY:

# VISIT OUR WEBSITE

The website has been translated into Turkish, Polish, Somali and Spanish and Romanian and you can leave your feedback with us online.



#### https://northumberlandparkni.commonplace.is

# 🖸 BY POST

Fill in the feedback form included with this booklet and send it to us using the free-post return envelope enclosed. Or send us a letter to: **Sarah Carruthers, NRC, 177 Park Lane, N17 OHJ.** 

# S BY PHONE

Phone or text Sarah on **07967 442513** or Emily on **07580 401748** 

# BY EMAIL

Email the team at **NPCommunity@haringey.gov.uk** 

# DROP-IN SESSIONS

Come along to one of our drop-in sessions at the at the **NRC, 177 Park Lane** on:

- → Tuesday 20 Dec 12-5pm (Festive Fayre)\*
- → Tuesday 11, 18 & 25 Jan 10am-4pm
- → Thursday 19 Jan 4-8pm\*
- → Saturday 21st Jan 11am-3pm\*

(\*A Turkish interpretor will be at these sessions)

# **POP-UPS**

We'll be out and about in Northumberland Park giving you the opportunity to speak to us. Look out for the team and come and give us your views!

# **M** COMMUNITY GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

Get in contact with the team and invite us to come and speak with your community group or come along to an event.

Phone: Sarah on **07967 442513** or email **NPCommunity@haringey.gov.uk** 

# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Once we have received your feedback, we will finalise the priorities and come back to you in early 2023 with the next stage of developing the Homes and Spaces Plan.

We know that Northumberland Park residents and the community have been sharing their views on changes they would like to see for many years. Many of you have said you would like to see change now! We want to make sure that any proposals for the future of the area are done in partnership with the community so it is important we take time to get this right. In the meantime, we will be delivering small scale changes across Northumberland Park including:

- → Improvements around Northumberland Park station
- → Additional lighting in Somerford Grove
- → Other small scale improvements residents would like to see using the £25k Neighbourhood Improvement Fund

We want to be open and transparent about the process for change and are happy to discuss this with you – just get in touch with the team using the contact details above.