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Enfield **Place Shaping Framework**

A vision for Enfield



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"By 2041, Enfield will be a place of growing opportunity for future generations: a green lung of London and a place where new homes and jobs help all communities to thrive. Housing growth will be accommodated across the Borough, ensuring delivery of a mix of housing types and tenures that meet the needs of existing and new residents. East-west disparities will be reduced by delivering high quality new infrastructure, an uplift in employment floorspace across sites and environmental improvements. New development will be knitted into improved blue-green networks."

Enfield Local Plan 2024-2041

Enfield's Local Plan 2041 outlines the aspirations for the borough and sets out a vision that Enfield will be:

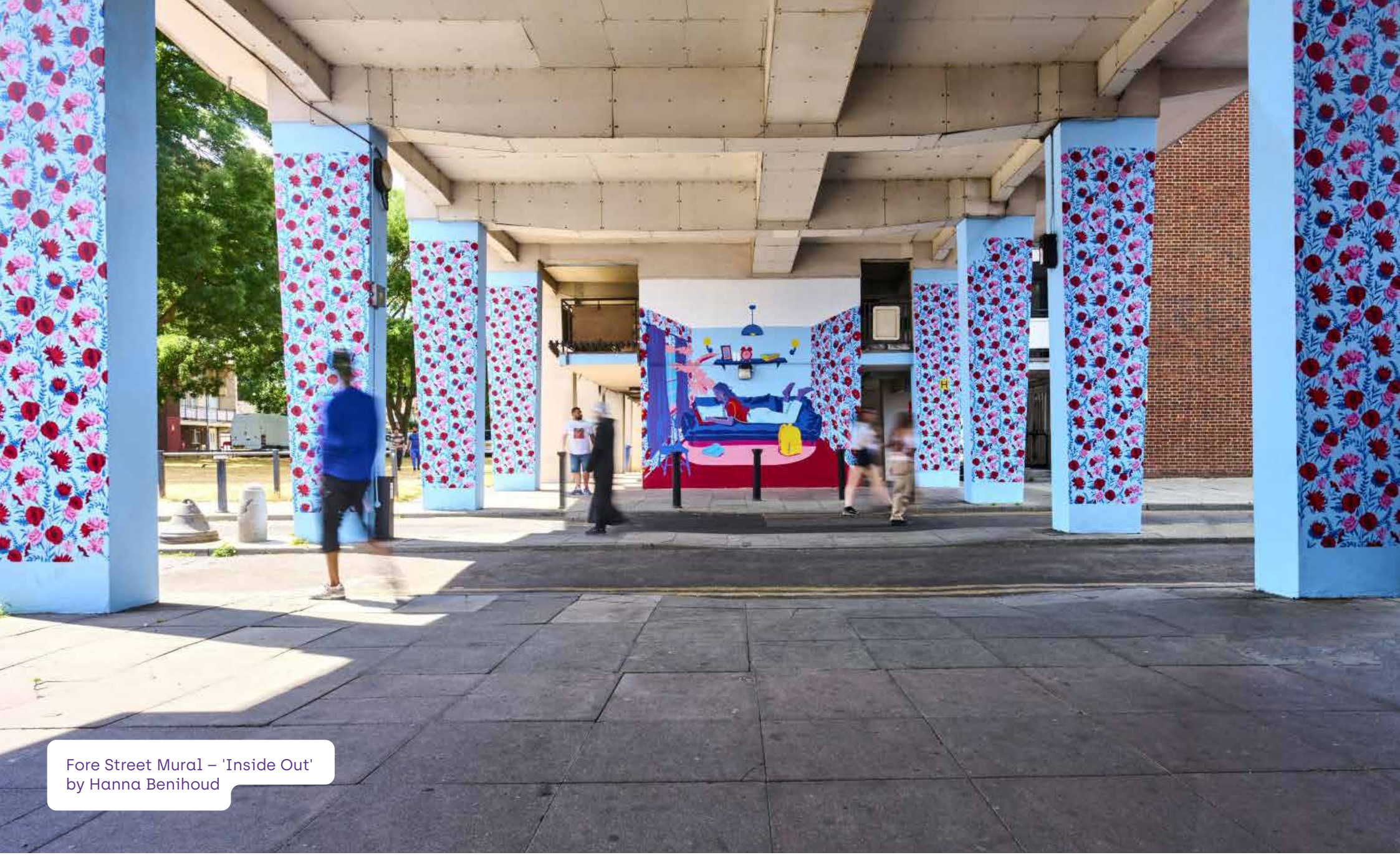
- A nurturing place
- A deeply green place
- The workshop of London
- A distinct and leading part of London.

Much of this vision will be realised across 11 placemaking areas that have been identified as being able to accommodate the good growth needed to support Enfield in becoming more connected, more inclusive and more resilient.

The 11 placemaking areas as outlined in the Local Plan 2041 are:

- Enfield Town
- Southbury
- Edmonton Green
- Angel Edmonton
- Meridian Water
- Southgate
- New Southgate
- Palmers Green
- Rural Enfield
- Crews Hill
- Chase Park.

This vision will be realised through empowered communities who can build cohesion and a sense of belonging in their neighbourhoods and across the borough. Existing local businesses will be supported whilst we also harness new economic growth and employment opportunities. Enfield's strong cultural identity and creativity will be celebrated and amplified. New and existing neighbourhoods will link to town centres and high streets that offer an attractive range of activities for the day and night-time economy. There is a wealth of blue and green assets in Enfield, and these will be threaded through the borough embedding climate resilience and biodiversity for all.



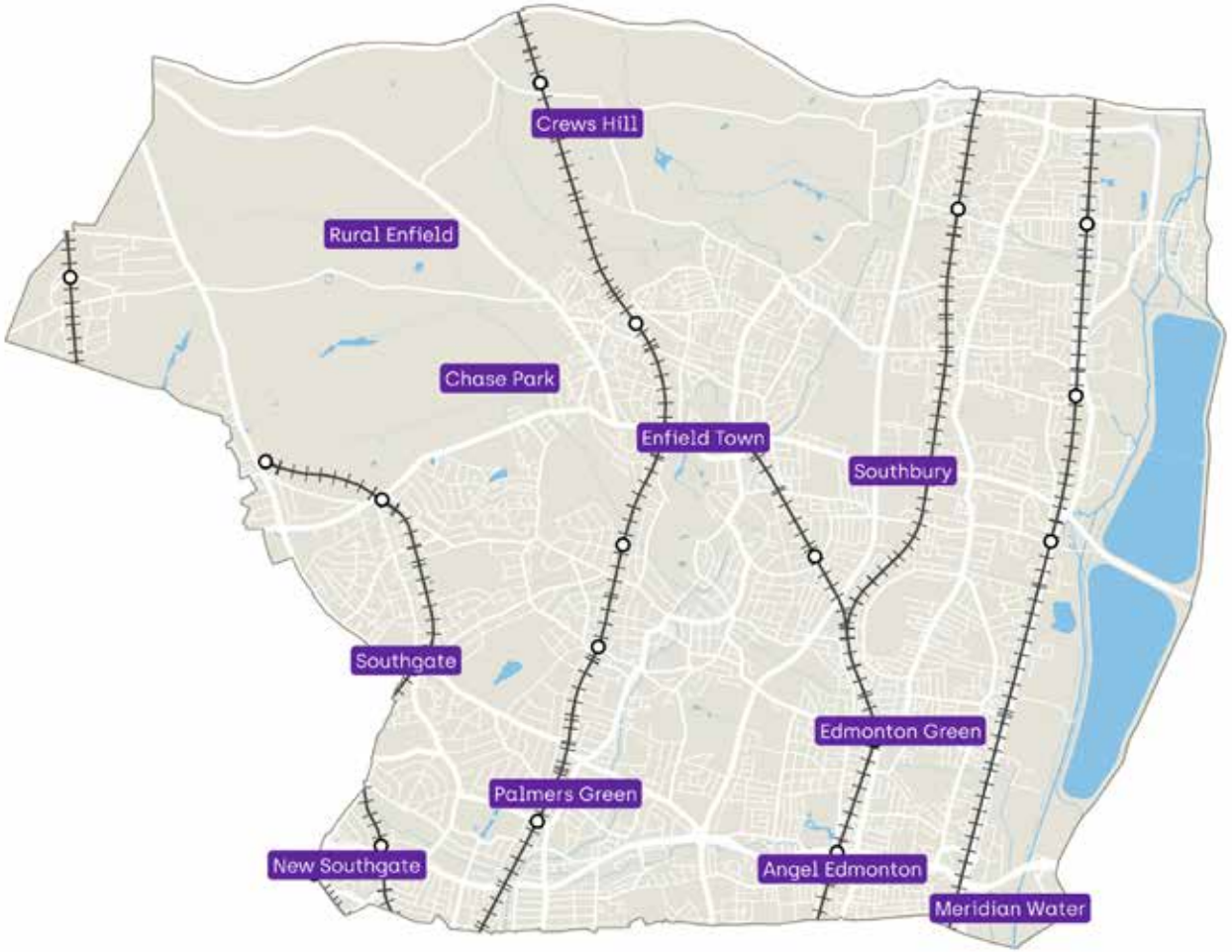
Fore Street Mural – 'Inside Out'
by Hanna Benihoud

The Enfield Place Shaping Framework

This Place Shaping Framework ('the Framework') sets out the approach to help steward this vision for Enfield, one that will see it thrive.

Responding to the priorities and aspirations set-out by the **Enfield Council Plan 2023-202**6 and the **Enfield Local Plan 2024-2041**, it sits alongside and complements the **Enfield Transport Strategy** with which will connect the borough, its communities, and our neighbours. The Enfield Place Shaping Framework and Enfield Transport Strategy have been developed by the Journeys and Places team who will lead their delivery by working with teams and departments across the Council.

Using the Framework, combined with learnings from our **Town Centre Action Plans**, (case studies from which are included in this document), we will also develop detailed **Place Plans** with communities and partners for each of the 11 placemaking areas outlined in the Local Plan 2041.





Grove Street School Street community engagement – Jan Kattein Architects

Case study: Devonshire Square, Palmers Green

Following a temporary redesign and closure of the street space at the end of Devonshire Road, the local community were invited to design 'Devonshire Square', a new community and cultural space for Palmers Green.

Different communities and local businesses have been testing out the versatility of the space by delivering a variety of events and activities on the Square in the last couple of years. These include public art, play areas, greening, al fresco dining and community markets.

With the closure of the road having now been made permanent, residents and visitors will be contributing their thoughts and ideas to shape the final design.



Children playing on the temporary play equipment on Devonshire Square

The new Angel Yard workspace garages



Case study: Angel Yard, Angel Edmonton

Thirty-five derelict garages were refurbished into a start-up hub, honing existing local skills, providing training and generating employment opportunities.

Workspace is available at below market rates to local young people who also get business support. Angel Yard includes two covered shared spaces, with one of them linking to the Clean Air Route, featuring the St John and St James Church of England Primary 'School Street', offering an inviting route for people to want to walk down.

Journeys and Places takes an active role in place stewardship across the borough.

We support good growth and nurture thriving places through the delivery of creative, innovative and impactful projects in collaboration with communities and partners.

Case Study: Fore Street Living Room Library

Located on Fore Street in the heart of Angel Edmonton Town Centre, the existing and well-loved Fore Street Library underwent a redesign to create a highly versatile 'Living Room' allowing it to host a wider mix of uses.

Since opening, the space has been brought to life by the community, hosting numerous events including live music, theatre, film screenings, silent discos, makers markets, spoken word and workshops while also continuing its library services. It has also become the home of Fore Street for All, a Community Interest Company who have brought thousands of members of the community through evening events and town centre-wide festivals.



A Fore Street for All community film screening in the redesigned Living Room Library



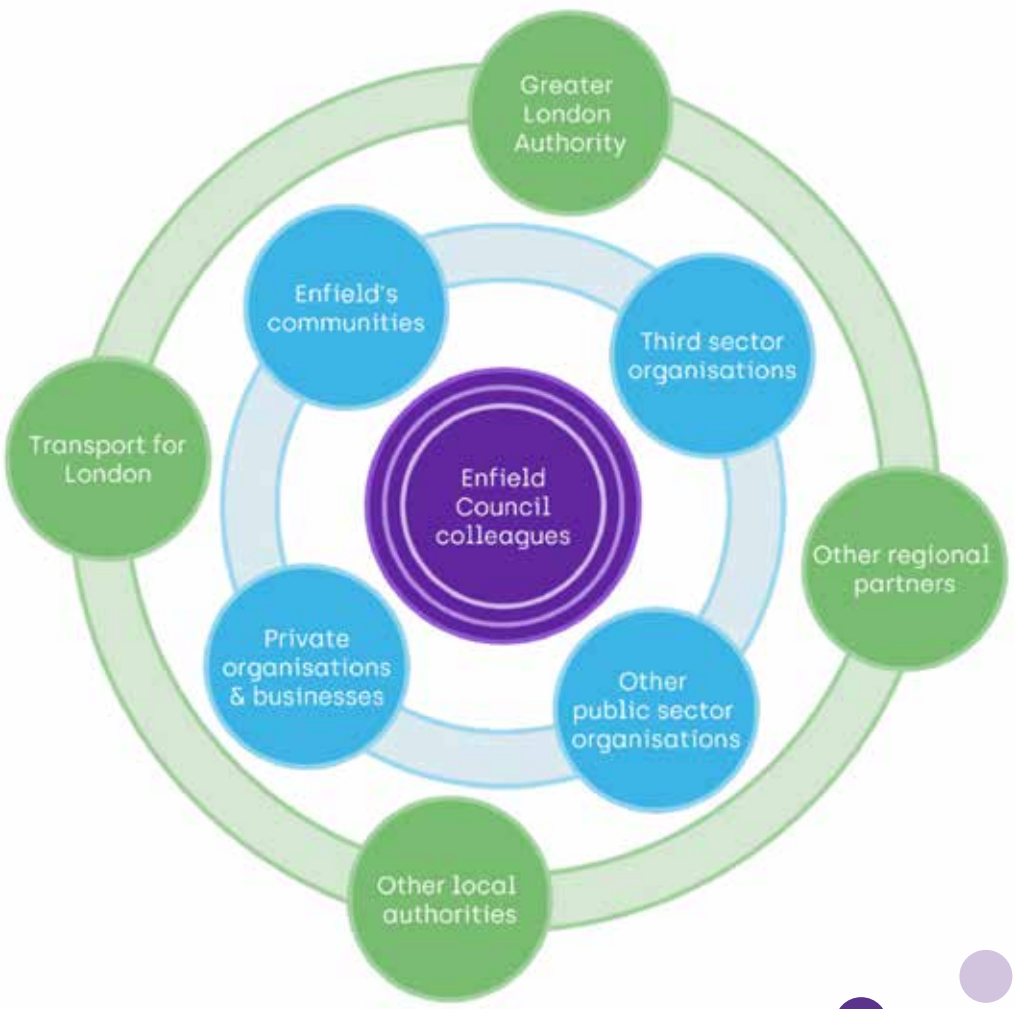
Fore Street Living Room Library – Jan Kattein Architects

We work:

- within Enfield's places to support the delivery of short, medium and long-term projects which build towards placemaking visions
- within Enfield's places to support communities and partners to work together to enable local placemaking ambitions
- across Enfield's places to help connect them, individually and collectively, to the opportunities delivered by growth in the borough and across the region.

We work with:

- all communities of Enfield
- colleagues and departments across the council
- external public, private and third sector organisations and businesses
- regional strategic partners such as other London boroughs and the Greater London Authority.



We will help build on the ambitions of the Local Plan 2041 in the following ways:



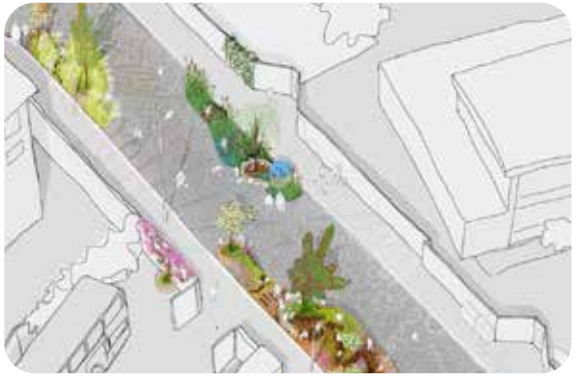
A design for a community garden

A nurturing place: by supporting the growth and resilience of Enfield's places, ensuring that opportunities in the borough are available to all.



The design for Angel Yard

The workshop of London: by supporting existing and emerging sectors to nurture economic, social and place value.



The design for the Clean Air Route on Grove Street N18

A deeply green place: by enhancing green spaces and ensuring they connect with neighbourhoods across the borough.



The Cat in the Aviary mural in Broomfield Park, Palmers Green, delivered through the Curate Enfield initiative by Journeys and Places

A distinct and leading part of London: by delivering and celebrating exemplary place shaping projects.

Case Study: The Pavilion, Edmonton Green

Located outside Edmonton Green Station, next to the railway arches and by the main busy road, The Pavilion is an intervention to activate The Green with creative and community activities in preparation for its future longer-term transformation.

The Journeys and Places team is working with residents and local stakeholders to develop a future vision for The Green. The Pavilion plays a crucial role in this programme by encouraging the community to test uses and ideas for the future transformation of this blue-green infrastructure and the potential restoration of the adjacent railway arches.



The design for The Pavilion on The Green

Enfield's placemaking areas

On the following pages we have set out the placemaking visions and placemaking challenges for each of the 11 placemaking areas as outlined in the Local Plan 2041. These will form the foundations of the Place Plans that will be developed for each area.



1. Enfield Town

Placemaking vision

Enfield Town will be a twenty-first century market town, where its historic character, including the area in and around the central market square, has been enhanced – including the central market square. It will continue to be the focus of the Borough's civic, entertainment, leisure, commercial and retail activity, and the centre will have evolved to also include a wider mix of uses including new homes. New built form will respond positively to the existing context and character. Access to nearby green spaces and watercourses including Enfield Town Park, will have been maintained and enhanced. New street improvements and public realm projects will draw these green qualities into the heart of the Town and improve the attractiveness of active travel to, from and through the area. It will become an attractive destination for culture and entertainment, acting as an inclusive centre with a successful evening economy.

Placemaking challenge

Ensuring that Enfield Town is representative of and appealing to all of Enfield's communities and residents, in its governance and offer, and so becomes the borough's true modern day Market Town.

Creating new opportunities in public and private space for businesses and organisations that are representative of the great diversity of the borough.

Building on the investment to-date in cultural and public spaces to make Enfield Town feel welcoming and celebrate its vibrant offer.

2. Southbury

Placemaking vision

Southbury will be a cohesive, exemplary, high-density, mixed-use quarter with pocket parks and high quality public realm with new street trees and planting. It will be an exceptionally appealing environment for residents and professionals to live and work in. The area will be connected to surrounding open spaces, with enhancements planned for places like the Enfield Playing Fields. Growth here will offer a mix of uses with a residential focus, including some taller buildings that will serve as distinctive landmarks. Additionally, Southbury will play a pivotal role as a gateway to the Lee Valley, Ponders End and Enfield Town. Carefully integrated building and landscape design will be employed to help improve air quality and mitigate noise pollution from the A10. Through intensification and co-location within the Great Cambridge Road Industrial Estate, Southbury will generate valuable local employment opportunities and renewed employment spaces.

Placemaking challenge

To complement the regeneration of Southbury with the established centre of Enfield Town, the emerging town centre of Ponders End and the Lee Valley.

Ensuring projects support a strong place identity and offer for Southbury alongside delivering physical connections to Enfield Town in the west and Ponders End and the River Lea in the east.

3. Edmonton Green

Placemaking vision

Edmonton Green will continue to thrive as a vibrant centre. The redevelopment of the shopping centre will seamlessly integrate into its surroundings, creating a cohesive and inviting space. The bustling market, complemented by the adjoining public realm will become an attractive focal point of the renewed district centre. Activities will extend along Church Street and Fore Street, fostering increased activity in these areas. The design of roads will prioritise pedestrians, offering an attractive and easily navigable environment with well-placed crossings at the War Memorial junction.

The renewed district centre will host a diverse mix of commercial, cultural, leisure and evening activities around the market. Additionally, a substantial number of new homes will be introduced, supported by community-led facilities and public spaces. The area's distinctive natural features such as 'The Green' will be enhanced, while connectivity will be improved along Salmons Brook and the pedestrian and cycle path to Angel Gardens. Edmonton Green station will undergo enhancements to improve its services and the area will establish stronger connections to Angel Edmonton, Meridian Water and the Lee Valley Regional Park.

Placemaking challenge

Ensuring that Edmonton Green is a place which incorporates an exciting and multi-faceted new shopping centre and integrates alternative offers and public spaces.

Working with the transforming shopping centre to connect out to the rest of Edmonton

Green, local businesses and the surrounding community. Working with those local independent businesses and the community to find space and bring activity within the new centre.

Improving the public realm and alternative offer by the station and other spaces to provide opportunities for residents to dwell, come together, work and play.

Ensuring that the physical and cultural connections with the varied neighbouring places are built; southwards to the rapidly changing Angel Edmonton, eastwards towards Meridian Water, and northwards towards Ponders End.

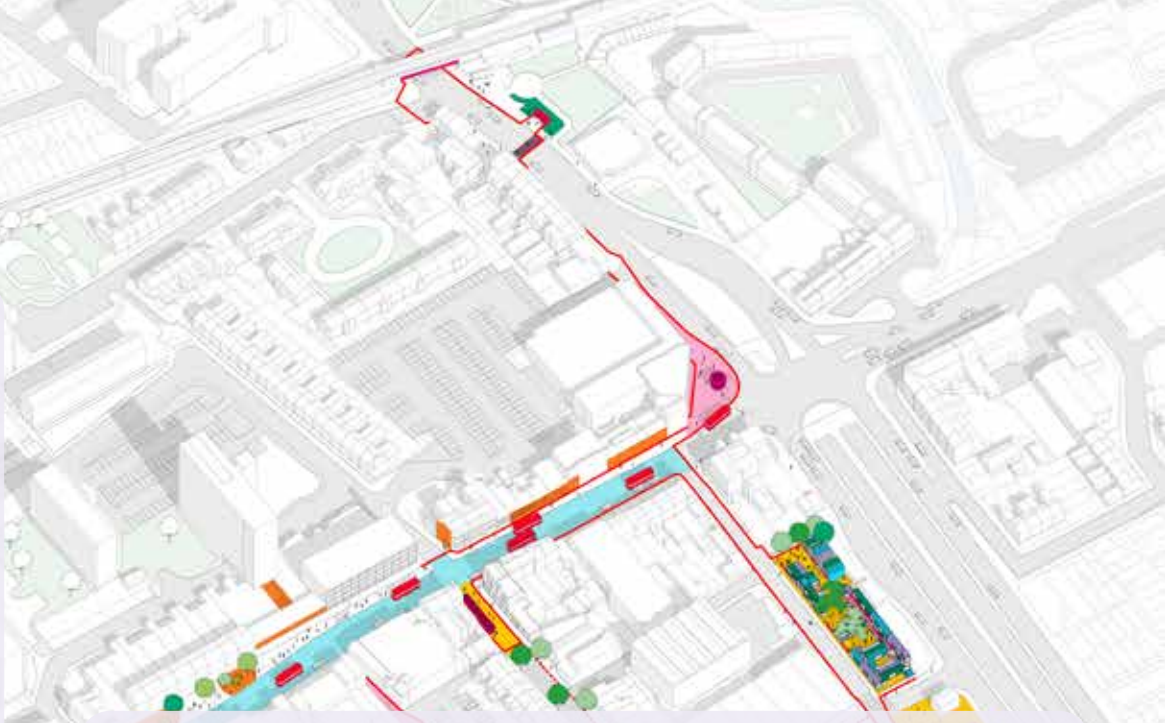
4. Angel Edmonton

Placemaking vision

Angel Edmonton High Street will be revitalised through community-led initiatives and anchored by a range of new community, cultural and recreational facilities. This transformation will also encompass spaces designed to nurture small businesses and entrepreneurship. New connections will be made across the North Circular Road (A406) minimising the impact of traffic flows, while embracing clean air measures to help support reduced reliance on motorised transportation.

At the heart of this transformation, the North Middlesex University Hospital campus will see development, enhancing the environment around the A406. The primary mode of transport will be active travel, with attractive opportunities for pedestrians and cyclists, facilitated by upgraded streets and on principal routes, all interconnected. New green active travel corridors will seamlessly link the emerging neighbourhood at Meridian Water to Edmonton Green, passing through Angel Edmonton.

These active travel corridors will also link with a network of enhanced pocket parks within the area, reinforcing connections to Pymmes Park to the north and Bull Lane to the south. The Selby Centre's regeneration will emerge as a renewed community beacon, park and sports facility. Upton and Raynham and Joyce Avenue and Snells Park, will undergo a remarkable transformation, evolving into high-quality mixed tenure neighbourhoods. These areas will serve as exemplars of sustainability and placemaking creating a vibrant and sustainable community.



Placemaking challenge

Ensuring that the forthcoming regeneration in and around Angel Edmonton creates improved life opportunities for its residents, and stiches the place into its surroundings.

Delivering the Levelling Up Angel Edmonton programme, building the cultural, workspace and community space offer, and improving green space and public realm, all ahead of and in partnership with the redevelopment of Joyce and Snell's estates.

Working closely with Meridian Water to ensure Fore Street remains the local high street, and the community and businesses of Angel Edmonton reap the benefits of the exciting, transformational scheme.

5. Meridian Water

Placemaking vision

Meridian Water Meridian Water will be transformed into a highly sustainable mixed-use community. It will set the standard for sustainable neighbourhoods boasting exceptional environmental credentials and embodying a commitment to carbon positivity, environmental excellence and zero waste principles. This vibrant neighbourhood will offer new homes, including affordable housing and employment opportunities that are well served by community infrastructure. Its distinctive character will be drawn from its rich industrial and ecological heritage.

Pymmes Brook and the River Lee Navigation waterways will form the backbone of the new neighbourhood, establishing a network of public walkways that connect with newly created parklands and existing open spaces such as Kenninghall Open Space. These interconnected spaces will seamlessly integrate into the rich surrounding blue and green networks enhancing access to and providing striking views towards the Lee Valley Regional Park.

Meridian Water will enable opportunities to lead active, healthy lifestyles through the development of pedestrian friendly streets and cycle routes. Enhanced public transport, including improved bus services and the introduction of a new train station, will offer residents seamless mobility and accessibility.

Furthermore, Meridian Water is committed to fostering a culture of innovation and industry, adapting to contemporary demands by providing significant job opportunities on a transformative scale. The area will attract a diverse range of major employers, start-ups and meanwhile uses therefore cultivating a thriving economy for innovators and creators alike.

Placemaking challenge

Supporting Meridian Water to integrate with the surrounding Edmonton community, including with Angel Edmonton town centre, and enhancing cultural, civic and commercial offer, so existing and future residents see it as an accessible and integral part of the borough.

Support local businesses, organisations and communities to help early and ongoing activation of Meridian Water – creating cultural connections and fostering a sense of local familiarity and ownership.

Support Meridian Water's physical connections both within and outside the borough – helping local people to move around sustainably.

6. Southgate

Placemaking vision

Southgate will be a thriving district centre, characterised by its unique identity derived from the listed tube station building and other heritage assets. It will serve as a vibrant community and cultural hub, building on its strong transportation connections. The presence of Barnet and Southgate College will increase, playing a pivotal role as an anchor in the area. Away from the high street the area will maintain a residential character.

The distinctive quality of parks and open spaces, such as the nearby Grovelands Park and Minchenden Oak Garden, will be sustained and enhanced with improved accessibility for all users.

Southgate's existing and newly developed clusters of small to medium office spaces will take advantage of good links to central London, evolving into a well established cluster, making use of underused or vacant shop units and consolidating existing office use to create higher quality modern office environments. Southgate will thrive where history meets innovation and the community flourishes.

Placemaking challenge

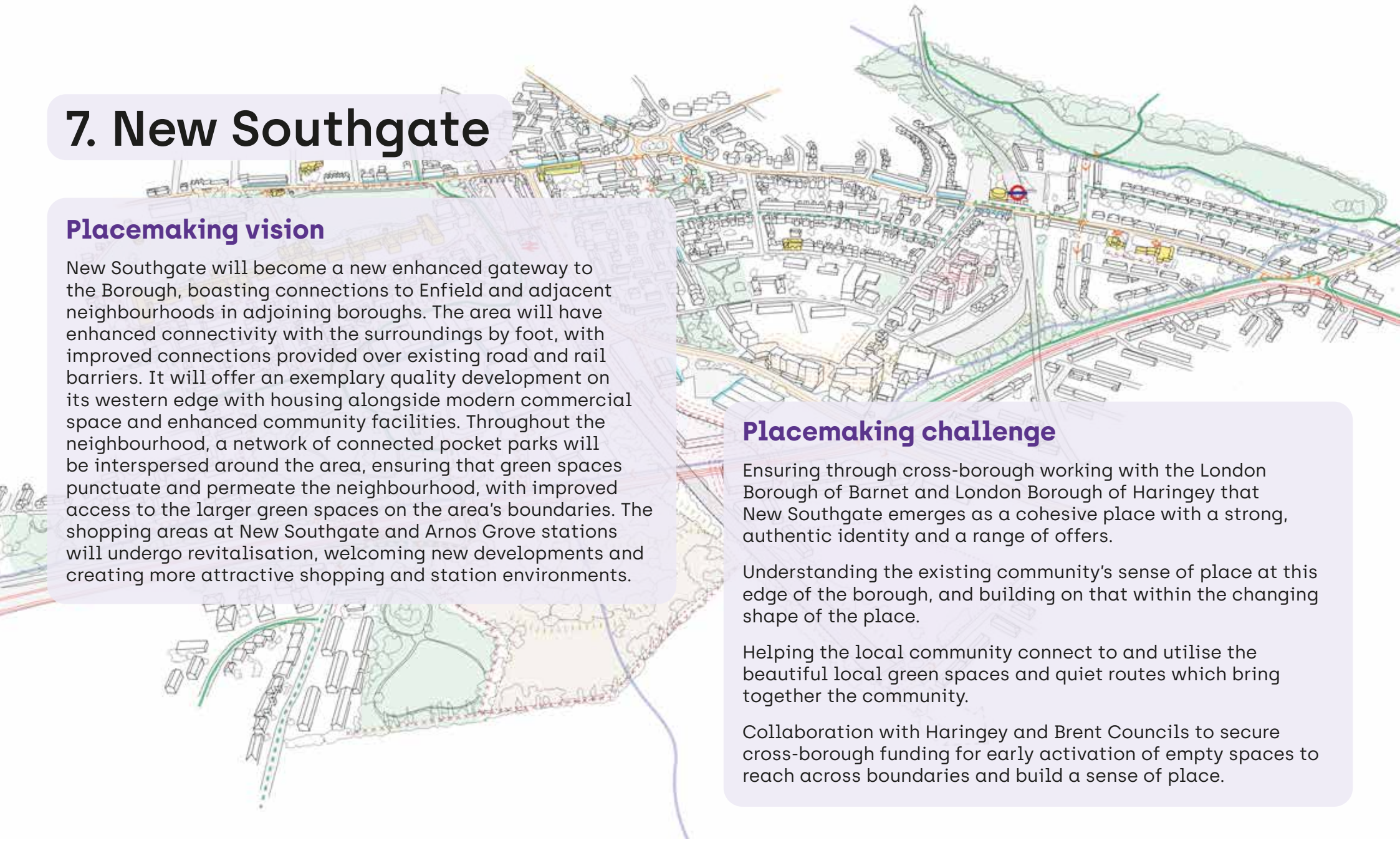
Maximising the great connectivity of the Town Centre, building a sense of destination for work and leisure.

Supporting new offers around workspace, night-time economy and cultural activation, especially utilising under-used commercial and other assets to bring new energy to the Town Centre.

Creating physical links into and out of Southgate, building its profile as both a destination and starting point.

Supporting local governance, including locally-based business and community groups, to further celebrate the heritage of Southgate and build its identity.

7. New Southgate



Placemaking vision

New Southgate will become a new enhanced gateway to the Borough, boasting connections to Enfield and adjacent neighbourhoods in adjoining boroughs. The area will have enhanced connectivity with the surroundings by foot, with improved connections provided over existing road and rail barriers. It will offer an exemplary quality development on its western edge with housing alongside modern commercial space and enhanced community facilities. Throughout the neighbourhood, a network of connected pocket parks will be interspersed around the area, ensuring that green spaces punctuate and permeate the neighbourhood, with improved access to the larger green spaces on the area's boundaries. The shopping areas at New Southgate and Arnos Grove stations will undergo revitalisation, welcoming new developments and creating more attractive shopping and station environments.

Placemaking challenge

Ensuring through cross-borough working with the London Borough of Barnet and London Borough of Haringey that New Southgate emerges as a cohesive place with a strong, authentic identity and a range of offers.

Understanding the existing community's sense of place at this edge of the borough, and building on that within the changing shape of the place.

Helping the local community connect to and utilise the beautiful local green spaces and quiet routes which bring together the community.

Collaboration with Haringey and Brent Councils to secure cross-borough funding for early activation of empty spaces to reach across boundaries and build a sense of place.

8. Palmers Green

Placemaking vision

Palmers Green will continue to be a vibrant centre with a unique offering. It will mix traditional retail with unique food and beverage outlets, all in close proximity to a range of much valued community facilities and green spaces including Broomfield Park. New developments will be strategically located around the district centre and station, reinforcing its place at the heart of the community. Flexible workspaces will support a range of micro and small business, including those within the growing knowledge and creative industries, which will offer synergies with spaces for cultural activity. The positive contribution of twentieth century parades to local character and distinctiveness will be enhanced. There will be improved connectivity to Broomfield Park, (which is aspired to be removed from the Heritage at Risk register). Access to and the cultural significance of the New River and Pymmes Brook will be enhanced and new trails will help to improve east-west connectivity across the area.

Placemaking challenge

Building on the Palmers Green's economic, civic, community, cultural and hospitality assets to ensure the place maximises its considerable opportunities and continues to grow its vibrancy.

Supporting the civic, cultural and community groups to co-design and deliver on their ambitions for the Town Centre.

Working with internal partners on best practice methods to utilise high street voids and underused assets to promote new and enhanced cultural, workspace and food offers.

Building green routes to beautiful local parks, open spaces and blue space.

9. Rural Enfield

Placemaking vision

By 2041, the arc of open spaces and woodlands surrounding Enfield Chase and Lee Valley Regional Park will undergo a remarkable transformation, emerging as the leading outdoor countryside destination in North London and surrounding area. Situated in the rural northern region of Enfield, this area will serve as a unique and exemplar place.

In close proximity to the urban communities this area will offer a diverse tapestry of sustainable and easily accessible rural activities. These activities will encompass local food production, forestry initiatives, landscape restoration projects, eco-tourism ventures, sporting opportunities, natural burial grounds, countryside education, and recreational pursuits. This transformation will enhance the landscape, making it a haven for residents and visitors, granting access to wildlife-rich blue-green spaces, pristine clean air, locally sourced food production and world-class sporting facilities.

This endeavour will yield the most significant environmental and health benefits in London, fostering a sense of wellbeing and connectivity with nature. Active community participation and sustainable green enterprises will invigorate the local rural economy, resulting in substantial landscape enhancements job creation, increased investment, and a sense of renewal. Rural Enfield will weave its influence deep into the surrounding urban communities, fostering stronger connections to the countryside and integrating the beauty of nature into the heart of the urban fabric.

Placemaking challenge

Working with local stakeholders to understand the opportunities that can make up the countryside destination offer.

Establishing the local and regional partnerships which can help build and sustain an exciting offer.

Ensuring that residents from all parts of the borough have access to this part of Enfield and see the connection to their own neighbourhoods.

Supporting green links that connect from the rural areas into neighbouring and farther parts of more urban Enfield.

10. Crews Hill

Placemaking vision

The comprehensive redevelopment of the Crews Hill Placemaking Area will create a distinctive and sustainable new neighbourhood in North London, comprising of approximately 5,500 homes in total, together with a mix of other uses providing local services and facilities and benefitting from enhanced transport connectivity and access to green infrastructure.

Crews Hill will become an important gateway to the Borough's rural transformation area, providing access to restored landscapes, sustainable ecotourism, sport and recreation for the Borough's residents and visitors from further afield. Building on the area's horticultural and agricultural history, Crews Hill will accommodate new development within a healthy and inclusive environment supported by access to green space and nature. Development here will facilitate sustainable connections to the rest of the Borough and wider region along an east-west green corridor following the route of the London Loop as well as introduction of new enhanced north-south active travel routes connecting it to the rest of the Borough.

Crews Hill will help to meet Enfield's development needs and provide wider benefits for Enfield's residents and visitors through enhanced connections to the environmental, social, and economic assets of Enfield's rural north. New housing and neighbourhoods, integrated alongside elements of the area's horticultural and food-producing industries, will create a vibrant and unique new identity for the area. Existing and new residents will benefit from an enhanced range of local services and facilities to address their needs, including new and improved access to schools, employment opportunities and to open spaces across the wider rural area.

Placemaking challenge

Integrating the rural and urban sides of the borough and ensuring that residents and visitors experience a full sense of all that Enfield has to offer.

Understanding how rural-urban gateways can be built accessibly and sustainably, supporting the resident-led development to connect them.

Identifying and supporting fledgling horticultural and food-growing businesses and initiatives, and linking them into delivery opportunities across the borough and further afield.

11. Chase Park

Placemaking vision

The comprehensive development of the Chase Park Placemaking Area will create a distinctive, sustainable and healthy new neighbourhood. Shaped by the brooks, hedgerows and SINC that define the area, and its relationship to the adjoining woodlands and historic landscape at Trent Park and the wider Enfield Chase area and restored landscapes, Chase Park will be an exemplar of design quality and provide a mixture of homes to support people through all stages of their lives, with a particular focus on the provision of family housing. This urban extension will provide approximately 3,700 homes in total together with a mix of other uses and enhanced transport connectivity.

The new neighbourhood will benefit from enhanced connectivity and access to green infrastructure, contributing to the Borough's rural transformation and will provide a range of other uses, including a mixed-use local centre, a primary school and other local parades. Provision of facilities and services will provide local employment opportunities for new and existing residents.

Situated on the main east-west route through the Borough, Chase Park will help to meet Enfield's development needs (in particular the need for more family and affordable housing) and provide wider benefits through improved connectivity, environmental quality and enhanced public transport, with a strong emphasis on improved active travel and sustainable movement. It will also facilitate access to the Borough's rural transformation area to improve the health and well-being of residents and visitors alike. It will provide opportunities to link the wild places within the site and in Enfield Chase to the north, to the south – extending green and blue infrastructure networks, improving their quality and access to nature for the benefit of all.

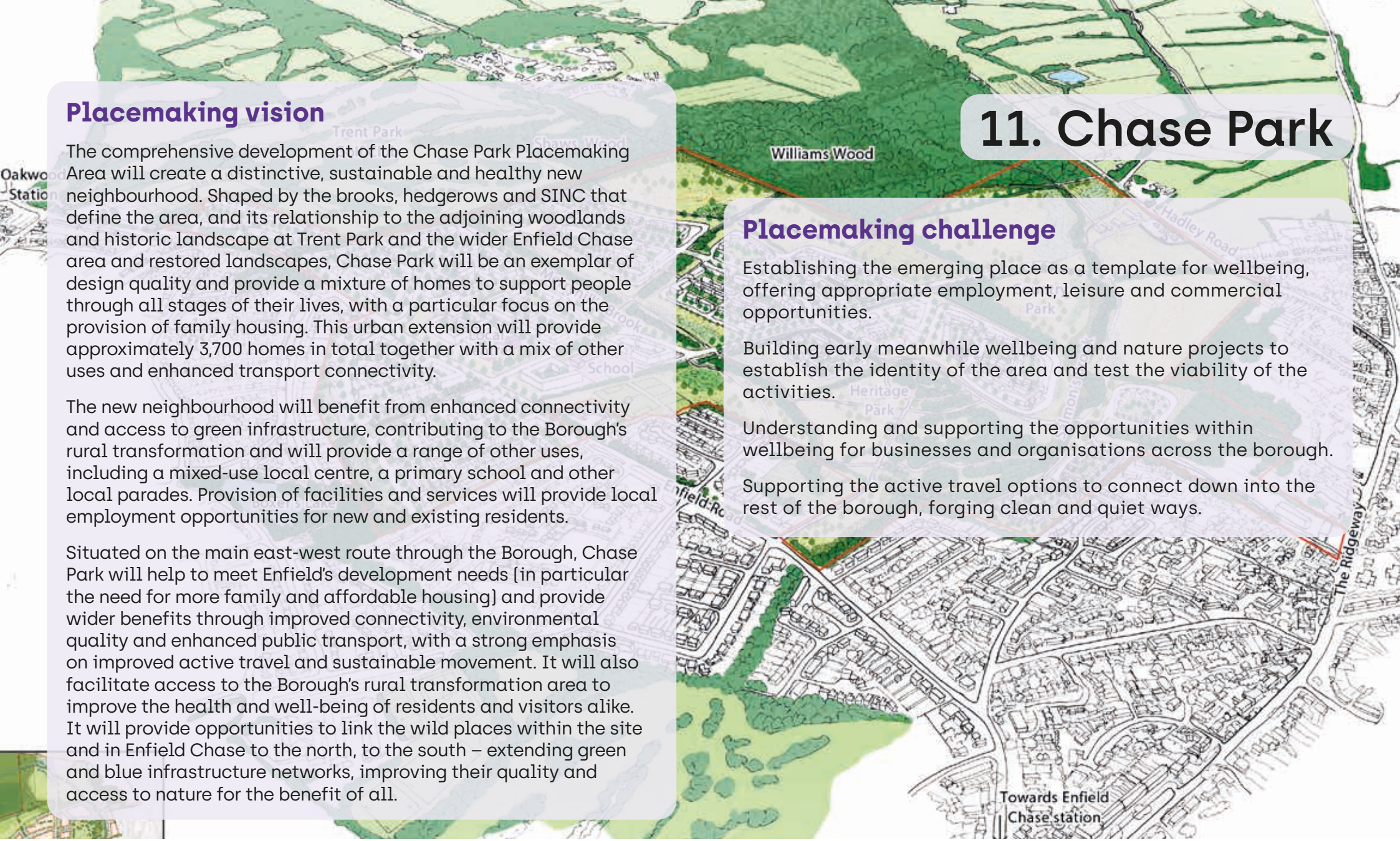
Placemaking challenge

Establishing the emerging place as a template for wellbeing, offering appropriate employment, leisure and commercial opportunities.

Building early meanwhile wellbeing and nature projects to establish the identity of the area and test the viability of the activities.

Understanding and supporting the opportunities within wellbeing for businesses and organisations across the borough.

Supporting the active travel options to connect down into the rest of the borough, forging clean and quiet ways.



Case study: Curate Enfield

Create Enfield is a grassroots public art programme forged by the Journeys and Places Team and is delivering five public artworks in different parts of the borough: Angel Edmonton, Edmonton Green, Enfield Town, Palmers Green and Southgate.

Young people aged 16 to 25 and older community leaders were recruited across the borough and received specialist mentoring and training to become 'public art champions' and curate these commissions; they selected the sites to transform, consulted their local communities and worked with local artists-mentors to develop the artist briefs for the projects.
By spotlighting Enfield's unique and vibrant communities, Curate Enfield has helped develop a sense of inclusivity in places that are often overlooked and in places that are used often but people did not necessarily feel connected to.



Young people assisting the artists in painting A Stroll Through Enfield Town mural in Palace Gardens Shopping Centre.



Southgate Station 90th Anniversary Celebrations – Southgate District Civic Voice

Delivering the Framework

By 2041, through supporting partners and colleagues and empowering residents, the Framework will help realise the placemaking visions and address the placemaking challenges ensuring that **Enfield is a place of growing opportunity for future generations**.

Place Plans will be developed for each of the 11 placemaking areas in collaboration with the local communities of each area to realise the placemaking visions and address the placemaking challenges.

Our Place Plans will:

- bring insight through engagement with local communities in each placemaking area
- identify bespoke short, medium and longer-term projects to support realising the vision of each placemaking area
- outline how council departments can collaborate to deliver Place Plans
- consider how partnering with public, private and third sector organisations can help deliver the aspirations of each Place Plan.

Some responses to the placemaking challenges are already being delivered with communities engaged, projects on the ground and impacts being felt. Others are at early and planning stages with potential partners being identified, and communities and stakeholders coming together to discuss local aspirations and design initiatives to help shape their neighbourhoods.



Greener For All – Fore Street For All event at the Living Room Library

Stay engaged in place shaping in Enfield

Find out more and stay engaged in transport in Enfield by visiting the **Enfield Council's Website**. Here you will be able to find:

- Place Plans
- Updates on place shaping projects
- Information on consultation and engagement opportunities

To find out more about projects we will be delivering as part of the

- **Let's Talk Enfield**
- **Journeys and Places Website**



Community event on The Green in Edmonton Green

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