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INTRODUCING

→ NORTH PADDINGTON CANALSIDE

*"The **North Paddington Canalside Programme** will deliver public space improvements to 2.5km of the **Grand Union Canal between Ladbroke Grove and Little Venice.***

*The programme is part of our F**airer Westminster** ambition for a greener, safer City which is easier to get around on foot or by bike.*

*The Council can't do this on its own. We have been speaking with **key stakeholders**, including the Canal & River Trust which owns and manages the canal, as well as **local residents, businesses and community organisations**. We wanted to understand people's concerns about today's canalside environment so that we could draw up an initial list of potential improvements we can make together.*

*We're pleased to present **five considered design proposals** for sites along the canal as part of this exhibition. **Tell us what you think** and how we can improve these ideas via a short digital survey.*

*Nothing has been decided yet and there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved. As for **next steps,** our team will develop more detailed designs for the priority projects in response to the community feedback gathered in this survey and future co-design workshops. Once we have **community support, detailed designs and costings**, we will develop the necessary business cases and seek the funding needed for delivery.*

*Thanks for taking the time to read about the North Paddington Canalside Programme and I hope you share my excitement about making our canalside **greener, safer and more attractive for everyone**."*

— Councillor Geoff Barraclough,
Cabinet Member for Planning and Economic Development

Following an initial phase of community engagement, the work presented in this exhibition is at concept stage and suggests potential uses or activities at various locations.

Of the five projects presented here at the concept stage, three sites have been deemed 'proposed priority projects' to be taken forward to the next stage. They are selected as priority because the sites are owned by the Council or the Canal & River Trust and therefore able to progress faster than sites owned by others.

The next stage will focus on the development of the technical design phase of the priority projects, as well as identifying potential partners to manage new infrastructure such as new trees and lighting alongside new community activities.

The proposed priority projects have secured further design development funding through the Council's North Paddington Programme, allowing them to progress to the next stage.

For updates on project progress and to see the boards online please follow the link below:

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YOUR FEEDBACK → OUR ACTION PLAN

WE ARE WORKING ACROSS MULTIPLE COUNCIL TEAMS AND WITH EXTERNAL PARTNERS TO TAKE ACTION ON THE ISSUES YOU HAVE RAISED DURING THE ENGAGEMENT.

YOUR FEEDBACK	OUR RESPONSE	WHO	WHEN
The canalside is unkempt and dirty.	We will explore through the Canal & River Trust's Community Adoption programme partnering with local organisations to adopt some maintenance responsibilities of sections of the towpath. The Council's Waste & Cleansing Team will continue to work alongside volunteering groups to pick-up litter in this area. The Council's Place Shaping Team are submitting applications for increased funding to support maintenance including increasing litter picking and emptying bins more regularly.	The Council's Waste & Cleansing and Place Shaping teams and Canal & River Trust	IMMEDIATE ACTION
Westway Canalside is underused and feels unsafe.	Our vision is to create a new destination under the Westway Flyover and to rename it as Westway Canalside. We propose to improve lighting and introduce a series of new structures that could host play, maker spaces and exercise classes – these are just some of the activities that could enliven this space. See exhibition board for concept design ideas for this site.	The Council's Place Shaping and Business & Economy teams and Canal & River Trust	IMMEDIATE ACTION
There's too much pigeon mess.	Education piece including sharing flyers and engaging with frequent bird feeders about personal health risks and that mess damages pavements and street furniture etc is ongoing via City Inspectors and Neighbourhood Coordinators. Council officers can issue penalty notices however many feeders are vulnerable and often have complex health issues. Waste & Cleansing and Parks to explore other measures such as hawks to change patterns of behaviour of pigeons.	The Council's Waste & Cleansing, City Inspector, Neighbourhood Coordinator and Parks teams	IMMEDIATE ACTION
Cycle and pedestrian conflicts are frequent.	Cycle Consultation over strategic road networks exploring alternative cycle routes off of the towpath. Engage with e-bike and e-scooter hire services and Transport for London to explore solutions around limiting conflicts.	The Council's Public Realm & Highways team and Canal & River Trust	SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 2024
There's too much dog mess.	A City-wide campaign about dog mess will be launched later this year with strong messaging around the negative health impacts.	The Council's Waste & Cleansing team	SCHEDULED FOR SUMMER 2024
There's too much graffiti.	Waste and Cleansing to clean problem areas within the council's ownership. Commissions via the North Paddington Public Art Panel to deliver street art and mural art that reflects local culture & history.	The Council's Waste & Cleansing and Place Shaping teams	PUBLIC ART PANEL TO BE RELAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2024
There's potential and appetite for more public art and community programming.	Programme opportunity for water-based activities such as kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding have been identified at Half Penny Steps. Possible opportunities for community mooring points identified at Half Penny Steps and Westway Canalside. Public art opportunities identified, to be developed via North Paddington Public Art Panel. Opportunities identified to increase accessibility and visibility of Gerry's Pompeii via boat trips and public art.	The Council's Place Shaping team, Canal & River Trust and Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea	PUBLIC ART PANEL TO BE RELAUNCHED SEPTEMBER 2024
It's dark along many stretches of the canal, many areas have high perceived levels of crime.	Proposals explore a range of ways lighting can be introduced that are sensitive to safety concerns as well as ecology (bats, swifts etc). Proposals must be cognisant of establishing appropriate atmosphere to each setting, such as low level and directional lighting, the intensity and tone of the light fitting, timers for lighting throughout the winter months to stop before 'night-time' hours i.e. past 10pm. We recognise that lighting makes people feel safer, however, it's not the only solution and must be delivered in parallel with other efforts such as increased police presence, more active surveillance through increased active frontage etc and increased footfall.	The Council's Public Realm & Highways, Parks and Place Shaping teams and landowners and operators	FUTURE ACTION AS CANALSIDE PROJECTS COME FORWARD
Water quality is poor.	Explore establishing a Working Group to tackle poor water quality and improve the canalside environment in North Paddington, to involve key stakeholders including The Environment Agency, Canal & River Trust, The Council's Waste & Cleansing and Place Shaping teams. Outputs may include anti-dumping and littering awareness campaign. Explore with Canal & River Trust sponsoring a dedicated vessel to help respond and maintain the waters, getting rid of litter and algae blooms. Introduce reedbeds that help to filter and purify the water in collaboration with Canal & River Trust. Support citizen science initiatives such as testing Ph levels in the water, with partners such as Thames 21 and the Natural History Museum.	The Council's Waste & Cleansing and Place Shaping teams, Canal & River Trust and The Environment Agency	FUTURE ACTION
Air quality is poor.	Explore options to provide support and advice on alternative fuels for boaters with Canal & River Trust. Continue to encourage active travel and promote the use of electric vehicles, pedal power for deliveries and service vehicles.	The Council's Air Quality and Public Health teams and Canal & River Trust	FUTURE ACTION

Let us know about any street problems in Westminster, such as fly tipping, potholes, abandoned vehicles or graffiti: **www.westminster.gov.uk/report-it**

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COMING SOON!

→ ALONG THE NORTH PADDINGTON CANALSIDE

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www.westminster.gov.uk/north-paddington-programme

Alternatively, you can email us at:
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Before we launched the North Paddington Canalside Programme, we had already started work on improving two key sites along the Canal – Queen's Park Canalside and Westbourne Green Canalside – and these two projects are now moving toward construction.

At Queen's Park Canalside, the canal wall repair works are completed, and the first stage of the wider public space works will start in September 2024. At Westbourne Green Canalside, the public space works will commence in November 2024.

Both projects have been supported by the Greater London Authority's Good Growth Fund, and developed in collaboration with local residents and stakeholders who generously gave us their feedback throughout the design development.

QUEEN'S PARK CANALSIDE

'A renewed canalside park for all to enjoy'



Queen's Park Library is an important community cornerstone, and we wanted to improve its surroundings by creating a peaceful public space that invites people to relax and read whilst enjoying the gardens and the canal. The design vision is built on three key objectives:

1. **Create more community space** by adding new seating along the canal and enhancing the library forecourt.
2. **Ensure access for all** by improving pedestrian crossing and adding ramps where possible and creating a level path along the canal.
3. **Improve the landscape** by repairing the canal wall and adding biodiverse planting.

WESTBOURNE GREEN CANALSIDE

'A vibrant destination for the whole community'



St Mary Magdalene's and Grand Junction are already beacons of the community, so the ambition of the public realm improvements is to create a natural extension of this important community hub. The design vision is built on three key objectives:

1. **Enhance the canalside by opening up the park to the waterfront, removing unnecessary railings and overground shrubbery and creating spaces for rest and relaxation.**
2. **Improve the connectivity by creating well-lit gateways, signage and wayfinding, extending the pedestrian-only slow route, and improving the 'shared surface'.**
3. **Upgrade the landscape by increasing biodiversity and establishing fruit trees, enabling more community greening activities and animating the south facing lawns.**

In parallel with this, the Council are are exploring design options for Delamere Terrace to make sure this street is a high quality pedestrian and cycle link between Westbourne Green and Paddington.

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TELL US WHAT YOU THINK → AND GET INVOLVED

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Now that you've seen the initial design proposals for the sites along the North Paddington Canalside, we'd like to hear what you think!

To give us your feedback please respond to our short digital survey which will prompt you to respond to each site with your comments and suggestions. The survey also allows you to register your interest in being involved in the development of the sites at the next stage.

→ MEANWHILE-ON-THE-CANAL

We understand that public realm improvements take time, so we are collaborating with an exciting cohort of partners to develop and deliver events and activities, such as Ecology Walks, Community Gardening, and Citizen Science events. Sign-up to our newsletter on Commonplace to be the first to hear!

To check out the various community events taking place and sign-up to our newsletter, follow this link or QR code:

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Want to get involved in improving the canalside? These brilliant local organisations are recruiting volunteers:

Interested in climate action? Paddington Development Trust are recruiting volunteer Climate Champions.

Contact Lola at **lola@pdt.org.uk** to find out more.



Interested in gardening? Health Community Gardening Activities are welcoming new members to get involved.

Contact Cathy at **cathy@hcga.org.uk** to find out more.



Interested in getting stuck in? Urbanwise.London will be recruiting volunteers from September to get involved in canalside greening and maintenance.

Contact Moya at **moya@urbanwise.london** to find out more.



→ UPCOMING EVENTS

Nature Overheard: Tune Into Your Streets*	Towpath Nature Walk: Exploring Green Spaces & Nature*	Guided Tree Tour through Meanwhile Gardens' Arboreturm*	Visit Gerry's Pompeii: Discover This Secret Garden§	Towpath Tales Walk: Exploring Local History & Culture*
Saturday 24th August From 2pm to 4pm Meet at Half Penny Steps, W9	**Thursday 29th August** From 10am to 12pm Meet at Grand Junction Cafe, W2	**Tour on request** Meet at Meanwhile Gardens, W10	**Thursday 2nd September** From 1:30pm to 2:30pm Meet at Hornmead Road, W9	**Saturday 21st September** From 10am to 12pm Meet at Half Penny Steps, W10
Join the Natural History Museum in a mass community science project investigating the impact of noise pollution on insects near roads. Be a part of this acoustic adventure. Go to the programme's Commonplace website.	Linking up green spaces such as Meanwhile Gardens, Rembrandt Gardens and St. Mary's Churchyard with a focus on natural history, discovering and identifying interesting plants and wildlife. Delivered by Urbanwise.	There are over 300 trees and 65 species in this four acre garden. Be guided through this magical community-run green space and learn about the different trees. Contact **admin@meanwhilegardens.org.uk** or call 020 8960 4600.	Discover the extraordinary garden made by local resident Gerry Dalton. The charity is preserving this local heritage site and organising encounters with artists. For more information and to book your place contact **sashagalitzine@gmail.com**	Discover places of historical and cultural interest, including some significant Londoners who lived or worked locally such as Mary Seacole, Alan Turing, John Alcindor and Kelso Cochrane. Delivered by Urbanwise.

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* Free event § Donation encouraged

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ABOUT THE PROJECT

→ 2.5KM SERIES OF POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENTS ALONG THE GRAND UNION CANAL PADDINGTON ARM.

PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECTS

HALF PENNY STEPS:
An important public space between the Canal and Harrow Road

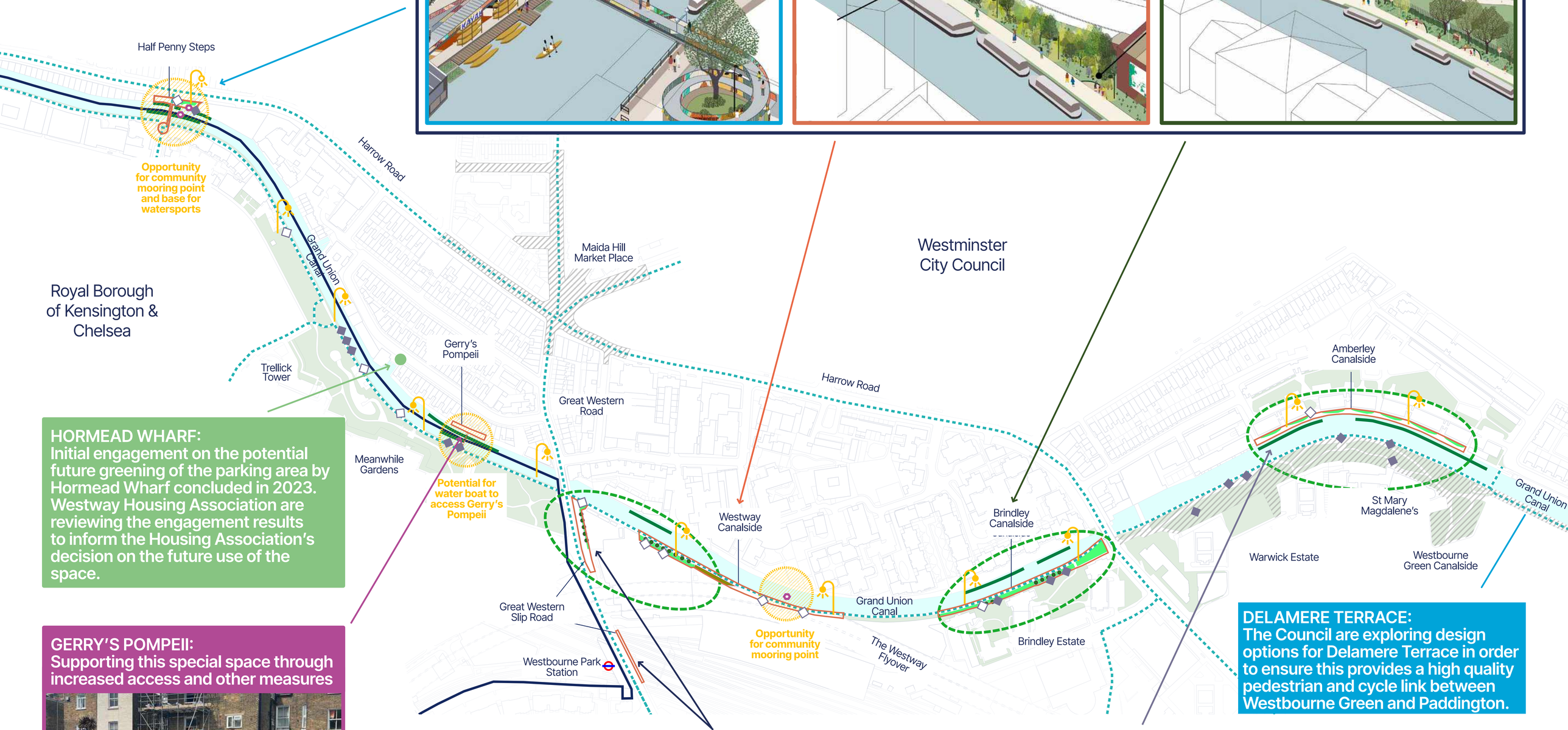


WESTWAY CANALSIDE:
Activation and intervention to create a safer and more welcoming environment



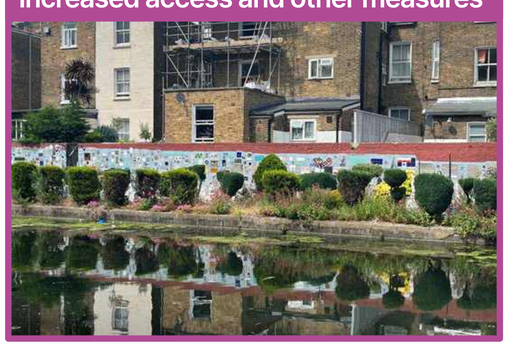
BRINDLEY CANALSIDE:
Improved accessibility, biodiversity and seating invites all to spend time in





HORMEAD WHARF:
Initial engagement on the potential future greening of the parking area by Hormead Wharf concluded in 2023. Westway Housing Association are reviewing the engagement results to inform the Housing Association's decision on the future use of the space.

GERRY'S POMPEII:
Supporting this special space through increased access and other measures



DELAMERE TERRACE:
The Council are exploring design options for Delamere Terrace in order to ensure this provides a high quality pedestrian and cycle link between Westbourne Green and Paddington.

GREAT WESTERN SLIP ROAD:
Wayfinding, public art and soft landscaping improves connections



AMBERLEY CANALSIDE:
De-paving and reedbeds turns hardscape into a lush canalside space



KEY

- Proposed project sites
- Proposed level Access
- Proposed areas for significant greening
- Potential area for lighting intervention
- Potential waterside activity
- Potential community mooring point
- New Seats
- Potential zone for reedbeds
- WCC borough boundary
- Existing green spaces
- Key walking routes
- WCC live projects
- Existing Seats

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WHAT WE HEARD

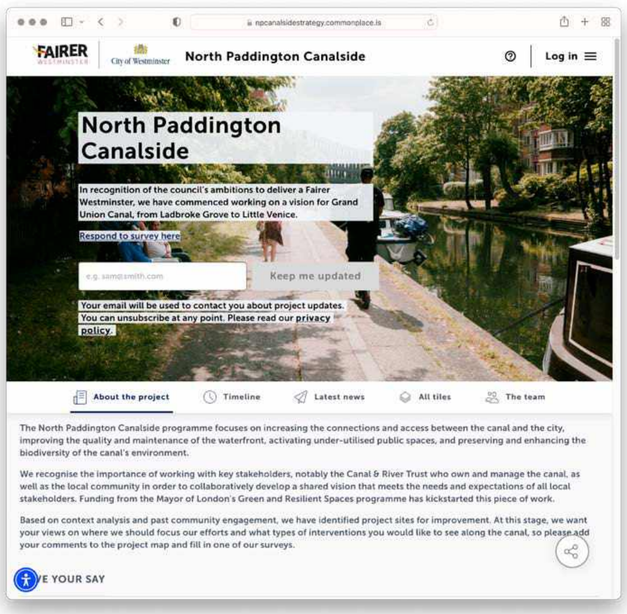
COMMON THEMES FROM ENGAGEMENT

HEALTH & WELLBEING

BIODIVERSITY

CULTURE

ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY



167 ONLINE SURVEYS FILLED IN BY LOCAL PEOPLE

Ecology & Greening, **Spaces for Walking** and **Water Quality** ranked as the top three priority areas by those who filled out the online survey.

82% of online survey participants were **less than satisfied** with the condition of the canal and its surrounding environment.

Improving public spaces, introducing more **lighting** and **improving paving and pathways** were the top three priority projects for those who filled out the online survey.



15 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES ATTENDED TWO CANAL WALKS

'Canal boats help to bring live **activity to the waterside**.'

'We have to remember that the **boats are also people's homes**.'

30 PEOPLE ENGAGED AT THE WESTBOURNE GREEN FUN DAY

'Look at **lighting** in specific places but consider if it makes a place safe or if it might draw people to a still unsafe environment.'

'It's not a fun place for **children**, we need more spaces and activities for them.'

'More **informal play** for children.'

'There's lots of under-appreciated art work in the area, how can we advertise it and **work with local artists**?'

'**Public art** under the Westway!'



25 YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED IN A WORKSHOP AT THE AVENUES YOUTH CLUB

'Could there be **seating** provided for everybody and spaces for people to **enjoy the view, relax or read**.'

'Can there be more wildlife to make the area friendlier'

'Could there be more **infomation boards** about **local history** and **culture**.'

'This area has **musical heritage**, it should be embraced through **music events**.'

'Help to address the postcode wars by creating a **safe space** in the middle.'

'It's hella **dark at night**, bring new lights!'





13 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS WERE REPRESENTED AT TWO COMMUNITY ASSEMBLIES

'**Health** is a daily part of everything. Encourage ways to **spend time with nature**.'

'Create a workshop for **boaters** that is also open to **young people** to learn about boating and repairs, create **a mix of communities and generations**.'

'Could there be an **art commission** to collect stories and histories locally? Both on a **digital** and **physical platform**.'

'Could we do something at Half Penny Steps that's really simple like **rewilding** the green area.'

'**Give people a stake** in the canal environment and the chance to **care** for it.'

'Connect the **boater community** to the high street. Make goods and services available to them by providing better access to the Harrow Road.'

'**Raise the profile of the canal**.'

'We need **more visible entrances** to the canal to make the sites accessible and welcoming'

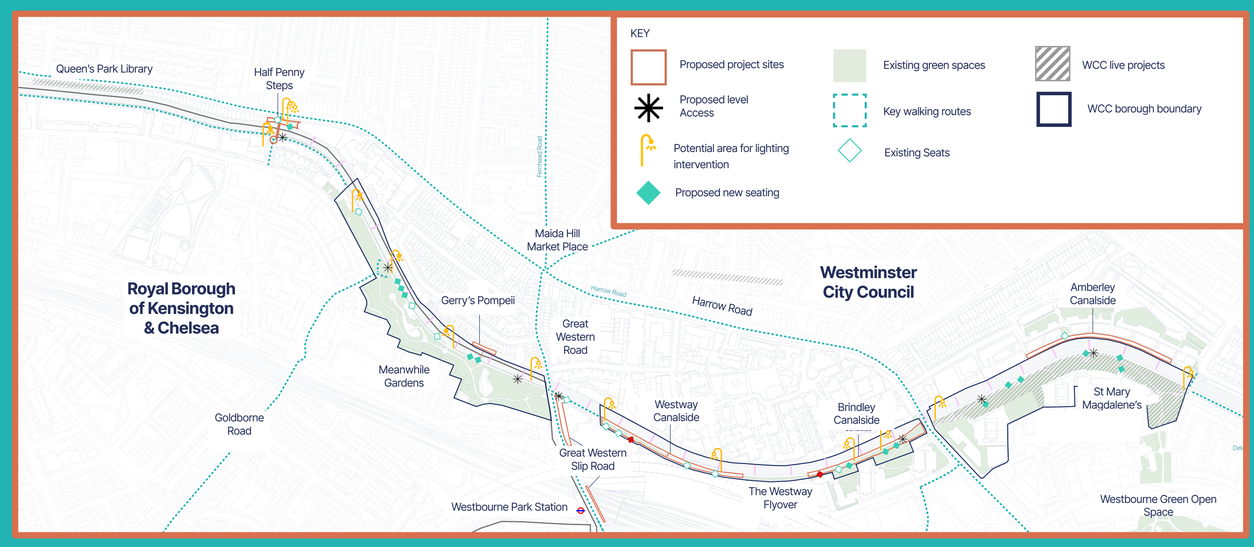
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TURNING FEEDBACK → INTO STRATEGY

ACCESSIBILITY & SAFETY

- **Make the canal more accessible** by improving entrances, access ramps and pathways.
- **Allow people to rest** by introducing more seating.
- **Improve sense of safety** by adding lighting in dark areas.
- **Explore solutions with e-bike and e-scooter hire services** and Transport for London.
- **Reduce conflicts** by creating passing and rest places off of the towpath.
- **Work with partners to increase management** such as litter-picking of canalside.

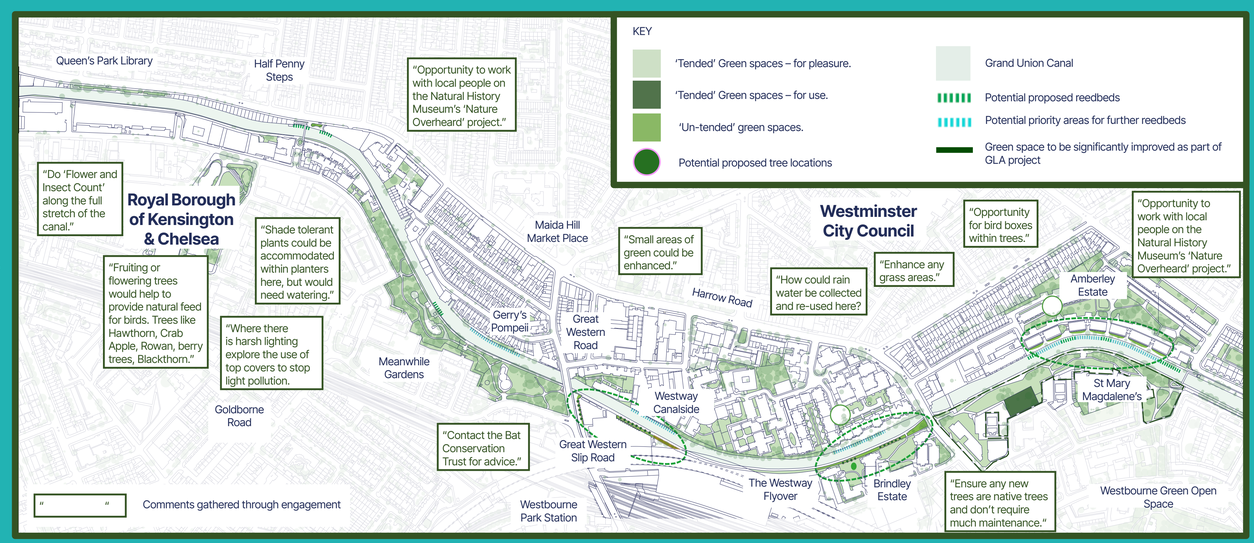


HEALTH & WELLBEING

Encourage and support better health outcomes and increased wellbeing for residents and visitors.

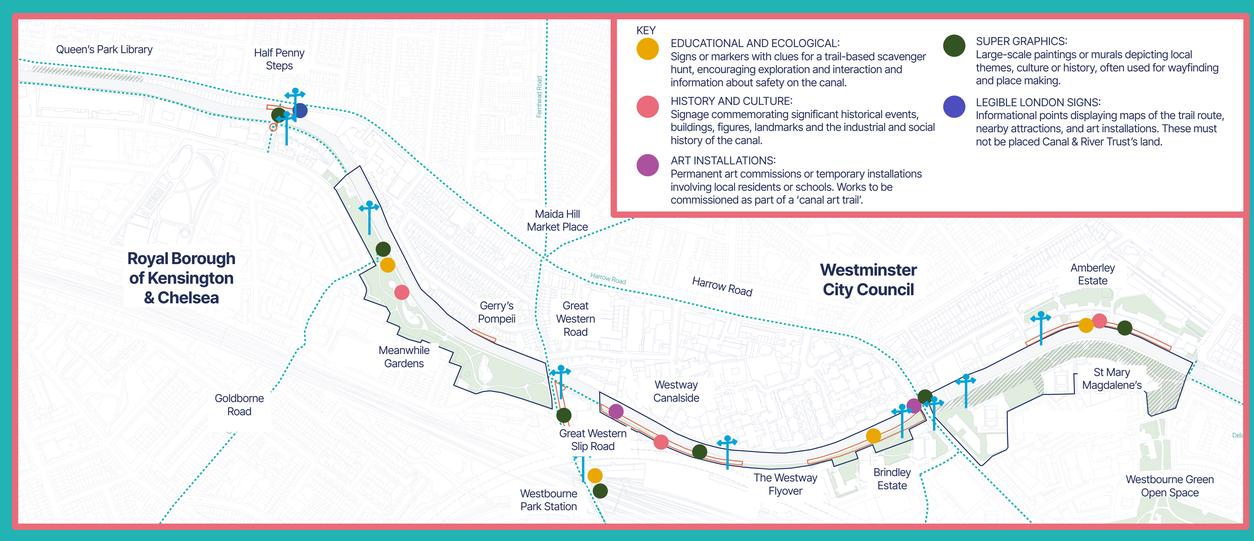
BIODIVERSITY

- **Enhance the ecology of the canal network** by introducing biodiverse planting.
- **Improve the water quality** by supporting better water management.
- **Safeguard the canal as a clean air pathway** through public awareness campaigns and support.



CULTURE & ACTIVATION

- **Help navigate more people to and along the canal** through improved wayfinding and signage.
- **Celebrate the diverse histories of the locality** through public art and community programming.
- **Encourage more creativity and activation along the canal** through new spaces and facilities.

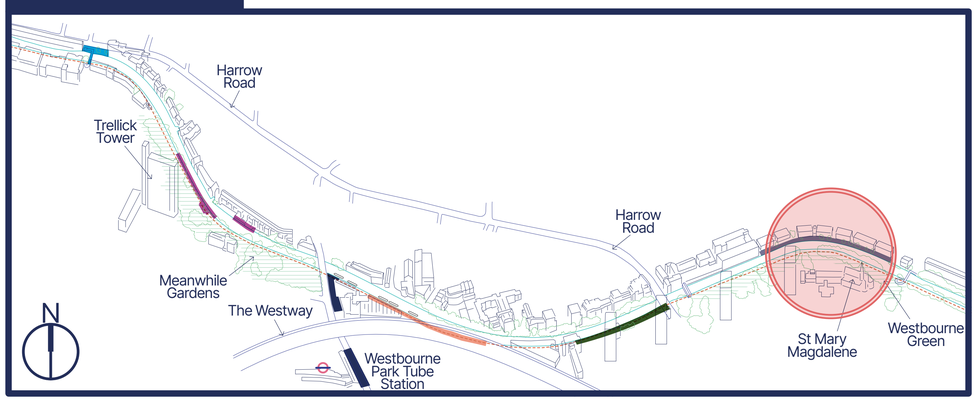


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AMBERLEY CANALSIDE

PROPOSED FUTURE PROJECT

KEY PLAN



EXISTING

The canalside space along Amberley Estate is currently a hard paved landscape with semi-mature trees and no furniture.







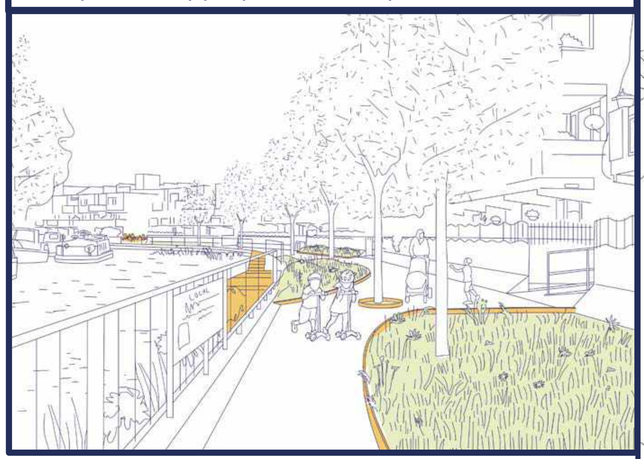
Key Stakeholders: WCC, Amberley Road Estate Residents, Residents of Barnwood Close and Aldsworth Close — **Ownership/Delivery:** WCC Housing, Canal & River Trust — **Area:** 1526 sqm — **Dimensions:** 232 × 6.5m

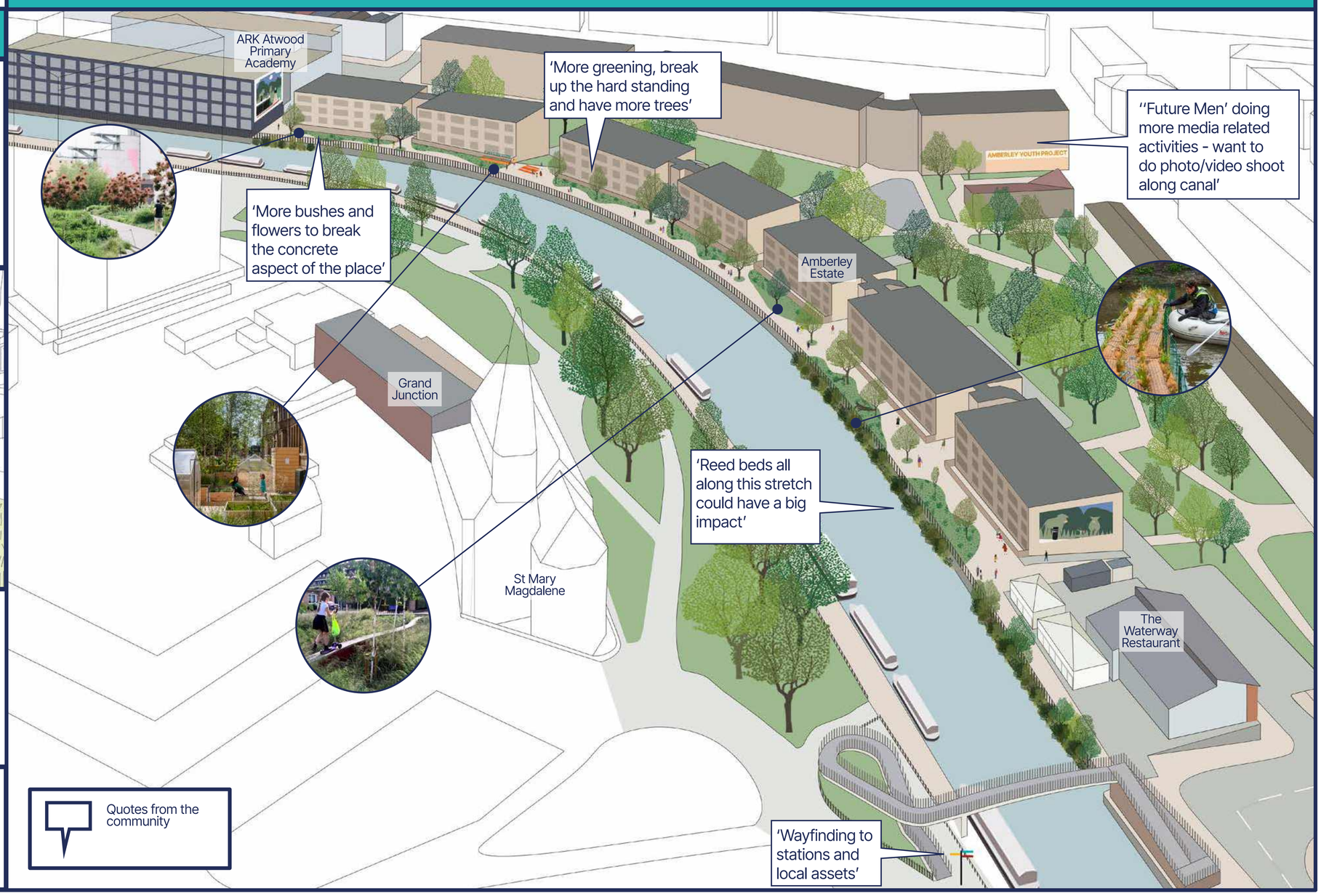
PROPOSED

The vision is to transform this barren public space into a lush canal walk and peaceful setting. By de-paving and greening the space beneath trees to improve their health, adding new planters for community gardening, and reed beds along the bank the Amberley Canal Walk could become a fertile space for nature, rest and relaxation. Additionally, feature lighting and wayfinding will improve safety and legibility.

KEY DESIGN MOVES

- → De-paving the hard landscape, in particular to create a better environment around existing trees and create space for planting.
- → Potential soft play and moveable furniture to be stored away when not in use.
- → New in-canal reedbeds.
- → Change lighting to be sensitive to wildlife and provide appropriate atmosphere.





This project is located on land owned by the Amberley Estate, and requires detailed engagement with residents to ensure that the proposals align with their aspirations. Additionally, agreements must be reached with the Canal & River Trust to determine the placement and extent of any new reed beds. This project is planned for consideration in future years due to landownership and management complexities.

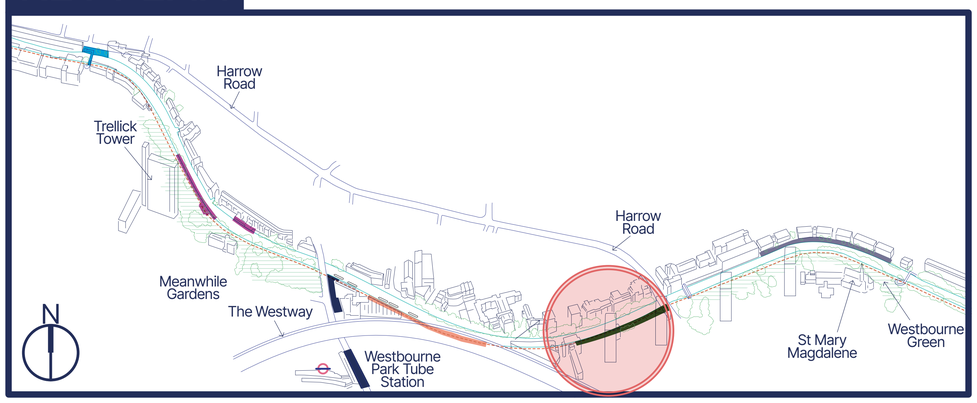
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BRINDLEY CANALSIDE

PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT

KEY PLAN



EXISTING

Access to the canal from Harrow Road feels unsafe and the green space here is littered, underused and is not accessible.







Key Stakeholders: WCC (incl. Highways), The Canal & River Trust, Brindley Road Estate Residents, The Boating Community — **Ownership/Delivery:** WCC (incl. Highways), The Canal & River Trust — **Area:** 1477 sqm — **Dimensions:** 184 × 20m (including towpath)

PROPOSED

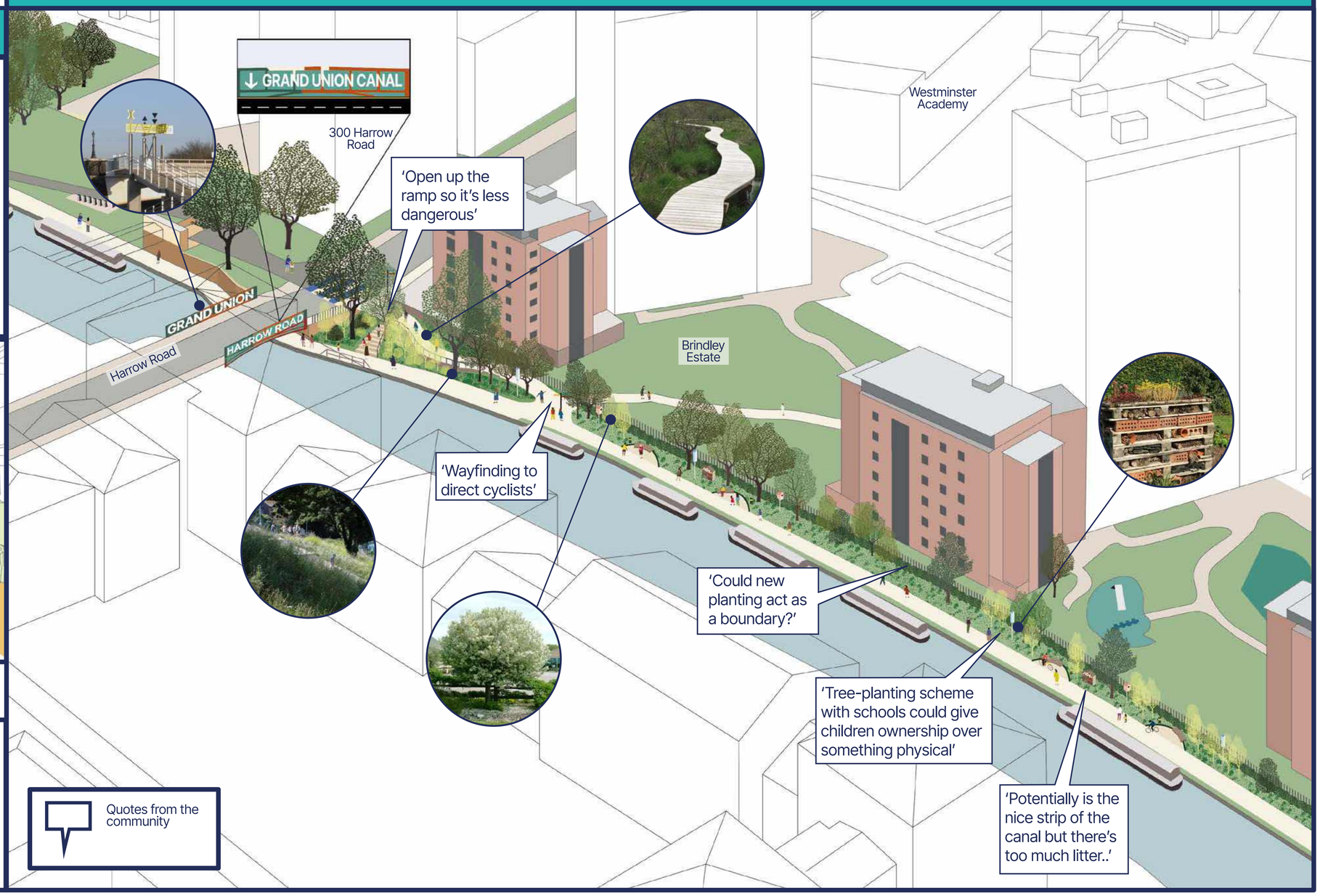
The vision is to transform this over-grown connection from Harrow Road to the canal by introducing vibrant signage on the bridge and upgrading the ramp and landscaping towards the towpath to create an inviting and inclusive gateway. Once people arrive on the towpath they will be greeted by a new biodiverse hedgerow, colourful planting and new places to sit, rest and enjoy the views all the while set back from the towpath and under the shade of trees.

KEY DESIGN MOVES

- → Ramp redesigned, widened and extended so that the link between the towpath and high street is fully accessible.
- → Clearing of bushes to improve sightlines, whilst enhancing biodiversity.
- → New spaces to rest next to the towpath with formal and informal seating.
- → Public art and lighting commissions to Harrow Road bridge.
- → New semi-mature trees and hedgerows.
- → New bird and bat boxes and bug hotels.



This project has been prioritised for further design development. A key focus will be the design and detailing of an improved and extended ramp, new seating and rest areas. We will collaborate with local stakeholders to ensure these amenities meet the needs of the community, shaping their character and functionality. Additionally, we will ensure that any specified furniture is robust enough to withstand misuse and meet maintenance demands. A key component will be the introduction of biodiverse plants, which we will look to partner with local organisations to develop and implement the changes with.

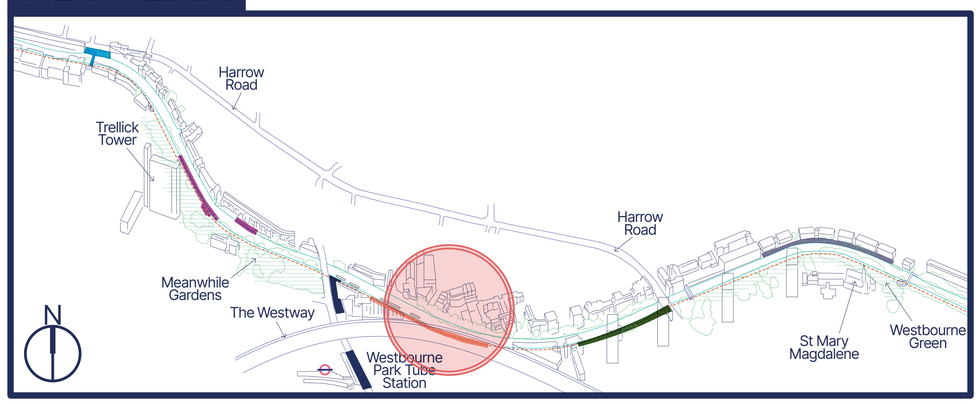


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WESTWAY CANALSIDE
PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT

KEY PLAN



EXISTING

The towpath under and adjacent to the Westway currently feels unsafe and unwelcoming to any activity.







Vacant Space Beneath the Westway - Key Stakeholders: The Canal & River Trust, WCC, Great Western Studios, Network Rail, TfL, Tower Transit, The Boating Community and Great Western Studios — **Ownership/Delivery:** The Canal & River Trust, WCC, Network Rail, TFL, Tower Transit and Great Western Studios — **Area:** 661 sqm — **Dimensions:** 109 × 6m (including towpath)

Towpath Adjacent to Tower Transit - Key Stakeholders: The Canal & River Trust, WCC, Tower Transit, The Boating Community — **Ownership/Delivery:** The Canal & River Trust, WCC, Tower Transit, Westbourne Park Bus Depot — **Area:** 1128 sqm — **Dimensions:** 110 × 8M(thinnest), 20m(widest) (including towpath)

PROPOSED

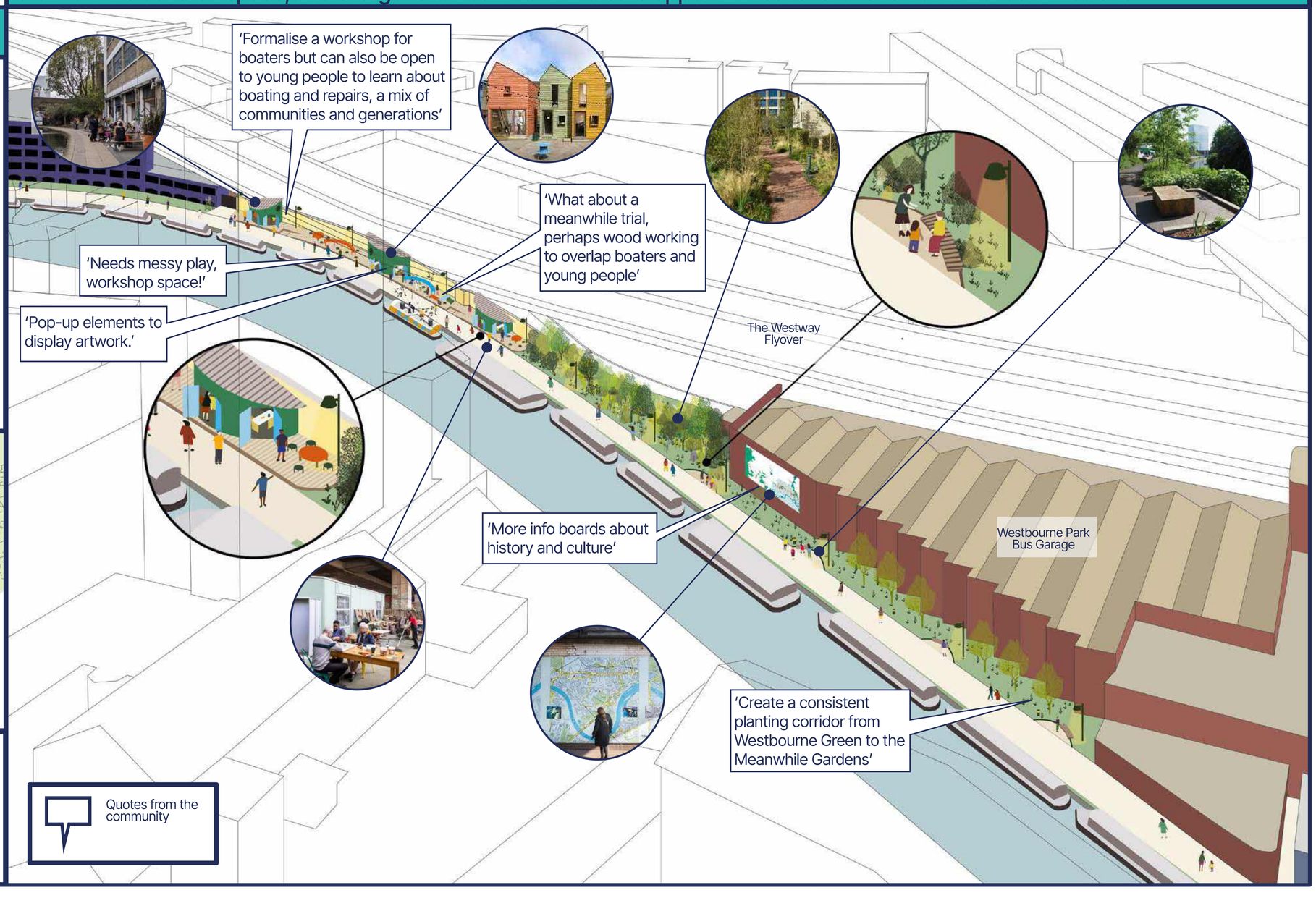
The vision is to create a new destination under the Westway Flyover called Westway Canalside, transforming a dark, unwelcoming site into an inviting space where all are welcome. New structures could host children for 'messy play', maker spaces for tinkering, or exercise classes – these are just some of the activities that could enliven this space. A new linear pocket park with fruit trees will stem off the covered space, and a large 'brick canvas' will create opportunities for a rotation of mural commissions.

KEY DESIGN MOVES

- → Bring on board an operator to introduce new uses and provide guardianship of the space.
- → Pursue co-design and co-build of new community facilities with local people.
- → Public art commission opportunities to showcase new activities and cultural history.
- → Explore introducing lighting to dark spaces whilst being sensitive to wildlife.
- → Explore introducing new community mooring point to activate the space.
- → Remove overgrown shrubbery and introduce park-like planting including new fruiting trees to provide canopy cover and biodiversity.
- → Bring forward new seating and passing places off of the towpath.



This project has been prioritised for further design development. As work progresses, a key focus will be on exploring the feasibility of installing lighting at this location, considering technical constraints such as access to power and ongoing management needs. Additionally, we will undertake a process to identify local operators or organisations interested in partnering with us to activate, manage, and maintain facilities under the Westway. This will include bringing forward new public art opportunities in collaboration with local schools.

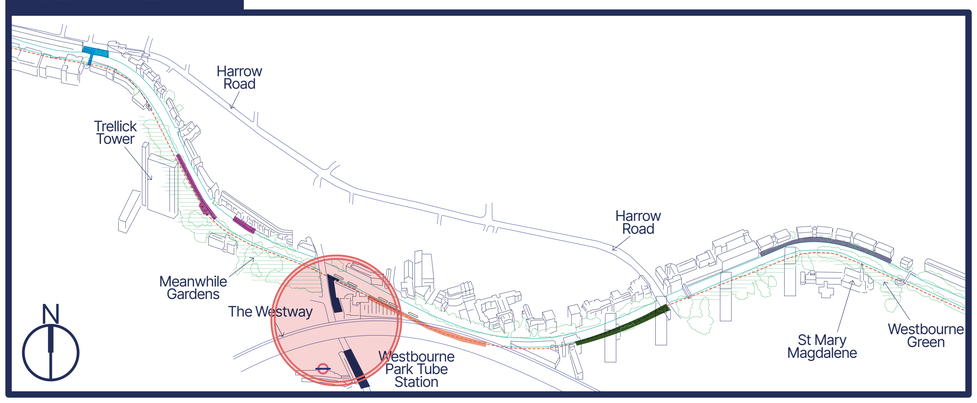


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GREAT WESTERN SLIP ROAD

PROPOSED FUTURE PROJECT

KEY PLAN



EXISTING

Access to the canal currently feels disconnected from Great Western Road and access to it is unclear.







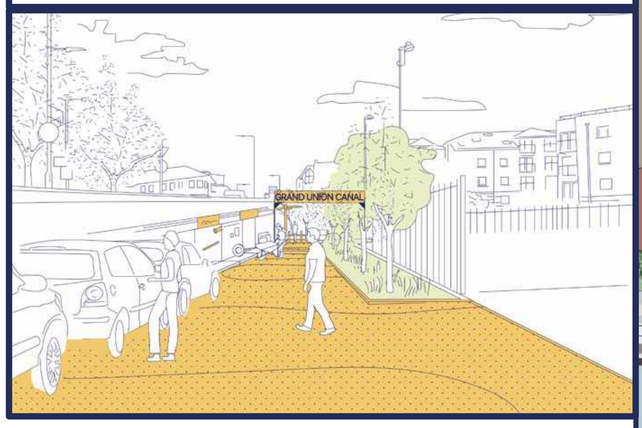
Key Stakeholders: The Canal & River Trust, WCC, Network Rail, TfL, Tower Transit, The Boating Community — **Ownership/Delivery:** WCC, The Canal and River Trust, Network Rail, TFL, Tower Transit — **Area:** 661 sqm — **Dimensions:** 109 × 6m (including towpath)

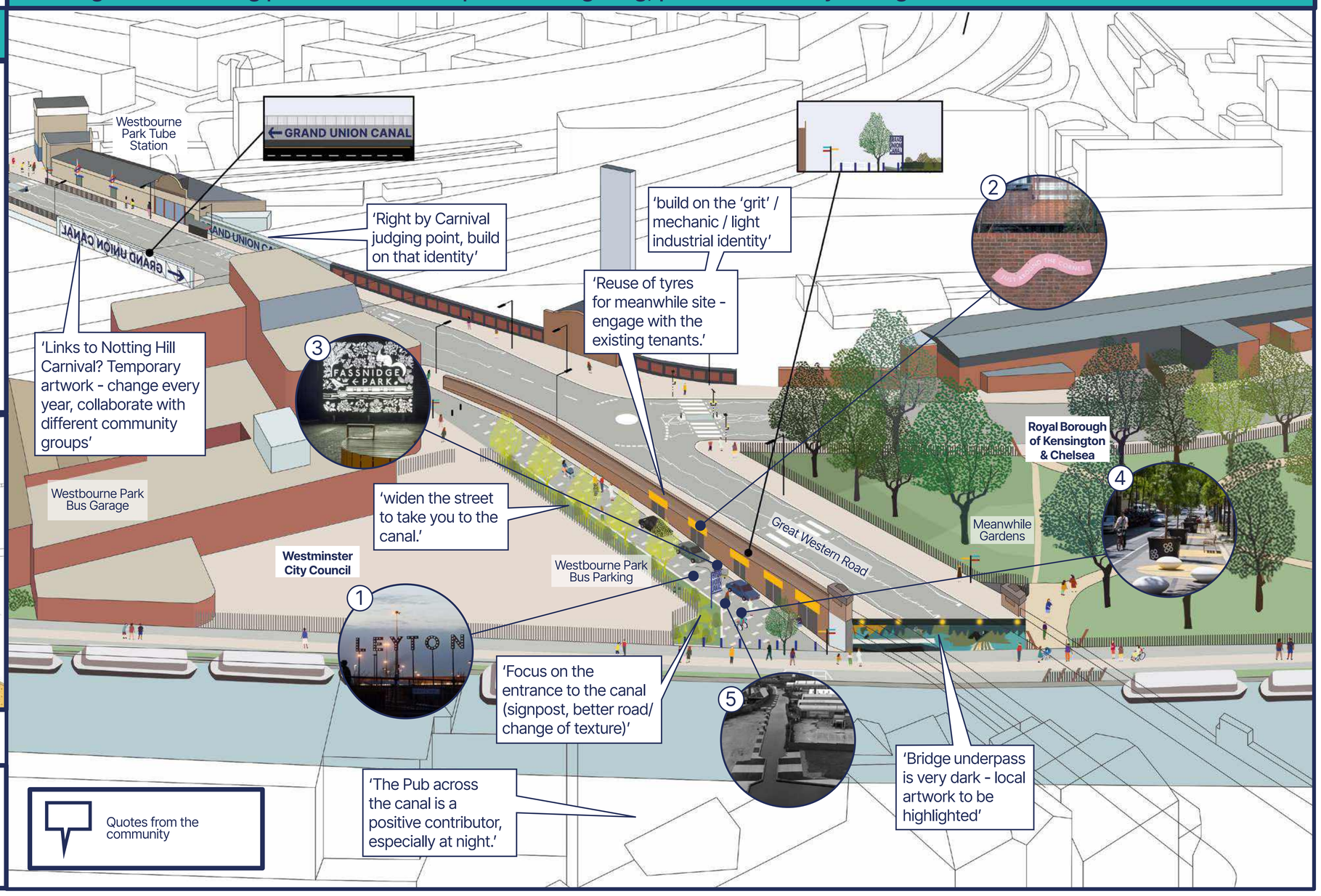
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The vision is to create a new gateway to the Canal, attracting people from the station and main road to discover a peaceful canalside route through the neighbourhood. Care will be taken to safeguard space for the existing businesses, all the while creating a more inviting pedestrian access point with lighting, planters and wayfinding.

KEY DESIGN MOVES

- → Remove existing fencing between the slip road and towpath to be replaced with bollards.
- → Remove abandoned vehicles and work with existing businesses to create a safer public space.
- → Introduce trees to line the street and create a shared surface.
- → New crossings, public art commissions and wayfinding to better connect Great Western Road and the towpath and celebrate local culture.
- → Public art and lighting commissions to the bridge that are sensitive to wildlife.





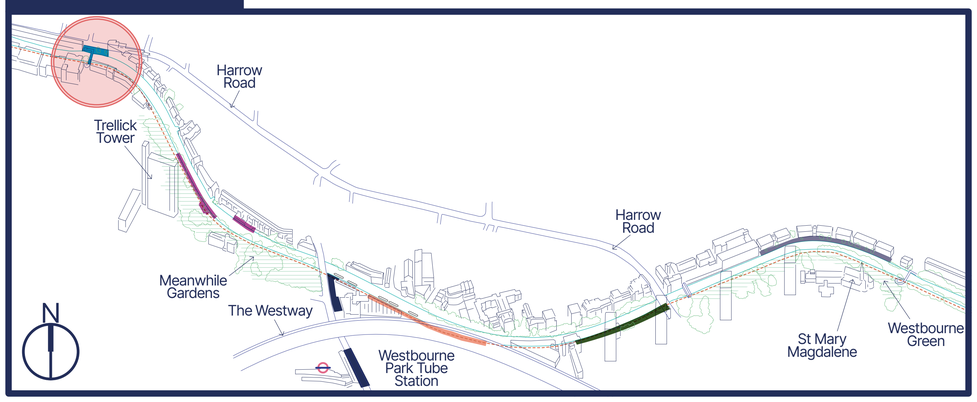
The significance of this route in connecting to the Canalside is recognised. However, this project must be considered in conjunction with potential highway alterations on Great Western Road and developed in collaboration with stakeholders who use or have rights over this space. Due to its complexity, the technical development of this site is expected to progress in future years.

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HALF PENNY STEPS
PROPOSED PRIORITY PROJECT

KEY PLAN



EXISTING

Half Penny Steps is a busy space with many people moving through it from the Harrow Road. Its in a unique location positioned between the high street and canal.







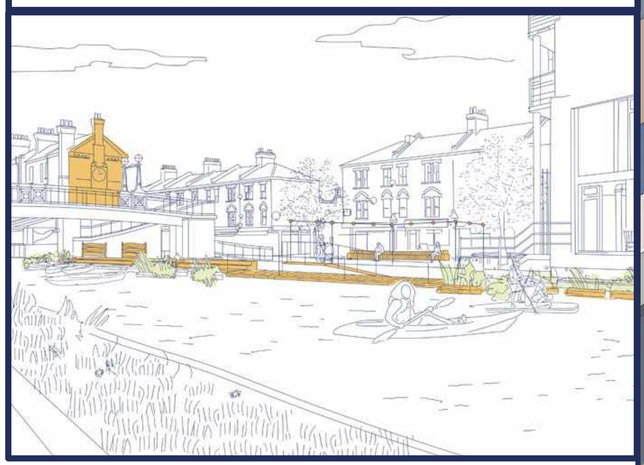
Key Stakeholders: WCC Parks, RBKC, The Canal & River Trust, Harrow Road Business Association — **Ownership/Delivery:** RBKC, The Canal & River Trust and WCC — **Area:** 220 sqm — **Dimensions:** 45 × 7.5m (excluding the footbridge and pavement)

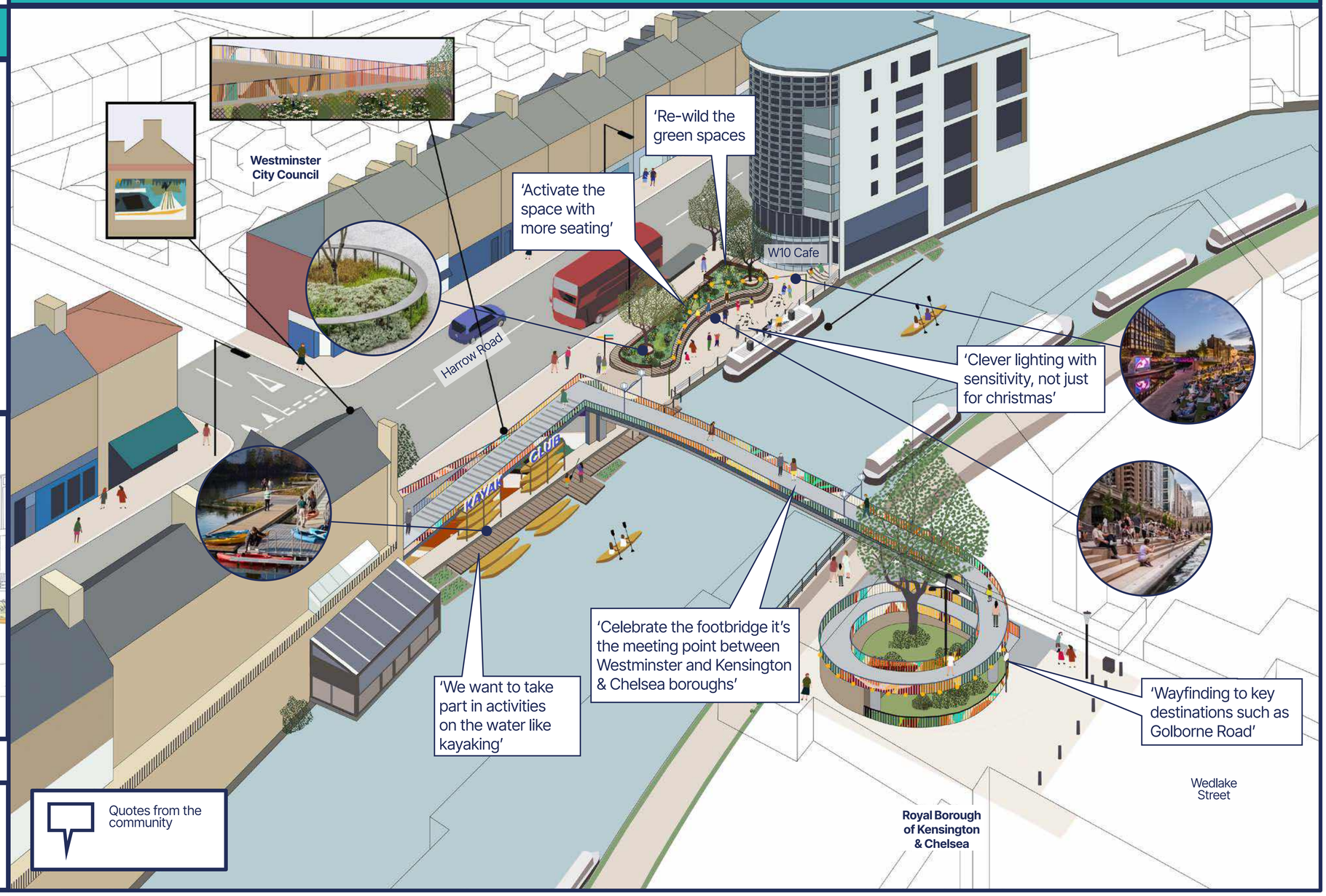
PROPOSED

The vision is to transform this underutlised space into a vibrant canalside terrace with new amphitheatre-style seating, wild-flower planting, and feature lighting. A new community mooring point alongside the terrace would encourage the boating community to set-up a floating shop or events episodically. The bridge – an important meeting point between the two boroughs – can be elevated to a piece of public art with a new colour scheme to be designed in collaboration with local groups. Additionally, there is ambition to convert the unused space next to the bridge into a launch-spot for watersports such as kayaking.

KEY DESIGN MOVES

- → In-between space turned into public space.
- → New biodiverse planting replacing the existing.
- → New furniture wraps around the green space to provide new seating and protect the planting.
- → Explore new community mooring points facing the towpath and the high street to activate the public space and better connect communities.
- → Feature lighting to enhance public space whilst being sensitive to wildlife.
- → Bring on board an operator to provide watersports such as kayaking, canoeing and paddleboarding.
- → Public art commission to re-enliven the bridge including lighting and re-painting.





This project is being prioritised for onward design development. As work progresses a key consideration will be looking to identify a suitable operator that could take on the management of the kayak opportunity and engaging with the Canal & River Trust on the mooring permissions associated with a community mooring point.

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