SHAPING WOOD GREEN: PROGRESS TO DATE

These boards show recent progress in delivering the Shaping Wood Green vision. Shaping Wood Green was launched in 2023 and describes change in Wood Green that reflects views we heard from conversations with the public during Wood Green Voices.

Culture at the heart of Wood Green



- Haringey awarded London Borough of Culture 2027
- Wood Green played host to a variety of exciting events as part of the London Festival of Architecture 2025
- Open House, South Asian History Month and Black History Month programmes running annually
- Recording studios and a studio space have been introduced at the Wood Green Library for community use
- Alexandra Palace Young Creatives Network and Library Lates programmes ongoing
- The second RecFest was held at The Mall in August 2025.

Making Wood Green a welcoming place

The "Don't Mess With Haringey" campaign responds to strong resident support for tougher measures, with 96% backing fines for fly-tipping and 94% supporting penalties for dog fouling and littering.

Data provided by Haringey Waste Team

- Expanded environmental enforcement borough-wide with an extra 15 enforcement team members recruited
- Electric tipper vans patrolling Wood Green High Road and pavements with the highest footfall have been hot washed
- Three electric sweeper barrows, fitted with wash equipment, are patrolling Wood Green High Road
- 57 new recycling-on-the-go bins installed in Wood Green
- Increased police resources within Wood Green including more police patrols and further youth provision over the summer period, such as a weekly mobile youth hub
- Greater use of CCTV and deployment of outreach services to address substance misuse and homelessness
- Schemes carried out with the Met Police, local schools and lorry and delivery drivers to improve road safety.

North London's town centre for all



- The Chocolate Factory (pictured above), completed in Summer 2025, has provided a valuable workspace and cafe in Wood Green
- The Wood Green BID launched a new market - Wood Green Craft and Street Food Market – at Lymington Avenue following a successful pilot in December 2024
- Both the Penstock Tunnel refurbishment works and Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan are on site. These projects will enhance the public realm and links to Wood Green town centre and Turnpike Lane respectively.

An economy to benefit everyone

Since March 2024, Haringey Works has supported 280 Wood Green residents into employment, 12 into apprenticeships and 4 into self-employment.

Data provided by Haringey Works

- 723sqm of affordable workspace has been created in Cypress House in the Cultural Quarter, after being left vacant for 1.5 years. The refurbishment was funded through a loan from the Council's Opportunity Investment Fund, providing 12 much-needed new studios plus an events space for the area's creative community
- Business support offered by the Council has included the Haringey High Growth Business Support Programme, an inaugural Business forum held at the Chocolate Factory in June 2025 and an event hosted at Clockwise connecting local SMEs to skill development and supply chain opportunities
- Three major construction projects in Wood Green have provided local jobs and skills opportunities, employing 96 local residents, providing 4 apprenticeships and 4 work placements for local residents as well as 20 STEM and career activities across sites at Caxton Square, Alexandra Gate and the Chocolate Factory.

Living Well



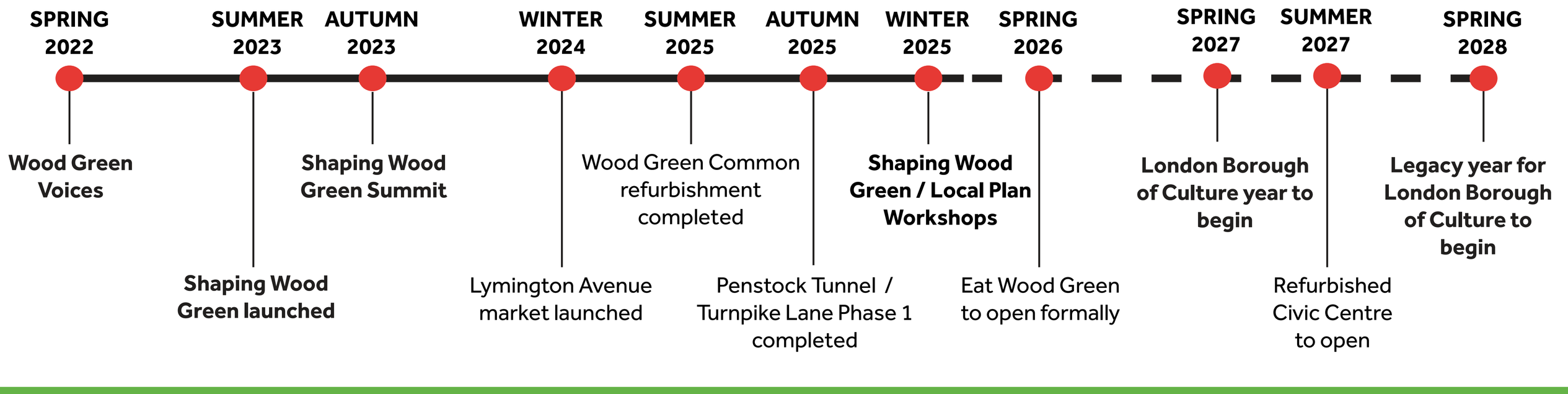
- Haringey Health Champions scheme initiated
- A new Family Hub has been established at Rising Green, offering an expanded service including parenting support
- Leisure centres in Haringey now managed by the Council
- Canning Crescent Adult Mental Health Facility refurbished
- MRI scanning facilities are now available at the Wood Green Community Diagnostic Centre
- Healthy Living Pharmacies are now in Wood Green, providing free services for adults and young people
- The Substance Misuse Outreach team holds outreach activities outside Wood Green Library and in parks
- Gambling Harms project ongoing, working to prevent the proliferation of harmful premises in Wood Green.

Putting the Green in Wood Green

Haringey Council has ambitious plans to plant hundreds of trees across the borough in the coming planting season. These new trees will join the thousands already planted as part of our efforts to reach 30% canopy cover in all wards in Haringey by 2030.

Data provided by Haringey Tree & Nature Conservation Team

- Parks improvements delivered including a refurbished Wood Green Common, a resurfaced basketball court at Ducketts Common, new playground at Russell Park, play improvements at Springfield Community Park and a new trim trail and play at Tewkesbury Terrace
- Eat Wood Green - a community food growing project - is now active at Wood Green Library
- New sustainable urban drainage is being delivered at Clarendon Road, Hornsey Park Road and Penstock Tunnel
- Street trees planted on Clarendon Road and Turnpike Lane
- New Haringey Fixing Factory has opened, tackling e-waste
- Projects delivered under the Community Carbon Fund including LED lighting and photovoltaic panel installation.



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SHAPING WOOD GREEN: MAJOR PROJECTS

1 Civic Centre

The Grade II listed building is being fully redeveloped. The 66-year-old site will gain a new annex, high-quality office space, and restored civic areas all designed to be shared with the community in the heart of Wood Green. Sustainability is a key part of the design, with eco-friendly systems and materials being integrated throughout.

Once complete, the Civic Centre will accommodate more than 800 Council staff and hundreds of visitors with space for local people and community groups, becoming a source of civic pride for the borough.



2 Wood Green Common

A revamped play area and one of London's first Football Foundation Playzones have officially opened to the public. Located on Wood Green Common, the new facilities include a children's playground, multi-use games area (MUGA) and an outdoor gym.

The space has been transformed as part of Haringey Council's wider investment in parks.





3 Penstock Tunnel

Penstock Tunnel is a vital connection linking the east and west of the borough. The project, which is currently on site, will transform this route into a more accessible and welcoming space for walking and cycling and open up better access to green areas, enhancing biodiversity and creating inviting public spaces.

Pedestrian and cyclist safety will be significantly improved through upgraded drainage and lighting, resurfaced pathways, and new flood mitigation measures - creating a safer, more enjoyable journey for everyone. The project is due to complete in December 2025.



4 New Council Homes

Haringey Council is committed to delivering 3,000 new council homes by 2031. Over the past 2 years, Haringey's delivered over 100 new council homes in Wood Green, including 80 at Nilgün Canver Court (in Chocolate Factory Phase 1 - pictured below) and 23 at Aaron Gayle Court, with 46 more nearing completion at Bluebell House in the Alexandra Gate development.





"We want a destination without gentrification

Participant at the Shaping Wood Green Summit 2023

5 Eat Wood Green

Delivered in partnership with The Ubele Initiative, co-steward of the Wolves Lane Horticultural Centre, and Black-Led intergenerational food growing enterprise Black Rootz, Eat Wood Green is a new community-led food growing and education space on the balcony of the children's library at Wood Green Library.

The Eat Wood Green team will offer a range of free green skills, healthy eating, mental and physical health and wellbeing sessions, delivered through practical activities for children and young people.

6 Lymington Avenue Market

Wood Green BID in partnership with Haringey Council have introduced a new market space in Lymington Avenue, Wood Green. The market showcases Arts and Crafts, local entrepreneurs and businesses owned by young people and follows on from a successful pilot Christmas Arts and Craft Market in 2024, which was supported by The Mall Shopping Centre.

The Winter markets will be running for six consecutive Saturdays, starting from 15th November 2025.



"It would be nice to have more shops and activities for children in the library and the Mall"

Participant at the Shaping Wood Green Summit 2023

7 Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan

The Turnpike Lane Improvement Plan aims to transform the area into a more welcoming, cleaner, and safer space that attracts more visitors to experience its unique mix of retail and restaurants. The project includes improved public realm, street greenery, sustainable urban drainage (SUDs), wayfinding, lighting columns, a new pedestrian crossing and shopfront improvements.

Phase 1 of the public realm improvement programme was completed in Autumn 2025. The next phase, focusing on shopfront enhancements, will begin soon.



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LONDON BOROUGH OF CULTURE 2027

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London Borough of Culture 2027



Haringey is going to be the London Borough of Culture 2027, a programme created by the Mayor of London, awarding grants to London councils to invest in unique cultural events, projects and activities.

Following the successful delivery of Haringey Feast at Alexandra Palace in November 2023, a celebration with over 2000 creatives, residents and cultural organisations and the Tottenham Cultural Enterprise Zone award to support the local creative and cultural industries, we adopted our first Arts & Culture Strategy (2024-2028) in twenty years and are progressing that currently.

All of this has shaped our thinking and approach as we head towards 2027 and we are beginning to connect more broadly with the creative community, local partners, sponsors and businesses. We have established Haringey Culture Collective, an independent charity, to deliver our year of culture, ensuring we are responsive, accessible and engaged.

Cultural Programme



The cultural programme will:

- Kick off with a free cultural spectacular at Alexandra Palace on the first May bank holiday
- Close in style with a high-octane celebration and football festival at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium in Spring 2028
- Highlight the creative contributions of local fashion designers, makers and stylists
- Celebrate and honour Haringey's activist history through heritage exhibitions, tours and new works
- Reveal a series of public art pop-ups and permanent artworks
- Platform musical moments across 21 wards, celebrating music talent and styles and enabling every school in the borough to be involved
- Increase our participation in Open House weekend, with a focus on Haringey's food culture
- Launch a small and medium cultural grants initiative for anyone in Haringey to apply for through open calls.

How to Get Involved



Our London Borough of Culture year will be so much more than big, flashy events. It will nurture grassroots participation, community engagement and rich cultural exchange that is felt first-hand by the people of our wonderfully diverse borough.

London Borough of Culture 2027 is just the beginning of putting culture at the heart of everything we do. We are building a movement of residents, creatives, communities and businesses to work with us as we prepare an incredible programme of arts and culture that resonates with all our communities.

Get involved! Sign up for our London Borough of Culture newsletter to ensure you don't miss any updates:

www.haringey.gov.uk/LBOC2027

You can also contact our dedicated team at: culture@haringey.gov.uk

Wood Green Cultural Organistions

If you would like to partake in cultural activities before the launch of London Borough of Culture 2027, then Wood Green has a range of fantastic local organisations you can contact:

The Palace's Creative Learning programme provides an eclectic range of projects and workshops to help local people of all ages and backgrounds to gain skills, explore their creativity and improve their well-being.
www.alexandrapalace.com/creative-learning

Collage Arts, based in the heart of Haringey's Cultural Quarter, creates opportunities for greater access and participation in the arts and creative industries through a range of programmes, support services, arts development and heritage projects.
www.collage-arts.org

Karamel N22, powered by Collage Arts, provides a platform for artists and musicians, spoken word performers and actors, writers and directors in Haringey.
www.musicglue.com/karamel

The Essential School of Painting (ESOP) is an alternative art school based in Wood Green, specialising in year long and short courses taught by leading contemporary artists.
www.theessentialschoolofpainting.com

Founded over 20 years ago, with a mission to disrupt the industry with a new, diverse generation of talent, IDSA is dedicated to preparing and producing stars across stage and screen.
www.identityschoolofacting.com

The RecShop's mission is to break down barriers of entry into the music industry for young people through free initiatives such as studio time, workshops, gigs and work experience. They have a multi-purpose space in the Wood Green Mall.
www.therecshop.co.uk

Blue House Yard is a re-imagining of an empty and underused car park site a few minutes walk from Wood Green station. The site is a hub for local creatives, entrepreneurs and residents.
www.bluehouseyard.com

Ludos is a cosy, independent bar and venue on a double decker bus! Based in Blue House Yard, the venue provides a welcoming and creative take on your facourite local.
www.ludoslondon.co.uk

Studio 306 is a group of skilled arts and crafts practitioners, specialising in ceramics, jewellery, sewn and screen printed products, who form an exciting community enterprise.
www.studio306.co.uk

The Wolves Lane Centre is a horticultural centre and community food growing hub. The Centre grows and distributes sustainably produced food and plants, and offers education, enterprise and community events.
www.wolveslane.org

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WOOD GREEN PUBLIC REALM FRAMEWORK

What is it?

As a direct response to the Shaping Wood Green vision and the community's aspirations expressed through Wood Green Voices for a better public realm in the town centre and improved connections, we're working on a plan to improve the streets and public spaces in Wood Green. This plan, called the **Wood Green Public Realm Framework**, responds directly to the six themes and five placemaking areas identified in the Shaping Wood Green vision.

The fremework is all about **making the town centre feel more connected, safer, welcoming, and easier to get around.**

It **builds on what local people have already told us matters most**, like having more green space, supporting local businesses, and creating places where the community can come together. It sets out ideas for how we can make these improvements happen, and where they'll have the biggest impact.

It is about **shaping a town centre that works better for everyone who lives, works, and visits Wood Green**.

The Public Realm Framework also functions as **supporting evidence for the forthcoming Haringey Local Plan**, aligning with borough-wide objectives around climate action, sustainable mobility, health and wellbeing.



Making Wood Green a Welcoming Place



Creating safer, more attractive arrival points, crossings and lighting. Promote a sense of welcome and better connection with Alexandra Palace.

Culture at the Heart of Wood Green



Activating public spaces through art, performance and nighttime uses, identifying suitable locations for cultural and evening economy.

Putting the Green in Wood Green



Embedding greenery into streets and open spaces, with the "Green Loop" helping link existing parks to new play areas, planting and wayfinding features.

Living Well



Clustering civic, health, leisure and educational amenities. Creation of a new, quieter and greener north-south route to support everyday wellbeing.

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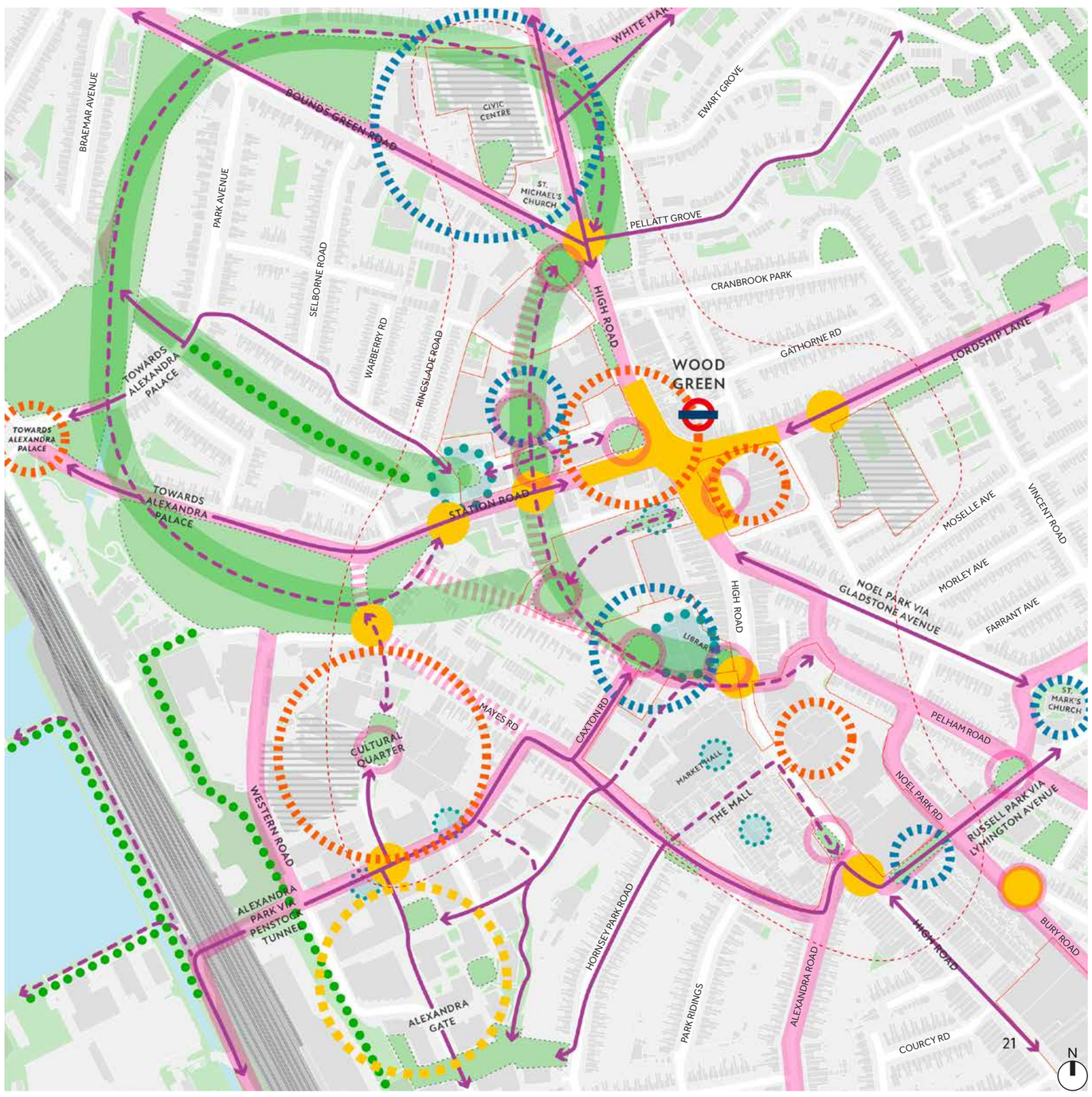
Diversifying uses and improving connectivity to ensure Wood Green remains a regional destination.

An Economy to Benefit Everyone



Supporting meanwhile uses, affordable workspaces and independent businesses to deliver inclusive growth.

Public Realm Framework - Strategic Map



Wood Green is home to several clusters of activities, from cultural and meanwhile spaces to more established businesses and residential areas. The public realm framework connects these clusters, making it easier to move between them. By enhancing the streets and surroundings, it helps these areas grow and thrive, while also strengthening links between neighbourhoods like the Cultural Quarter, Alexandra Gate, Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Park, the High Road and Noel Park.

Making Wood Green a welcoming place
- Improved connections
- New connections
- Improved junctions and crossings
- New residential clusters

Culture at the heart of Wood Green
- Cultural clusters

Putting the green into Wood Green
- Improved and new green routes
- Improved ecological corridors

Living well
- Community facilities and large religious buildings clusters

North London's town centre for all
- New and improved public realm
- Improved cycle connections
- New cycle connections

An economy to benefit everyone
- Meanwhile uses and affordable workspace clusters

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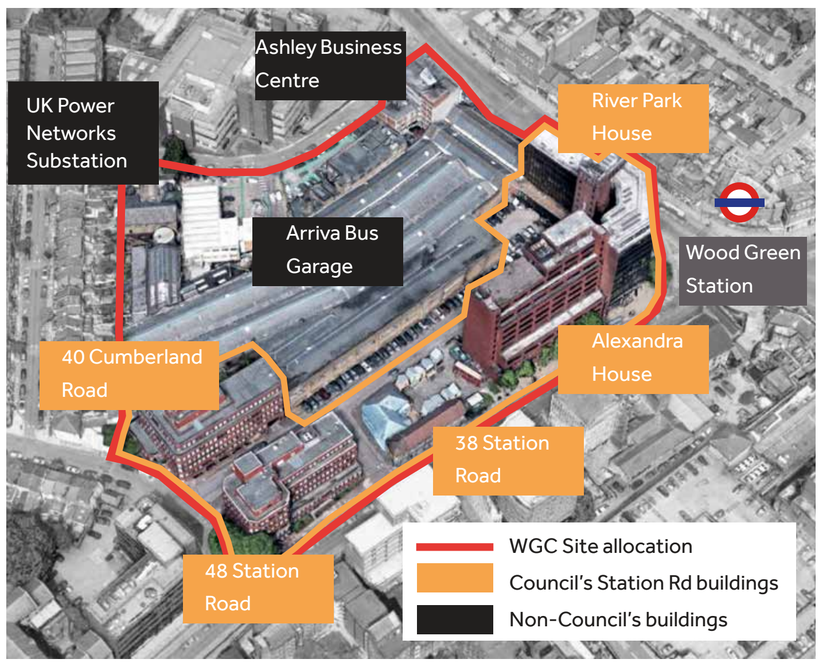
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WOOD GREEN CENTRAL

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The Site



Draft Site Allocation

Haringey is consulting on its Draft Local Plan, which will guide development across the borough for the next 15 years. **One of the proposed site allocations is Wood Green Central (WGC)**, located opposite Wood Green Underground Station at the junction of High Road and Station Road/Lordship Lane. The WGC site allocation would require any future development on the site to include new homes, town centre and cultural uses on the ground floor, and new green public spaces to support local needs and contribute to the wider regeneration of Wood Green.

The redevelopment will include several sites, such as the current Council offices, and will create a **new mixed-use area with tall buildings and a welcoming public space, acting as a catalyst for wider transformation within Wood Green**.

The Future of the Site

Part of the WGC site allocation is within the Council's ownership. The buildings currently on site are used as Council offices. These buildings will no longer be used as council offices once the refurbished Civic Centre reopens in 2027. The **Council are therefore currently exploring options for the site, including how the site could be brought forward for redevelopment in line with the draft site allocation.**

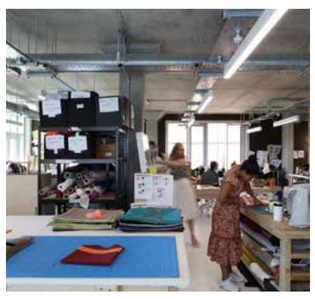
As plans for the site continue to develop, **there will be more chances for local residents and the wider community to get involved, share ideas, and help influence what happens next on the site.**

New Homes



Plans for the site could include the delivery of new homes helping meet local housing needs and creating a new neighbourhood in the heart of Wood Green.

Town Centre Uses



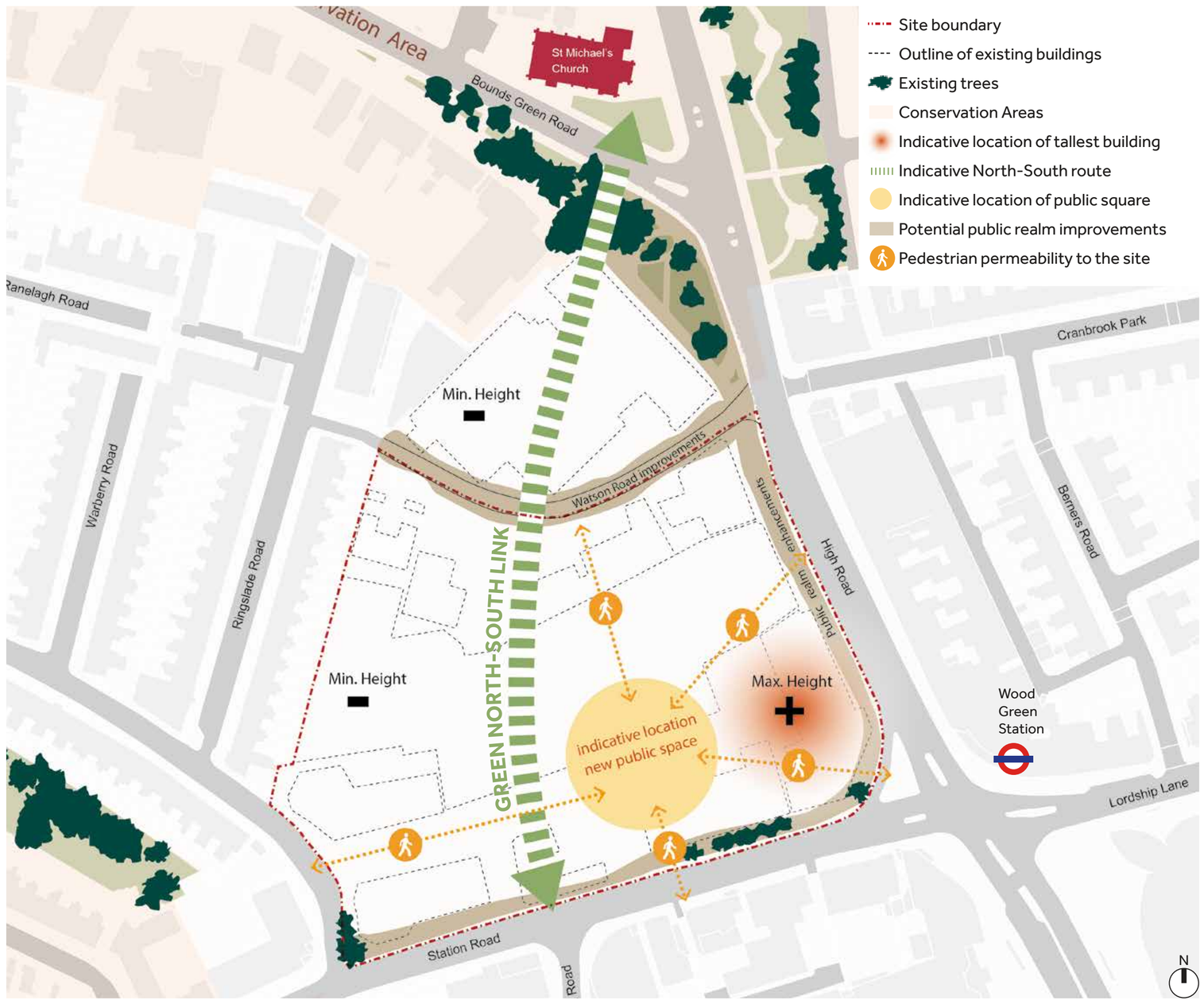
The site could bring new jobs and workspaces in Wood Green. Ground floors will focus on active uses like creative workspace units, shops and cafés especially along key streets, the new north south route and public square.

Built Form & Character



Given its central location, the site is suited to higher-density development with new homes and commercial space. Taller buildings may be appropriate with heights stepping down from High Road to Ringslade Road.

The Site Priorities



Central Square



The site could include a new public space with neighbourhood play features, seating and planting. It could be framed by active frontages and community uses to encourage everyday activity and social interaction.

Green North-South Link



A north–south pedestrian route with two-way cycle lanes, planting and active frontages could be introduced to improve connectivity across the site.

Diversified High Street



The High Street and Wood Green junction could be enhanced with new civic and cultural spaces, especially at ground level, creating welcoming places for community use, creativity and everyday activities.

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