

Authority Monitoring Report

2023-2024

Working in Partnership

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**Barking &
Dagenham**

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1. Introduction

Introduction

About this document

Barking and Dagenham continues to be an area of significant growth opportunity.

This growth is supported, encouraged and facilitated by our recently adopted Local Plan which sets out the Borough’s development vision up to 2037.

This provides an excellent foundation for bringing forward our ambitions for new homes, jobs and important placemaking opportunities. This year’s Authority Monitoring Report, for the 23/24 Financial Year, continues to show our commitment to delivery in these areas.

This has been another period of enormous progress to deliver regeneration in the Borough, bringing forward homes and jobs for our residents.

Other highlights of the report include:

- Significant progress during this period in delivering the 2037 Local Plan (adopted September 2024)
- Our continued dedication to delivering a 1st class planning service for our residents and other stakeholders, with our Planning Team remaining one of the best performing in the UK
- The further delivery of new, affordable homes at Gascoigne East and the delivery of Mellish Close via Modern Methods of Construction
- Ongoing delivery of large-scale schemes at Barking Riverside and Dagenham Green
- Hybrid Outline/Reserved Matters permission at Beam Park, representing permission for 3,119 homes



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2. Purpose

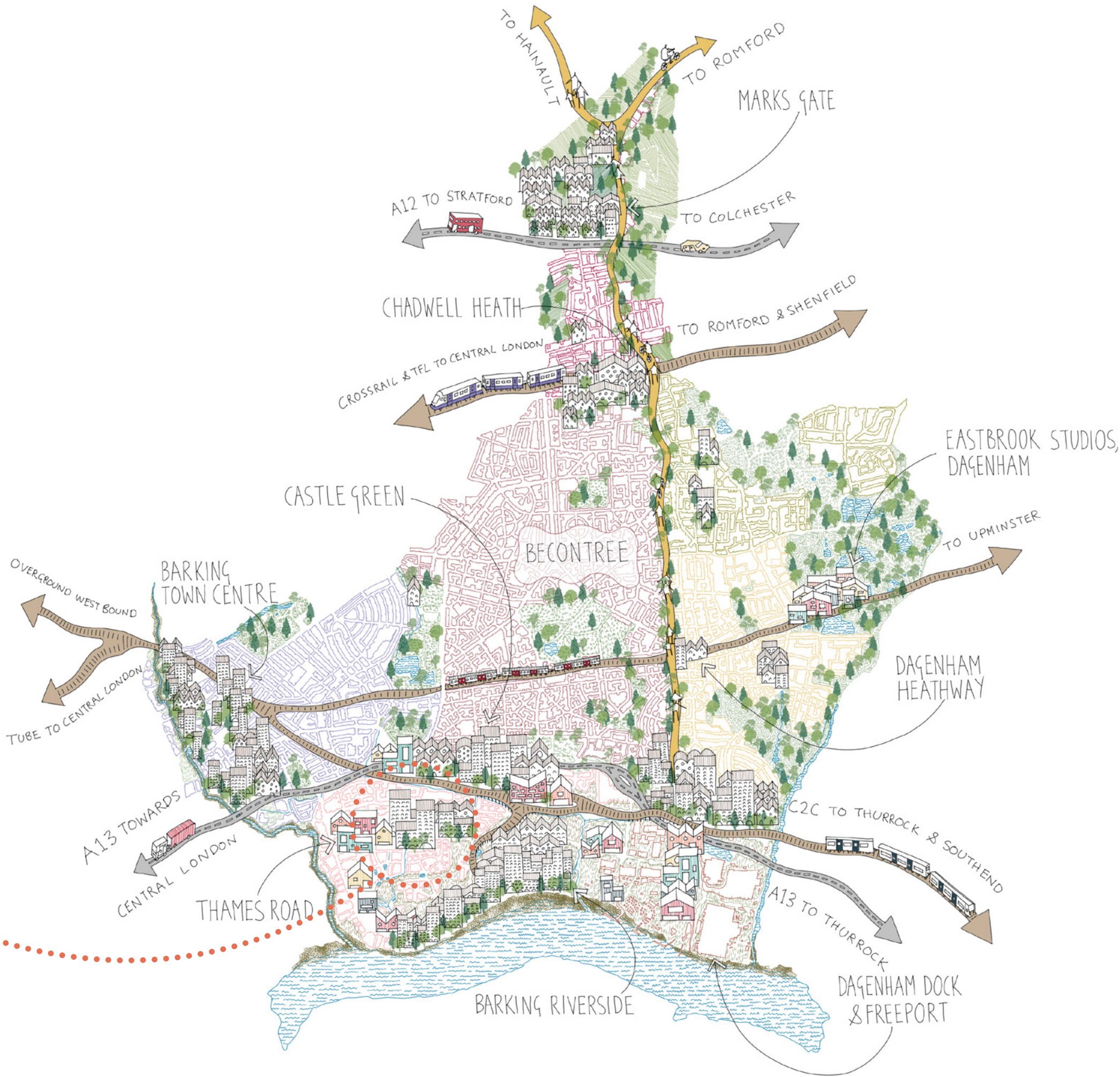
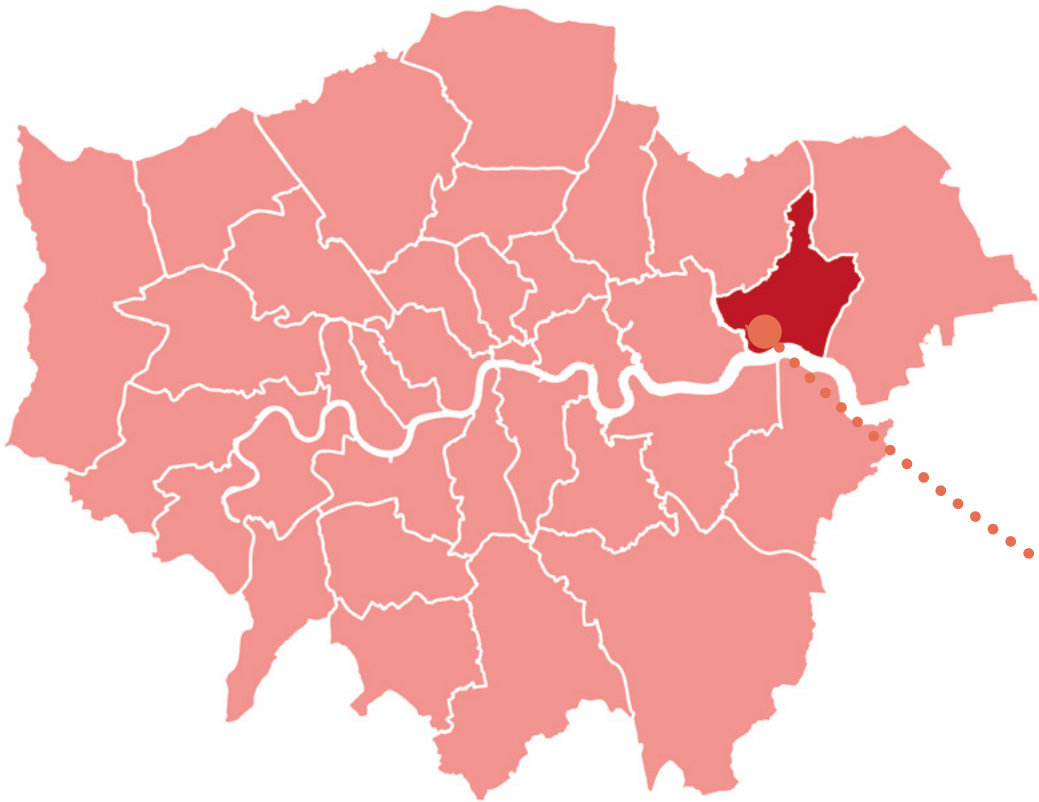
Purpose

Local Context

The requirement for a local authority to produce an Authority Monitoring Report (AMR) is set out in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended by the Localism Act 2011).

Its purpose is to monitor the progress of planning policies set out in the Local Plan and supplementary planning documents (SPDs). This version provides an update up to the financial year 2023/24.

It is also required to set out Local Plan and Supplementary Planning Documents progress through the Local Development Scheme. A financial summary for the Community Infrastructure Levy and S106 Planning Obligations is also provided.



Opposite: The location of Thames Road in London and LBBD

3. Key Findings for 23/24

Key Findings for 23/24

Growth in Barking & Dagenham

As a Borough, we achieved a lot in the 23/24 financial year despite the ongoing financial challenges facing councils and the difficult economic climate. Some of the year's highlights include:

100% major and non-major planning applications decisions made in time for the third year in a row

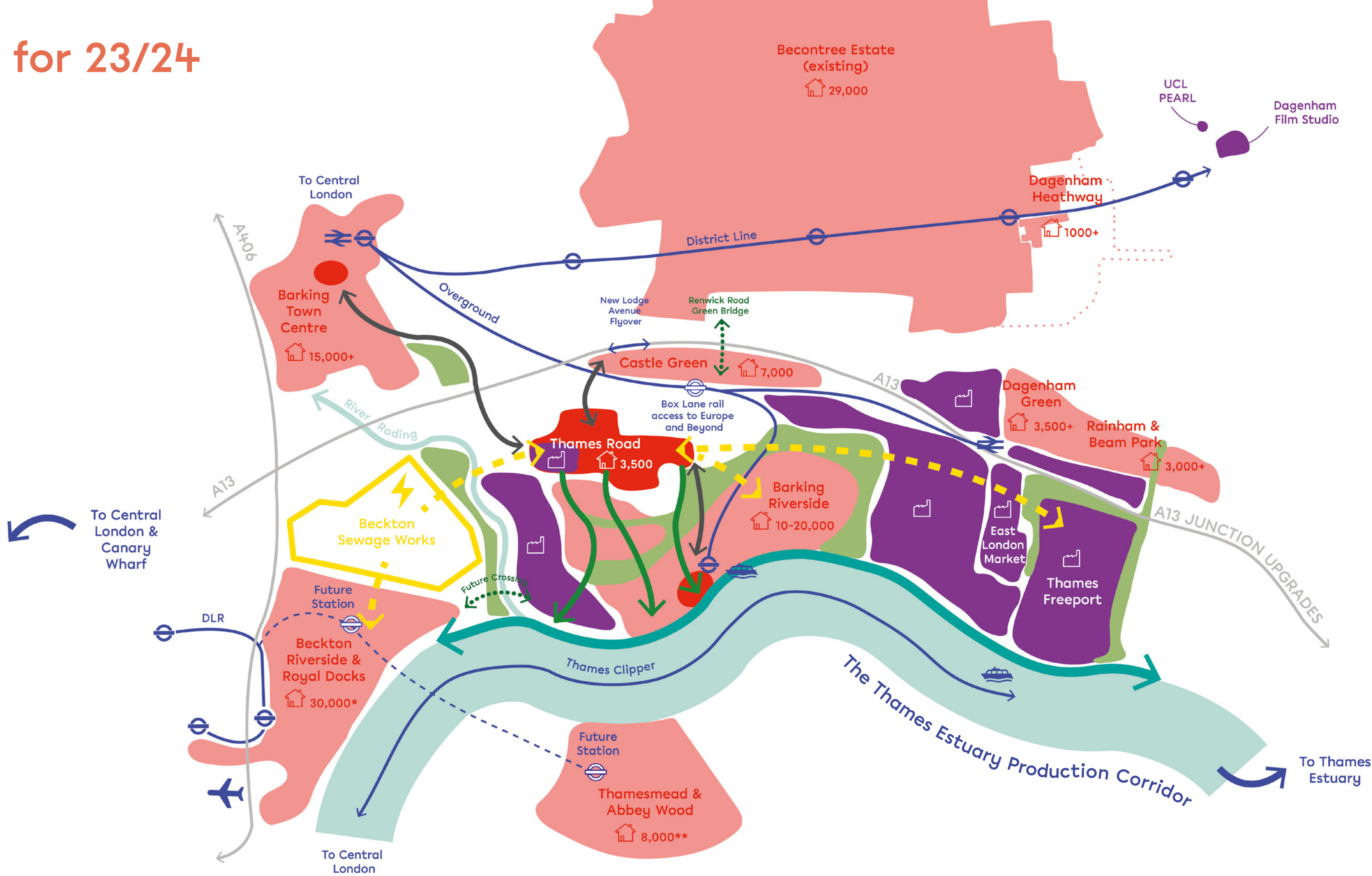
1219 homes permitted through the planning process, including 656 affordable homes (Full/Reserved Matters permission)

1191 homes completed, include 376 affordable homes. (Full/Reserved Matters permissions)

354 jobs for local people delivered through new development

£240,272.31 received through Section 106 Agreements for Carbon Offset Funds

Continued progress of the Borough's significant development sites including at Barking Riverside, Beam Park and Gascoigne Estate



Opposite: Thames Road - strategic location diagram

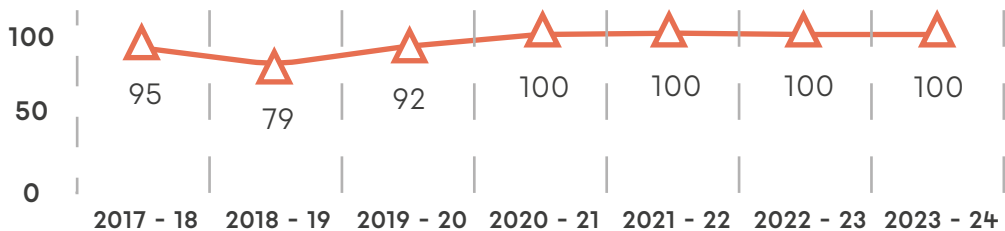
Planning Performance

Our Planning Service

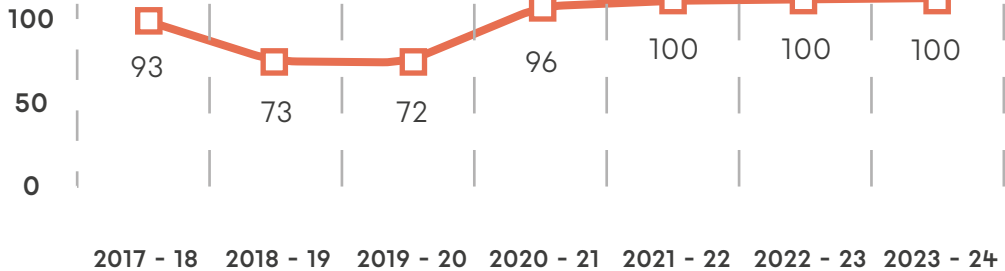
We know good growth requires a high-quality and timely planning service. We offer residents, developers and landowners a quick and reliable planning application process, maintaining 100% applications determined in time for both major and non-major applications.

Our planning service is working proactively to significantly increase the number of homes being delivered in the Borough, in line with the ambitions of our Local Plan which places place-making at the forefront of delivery. We have a strong pipeline of new homes approved including schemes like Barking Riverside, Dagenham Green, Beam Park and in transformation areas such as Thames Road.

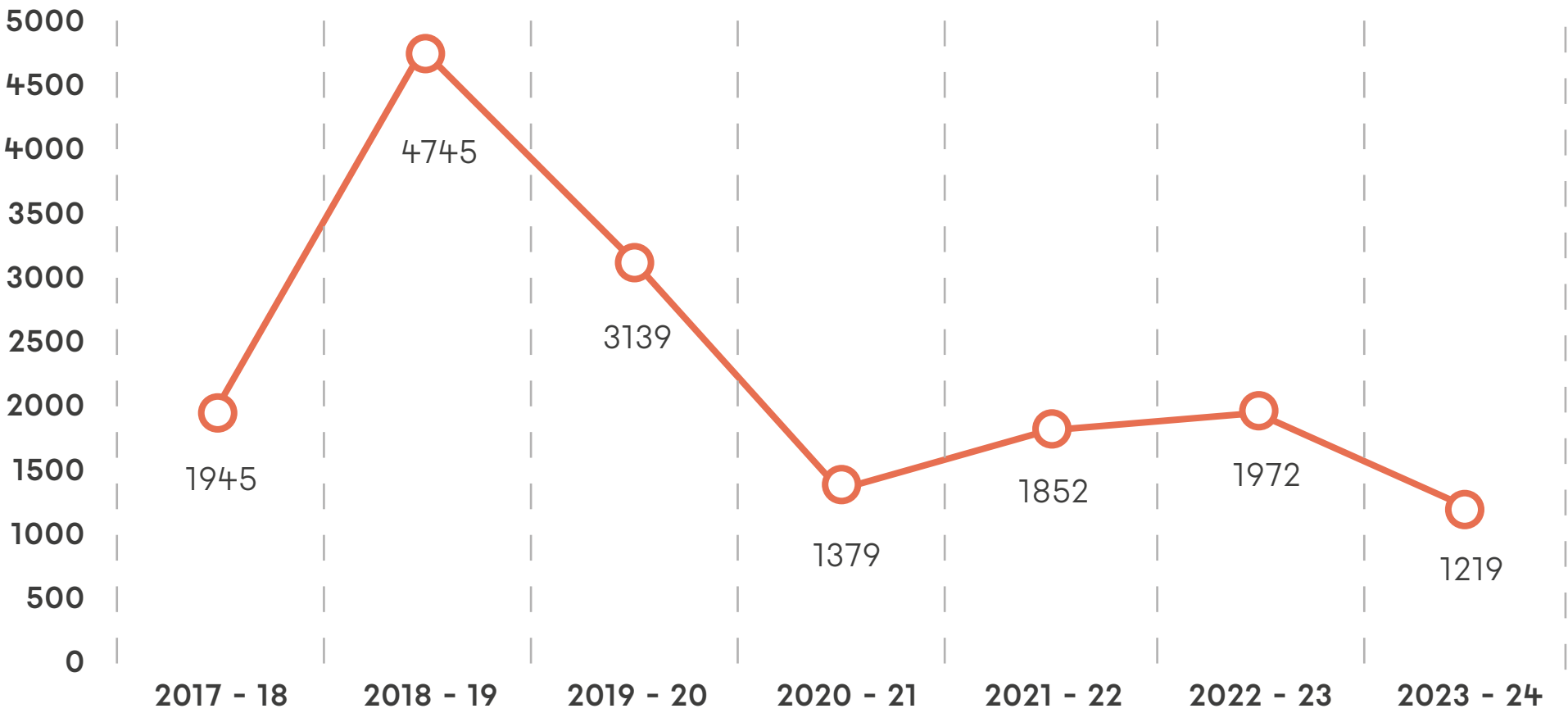
% Of Major Planning Applications Determined In Time



% Of Non-Major Planning Applications Determined In Time



Homes Granted Planning Permission



KPIs

Our Planning Service

To monitor our progress in delivering the Local Plan policy objectives, the 2037 Local Plan established a number of Key Performance Indicators (KPIs).

Whilst the Plan was adopted in Autumn 2024 (and therefore not adopted within the period of this monitoring report), we have still considered the KPIs given the significant stage it had reached during this period (post-Main Modifications consultation). The KPIs being monitored are set out in the tables below, alongside an update for the 23/24 Financial Year.

Design, Heritage and Conservation

Barking and Dagenham is home to a number of designated and non-designated heritage assets, each playing a role in maintaining the Borough’s heritage. Local Plan policies seek to preserve these assets alongside ensuring new development is well-designed and does not detract from sub-area local charatcer, whilst still providing much needed homes.

KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
1	% of planning appeals allowed on design grounds.	1% (3) of planning appeals were allowed on design grounds.
2	Number of designated or non-designated heritage assets: <div>+ Lost</div> <div>+ Subject to substantial harm</div>	0 designated or non-designated heritage assets were lost or subject to substantial harm through planning permissions.
3	Number of tall buildings within and outside of Tall Building Locations (for the purposes of this indicator, only developments resilient built environment referable to the Mayor of London for being over 30 metres in height will be looked at)	No tall buildings (referable to the Mayor of London for being over 30 metres in height) were permitted outside of the Tall Building Locations set out in the Local Plan.



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KPIs

Housing

The Local Plan establishes a need for 38,864 new homes over the Plan period (to 2037), whilst also setting out the need for more specialist types of accommodation (including pitches for the Gypsy and Traveller community, older person’s housing, and accessible housing). Delivery of these homes, and particularly affordable homes, is key to providing a range of positive, equitable outcomes for Barking and Dagenham residents and to addressing some of the key challenges the Borough faces.

KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
4	Net and gross number of new homes completed, started and on-site and permitted within monitoring period.	<div>+ 1,191 homes delivered, a net increase of 975 homes</div> <div>+ 2,527 homes commenced</div> <div>+ 1,219 homes were permitted</div>
5	Net increase in Gypsy and Traveller Pitch Provision	0
6	Capacity for additional housing from developable sites for years 0-5, 5-10 and 10+ of the borough’s housing trajectory (including small sites below 0.25ha).	A housing trajectory, updated in 23/24, is available at Appendix 4 of our Local Plan (adopted in September 2024): here
7	<div>Total number of completed, started and permitted within the monitoring period classified as affordable by unit size including breakdown by:</div> <div><div>+ Low cost rent (social rent or affordable rent);</div><div>+ Intermediate (London Living Rent or shared ownership).</div><div>+ Market.</div></div>	<div>+ 376 affordable homes were completed (208 of which were social/affordable/London Affordable Rent, 168 were intermediate),</div> <div>+ 1,621 affordable homes commenced. This was made up of 1034 low-cost rent and 587 intermediate rent homes.</div> <div>+ 656 affordable homes were permitted. This was made up of 387 low-cost rent and 269 intermediate rent homes.</div>
8	<div>Percentage of units approved and completed from major schemes which are:</div> <div><div>-M4(2): accessible and adaptable dwellings compliant and</div><div>-M4(3) wheelchair user dwellings compliant</div></div>	<div>+ Of the 1122 homes completed from schemes over 10 homes, 90.3% were M4(2) accessible and adaptable dwellings compliant, and 9.7% were M4(3) wheelchair user dwellings compliant.</div> <div>+ Of the 1177 homes permitted from schemes over 10 homes, 89.7% were M4(2) accessible and adaptable dwellings compliant, and 10.3% were M4(3) wheelchair user dwellings compliant.</div>



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KPIs

9	Number of beds provided as part of specialist housing schemes completed and permitted within the monitoring period, categorised by type and sub-area.	4 care-home spaces were permitted (23/01205/FULL).
10	Total number of Build-to-Rent units completed and permitted within the monitoring period.	80 build- to-rent units were permitted. No new units were completed.
11	Number of student beds completed and permitted within the monitoring period, categorised by place, and the proportion of which are considered affordable.	There were zero applications for purpose-built student accommodation. No new student beds were delivered as part of purpose-built student accommodation.

Employment

The Local Plan sets an ambitious, but achievable, aim for bringing forward 20,000+ jobs over the Plan period. Delivery of this objective is heavily reliant on the good use of employment land, including Strategic Industrial Land and Locally Significant Industrial Land.

KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
12	Net gain and loss (sq.) of SIL/LSIS employment floorspace within the borough (approved and completed)	<p>Local Plan KPI: Net gain and loss (sq.) SIL and LSIS within the borough (approved and completed)</p> <p>In areas designated as SIL, there was a 15,100.3 sqm net increase in industrial floorspace permitted during this period. In areas designated as LSIS, there was a 3,637.3 sqm net increase in industrial floorspace permitted during this period.</p> <p>During this period, there was a 3690.7 sqm increase of industrial floorspace in SIL designated areas, and a 30,534 sqm increase of industrial floorspace in LSIS designated areas.</p>
13	Total affordable employment floorspace proposed in permitted and the proportion of overall employment space.	<p>No affordable workspace was proposed or permitted in 23/24.</p> <p>Nb. Affordable Workspace policies apply primarily to new office space rather than all employment space.</p>



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KPIs

Environment

The Council has set a clear ambition to be the ‘Green Capital of the Capital’. This is not only about parks and open spaces, although they play a part, but on a wide range of aspects that contribute positively to the environment, including seeking the delivery of Biodiversity Net Gain from development coming forward.

14	Monitoring jobs delivered by new development	<p>Major developments (Be First and others via s106) in the borough generated 354 jobs for LBBB residents in 2023-24. Of those 354, 8 were apprenticeships.</p> <p>Other benefits are also secured with regard to local employment through the S106 process, including Employment and Skills Plans, and a focus on hiring local people at end-use phase as well as construction.</p>
KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
15	Total amount of new publicly accessible open space, new parks (part of a large-scale development) and play space by sub-area	<p>1 park has been delivered as part of the redevelopment of the Gascoigne Estate.</p> <p>Permissioned:</p> <p>1,791sqm of playspace and 10,556 sqm of open space to be provided via 22/00416/FULL (Former Car Park, Chequers Lane).</p> <p>New playspace to be provided as part of 22/01048/OUTSRM (Beam Park), with ~58% of the total site area to be open space.</p>
16	Percentage of permitted schemes achieving at least 10% Biodiversity Net Gain	<p>50% of major schemes over 10 homes permitted in this period meet or exceed 10% Biodiversity Net Gain.</p> <p>Nb. Mandatory BNG not in place until February 2024</p>
17	Number of permitted schemes achieving at least a Minimum Urban Greening Factor of 0.4	<p>During this period, 3 permitted schemes achieved at least a Minimum Urban Greening Factor of 0.4:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 22/01982/FULL Barking Hospital+ 22/01492/VAR Padnall Lake Phase 1+ 22/01048/OUTSRM Beam Park



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KPIs

Sustainable Infrastructure

Barking and Dagenham Council is committed to sustainable growth. With its ambitious plans for housing and jobs, it is even more essential that infrastructure is unlocked to support these developments. Section 106 obligations are key to delivering this, either by providing new and improved facilities, or contributing financially to future delivery.

KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
18	Number of permitted and completed major development and schemes designed to achieve the net zero carbon target	<p>2 permitted major schemes designed to achieve net zero (33% of permitted major resi/non-resi schemes) - Lok’n’sstore, Ripple Road and Attice Storage, Ripple Road.</p> <p>1 delivered major scheme designed to achieve net zero (33% of delivered major resi schemes) - Gascoigne East, Phase 3a.</p>
19	Total sum of Carbon Offset Funds secured and received through Section 106 Agreements	£240,272.31 was received through Section 106 Agreements in 23/24 for Carbon Offset Funds.
20	Net change in the total number of social and community facilities (including health)	<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 1 x Gain in Primary School (22/00416/ FULL - Chequers Lane)+ 2 x SEND Facilities (23/01137/ FULL - North Northbury Close, and 23/00631/FULL - Wantz Road) <p>Community Centres and Faith Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 1 x Gain in Community Space and Faith Space (23/00080/FUL - Green Lane)+ 1 x Loss in Faith Space (23/00762/ FULL - Gascoigne Road) <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 1 x Diagnostic Centre (22/01982/FULL - Barking Hospital)
21	Monitoring of gross new or improved social and community infrastructure floor space (m2)	<p>Schools</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 2351.5 sqm (Chequers Lane, Wantz Road and North Northbury Close) <p>Community Centres and Faith Spaces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 386 sqm (Improvement of 357 sqm at Padnall Hall) <p>Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">+ 1,100 sqm (Barking Hospital)



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KPIs

Transport

Good transport connectivity is essential for sustainable growth. It means our residents can get from A-B. Our focus is on making this travel more sustainable, reducing the need for car ownership and encouraging active travel. This will have positive impacts on the health and wellbeing of our residents, and the environment more generally.

KPI	Measure	23/24 Financial Year Update
22	Net loss and gain of depots and wharves	There was no net change in depots and wharves in 2023/24.
23	Number of car-free developments permitted	Of the two major resi developments (over 10 homes) permitted in 23/24, one of these was car-free (Former Car Park, Chequers Lane), and the other was heavily car-lite (Beam Park), as per the London Plan parking requirements.
24	Number of car club bays delivered by developments	17 car club bays were delivered during this period.
25	Number of EV charging points delivered by developments	14 EV charging points were delivered in 23/24 by Be First developments. A further programme of rolling out residential on-street EV charging points is in progress.
Sustainable Transport Indexes – Collated Externally		
26	Increase the number of bus passengers by reducing delays on the network	Bus speed monitoring information is provided by TfL and is available here: Buses performance data - Transport for London.
27	Reduce the number of people killed or seriously injured on London’s transport system	TfL provide a ‘Road Danger Reduction’ Dashboard: here which can be filtered by Borough and by year.



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Planning Policy

Local Plan

The Barking and Dagenham 2037 Local Plan was adopted in September 2024 and so no longer features in our LDS. To reflect this, we have since published an interim update to our Local Development Scheme which amends some of the anticipated timings for our planning policy documents.

We are currently working on the following SPDs:

- Thames Road Transformation Area SPD – currently in draft form, with an adoption anticipated Spring 2025.
- Chadwell Heath Masterplan SPD – currently in draft form, with further work/consultation to be undertaken and adoption anticipated in 2026.
- Becontree Design Code SPD – pre-consultation draft with adoption anticipated in 2026.

The following planning policy documents are in the early stages and subject to further consideration before coming forward:

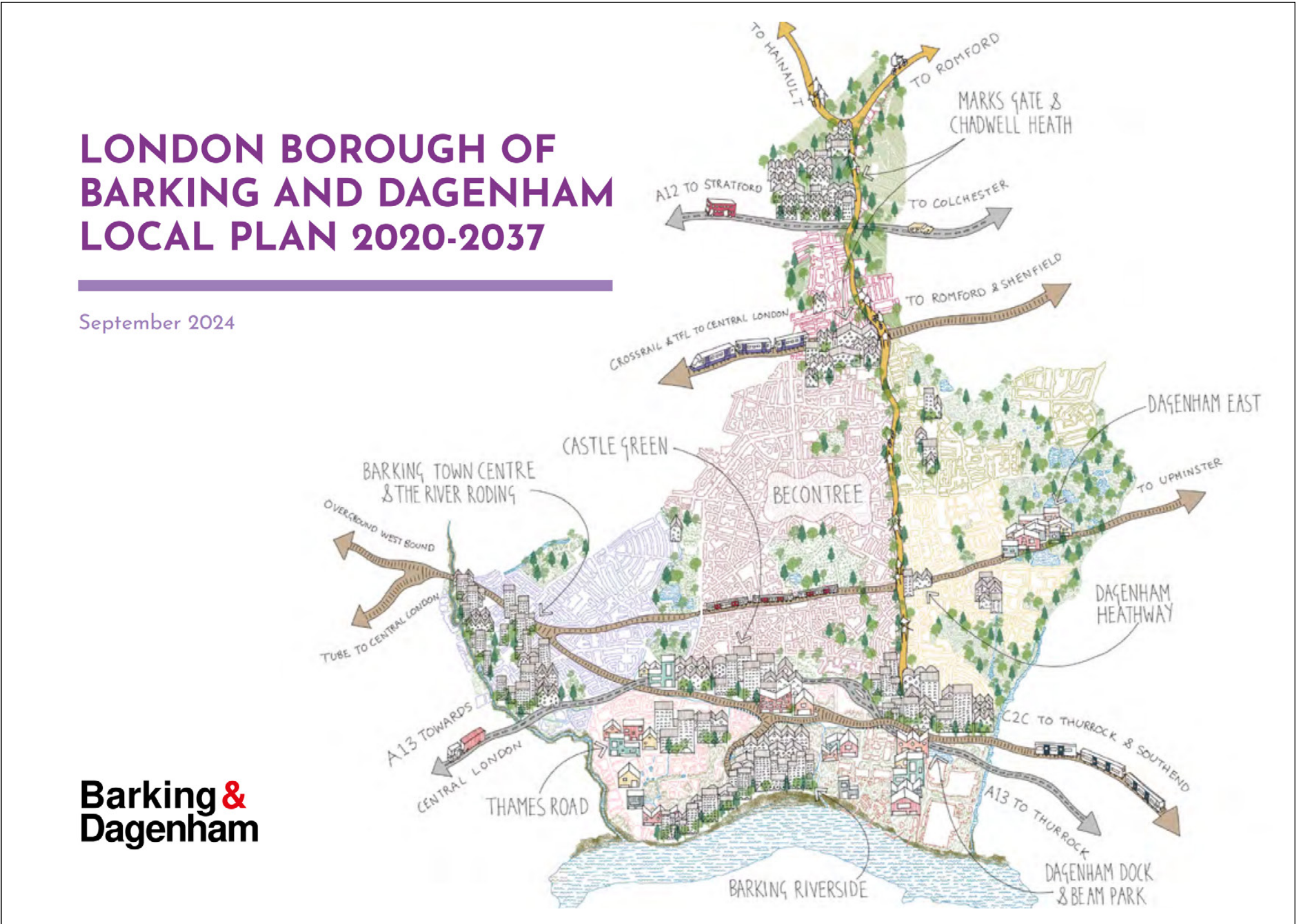
- Marks Gate Masterplan – feasibility work ongoing
- Dagenham Heathway Masterplan - feasibility work ongoing
- Castle Green Masterplan - feasibility work ongoing
- Residential Extensions SPD – (targeting adoption in 2025/26)

It is anticipated that these could reach public consultation in 2026 (or 2026/27 for the Castle Green Masterplan).

The update to the LDS also reflects the updated timings to our Joint Waste Plan, which underwent Regulation 18 consultation in 2024 and is expected to be adopted in Autumn/Winter 2026.

Our Supplementary Planning Obligations SPD was adopted in September 2024.

Local Plan Review	Indicative Timetable
Evidence production	2026/7
Call for sites	2027
Regulation 18 Consultation	2028
Regulation 19 Consultation	2028
Submission to Secretary of state	2029
Examination	2029
Adoption	2029



4. Finance

Finance

Infrastructure Funding

Our Infrastructure Funding Statement provides detail on the CIL and S106 received, allocated and spent in the 2023/24 financial year. It is available [here](#)

Headline SCIL Figures

CIL collected (excluding Mayoral CIL)

+ £5,547,011.34 (including admin fees and NCIL portion)

SCIL expenditure

+ £706,410.70 in capital expenditure

SCIL allocated

+ £1,097,000.00

SCIL available to allocate (including retained CIL from previous years)

+ £7,208,684.13

SCIL Projects (23/24 allocation and spend)

Projects	Year Allotted	Vaule of Allocation	Spend in 2023/24
Children’s Playspaces and Facilities	2017/18	£275,000.00	£2,600.00
Parks and Open Spaces Strategy 2017	2017/18	£500,000.00	£27,210.75
Box Up Crime	2019/20	£300,000.00	£7,682.00
Women’s Museum	2019/20	£250,000.00	£133,497.49
Women’s Museum (additional allocation) - capital	2023/24	£35,000.00	£0.00
Women’s Museum (additional allocation) - revenue	2023/24	£62,000.00	£0.00
Woodward Rd Arts and Culture centre	2023/24	£200,000.00	£200,000.00
Chadwell Heath Cemetery Multi Faith Facilities	2023/24	£350,000.00	£335,420.46
Uber Boat by Thames Clipper – funding to support increased frequency	2023/24	£450,000.00	£0.00

NCIL Funding

NCIL Projects

This section sets out the projects in the Borough where NCIL funding was allocated and spent over 2023/24.

Organisation name	Project description	Amount requested
Barking and Dagenham Ab Phab Youth Club	This project will provide opportunities for young people aged 11-18 with disabilities and/or mental health conditions to develop their skills and independence in gardening, cooking and managing their physical wellbeing.	£9,716.00
Flowing Rivers Enterprise	The project will address the rising cost of living through the Community Cafe Project, providing employability,micro-investment, debt management and legal clinic sessions	£9,860
Hedgecock Community Centre	The proposed project aims to introduce dragon boating to the residents of Longbridge Ward in Barking and Dagenham, with a focus on promoting physical activity and improving the health and wellbeing of participants. The venue will be at London Regatta Centre, which is located outside of LBBd but is conveniently accessible via the cycle highway and a short drive from Hedgecock Community Centre.	£10,000
High Voltage Performing Arts	The project will deliver Music on the Move (A Community Roadshow delivered by HVPA). The project will expand this offer to harder to reach communities within Barking and Dagenham by purchasing a van to deliver fun, educational and engaging music themed sessions through a series of Borough-wide, tailored to meet needs community activities, especially for those who find accessing current opportunities in their localities.	£9,200
Laura I. Art Gallery CIC	The project is an extension of past project Noah`s Ark, delivering a 10-week programme of events run by a mascot, designed mainly for young people and adults from disadvantaged backgrounds in Barking and Dagenham. Starting from September and lasting well into autumn (October), the project will consist of 1 workshop a week in school after school hours, and 1 day a week at a local organisation.	£10,000
Love Education C.I.C	The project will offer a range of free workshops, holiday clubs, short courses, and creative sessions to equip young people with practical skills and knowledge to improve their lives. Love Create workshops will be facilitated by industry experts from various fields, including barristers, personal trainers, chefs, accountants, actors, designers, and others.	£10,000
Power House Community Network	The project will deliver a Borough-wide focused event and a series of weekly sessions to create awareness of blood/organ donation, sickle cell and health issues to a community that is opposed to donating blood or their organs or identifying with health issues. The project is designed to educate and create long-term and sustainable awareness of the issue.	£10,000
RCCG, House of Prayer for all Nations	<p>The project will support high school leavers to either enrol into higher/further education institutions or securing Apprenticeship/ traineeship. Support will include career guidance and counselling, CV and Cover Letter writing, interview techniques to enable them secure school admission or join an Apprenticeship or Traineeship scheme.</p> <p>The project will also support adults who have chosen not to attend Tertiary/further education institution or who are unemployed, employed but either on low income, or earn good income but stagnated in their career. Support will include an initial troubleshooting interview, career guidance and counselling, CV and cover letter writing, job search and interview techniques.</p>	£10,000
Thames Life	The Green-Up Group will support fortnightly clean-ups operating in Thames View and Barking Riverside to activate green spaces. The project will clean up the environment by litter picking, tidying up green spaces and gardening activities, increase usage of local green spaces getting residents active and outdoors, and recruit resident custodians for the Ripple Nature Reserve to facilitate its re-opening. The project will also activate green spaces and engage socially isolated and vulnerable residents through outreach.	£9,999

NCIL Funding

NCIL Projects

This section sets out the projects in the Borough where NCIL funding was allocated and spent over 2023/24.

Tots N Tunes C.I.C.	Tots N Tunes provides classes to local families with young children in Barking and Dagenham through three different playgroups: All Around the World, Tots N Play and Dads Rock. This project is about compiling a book of nursery rhymes from the diverse cultures of the attendees in popular play and singing groups, with an accompanying CD and digital download.	£10,000
True Cadence CIC	The project, entitled “Raise the Bar, KING” (RTB), is a 12-month coaching and mentorship programme aimed at empowering young men between the ages of 16 and 25 in Barking and Dagenham. The programme aims to provide positive male role models, guidance on integrity, honour, and respect, and mentorship on navigating life’s challenges.	£10,000
Urban Promise UK	The project will deliver a free after school club in Marks Gate 4 days a week for 20 primary school aged children during the Autumn Term. While attending the club children will receive help with homework and reading, mentoring from team of teenage Student Leaders, opportunities for extracurricular activities, healthy snacks, and a meal.	£9,974
Wander Wild Forest School	Wander Wild Forest School is a forest school led by qualified local residents in Barking Riverside. The project engages local families in their local outdoor environment through curated sessions; families can develop skills in teamwork, using tools safely and learning about looking after our natural environment through an accessible format. A key aim is bringing together diverse communities to gather to share in outdoor play and exploration.	£10,000
JDS STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE	The Creative Inclusion Project has been designed to provide a range of inclusive creative workshops, and holistic wellbeing programmes for young people aged 11+, from all backgrounds and abilities. The workshops consist of activities that include mindfulness, self-development, essential life skills and providing capacity building support, for potential future entrepreneurs within the borough.	£10,000
Barking and Dagenham Youth Dance	The project will provide Social Media Content Creator training sessions. This will include delivering 2-hour sessions a week, during term time, outside of school time and engage with an additional 15 young people aged 11-16 each week, targeting those from low-income families. Beneficiaries will work with youth facilitators who will set tasks that will see them improve their communication skills, increase their creative thought processes that leads to stimulating the brain, all while gaining skills that are relevant to today’s job market.	£9,970
Sycamore Trust	The project will support pre-verbal children who experience social and communication difficulties and are not using functional language. Families learn to communicate using symbols based on the PECS® System. It is an intensive ten-week programme including parent and individual child sessions.	£9,992
Barking Churches Unite	The project will provide a new space in BLC to expand the service offering and provide a warm space in winter and extend the kitchen.	£10,000
Wellgate Farm	The project will build on the current volunteering opportunities at the Wellgate Farm by dedicating staff to develop and deliver a programme of training and accreditation. The Farm supports volunteers of all ages and abilities and volunteers would like the opportunity to build a record of achievement evidencing the skills and knowledge they have gained and in-house certification which they can use to enhance their CVs for future training and employment.	£9,748
Make a Difference at Sandies	MADAS Charitable Organisation targets Children and Young People (CYP) at risk of family breakdown and social exclusion from ages 3-14 and the project will further support this work.	£9,540
Wood Lane Baptist Church	This project will deliver a defibrillator for people suffering cardiac arrest to increase their chance of survival. It will be available 24/7 at the church but for the benefit of residents of the ward and borough. It will be registered nationally on “The Circuit” to provide timely access in emergencies round the clock.	£2,810

NCIL Funding

NCIL Projects

This section sets out the projects in the Borough where NCIL funding was allocated and spent over 2023/24.

Early Years Cocoon	The project is about developing a family friendly guide of the Top 10 parks in the borough (voted for by families) and help to activate those spaces by coordinating 5 family friendly events delivered by local partners such as: puppetry, storytelling, music, crafts and sports.	£9,870
Peer 2 Peer	P2P are committed to helping reduce the number of young people at risk of becoming groomed online. Peer Educators will deliver 40 Grooming & Online Safety Workshops to young people in schools within LBBD, educating them on how to spot the signs of online grooming, how to use the internet safely, and exploring the effects of sexting both now and in the future. Workshops will be attended by approximately 30 students each, achieving a total reach of up to 1,200 young people across the borough.	£9,980
ILA	The project will provide practical support to people with learning disabilities to access training opportunities and up-skill.	£7,864
Stoneford Community Garden	The project would support the continuation of free activities in the garden for the community and towards developing a new community friends’ group, run by local partners. Thames Chase Trust, a conservation charity, runs a bi-weekly gardening club where residents learn new skills and play an active role in looking after the garden. Funding will ensure that the gardening club and family activities can continue next year.	£10,000
Becontree South C of E	The project will aim to train and certify 150+ members of community in first aid (adults and children) and will enable the purchase of 3 defibrillators and 3 bleed kids to be installed at the entrance to all 3 church buildings within our parish for emergency public use.	£10,000
Radiant Ambitions	This is a skills development program aimed at enriching 30 young girls to tackle social isolation and reduce loneliness. The project will run from February to August 2024, during school holiday breaks to meet the needs of young girls ages 13 to 19.	£10,000
Soul and Sound	The Healthy Mind Healthy Grind 6-week Plant Based Cooking Workshop is designed to ‘plant the seed’ of becoming a conscious consumer of food and learning a new life skill via cooking basic healthy plant-based dishes on a budget.	£10,000
Westbury Urban Garden Association	The project is aiming to improve community resilience and food security by creating an urban orchard. The project will provide funding for lockable safe storage, improved lighting, improved irrigation and water capture, fruit trees, better green waste management facilities and sustainable off-grid toilet facilities.	£10,000
Hatfield Community Hall	To create a sensory garden to be used by the community.	£7,000

5. Development Portfolio

Development Portfolio

Gascoigne East Phase 2

546 homes in Gascoigne East masterplan. Delivering schools, a community centre and commercial spaces.



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Gascoigne East Phase 3a

226 homes in Gascoigne East masterplan. The proposal includes the net zero carbon building



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Development Portfolio

Gascoigne West Phase 2

386 homes in barking town center, set to improve the health and wellbeing of Gascoigne Estate residents



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Hearts & Minds, Bricks & Mortar

