

Green Space Investment Program e

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Vision

‘Camden’s green space projects will deliver improvements where they are most needed, ensuring investment promotes healthy, accessible and resilient green infrastructure.’

Introduction

Camden’s Green Space Investment Programme 2026 – 2030 (GSIP) has been developed to ensure that future capital investment in our parks and green spaces best meets the We Make Camden objectives, Camden Missions and delivers investment within available funding. The 5-year programme is reviewed and updated annually.

Investment in parks and greenspace is a cost-effective way to promote health and wellbeing. Natural capital accounting puts the cost per visit to a park in Camden at £1.73, resulting in £20 of health benefits. Additionally, we know that access to green space in Camden is not equal, with 39% of residents not having access to a shared or private garden, highlighting the importance and significance of high quality public green space within the borough.

Camden manage a wide range of open spaces including parks, housing estate amenity areas, playgrounds, cemeteries, churchyards, allotments, community gardens and outdoor sports facilities. These spaces, together with council’s street trees, pocket parks, roof gardens, rain gardens and green/brown roofs form a network of critical ‘green infrastructure’ in the borough.

**Graphic showing Camden green space stats in summary*

The GSIP identifies the areas of Camden in greatest need, then matches available funding to deliver specific projects and profiles their implementation over the programme period. This funding includes S106, Local CIL, external funding, as well as projects funded through capital receipts.

Current year projects are approved annually, while later years of the programme are provisional, and will be reviewed annually prior to approval. This ensures the programme can respond to changing needs, new insight, additional funding opportunities or revised council priorities. As future Section 106 is received this will be allocated following the same principle and approved on an annual basis. Space has been left in later years of the programme to allow for new projects.

The Green Space Investment Programme will contribute towards the Camden ambition of:

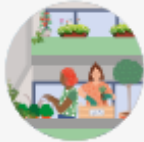
Camden should be a green, clean, vibrant, accessible and sustainable place with everyone empowered to contribute to tackling the climate emergency

‘We are proud of Camden’s public spaces and want to ensure that they support the health and wellbeing of everyone who uses them. That means everyone working together to keep them clean, safe and accessible.’

‘Our parks and open spaces are especially important for everyone’s health and wellbeing because they provide a place to exercise, socialise and reflect. Trees, plants and greenery help to keep our air clean, cool our neighbourhoods down and help to tackle the climate emergency.’

To achieve the Camden ambitions the council has set 4 missions over the coming years. The Estates and Neighbourhoods mission creates a clear framework for the GSIP to sit within. The GSIP will have a stronger emphasis of estates and neighbourhood landscape transformation than previous years of the programme in order to help the council meet its mission.

Mission 4 of 4



Estates and neighbourhoods: By 2030, Camden's estates and their neighbourhoods are healthy, sustainable and unlock creativity

Camden Mission

By 2030, Camden's estates and their neighbourhoods are healthy, sustainable and unlock creativity.

As well as the Missions, the GSIP contributes to a range of strategic priorities across council services. These include:

The Parks for Health strategy has highlighted the essential role that green space plays in addressing resident health outcomes in Camden.

The Camden Transport Strategy commits to creating healthier, greener, safer streets through improving the quality of the public realm as well as the health of Camden residents through increased active travel.

Diversity in the Public Realm strategy has highlighted the importance of safe and accessible spaces for all Camden residents to help build fair and equitable landscapes.

Climate Action Plan focuses on the necessity for green spaces to help ameliorate the environmental impacts of flooding and urban heat, particularly through increasing canopy cover.

To embed the Missions mindset and deliver against the existing strategies and targets we have set out three key priorities in the GSIP 2026-20230:

- 1. Encourage healthy lifestyles and outdoor activity**
- 2. Promote inclusivity and accessibility**
- 3. Deliver climate resilience**

Priorities

The projects that come forward through the GSIP will follow the priorities to enable more ambitious, more sustainable and more robust projects to be delivered within Camden.

1. Encourage healthy lifestyles and outdoor activity

To help deliver improved health outcomes for residents we need to put green space and free to use facilities at the heart of outdoor activity in Camden. This means placing a greater emphasis on the existing facilities we have through enhancing and improving them, as well as identifying areas of the borough where new facilities improve access and participation in outdoor activity.

Targets

- Continue to embed Parks for Health strategy across the investment programme
- Improved facilities for active outdoor activity across Camden's green spaces
- Improved participation in activities within green spaces, particularly in groups with lower activity levels
- Diversify the provision of facilities to enable more wider participation, including targeted provision for young people to be physically active
- Maximise opportunities for nature alongside space for people
- Support food growing initiatives and community gardening that increase community cohesion and connections with nature.

[Parks for Health Strategy](#)
[Health and Wellbeing Strategy](#)
[Camden Transport Strategy](#)

2. Promote inclusivity and accessibility

All of our new green space projects will follow accessible design standards, addressing physical and non-physical barriers to the use of Camden green space. This will place a greater emphasis on diversifying the range of play equipment on offer in our play sites to better meet the needs of residents, as well as continuing to improve green space infrastructure such as signage, seating and path networks to maximise the number of people benefiting from our green space sites.

Targets

- Play areas will incorporate accessible play features to broaden the appeal of play areas including sensory play provision and SEND appropriate design.
- All masterplanning and site wide improvement projects will be delivered with a specific focus safety, particularly where use of the site after dark is permitted
- Signage and Wayfinding will be implemented following best practice guidance to ensure content is accessible and engaging
- Create new green space in areas of greatest need
- Introduce new facilities where there is an evidenced based gap in provision

[Diversity in the Public Realm 2023-2028](#)
[Make Space for Girls](#)
[Everything to Play For - Play Commission](#)

3. Deliver climate and ecological resilience

Our projects will ensure all new green space maximises the potential benefits for people and nature through high quality and targeted green space interventions.

Over the past century, human activity has rapidly increased the production of greenhouse gases leading to a 1°C rise in global temperatures. This change in temperature is already leading to more frequent and extreme weather events, such as the major flooding event which occurred in Camden 2021. The GSIP has the potential to mitigate these challenges,

particularly through the creation of new green space in areas of the borough where heat risk and flood risk is experienced most acutely.

Targets

- Identify and deliver opportunities to increase biodiversity in urban areas
- Support the identification and delivery of high-performance SuDS across Camden
- Create high performance new green infrastructure in areas where it is needed most
- Enhance our existing green spaces so they contribute towards climate risk, including flood risk management and urban heat risk
- Reducing activities that harm nature through careful consideration of material selection and construction techniques

[Climate Action Plan 2020-2025](#)

[Tree Planting Strategy 2020-2025](#)

[Make Space for Nature](#)

Prioritisation of GSIP projects: Projects have then been programmed to prioritise those which best address inequality in provision, both in terms of access and distribution. Projects are also allocated based on the site quality and asset life expectancy, so that the borough can continue to provide borough wide green space opportunities. The key factors that our prioritisation is based on are:

- Serve neighbourhoods with higher deprivation scores
- Serve areas deficient in access to green space
- At sites of lower quality provision
- At sites where we know assets need to be replaced

All projects are delivered under a 'do no harm' principal, making sure that all project work has the minimum impact on the environment, promoting habitat creation and ecological value where possible. Some projects have also been specifically programmed to align with other related works (such as associated highways projects) or brought forward where they can be progressed independently by community groups, support community resilience or draw in match-funding.

As well as site-specific projects, the programme also includes a number of strategic projects which can be implemented more effectively across multiple sites, and which support the Financial Strategy by facilitating more sustainable management models or enabling cost savings.

Some projects focus on essential repair and renewal, while others have greater scope for community involvement to inform designs, and the appropriate level of community engagement will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

To deliver green space projects there are some essential baseline costs that must be met to enable sustainable and strategic investment where it is most needed. These costs are outlined below:

- **Administration fee** (10% project management fee applied to all S106 and CIL allocations to cover cost delivery)
- **Strategic Project allocations** (funded through a 10% allocation from all S106 contributions over £50,000)

- **Maintenance contribution** (10% maintenance fee will be applied to relevant projects from the total project budget)

Background to Camden green space

The Camden Leisure Service manages 76 park sites with a combined area of 34.5ha. Most green spaces managed by Camden Council are relatively small with the average space equivalent to 3 tennis courts, with our largest park sites being Waterlow Park and Kilburn Grange. The borough's larger 'destination sites' (Hampstead Heath, Primrose Hill and Regents Park) are not managed by Camden Council, and are the responsibility of the City of London and Royal Parks respectively. The Regent's Canal also winds its way through the borough and is a waterway of London-wide significance. It is managed by the Canal and River Trust.

The Local Plan Policies Map designates 297 open spaces, 39 Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) and eight sites used for allotments or community food growing. Within Hampstead Heath, there is an area of ancient woodland which is also nationally listed as a Site of Special Scientific Interest. A significant number of the borough's open spaces also have heritage significance, with many recognised as forming London Squares and a small number listed as Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest.

The service also maintains 50ha of council housing estate green space across the borough and accounts for 100s of individual sites. These sites vary in size and are the responsibility of the overall Housing Revenue Account (HRA), who commission our service to manage the horticultural maintenance and play areas on their behalf.

There has been a recent evolution of the service in the last 5 years to manage new green space in the public highway. Typically, these are small sites and include features like rain gardens and SuDS that support climate resilience, but there have also been much grander interventions like Alfred Place Gardens that converted a street into a new public park, as well as Fleet Valley Pocket Park that transformed a large area of paving into a new neighbourhood green space. These different types of highways green space represent different funding challenges and additional maintenance funding is critical to enable maintenance contracts to grow and adopt new assets.

Funding restrictions and site-specific considerations around permission and approvals apply to these different green space typologies (Parks, Housing and Highways), so a flexible approach must be taken to deliver maximum benefit and respond to the constraints and opportunities that each typology represents.

Green space policy context

The national policy context regarding parks and green spaces is characterised by broad concern for the declining condition of parks in response to funding cuts, and something of a policy vacuum at the national government level.

In response to this, national initiatives like the 'Nature Towns and Cities' have been created by the National Trust and Natural England to help set the ambition for local authorities to create new green space and increase access to nature, but fundamental revenue funding challenges exist for many local authorities who report acute pressure on existing budgets.

Parks and green spaces feature heavily in London policy, and the Mayor of London has committed to making 50% of London green as part of an overarching initiative to create a 'National Park City'. The Urban Greening Factor policy has also begun to have a significant

influence on planning applications that are coming forward within the borough, representing a significant uplift in the green space that is being delivered by developers.

At the Camden level, green space investment projects align with We Make Camden by providing 'a green, clean, vibrant, accessible and sustainable place with everyone empowered to contribute to tackling the climate emergency'. This also aligns with the Camden Local Plan through protecting and investing in green space across the borough, harnessing the benefits of growth to upgrade and improve physical infrastructure.

The green space investment programme also complements Camden strategies for inclusive and sustainable growth. These include the Camden Transport Strategy (CTS) (Objective 2 and Objective 5) which defines measures to support the Healthy Streets indicators and the Mayor's Transport Strategy (MTS). The CTS complements several Camden sustainability strategies including Clean Air Action Plan and the Climate Action Plan.

Camden is a vibrant borough and combined with the central London location it ensures it is an attractive location for developers to invest. Developer contributions are the primary source of capital expenditure available to invest in green space. Over the last 5 years (2020-2025) this has been £5m of Section 106 investment. LB Camden has a duty to spend Section 106 and CIL to mitigate against the impact of development within the borough. This is set out in the Planning Act and National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), which details each legal obligation as agreed by the Local Planning Authority.

The Planning Policy Guidance 17: Planning for Open Space, Sport and Recreation (PPG17) sets out the need for high quality, attractive open space that are well managed and maintained. This focuses on the specific need for local authorities to undertake assessments and audits of provision to understand local need, ensuring they are compliant with the policy requirements.

Green space investment

The development function of the Leisure Service deals with the investment and improvement of our own green spaces, making sure that the benefits of high-quality green space are realised for Camden residents. Investment in parks and green spaces is a cost-effective way to promote health and wellbeing, reducing the need for expensive medical treatment to manage ill health. The benefits of good quality green spaces are multifaceted and include:

- Physical and mental health and well being
- Social interaction and development of community ties and cohesion
- Biodiversity and access to nature
- Play and learning opportunities
- Improving environmental conditions (e.g. flood risk, urban heat)
- Supporting tourism and the local economy
- Creating sense of place and local distinctiveness
- Increase in land values and attractiveness for investment

Key facts:

- Access to high quality parks and green spaces is associated with better health outcomes overall
- Regular use of a green space is associated 43% lower risk of poor general health and 40% are less likely to be overweight or obese.
- Access to parks is associated with increased physical activity
- Populations with access to a park are 20% less at risk of physical inactivity and are 24% more likely to meet physical activity recommendations

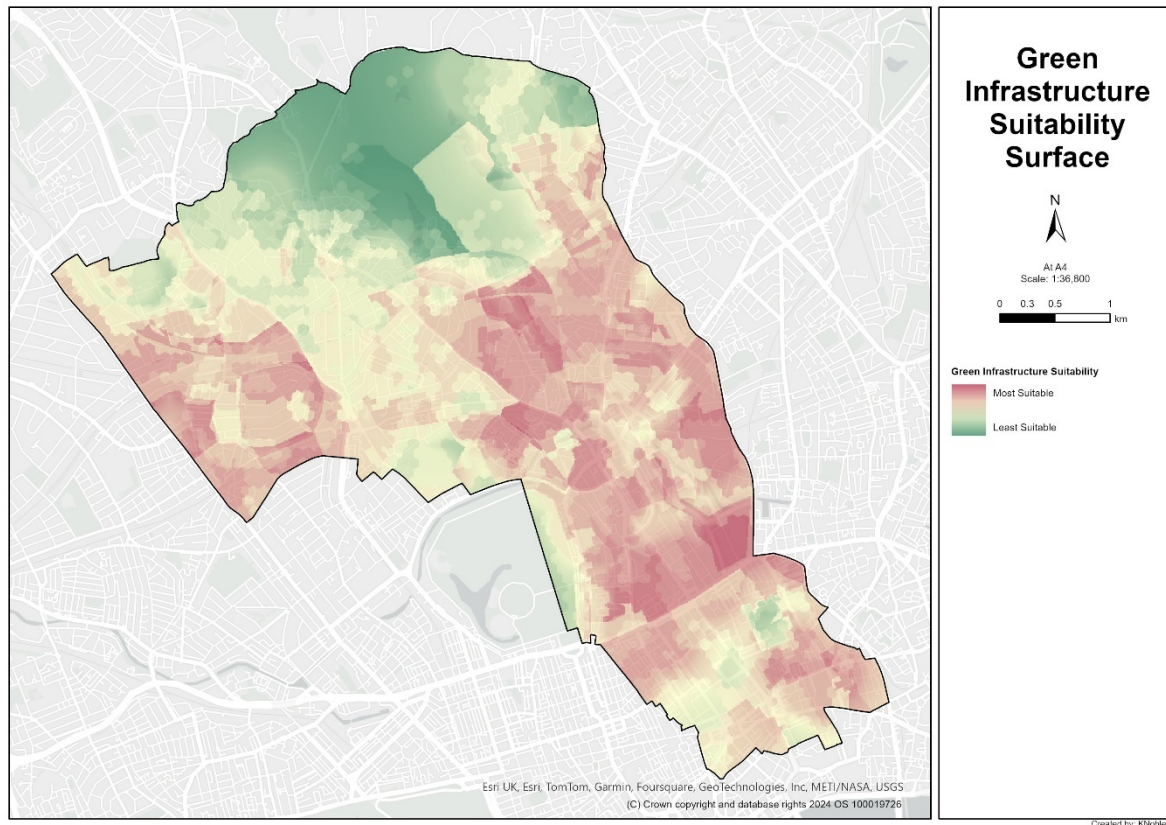
- Access to parks is associated with improved mental health and wellbeing for residents with each additional use of any natural environment per week is associated with 6% lower risk of poor mental health

To address areas in the borough of greatest need the GSIP (2026-2030) highlights priority areas within Camden, then matching funding sources to deliver that need, i.e. combining Section 106, Local CIL, District Management Committee (DMC) funding and other grant funding opportunities to get the most out of a project. The investment programme allocates funding resources based on evidence, engagement and consultation with residents and members, and then prioritises the projects identified for capital funding.

The green space investment programme allocates funding, whilst the green space projects quality controls and internal design review ensures appropriate material selection, rational design decisions and a clear handover procedure, reducing the maintenance burden across Camden green space sites.

Alongside the Camden led development, the team will also seek opportunities for private development to deliver excellent new green space for new and existing Camden residents through the planning process.

Grey to green: Through street planting, pocket parks and parklets we can provide more space for wildlife and nicer places for people. Transport projects, such as reducing traffic and making changes to junctions are also opportunities for incorporating planting for biodiversity. Achieving these things can have considerable technical challenges – underground services severely limit options for tree planting, for example. We also need to be mindful that design and choice of materials are consistent with achieving sustainable management and procurement, so we do not inadvertently increase our carbon footprint or contribute to biodiversity loss elsewhere. Being mindful of these challenges and working across Council departments with communities and partners to solve them gives us the best chance of sustainable streets for nature and people.



Playful Camden: High quality play equipment and playgrounds are vital community infrastructure that enable child to develop and progress both socially and physically. Play space should address the needs of different age groups, considering the characteristics of the green space that they sit within. In line with our overall aims for public open space provision, new play facilities must be inclusive for all children and allow children from different areas to meet and socialise. Informal play spaces like MUGAs and skateparks are equally important, offering play value to young people and may also include fountains, climbable objects or areas of grass suitable for games. The council needs to strike a balance between being as ambitious as possible with the range and quality of play facilities it is able to provide to meet the needs of Camden residents, as well as sustainable financial modelling so that new sites are successful in the long term.

Parks for Health: The 'Parks for Health Strategy 2022–2030' for Camden and Islington is a comprehensive plan that reimagines public parks and green spaces as essential health assets. Green spaces are cost-effective health interventions, with significant returns on investment. The strategy emphasizes early intervention and prevention are the best way to reduce long-term healthcare costs.

The strategy sets out a vision that will ensure that Parks are welcoming, inclusive, and accessible to all. It also sets out that green spaces are central to community life, supporting physical and mental wellbeing. The best way to maximise the benefits that parks offer enabling more frequently use and for longer durations by a diverse range of residents. One of the six Strategic aims of the Parks for Health Strategy is 'Investing in Parks'. This means; Improving the quality of green spaces, improving the accessibility of green spaces and ensuring the development is using sustainable practices and approaches.

Make our sites safe: We know that safety is a key consideration for many of our site users. The location of seating, the provision lighting, the type of facilities on offer and the detailed design of green space all have a significant part to play in ensuring that all Camden residents feel that green space is a resource that they can use. Make Space for Girls in

particular have been instrumental in identifying the shortcomings of public space and parks for women and girls. The GSIP is committed to exploring opportunities to address these barriers will continue to learn and reflect on opportunities for improvement in the way we deliver green space projects.

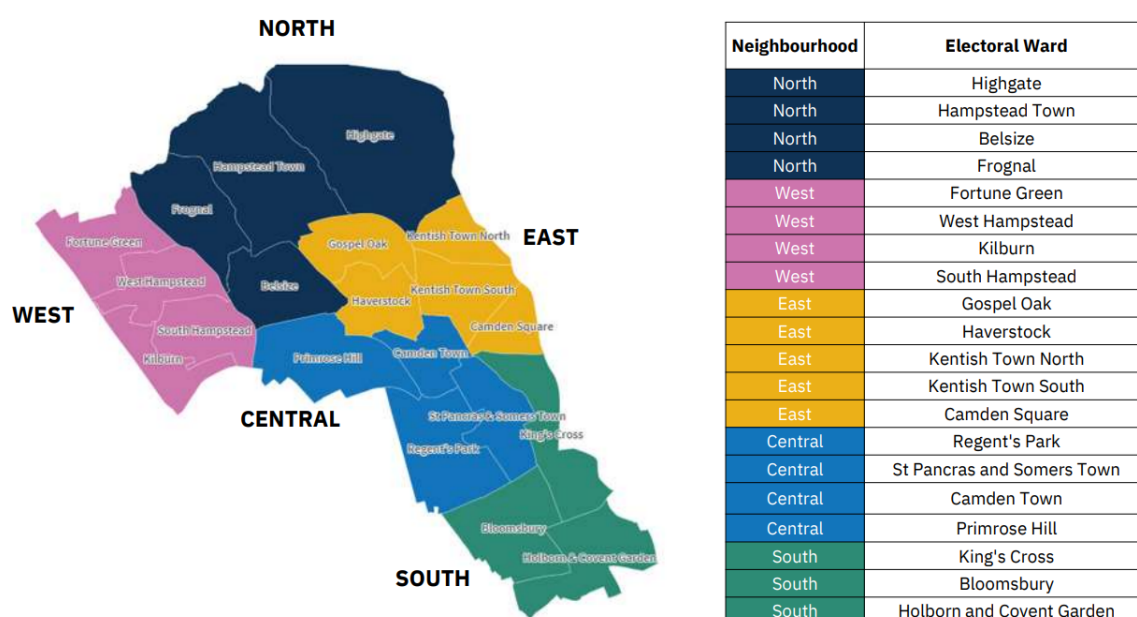
Resources and evidence base

Section 106 allocations: In the draft Camden Local Plan, Policy SC4 (Open Space) and Policy NE1 (Natural Environment) states that the Council will secure S106 contributions to help fund open spaces and priorities for the natural environment. This will be subject to the type of development and size of scheme.

The Green Space Investment Programme 2026 - 20230 will continue allocate open space section 106 funding to green space investment based on 5 catchment areas to ensure funds are distributed effectively and to where they will achieve the greatest impact.

The section 106 allocations will still be spent within the vicinity of the development site in line with their legal agreement, but there will be greater flexibility to combine allocations and generate greater value from the investment projects for the residents of Camden.

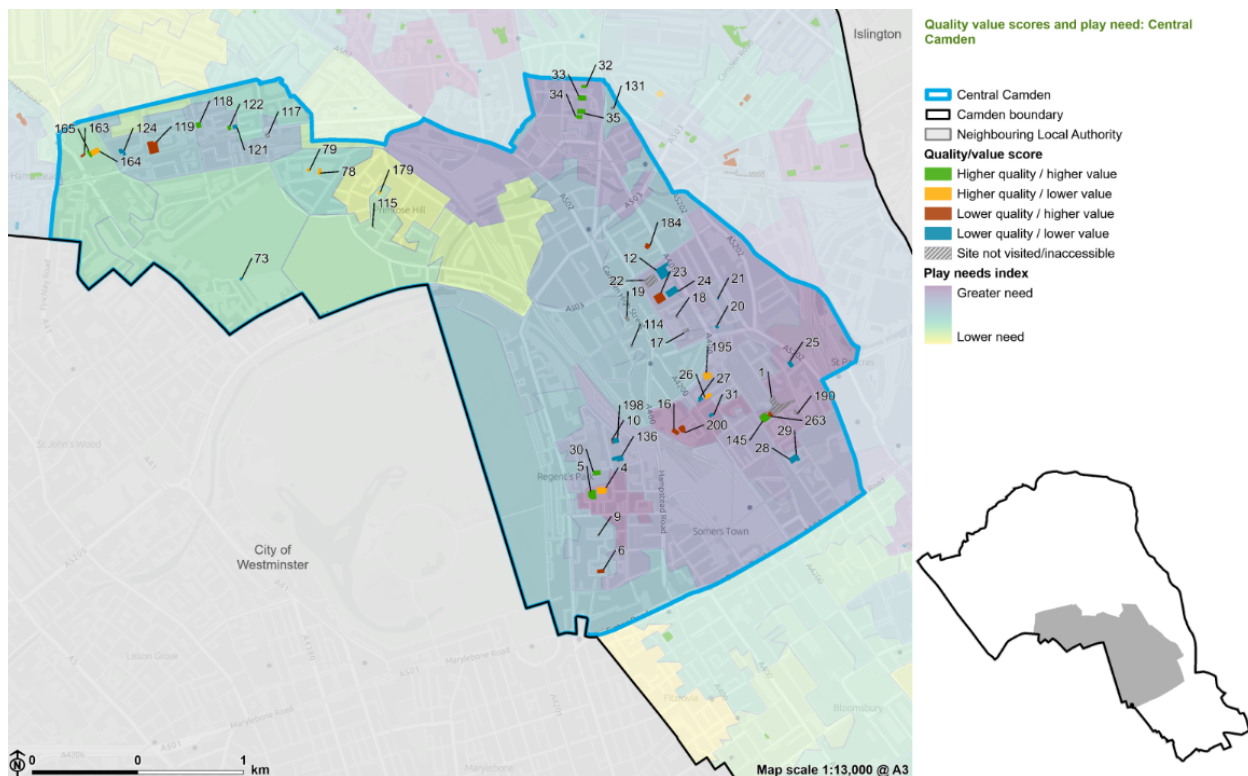
[Camden Open Space SPG 2021](#)



Map showing Camden Neighbourhood boundaries that will structure S106 allocations

The five neighbourhood areas have been chosen based on the key areas of development growth within Camden, harnessing the opportunity that developer contributions bring. All open space allocations will still be subject to Cabinet Member approval through the annual green space investment project sign-off process. These projects will be based on annual consultation with green space stakeholders, as well as the evidenced based assessments and asset condition surveys. The annual sign-off allows each year's list of green space projects to be reviewed, discussed and agreed, ensuring they effectively address the boroughs requirements.

Each neighbourhood area will have delivery plan set out that highlights open space and areas where investment need has been highlighted. Below is a sample of the mapping showing neighbourhood scale.



Distribution and access to green space: The distribution of green space in Camden is a key issue, with per capita provision across wards varying from 244m² (Highgate) to 0.19m² (Belsize). More than a quarter of the borough is classified as within an area of deficiency for local public open space (more than 400m from a local open space).

Areas Deficient in Public Open Space: The map below shows the maximum distance it is considered that people can reasonably be expected to travel on a regular basis to use different types of open space. Green amenity space and children's play space should be available within easy walking distance of the people's homes. People are generally willing to travel further to use recreation areas providing outdoor sport facilities or to larger parks.

Areas more than 400m walking distance away from a designated public open space with a that is a space over 0.4ha (about 15 tennis courts) are classified as 'Areas of Deficiency in access to public open space'. This is London Plan standard and is used to determine need.

The GiGL areas of deficiency mapping identifies key areas of deficiency in green space. This highlights areas where alternative means of providing green space can contribute. Many of these areas coincide with areas of high deprivation and as such are a priority for the improvement of green space. Areas identified include:

- Somers Town
- Kentish Town
- West edge of the borough
- Gospel Oak
- Central London (Holborn and Covent Garden)

There is also an uneven distribution of certain facilities or types of green space. Some areas of the borough are particularly deficient in access to natural green space for example, while provision for young people is currently limited in both scope and distribution.

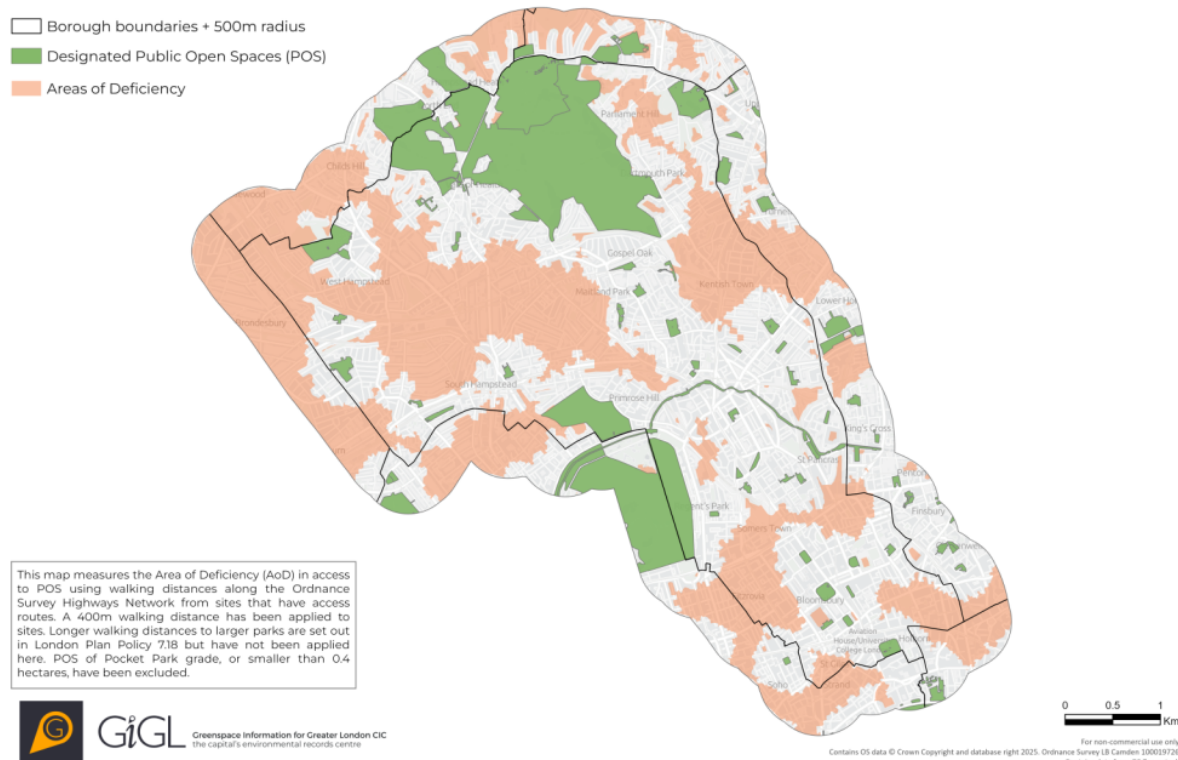
Recent engagement has identified some barriers to use which can prevent inclusive use of parks and green spaces and the benefits they provide. The Parks Accessibility Audit (2019) has helped us identify where these areas for improvement are, making recommendations for how we can address and improve access to Camden green space. This information emphasises the importance of accessible green space as well as quantity.

Due to the demands on land in an inner-city context like Camden, creating new green space is a complex challenge that is often resource intensive. However challenging, it is crucial to secure funding to address open space deficiency through:

- Improving the quality of the nearest open spaces through the allocation of S106
- Create 'pocket parks' through roads closures and replaced with multifunctional public green space.
- Improving walking and cycling routes between high footfall areas and existing green space

Areas of Deficiency in Access to Public Open Space in LB Camden

Produced by Greenspace Information for Greater London CIC, on behalf of LB Camden. July 2025



Asset Condition Survey and annual inspections: The 2025 Asset Condition Survey alongside the Annual Inspection Reports record the risk rating of each green space asset, as well as recording the life expectancy of the asset before replacement is required. This data give as a detailed insight into the know replacement needs across the borough. In some instances, individual features will need replacing and will be covered by ad hoc maintenance, but where clusters of features within a site are near the end of their life or are posing a high risk then replacement works will be prioritised at that site. More significant design and engagement works highlighted through this data will come via the GSIP, with smaller asset replacement works being delivered by the green space operations team. These surveys do not monitor planting condition or park user experience.

Play and informal sports quality assessment: To identify low quality facilities in Camden that may not be flagged as high risk or at the end of their life the team have commissioned a survey that reviews the overall quality of provision in Camden. This includes all play areas and informal sports facilities that the borough owns or manages. The assessment is based on the Play England standards around distribution as well as the quality of the play offer. These results have been mapped based on a high, medium and low priority scoring system.

Needs assessment: To categorise projects based on highest priority the green space investment programme has reviewed the need across all park and housing sites. This has used evidence gathered in 2025, so the information and data is up to date and accurate. The score that each site was given has been determined by four factors:

- Is it in an area deficient in access to open space?
- What is the level of deprivation with the ward (IMD)?
- What is the quality of the existing facilities within the site?
- Is the asset at posing a risk and in need of replacement?

Each of these criteria gives a score. Scores are then used to highlight specific needs and the programme available funding accordingly.

Resident involvement: A borough wide public engagement exercise was carried out between March and April 2025 through the Commonplace platform that gathered resident feedback on a range of questions, including for green space improvement projects.

To engage diverse groups a range of promotion was used to get the maximum participation in the survey. X was used for broad social media publicity, targeted Facebook adverts to get the message to younger audiences (16>24), as well as directly approaching community and voluntary sector groups across the borough.

426 survey responses were received, giving useful user intelligence and numerous project suggestions from across the borough. The table below summaries the groups and the methods of engagement completed.

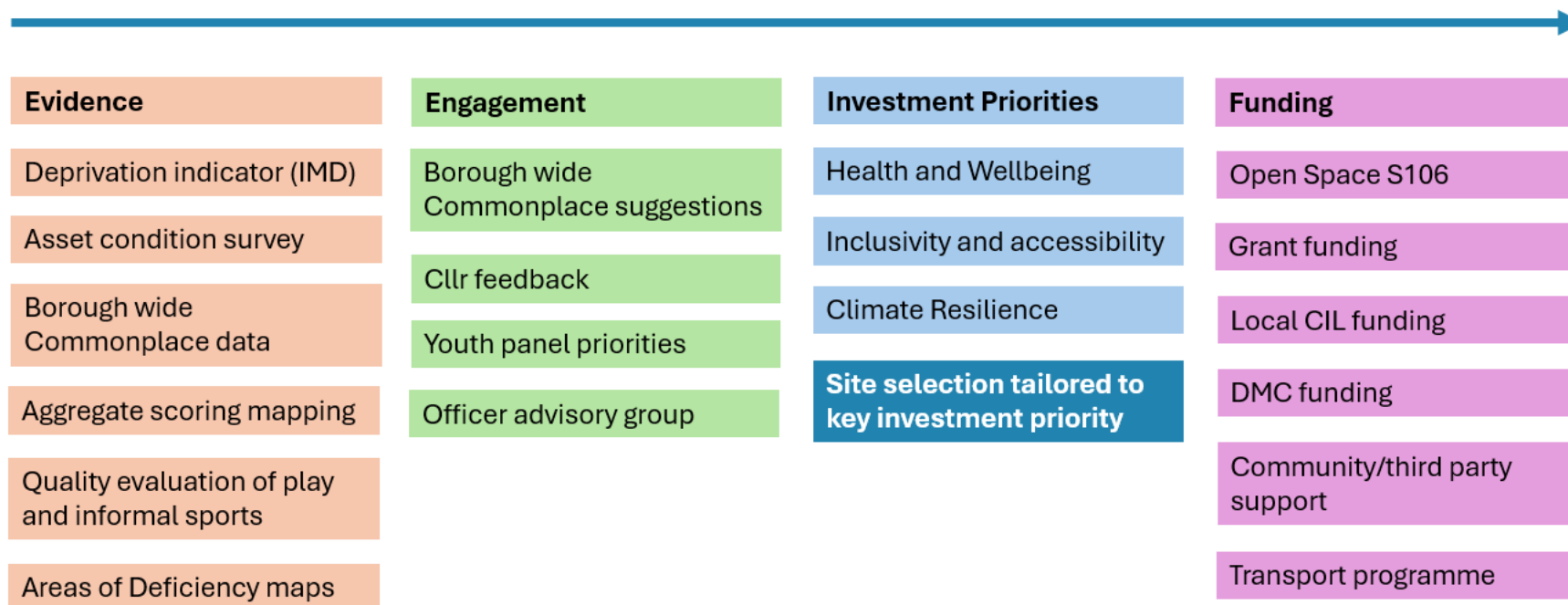
Group	Method of engagement
All Camden residents	Commonplace survey promoted for 6 weeks on Camden X and Facebook channels (March – April 2025)
Camden Park users	Posters promoting the survey with a QR code that links to the Commonplace questions (March – April 2025)
Park Friends of Groups	Specific email asking for feedback and suggestions and to complete the Commonplace survey (March – April 2025)
Library users	Paper copies of survey provided at Camden libraries for manual completion and promotion of online survey (March – April 2025)
Leisure Centre Users	Digital campaign promoting the survey with a QR code that links to the Commonplace questions (March – April 2025)
VCS Groups	Email request to complete the Commonplace survey sent out via VCS colleagues to broaden reach and engagement (March – April 2025)
Young Camden residents	Facebook adverts directed at 16>24-year-olds asking to complete the Commonplace survey

	(March – April 2025)
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The final element of public engagement on the GSIP is project specific, once the broad objective of the projects are approved. This ensures that the needs of local residents are properly addressed in the design process and subsequent construction. A stakeholder matrix will always be completed before a project commences, making sure the key voices are incorporated when the project brief is being developed.

The key risk in project delivery is making sure that the projects properly addressed the need within an area, responding to resident priorities so that new or improved facilities are well used for years to come. This risk is mitigated through careful and considered engagement and participation, tailored to the specific needs of each project to meet the needs of residents and wider stakeholders.

Prioritisation pathway



This diagram highlights the process for project prioritisation with the Green Space Investment Programme.

Delivery Plan

Green Space Investment Programme 2026/27

High level descriptions with funding and detailed specifications tbc

Proposed Parks 2026/27 project allocations

(alongside existing major projects that have already been approved e.g. Argyle Square Gardens)

Project	Project cost (£)	Key priorities met			Description	Funding required
		Encourage healthy lifestyles	Promote inclusivity and accessibility	Deliver climate resilience		
Russel Square Gardens	£256,000	x	x	x	Address areas of the site highlighted in asset condition survey. Path network highest priority.	S106, LCIL
Fortune Green	£235,000	x	x		Full site review to explore opportunities for increased participation in activities and increased play value	S106, LCIL
Pond Square	£115,000	x	x	x	Site review and activation of space in line with community aspirations	S106, LCIL
Spedan Close playground	£100,000	x	x	x	Refurbish the play area and improve sightlines that promote positive use and address misuse issues.	Local CIL DMC
Swiss Cottage Open Space phase 3	£300,000	x	x		Deliver the phase 3 works at Swiss Cottage Open Space inline with the masterplan	S106, Licence funding
Cantelowes Gardens	£315,000	x	x	x	Upgrade and improve the site inline with community aspirations for improved play and skatepark refurbishment	S106, Capital
Argyle Square Gardens	£315,000	x	x	x	Site wider refurbishment to address asset replacements, furniture upgrade and safety concerns through landscape interventions.	S106, London Marathon Trust grant

Proposed HRA Housing 2026/27 project allocations (beyond what is currently covered through GM contract)

HRA Housing schemes are not S106 funded and require separate capital allocation process to the GSIP.

Project	Project cost (£)	Key priorities met			Description	Funding required
		Encourage healthy lifestyles	Promote inclusivity and accessibility	Deliver climate resilience		
Carol and Sanderson Close Estate playground	£100,000	x	x		Refurbish the play area and improve sightlines that promote positive use and address misuse issues.	Local CIL DMC
Hunter House landscape works	£50,000	x	x	x	Refurbish courtyard space in line with community aspirations	Local CIL DMC
Taplow play area – Chalcots Estate	£100,000	x	x		Refurbish the play area and improve sightlines that promote positive use and address misuse issues.	Local CIL DMC

Proposed Highways projects 2026/27 project allocations (Beyond what is currently in the Transport programme and will be supported by the Transport team as a joint project delivery)

Project	Project cost (£)	Key priorities met			Description	Funding required
		Encourage healthy lifestyles	Promote inclusivity and accessibility	Deliver climate resilience		
West Hampstead Library	£75,000	x	x	x	Upgrading and improving public realm space in front of the library to meet community aspirations.	LCIL, S106, Capital

Grafton Road	£100,000	x	x	x	Permanent greening intervention to replace the vehicle restriction signage and create community green space.	LCIL, Capital
Brookes Market	£266,000	x	x	x	Pocket park intervention to embed safe public realm that is playful and meets the needs of local children and parents in line with Holborn Vision aspiration.	LCIL, S106, Capital

Strategic Project allocations (funded through a 10% allocation from all S106 contributions over £50,000 and residual S106 contributions)

Project	Project cost (£)	Key priorities met			Description	Funding required
		Encourage healthy lifestyles	Promote inclusivity and accessibility	Deliver climate resilience		
Outdoor Gym (Parks for Health)	£50,000	x	x	x	Support ongoing investment and activation of our outdoor gyms including maintenance contract and upgrades where possible.	Strategic S106 funding
Support for TCV corporate volunteering budget	£50,000 p/a	x	x	x	To continue the excellent work that TCV have undertaken over recent years at Camden that required an ongoing commitment to fund.	Strategic S106 funding BAP Funding

Projects the Green Space team are working on in addition to core GSIP.

Project	Description	Other key stakeholders (internal)
Phoenix Road Greening	A specific HS2 assurance relating to creation of a green link between Euston and St Pancras. Public engagement carried out over summer 2019, with design consult to be appointed in early 2020.	Transport, Design and Place
Central Somers Town CIP	Polygon Road Open Space is the final phase of a major landscape transformation project that our team have delivered on behalf of CIP	CIP
Somers Town Future Neighbourhoods	Projects to increase the amount of green space in Somers Town, focussing on the enhancement or greening of estate land and highway spaces.	Sustainability, Housing, Transport, Design and Place
Levelling Up Funding	A range of projects have been funded from central government that have involved the green space projects team	Regeneration
Holborn Liveable Neighbourhood	Green space projects are advising on the major transport and public realm changes happening in the Holborn area.	Transport, Sustainability.

Projects that the GSIP team are advising on.

Project	Description	Other key stakeholders (internal)
Green Infrastructure and Pocket Parks	Greening opportunities identified as part of Resident-led/Transport-led schemes. Green Space team working to assess proposals, develop designs and ensure core GSIP aims achieved.	Transport, Parking, Sustainability
Sustainable Drainage initiatives	Projects to incorporate SuDS into planned highway schemes to maximise environmental benefits (including addressing flood risk)	Transport, Sustainability
CIP projects	Continuing advice regarding green space opportunities within Camden's CIP projects (Camley Street, West Kentish Town, Tybalds Estate).	CIP

Green Space Investment Programme 2027-2030

To be approved on an annual basis to allow flexibility and changing priorities. Below is the indicative list based on current assessment.

Green Space Investment Programme 2027/28		
Projects	Description	Funding
Oakshott Court green space	Biodiversity and amenity value added	DMC, Local CIL
Lismore Circus and Gospel Oak Open Space	Green space refurbishment to compliment and CIP project within the area	S106, capital bid (TBC)
Green Space Investment Programme 2028/29		
Mill Lane Open Space	Refurbishment of play area site to improve and upgrade access to all	Local CIL
Rochester Terrace Gardens play area project and site refurbishment	Play area refurbishment and address areas highlighted in asset condition survey	S106, Local CIL
Green Space Investment Programme 2029/30		
St Georges Gardens	Renewal of park assets in line with community aspirations	S106, Local CIL
Green Space Investment Programme 2030/31		
TBC		

The programme is reviewed annually to allow new needs and opportunities to be considered, so if you have any suggestions or comments on future projects, or require any further information, please contact joe.lewis@camden.gov.uk (Green Space Development Manager).

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