



## Chingford Mount Child Friendly District Research and Feasibility Study

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'It was a wonderful opportunity for young people to exercise a student voice with local decision makers... young people should always be listened to and the process of listening is as important as the outcomes... don't be too hung up on the outcome... let's enjoy the journey... they may come up with things we haven't thought of'

Has Mahir, Senior Vice Principal Chingford Foundation School

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The **design and co-production** element for Part 2

## **Executive Summary**

This project sits within a wider programme of work by LB Waltham Forest to improve Chingford Mount Town Centre, a suburban town centre in the north of the borough, at the junction of New Road, Hall Lane and the A112 (Chingford Mount Road). Like other town centres, The Mount, as it is known locally, is subject to changing shopping patterns and is in need of a future adaptation strategy for the 21st Century.

There are two parts to this report - Part 1 is a qualitative and quantitative research element, involving desktop analysis and input from young people, and Part 2 is a **design and co-production** element. The results of the research provides a set of recommendations for the local authority and a pilot upon which to base future town centre initiatives. The designs, for public realm interventions (shown here in part), are derived from the research and young people's co-production input.

Chingford Mount is a place for children and young people. The design proposals celebrate Chingford Mount as a place where children and young people feel at home and where they are welcome and are visible.



Above: Students complete surveys

#### A child friendly Chingford Mount

Children and young people have a their own specific needs, which are regularly overlooked in terms of wider strategic objectives, beyond education and youth services. This project focuses on children and young people in the context of The Mount, their local town centre. The future of our high streets depend on fully inclusive strategies. ZCD Architects welcome the opportunity to focus, in this instance, on this age group and to provide the local authority and stakeholders with an indepth study and recommendations that will help shape The Mount and other town centres across the borough.

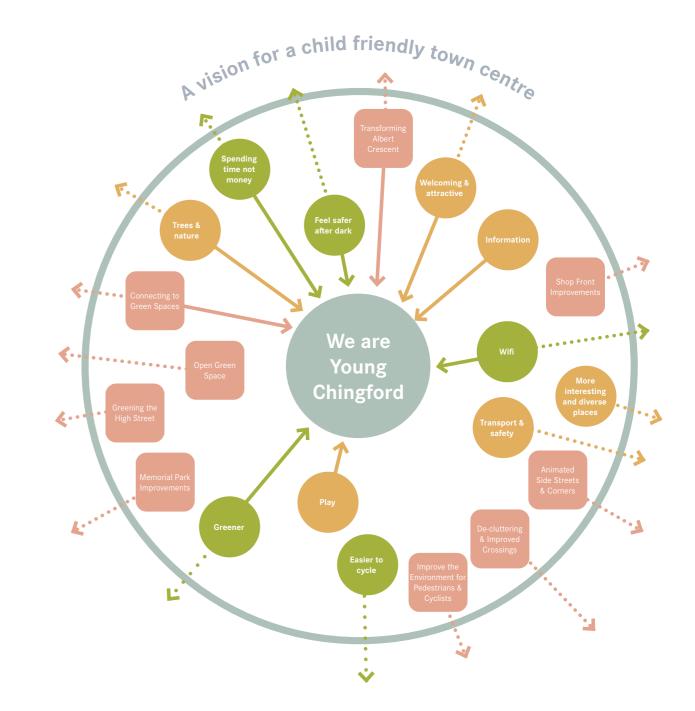


We have worked with over 100 young people and their enthusiasm and ideas have been galvanising. Young people have a strong sense of connection to their local area and on the whole they are positive about The Mount, finding it a friendly place. They feel safe there during the day, but less so after dark. This is primarily to do with other people, of their own age or older.

Although the younger children that we talked to tend only to visit The Mount to shop with their parents, as children get older The Mount becomes a place to meet friends, hang out and not necessarily spend money. Yet both the environment and the other people using the town centre may not be best supporting these needs. Indeed the variety of shops and spaces to hang out, means young people often choose Westfield as a place to spend time, which will further add to the decline of local shopping centres, such as The Mount.

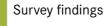
That said, more than half of young people we surveyed visit The Mount at least once a week, with 37% going there most days. They use the shops to buy food, but also toiletries, books and other items. The Mount's offer as a local and frequently visited space should be built upon.

The extensive research has revealed many opportunities for making Chingford Mount more child friendly. There is much learning Waltham Forest can take from this project to inform their long term town centre policies and strategies. The diagram opposite represents these key findings.



BOOKS/STATIONARY **I DON'T SPEND MONEY THERE SUPERMARKET TAKE AWAY FOOD** 

Child-friendly high streets: A vision diagram for Chingford Mount



Wishes of the young people (ref. Brief developed by secondary school students)

Draft Chingford Mount Framework Town Centre recommended improvements which are important to children and young people



Indicates this need is outside the scope of this project and should be addressed as part of wider borough considerations



Indicates there is the potential for this project to address this need

#### At The Mount

**Provide more age appropriate seating.** Both children and young people think there is not enough seating at The Mount.

Provide WiFi and charging points.

#### Improvements to the Mount

The council has earmarked Albert Crescent for improvements, including a potential pedestrianisation plan. Albert Crescent sits in the heart of The Mount and the opportunity it presents has the potential to provide enough space for young people to feel welcome, meet and spend time.

When asked to design new seating, the young people provided us with a variety of ideas. They like to relax and recline, to charge their phones and to rest. They also thought about shelter from the rain. These are not needs exclusive to young people, but seating can be an emotive subject and the sight of a group of young people gathering can be enough for adults to raise concerns, despite it being a natural and important part of their development as well as their enjoyment of place.

We urge the council to consider seating that allows them to gather in different ways, in a space that is well activated, overlooked and accessible. Our designs incorporate their wishes and add an element of playfulness; two swings for singles or couples and places for young children to walk and balance.

The layout of the Chingford Mount area is mostly streets lined with cars, which means that children experience a low level of playing out and calling on friends in general. For girls it is lower than boys. Playing out is one of the quickest and cheapest ways for children to get their daily exercise needs and contributes hugely to their sense of wellbeing. Whilst the town centre may not be able to contribute to their daily play needs it does become another barrier to reaching more formal play areas. In this context younger children's play and transport needs should be taken into account when considering future town centre transport options.

The designs also include their voices. We used playful story telling to think of fantastical scenarios at The Mount so that young people's voices can be visibly seen and enjoyed in the new proposals. In this way the intention of the project is foregrounded - a place for young people, whether shopping with their parents or spending time there as they get older.

#### More widely

**Develop a child friendly sustainable transport strategy.** Most, but not all children and young people in the Chingford area know how to cycle. Few cycle regularly. Sustainable transport solutions should take this into consideration

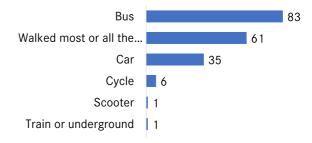
#### Improvements to active travel

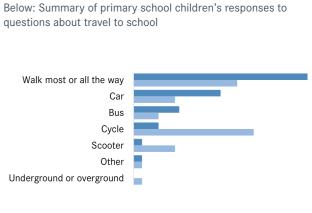
Our findings clearly show few students who participated in the surveys at the schools involved, both primary and secondary, cycle. We frequently find, on this and similar projects, the aspiration to cycle declines from primary to secondary aged students.

We strongly suggest Waltham Forest need a policy and strategy in place which prioritises the need to create environments across the whole borough which promote active travel, especially as a normal part of everyday school life, making it an easier and safer choice for children and young people.

The strategy should highlight the special daily requirements of children and young people and set out principles and objectives which, for example, promote 'safe routes' to schools and colleges, encourage improvements to cycle storage infrastructure at schools and colleges, promote development of school travel plans and promote provision of information, training and practical support to educate about and encourage safe cycling.

Below: Summary of secondary school children's responses to the question 'How did you travel to school this morning?





Travel to Chingford Mount Preferred way to travel to school



#### A child friendly process

The process of involving children and young people in research and design is something that ZCD Architects are experts in. A typical desktop study grew into a comprehensive child friendly research project, asking children and young people to analyse spaces themselves, carrying out extensive survey work and testing different ways of reviewing and discussing space and place. Giving young people the means to carry out the work means giving them access to equipment (such as cameras), asking them to complete primary research (speaking to shop keepers) and revealing to them the complexity and importance of carrying out a thorough analysis of their area. The children at the primary school were excited to photograph the local Art Deco detailing, enjoying the area's history, as well as capturing the movement of people and buses and responding to the presence of heavy traffic.

By the end of the project, the young people were able to clearly articulate the process and were



Above: Students discuss their ideas with representatives of community group Love South Chingford

## 'I learnt with the right connections we can make a change, young people aren't entirely powerless with the space we live in.'

confident to talk about the idea of a child friendly town centre with local adult residents. The end of this project should mark the beginning of the next phase of work – a dialogue between other stakeholders, making sure they are drawn into the process that has been started and the public realm improvements that could be made. Timely discussions and dialogues between stakeholders is vital and this should be planned from the outset as well as going forward.

This process, carefully documented in this report, acts as a pilot for other town centre projects in the borough and beyond.

Our recommendations for future child friendly processes are:

#### **Objectives**

**Set simple, clear objectives from the start.** For example is the project about co-production, is it about dialogue between different groups or is it about intensive research? Avoid setting out to achieve too much.

Think about a range of needs. Young people aren't looking for one thing, they need variety and choice. Good youth services, space to study, affordable food and retail, places to hang out without spending money.

A child friendly/youth friendly project should have children and young people at its heart. They should be involved from the outset and their input should be meaningful. It is important to demonstrate this both in the process and in the outcomes - that they have been a key part of the project and that their ideas were taken seriously and not ignored, shelved or overlooked.

Make promises and keep them. Young people will want safe places, benches to relax on, places to play, peace, quiet and respect. Protect their wellbeing and don't remove what they need for the sake of adults. If there are challenges, then look at ways in which the project, or wider organisational changes can support a coming together of people and issues.

**Learn how to listen well.** Use lived experience to build a picture of a place, talk about familiar experiences such as playing and hanging out and ask them to describe these in the context of the place. Don't start with assumptions.

**Children and young people have a unique insight into their local area, consider them experts.** Young people tend to spend the most amount of time outside, and the spaces and places are important to them. Manage their expectations, but don't start by limiting their experience – young people need places to gather and adults to support them to do that.



#### People and public spaces

Young people tend to react more strongly to the way other people make them feel, than about the place itself. If they have the support and permission to use a space in the way they would like then they are likely to react very positively. On the other hand, other people can make them feel unsafe, unwanted and unwelcome. From signage (such as no ball games signs) to being banned from using different places, they are often experiencing a place in very different ways to adults.

Management strategies should take into account the way young people use space and support them to feel safe and included.

#### **Participation process**

Identify local schools to work with and make sure they can support a group of young people to work with for the duration of the project. Aim to keep pupils' input within a six to nine month period and ideally within one academic year.

Tailor the process to meet the schools requirements. Primary schools tend to want a whole year group involved, so devise sessions that give pupils short exercises that can be carried out in a whole class setting, with clear deliverable outputs.

**Girls and boys might feel differently.** Girls get cat called in public spaces and boys can be stop and searched. Spend time finding out about these issues and thinking of ways to mitigate against them.

#### Future town centres

Young people are the future, but they are also existing in the here and now. Town centres can offer a place to feel part of the community, somewhere to shop, to meet friends and to hang out.

Young people use town centres regularly, but they are drawn to bigger shopping centres that can often make them feel more welcome and allow them to spend more time with friends. Town centres can't replicate everything that a shopping centre offers, but they can create better public spaces that help young people feel included.

Young people are looking for places to hang out with their friends and not necessarily spend any money. Local authorities are well placed to support that need and to consider where that might happen both internally and externally.

Help provide a variety of affordable shops to meet their needs.

#### Transport and play

Busy and noisy traffic is not always noticed by young people in the context of what they expect in a town centre. However, local authorities have a duty to meet young people's needs and consider their transport requirements, their growing lungs and their health and well being. In meeting sustainable transport goals, care should be taken to understand young people's aspirations and take their transport needs into consideration.

Children are unlikely to use town centres independently, meeting their needs means understanding their visits alongside parents and carers. Play for younger children may not be appropriate in a town centre setting

# 2.0 **INTRODUCTION**

## Introduction

This report presents the work undertaken for the 'Child Friendly District Research and Feasibility Study' for Chingford Mount, commissioned by LB Waltham Forest.

It describes in detail the process and the findings of the work undertaken, starting with a desktop analysis then through a series of workshops with school children in the Chingford area and finishing with public realm interventions for Albert Crescent.

The project has a number of objectives:

- To undertake a project that primarily focuses on the needs of local children and young people.
- It acts as a pilot for future town centre based projects.
- It provides funding ready design proposals for the local authority.

At each stage we have sought to foreground children and young people's voices and their lived experience. To begin with this involves listening and gathering evidence and helping them build skills involved in the briefing and design process.

ZCD Architects developed a bespoke approach to the project and used it as an opportunity to test and develop a range of methodologies, based on their experience working with children and young people. The process involves both qualitative and quantitative data gathering, through desktop analysis, a focus group approach and a school wide survey.

At each stage we have been able to reflect on the work carried out with the local authority, through presentations to the project team and steering group. We have also been able to take the young people through the process as well, feeding back to them both the data and findings as they emerged.

Their input into the design process has been carefully considered and the brief has evolved from general conversations as well as specific design ideas.

Their input culminated in a session where they were able to present the process back to other local people in a knowledgeable and articulate way, speaking about their local area and their needs. The designs that have evolved alongside this work, reflect a mature understanding of the way in which

a town centre can provide space and permission for them to use their local area in ways that are appropriate for young people - a playful space to meet, relax and socialise.

## **Project Team**

ZCD Architects are project research and design lead. They are a multidisciplinary design practice with specialist child friendly engagement, urban research and design experience. Dinah Bornat (ZCD director) is a former Mayor's Design Advocate (MDA) and leading expert on child friendly cities. Dinah was involved in the production of 'Making London Child Friendly' report and reviewing other policies that sit alongside the London Plan.

ZCD teamed up with Fiona Scott from Gort Scott Architects who has provided feedback on the emerging research and design as the project evolved. Gort Scott have a strong track record in evidence based research into the high streets and town centres of London. They led the delivery of the report 'High Streets and Town Centres -Adaptive Strategies' for the 'Good Growth by Design' programme. Cost consultants Stockdale have provided cost input for the design element.

#### **Research Methodology**

Phase 1 of the project was a detailed programme of research that included:

An introduction to the site: Carried out to give a physical and spatial understanding of the Chingford Mount area.

A review of the planning, policy and strategic context: This was to understand Waltham Forest's wider priorities and objectives as well the ongoing regeneration context for the Chingford Mount town centre and surrounding area.

**Desk-based mapping:** In order to identify the existing context that affects young people's experiences in the town centre and wider area spaces. For this exercise we mapped transport, time travel, crime, existing local youth trip generators and cultural infrastructure spaces.

Research with school pupils: We were able to use a variety of methods with two age groups - children from Lime Academy Larkswood and secondary pupils from Chingford Foundation School and South Chingford Foundation School.



The work with the pupils involved a mix of qualitative and quantitative research methods in order to provide a snapshot of young people's experiences in the Chingford Mount area.

For the quantitative element we surveyed 84 pupils from year 5 at Lime Academy Larkswood and received 190 completed surveys from Chingford Foundation School and South Chingford Foundation School.

The gathered student responses were compared to other school surveys (across England) undertaken in previous workshops led by ZCD Architects.

We worked with a smaller group of pupils from Chingford Foundation School and South Chingford South Foundation School, which allowed us to have more focused conversations about the Chingford Area. This, along with their analysis, gave us a more detailed picture of the town centre, whilst at the same time building their skills towards preparing them for the second phase of the project, which was focused on the co-production of public realm interventions.

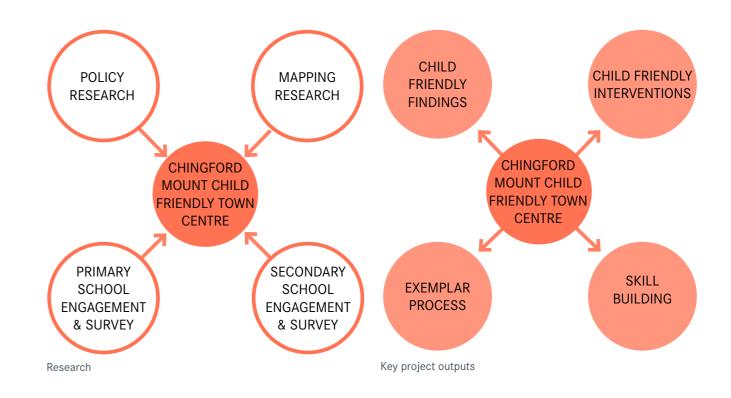
#### Design

The second phase of the project, Phase 2, was a design element. ZCD Architects were asked to produce two to three 'funding ready' public realm interventions. We used the knowledge gained through the research to start testing ideas with the secondary school group, whilst also drawing in some designs from our primary school sessions.

The intention of this programme is to show a clear development of ideas that are appropriate, child centred and deliverable.

At the end of the project we presented design ideas to the young people for their feedback. Rather than just seek approval, we made sure other local people were present to witness the process, show how it is possible to draw others in and for the young people to be able to clearly articulate their involvement in the project.

The project is now in a position to move forward, with an empowered group of young people who have had their lives taken seriously, their ideas listened to and have taken part in an open and transparent process about how to make improvements to a town centre in their local area.

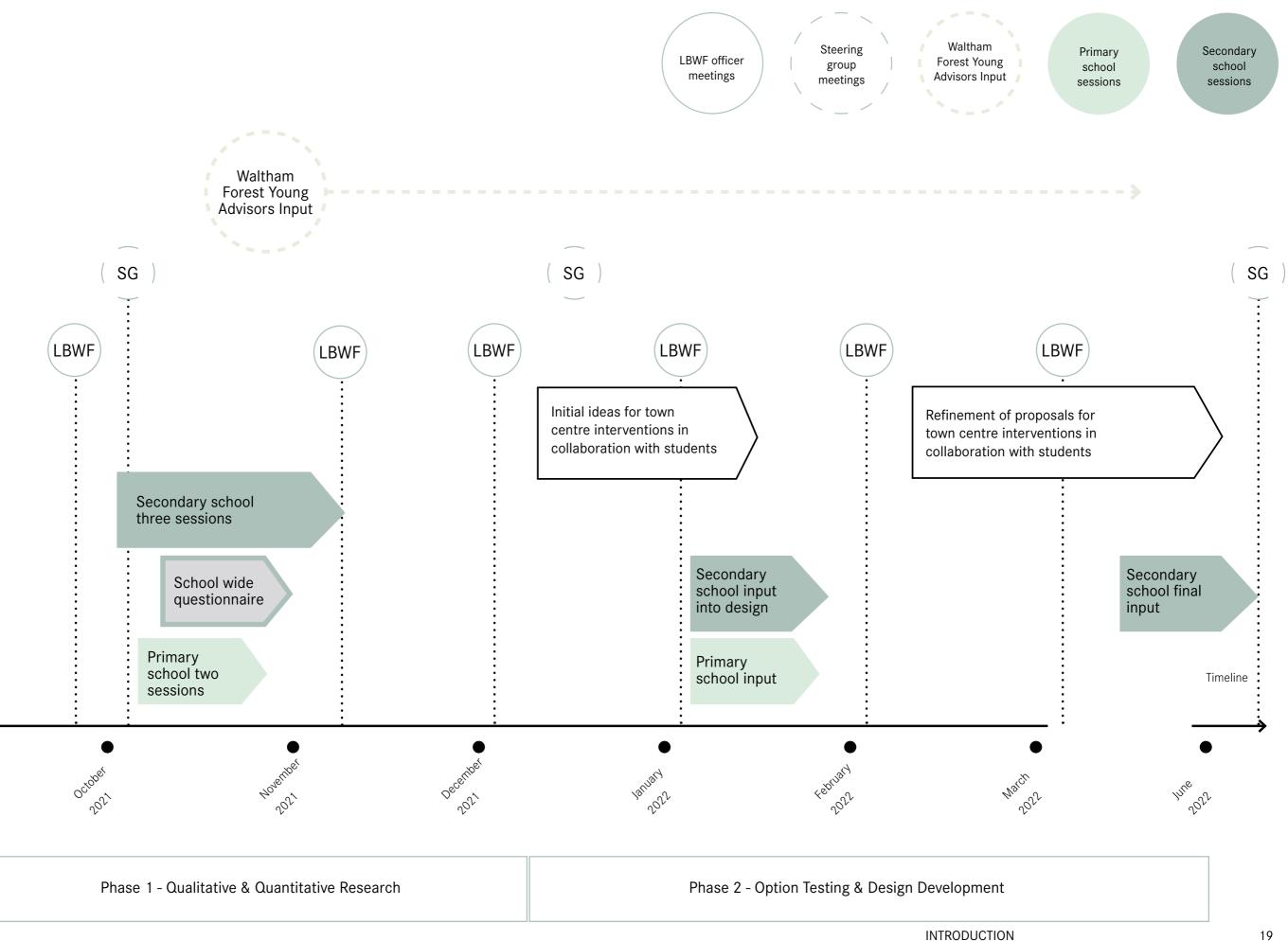


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Student

## 'This was an amazing experience, would benefit a lot of people.'

Student



# 3.0 PHASE 1: ON-**SITE & DESKTOP** RESEARCH

## **Chingford Mount**

Chingford Mount is a district town centre located in South Chingford area in the north of the London Borough Waltham Forest. It is known local as 'The Mount'.

It is situated directly on the junction of New Road, Hall Lane and the A112 (Chingford Mount Road), a single carriageway road that connects directly to Stratford and Docklands.

Generally the area is residential and predominantly low rise and low density. Housing stock is typically terraced housing with many homes having off-street parking.

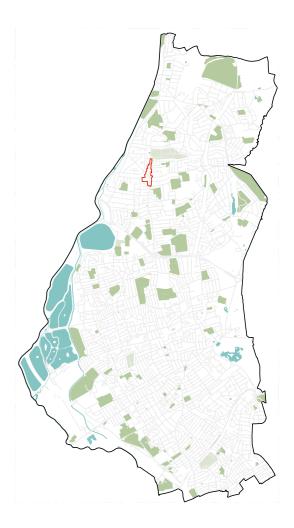
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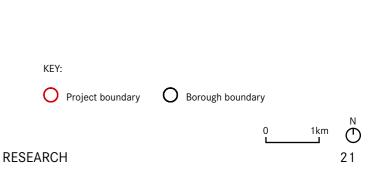
#### Opportunities

- Green infrastructure and biodiversity i.e. lined with mature London Plane trees, low level planting and flower beds, pockets of small green spaces
- Connection to local parks and open spaces
- Well used cafes with outdoor seating
- Wide pavement along Old Church Road accommodating cycle parking, planting beds and seating
- A variety of play amenity and social infrastructure within a 15 minute walk

#### Challenges

- Hall Lane and New Road rate very poorly on the Healthy Streets Index, as a result of air and noise pollution, traffic dominance, walkability and lack of green infrastructure
- Vehicle dominance at the junction of Old Church Road and New Road / Hall Lane
- Buses waiting along Albert Crescent create a barrier between the open square and the popular retail uses
- Pedestrian routes between open spaces are intersected by busy roads







The junction of Old Church Road, New Road and Hall Lane is dominated by traffic



Children under 15 are not permitted in the Chingford Mount cemetery unaccompanied



The town centre is well served by buses. Public seating at Albert  $% \left( {{{\mathbf{F}}_{\mathbf{r}}}^{T}} \right)$ Crescent is well used by visitors



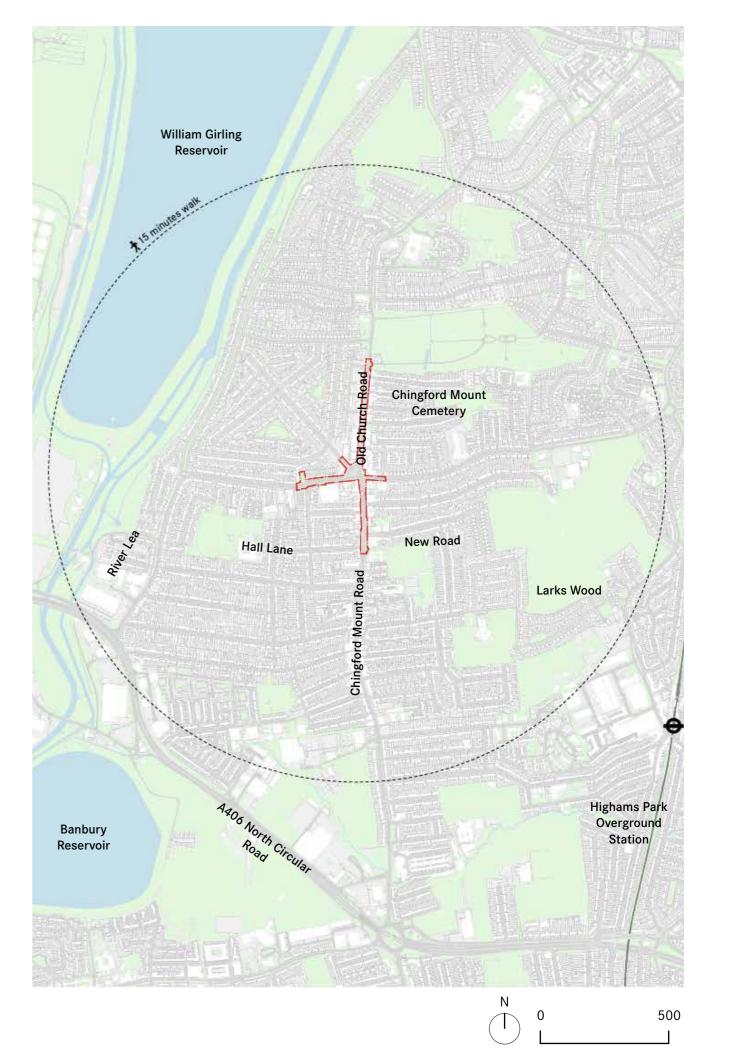
Old Church road is tree lined with a variety of trees and planting, and provides cycle parking and seating along its length



No football in residential shared gardens



Memorial Park - fenced designated play for younger children, alongside a wild area and an area of loose play features for older children



## **The High Street**





Old Church Road Streetscape to the east



Chingford Mount Road Streetscape to the west



Parade to the west



Cherrydown Avenue Streetscape to the south



Cherrydown Avenue Streetscape to the north



Hall Lane Streetscape to the south

Hall Lane Streetscape to the north



Chingford Mount Road Streetscape to the east



Old Church Road Streetscape to the west

## **Policy Research**

#### Introduction

The following documents were reviewed to provide a baseline understanding of relevant policy and document context to this project.

- Child Friendly Planning in the UK
- The London Plan
- Making London Child-Friendly
- High Streets & Town Centres Adaptive Strategies
- Developing a night time strategy
- Mosaic Public Sector Segmentation 2020
- Chingford Mount Town Centre Framework
- Pedestrianising Albert Crescent



Children are notable in their absence from national planning policy. This report, written by Dinah Bornat, Jenny Wood and Aude Bickquet highlights the different efforts of the four nations to help draw attention to children's rights and their needs in planning terms, despite this lack of support at a national level.

## The London Plan

- S4 has specific regard to the play and recreation needs of children and young people giving a holistic view of how the whole environment should support children's and young people's ability to be free to play and move independently.
- GG1 and SD6 recognise that town centres are for evervone

## Making London Child Friendly GLA

- Proposes four lenses of inquiry policy, participation, management and design - to promote an integrated and holistic approach to independent mobility.
- Proposes a number of opportunities for this project, which is a low density suburban area, for real world testing the report's findings at the local level.

## High Streets & Town Centres: Adaptive Strategies GLA

- Highlights what is unique about high streets and that they are much more than retail, they offer opportunities for social integration, wellbeing, environmental sustainability, civic and cultural space and appropriate responses to data advances. This project is an opportunity to view these considerations from a child/young person perspective.

#### Developing a Night Time Strategy GLA

- The report touches on the importance of considering the impact after dark on the life of children and youth and their ability to play out and participate in the life of a district.

## **Draft Chingford Mount Town Centre** Framework

- This comprehensive document sets out principles and guidance for improvements to Chingford Mount town centre. Initiatives are long term and short term (of which this project is one).
- The need for a child and youth perspective is highlighted alongside a need for more provision of activities for this age group.
- This project should keep in step with work of this report and be mindful of the development proposals set out.

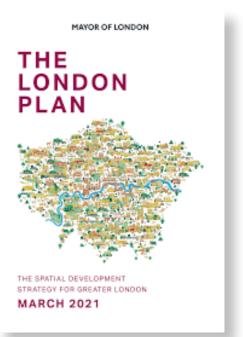
## **Report Summary & Opportunities**

The new London Plan, adopted March 2021 sets out the framework for how London will develop over the next 20-25 years and the Mayor's vision for Good Growth.

Under GG1 Building strong and inclusive communities section it outlines to "support and promote the creation of a London where all Londoners, including children and young people, older people, disabled people, and people with young children, as well as people with other protected characteristics, can move around with ease and enjoy the opportunities the city provides, creating a welcoming environment that everyone can use confidently, independently, and with choice and dignity, avoiding separation or segregation".

Furthermore, under Policy SD6 Town centres and high streets it outlines "The delivery of a barrier-free and inclusive town centre environment that meets the needs of all Londoners, including disabled and older Londoners and families with young children, should be provided. This may include Shopmobility schemes, the provision of suitably designed crossing points, dropped kerbs and tactile paving, seating and public toilets."

The London Plan now has specific regard to the play and recreation needs of children and young people. S4 gives a wide strategic view point and has a holistic view of how the whole environment should support children's and young people's ability to be free to play independently.



## GLA - High Streets & Town Centres: Adaptive Strategies



GOOD GROWTH BY DESIGN

#### Summary & Opportunities for this Project

This report led by Gort Scott with the GLA and collaborators (completed 2020) provides guidance, inspiration, thought pieces, references, precedents and case studies which examine how London's high streets and town centres can adapt and diversify to deliver good growth that is socially and economically inclusive and environmentally sustainable. The emphasis is on innovative strategies and actions which respond to specific place-based environmental, social or economic challenges.

The report emphasises that high streets are much more than retail, they offer opportunities for social integration, well-being, environmental sustainability, civic and cultural space and appropriate responses to data advances (we could view what these might mean from a child/young person perspective).

#### A number of challenges/opportunities are explored:

- Changing social habits and expectations
- The evolving consumer economy
- Delivering intensification and mix
- Delivering on housing demand
- Managing data, digitalisation and technology
- Austerity and the loss of social infrastructure
- Unacceptable levels of pollution and congestion
- Adapting to and mitigating climate change
- Evolving jobs and work styles
- Changes to public amenities and civic services
- Rethinking of traditional governance structures

#### 10 propositions are examined using case studies and precedents:

- Support the high street economy for a future shaped by experience and convenience
- Creatively reuse vacant or underused retail units and department stores to support strategic values
- Build on what already exists to plan for a successful mix of activities and uses on the high street
- Ensure existing community value is retained and enhanced within a process of change and significant restructuring

- Use data insight to support businesses on the high street
- Promote social integration and deliver social value through enterprise on the high street
- Make the high street a model for sustainable living and public well-being
- Enable a flourishing culture for work on the high street
- Adapt the high street to support cultural and civic life to foster social inclusion and interaction
- Embed community participation as part of a long term strategy for the high street

#### Specific to this project the report finds:

High streets are particularly important for disabled Londoners, young people, women and older Londoners. As such, they have an important role to play in how these groups build relationships and participate locally, as well as how equality barriers are addressed. The report calls for inclusive strategies to support those who are most excluded, to enable them to participate and to benefit from London's opportunities and successes.

Dan Hill suggests 'shared mobility, autonomous or otherwise, could reduce the number of cars required by 80 per cent, revealing a street not defined by parking and queues of traffic but instead by vibrant life, whether biodiverse green and blue infrastructure or kids playing football, a far more social space'.

## The report concludes by setting out the principles and practices of a mission oriented approach:

- Create long-term participatory structures
- Be mission-oriented and define change
- Develop organisational resource and skills over time
- Support inclusive economies
- Design and plan for intense, mixed uses
- Manage assets innovatively
- Experiment and prototype
- Evaluate in a dynamic way and digitally transform

## Making London Child Friendly

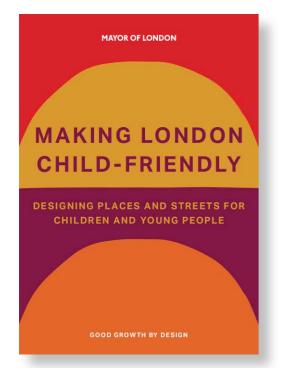
## Summary & Opportunities for this Project

This report by Publica and Erect Architecture with the GLA (launched Jan 2017) is the first step in examining a series of indicators, principles, examples of best practice and recommendations for a child friendly London, with a focus on independent mobility.

The report proposes four lenses of inquiry - policy, participation, management and design - to promote an integrated and holistic approach to independent mobility.

This project is an opportunity to real world test the report's findings at the local level especially in relation to:

- What independent mobility looks like in lower density outer London where there are greater distances between destinations but potentially more access to open space, than in a more densely built central area. This is an area which has been studied in less detail to understand the relationship between different housing typologies, streets, transport and independent mobility.
- The development of contextual and place-based knowledge and policy related to independent mobility, to help promote a variance in child-friendly social, physical, cultural and infrastructural agendas.



- The ways in which children and young people can best participate in neighbourhood planning and development
- Co-ordination with boroughs and youth groups to foster engagement in built environment design, planning and policy development
- Research and analysis of different management plans for a variety of housing and spatial typologies relevant within a borough, which could be used to inform standardised borough approaches for new developments and public realm improvements
- Better understanding of how technical infrastructure elements such as highway and street features perform to either enable or hinder the independent mobility of children and young people.
- Evaluation of built environment interventions, including public realm and housing typologies, to understand how they perform in terms of access, use, overlooking and acoustics
- Understanding of the size, type and quality of children and young people specific infrastructure. For example, details on successful features of mobility routes that connect children's amenities and spaces around a local area
- Research into alternative methods of measuring and providing space for children and young people, beyond the current square metre approach of spatial planning.



Above: The four lenses of the inquiry promote an integrated and holistic approach to independent mobility

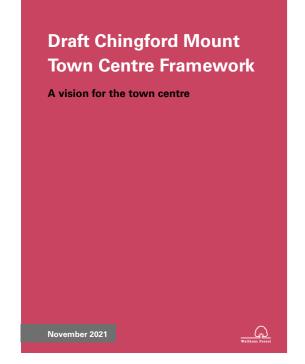
"Policy S4 Play and informal recreation A Boroughs should:

- 1) prepare Development Plans that are informed by a needs assessment of children and young person's play and informal recreation facilities. Assessments should include an audit of existing play and informal recreation opportunities and the quantity, quality and accessibility of provision. Boroughs should consider the need for crossborough collaboration where appropriate
- 2) produce strategies on play and informal recreation facilities and opportunities, supported by Development Plan policies, to address identified needs.
- B Development proposals for schemes that are likely to be used by children and young people should:
- 1) increase opportunities for play and informal recreation and enable children and young people to be independently mobile
- 2) for residential developments, incorporate goodquality, accessible play provision for all ages. At least 10 square metres of playspace should be provided per child that:
- a) provides a stimulating environment
- b) can be accessed safely from the street by children and young people independently
- c) forms an integral part of the surrounding neighbourhood
- d) incorporates trees and/or other forms of greenery
- e) is overlooked to enable passive surveillance
- f) is not segregated by tenure
- 2) for residential developments, incorporate goodquality, accessible play provision for all ages. At least 10 square metres of playspace should be provided per child that:
- a) provides a stimulating environment
- b) can be accessed safely from the street by children and young people independently
- c) forms an integral part of the surrounding neighbourhood
- d) incorporates trees and/or other forms of greenery
- e) is overlooked to enable passive surveillance

- f) is not segregated by tenure
- 3) incorporate accessible routes for children and young people to existing play provision, schools and youth centres, within the local area, that enable them to play and move around their local neighbourhood safely and independently"

"5.4.2 Many children and young people, however, find that there are limited opportunities for them to play in their local neighbourhood. This is often not because of a lack of formal play provision, but due to restrictive street design and layouts, poor links between spaces for play and recreation, and the threat of busy roads and traffic. Developments should encourage children and young people to move around freely through safe streets and footpath networks that connect to more formal play provision, green spaces and parks, and that follow the Healthy Streets Approach"

## Draft Chingford Mount Town Centre Framework



## **Report Summary & Opportunities for this** Project

This document is draft and is intended to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

The report identifies 8 physical assets and opportunities:

- Albert Crescent's Strong Urban Character
- A Well Defined High Street
- Generous Public Realm
- Council Owned Sites
- Green Spaces (Memorial Park & Chingford Mount Cemetery)
- Council Owned Retail Parade

The Report identifies 6 physical challenges and weaknesses:

- Lost Heritage Assets
- Underutilised Town Centre Buildings \_
- Albert Crescent Isolated from Wider Public Realm
- Cars Prioritised Over Pedestrians and Cyclists
- Green Spaces Disconnected from the Town \_ Centre
- Poor Quality Public Realm
- 8 Guiding Principles are identified:
- A town centre for everybody
- Celebrate local
- Transform Albert Crescent
- A better town for walking and cycling
- Support social enterprise and innovation
- Ensure quality and craftsmanship
- Bring the forest to the High Street
- Showcase what makes Chingford Mount special

The emerging vision includes:

- Transformation of Albert Crescent as a flexible public space connected with the wider high street public realm
- Integrated public realm and shop front improvements along Old Church Road, utilising Council owned buildings to set exemplars for quality and opportunities for

- Highways alterations to reduce dominance of buses and cars around Albert Crescent as well as improved pedestrian crossings
- Improved public realm at intersection of eastwest streets
- Mixed use redevelopment of the council car park and Sainsbury's to provide new retail, community and employment uses
- A redeveloped site to retain or reprovide community facilities whilst delivering new homes, enhanced public realm and walking/ cycling routes.
- Improved connections between the Town centre and Memorial park
- Landmark building and junction improvements contributing to a prominent townscape context.

The overarching public realm framework sets out 10 recommendations which integrate new development with wider improvements:

- Open Green Space
- Transform Albert Crescent
- Connecting to Green Spaces
- Memorial Park
- Public Transport
- **De-cluttering and Improved Crossings**
- Greening the High Street
- Improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists
- Animated Side Streets and Corners
- Shopfront Improvements

8 projects are proposed:

- 158 & W16 Bus Stands Relocation
- Albert Crescent Pedestrianisation
- Chingford Mount Rd/Hall Lane junction



Above: Extract showing Placemaking Principles which are linked to this project Making Chingford Mount a Child-Friendly district

improvements

- Town Centre Shopfront Improvement Scheme
- Animated Side Streets and Corners
- Old Church Road walking, cycling and public realm improve
- Hall Lane walking cycling and public realm improvements
- 8 Chingford Mount Road walking cycling and public realm improvements

Potential site allocations are identified as:

- Former South Chingford Library
- Sainsbury's Hall Lane
- Albert Corner

Short term initiatives are:

- 'Treasures of Chingford Mount' map
- Prototyping Changes to Albert Crescent through Family Fun day events
- Skills Development
- Meanwhile Use & Entrepreneurship
- Making Chingford Mount a Child-Friendly district
- Murals & Street Art
- Choose Local campaign for development hoardings plus a social media campaign
- Market trading & outdoor pop up opportunities

A key conclusion of the report is the need for more opportunity for the participation of young people in the life of the town centre.

## GLA Developing a Night Time Strategy



COVID-19 and the recovery of life at night



## Report Summary & Opportunities for this Project

The triptych of GLA 'Developing a night strategy' and 'Covid-19 and the recovery of life at night' guides for local authorities published in 2020 sets out an evidence base for boroughs' night time plans to boost evening activity and post COVID-19 pandemic night time economy recovery.

The report touches on the importance of stakeholder engagement and feedback from different walks of life including children and youth as well as examples and precedents of family and child friendly night time activities, facilities and events including active play for children after dark.

A number of opportunities are explored based on case study precedents:

- Reduced children and youth ticket prices for night time events and activities
- Family friendly night time activities in the parks
- Re-purposing social infrastructure spaces such as libraries to activate them in the evenings with the focus on children and youth activities
- Outdoor play after dark
- Extending later opening hours for childcare facilities

The following themes are addressed within the strategy:

- Public realm
- Civic and public life
- Communities, planning and governance
- Social responsibility and management of the economy after 6pm
- The economy after 6pm
- Stewardship and public / private interface
- Social infrastructure -
- Lighting
- Biodiversity and areas of darkness

## **Desktop Survey**

This section sets out and analyses information gathered from official research streams in order to build up a picture of Chingford Mount streets, public realm, formal play spaces, transport and green infrastructure, and organisations for young people.

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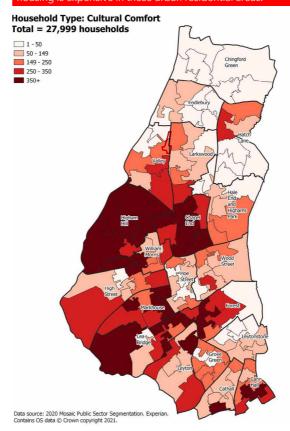
- Mosaic Public Sector Segmentation extract maps
- PTAL and transport infrastructure
- Time mapping analysis \_
- Propensity to cycle: school travel \_
- Traffic collisions by mode & age
- Healthy Streets Index map
- Air pollution (NO2)
- Sound pollution \_
- Youth crime and ASB hotspots
- Economic activity of children
- Youth groups and organisations, and cultural consumption locations
- Formal play provision
- Green space deficiency
- Accessibility heat map \_
- Figure ground drawing \_
- Town centre land use map -
- Night economy map -

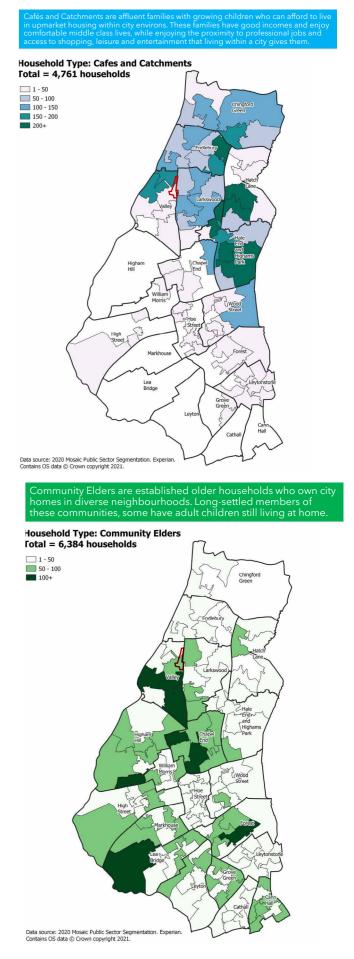
## Household Income Profile

## **Report Summary & Opportunities for this** Project

The following maps are extracts from the Mosaic Public Sector Segmentation 2020 report. They show the predominant household types within the study area in the borough wide context. These maps allow us to understand the types of households the young people might live in. There are five types of households in Waltham Forest, of which three are relevant to the study area.

## ural Comfort are thriving families with good incomes, enjoyir ifortable lifestyles living in varied suburbs. Due to the location





## RESEARCH

## PTAL and transport infrastructure

Public Transport Accessibility Levels measures for locations are rated from 0-6b with 6b being the highest.

PTAL within the Chingford Mount town centre area is 3. This occurs along all the main roads.

The north south designated cycle routes pick up Chingford Mount south of the centre. Chingford Foundation and Parkside Primary School are not on the cycle route and aren't connected to the Mount.

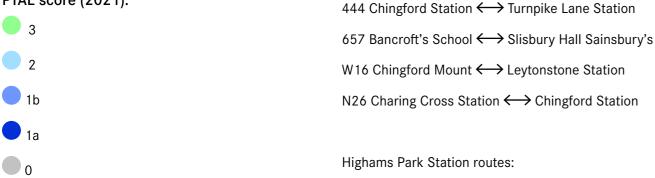
Buses tend to connect within the borough north south and east west.

#### KEY:

0	Bus stops
_	Bus routes
_	Designated cycle routes
	School boundaries

- Chingford Mount Town Centre

## PTAL score (2021):



**Bus routes:** 

97 Chingford Station ↔ Stratford City

215 Lea Valley Campsite ↔ Walthamstow Central

385 Chingford Station ↔ Slisbury Hall Sainsbury's

357 Chingford Hatch ↔ Whipps Cross Hospital

397 Slisbury Hall Sainsbury's  $\longleftrightarrow$  The Broadway

158 Chingford Mount ↔ Stratford

London Liverpool Street  $\longleftrightarrow$  Chingford Rail station



Source: Ordnance Survey MasterMap, TFL and other free XYZ datasets

Chingford Foundation School

Parkside Primary School

Old Church Road

Lime Academy Larkswood

New Road

Ainslie Wood Primary School

> Highams Park Station

South Chingford Foundation School

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Selwyn Primary

School

## Propensity to cycle: school travel

This data comes from 2011 school census showing the percentage distribution of LSOAs (Lower Layer Super Output Areas). Overall propensity to cycle to school uptake in 2011 was 0-3% which is below the London average of 4%.

## KEY:

- Chingford Mount Town Centre

### Schools

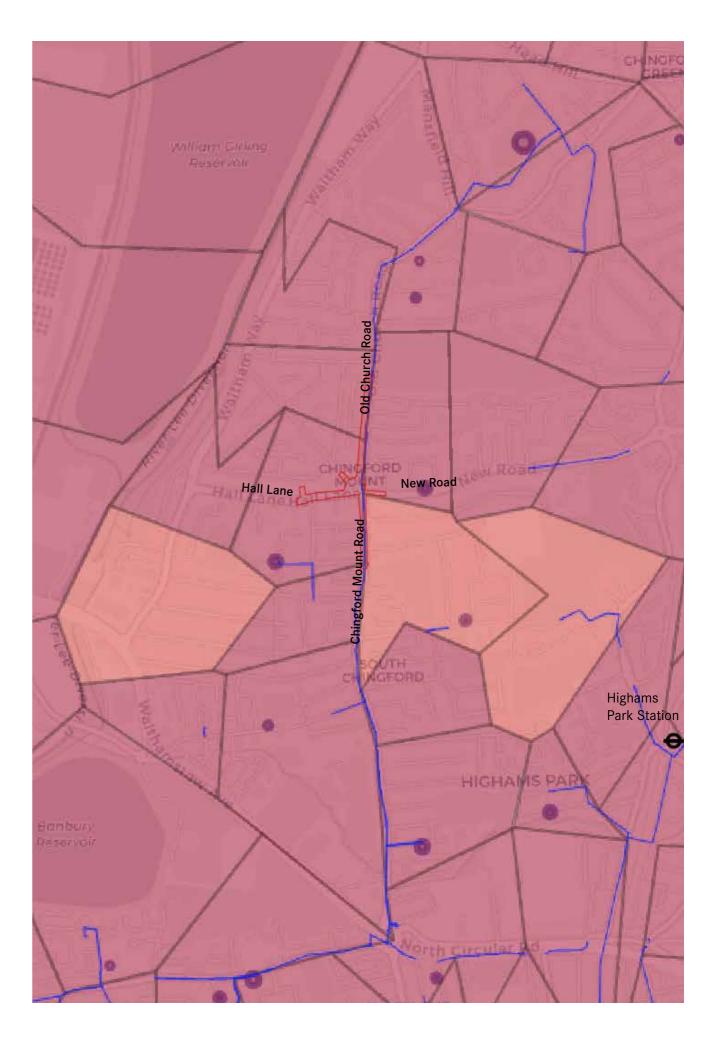
- Quickest routes (all legal routes not taking into account cyclist preference but chosen for directness)

O Chingford area LSOAs

% cycling to school (School census 2011):

0-1%

2-3%



## Traffic collisions by mode & age

Child collisions are concentrated mainly along Chingford Mount Road. There were 12 collisions involving children within 15 minutes of walking distance from Chingford Mount in 2019.

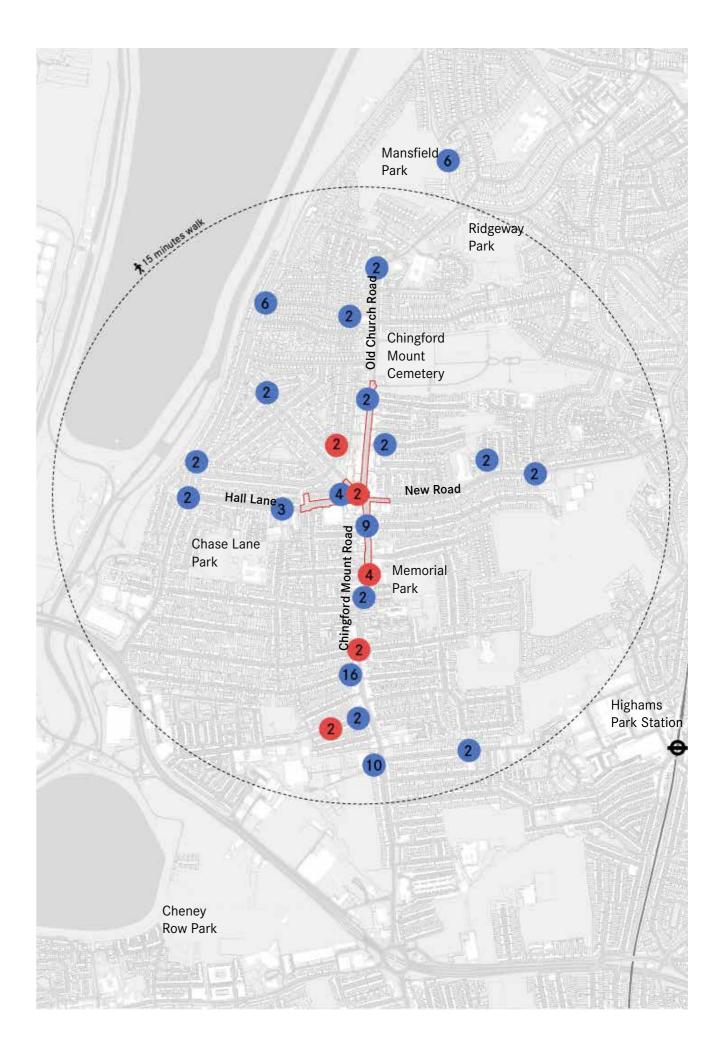
## KEY:

- Chingford Mount Town Centre

Collisions all by transport modes (in 2019) location and number:

2 Child (15 years and below)

2 Adult or unknown age



Source: TFL

## Healthy Streets Index map

Healthy Streets is a framework of 10 Indicators (illustrated adjacent) which reflect key factors determining the appeal of streets for walking, cycling and spending time in.

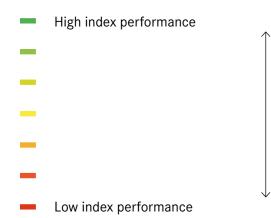
The Index combines expert datasets for noise, air quality, traffic dominance, pavement space, tree cover, street network and public transport connectivity, land use, population and attractors

The main east-west road through Chingford Mount, Hall Lane - New Road including Albert Crescent, has a low index performance. The main north-south road, Chingford Mount Road - Chingford Mount Road, has medium performance except for the main junction. Minor local streets in the main have a medium to high index performance.

It should be noted the index is able only to give a good general indication of how healthy each street is, it does not reflect the details of all the street features and the perceptions and experiences of each person.

#### KEY:

Healthy streets index rank:



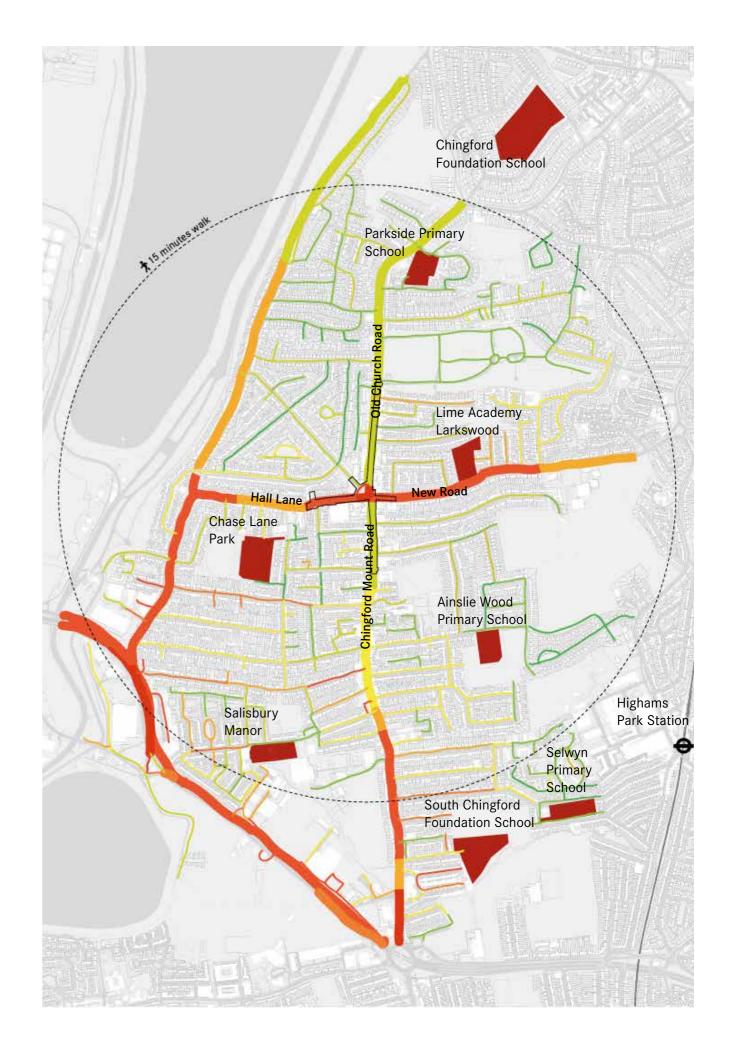
Road types (thickness shown indicated road type):

- A road
- Local and restricted roads \_\_\_\_

School boundaries

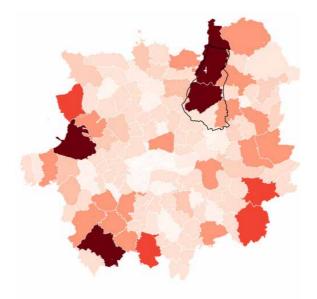
- Chingford Mount Town Centre





## Number of licensed vehicles per Post Town number

Map indicating licensed vehicles per Post Town number boundary in the second quarter of 2021. The study area is located in the highest vehicular ownership area within the borough with 26,987 licensed vehicles. In comparison, the UK average is 11,459 licensed cars per Post Town boundary.

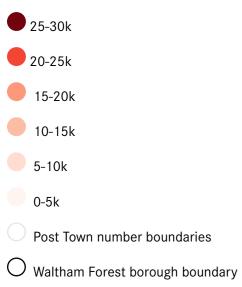


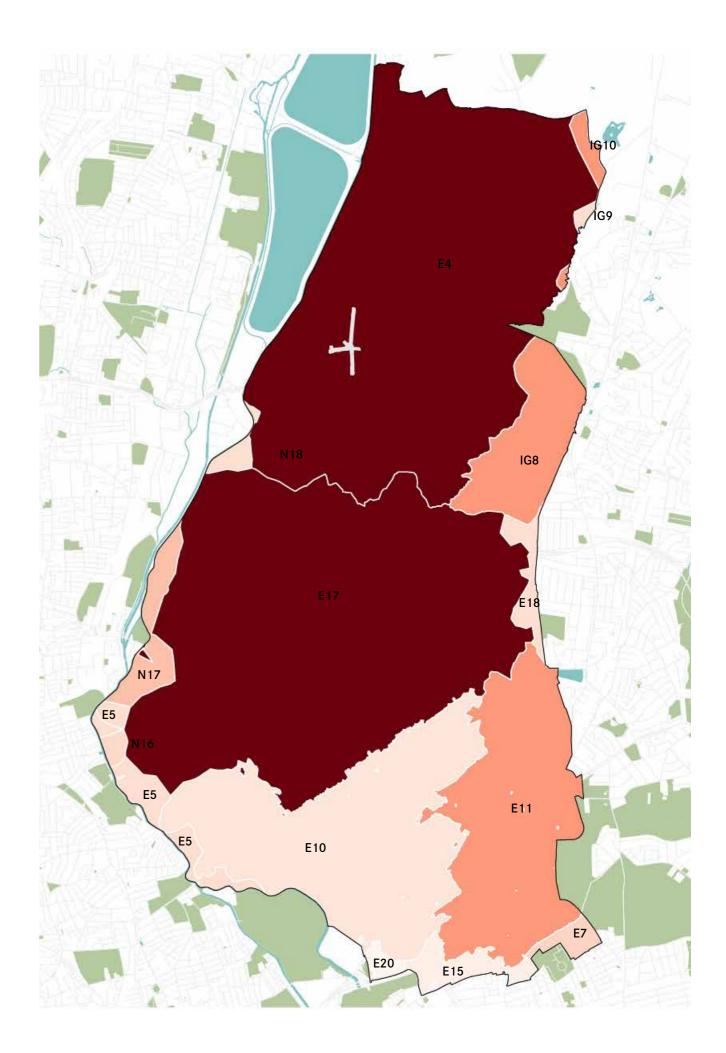
Wider context map indicating licensed vehicles per Post Town number boundary in the second quarter of 2021.



Chingford Mount Town Centre

No. of licensed vehicles within postcode boundaries at the Q2 of 2021:





## Air pollution (NO2)

Pollution levels along the Mount main roads are considerably higher than the legal limit (40  $\mu$ g/m<sup>3</sup>).

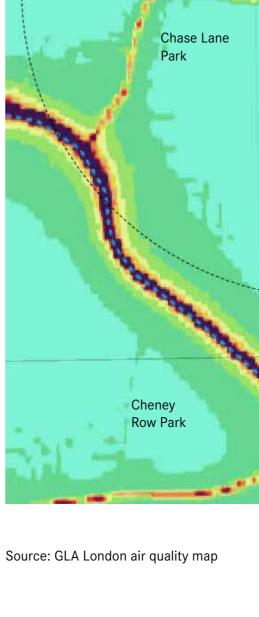
According to TfL, 'Young children are particularly vulnerable to the effects of air pollution because it can stunt their lung growth.'

## KEY:

- Chingford Mount Town Centre

Annual average concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) in 2016:

- **28-31 (μg/m3)**
- **31-34 (μg/m3)**
- **34-37 (μg/m3)**
- ) 37-40 (µg/m3)
- 40-43 (µg/m3)
- 43-46 (μg/m3)
- **46-49 (μg/m3)**
- **49-52 (μg/m3)**
- **52-55** (μg/m3)
- 55-58 (µg/m3)
- >58 (µg/m3)



Hall Lane



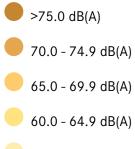
## Sound pollution

Chingford Mount Road, Old Church Road, and New Road areas reach constant levels of road noise of 74.9 dB, with noise pollution spilling into Mansfield Park, Chingford Mount Cemetery and Larks Wood.

## KEY:

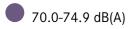
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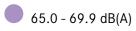
Road noise class (indicates the annual average noise levels for the 16-hour period between 07:00 - 23:00):



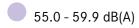
55.0 - 59.9 dB(A)

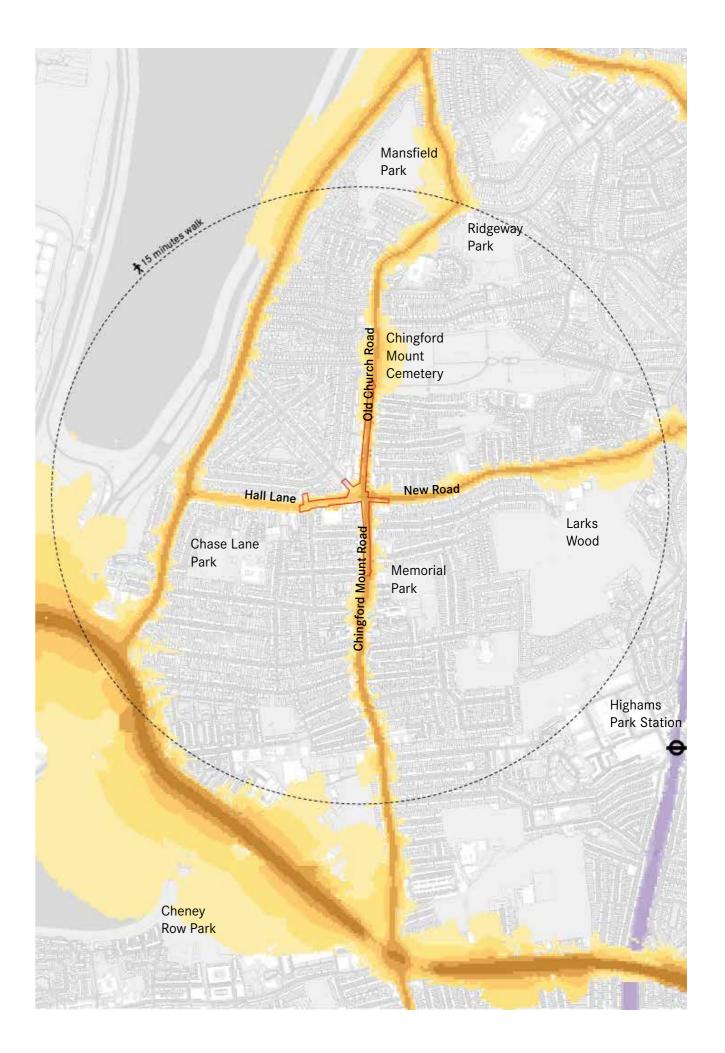
## Rail noise class:











## Youth crime and ASB hotspots

The borough average for legal cases against 11-17 year olds is 40-60 legal cases between 2018 and 2021. Youth crime levels at Chingford Mount between these dates are 60-80 legal cases which is above average in the west (Valley) and below average in the north and east of Chingford Mount (Larkswood and Endlebury).

Violent and Non-Violet Hotspots can be found at the main road crossings and to the north of Central Mount. Compared to the borough, the rate of offences is disproportionally higher for both nonviolent and violent crimes.



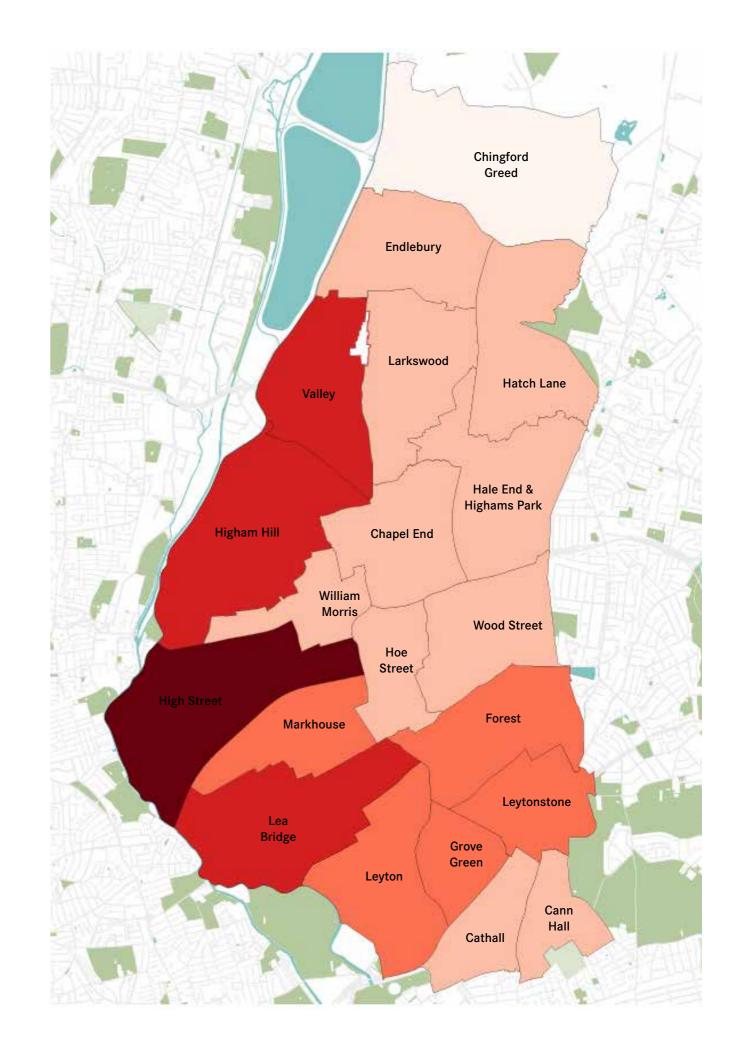
Above: An extract from the Chingford Mount ASB/ Crime 2020 report shows the crime and ASB hotspots on Chingford Mount and how they compare to borough crime statistics.

#### KEY:

O Chingford Mount Town Centre

A count of people proceeded against age 11-17 yo between 01/01/2018 and 30/09/2021:





## Income deprivation affecting children

Income Deprivation Affecting Children Index (IDACI) measures the proportion of all children aged 0 to 15 living in income deprived areas in 2019.

The map shows the percentage distribution in 2019 of LSOAs (Lower Layer Super Output Areas) within the study area.

Since 2015 (adjacent map) there has been a decrease in deprivation when comparing the 2015 and 2019 data.

Chingford Mount falls within areas of high income deprivation affecting children with a number of site allocations nearby as highlighted. There are pockets of low deprivation levels outside of Chingford Mount town centre demise.

Schools are distributed throughout.

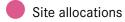


Above: The IDACI map for 2015. When the map for 2019 is compared there is a clear decrease in deprivation, with the 2019 data showing lower percentages of deprivation. The areas within the town centre that stayed the same (30%-40%) are in the west of the town centre.



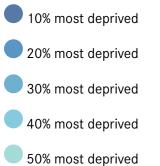
- Chingford Mount Town Centre

School boundaries

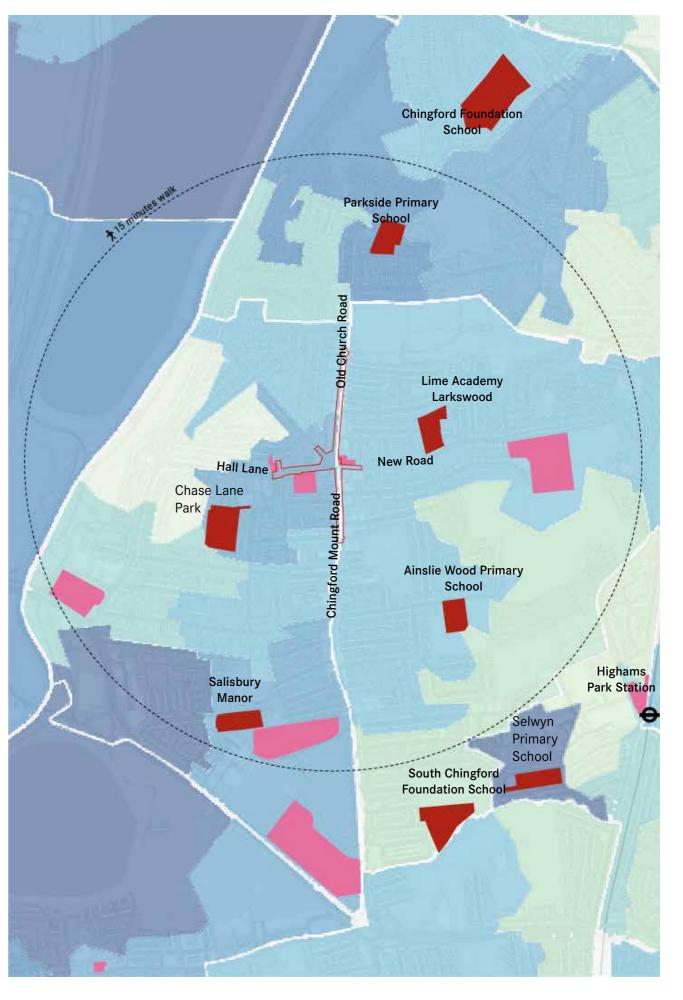


Chingford LSOAs

## Deciles of deprivation:



- 50% least deprived 40% least deprived
  - 30% least deprived
- 20% least deprived
- 10% least deprived



Source: Waltham Forest Local Plan (LP2) 2020 -2035, communities.gov.uk 2019 data

## Youth groups and organisations, and cultural spaces

There are a number of active youth groups, clubs, organisations and cultural consumption spaces in the area which are highlighted on the map and listed below.

Sport clubs make up just under half of the provision in the area. Those highlighted in bold are situated within or adjacent to the town centre boundary. This shows that currently there is a mixed offer of activities for young people.

#### Cultural:

- 1. South Chingford Community Library
- 2. Ma-Wah a Gallery

## Creative and performing arts clubs and groups:

- 3. ShowKids Chingford Drama School
- 4. 1Note2Notes Music Academy
- 5. Youth Centre / Stagecoach Chingford Performing arts

### Education support clubs and groups:

- 6. Kip McGrath Education Centre
- 7. Chingford Hall Children Centre
- 8. Get to know Animals Zoo

## KEY:

8 Local youth space location

School boundaries

- Chingford Mount

Town Centre

## Play groups and clubs:

9. Resources for Autism, Team games

10. Yellow Birds Play Academy

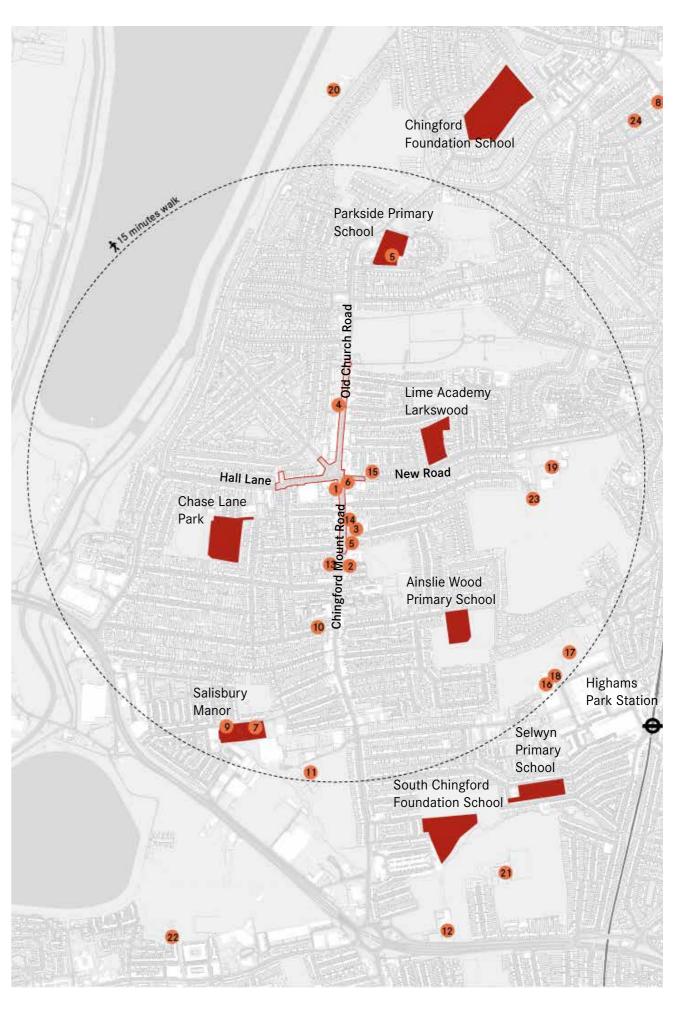
## Sport clubs and groups:

- 11. Kick start soccer for girls
- 12. The Arsenal Football Club Youth Academy
- 13. Chingford Karate Club
- 14. Heathcote Table Tennis Club
- 15. Roding Karate Club
- 16. Waltham Forest Amateur Boxing Club
- 17. Chingford School of Tennis
- 18. West Essex Cricket & Tennis Club
- 19. Loughton Sub-Aqua Club
- 20. Chingford Rugby Football Club
- 21. Peter May Karate Club
- 22. COG Cycling Club

## Other:

23. Scouts Hub

24. 27F Squadron ATC



Source: Desktop mapping, GLA Cultural Infrastructure Map

## Formal play provision

This map shows formal play provision areas and an approximate 5min walking radius from their centre. Formal play provision is limited to the north of Chingford Mount. Play for children does not need to be restricted to defined areas, but should be encouraged within the public realm, distributed equally throughout public spaces.

Tim Gill, an independent researcher on childhood play, writes

"...the ultimate goal of child-friendly urban planning is to turn the playground inside-out. Rather than building play reservations, the job of child-friendly planner/ designer is to remove the fences and gates, and invite children into the public realm beyond, so they can enjoy rich, engaging experiences and encounters with the people and places around them." (page 20, Urban Playground, 2021)

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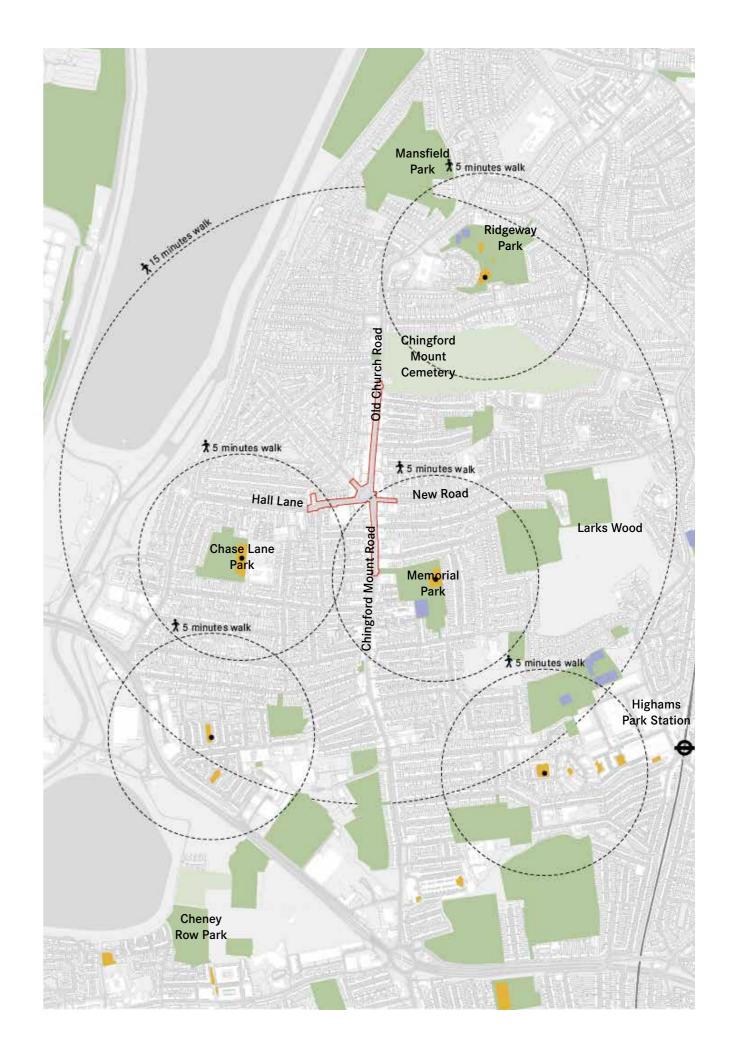
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Formal play areas

Designated games courts

Green open space

Cemetery

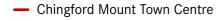


Source: Ordnance Survey MasterMap

## Green space deficiency

Parts of Chingford Mount town centre are within an Access to Nature Deficiency Area. Active green spaces are located mainly to the south and east of the town centre. To the north, Chingford Mount Cemetery offers a large area of green space, however it is restricted in terms of activity for young people.

#### KEY:



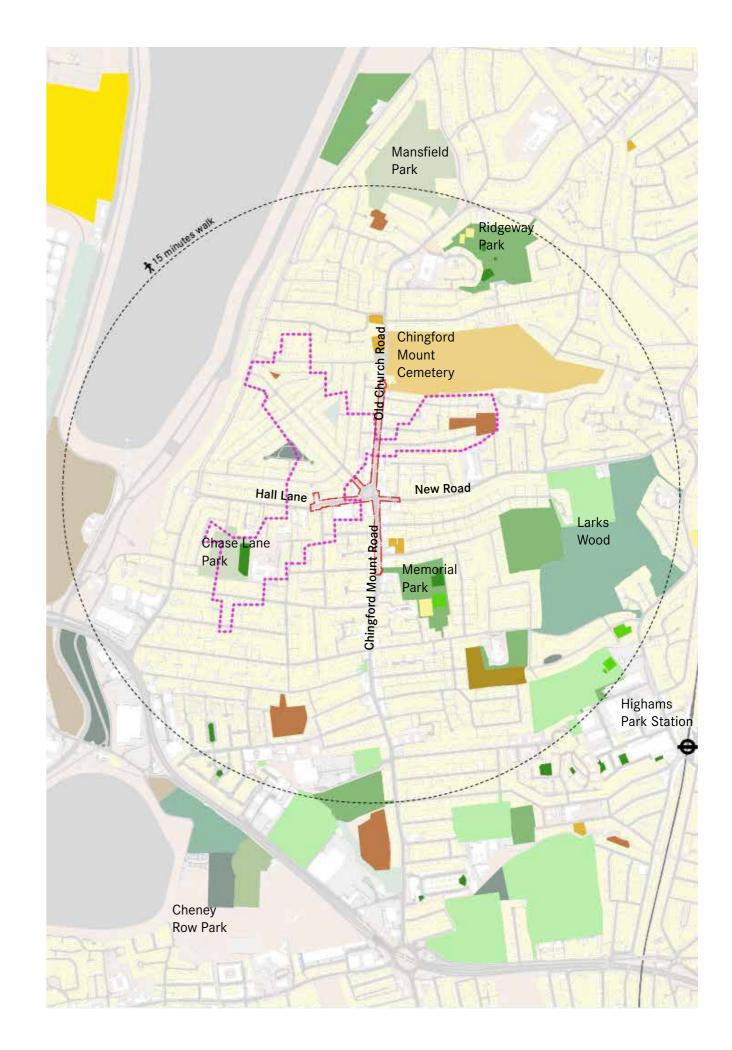
••• Access to Nature Deficiency Area

Active green and open spaces:

- Play space
- Playing fields
- Other sports facility
- Public park or garden
- Public woodland
- Walking and cycling route
- Green amenity space

Restricted green and open spaces:

- Private green space
- Tennis court
- Golf course
- Bowling green
- Nature reserves
- Religious grounds
- Cemetery
- Formal garden
- Allotments
- Road island / verge / other
- Vacant land



## Figure ground

The map indicates public space, external and internal.

There is limited internal public space within the town centre. Internal public space is restricted to the South Chingford Community Library and St Edmund's Community Centre. Note that of these two spaces, only the Library would normally offer unrestricted public access during opening hours without the need of advanced booking etc.

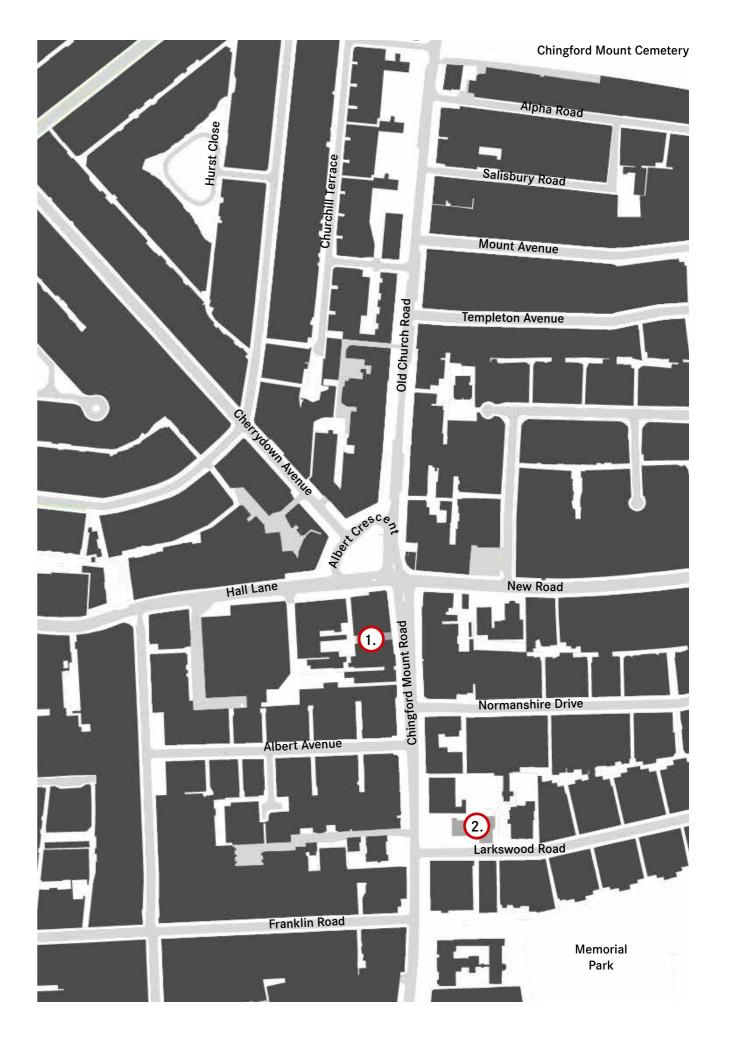
The wide footpaths that sit within the town centre boundary provide ample external public space along with Albert Crescent.

## KEY:

Healthy streets index rank:

 $\bigcirc$ External public space

- Internal public space:
- 1. South Chingford Community Library
- 2. Saint Edmund's Community Centre
- Roads only
  - Buildings



## Town centre land use map (ground floor)

The three largest singe land uses within the Chingford Mount town centre are Sainsbury's and Iceland Foods supermarkets, and multi-storey Chingford Mount Shoppers Car park.

#### KEY:

Ground floor land uses

Retail:

Professional service

Professional service-beauty

Shop

Restaurant or cafe

- Take-away
- Groceries

Community:

Community Centre

Religious institution

- Public House
- Library

Other:

Betting shop
Car park
Vacant

In a survey conducted by ZCD at Lime Academy Larkswood, 50% of surveyed year 5 students said they visit food and beverage places on the Chingford Mount, excluding takeaway fast food places.

The following are shops and places students mentioned they visit on the Chingford Mount:

### Shops:

1. The Works discount shop

- 2. Rathbone's and Card factory card shops
- 3. Poundstretcher discount shop
- 4. Haven House Children's Hospice
- 5. Charity Shops

#### Restaurant or cafe:

6. La Rocca restaurant

7. Costa Coffee

#### Groceries:

8. Sainsbury's supermarket

- 9. Hugs and Mugs food and wine
- 10. Iceland supermarket
- 11. Oltenia Traditional Romanian Shop
- 12. Turkish Supermarkets

18. Tesco supermarket

#### Community:

14. Library

## Take-away:

15. KFC Fast food restaurant

- 16. Wenzel s the Bakers
- 17. Greggs

18. Subway

**Professional services:** 

- 19. Eye test places
- 20. Boots Pharmacy and Beauty



Uses shown are indicative and observed only. These may not be the use as defined within the Town & Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 2020.

## Night economy map

Evening and night-time economy places are present but not evenly distributed across the town centre.

South of Chingford Mount Road, New Road and Hall Lane junction there is a lack of evening and night-time economy. There is a pocket of daytime economy only places on either side of Old Church Road just north of Iceland Supermarket.

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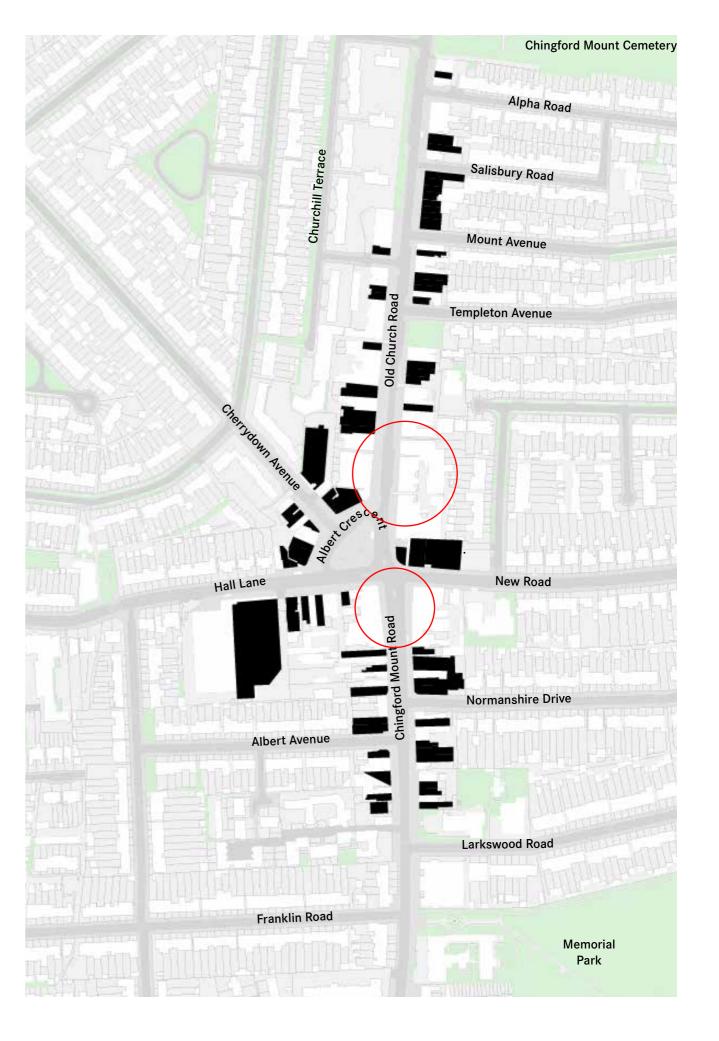
Ground floor uses:



Evening and night economy locations



Pockets of daytime only activity





#### ACCESS

PTAL is highest 3 along main roads, this is neither high or low

There is no connection to underground or overground trains

There is greater connectivity north - south than east - west

There is limited cycle provision to the north and west of the town centre

Overall propensity to cycle to school uptake in 2011 was 0-3% which is below the London average of 4%.

The figure ground indicates generous pedestrian zones e.g. Albert Crescent and north-south high street



#### PLACEMAKING

Areas to the immediate west of Chingford Mount are deficient in nature and access to green open space

Formal play provision is in place at Memorial Park, Ridgeway Park and Chase Lane Park

Indoor public space within the town centre is very limited

The majority of youth space provision in the area is focused on sports activities but these are generally located further away from the town centre

There is a lack of social and community facilities

Amenities are mainly comprised of food shops and food and drink takeaways

In some areas of the town centre, evening and night-time economy activities are lacking



### PEOPLE

Generally households are comfortably well off and more elderly

The percentage distribution of Income Deprivation is not high - this aligns with the household profile

Youth Crime (age 11-17) levels are comparable with median rates within the rest of the borough

There are two anti-social behaviour and crime hotspots on Chingford Mount



#### TRAFFIC

Main roads are over legal pollution levels

Sound pollution is high

Hall Lane - New Road and Albert Crescent have a low performance in the Healthy Streets index

In 2019 within a 15 minute radius of the town centre, 12 traffic collisions involved children under the age of 15yrs

Car ownership is high compared to the rest of the London average

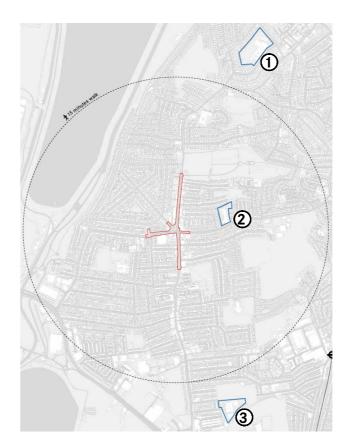
# 4.0 PHASE 1: **RESEARCH WITH** YOUNG PEOPLE

## **Youth Engagement**

ZCD Architects approach to engagement with children and young people is about listening to and hearing what they tell us about their local spaces and places, in particular through discussions about their lived experiences.

Our processes are designed to work on children's own terms, we go to them, and include involvement from the rest of the project team so that they can hear first hand what matters to children and young people in their local area. The aim is to support children and young people to initiate their own strategies and concepts for town centre improvements and invite adults into their conversations on their own terms.

We have worked directly with children and young people who go to school very close to Chingford Mount town centre, and are most familiar with the challenges and opportunities of the area. The whole Year 5 group of Lime Academy Larkswood, in close proximity to Chingford Mount, worked with us in the primary school sessions 01 -02. A small focus group comprising year 8 -11 from Chingford Foundation and South Chingford Foundation secondary schools, within 15-20min walk of the town centre, worked with us in secondary school sessions 01-03. We paid the secondary students in vouchers for their time and contribution.



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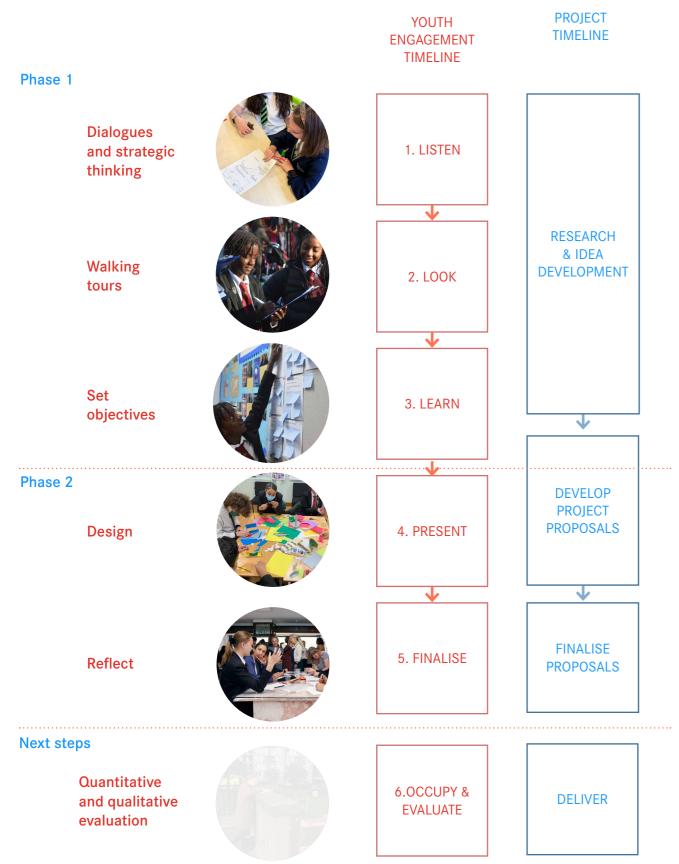
- O Project boundary
- School boundary
- 15 min walk

(1) Chingford Foundation School 2 Lime Academy Larkswood 3 South Chingford Foundation School

## **RESEARCH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE**

## **The Process**

### Research with Young People



## The Methodology

The techniques that we use draw on their knowledge as local experts and focus not on what they 'like' or 'don't like', but rather on how they feel about places, where they have agency and control, and how this relates to their sense of happiness and well-being. Through working in this way we can also teach children and young people how to analyse the spaces that they know, which then helps them to begin to look at the proposals for their new neighbourhood.

We have used the 'Voice Opportunity Power' (VOP) toolkit, developed by ZCD with Grosvenor, tcpa and Sport England, with Chingford Foundation and South Chingford Foundation pupils adapting the scope and details to meet the specifics of the project. We have used similar but simplified techniques with the children in year 5 at Lime Academy Larkswood.

The toolkit is tried and tested and recognised as representing best practice. Typical activities include walking tours, an introduction to our 'Red Amber Green (RAG)' traffic light analysis and photography, all carried out by the pupils themselves. We also hold whole class and smaller group interviews and discussions and use drawing and writing to convey ideas. For the secondary pupils we work towards producing a manifesto or brief which is a clear set of wishes that they want to see achieved.

Senior regeneration and landscape officer from Waltham Forest Council, Silvia Amoros, attended the secondary school sessions 01-04 and witnessed production of their brief. Input from 3 schools



100+ students age 9-16 participated in the workshops



Total of 3x town centre visits with students



An online survey was sent to a total of 2064 students

274 completed surveys

## **Primary School: Session 1**

Date: 12th October 2021

**Attendees:** 3 classes in Year 5, Dinah Bornat, Zivile Volbikaite from ZCD Architects, school teachers and assistants.

**Format:** Survey sheets, travel to school and the Mount survey. Worksheets are shown in the appendix.



We carried out one 90 minute session with each class.

Session Aims: The aim of this session was to introduce the project and to look at how the children get around their local area, which spaces they like and don't like and to start looking at where they play.

Play is a way of introducing autonomy and well being and is particularly effective in this age group. Children's freedom to play varies widely from place to place and is based on a number of factors.

Session Details: We began by asking the children about their favourite play memory and how would they describe play in one word. A significant amount of students' play memories were indoors at their homes. Several recounted times at parks or on holiday with friends and family. Some had memories of situations with an element of risk, where despite themselves or others almost getting hurt, the memory is still good.

Following the short discussion with the students, we then handed out survey sheets, with questions about play, travel to school and the Mount, and activities and spaces at the Mount. The results of the travel survey are shown on the following pages.

The last activity with the students entailed a drawing exercise about their travel to school and the Mount. Students shared their favourite spaces and fun things they perceived in both locations. When asked about the school, students had many play memories in the school playground and favourite spaces within the school environment. When they were asked similar questions about the Mount, students mentioned the nearby parks, war memorial area, shops or fast food restaurants.



# 4.1 PRIMARY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT

## **Primary School: Session 2**

**Research with Young People** 

Date: 19th October 2021

Attendees: 3 classes from Year 5, Dinah Bornat, Zivile Volbikaite from ZCD Architects, school teachers and assistants.

Format: Survey sheets, interviewing shop-keepers. Worksheets are shown in the appendix.



We carried out one 90 minute session with each class.

**Session Aims:** The aim of this session was to take the children to The Mount and get them to understand more about the shops and shop keepers and then start having ideas for new shops.

**Session Details:** The children were organised into groups and the class was taken to a section of The Mount where we were able to visit a group of shops that were close by. Every child was able to visit one shop, with their group, and carry out a short interview with the shop assistant. Whilst the groups were interviewing, some children were able to use our cameras to take photos of the immediate area.

This was the first school trip since covid restrictions and the children were very excited. Children enjoy finding out about their local area, particularly talking to shop keepers and learning more about their local shops.

The children took turns to interview shop keepers and take photographs. Whilst waiting their turn they watched and counted the traffic vehicles on the high street.

On returning to the classroom each child was given a worksheet and asked to draw their favourite shop and/or shop front.

The results of their work can be found over the next few pages.



Above: Students interviewing the D.I.Y. store shopkeeper.



Above: Students taking pictures of the Mount.



Map showing shops visited by all three classes

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Town Centre uses	
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interview routes	
Primary school:	
shopkeepers interview	
locations:	
1. Aroma Cafe	

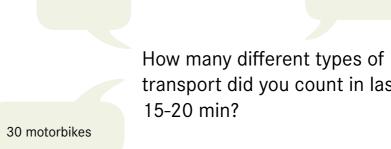
2. Chingfood
3. Chingford Hobby House

- 4. Ace Coffee And Creams
- 5. The Carpet Shop
- 6. Hugs And Mugs
- 7. Halifax
- 8. Haven House

- 9. I-Technics
- 10. The London Florist
- 11. Home-Fix
- 12. Churchill Estates
- 13. Shelina Jewellers
- 14. Scrivens Opticians
- 15. Hi-Fi Tech

- 16. Eggfree Cake Box
- 17. Kes Barbers
- 18. Shenz Boutique





Above: Some of the students' traffic count responses at the Mount

3 bikes





Above: Students doing a traffic count on Chingford Mount Road

267cars

# transport did you count in last

12 buses





Above: Students about to interview the staff at Churchill Estates





Above: Shopkeepers responses from the surveys that students conducted at the Mount





Above: Selection of students' photos of the Mount

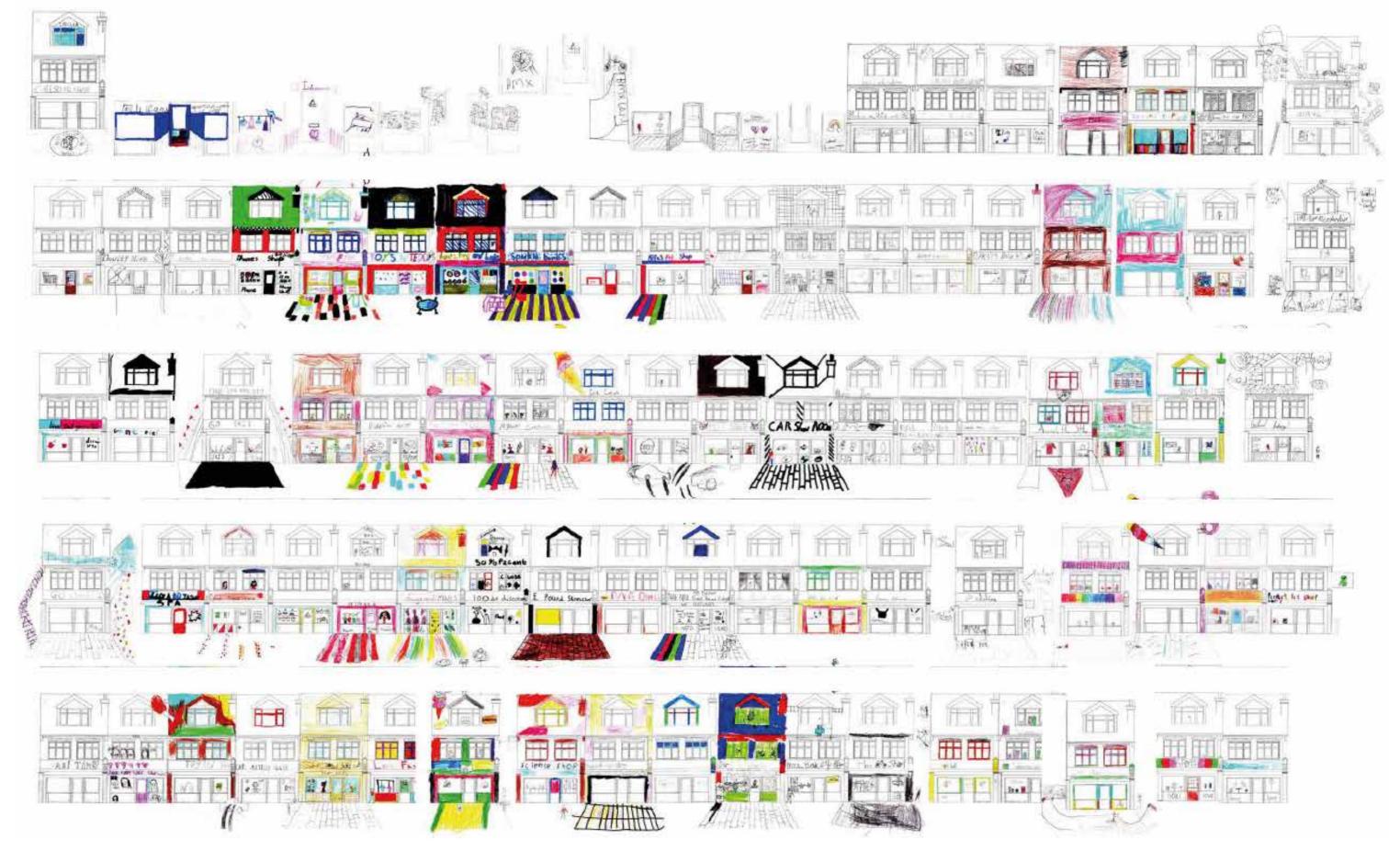




## **Primary School: Session 2**

## Research with Young People

Below are students' drawings of their imaginary shops

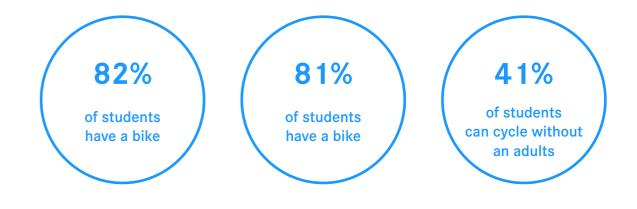


**RESEARCH WITH YOUNG PEOPLE** 

## **Primary School: Survey Results**

Research with Young People

Active travel

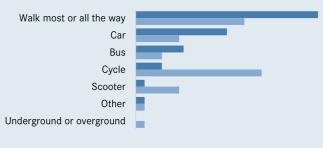


### 'HOW DO YOU GET TO CHINGFORD MOUNT USUALLY & 'HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET TO CHINGFORD MOUNT?

50% of respondents usually walk to the Mount,1 in 14 respondents usually cycle there.Respondents would prefer other means of transport to car when commuting to the Mount.

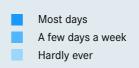
Travel to Chingford Mount

Preferred way to travel to Chingford Mount



### HOW OFTEN DO YOU CYCLE?

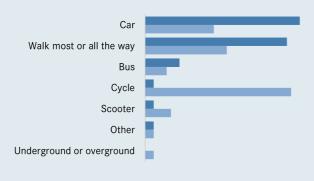
### 1 in 3 of the surveyed students cycle most days.



'HOW DID YOU GET TO SCHOOL THIS MORNING?' & 'HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL?'

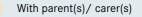
**40% of respondents would like to cycle to school.** Currently the majority of the surveyed students are either driven or walk to school.

Travel to schoolPreferred way to travel to school



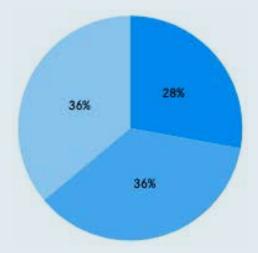
## WHEN YOU GO TO CHINGFORD MOUNT WHO DO YOU GO WITH?

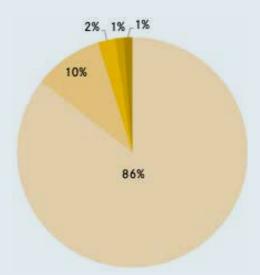
1% of the surveyed students travel to the Mount on their own.



- Older sibling
- Older child

- Someone the same age/younger
  - On my own





## **Primary School: Survey Results**

**Research with Young People** 

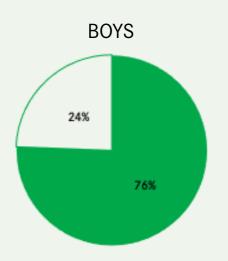
Play

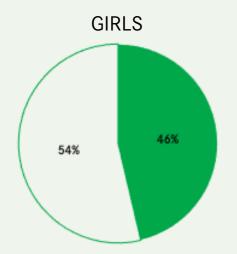
The results of the play survey give us an insight into children's independence and autonomy. Boys are more likely to be allowed to play out and call on friends than girls. As previously mentioned, play and playing out is linked to children's health and wellbeing.

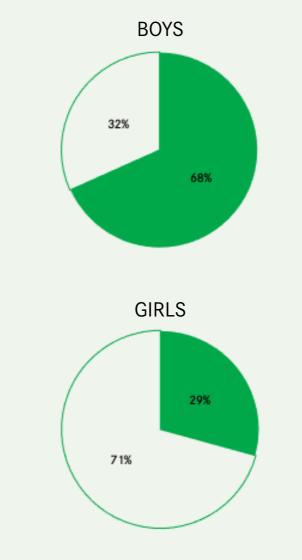
## Chingford Mount

All 84 surveyed students have been to the Mount. The following pages show how often students go to the Mount, the places they visit and what they think of the Mount.

### ARE YOU ALLOWED TO PLAY OUTSIDE WITHOUT AN ADULT?







ARE YOU ALLOWED TO GO AND CALL ON

YOUR FRIENDS ON YOUR OWN?

### HOW OFTEN DO YOU GO TO THE MOUNT?

32% of surveyed students go to the Mount every day. 7% of surveyed students go to the Mount less often than once a month.

### WHEN YOU GO TO CHINGFORD MOUNT, WHAT **VISIT A PARK** DO YOU USUALLY DO THERE? **EATING OUT - FAST FOOD TO THE SH** GO 60% of surveyed students, when they go to the Mount, go to the HANG OUT PLAY shops most often. 6% of surveyed **VISIT A FRIEND'S HOUSE** students go to a park when they visit

the Mount.

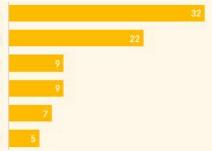
### WHEN YOU GO TO CHINGFORD MOUNT, WHAT PLACES DO YOU VISIT?

62% of surveyed students visit food and beverage or fast food places.



## **FRIENDS HOUSE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES SPECIALIST SHOP** FOOD AND BEVERAGE DISCOUNT STORE FAST FOOD PARKS

Every day A few times a week About once a month Once a week Less often than once a month Other



## **Primary School: Survey Results**

Research with Young People

Chingford Mount



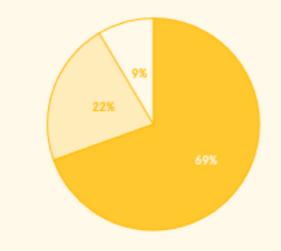
### WHAT'S THE BEST THING ABOUT THE MOUNT?

WHAT'S THE WORST THING ABOUT THE MOUNT?

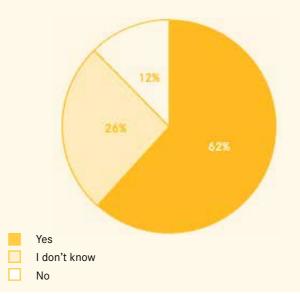
## DO YOU FEEL SAFE AT THE MOUNT DURING THE DAY?

TRANSPORT EVENTS PEOPLE PARKS SHOPS ENVIRONMENT SOCIALISING PLACES FOR LEISURE

## TYPES OF SHOPS PEOPLE LITTER UNCLEANLINESS TRAFFIC PUBLIC REALM NOTHING FOR CHILDREN LACK OF PARKING



DO YOU THINK THE MOUNT IS A PLACE FOR CHILDREN?

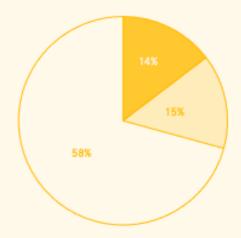




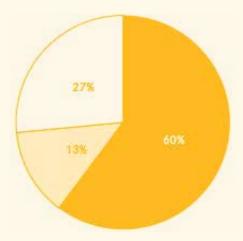




# DO YOU FEEL SAFE AT THE MOUNT AFTER DARK?



# DO YOU THINK THERE ARE TOO MANY CARS AT THE MOUNT?



## **Primary School: Key Findings**

Research with Young People



### ACCESS

Primary school children mainly drive or walk to the Mount. They would prefer to cycle or walk

Very few primary school children go to the Mount on their own

There appears to be a low level of playing out or calling on friends compared to previous studies of other areas

High numbers of children have bikes but under half ride independently. There is a difference between boys and girls responses with boys scoring higher.

Primary school children are more likely to own a bicycle compared to the secondary school survey



Children mostly visit shops and also food and drink outlets

PLACE

Children thought the shops were, by far, the best thing about the Mount (the Memorial Park, the environment and people were equally rated after shops)

Many of the children think the Mount is a nice place

Just over half of the children think the Mount is a nice place to play

Just over a quarter of the children think the worst thing about the Mount is the uncleanliness

Almost half of the children think the Mount doesn't have enough green space

Overall children tend to think the Mount does not have enough things to do, is not a clean and tidy space and doesn't have enough seating, but the numbers were not significantly higher than other responses

### PEOPLE

Many of the children feel safe at the Mount during the day. Boys feel more unsafe than girls

Almost the same number don't feel safe after dark. Girls feel more unsafe than boys

Over half of the children think the Mount is a place for them



### TRAFFIC

Over half the children think there are too many cars

Date: 4th October 2021

Attendees: Year 8,9,11 students, Dinah Bornat and Zivile Volbikaite from ZCD Architects, Silvia Amoros from London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Format: In-person workshop session, conversations, RAG rating of spaces, survey development.



### Session Aims:

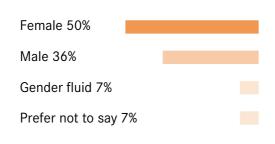
The aim is to introduce the project and to begin to understand young people's lived experience, introduce the concept of the brief, build skills and plan a walking tour for the next session.

### **Session Details**

We began asking for their favourite play memory and asked about their best place and worst place in the local area.

We introduced the RAG system for analysing spaces and discussed different local shopping centres, comparing each, using a red, amber or green analysis. We divided the thinking about each space into four subject headings: place, time, permission and transport. The students gave insights under these headings.

Findings from this and other conversations are shown opposite.



Buses annoying but useful; cycling easy but drivers can be scary.

During the day, bustling with people commuting to work, shops in operation Very vibrant atmosphere.

During the day Mount is not a very attractive place e.g. no historic structures or any structures that appeal to me. During the night it is not safe at all because there are times where I have witnessed drug deals happen.

Doesn't matter what time, always a bad place to be. Only worsens at night because of people who hang around the area.

There are some rules and some relaxed rules. And it's sometimes friendly but there's not a lot of child stuff there only the parks are there.

During the weekends it is a great place to spend time with friends - 11am-4:30pm. After 5pm when it gets dark - dangerous.

Public spaces don't have many restrictions, fun, open, crowded.

Above, excerpts from the students' notes

The worst place Pimp Hall park because of muggings at night and day

The best place is Central London because of energy and contrasting buildings

Best place and worst place game

The Mount is dangerous and stabbings happen there

# **4.2 SECONDARY SCHOOL ENGAGEMENT**

The best place is Station Road because it's calmer that the Mount

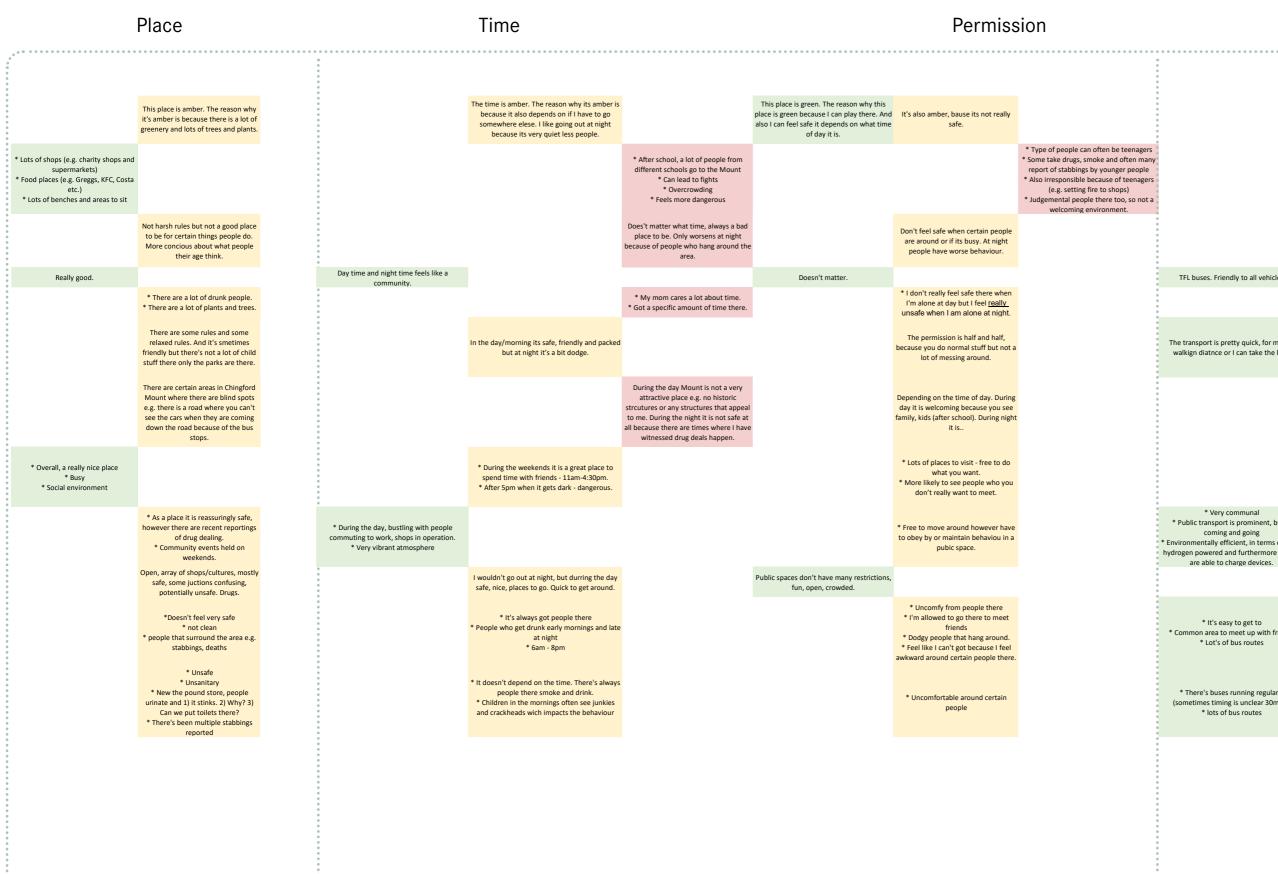
The best place is Ridgeway Park because you can sit on the grass there

The worst place is Mount because rude people in my year stays there

Memorial Park scares me

### Research

Students wrote about the Mount (using the RAG traffic light system) under the four headings of place, time, permission and transport.



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### Transport

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## **Secondary School: Session 2**

### Research

Student opinions for the Mount compared to other shopping centres



Date: 14th October 2021

Attendees: Year 8 & 9 students, Dinah Bornat and Zivile Volbikaite from ZCD Architects, Silvia Amoros from London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Format: Survey sheets and walking tours. Worksheets are shown in the appendix.



### Session Aims:

The aim of the second session was for the young people to show us their local area and to start thinking about a brief for the public realm interventions.

### Session Details:

The session started with a recap of the previous session after which we transferred by minibus to Chingford Mount. We walked through the Central Mount area, stopping outside the library and green spaces and looking at shops north of the Mount. In total we looked at five spaces on the High Street, which were each given a distinctive name by the students.

We asked the students to rate each of the five spaces according to the RAG system both during the day and after dark for different age groups. The results are displayed in the graphs on the following pages. We handed out four cameras and asked the students to take their own photographs during the walking tour.

During the tour, members we held more detailed conversations with the young people about each space, what they felt about it and what they would like to see improved.

Returning to school, we continued with the thoughts from the previous session, completing the first draft of the brief using post-it notes.



Above: Students rating spaces in the Mount using RAG system and writing down their observations and reasoning.



Above: Students taking pictures of the Mount spaces and areas they find interesting.



Above: Students creating the first draft of the brief.

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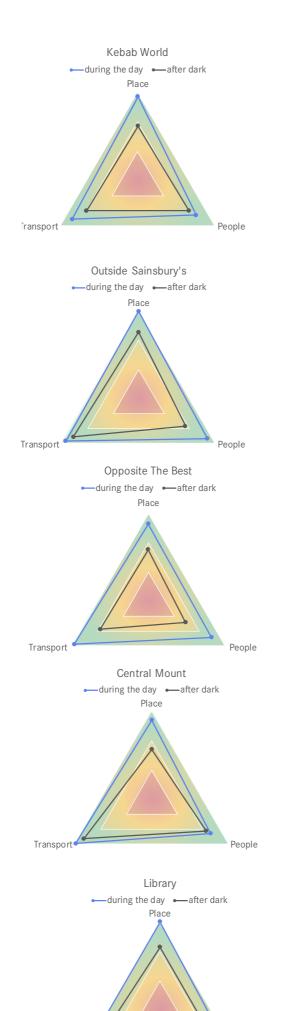
### Results of RAG scoring for each space.

The pupils scored each place in terms of three elements, place, people and transport. For each they could give a score of green, amber or red. They were asked to score for 'during the day' or 'after dark'. The scores were added up and an average given. The gold line is during the day and the dark line is after dark. This method has been developed from our 'space based' work which

Overall most spaces are scored 'green' during the day, with a slightly lower score for Central Mount and opposite The Best in terms of how they feel about other people.

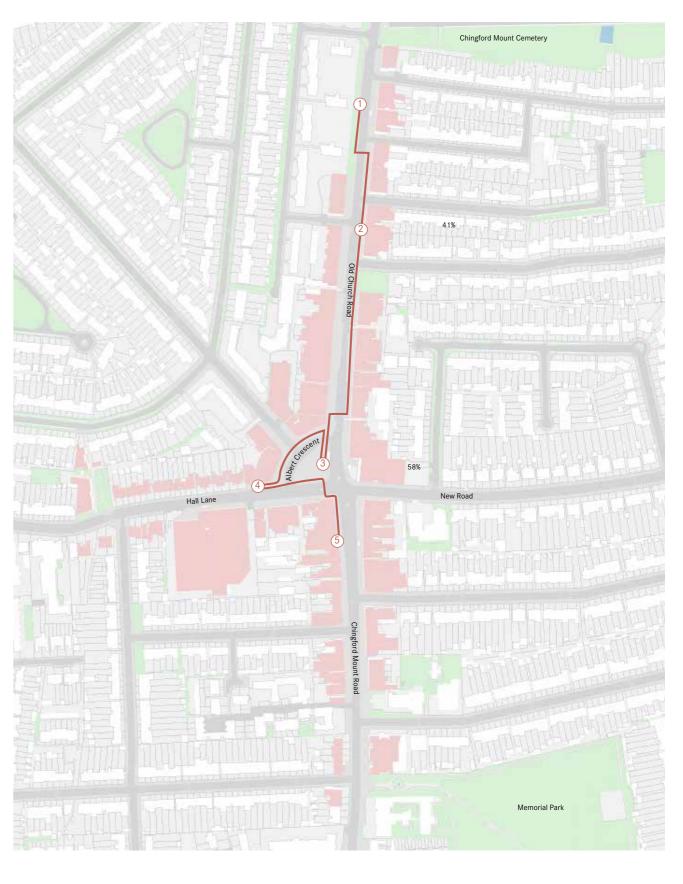
After dark the spaces generally score similarly for transport, but less for how the place feels and for other people.





Transpo

People







<sup>(5)</sup> Secondary school: walking tour stops:

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### Research

Date: 16th November 2021

Attendees: Year 8 and 9 students, Dinah Bornat and Zivile Volbikaite from ZCD Architects, Silvia Amoros from London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Format: In-person workshop, conversations, worksheets, walking tour of Walthamstow Central.

12 12-14 YOUNG PEOPLE YRS **IN-PERSON** 

Session Aims: The aim of this session was to carry out a similar exercise in another local town centre so that we could start to compare and contrast the two.

Session Details: This workshop started with a reminder of the previous session and an explanation about the walking tour of Walthamstow Central. Each young person was given a plan of Walthamstow Central town centre and a set of worksheets before we took a short bus drive to the site. We started at the mid point of the High Street and asked the young people to analyse the space at High Street and Willow Walk junction and then walked them through the high street towards Walthamstow Central Station. Altogether, they analysed five spaces and we held a number of conversations about each of the spaces. Once again we handed out four cameras so that they could take their own photographs.

Back at South Chingford Foundation, we completed the design brief and grouped their ideas into eight themes. For each theme we asked them for a statement as a heading.



Above: Walking tour of Walthamstow Central - students observing space by Empire Cinemas



Above: Students finalising brief for the Mount

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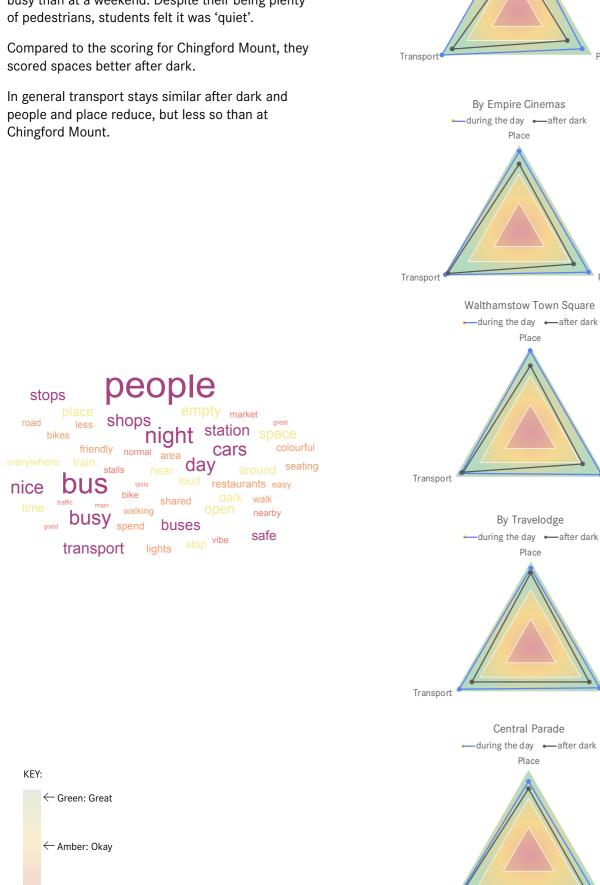


### Research

When we visited Walthamstow Central it was less busy than at a weekend. Despite their being plenty of pedestrians, students felt it was 'quiet'.

Compared to the scoring for Chingford Mount, they scored spaces better after dark.

In general transport stays similar after dark and people and place reduce, but less so than at Chingford Mount.



Transport

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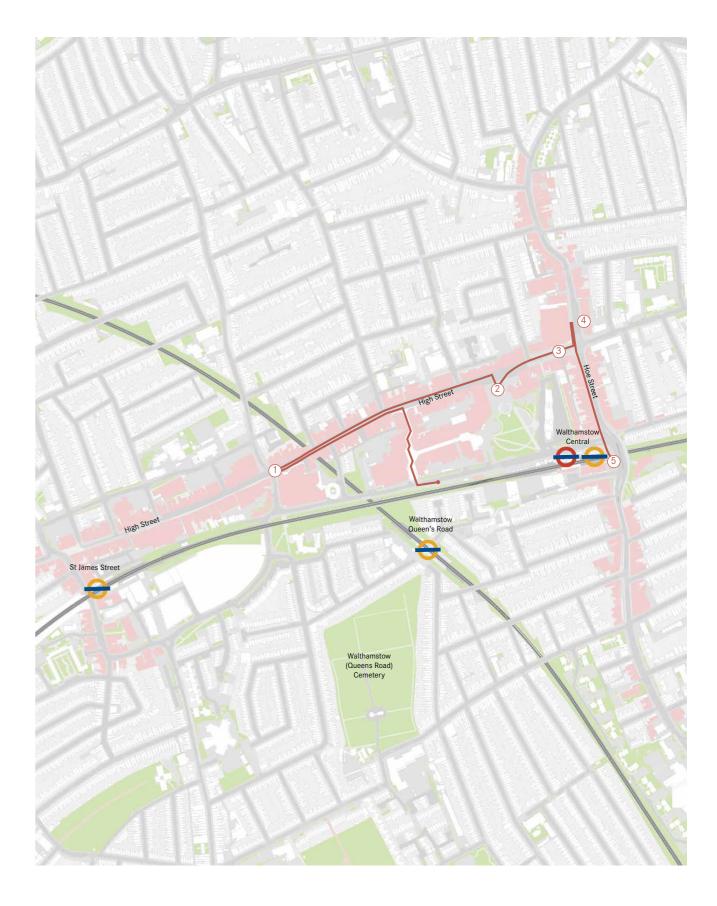
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Town Centre uses

→ Session 3 walking tour route



- 1. By Sainsbury's 2. Walthamstow Town Square 3. By Empire Cinemas 4. Central Parade
- 5. By Travelodge

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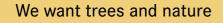
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Research

The full brief, produced during sessions two and three.

# The Mount Brief



More trees for shade and shelter More flowers or blossom trees Plant trees to remember people More greenery More colour

### We want young play

Hopscotch near Central Mount Snakes and ladders at the bus stops Children areas and parks Indoor play areas

Areas for younger children to sit and play on

Small exercise area by bus stop



We want a welcoming and attractive place

Benches in public spots across the Mount, not just in one part

Public toilets that are maintained

Bottle refill station

Sheltered areas by the Mount

Water fountains

Central areas surrounded by seating at the top of the town centre

Benches near restaurants

Historical plaques or stands

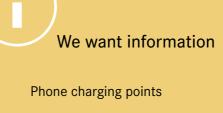
Different colour coded roads so people know where to go

Areas to dispose of all kinds of waste: recycling bins and bins for gum and cigarettes

People that help remove litter & gum

More bins near bus stops

Designated areas for fly-tipping and trash bags



Free WiFi stations

More libraries or making existing one more accessible

More culture

Live bus time boards

**Directional signs** 

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We want more interesting and diverse places

### More entertainment

There should more libraries around the area. Lots of libraries encourage people to learn.

Oriental / Asian shops (head scarves)

Better range of shops and restaurants

Free food stalls for homeless or not



We want transport & safety

More illuminated crossing points More crossings near certain spaces Clear pathways for mobility Wheelchair and people who are unable to walk friendly crossings Have wide space for cycles Cycling and crossing points Separate areas for cars and pavement Add more bike lanes Bicycle rental stations Electric car fuelling stations **Bicycle stands** Less cars > more bikes > less pollution Electric scooter rental More security

### Research

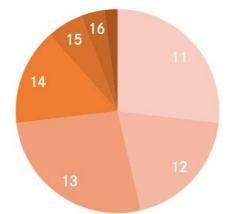
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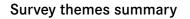
- Travel (completed out by 190 students)
- Town centres and Chingford Mount (completed out by 190 students)
- The Mount (completed out by 135 students)
- A bit about you /demographics survey (completed out by 190 students)

The response rate reduced to the number that had previously visited the amount.

When asked to justify their answer, students were able to provide as much or as little information as they liked, so some survey questions were occasionally left blank.



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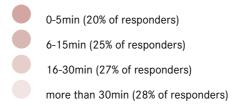
The survey responses are divided into five different themes. They are as follows:

- 1. Respondents profile
- 2. Cycling
- 3. What students like about green spaces
- 4. What students like about town centres
- 5. What students like about the Mount



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Responders' distance from home to the Mount by foot:



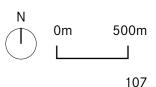
Epping Forest Public Open Space

**Chingford Mount** Cemetery

New Road

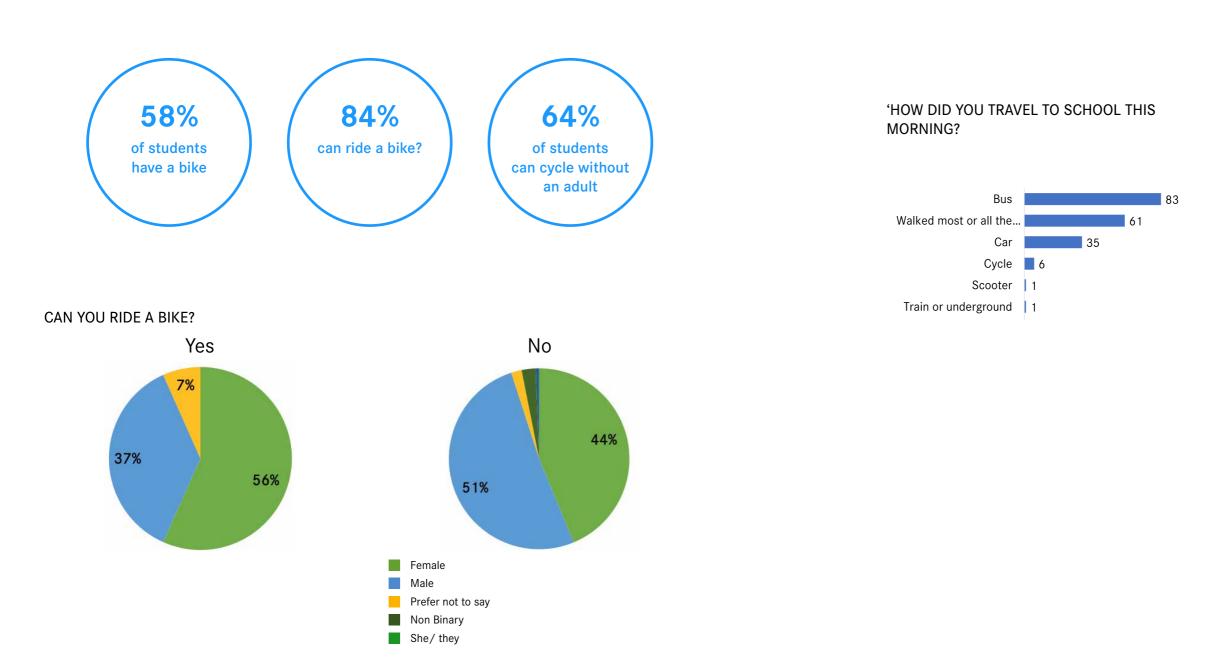
Memorial Park

> LRT Sports Ground

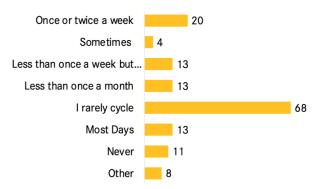


Research

Cycling and general travel preferences



### HOW OFTEN DO YOU CYCLE?

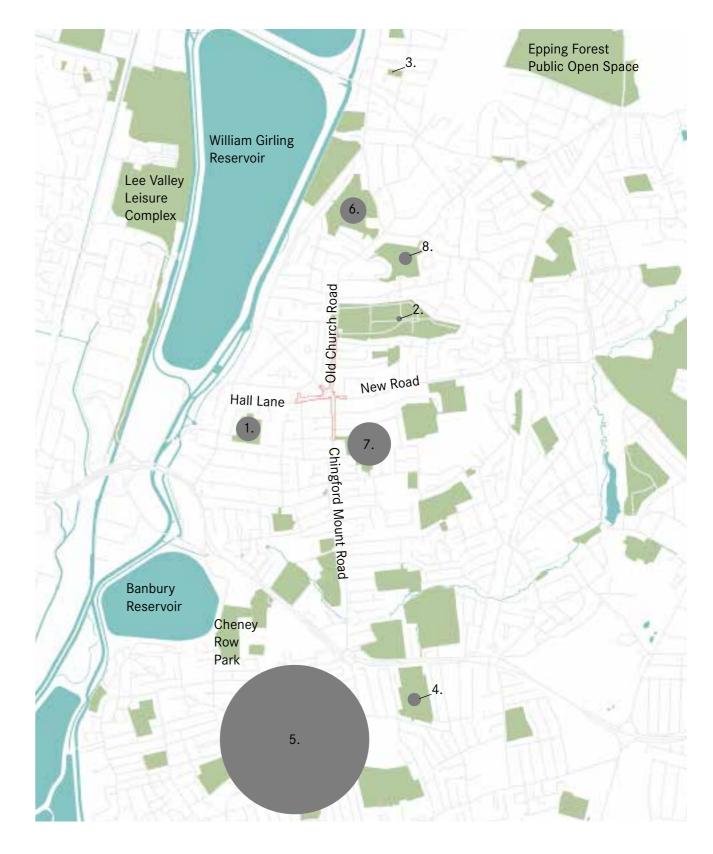


Research

Green space

CAN YOU TELL US WHY YOU CHOSE THIS GREEN SPACE OR PARK AS YOUR FAVOURITE?

> **ENVIRONMENT/ SURROUNDINGS PLAY EQUIPMENT/ FACILITIES** PROXIMITY THINGS TO DO SIZE OF THE SPACE HABIT OF GOING THERE **FRIENDS ARE THERE**



KEY:

This map depicts the parks and green spaces students chose as their favourites in the local area. The size of each park point location is proportional to how many students chose it as their favourite:

- 1. Chase Lane Park 7%
- 2. Chingford Mount Cemetery 2%
- 3. Drysdale Park 0.5%
- 4. Kitchener Road Sports Ground 4%
- 5. Lloyd's Park 42%
- 6. Mansfield Park 3%
- 7. Memorial Park 12%
- 8. Ridgeway Park 4%

Research

Town centres

CAN YOU TELL US WHY YOU CHOSE THIS SHOPPING CENTRE AS YOUR FAVOURITE?

## COMMUNITY ATMOSPHERE THINGS TO DO OUANTITY/ VARIETY OF SHOPS HABIT OF GOING THERE PROXIMITY



School wide survey - Borough-wide town centres cluster map by answer sum value





Research

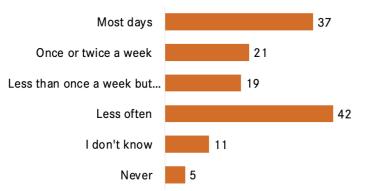
**Chingford Mount** 

WHEN YOU GO TO THE MOUNT WHAT DO YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR MONEY ON?

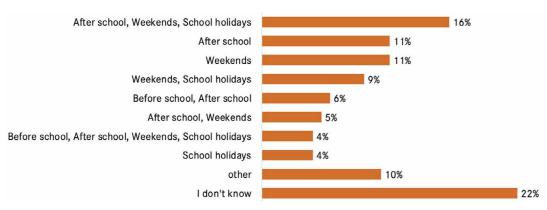
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HOW OFTEN DO YOU USUALLY GO TO THE MOUNT?



WHAT TIMES OR DAYS DO YOU VISIT THE MOUNT?



SHOPS

What are the bad things about the Mount? (word cloud by answer sum value)

DECLINE

UNCLEANLINESS

CONNECTIVITY

NOISE POLLUTION

LACK OF ACTIVITY

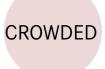
RETAIL

**OFFER** 

# **FEELING UNSAFE**

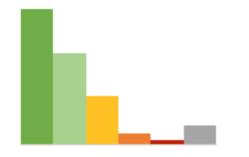
LACK OF GREENERY

**TRAFFIC** 

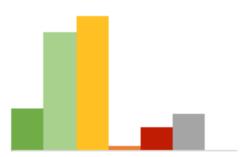


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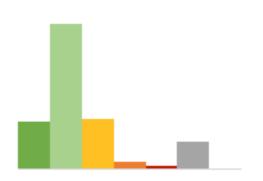
## Chingford Mount



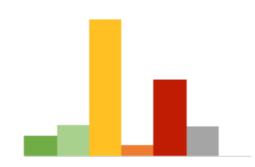
ITS EASY FOR ME TO GET TO THE MOUNT



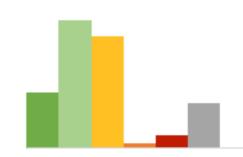
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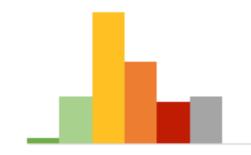
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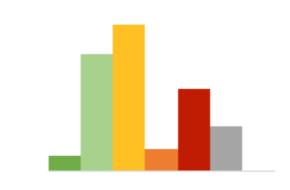
I THINK THE MOUNT IS A PLACE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE



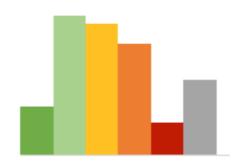
I THINK THE MOUNT IS A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT BACKGROUNDS ARE ABLE TO GET ON WELL TOGETHER



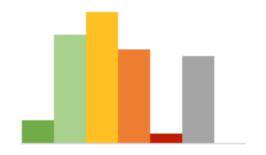
I FEEL SAFE IN THE MOUNT AFTER DARK



I THINK THE MOUNT HAS ENOUGH TREES AND GREENERY

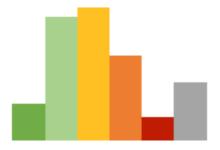


MY FRIENDS AND I CAN SPEND TIME AT THE MOUNT WITHOUT SPENDING MONEY

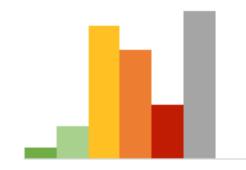


I THINK THE MOUNT HAS ENOUGH LIGHTING IN THE EVENING/ NIGHT

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### I THINK THE MOUNT HAS ENOUGH SEATING



### I CAN ACCESS FREE WIFI AT THE MOUNT

KEY



## **Secondary School: Key Findings**

Research





### ACCESS

Most of the survey respondents get to school by bus or walk. Almost one fifth travel by car.

Many of the survey respondents can ride a bike, less own a bike, over third are not allowed out on their bikes without an adult and of those who are able to cycle almost a half rarely do so.

Almost a third of respondents have not been to the Mount. Of those that do most visit regularly, after school, at weekends and during school

Many respondents agree it is easy to get to the Mount. Of all questions relating to feelings about the 4 themes this generated the strongest positive response.

### PLACE

Lloyds Park is the most visited and most popular open space by far. The most preferred reason for favouring a green space is things to do (size of space, proximity and play equipment are close behind in equal measure)

Westfield is by far their most favourite shopping centre, with Walthamstow Central, which is the most visited, the second most popular.

For over half of respondents quantity and/or variety of shops is important in their choice of a favourite shopping centre.

One fifth of respondents don't spend money, one fifth spend most of their money at the supermarket and one fifth spend most of their money at takeaways.

Many do not have strong feelings either way about the environment. Slightly more think there is enough greenery than don't.

Many are ambivalent about the Mount meeting their shopping needs with slightly more disagreeing. Slightly more agree there is enough to do at the Mount than disagree

Slightly more agree there is enough seating than disagree. Many disagree there is enough wifi and many don't know. Slightly more agree there is enough lighting than disagree with quite a few not knowing.



### PEOPLE

More disagree that the Mount is a place is for children than agree, but many are ambivalent.

Many agree the Mount is a place for them, is a friendly place and is a place where diverse people can get along. The slightly stronger positive response was to their feelings about it being a place for them.

Questions about people and safety during the day generated a strong positive.

Many agree they feel safe during the day but after dark many respond that they feel unsafe.

Feelings about being able to spend time at the Mount with friends without spending money are in the main positive.



### TRAFFIC

Many agree there are too many cars at the Mount but when asked if the amount of traffic bothers them positive and negative responses are fairly even.

Many more disagree that the Mount is too quiet than agree.

# 5.0 PHASE 2: DESIGN

5.1 PRIMARY SCHOOL **ENGAGEMENT** 

## **Primary School: Session 3**

Date: 7th February 2022

Attendees: 3 classes Year 5, Dinah Bornat and Rebecca Woodward from ZCD Architects, school teachers and assistants.

Format: Survey sheets, travel to school and the Mount survey. Worksheets are shown in the appendix.

### Students:



Session Aims: The aim of this third session was to give the students opportunity to think imaginatively about Chingford Mount and to create and illustrate brief narratives about their town centre. Working with a lot of pupils, we wanted a chance for their voices to be represented as part of the design.

**Session Details:** We began with a reminder of the project and their contribution so far. We also showed them some of the work by the secondary school students.

We undertook a group exercise in story telling, using the 'consequences' game. Students took it in turns to contribute sentences to a story - they were asked to create a story starting with the sentence: 'A Funny Thing Happened at Chingford Mount'. Some of the final stories were read out, to much laughter.

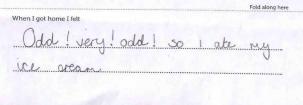
Students were then each given a worksheet with a circular motif and a sheet of words they had previously used to describe play. They were asked to create a sentence using the words Chingford Mount and one of the words around the circle and asked to illustrate the sentence.

## Primary School: Session 03

A FUNNY THING HAPPENED AT CHINGFORD MOUNT

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Above: One of the collective stories



10, 9/1th.

Adjacent: Student's artwork



Date: 1st February 2022

Attendees: Year 8 & 9 students, Dinah Bornat and Rebecca Woodward from ZCD Architects, Silvia Amoros from London Borough of Waltham Forest.

Format: In-person workshop, 3D sketch modelling, drawing and writing

### Students



Session Aims: The aim of this session was to start the students with some ideas for public realm interventions and ask them to start designing themselves. We wanted to work in 3D form and with narrative, giving them a broad opportunity to input.

Session Details: The workshop started with a recap of previous session achievements and a summary of key survey findings. We reminded the young people they had set out very clear wishes in their brief, and noted the survey message was also very clear; Chingford Mount is a place for children and young people.

We undertook a group exercise in story telling, using the 'consequences' game, as an ice breaker and to encourage the students to think about narratives. Students took it in turns to contribute sentences to a story - they were asked to create a bad and dark story about Chingford Mount. The final stories were read out.

In the next exercise students were asked to create scale models to illustrate their design ideas for benches - place to sit, eat, meet and dwell, potentially located in Albert Crescent and at the north and south ends of the high street. Once they had a created a design, each student presented their design back to the rest of the group.

Finally, each created a short story and graphic for an individual piece of paving for Albert Crescent. We laid out each piece in an interlocking pattern.

We thanked students for their contribution and spoke about next steps.



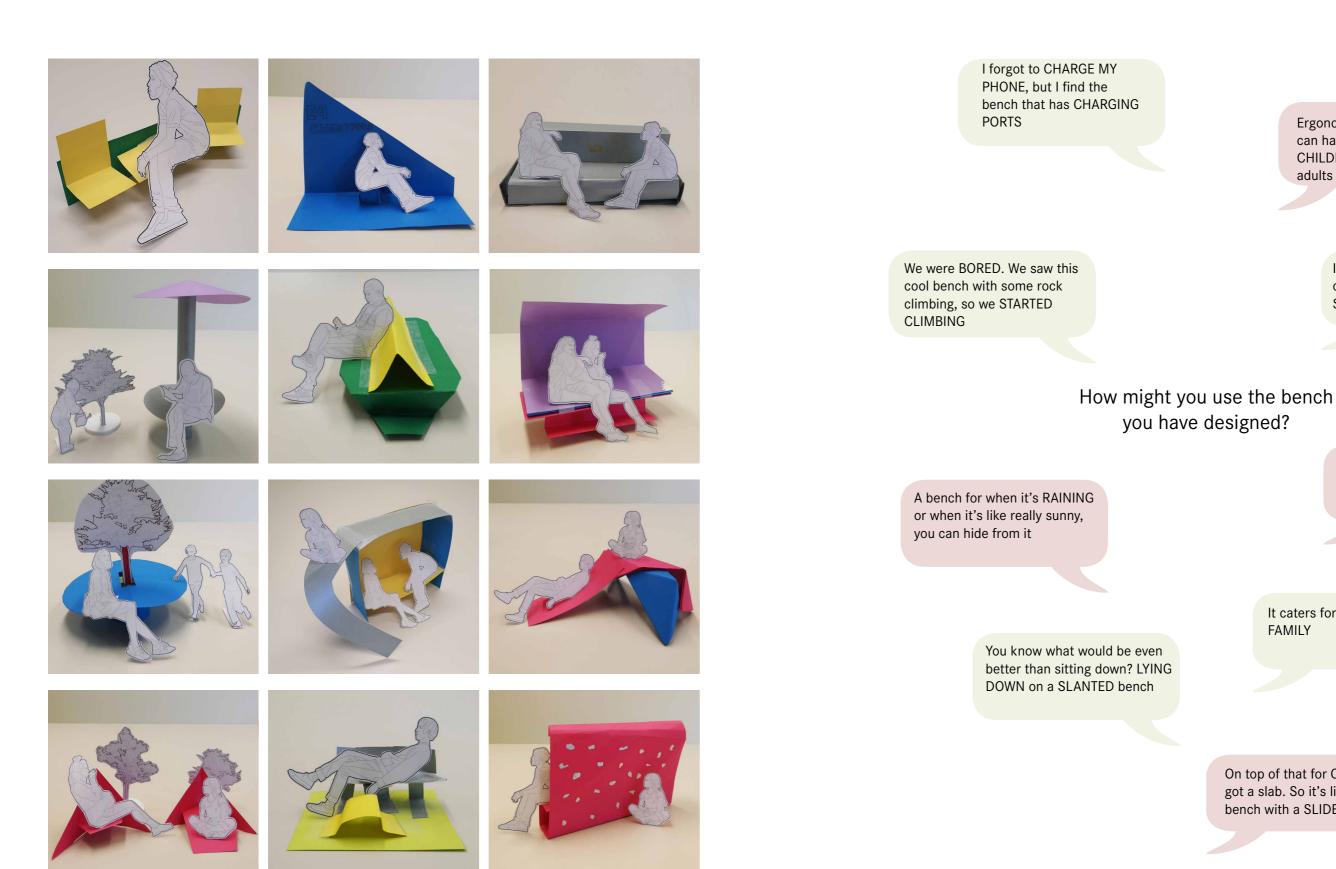
Above: Students illustrate pieces of Albert Crescent



# 5.2 **SECONDARY** SCHOOL **ENGAGEMENT**



Above: Students create scale model bench prototypes



Above: Students spoke about their 3D models

Ergonomic design; you can have a smaller one for CHILDREN and a bigger one for adults

> It started to RAIN and I found this cool looking bench that had the SHELTER

# you have designed?

It accommodates for about FIVE PEOPLE and you can sit and enjoy and CONVERSE

It caters for your FRIENDS and FAMILY

On top of that for CHILDREN, it's got a slab. So it's like, it's like a bench with a SLIDE

## **Secondary School: Session 5**



Above: Students illustrate the paving of Albert Crescent

### Date: 27th June 2022

Attendees: Chingford Foundation and South Chingford Foundation Schools: Year 8 & 9 students, Has Mahir and Helen Hare; ZCD Architects: Rebecca Woodward, Cordula Weisser and Rowan Stewart; London Borough of Waltham Forest: Cllr Elizabeth Baptiste (Commissioner for Shaping Places), Silvia Amoros (Senior Regeneration and Landscape Officer (North)), Martha Lawson (Deputy Head of Area Regeneration (North)) and Fay Cannings (Town Centre Lead (North)); Love South Chingford: Naila Mir (Chair), Valerie Lewis (member), Marina Wellington (member); Young Advisors Waltham Forest: Faith Agba-Butler (Trustee)

Format: In-person workshop at 228 Chingford mount Road, conversations, writing and presentation

### Students



**Session Aims:** The aim of this final session was to celebrate the students achievements, give them



Above: Young people, the project team and community representatives come together

a platform in a safe setting to speak to the wider community and capture feedback on the process and designs.

**Session Details:** The workshop started with introductions and a summary of the session.

ZCD briefly recapped the project and process using 8 exhibition boards prepared for the session.

The students and community members sat together and played a game of consequences, as an icebreaker and to generate potential stories for the designs.

ZCD described the designs in more detail and asked the students and community members to place a gold star on their preferred colourway option for each of the structures.

We asked the students to each complete a feedback survey while having informal conversations with community adults, prompted by the survey questions. In 5 small groups and with the help of the community adults, they prepared short presentations based on their responses to one of the survey questions.

Students made short presentations, then the adults also spoke and reflected on the session and the project. Each student received a certificate.





Above and adjacent: Young people share their ideas with each other and older representatives of the community

## **Session Findings:**

We asked the students to recap what the project was about:

They all agreed it was about making Chingford Mount more 'child friendly'. Responses also included:

'To make Chingford better for everyone and mostly more safe for children, by adding more seats, greenery, larger shelters, local toilets, more bins, plenty of charging, and some water fountains, phone box, rent'

'This project is about making Chingford child friendly, by making it safer, brighter and more fun for children. But the changes that will be made are not only for children but for all ages'

'It was about engaging with young people'

### We asked the students to recap what they did:

Students listed most of the activities undertaken. Interestingly many of the students noted the activities of the last session and their active involvement in the design process. We know they enjoyed this hands-on co-design sessions. Responses included.

'I hand crafted models'

'We worked on brainstorming our ideas and create objects related to what children might enjoy like swings, slides etc.'

'I designed a bench, I took photos of (the) mount and said how I felt in different areas around (the) mount'

'The architectural development program has enabled our youth to share our perspectives and to accommodate our desired approach in sharing Chingford Mount. After all we have engaged in interactive sessions regarding and articulated thoughts on developing the mount.'



### We asked the students what they had learnt from the project:

The responses are revealing. Young people noted they had learnt they had a voice, which is of value and has a right to be listened to.

'I learnt that young people have a voice and can be heard by adults. I got experience in architecture. And I understand how it works and how long it could take to process the ideas.'

'Renovating takes a lot of time and effort to plan, even more to complete.'

'Don't stick to being basic, there's more to explore - environmental wise'

'I learnt people have many ideas they suppress and should speak more confidently about what they want'



'My opinion can change a lot in my surroundings.'

'I learnt that not only do things need to look appealing but also need to be safe. I have also learnt the history and the significance chingford had.'

'We have a voice and it is important and we got experience in architecture.'

'I learnt that Chingford Mount isn't very child friendly but that should change in the future.'





Above: Young people share their ideas with each other and older representatives of the community

### We asked the students what Waltham Forest could add or change to the project:

Students spoke about design.

'More shops for kids and may be more child care. Toilets somewhere etc. more shelter.'

'There can also be more youth spots e.g. chalk area.'

'Safety, presence of a warden, indoor dedicated for youth, pet friendly.'

'Advertise this project so we get everybody's opinion and thoughts.'

'You could add more children places, play centres, child care, toilets, etc.

They also spoke about the process.

'More sessions and maybe include more children.'

'Waltham Forest could add certain ideas from the project, this could allow the community to feel more engaged and give them confidence to speak out.'

### We asked the students if there was anything they would like to add:

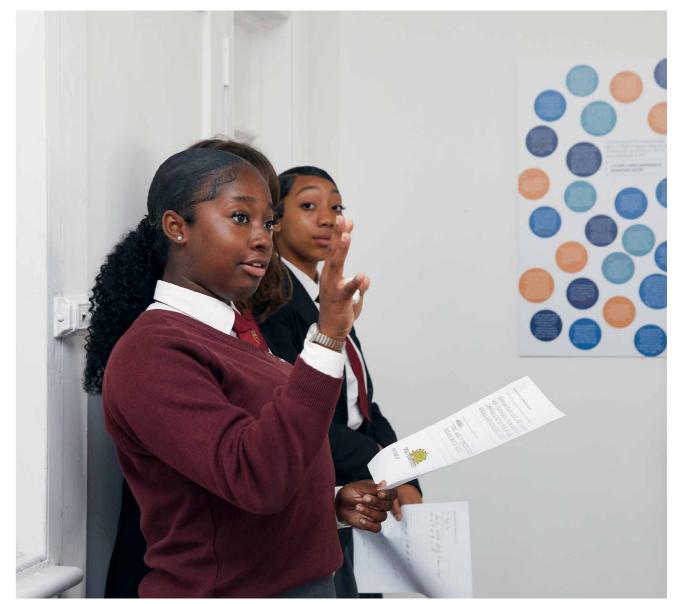
Some students took the opportunity to give more feedback on the designs.

'An area for teens to stay, hangout. A fun place to either stay with your friends or on your own.'

'You could add a water fountain to make it more appealing.'

'It is alright but they could add more bins to the area.. adding shelters and protection.'

'Nothing, most of things we wanted have been added.'



Above: Young people present their ideas to each other and older representatives of the community

Other students commented on the process.

'There are certain ideas that we could add from this project. If we do so it would be so beneficial if we see a change and would change multiple people's mindsets to improve instead of reduce.'

'I learnt with the right connections we can make a change, young people aren't entirely powerless with the space we live in.'

'This was an amazing experience, would benefit a lot of people.'

## Description

The extensive research has revealed many opportunities for making Chingford Mount more child friendly. There is much learning Waltham Forest can take from this project to inform their long term town centre policies and strategies. The diagram opposite represents these key findings.

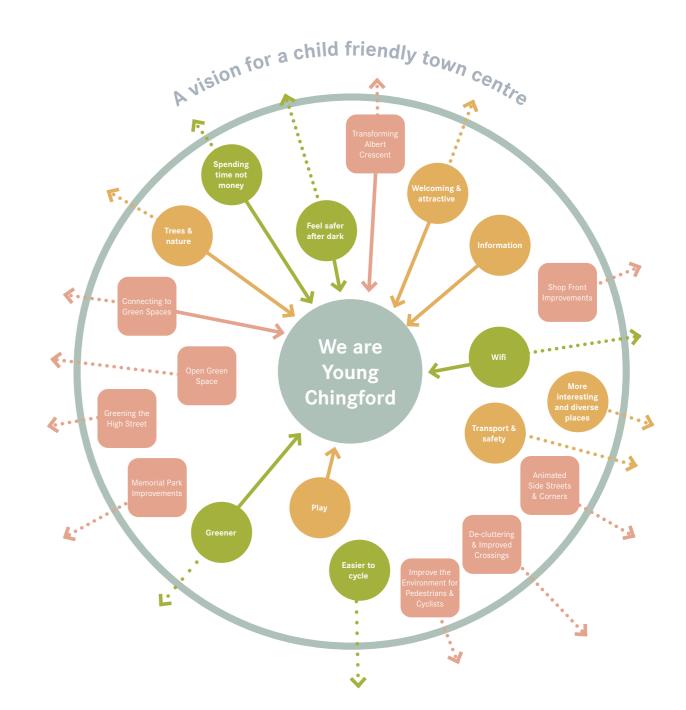
As part of this commission we were tasked with developing specific short to mid term funding ready and deliverable designs in response to project findings. Our site specific proposals start to address some of the elements of the diagram.

The young people set out very clear wishes in their brief and likewise the survey message was also very clear; Chingford Mount is a place for children and young people. In response to this we felt that specific design proposals should reflect the survey message and celebrate Chingford Mount as a place where children and young people feel at home and where they are welcome and are visible, with the young people's brief providing clues as to the detail.

In conclusion we have proposed two bold and comprehensive interventions located on Albert Crescent. The crescent is a key civic space at the heart of the town centre. It is a place where children and young people should have an input, presence and visibility and feel welcome to spend time at their own pace and will. In addition we have proposed a smaller intervention, based on the detail of the larger structures, for location on the high street.

These permanent structures incorporate wishes listed in the young people's brief and also themes represented in their design ideas. The structures incorporate planting, play, seating, lighting, wifi and charging. One of the larger structures also incorporates shelter from the rain and sun. Structures are modelled in granite pavers and precast concrete with timber panelling to seating areas and polyester powder coated steel supporting swings and an overhead canopy. Designs are articulated to reflect the art deco context of Albert Crescent. The granite pavers and concrete incorporate stories, words and motifs by the children and young people.

The designs for the two larger interventions were shown to and well received by the students. Feedback included suggestions to enlarge the canopy, incorporate PVs for solar charging and incorporate drinking water fountains. They also made wider suggestions to support the use of the structures, such as public wcs and community wardens.



Child-friendly high streets: A vision diagram for Chingford Mount

Survey findings

Wishes of the young people (ref. Brief developed by secondary school students)

Draft Chingford Mount Framework Town Centre recommended improvements which are important to children and young people

# 5.3 DESIGN **PROPOSALS**



Indicates this need is outside the scope of this project and should be addressed as part of wider borough considerations



Indicates there is the potential for this project to address this need

Structure 1: Intervention incorporating planting, swings and tiered seating

Structure 2: Intervention incorporating planting, seating and shelter



Above: Artist impression to show the approximate location of the two interventions. This drawing is indicative only.



Structure 1: Intervention incorporating planting, swings and tiered seating

This structure has:

- A large planter and tree with a surround for seating and running along
- Two double seat swings suitable for the enjoyment of a young person or an adult

- Tiered seating so a crowd can watch a performance at the centre of the square
- Uplighting, charging points, free wifi
- Stories, words and motifs by local children and young people



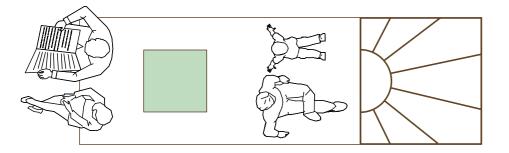
Structure 2: Intervention incorporating planting, seating and shelter

This structure has:

- Two large planters with a surround for seating which is sloped towards its ends to enable climbing and reclining
- A canopy for shelter from the rain and prevailing winds

- Seating with a high back to catch the warmth of the afternoon sun
- Downlighting, charging points, free wifi
- Stories, words and motifs by local children and young people





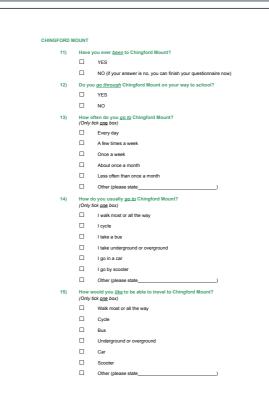
### Structure 3: Intervention incorporating planting and seating

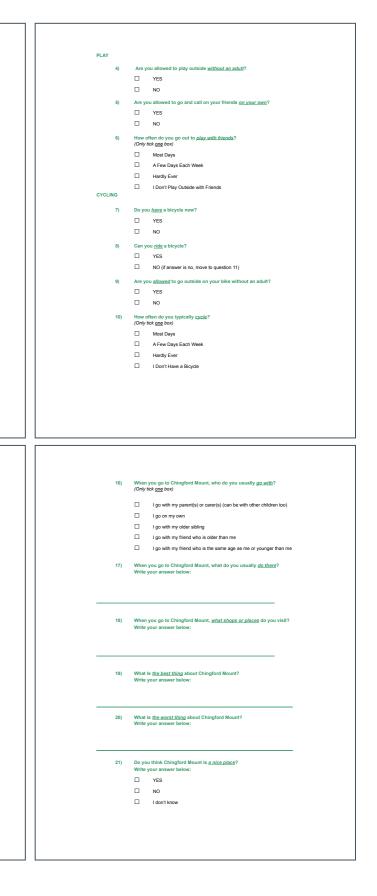
### This structure has:

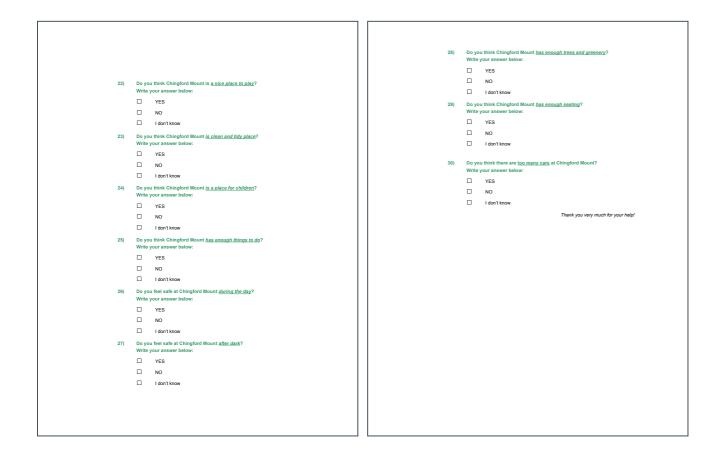
- One small planter with a surround for seating which is sloped towards its ends to enable climbing and reclining
- Stories, words and motifs by local children and young people

# 6.0 APPENDIX

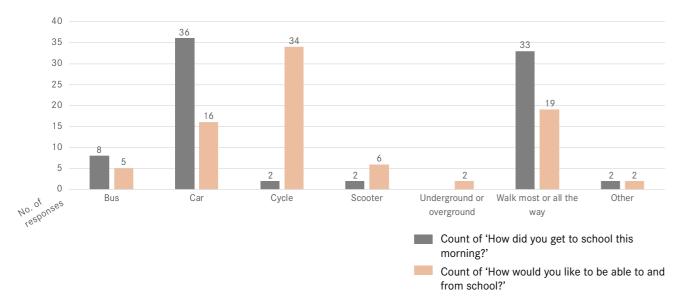
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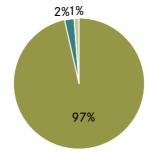




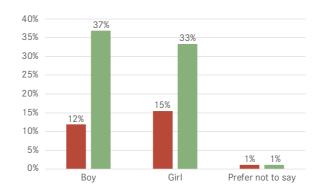
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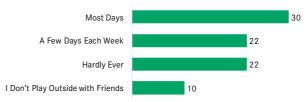
2. Who did you travel to school with this morning?



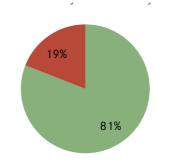
4. Are you allowed to play outside without an adult?

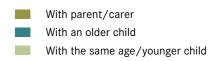


#### 6. How often do you go out to play with friends?

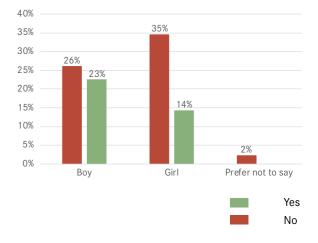


7. Do you have a bicycle now?

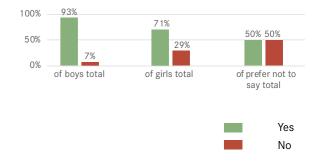




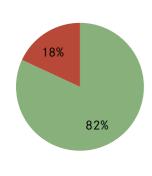
#### 5.Are you allowed to go and call on your friends on your own?



#### Do you feel safe at the Mount after dark? Gender split



8. Can you ride a bicycle?



9. Are you allowed to go outside on your bike without an adult? 41% 59%

Boy

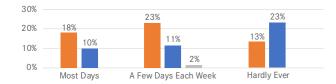
Girl

Prefer not to say

Yes

No

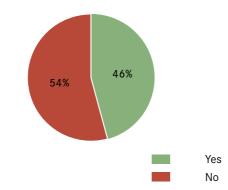
#### 10. How often do you typically cycle?



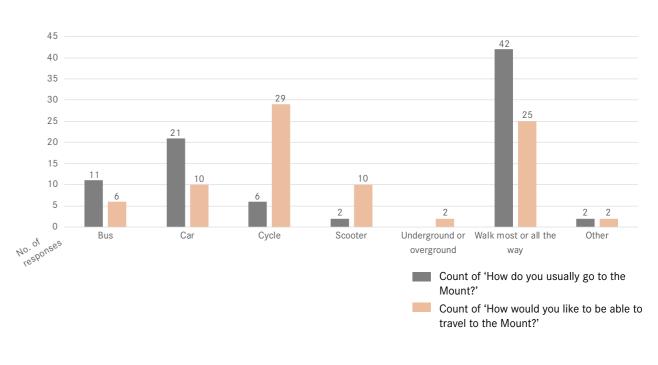
11. Have you ever been to Chingford Mount?

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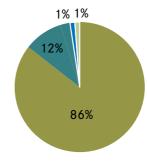




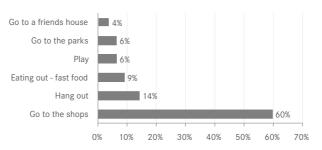
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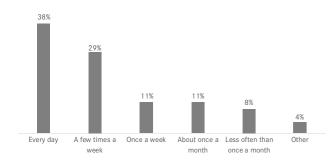
16. When you go to the Mount, who do you usually go with?

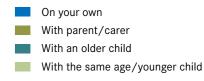


17. When you go to Chingford Mount, what do you usually do there?

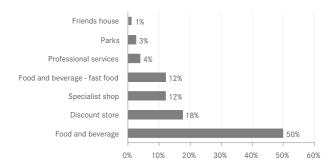


#### 13. How often do you go to the Mount?

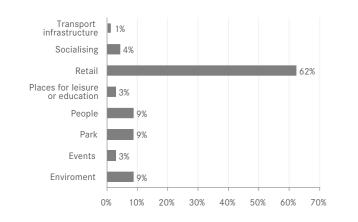




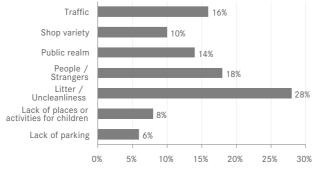
#### 18. When you go to Chingford Mount, what shops or places do you visit?



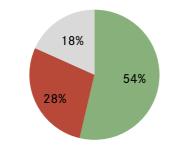
#### 19. What is the best thing about the Mount?



#### 20. What is the worst thing about the Mount?



#### 22. Do you think the Mount is a nice place to play?

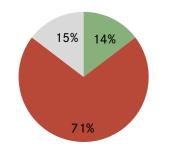


23. Do you feel safe at the Mount after dark?

21. Do you think the Mount is a nice place?

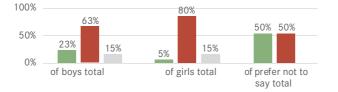
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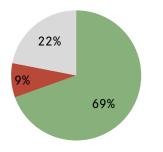


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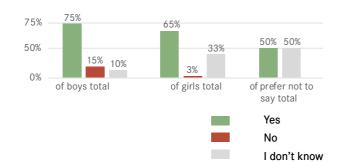
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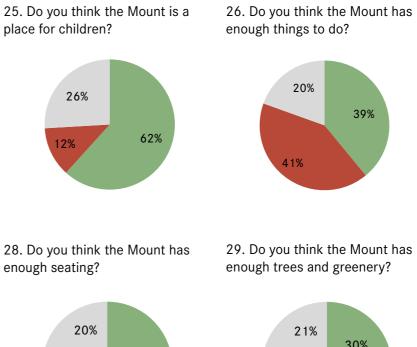


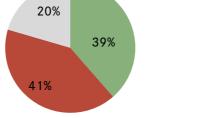
24. Do you feel safe at the Mount during the day?

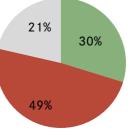


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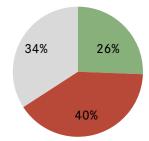




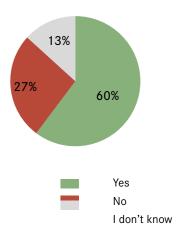




#### 27. Do you think the Mount is clean and tidy place?



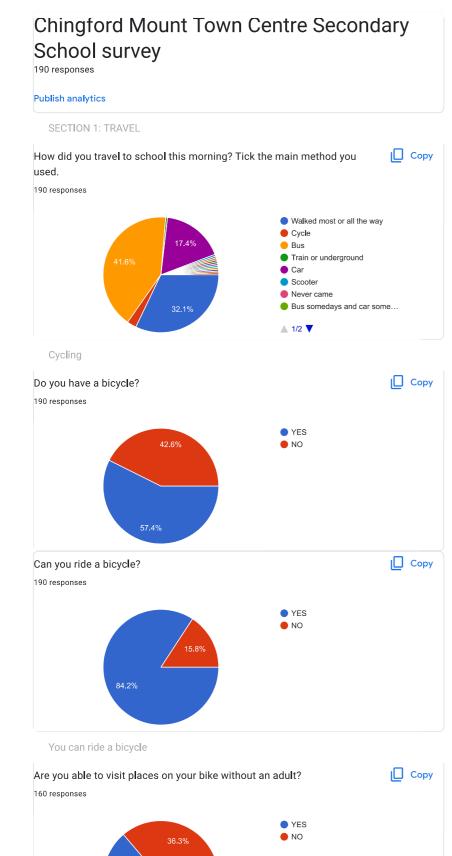
30. Do you think there are too many cars at the Mount?



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	5. How often do you cycle? *
Chingford Mount Town Centre Secondary School survey	Mark only one oval.
ZCD architects have been asked by London Borough of Waltham Forest to look at Chingford Mount and to work with children and young people to find out what it is like for them. ZCD Architects are experts in what is called Child Friendly Cities. We design and think about	Most Days
places in cities and try to make them better for children and everyone.	Once or twice a week
Pupils from Year 9 at Chingford Academy and Chingford South Academy have helped us create this survey and we are asking all pupils in both schools to take part so we can hear from as many voung people as possible.	Less than once a week but more than once a month
We want to find out a few things about you, how you use the Mount and what you think about it. We will use your answers to help us think	Less than once a month     Irarely cycle
about some changes that could be made to the Mount that will make it better for young people your age.	Other:
Thank you for taking part!	
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SECTION 1: TRAVEL	
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Cycle	Stratford Shopping Centre
Bus Train or underground	Westfield Shopping Centre (in Stratford) North Chingford High Street (Station Road)
Car	Highams Park High Street
Scooter	South Woodford Shopping Centre or high street Central London
Other:	None of the above
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YES     NO Skip to question 6	None of the above
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You can ride a bicycle	
	<ol><li>Could you possibly tell us why that place is your favourite?</li></ol>
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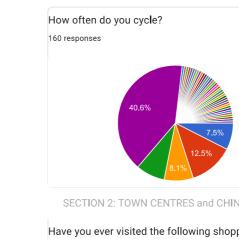
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 I go with a parent or carer / guardian
 I don't go to the Mount
 Other 16. Which times or days do you visit the Mount?\* Check all that apply. Before school
After school
Weekends
School holidays
I don't know Other: The following Things to do at the Mount 17. When you go to the Mount, what do you spend most of your money on? Mark only one oval. Take away food rate away rood
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 Books / stationary
 Toiletries / beauty care
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I don't spend money at the Mount
Don't know / prefer not to say 0 Other: \_\_\_\_\_ 18. What are the good things about the Mount?\* 507/2022, 12:59 22. Safety at the Mount \* Mark only one oval per row. Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know I feel safe in the Mount after dark Think the Mount has enough tighting in the environment of the sensitivity of the sensitiv I feel safe in the Mount during the day 23. The Mount environment \* Mark only one oval per row. I think the Mount is too noisy I think the Mount is O O O O I think the Mount is a dean place I think the Mount has enough trees and the second s 24. Things to do at the Mount \* Mark only one oval per row. Strongly agree Agree Neither agree nor disagree Disagree Strongly disagree Don't know My friends and I can spend time at the Mount without spending money I can do all the chopping lwant in the Annual Annua I think the Mount has enough things to do I have access to free Wifi in the Mount SECTION 3: A BIT ABOUT YOU
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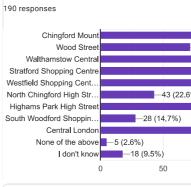
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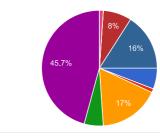
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	<ul> <li>Chingford Mount</li> <li>Wood Street</li> <li>Walthamstow Central</li> <li>Stratford Shopping Centre</li> <li>Westfield Shopping Centre</li> <li>North Chingford High Street</li> <li>Highams Park High Street</li> <li>South Woodford Shopping</li> <li>1/2</li> </ul>	e (in et (	

	Could you possibly tell us why that place is your favourite?		There is a variety of shops.
	146 responses		It has a lot of shops and been there sin
	Shops		There is a lot of shops and fun places
	i dont have a favourite		It's close to my house
			because it is big and has good shops
	Because there is lots of shops		Because That Center Is Big And You Ca Place But Its Worth Going There.
	it is big and has lods of shops.		Most shops are there
	Because it's a very good comunity		because of the mall
	I don't know it has more varieties		
	it has so many options there and we go there if we need something that we can't find in our local shops, and it is also very big		I don't know I don't have a place that is my favourite
	i just buy more stuff to be honest		It's a big shopping centre with lots sho
	I mostly go there		because its very coulerful and lots of re
	N/A		Its big
	it has my favourite shop urban outfitters		i dont know
	i really like the walthamstow mall		chingford mount is my favourite becau
	There is alot of shops and the boba there is very good		they have many unique shops. For example,
	It has lots of different Shops To do shopping at		Because Stratford has so many different
	it has loads of good shops and has a lot of food options		Walthamstow Central would possibly b intresting facts there.
	lots of things to do		selfridges is my favourite because it ha
	I go there most of the time		Because There aren't many people ther
	it as lots of clothes shops		Central London
	Its nice		
	because subway makes good sandwiches		Because its fun
	Because there is a lot of stuff there		There are lots of shops
	i like it because it very big and there are alot of places to go		because it is close
	Because it's fun		I dont know . Because I like going out a
	Because there is a variety of shops in the same place and I like the atmosphere.		I haven't
	i have not been to them		beacuse i go there most of the time
	Its big and has every available shop ect		Because I am more familiar with the ce
	Because there are lots of things to do there.		It has a range of stores and is peaceful
	It has a lot of nice shops		it is good
	More shops and more to do in Westfield		Theirs a variety of stalls with useful ite
	I like how there's many different shops you can visit, they do everything in my interest.		You can eat, you can shop, and the We
	Because its close to me		It looks cool and has really good qualit
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u Can Get Anything You Want There , Its A Really Crowded

urite.

hops

of room to walk

cause you get to know the places and cities.

example, they have clothing, electronics and more.

ferent shops

ly be because i have bben and you can find a lot of

t has my favourite brands.

here, like in stratford.

out and I like shopping

e centre.

eful/relaxing in certain places

items.

Westfield building in general looks nice.

ality items.

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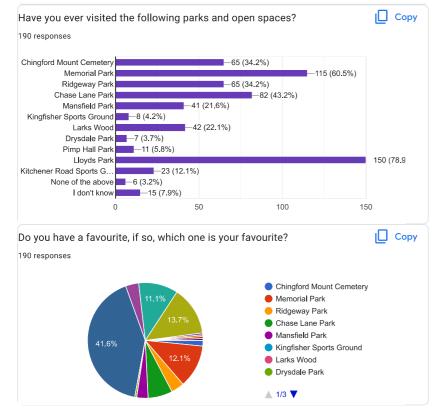


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The best shops and pretzels	
Lots of place to go	
its big	
Like shopping	
Coz it's have a lot of shops and it's nice to mess around	
The shops	
good shops	
cause it has many shops & bubble tea	
its my favourite becuase its where i go often and it kind of near my house	
I don't have a favourite.	
It's the one I been most	
variety	
loads of shops for you to pick from	
chingford mount because you get to know the place a bit more and discover new things.	
It has many places to choose from, most of these places are inspiring and has most of my interests.	
Because Mans gotta get those fresh air forces STILLLLLL	
i dont have a favourite place	
You could find anything there	
It's big	
More options and stores	
I like this because it has many shops I can shop at.	
Has the apple store and Lego store	
you can buy a lot of stuff there and honestly its just fun	
People that i know live there and they are like family.	
I don't have one because it's not something I like doing	
I don't know it has nice clothes	
It has a lot of different shops all close together and it is not far from my house	
They have lots of shops, and there are lots of buses that I can use there	
all of them are good it has a nice atmosphere	
Because it got everything	
You can do a lot with your friends there	
All shopping centres are there.	
lots to do	

It's where my mum works

Because there is a lot of places where I could visit and I could see lots and lots of things.
Stratford Shopping Centre is my favorite because there are lots of different shops to go to when you there.
it's the main one closest to me
The largest and more versatile shops and services
I can buy lots of things
because there is a lot of shops
I dont know just like it
It has a wider variety of shops
some places in Central London
they have great food there and I get most of my games from there where in the shop they allow you to go into a gaming room to all sorts of games.
It has a bobba tea shop :)
it it because they have many shops to go to
No
either chingford mount or stratford as i meet my friends there
Lots of stuff
Bus
because there is so much things we can do when you are bored and so much things you can buy and its also a good area to invite friends to go out for the day.
Closest
because we go there on the way to the cable cars
It's the nearest to me
Its close to me and ive learned to really like it apart from others which arent as good
better atmosphere and can travel looking nice and i also don't need to worry about the "postcode" bullsh** so i can travel with anyone lol
Becasue its the only one i go to.
Because it is big
my favourite is central london because theres lots of resturants
fun.
It's a nice and fresh environment and i like shopping
Because it is big
i can get all the clothes i want
Variety off food shops
Lot's of things there
lots of choice for shops
More shops meaning more variety and availability of things to buy and Stratford looks like a mini city after it was renovated for 2012 olympics
it has the best game store.
because they have the things that i want there
Because their's a lot more to do there than other places
Its local
i dont have an answer
I like going around London.
I've never been anywhere else.
Walthamstow cenral
Range of shops
It has loads of shops that i like and its a really great place for shopping sprees and stuff.



Could you possibly tell us why that place is your favourite? 136 responses i dont know The only park I go to Because it has loads of space and loads of stuff to do. there is this swing tyre at the park that i really like giong on with my sister. Because it has facilities such as gym, football, bycicle facilities and climbing frame I don't know i don't go there very often but it has plenty of space i can walk my dog there without a leash I mostly go there It's nice and has open spaces as well as climbing frames it has a skateboarding place lots to do close to home Most fun activities are set up there it is my favourite as it is near, it has a big grass field and playground none are i dont have one I go there most of the time Its big and has a lot of ducks and gooses as chase lane was my old school and i like the skate park A lot of the others have broken equipment Because it has a nice view

Near my house

I grew up in the area and I go there with my friends a lot.

because it has a lot space and also a tennis court

Because there is lots to do

its just fun to go there

there is lots of things to do

for years

Broomfield park is my favourite

Because its fun

Is big and there are many activities you can do

It's fun to hangout

Chase lane park is my favourite because theres lots of things to do there, and ive been going



#### APPENDIX

Because There Its A Open Area And There Is 2 Skate Parks , 2 Courts Of Basketball And A Exercise Area , Which Makes It A Sporting Park Sort Of.	
None	
because i go there every day	
It is the closest park to me.	
On August, there are funfairs in Lloyds Park and also it has lots of open fields to run around.	
because it has a skate park and i live near it	
Nearest to my house	
chingford mount cemetry is my favourite because you can visit your parents if they died and if they did you won't forget them and that could go into your long term memory.	
when i was 6, i used to always go there since their were many fun activities to do.	
I've always lived near it	
Lloyds Park is my favourite park because you will have so much fun and i enjoy playing there	
thee goodest one for children and kitchener road sports ground has too many drug dealers at it	
Because it's an open space and it's pretty fun to go there	
Because I dont remember other park' names	
Has more fun activities and larger area	
The only on I go to	
The only one I know	
iv been there the most	
None	
beacuse it is right behind my house and i go there every week	
It's quite a big park	
Because I used to live near it and was normal to go there so I was familiar and comfortable with the area.	
It's large and has nice views	
the football pitch	
there is most of my friends	
It's honestly a really nice place to take a walk, yet chase lane has a lot of play sets!	
Lots of activities	
The zip line	
It Close to my house	
its been my favourite since i was very little	

More activities and larger area It is reAlly big it's the closest park to me i dont have a favourite It is my favourite because I can go often as it is near my house. It's nice to walk around there. It has nice surroundings. very open, clean and peaceful loyds park is my favourite because it is a fun place and you can have fun! Chase lane park has been my most visited park, I live very close to it and went to chase lane. I have no other friends i always go there It has an incredibly nice view. Because it is near to me Has more basketball hoops than ridgeway i go there more often It is my favourite because it has so many activities Because it has a zip wire Because i have a lot of memories from that park I like how spacious it is and that lots of different people can do many things from clubs, to just having a walk. Its nice to watch the sunset A really nice view big field I don't know man It has a lot of activities for young and old and it has a lot of entrances which make it accessible from every street They have a good skatepark and lots of open space it has a big place to walk so then i can walk and think Because it nice Most of my friends go there No great for calm walks Its big and open. Lots of room to play frisbee. Because there are a lot of things you could do in the Memorial Park. I don't have a favorite.



#### APPENDIX

Only one I reme	nber about	
Its a really good	park	
because there is	a bid tree you can climb	
My primamry sc	nool was right next to it	
I go there the m	ost	
	red, I can go there to play football with some of my friends. Plus I also ated there so I am there quite a lot.	play
Its near my hou	Se	
it has lots of spa	ice and I like cycling around	
No		
go there the mo	st	
trees		
school) and it	t to that park when i was really little with my cousin Aaliyah (she goes really reminds me of memories from a long time ago and the funny mo n at till this day.	
Closest		
because it is the	only one i have been to	
It has nice scen	eary	
That's where I r	nade most memories with my friends	
Its big it has ba	ketball,skateing,tennis ect.	
closer to my frie	nd	
Closest to my h	buse.	
its a big place		
mayhem		
I like that park t	ne best as it has a skate park	
none		
It's close to us		
Because it has	a football court	
i dont have a fa	<i>v</i> ourite	
Lot of open spa	ces.	
Its where i foun	I most of my friends.	
See people that	I know there	
very open and i	ice	
Very big park lo	ts of basketball courts and lots of random competition there .	
it has lots of gra	ssy areas.	
because its ma	ive and lots of activites	
i always use to	go when i was little and still do so its my favourite	
Local to friends	and has an ice cream shop :)	
fun		
South end		

I dont have a favourite

Only one I remember about

Its a really good park

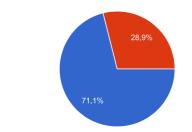
because there is a bid tree you can climb

My primamry school was right next to it

35 more responses are hidden

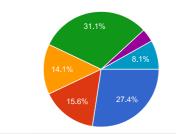
The Mount

Have you ever been to the Mount? 190 responses

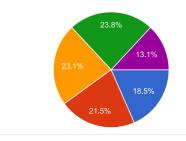


You've been to Chingford Mount!

#### How often do you usually go to the Mount? 135 responses

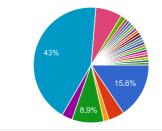


If you were walking, how long would it take you your home? 130 responses



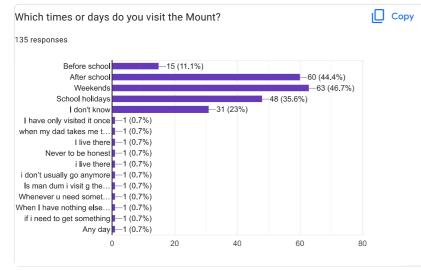
Travel to the Mount

Who do you usually go with to the Mount? 135 responses



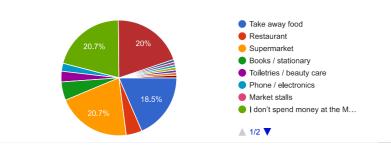
• YES • NO		Сору
<ul> <li>Most days</li> <li>Once or twice a week</li> <li>Less than once a week but more than once a month</li> <li>Less often</li> <li>Never</li> <li>I don't know</li> </ul>		Сору
u to get to the Mount from ● 0-5 mins ● 6-15min ● 15-30min ● more than 30min ● I don't know		Сору
<ul> <li>I go on my own</li> <li>I go with older brothers or s</li> <li>I go with younger brothers or</li> <li>I go with same age or young</li> <li>I go with older friends</li> <li>I go with a parent or carer /</li> <li>I don't go to the Mount</li> <li>Nan</li> </ul>	ist or ge	Сору
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Things to do at the Mount

🔲 Сору When you go to the Mount, what do you spend most of your money on? 135 responses



What are the good things about t	COUNTA of Wha
	0
COMMUNITY	2
ENVIRONMENT	8
FOOD PLACES	14
FOOD PLACES, COMMUNITY	1
I'M NOT SURE	39
LANDSCAPE	1
LOCATION	6
PARK, FOOD PLACES	1
PARKS	1
SHOPS	50
SHOPS, FOOD PLACES	2
THINGS TO DO	4
TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY	4
Grand Total	133

COMMUNITY	3
ENVIRONMENT	9
FOOD PLACES	17
I'M NOT SURE	39
LOCATION	6
PARKS	2
SHOPS	51
THINGS TO DO	4
TRANSPORT CONNECTIVITY	4

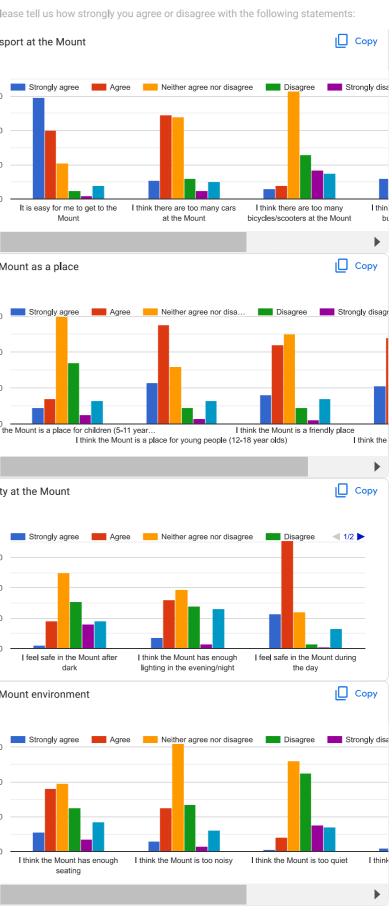
What are the bad things about the I	COUNTA of What are the bad thing
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ANCLEANLINESS	1
CONNECTIVITY	3
CROWDED	10
DECLINE	1
FEELING UNSAFE	24
I'M NOT SURE	57
LACK OF ACTIVITY	3
LACK OF GREENERY, RETAIL OF	1
NOISE POLLUTION	2
NOISE PULLUTION	1
RETAIL OFFER	14
TRAFFIC	7
TRAFFIC, NOISE POLLUTION	1
UNCLEANLINESS	2
Grand Total	127

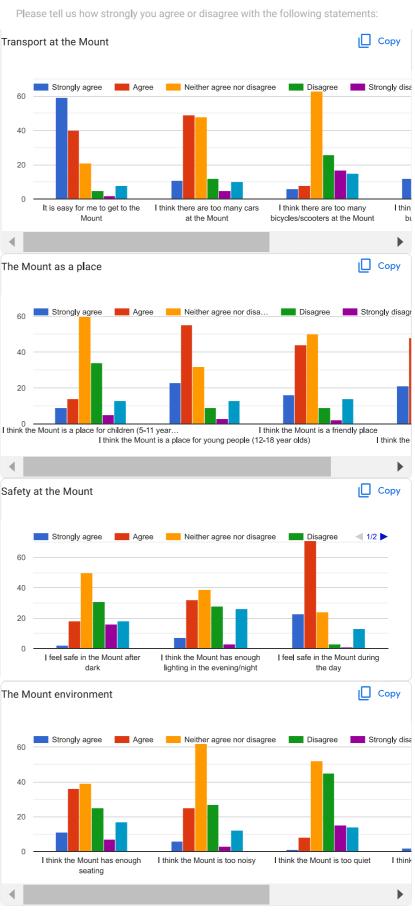
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CONNECTIVITY	3
CROWDED	10
DECLINE	1
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I'M NOT SURE	57
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LACK OF GREENERY	1
NOISE POLLUTION	4
RETAIL OFFER	15

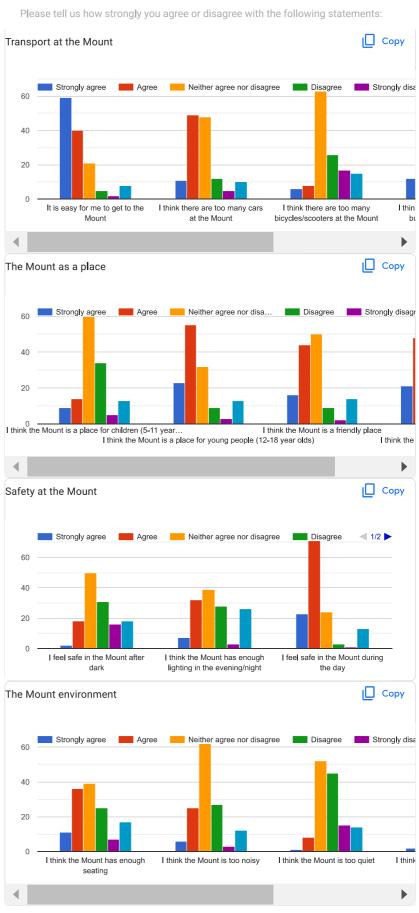
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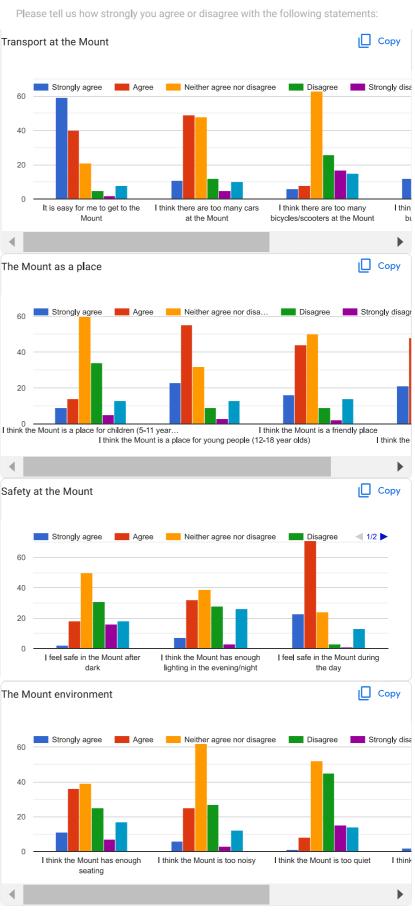
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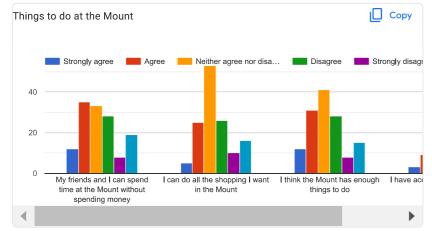




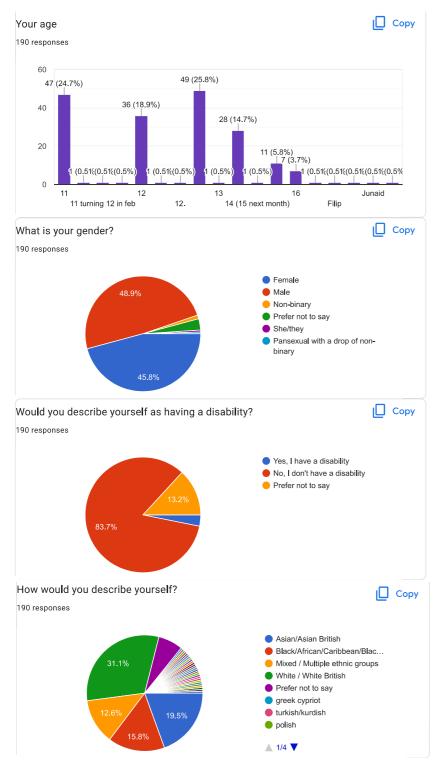








SECTION 3: A BIT ABOUT YOU



## **Estimate Costs - Subject to full design resolution**

ID	Material	Key on drawings	Measurement	Approx measurement	
1	Overall area (for calc. of extg. paving removal, ground works etc.)	na	Approx total area	107.4m <sup>2</sup>	
2	Granite pavers	4,5,6	Approx total area	73.3m <sup>2</sup>	
3	Metal inlaid joint between pavers	7	Approx total length	161.6m	
4	Metal text to pavers	8	Assume 33% paver area	24.4m <sup>2</sup>	
5	Reinforced concrete bench (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.45m x 0.4m x 9m	
6	Low reinforced concrete wall (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.9m x 0.15m x 4.8m	
7	High reinforced concrete wall (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	1.87m x 0.15m x 4.8m	
11	Reinforced concrete surround to planter ((smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.45m x 0.4m x 26.3m	
12	Perennial planting	1	Approx total area	10.513m <sup>2</sup>	
15	Bespoke PPC metal canopy	9	na	1	
16	Wifi + electric charging	na	na	yes	
17	Lighting	na	na	10no.	

D	Material	Key on drawings	Measurement					
1	Overall area (for calc. of extg. paving removal, ground works etc.)	na	Approx total area	117.7m²	118	m2	£130	£15,340
2	Granite pavers	4,5,6	Approx total area	72.5m <sup>2</sup>	73	m2	£120	£8,760
3	Metal inlaid joint between pavers	7	Approx total length	132.6m	133	m2	£60	£7,980
1	Metal text to pavers	8	Assume 33% paver area	24.2m <sup>2</sup>	25	m2	£300	£7,500
5	Reinforced concrete bench (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.45m x 0.4m x 7.6m	1	it	£3,000	£3,000
7	High reinforced concrete wall (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	1.85m x 0.15m x 8m	1	it	£5,000	£5,000
3	Step 1 in reinforced concrete (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	1.35m x 0.4m x 8.74m	1	it	£10,000	£10,00
9	Step 2 in reinforced concrete (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.9m x 0.4m x 9.52m	1	it	£7,500	£7,500
10	Step 3 in reinforced concrete (smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.45m x 0.4m x 10.31m	1	it	£4,000	£4,000
11	Reinforced concrete surround to planter ((smooth finish)	2,3	Approx ht x depth x length	0.45m x 0.4m x 24.64m	1	it	£10,000	£10,00
12	Perennial planting	1	Approx total area	17.1m <sup>2</sup>	17	m2	£100	£1,700
13	Semi mature tree	11	na	1	1	it	£1,500	£1,500
14	Two PPC bespoke swings (portal frames with overhead structure between)	10	na	1	1	it	£3,000	£3,000
16	Wifi + electric charging	na	na	yes	1	it	£1,500	£1,500
17	Lighting	na	na	10no.	10	nr	£600	£6.000

SUB-TOTAL		
PRELIMINARIES	15%	
CONTINGENCY	15%	
SUB-TOTAL		
PROFESSIONAL FEES	15%	
TARGET PROJECT COST		

GRAND TOTAL

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3	Metal inlaid joint between pavers		Approx total length
4	Metal text to pavers		Assume 33% paver area
5	Perennial planting		Approx total area
6	Reinforced concrete surround to planter ((smooth finish)		Approx ht x depth x length
7	Reinforced concrete bench to planter (smooth finish)		Approx ht x depth x length
8	Reinforced concrete recliner		Approx ht x depth x length
9	Wifi + electric charging		ves

SUB-TOTAL	
PRELIMINARIES	15%
CONTINGENCY	15%
SUB-TOTAL	
PROFESSIONAL FEES	15%
TARGET PROJECT COST	

	Unit cost	Total
m2	£130	£14,040
m2	£120	£8,880
m2	£60	£9,720
m2	£300	£7,500
it	£3,500	£3,500
it it	£1,500 £3,000	£1,500 £3,000
it	£15,000	£15,000
m2	£100	£1,500
it	£2,500	£2,500
it	£1,500	£1,500
nr	£600	£6,000

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	12.3m	13
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m2	£130	£1,040
m2	£120	£240
m2	£60	£780
m2	£300	£300
m2	£100	£100
m3	£2,160	£2,160
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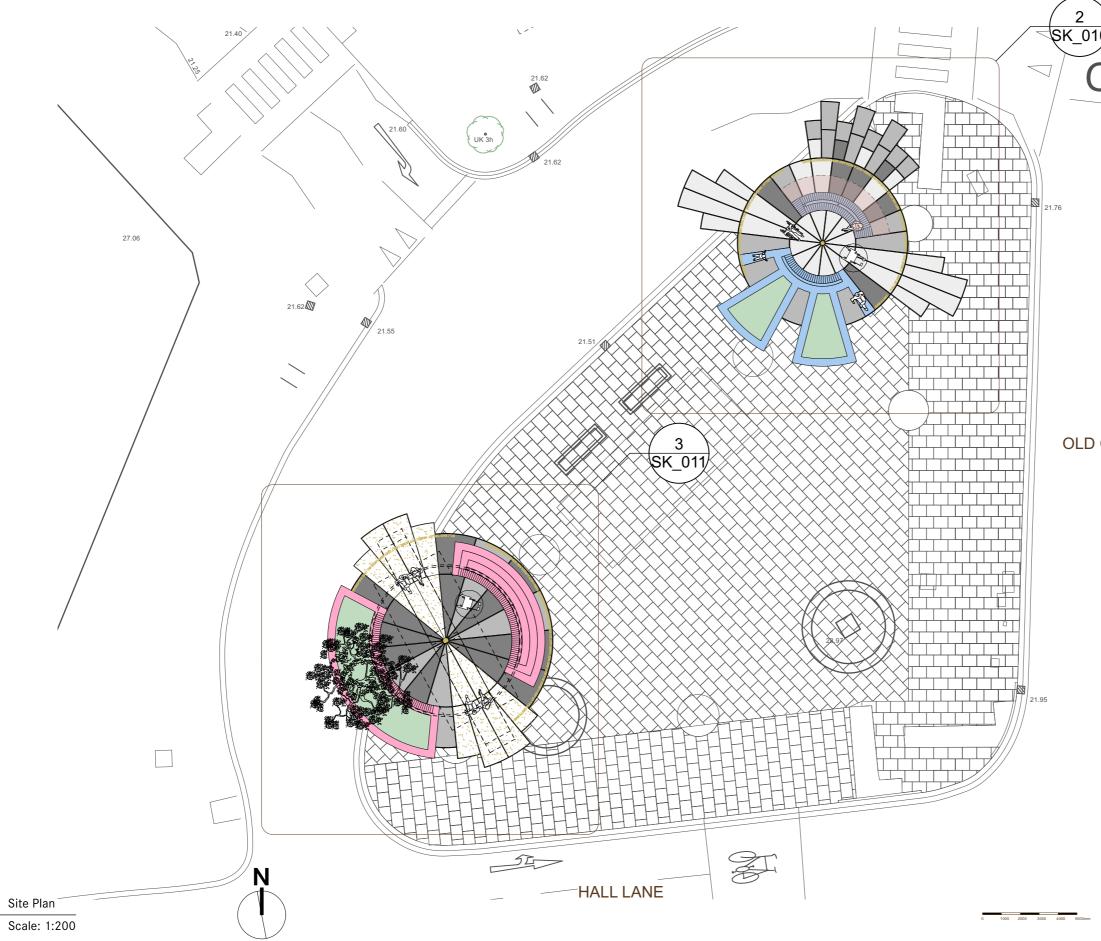
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- £13,807
- £2,071
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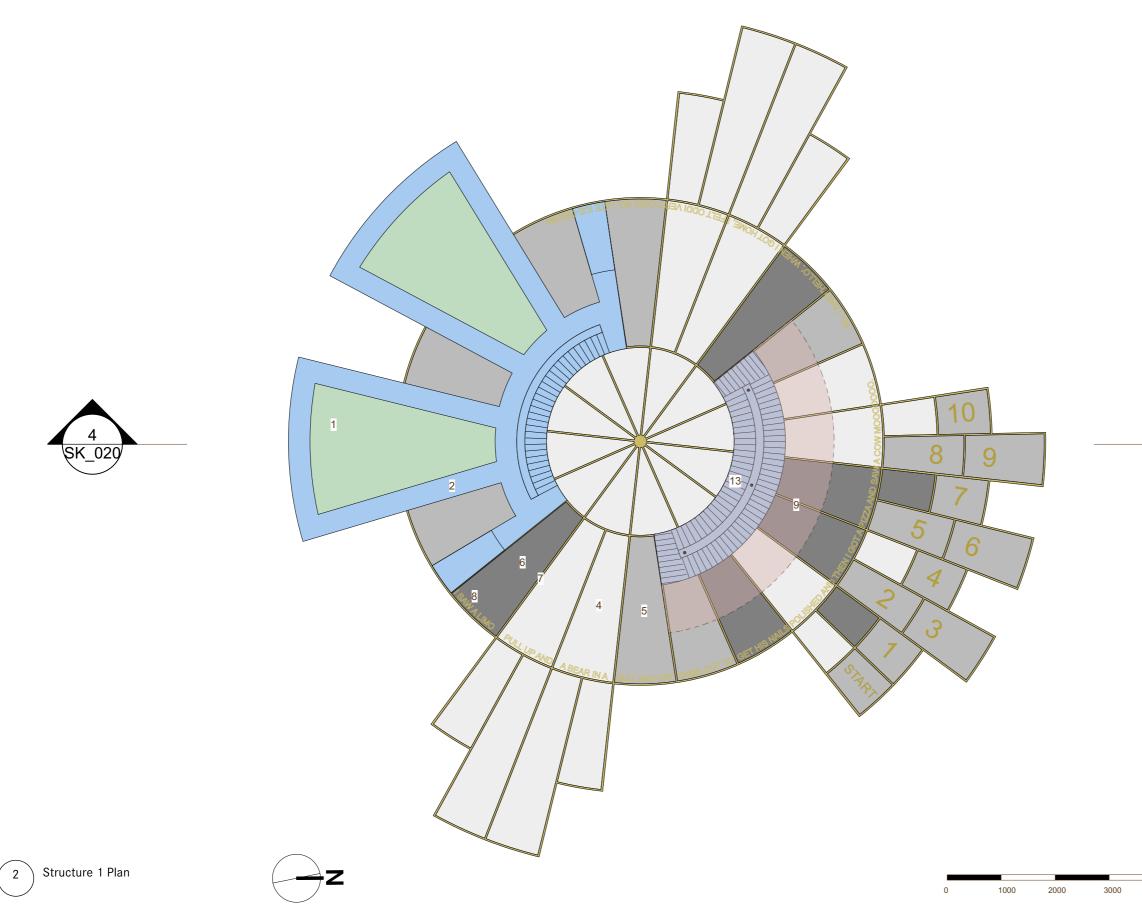
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1. Planter

2. Coloured reinforced concrete with multicoloured aggregate (colour tbc.)

3. Coloured reinforced concrete with multicoloured aggregate (colour tbc.)

- 4. Light grey granite
- 5. Mid grey granite
- 6. Dark grey granite
- 7. Metal inlaid joint tbc

8. Allow for text incorporated into granite pavers (etched/engraved/metal inlay) to 33% of pavers

9. PPC steel overhead rain cover

10. PPC steel swing

11. New tree

12. Poured rubber safety surface colour tbc.

13. Timber panels

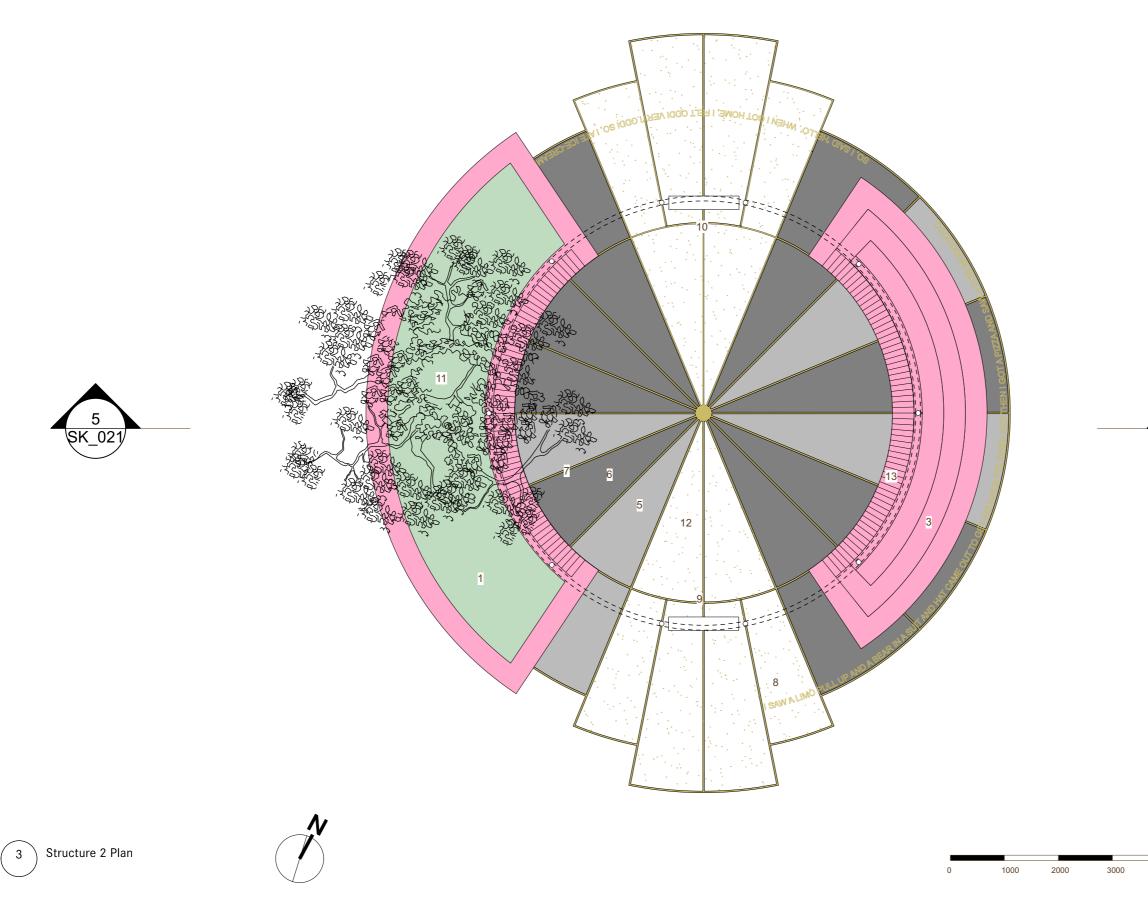
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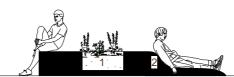
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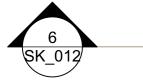
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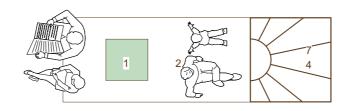
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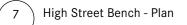
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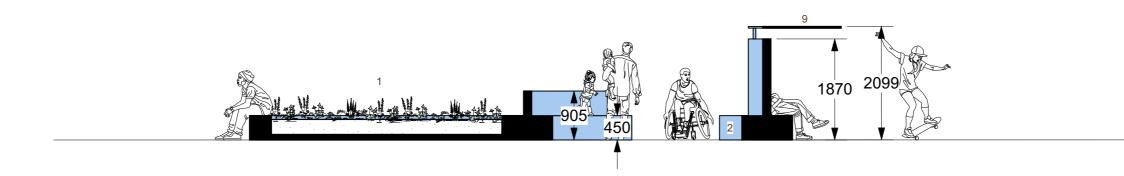
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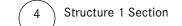
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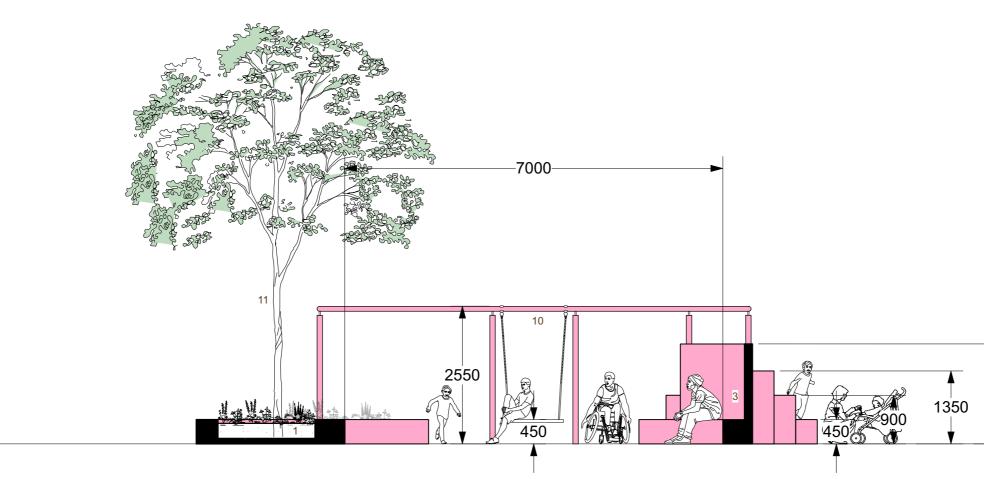
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