

ACTIVITY 3

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Alton ACTION



Results

Co-designing a Community Plan for Alton Estate Residents

Exercises:

**CO-ASSESSING THE
WANDSWORTH ALTON
ESTATE MASTERPLAN**

**CO-DESIGNING
PRIORITIES FOR
REGENERATION**

COLLECTIVE MAPPING

**TESTING OPTIONS
FOR NEW BUILDINGS**

CO-ASSESSING THE WANDSWORTH ALTON ESTATE MASTERPLAN

How do residents feel about the different aims and proposals of the Wandsworth masterplan?

Results

General aspects of the masterplan:

- Overall, the residents agree there is a need for investment in the Alton Estate, however they feel that the aims of Wandsworth Council's 'Masterplan' are too general with several areas that need clarification, for example: *what does 'consolidated' mean in real terms? What type of retail is being proposed? Who is the non-residential floorspace for /how will it be used?*
- The retail space needs to be improved, increasing the diversity of retail outlets and primarily supporting local independent community businesses in order to establish and support a local economy

Results

General aspects of the masterplan:

- Parking is a significant issue; there is concern about the increased level of cars in relation to the number of new homes expected, and that these would be private not shared spaces
- There is a demand for improving the local transport infrastructure, as well as improving pedestrian and cycle routes (especially along Danebury Avenue)

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Specific aspects of the masterplan:

- Affordable working spaces are needed for self-employed working parents, students and undergraduates
- The proposal for different uses of the large community building are not compatible e.g. combining a library and youth centre in the same building, The estate is very large, and it would be better having multiple community spaces both in Alton East and Alton West as well as centrally, to meet the needs of the residents
- Existing community facilities could be reused but there needs to be improvements to accessibility for disabled people
- In terms of accessibility, none of 4 storey blocks have a lift – the addition of lifts would improve this

CO-DESIGNING PRIORITIES FOR REGENERATION

How do residents envision a community plan and what are their main priorities?

**CO-DESIGNING PRIORITIES
FOR REGENERATION**

Results

Common first priorities for residents:

- *Refurbishment* over demolition is a *key priority*
- Refurbishing the flats along with good quality social housing (current residents to be prioritise)
- Refurbishment of the façade, external walls, stairs etc
- More family-sized flats
- New youth centre – re-opening the old one – with outdoor space (not fee paying!)
- Green energy to save money

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Common second priorities for residents:

- Play spaces for children
- Affordable office spaces
- Medium-size grocery shop, such as the previous Co-op, where people can find products in the same place
- Bin storage and recycling spaces/centre
- New health centre

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Common third priorities for residents:

- Increase or enhance green open spaces and allow for flexibility in the use of those
- Designated dog walking areas on the estate
- More local shops throughout the estate
- More investment in the local economy through providing opportunities for retail and local businesses

COLLECTIVE MAPPING

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Which areas do residents consider might be a good location for new uses within the estate?

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Community facilities:

- Development of area around Danebury Ave and on Portswood Place where the bus turns around
- More community facilities which could be located south of the estate in Alton East, in the area around Heathmere School
- More music facilities, multi-activities community hall, paintings, etc
- A hopper bus linking Alton East and Alton West
- Re-open the former youth centre at Eastwood Day Nursery & Creche

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Green spaces:

- Play facilities can be added on the big green space south Highcliffe Drive
- A green buffer can be place next to Roehampton Lane to protect Allbrook House
- Small green spaces designated to walk dogs - making the estate more dog friendly and enabling vulnerable residents (and those with mobility issues) to own a dog, which can help improve mental as well as physical health

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Potential spaces for building new homes:

- On top of the maisonettes on Danebury and Harbridge Ave
- Extend the maisonettes (make them a bit larger) to incorporate community spaces at the ground floor level
- Portswood Place as a suitable location for infill housing and redevelopment
- Potential for infill opportunities on top of or to replace the Dara Club / Focus Hall

New Shops and workspaces:

- Creating accessible links between Roehampton High Street and Danebury Avenue unifying the two areas of retail
- Medium-size grocery shop, such as the former Co-op, close to Allbrook House, potentially with housing on top

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Areas where housing infill might be possible within the estate

Results

Area 1 - Portswood Place

- Strategic location with good access by bus
- Good area for potential redevelopment
- It is already a strong social area, that could be improved with more community activities
- Good space for new local shops + collaborative workspaces with housing on top
- Good location for a new health centre

Results

Area 2 – Maisonettes along Danebury and Harbridge Avenue

- Residents were not happy about joining the maisonette blocks together: the space in-between is used by teenagers to play cricket and should remain accessible for this purpose, however, it could be improved as a play space
- Very keen on the possibility to add more floors (1-2 max.) to maisonettes. This would also provide the opportunity for refurbishment and improving with solar panels
- Very keen to extend the extremities of the maisonettes for community spaces and lifts to improve accessibility

Results

Area 3 – Allbrook House and nearby

- The area close to St. Joseph's Church (where the Doctor's surgery is located) is a potential area for redevelopment
- Existing car park should be kept and re-organised to allow more cars (the carpark is currently inefficient)
- Potential to add a covered community space on top the carpark (extension from the Library)
- Potential to reconfigure the space beneath Allbrook House for retail units and/or community space

Results

Area 4 – Kingsclere triangle

- The green space by the garages may provide potential space for infill?
- To clarify: is this area a Grade 2 listed green space?

SUMMARY MAP



