



## MEETING NOTES

Subject:	Chambers Wharf - Community Enhancement Fund walkabout
Date and time:	Thursday 4 November 2021, 10am-12pm
Location:	Around the Chambers Wharf site, Bermondsey
Hosts	Southwark Council

### Attendees

Patricia Brown – Chair of CLWG	
<b>Southwark Council / Tideway Project Team</b>	<b>Councillors / Residents</b>
Dan Taylor, Southwark Council	Cllr Mann, Southwark Council
Jacqueline Christie, Southwark Council	10 x residents / community representatives
Richard Wells, Southwark Council	
Allen Summerskill, Tideway	
Emily Black, Tideway	
Martin Griffiths, CVB	

### Overview

Officers from Southwark Council and Tideway hosted a Community Enhancement Fund walkabout with residents of the Chambers Wharf area.

The purpose of the walkabout was to give local residents the opportunity to suggest ideas which could benefit from the Community Enhancement Fund.

A follow up walkabout is proposed for early 2022 for those unable to attend – subject to current Government Covid-19 guidance.

Potential community project ideas that could benefit from this funding were discussed and are listed below.

As of 16 November 2021, approximately £672,000 remains unallocated of the overall fund of £1 million. In the most recent round of submissions (November 2021) two projects were successful in their application for funding:

- Mudlarks educational trips
- Bike shelter

Following the walkabout, residents with community improvement ideas are encouraged to make an application to the Community Enhancement Fund.

Full details and the application form are available on Southwark Council's [website](#).

Another walkabout was planned to take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2022 (post event note - this was postponed due to Covid restrictions)

Email [GetInvolved@tideway.london](mailto:GetInvolved@tideway.london) to register to attend a future walkabout.

In addition, Tideway has recently announced a further opportunity for community project funding. Please see below links

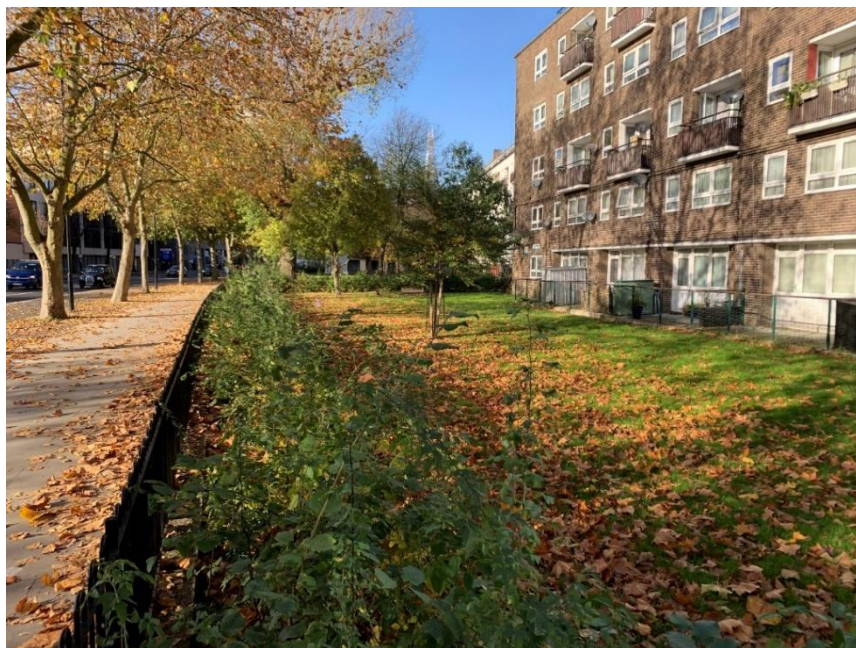
- [Tideway | Projects to make London's spaces greener given a vital funding boost](#)
- [Our Space Award - Groundwork](#)

## **Discussion points, feedback and ideas raised by attendees**

### **Local Estates - General Feedback**

- Recent hedging projects were implemented to the edge of housing estates – this could be replicated across the area
- Community gardening / raised garden bedding
- Easy routing / wayfinding between green areas
- In-ground trampolines (sunken trampolines)
- Important to acknowledge spaces needed for teenagers
- Features for over 60s
- Carparks/parking bays with permeable flooring
- More security motion lighting
- Japanese Zen Garden - Japanese Wheeler's Dwarf tree is a low growing compact evergreen
- More positive signage and messaging
- Welcoming entrances into communal play areas / gardens

An example of the planting and hedge improvements which have been completed outside Rudge House and Truman House is shown below.



### **Scott Lidgett Play area**

A photo of the Scott Lidgett Play Area is shown below.



Ideas and feedback raised -

- Step free access required to the entrance
- Improve hedging / more trees / flower beds
- Gate through the ball court should be closed to stop people walking through
- Well-designed seating that avoids anti-social behaviour
- Space could be extended
- Floor of the play area could be changed
- Exercise equipment
- Sand play

### **Spenlow House green area and basketball court**

A photo of the open space outside Spenlow House is shown below.



Ideas and feedback raised -

- Area outside basketball court. Seating for guardians.
- Exercise equipment
- Fast growing forest on green space? Not all residents keen on trees due to security concerns
- One resident didn't want any more greenery, other residents stated the opposite
- Install gates to make area inviting / accessible to all

### **Wickfield Estate play area**

A photo of the Wickfield Estate Play Area is shown below.



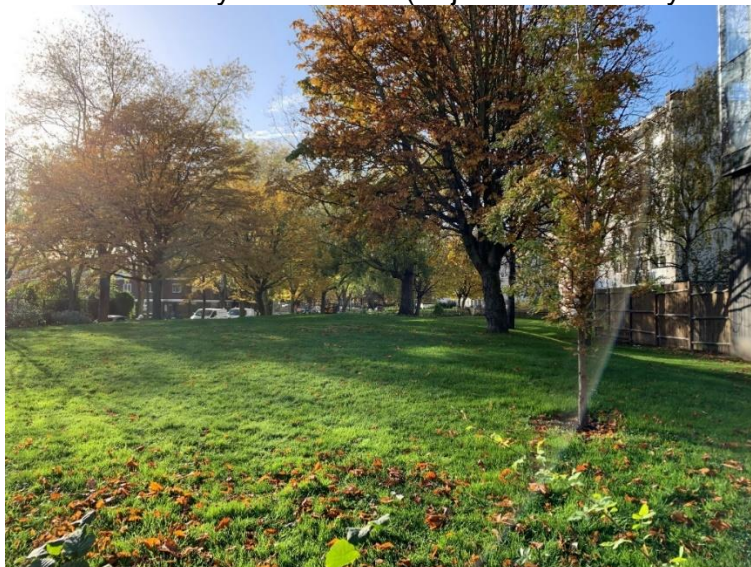
Ideas and feedback raised -

- Change the fencing to make it more open
- Signing not welcoming
- Playground flooring needs improvement
- Play area design needs to work for all ages
- Improve lighting for all time play

- Permeable footpath flooring
- Children asked for zip wire in previous engagement exercise

### **Wrayburn green space**

A photo of open space on the Wrayburn Estate (adjacent to Hartley House) is shown below.



Ideas and feedback raised -

- More planting to add more colour
- More greening and hedging
- Planting and raise beds for community
- One resident stated we do not want more greening
- More entrances into green space to make it more inviting and accessible to all.

### **Community hall / hub**

- A new building was suggested at the corner of Chambers Street and Bevington Street for use as a community meeting place, and indoor play space.
- Empty space located on Jacobs House, owned by Peabody, could be opened
- Two other community halls in close proximity
- Some residents said they preferred retaining green space
- Could have more open structure eg pergola / bandstand with seating for families to use and be able to meet in all weathers

### **Fountain Green Square green space and Thames River path**

A photo of Fountain Green Square is shown below.



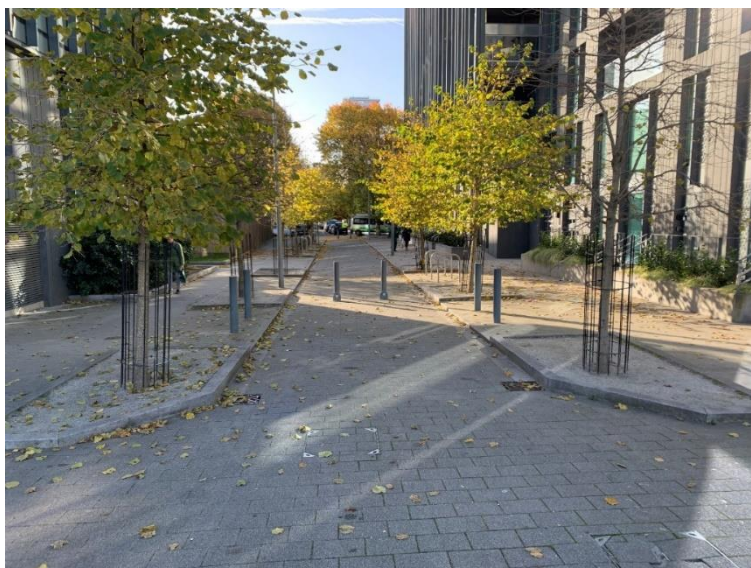
Ideas and feedback raised -

- Better lighting/CCTV/motion security lights
- Restore fountain
- No further landscaping or greening were sought
- Security designed into the area especially behind the block in closed off corner, due to anti-social behaviour
- Evidence of drug use, and possible abandoned hire bike

**Action:** Council to follow up with housing team on security issues for Fountain Green Square

### **Llewelyn Street - Road between blocks (Hartley House and Jacobs House)**

A photo of Llewelyn Street is shown below.



Ideas and feedback raised -

- Area used by children to play and it can be easily supervised by parents
- Making it into a home zone a living street closed to traffic supporting the wider needs of residents

- Seating for families to eat out
- Improve the appearance
- Tree stumps for play
- Needs to stay safe as route used by cyclists

### Peter Butler House Green play space

A photo of the open space outside Peter Butler House is shown below.



Ideas and feedback raised -

- Exercise equipment
- Play equipment
- Hedging
- Planting

### Next Steps

- Following the walkabout, residents are encouraged to make an application to the Community Enhancement Fund.
- Full details and the application form are available on Southwark Council's [website](#).
- Another walkabout will take place in the morning of Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January. Email [GetInvolved@tideway.london](mailto:GetInvolved@tideway.london) to register to attend. This is intended for those that couldn't make today's walkabout. (post meeting note – this was postponed due to Covid-19 Government restrictions).

Meeting	Action	Responsibility	Status
04/11/2021	<b>Action 1</b> Council to follow up with housing team on security issues for Fountain Green Square	Dan Taylor	Open
04/11/2021	<b>Action 2</b> Another walkabout to take place in the morning of Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> January. Email	Emily Black	Postponed due to Government Covid-19 guidance.

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