

Engagement

Children & Youth Engagement

Langdon Park School

The findings from the child and youth engagement have been instrumental in shaping the masterplan and landscape design. The team have carried out a rigorous programme of youth engagement, based on ZCD's youth engagement toolkit 'Youth Opportunity Power' with pupils from Culloden Primary Academy and Langdon Park School.

The design process has involved listening to children and young people, finding out their lived experience of Aberfeldy, taking their needs seriously and allowing them to have a meaningful impact on the proposals. Techniques draw on young people's knowledge as local experts and focus not on what they 'like' or 'don't like', but rather on how they feel about places. In this way children and young people also learn how to analyse spaces that they know, which then helps them to begin to look at the proposals for their new neighbourhood. Activities included a walking tour of Aberfeldy, looking at Aberfeldy Street and the open spaces, including the River Lea and a visit to a completed development in Bromley-by-Bow. Secondary pupils developed a manifesto which clearly sets out their wishes for their new neighbourhood. The five themes are:

1. I want to live in a friendly place.
2. I want to live in a place where I'm free and safe to do what I like
- 3 I want it to be a place for all ages.
4. I want to live in a green, eco-friendly environment
5. I want to be able to get around freely."

The design team witnessed the production of this manifesto and worked to these requests. As designs have evolved the young people have had opportunity to check the manifesto has been met. Other residents and local people, including local councillors and planning officers, have witnessed the young people's work. Their input has had a huge impact on the design of all communal and open spaces within the masterplan and the detail of Phase A - the connections between these spaces, the supporting community uses, meanwhile opportunities and beyond. In the final session (illustrated) young people had opportunity to feedback on the emerging detail of Phase A and to discuss their many creative ideas for meanwhile uses. They talked about maintaining the local community's access to essential services during construction, decoration of the construction hoarding and testing of future masterplan ideas in a 'meanwhile' space - for example as playspace, for food growing and pop-up events. The design team's detail designs and visualisations responded to their manifesto. In every instance the parks, streets and squares that were presented to them in the second stage had their wishes in mind. This wasn't a case of making it 'for' children, it was about being inclusive, making them feel part of the design, from putting them in the picture, to thinking of equipment for play, sport and meeting up.

The session demonstrated how deeply knowledgeable the young people had become about their neighbourhood and the forthcoming regeneration changes. Their comments have added greater depth and nuance to the proposals.



Further information about Youth Engagement is set out in the **Statement of Community Involvement Part 2** prepared by ZCD Architects which supports this application.

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Public Consultation

Aberfeldy Street: The People Speak

In June 2021, 'The People Speak' on Aberfeldy Street hosted a live consultation event with local residents and young people to discuss the collaborative design process at Aberfeldy.

This also included discussions on the role of meanwhile activities during development projects.



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Community Consultation

Aberfeldy Neighbourhood Centre

On Saturday 4th September 2021, Poplar HARCA and EcoWorld London held a consultation event at the Aberfeldy Neighbourhood Centre. The event was an opportunity for residents to see and discuss the proposals to deliver new homes, shops, and workspace alongside better connections for walking and cycling and new and improved parks and public spaces.

Over 60 residents attended on the day, as well as ward councillor Rajib Ahmed and representatives from the Aberfeldy Masjid. Residents met with and discussed the masterplan with the project design team. Maureen's pie and mash and curry from The Indian Butler were provided free to attendees. Feedback received from attendees was overwhelmingly positive about the proposals and the event.

