

ATHLONE GARDENS

A Park in Waiting

What has shaped the community and Gardens of today?

1938

Protests against the Westway in 1970

Notting Hill Carnival started by activist Claudia Jones in 1959

Adventure play for children since 1960s

2003

Social activism - grassroots running: 'Emancipated Run Crew'

Solidarity with the Grenfell community

2018

Bay 20 community kitchen

'Eye of Warrington' made by 'Urban Eye' & local youth group

The former community garden - can we re-kindle it?

Venture Centre social initiatives bridging cultures

What can be improved about the Gardens?

Athlone Gardens

Grand Union Canal

Notting Hill Carmel

To Kensington Memorial Park

Ladbroke Grove

A40 The Westway

To Ladbroke Grove

Westbourne Park

Portobello Rd

Faraday Rd

To Golborne Road

Warrington Rd

Watts House (demolition in late 2025)

VENTURE Community Association (to be relocated in 2028)

There's hardly any shade! And a lot of the spaces just feel leftover.

We've lost too many trees! Keep those that are left in the gardens.

Opportunity for a new gateway

The dog area needs improving - it doesn't drain well, the equipment isn't well-used & intimidating people hang out in the shelter.

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We use the chess and tennis tables for picnics, but it'd be nice to have large tables in a shaded area where we can come together as a group.

We like the playground, it gets well used. But we'd like to see more for older kids, where can the teens go currently?

...spaces feel left over...

...the lawn is in bad condition...

...railings feel uninviting...

What are your concerns?
(Based on feedback from prior community consultation)

At the moment the park doesn't support everyone's needs.

More seats and large tables would be great so we can meet and picnic whilst the kids play.

I'd love a space with more trees and wildlife on our doorstep - I hate we've lost so many of our trees!

My mum finds it hard to get around these days - the park needs to work for everyone.

I'm trying to get my kids to be more active - new play and sports in the park would be great, especially after school.

My daughter doesn't enjoy the park - it doesn't really offer much for her and her friends... as a kid I spent a lot of time outdoors - I want that for her too

I'm not sure if anyone is really listening? I've lived here for years - our community needs our park back!

What does a new Athlone Gardens need?

- Renew lawn areas to a much higher quality.
- Trees and planting to have more impact.
- More generous seating to allow for all users.
- A greater range of play and activities for all users.
- Improved visual and physical access.
- Better paved surfaces and drainage.
- Dog area needs to serve all types of users.
- A new focus at the heart of the park like the well-loved Witches Hat.

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A Vision Rooted in Community

Our Pledges



We will help you to realise the park that you want. You bring the lived experience, and we'll bring the technical expertise.



We will create spaces for the entire community to come together. A place to gather, play, exercise and express the soul of Worrington.



New tree and meadow planting will make the park an ecological haven – reclaiming trees lost through the regeneration and providing ample shade.



We will ensure the Gardens feels welcome to all – improving accessibility and safety will drive the design.



The design will champion your physical and mental wellbeing – creating spaces which support you and a healthy community.



- 1 Improved gateways
- 2 Upgrades to the play space
- 3 Community growing area
- 4 Hub (with a cafe, toilets and changing room) at the heart of the gardens
- 5 Teen space
- 6 Revitalised lawn and meadow
- 7 New urban forest
- 8 Outdoor gym equipment
- 9 Relocated dog park

PLAY

JOY

WELL-BEING

BELONGING

EXPLORING

GROW

RELAXATION

RE-WILDING

BLOOM

I've been trying to be more active for ages, the basketball area is great!

Basketball's not for me, but it's nice to hang out with my mates while they're playing.

The Wi-Fi at the hub's great, I was working here earlier whilst keeping an eye on the kids.

I come here everyday for a bit of exercise and fresh air, sometimes I meet Mo for a tea and chess at the cafe.

It's like I'm walking Rufus in a forest!

I know! This heatwave's so much more bearable with all this shade.

I've got space to use my new rollerskates with Auntie!

The kids love to cut through the park... it's ideal for after school

Space for Teens to Belong

A Plaza in the Heart of Everything

A Space for the Dogs

A New Urban Forest

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A Framework for us to Co-Design the Gardens Together

This vision is just the starting point.

We've presented a framework for the new Athlone Gardens, next we'll work with you to understand your priorities for them and build them into the final plan.

We want to know how we can make it **your** Athlone Gardens.



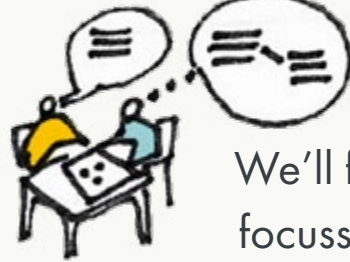
What does co-design look like for this project?



We'll start by talking about your thoughts on our vision, identifying the key issues & themes to explore in-depth.



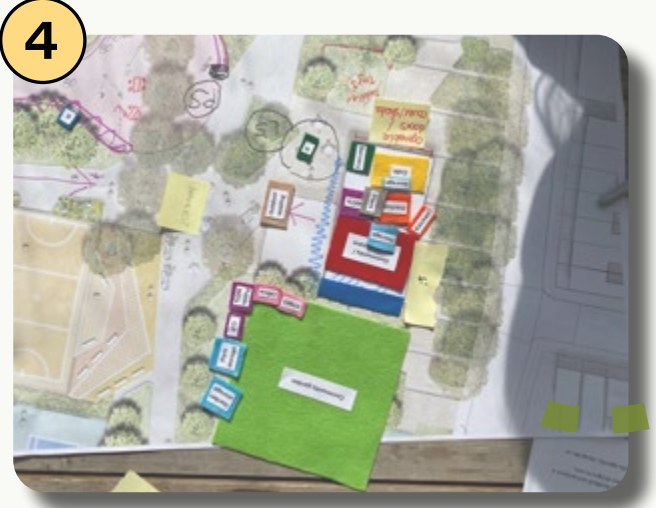
We'll arrange a session to focus on some of those issues & themes, making sure we give everyone a voice.



We'll follow-up with another focussed session, picking up on anything we didn't cover in session #2.



We'll incorporate the outcomes of the sessions into a draft plan.



We'll review the draft plan with you to make sure it meets your needs.



At last! You'll have a plan for the Athlone Gardens you have been waiting for.