



# Meridian Water Masterplan briefing

Regeneration & Economic Development Scrutiny Panel  
update

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# Masterplan Update

- Meridian Water financial model was approved in October 2019
- Since the approval of the model there have been a number of major public health, socio-economic and climatic events
  - The outbreak of C19 pandemic which brought forward major public health challenges and exacerbated inequalities
  - Climate emergency : Council’s declaration of Climate emergency to create a carbon neutral borough by 2040 followed by approval of Meridian Water Sustainability Strategy in winter 2020
  - Construction costs: Construction costs have risen astronomically in the past year due to challenges brought forward by the pandemic, Brexit and sustainability requirements
- A newly adopted London Plan and a draft Enfield Local Plan and associated evidence base have implications for the Masterplan to consider
- The Masterplan is undergoing financial review and will be brought forward to Cabinet for approval to consult in summer 2022



# Masterplan roles and its components



Preparing a masterplan is about making the connection between buildings, social settings, and their surrounding environments.

A good masterplan ...

- Proposes a mix of uses at specific locations – for example, being clear about where the high street is, and where quieter more residential streets are.
- Thinks in three-dimensions, for example evaluating where sunshine will fall in the winter, to encourage more use of public spaces
- Define public, semiprivate, and private spaces and public amenities
- Helps clarify the critical infrastructure requirements, such as bus stations, schools and bridges
- Develop a phasing plan for development

# Masterplan themes

## Discussion points

- Employment and skills
- Open space and public realm
- Public transport, cycling and walking
- Schools
- Waterside living
- Sustainability

# Employment, skills and the main street at Meridian Water



## Discussion point

*COVID-19 had a profound impact on employment in London and may leave long-lasting effects on the ways people work and the types of jobs they do. Research suggests that there is a tangible link between high-skilled, well-paid jobs in cities and the quality and quantity of main street amenities.*

What kind of employment will current and future residents want at Meridian Water?





# Open space and public realm

## Discussion point

*Forced isolation and social distancing during the pandemic have exacerbated solitude and anxiety for part of our population. This result of the pandemic have contributed to an increased recognition of the importance of public space as a gathering place and key tools for meeting people's basic needs especially those at greatest risk of isolation and infection. Research shows that people aware of the important role of this space as a living environment essential to their physical and psychological well-being.*

What kind of open spaces will current and future residents want? Who will use the streets, and parks – and at what time of day? Are there particular elements we need to consider for different age groups?

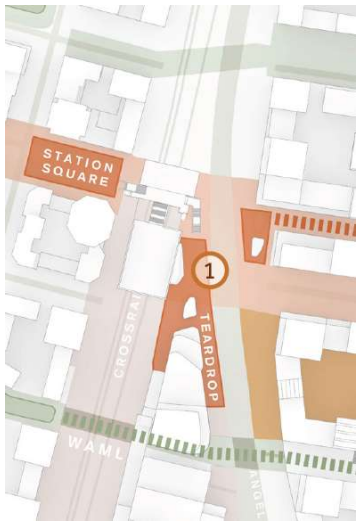


# Public transport, cycling and walking

## Discussion point

*In mixed-use, high density areas there are housing, restaurants, services, schools, cultural facilities and parks in proximity to one another. This connectivity reduces the need for private vehicles, thus increasing the viability of public transport, walking, and cycling.*

What would encourage the residents to use more public transport and help walking and cycling be the natural first choice for short journeys?





# Schools

## Discussion point

*GLA population yield shows us that Meridian Water will trigger need for three 6FE primary school and a secondary school.*

What do you think the residents will be looking for on school provisions at MW?



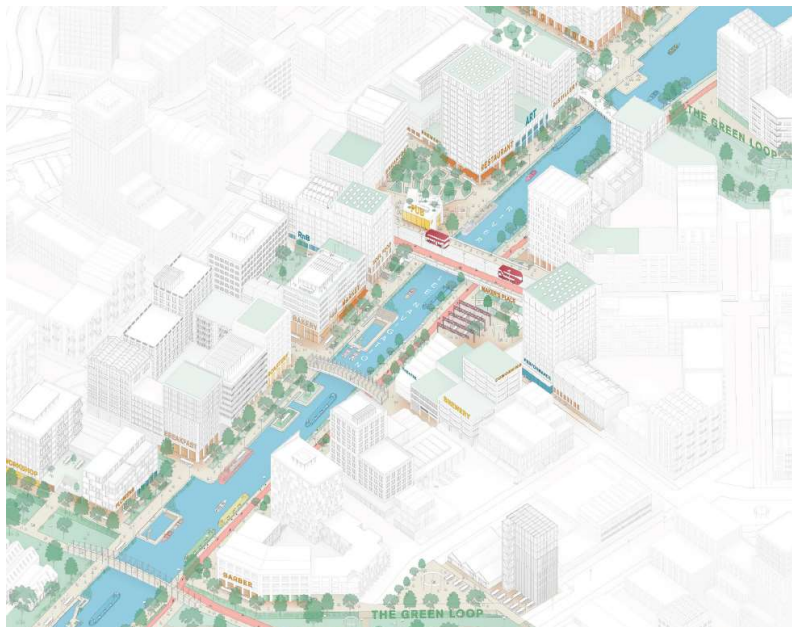


# Waterside living

## Discussion point

An attractive waterside presents a wealth of regeneration opportunities to attract new investment and create a vibrant and thriving new neighbourhood. Preserving and creating new wetlands helps mitigate flooding but brings numerous environmental benefits.

How do you think residents will want to use the riverside? Do you know other canal and riverside areas which work well in London?



# Sustainability



## Discussion point

*In October 2020, Enfield Council Cabinet approved the Environmental Sustainability Strategy for Meridian Water to be carbon positive, environment positive and zero waste.*

What will help residents live sustainable lives at Meridian Water?



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