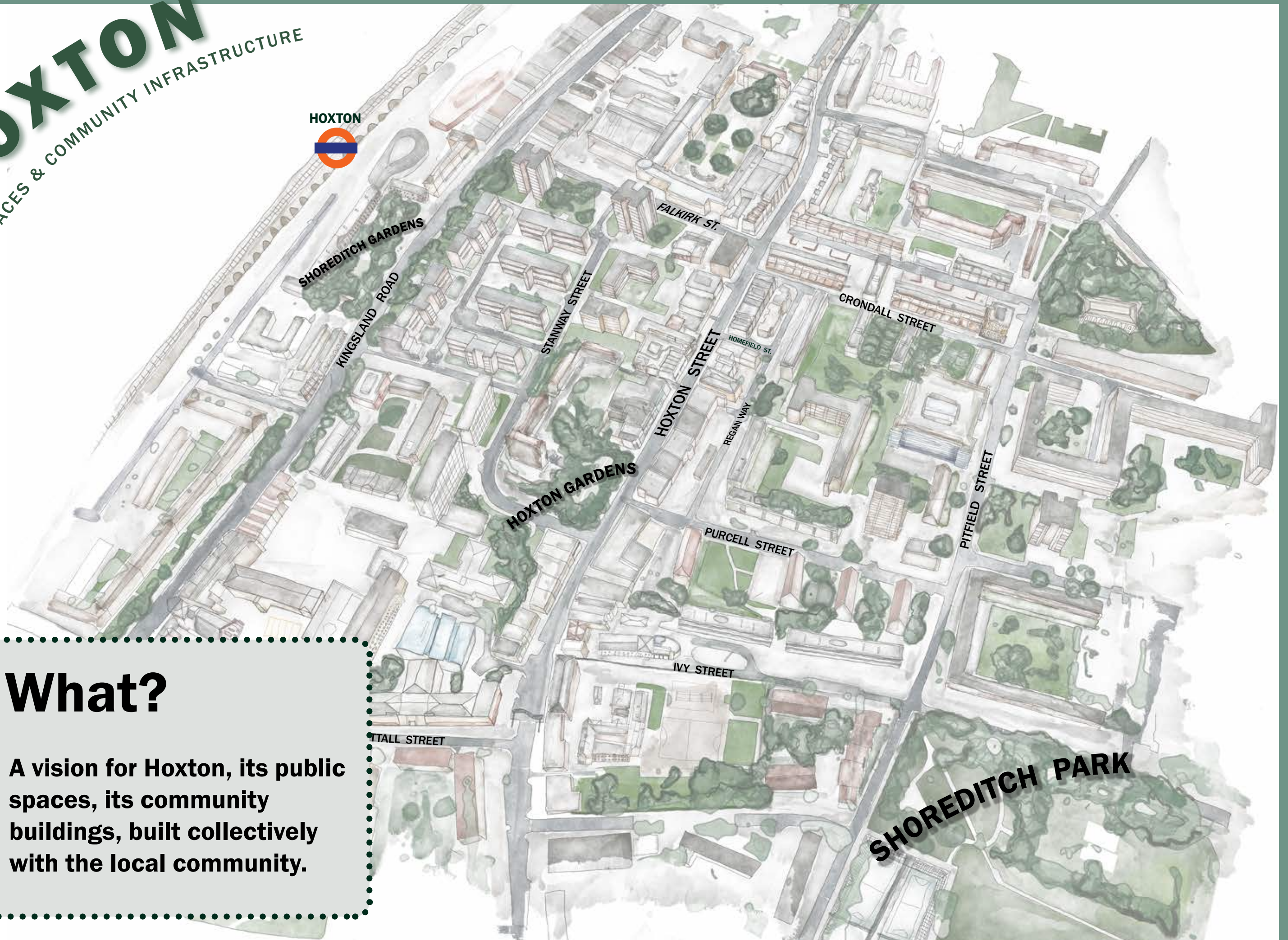


# HOXTON

PUBLIC SPACES & COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

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## What?

- A vision for Hoxton, its public spaces, its community buildings, built collectively with the local community.



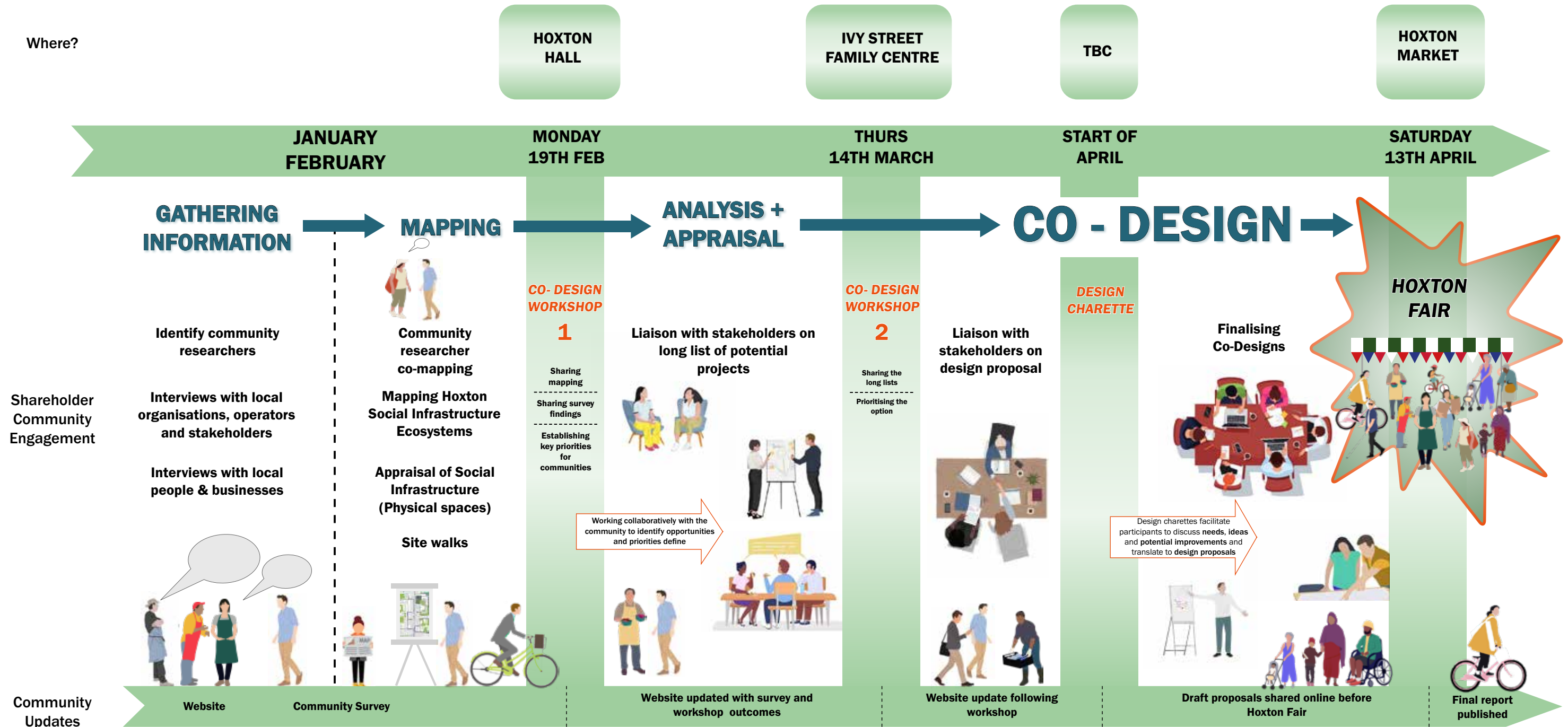
# How?

## Aims for this project:

### Create a Hoxton Project Bank for the area containing:

- **Smaller public realm projects to be delivered in the immediate/short term;**
- **Larger scale projects to be which can form a funding application to the GLA as part of Civic Partnership Programme aimed at supporting Social Infrastructure;**
- **And project ideas for future implementation as more funding becomes available**

# Co-Design Process





ERECT ARCHITECTURE



Hoxton Street Social Infrastructure Strategy

















**76** Community Surveys Completed

**49** Organisations & Businesses Interviewed

**7** Focus Group Workshops

**2** Community Co-Design Session



# NOXTON COMMUNITY DESIGN VISION

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<p><b>Strengthening existing activity is a priority for the community at the location to be developed</b></p> <p><b>Involve the community capturing the voices of residents.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A process for change so citizens, businesses and the community are involved with open discussion about what they want.</li> <li>Get the community involved in decisions affecting the area - "Feel like its always for them not us."</li> <li>Problem solving as a community with local people have a role in addressing local issues.</li> <li>Teach young people about the process involved and be more discernable.</li> <li>Set the long term goals for Noxton with the community and share the wealth.</li> <li>Keep the local people up to date and keep them on board.</li> </ul> <p><b>Heritage &amp; Identity</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More awareness should be drawn to the rich history of Noxton.</li> <li>Introduce more site specific public art.</li> <li>Embed the history of Noxton back into its public spaces and places.</li> <li>Preserve the essence of Noxton. "This is what we do not lose it."</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Connection &amp; Cohesion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Encourage spaces where people can meet on open and equal terms.</li> <li>A community for everyone.</li> <li><b>Build on the close knit community.</b></li> <li>Enable conversations between local people</li> <li>Create a stronger connection through community co-ops.</li> </ul> <p><b>Collaboration Between The Council and Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We want to see where the money is going, we want transparency.</li> <li>The council should be plugged into the area to understand what is important to local people (for example, local food going).</li> <li>Learn lessons from other boroughs about interesting ideas and community projects and bring back to Noxton.</li> <li>The council does not listen to us and needs to be our voice.</li> </ul> <p><b>Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initiatives should address and help to reduce the cost of living.</li> <li>Do not sell flats as investments or assets.</li> </ul> <p><b>The Experience of Young People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Improve young people's relationship with the police</li> <li>Address and reduce young people's sense of detachment from the area.</li> <li>Further develop local youth employment and training programs to allow young people to thrive on Noxton Street.</li> <li>Local employment opportunities for all in order to increase wellbeing.</li> <li>The buzz and activity on the street in Brick Lane makes it feel safe for young people. An active Noxton market could make the street feel safer. There could be more street food and hot food.</li> <li>Subsidize the costs of market stalls and encourage young people to become the next generation of traders.</li> <li>Create youth centres.</li> <li>Places to sit and spend time outside the college.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities Within The Community for Young and Old People</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A greater amount and variety of activities for young and old people in the area.</li> <li>Encourage and enable community activation - "I did something for my community".</li> <li>Facilitate connections between young and old people, such as mentorship and knowledge exchange.</li> <li>Great facilities for elderly people.</li> <li>There needs to be more funding to support community projects.</li> <li>Enable local people to initiate new projects.</li> <li>Reducing the costs of rehearsal spaces and community venues.</li> <li>More activities and opportunities for people when unemployed.</li> <li>Encourage people back to Noxton with an interesting mix of activities on offer.</li> </ul>	<p>Offer more opportunities for volunteering in order to provide for a greater array of activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Leaves on housing estates could be given a use, enabling community activities.</li> <li>Noxton Street should be made to feel more welcoming, if we want to attract people to come from further afield.</li> </ul> <p><b>High Street Offer</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Noxton Street should have a variety of cultural offerings including street food, galleries and affordable supermarkets.</li> <li>More shops, including more food options and an affordable supermarket "bring back Iceland".</li> <li>Create basics like printing and scanning services available on Noxton Street.</li> <li>Cozier businesses to attract visitors including more small businesses, start-ups, creative industries and "bricks-tech".</li> </ul> <p>Charity and "swap" shops could be a useful resource for the community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A free-to-use "Community fridge" which is accessible 24/7.</li> <li>Free-to-use cash machines.</li> <li>A bakery for sale.</li> <li>Noxton Street should be a one-stop-shop with everything you need in one place in Noxton.</li> <li>We want businesses who love their community - A village feel.</li> </ul> <p><b>Realisation of the Potential of Noxton Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The buzz and activity on the street in Brick Lane makes it feel safe for young people. An active Noxton market could make the street feel safer. There could be more street food and hot food.</li> <li>A space for more innovative uses, including local start-ups and leaders of different ages.</li> <li>We would like to see more diverse market stalls which serve local people and attract visitors.</li> <li>Greater choice &amp; variety at Noxton Market, including some higher quality fresh fruits and vegetables - A farmers' market.</li> <li>Shops could be given stall space to promote their wares.</li> <li>Use it into the market for more variety, more stalls and more things in the week, potentially a daily market.</li> <li>Collaborate with street artists.</li> <li>Subsidize the costs of market stalls and encourage young people to become the next generation of traders.</li> <li>Have a better set up for the market stall holders, the could be positioned in the middle of the street.</li> <li>Power infrastructure for market traders.</li> <li>Address issues with surface water drainage.</li> <li>Take lessons learnt from other markets.</li> <li>A market with a quirky identity and a huge range of stalls.</li> <li>Bring culture to Noxton Market.</li> </ul> <p><b>Streetlights Between Brick Lane and the Street Market</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An initiative to stop cyclists riding through Noxton Street when closed for the market.</li> <li>Reduce cyclist/motorist using Noxton Street during market days. There are issues with delivery drivers and pedestrians.</li> </ul> <p><b>Activities On Offer in Noxton</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There needs to be greater awareness and improved access to information about the creative and sporting activities available for young people and teenagers.</li> <li>Noxton Hall youth programme is highly valued by young people and further afield, more programmes like this would be good to see.</li> </ul> <p>Build strong connections between cultural institutions and local young people.</p> <p><b>Improving Wellbeing Outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a creative health network in Noxton where organisations come together for the well-being of people (social prescribing).</li> <li>Improve and expand mental health projects in the area which address local issues.</li> </ul>	<p>Expand Noxton Trust's growing and gardening groups through better outreach and expansion.</p> <p><b>Local Organisation Capacity Building</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More help and advice on techniques to generate a sustainable income which will enable us to maintain our community programmes.</li> <li>More investment is needed for Shoreditch Library.</li> <li>Build a strong network between Noxton's community and arts organisations.</li> <li>Increase awareness of the support available in the area. A lot of people don't know what's on offer even though they walk past.</li> <li>More funding is needed for organisations who are providing services to help people.</li> <li>A "Thriving Noxton Street" fund could give grants to local businesses who contribute to the community.</li> <li>A portion of the money coming from developer Section 106 contributions should go towards contributing to revenue cost of community and local cultural organisations.</li> </ul> <p><b>Enhance the Facilities and Spaces of Existing Areas</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Add infrastructure within the south of Noxton Gardens to enable cultural and community events to be held there.</li> <li>More space in the area giving directions to key community spaces like Shoreditch Library.</li> <li>Open up the entrances of organisations, so that their arrival space becomes more of a social space and showcases what's on offer. This might help to address younger and older people who are being put off, not aware of the facilities inside.</li> <li>More space for artists' communities (PEER Gallery).</li> <li>Make better use of White Place (for Noxton Hall).</li> <li>Make more visible the unique array of Arts and Culture venues into people as they walk down the street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Improved Accessibility</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create a better urban realm, with more consistency of materials and layout so that the area is easier to move through and looks more attractive. Recent improvements to Pittfield Street can provide a guide which could be applied consistently across the area.</li> <li>Noxton Street use the more crossings along its length.</li> <li>Priorities people over cars, there are too many cars parking on the street and not enough crossings.</li> <li>Add drop kerbs to all crossings consistently to improve access.</li> <li>Calm down traffic.</li> <li>Improve safety at Zebras crossing on Junction at Pittfield Street and Noxton Street.</li> <li>Maintenance of pavements could be improved.</li> <li>Improve quality of pavement space addressing the uneven and damaged surfaces.</li> <li>Stop the turn and dangerous junctions, especially at PARK STREET / Crosswell Street and Swanway Street / Parkwell Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Use the Potential of Parks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Join Green Street and New Walk into one consistent route, creating a safe link between Noxton Street and Kingsland Road.</li> <li>Improve lighting to make it feel safe after dark along Noxton Street and especially on the side streets connecting to it.</li> <li>Improve lighting along Green Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Public Spaces for Community Activities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A play street outside Ivy Street family centre would be great.</li> <li>A place for parents to sit and chill outside Noxton Garden Primary and St Paul's Church. The street is quite narrow.</li> <li>Reduce the vehicle dominance on Noxton Street and give space to people.</li> <li>Could there be a public square in Noxton?</li> <li>Address the confused and low quality public realm around the Geffrye Community Centre and along Sheffield Street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Places to Sit</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shopfront Noxton could provide more free seating outside.</li> <li>Reduce the use of tables and chairs for cafe's providing social value facilities for the community.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Drop down seats against the shop windows, managed by the businesses owners. These could provide extra seating in addition to public benches.</li> <li>More seating along Noxton Street.</li> <li>More seating for places to chat and watch the street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Wooded Areas &amp; Streets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Earlier wayfinding and signage from Kingsland Road towards Noxton Street. This is where the main transport connections are including the Overground Station and bus stops.</li> <li>There should be signs similar to Brick Lane, unique to the place.</li> <li>Noxton is a maze, get buy and easy to miss what you are looking for.</li> <li>Improve the "arrival spaces" and "giveaways" into Noxton, to create a welcoming arrival and celebratory spaces about Noxton.</li> <li>A consistent gaze and way finding signs across the area, through the estates, making reference to local landmarks and key places.</li> <li>A Noxton market sign for the southern end of Noxton Street.</li> <li>Make more visible the unique array of arts and culture venues to people as they walk down the street.</li> </ul> <p><b>Seating</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More safe cycle stands are needed along Noxton Street and at key intersections.</li> <li>Remove some parking in front of Shoreditch Library to give more space for cyclists and improve crossing for pedestrians.</li> <li>No cycling through the market on market days.</li> <li>Control of cyclists on school streets.</li> </ul> <p><b>Use of Streets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A better and clean environment.</li> <li>Improve rubbish tip along White Place.</li> <li>More cycle time see needed along Noxton Street.</li> <li>Wider pavements, remove the clutter.</li> <li>Power lines are cluttered with bins.</li> </ul> <p><b>Plan to Connect With Noxton And With The Community</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>More places to meet and socialise.</li> <li>Public spaces where the community can feel at home.</li> <li>More trees and accessible green spaces.</li> <li>Greenery could be more accessible and open more frequently.</li> <li>Introduce more visible green spaces in Noxton.</li> </ul> <p>Having more growing and planting to uplift the area.</p> <p><b>Noxton Gardens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Longer opening hours for Noxton Gardens.</li> <li>Improve accessibility at entrances into Noxton Gardens.</li> <li>Add accessible seating and picnic benches to Noxton Gardens.</li> </ul> <p><b>Spaces to Play</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Creating spaces for play and having public spaces for younger people.</li> <li>More outdoor gym would be good for older children.</li> <li>Existing play spaces are not welcoming and in bad condition.</li> <li>Playground for juniors for age 12+ on Arden Estate.</li> <li>Pitches / courts, which are open and away from alleyways and sketchy places (like in London Fields / Dalston Green).</li> </ul> <p><b>Reclaim the potential of Green Spaces on Estates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Better usage of the estate lawns for activities and biodiversity.</li> <li>Use estate green spaces for community planting and growing.</li> <li>Open up estate green spaces for walking through - make better use of existing green spaces.</li> <li>Increase biodiversity through trees, finding ways to embrace insects and more sustainable horticultural practices.</li> <li>Making use of vacant private gardens on the estates. These could be cultivated for community growing or biodiversity.</li> <li>Better use of large lawns on the estates, to facilitate community events, picnics and also accessible to use by everybody.</li> </ul> <p><b>Community Streets</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up a guerrilla garden to actively contribute to the community.</li> <li>A network of community growing bags on unused green spaces on estate and public realm.</li> </ul>





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## COMMUNITY DESIGN VISION



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**Strengthening Hoxton's  
Identity & Putting Community  
At The Heart Of Development**

2



**A Thriving & Affordable  
Market Street**

3



**Championing Organisations  
& Businesses Delivering  
Social Value In Hoxton**

4



**Activities On Offer In Hoxton  
for Young & Old**

5



**Improving The Pedestrian  
Experience In Hoxton**

6



**Realising the Potential Of  
Hoxton's Green Spaces**



# Online Webpage

**Add your suggestions and ideas for improvements for Hoxton's public realm and community spaces...**

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CELEBRATE OUR LOCAL AREA



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