

# 1 Understanding Lancaster West Welcome

We want to understand from residents of the Lancaster West Estate how you feel about your neighbourhood, and what you want to see in the future.

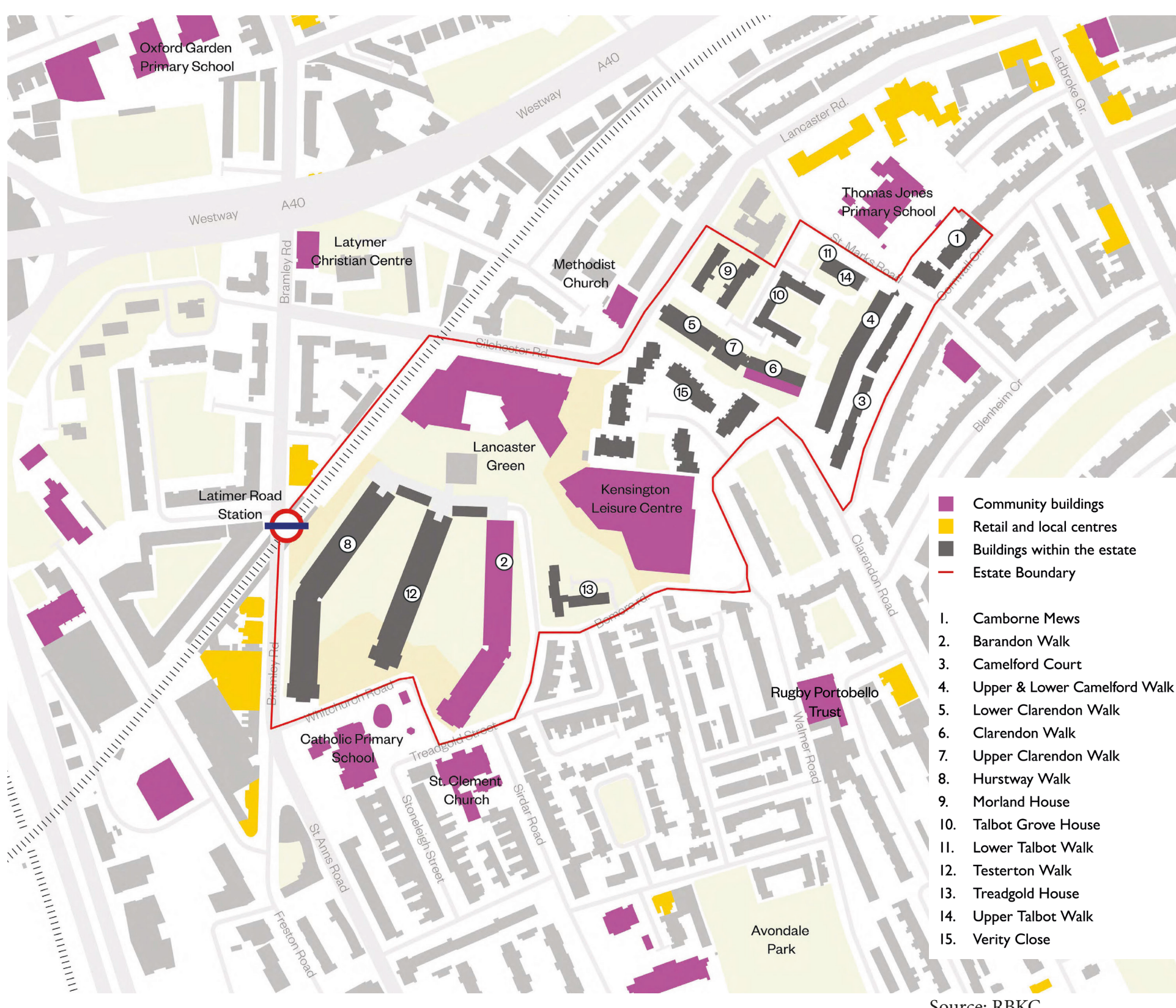
The Lancaster West Future Neighbourhood Vision will define priorities and a potential way forward for future services, programmes and spaces in and around the Lancaster West Estate.

## Area of focus

This vision is focussed on the Lancaster West Estate.

The vision is centred around the Lancaster West Estate, as identified in the plan below. The work will look to the broader area surrounding the Estate, however this is not the main focus of the project.

The vision does not cover the Grenfell Tower site, but we will make sure any ideas put forward complement, respect, and link with those areas.



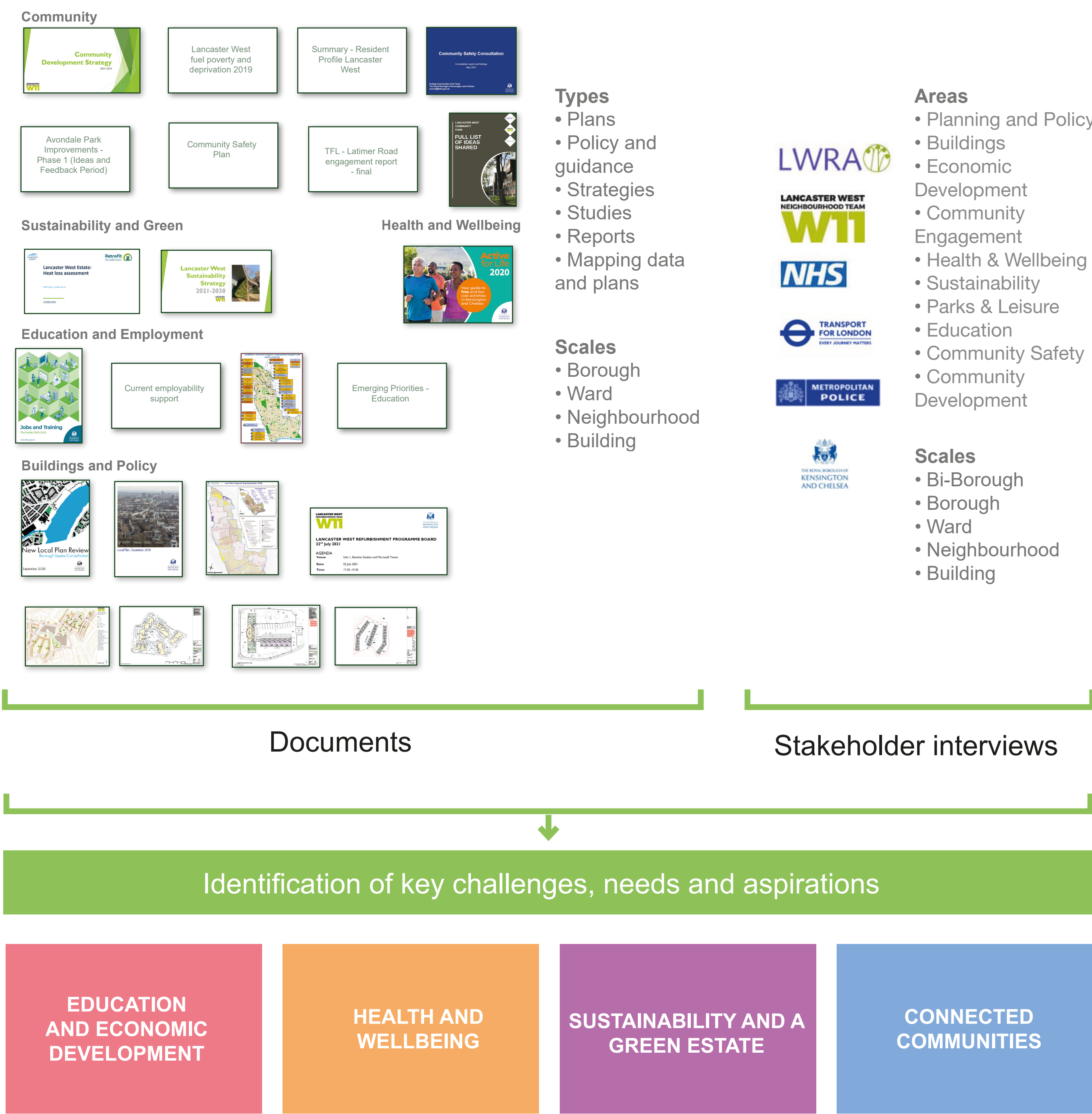
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So far, to understand the context and needs of the residents of Lancaster West Estate, we have reviewed a range of documents and interviewed a number of stakeholders and residents of the Estate.

Our findings from this stage have been organised into four themes:

- Education and Economic Development
- Health and Wellbeing
- Sustainability and a Greener Estate
- Connected Communities

Now we want to hear what you think about the future of your neighbourhood.



## How your feedback will shape the vision?

Your views are important and we will revise and refine the vision with each piece of feedback. This is your chance to share your thoughts and influence the future of your neighbourhood.

Ideas collected will be developed into a **Playbook** - a visual document to inspire us with examples of how these ideas have been achieved elsewhere.



**Playbook example - "Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods"**  
This month Arup and C40 published their "Green and Thriving Neighbourhoods" guidebook which sets out approaches to create sustainable lifestyles and resilience in local communities. This emphasises the importance of hyper-local communities in supporting quality of life and improving cities' resilience.



# 2 Understanding Lancaster West Education and Economic Development

## Why is it important for Lancaster West?

The Lancaster West Neighbourhood Vision is a great opportunity to improve access to employment and education.

By improving links between residents and employment and learning services, residents will have greater job opportunities. According to stakeholder and resident interviews, this access to services is something that so far isn't readily available to the Lancaster West community. We know from the review that **only 31.7% of residents are full time employees**, compared to 41% in the borough and 40% nationwide.

From stakeholder interviews we know that building **careers in the built environment and green skills** is an interest of residents on the Estate, however there are currently some significant barriers to employment in Notting Dale. For example, **only 31.5% of residents have a level 4 (degree equivalent or above) qualification**, in contrast to 52.7 % in the borough and 37.7% in London, **23.6% of the adult population have no qualifications at all**.



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## Emerging Ideas

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Use the stickers to let us know which ideas matter most to you



- 1 Help define an **educational journey**, a service that maps the different learning and training opportunities and milestones in relation to an area of interest, for example the built environment or green skills, to help secure paid employment.



- 2 Support the creation of a **job brokerage centre** on the Estate, a service for residents to access employment opportunities all in one place, structured to bring together all possible opportunities from different providers from the Estate and beyond.



- 3 Support the creation of a **social enterprise model**, a service which would enrich livelihoods by allowing residents to start their own businesses on the Estate and to create positive social change.



# 3 Understanding Lancaster West Health and Wellbeing

## Why is it important for Lancaster West?

**Health and wellbeing refers to the combination of a person's physical, mental, emotional and social health, which contribute to overall quality of life.**

The review indicates that the Notting Dale population, which Lancaster West is part of, is affected by a range of conditions, mostly **respiratory diseases, heart diseases and cancer**, as well as **learning disabilities, epilepsy and obesity**, especially in children. We also know that **20.9% of residents in Notting Dale have a long term limiting illness**, compared to 12.3% in Kensington and Chelsea and 14.1% in London. We also know from the review that **life expectancy in this ward is 10 years less than the borough average**.

Physical and mental health is linked to **income, employment, education, housing quality, overcrowding and crime**. From interviews, these are challenges that are faced by Lancaster West Estate residents. This is backed up by the data which shows, for example, **15% of households in Notting Dale are overcrowded**, compared to 8.3% of households in the borough and 11.3 per cent in London.

Daily health and wellbeing services contribute to improved social, economic and environmental conditions, helping to achieve and maintain happiness and life satisfaction. However we also know from interviews that, historically, there have been a **lack of health and wellbeing services in and around the Lancaster West Estate**.



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Build on existing initiatives to create an **Estate Volunteering Network Programme** – a service that brings together contractors and businesses on and surrounding the Estate, offering and promoting volunteering opportunities for residents. This could help alleviate social isolation and improve mental health, whilst building skills needed for paid employment.

2

Identify **potential underutilised spaces** to further encourage **physical activity** – for example, physical trails to connect to services and green spaces in the broader area, or outdoor gyms and playgrounds.

3

Support the creation of a **food ecosystem map**, to provide equitable access to residents to food-related initiatives and schemes in the Estate and beyond.

4

Identify potential spaces on the Estate and surrounding area to accommodate **mental health services**, making best use of both indoor and outdoor opportunities - for example, a **sensory garden**, which is a space with features, surfaces, objects and plants that stimulate people's senses through touch, sight, scent, taste and hearing, and with that they contribute to physical and mental health & wellbeing.