

# 4 Understanding Lancaster West Sustainability and a Green Estate

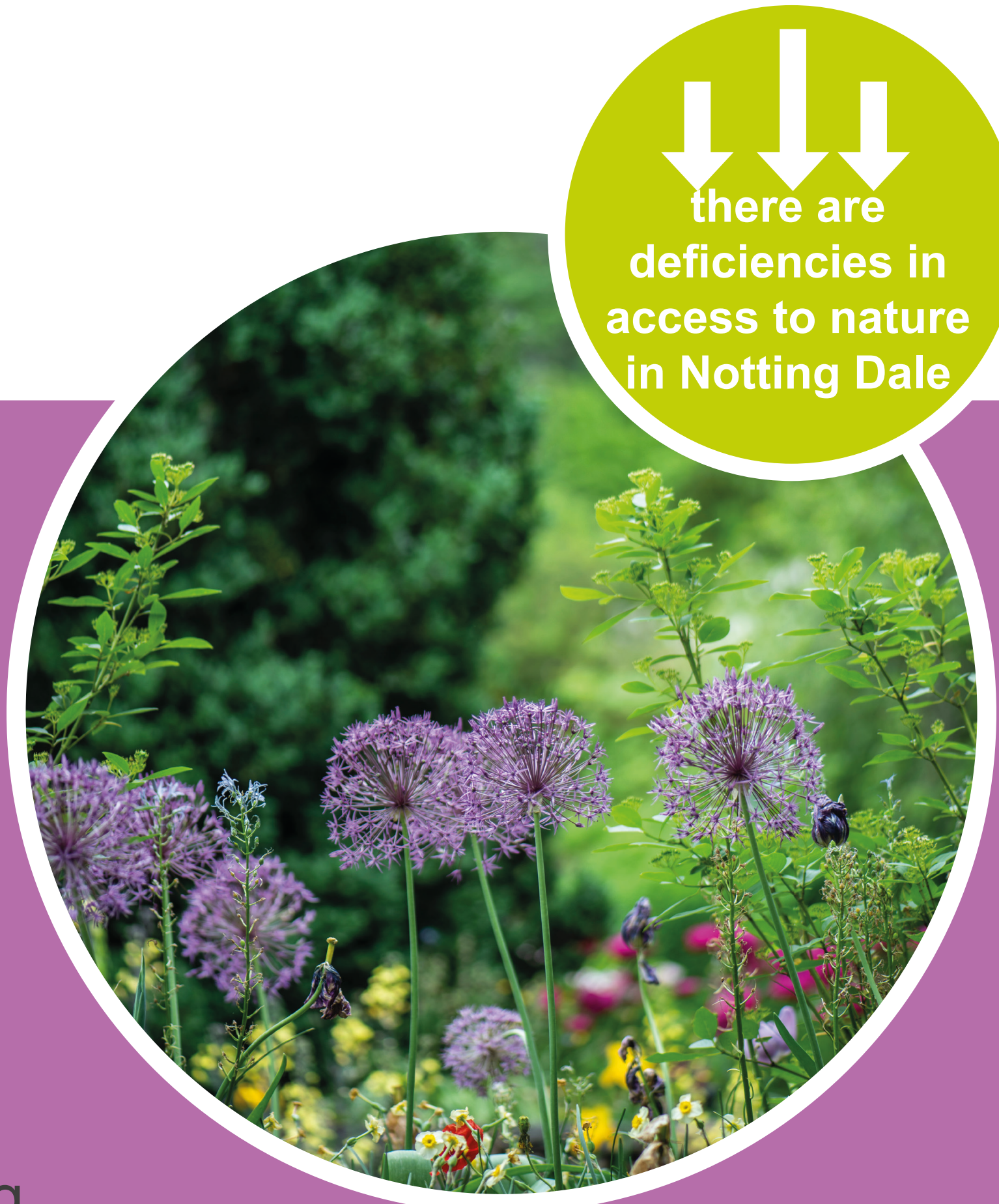
## Why is it important for Lancaster West?

Lancaster West has committed to become a carbon-neutral Estate by 2030.

The Lancaster West Sustainability Strategy 2021 describes the vision for the Estate to become the UK's biggest eco-neighbourhood including targets to end fuel poverty, minimise waste, improve air quality and biodiversity, use more renewable energy, provide energy efficiency refurbishments, and create green jobs and training opportunities.

There are some challenges to sustainability and achieving a Green Estate. The Sustainability Strategy, highlights issues of **fuel poverty** (12.37% of residents in Kensington and Chelsea are at risk), **heating of homes** (5.5% of homes on Lancaster West are rated EPC D or below), high levels of air pollution and **deficiencies in access to nature in the Notting Dale ward**.

The vision also seeks to build on the initiatives already started or planned in this area to further improve sustainability across the Estate.



## Emerging Ideas

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



- 1 Support ongoing activities to address fuel poverty by helping establish a **fuel support service** to help residents understand their energy usage and bills, and make changes in their homes to help save energy whilst remaining comfortable (cool in summer, warm in winter). By doing this, residents could save money and have more control over their energy use. It will also help to cut carbon and contribute to sustainability goals.



- 2 Identifying potential for **circular economy initiatives** – for example a **repair shop** or **library of things** where household items, appliances and tools can be borrowed or repaired within the community free of charge. This could help residents to save money and minimise waste by giving access to appliances without having to buy or store them, and helping people to fix items rather than replace them. Such services can also provide opportunities for volunteering and skills development, and bring residents together, helping to avoid social isolation and improve mental health.



- 3 Identify underutilised spaces that could be developed into **communal green spaces**, **community gardens** and **food growing spaces** to build on the already successful small-scale local community gardens that have been developed across the estate and bring people together over a shared passion for growing and nurturing herbs and plants. These will provide opportunities for skills development, learning about gardening and healthy eating and a space for community gatherings.



# 5 Understanding Lancaster West Connected Communities

## Why is it important for Lancaster West?

**Connected communities are resilient and are active drivers of change in the key processes that shape the future of their neighbourhood.**

As a concept, it integrates key areas of liveability such as **connectivity, accessibility and equality**.

There are challenges for the Lancaster West community in becoming a fully Connected Community: it is within an area with **high levels of deprivation**, with **poor/moderate public transport accessibility**, as well as **poor accessibility to retail, offices and green space**. **Perception of safety** has also been a key concern present in past consultations at borough level.

Connectivity, accessibility and equality are key areas integrated in connected communities



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- 1 Identify potential opportunities to create **safer pedestrian routes** and to **improve and increase provision of active travel infrastructure** (for example secure parking for bikes and scooters).



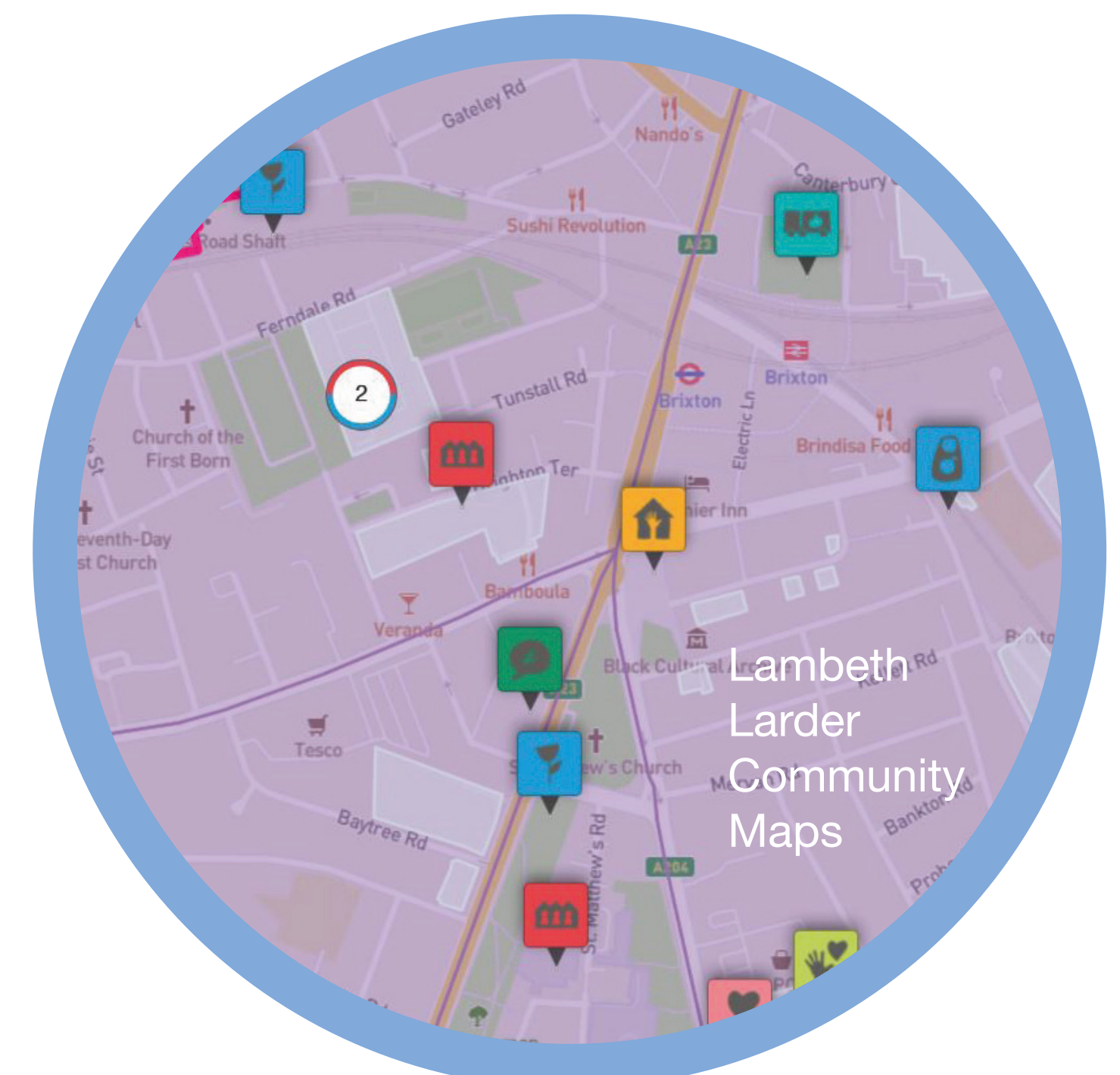
- 2 Identify potential on the Estate to create and expand on existing **community spaces** that can be **owned, led and managed by residents** and can provide activities for **families, children and youth** on the Estate.



- 3 Make the Estate a **safer and more inclusive place** for residents, especially for women, the elderly, disabled and vulnerable communities (for example by encouraging passive surveillance, activity in buildings and spaces, and improvements in infrastructure such as lighting or CCTV).



- 4 Identify potential **improvements to wayfinding and signage** on the Estate to strengthen the Estate's identity and make it easier for residents to move around and find key locations (for example, nearby health and employment services).



- 5 Promote equitable access to services with the creation of a **services map** that will link residents with the range of health and employment services available at estate and ward level.



# 6 Understanding Lancaster West What matters to you?

**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.**

## What matters most to you?

What matters most to you about the Estate, and why?

Use the sticky notes to respond

## Do you have any ideas?

Do you have any other ideas or suggestions that could make Lancaster West Estate better?

## What do you think?

Do you have any feedback about existing services, amenities or activities offered on the Lancaster West Estate and broader area?

These boards will be available online after the event at the QR code:



To share your thoughts virtually and influence the future of your neighbourhood, scan the QR code:



If you have any questions about the Lancaster West Future Neighbourhood Vision contact us via email [lancasterwestoffice@rbkc.gov.uk](mailto:lancasterwestoffice@rbkc.gov.uk) or phone 0800 389 2005.