

A young girl wearing a large straw hat with white daisies and a light green t-shirt is crouching on asphalt. She is using a piece of yellow chalk to draw a large, multi-colored star. The star has sections of yellow, green, blue, and red. She is also wearing bright pink sandals. The background shows more of the asphalt and some white painted lines.

Lennox Estate

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1. Introduction and overview

This report has been prepared by Tibbalds Planning and Urban Design to summarise a set of engagement activities specifically targeting children and younger residents of the Lennox Estate. The estate is located in the Roehampton Ward of London Borough of Wandsworth and in close proximity to the Borough boundary with Richmond to the north and west.

The Lennox Estate has been identified as a potential location for new housing alongside improved open spaces, play spaces and community facilities as part of the Homes for Wandsworth programme. The proposed development location is in the north of the estate in and around Arabella Drive. Initial proposals for two new buildings and associated open spaces were presented to residents in February 2024.

Demolition of existing homes is not being explored as part of this project and a set of guiding principles have been established to help inform design development which are that development on the Lennox Estate should contribute to:

- Creating healthy and happy communities.
- Connecting the estate and surrounding neighbourhoods.
- Promoting a safe and secure environment.
- Making the most of amenity space and local facilities.
- Improving biodiversity and access to nature.

A bespoke set of engagement activities have been put together to gather the views of residents and involve them in the development of proposals for the estate. The main intention is to ensure that residents of the estate have an opportunity to feed into design development from the outset and that they remain informed about the plans as the project progresses. To date two public exhibitions have been held on the estate. Feedback has been provided about the open space and play space strategies at both events and it was therefore decided to hold focused sessions with young people to help inform the emerging designs for these spaces. All the events and activities were designed to capture the attention of 8 – 18 year old residents of the Lennox Estate.

2. Youth Engagement Activities

The youth engagement event was held on the Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA) located on Arabella Drive in the northern portion of the Lennox Estate. The events were held on Tuesday 30th July and 7th August 2024 between 3pm and 6pm. The events were held in the school summer holidays but split over two occasions so as to capture as many views as possible. Newsletters were distributed which incorporated an invitation and publicity for the event to all residents on the estate two weeks beforehand and sent via Royal Mail. The event was also publicised via the project specific engagement platform and the Council's website.

The event was attended by 16 young people formally signing in, and a total of approximately 30 people attending the event overall, including parents and carers. The age of young people who attended ranged from between 8 to 15 years old. Of the people who signed in, nearly all of the attendees currently lived on the estate, with a few external visitors.

The a series of activities were planned to help young people of varying ages express their opinions and thoughts on outdoor areas and play space. Please see Appendix 1 for the event plan. The activities were designed to be adaptable based on the number and ages of participants. Across the two days the following activities took place:

- An interactive plan of the Estate was taped out on the MUGA so that young people could interact with the current form of the estate by drawing on the map with chalk and writing notes.
- A set of 'quick fire' questions were developed to ask older children to gain an understanding of how they currently use outdoor space.
- A multi-media art competition was set up to encourage young people to think about their environment and how the Lennox Estate could change in the future.
- A set of images of example outdoor spaces were provided and children could sit down and rank the images to inform the project team about young people's priorities and interests when it comes to outdoor spaces.

The multi-media competition (see Appendix 2) was launched via the newsletter and engagement platform also making it available to those who were unable to attend and participate in person. The competition will remain open for residents to enter until the residents exhibition currently planned for October 2024. All entries will be exhibited at the event and a winner will be announced during the exhibition.



Fig 1: Sign in table, 7th August 2024



Fig 2: Taped out estate on the MUGA, 30th July 2024

2. Key Findings

All comments from the workshops have been recorded in the table in Appendix 3 and summarised under key themes in this section of the report.

Young people's views on the Lennox Estate

When asked to describe the estate in a single word respondents used words such as 'nice', 'fun', 'diverse' and 'spacious'.

- When asked if they felt safe on Lennox Estate none of the young people said no. Respondents attributed the feeling of safety to knowing their neighbours and because the MUGA is enclosed and frequently used. A female participant aged 8 said she felt safe, but not when she was alone as parts of the estate were confusing to navigate.
- Many of the young people that attended the workshops had positive memories and stories of the Lennox Estate to share with the project team. Many of the positive recollections were attributed to the play spaces on the estate and associated with the youth club. One participant told the team that his favourite memory on the Estate was having water fights on the MUGA with the youth club.

Current outdoor habits

- Over 60% of young people who participated said that their favourite place to play on the Estate was the MUGA on Arabella drive. Young people stated that they liked it because it was a large open space that felt safe and clean.
- Over 50% of young people who participated said they played outside on Lennox Estate at least once every two weeks, with the majority of young people choosing to play outside in the afternoon.
- All the boys who participated said that when they played outside, they primarily played football and basketball on the MUGA. Some of the boys also said they enjoyed playing other ball games, riding their bikes and generally hanging out with their friends.
- When girls were asked about what activities they like to do outside, the answers were a lot more varied between participants. Answers included playing imaginary games, hanging out with friends, tennis, gymnastics, football and cycling.

- The range of activities that the MUGA is used for varies significantly. Young people told us that they sometimes just used half the MUGA and it was common for them to share the space with multiple groups playing different games. Listed are the activities that young people stated they used the space for or the team observed:

- Gymnastics.
- Cycling.
- Football.
- Cricket.
- Basketball.
- Water fights.
- Tennis.
- 'Other ball games'.

Play spaces

- 50% of the young people who participated said they would like to see more and improved play equipment on the Estate. The young people who said this ranged in age from 8 to 15. The current play spaces were described as 'small and boring'. Young people suggested swings, seesaws and big slides.
- There was considerable interest, especially from boys, for improvements to be made to the Muga. Some suggestions for an astro turf surface for football and other issues associated with maintenance of the space.

Landscape

- Young people expressed their desire for both more open spaces to play sports in, but also more private and quiet spaces with benches for contemplation.
- There was interest, especially from girls, for more trees, plants and flowers. This was also reflected in the drawings done for the multimedia competition with phrases like 'I love nature' incorporated into their drawings. One young girl drew flowers on the map of the estate and another stated "We like all the beautiful trees, the parakeets and squirrels burying their nuts. It's very green. It's fun to live here. I like cycling round it and playing on the grass with all my friends."
- There was also interest to see community gardening spaces and a children's gardening club.



Fig 3: Young resident drawing on MUGA, 7th August 2024



Fig 4: Young resident drawing on MUGA, 30th July 2024



Fig 5: Types of outdoor play spaces ranked by 8yr old girl



Fig 6: Types of outdoor activities ranked by 7yr old girl



Fig 7: 30th July 2024



Fig 8: 30th July 2024

Appendices

Appendix 1: Event plan

Appendix 2: Newsletter

**Appendix 3: Summary of comments from
questionnaire**

Appendix 4: Multi media competition entries

Lennox Estate

Community engagement July/August 2024 (youth activities) Day plan

1 Overview details

- **Location:** Gazebo(s) next to the MUGA entrance at Arabella Drive, with option to use the youth club / boxing club space for some activities / if the weather is bad. Use of the Muga is required for scaled drawing of the estate on the MUGA.
- **Time:** 3 – 6pm (Both days)
- **Date:** Tuesday 30th July (event 1) and Wednesday 7th August (event 2)
- **Audience:** Younger residents of the Lennox Estate, targeting young people between 11 and 18 with activities for younger children with help from parents/carers
- **Purpose:** To develop a better understanding of how young people on Lennox Estate use their play and open spaces through their opinions and lived experiences. To better understand what the young people on Lennox Estate want to see from their open space and play spaces in the future.
- **Attendees:**
 - Event 1 (30th July 2024)
 - Augusta Grey (Tibbalds)
 - Leanne Williams (Tibbalds)
 - Aisha Hassan (Tibbalds)
 - Vasiliki Tamvaki (Tibbalds)
 - Amandine George (Farrer Huxley)
 - Elliot Dunton (Farrer Huxley)
 - Isabelle Menzel (Farrer Huxley)
 - Mareike Milne (Farrer Huxley)
 - Jason Walker-Lucy (Client)
 - Richard Goodman (Client)
 - Joseph Chandler (Ptea)
 - Aycha Ahmedova (Ptea)
 - Event 1 (7th August 2024)
 - Augusta Grey (Tibbalds)
 - Leanne Williams (Tibbalds)
 - Aisha Hassan (Tibbalds)
 - Vasiliki Tamvaki (Tibbalds)
 - Lizzie Le Mare (Tibbalds)
 - Amandine George (Farrer Huxley)
 - Richard Goodman (Client)
 - Stephen Morris (Ptea)
 - Joseph Chandler (Ptea)

2 Planned activity list and corresponding equipment lists

- **Quick fire questions/ Google form**
 - **When?** Both days, at the start of the event in a large group, irrespective of weather.
 - **Why?** This will be a quick and efficient way to capture data as well as capturing attention and focus.
 - **What/how?** A series of 5 – 10 simple questions at the start of the event.
 - **Data?** This information will be instantly recorded online via the google form or on paper
 - **The questions will be as follows-**
 - Describe Lennox Estate in 1 word
 - How often do you hangout/play outside?
 - Who do you usually hang out/ play with? Friends? Family? Neighbours?
 - What activities do you like to do outside?
 - What time of day do you usually play outside?
 - What is your favourite outdoor space?
 - Why do you like it?
 - What is your favourite memory on Lennox Estate?
 - What types of outdoor spaces would you like on the estate?
 - Do you feel safe on the estate? What makes you feel safe?
- **Station 1A – ‘On the MUGA’ (2 attendees)**
 - **When?** Both days on the MUGA, running throughout the event, being facilitated by the team. Not possible if weather does not allow.
 - **Why?** A more interactive way for young people to engage with the consultation topic, encouraging them to be more imaginative with their feedback and ideas.
 - **What/how?** Part of the estate will be mapped out on the using tape. See below for the Muga plan Using this as a base, the team will facilitate a workshop asking young people to answer question, draw on and interact with the large-scale drawing.
 - **Data?** This information will then be recorded via photographs and the teams’ notes.
 - **The questions could be as follows-**
 - i. Place a cone on your favourite spot on the estate
 - ii. Draw a yellow star where you would want to see formal play spaces
 - iii. Draw a route that you like to walk around the estate
 - iv. Draw a blue square on a place on the estate you think is popular with young people
 - v. Draw a red circle around a place that could be better - Why

Below is a plan of how we will tape the estate on the Muga



- **Station 1B – Large group drawing (2 attendees)**

- In case of rain a similar version of the activity can be done indoors with A simplified A1 printout of the plan, encouraging young people to draw freely on it. Same questions could be used.

- **Station 2 – Arts and Crafts (2 attendee)**

- **When?** Both days on a table on the grass outside the MUGA under gazebo, running throughout the event, being facilitated by the team. Can be moved inside if weather is bad.
- **Why?** A way for young people to demonstrate the creative ideas that they have for their future play spaces. This activity also tends to be more appealing to girls, encouraging diversity in the feedback results.
- **What/how?** There will be a table with arts and craft activities for young people to draw/ collage their ideas on what they want their play space to be. Young people could use this time to create entries for the multimedia competition. There will also be other prompts on the table that young people could respond to in their art.
- **Data?** The data will be captured by the team taking notes whilst talking to the participants as well as the artwork created.

- **Station 3 – Sit down Activities (2 attendee)**

- **When?** Both days on a table on the grass outside the MUGA under gazebo, running throughout the event, being facilitated by the team. Can be moved inside if weather is bad.
- **Why?** Collecting helpful feedback on the types of play/ outdoor spaces that young people value and why. To collect data on young people's play habits, requirements and desires.
- **What/how?** There will a series of a few 'game style' activities that young people can complete by ranking different photos, creating connections.
- **Data?** The data will be captured by the team taking notes whilst talking to the participants as well photographing the participants completed activities.
- **The activities would be-**
- Activity 1 (Order these photographs from best to worst play space) + add post it notes with reasons
- Activity 2 (Order these outdoor activities from favourite to least favourite. Feel free to add in any additional activities on post it notes)
- Activity 3 (Order the most to least important thing to you in what your outdoor space should be)

- Activity 4 (Write 1 describing word for each photograph of outdoor spaces on Lennox Estate)

- **Photography walk (Farrer Huxley/ Ptea to lead on walk)**

- **When?** Once per event at a predetermined time. This will be taken around the estate if the weather is permitting.
- **Why?** To better understand young peoples lived experiences and opinions of the existing open space
- **What/how?** A walk around the estate to take photos of the existing spaces and talking to young people about these existing spaces.
- **Data?** The data will be captured by the team taking notes whilst talking to the participants as well photographs submitted to the multi-media competition.

3 Day schedule

- **Outdoor plan**
- 3pm – Arrival
- Quick fire questions on arrival via google form
- Station 1A- Muga activities
- Station 2- Arts and crafts
- Station 3- Group discussions/ sit down activities
- 4:30pm – Photography walk
- 5:00pm Pizza
- 6:00pm End event
- **Poor weather plan**
- 3pm – Arrival
- Quick fire questions on arrival via google form
- Station 1B – Large tracing paper drawing
- Station 2- Arts and crafts
- Station 3- Group discussions/ sit down activities
- 4:30pm Pizza



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4 Data collection

- Photographing young people interacting with the taped out Muga drawing
- Photographing the notes/ drawings left on Muga with chalk
- Online data collection of the quick fire answers
- Taking notes whilst talking to young people/ observing group discussions
- Entries to multi-media competition
- Any drawings/ collages/ mind maps created by young people

5 Responsibility breakdown

- Tibbalds- General event organisation, planning and running activities
- Farrer Huxley/ Ptea - Leading and facilitating the photography walk
- Client- Organising storage, tables and chairs, locking Muga in advance of event and use of boxing club if it rains.

6 Refreshment details

- Pizza – 12, 12inch pizzas per day at £200 total.
- Sweets/ snacks – individually packed sweets. Can be bought in advance of the event.
- Drinks – water and individually packed juice. Can be bought in advance of the event.

Multi-media art competition

Category 1: Junior Art Competition (ages up to 11):

Send us a postcard from Lennox Estate on the template we provided or create a piece of original visual art to show what you love about the Lennox Estate. All artwork must be 2D such as a painting or drawing. Entries can be any media can be used including paint, pencil, marker, crayon, ink, felt and oil pastel. Make sure you include your name, age and address!

Send in, scan or take a picture of your postcard or artwork along with a short written description (max. 100 words) of what it shows and why it is important to you.

Prizes to be won!
Submit all competition entries via our website

Category 2: Youth multi-media competition (ages 11-18)

Using media of your choice create an original piece of visual art of the Lennox Estate under one of the following categories:

People in places - show how people use a building or space.

Abstract - show a building or space in an unexpected or abstract way, either by perspective and view, or focusing on smaller details or patterns.

Play - show play in action, or favourite areas where you play and how people use these spaces.

Contrast - show interesting contrast, this could be in colour, lighting or subject.

Urban Nature - show examples of nature in the built landscape, for example plants, trees, flowers and wildlife.

Media used can include photography and video in addition to other more traditional materials. Unfortunately 3d models cannot be accepted!

Send in, scan or take a picture of your artwork along with a short written description (max. 100 words) of what it shows and why you like this part of the estate.

Both
Deadlines:
14th August
2024

Submit entries using the QR code or bring them to our events on 30th July and 7th August



<https://lennox-homesforwandsworth.co.uk/>

All submissions will be exhibited on the estate in September as part of the next community exhibition!

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Lennox Estate News



Newsletter 1

Welcome to the first of our residents newsletters to keep you up to date with our plans for the Lennox Estate. Wandsworth Council is currently considering ideas to develop sites across the Borough as part of its Homes for Wandsworth Programme. The aim of the programme is to deliver much-needed new council rent homes to meet the needs of local residents now, and for generations to come.

We are currently looking at the Lennox Estate as somewhere that could potentially provide new homes alongside



<https://lennox-homesforwandsworth.co.uk/>

improvements to community facilities, play and open spaces.

We will be keeping you up to date on the Lennox Estate Project with regular newsletters. We will update you on the work the project team have been doing and how you can tell us your views and concerns.

Please join us for:

Youth workshops and family activities on the games court 3 - 6pm
Tuesday 30th July and Wednesday 7th August



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What did you tell us last time?

We last saw you in February 2024 and these are some of the things you told us:

- That a lot of families live on Lennox Estate and the types of homes should reflect this
- You said that parking should be better designed and arranged on the Estate
- We heard how important the games court was to the community
- You told us how the green spaces on the estate positively impact your mental health and that you would like to keep them.
- You told us you would want new buildings to fit in with the existing buildings on Lennox Estate

You can contact the Development Team at Wandsworth Council using this email address:
developmentteam@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

What is happening next?

February 2024

We last spoke to you at our community exhibition at the Paddock School and through our website

Spring 2024

The project team have been working on the design of new buildings and spaces. Technical surveys and studies have been completed. We have been talking to the Wandsworth planning department and specialist Design Review Panel.

Summer 2024

Summer events for young people and competition

Autumn 2024

Exhibition to show you the latest designs for new buildings and spaces. We will also display all the entries for the art competition and announce the winners!

Early 2025

We are currently targeting a planning application in early 2025

We are here

<https://lennox-homesforwandsworth.co.uk/>



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Come and tell us about your play space and open space at our Youth Workshops!

Youth workshops and family activities are planned on 30th July and 7th August! Join us for an afternoon of fun and activities at the Lennox Estate games area.

Last time we came to talk to you younger residents told us how important the ball court was to them. We want to hear more from children and young people about how they use this space and other play and open spaces on the estate. We want to hear suggestions from you about how these spaces could be improved.

What? Come and take part in some fun activities including:

- Arts & crafts
- Quizzes
- Photo/nature walks
- Interactive giant plan drawing!

Who? Children and young people who live on Lennox Estate and their parents and carers

Why? This information will help inform our design so we can create spaces that work well for you.

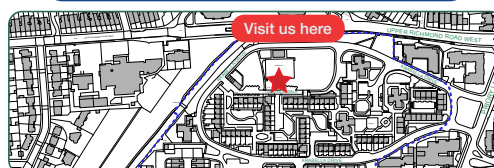
When?

Youth workshop and family activities!

Date: Tuesday 30th July & Wednesday 7th August 2024

Time: 3 - 6pm

Where: By the ball court



Come to one or both events and tell us your views!

Appendix 3: Summary of comments from questionnaire

Name	Gender	age	Describe lennox in 1 word	How often do you play outside?	Who do you usually play with?	What activities do you like to do outside?	What time of day do you usually play outside?	What is your favourite outdoor space(s) on Lennox Estate?	Why?	Do you feel safe on Lennox Estate?	What is your favourite memory on Lennox Estate?	What types of outdoor spaces would you like on the estate?
Liliane	F	7	Spacious	once a week	friends and family	swings, ball games, Dancing, hanging out with friends, walking with friends, tennis	afternoon	Muga	its open, feels safe and clean	yes, friendly and familiar	playing tennis with my mum on the Muga	open spaces and more play equipment
Zaryab	M	12		more than once a week	by myself, also with siblings and friends	football, walking with friends, rugby, ball games, hanging out with friends	afternoon	Muga	its open and I can play most sports there	yes, people are nice		open spaces and more play equipment
	F	11		when weather is nice	by myself, also with siblings and friends	football, made up games and cycling	afternoon - after school					swings, seesaws, big slides. The playground is small and boring
	F	10				football and gymnastics		Muga				Community garden + childrens gardening club
	F	12				football and gymnastics		Muga				Community garden + childrens gardening club
Taria			safe	once a month	friends and family	football, basketball and hanging out with friends						
	F	8	Fun	every 2 weeks, when my friends are outside	friends	walking my dog, imaginary games, gymnastics, trampoline, dodgeball, playing on swings	morning and afternoon	Trampoline in green area	its fun and I play with my friends	yes but not when im alone		more flowers, trees and play equipment
Sethya	M	11	Nice	once a month	friends	football, basketball and hanging out with friends	afternoon	Muga		Yes because it is enclosed and people come here.	Playing with my friends	More private and open space. More trees and plants. More play equipment
Kaeshev F	M	13	Nice	every two weeks	family	football, basketball and other ball games	afternoon	Muga		yes when im with my family	playing basketball with my brothers	more open space and play equipment
Arjen F	M	15	Exciting	every two weeks	friends and family	football, basketball and hanging out with friends	evening	Muga		yes - secure	playing basketball with my friends	more play equipment
	M		Diverse	more than once a week	friends	football on astro and Basketball on Tarmac	Afternoon	Muga		yes	Waterfights with the youthclub when its hot	Open spaces for sports
	M	14	Fun	more than once a week	friends	Football, basketball and Bikes	Afternoon	Park/ Playground	its quite	yes	playing hide and seek	more quite spaces and more benches
		14	Big	more than once a week	friends	football, basketball and hanging out with friends	All day, until 9/10pm in summer	Muga	Its big and got lots of space	yes- I know everyone	activities with everyone at the youth club	astro for football

Appendix 4: Multi media competition entries



Competition entry 1



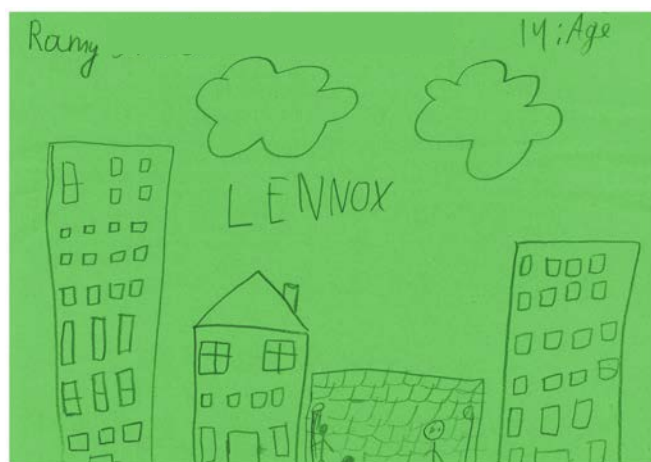
Competition entry 2



Competition entry 3



Competition entry 4



Competition entry 5



Competition entry 6

