

# Summer Update – Improving the green spaces on your doorstep

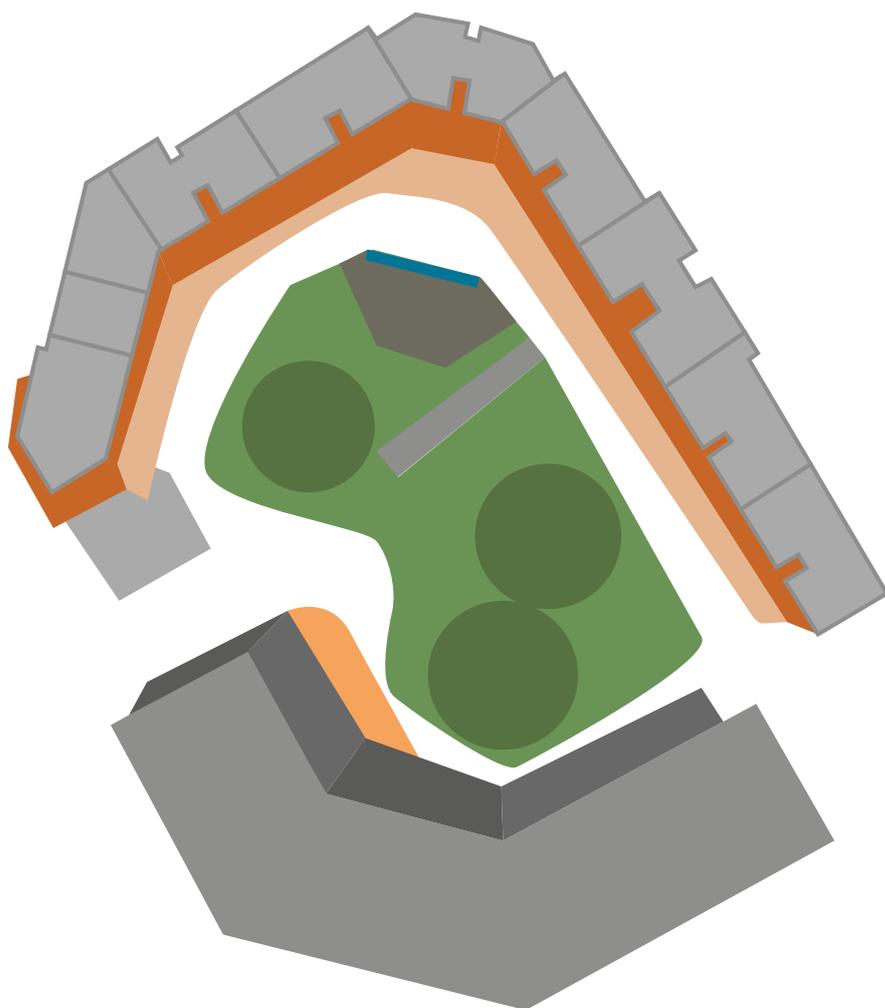
## Tolmer's Square

In March 2019 Groundwork worked with Camden Council to find out what types of improvements you might like to see in Tolmer's Square. You shared your ideas via e-mail, telephone and by coming to one of our engagement events.

We listened carefully to your ideas and priorities. Based on what you have told us we have developed designs and are now able to share these with you.

To make sure you are getting the green spaces that best suit your needs please let us have any feedback on the designs by 5th August 2019.

You can do this by contacting us: [greenspaces@groundwork.org.uk](mailto:greenspaces@groundwork.org.uk) or tel **07525 703 357** or come and talk to us at the next engagement stall.



**Come and see the designs for Tolmer's Square**

**Thursday 25th July  
4.30pm - 7.30pm**

**Square Tavern Pub (outside)**

## What will happen next? When will improvements be carried out?

Based on residents' comments we will finalise the designs over the summer months and share these with you in the autumn with the intention to start works mid-2020. We will keep you updated via newsletters and posters.

### TOLMER'S SQUARE



Due to existing anti-social behaviour issues, the sunken garden will be replaced by sustainable urban drainage scheme with a boardwalk winding its way through the rain garden planting and grasses.

The existing tree seat could be timber clad or reduced in height to discourage perching.

Informal play elements such as stepping stones and balancing beams encourage children to cross the rain garden.

1. New gently domed lawns with path
2. Improved courtyard access to hairdresser - raised beds reduced to 2 planters with multistemmed trees
3. Boardwalk through rain garden planting
4. Entrance planters and artwork
5. New level access through the site
6. Green roofs on bin stores
7. Uplighters beneath trees
8. Informal play elements

The design shows how we propose to make the space brighter and more accessible through better planting and surfacing while retaining its calm green focus. It includes a new lawn area, attractive planting with a boardwalk winding its way through the new planting. We are proposing to introduce new informal play features, including stepping stones and a balance beam.

Residents asked us to:	How we addressed residents' priorities:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve planting to enhance the square for people and wildlife.</li> <li>• Try to design out rough sleeping and ASB and open up the space.</li> <li>• Improve surfacing and accessibility.</li> <li>• Improve lighting.</li> <li>• Improve the entrance ways.</li> <li>• Retain it as a quiet, relaxing space. Add some form of informal play.</li> <li>• Retain buffer planting next to offices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A varied and attractive planting scheme, including a rain garden, grasses and sensory planting.</li> <li>• Improved circulation routes and sight lines to make residents feel safer and encourage usage of the space for play, rest and relaxation.</li> <li>• Improved surfaces and access, including upgrading existing surfaces and new paths.</li> <li>• Lighting upgrades, including feature lighting, e.g. tree uplighters, will create a pleasant atmosphere.</li> <li>• Entrances are made more welcoming through planting and art work.</li> <li>• A varied and colourful planting scheme, combined with informal play features will transform the square into an attractive space for informal recreation and relaxation.</li> <li>• Buffer planting next to offices retained and enhanced.</li> </ul>

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## VISUALISATIONS

