

# Join the Conversation

Welcome to the Wood Green Voices drop-in exhibition.



## Wood Green Voices

Wood Green is your home, the place you come to spend time, shop, eat, meet friends, exercise, work or run your business. Wood Green is also the civic heart of the borough.

Wood Green Voices is your opportunity to have your say on what you love about Wood Green, what places and spaces are important to you, and what needs improving.

### Why is this happening now?

We're all navigating our way through unprecedented times. Severe weather events due to global warming present major challenges; and the COVID pandemic has fundamentally changed how we use connect with local spaces, places and our community. Now the cost-of-living crisis is impacting how we live our lives.

We want to make sure any projects or plans to improve Wood Green will reflect your priorities.

Wood Green is an established place and there are things the council can't change, but we want to start a conversation with you about those things we can.

This is a fresh start, a fresh approach to placemaking in Wood Green and a real opportunity to influence your local area.

**You are the voices of Wood Green.**

### Next Steps

We'd love you to join us for the next stage of the conversations in early December.

We want to share what we've heard from the Wood Green Community and check that we've captured what is important to you all.

### How can you have your say?

The following exhibition boards are your opportunity to share your views. If you want to talk about something else, council staff are on hand.

Please do reach out and share any feedback with them. They can also help if you need this information in a different language or format.

If you run out of time today, you can have your say online at [www.haringey.gov.uk/WGV](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/WGV) until Sunday 20 November 2022.

Or drop-in and see us again on:

- Tuesday 8 November - 2pm - 8pm
- Saturday 12 November - 2pm - 4pm



Your feedback help create a Wood Green Action Plan which will underpin the council's immediate and longer-term placemaking activities in Wood Green. If you leave your contact details today, we will reach out to you directly to update you, or you can check [www.haringey.gov.uk/WGV](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/WGV) for updates.

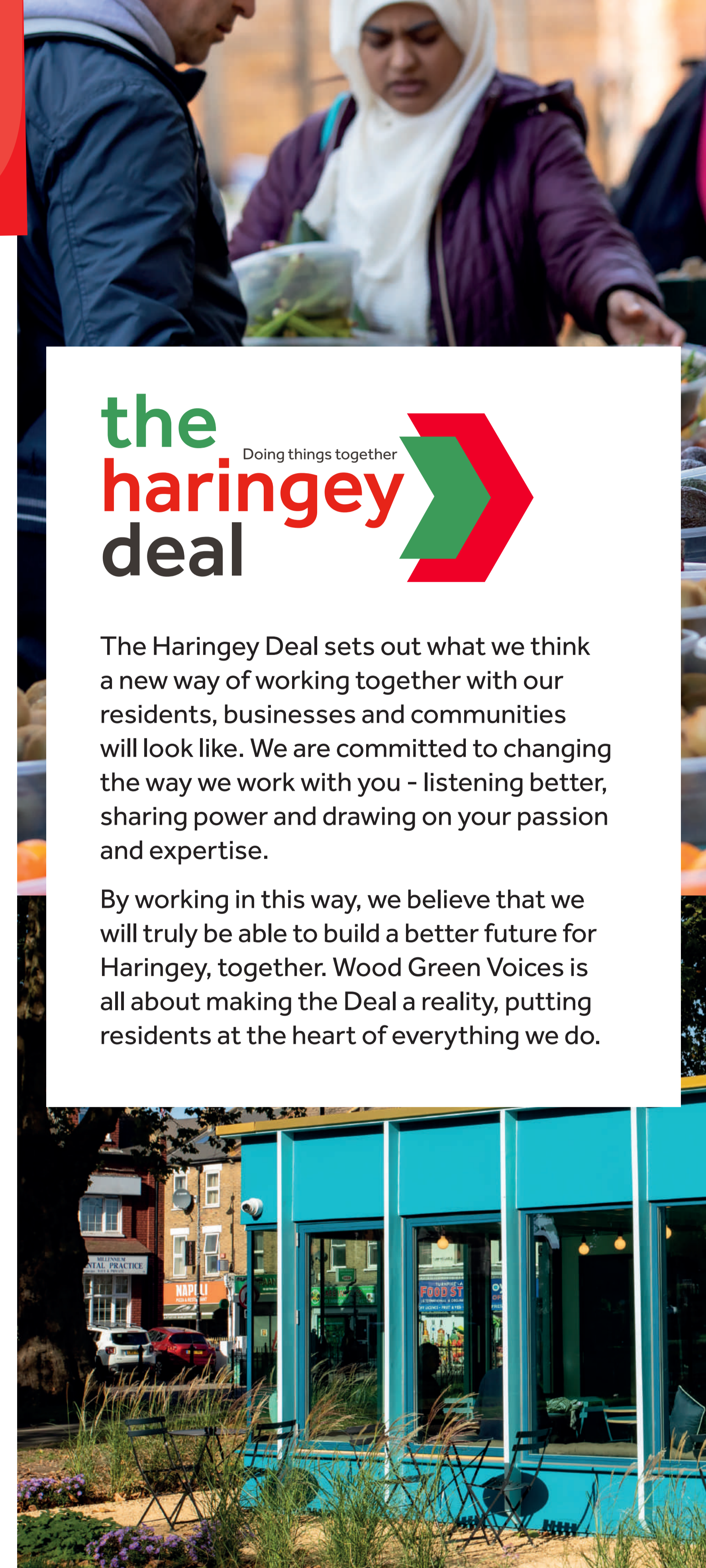
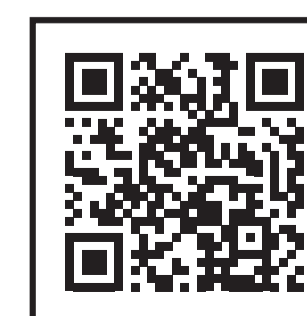


The Haringey Deal sets out what we think a new way of working together with our residents, businesses and communities will look like. We are committed to changing the way we work with you - listening better, sharing power and drawing on your passion and expertise.

By working in this way, we believe that we will truly be able to build a better future for Haringey, together. Wood Green Voices is all about making the Deal a reality, putting residents at the heart of everything we do.

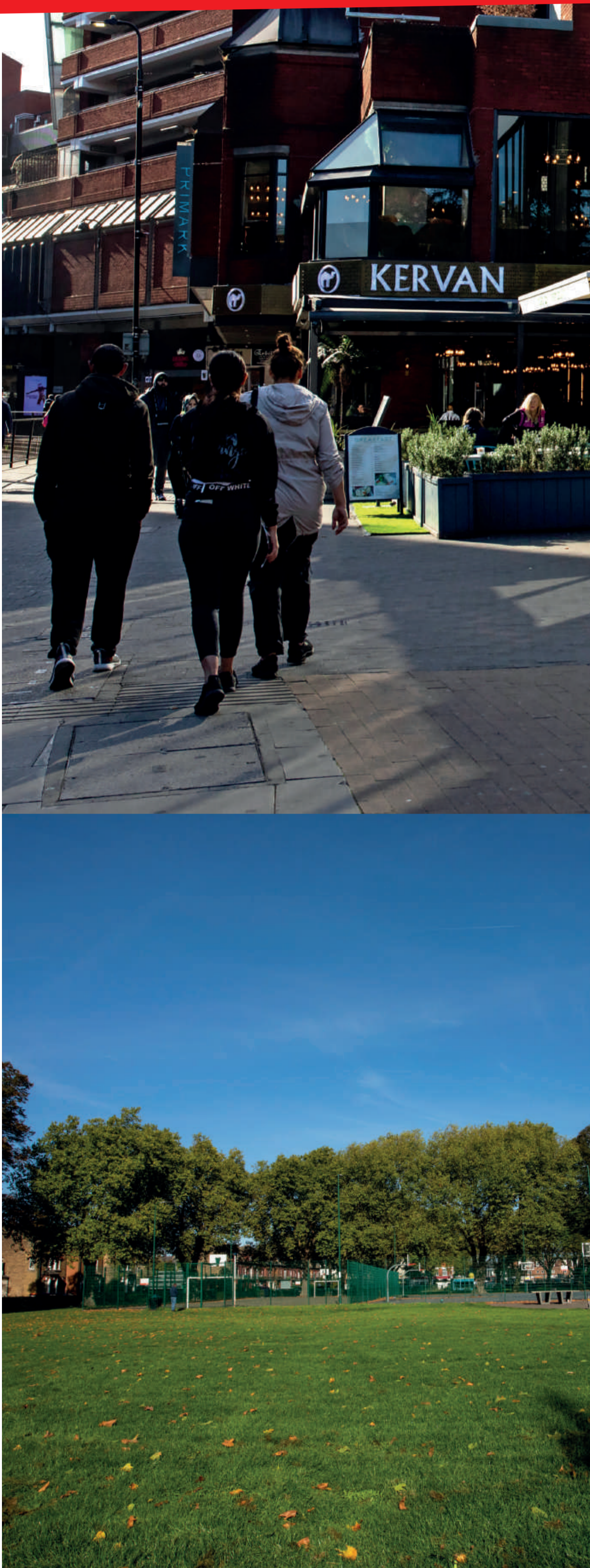


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# What you've told us

Part 1



Some of you may have talked to us before about what you'd like to see improved in Wood Green and for others this will be a new conversation.

Below, you can see a summary of resident engagement that has taken place recently and the feedback the community have given.

## Resident's survey 2021

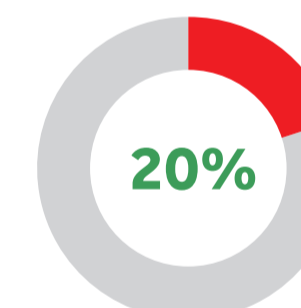
Wood Green residents are **less likely to feel safe after dark** than the Borough average.



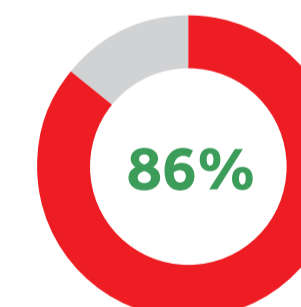
The proportion of Wood Green residents who **feel safe in the daytime** is **in line with the Borough average**.



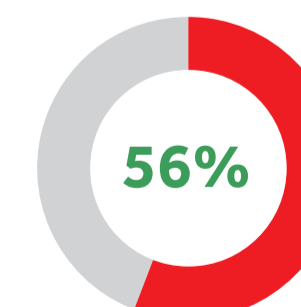
Wood Green residents are some of the least likely in the Borough to agree with the statement: **"I feel like I'm able to influence decisions made by my local council"**, at only 20%.



The proportion of Wood Green residents who are **satisfied with their local area** is exactly in line with the Borough average, at 86%.



Wood Green residents are the most likely to agree with the statement **"I would like to get more involved in decisions made by my local council"**, at 56%.



## Local Plan

The Local Plan is currently being developed for Haringey. This plan will set out the vision for future development in the borough.

An online Commonplace exercise was run in 2021 to allow residents to have their say about Wood Green.

### You said:

- Many wanted public realm improvements to Wood Green centre and Turnpike Lane and better walking and cycling connections from surrounding areas.
- New development should provide a wider and more diverse range of shops and businesses, support local employment and the creative industries.
- New development should be supported by more open spaces and community infrastructure, particularly spaces for young people.
- Accessible public transport options were highlighted as important. e.g. step-free access.
- Several respondents wanted the evening economy directed towards Wood Green centre with a greater variety of activities on offer.
- Some thought that redevelopment of Council owned assets could provide more accessible civic and community spaces.
- New development should help address anti-social behaviour, safety, and help reduce littering.



# What you've told us

Part 2



## The Wood Green Economy and Employment Space Study 2019

The Wood Green Economy and Employment Space Study 2019 (EESS) focussed on creating a better understanding of the current non-retail economy, its potential future growth and its spatial needs:

- What type of premises and buildings do current businesses occupy?
- How might this change in the future?
- What kind of town centre environment would be beneficial to businesses?

One part of the study was a series of interviews with businesses across Wood Green, with the following key issues highlighted:

- Businesses were concerned about safety, poor image, as well as cost of business premises and the potential risk of the regeneration process causing dislocation/rent increases
- The creative and social economy are vital to Wood Green, and are often connected

## Town Centre Vision

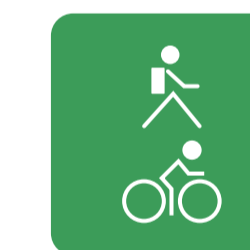
Future Wood Green BID is working with Haringey Council to collaborate with businesses, customers, residents and stakeholders to create a longer-term vision for Wood Green town centre.

The first stage of this engagement was recently completed, so we could understand how you think the town centre should evolve.

**A survey was undertaken and the key themes that emerged were:**



**Physical Environment** - Wood Green Town Centre is often described as tired, dirty and ugly, and people stated they would like to see cleaner, greener environment



**Accessibility** - excellent public transport facilities but vehicle dominated road creates poor pedestrian and cycle experience



**Safety and security** – safety was a frequently recurring theme, in particular in the evening. Crimes such as shoplifting continue to affect businesses on regular basis



**Diversity in uses of high street premises** – concern that the high street dominated by takeaways and phone shops, and perception that those customers with higher disposable incomes are not attracted to Wood Green.



# Tell us **what you think**

Wood Green Today: Part 1



**What do you think about Wood Green as it is now? What are its best bits?**

 Write your response on post-it note and stick it in the space below



**Is there anything in Wood Green that you think could be improved? Something which, with more work, could have a bigger positive impact for local people?**

 Write your response on post-it note and stick it in the space below



**What gets you down about Wood Green?**

 Write your response on post-it note and stick it in the space below



# Tell us **what you think**

Wood Green Today: Part 2



Think about Wood Green as it is today – everything from its buildings and streets, its parks and open spaces, to its businesses and community groups.

**What are the places that make you feel most positive about Wood Green? The places you enjoy, that lift your spirits or which you'd be proud to show visitors?**



Use a blue sticky dot to mark the place on the map. Then, write the location on a post-it note, with a short comment on why you've chosen it, then stick this on the board below.



**And what are the places that make you feel most negative about Wood Green? The places you don't enjoy or which you try to avoid?**



Use a red sticky dot to mark the place on the map. Then, write the location on a post-it note, with a short comment on why you've chosen it, then stick this on the board below.



# TELL US YOUR BIG IDEAS



Imagine you're walking around Wood Green **five years from now**. What would you want to see and feel? For example, think about what the buildings and public spaces would be like, or think about your own street, the shopping areas, or other parts of Wood Green.



Write your responses on post-it notes and stick where there is space or stick under one of the five themes below.

<b>Businesses:</b> shopping, food & services	<b>Public spaces:</b> streets, parks & environment	<b>Leisure &amp; culture:</b> things to see & do	<b>Travel:</b> getting from A to B	<b>Community life:</b> feeling connected & supported
