

PROJECT REPORT 2020



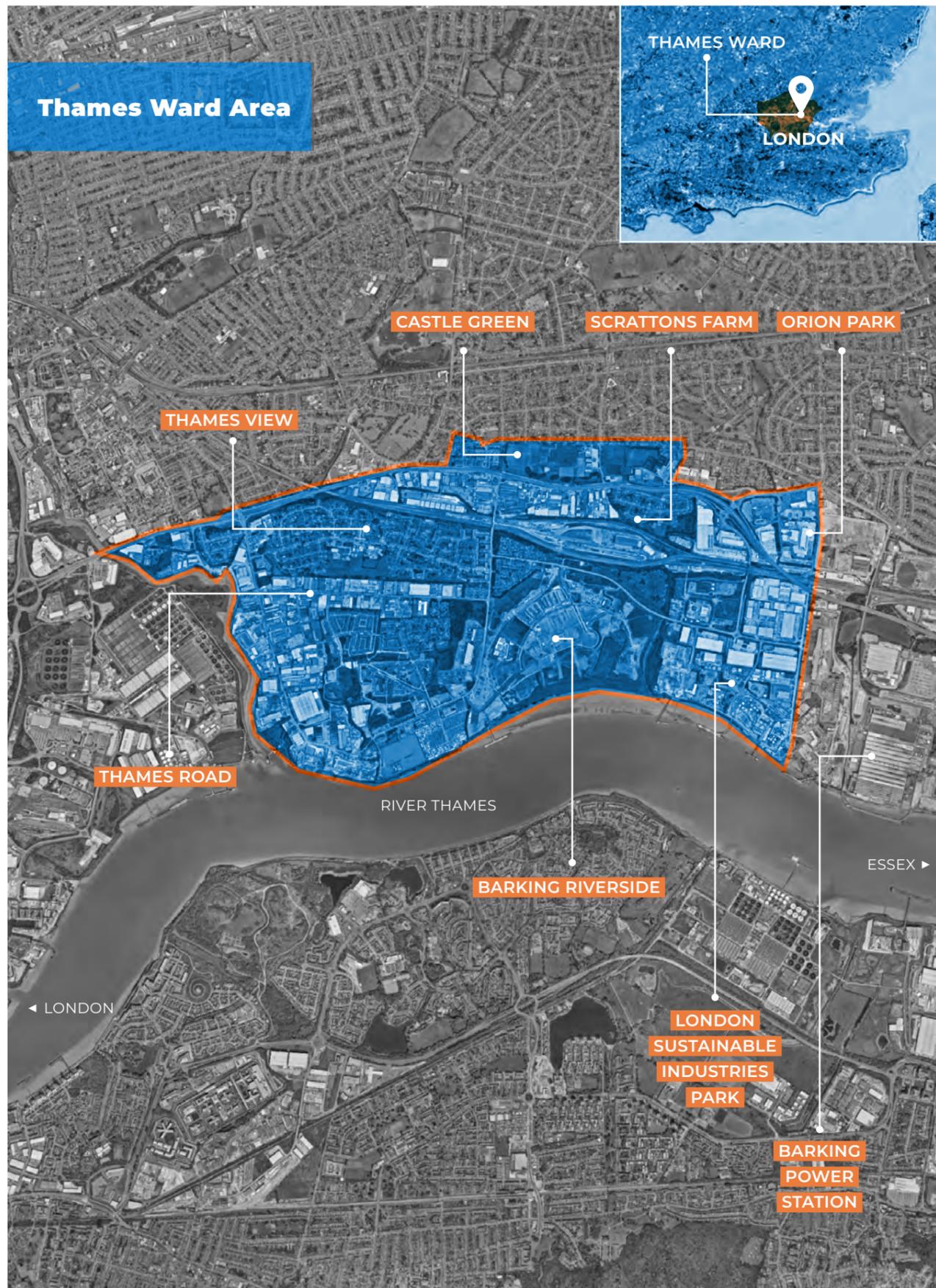
TWCP is a **resident-led project** in one of the most **deprived areas** in the country.

This report document **tells its story going forward...**

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Local Context



Thames Ward is the site of one of the largest housing developments in Europe. Its population has doubled in recent years and will continue to increase thereafter. Yet poverty levels are high with half of the children in the ward living in poverty.

Thames Ward Community Project (TWCP) was a response to this upheaval and the very real divisions (physical, economic and social) that may be exacerbated without a community-led response that brings people together across the entire area.

TWCP has been funded by the Big Lottery for three years (2017-2020) to enable positive community-led change across the whole of Thames Ward. The funding focuses on four themes: cohesion, health, employability and the environment. The project is hosted by Riverside School which employs two full time staff, a Director of Community Engagement (Matt Scott: start date October 2017) and a Community Organiser (Jamie Kesten: start date November 2017).

In 2020 the project went on to employ Amina Hussein and Michael Sarpong, having successfully secured further funding from Trust for London for part time Community Organiser and Communications Manager posts. The project has had a Resident Steering group in place since Summer 2018 and is in the process of forming a resident-led community development trust, as stipulated in the original Lottery funding. In June 2020 the project was successful in securing charitable status for the newly emerging Community Development Trust.



The first Steering Group meeting of Thames Ward Community Project (TWCP) in 2018



Working with TWCP on Thames Ward has been a joyful and meaningful experience. They are valued community partner who have enable us to gain access train resident in the tools and skills and community organising for change on issues they care about. Through the Inclusive Growth Summits, local bus campaign, and involvement in our housing campaign, impact of our work with TWCP has been ground-breaking and has empowered residents to have a voice, be at the negotiating table with position-holders.

EMMANUEL GOTORA
CITIZENS UK



Mission statement

The project will bring together schools, community groups and residents from across the Thames Ward of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham over a period of 3 years to develop initiatives that will:

- Ensure residents have a strong voice and can influence change in the area over the next decade
- Achieve better health outcomes and quality of life for residents
- Increase residents' skills and job opportunities
- Improve the local environment

By the end of 2020 the project will have established a resident-led Community Development Trust to continue this work into the future and to ensure that the initiatives that emerge over the next 3 years are sustainable.

Vision statement

TWCP aims to be a catalyst for sustainable community-led change.

Our theory of change

Long term sustainable change is only possible when it is defined and led by local people, who initiate their own agenda and build it from within the local community.

WITH THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS:





The development of TWCP has been remarkable over the last few years. From a standing start it has grown into a diverse organisation with broad reach and developed resident leadership from across the Ward. Moving into the area I was impressed by the appetite from people living here to engage and shape the development of the area. Whilst there is a hunger to make change there has historically been a lack of organisation in civic society in the borough.

TWCP has strategically positioned itself to harness the energy, strength and expertise of resident voices and worked systematically to equip us to lead the change we want to see. TWCP is at an exciting moment, after much groundwork, it is now poised to see even more rapid change across all areas of community life. As a resident, steering group member and local faith leader, I am hugely optimistic about the future of our community because of the presence of TWCP and the strength of relationship across all key stakeholders to make a material impact in the years to come that will have residents at its heart.

ANNA POLLARD

HEALTH & WELLBEING, TWCP STEERING GROUP



2014/2015: Margaret Hodge champions TWCP

Margaret Hodge MP called for an initial feasibility study which concluded that the need for investment in the people as well as the housing of Thames Ward was vital. This led to the search for funding for the TWCP and the identification of Riverside School as host to the project.



2016: Power to Change grant

In June 2016, a six month programme of community organising was initiated via funding from a 'Power to Change' grant of £25,440 to do outreach and develop support for a longer term three-year programme of work. 'Power for Change' identified Thames Ward as a 'cold spot' that had traditionally lacked the forms of community infrastructure that other areas can access.



2016: Residents get involved

Over 75 residents indicated a willingness to be directly involved with the project and a further 300 residents agreed to be part of a database of contacts. A Citizens Action Group (CAG) of Year 10 students at Riverside School led on further outreach work and undertook a number of environmental and local history activities.



2016: Power to Change themes & conclusions

The 'Power to Change' work highlighted 5 themes:

- 1: A divide between the older estates and new developments.
- 2: Services under pressure as the population expanded.
- 3: Lack of communication and little information about existing activities.
- 4: A lack of activities for young people.
- 5: Tensions between different groups as they struggle to promote their activities.

They concluded the following things were needed:

- Community organising approach
- An honest broker
- Resources
- Working with young people
- Working with partners
- Generating community business (Council, Developers, etc.)

At the end of the 'Power to Change' project a recommendation was made to seek long-term funding. This process took over a year and was finally successful in July 2017.



2017: Big Lottery funding awarded

Funding from the Big Lottery (£311, 558) was awarded in July 2017 to fund a Director of Community Engagement and Community Organiser based at the school for three years.

The project aims to fill the following gaps:

- Environmental neglect
- Overstretched services for families
- Low levels of participation
- Lack of community-wide voice
- Fragmented community; isolation & fear
- Fragile community groups
- Lack of community enterprise

The project is a catalyst that will unleash resources within the community. The aim being to ensure sustainability of the project beyond the initial 3-year period of Lottery funding, including the creation of a Community Development Trust (CDT).

The project is about specific projects including gardening, volunteering, resident voice, but also a more strategic longer term focus that seeks to build community businesses and assets that will enhance entrepreneurship and community control of resources and decision making.

The bid submitted to the Lottery described this in the following way:



"The project activities and the people we work with will not change. But a CDT will provide a more viable, long-term framework. We hope it will be fully functioning within three years. In the meantime it will help our partners broker their investment and intentions with the whole community; help residents access new training and job opportunities; identify and support community enterprises; generate additional income for a sustainable future, and provide a strong community voice in relation to the 'development juggernaut' that could so easily ride rough-shod over this community."

How to measure the project

There are four outcomes to measure the project by:

1 COHESION: The community will be stronger and more cohesive, with the leadership and organisational capacity to seize new opportunities and build a sustainable future.

2 HEALTH: Residents, especially the elderly, will enjoy better physical and mental health and well-being, through exercise, better eating, reduced isolation, mutual support and better services.

3 EMPLOYABILITY: Residents, especially young people, will gain skills and feel more confident about their future employability and life chances.

4 ENVIRONMENT: The image of Thames Ward will improve. People will perceive it to be a cleaner, more attractive environment that encourages neighbourliness and makes better use of local facilities.

2018: Resident Steering Group



Resident Steering Group in place and 6 thematic action groups operating including the Young Citizens Action Group which secured £1m investment in local transport campaign – persuading Transport for London to run more local buses.

Lord Kerslake addresses our first growth summit and supports our work, alongside local partners London Borough of Barking and Dagenham and Barking Riverside Limited, to achieve inclusive growth. Project gains license to occupy at Sue Bramley Centre.

2019: Securing extra funding

Project secures funding from:

- London City Airport
- Near Neighbours
- Barking Riverside Limited
- Laureus Foundation
- Trust for London



2020: New charity and lockdown response



A new charity (Thames Life) is created as the new resident Community Development Trust takes shape.

TWCP organises local coordination of food deliveries during lockdown, runs online classes and works with the British Red Cross to deliver hand sanitisers to 5,000 households in the ward.



TWCP has successfully transformed the ethos and culture of social action in this part of Barking to leave a legacy of sustainable altruistic social participation. There is an aesthetic impact of their work too and a glowing sense of community pride that follows.

The status of the project has been superbly led to grow in synergy with community capabilities; both initially low, with a blossoming that followed to surpass all expectations.

TWCP is now community led, with truly independent governance, charity status and is increasing its financial sustainability at a remarkable pace. It is now widely recognised that investment in this project, at this stage, will manifest exponential benefits in this community, and wider, for the foreseeable future.

ANDY ROBERTS
HEADTEACHER, RIVERSIDE SCHOOL





TWCP 20 achievements for 2020

- 1: 5,000 hand sanitisers delivered to every household in Thames Ward during lockdown.
- 2: **Locality lead partner working with BD Collective and EOED delivering food & essentials in lockdown.**
- 3: Developing resident-led projects and supporting them via online classes – ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages), yoga, cooking, music and drawing. Pierre Epoh Moudio wins two awards for ESOL for Parents.
- 4: **Holding four growth summits attended by 300+ people. 3,000 conversations contributing to our Resident Charter.**
- 5: £90,000 successful bid to Trust for London.

- 6: **£1M investment won by Young Citizens Action Group for increased bus services from Transport for London.**
- 7: Community Garden for Riverside secured by Young Citizens Action Group.
- 8: **Chairing Sports 4 Good Barking and winning £30,000 for resident-led projects.**
- 9: Riverside News funding secured for community stories and future editorial board.
- 10: **Bringing together the three local Resident Associations**

- 11: Weekly Young Citizens Action Group and Young Organiser leadership and planning classes.
- 12: **Case studies of best practice featured in Town & Country Planning Association, Compass and Citizen School publications.**
- 13: Five workshops on emergency planning convened with the British Red Cross.
- 14: **Key involvement and adviser role with Barking Riverside CIC Learning Forum**
- 15: Lead role on Thames Locality Board working group. Shaping new model of care and partnership working with BRL, CCG, LBBB and Health Watch.

- 16: **Digital explorer project in collaboration with Digilabs, EOED, Just Map, British Red Cross, LBBB Data Explorer & BRL.**
- 17: Young activist project led by our youngest steering group member Emmanuel Oreyeni receives a funding grant from BD Renew.
- 18: **License to occupy and activation of Sue Bramley Centre as site of community events.**
- 19: Collaboration with Be First and Community Led Housing London on small sites programme.
- 20: **Steering Group meetings with LBBB Leader and Deputy Leader, BRL director, LBBB CEO, MP and senior stakeholders to embed collaboration.**

UEL evaluation

JUNE 2019 INTERIM REPORT

UEL Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) has been appointed by TWCP to act as independent evaluators to this Big Lottery-funded project, running from 2017-2020.

METHODS

UEL have undertaken the following activities since our contract began in February 2018:

1. Worked with TWCP staff to identify tools for measurement and documentation
2. Attended a range of events – both organised by TWCP and in which TWCP has been a partner
3. Had in-depth meetings with staff to discuss and review progress, challenges and successes
4. Undertaken an online survey
5. Provided the steering group with training on self-evaluation and partnership working

ONLINE SURVEY

In March 2019 we circulated an online survey by email to residents and partners. The aim was to understand how TWCP progress is viewed including progress made to establish a Community Development Trust.

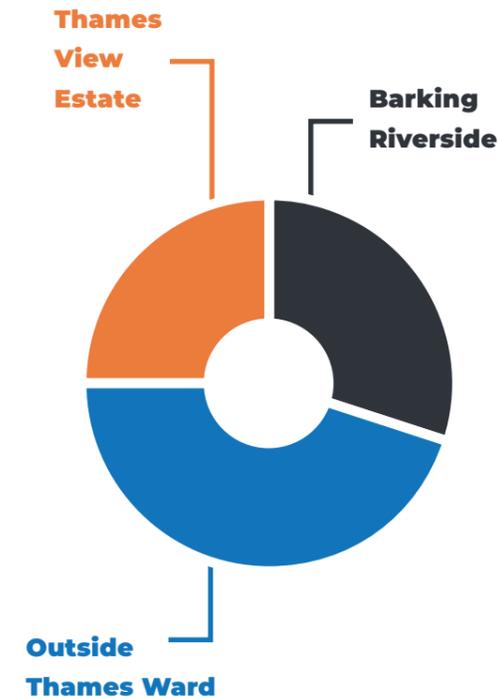
A Leichardt scale was used for some questions, others allowed free text. Responses were anonymous, though we are able to break down by residents (Thames View, Barking Riverside) and partners. In addition, we can identify who is associated directly with the project, such as a steering group or founder.

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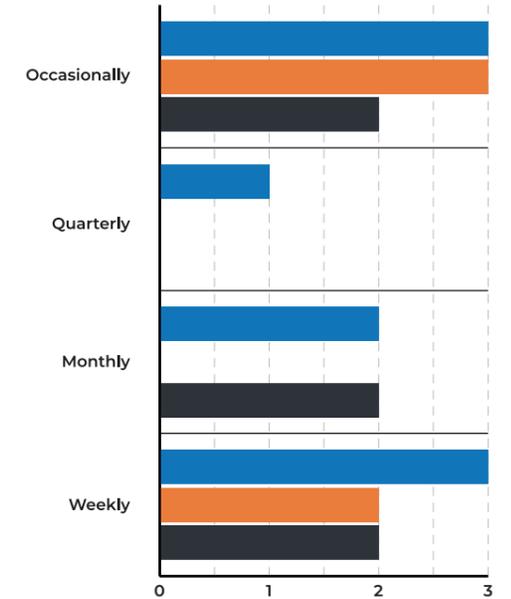
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- Thames View Estate
- Barking Riverside

SCALED RESPONSES RECEIVED:

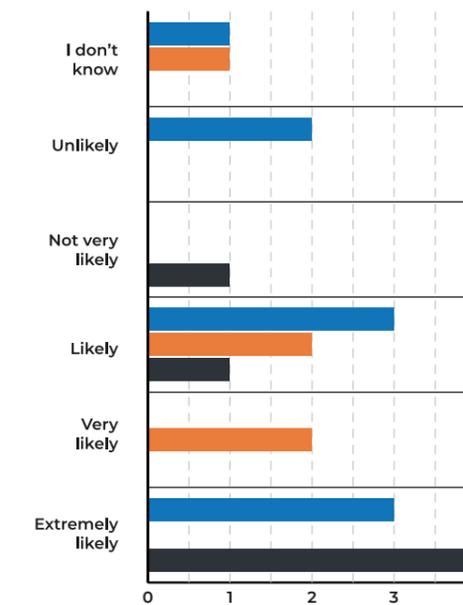
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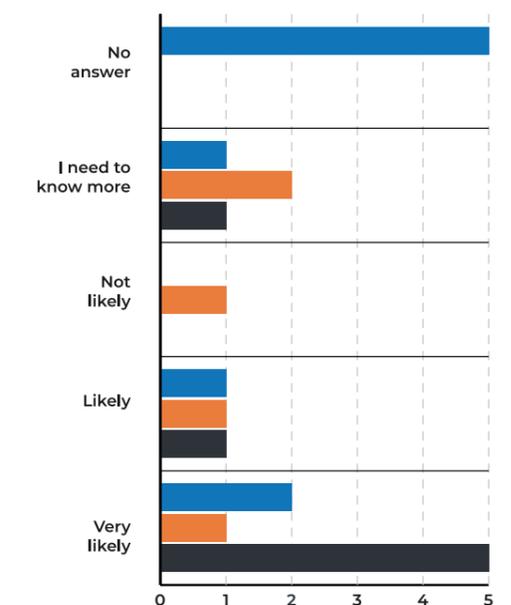
How often do you engage with the Thames Ward Community Project?



How likely do you think it is that a Community Development Trust can support all residents of Thames Ward?



How likely is it that you will play an active role in a future Community Development Trust?



INTERIM REPORT CONCLUDING STATEMENTS:

The quantitative responses show that TWCP is largely seen as having a positive impact among engaged residents. The qualitative responses provide further useful feedback that adds depth to the results outlined above. A sample of comments received are shown below, split between residents and non-residents.

TWCP has made sure various groups within the ward meet regularly, **provide training to residents to build up their skills and confidence.**

I think Thames Ward Community project (TWCP) is doing well to **improve social cohesion** and generally engaging with the community in Thames Ward. I think the project is focusing strongly on improving health. I think there has been less improvement in improving residents skills.

TWCP has brought together the **three residents associations** in the ward and tried to forge a **sense of unity and purpose** through campaigns to **engage the residents** with the other stakeholders such as councillors and leading council executives, on **issues important to residents.**

The project is focused on **enabling members of the community** to be able to **contribute to decisions** that are being made about the **community.**

ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

TWCP is the first local civil society organisation to be established in Thames Ward and came out of the identified need (by a previous project) to support existing and new local residents by championing inclusive growth in a rapidly changing environment and building capacity of local residents to articulate needs and aspirations with larger, more powerful institutions such as the local authority, strategic developer and strategic health partners.

Such work has not been previously undertaken by civil society groups and this has, inevitably, often placed TWCP in a position of challenge to the status quo.

Given the vacuum of community activation when TWCP was established, the fact that, in the first eighteen months of the project, the two staff have brought together a broad demographic range of residents across Thames Ward who have become established as a core Steering Group is a significant achievement for TWCP. Another notable success in terms of social cohesion has been in bringing the three separate location-based TRAs together on a regular basis for joint meetings.

The Steering Group has, as a result of the ongoing engagement and support, received capacity and skills building which is enabling them to become more confident and proactive in the local community.

The methodology adopted by TWCP staff has focused on holding resident workshops to build skills and networks, the twice yearly growth summit, the ongoing development of a citizen charter and the engagement of a core group of young students in community activation through Riverside School. The Director has also attended many partner meetings and is routinely invited to events and processes.

Therefore, In terms of empowering a small core of individuals to become engaged in discussing the future of Thames Ward and the Barking Riverside development, and creating visibility for this new organisation, TWCP appears to have been successful in a short period of time.



TWCP has played an important role in helping local people in the Barking Riverside area bring their energy and voice to bear on long term local developments.

In the two years of our involvement with them, TWCP has made quite an impact in creating valuable connections between local people and in generating a growing pool of knowledgeable professional outsiders who supplement local resources.

The role that TWCP is playing is much needed. It is hard to imagine how the developments of the past few years could possibly have happened without such an organisation.

A great start has been made and the confidence of the community is visibly growing, but there is a long road to go in the development of Barking Riverside and an organisation such as TWCP is absolutely vital.

MARIAN LARRAGY
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LONDON



Final report

SEPTEMBER 2020

EVALUATION SCOPE AND RATIONALE

UEL Sustainability Research Institute (SRI) has used the Evaluation Guide by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) to present the final evaluation report. The concept of self-evaluation is particularly transformational and encouraged for sustainability.

SRI EVALUATION STEPS

In addition to 2019 interim report work the SRI has had to adapt work due to the constraints of the 2020 pandemic and thus undertaken 4 qualitative interviews with members of the Steering Group.

We focused on semi-structured interviews to reflect on the visions and outcomes of the project. The conditions of lockdown have limited face to face interaction but have provided space for reflection and opportunities to explore other ways that the project outcomes can be met. It is a unique time in which the evaluation is taking place and this is taken into account as the project is evaluated for its impact over the last 2.5 years.

In March 2020 we attended a virtual Steering Group meeting to bring forward the idea and benefits of evaluation and self-evaluation in holding the project accountable to its long-term vision. We discussed evaluation as a learning process and an opportunity of reflection and re-focus. During this process, the steering group was asked about their own ideas of what evaluation should be and how best to gather evidence.

Their suggestions on ways of gathering qualitative and quantitative data came down to a key word- 'storytelling'. As external evaluators, we take the idea of storytelling on board and aim to understand the project through the eyes of the steering group, community members and project participants.

INTERVIEW METHODOLOGY

Using the Joseph Rowntree Foundation's guide to evaluations, and in conjunction with the project's bid and proposed outcomes, we prepared a list of interview questions for the purpose of leading semi-structured interviews with members of the steering group.

4 interviews were scheduled and recorded in the first weeks of April 2020. The analysis below presents the data to tell the story of the TWCP, evaluate the project's achievements in terms of its indicators and identify opportunities for future improvement.

The interviewees, all proud members of the TWCP steering group and residents of Thames Ward, have different motivations and interests for joining the project, but they all have collaboration and empowerment as a common theme.



PERSON ONE:

Public health professional and Thames View resident. interested in improving mental and physical health.

He sees in Barking the need for 'people to be happier' and described how TWCP can be the 'catalyst' of change in the community, in the form of energy.

He sees the work of TWCP in bringing in funding and resources to the community as vital for this.

TWCP's biggest achievements are identified as: partnership working with local government and stakeholders, building resident skills, employability and confidence, creating the Young Citizen Action Group, fundraising and access to a community garden.

The diversity of the TWCP Steering Group makes it more approachable and relatable to the community.

His participation in the Steering Group has given him a 'sense of achievement' and has improved his own thinking and planning skills as well as his confidence in approaching people in key positions.



PERSON TWO:

A financial journalist and Barking Riverside resident

Identifies the main problem in the area to be its fragmentation.

She is passionate about community and making sure that residents' voices are heard, which is why she joined as a steering group member from the beginning.

She has seen things changing through the efforts of TWCP.

The fragmentation issues between the different stakeholders and residents and within the wider resident community itself are far from being solved.

TWCP has helped in terms of engagement and in bringing residents of different areas together. The TWCP growth summits in particular are a major step towards creating a space for this. Such public meetings work very well into also communicating some of the achievements of the project because they can be told through different means such as art or theatre.

As continuous growth in the area for the near future is predicted it is important that residents have established a relationship which will continue to be empowered by the resources provided by TWCP to create a strong and resilient community.

She identifies 'people power' as the most important thing that makes change happen.

Another major achievement of TWCP is the funding and investment brought in, either by TWCP itself or by projects backed up by it, such as the new TFL bus route requested by the Young Citizen Action Group.

The interviewee identifies that now is the time when all the projects are in fruition- ESOL, Yoga, Art and DJ lessons, all projects brought to TWCP by residents, are established and continuing during the lockdown.

TWCP also trained and supported residents following the Barking fire last summer in collecting testimonials and starting a resident-led enquiry.



PERSON THREE:

Grown up in Thames view, the third participant has a lifelong experience of the area as a young man and now as a professional music producer, DJ, musician and youth worker.

As a coach and a Steering Group member he is interested in creating spaces and facilities for youth to focus their energy in learning soft skills.

As a young man growing up in the area he was conscious of the lack of services and opportunities in an area he describes as having its dangers. Following his return from university he has taken a mentoring role, teaching young students how to DJ and advocating for vulnerable members of the community.

He feels it is important for young people to see 'what is possible' from a member of their own community- 'they don't have to go far away to find influence', 'I was once in your shoes'.

He wants to empower and train young males to communicate in a way that they will be heard- to 'build a legacy for themselves'.

It is important, he says to listen to the right people, and to make sure voices are heard. This is why the diversity of the steering group is one of the biggest achievements of the TWCP- they are from different residential areas and backgrounds but they are 'all in together' 'fighting everyone's corner'.

The growth summits and the response to the fire are the best examples of working collectively and bringing the community together.



PERSON FOUR:

**Youngest member of the steering group, at 17.
Has been a resident of Barking Riverside for 8 years.**

As a college art student part of his role is to 'visually represent the amazing work that residents are doing in the community', some examples of which include the local hero series (drawing local activists as superheroes) and a comic book (illustrating the success stories of the TWCP).

As a young person himself, he feels it is important for youth to be taken seriously in decision-making as they will be the ones inheriting the area. He wants to take away stereotypes attached to youth, and that are created by the lack of resources for them.

By bridging the generational gap within the community he hopes to see more social cohesion. 'There is nothing to do in the area' and this is where the TWCP can contribute through its support of YCAG and the various projects.

He describes one of their biggest achievements as finally getting the community garden keys from the developer; after years of waiting and trying, school children sang their song 'All we want for Christmas is keys' which he included in his comic. The keys were recently handed to them. He says most people in the area have heard of the TWCP, through the various events and discussions and that everyone is invited to be part of it.



When invited to evaluate TWCP's visions and goals the interviewees focused on two main themes:

COMMUNITY-LED

- It is community led because the residents are the ones bringing in projects and developing them, and the role of TWCP has been to support them and make things happen through resources and providing a platform
- The steering group is made up of a diverse group of residents
- The role of TWCP has been to empower and offer resources to the community (in the response to the fire for example)
- 'Giving ownership to the community'
- Residents take up roles of teachers, trainers, coaches etc
- Residents are learning how to write bids and to reach for things they want
- The role of the community workers of TWCP is to help and guide residents to lead, now and in the long term through the CDT

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- The Steering Group represents the demographic and is thus approachable and appealing to residents
- The Steering Group is empowered and given confidence to interact with the community by talking to neighbours within and across the three residential areas.
- TWCP has become a mediator in the area between different stakeholders and resident associations, breaking silos and creating a platform for engagement
- TWCP offers the opportunity to residents to represent themselves while tapping into local networks.
- Events large and small (from the growth summits to skills training) are held locally and attended by local people- mainly students and active community members as well as local stakeholders
- Young and elderly are included

The interviewees were also asked to reflect on the four specific outcomes of TWCP, here are the key points from their responses:

ANALYSIS

The interviewees are able to reflect on the changes in the community, on the ongoing efforts and on their visions as a community group. Progress and success, in this case, is measured through their primary experiences with TWCP and within their residential community. Their valued feedback paints a picture of success and goal-oriented optimism.

The interviewees stress Lottery funding and subsequent funds brought in by TWCP has made a great difference to their community.

The first years of TWCP have been a process of establishing itself and planting roots (literally and figuratively) within the community, the responses have indicated that this is a time-consuming process but that TWCP has remained focused on its vision and outcomes throughout and is currently in a phase where those roots are producing fruit.

The participants of this research are positive about the developments in the area so far and, as members of the steering group, have hopes and ideas about its future. For this to be a possibility, more funding will be necessary to continue to support ongoing projects and to be able to establish a sustainable strategy for the future.

Interviewees describe Thames Ward before TWCP as a divided community, with the lack of communication and empathy between the different residential groups one of the major problems. The interviewees have illustrated through their testimonies how this is no longer the case, and this is seen as one of the biggest achievements.

Interviewees have expressed how the group's response to the Barking Riverside fire is an indication of the cohesion created by the perseverance in establishing the concept of the Ward as a single strong group.

The individuals interviewed feel that their role as a Steering Group member has empowered them to achieve more, and they are bonded by common motivation and commitment to their values. They understand the process of evaluation and are interested in self-evaluation training.

Under the current circumstances of uncertainty, difficulties as well as opportunities might change processes, the following section is a reflection on this.



I want creative, strategic thinkers with real expertise. I also want people who have got the passion and the energy to turn those ideas into action to make a real difference. People who can build alliances, problem solve and get things done.



GRAEME COOKE

DIRECTOR FOR INCLUSIVE GROWTH,
LONDON BOROUGH OF BARKING AND DAGENHAM

COVID-19 AND TWCP

While some systems put in place prior to the lockdown have had a positive impact, it was the quick response of TWCP to lockdown measures which is impressive. As the dangers of Covid-19 make Barking and Dagenham a high risk area, the lockdown has provided TWCP opportunity for reflection and organization. The interviews allowed space for consideration of current events and their effect.

TWCP has invested in a various platforms and social media including a Zoom account to make sure that meetings may be continued without interruption. The evaluator participated in a number of these, including the interviews undertaken particularly for the evaluation. Their planned video project has also taken advantage of online video recording to continue production. One of the important responses to social isolation was to support the continuation of projects and the introduction of daily scheduled courses that residents are invited to participate in during lockdown. For example, one interviewee spoke to us about teaching online art lessons.

While projects will inevitably be affected, there is an urgency to be responsive to the daily changes. The response to changing circumstances has indicated an adaptability and resilience. While the fundamentals remain the same for TWCP, the emphasis has shifted into a response mode for recovery. The main focuses of skills-building and health and well-being are thinking beyond the current situation and into future where these will become even more important in the post-lockdown world.

Continuing communication on WhatsApp, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Zoom is positive. One interviewee highlights that this situation is difficult for those with no or limited access to internet or a computer, but unfortunately this is a wider societal problem. The interviewee stated that the community is doing its best to reach out to vulnerable people. Whether initiated by TWCP or not, this indicates the importance of steps taken towards social cohesion, and might be a direct result of these.

ONGOING ACTIONS DURING COVID-19:

- 5,000 resident surveys and hand sanitiser distributed
- Leading the coordination and distribution of food across Thames Ward as part of BD CAN
- Holding resilience workshops with the British Red Cross
- Forming a resident digital explorer group and mapping the Ward via a geo map (Create Streets)

TWCP arranged meetings with members of the council to examine available Ward data spanning recent years that could be used to support the evaluation but beyond a few headline figures information was hard to come by so we have chosen to mediate this with in-depth observations on individual experiences from representatives of the community

TRUSTEES AND STEERING GROUP MEMBERS

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APPENDIX 1

TWCP evaluation – semi-structured interview questions

- Please introduce yourself
- What is your role in TWCP?
- Tell us about why you joined

As a community member:

- What problems did you want to solve?
- What problems do you want to solve?
- What do you think makes change happen?
- Which do you think have been the biggest achievements of TWCP?
- Can you tell us a story that illustrates these?
- What do you think is the best way to tell this story to the world and to the community?

As a member of TWCP:

- What are the visions and goals of TWCP?
- How does TWCP achieve community engagement?
- Can you tell me more about how it is a community-led project?
- Who has been participating in events and projects?
- How has TWCP made change happen?
- TWCP has received funding to achieve specific outcomes, how do you think these are met?
 - Social cohesion
 - Health
 - Employability
 - Environment
- What do you think the future of TWCP is? And what would you like it to be?
- How is it going to achieve its vision and outcomes
- Lockdown reflections on community engagement?
- Any final comments?



It was great working with Thames Ward Community Project over the past two years. Project leads worked closely with residents to motivate and organise the community – something much needed in this area. Some of TWCP’s community champions worked with Sustrans to steer a park regeneration scheme which has now been successfully delivered.

This is testament to the capacity building that the project enabled. It is great to hear that a Community Development Trust has now been established.



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