## Changing Attitude & Use to Re-purposing Streets

The journey so far for the Green Finance of Islington Pocket Park Framework

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### Introduction





Nature Positive Initiative – **Nature positive by 2030** is an ambitious global goal for nature, equivalent to the 1.5°C goal for climate.



# One of Islington's missions is to become a greener healthier borough

'Tackling the climate emergency is critical to securing the health and sustainability of our communities and neighbourhoods'











# Community-Led Highways Greening Programmes

- Test and Learn Pipeline Programmes: Phased, small scale, inclusive, low cost, no dig & low risk;
- Capacity building: community maintainer champions training programmes. Opportunities for revenue savings;
- Additional Funding for resourcing of individual project with boroughwide perspective and resourcing mobile teams;
- Islington Garden Parklet No. 1 Stewardship Success Story









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Greener, healthier Islingt

Council's vision for re-imagined public spaces continues with launch of Islington Greener Together programme







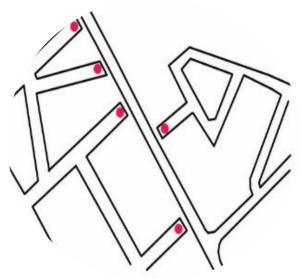






### **Pocket Park Framework origin**















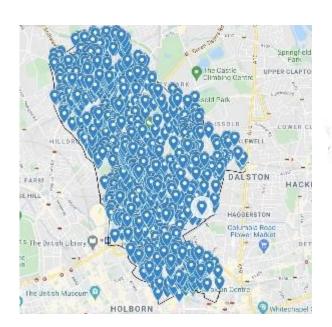




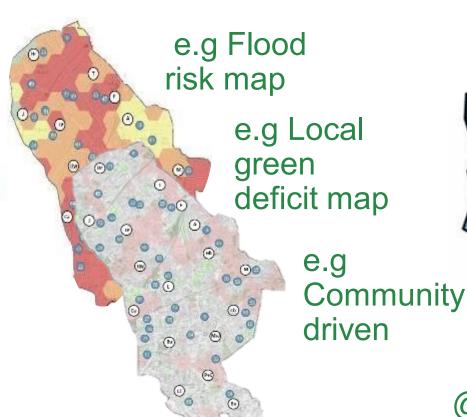


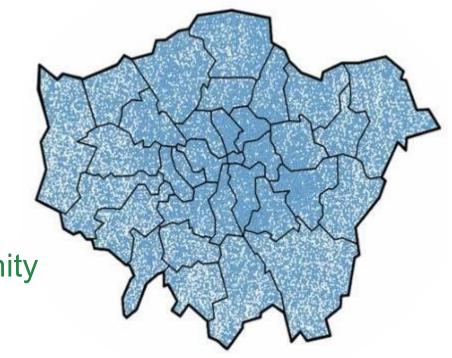
Greater London local authority led 'proof of concept'

priority pipeline



@30% Islington £50m 6 ha/ 300 pocket parks





@30% Greater London, £1.6b 200 ha/ 9,600 pocket parks











### **Green Finance for Islington Pocket Park Framework**











- Define ecosystem services
- Streamline landscape, process, resources and governance
- Research new green financing models and new emerging market drivers

READILY
INVESTABLE
PIPELINE OF
PROJECTS













### Bundling ecosystem benefits from pocket parks



#### **Tangible**



- Physical results
- Measurable benefits, e.g Urban Greening Factor

#### Attainable



- Realistic timeline and budget based on constraints
- Well resourced

#### Impactful



- Meets expectations
- Desirable benefits
- Modelling capital, maintenance and resource

#### **Community driven**



- Demand and needs driven
- Maintained by community











### **Emerging Pocket Park Design Framework**

80% Tree and

urban planting

20% Community

Meditative garden

80% Pollinator

friendly habitat

planting 20%

Community

access space

Urban Bee Garden

80% Urban SuDS

20% Informal

play and access

Informal Play



FUNDING (DONORS, INVESTORS, COMMUNITY)

MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE

#### SPATIAL DESIGN TYPOLOGIES

#### NATURE/PEOPLE BALANCE

People & Nature

PLACE / COMMUNITY NEEDS

CONTEXT CONSIDERATIONS

Place

Place

#### DESIGN COMPONENTS

POCKET PARK

100% Maximise tree planting

Micro-Forest

100% Pollinator

friendly habitat

Orchard

100% Urban

SuDS

Rain Garden

access space

50% Tree and urban planting 50% Community parkings spots for cyclists

Active Transport

Social gardening

20% Tree and urban planting

80% Community multi-functional

Multi-Functional Space

50% Pollinator friendly habitat planting 50% Community access space

friendly habitat planting 80% Active frontage and commercial spillout

Parklet Commercial Frontage

50% Urban 20% Urban SuDS 50% Art SuDS 80% Play Instillation

Urban Playground

No% Raised No% Paved **OFF-TAKERS &** STEWARDSHIP FUNDING

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+ MANAGEMENT & MAINTENANCE :

SPATIAL DESIGN NATURE/SOCIAL BALANCE: 100% Nature provision 0% People provision

+ COMMUNITY NEEDS: 100% Dense micro-forest planting

+ CONTEXT CONSIDERATIONS: 100% Depaying of surface with deep excavation for tree pits

**DESIGN COMPONENTS** 



















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DELIVERED









NATURAL



Urban Art



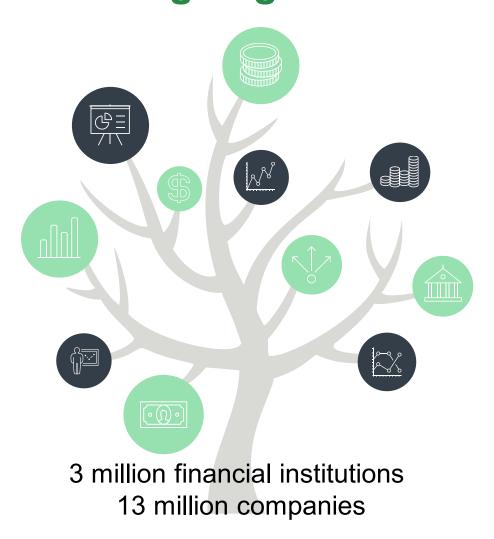


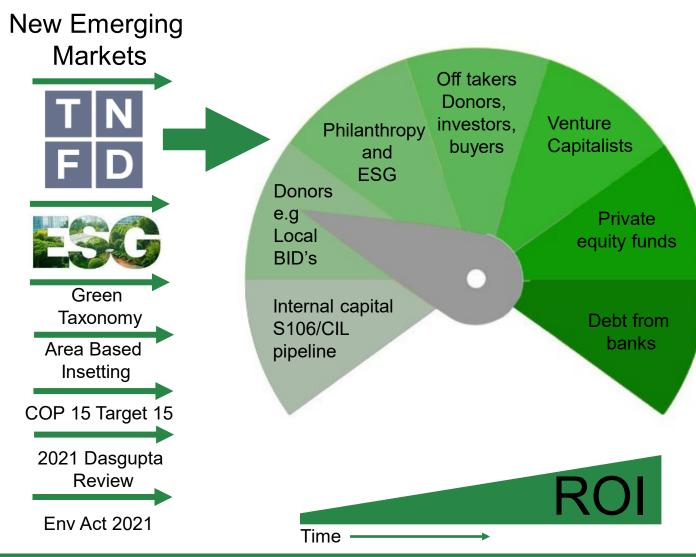






### Who is going to invest?















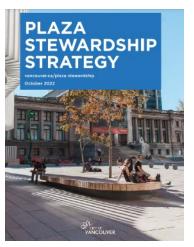


### **Developing the Pocket Parks Stewardship**

- Community-led projects from inception to after care
- Incorporating stewardship requirements from the outset from integrate funding within the finance model through to incorporate water source in design response
- Anchoring stewardship model with a local institution & charity that could be scaled boroughwide or wider - exploring opportunity with LNPC Rangers
- Sharing lessons with others and exploring research with UCL/LNPC including Stewardship models

















### Early Adopters programme – 1<sup>st</sup> pilot location @ Robert's Place











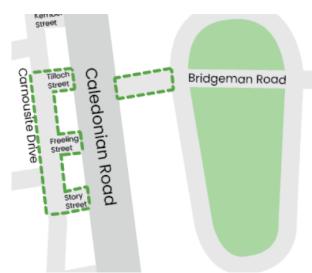








### **Cally Neighbourhood – A Potential Testbed for Value Generation**

























# Q&A

### Thank you

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