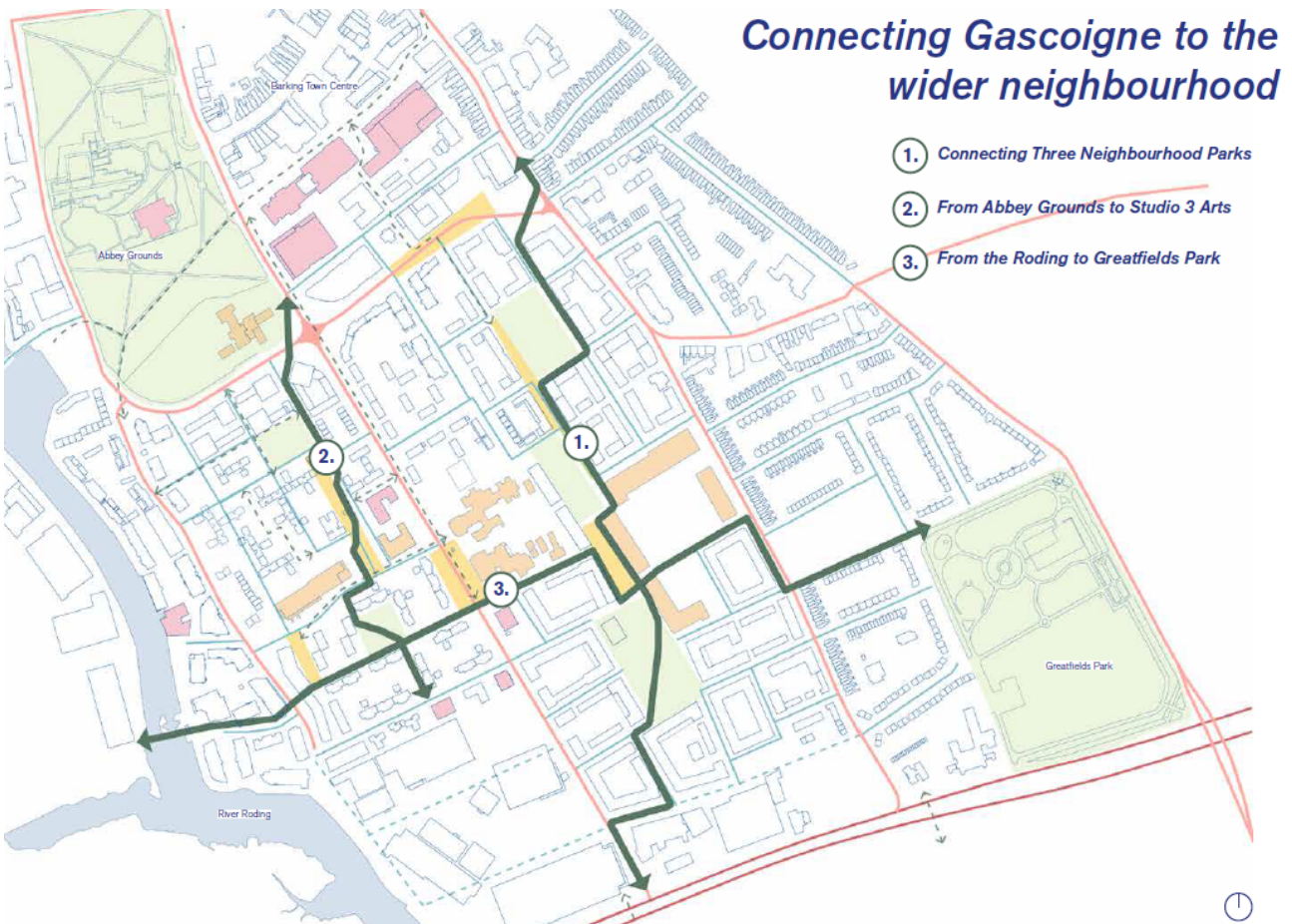
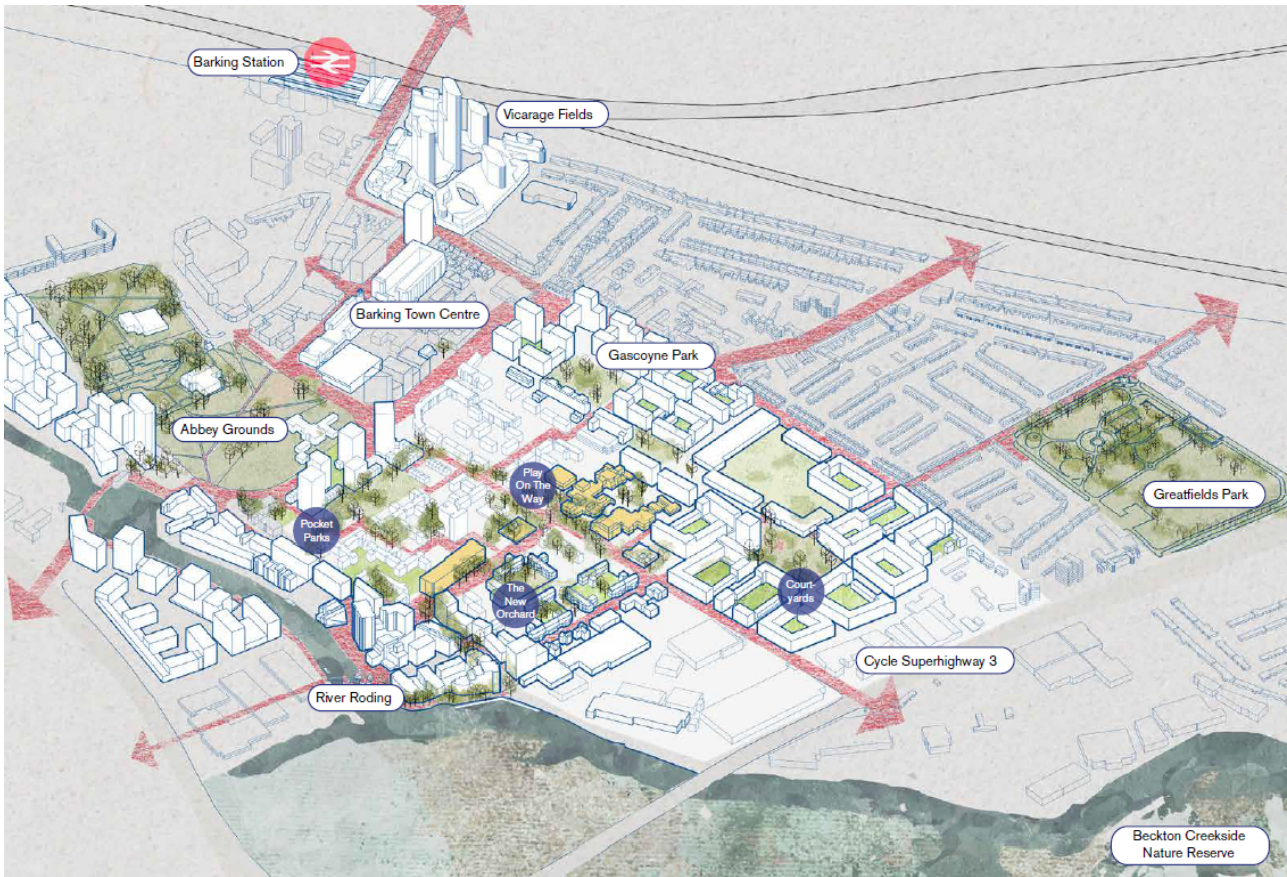
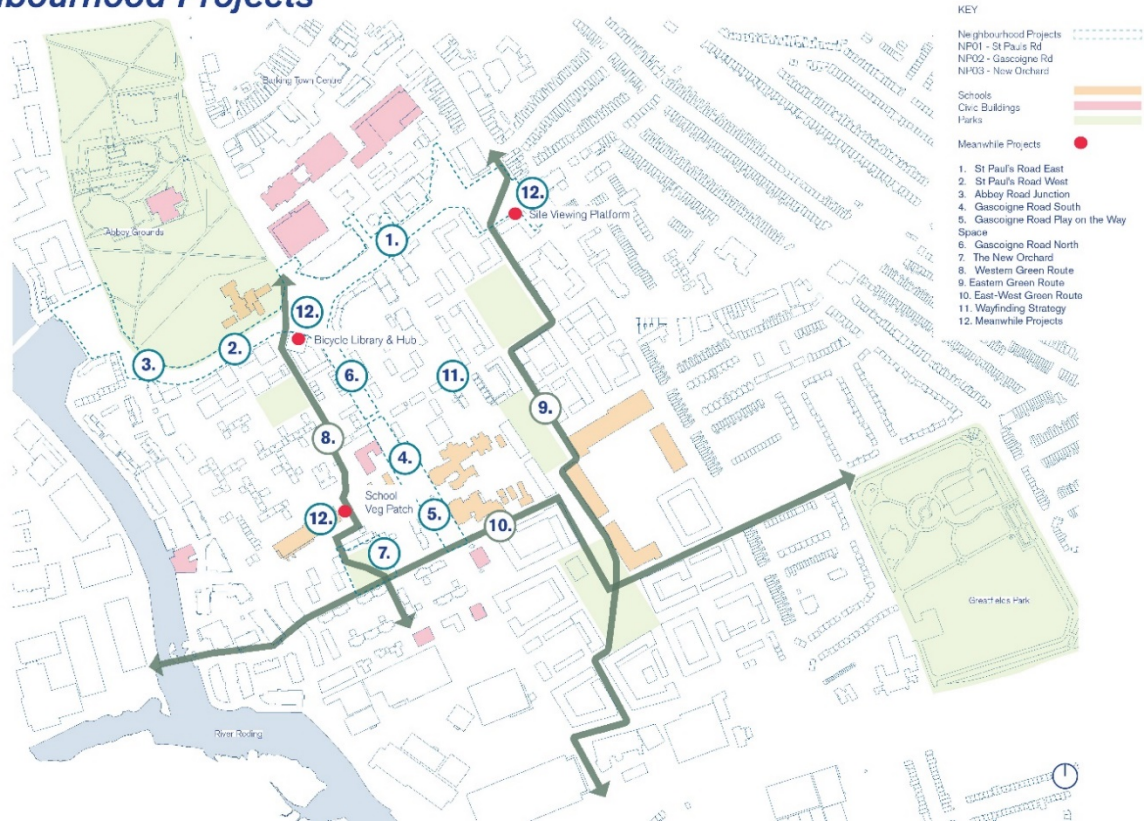


Appendix 2. Placemaking Strategy Plans and Projects



Neighbourhood Projects



The following Neighbourhood Projects (NP) have been identified and costed as part of the strategy, illustrated by the plan above:

1. St Paul's Road East

Description:

Carriageway improvements including the narrowing of the highway, removal of the St Pauls road-Gascoigne Road roundabout, pavement widening, SUDs, tree planting and new level crossings.

Impact:

Road improvements to St Paul's Road will have significant positive impacts on the health and wellbeing of residents. It will reduce the severance caused by the road between Gascoigne and the town centre, improve conditions for pedestrians and cyclists and introduce significant new tree planting and SUDs, contributing to improved biodiversity. Removing the roundabout and replacing it with a traditional junction will create a safer and more pleasant environment to cross the road as well as provide new public realm opportunities to the front of St Joseph's Catholic School, the Axe street development and Gascoigne West Phase 2.

2. St Paul's Road West

Description:

Provision of carriageway improvements, pavement widening, SUDs and trees at the junction of Gascoigne Road and The Shaftesbury's. Play on the way (informal street playspace) and a new pocket park opposite the Gascoigne school.

Impact:

In combination with St Paul's Road East, upgrading St Paul's Road west will reduce the dominance of cars and support a better environment for pedestrians and cyclists to create a step change in the connectivity between the Town Centre, Abbey Grounds and the Gascoigne neighbourhood. Tree planting and SUDs will improve biodiversity and reduce traffic noise.

3. Abbey Road junction**Description:**

Provision of neighbourhood garden project including raised beds for productive landscaping, apple trees, seating areas and community landscape gardens. Associated pathways and paving.

Impact:

Realigning the Abbey Road junction will create a gateway space for residents and users of Gascoigne and Abbey Road areas with a focus on community gardening space. This will improve the connection between the Abbey Road area, the Gascoigne neighbourhood and Abbey Grounds as well as create a sense of arrival and a small public space for people to dwell. Public realm improvements will improve air quality and biodiversity in the area.

4. Gascoigne Road street improvements - south**Description:**

Carriageway improvements, SUDS, pavement improvements and traffic calming measures, new trees and paving along Gascoigne Road.

Impact:

Streetscape improvements will reduce the severance of the road, making it a more attractive environment for pedestrians and cyclists and appropriate for the 'front gates' of Gascoigne Primary School and the two nurseries that front the road. Improvements will create a safe cycle connection between Barking Town Centre and Cycle Superhighway 3 that is located to the south of Gascoigne.

5. Gascoigne Road play on the way**Description:**

Provision of carriageway improvements, SUDS and traffic calming measures in front of Gascoigne Primary School with a new play space located on unused green space to the eastern side of Gascoigne Road.

Impact:

A new public play space in the heart of the neighbourhood that faces the primary school will create a social space for school kids and parents providing an opportunity to improve social cohesion. This will support the objectives to create better and safe open spaces and reduce severance between the eastern and western parts of Gascoigne caused by the existing poor road design and provide opportunity for biodiversity improvements.

6. Gascoigne Road street improvements - north

Description:

Carriageway and pavement improvements, SUDS and traffic calming measures, new trees and paving between Gascoigne Primary School and St Paul's Road

Impact:

Similar to NP4, streetscape improvements to Gascoigne Road north will reduce the severance caused by the poor design of the road and significantly improve the environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The north section of the road forms an important gateway to the area where it meets St Paul's Road, adjacent to Abbey Grounds and the new development on Axe Street. Public realm improvements will improve air quality and biodiversity in the area.

7. The New Orchard

Description:

Development of existing square and playground into a productive landscape with allotment gardens and apple orchard with associated landscaping and play equipment.

Impact:

A new orchard in the existing area of Gascoigne will support community, social and health and wellbeing objectives in the neighbourhood as well as draw on the history of the area. The redesigned courtyard space will provide new outdoor community activity space, playspace and enhance movement through the area for pedestrians and cyclists. It will also improve the overall environment for residents living in close proximity to the courtyard.

8. Western Green Route

Description:

Improved pedestrian north-south route connecting Studio 3 Arts to the new public square on Gascoigne West phase 2, the St Pauls Road improvement and new crossing to Abbey Green.

Impact:

The new route will support safe and attractive pedestrian and cycle movement through the neighbourhood, improve wayfinding and improve connections to local nodes such as Studio 3 Arts and Abbey Green. The new route will be the primary north-south corridor for pedestrians and cyclists travelling through the western part of Gascoigne. The project will support the creation of safe and accessible outside public space, play on the way (informal on-street playspace) and enhance the biodiversity in the area through tree planting and SUDs.

9. Eastern Green Route

Description:

Improved pedestrian north-south route connecting Kingsbridge Park in the south with Gascoigne Park and St Paul's Road improvements and new crossings to Barking Town Centre.

Impact:

Similar to NP8, a green north-south route through the eastern part of Gascoigne will improve pedestrian and cycle movement through the neighbourhood. The route will support better wayfinding and connections between new areas of development to the south with the north of Gascoigne and beyond to Barking Town Centre. The design of the route will support the creation of safe and accessible outside public space, play on the way and improve the biodiversity of the area.

10. East-West Green Route**Description:**

Improved pedestrian east-west route connecting the River Roding to Greatfield Park via the orchard and Kingsbridge Park.

Impact:

Improve pedestrian and cycle connections between surrounding local assets, such as the River Roding and Greatfields Park as well as through the Gascoigne neighbourhood. Will support the creation of safe and accessible outside public space, play on the way and improving the biodiversity of the area.

11. Wayfinding Strategy**Description:**

Signage implemented across the neighbourhood including bespoke wayfinding signs, milestones and tree tagging alongside creative paving interventions to aid wayfinding.

Impact:

A successful wayfinding design will positively impact the way residents and visitors enter and move through the neighbourhood. Engaging and attractive signage, coupled with public space interventions, will support the ambition to encourage multi-generational use of public spaces across the neighbourhood.

12. Meanwhile Projects**Description:**

Three meanwhile projects: viewing platform and hub, cycle library and growing space for local schools.

Impact:

Meanwhile projects across the neighbourhood will support residents through the significant transition that is taking place across the area. The projects will support community cohesion and engagement in the regeneration of the area and provide attractive and safe places for the community to meet and engage in public activities.