

Future Plumstead

Working with
the community

Overview

In February and March 2026 we spoke to more than 400 local people to find out their feedback about the area and their priorities around key themes to shape the framework.



Pop-ups and tag-ons around Plumstead



Mapping feedback to understand the area



Community Vision workshop

Future Plumstead: Shape how your area will look, feel and work



Online survey completed by more than 200 people



2 day programme with local 16-25 year olds



Model making ideal landscape and public spaces



Engagement with local businesses

Responding to your priorities around key themes



Connections, green spaces and sustainability

- **Safe, clean and active green spaces that are better connected.** *This is at the heart of our overarching strategies for social and green connections and the character of residential areas and parks.*
- **Less traffic dominant, cleaner and greener streets that make the area more pedestrian and cyclist friendly.** *This is a key objective within the framework across the whole area.*



Supporting Plumstead High Street to thrive

- **Wider, less cluttered pavements and well maintained public realm.** *We have developed an approach for improving pavements and public realm.*
- **Reduce traffic and congestion, more crossings and better commercial loading.** *Our proposals for the gyratory and Pettman Crescent would reduce traffic on the High Street. Additional pedestrian crossing and an approach for improved loading has been explored.*
- **Opportunities for new shops and cafes and support existing shops to maintain a welcoming and tidy frontage.** *We have identified potential for ground floors of new sites to extend the high street and potential for more shopfronts improvements schemes.*



Improving local health and well-being

- **Create more outside exercise and leisure opportunities.**
 - **Make more of existing community spaces and provide events that allow people to come together.**
 - **Improve access to range of health services for better mental & physical health**
- Improving social connectivity between key spaces and services and improving local parks are built into the framework..*



New homes and emerging communities

- **New residential developments should also improve local services and amenities.**
- **It's important to protect, enhance and define local character.**
- **Provide affordable homes for local people.**

The Plumstead URF identifies potential development sites which could include new housing. Where these are taken forward the URF emphasises that active, commercial and community uses at ground floor should be incorporated as well as reflecting the architectural character of the area.



Revitalising the local industrial area

- **Encouraging new businesses into the area.**
- **Supporting existing businesses and community to grow, modernise, or relocate in area.**
- **A safer, cleaner and nicer environment.**
- **The idea of creating an 'anchor' in the area that activates it and interfaced with the community e.g. Power Station.**

We have ideas to enhance this area as a thriving space for new and existing industry, that creates more jobs, is safer, greener and a good neighbour to local residents.



Other ideas and comments

- **Antisocial behaviour:** *Improved lighting, visibility and spaces that enable social behaviour run through the framework. The Council have plans to increase enforcement across the borough.*
- **Maintenance:** *The importance that maintenance and upkeep play in creating a sense of place was a key message we heard from our engagement. The council are planning ways to embed ongoing maintenance costs into future improvements.*
- **Parking:** *is a key issue across Plumstead. To make wider improvements, the framework sets out principles for a kerbside arrangement which balances the needs of different users.*
- **Management of Houses in Multiple Occupancy:** *Whilst outside the scope of proposals within the URF, feedback on these topics has been heard and will continue to be shared with the council teams addressing these issues.*

Focus areas for improvements

The Gyratory and area around the station

The western part of the boundary feels unsafe and unwelcoming.

Car dominance, a lack of crossing points, poor public realm around the station, ASB in Pettman underpass and between the station and the Mosque are issues that people want to see addressed. There is a desire to make it a better, more vibrant arrival point to the area, with improved cycle connections towards Woolwich.

The High Street

(including Lakedale and White Hart Road) were the most frequently mentioned routes in need of improvement. Issues include congestion on the road and pavements, run down appearance of buildings and shopfronts as well as issues with paving, cleaning and maintenance, especially of recent improvements.

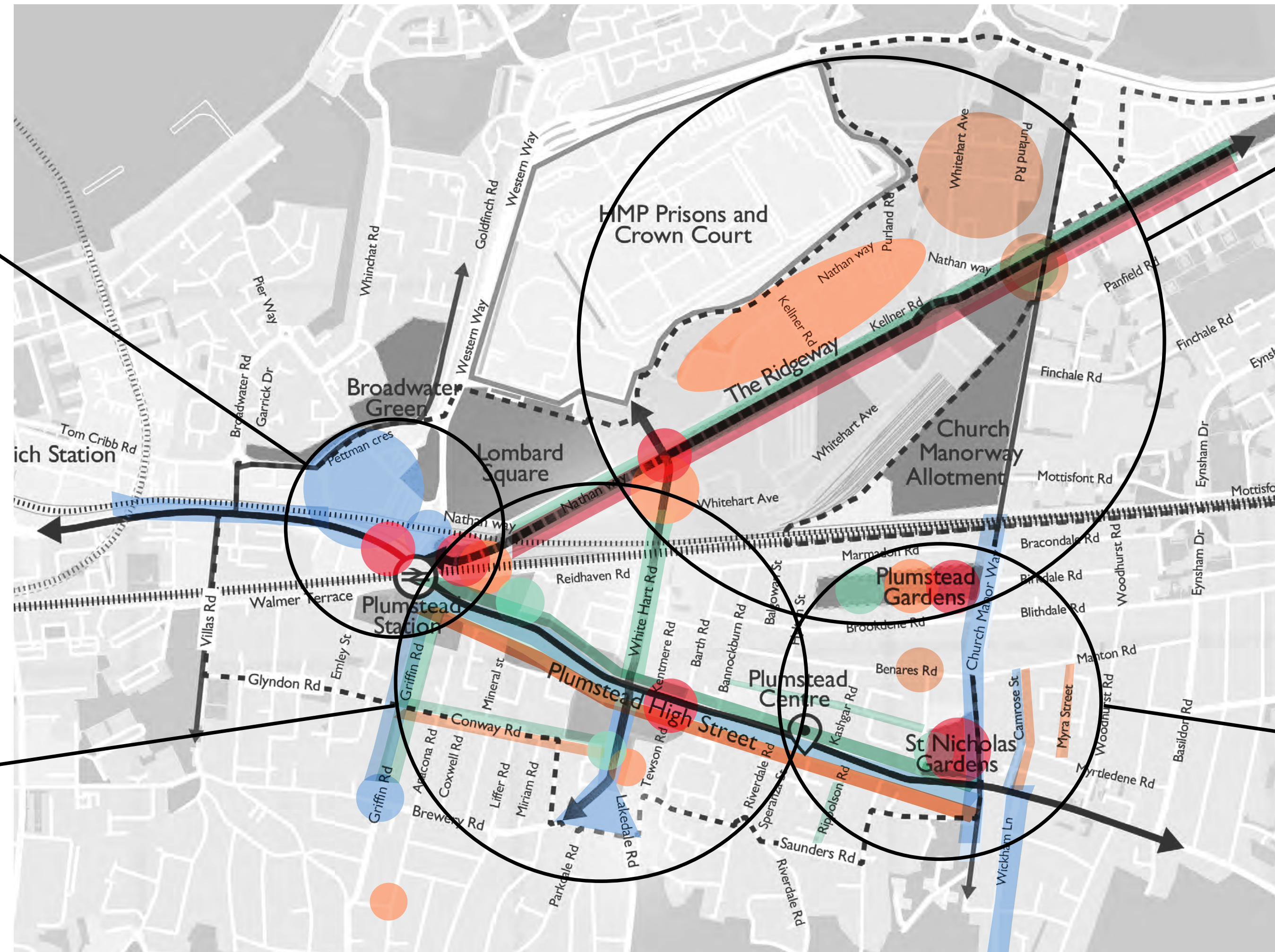
The Ridgeway and surrounding area

This route, and the industrial surroundings, are seen by some as a potentially unique asset. However, the area presents issues including a run down appearance, lack of activation, poor maintenance and poor lighting leading to it being a hotspot for ASB and a prevalence of fly-tipping.

Local Parks and Church Manor Way

The eastern part of the URF area had multiple issues reported. ASB in both parks, fly-tipping and dangerous roads/ crossings are especially pronounced given the proximity to Bannockburn Primary School and Nursery.

People feel there is both a need and opportunity to redefine this zone as a family friendly area with active parks and school streets.



Waste management

Traffic & road safety

Anti-social behaviour

Maintenance

Where possible feedback from local people has informed the plans for the framework. Where feedback relates to things that are outside of the scope of the project we have passed it on to the relevant council departments.