

What are HTA doing?

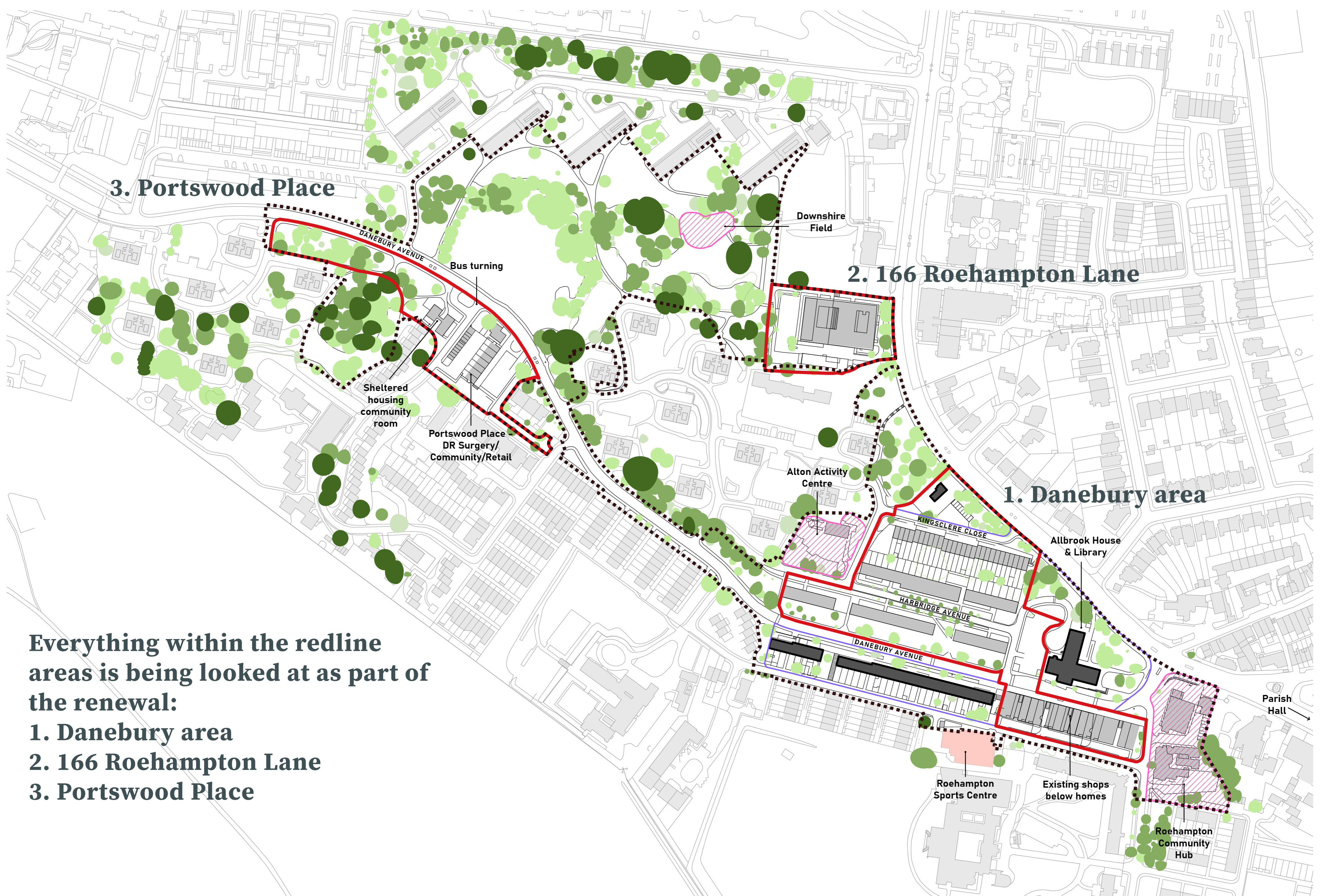
On behalf of the council, we will review all the design work undertaken to date and, through engagement with local residents, develop new proposals for the Alton.

This will produce a preferred area layout that ensures the very best environmental, social and economic outcomes for everyone living here, as agreed in the council's wider Alton Renewal Plan, with a focus on affordable housing.

We have spent some time meeting people and talking to them about what they would like to see happen to the Alton, and we have collected that feedback together here.



Which areas are affected



Everything within the redline areas is being looked at as part of the renewal:

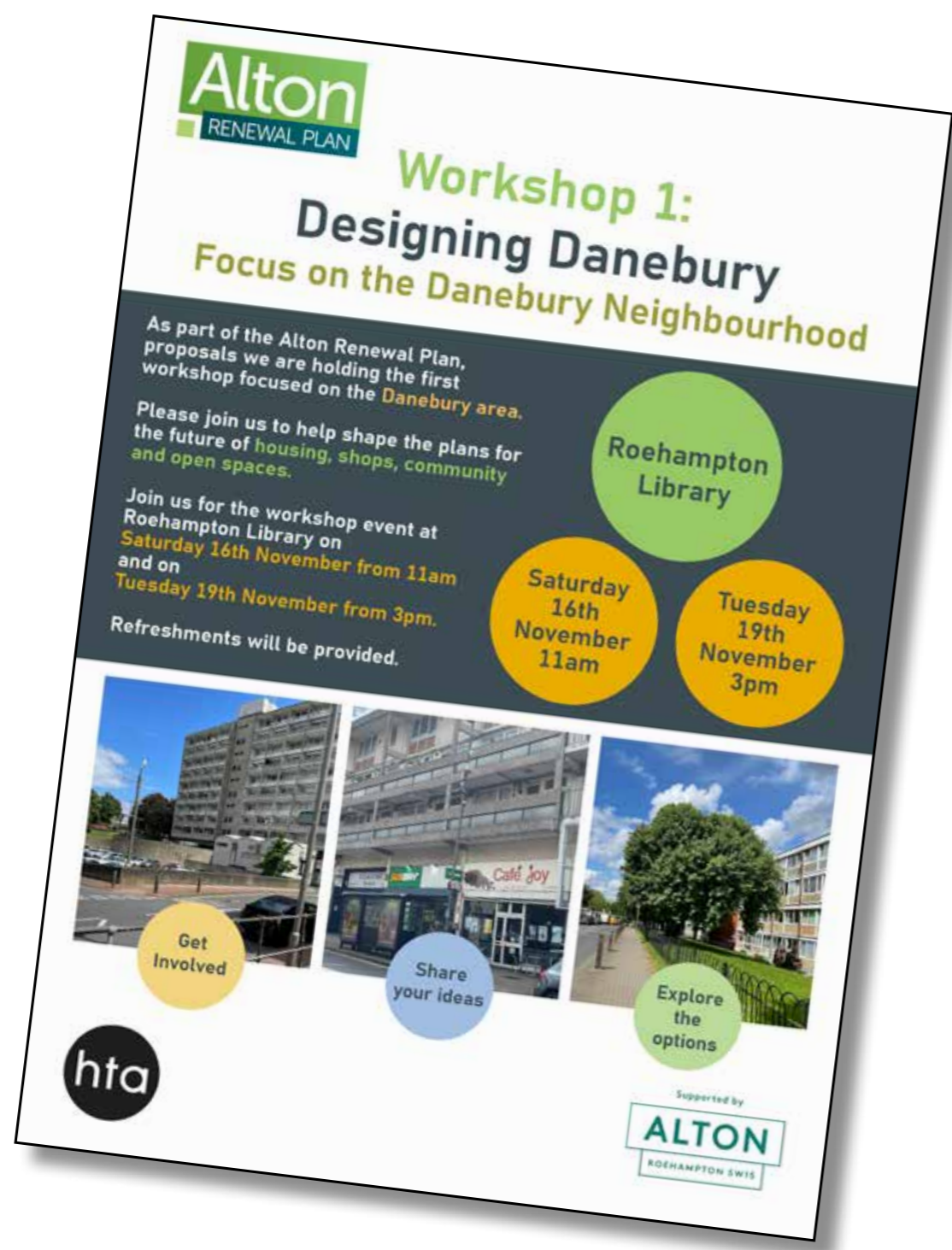
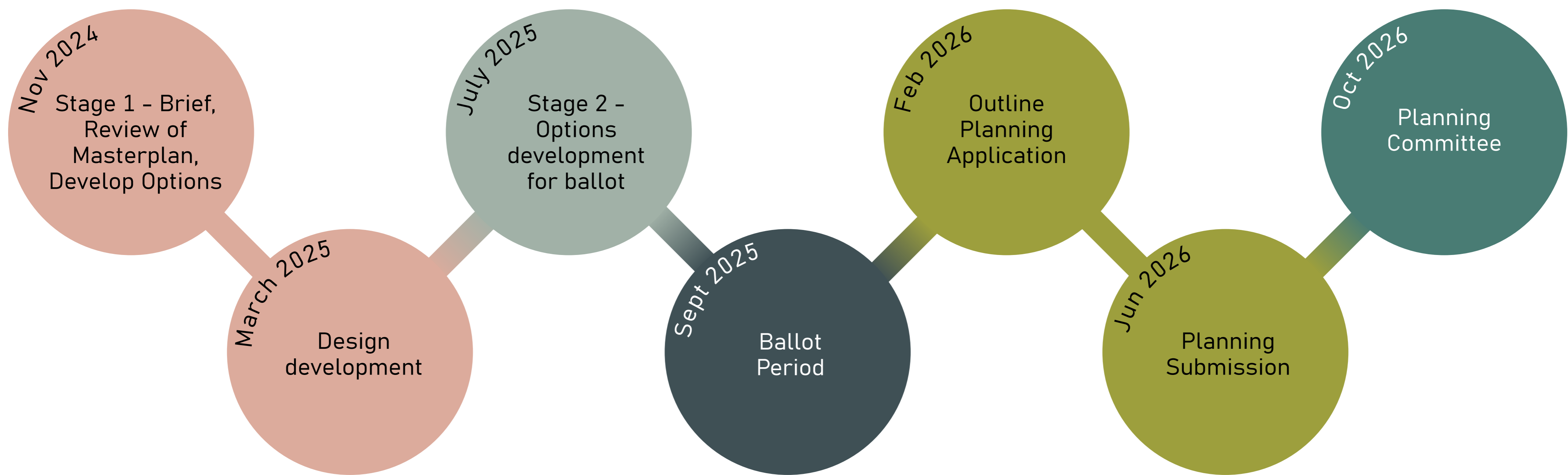
1. Danebury area
2. 166 Roehampton Lane
3. Portswood Place

What is happening and when

We are working towards a Resident Ballot next September, where people will be asked to vote for the new proposals.

To get us to the Ballot, there are lots of strands of work to be done.

The dates shown here show all the stages to get to the Ballot and then beyond that, should the Ballot result be successful.



What's next

Our next event will be w/c 17th February - across a few different days and at different times.

Look out for confirmed dates and times after the festive break. We will be putting posters up across the estate, on community boards and on the websites listed below.

It would be great to see as many of you there as possible.

Keeping in touch

We need to hear from everyone who wants to have a say in shaping the estate.

You can contact us directly about the project - your ideas, worries, dreams!

We want to hear the good and more importantly - the bad, about where you live; where you go in Roehampton; how you travel; where you socialise - let us know your thoughts.

You can email us or come and see us at any future events - look out for details on the website.



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Subject 'Alton - have your say!'



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Who we have met so far

It is vital that we speak to as many people on the Alton as possible. We have met lots of you so far, but we need to continue to speak with you all throughout the design process.

Thank you to everyone we have spoken with - your comments are invaluable, and please keep coming to speak with us whenever you see us or when we have an event.

Residents

Ward Councillors

Leader of WBC

Over 60's Lunch Club

Our Roehampton

Youth Advisory Panel

Meet the design team exhibition

Roehampton Partnership

Roehampton Network

166 Family Hub

Eastwood Nursery

WBC Planners

Heathmere Primary School

Roehampton ROCKS

Roehampton Library

SW15 Women's Network

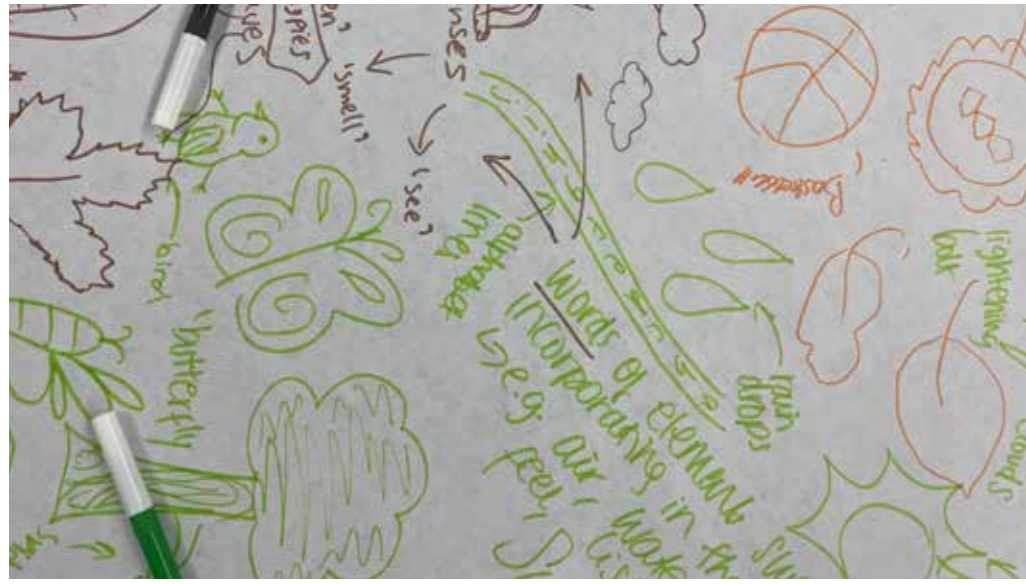
University of Roehampton

The Base

Manresa Sheltered Housing

Chantelle's Community Kitchen

Putney & Roehampton Society Buildings panel



Our engagement activity

The following pages contain a summary of the feedback that you have given to us in our early stages of the project.

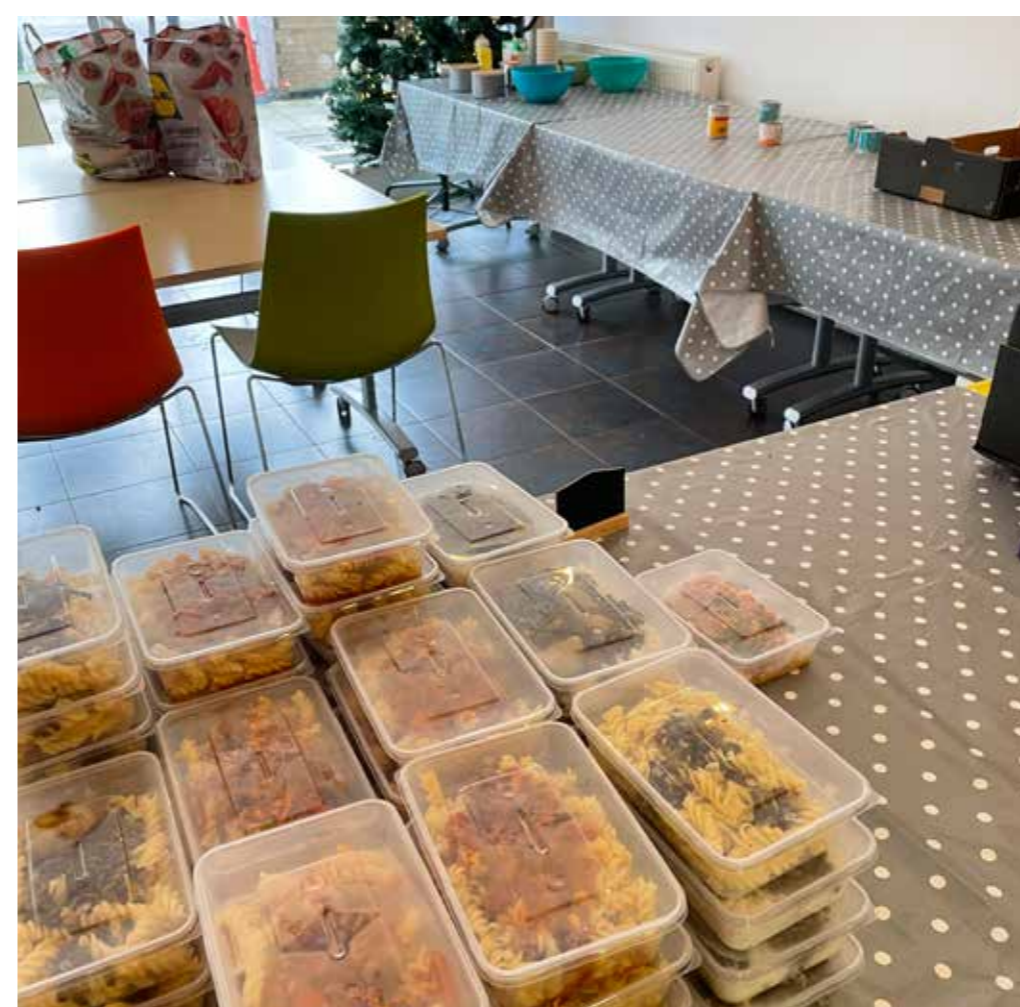
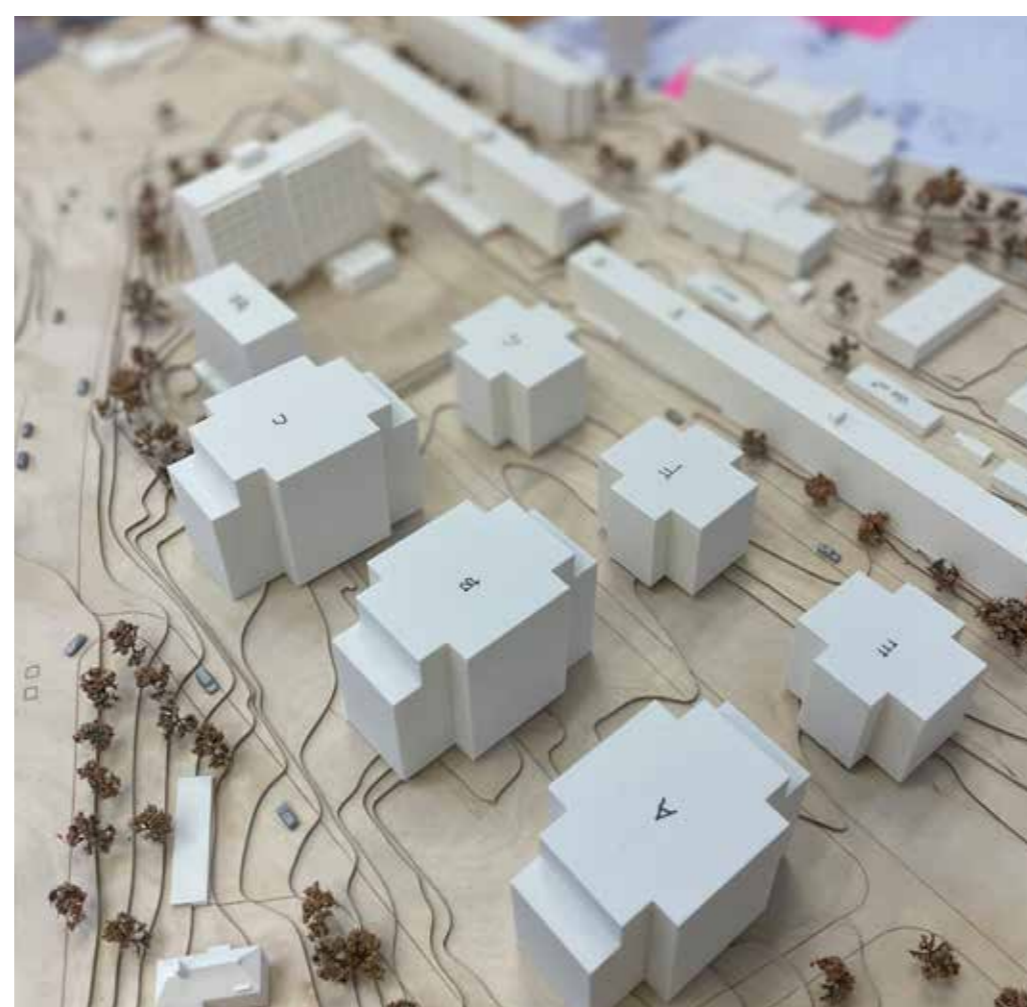
Please keep giving us your ideas and thoughts as we go forward, and we will keep reporting back to you all.

So far we have held an introductory exhibition event, some workshops looking at the Danebury neighbourhood and held some site walkabouts with stakeholders.

We have also visited some of the community groups and organisations across the Alton, and we will continue this process over the coming months.

We have built a model of the Alton to help us test ideas. Some of the comments collected relate to different types of building forms that we are testing.

Visits to community groups and walkabouts across the Alton.



Homes and buildings

Overlooking and privacy is very important especially if building at height - space between buildings, trees, air, light all contribute to well-being and have psychological effects on people when reduced.

Don't forget Alton East

Fly-tipping and rubbish is a problem

'Get Allbrook House down! - it's an eyesore'

We asked you what were the current issues in the homes, and what's important with the new design

Must be well lit around buildings

Could we keep that retail block as it is and just improve the housing surrounding it?

Can there be a mural or some art in the new buildings to provide information about the heritage of the estate?

You should go back to Wandsworth and challenge the brief to retain more buildings

There's smaller blocks which are taller and bigger. The blocks need to be slimmer.

Some residents liked the idea of the square that replaced the car park. Residents stated the square being near the road wouldn't be a good idea so some sort of defensible space would be required.

Question around are we refurbishing the red Danebury blocks and if so when and how?

Enquiry as to if we have done surveys on renovating the shops with the homes above them and questioned whether the buildings were actually at the end of the life?

Density will be an issue with increased number of homes

Will have to live with construction for 10+ years with no direct impact on own home. Appreciates wider benefit.

Linear blocks were too much like a long wall

There's issues with the bin stores, massive metal bins that they can't move and fly tipping particularly on Harbridge is an issue.

We need to create a sense of community and belonging. We need to get away from the concrete jungle look and provide some colour in the new plans.

Problems with infrastructure including services that constantly need fixing, and the buses which are inadequate.

Really annoyed by artists impressions and glossy CGI's. Tell it and show it how it is.

Have the calculations been done on the carbon impact of demolition versus new build?

Having outside space or a garden is very important - as are the trees on the estate.

We need to think about the next 50 years, not the last 50 years, and it's a terrible idea to have a massive supermarket with parking. It would put local people off living in the area.

The linear blocks seem more about community, deck access where you can meet your neighbours, whereas the pavilion blocks have the central enclosed core which may be good for interaction inside the building.

Would like to see the plans for Block A again and understand the time frames for bringing forward

Bin chutes in existing blocks are good when used properly

New homes will be crucial to residents' mental health and well-being.

We need to retrofit lifts to the existing blocks and retain them.

Things like overheating calculations particularly on south facing flats which get very hot in summer.

Residents liked the buff brick over the red brick. No brown or grey brick. Residents didn't like metal facades.

Should we keep the Danebury shops parade and refurbish the buildings is a question a few residents have asked. Removing the shops and bringing them back is painful. Probably wouldn't come back once they've settled elsewhere and if they can make the business work.

The green space between the buildings was nice and that it gives a nod to the heritage of the estate

Worried about rental values including for private and how that affects how the community composition is made up.

Should be more refurbishment than demolition



Public space and play

The notion of a Village Square is good but what happens when there is no activity happening? Needs consideration for the everyday use

Exercise equipment such as an outdoor gym, maybe near Portswood Place would be very well used.

We asked you what could be improved with the public spaces and play provision

Parking management needs addressing

Allotments would be welcomed

Underground parking, and separate levels for resident provision

More activities in the summer on the green.

As cars get broken into, it's something to be wary of with an underground car park. Security and any antisocial behaviour that might occur under there.

More wildlife, so birds, beehives and a roof garden space. They'd like to recycle water for plants, have some wild meadow planting, somewhere for the squirrels and foxes to go.

What's the percentage of the calculation of the public realm and how much we would be increasing that by?

Traffic calming measures

Like the idea of the central space with community buildings as a bit of a focal point.

A little urban forest, better cycling provision.

The importance of outdoor space, space to grow, particularly space to grow vegetables. They'd like to see an increase in biodiversity, somewhere for squirrels to go. Currently they just go up and down the buildings but they'd also like to see spaces for birds and bats.

Disabled access is an issue so blocked ramps parking is a mess.

The road width has difficult pinch points, it's very difficult when there are deliveries and when car parking is all down one side of Danebury Avenue

Planters that fill the parking spaces

Crazy golf

A dog park

An outdoor cinema

Accessibility

What are the principles around energy and urban greening factor?

Seating surrounding 0-5 year old play space so that parents can be close by and overlook their kids

Wider pavements would be appreciated, particularly for kids on bikes

Residents mentioned community allotments. This could be between the blocks.

Green roofs for the top of buildings. Think about animals and their needs. Introduce a pond in the square or water feature.

Parking under the square that would be sunken down seems popular.

A resident roof garden would be lovely with beehives and hammocks and a place for residents to look after some vegetables, grow things.

A running and cycle track would be lovely to have around the estate.

The green space to the top of Danebury could be used like a lovely entrance space but needs enhancing

Issues with families taking over green spaces in between blocks for cricket and football

They need more pedestrian crossings and we need to do more for cyclists.

Parking is a problem, but a CPZ would not be welcomed. Undercroft parking would work

Cycle lanes are really needed. The roads are way too dangerous.

Better play equipment next to the library building on the green space. If that could be screened off in some way either fenced or with trees.

Ideally, they would like to see a restaurant, grocery shops, cafes, hamburger stall, some night time activity and a space for outdoor music including outdoor power in the new square

They'd like to see more play spaces, more trees and more safe crossings. There's a need for more crossings, particularly on Danebury Avenue.

The trees are an issue on Harbridge, they're pretty dense and they need maintenance.

More of a walkable safe neighbourhood



Shops and Community Facilities

We asked you what type of shops and community facilities you would like to see on the Alton

The priority should be an affordable supermarket for local people struggling with the cost of living

A bike shop would be really popular

And it would be fantastic to see soft play and SEN facilities in the community somewhere.

Fruit and veg stall or shop

Co-op is too small and expensive

A new first class supermarket

We really like Cafe Joy. Wouldn't want to see a chain like Costa.

Would some of the existing retailers be offered leases in the new properties at the same rents?

A hub for advice, like a citizen's advice, but also with the ability to have mental health facilities within there

They used to have market stores in the square which were very treasured by residents

Let's get Ann Summers!

A market space would be really, really good

Local pubs are ok but not great to eat out anywhere

Electric bike charging

Put the 'Village' back in Roehampton Village!

Would love one large community space that could hold 100 people and have a seating area, a stage, an alcohol licence and have better storage - for the lunch club, they have to put out/away all the tables and chairs each time

Somewhere for flexible food provision

Restaurants introduced for the evening economy

High Street is hopeless and failing - need local shops to help local economy - butchers, hardware store etc. Likes what Co-op stands for, but it's a rubbish store

New bus to ASDA is good - as is the student bus which is now open to everyone

Not enough for young people to do

Judo and yoga at the sports centre and would love to see some community tai chi

Would love a bigger community building with better storage - a bigger more flexible space

We miss the old Co-op!

A local bakery, a co-working space

More support for people's mental health

Can the local shops be retained?

A toy shop, a charity shop, maybe a pub that's more affordable and has better food for families.

Look at the idea of 'What is a community?'

How many retailers can be supported? Roehampton is not a destination so the retail needs to be for local people rather than destination people.

A community run cafe, maybe in the existing library with a link to the outside space. It could be screened off with trees and more planting to keep the noise from the road.

Library services are also important

Need a local shop focused on new age products

Like to see films reinstalled at the library

Supermarket very important.

Services like a pharmacy and doctors surgery for residents while houses are being built are important.

A cheaper coffee shop

A community building would need to be accessible, with a lift, and easier outside access

A supermarket that's not Asda or Co-op, preferably Lidl

Space for the community to enjoy themselves

Basketball, ice skating, a marketplace and pop-ups

Keep a shop on Portswood Place



In the first 6 months of the Alton Renewal Plan (since the launch in June), we have successfully delivered 4 projects. These projects are now operational and delivering services for you:



The Family Hub opened to the community on 2 September and was formally launched on 3 October.

Resident access to the University bus service started on 23 September.

A new council funded community minibus was launched on 23 September.

The launch of Warm Packs for vulnerable residents took place at Roehampton Library on 27 November and are now being distributed through community networks over the winter.

Updates on the rest of the plan...

Community facilities

YOU SAID
you wanted improved community facilities and better youth and family services.

Alton Activity Centre Play & Access Improvements

Design work will continue in early 2025 with the project starting to be built towards the end of 2025.

Downshire Fields Play Improvements

Design work will continue in early 2025 with the project starting to be built towards the end of 2025.

Community Wellbeing Activation

We are talking to community groups and residents to find opportunities for physical activity and wellbeing on the estate. Look out for initiatives in spring 2025.

Community Grants

We are looking at opportunities to fund community and voluntary sector projects. Look out for initiatives in spring 2025.

Neighbourhood

YOU SAID
you wanted improved estate management, open space to be protected and to feel safer.

Wayfinding & Heritage Trail

A welcoming artwork at the 'gateway' to Alton
Artwork to improve the walkway to the leisure centre
Murals & a public art wall

These projects will start in early 2025 – keep an eye out to see how you can be involved.

Better bin enclosures to keep the estate tidier and encourage more recycling.

These will be installed across the estate over 2025.

Maintenance to roads and pavements where they need attention across the estate.

Some areas were completed this year, and more works will take place over 2025.

Alton Lighting Strategy

The lighting strategy will be created alongside the community in Spring 2025 and a review of recommendations will take place over the Summer.

Alton Community Safety Officer

A new community safety officer will join the team in early 2025 to coordinate and enhance safety schemes.

Alton Voluntary and Community Sector Officer

A new officer will join the team in 2025.



Better transport

YOU SAID
you wanted better accessibility with improvements to local bus services, new access to Richmond Park and better routes through the estate.

Quiet cycle routes

We carried out a consultation of proposed cycle routes earlier this year and will speak to you again in Spring 2025 with suggested proposals that will be installed over Winter of 2025.

Improvements to pedestrian routes through the estate

We will share plans in early 2025 with improvements taking place by the end of 2025.

Working with Richmond Park to open up a new Alton Gate

Taking place across 2025.

Introducing car club discounts for residents

We will be meeting with car club operators in 2025

Lobbying TfL for better bus routes to serve Alton and for 20mph on part of Roehampton Lane

We are meeting regularly with TfL to lobby for better services for Alton residents.

Cycle school training

We will continue to work with primary schools in 2025.

More cycle parking

We are reviewing additional cycle parking to be put in place in Spring 2025.

Jobs and shops

YOU SAID
you wanted more shops and businesses together with more skills, training and employment opportunities.

Community and Cultural Hub in Focus Hall

We held a consultation event on the proposed refurbishment works in November. These will take place in Spring 2025.

Improve shop fronts and the retail area on Danebury Avenue

Design work will begin in early 2025.

Bring more skills and training opportunities to you with our flagship WorkMatch advice team and provide specialist WorkMatch employment support sessions in Alton to help you find work.

“Employ Wandsworth” jobs fair will take place on the 9 May 2025 – look out for details closer to the time. Various training sessions are taking place across 2025.

A wide programme of London Borough of Culture 2025 events and activities

A new Alton Arts & Events Manager will join the team in early 2025 to plan local events.

Expanding the arts and cultural programme in local schools

We are working with local schools.

Homes

YOU SAID
you wanted more council homes and more affordable homes, help with overcrowding and a better balance between the density of homes and local green space.

Housing Regeneration Programme

HTA have been appointed to review the housing, retail and community facilities provision across the Alton. As design proposals emerge, we will share details across the community.

If you would like to be involved in the design process, please contact HTA at altonestate@hta.co.uk

Environment

A wildflower meadow will be created to increase local biodiversity

A wildflower meadow will be created outside of Roehampton Library in Spring 2025.

Community Bluescapes

This project was launched in the community in October, and we will continue to talk to you about emerging proposals to be delivered by April 2026.

