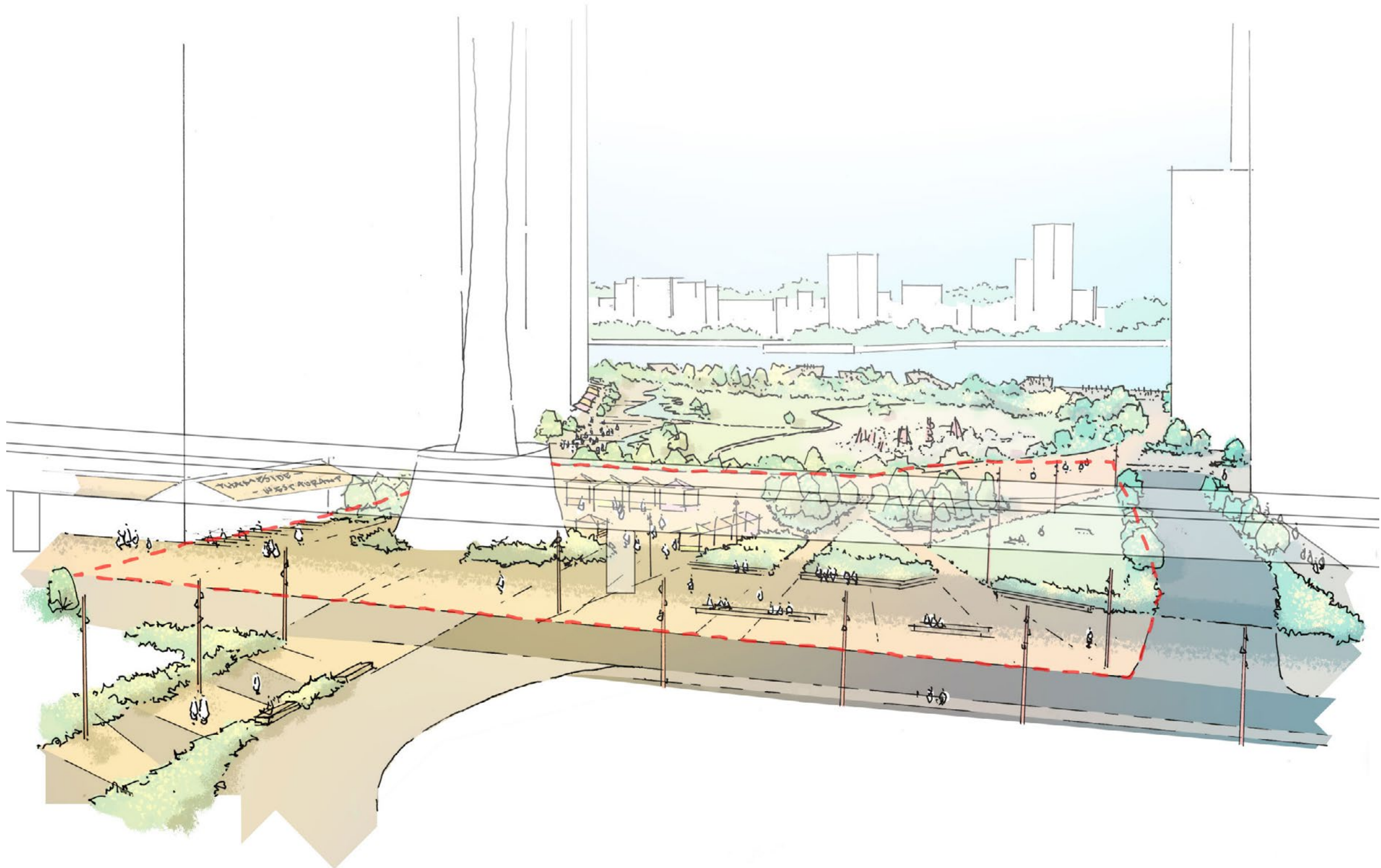


COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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August Reflections



The area shown in red is where the Design Group's work will be focused.

The design shown is an early design prepared for planning and is not fixed – the Design Group process will shape what comes next.

What's on?

As part of this year's **At the Docks** season, **Saturday 12 September** is shaping up to be a jam-packed day in the Royal Docks, with free events and activities for all ages taking place across the area. Why not make a day of it at the Royal Docks?

You can find out further information [here](#).

An Introduction to the Thameside West Park Design Group

Over the next few months, a group of local people will be working together to help shape the future of Thameside West Park. From exploring the site and sharing local knowledge to testing ideas and discussing priorities, the Design Group will play an important role in helping create a park that feels rooted in the community it serves. Through this newsletter, we'll share updates from each stage of the process, giving everyone a chance to follow the conversation and see how local ideas are helping to inform the future of the park.

The group has been recruited to bring together a broad range of local perspectives, experiences and connections to the area. Members don't need any design or planning experience. Instead, the process is built on the belief that local knowledge, lived experience and community insight are essential ingredients in creating great public spaces.

The Design Group will work alongside the project team responsible for the design of the park. The process is designed as a shared learning experience, where everyone has something to contribute and something to learn. Community members will bring local knowledge, experiences and ideas, while the project team will share insights into the opportunities, challenges and design process.

Together, they'll explore how the future park can reflect the needs, ambitions and character of the local community.

The Design Group is one part of a wider programme of community engagement and will help ensure that local voices play an active role in shaping the future of Thameside West Park.

What's Happened So Far?

Over the past few months, the foundations for the Thameside West Park Design Group have been taking shape. An open invite was shared encouraging local community members to apply to take part, with the aim of bringing together a broad mix of experiences, perspectives and connections to the area. Following the recruitment process, a group of around 20 people has now been formed and is preparing to begin the journey together.

Behind the scenes, the project team has been developing a programme of workshops, site visits and activities designed to help participants explore the area, share their knowledge and contribute to the future of the park. The programme has been carefully planned, but it isn't set in stone. One of the key principles of the Design Group is shared learning, so the process will continue to evolve as participants share feedback, reflect on what's working well and contribute new ideas. These conversations will help shape future activities and ensure the programme remains relevant to the people taking part.

What's Happening Next?

With the Design Group now in place, the next phase of the journey is about bringing people together and starting the conversation.

Over the coming months, Design Group members will take part in a series of workshops exploring the future of Thameside West Park. Along the way, participants will share local knowledge, explore opportunities and challenges, learn from examples elsewhere, and work together to develop ideas for the next stage of the park's design.

Beyond the workshops, the ambition is to build the foundations for a lasting relationship between the community and the park, supporting a sense of ownership, pride and stewardship that continues long after the programme has finished.

This newsletter will provide a window into that journey. Future editions will share emerging themes, key discussions and developing ideas, showing how community insight is helping to shape the future of Thameside West Park.

Most importantly, this marks the beginning of an ongoing conversation about the future of the park, and we're excited to share that journey with the wider community.

Want to Know more?

Keep Updated

The Design Group is just one part of the wider conversation about the future Thameside West Park.

While Design Group workshops themselves are focused on a small group of participants, the insights and ideas emerging from the process will help inform the wider project and shape future conversations with the community.

Stay connected

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Get in Touch

Have a question about Thameside West Park or want to learn more about the project?

The project team would love to hear from you. Whether you have a question, an idea, feedback to share or would simply like to stay informed about what's happening, there are plenty of ways to get in touch.



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