

Appendix A – NCIL Round 2 Consultation Summary

1. Purpose of Appendix

This appendix presents the findings from the Neighbourhood Community Infrastructure Levy (NCIL) Round 2 Consultation. It summarises resident priorities, project suggestions, levels of participation, and representativeness considerations.

2. Overview of Consultation

Residents were asked to provide two main categories of feedback on a dedicated 'Commonplace' consultation platform:

1. *Categories of projects they would prioritise spending money on*
2. *Specific project suggestions for spend*

The consultation generated approximately five times as much engagement as the equivalent consultation for NCIL Spending Round 1.

Open spaces, greening, and play spaces consistently emerged as the top priorities across all NCIL areas. Traffic management measures were also significant in several neighbourhoods.

3. Total Engagement and Response Breakdown



A total of **4,219** contributions were received on the commonplace page from **2,672** discrete respondents. The contributions consisted of:

- **646** responses on priority funding categories
- **499** specific project suggestions
- **2,805** 'thumbs-up' reactions to suggestions made by other residents
- A number of submissions made via accessible versions of the survey

In addition, 71 emails were received as part of the consultation.

4. Priority Themes Identified

On commonplace, residents ranked nine potential investment categories across nine NCIL areas. Across all areas, the following overall priorities emerged:

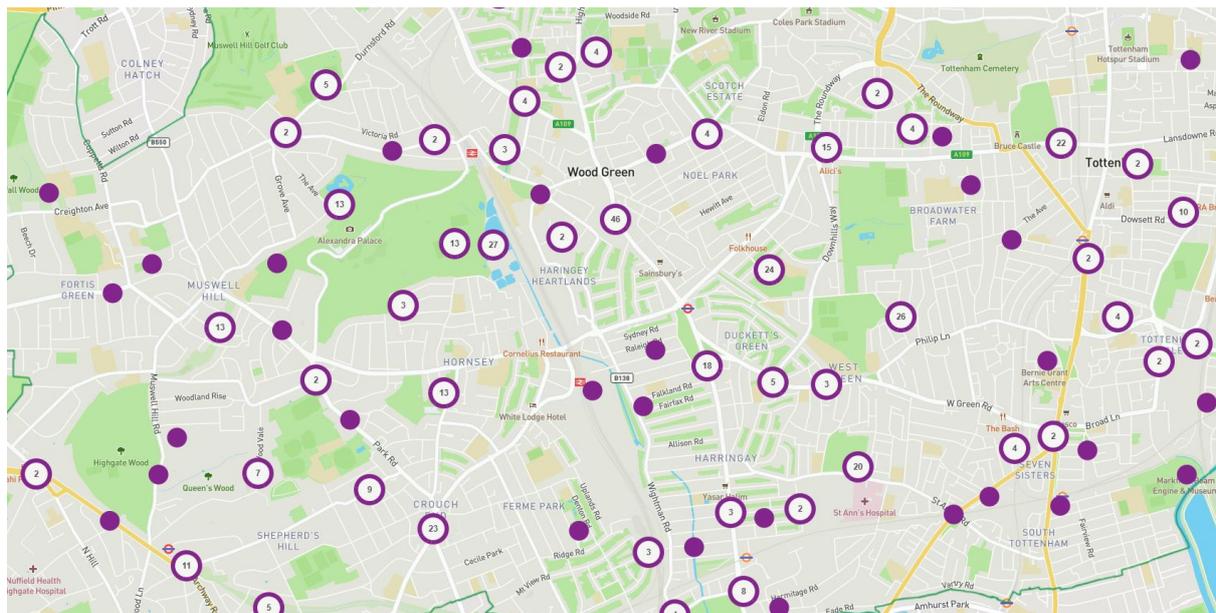
1. **Tree planting and green spaces** (ranked 1st overall)

2. **Street and kerbside improvements** (2nd overall)
3. **Play spaces and facilities** (3rd overall)
4. **Community safety measures**
5. **Cultural facilities**
6. **Cycling facilities**
7. **Traffic calming measures**
8. **School grounds and buildings**
9. **Other**

5. Project Suggestions

The commonplace consultation generated 499 individual project suggestions and 2,804 reactions supporting them. Emails generated 56 project suggestions.

On commonplace there was a wide distribution of suggestions as shown on the below map:



While most ideas were submitted by individual residents, some originated from neighbourhood forums, parent groups, and charitable organisations. Ideas submitted by groups tended to be highly upvoted by other respondents.

Many submissions were detailed and location specific; others just focused on highlighting a local issue such as:

- A street perceived as unsafe at night
- An ageing or outdated playgrounds

- An underused space identified for potential greening

Most of the popular or recurring suggestions were consistent with the top 3 priorities for spend as outlined above.

The most popular project suggestions received via commonplace included investment in various playgrounds, investment in open spaces with focus on improving paths/surfaces, new parklets, traffic calming measures and spend on Chestnuts Primary School.

The most popular project suggestions received via email were for footpath improvements at Parkland Walk and Queen's Wood.

6. Summary of Key Findings

- Strong consultation response significantly exceeding Round 1 engagement levels.
- Clear and consistent resident priorities centred on tree planting and green space, street and kerbside improvements, and play spaces and facilities.
- Significant volume of project suggestions and support that reinforced the priorities.