



DECEMBER GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 15, 2020
ONLINE MEETING
6.00-7.15 PM

Find about the Forum
recent development

Hear about projects and
recent activities

ask questions, get
involved

WELCOME!

PLEASE PUT YOUR CAMERA ON AND MICROPHONE ON
MUTE IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING.

**WE WOULD LIKE EVERYONE TO FEEL SAFE AND VALUED
DURING THE MEETING.**

- ☼ There will be time allocated for Q&A
- ☼ You can also ask questions or comment on the chat
- ☼ The meeting is scheduled for 1 hour and 15 minutes
- ☼ We will do our best to respect timing
- ☼ Ensure people physical and mental wellbeing

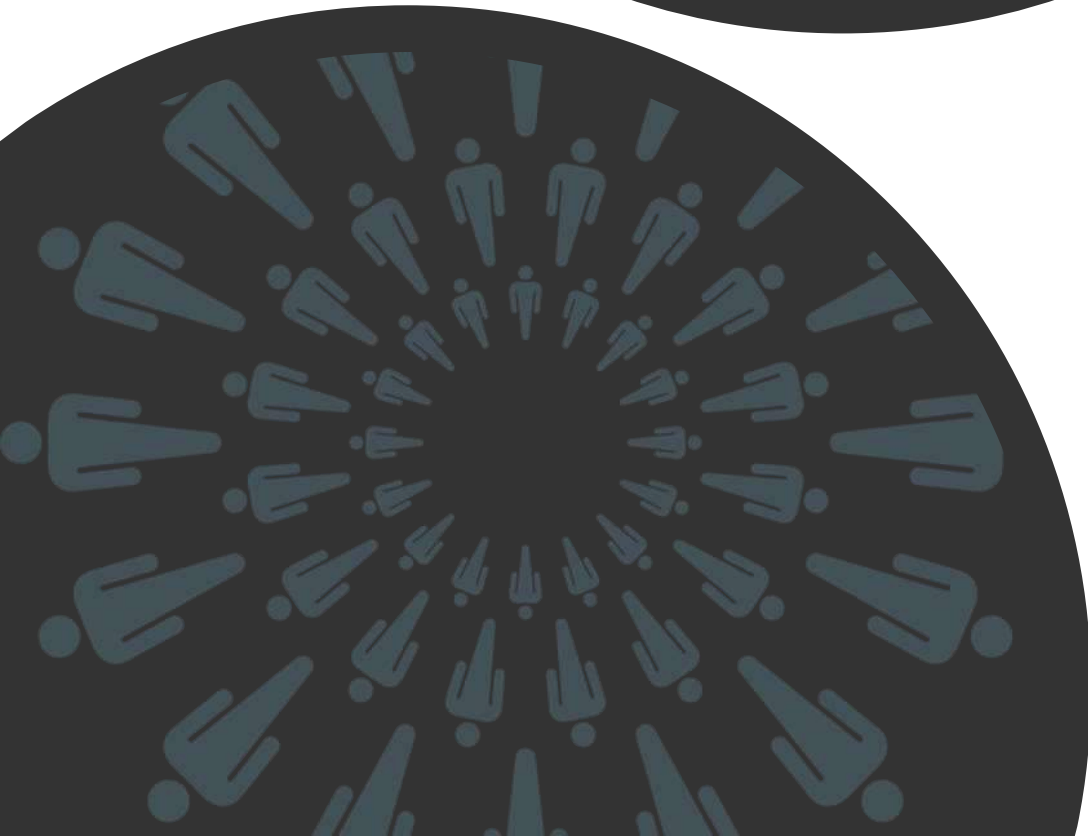
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

AGENDA

- 6:00** ● Welcome and Introduction
Online Procedures
- 6:05** ● Approval of the previous Meeting
Minutes
- 6:10** ● HNF Reports on future plans
- 6:35** ● Anna Doyle - Town Centre Manager
- 6:45** ● Stephanie Milne - Let's talk money
- 6:50** ● OPDC - Willesden Junction Station
and the Canal project
- 7:00** ● Q&A
- 7:15** ● AOB & CLOSING



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Welcome from the Chair
Madeleine Jennings

October 2020 AGM minutes



What is HNF?



Who are the trustees?



What are we doing?



Working Together for Harlesden

Part of a network of organisations

Influencing local decision
makers and engaging
stakeholders and statutory
bodies

WE ARE ONE OF THE MANY GROUPS WORKING
ACROSS DIFFERENT PROJECTS AND ISSUES
WE BELIEVE IN PARTNERSHIPS



OPDC
OLD OAK AND
PARK ROYAL
DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION



Brent

**Making Planning
Relevant**

Making Planning Real

Making a Difference





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Community Engagement & Membership Development

Madeleine Jennings



- Growing the Membership
- HNF in the Community
- OPDC Engagement





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Planning & Regeneration

Colin George



Screen around 100 planning applications per year



Comment, respond, object?



For 2021 develop closer relations with Brent and OPDC planners.

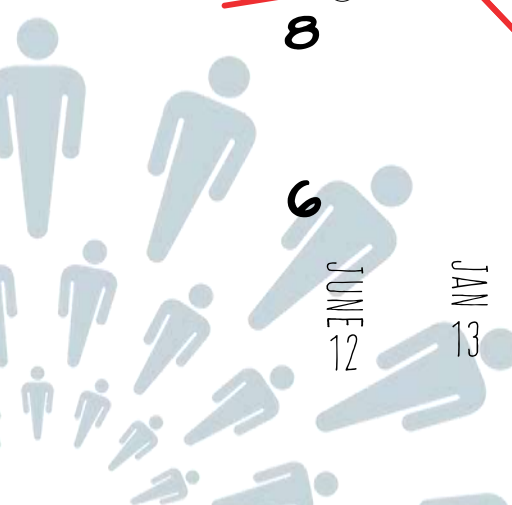
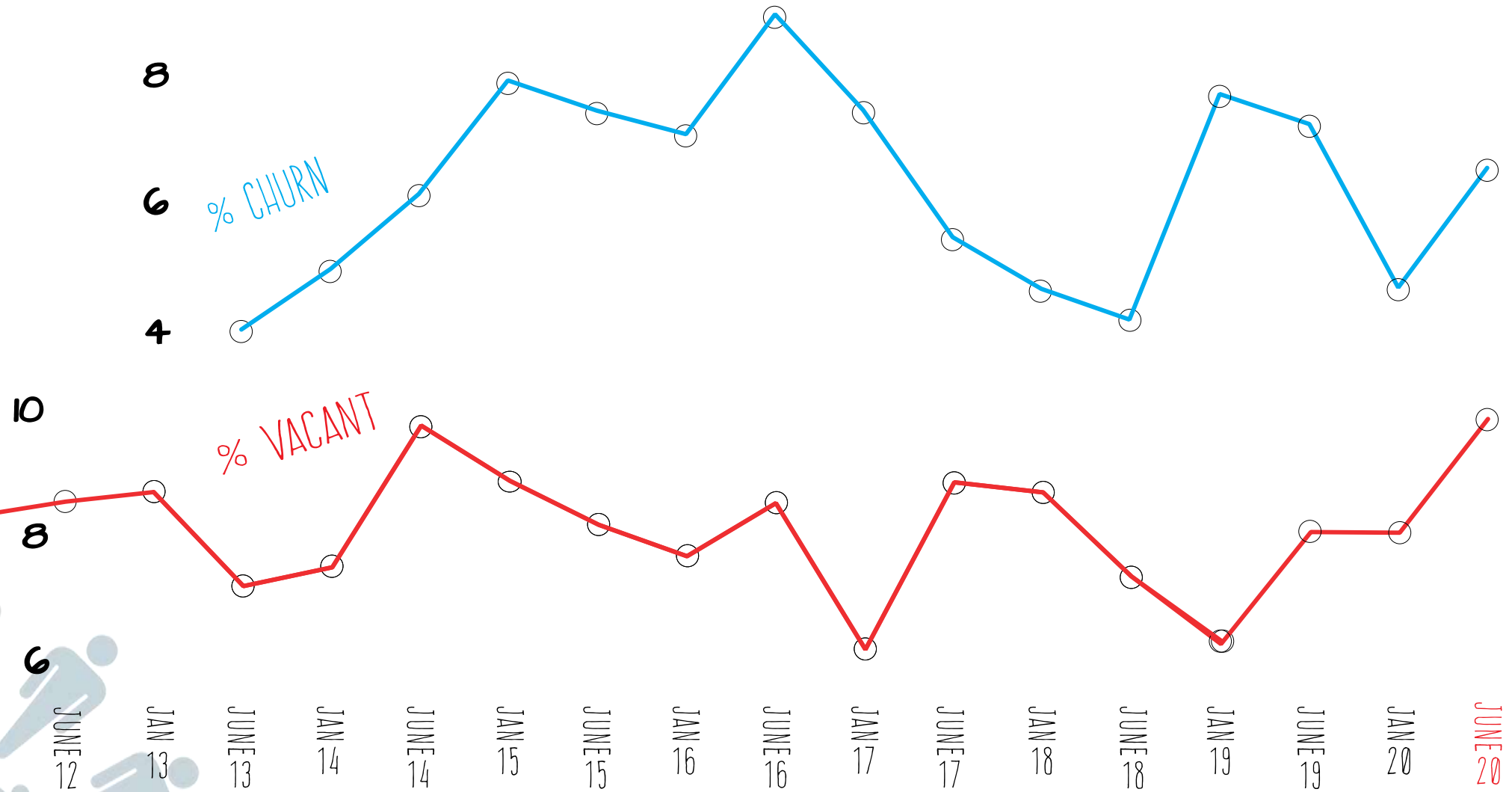


Screen and comment on Licensing applications



- ❁ **LOCAL PLANS for Brent, OPDC and London in 2021**
- ❁ **Long term work up to 6 years plus to adopt**
- ❁ **Plans taking too long – MHLG want to speed the process up**
- ❁ **Changes to Planning, Shopping habits and COVID19 all likely to impact**

HARLESDEN



Redesignation

Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum (HNF) is a neighbourhood planning form established under the Localism Act 2011.

Neighbourhood Forums need to renew their application every 5 years

LOCALISM ACT 2011

- Neighbourhood Forum exist to improve and promote the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the defined neighbourhood area
- the purpose of the Neighbourhood Forum is in keeping with the character of the neighbourhood area
- the membership of the Neighbourhood Forum is open to those who live in, work in or are elected members for the defined Neighbourhood area.



[the-harlesden-neighbourhood-forum-public-consultation](#)



The Harlesden Neighbourhood Forum is five years old.

By law we have to re-register with our local authorities for the next five years. To begin, we are informally consulting our members plus other Harlesden residents and businesses before the formal consultation by Brent Council starts later in the autumn.





Since 2015 we have written a comprehensive **Neighbourhood Plan** for





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Clean Air & Environment
Margaret Cox

- 
-  **Work with the council on carbon reduction projects**
 -  **Design a flyer to circulate to encourage people to leave their cars at home.**
 -  **Start campaigning and negotiating with the council and TFL to stop the HGV's coming through Harlesden**



Cleaner Air and Carbon Reduction

Nature and Green Spaces

-  **Work with existing environmental groups to increase nature and green spaces where possible.**
-  **Set up a subgroup called HARLESDEN GREEN TEAM to enthuse local people into greening their own patch.**
-  **Work with schools to encourage greening of the school grounds and as part of school projects.**



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**Communications and
engagement
Paul Anders**

Communications and engagement



Particularly important while we are living with Covid-19 and related restrictions

Current plans:


-  **Revamp website to make it easier to navigate and find what you're looking for**
-  **More active on social media**
-  **More blogging – you can sign-up for new posts via the blog page on the website**

What would Forum members like to see more of?



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Culture
Nouh Abukar

 Document and archive the stories and experiences of people from Harlesden in response to proposed regeneration schemes.

 Participant aged 30+ and/or 50+ willing to their share stories and experiences about the local area.



Oral History of Harlesden



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 Interviews - from 12.15 outside Harlesden Station and taking interviews there and by the Canalside

 Slots - currently about 45 minutes each

 Date – Thursday 17 December 2020



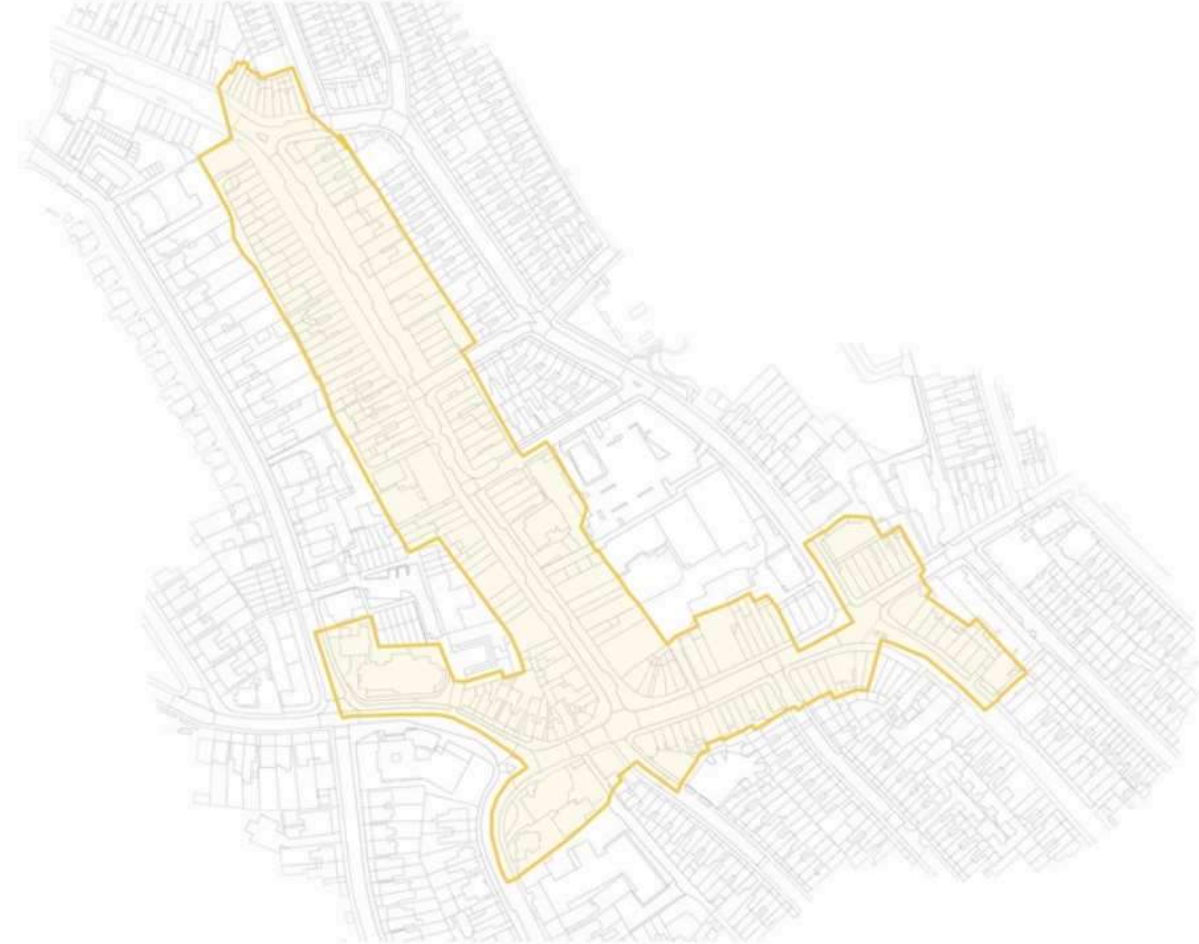
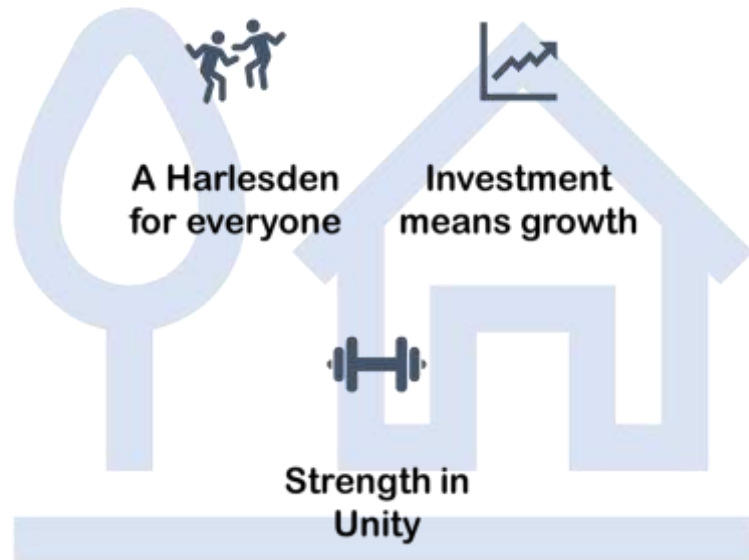
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Sandra White Funding and Inclusive Growth

Grants and Funding



Inclusive Growth



Heritage Action Zone



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Anna Doyle
Town Centre Manager



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Stephanie Milne
Let's talk money



Let's Talk Money is a financial capability project tackling financial exclusion in Brent.

What is financial capability?

Financial capability is:

- Managing money well day-to-day
- Understanding bills, including how and when to pay them
- Preparing for unexpected events
- Using credit well, whilst avoiding unmanageable debt
- Planning and saving for the future

Poor financial capability can mean:

- Falling behind with bills
- Not feeling in control of your money
- Increased likelihood of getting into debt
- Being unable to withstand a financial shock
- Feeling stressed and anxious about money

How does Let's Talk Money help:

There are two strands to our service:

- Financial capability workshops
- Money Mentoring

Financial capability workshops

Free interactive workshops covering:

- Essential Money Management skills
- How to budget on Universal Credit
- How to support your child to learn about money
- Understanding energy bills

Money Mentoring Service

Our Money Mentors tailor their support to each individual's circumstances. Support includes:

- Helping to understand bills and best payment methods for these
- Helping to communicate with companies/landlords
- Helping to put together a budget
- Identifying ways to cut costs
- Applying for grants for essential items and daily living costs
- Referring on to partner agencies e.g. debt advice, benefits advice

Case study - Aisha

Aisha came to us having attended one of our workshops at a local children's centre. She was a single parent who had rent arrears, council tax arrears and credit card debt. She was in Council accommodation and only had one single bed which she shared with her young son. She was in receipt of Job Seeker's Allowance and Child Tax credit but never felt like she had enough money coming in to cover the bills.

Case study - Aisha

How we supported Aisha:

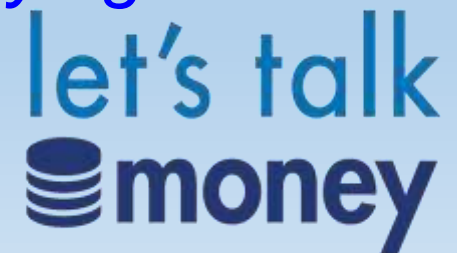
- We helped Aisha put together a budget so she had a clear understanding of her income and expenditure
- We identified areas where Aisha could cut spending
- We helped Aisha to understand which bills are priority and the best methods for her to pay
- We enabled her to cut costs by supporting her to apply for Warm Home Discount and discount on her water bill
- We successfully applied for a grant for a bed for Aisha
- We referred Aisha to a debt adviser

Case study - Aisha

Where Aisha is now:

- Aisha is on top of her bills and knows how to budget for other expenses.
- She understands the areas where she can reduce spending when money is tight
- Both her and her son now have their own beds
- She has cleared her debts and is now making regular savings towards her son's future

"I now look forward to paying my bills. I actually enjoy paying them."



In Summary

Let's Talk Money is a financial capability project dedicated to improving the lives of individuals and families in Brent through financial education.





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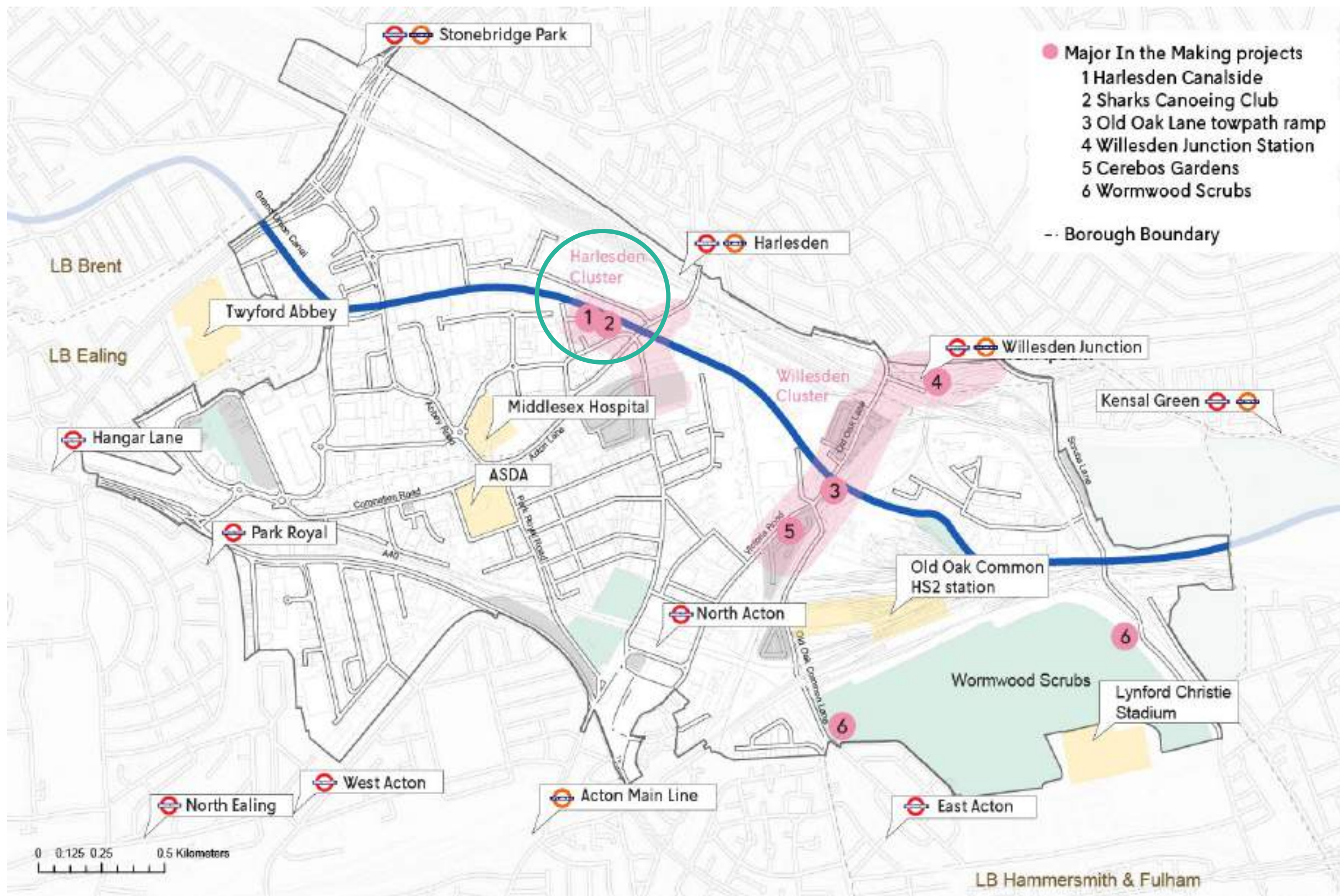
**Principal Project Manager
Early Activation
OPDC**

HARLESDEN CANALSIDE



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WE MADE THAT
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

prd Stockdale



WHAT IS IT?

The aim of the 5-year project will be to create a flagship community hub for local residents, businesses, boaters and visitors.

OPDC, in partnership with Brent Council and the Canal & River Trust, is bringing forward exciting improvements to Harlesden Canalside.

To deliver the project, OPDC has appointed specialist community and commercial space operators, 3Space and architects, We Made That, and a wider consultant team to work closely with the local community to scope, deliver and operate the space.

We'd really like plans to be driven by the community, with the team guiding the direction of the project to ensure this new space is financially sustainable.

The project is part of a £1.2m community investment, funded by the Mayor's Good Growth Fund.



WHERE IS IT?

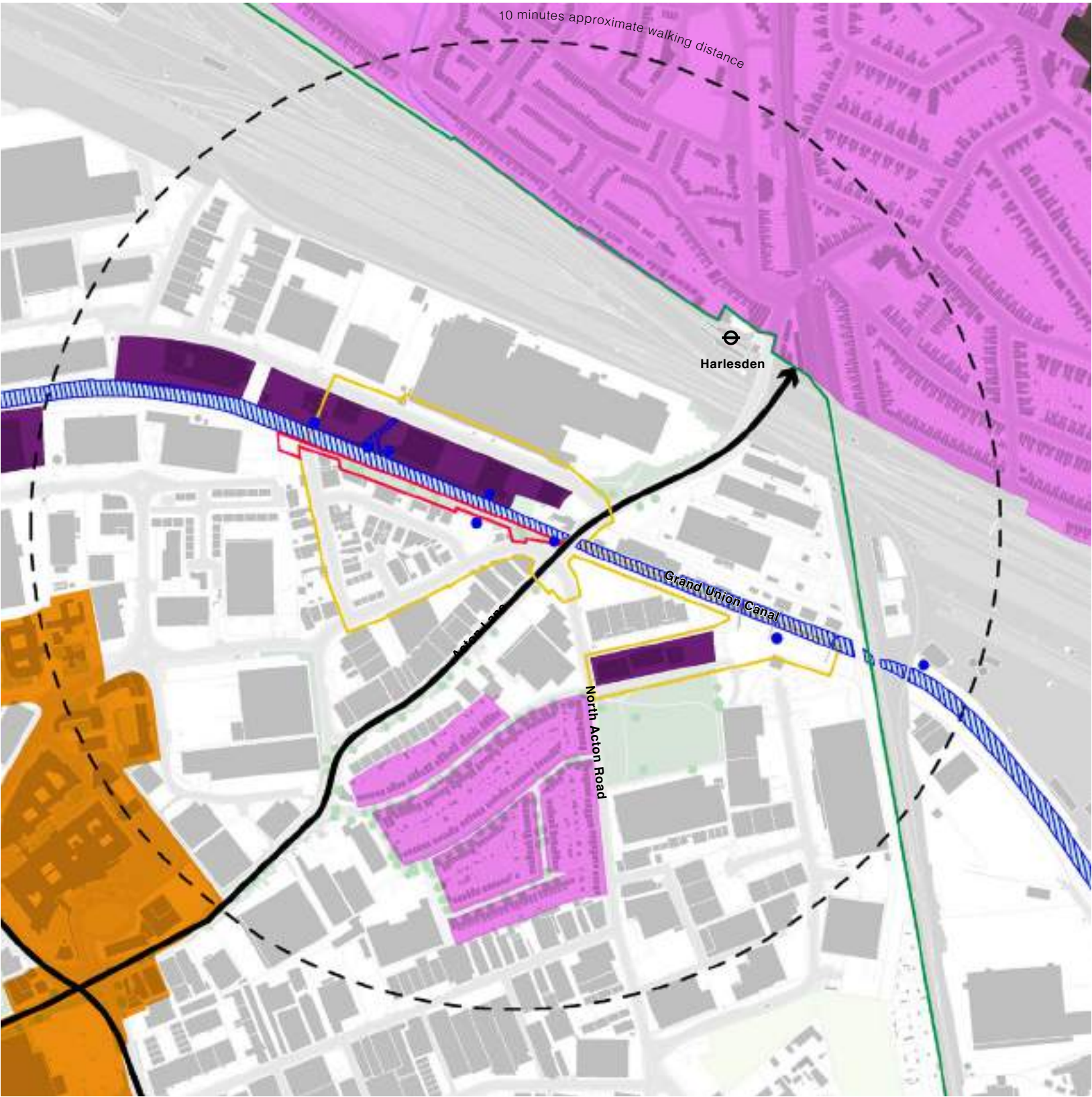
CONTEXT

The project area is located along the Canal towpath between Acton Lane bridge and Steele Road. The area is relatively popular due to the presence of a very popular restaurant (Beit el Zaytoun) and the Grand Junction Arms. There are several very active community groups, businesses and a boaters' association nearby (Kensal Rise Association of Boaters).

The area is home to a large number of visitor (14-day) moorings. The towpath is owned and operated by the Canal & River Trust. The open space between the towpath and the buildings is owned by LB Brent.

KEY

- Harlesden Canalside site boundary
- OPDC Canal Placemaking Study, 2019
- OPDC Canal Placemaking Study interventions
- Early Activation Site (Park Royal Centre Masterplan, 2018)
- Park Royal Intensification Report long list, 2017
- Park Royal Neighbourhood Centre boundary
- Park Royal Boundary
- Harlesden Town Centre boundary
- Residential areas
- 'Big X' arms



WHERE IS IT?

SITE BOUNDARY



WHAT IS IT LIKE NOW?



A. Existing stepped public realm providing connection between Barrett's Green Road and the Grand Union Canal



B. The Grand Junction Arms has an outdoor seating area adjacent to the Grand Union Canal



C. McVitie's building to Waxlow Road



D. Ramped access to the Grand Union Canal from the public realm to Barrett's Green Road



E. Footway to South side of Grand Union Canal



F. Car park adjacent to Barrett's Green Road and the Grand Union Canal

WHAT ARE THE OPPORTUNITIES & CONSTRAINTS

Constraints

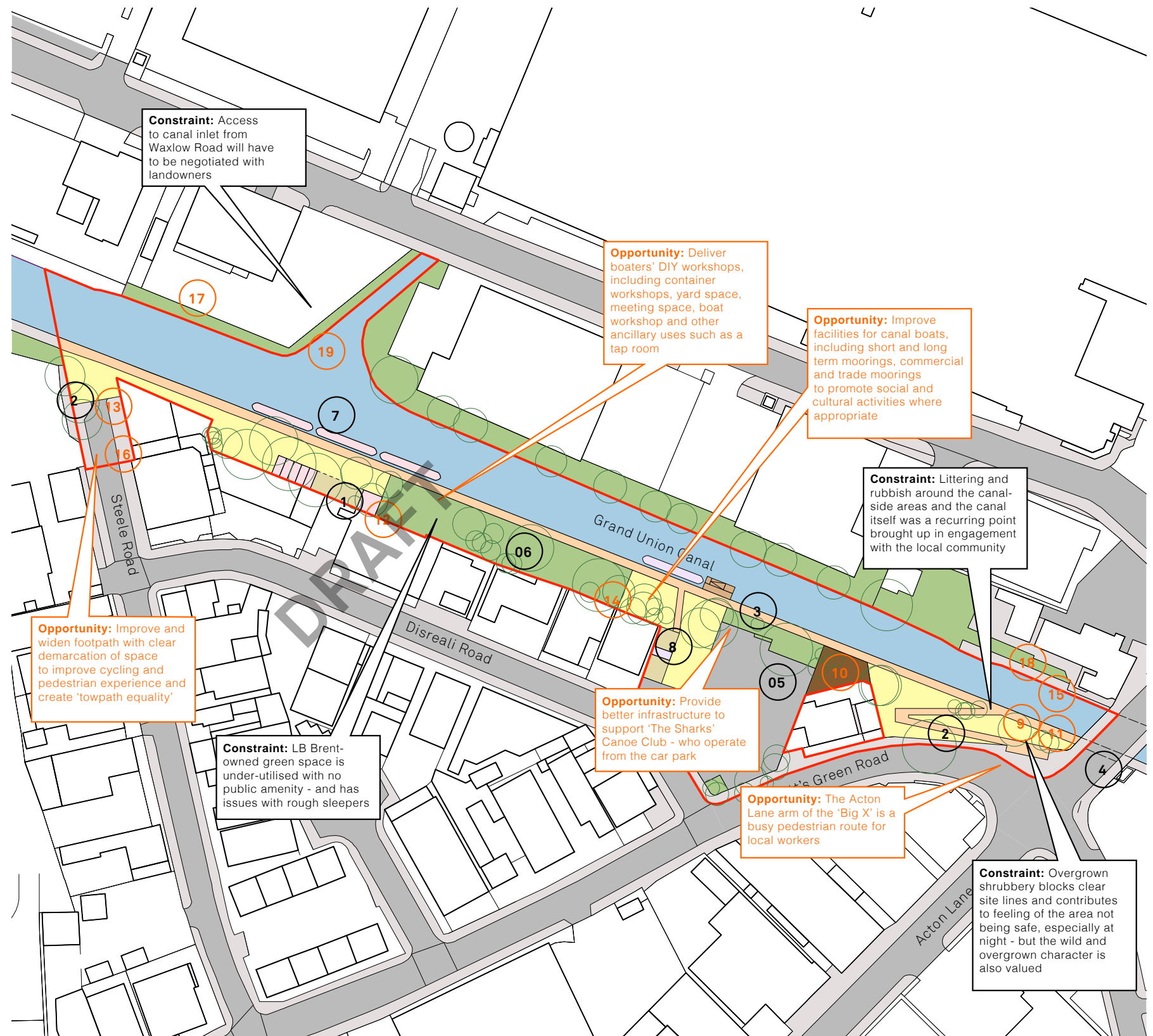
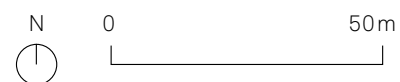
1. Inactive frontage to units facing the canal and many local businesses have no interface with the canal.
2. Poor public realm, wayfinding and signage to entrances to the Grand Union Canal
3. Narrow and dilapidated footpath creates conflict with pedestrians and cyclists
4. Unwelcoming bridge threshold with no illumination
5. Consider existing parking requirements of surface car park
6. Illumination proposals must consider effects on local wildlife
7. There is a lack of boater amenities, such as toilets, electricity and water stations
8. There is a level change between Acton Lane/Disreali Road and the Grand Union Canal

Opportunities

9. Improve appearance of Acton Lane bridge, including potential art commission, wayfinding and illumination
10. Improve restaurant frontage and deck to canal
11. Provide improved cycle infrastructure along the canal
12. Encourage existing businesses to 'turn their face' back to canal with active frontage and improve the canal edge to provide worker amenity space
13. Create better entrance/dwell space from Steele Road
14. Improve LB Brent-owned green space to respond to nearby activities and moorings
15. Introduce Biodiversity-friendly lighting to ensure spaces are identifiable at night and have a lit character that encourages inhabitation while protecting the ecology of the canal corridor
16. Improve site lines to canal and introduce better signage and wayfinding from nearby roads
17. New developments along the Grand Union Canal should respond to the canal as a key public space and look to integrate its heritage and ecology into the development and public realm
18. Work with local stakeholders - such as Grand Union Public House - to programme events and activities on the canal
19. Environmental improvements to Brent Feeder inlet, new viewing structure and safeguard existing boat winding hole

KEY

Site boundary



WHAT USES MIGHT BE SUPPORTED?

Making and mending

Circular economy

Outdoor recreation and leisure

Sharing culture

Multi-use community hub

WHAT VALUE MIGHT THIS ADD?

Social value

Building skills and employability

Youth support

COVID-19 recovery

... plus others to be defined through co-design and engagement

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM ELSEWHERE?



The House of Materialisation

Where:
Berlin, Germany

Who:
Alliance of various Berlin actors: social and cultural institutions and associations, artist collectives, architects, foundations and associations

Description:
The House of Materialisation in Berlin brings together over 15 initiatives including exchange hubs, markets, creatives and makers, workshops and research institutes to bridge this gap and bring used and reusable materials to the makers.



New Columbia Bike Skill Shed

Where:
Portland, USA

Who:
Community Cycling Center

Description:
A small gathering space and building that offers bike skills and cycling tuition.

The new Bike Hub is a small, humble, wood and corrugated plastic structure on a large empty lot. It's a permanent, physical manifestation of their mission — that the bicycle can be “a vehicle for community change.”



Girls Garage

Where:
Berkeley, USA

Who:
Girls Garage Team

Description:
Girls Garage is a nonprofit design and building program and dedicated workspace for girls and female-identifying youth ages 9-18.

Girls Garage is a physical space for girls, including a wall with the name of every fearless builder girl who has taken a class at Girls Garage. Making space means that girls are seen, supported, and invited to shape their own world.



Perth Cultural Centre Precinct

Where:

Perth, Australia

Who:

The Perth Cultural Centre (PCC)

Description:

Perth Cultural Centre Precinct brings together a group of neighbouring institutions that includes, art galleries, museums, archives, theatres, and research centres.

The Precinct was once an underused space with a reputation for being isolated and unsafe, between cultural institution's buildings.

In 2004, the local authority led the regeneration of this disused public space by encouraging the surrounding institutions to expand their programs outdoors.



The Co Mooring

Where:

London, UK

Who:

Westminster City Council and the London Festival of Architecture, in partnership with the Canal and River Trust
Studio Yu + tomos.design + WYD

Description:

4 week experiment to explore how underused and unloved spaces on the canal can be transformed through architectural intervention, policy changes and a number of community activities on the site.

The Co Mooring officially launched on 28th June 2019 with a Canalside Forum.



Marktplatz / Parkplatz, Berlin

Where:

Berlin, Germany

Who:

KAiAK Art and Architecture

Description:

Our proposal concerned an undefined space which so far had been used as an informal parking lot, due to the permanent lack of parking options. The idea was to create one public square with two functions on the same spot by implementing a multifunctional design.

We suggested to turn the lot into an official parking space and to connect the same space with the second function of a market place.

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

We will deliberately move beyond a 'consultation' process into a progressive approach to embed community engagement and co-design within the Harlesden Canalside project.

- **Co-design:** involving stakeholders directly in the design development processes;
- **Co-commissioning:** working with others to secure local skills and services within the design and delivery teams; and
- **Co-delivery:** involving others to ensure direct involvement in delivery, such as physical testing or building, and/ or hands-on involvement in operations from the start.

We are hiring in Harlesden! in the making

ABOUT THE PROJECT

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WHAT THE ROLE INVOLVE?

ance to develop an engagement programme directly with the pace and We Made That and be a key part of the Harlesden project.
with 3Space and We Made That to support engagement and development
ce and coordinate communication materials, both physical digital
our networks to increase local reach and participation, ing and building relationships with local people representing d range of interests
time establishing new contact with harder-to-reach groups in preparing, facilitating and documenting events

WE ARE LOOKING FOR?

cularly interested in supporting an early career individual in their skills and experience in developing, coordinating and public engagement programme.
to Harlesden with established networks and passion to get all of people involved
ent time management and organisation skills
ence working independently and proactively
to contribute to lively, creative and productive team working
ence in facilitating events and activities

- Excellent communication skills, open and easy to talk to

DETAILS AND HOW TO APPLY

The part time and flexible role will run from October 2020 to January 2021. A budget of £4,000 has been allocated to the Local Community Coordinator for an expected minimum of 20 days. A full job description and details of the application process can be found here: www.harlesdencanalside.co.uk/local-community-coordinator

We particularly encourage applications from Black, Asian and minority ethnic, disabled and female candidates as these groups are under represented throughout the built environment professions.

Meet Anita,
our Local Community
Coordinator

HOW CAN PEOPLE GET INVOLVED?

A) 'LOCAL INSIGHTS' ENGAGEMENT

KEY ACTIVITIES:

A) 'Local insights' engagement

- Walking workshops (Postponed due to COVID-19)
- 1-2-1 stakeholder meetings
- Establish a Canal Sounding BoardProject website

TIMESCALE:

Now

B) PARTNERSHIP BUILDING

KEY ACTIVITIES:

B) Partnership Building

- Workshops: Local businesses and targeted creative sectors
- Workshops: Landowners
- Workshops: Business networking
- 'Local commissioning' programme

TIMESCALE:

Now - Febraury 2021

C) ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

KEY ACTIVITIES:

C) Engagement with local community to inform public realm and interventions

- 'Gathering opinions' on design ideas event
- 'Testing ideas' events programme

PLUS

- Community boat activation and co-delivery project
- Activation and co-delivery testing
- On site fabrication and use

TIMESCALE:

Spring 2021 onwards
(Subject to COVID-19 guidance)

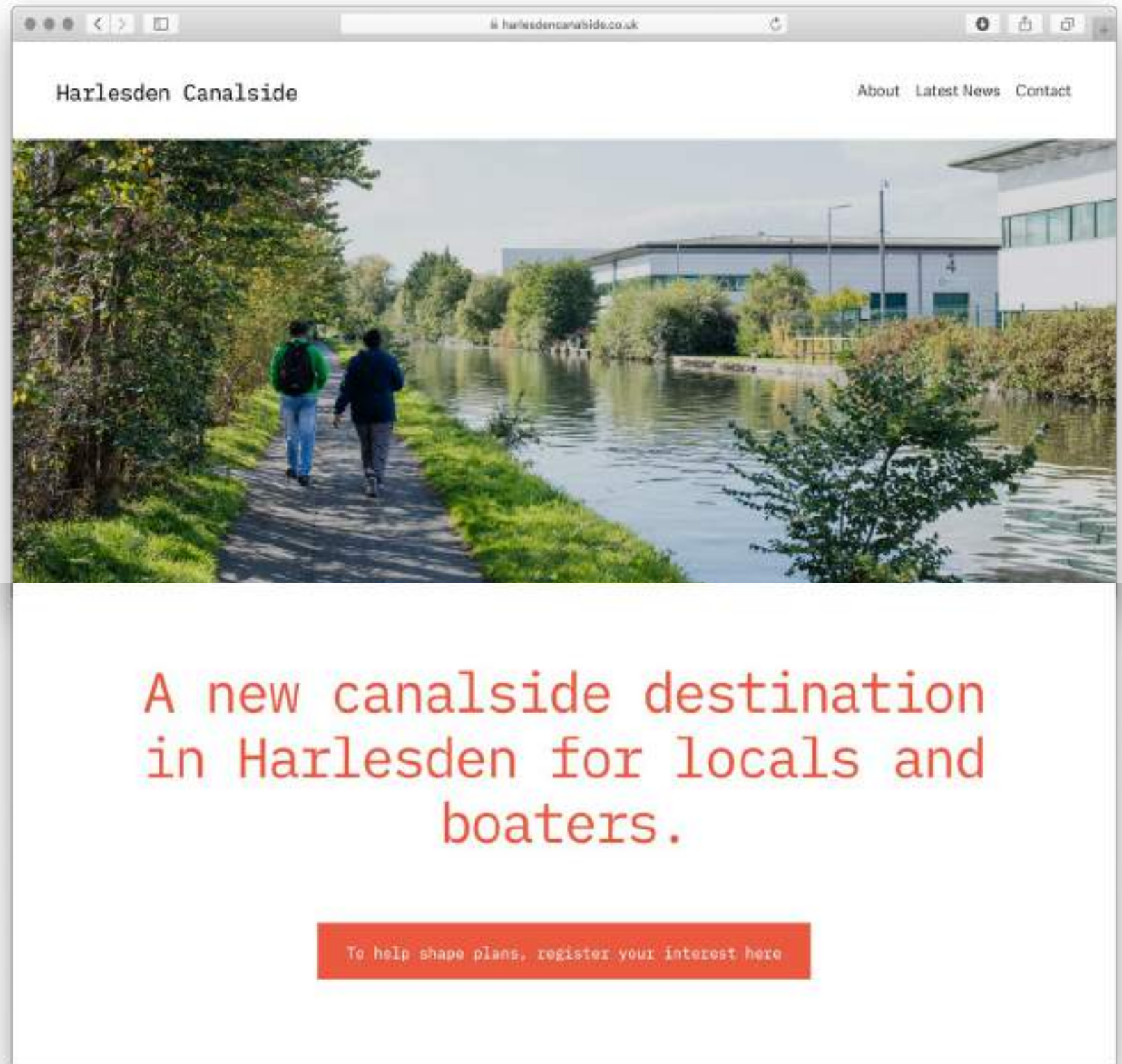
WHAT ARE THE TIMEFRAMES?



NEXT STEPS

To help shape plans, register your interest here:

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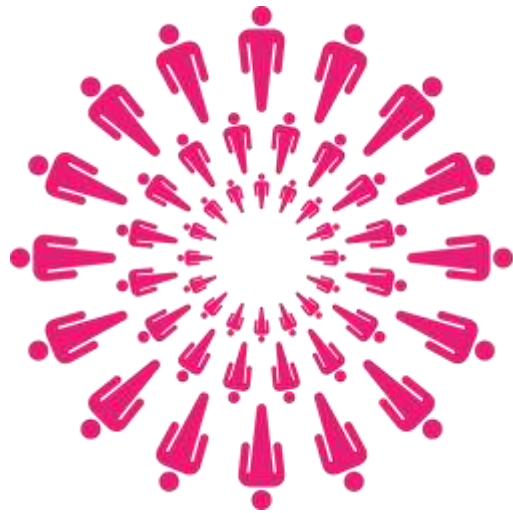




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Q&A





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Thank you!

