

SHAPING FUTURE ABBEY WOOD

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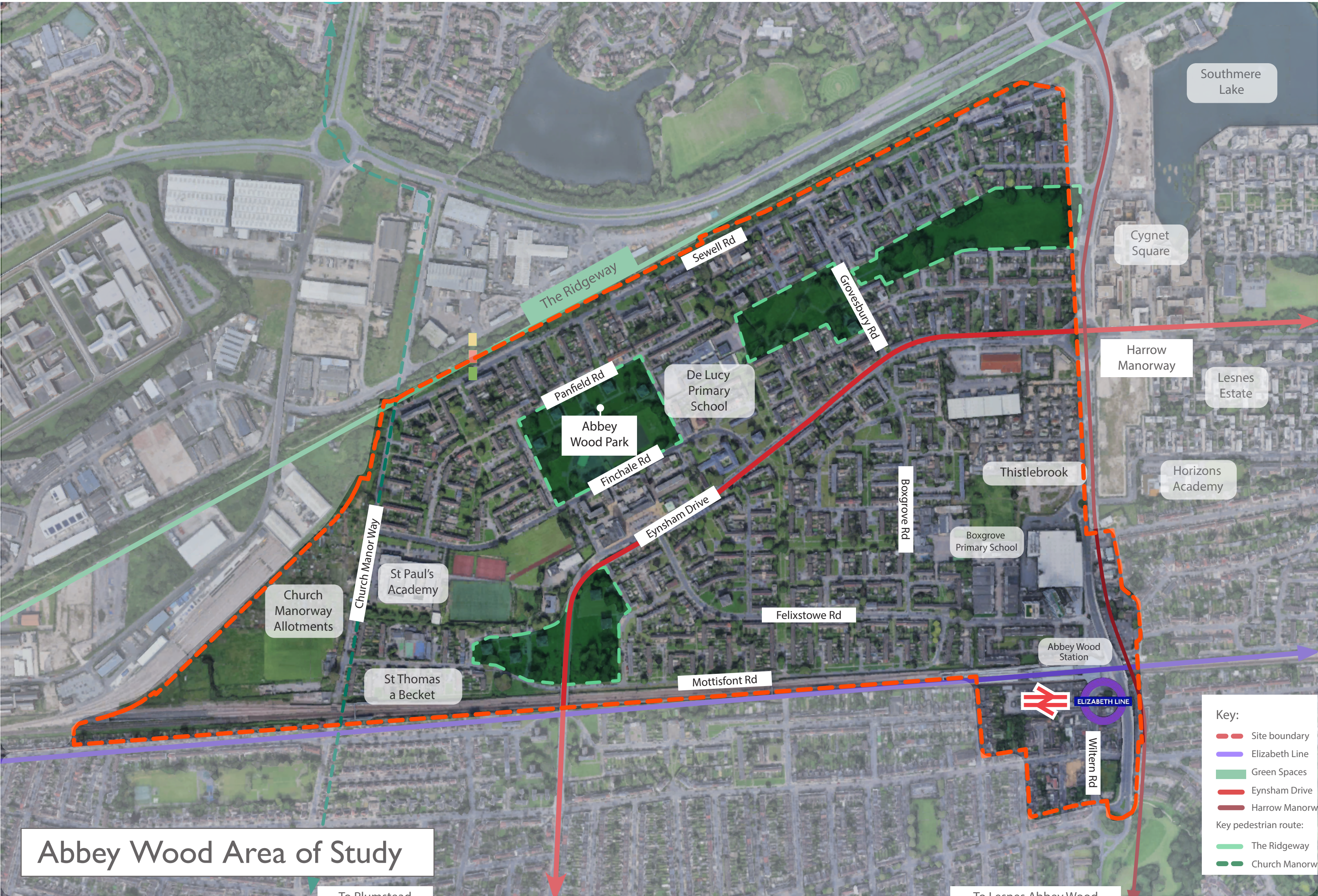
Welcome to the exhibition on the Future Abbey Wood Urban Regeneration Framework (URF).

Commissioned by the Royal Borough of Greenwich and the London Borough of Bexley, this ten-year vision establishes a coordinated approach to building a vibrant, safe, and sustainable neighbourhood, giving a clear direction of how and what needs to happen and priorities for achieving this. Some of this could be immediate while other elements of the URF will be more long-term.

Strong collaboration between Bexley and Greenwich Councils is vital for Abbey Wood, especially for shared areas like Wilton Road, Felixstowe Road, and Harrow Manorway. This message was heard loud and clear during our first round of engagement. Since last autumn, cross-borough teams, spanning Planning, Transport, Regeneration, and Green Spaces, have held workshops to develop the Future Abbey Wood URF. As an immediate follow on from this work, Town Centre teams from both Councils are now working with the local traders group to initiate some short-term activities to support and promote businesses on Wilton Road.

As you move through the exhibition, you will explore the process of the project so far, see insights from our community workshops, and read about ideas for improving local centres, and delivering new housing, public spaces, and economic growth.

Most importantly, this is your opportunity to review our ideas and share your feedback!



Please sign up for our consultation platform and fill out a survey to help shape the future of Abbey Wood!

Find out more

Greenwich residents:
royalgreenwich.gov.uk/urbanregenerationframeworks



Bexley residents:
www.bexley.gov.uk/abbey-wood-urban-regeneration-framework



ABOUT THE PROJECT

What Urban Regeneration Frameworks can (and can't) do

An Urban Regeneration Framework (URF) is a long-term plan for how an area could improve over time. It helps make sure future investment, development and public projects work together to create a better place for people to live, work and spend time.

The Framework will set a guide for future decisions and help shape how the town centre grows and changes in the years ahead. It is not a planning application and does not approve any development. Instead, it provides a joined-up vision to help guide future investment and change.

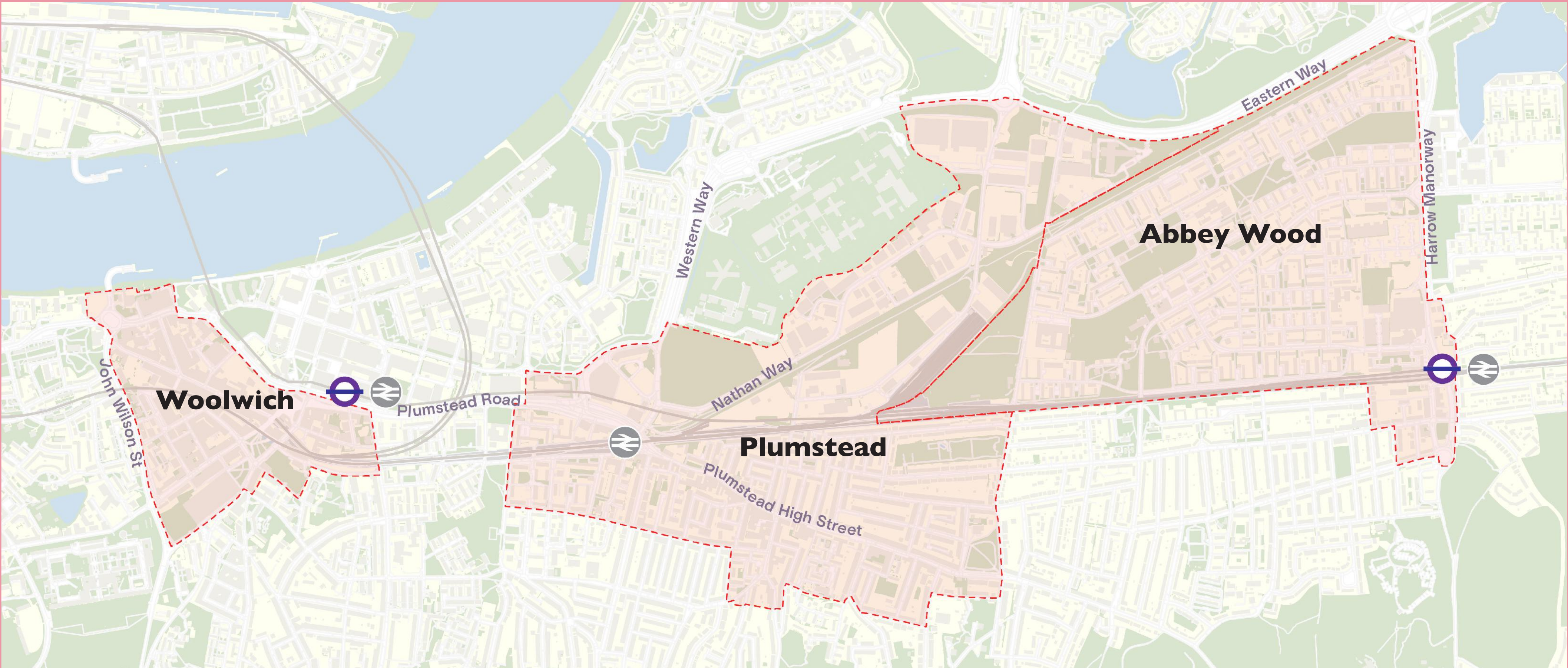
They will be shaped by resident and stakeholder feedback in order to:

- Coordinate change with a shared vision
- Guide future council/partner investment
- Identify priority areas and sites
- Ensure change benefits local people

The scope of the frameworks themselves can not directly affect:

- Existing maintenance budgets
- Ongoing costs of programs
- Management of businesses and services
- Specific land use designation

FUTURE WOOLWICH, PLUMSTEAD AND ABBEY WOOD



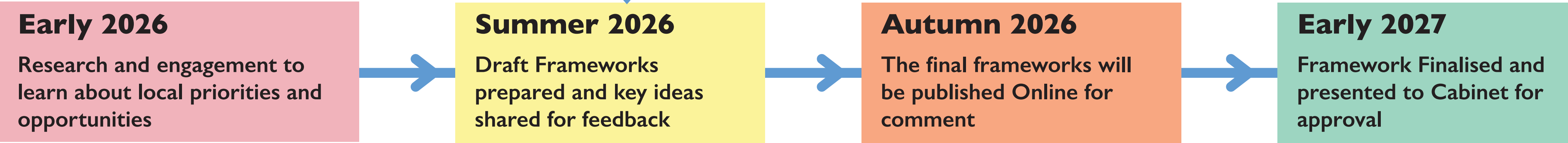
The Royal Borough of Greenwich is developing three long-term plans for Woolwich, Plumstead and Abbey Wood to guide how the areas could grow and change over the next ten years.

These plans, known as an Urban Regeneration Frameworks, will set out shared visions and priorities to help shape future investment, regeneration and improvement while building on what makes these areas special.

The council and the different teams are working together to make sure that these plans will complement each other and support the ambitions and opportunities being set out in the Draft Local Plan.

You can find out more about all three frameworks online: <website link>

Indicative timeline:



DEVELOPING THE URF AND ENGAGEMENT

We have been engaging residents to develop ideas for the Vision and the Future Abbey Wood Urban Regeneration Framework. We have held over 15 different engagement sessions from walkabouts, to workshops, schools events and visits to Thistlebrook Traveller site to understand different priorities and challenges about the area.

- Key Finding 1:** Cleanliness and maintenance were the most consistent issues raised, including litter, fly-tipping and poor public realm quality.
- Key Finding 2:** Safety and anti-social behaviour were commonly reported, particularly in the local centres and along key routes.
- Key Finding 3:** Transport and connectivity challenges affect daily life, including poor walking routes, limited bus connections in Abbey Wood and weak local accessibility.

- Key Finding 4:** High streets are viewed as functional rather than destinations, with limited diversity in shops, cafés and social spaces or a night time offer.
- Key Finding 5:** Residents value green spaces but want better maintenance, safety and usability.
- Key Finding 6:** There is strong demand for affordable housing, alongside concerns about HMOs and infrastructure capacity.

