

A woman is sitting on a grassy area next to a hammock in a modern residential courtyard. The courtyard features large, light-colored concrete pillars, a paved walkway, and a playground in the background. The scene is bright and sunny, with a clear blue sky. The text "Growing Up in Hackney: Hackney's Child-Friendly Places Guidance" is overlaid in large white letters across the top half of the image.

# Growing Up in Hackney: Hackney's Child-Friendly Places Guidance

The SPD can be viewed at:

<https://hackney.gov.uk/child-friendly-spd>





**“Children are a kind of indicator species. If we can build a successful city for children, we will have a successful city for all people.”**



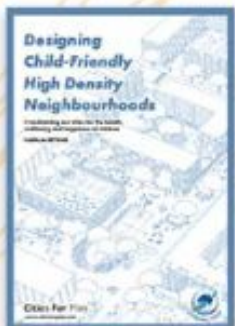
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- \* What would you do?
- \* How would you change it?

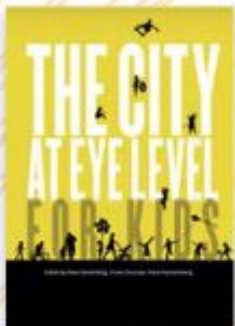
The image shows a collection of approximately 20 sticky notes scattered across a white sheet of paper. Most of the notes are teal-colored, while two are yellow. The notes are of various sizes and are mostly folded or partially obscured. Some of the visible text on the yellow notes includes "Max 1000" and "1000000". The teal notes contain illegible handwritten text. The notes are arranged in a somewhat random pattern, with some clustered together and others spaced out.



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# Planning Policy Framework

*“We want to work with the community to ensure that Hackney becomes a fully ‘Child-Friendly Borough’ and maximises the opportunities for safe play and outdoor activities across our streets, estates, parks, adventure playgrounds, new developments and open spaces as children and their families explore and discover the world around them”*

Hackney Labour Manifesto, 2018



# Growing Up in Hackney: Child Friendly Places SPD

**Part 1** Moving towards a Child-Friendly Borough

**Part 2** Policy, Research & Guidance Context

**Part 3** Hackney's Child-Friendly Principles for the Built Environment

**Part 4** Child-Friendly Design Guidelines for Hackney's Built Environment

**Part 5** Shaping My Borough: Engagement Guidelines and Best Practice

**Part 6** Tools for Implementation & Delivery





# Child-Friendly Design Principles:

- 1. Shaping my Borough:** to ensure children and young people have the power to influence change in Hackney.
  - 2. Doorstep play:** to provide easily accessible and overlooked space for play and social interactions immediately outside the front door.
  - 3. Play on the way:** to provide multi-generational opportunities for informal play, things to see and do around the neighbourhood beyond designated parks and playgrounds.
  - 4. Streets for people:** to ensure that children, young people and their families can safely and easily move through Hackney by sustainable modes of transport such as walking, cycling or public transport.
  - 5. Contact with nature:** to design places which increase everyday opportunities to access and connect with nature.
  - 6. Destinations for all:** to design socially inclusive and accessible public spaces that are welcoming, enjoyable and safe for everyone.
  - 7. Making spaces young people want to be:** to ensure that public spaces are designed, planned and managed to consider the varied needs of teenagers and young people.
  - 8. Health and well-being:** to ensure the design of outdoor environments supports improved physical health and mental well-being.
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# Child Friendly Design Guidelines

We understand children in Hackney will grow up and experience their **neighbourhood** along the scales of:

## 1. The Doorstep



The shared spaces that connect an front door to surrounding streets and public spaces

## 2. Streets



The network of routes that children, young people and their families use to move between their home and destinations within their neighbourhood

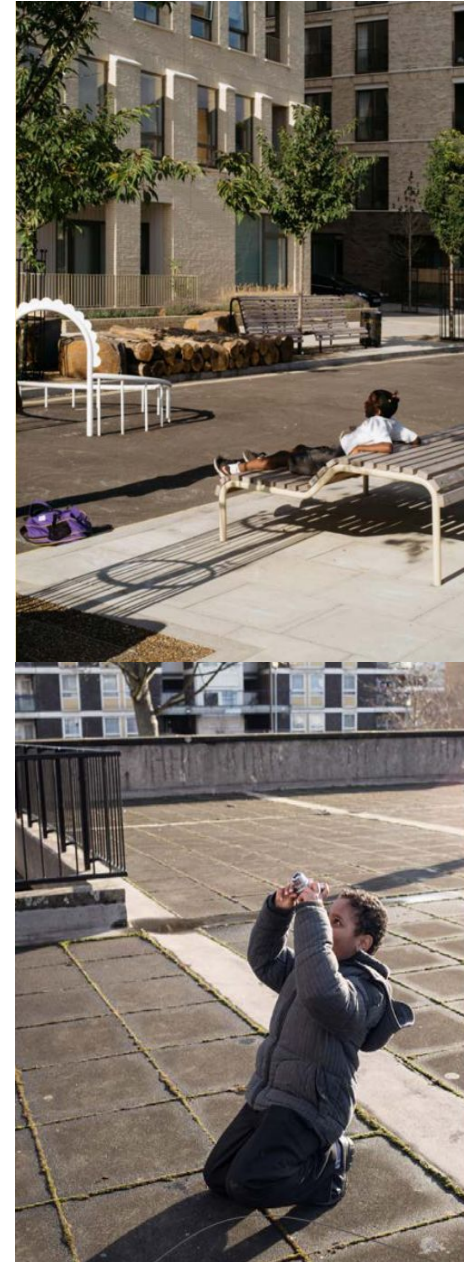
## 3. Destinations



The public places that children, young people and their families make frequent journeys to in Hackney

# Implementation & Delivery

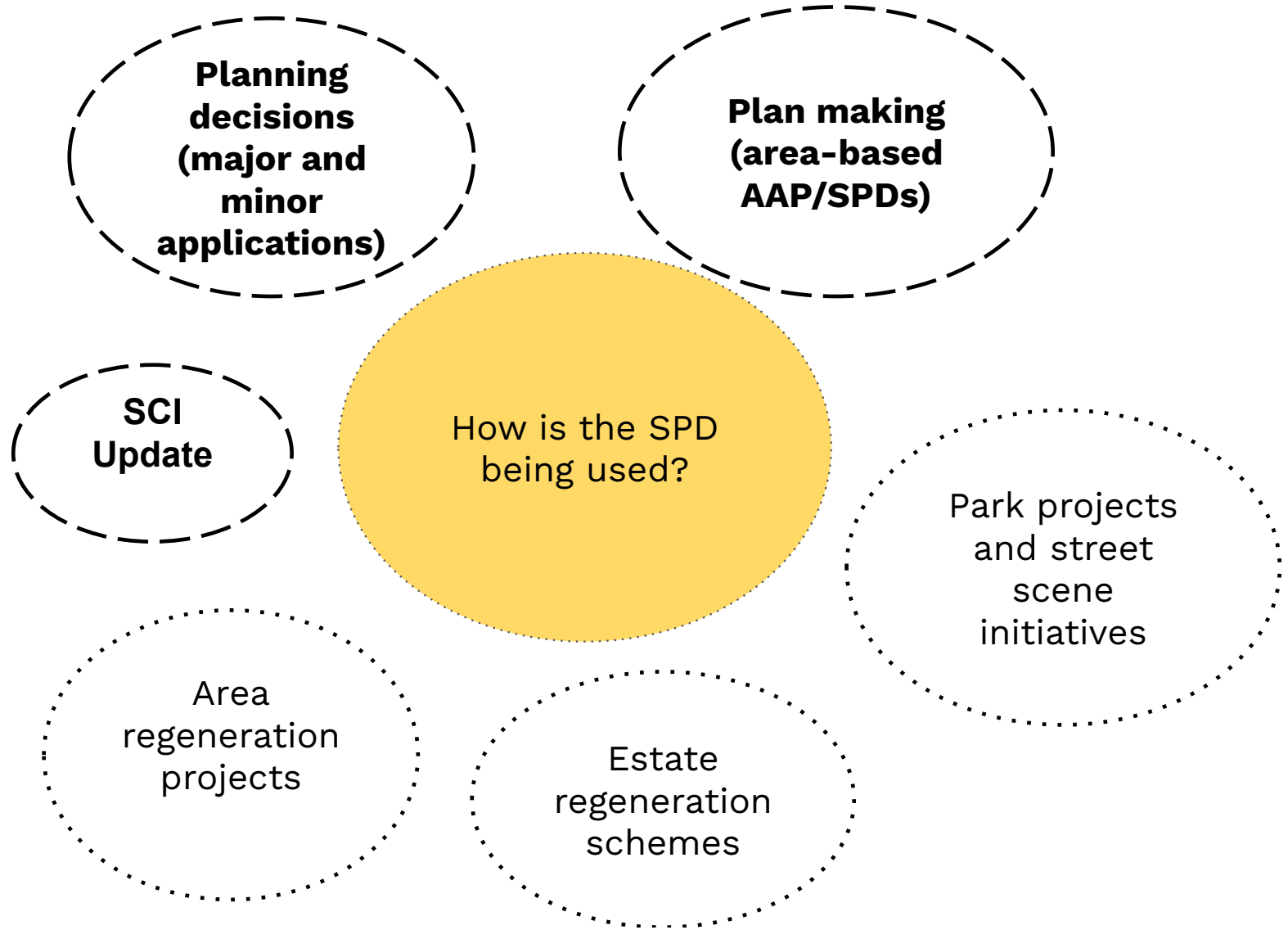
1. Child Friendly Design Checklist
2. Child Friendly Impact Assessment
3. Statement of Community Involvement
4. Child Friendly Delivery Projects



## Child-Friendly Design Checklist - Streets

Scale: Streets	Design Guidelines Reference	Traffic Light Score			Score	Comments
On this street, a child or young person would feel safe crossing the road safely	15	0	1	2		
On this street, a child or young person can independently, safely and easily travel to destinations that are important to them, such as school, shops, youth club or parks	15, 18 & 19	0	1	2		
On this street, motor vehicles are not dominating this space by parking or moving to fast eg: vehicles do not take up a lot of room with parking on both sides of the road and/or there are designs to help encourage traffic to slow down in a specific section of a road in place	15, 18 & 19	0	1	2		
On this street, the pavement is wide enough for a number of people to use eg: the pavement can support a range of activities including scootering, skateboarding, playing, sitting, socialising, resting or allowing multiple prams to pass	15, 19, 23 & 24	0	1	2		
On this street, there are opportunities to play and have fun when moving along it eg: There is space to play with chalk or interactive street art or furniture art to see or street furniture	20, 21, 22, 26 & 27	0	1	2		
On this street, the important walking and cycling routes are well lit, easy to find even when it becomes dark outside.	23 & 26	0	1	2		
On this street, there is clear and positively worded signage to support a child or young person to easily know how to get to nearby community facilities, such as shops, schools, workplaces, parks, play areas or cafes by foot or bicycle	26	0	1	2		
This street, supports healthier lifestyles e.g: healthy food shops, or there are lots of bins for recycling and/ or measures have been taken to reduce noise and air pollution.	26 & 27	0	1	2		
On this street, there is planting and access to nature eg: trees, hedges, flowers can be seen and enjoyed.	27	0	1	2		
Total						

# How is the SPD being used?





## Engagement in Plan-Making: Future Shoreditch (2021-2023)

- Engagement with young people in finalising the Dalston Plan
- Session with Students from Mossbourne Academy in Autumn 2021
- Two Sessions with Hackney Young Futures Commission Representatives Spring 2023
- Explored the objectives of the Dalston Plan
- Important in recognising the value of young people's time
- Lessons to learn/ challenges

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Strategic Significance

### 01 SITE WIDE SIGNAGE

Title:

Key Stakeholders:

LBH, LBTH, TfL

Land Ownership:

Cost estimate

Summary:

Area wide audit and proposal for rationalisation and additions to directional signage

Rationale:

Signage provision is uneven particularly for cycling and walking routes.



# Hackney Wick & Fish Island - Public Realm Project Bank: 40 Project Ideas (funding needs to be secured)

SuDS value

Biodiversity value

Connectivity value

Wayfinding & Lighting value

Community Scoring

Signage to support improved active travel connectivity.

Opportunity to design HWFI distinct signage and an area wide strategic placement.

Coordinate signage with street lighting to reduce clutter.

- Urgency ★★★★★
- Social Value ★★★★★
- Greening ★★★★★
- Cost & deliverability ★★★★★
- Circular Economy ★★★★★

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**Movement**

Title:

# 08 RED PATH TO QEOP through Trowbridge

Key Stakeholders:

Hackney Quest, Spaceblack, BuildUp, Hackney Housing, LBH

Land Ownership:

LBH

Cost estimate

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**Summary:**

Promote active travel by extending the route from the Red Path through Trowbridge to the QEOP bridge crossing. Improved wayfinding, resurfacing, rationalise parking, continuous foot-way

**Rationale:**

Route between the east end of the Red Path across the Eastway to Gainsborough Bridge is counter intuitive and hard to follow.



**SuDS value**

**Biodiversity value**

**Connectivity value**

**Wayfinding & Lighting value**

**Community Scoring**

Continue the green corridor of the Red Path with a similar ecological palette through Trafalgar Mews into Daintry Way to join the Lea Navigation corridor.

Provide active travel route from Red Path through Trafalgar Mew, east and south. Rationalise residential parking.

Signage to direct pedestrians and cyclists to local amenities.

Special lighting along route - coloured columns or dedicated colour temperature / lit effect to signpost route / light up character buildings.

Urgency ★★★★★

Social Value ★★★★★

Greening ★★★★★

Cost & deliverability ★★★★★

Circular Economy ★★★★★

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## Shoreditch Park (2021 -2023)

- Mix of **natural equipment** for incidental play and formal play equipment (swings for mixed abilities and ages)
- **Removed two of the railings**, removed and replaced by natural vehicle deterrents along SW park and section backing onto gardens.
- **Four types of signage** to be developed, wayfinding, positive wording very child friendly etc
- By the MUGA there will be a **community welfare facility** and **new extra entrances** (three in total)
- **Ecological enhancement:** range of grass, flower types. with linear habitats for foraging animals, rain gardens etc. No mow sections.
- Shortlisted for NLA Award 2023.



## 7.1 Growing up in Hackney: Child-Friendly Design Standard

The new borough-wide Local Plan (LP33) will shape future growth and regeneration in the Borough of Hackney over a 15 year period from 2018 to 2033. The purpose of the Child-Friendly Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) is to help set the LP33 policies in a child-friendly context to ensure that adopted planning policies maximise their benefit for all children, young people and caregivers who learn, work, play and live in Hackney.

The proposed scheme has been assessed against the Child-Friendly Design Guidelines criteria for a 'Destination', shown opposite.

The criteria uses a Traffic Light System for scoring:

**Red:** 0 points

**Amber:** 1 point

**Green:** 2 points

Further information on the scoring system and findings can be found in the Child Friendly Design Standard.

	Scale: Destinations	Traffic Light Score	Comment
Child-Friendly Design Standard Criteria	A child or young person would feel welcome and safe outside in this space without the supervision of an adult, during the day eg: There are people frequently going in and out of buildings or passing by this space and/or the entry and exit points are easy to find	2	The extents of the park are clearly delineated, with defined zones for specific activity. Many of the paths form direct walking routes and thoroughfares, meaning it is regularly well-populated.  The playground is fenced and has two main entrance/exit points on an axial path running through the middle of the playground. There is an additional playful entry point via a wooden stile over the fence. The playground is off the main pedestrian paths and borders Rushton Street.
	There is enough lighting in this space when it becomes dark outside eg: The walking routes or sports areas are clearly lit up when it is dark	2	The park has a lot of existing lighting along all of the main paths which is to be retained. Although there is no lighting proposed within the playground, the main pedestrian routes adjacent to each gates has existing street lighting. Lighting has been proposed to the MUGA to allow use to continue into the night, with push button activated switches and a cut-off at 9pm.
	A child or young person would find it easy to navigate their way around this space eg: this space is well connected by walking and cycling or signposting is clear or design allows for movement by a range of different abilities to access this space	2	Paths are well-structured and all join on to the principal walking routes. A new play trail leads from Dorothy Thurtle Gardens into the sports pitch and the wider park, with an interpretation board providing additional information. All paths are flush and provide ease of access for all visitors.
	There are opportunities to play and have fun when visiting this space e.g: the space offers opportunities for different types of physical and mindful activities with mixed elements of risks or landforms at varying heights	2	The re-designed playground improves the play value, offering a range of play experiences and risk within a safe environment. The adventure playground is retained and offers more for slightly older children. A play trail and other playful elements have been integrated into the design.
	There are opportunities to comfortably sit and gather with other people in this space eg: seating in this space is comfortable to use at all times of the year, particularly when it is very cold or very sunny	2	Seating and park furniture has been rationalised and re-positioned to work with the proposed design. A range of seats in sun and shade and with back and arm-rests are proposed.
	This space feels well looked after and clean eg: Litter is placed in bins and/or no graffiti on the street furniture	2	Litter bins are proposed at all park entrances and new park furniture is proposed.
	The windows of shops and front of buildings in this space are interesting and attractive eg: they are artistic, have front gardens, or window displays	2	The aesthetics of the proposal have been carefully considered, with materials chosen to reflect the natural character of the existing park.
	This space provides movement opportunities and experiences for a range of different abilities e.g: you could access and easily move in this space if you were in a wheelchair or if you had a visual impairment	2	All paths are flush and freely accessible for a range of physical impairments. Pedestrian paths are clearly defined and differentiated from grass areas.
	In this space one can enjoy contact with nature, both wild and well groomed eg: trees, hedges, flowers	2	The proposal includes a range of soft landscape and ecological enhancement improvements.
	This space supports access to healthier lifestyles e.g: healthy food options, opportunities for growing food, reduced air and noise pollution	2	Additional planting has been proposed, including buffer planting to the New North Road boundary to help improve the general air quality along this edge. Orchard trees are proposed within the playground and a new sports hub and perimeter running track will provide more opportunities for physical activities.
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20</b>	

**Shoreditch Park**  
Landscape Improvement Project  
Design & Access Statement (LUC)

# Hackney MUGA (Multi-Use Games Area) Charter

June 2025





## Next Steps

- Review of Statement of Community Involvement & Local Plan Review
- Review Quality and Impact of Child-Friendly Impact Assessments - 4 years on
- Hackney Young Place Advisors - can we make this happen?
- Working with the MUGA Charter
- Ongoing training & championing the guidance



# GROWING UP in HACKNEY

Child-Friendly Places  
Supplementary Planning Document  
July 2021



 Hackney

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