

STATS

POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2021

329,162 

POPULATION PROJECTIONS 2050

416,442 

LONDON PLAN NEW HOMES
(TEN-YEAR TARGET)

34,730 

BUILDING COUNCIL HOMES FOR
LONDONERS (FOUR-YEAR PROGRAMME)

675 

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KEY FACTS

→ Community and cultural assets: home to over 120 parks and open spaces, with 22 art galleries and 6 museums.

→ Rich history: over 30 per cent of the borough is in a conservation area and there are over 2,000 listed buildings.

→ Transport: 48 per cent of trips in the borough are made on foot or by bike.

‘The current economic circumstances are some of the most challenging we’ve seen for generations. We’re working with traders to protect jobs and businesses and attract new investment into the borough. Our target of delivering 2,000 new council homes is helping more people access decent and affordable housing, which we know is a key factor in residents’ health, wellbeing and financial stability. We’re working with developers to ensure we can provide good quality housing and the necessary infrastructure to support the UK’s fastest growing borough.’

John Biggs, Mayor of Tower Hamlets

OVERVIEW

Tower Hamlets is just eight square miles but is amongst the most densely populated boroughs in London, with over 300,000 inhabitants. In recent years its population has grown faster than anywhere else in the country. This is driving the need for more homes; especially affordable homes and the borough delivers more than any other. As London’s centre expands eastwards, Tower Hamlets is well placed to capitalise on its role as an engine of London’s growth, with the tech cluster in the City Fringe, an exciting potentially extensive life science cluster in Whitechapel and the leading financial centre at Canary Wharf. It is also a cultural hub, with well-established galleries, world renowned markets, such as Columbia Road Flower Market, and award-winning parks.

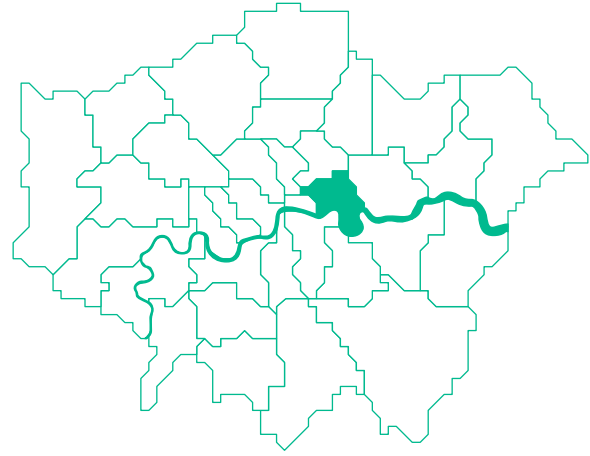
In accommodating and managing this growth, the borough is also driven to sharing the benefits that come from it. This includes all the ingredients that go to make a successful place including the provision of more affordable housing for residents, new infrastructure for education, health, community and leisure, support for local businesses with new public realm, high street improvements, new and upgraded parks and open spaces and a wide range of environmental and transport initiatives.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

→ **Preparing our young people for success:** we will make the transition from education to employment work better for our young people. To achieve this, we propose a targeted approach to equip young people in the borough with the tools they need to understand and navigate the options that are available to them.

→ **Helping our working age residents thrive:** we will ensure all working age residents in the borough get the best possible outcomes in terms of their jobs and careers — by looking where we can complement and strengthen existing ongoing projects such as WorkPath.

→ **Creating the conditions for business growth:** We will support our existing businesses in the borough to thrive and to stay in Tower Hamlets as they grow. We will also identify ways in which we can attract a diverse business base — so that there are more job opportunities for people with different kinds of interest and aptitudes.



MAP KEY

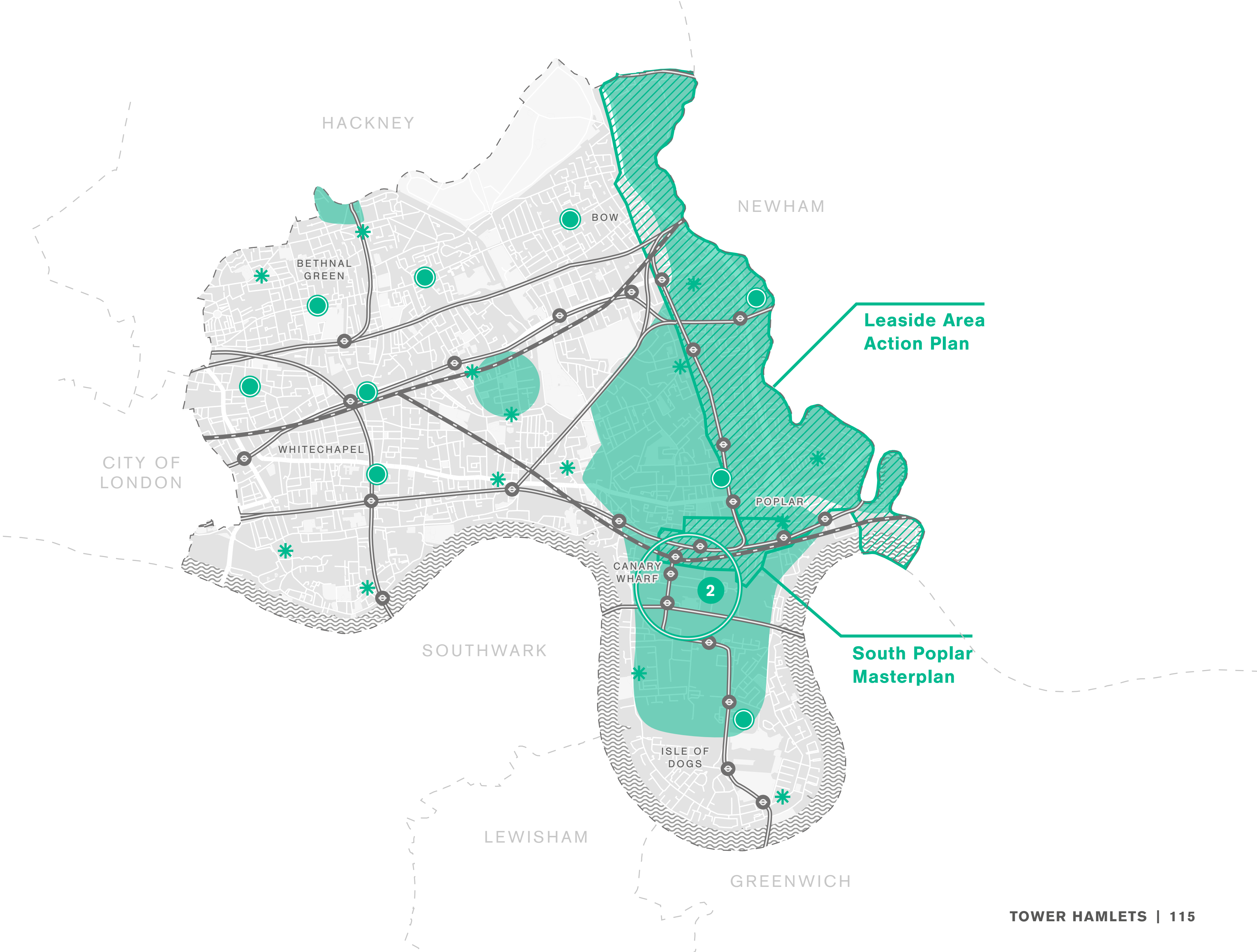
- GROWTH AREAS
- TOWN CENTRES
- NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE
- METROPOLITAN OPEN LAND / GREEN BELT
- RAIL
- CROSSRAIL
- STATIONS

DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- SOUTH POPLAR MASTERPLAN
- LEASIDE AREA ACTION PLAN

PROJECTS

- 1 TOWER HAMLETS HOMES (SITES ACROSS THE BOROUGH)
- 2 WOOD WHARF





SOUTH POPLAR MASTERPLAN, E14

South Poplar is an established and vibrant low to medium rise character area. The area contains pockets of built heritage within the St Matthias and All Saints Conservation Areas and has a large spread of public housing estates. There is relatively little private housing in the area, generally in the form of Georgian and Victorian terraces. Aspen Way (A1261) located to the south creates significant physical severance between South Poplar and the Isle of Dogs, severely limiting connectivity and ease of access. The regenerative opportunities across South Poplar are significant for new homes, infrastructure and community benefits.



LEASIDE AREA ACTION PLAN, E3, E14

Leaside is located to the eastern edge of Tower Hamlets. It sits less than one mile northeast of Canary Wharf and three miles east of the City of London. Despite its good connections, it is affected by poor intra-area permeability. The A12 and the A13 run through the area, which creates physical severance and contributes to poor air quality. However, the area has great potential and redevelopment/improvement opportunities; it borders the River Lea, there are a number of established town centres and there is strong community spirit. The council are in the process of drafting an area action plan for Leaside.



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TOWER HAMLETS HOMES

PROJECT ADDRESS

Multiple sites across the borough

PROJECT STATUS

Consultation stage

OVERVIEW

The council have set a target that half of all new affordable homes in Tower Hamlets should be let at social rents, equivalent to an old council rent. The other half should be let at Tower Hamlets Living Rents, which is 33 per cent of the borough’s average household income. One in ten will be wheelchair accessible and will include properties big enough for families.



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WOOD WHARF

PROJECT ADDRESS

Canary Wharf, E14

PROJECT STATUS

In construction

COMPLETION DATE

2023

OVERVIEW

A comprehensive mixed-use development, stretching over 23 acres in Canary Wharf. Once completed, the development provides over 3,300 new homes - a quarter of which will be affordable, shops, new parks, offices, a GP surgery, leisure centre and restaurant and primary school. The development will also provide commercial buildings, particularly suited to small and medium enterprises.