TEVIOT RESIDENT STEERING GROUP

Bartlett Park Study Visit

17th August 2021

POPLAR HARCA

Hill

BARTLETT PARK STUDY VISIT

On Tuesday 17 August 2021 members of the Teviot Resident Steering Group visited Bartlett to review improvements to the canal access and tow path, Bartlett Park and new play facilities, and Poplar Union building and facilities.

The visit was led by Babu Bhattacherjee, and included a presentation by Katy Hogarth from Moo Canoes, and a tour of Poplar Union by Beth Watton.

The BPTW design team attended and interacted with RSG Members and took notes, the visit was also attended by Mike Tyrrell ITLA, Tom Dewey from Kanda and members of Poplar HARCA REST Team.

Residents were asked to complete a short feedback form as part of the visit.

FEEDBACK: CANAL

Like

- Easy access to the canal for activities
- The wide tow path
- Very good access
- Nice ramp
- Like very much
- Easy access to the canal
- It's nice to see the canal from the road
- Open, looks good
- Something for everyone, place to sit & meet people
- Pleasant area
- Can't believe they've done this – what a difference it makes

Dislike

- The edge of the canal for young children didn't look safe to me
- Too close to the water for me
- Could have a small barrier
- No lighting
- Perhaps need lighting at night
- There should be safety aspect, such as life support rings allocated along the canal
- Increase in graffiti
- More bikes, scooters, mopeds now using the canal
- Close to water, would need fencing off.
- Lacks wildlife
- Paths are too small for both people who want to enjoy a walk, joggers and cyclists
- No barrier, feels unsafe with small children
- Paths are not smooth

Want for Teviot

- Activities on the canal with safety measures in place
- Would love to see the canal used like this in Teviot.
- More access for residents to be able to use the facilities i.e. canoeing, kayaking – rather than being members of clubs.
- Look good, clean, well maintained
- Policing of littering and graffiti
- Places to sit
- Maybe a place to eat along the canal – a river side pub.
- Want the same for Teviot
- Yes, want this in Teviot
- Affordable canoe and boat rides for both adults and children
- Free accredited canoeing sessions for adults and children
- Better lighting – maybe solar powered
- Barriers to make it safer for young children to visit
- Smooth paths which stand the test of time and do not easily erode

FEEDBACK: PARK/PLAYGROUND

Like

- Liked the new playground. There was plenty of apparatus to play on for children
- Great for the children, a nice play area
- Yes, very nice park
- Love the park
- Always very busy
- Playground – I like the way the children's area has been really thought through
- The children's area is segregated and fenced
- Amazing for the kids
- It's fantastic!
- Large, interesting, has brought families out to play
- Creates a nice family tone to the park
- Nice
- Well planned
- Enclosed space
- Safe area so kids can't run out of the park
- Something for everyone, all ages
- Sand area
- Benches
- Inclusive

Dislike

- No lighting
- Possible teenage problem at night
- No lighting
- Teenagers, young adults hanging around at night
- The park has no segregated dog area, people in the park having a picnic and dogs run around and disturb people
- Park too small for people

Want for Teviot

- A playground like this would be brilliant to have on Teviot
- Designated dog area
- Less shrubbery and more flat space for kids to run about
- Something same/similar would be good goal
- Lots more trees
- Large play area – also outside gym
- More trees needed
- Should be near family homes, not elderly accommodation.
- Something similar, if not better
- Larger play area
- Adventure playground style
- Something similar style to Thames Barrier children's park

OPEN

FEEDBACK: COMMUNITY CENTRE/POPLAR UNION

Like

- The theatre space was very big
- Like the useful café
- The idea of the Union facilities for residents
- Lots on offer
- Very good
- Lovely building
- This is a great place
- Big spaces, accessible to residents
- It is well thought out, have listened to the community's needs & what their interests are
- Light, airy, activities
- Good atmosphere
- Has attracted good range of people to the area
- Good coffee & food space is for everyone – not one particular group
- Hire for parties
- Café
- Nice & light
- Nice
- Very nice
- Open space
- Clean finish
- Good toilet facilities
- Wheelchair friendly
- Public transport very close by
- Nice outdoor green space, and view

Dislike

- Thought the entrance could have been a bit more open
- Dogs in the café
- Not proper breakfast in the café, and I want a proper café
- Do not like how the café has not been welcoming, I have experience when you go into café don't feel welcome - I hope this will change
- The café is expensive – I'm guessing some locals could not afford to eat/drink here
- Having pets allowed in café
- Bit small
- It didn't feel like a community centre
- Did not offer a feel for those suffering hardship
- Not a lot for children
- Access between café and offices
- Ancillary room is appalling

FEEDBACK: COMMUNITY CENTRE/POPLAR UNION

Want for Teviot

- Like the open space & floor to ceiling windows
- Open access to residents
- Meetings/groups that will involve residents and encourage the small communities to engage
- I like all the facilities
- The same – but pricing that doesn't exclude many locals
- Activities for the youth
- Want meat in café
- Larger building, based more for adults
- An affordable big space/hall for local residents for parties/family gatherings
- Open space community centre
- Outdoor space
- Outdoor seating/dining
- Two storey community centre
- More rooms for different activities to take place
- Community kitchen to host cooking classes and promote healthy eating
- Affordable child friendly café, serving Halal food and tailored to local residents
- Gardening facilities/opportunities
- Allotments, as this may have health benefits
- Community centre with separate reception area/office area – so you know exactly where to go
- Free/affordable services such as benefit advice, young children and youth activities, activities for parents and working adults
- Space to work from
- Volunteering opportunities, affordable afterschool club and summer schemes
- Baby changing facilities
- Accessible toilets
- Outdoor play area
- Child friendly corner
- Facilities to access laptops