TEVIOT SOCIAL VALUE WORKS HOPE





Part 1 - Report 30 October 2025

INTRODUCTION

The report presents the findings from the Poplar HARCA and The Hill Group Social Value Workshop held on 30th October 2025 at the Teviot Centre.

Before proceeding with the Workshop Kelly Player (Social Value Manager) presented information regarding all of the social value initiatives implemented since the start of the Teviot Regeneration scheme.

The purpose of the workshop was to identify broad social value priorities, to start to inform a social value programme for Teviot Estate.

Residents took part in the Workshop, to help identify current assets, existing community services, and the gaps or needs that they feel are priorities for improving social wellbeing and inclusion in their community.

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The Hill Group
The Hill Group
Social value workshop
30th October 2025

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EXERCISE 1:

COMMUNITY SESSION RANKINGS

Residents worked in breakout groups to rank social value community priorities based on themes that emerged from the discussions. Top priorities were consistent across all groups, showing strong alignment around employment, safety, and wellbeing.

Not Worried About Crime





Access to Internet

Group 1 Ranking:

- Good Overall Health
- Not Worried **About Crime**
- Financial Comfort
- Apprenticeships/Full Time Employment/Training for Jobs
- More Growing Spaces, Play Spaces, Green Areas
- Able to Obtain
 - Advice Locally Goto

Youth Clubs

- Member of Social Group
- Cleaner Environment
- Feel Belonging to Neighbourhood
- Access to Internet

Cleaner Environment

Group 2 Ranking:

- Apprenticeships/Full Time Employment/Training for Jobs
- Access to Internet
- Financial Comfort
- Good Overall Health
- Safer Environment (Better Lighting etc.)
- Cleaner 6 Environment
- Feel Belonging to Neighbourhood
- Able to Obtain 8 Advice Locally
- Goto Youth Groups
- Membership of a Social Group
- Not Worried **About Crime**

Group 3 Ranking:

- Not Worried **About Crime**
- Feel Belonging to 2 Neighbourhood
- Good Overall Health (including more elderly activities, befriending services)
- Financial Comfort
- Cleaner Environment
- Gotoa 6 Youth Group
- Apprenticeships/Full Time Employment/Training for Jobs
- Able to Obtain Advice Locally
- Access to 9 Internet
- Membership of 10 a Social Group



Summary of Common Priorities

Across all three groups, residents consistently highlighted the following as top priorities:

- ▶ Employment, apprenticeships, and training (mentioned in top three by all groups)
- Good health and wellbeing (physical and mental)
- Safety and reduced crime concerns
- Cleaner environment and stronger sense of belonging
- Digital access and inclusion

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EXERCISE 2:

SOCIAL VALUE GAPS AND NEEDS



Good Overall Health

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Teviot Centre (Exercise class women only)
- Food Co-op
- Karate Club
- Arabic Classes
- After School Club
- Fit & Feisty (Bingo, Film Club, exercise for over 50s)
- Youth Service (LIC, Spotlight)

What's Needed or Gaps

- Men's exercise class
- Food Co-op open on weekends and afterhours (especially for low-income families)
- Oral Health (NHS)
- Mindfulness and mental health support
- Walking groups (formal and informal)
- Cooking club for adults and children
- Skills for life clubs
- Cycling club Open to all



Not Worried About Crime

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Spotlight and Teviot Centre engaging with the community
- SNT (Safer Neighbourhood Team) panel meetings

What's Needed or Gaps

- CCTV
- Better lighting
- Improved communication between police, council, and residents
- Mental health support
- More uniformed patrols
- Dedicated crime officer in centre
- Finance, education, and employment opportunities for those with criminal records
- More support for victims
- Drug support services
- More social groups to build intergenerational cohesion



Go to Youth Groups

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Youth clubs
- Spotlight
- Leaders in Community
- MMA
- Karate
- Tuition services
- Holiday clubs

What's Needed or Gaps

- Better promotion of services
- Upgraded facilities
- Longer hours for youth activities -Residentials and trips
- Computer technician classes (PC building)
- Pre-teen youth clubs (ages 4–11)
- Employment and training for youth



Able to Obtain Advice Locally

What's Already in Place or Coming

Advice services (limited)

What's Needed or Gaps

- Advice services reinstated in centres
- Online hub to inform and link all local services
- Decent on-site housing officer
- Service index
- Trusted people residents can call for help



Employment, Training, Volunteering Opportunities

What's Already in Place or Coming

- R-Urban volunteering and education (horticulture)
- Poplar Works training (design)
- ► Teviot Centre, Spotlight, and Poplar Union

What's Needed or Gaps

- Local training and employment office/ officer on-site
- More communication with residents about opportunities
- Paid apprenticeships
- More free workshops

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Financial Comfort

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Warm packs
- Energy vouchers

What's Needed or Gaps

- ▶ More inclusive eligibility for existing support
- Food vouchers



Cleaner Environment

What's Already in Place or Coming

- URS waste system
- Chutes
- Dog bins

What's Needed or Gaps

- More bins on streets
- Upcycling service
- ▶ Improved dog foul collection
- Better education around waste
- Better signage
- More URS systems
- Better contact with bulk rubbish removal
- Outdoor pest control
- ASB officer in centre weekly
- Food recycling for everyone
- More recycling and rubbish points



Feel Belonging to Neighbourhood

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Festivals
- Markets
- Community centre
- Social groups (gardening, women's)

What's Needed or Gaps

Men's group



Member of a Social Group

What's Already in Place or Coming

- TAG (The Aberfeldy Group)
- Fit & Feisty
- Food Growing
- ▶ R-Urban
- Cooking Clubs
- ▶ R-Urban
- Beekeepers Group

What's Needed or Gaps

- ▶ Trips to theatre for mature residents
- Social cooking clubs
- Evening and weekend sessions
- Sewing clubs
- Arts & crafts clubs



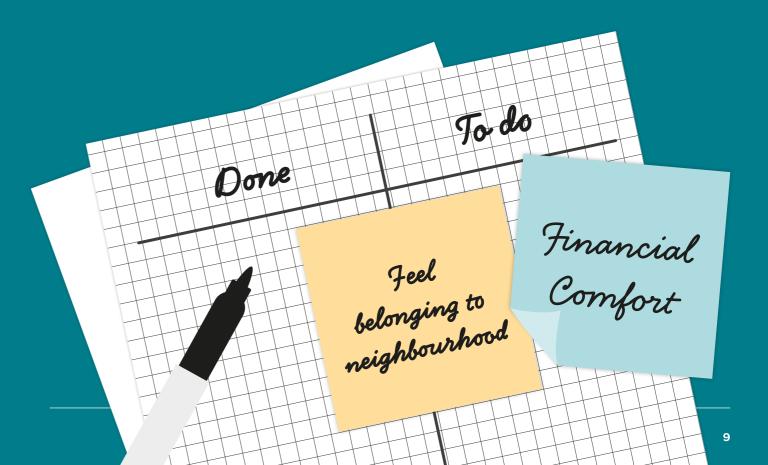
Access to Internet

What's Already in Place or Coming

- Communal internet access
- Free Wi-Fi (Teviot Centre / Spotlight)
- Digital inclusion classes (Teviot Centre)

What's Needed or Gaps

- ▶ Better internet service quality
- ► Introduction to Artificial Intelligence (AI) classes
- Cybersecurity and online safety sessions



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EXERCISE 4:

SOCIAL VALUE PRIORITIES

Residents used red/orange sticky dots to vote on key priorities identified in the "Social Value Gaps and Needs" exercise.

The items below are ranked based on the number of votes received.

Item	Number of Dots	
Cooking Club for Adults & Children	•••••	6
Mindfulness / Mental Health Support		4
Food Growing/Cooking clubs (R-Urban) Evening classes	•••	4
Introduction to A.I Classes		4
Advice service back in centres		3
Employment & training for Youth		3
Walking Groups (Formal & Informal)		3
Oral Health (NHS)		3
CCTV & Better Lighting (Crime Prevention)		3
Computer Technician Classes (PC Building)		3
Paid Apprenticeships		2
Food Co-op Open Weekends / After Hours		2
Finance & Education – Employment Opportunities for Ex-Offenders		2
More Support for Victims		2

Item	Number of Dots	
More Bins on Streets	• •	2
Online Hub Linking All Local Information	• •	2
Men's Exercise Class		1
Mental Health Support (Linked to Crime Prevention)		1
More Communication Between Police, Council, and Residents		1
Better Promotion of Youth Services		1
Residentials / Youth Trips		1
Decent On-site Housing Officer		1
Pre-Teen Youth Clubs		1
Skills for Life Clubs		1
Cycling clubs for all		1
Food vouchers		1

Summary of Top Themes

- ▶ **Health & Wellbeing:** Strong demand for practical wellbeing support mindfulness, exercise, oral health, and cooking clubs.
- **Youth Empowerment:** Employment, training, and youth engagement opportunities rated highly.
- ▶ **Community Safety:** Lighting, CCTV, and communication between agencies were clear resident priorities.
- Access to Information: Residents valued the idea of an online community hub and local advice services.





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SUMMARY OF KEY CROSS-THEMES

Residents consistently raised:

- The need for local access to services (advice, training, and crime prevention).
- Health and wellbeing programmes for all genders and age groups.
- Expanded youth opportunities and employability pathways.
- Community connection through inclusive groups and safer public spaces.
- Greater digital inclusion and improved infrastructure.
- The need for better communication of projects/initiatives being run, with adequate lead in times to allow for signing up

NEXT STEPS



Develop a local social value programme addressing identified gaps.

Encourage collaboration between Poplar HARCA, Tower Hamlets Council, and resident-led groups. Prioritise delivery of accessible, inclusive, and sustainable community-led projects.

Revise and make improvements to the communication strategy to ensure information of initiatives and projects supported by the social value programme, are shared to a broad audience via a number of different methods

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