

Our Triangle Time

Today

- Welcome and introductions
- Background
- Our Triangle Time feedback
- What's happening in response?
- Be part of it

Welcome and introductions

- Engagement leads – Lucy Neal and Hilary Jennings
- Head of Arts, Park and Events – Thorsten Dreyer
- Sam, Jo and Callum helping to run today
- Q&A button

Background

- A space with a variety of facilities
- Local planning approval for previous proposals – March 2020
- Consent for works on common land refused – November 2022
- Early engagement with key stakeholders to explore alternative options for improvement – January 2024
- Our Triangle Time to hear from more users and residents – December 2024

Our Proposal



Our approach



Memory Map



Your Triangle Journey



Do you
come
here
often?



What could the Triangle be?

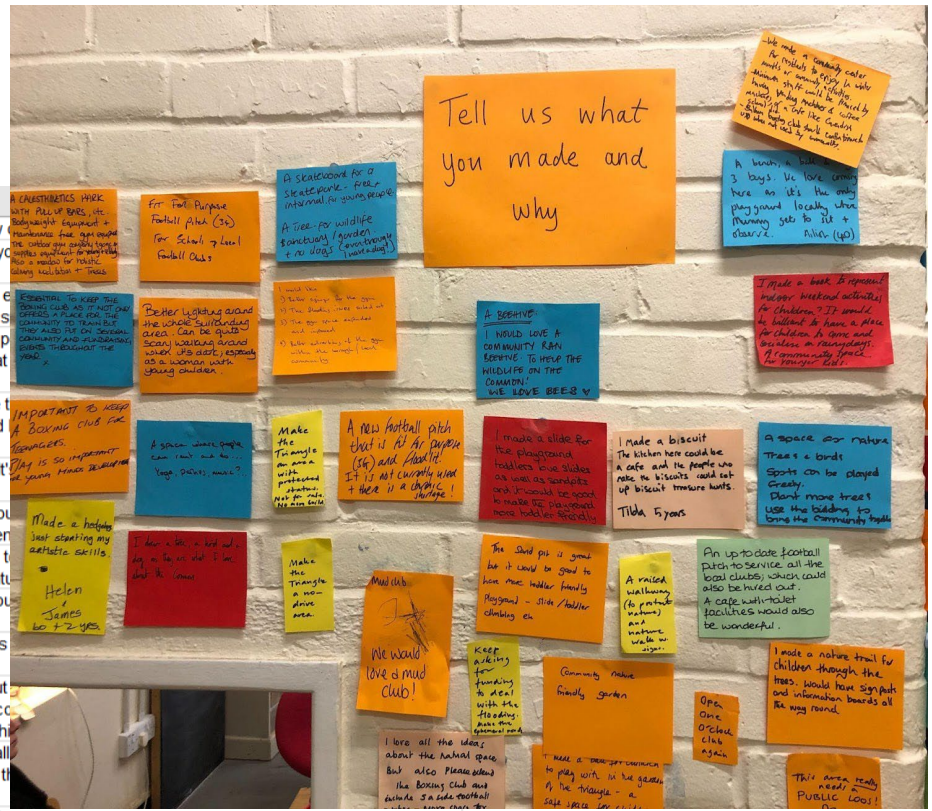


Who took part?



Our findings

1	Peaceful - It's been a joy to take some time to reflect, slow down. We have to fight. We have to save space for people, the young, in the city.
2	The Triangle area is an amazing space that everyone can enjoy. I can't imagine the last 8 years living here without this space. Thank you so much for taking the time and effort to talk to people in the area and has a lot of potential for better water systems that responds to the information and community. Great work!
3	Thank you very much for taking the time and giving people a voice. It's so important to them. Really appreciate it and the interesting opportunities for everyone.
4	Thank you for hearing our stories about the Boxing Club. It means a lot to me. I hope that this leads to improvements in the future.
5	I'm too old (65) to climb on the frames and use the ropes but I'd like to keep the common communal and accessible to all. WE'd like the flooding to be in managed in as natural as possible. Granny and granddaughter loving visiting the natural playground mix of users.
6	Please can you give me a contact at the council to discuss help.
7	I'd like the redgra pitch to be improved and maintained - but it should be space for lots of outdoor activities such as teaching. We enjoy the large space of the field which is away from all the noise. We appreciate the gravel football pitch 0 our kids learnt to ride it through it etc.
8	It's quiet, peaceful and feels like a little bit of the countryside. I have lived in Thornton Avenue, Streatham Hill for 30 years. I walk on tooting common everyday. I used to bring children to play in the playground and my dog used to sit outside. They have changed the playground twice now. I miss the old swings with long chairs. I love this triangle. Today is the first time I have been in the building. It has become a place I walk past. It looks to me like the 1 o'clock club is finished. Today I enjoyed the market in the boxing club. Sometimes I look for mugwort which grows next to the gravel football pitch. I find great comfort in this as well as the bats that fly around on the footpath behind the boxing club. This space I am sitting in now, I have not been in before. I see great potential here. With the kitchen and toilets and extra space outside the entrance here. I run community groups and this space is ideal for groups. As well as this area gets very wet because of the clay in the soil. A community garden with a wetland outside would be ideal and this place could thrive. There is often flooding here and it
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Geographical location of the Triangle

Flooding issues

“Balham Foxes play football here every Saturday morning...and when it rains we often have to cancel....Please fix the drainage”!

People Value nature, green space, peace and quiet

“It’s quiet, peaceful and feels like a little bit of the countryside.”

“Little oasis for small children away from cars but still with the excitement of passing trains!”



Anchor organisations and spaces

The Boxing Club

“The Boxing Club is the heartbeat and life blood of this area.”

“Not only did the club improve me physically, it helped me improve mentally emotionally and gave me a sense of belonging.”

The Playground

“I love the current climbing equipment. It’s unique for a playground. Its great for gaining strength, coordination and confidence.”

“Lots of fun playing in the sandpit - we always bring visiting family and friends because we can talk while the kids play.”



Anchor organisations and spaces

The former ‘One O’Clock Club’

‘..my son started socialising here’

‘This space must remain part of the community and primarily as a centre for children. The One O’Clock Club should never have closed.’

Redgra Pitch

‘The all-weather’ pitch (Redgra) is usually flooded too. Please fix the drainage”!

“I learnt to ride my bike here and now I’m teaching my son to ride his”



Intergenerational use

"I have lived next to the commons for 20 years. My son grew up on it.. I go for walks regularly with my family and friends here."



Outdoor Activities

Walking/Running

Cycling/Wheeling

Football

Dogs



"I made a bicycle wheel - to represent 'learning to cycle' courses on the Redgra pitch - may they continue!"

Structural needs and requests

Toilets/babychanging facilities
Café/Refreshments
Equipment



“It’d be great to have a bit more equipment for older children and an indoor space with toilets and baby change”

Public Access and Ownership

“Being common land all facilities must be open to all and free.”

Community Input

“I can help plant trees and help restore nature”

“I can help with creative activities for children, young people (and adults!)”



Engagement Process

“A treat to be able to have the opportunity and space to consider memories and use of the triangle space and share ideas with others about what this could be”

“It was a real surprise to come to a consultation that made me think hard about what I valued and what I might suggest - a real ‘bottom up’ experience which is so rare but so inclusive and attractive.”

“Hopefully the consensus will come through. It is a wonderful space, possibilities are endless.”



Our Conclusions



What's happening?

- Funding secured and surveys underway:
 - £300k for improvements to southern access (Capital Ring) – February 2025
 - £300k for initial drainage works on the Triangle – May 2025
- Lots of different elements, one programme – access routes, flooding, play, sport, buildings, ecology
- Quick wins and longer-term improvements that build on one another

Be part of it!

- [Sign up for Brightside Online](#) to keep up to date about our Tooting Triangle engagement programme launching in the autumn
- Contribute to the [Tooting Common Management and Maintenance Plan consultation](#)
- Want to get involved in volunteering or contribute your skills and experience in another way? Email us tootingtriangle@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk

Q & A