

CANVEY ISLAND REGENERATION PLAN

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Section 1

LOCAL CONTEXT

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Haystack Corner, Canvey.



Canvey Island is an island community of 40,000 people within the Thames Estuary. It forms the southern half of the Borough of Castle Point and the Borough's largest town.

The Island was initially settled by the Dutch in the 16th Century, but it was not until the late 19th Century that it became more substantially developed when the railway was extended into south Essex. Canvey was initially viewed as a holiday destination and benefited from the development of hotels, guest houses and a winter garden in the late 19th and early 20th Centuries.

Following road access at Ferry Road in 1931 and the construction of the A130, Canvey Way in 1974, the Island became extensively developed although the rate of development has slowed in the last 20 years. As people began to holiday abroad, the tourism sector

on Canvey declined, although with ongoing efforts to improve the day visitor offer, the Island currently attracts around one million visitors each year. Canvey has become a largely residential settlement, there is a growing employment area on the western part of the Island. This was developed predominantly between the 1950s and 1980s and whilst well occupied, it is now in need of regeneration. This is reflected in the local levels of productivity on Canvey, which are poor compared to the national average.

Canvey Island Town Centre has had little investment in the last thirty years with the most recent

investment being 1979 when the Knightswick Shopping Centre was opened. In 2019, the Council purchased the centre as a long-term catalyst for regeneration and is currently investing £2 million for its refurbishment, the first since it was built. This lack of ongoing investment is typical of the town centre but new opportunities for regeneration are emerging, such as the provision of a popular and highly visible market, which are featuring in this plan and the Investment Plan. This comes with the strong advocacy and support of the local community and town centre businesses.

Close to the town centre is The Paddocks, a multi-use site focussing on The Paddocks Community Hub and the Central Canvey Health Centre. The Council has recently completed a £2 million refurbishment of The Paddocks community hall, once a famous live music venue, to develop a new multi-agency hub

and community meeting place. The land which surrounds this Hub presents opportunities for investment in independent living and active open space.

A strong feature of the Island's coastline and its cultural history are the two port facilities receiving liquid fuel products, both of national significance. These are registered as top tier COMAH (Control of Major Accident Hazard) sites.

Following the Great Flood in 1953 which sadly claimed the lives of 58 residents, Canvey has seen substantial upgrades to its sea defences and now benefits from some of the best protection in the country. The Thames Estuary 2100 Plan seeks to ensure that these defences are maintained and improved in line with climate change predictions, with over £70m of government investment through the Environment Agency recently completed in the southern shoreline revetment

works. There remains a residual risk of flooding from the sea, and from surface water due to the low-lying, flat nature of Canvey which means excessive rainwater cannot drain away quickly. There are a series of dykes and swales across Canvey which act to manage surface water. This includes Canvey Lake which is a key part of the surface water conveyancing network.

A consequence of these flood defences is that large parts of the town sit behind the wall structures which create a physical and psychological barrier between the town and the sea.

Flood management has created a series of linear lakes throughout the island the most prominent and largest of which is Canvey Lake. The lake and the area



around it form a large part of the network of green infrastructure stretching across the Island. Canvey Heights is reclaimed former landfill to the east of the Island, and West Canvey Marshes and Canvey Wick SSSI extend across West Canvey are also large areas of open space. The rugby club, golf course and Waterside Farm leisure centre provide recreational amenity space to the north of the Island, and the seafront provides green and blue space to the south of the Island. The green space is highly valued by the local community.

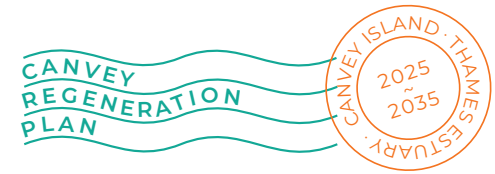
The community of Canvey Island is predominantly White British and is older than the national average. There is a very strong community spirit and deep fondness for Canvey and memories of years gone by

amongst this population. This population however experiences poor health outcomes. Canvey Island has a large older population; in 2021 25.4% of residents were 65 years or older, compared to 55% of residents of working age. Rates of old-age dependency are set to rise, while working age resident rates are set to remain at these levels, by 2044, increasing demands on health and social care. On average the life expectancy is around 10 years less than in the parts of the mainland town of Benfleet to which Canvey abuts.

Canvey Island is one of the 16 locations that is a priority area under the government's Coastal Navigators Network, which is targeting health problems that are particular to coastal communities. To tackle these the local health

partnership is taking a holistic approach in planning, health management, recreation and community, including the arts.

This holistic approach is clearly demonstrated by the Canvey Island Place Partnership. The partnership is funded through Sport England and managed by Active Essex. Active Essex is the Physical Activity and Sport Partnership for Essex, Southend and Thurrock, and are one of 43 Active Partnerships in England who work collaboratively with local partners to ensure the power of physical activity and sport can transform lives. This initiative is delivering a new approach to health outcome focussed sport and recreation services, and by simply creating the conditions for more active use of open spaces and encouraging healthy forms of travel.



Backing this is the investment of £1.2 million of Safer Streets funding into a new CCTV network, which will be monitored on a 24/7 basis in partnership with Southend on Sea City Council.

Residents on Canvey have a great work ethic. They have always worked hard (and continue to do so) for what they have. There are high levels of home ownership on the Island as a consequence. Local income levels are low however, and this is increasingly making it hard for many of our young people to succeed. Many young people leave the Island, especially those who gain skills and qualifications. This means that the area has one of the lowest proportions of people with level 4 skills qualifications in the country and a below average proportion of people with level 3

qualifications. This impacts on the productivity of the local economy and creates a sense of being left behind relative to elsewhere.

More recently, a growing Haredi Jewish community has become established on the Island, having relocated from London seeking affordable family housing and a better quality of life. The community has expanded to around 1,000 people over the last eight years, representing roughly 150 families, with around 70 per cent of the population under the age of 20 years old. Most children attend independent schools outside the Borough or are home educated. This young and family-centred population brings a strong culture of community, self-help and entrepreneurship, creating new opportunities for education, youth engagement

and local enterprise, while also shaping how we plan and provide community spaces and services across Canvey Island.

Canvey Island



38,003
residents (ONS, 2021)

25.4% of residents
are above 65 years old
(ONS, 2021)

55% of residents are of
working age (ONS, 2021)

75.3 years life expectancy
(85.2 on the mainland)
(ONS)



67% of residents
own their own homes
(ONS, 2023)

31% are renters
(ONS, 2023)



**Most deprived
neighbourhoods**
in Canvey:

- Canvey Island Winter gardens
- Canvey Island Central
- Canvey Island South



78.3%
Travel to work by car

6.4% Travel to work
by train

3.6% Travel to work by
active forms of transport
(ONS, 2021)

Average Household Capital
(AHC) **£33,865**
(ONS, 2023) (Essex: £30,790)
(ECC, Age Bands per Borough
Report, 2025)



Top industries in Canvey:

- Petrochemical Industry
- Skilled Trades
- Administrative, Technical, and Caring Services

Canvey Island has a distinct economic profile within Essex. While it is not among the largest economies in the county, it has a high proportion of residents employed in skilled trades and technical roles. However, only around 13% of residents work in high-wage sectors, compared to 37% across Essex. Additionally, approximately 18% of the population is economically inactive, reflecting challenges related to skills, health, and access to employment.

Indices of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) (2019 vs 2025)

Recent publication of updated Indices of Multiple Deprivation (November 2025) has allowed us to make a timely comparison of changes for Canvey since the last publication in 2019.

Castle Point Borough is ranked 166 of 296 local authorities nationally, and ninth of the 14 authorities in Essex. 2% of neighbourhoods in the Borough are highly deprived, compared to the England average of 10%. The five Canvey wards (Canvey Island Winter Gardens, Canvey Island South, Canvey Island North, Canvey Island East and Canvey Island Central) remain the most deprived in the wider Borough. Since 2019, there has been little movement overall in these wards, although the worst performing have improved slightly in terms of their overall ranking.

There has been a negative movement on Indices for Crime across several wards. 'Income' and 'Employment', the two highest weighted metrics, remain stubbornly similar, however there are some improvements in Canvey East and South Canvey wards. Most IMD metrics like Education, Skills and Training, Employment, and Access to Housing have remained the same, with small improvements seen across some neighbourhoods

Across the most deprived wards, 'Living environment' while declining slightly in some neighbourhoods from 6 years ago, remains the most positive metric, indicating people still feel positive about where they live.

IMD Decile 1 = 10% most deprived; 10 = 10% least deprived	Count of Number of Lower Super Output Areas (LSOA) in Decile	Wards
1	1	Canvey Island Winter Gardens
2	5	Canvey Island South; Canvey Island East; Canvey Island Winter Gardens
3	4	Canvey Island South; Canvey Island West; Canvey Island Winter Gardens
4	7	Canvey Island North; Canvey Island South; Canvey Island Winter Gardens; Thundersley South
5 (50% most)	10	Canvey Island North; Canvey Island South; Canvey Island East; Canvey Island West; Canvey Island Central; St Michaels; St Mary', Hadleigh St James
6 (less deprived than 50%)	4	Canvey Island East; Canvey Island West; Tarpots, Canvey Island Winter Gardens
7	7	Thundersley North; Cedar Hall; Hadleigh St James; Appleton
8	8	Appleton; Boyce; Canvey Island Winter Gardens; St George's; St Mary's; St Peter's; Victoria
9	8	Thundersley South; Boyce; Hadleigh St James; St Peter's; St Mary's; Victoria

Figure 2. Indices of Deprivation – Canvey Wards
Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2025

A visual reflection of how the LSOAs rank across different deprivation criteria

Weighting			22.5%	22.5%	13.5%	13.5%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%
LSOA name (2015)	Corresponding Ward	Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD)	Income	Employment	Education, Skills and Training	Health Deprivation and Disability	Crime	Barriers to Housing and Services	Living Environment
Castle Point 010E	Canvey Island Winter Gardens	1	1	1	1	2	1	3	6
Castle Point 010A	Canvey Island Central	2	2	2	1	2	2	4	7
Castle Point 010B	Canvey Island Central	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	5
Castle Point 012E	Canvey Island South	2	3	2	1	3	2	3	7
Castle Point 010C	Canvey Island Central	2	3	2	1	3	3	3	6
Castle Point 012B	Canvey Island East	2	4	3	1	3	1	2	5
Castle Point 011B	Canvey Island South	3	4	3	2	4	1	3	5
Castle Point 010D	Canvey Island West	3	4	4	2	4	2	4	5
Castle Point 008E	Canvey Island Winter Gardens	3	3	4	1	4	4	4	6
Castle Point 006D	Thundersley South	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	6
Castle Point 010F	Canvey Island Winter Gardens	4	4	4	2	3	4	7	7
Castle Point 009A	Canvey Island North	4	4	4	3	5	6	2	6
Castle Point 009D	Canvey Island North	4	4	5	2	4	4	4	5

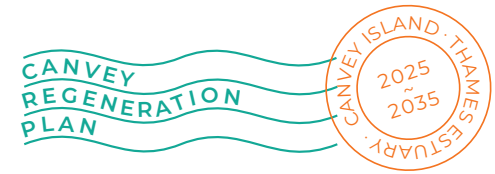
Figure 3. Indices of Deprivation – Overview
 Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2025

Section 2

SPATIAL TARGETING



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The neighbourhood boundary is defined by the built-up area of Canvey Island and excludes the open land to the north and west of the Island, including Waterside Farm leisure centre. However, Waterside Farm leisure centre is a critical facility for health and wellbeing on Canvey Island and also a key area of recreational open space for the community living towards the west of the Island. Therefore, some elements of our approach towards health and wellbeing outcomes and outcomes for young people will be focused in this area, as well as within the neighbourhood boundary itself.

The key areas of Canvey Island identified for intervention and focus are as follows:



Canvey Lake – enhancement to the natural environment, open space and active travel facilities along this key corridor to improve access to high quality green space, and to improve the safety and accessibility of active travel between the town centre and station; and town centre and West Canvey



Canvey Town Centre – focus of regeneration to improve the quality of the town centre environment and experience for residents, businesses and visitors



The Paddocks – adjacent to the town centre, this community space is improved to deliver a health and wellbeing hub



King George V's Playing Fields – further enhancements to the open space facilities in this location to support youth engagement and the wellbeing and development of young people



Canvey Seafront – focus on regeneration and development of the offer in this location to uplift the value of the visitor economy and improve pride of place

We have explored the linkages between these areas through a project called *Desire Lines* with the aim of exploring the opportunity to achieve better connectivity between these places and create improved opportunities for residents and visitors to move between spaces to enjoy the natural and commercial opportunities that the town benefits from.

Desire Lines. Imagining the Possible: What could we aim for?



Title: Desire Lines. An Opportunity to Reconnect Canvey. **Source:** Third Nature

Beyond these areas, there will be other parts of Canvey where regeneration will take place.

These are:



Waterside Farm – focus on the development of a health and wellbeing hub, with an associated youth provision that supports youth engagement and the wellbeing and development of young people. This expands on the existing sports and youth provision already available at this location and already serving Canvey residents living towards the west of the Island.



West Canvey – focus of regeneration to improve the value of land and buildings and to drive economic growth. This is a project in the emerging Castle Point Plan (local plan). Whilst physical regeneration will be secured via a separate mechanism to Pride in Place, the business support programmes will have a significant impact on the businesses operating in this part of Canvey and will help to underpin the aspiration for regeneration and physical enhancement of that area.

It should also be noted that Pride in Place (PIP) funding can be used to secure transport access improvements to and from the town, and therefore investments on transport proposals do not necessarily need to be contained by the neighbourhood boundary. Within the PIP area, the following areas will be considered for investment:



Active Travel – links between the seafront and town centre, and West Canvey, and between the town centre and Benfleet Station



Sustainable and Local travel – local routes experience both peak time and weekend traffic congestion, and are also home to key local amenities such as schools and shops which cause conflicting movements between pedestrian activity and those moving through



Access to and from Canvey – due to nature conservation constraints, options for improvements to access to and from Canvey look westward. There are employment opportunities in both Thurrock and Basildon which means that this would improve access to jobs and training for Canvey residents. Several options for improving access to and from Canvey are identified in the emerging Essex Local Transport Plan 4.



Skills Development – At this time, there is no precise location for proposals related to skills development. It is expected that these proposals will develop with time, as the Learning Skills Improvement Plan (LSIP) is developed for Essex. Furthermore, it is possible to embed skills development within other proposals, and through the way we do things i.e. how we recruit to roles, how we procure contracts, the way we deliver youth provision, how we connect the systems.



Community Safety – There are also no precise locations for community safety schemes. This is again something that will be embedded in ways of working i.e. ensuring that the Police and Designing out Crime specialists are fully engaged in regeneration schemes and community safety measures and CCTV are integrated into project development and delivery.

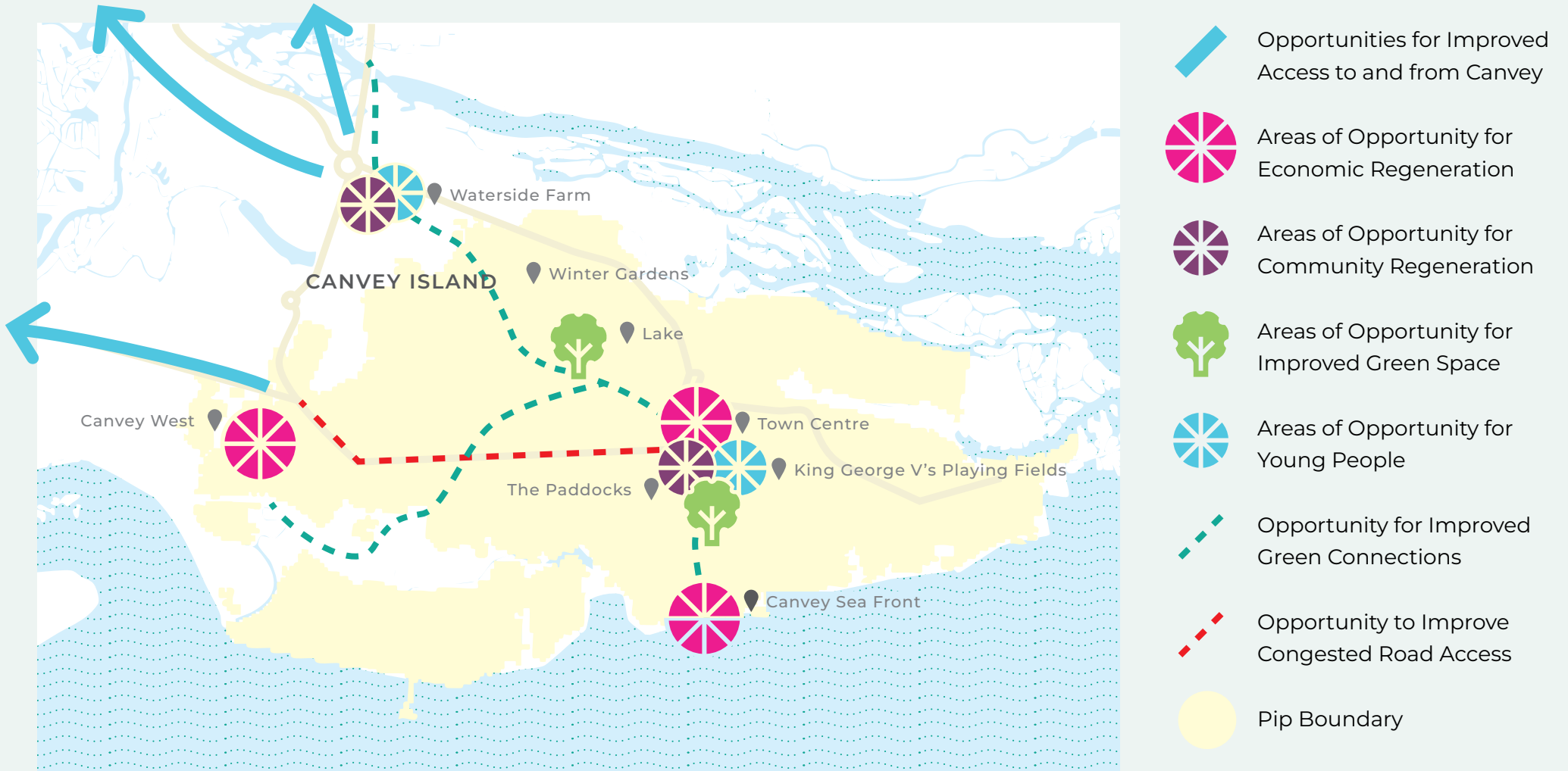



Figure 4. Canvey Island Target Intervention Areas

Figure 4a shows the formally agreed Pride in Place boundary. This area shows the basis of all future funding activities.

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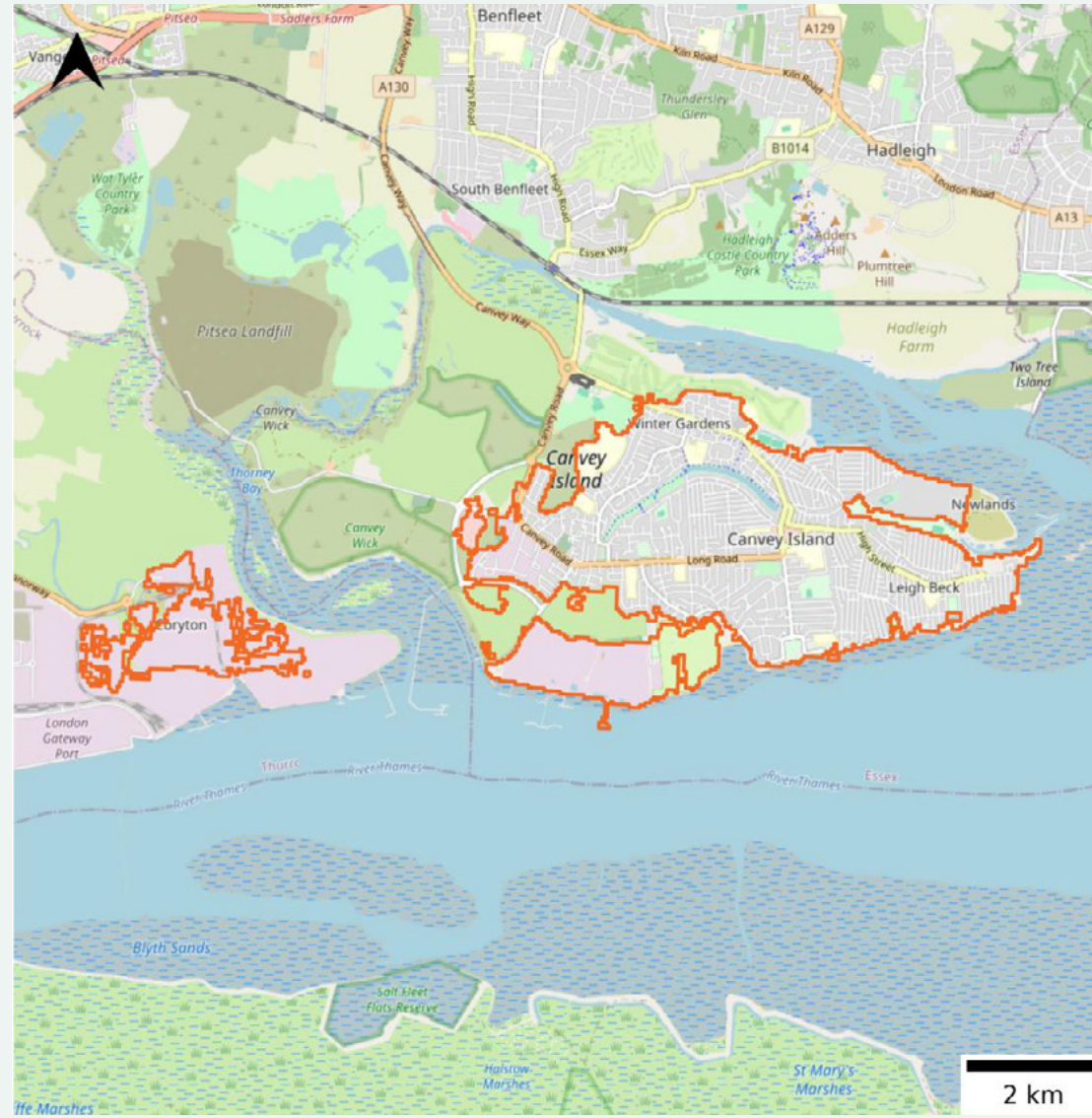


Figure 4a. Pride in Place Agreed Boundary

Sea Wall, Shell Beach, Canvey Island

Section 3

VISION FOR THE FUTURE

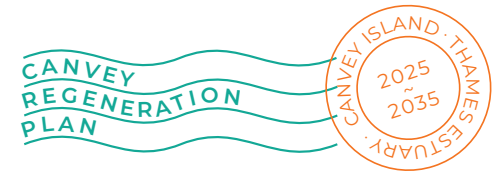
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The Vision for Canvey

Canvey Island is a beautiful, close knit and vibrant place. Its big skies, extraordinary architecture and symbiotic relationship with the Thames Estuary renders it unique and special.

The Canvey Island Neighbourhood Board is listening closely to local voices, and the following vision reflects the priorities and aspirations shared by residents, honouring what matters most to our community and the unique character of the island.



Our Vision is built on five pillars:



Safe

We believe that everyone has the right to feel safe. Our work will consider safety in all of its ramifications and guises and will foster dialogue and discussion to make sure we understand and respect each other. Safety includes ensuring all communities feel respected and represented, fostering trust and cohesion across Canvey's growing diversity.



Vibrant

We know that a great place to be, our Island needs to be animated and vibrant. That means being well connected digitally and creatively and having great spaces and places to meet and interact.



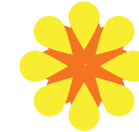
Healthy

Our health is key to our happiness and wellbeing. That is the same for us all. Our plans will ensure that health is considered as a determining factor in the Island's general wellbeing and ability to grow economically in a fair way. Fair access to healthcare will be a guiding light for us.



Proud

We are proud to be Canvey Island. We love our Island and are proud to be here. We will continue to champion the Island, its people and its beauty to the region and beyond.



World Class

Canvey Island deserves nothing less than the best. We are committed to this and will reflect this in our work and will ensure that at every turn, we are doing our very best to enable Canvey Island and its people to reach their full world class potential.

“Envision Canvey Island in 2035 as a coastal haven of joy, with its town centre buzzing with life. Knightswick reborn as a glass-roofed market of local seafood, crafts and pop-ups. Solar benches and e-shuttles weave sustainability into every stroll, while a coastal innovation hub creates jobs in green tech. Budgets shaped by forums encourage projects benefiting young and old. Elders thrive in the community with story circles, wellness days and youth-paired tech shares. The future is bright, the future is Canvey!”

Resident from October 2025 Engagement Activities

Vision for Canvey Island (2025–2035)

Over the next ten years, Canvey Island will undergo a transformation into a safer, greener, and more connected coastal town. The town centre will be revitalised with improved public spaces, a new cultural hub, and support for local businesses creating a vibrant destination for residents and visitors alike. The seafront will have strong connections to the town centre and be a key community and visitor destination with a strengthened recreational offer. Businesses across the Island will be fully linked into sector development opportunities and work will have begun to redevelop the commercial offer on the Island to support the growth of local businesses and attract new investment and new employment opportunities. Both the community and businesses



What is your vision for Canvey?

- * More flowers
Scattered around
- * More kindnes
- * More trees
- * More food
- * More shops
- * More happiness

Which topic(s) are you most interested in (tick as many as you like)

- Access and transport
- Young people projects
- Housing projects
- Education, Skills and Employment
- Youth & Community Infrastructure
- Seafront & Heritage
- Green spaces
- Sports facilities
- Health & Wellbeing
- Canvey Town Centre
- Digital connectivity
- Other (please state)

What's your age?

15 & under 40-49 60-69

20-39 50-59 70-79 80+

What's your relationship to Canvey:

I am b and love it!

will be supported by better transport links and infrastructure. Flood resilience will be significantly enhanced through investment in nature-based solutions, protecting homes and creating high quality accessible green spaces. Children and young people will be engaged in the community and have access to the skills development and opportunities they need to access emerging job markets and realise their economic potential. This will be complemented with an enhanced lifelong learning offer that improves the economic wellbeing and reduces isolation and deprivation across all ages. By 2035, Canvey Island will be a place where people feel proud to live and work, with stronger community ties, better access to opportunities, and a more sustainable future.

Alongside these economic and environmental improvements, the regeneration of Canvey Island will deliver significant benefits for health and



wellbeing. Enhanced infrastructure and accessible community facilities will create inclusive spaces that encourage social interaction and reduce isolation. The development of inspiring outdoor areas will promote physical activity and support mental health, while improved connectivity will make it easier for residents to access services and opportunities. By fostering community cohesion and resilience, these changes will help build a stronger, healthier population. Collectively, this investment will improve overall wellbeing and quality of life for residents, ensuring Canvey Island becomes not only a vibrant and sustainable place to live and work, but also a community where people can thrive.



“My vision for Canvey is for it to return to a vibrant seaside town with opportunities for our young people. There is a lot of creativity on Canvey and it would be great to see affordable community spaces for workshops and clubs. It’s time for our community to bring young + old together for the greater good.”

Resident from October 2025 Engagement Activities



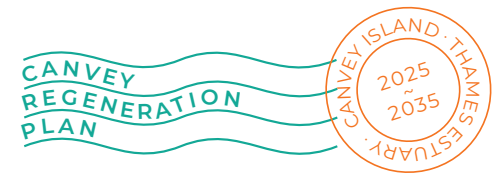
Legacy Statement (2035–2045)

The progress made by 2035 will lay the foundation for a decade of lasting impact. Canvey Island will be recognised nationally as a model for inclusive coastal regeneration. The investments in infrastructure, education, and climate resilience will continue to deliver benefits for future generations, supporting a diverse economy and a healthier environment. Community-led development will ensure that growth remains inclusive and locally driven, while the island's unique character and natural assets will be protected and celebrated. By 2045, Canvey will stand as a resilient, forward-looking community with a legacy of transformation and pride.

Section 4

STRATEGIC
CASE FOR
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This Regeneration Plan sets out a strategic framework for addressing the challenges faced on the Island based on national and local statistics and case studies.

Safety, Security and Cohesion

Crime rates per 1000 of the population are significantly higher in Canvey, at 85.6, compared to the average of 76.7 for England. The top reported crimes in Canvey during September 2025 were Violence and Sexual offences (102 reports), Anti-social Behaviour (33 reports), Criminal Damage and Arson (27 reports) and Public Order offences (14 reports)ⁱ.

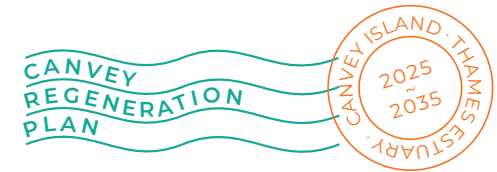
Although anti-social behaviour per 1,000 population in Canvey is lower than the England average at 10 compared to 14.8, feedback from our community engagement shows that it is a real concern and priority for the local community.

Essex Police have recognised community concerns and that Canvey Island Town Centre is a hotspot area for offending.ⁱⁱ Their business crime team offers support and crime prevention advice and have worked to target more prolific offenders. Information collected by the Local Authority Community Safety Team for the period 01/07/25 – 31/10/25 documents 20 reports of shoplifting offences in Canvey Island South in this period. The team's ongoing discussions with local business owners has highlighted concerns about a lack of safety and security in the town centre and this was a theme that emerged from the survey of local businesses completed as part of the recent consultation.

Continuing to address crime levels and the lower-than-average social trust score in Canvey (–8%, compared to –3% national average) will be key to restoring community confidence to use public spaces, allow sustained growth and increase engagement in the local economy and attract new businesses to set up in the town centre.

ⁱ [Crime map](#)

ⁱⁱ [Canvey | Police.uk](#)



High Street, Heritage and Regeneration

Canvey Island town centre is the largest in Castle Point Borough and is an important resource for the local community, with 93% of spend coming from residents. Despite a lower commercial vacancy rate than the national average, Canvey's footfall index is just 47% of the national average. Analysis of footfall data for the town centre throughout 2024, obtained by the Local Authority, demonstrated peak footfalls during summer holidays (July – August) and the festive retail build up to Christmas (November).ⁱⁱⁱ

The number of leisure outlets per 1000 of the population is 1.8, compared to a 2.5 average for England. A recurring theme from the most recent, and earlier

community engagements, has been a desire for a more diverse and higher value offer of retail and leisure options.

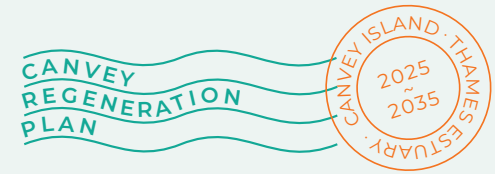
The quality of commercial stock in Canvey Island town centre would benefit from investment and improvement. The Knightswick Shopping Centre, for example, was purchased by the Council in 2019. It was built in the late-1970s and has had no major improvement, or investment works until now. Commercial premises located on the northern side of the High Street and the western side of Furtherwick Road were predominantly built in the 1980s and their condition is generally poor. The dated stock offer is

a deterrent to new businesses locating in the town centre, poses challenges and additional costs for existing businesses and negatively contributes to perceptions of a lack of safety and low quality by visitors. As the focal point of the town centre, The Knightswick Shopping Centre presents an opportunity to enhance the attractiveness of the town centre to current and new visitors. Improvements to the town centre, alongside efforts to improve access to and from the island and building on skills development to boost local wages would contribute to a more attractive offer for higher value retailers to invest in new retail ventures in the town.

In terms of engagement with heritage, the arts and culture, Canvey Island could do so much more. Data tells us there is unfulfilled potential that could be optimised. However, data tells us there is unfulfilled potential in this area which could be utilised. Data from the Arts Council England shows that Castle Point as a Borough is lagging in terms of development of this sector, with significantly lower levels of total funding allocated and funding per head than East of England and England averages since 2018.^{iv}

iii Huq Report, Canvey Island Town Centre, 2025.

iv [Map | Local Insight](#)



Arts Council Total Funding

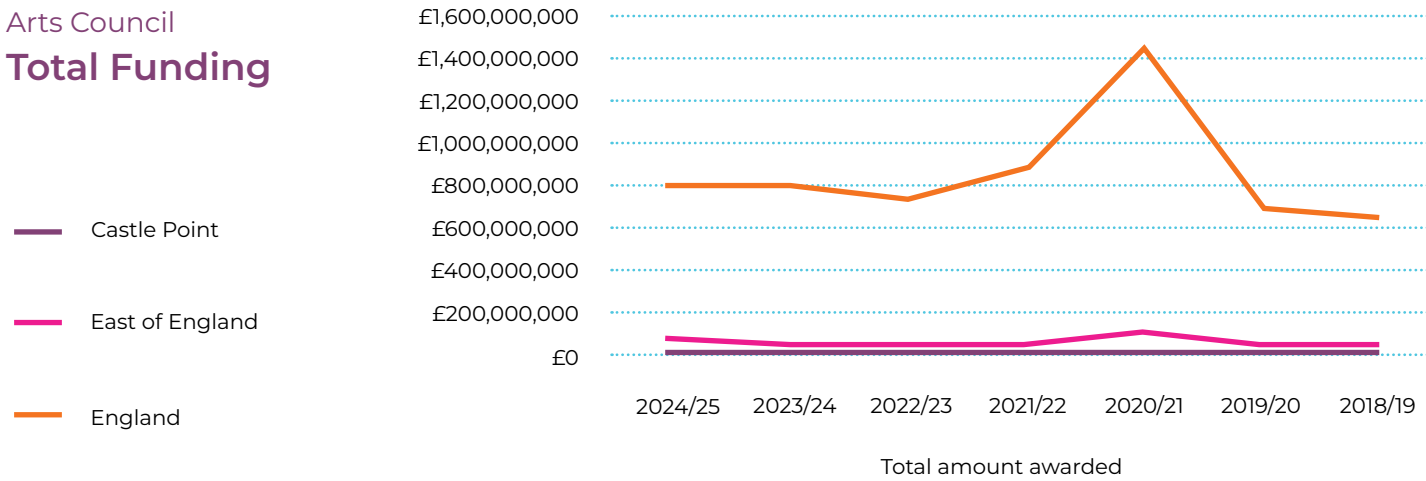


Figure 5. Arts Council Table
Source: [Arts Council England](#)

Arts Council England Funding Per Head

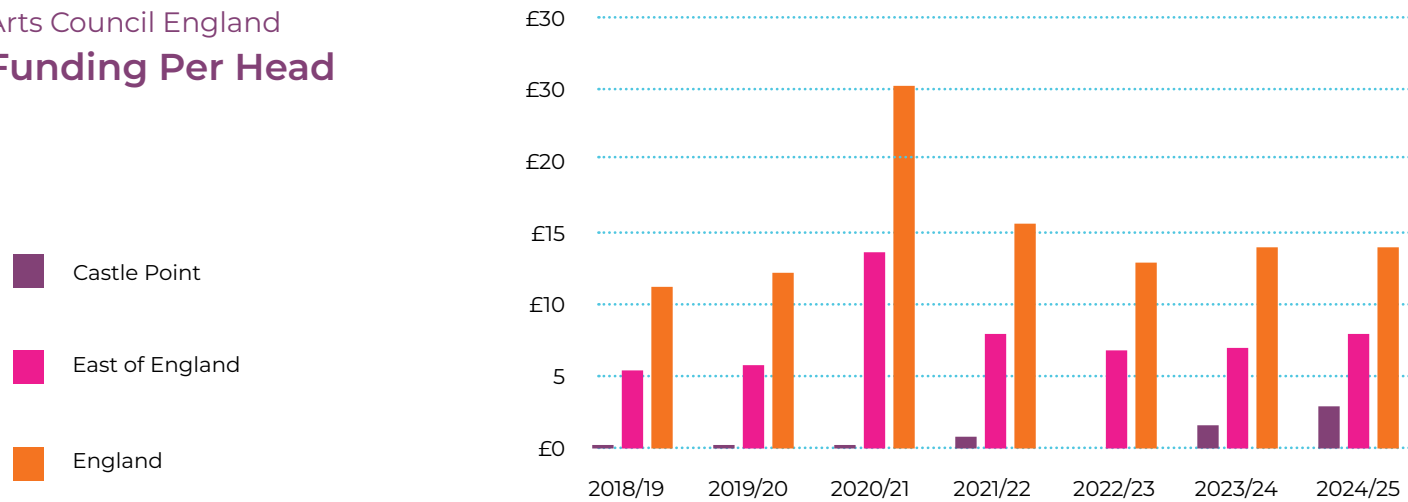
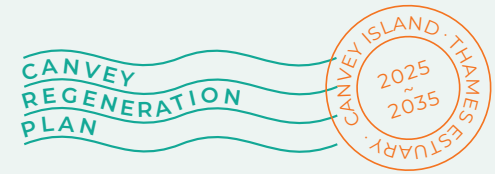


Figure 6. Arts Council Funding Graph
Source: [Arts Council England](#)



Average Annual Visits



Average Annual Spend



Data for Castle Point Borough also shows significantly fewer than average annual “Tourism Day Visits” and lower average annual spend compared to regional and national averages.^v These indicators show that there are significant opportunities to make use of external funding sources to

contribute to further development in this area, make the town a more attractive prospect for tourism and increase spend in the local economy by visitors.

Figure 7a. Tourism Day Visits
Source: [Arts Council England](#)

Figure 7b. Average Annual Spend
Source: [Arts Council England](#)

^v [Map | Local Insight](#)

Education, Work, Productivity and Skills

USP College, in Benfleet, is the single higher education provider in the Borough. Its USP Xtend Digital campus is located on Canvey, offering a range of A and T-Level courses in addition to vocational, foundation, higher and adult education courses. It received an Ofsted rating “Good”^{vi} in April 2024.

The Island has two state secondary schools. These are well regarded locally and recent engagement with young people highlighted a feeling in pride in their schools. However, Castle View School received an Ofsted “Requires Improvement” rating in December 2023 and provisional figures for its students completing key stage 4 in Summer 2025, indicate that just 16.4% of pupils achieved Grade 5 or above in English and

Maths GCSE. This compares to an Essex wide average of 42.8% and a national average (all state schools) of 45.2%. The Cornelius Vermuyden School also received an Ofsted “Inadequate” rating in October 2023 and has similar provisional figures for those completing key stage 4 in Summer 2025 with just 16.8% of pupils achieving Grade 5 or above in English and Maths GCSEs.^{vii}

Early intervention measures in relation to English and Maths skills, for both primary and secondary age children, will be critical to improving overall educational attainment on Canvey Island and improving the skill set of young people entering the local economy. Education and skills initiatives should also reflect the needs of the Island’s rapidly growing young population

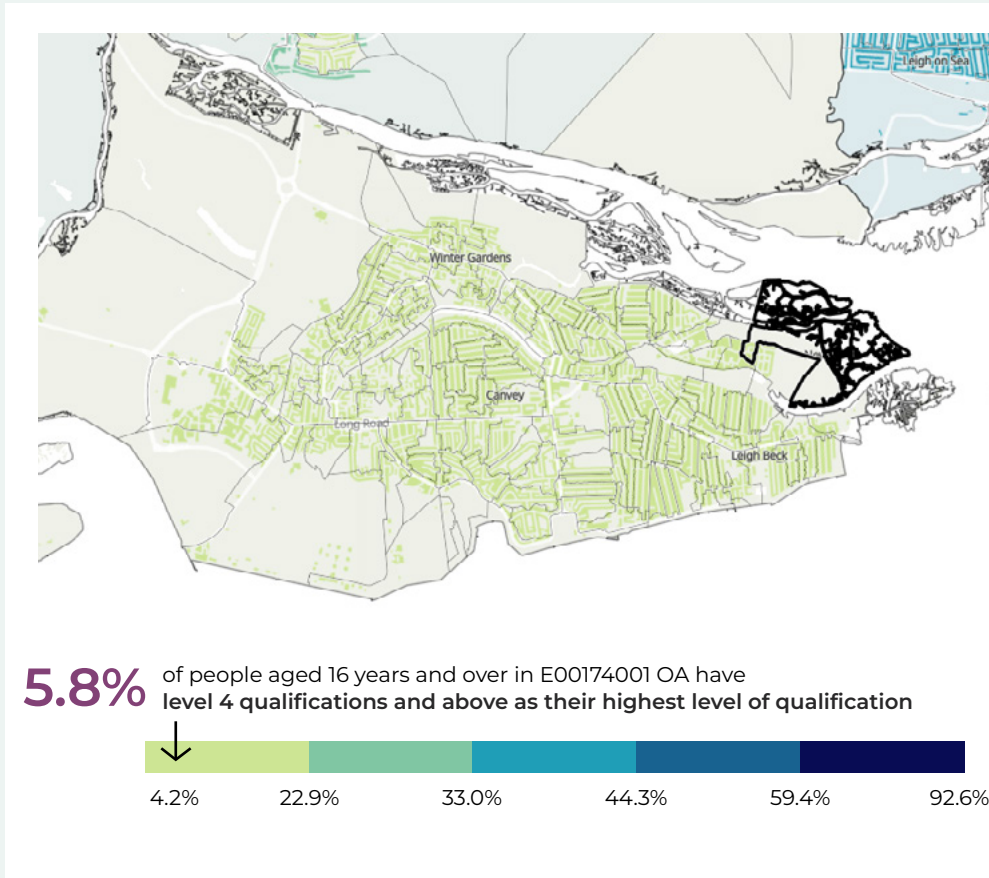
within the Jewish community, which is not currently captured in mainstream data.

Within Castle Point Borough, a higher proportion of people aged 16+ (23.86%) have no qualifications compared to regional (18.11%) and national (18.08%) averages. Generally, skills levels are low. Only 37% of working age population (16–64) have level 3+ qualifications compared to the England average of 56.6%. Results from our community engagement efforts to date highlight that increasing skills levels is a priority for local people.

At the last census, Castle Point Borough ranked poorly nationally in terms of those with Level 4 + qualifications and above. At the Borough level only 18.5% of those aged over 16 held a qualification of this level. Information at LSOA

level shows that in some area this drops to as low as 5.8% (LSOA – E00174001). The national average for England and Wales was 33.8%.

- vi [Find an Ofsted inspection report](#)
- vii [Castle View School – Compare school and college performance data in England – GOV.UK](#)



The Indices of Deprivation 2025; Education, Skills and Training indicator, which measures lack of attainment and skills in the population shows Castle Point Borough has higher levels of

deprivation in this domain than East of England and national levels. This is true for both young people and children, and adults.

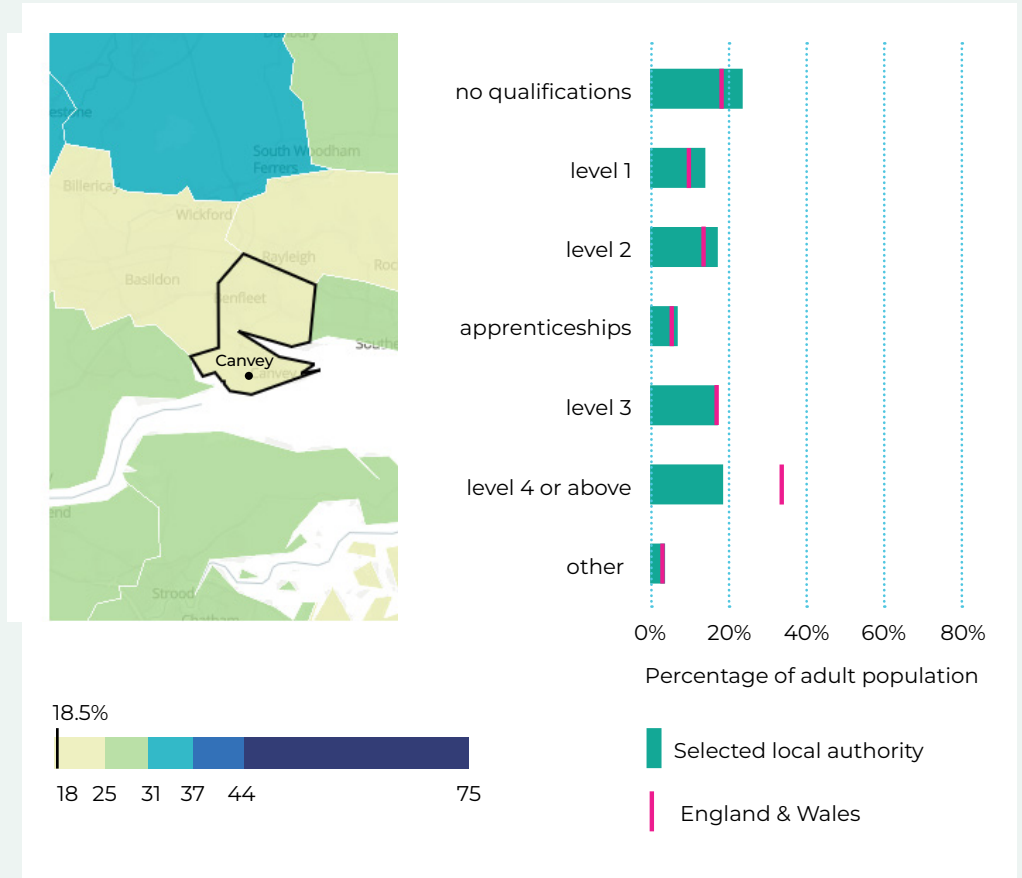


Figure 8a: Level 4+ Qualifications.

Figure 8b: Highest Level of Skills (Castle Point / England and Wales)

Source: [ONS, 2021](#)

Indices of Deprivation:
Education, Skills and Training

- England
- East of England
- Castle Point

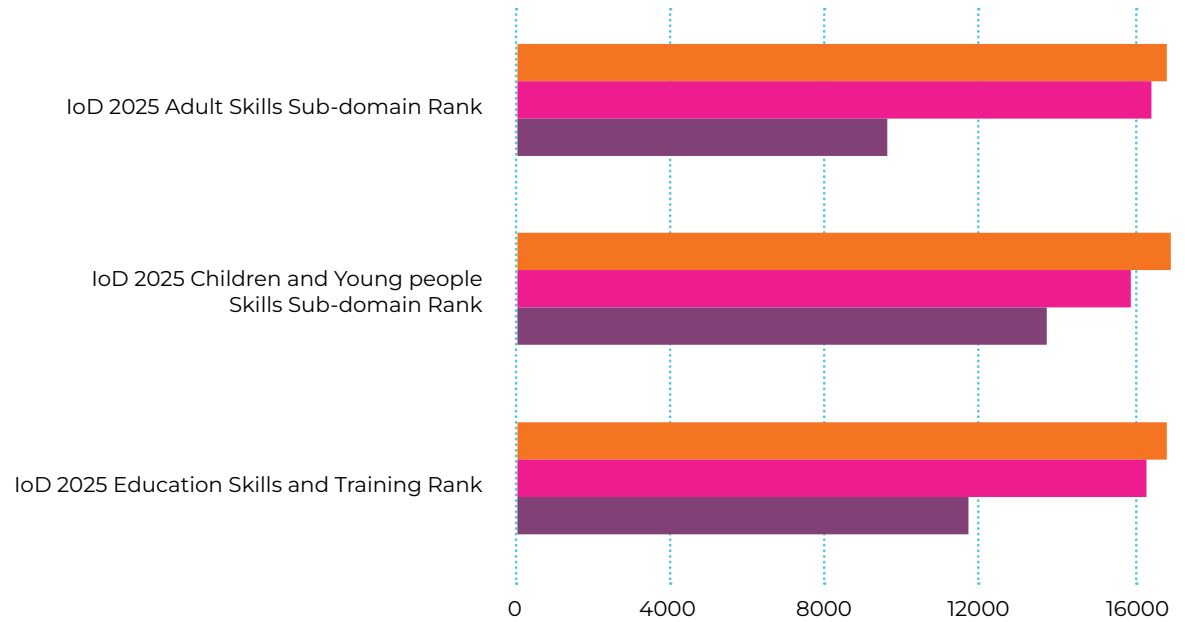


Figure 9. Indices of Deprivation: Education, Skills and Training Domain
Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2025



Despite the low skills level, employment rates for working age people are higher than the national average at 72.2% compared to 71% for England. However, it is likely that limited skills development is a contributing factor to Gross Value Added (GVA) per job being around two thirds of the national average at £40,424 compared to £62, 751. This figure reflects the importance of improving educational attainment and skills level within the local workforce.

Figures show that Castle Point Borough's rate for Small and Medium-Size Enterprises (SME) lending debt rate is significantly lower than the county and national averages, at £1255 per person compared to £2132 across Essex and £2066 nationally.

In terms of unemployment and wider worklessness, economic inactivity rates are higher than the national average at 44.4%

for the population aged 16+, compared to 39.1% nationally. This is driven by high levels of retirement (approx. 29%), and almost 10% of the population either suffering from long-term health conditions, or else are looking after the home or family.

The Indices of Deprivation 2025 Employment deprivation rate, which shows the number of working aged people involuntarily excluded from the labour market, for Castle Point Borough is lower (11.10%) than the average of 11.29% for the East of England and 13.40% nationally.^{viii}

Data from 2012/22 shows an overall absence rate of 7.8% across school-age children in Castle Point Borough, which was slightly higher than the Essex (7.7%) and England (7.6%) rates.

The latest data (March 2023) for Essex indicates that participating in education and training by 16- and 17-year-olds was 90.6%, down

1.7% percentage points since March 2022. At the end of 2022, 5.2% of 16- and 17-year-olds were not in education, employment or training [NEET] (3.4%) or whose activity was not known (1.7%), an increase of 1% percentage points since the end of 2021. This increase was larger than the East region (+0.3 ppts) and England (0.5 ppts). It is estimated that 2.1% of 16- and 17-year-olds who were NEET or activity known cohort were reported in a vulnerable group e.g. looked after/in care, refugee/asylum seeker, carer – not own child, care leaver, disclosed substance abuse, supervised by Youth Offending Team, alternative provision or parent not caring for own child.

^{viii} [English indices of deprivation 2025: statistical release – GOV.UK](#)



Transport and Connectivity

There are currently only two routes (B1014 Canvey Road & A130 Canvey Way) for vehicles to enter and leave the Island, resulting in regular congestion of traffic which tails back onto the main routes around the island and the town centre. Commuter flows show that around 12,000 people leave the Island daily for work, whilst around 5,000 people work locally. Basildon, Southend, Rayleigh, London and Grays are key destinations for those out-commuting for work.

Compared to the national average, a high proportion of people travel to work by car at 78.3%. Below average numbers of people walk, cycle or get the bus to work. There are long journey times for Canvey residents to

access Further Education and Hospital Services by public transport, walking or cycling.

In terms of digital connectivity, full fibre rollout has been progressing well on Canvey Island. Statistics at the Castle Point Borough level indicate 99.5% access to superfast broadband. Digital connectivity is crucial to accelerating growth in the digital sector on the Island and in general to keep and entice new businesses to use Canvey as their base and encourage innovation amongst young people and aspiring micro businesses.

Housing

At the Borough level, the 2025 IOD data shows that Castle Point Borough is more deprived than 67% of local authorities in terms of the barriers to housing and services deprivation indicator. This measure considers the financial and physical barriers to accessing housing and local services. The picture generally worsens when reviewing LSOA data on Canvey Island, especially in areas to the east of the island, with the worst ranked area, Castle Point 012A, being more deprived than 93% of neighbourhoods for this indicator.

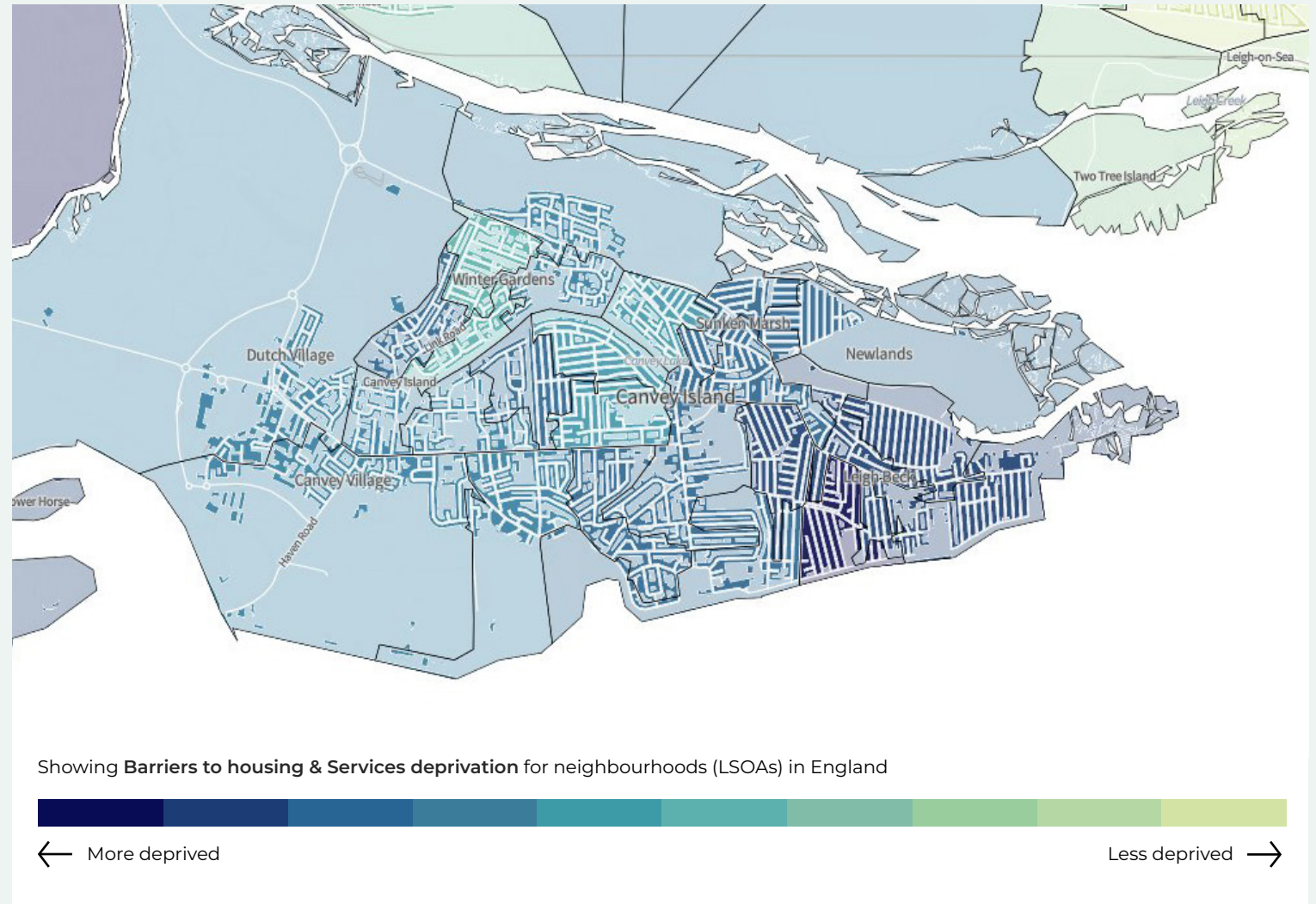


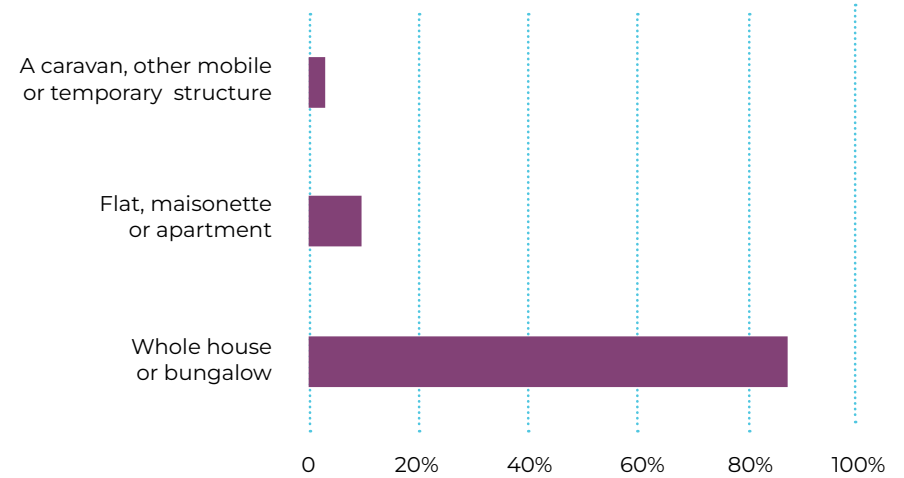
Figure 10. Indices of Deprivation: Barriers to Housing & Services Indicator

Source: [Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government \(MHCLG\) 2025](#)

At the last census, circa 87% of households in Castle Point Borough resided in whole houses or bungalows, where the majority were either detached (41.7%) or semi-detached (38.1%). 3.2% of Castle Point Borough households lived in caravans and mobile homes, which is significantly higher than the Essex and England average (both less than 1%, respectively). 80.4% of households in Castle Point Borough owned, either outright or owned with a mortgage or loan, their accommodation, which was significantly higher than Essex (69.8%) and England (62.3%).

Accommodation Type by Household

Castle Point



Tenure Type

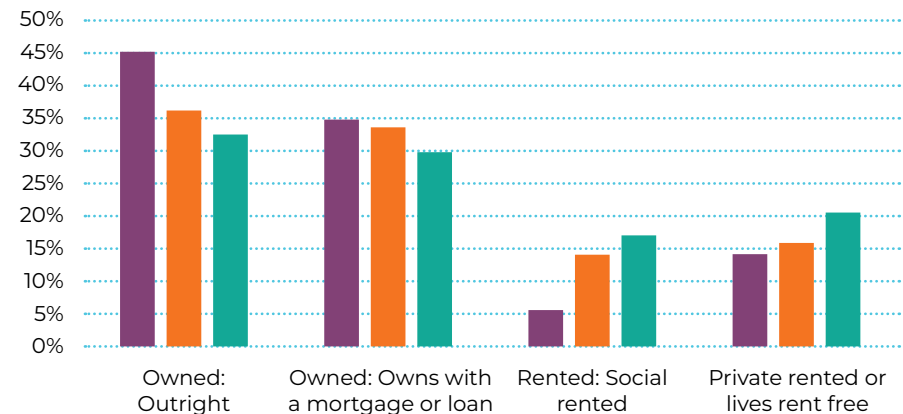
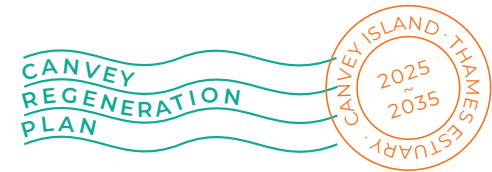


Figure 11. Accommodation Type by Household: Castle Point

Source: [ONS, 2021](#)

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Source: [ONS, 2021](#)



In considering affordability of housing on Canvey, property price to income ratios are generally higher than the national average. As shown in the table below, the lowest score is 7.4 for Canvey

Island East and the highest 8.8 for Canvey Island Central and Canvey Island South respectively. The median ratio in England was 7.9 for FYE 2024.

Ward	Median Property Price	Median Household Income	Property Price to Income Ratio
Canvey Island Central	£330,000	£37,500	8.8
Canvey Island East	£315,000	£42,500	7.4
Canvey Island North	£320,000	£37,500	8.5
Canvey Island South	£330,000	£37,500	8.8
Canvey Island Winter Gardens	£315,000	£37,500	8.4

Overall, across Castle Point Borough, there are a lower number of non-decent dwellings at 8.8%, compared to the national average of 15.1%

In terms of social housing stock, Castle Point Borough Council owns circa 1,500 homes, including stock on Canvey Island. The Council is working closely with the Regulator of Social Housing

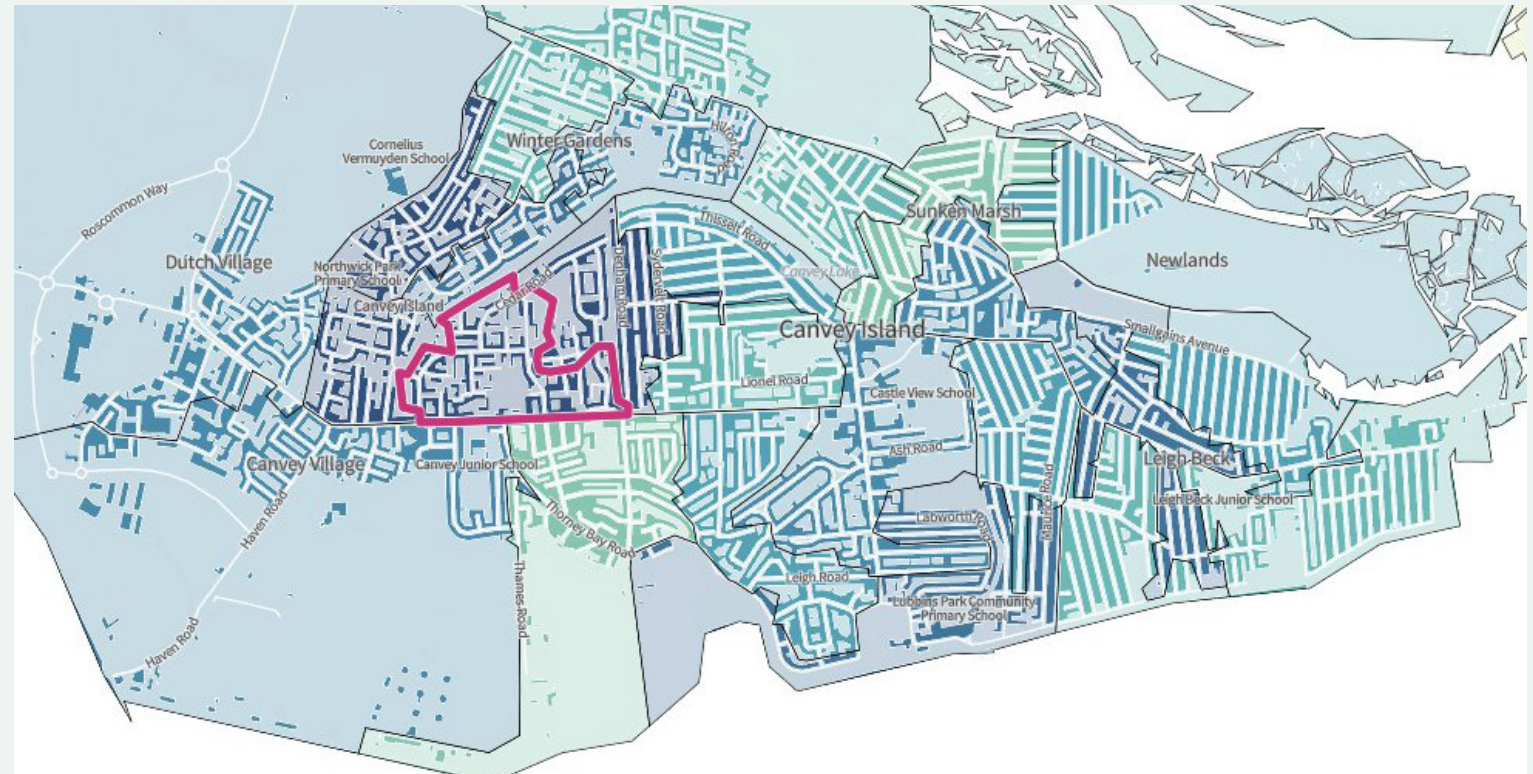
to improve findings from its recent downgrading to C4 for the Consumer Standard, especially in relation to the Safety and Quality Standard (December 2024). A Housing Improvement Plan is being accelerated to tackle the failings identified, increase engagement and rebuild trust with tenants.

Figure 13. Median Property Price to Median Income Ratio
Source: [Hometrack Housing Intelligence](#)

Health and Wellbeing

In the recent IOD data release, Castle Point Borough scored as being less deprived, on the health and disability indicator, than 53% of local authorities nationally. This picture worsens when viewed at the LSOA level for Canvey. For example, LSOA Castle Point 010A is more deprived than 85% of neighbourhoods nationally for this indicator.

Life Expectancy at Birth for males in Castle Point Borough was 78.5 years and 81.8 years for females at the last census. This was below the average rates for Essex and England. In 2021, the under 75 mortality rate in Castle Point Borough (which calculates the age-standardised mortality



Health & disability deprivation: **Castle Point 010A** is more deprived than 85% of neighbourhoods

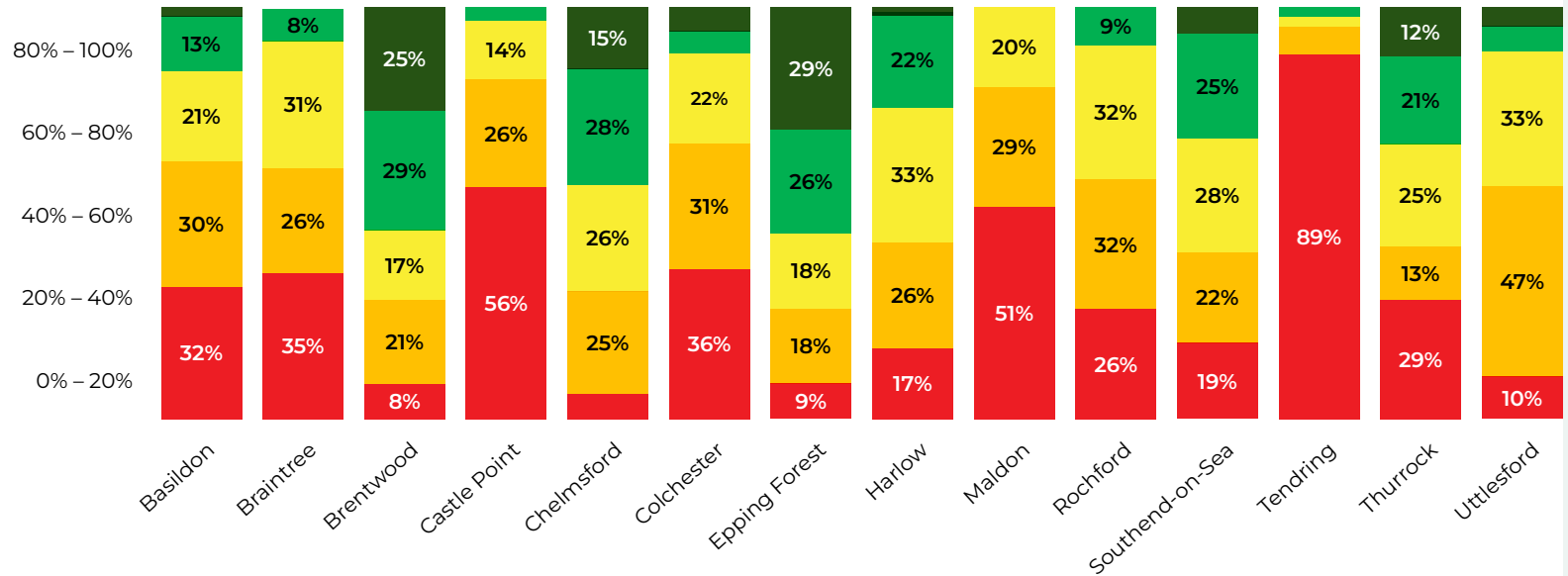


Figure 14. Indices of Deprivation. Health and Disability Deprivation Indicator

Source: Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 2025

CNI 2023
Percentage or LSOAs in each quintile¹ according to the need.

Red indicated LSOAs in the high need quintile 0% – 20%.



¹ Quintiles are defined relative to national benchmarks (i.e. Bottom 20% is Bottom 20% of all LSOAs in England)

rate for all deaths registered in the respective calendar years, in people aged under 75) was 380 per 100,000 population, this was higher than England (363), Essex (340) and East of England (327). The rates for males in Castle Point Borough was 463 and for females, 307 per 100,000 population. These rates are higher than the rates for Essex, East of England and England.

At the last census, 46% of Castle Point Borough’s population reported that their health was very good and 5% that it was “bad” or “very bad”.

The Greater Essex Community Needs Index Report (2025) assessed and compared the wellbeing and resilience of communities in Essex. Castle Point Borough was ranked as

the second of the local authorities with the greatest community need across the county. It ranked first in terms of having greatest need in term of civic assets, showing a lack of key community, civic, educational and cultural assets. 56% of the borough’s Lower Super Output Areas (22) are among the 20% nationally with the most acute community needs.

Figure 15. CNI 2023: Percentage of LSOAs in each quintile¹ according to the need.
 Source: [CNI Report, 2025](#)

In 2024, the Borough had a slightly higher rate of older people social care benefits recipients (15.8%) than the Essex (13.2%) and National (12.7%) rates. DLA (Disability Living Allowance) rates were also higher at 2.3% compared to 2.2% in Essex and 2.1% in England. The Borough scored well, in the top 20%, for GP appointment rates per 1000 people (2022 figures) but, travel times to the nearest hospital, with an average travel time of 46 mins to the closest hospital, put it in the bottom 20–40% range in the Borough.

Travel time to fast food outlets in Castle Point Borough are some of the shortest in the county at an average of 1.5 minutes, compared to an Essex average of 3.9 mins and a national average of 2.8 mins. It is known that proximity to fast food outlets increases exposure to unhealthy food choices which can encourage higher consumption levels and lead to poor dietary

habits and health outcomes. Data shows that in 2021/22, only 31% of adults (aged 16 and over) in Castle Point Borough were meeting the recommended “5 a day” fruit and vegetable consumption. This was lower than the Essex rate of 35% and England at 32%.

Based on a GP Patient Survey in 2021/22, 13.7% of the population in Castle Point Borough classified themselves as either occasional or regular smokers. This is a rate higher than Essex (12.6%), East of England (12.6%) and England’s smoking rates (13.6%).

39.9% of children and young people in Castle Point Borough were physically active in 2022/23. This is the lowest percentage across Greater Essex and Essex (49.7%), East of England (48.3%) and England (47%). We can also infer from this that 60.1% of children and young people in Castle Point Borough were not meeting the Chief Medical

Officer’s recommendation of an average of at least 60 minutes moderate to vigorous intensity activity per day across the week in this time period.

Data obtained via Essex Resident survey (2023) identified that 23% of Essex residents are ‘active’ and do at least 150 minutes of at least moderate-intensity activity a week, this is lower than the latest national figures, though levels of ‘inactivity’ is also lower at 20%. Data indicates 25% of Castle Point Borough residents are active.

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SECTION 1 ~ LOCAL CONTEXT

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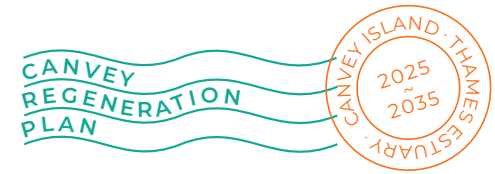
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Community Engagement Outcomes

Prior to commencing work on the Regeneration Plan, substantial engagement had already taken place across Canvey by different partners on the Neighbourhood Board. The results of this engagement were reviewed to inform the initial development of the Regeneration Plan.

This previous engagement work included:

Castle Point Plan Initial Engagement – 458 responses from Canvey Island Residents

This engagement took place from March to August 2023 and asked what people liked and disliked about the places where they lived, and what they would like to see improved. Qualitative responses from that engagement have been evaluated against the Pride in Place themes to identify the views of residents. There were no comments specifically highlighting education and skills, heritage and culture or digital connectivity. The below overview reflects the themes from the 458 resident responses.

Pride in Place Intervention Theme	Issues Identified				
Safety and security	Rising crime and anti-social behaviour	Lack of police presence (visibility)	Feeling unsafe (especially after dark)	Neglect of infrastructure and environment reduces sense of safety	Desire for stronger community and investment in security measures
Community cohesion	There is a strong sense of community	Concerns about a decline in community spirit	Desire for community spaces and events	Desire for inclusive and respectful neighbourhoods	
High Street / Town Centre	Concerns about the decline and neglect of the town centre	Lack of variety and quality of shops	Empty units and missed opportunities	Improvements to accessibility and local convenience	Considered to be comparatively inferior to other places nearby
Regeneration	Town centre and retail focus advocated	Seafront and tourism potential promoted	Infrastructure and public realm improvements sought	Community and cultural regeneration (inc. youth provision) supported	
Work and productivity	Lack of local employment opportunities	Support for local businesses	Underused commercial areas need to be reused/improved	Infrastructure viewed as a barrier to economic growth	Desire for regeneration and investment (town centre, environment of employment areas, tourism and entertainment)
Transport and connectivity	Urgent need for a Third Road	Concerns about traffic congestion and road layout	Concerns about public transport limitations (frequency and affordability)	Call for better cycling and walking infrastructure	Concerns about those without cars feeling isolated or being excluded
Housing	Strong demand for genuinely affordable housing	Concerns about long waiting lists for social housing	Concerns about high housing costs combined with high cost of living, especially for young people and families		
Health and wellbeing	Concern about access to healthcare services	Role of open spaces and community spaces in mental health wellbeing highlighted	Role of safety and a good quality physical environment in health and wellbeing outcomes highlighted		

Essex Resident Survey 2024

– 268 Responses from Canvey Residents

By and large this engagement provided information that repeated what we know from statistical data or otherwise gleaned through the work on the Council's Local Plan engagement (the Castle Point Plan). However, this survey also sought the views of residents on growth. This showed that whilst consultation undertaken on the draft Castle Point Plan (August to September 2025) shows concern about growth on Canvey amongst local people, that 68% of Canvey residents tend to view growth as positive with just 5% of residents viewing it as being very negative. Compared to elsewhere in Essex the support for growth on Canvey is comparatively high.

The opportunities associated with growth were identified by residents as being:

- More money to spend in town/city centre (50%)
- Greater choice of shops/restaurants (43%)
- More activities for children/young people (37%)
- More health services (34%)
- More job opportunities/higher wages (34%)

The concerns that people had about growth were identified as:

- More cars on the road (76%)
- More crime/anti-social behaviour (69%)
- Higher cost of living (44%)
- More competition for public services (44%)
- Longer journeys for work, leisure or public services (42%)

Engagement through Art

Local people were involved in creative activities to draw out diverse perspectives about places across the borough, sharing dreams for the future to shape place-making plans.

Activities on Canvey included:

- Young people – Yellow Door (a local small charity that supports young people aged 11–25) and Cornelius Vermuyden School
- Parents of young children living in Winter Gardens Ward – “Little Lions”
- Haredi Jewish Community

It was clear through this work that these people value their communities, value their local green spaces and the heritage of place. Young

people expressed concerns about the future and the environment.

In addition to securing feedback from groups within the community, this work has also stimulated the developing creative sector in the local area, and in particular given young people and students a voice and a sense of pride in their work. The exhibitions that presented this work brought different parts of the community together around a shared outcome and created new connections.

This work was commissioned by Castle Point Borough Council and delivered through a partnership between Estuary Festival and Metal in collaboration with local artists and community groups.





Community Sentiment Survey, July 2025

To support the development of this Regeneration Plan, the government also commissioned a consultation on behalf of all areas receiving Pride in Place funding. This reinforced what people had already told us about Canvey and their concerns. It also helped to provide a sense of priority around areas of intervention.

A key result from this survey was a sense that Canvey is in decline. Whilst 62% of people were fairly satisfied or very satisfied with their local area, 47% felt it had declined in the last 12 months and 53% expected their area to get worse over the next 2 years. Only 47% were proud of where they live. The top three reasons for local people

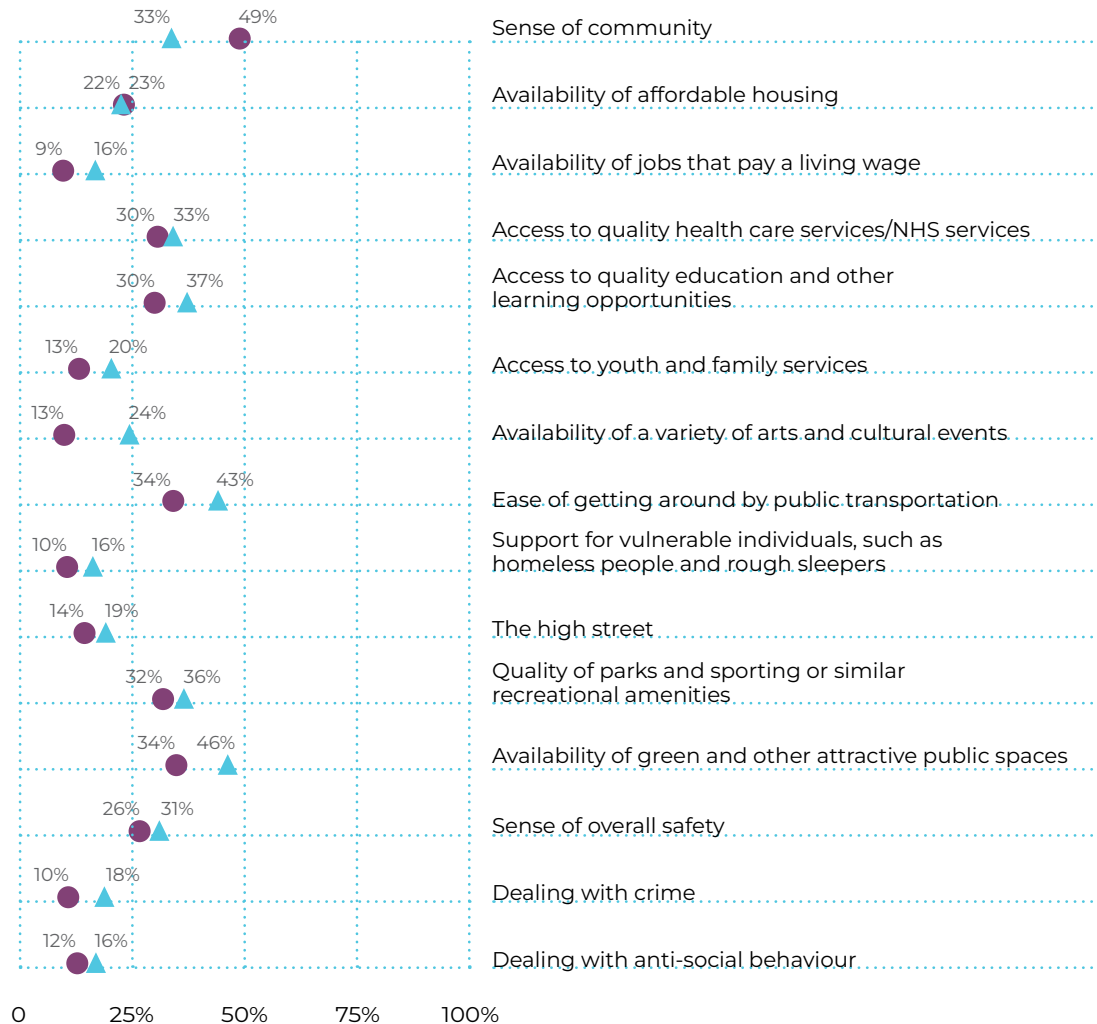
being proud of Canvey were: the strong sense of community, the green and natural spaces and the good range of local facilities. The top three reasons people were not proud of Canvey were: some people being disrespectful or troublesome, safety concerns and the area feeling run down.

Participants were asked to rank different parts of life in their local area. The table below shows where people ranked an aspect of local life as good or excellent. This is compared to the national average across all areas. Apart from the sense of community, Canvey scored worse than the national average on all indicators.

The work also captured qualitative comments from residents on what they would like to see improved. This has been analysed to identify common themes. The top themes arising are set out in the graph below.

% Rate “Good” or “Excellent” (Q9: Town features and infrastructure)

▲ Average across 75 towns
● Canvey Island



Community Sentiment Survey Key themes

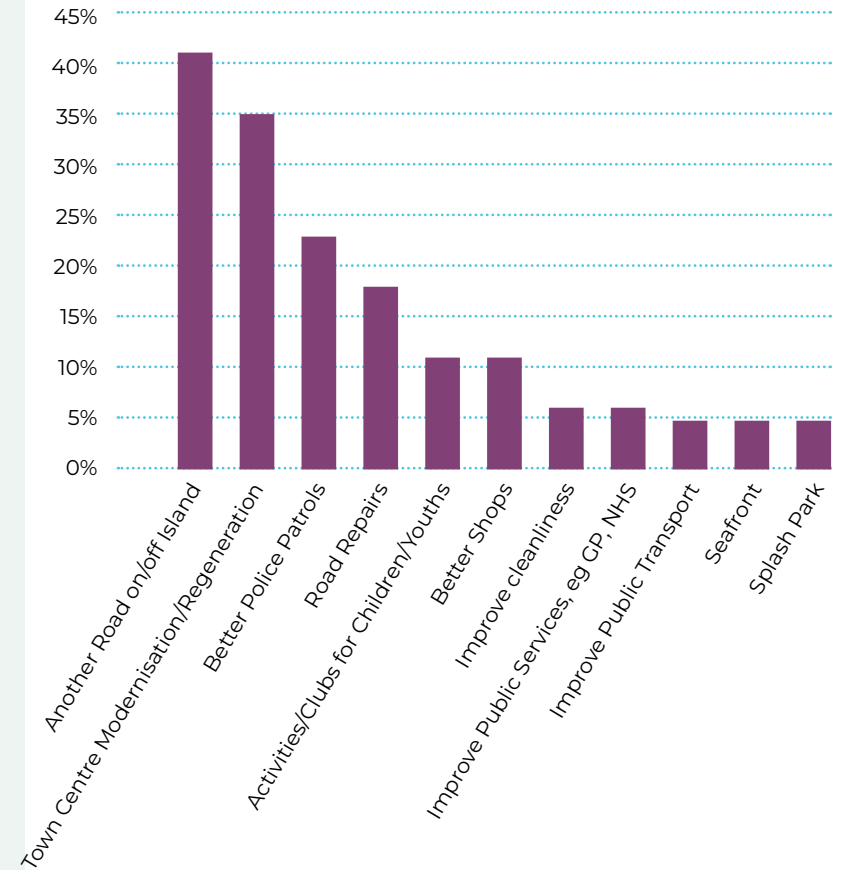


Figure 16. Zen City Consultation: Q9 Results
Source: Zen City

Figure 17. Zen City – Key themes
Source: Zen City

Pride in Place Engagement



This initial information from past engagement work provided the board with a strong steer as to what the local community were

concerned about. However, in developing this Regeneration Plan it was important to engage residents on what needs to be

done to make Canvey a great place to live, and where we should focus the investment. We therefore undertook an extensive engagement programme for the Pride in Place investment in October 2025.

The main element of this engagement was delivered by our board partner Estuary Festival CIC and involved 14 group sessions in locations across the community, based where people were. Alongside this a pop-up shop was set up in the town centre during half term week which was open from Monday to Saturday 10am to 4pm and provided artist led activity with tea/coffee and biscuits. This was visited by over 50 people each day.

Visitors were invited to create a postcard from 2035 representing their vision of a future Canvey illustrated with drawing, writing, collage, stickers a short tick box survey and their relationship to Canvey. This approach enabled us to engage with a wide variety of people across the community, including children, young people, mums and dads, grandparents and older and elderly people within the community. Members of the Haredi Jewish community participated through a workshop with young people led by a local artist within the community. Alongside the inclusive engagement in the pop-up sessions, we also took particular care to spend additional time talking to people with disabilities and with specialist housing needs. In total **817** responses were received. The full results of the engagement are set out in [Appendix A](#).

Alongside this, our board partner, the Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership (SSP) undertook engagement with children and young people in a school setting. SSP staff worked in collaboration with Headteachers and school staff to conduct 20–30 minute ‘focus group’ meetings with cohorts of 10–15 children and young people.

The engagement took place across all 12 schools on Canvey Island to ensure the vision and ideas for investment were representative of the children and young people’s needs, and to allow youth voice to formulate the detail in the plans prior to submission. To do this a simplified ‘Vision’ document was created so the language was age

What is your vision for Canvey?

BRIGHTER FUTURE.

Which topic(s) are you most interested in (tick as many as you like)

Access and transport
 Young people projects
 Housing projects
 Education, Skills and Employment
 Youth & Community Infrastructure
 Seafront & Heritage
 Green spaces
 Sports facilities
 Health & Wellbeing
 Canvey Town Centre
 Digital connectivity
 Other (please state) _____

What's your age?

19 & under 40-49 60-69
 20-39 50-59 70-79 80 +

What's your relationship to Canvey:

appropriate and this formed the consultations' introductions. The consultation was based around 7 key questions, and groups were given paper and pens to create mind maps and draw pictures of their ideas, allowing for flexibility in the activities used to extract views and information, from these consultations, a mixture of quantitative and qualitative data was captured. 153 children and young people took part in this engagement activity. **The full results of the engagement are set out in Appendix B.**

It is important to note that the school-based engagement across 12 schools did not include young people from the Jewish community, as most do not attend schools in Castle Point Borough. Future engagement will seek to capture their views to

reflect the full diversity of Canvey's next generation.

To broaden the participation with young people, our board partner Yellow Door, undertook specific engagement with those young people they came into contact with during their youth clubs and detached work. They engaged with 114 young people and asked them of the 10 issues identified for consideration by the board, what mattered most to them. The full results of the engagement are set out in **Appendix C.**

To capture the views of the business community, our board partner Castle Point Borough Council utilised its business contacts and business newsletter to specifically engage with the business community. An online

survey was used to ask specific questions on the views of the business community in relation to the vision and potential investment priorities. The full results of the engagement are set out in **Appendix D.**

With somewhere in the region of 1300 respondents to the engagement activities we have seen a range of results coming forward.

Of the over 800 people completing postcards these were the figures produced prioritising these particular elements:

Access & transport	333
Young people projects	309
Canvey Town Centre	284
Green Spaces	273
Health & Wellbeing	253
Seafront & Heritage	252
Youth & Community infrastructure	234
Education, Skills & Employment	185
Sports facilities	144
Housing projects	119
Digital Connectivity	73

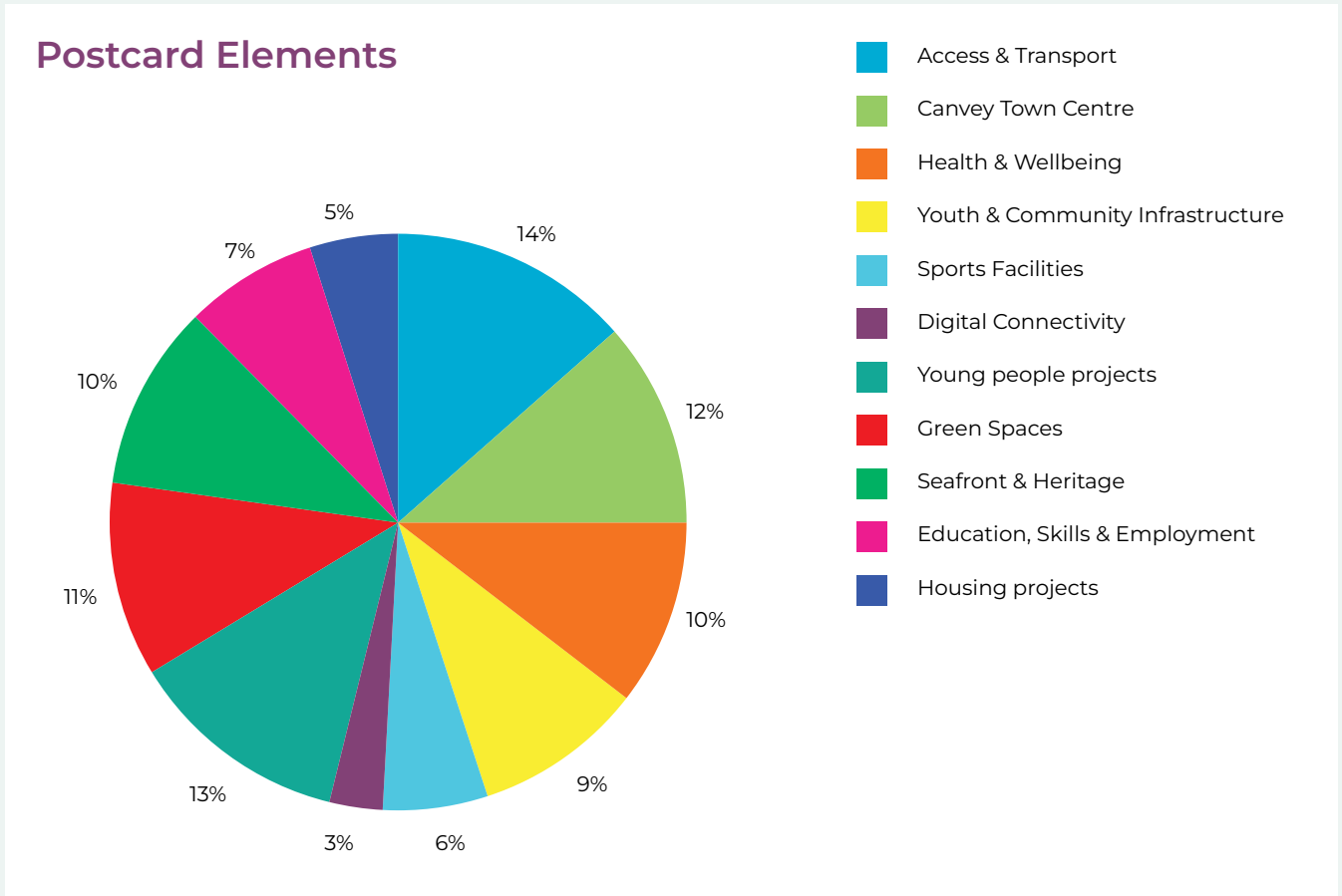
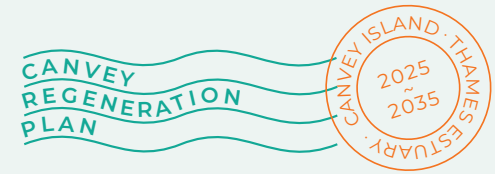


Figure 18. Pride in Place – Core Themes from Postcards



This compares with the results to a similar question from young people with Yellow Door which saw Youth Spaces, Health & Wellbeing and Sport & Leisure Facilities in the top 3

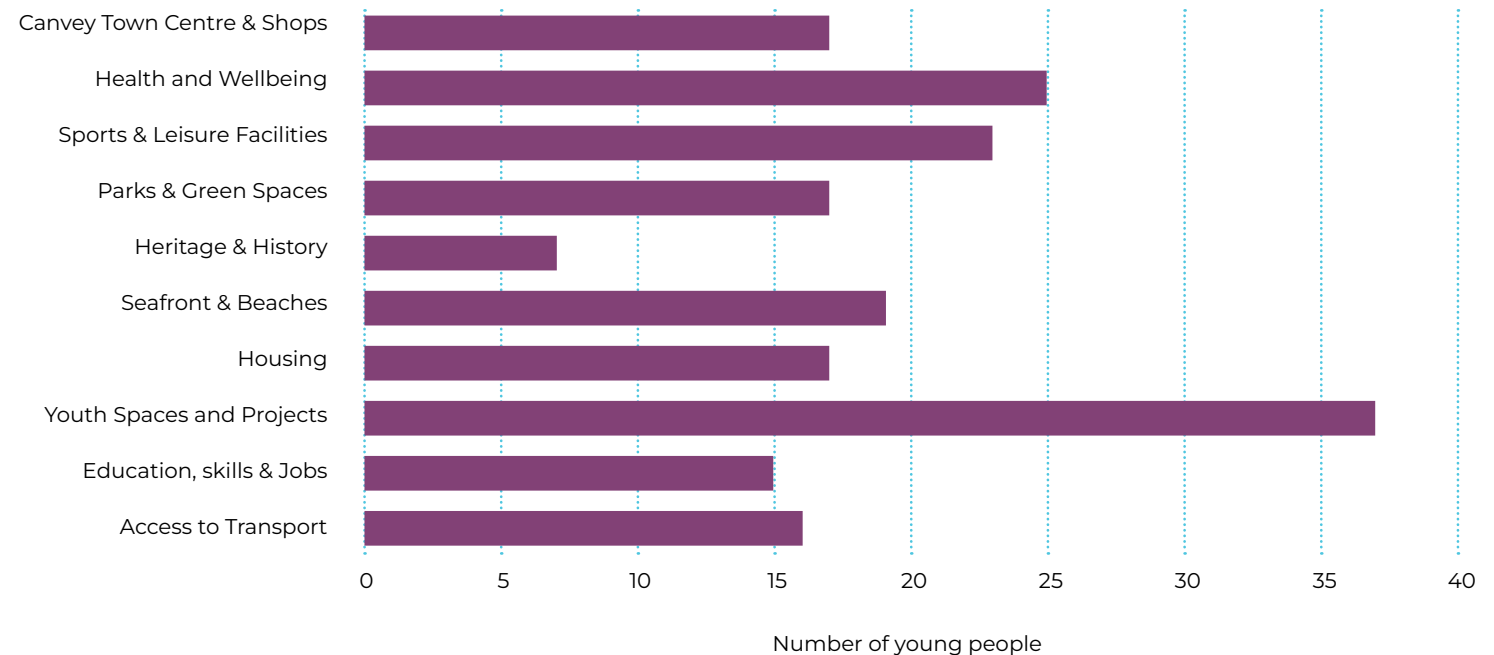
In schools, 91.5% supported the vision and prioritises the Board were engaging on, and 97% of

the group were excited by the investment coming into Canvey. This is significant when social trust in Canvey Island (-8.59) is below average social trust of Essex (-4.5%).

It was however clear from those undertaking the engagement that there was a degree of scepticism amongst the community, young

and old, about what would be delivered because past promises have not been delivered upon. It is therefore clear that we need to move quickly with the funding to deliver against people’s aspirations for Canvey and to start delivering the vision.

What matters to you most on Canvey?



Conclusions from Consultation and Engagement

The Pride in Place engagement reinforced much of what previous engagement and consultation had told us. However, the efforts made to broaden that engagement, and the excitement arising from the investment has helped the board to identify the key things that will make a difference to local people, and to identify where priorities lie. Whilst the results of consultations vary depending on the questions asked, there are re-occurring themes across the different consultations and engagements.

The key priorities for residents are:

- Access and transport
- Young peoples' projects
- Canvey Town Centre
- Green spaces
- Health and wellbeing
- Seafront and heritage
- Youth and community infrastructure
- Education skills and jobs

Whilst there was less excitement around areas such as housing and digital connectivity, there were those who did raise issues in relation to these matters. Therefore, whilst they are not important for everyone, projects and interventions in relation to these matters would still help some people, even if they are not prioritised.

It was also clear from the engagement that community safety should be embedded within delivery. People want safe roads and safe spaces.



Alignment with Pride in Place Themes

There is strong alignment between the aspirations of the people on Canvey and the Pride in Place Objectives.

Thriving Places

Our community want the town centre to be a vibrant and exciting place, and for our seafront to be an attractive visitor and recreation destination. They want our young people to have things to do and to be able to succeed in life.

Transport and being able to move about the place, and more easily on and off the Island was seen as a key barrier to achieving this.

Stronger Communities

Canvey Island has a strong community spirit and strong desire to make the place better. The engagement showed that people are willing to participate in that and are willing to share their experiences and skills to make Canvey a better place to live. We need to help them achieve this through investment in health facilities and putting them at the heart of the decision-making process through effective engagement and the introduction of mechanisms which truly give young people a voice in the conversation.

Taking back control

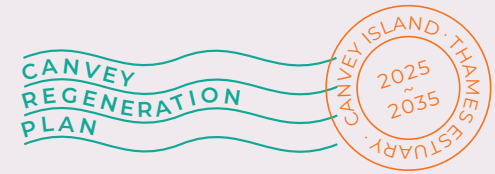
Promises have not always been kept and therefore people on Canvey are sceptical that things will change. This funding and the engagement process around it gives them a voice. They have said that they want to take back control of spaces in the town centre and they want to feel safe as they move around the place. They want to see more events and activities.



Proposed Interventions / Project Areas

The engagement work has helped us to identify 10 project areas to work on over the next 10 years to deliver the vision of this Regeneration Plan. Not only do these align with the three Pride in Place Objectives, but they also align with the pre-approved intervention themes sitting under these objectives.

These projects are set out in the following pages.



Pre Approved Intervention Themes

- Transport (1, 4, 7, 8)
- Education and Opportunity (2)
- Work, Productivity and Skills (3, 6, 9)
- Cohesion (4, 9)
- Housing (5)
- Regeneration, High streets & Heritage (6, 7, 10)
- Safety and security (7)
- Health and wellbeing (5, 8, 9)

Proposed Pride in Place Projects by MHCLG Pre Approved Intervention Themes

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<p>Project 4</p> <p>Youth and Community Infrastructure</p> <p> </p>	<p>Project 5</p> <p>Housing – Reducing the Cost of Living and Healthier Homes</p> <p> </p>	<p>Project 6</p> <p>Seafront/Heritage</p> <p> </p>
<p>Project 7</p> <p>Canvey Lake, Park and Playground</p> <p> </p>	<p>Project 8</p> <p>Physical Activity for Health</p> <p> </p>	<p>Project 9</p> <p>Neighbourhood Health Hub & Community Wellbeing Initiatives</p> <p> </p>
<p>Project 10</p> <p>Canvey Town Centre</p> <p> </p>		

High Level Overview

The table on the following page provides an overview of the projects we are looking to explore and the likely outcomes they will have over the short term and the longer term. The projects have been identified from the themes and priorities emerging from the community consultation activities, the three Pride in Place priorities and the existing assets, infrastructure and geography of Canvey.

There is a recognition that there will be a need to harness collective capacity to deliver the full ambitions detailed on the following page. The limits to the £20m Pride in Place funding are recognised by the Board however, it is keen to be ambitious and aspires to deliver the best outcomes possible for the people of Canvey.

In terms of prioritisation, we cannot deliver everything all at once. The funding is split over 10 years, and we will therefore need to spread projects out over time, as the funding allows, in order to deliver them. This means that some projects will start in year 1, whilst others may take 8 or 9 years to be delivered. We will use residents' engagement to help us prioritise projects. We will also be pragmatic and ensure that we bring projects forward that are ready and use later years funding for those projects which need more time to be developed. It is therefore anticipated that during the first four years of the funding we will see elements of the following projects come forward:

- Project 1 **Improving Access to and from Canvey**
- Project 2 **Enhancing opportunities for Children and Young People**
- Project 3 **Skills and employment development aligned with key local growth sectors**
- Project 4 **Youth and Community Infrastructure**
- Project 6 **Seafront and heritage**
- Project 7 **Canvey lake**
- Project 8 **Physical activity for health**
- Project 9 **Neighbourhood health hub and community wellbeing initiatives**
- Project 10 **Canvey Town Centre**

It is anticipated that a lot of the early interventions will be revenue focused, although early capital projects are likely to include the neighbourhood health hub, a youth infrastructure proposal, and proposals for Canvey Lake and Canvey seafront.

Transport proposals set out in Project 1 typically take longer to develop. That development will take place over the first four years to allow delivery from year 5.

For each of the projects we have provided a more detail breakdown in the tables below setting out the types of interventions we will be exploring and the likely outcomes we will be expecting to achieve during the period of this Regeneration Plan, and longer term to 2046.

High Level Overview

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS/ PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025 – 2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025 – 2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035 – 2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035 – 2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS	ULTIMATE GOALS
Concerns about traffic congestion, road layouts, public transport limitations. Desire for a third road on/off the island. Need for active travel routes. Residents value being able to walk to shops and services.	Initiatives to improve access to and from Canvey	Increased public transport usage / Implementation of sustainable travel routes / Less congestion / Less isolation of non car users	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	Increased participation in the local economy and access to job opportunities through shift in attitudes to new travel options / Increased community interaction as result of sustainable travel opportunities	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	Safe – Canvey is a safe place for all, to live in, work in and visit.
Concerns about lack of access to good quality education and learning. Need to value young people and support them into employment.	Enhancing opportunities for young people and children	Greater number of educational, cultural and social facilities for young people and children / Increased participation in community activity / Improved career prospects / Greater no of trusted adults working with children and young people		Improved educational attainment / A culture of lifelong learning / Breaking of cycles of deprivation / Infrastructure of vibrant youth friendly spaces		
Infrastructure viewed as a barrier to growth. Lack of diverse employment opportunities.	Skills and employment development – linked to key local growth sectors	Increased number of apprenticeship, vocational training, work placements and upskilling programmes / More skilled local workforce / Growth or existing and emergence of new micro, small and medium businesses		More diverse and resilient local economy / higher average wages / Retention of skilled workers in the local economy		Vibrant – Canvey is well connected, digitally and creatively, and has great spaces and places for people to meet and interact.
Lack of places for young people to go. Support needed to engage young people in local economy.	Youth and Community infrastructure improvements	New and refurbished youth provision / Improved local partnerships between educational institutions and local businesses and local authority		Improved sense of belonging for young people on Canvey / Improvements in general wellbeing and mental health / Reputation within wider region as a place where young people are valued		

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Cost of living pressures. Concerns that growth will lead to higher cost of living.	Housing – Reducing the Cost of Living and Healthier Homes	Increased awareness and uptake of existing support programmes e.g Warm Homes , Boiler Upgrade Grants / Pro-active engagement with vulnerable households / Improved digital inclusion support to ensure residents can access better value services /Improved social and private housing stock	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	Reduced reliance on food banks / Reduced poverty rates / Improved mental health outcomes / Improved digital poverty / Majority of homes meeting decent homes standards	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	Healthy – Residents have improved wellbeing and fair access to services. Health issues do not impede their opportunity to participate economically.
Feeling that there is more potential at the Seafront. Asset could be better used. Concerns of lack of public spaces and general decline.	Seafront and Heritage development	Delivery of Splash Park on the Seafront & associated facilities / Attract new businesses to Seafront commercial units / Revitalised public realm / Use of public spaces for diverse range of public events		Strengthened and diversified local economy / Increased community pride in the Seafront and Heritage assets / Improved reputation of Canvey as a visitor attraction		
Need for more activities and spaces for children and families. Concerns of lake quality and safety of using this space.	Canvey Lake, Park and Playground	Lake restored to necessary environmental standards and regular maintenance in place / Improved accessibility through pathway improvements, signage, lighting and CCTV / Delivery of playground facilities / Use of area for comm' events and outdoor learning		Increased physical activity and sustainable travel choices / Increased community cohesion through shared use / A vibrant and safe environment that adapts to community needs		Proud – Residents and those active in the local economy are proud of the town.
Need for diverse range of sport (inc. water sports) opportunities/clubs. More options for girls.	Physical Activities for Health	Increased programmes/activities for all ages and abilities to engage in physical activity / Increased participation generally and in particular in swimming lessons / Improved awareness of links between improved physical health with improved mental health		Improved activity levels / Improved mental health outcomes / Reduced social isolation		
Concerns about access to hospitals and health services, esp. mental health. Need for improved quality of green spaces.	Neighbourhood Health Hub and Community Wellbeing Initiatives	Established health hub offering in demand services / Increased number of wellbeing initiatives for local community / Improved awareness of and use of services available		Improved results in health and wellbeing indicators / Reduced levels of long term sickness / Reduced health inequality		World Class – Canvey, its spaces, places, residents, and economy have fulfilled their potential.
Desire for better range of shops and improved offer. Feeling of decline of the town centre and public realm.	Town Centre Improvements	Improved streetscape and public realm / Better connected / Enhanced market square / Enhancement of existing units		Repositioning of the Town Centre as a diverse, attractive asset that residents are proud of / Attract external visitors with retail offer / Increased visit time and average spend		

Project 1

Improving Access to and from Canvey

The key engagement outcome arising from consultation was the desire to be able to move around the Island easier and to be able to get on and off the Island more easily. Young people specifically identified concerns about traffic and road safety, and the ability to get to places to do 'fun things'.

We have therefore identified five areas of investment opportunity to improve travel outcomes for people on Canvey. These will require match funding due to the known costs of transport schemes; however these schemes are identified in the emerging Local Transport Plan 4 and therefore have the support of the local transport authority.



What is your vision for Canvey?

- * Bus to lakeside
- * 22 and 27 bus at different times instead of after one another
- * Bus to Chelmsford
- * Walk in GP centre

Project 1 Improving Access to and from Canvey

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS/ PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Desire for a third road on/off the island / Reducing congestion and reliance on Waterside Farm roundabout	Funding of selected cycling measures identified through Local Walking and Cycling Improvement Plan	Improved cycling options that are safe, continuous and useful	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Shift in attitudes towards sustainable travel options / Improved public health outcomes through increased physical activity	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Need for better frequency and coverage of bus services	Promotion of existing routes with improved wayfinding. E.g. the Canvey Town to Benfleet Station route	Increase in no of journeys completed by active travel options		Increased footfall in town centre and higher visitor numbers from outside Canvey / Increased spending in the town centre and a more thriving environment	
Better and easier access to local hospitals	Strong partnership working with ECC and New Mayoral Authority to implement recommendations in the Essex Local Transport Plan 4, once adopted and subsequent Mayoral Transport Strategy	Improved integration of existing local transport offer with demand responsive travel measures		A resilient transport network that supports the needs and preferences of the community and allows easy access to emerging employment opportunities	
Potential to improve cycle and walking options	Desire Lines Commission—additional connectivity improvements between Canvey Lake, Canvey Town Centre and Canvey seafront	Increased integration of key areas of Canvey through active travel corridors, wayfinding and safer routes		Increased social interaction and community cohesion / Accessible community assets	

Project 1

Improving Access to and from Canvey

Looking wider and beyond 2035

Beyond the interventions outlined above, there is a strong demand from within the community for a new access road on and off the Island. This is because there are significant challenges to the population travelling off the Island for employment or education, and there is an economic impact to people trying to commute onto the island. There is severe congestion at peak times, and journey time reliability issues. There remains an opportunity to improve the resilience in the event of a flooding incident or an incident related to the hazardous installations as well as overall improved access and egress. This has been recognised for a number of years and is

identified as an area of focus from a sustainable travel perspective issue in the emerging Essex Local Transport Plan 4. However, for options such as a new access, there is no funding available, and it is anticipated that the cost of an additional access would be significant in magnitude. There is no possibility of this Regeneration Plan independently leveraging that level of financing. We will therefore be looking to talk to Government and to the future Mayor of Essex about how we can effectively improve access to and from the Island to support economic growth, increase community resilience and relieve the frustrations that congestion cause to the community. We are

open to exploring all reasonable options including road, rail, river transport and sustainable and active travel options in order to secure a meaningful change in outcomes for the local community.



Project 2

Enhancing Opportunities for Children and Young People

The need to provide young people with the opportunities they need to fulfil their potential was something that we heard loud and strong through the engagement. Parents and grandparents were concerned about the prospects for children, and children and young people were not certain what the future holds for them. Separate to Project 4, which is focused on capital investment, this

project focuses on a series of revenue based interventions that are aimed at improving the opportunities for children and young people on Canvey Island, and giving them a strong voice in their future and the future of Canvey as a place to live and have a prosperous future.

What is your vision for Canvey?

Youth club
More things for
teenagers
More benches in
the town

Project 2 Enhancing Opportunities for Children and Young People

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Lack of opportunities to engage and take control of their futures	Partnership with Canvey Island Youth Project and schools/sports to shape need	Delivery of targeted support programmes tailored to the needs of Canvey's young people	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Creation of inclusive, vibrant neighbourhoods where young people feel valued, supported and are able to positively contribute to their local community	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
	Develop a “PiP Children & Young People Board” to engage this cohort and respond to their needs	Increased aspirations of young people / channelling of potential through appropriate learning to job programmes			
	Funding of a community/school mentoring scheme				
Need for extra curricular support for those with extra needs	Funding of an early intervention support (incl. reading) for pre secondary school age	Increased educational enrolments, attainment, skill level and employability		Culture of lifelong learning and skill development	
Need to better prepare young people for employment opportunities	Fund specialist skills services to support secondary school students at risk of underperforming at GCSE level			Increase in economic activity and reduced unemployment rates	
	Best Start Canvey (physical activity, Ready4School breakfast clubs, family festivals promoting physical activity)				
Need to empower young people	Set up a Sports/Leadership/Creative Leaders Awards	Recognition of young people and improved mental health and wellbeing		Improved mental health outcomes	
Lack of job opportunities for young people	Fund additional LA support to local businesses to provide apprenticeships	Provision of tangible opportunities to develop skills and improve employability			

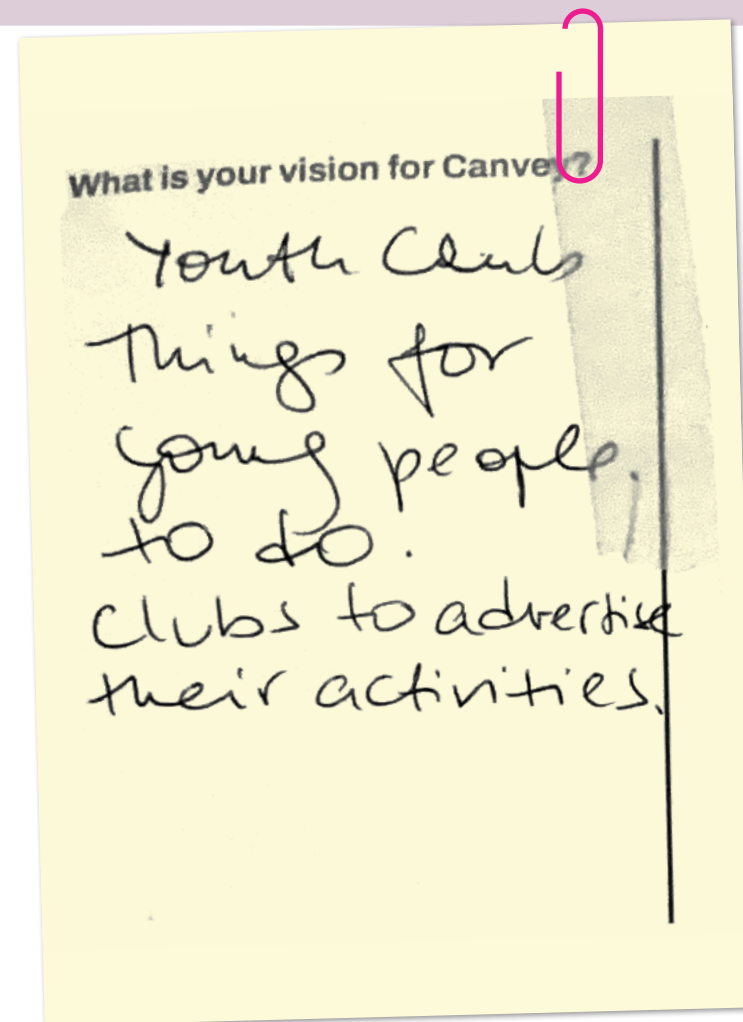
Project 2

Enhancing Opportunities for Children and Young People

Looking wider and beyond 2035

There is evidence of a two-fold impact of education on the community of Canvey Island, firstly that academically gifted students complete their A-levels and leave the Island for either university or better paying employment, this “brain drain” impacts the capacity of the general economy of Canvey to evolve and grow. Secondly that those who remain are stuck in an economic trap which leaves people unable to develop effectively from a position of under-employment—which is reflective of the GVA of Canvey

Island being the lowest in England. The opportunity for students to gain vocational and technical qualifications both as young people and as adults is, therefore, critical if they are to take advantage of the potential benefits of the regeneration we are looking to deliver across Canvey Island in the longer term. We aspire to work with government in the development and delivery of V-levels, and even to be part of any pilot to work through the delivery issues given the obvious benefits that may be gained.



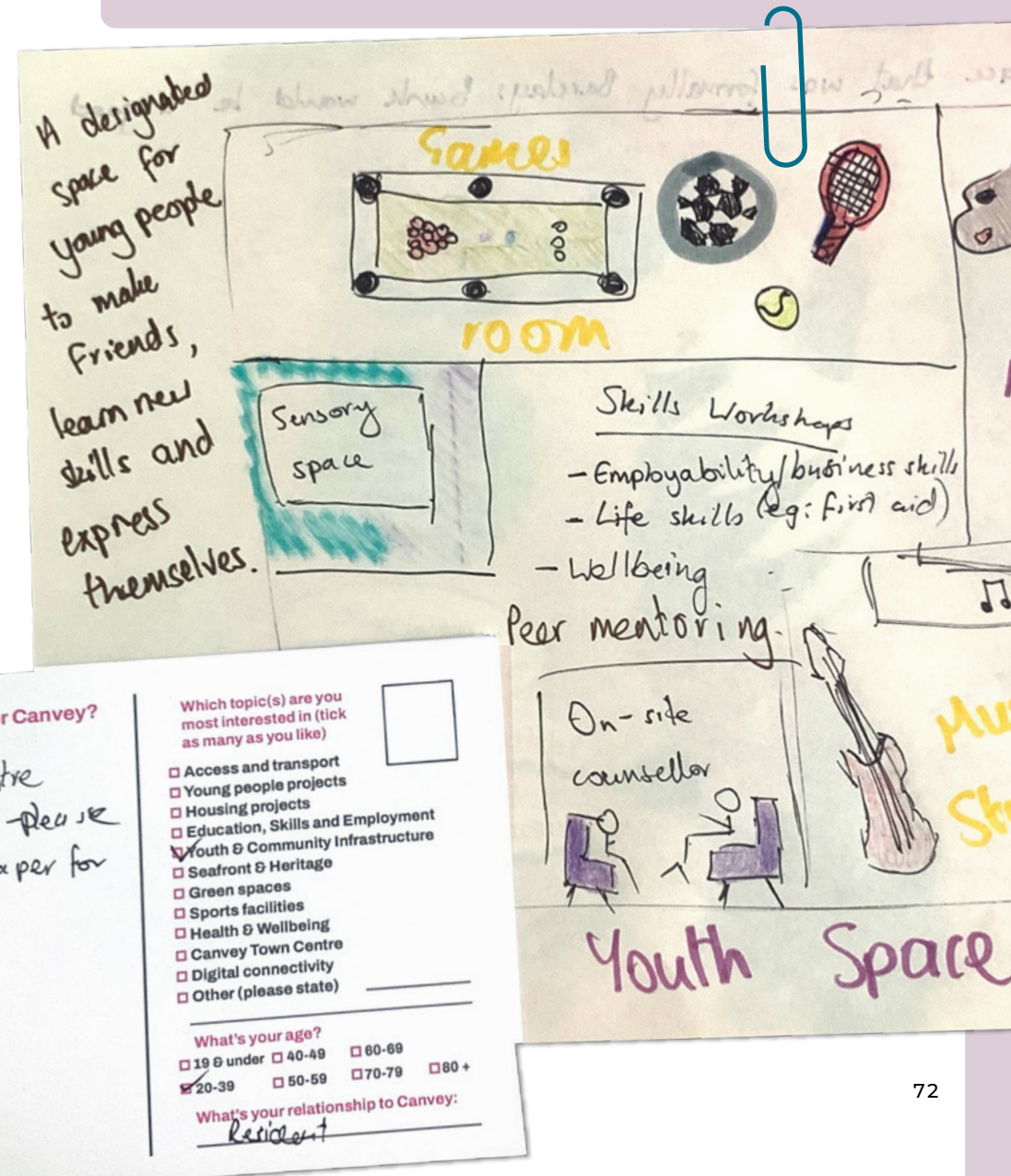
Project 3

Skills and employment development linked to key local growth sectors

Jobs on Canvey Island do not pay as well as jobs elsewhere, and this reduces the prosperity of those who live and work locally, and it adds to the local commuting and congestion issues we experience. There is therefore a strong case for investing in the development of key local growth sectors where we can potentially achieve better outcomes for business growth and for employment and wages. There was a good level of support from residents within the community for investment in this area of work.

However, there are already arrangements in place regarding general business support via the Essex Growth Agency, and some

sector support arrangements also featured as part of that arrangement. It is therefore critical that anything delivered via Pride in Place funding complements the existing offer by providing connectivity and additionality and avoids duplication. The projects outlined in the table below will be delivered with this principle in mind.



Project 3: Skills and employment development linked to key local growth sectors

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Need for improved and more wide ranging training and skills provision	Establish career pathways with NHS opportunities via USP college (health) and Oikos (energy sector).	Increased number of high quality training courses especially in local growth sectors that lead to jobs	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Continued increase in employment rates, productivity rates and increased wages.	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Need to link skills focus to emerging local growth sectors	Partnership working to develop the digital sector on Canvey. E.g. Internet of Things & Use of LoRsWan network for testing / Further develop digital innovation via Coastal Navigators Network	Established and sustainable partnerships between education providers, employers, local authority and voluntary sector organisations		Increased growth in green construction, creative and energy sectors on Canvey via inward investment.	
Desire for greater digital connectivity				Greater participation in the labour market by previously excluded groups	
Desire for increased wages	Programme to support SMEs and sole traders in construction sector to benefit from green construction and retrofit opportunities / Support matching local suppliers to Warm Homes funding contracts				
	Promote the creative sector through delivery of artist studios, performance and exhibition space in partnership with Creative estuary and Create South East	Established support schemes to promote small business growth, mentorship and signposting to funding and contract opportunities		Diversification of the local economy and improved regional reputation and competitiveness in wider region.	
Improved value and increased productivity of local economies	Offer voluntary opportunities via the existing Engagement Through Art programme focusing on climate action.				

Project 4

Youth and Community Infrastructure

This project focuses on the physical infrastructure needed to support youth groups and other community groups to meet up and participate in community activities. Canvey Island has a strong community spirit and an active community willing to volunteer and to come together to support one another. We need to provide them with the types and quality of space needed to achieve this. There was good support amongst the community in terms of investment in youth and community infrastructure, and the capital projects listed below highlight the types of interventions proposed.



Project 4 Youth and Community Infrastructure

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Lack of safe spaces for young people to connect, work and socialise	<p>Funding support for a new youth club at Waterside Farm</p> <p>Invest in a girls led space at King George's Playing Fields</p>	Improved accessibility to safe, inclusive and engaging spaces that encourage community cohesion, learning and personal development	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Increased social cohesion, reduced levels of isolation and thriving community spaces.	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Need for community space for events	Enhancements to the Pavilion at King George's Playing Fields to facilitate a space for community use				
More community activities needed for young and older people and those excluded	Further investment in The Gunny to further increase community activity	Successful governance of new and improved community spaces that supports their use based on changing community needs		Greater community participation and cultural engagement with young people playing key roles in community activity.	
Need for space for those with SEND needs	<p>Support the delivery in a space which young people can use as a base to launch micro businesses</p> <p>Develop a Youth/Kids Hub (to include a café, gaming room, NHS drop in and sensory space for SEND young people)</p>	Increased innovation and aspiration amongst young people on Canvey.			

What does value for Canvey?

Build a life along the waterfront, on a field near my big...

What spaces are the most important to you?

- 1 Housing and transport
- 2 Young people projects
- 3 Housing projects
- 4 Education, Skills and Employment
- 5 Health & Community Infrastructure
- 6 Safeguard of Heritage
- 7 Green spaces
- 8 Sports facilities
- 9 Health & Wellbeing
- 10 Canvey Town Centre
- 11 Digital connectivity
- 12 Other (please state)

What's your age?

18-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-64 65+

What's your relationship to Canvey?

Resident



spaces for a whole family

More spaces for younger adults.

Early year work experience

Teen's pub

Open volunteering activities

More parks / public spaces

Develop Waterside activities

Cleaner spaces

for increased Interactive Museums



Project 5

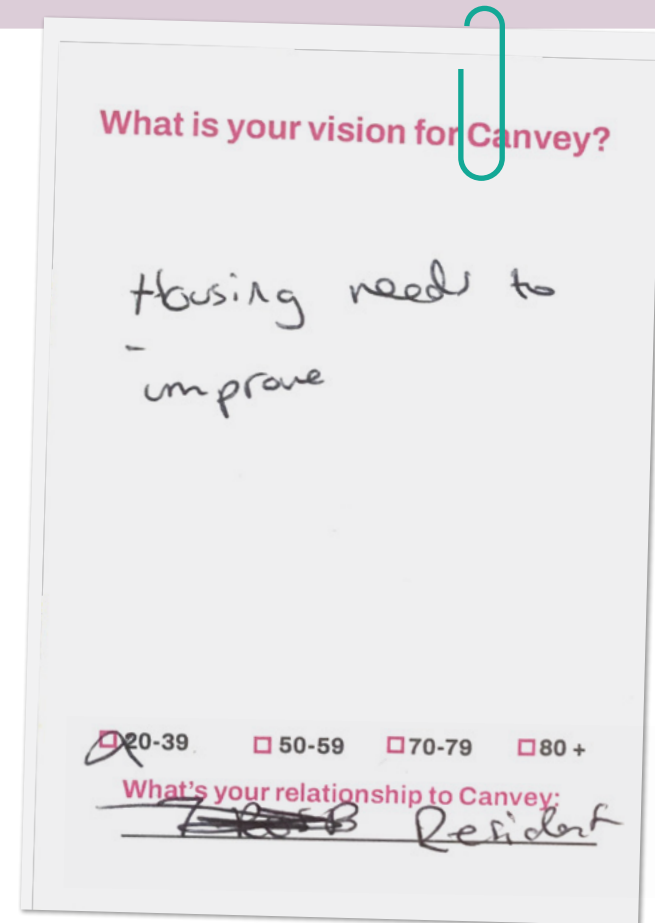
Housing – Reducing the cost of living and healthier homes

Whilst housing was not a priority for all of the community, it was a priority issue for 119 residents. Discussions with partner organisations through the Sports England Place Partnership and the Canvey Levelling Up work undertaken by Essex County Council have highlighted pockets of deprivation where residents including both elderly people, and children and young people are affected by damp and mould, poor heating, social isolation, digital poverty and hunger. It is important through this Regeneration Plan that we do not ignore those people in poverty within the community.

Housing on Canvey Island is typically of a reasonable quality, as many homes were built in the post-war period.

However, we know that some of our accommodation needs improvement or renewal. Across the Island there are opportunities for homes to be insulated and upgraded with solar panels and heat pumps to drive improved thermal and energy efficiency. There is scope to connect people with programmes that will fund these improvements, improve the health of their homes, and reduce their bills, giving them a bit more to spend on other essentials.

There are also homes, especially in the social housing sector that are not truly fit for purpose. This includes some flatted developments and some of the sheltered accommodation for older people. The Council intends to deliver a programme



What is your vision for Canvey?

Housing needs to improve

20-39 50-59 70-79 80+

What's your relationship to Canvey:
~~Visitor~~ Resident

Project 5 Housing – Reducing the cost of living and healthier homes

of renewal of the social housing stock on Canvey, which will improve the healthiness of these homes, reduce bills for residents and also result in additional homes being provided, enabling more local people to access affordable housing. Renewal of sheltered accommodation also creates the opportunity for more digital health interventions to be explored and delivered.

As part of the regeneration proposals for the town centre, and separately for West Canvey, new homes will be delivered. This will include new affordable housing and new opportunities for first time buyers. This will bring inward investment into the community

and provide the opportunity for more young people to live locally. This will have positive outcomes for the economy and local prosperity.

Given that this is not a top priority for all of the community, the Board will seek to secure alternative sources of funding for this project area, outside the Pride in Place funding. However, we felt it was important to bring these projects into the Regeneration Plan to ensure that the outcomes delivered align with the vision for Canvey Island and secure the types of benefits local people are seeking.

What is your vision for Canvey?

~~Soon~~

Sheltered housing
needs attention.

4 Flats share 1
shower.

Beatrice Little-
woods

19 & under 40-49 60-69
 20-39 50-59 70-79 80+

What's your relationship to Canvey:

resident-

Project 5 Housing – Reducing the cost of living and healthier homes

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Lack of affordable housing, especially for younger, first time buyers	Provision of new Housing through wider regeneration schemes	Increased supply of affordable, energy efficient homes located to meet local demand and requirements	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Improved housing affordability indices / Reduced council waiting lists / Reduced deprivation and improved wellbeing	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Need for social housing improvements to meet decent homes standards	Renewal of Social Housing stock (including sheltered schemes)	Improved safety and satisfaction of social housing tenants/ Energy efficiency improvements and reduced bills/ Improved proportion of stock meeting decent homes standard		Reduction in sub standard homes / Improved health and wellbeing / Reduction in housing related complaints and repairs / Reduced stock turnover	
Need for disadvantaged groups to be supported to improve living conditions, social isolation and access to digital support and services	Introduction of digital health support services in sheltered housing schemes.	Increase participation rates of those engaging with technology / Improved access to digital devices / Improved connectedness and reduced isolation		Sustained and normalised use of technology in this demographic / Improved access to services / Overall reduced digital poverty	
Low income households–cost of living pressures.	Proactive engagement with residents to enable access to energy efficiency schemes which improve warmth and reduce cost of living pressures.	Increased work opportunities for local tradespeople by linking them to Warm Homes contracts. Improved awareness and take up of Warm Homes funding		Improved engagement with support services and trust in local providers	

Project 6

Seafront and Heritage

People told us that they want to see more fun things to do on Canvey, and they envisaged that the seafront would be where that happened. There is specific support for a new splash park, and there is also a desire for things to do when the weather isn't so great, such as trampolining and bowling. People felt it was important to direct some of the investment towards the seafront area.

Investment of this nature is important for the future of Canvey Island. We want to create a place that is vibrant and that people are proud of. If we do that people

will want to come here, want to invest here and want to live here. When our young people go off to university, they will want to come home and bring their new skills and training with them, to the benefit of our community and its economic prosperity.

Some elements of this investment will however generate a commercial return, and therefore the Board will explore how they can achieve a financial return on investment in this area, so that more projects can be delivered longer term, such as investment in some of the heritage assets.

Which topic(s) are you most interested in (tick as many as you like)

- Access and transport
- Young people projects
- Housing projects
- Education, Skills and Employment
- Youth & Community Infrastructure
- Seafront & Heritage
- Green spaces
- Sports facilities
- Health & Wellbeing
- Canvey Town Centre
- Digital connectivity
- Other (please state)

What's your age?

19 & under 40-49 60-69 70-79 80 +

What's your relationship to Canvey?

RESIDENT 69 YEARS

STOP BUILDING

ROAD OFF

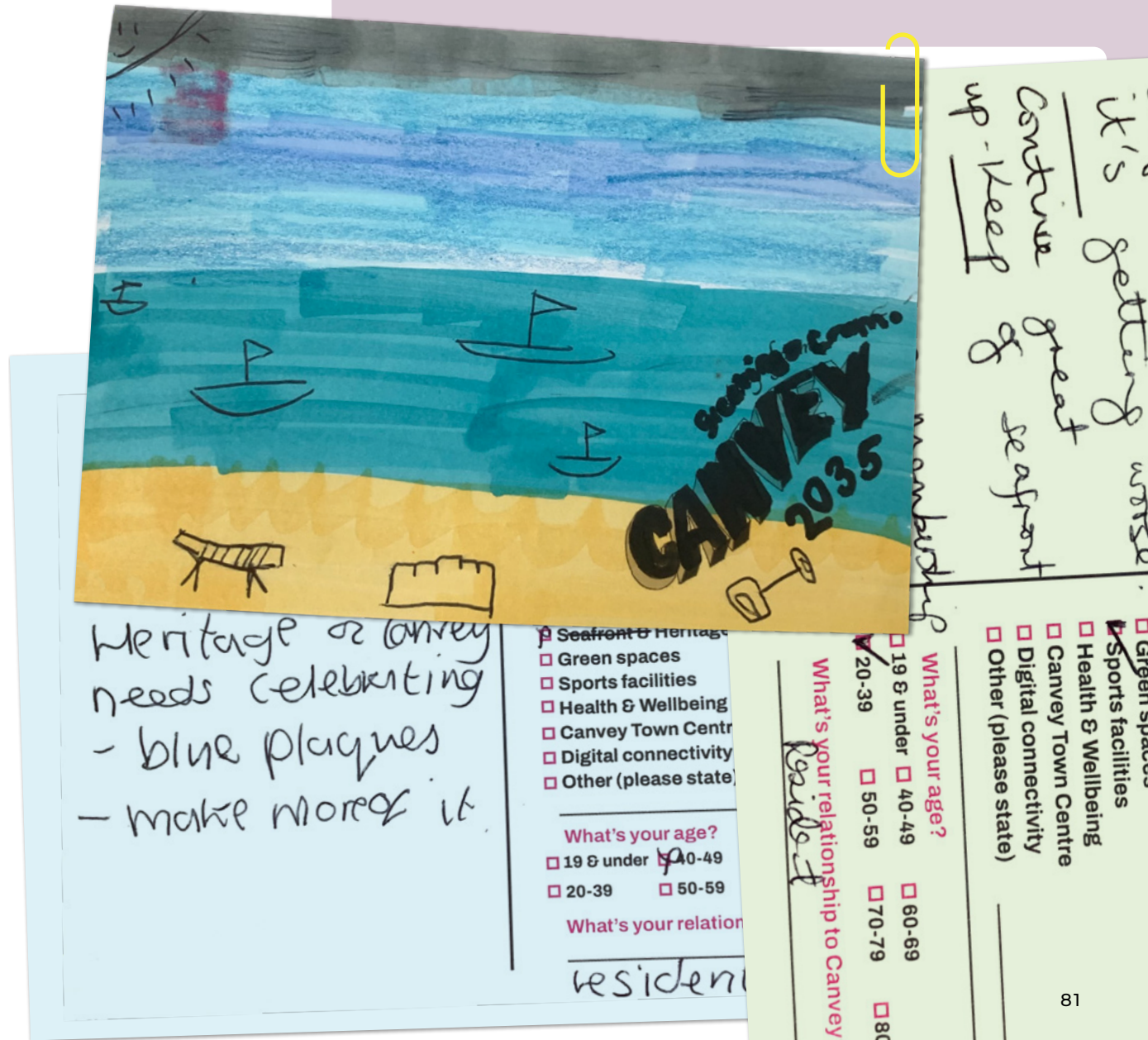
What is your vision for Canvey?

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Project 6 **Seafront and Heritage**

Canvey has a long history, having been exploited for its salt by the Romans, and having been the site of Dutch settlement during the 1500s. During the late 19th Century and early 20th Century, Canvey grew as a holiday destination. It also has a music heritage. There are relics and heritage assets from all of this history, and we want to do more to draw this out as part of the visitor offer, and to support local pride. In particular we want to work with local heritage organisations and local museums, of which there are four, to improve the sustainability of the heritage offer and to tie it into the wider visitor experience.



Project 6 Seafront and Heritage

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Need for more and better facilities at the Seafront	Investment in public realm improvements (including: new beach huts, improved wayfinding, seating, greening, streetscape improvements and an outdoor space for community events)	Creation of more attractive and vibrant seafront offer for residents and visitors with regular events at The Seafront.	Based on continued consultation/monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	Thriving local economy, uplift in tourist visits and spend. Attraction of inward investment.	Based on continued consultation/monitoring and progress outcomes/outputs	
Feeling that the Seafront is in decline, isn't safe and needs investment		Improved cultural offer and community engagement and cohesion.				
Concerns about accessibility of the Seafront area	Deliver more accessible routes for those with accessibility requirements as part of public realm improvements.					
Desire for a new Splash park	Fund and deliver a new Splash Park as the centre point for an improved offer for residents and new visitors	Increase inward spend by residents and visitors. A safe and secure space for families.				Strengthened sense of place, community identity and heritage. Increased access to heritage and cultural activities.
Desire for heritage to be more visible	Establish a single package heritage offer by working with the four museums currently operating.	Secured conservation of existing heritage assets, boost visitor number and awareness. Increased opportunities for local community to be involved in heritage sector through volunteering and educational workshops				

Project 7

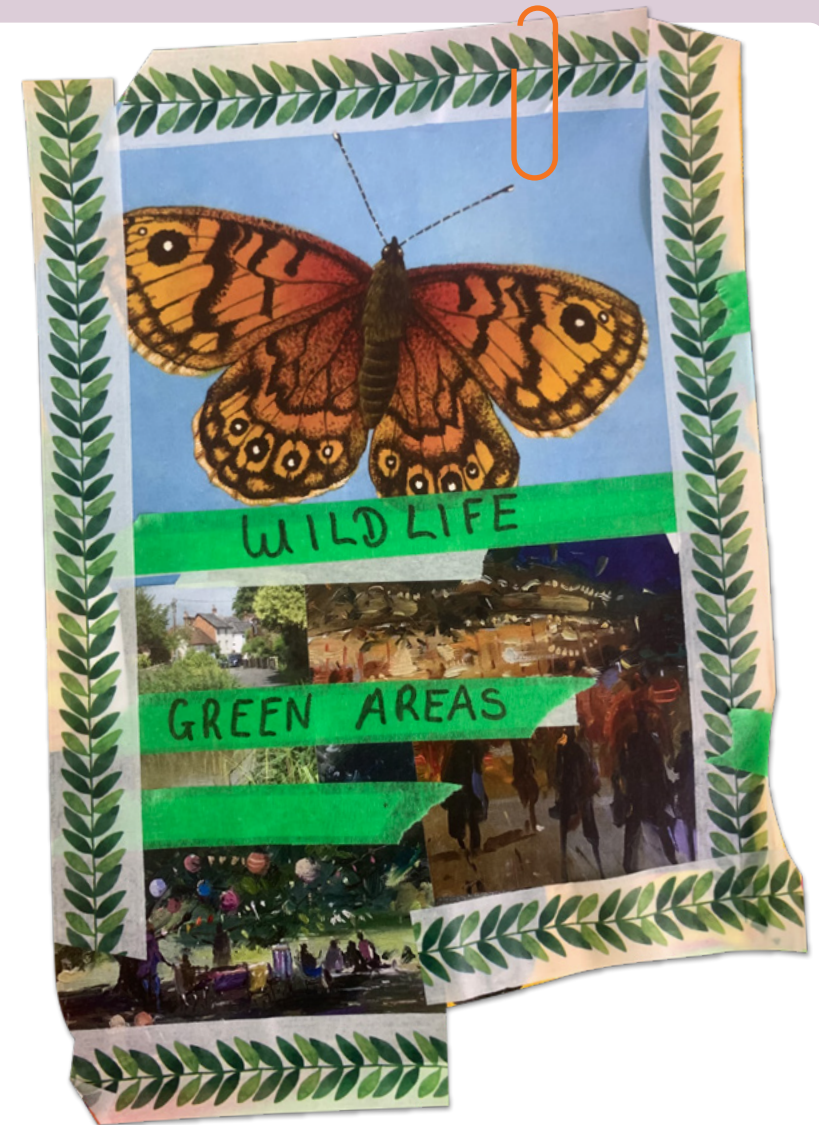
Canvey Lake Park

Green spaces are an important priority for the community, and Canvey Lake was mentioned frequently throughout the engagement, not just by adults, but also by young people, including those participating through the School Sports Partnership.

The primary function of Canvey Lake is to provide surface water attenuation as part of the Island's flood mitigations. It is not ground fed or otherwise a natural watercourse. But the park in which it sits is a critical open space providing active travel linkages between the most deprived wards on Canvey (Central and Winter Gardens) and the town centre. There is scope to improve

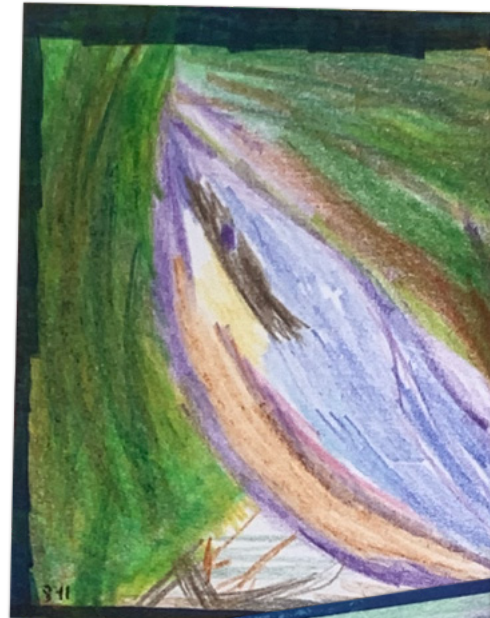
that connectivity to jobs at West Canvey and to the station at South Benfleet via the Local Walking and Cycling Improvement Plan (see project 1). There is also scope to make the park a more fun and vibrant environment through the introduction of linear play features and equipment. Investment in CCTV and community safety measures will also be critical in this corridor to help manage crime and anti-social behaviour and provide a greater sense of safety for users.

The Lake park is also an open space that is important for wildlife due to the lake, but the quality of its water is detrimentally affected due to pollutants in the surface



Project 7 Canvey Lake Park

run-off and the bio-diversity has been negatively impacted by an historic over-population of fish and by wildfowl. The Council is already pulling together its stakeholders in the Environment Agency, Anglian Water (as the statutory waste water agency) and the riparian landowners, the Town Council, to work together to deliver improvements to the Lake. The future approach to the Lake and the park in which it sits, needs to be undertaken in the context of a community engagement and education programme that helps manage and sustain its ecological balance and amenity value with its primary drainage purpose.



What is your vision for Canvey?

MORE PLACES
 TO SIT AROUND
 KIDS PARK AREAS
 SO YOU CAN WALK
 DOGS AND TAKE
 KIDS TO PLAY AT
 PARKS

20-39 50-59 70-79 80+

What's your relationship to Canvey:
Resident

Project 7 Canvey Lake Park

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS/ PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Concerns about the quality and future of Canvey Lake and wildlife	<p>Work with the Environment Agency and Anglian Water to restore the ecological quality of the lake and ensure necessary maintenance is carried out</p> <p>Develop an education and engagement programme for the local community on its role in maintaining the lake</p>	Enhancement of the Lake, re-emergence of wildlife and health habitats in the surrounding area. Reduced litter, misuse of facilities, feeding of geese etc.	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Improved physical and mental health outcomes linked to improved access to good quality green space and increased physical activity	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Concerns about safety and security	Invest in public realm improvements to improve safety, accessibility and exploit potential as an active travel corridor	A thriving, inviting space for residents and visitors to visit / travel through that is safe and inclusive.		Improved social cohesion and pride in the lake and its high quality recreational amenities.	
Desire for the Lake and its surroundings to be usable by the community and especially families	Development of play spaces for children and families	Increased community use of the Lake and play areas, acting as a space for family leisure, outdoor learning and local events.		Sustainable management of the lake and its delicate ecological ecosystem	



take care of
the flowers



GREETINGS FROM
CANVEY
2035

ADULT
EDUCATION

Project 8

Physical Activity for Health

This project links into many of the other projects, and is a significant enabler to project 1: improving access to and from Canvey, and the emphasis that places on cycling.

Whilst sports facilities themselves weren't seen as high priority for investment by all of the community, which is not surprising as the facilities at Waterside Farm leisure centre are very good, many people talked about the desire to be able to move around the local area easier by foot, by bicycle and by mobility scooter. There was a desire by some to reclaim the pavements. Such an approach to travel would reduce some of the congestion on the Island, and also drive better health outcomes.

It is therefore proposed that we seek to extend some of the active travel work being delivered via the Sports England Place Partnership by continuing to deliver Pedal Power across Canvey, to increase the uptake in cycling and scooting. Pedal Power is a programme that provides free bikes and bikability training to key cohorts within the community to encourage the uptake of cycling. On Canvey this is currently being delivered at the year 6/7 transition, with scooters being provided to infant age young people. There are proposals to expand this further on Canvey to other cohorts of children and their parents, and to young people not in education, employment and training to improve their access to job opportunities.



Project 8 Physical Activity for Health

Alongside this, a project called Beat the Streets is proposed that sees the streets become a playground, and allows people to reclaim those spaces. The aim of this work is to provide more people with the opportunity to cycle and walk around the local area.

The final element of this project relates to swimming, which is important given that Canvey is an Island, and that we are looking to invest in the seafront and introduce a new splash park. A small project helping young people access swimming lessons is proposed not only for health, but also for the wellbeing of young people on the Island.

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025 – 2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025 – 2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035 – 2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035 – 2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Desire for more opportunities to get people active and participate in sport and non sport related groups that promote physical activity	Support the funding of widening the scope of existing Essex Pedal Power scheme – to focus on those NEET.	Established community programmes which engage a wide range of demographics across the island, with a focus on young people and those currently excluded	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Increase in psychical activity across the community and improved mental health and wellbeing outcomes	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
	Establish a safety training programme to encourage use of scooters and bike to new users				
Desire for a greater variety within current sports offer. Notable absence of water sports	Support the introduction of “Beat The Streets” project	Improved physical activity and increased use of associated community amenities		Improved connectivity and improved life skills	
	Establish a funding programme to allow children and young people access to swimming lessons				

Project 9

Neighbourhood Health Hub and Community Wellbeing Initiatives

Health and wellbeing was identified by many people within the community as an investment priority. This is supported by the data which shows that health outcomes on the Island are not as good as in more affluent areas nearby. This problem is exacerbated by an older than average community, which places more pressure on health services than may be seen elsewhere.

Whilst project 8 seeks to put in place measures that will improve the health of our younger people, there is also a need to explore how we can improve the health and wellbeing outcomes of our older population, helping to stop them becoming frail and ensuring that they live long and active lives.

Working as part of the Coastal Communities Alliance, and alongside colleagues in the NHS and at Southend-on-Sea City Council we are part of the Coastal Navigators Network (CNN), and we are exploring how we can better prevent and manage frailty through better aligned ways of working (system change) and through the more effective and innovative use of digital technologies. We will contribute this learning to the CNN, and will also benefit from the learning taking place in the other 53 places that are part of the network. This will provide us with a unique opportunity to not only pilot our own proposals around frailty, but also bring in other initiatives which align with the needs of

What is your vision for Canvey?

A place that is desirable to live .

A place where one feels safe .

A place where mental health & well being is paramount .

What's your age?

- 19 & under
 40-49
 60-69
 20-39
 50-59
 70-79
 80+

What's your relationship to Canvey:

Volunteer / on Canvey

Project 9 Neighbourhood Health Hub and Community Wellbeing Initiatives

our community and which have been successfully trialed in other coastal areas.

There is also the opportunity to work in a way that drives higher levels of public health and health prevention into the healthcare system through the delivery of a neighbourhood health hubs, and through greater engagement of residents and the community in supporting their own health and wellbeing through training and skills development. We have identified three projects that will drive better health outcomes for inclusion within this Regeneration Plan.

What is your vision for Canvey?

Access to green spaces and mental health support for the community.
 Nature based therapy, Forest schools, Eco courses.

What's your age?

- 19 & under 40-49 60-69
 20-39 50-59 70-79 80 +

Project 9 Neighbourhood Health Hub and Community Wellbeing Initiatives

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Need for better access to health services, especially for the elderly and socially isolated	Establish a Neighbourhood Health Hub at The Paddocks. Offer satellite spoke hubs across Canvey. Service to be holistic, inclusive and digitally enabled. To offer mental health and wellbeing spaces.	Increased and proactive engagement with primary care, mental health and social care services within the community	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Overall improved health outcomes, reduced health inequalities and enhanced mental and physical wellbeing	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs
Need for increased and improved mental health provision, including those specific to children and young people	Develop and refine “Living Well Canvey” – a community led training initiative with integrated services, infrastructure and engagement.	Increased awareness of support services, preventative care and early intervention services		A more engaged, resilient and empowered community that is able to positively contribute	
Difficulty for some residents to leave the island to access health care	Provision of workshops to increase skills, knowledge and promote as culture of proactive health management e.g. First Aid for Families / Active Living & Prevention / Pathways into Healthcare	Strengthened collaboration between healthcare providers, community groups, local authority and voluntary organisations to deliver co-ordinated services		Sustainable integrated services that adapt to the changing needs of the population	

Project 10

Canvey Town Centre

Improvements to the town centre are a key priority for local people, with people having ambitions in terms of the public realm, the types of shops and spaces provided and the way in which the town centre was used for events and for attracting visitors. As things stand, the town centre is car dominated, footfall levels are lower than other similar places, and there is a very limited nighttime economy. People told us the town felt tired and uninviting. Alongside this, the Police are seeking to make the town feel safer, and to drive down anti-social behaviour and shoplifting.

Three areas of intervention are therefore proposed, to improve

the look and feel of the town centre, to make it more vibrant and inviting and to make it feel safer, and be a safer place to do business.

This will sit alongside the wider proposals for regeneration for Canvey Island town centre proposed by the Castle Point Plan, which will result in a significant renewal of the building stock and more people living in the town centre. These longer term interventions will drive up footfall and improve the overall feel of the place. They will however need support from Homes England in terms of capacity and funding for brownfield land development.



Project 10 Canvey Town Centre

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Desire for more diversity and range in the shops offered	Investment in public realm improvements to improve the pedestrian experience and domination of traffic and create a more attractive environment. Including; street planting, benches, shopfront facelifts, improved wayfinding, public art	Good quality streetscape with adequate lighting, seating, landscaping and wayfinding that lead to an attractive and thriving environment	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Increased footfall, dwell time, spend to support the local economy and attract new businesses. Stronger community pride in public spaces and increased engagement in how they are used to suit changing community needs.	Based on continued consultation / monitoring and progress outcomes / outputs.
Need for improvements to the public realm / Tired High Street / Refreshed Knightswick	Invest in an enhanced market square to be the heart of the Town Centre. Deliver high quality facilities to allow multi use for weekly markets, events, pop ups and cultural events	Community led use of Market Square via a wide range of cultural and music events and meetings with an exciting offer of goods		Sustainable integration of crime prevention into future improvements and development to ensure long term success.	
A safer town centre day and night	Partner with Essex Police to reduce crime through public realm improvements e.g. lighting, CCTV as appropriate	Improved natural surveillance and controlled access as necessary to contribute to a safe environment at all times of the day. Care and pride in an improved town centre will reduce opportunities for crime.			



Utilising our powers effectively

The Neighbourhood Board for Canvey is diverse, and includes representatives from the NHS, the Town Council, the Borough Council and the Police and PFCC, as well as various charitable organisations and private businesses. This means that the Board comprises the organisations and agencies with a variety of powers available to us to help deliver the projects set out in this Regeneration Plan.

Many of the assets that we want to improve are within CPBC ownership, so the need for compulsory purchase are low. However, public realm works required around the town centre and through to the seafront may require some use of legal agreements between the Council and property owners to achieve a consistent finish. There may also be the need for the Highways

Authority to use its powers in certain instances to deliver transport improvement schemes such as local improvements or cycle routes. The work ongoing by the Council to put the Castle Point Plan, its local plan, in place will help to ensure that the regeneration proposals are facilitated through the relevant statutory development management processes.

Much of what the Board will do will, however, be achieved through the use of its “soft” powers. Whilst the Council, the NHS and the Police have statutory duties and powers, our charitable organisations and local business people are trusted voices and organisations within the community and can harness the strong community spirit and force of the people on Canvey Island needed to deliver the changes we need to deliver the vision.

Canvey Island and Castle Point Borough system leaders have a culture of collaboration, learning and joined up approaches to tackling stubborn inequalities and systemic issues at place.

For example, in July 2024, over 30 local leaders and system partners attended a two-day Castle Point Sport England/Local Government Association Leadership Course. The course enabled open and transparent conversations regarding the complexity of needs on Canvey Island and how these could be addressed through the lens of physical activity. It was important that locally the Council’s CEO and Director of the South East Essex Health Alliance gave strategic permission to make decisions around innovative and creative solutions and investments.

Multiple organisations committed to holding joint accountability and responsibility in this space to make decisions and be proactive to move the work forward. From the outset of the development work sustainability was a key priority and leaders in the sessions were invested in developing a shared purpose to support activity in the here and now as well as working towards the future. It was important to have this space and time to get to know each other and understand the different cultures and networks and start to create a roadmap of how and when we may pull on these connections to drive momentum. The learning and legacy from this programme is still felt locally and continues to drive place-based working in Castle Point Borough.



Section 5

**ALIGNMENT
WITH OTHER
PROGRAMMES
& INVESTMENTS**

CANVEY
REGENERATION PLAN

Beach looking East, Canvey Island.

There is strong alignment between what is proposed in this Regeneration Plan and other programmes and investments underway or proposed on Canvey Island.

Castle Point Plan

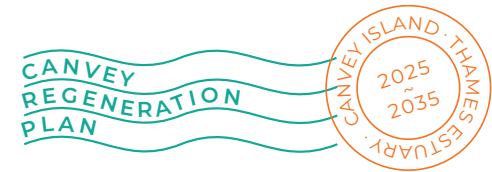
In terms of the spatial focus of the activities set out in this proposal, they align strongly with the Castle Point Plan. The Castle Point Plan is the emerging local plan for Castle Point Borough, which we expect to be adopted by the end of 2026. Key areas for regeneration on Canvey are Canvey town centre and West Canvey. The Castle Point Plan supports growth in tourism assets in the seafront area, and enhancements of the Lake park. It is supported by an Infrastructure Delivery Plan which anticipates the need for transport, health and education improvements to

support growth. This will secure some match funding through developer contributions and Community Infrastructure Levy for some of the projects in this Regeneration Plan.

The Castle Point Plan anticipates that 1,143 homes will be delivered on Canvey Island over the period of this Regeneration Plan, alongside new commercial development. A further 2,000 homes are planned beyond 2035 and will support the delivery of the legacy of this Regeneration Plan.

Local Transport Plan 4

Local Transport Plan 4 is being prepared by Essex County Council and is expected to be adopted by the end of 2025. This will pass to the Mayoral Combined Authority in due course and will inform the MCA's Transport Plan. The implementation plan for South Essex comprised within Local Transport Plan 4 identified a number of transport improvements for Canvey Island including the delivery of the Local Walking and Cycling Improvement Plan, town centre public realm improvements, improved surface water management, demand responsive transport connectivity and access improvements. There is therefore a strong link between the proposals in LTP4 and the proposals in this Regeneration Plan, especially project 1, but also projects 3, 7 and 8.



Essex Sector Development Strategy and Castle Point Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan

The Essex Sector Development Strategy identifies key economic growth sectors for Essex of which construction, energy, digital and the cultural and creative sectors are included. There is a strong relationship between the proposals in project 3 and that strategy. Locally, meanwhile the Council has developed an Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan which not only supports sector development, but also supports raising the aspirations of children and young people, driving up skills levels, supporting intergenerational activities, and developing the high street offer. There is therefore a strong alignment with projects 2, 3 and 10.

Essex Climate Action Commission Report and the Castle Point Climate Action Plan

The Essex Climate Action Commission Report seeks to secure greater levels of active travel, more energy efficient homes and higher levels of green infrastructure provision. The proposals in projects 1, 4 and 7 therefore align with that report. The Council's Climate Action Plan similarly is supporting of measures which achieve increased levels of active travel, energy efficiency and a greener environment. There is also strong support within the action plan for community led climate action which is an element of project 3.

Castle Point and Rochford Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022–2025

This strategy sets out a three-year plan to improve health outcomes for residents. Co-produced by the local Health and Wellbeing Board, it brings together statutory bodies, voluntary organisations, and community partners. The strategy builds on lessons learned from previous plans and incorporates insights from local data, the impact of COVID-19, and feedback from residents. The vision of the strategy is for Castle Point and Rochford to be inclusive communities where all individuals are empowered, informed, and supported to lead healthy lives.

The strategy identifies four interlinked priorities of:

- Mental health and wellbeing
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Ageing well
- Community resilience

There is therefore a strong relationship not only with the priorities of this strategy in terms of projects 8 and 9 specifically, but also in terms of the ambitions of the Regeneration Plan to better engage local people in the decisions taken about their area.

Sport England Place Partnership Expansion

Canvey Island has been selected as one of Sport England's new Place Partnerships, marking a significant step forward in tackling inactivity and health inequalities through physical activity. The development phase, which began in May 2024, laid strong foundations for the full award. It involved deep engagement with over 30 local organisations, extensive community feedback, and a series of pilot projects that tested new approaches to increasing activity levels. Insights from this phase revealed both the enthusiasm of local stakeholders and the complexity of the challenges ahead. Issues such as limited capacity, fragmented systems, and the need for sustainable funding were identified, but so too were opportunities for collaboration, leadership development, and community empowerment.

A total of £3,972,327.41 is being invested in Canvey Island through this partnership, comprising £999,635.10 from Sport England and £2,972,692.31 in partnership funding.

The investment is delivering against six themes of:

- Leadership, Workforce Development & Learning
- Positive Experiences for Children and Young People
- Walking and Cycling
- Building Effective Networks and Communication
- Activating Local Assets with Inclusive Opportunities
- Targeting Health Inequalities and Long-Term Conditions

Evaluation is embedded throughout the programme, and Castle Point's Place Partnership represents a bold and collaborative

vision for improving health and wellbeing through physical activity. By aligning resources, strengthening leadership, and embedding community voice in all aspects of delivery, this work has the potential to create lasting, systemic change and is well aligned to the Pride in Place work in Canvey Island, particularly projects 1, 2, 4, 8 and 9. With strong foundations now in place, there are further opportunities to turn vision into action and deliver meaningful outcomes for the people of Castle Point Borough. The shared vision for the Place Partnership is: "Enabling communities in Castle Point to achieve better physical and mental health outcomes through physical activity."



Coastal Communities Navigator Network

The Coastal Communities (Navigators) Network (CNN) is a UK-wide initiative designed to improve health, economic outcomes, and social wellbeing in deprived coastal towns, driven by national and local partnerships. Canvey is part of the Coastal Communities Navigator along with Southend and the South East Essex Health Alliance, and is exploring how to address frailty within the community, with an emphasis on digital technologies. This Regeneration Plan provides scope for the outcomes of the CNN work to be developed further through projects 4 and 9 especially.

Arts Council England

Arts Council England (ACE) is working in partnership with the Castle Point Borough to bring about its “Let’s Create” strategic outcomes, to ensure everyone can develop and express creativity throughout life, to ensure that Canvey Island can thrive through culture, and that England’s cultural sector becomes more innovative and internationally-facing. For Canvey Island, ACE’s priorities include supporting culture as a catalyst for regeneration, helping underserved communities access high-quality arts experiences (recognising that the Borough is designated a place in need) and working with local partners to build creative infrastructure, leadership and community-driven opportunities. There is alignment across a number of projects, but especially projects 3, 6, and 10.

Castle Point Visitor Economy Action Plan

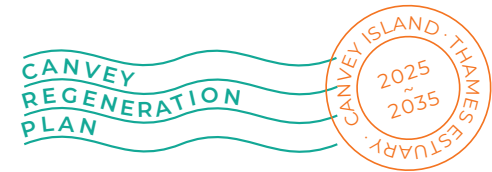
The visitor economy action plan outlines the support the Council intends to put into the visitor economy specifically over the next three years. This includes sector development work and promotional work, which will align strongly with any investment made in the seafront area under project 6, and any events that activate the town centre as part of project 10, as part of this Regeneration Plan.



Canvey Town Centre Master Plan

A master plan for the town centre was put in place in 2012. However, it was property focused and did not include a wider range of street level projects. It therefore remains largely un-delivered and needs updating. A small element of the capacity funding for this Regeneration Plan will be used to put a community led master plan in place for Canvey Island town centre which will enable the effective delivery of the Town Centre project outlined in this Regeneration Plan under project 10.

Separate to the Master Plan, a Canvey Market Feasibility Assessment was undertaken in 2024, and £40,000 of UKSPF funding was directed towards delivering some of the initial interventions proposed. There are additional works still required for the market to achieve its full potential. These align with the proposals for Canvey Island town centre in terms of activation and regeneration.



Policing Strategy and Community Safety

The Essex Police & Crime Plan is the overarching strategy for Essex Police. The 4-year Plan complements this Regeneration Plan by prioritising community safety, recognising that feeling safe is fundamental to residents' wellbeing and confidence in public spaces. By embedding crime prevention and partnership working into regeneration initiatives, the plan responds directly to local concerns, ensuring that community safety remains at the heart of Canvey's future development.

The Plans complement one another in the following key areas:

Community Safety as a Foundation

Both plans recognise that safe and secure communities are essential for wellbeing, economic growth, and public confidence. The regeneration plan explicitly states that safety is a core pillar, and community engagement highlights safety as a top concern for residents.

Visible Policing and ASB Reduction

The regeneration plan identifies hotspots for crime and ASB (e.g., town centre, public spaces) and supports increased police patrols, CCTV upgrades, and partnership working—mirroring the Police & Crime Plan's focus on visibility and prevention. The PFCC recently

announced a £1m investment in the Council's CCTV network; the largest single funding allocation from the PFCC's Safer Streets Fund. Canvey has also benefitted from high visibility patrols by Community Safety Officers and Police through the Operation Dial programme and continues to benefit from the Home Office Safer Streets Winter of Action Initiative.

Youth Engagement and Protection

Both plans prioritise youth projects and safeguarding, aiming to reduce youth crime and provide positive opportunities for young people. The PFCC has supported local organisations,

including Yellow Door and Canvey Island Town Council, through Community grant funding.

Partnership and Collaboration

Essex Police and the PFCC are proud to have been integral members of the Neighbourhood Board, ensuring joined-up working on community safety, crime prevention, and public realm improvements.



Locally, the Council's Community Safety Team administer the Community Safety Partnership which focuses on tackling nuisance, anti-social behaviour and low-level crime affecting our borough. In relation to activities undertaken by the team on Canvey Island, they include:

- Support and direct involvement in the Keeping Town Centres Safe This Summer (2025) initiative which focused on driving down anti-social and crime across Canvey Island
- Engaging with the Canvey Island Knightswick shopping centre traders in relation to driving down crime and disorder affecting trade

- Working with the Police to increase presence in the locality
- Securing the funding for the Borough wide CCTV infrastructure upgrade programme. Many of the new CCTV units will be installed within the town centre of Canvey Island.

There is strong alignment with the policing strategy and the work of the Local Community Safety team within this Regeneration Plan in projects related to young people (projects 2 and 4) and to the town centre (project 10). There will also be wider benefits, for example in terms of the sense of safety around Canvey Lake.



South Essex Councils' Digital Connectivity Programme

South Essex Councils (SEC) secured £4.4m to boost the roll out of Full Fibre broadband across South Essex. Through this they delivered 130km of Full Fibre connecting 129 public sector sites. This network has been leveraged to generate revenue from non-public sector connections, and this is now being used to secure digital connections to community sites not included in the initial rollout. This will complement the delivery of projects 4 and 5.

Utilising this Full Fibre a long-range wide area network (LoRaWAN) has been developed across which a digital platform has been created to deploy sensors and share data. This provides a key economic development opportunity as it creates a test bed to pilot ideas and solutions that can benefit communities. This is reflected in project 3, as an economic growth opportunity.

Section 6

MATCH FUNDING & LEVERAGED INVESTMENT

CANVEY
REGENERATION PLAN

KNIGHTSWICK RD. CANVEY ISLAND.



We are ambitious for Canvey Island and aim to use the £20m Pride in Place funding to leverage in additional funding from other sources. We see the Pride in Place funding as the start of something for Canvey, not the totality of the investment. Our aim over the initial 10-year period covered by the Regeneration Plan is to leverage in at least another £80m in investment into the Island.



Recent and Committed Investments

We have made a good start in terms of leveraging investment into Canvey Island.

The Council has made a £2.3m capital investment into the refurbishment and reactivation of The Paddocks Community Centre, which now provides a range of community and health and wellbeing activities for residents and community groups throughout the week.

Sports England has identified Canvey Island as a priority for investment through its Place Partnership approach. £999,635 has been secured from Sports England for the delivery of revenue-based projects delivering active health and wellbeing outcomes in the period from 2025 – 2028.

The Council is also investing over £1m in capital in delivering a refresh of the Knightswick shopping centre within the town centre.

Working with the Police and the Community Safety Partnership, CCTV provision is being rolled out across Canvey Island to help address crime and antisocial behaviour. Canvey Island town centre has been recognised by the Home Office as part of their programme to reduce crime in town centres, and the Council is engaging with them to secure funding from the Winter of Action programme.

Utilising coastal communities funding, a £1.6m capital investment into a new seafront

pavilion has just completed on Canvey seafront. Thorney Bay Pavilion sits alongside the recently improved Thorney Bay play space and car park and provides direct access onto Thorney Bay beach which benefits from additional maintenance and improvements by the local community group, Canvey Bay Watch.

The Environment Agency has also made a significant investment into the future of Canvey Island. The Canvey Island Southern Shoreline Revetment Project was delivered as part of the Thames Estuary Asset Management (TEAM) 2100 Programme. It comprised of £75m of improvement works to the southern shoreline of Canvey Island, renewing the existing

flood defence revetments. Additional enhancements were also delivered including improved access along the seaward walkway, new steps to the beach and improved footways on the landward side of the defences. These improvement works have improved the security of the Island from tidal flooding and strengthen the case for investment in regeneration and renewal.

Private Investment

It hasn't only been the public sector investing in Canvey recently. Inner London Group has been delivering a 7ha commercial development at West Canvey which is nearing completion. They have just commenced groundworks on a second site at West Canvey which will deliver a mix of commercial and industrial spaces for new businesses. This commercial growth is a key enabler of regeneration at West Canvey.

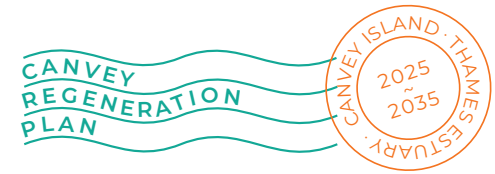
Other companies have been investing in the renewal of the existing commercial stock across the Island, and the creation of new jobs. Former warehouses have been regenerated creating new start up and grow on space, and other businesses continue to

invest in growing their business on Canvey Island. One business has told us that they are looking to invest over £1m in their site on Canvey over the next 10 years, generating many new jobs.

Whilst elements of regeneration and renewal can be found within the existing industrial estates and within the town centre, this is most notable in the seafront area where businesses have been investing in the upgrade and renewal of the leisure and food and beverage offer. New operators have come into the area, and existing businesses have expanded and broadened the offer, including the introduction of events and season activities.

Case Study: Monico Leisure

The seafront area principally comprises of a mix of leisure, food and drink and retail premises. Monico Leisure Limited is a key investor, landowner, and employer in this area. It employs 50 permanent staff, rising to 80 during the peak summer months. The company owns key seafront sites including; Cheeky Monkeys' Soft Play, Bar Monico, Jimmy Mac's Bar & Grill, Sugar Rays: Ice Cream, Coffee, Waffles and Pancakes, Fantasy Island Fun Centre and Fantasy Island Family Fairground and Mini Golf. The business recently acquired the previously vacant Leisure Island fun park site and plans to redevelop and merge it with the current offer at Fantasy Island. Development is also underway on 8 residential flats on the seafront due for completion in early 2026.



Future Investment

In terms of future investment, we are clear that we need to look far and wide, and to think commercially in terms of the £20m Pride in Place funding we have been awarded.



Government

Sport England

As set out above, Canvey Island is part of the Place Partnership programme with Sport England. This means we will continue to engage with them with regard to revenue funding for the health and wellbeing programme for Canvey beyond the current round that ends in 2028. This is in line with the ongoing support that has been received by Basildon who were in the initial pilot for the Place Partnership programme. In addition to this we will engage with Sport England in terms of their Place Capital Fund. Sport England has invited the Place Partnership to apply for a capital grant of between £150k and £2m to improve health and wellbeing infrastructure on Canvey Island. This means that there is likely to be match funding available for project 8 and/or 9 in the short term.

Arts Council England

Castle Point Borough as a whole has not been successful in securing allocations of Arts Council England funding in recent years. The data set out earlier in this report highlighted that the Borough received £258,000 in 2024/25, which was just 0.5% of the funding allocated to the East of England. If that funding had been awarded on a per capita basis we would have seen around £750,000 come into Castle Point Borough. There is therefore considerable scope to secure additional funding for the arts and cultural sectors into the borough, and specifically onto Canvey Island over the period of this Regeneration Plan. Through continued proactive engagement with the Arts Council England (for example via the wider area's current partnership on

the "Let's Create" strategy) and development of the arts, cultural and creative sectors we will look to secure further Arts Council England investment on Canvey of the order of at least £3m over the next 10 years. This will be across both capital and revenue and will support cultural projects in the town centre and seafront areas, and the development of the creative sector as a key element of the local economy.

Environment Agency

As part of the multiagency approach to addressing surface water flood risk on Canvey Island a six-point plan was developed, which included amongst other things better surface water management and improvements to Canvey Lake. The Environment Agency has allocated resources to Canvey as part of the Canvey



Six Point Plan, a multi-agency approach to managing surface water flood risk on Canvey Island developed after extensive surface water flooding across the Island in 2014. Improvements to Canvey Lake was identified as part of the Six Point Plan, and have not been delivered to date. As the Lake is a key priority for residents, we will look to work with the Environment Agency to draw down any funding they may have available to secure flood risk management improvements as part of the project for Canvey Lake.

Department for Education

The limited provision of further education provision on Canvey Island is hindering the potential of its residents and negatively affecting their prosperity and wellbeing. We will therefore be looking to enter discussions with the Department for Education in terms of its Further Education Capital Allocations programme

and the potential to support improved skills training provision for Canvey Island during the lifetime of this Regeneration Plan.

Homes England

A significant proportion of the Council's social housing stock is located on Canvey Island, and dates to the immediate post war period. Whilst most of the stock is in good condition, there is a need to modernise elements of the flatted development and sheltered schemes in terms of environmental sustainability, adaptability for different needs, and to introduce better amenity areas and digital connectivity and opportunities for digital inclusion and digital health delivery over the next 10 years. This will provide the opportunity for new social housing and new independent living accommodation. The Council will look to access funding streams from Homes England alongside its own housing

Revenue Account funding to deliver this renewal and growth of social housing provision.

Additionally, the Council is embarking on a programme of regeneration in the town centre and at West Canvey. There will be a need to engage with Homes England to access capacity and funding to support the delivery of this brownfield land regeneration programme.



Devolution and the Mayoral Combined Authority

Elements of government funding will be devolved to the Mayor of Essex, as part of the devolution policy from May 2026 when the inaugural Mayoral elections will take place. This will include transport funding and the Local Skills Investment Plan and associated funding for skills and economic development.

The Mayoral Combined Authority will be the local transport authority and will receive allocations from the Department for Transport and from Active Travel England. We will therefore need to engage closely with the Mayor to secure the match funding needed to deliver the full extent of project 1, improving access to Canvey. Improving access to Canvey is identified in the Essex Local Transport Plan 4,

which will form the initial starting point for the Mayor when they come into post in May 2026. We will advocate for this to be a priority on the Mayor's agenda.

In terms of skills and economic development, work is underway on the Essex Growth Agency, a one-stop-shop for economic development and sectoral support for Essex. This will provide the Essex wide offer in terms of business support and skills development but will need supplementing with local interventions within towns across Essex like Canvey Island. The Essex Growth Agency will therefore provide the foundations for project 3, with any investment through Pride in Place providing connectivity and additionality to that offer.

Local Funding

At a local level, Essex County Council and Castle Point Borough Council will continue to invest in Canvey Island.

In terms of Castle Point Borough Council, asset management plans are in place that will see the Council owned housing stock on Canvey improved and renewed, and Council assets such as the community buildings and shopping area invested in. It is anticipated that these asset management plans will be passed to any successor authority at the point of Local Government Reorganisation, which is expected to take place in 2028.

Similar plans are in place for other public sector partners such as the Police and NHS.

Additionally, the Council utilises S106 agreements when approving new development and also charges a modest Community Infrastructure Levy on Canvey Island. It is expected that over the period of this Regeneration Plan, we will collect between £5m and £10m in S106 contributions towards local infrastructure improvements, and secure around £1.7m in Community Infrastructure Levy contributions, which can be used on local infrastructure projects. This is in addition to any infrastructure provided through government sources highlighted above to support growth.



Match Funding from other sources

Alongside the government, public sector and local sources of funding, there are opportunities to secure match funding for projects from a wide range of other trusts and charitable bodies, where the outcomes we are seeking to achieve align with their stated missions. For example, conversations are ongoing between the Council and the Essex Football Association to secure £1m in Football Foundation funding into investment for multi-sport and football pitch provision on Canvey Island.

Anglian Water has also shown interest in working more closely with the Council on Canvey to manage waste water and may be able to provide some

financial support to greening and permeable paving projects in those parts of Canvey susceptible to surface water flooding. They also have recently introduced a fund that is specifically aimed at water quality. There is therefore scope to engage Anglian Water on projects 7 and 10.

A full schedule of match funding opportunities has been developed to sit alongside this Regeneration Plan. This will be maintained as a living document, and where other match funding sources are not available, we will look to leverage match funding from these sources to ensure that we are maximising the benefit of the Pride in Place funding.

Private Inward Investment

As set out previously, businesses are investing in Castle Point Borough, but there is scope for this to grow as new commercial development is brought forward and as the plans for regeneration are realised. A key role of the Essex Growth Agency is to attract inward investment into Essex, and we will look to work with the Growth Agency as we deliver this Regeneration Plan to increase referrals to and investment in Canvey Island.

Separately, we will also continue to work with the Thames Estuary Growth Board, both in terms of the regeneration of West Canvey, but also on projects which attract inward investment by taking a broader than local approach. For

example, work is underway to explore the potential for individual independent living schemes to be packaged up as an inward investment proposition for the wider Thames Estuary area.

Commercialisation

Finally, many of the projects included within this Regeneration Plan will improve the prosperity of the Island and may have a commercial outcome. For example, where we invest in the seafront, we expect to see increased footfall and increased tourist spend. Where an investment by the board is expected to result in a commercial outcome for a potential operator, we will seek to secure a return on investment for the Board, so that monies can be reinvested in other projects.



Section 7

COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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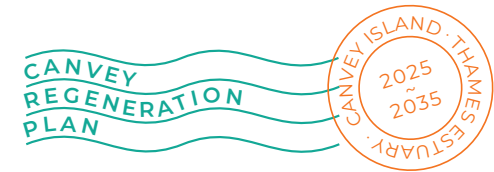


The Board and Membership

The Board was initially formed in 2024 following the announcement of the funding for Canvey Island in the Spring Budget Statement by government. Since that time, the prospectus for Pride in Place funding has been launched. The Board has, therefore, focused on delivery against the 8 different intervention areas and determined its make-up and leadership accordingly.

The Board currently has an interim Chair from the Thames Estuary Growth Board, and comprises representatives from the following:

- Castle Point Borough Council
- Essex County Council
- Canvey Island Town Council
- The MP for Castle Point
- Essex Police
- Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner’s Office
- Church of England
- Haredi Jewish Community
- Yellow Door, Canvey Island Youth Project
- Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services (CAVS)
- South Essex Schools Sports Partnership
- Castle View School
- NHS South East Essex Alliance
- Estuary Festival CIC
- Monico Leisure Ltd
- Inner London Developments (Roscommon) Ltd
- PJT Restaurants Ltd



Officers from Castle Point Borough Council, Essex County Council, the Estuary Growth Board, the NHS and Active Essex have provided support to the Board and aided in the development of the Regeneration Plan alongside Board members.

The recent engagement that the Board has undertaken has highlighted some gaps in the make-up of the Board, especially in relation to the understanding of the needs of those with disabilities. We hope that our engagement has triggered some additional interest in the work which may mean others want to join the Board from a local resident, charity or business dimension. We will therefore be reviewing the make-up of the Board this winter (2025/26) and expect to undertake recruitment and make some additional appointments to ensure that the Board becomes further representative of the community and stakeholders.

There is also further work to do in relationship to the leadership of the Board. The interim chair has worked on various towns boards across the country and brings extensive experience to the role. It is however critical that the chairmanship of the Board transfers to a permanent chair with the requisite skills and capacity to drive the delivery of the Regeneration Plan forward in due course. A person specification has been developed for the role and the Thames Estuary Growth Board are appointed to aid in the identification and development of an appropriate person to take on the Chair role by the end of the financial year.

How the Board works

The Board has been meeting regularly since it was established in July 2025. It has worked on developing this Regeneration Plan and in consultation with the local community, and with

support from the Council, as the accountable body, has generated a vision for the future of Canvey Island. It has defined the scope and form of community consultation and listened intentionally to its outcomes ensuring that local people have been, and will continue to be, at the centre of defining their town's future. The Board have identified priority projects to explore as part of the Investment Plan and as a pathway to delivering its vision over the next ten years.

The Council has a seat on the Board, but it does not take a chairing role and is part of the collective decision-making process. As the accountable body, officers from the Council support the Board in terms of secretariat support, financial administration, procurement, communications and specialist knowledge. The Council can recharge a small proportion of the funding allocated (up to 4%) for this work.

Beyond that, it is for the Board to decide how the funding is spent.

It is however inevitable that due to the scope of its responsibility and powers, and because of the assets it owns, the Council may be called upon to deliver some projects and may receive some of the funding as a consequence. This is however entirely based on the decision of the Board.

Engaging Children and Young People



We want to fully engage children and young people in the Pride in Place programme, but we did not want to resort to tokenism through the engagement of one or two young people onto the Board. We have therefore decided to develop a Pride in Place Children and Young Peoples' Board alongside the main board so that we can

fully engage them in the process and give them ownership of their own projects. This will initially be formed from the Canvey Youth Board that sits under the School Sports Partnership, but work will be undertaken to ensure it is inclusive of the Haredi Jewish community, and older young people, who sit outside the school

setting. This board will have its own budget to deliver projects, events and activities important for local children and young people. The Schools Sports Partnership will facilitate this board, building on their experience in this area of work.



How we will continue to engage

We have engaged extensively, both as individual organisations and more recently as a board, and this has informed this Regeneration Plan. Going forward we are committed to ensuring that engagement is embedded in everything that we do.

A communications plan has been drafted and is in place to ensure that we provide the community with information, they are aware of our progress, and opportunities to take part in engagement and consultation are not missed. Business and civic briefings are included in this Regeneration Plan, ensuring the broader business community is kept informed and fully invested in the

plan, and the political leadership of the area, the councillors and the Member of Parliament, are part of the process even if not directly part of the Board.

On approval of the Regeneration Plan by MHCLG, the Board has agreed to assign funds to the creation of a website and social media platforms to continue reaching the community.

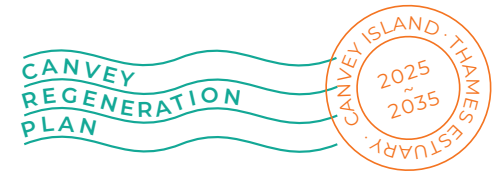
In celebration of the success of the submission the Board will be conducting “You said, we did” events in response to the engagement and consultations, including outlining primarily regarding the year 1 activities as we proceed into a delivery

phase. The ongoing engagement, consultation and reporting events will be on a bi-annual basis, for which we will be assigning a proportion of the capacity building funding.

A part of the project delivery process will include stakeholder mapping to ensure the community is a key leader in the whole process. Engagement will include tailored and culturally appropriate methods to reach groups less likely to attend open public events, including the Jewish community.

As part of both new and existing community facilities, including the Paddocks Community Centre,

Waterside Farm Leisure Centre, sports and recreational venues, and other youth or wellbeing spaces, we will ensure that all groups have equal access and that facilities are managed and programmed in a way that is culturally appropriate for the Island’s diverse population. This will apply not only when refurbishing or designing facilities but also in the ongoing operation and use of existing spaces, helping to prevent unintentional exclusion or discrimination.



How we will put local people and what they want at the heart of delivery

Alongside the ongoing engagement programme set out above, we will engage the local community in projects as they are developed. For example, we expect to develop community led master plans for Canvey Island town centre and Canvey seafront. This approach will ensure that the proposals we deliver actually align with what local people are expecting.

Where projects are not covered by those master plans, the bi-annual engagement events will provide the opportunity to pose questions about forthcoming projects and will help inform the scope of projects. For example, if we are looking to bring forward the health hub, we would ask a series of questions around what people want to see in terms of health facilities.

Given the skills issues however, it is important for Canvey Island that engagement doesn't end there. It is critical in terms of raising the aspirations and skills of local people that they are actively engaged in the delivery. Whilst this could involve the appointment of local companies to deliver specific projects, it is also likely to involve opportunities for local people to participate and learn from the project. For example, the *Desire Lines* project undertaken in the preparation of this master plan included a specific requirement to provide access to the project and mentoring for local young people, so they got some experience of architecture work in action. Yellow Door is similarly involving young people in the development of architect proposals for a new

youth facility. We would like to see these opportunities broaden out as projects move forward.

The example from Yellow Door also highlights the importance of stakeholders in the delivery of this Regeneration Plan. This Regeneration Plan has been prepared on the basis that the Board and other organisations will work together to secure delivery. This will see different partners taking different projects forward based on their skills and their connections into the community. Whilst the Council is the accountable body, and may deliver some of the projects, given the assets involved, it is anticipated that the representation from the Board will ensure the project delivers what the community wants in those instances.

Section 8

GOVERNANCE

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Castle Point Borough Council (the Council) is the Accountable Body and Secretariat for the Canvey Neighbourhood Board.

The Council is the “relevant local authority” which will act as the “*accountable body for the funds with responsibility for ensuring that that public funds are distributed fairly and effectively, and that funds have been managed in line with the Nolan Principles and Managing Public Money principles. They will also be responsible for compliance with legal responsibilities in relation to subsidy control, state aid and procurement.*”*

As accountable body, the Council will work with the Board to help it

deliver its aims and objectives. It will provide finance, legal, HR and other required resource (funded from within the programme) to ensure the smooth running of the Board’s operations and to ensure compliance with Government and legislative requirements.

The role of the Council as accountable body is separate and distinct from the Council’s role as a Board member. The accountable body function is answerable to the Board and enacts decisions of the Board. Funding held by the Council

on behalf of the Board will be separately identifiable within the Council’s systems and the Council does not have the ability to use the funding for its own purposes.

The Council has a suite of rules, regulations, policies and processes which will be adapted (where required and appropriate to do so) and applied to the activities of the Board. These include Financial Regulations, Procurement Rules and HR policies amongst others. These will be applied to the work of the Board, especially in relation to ensure the fair and transparent spending of the allocated funding.

* [Plan for Neighbourhoods: governance and boundary guidance-GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/672222/Plan_for_Neighbourhoods_governance_and_boundary_guidance-GOV.UK)

To ensure the Board has a full and proper understanding of the accountable body role and the practical implications a programme of briefings has been agreed, and will be updated provided on a reoccurring basis on the following matters:

1 The Council's Financial Regulations, including

- The role of the budget holder and their responsibilities
- Budgeting and forecasting
- Changes to programmes of work
- Making and authorising payments
- Managing assets
- Prudent financial management including required provisions

2 Procurement & Contract Management, including

- Processes for supplier selection
- Processes for buying goods and services
- Contract management processes and support

3 Legal and Governance, ensuring decisions taken are lawful in process and substance and that contracts entered into are appropriate and legal.

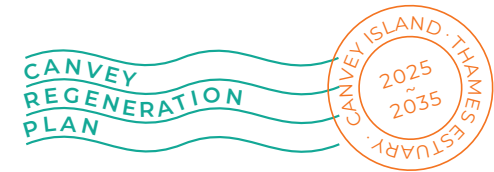
4 Human Resources, including the role of the accountable body as an employer

5 Secretariat function and how this will provide administrative support to the Board in terms of meeting arrangements, logistics and recording of decision making.

6 The assurance framework, including

- The Council's role as the 'first line of defence'
- MHCLG's role as the 'second line of defence'
- Considerations the Board may wish to make with regard to any sub-groups or committees the Board may wish to establish either now or at a later time.

7 Any other relevant aspects of the accountable body function, as required.



The Council will also provide advice and support to the Board in relation to matters of information governance, including Freedom of Information requests and Privacy Notices.

Any policies or operating procedures drafted and adopted by the Board will be supported through the specialist advice and services of the Council.

The Council will hold a record of conflicts of interest declared by Board members. All Board members must declare any conflicts of interest which could impact decision making and apply to the activities of the Board. Where these are identified, Board members should withdraw from relevant decision making. Board members should update the Board as any new conflicts arise.

The Terms of Reference for the Board are included as Appendix E. These were last reviewed at the meeting of the Board in September .

The Terms of Reference align with the Nolan Principles of Public Life, being:

Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

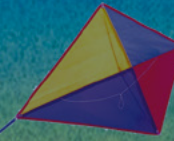
Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

Section 9



ASSURANCE

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The role of the Council as accountable body to the Board will be reported regularly to the Council's Cabinet for oversight and review and will be offered to the Chair of the Council's Overview & Scrutiny Committee for inclusion on its annual work plan.

Reporting to the Board on any of the matters identified in Section 8 will be on a quarterly basis, unless a need arises for an intervening report on any such matter.

These reports will be made publicly available on the Council's website and on the website of the board, once it has been set up.

These actions will provide the Board, the Council and the public with assurance that appropriate oversight and controls are being exercised over the public monies that the Board is entrusted with.

This approach is line with the Government's Best Value Standards which require that in the discharge of public duties there is local accountability, opportunities for continuous improvement, an openness to challenge and support, clear expectations around how things should be done and reported, and the active prevention of failures. Regular reporting and openness to scrutiny as set out above allows for this.

The approach to Governance and reporting as set out in section

8 and above, also provides assurance in relation to the HM Treasury's requirements regarding Managing Public Money. The Council's Finance and Procurement rules align with all relevant legislation and those requirements. The reporting will provide opportunity for local accountability, scrutiny and challenge and help to prevent any issues arising unchecked.

There are strong assurance measures in place to ensure that Pride in Place funding is spent legally and appropriately on Canvey Island.



What is your vision for Canvey?
Decent clothing shops - you have to go to Basildon.
Too many charity shops!
Chips!
Youth clubs
Activities for young people
Children/teenagers
Youth bus.
Another road to 160 get on/off can
Stationery Office

Greetings from
CANVEY
2035

What is your vision for Canvey?

- Which topic(s) are you most interested in (tick as many as you like)
- Access and transport
 - Young people projects
 - Housing projects
 - Education, Skills and Community
 - Youth & Heritage
 - Seafront & Community
 - Green spaces
 - Sports facilities
 - Health & Wellbeing
 - Canvey Town Centre
 - Digital connectivity
 - Other (please state)

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APPENDICES

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Pride in Place Core Engagement (Delivered by Estuary Festival CIC)

Estuary Festival CIC was commissioned by the Canvey Neighbourhood Board to devise a programme of workshops and activities to engage the community of Canvey in imagining positive futures for their town. Creative, visual, and written ideas were collected over the course of two weeks in late October, as to how a £20 million community fund could be invested to make that future real.

Participants were invited to co-create visions for Canvey Island in 2035 by designing and writing postcards “from the future,” imagining the results of the £20 million investment fund.

The core outcomes were to:

- Gather diverse community hopes, priorities, and ideas for how the fund should be spent
- Capture creative, accessible insights through visual art and storytelling
- Co-develop a shared motto or slogan for Canvey 2035
- Produce postcard collections and a large collective “Big Postcard” for each group that reflects all voices.

A total of 817 postcards were completed that were created in 14 group sessions and over 9 days at a pop-up workshop/exhibition space at Knightswick Shopping Centre.

Group sessions included:

- 2 workshops at Canvey Library (10 participants)
- BASIS Blind and Sight Impaired Society group at British Royal Legion with SISCA group (7 participants) no
- Canvey Island Methodist Church (15 participants)
- Kinder Essex groups (20 participants)
- XTEND USP students during their lunchbreak
- 4 Pupils from Castle View school came to the shop, took posters for their school and said they would feature it in their assembly
- Salvation Army Bus pop up (9 people engaged)
- St Nicholas Church – 5 people engaged in the church’s food bank
- Sweetbriar Lodge Sheltered Housing (7 participants)
- Yellow Door Sport Club (6 participants)
- All day pop on Canvey Seafront (80 people engaged, 30 postcards)
- Wives Lunch Club (30 people)
- Group sessions in Jewish Community groups (28 participants)

Results

A summary of the key themes and ideas shared by the community are detailed below.

A) Tick-box question

“Which topic(s) are you most interested in (tick as many as you like)”

Options shown on the card:

- Access & transport — 363 (51.5%)
- Canvey Town Centre (including Shops) — 340 (48.2%)
- Green Spaces (including the Lake) — 323 (45.8%)
- Youth & Community infrastructure — 316 (44.8%)
- Young people projects — 313 (44.4%)
- Seafront & Heritage — 273 (38.7%)
- Health & Wellbeing — 271 (38.4%)
- Sports facilities (including Splash Pool) — 217 (30.8%)

- Education, Skills & Employment — 206 (29.2%)
- Housing projects — 118 (16.7%)
- Other — 88 (12.5%) Public realm and access – “Footpaths and potholes”, “Better drainage”, “Speed cameras by town centre”, “3rd road”, “Train”; Safety and policing – “Visible police presence”, “Police Engagement in schools”; Lake and seafront – “Splash park behind Paddocks”, “Lido”, “watersports”; Town centre and services – “Bank and finance access”, “More shopping mall”, “Help for traders”; Health and care – “Dementia Groups and activities”, “Legal help for the elderly”, “Drug rehab centre”; Youth and activities – “Things for teens”, “Youth training club”, “Dance studios”.
- Digital Connectivity — 73 (10.4%)

B) “What’s your vision for Canvey”

Base: 705 written responses

What Respondents Said:

1) Access and transport

- A third road to ease congestion and improve resilience.
- More frequent and later buses, with specific mentions of the 21 bus, hospital links, and stops at Northwick Retail Park.
- Safer pavements, crossings and paths that work for mobility scooters, wheelchairs and prams.
- Easier links to Basildon and Southend Hospitals.

Example quotes

- “Plus improved public transport. More facilities for 11-18 yr olds. A third road for Canvey would also be useful.”

- “We desperately need a third road... more frequent buses in smallgains/kings area...”
- “Bus service to be looked at... 21 only runs every hour.”
- “Better access a third road... hospital...”
- “Seafront disabled access... Wildlife think of them.”

Additional insights

- Recurrent references to the 21 bus and the need for direct links to Southend and Basildon hospitals.
- Requests for better bus stops at Northwick Retail Park and around the High Street.

2) Lake and green spaces

Clean, dredge and restore the Lake, protect wildlife, add bins, benches and information boards, provide safe paths and picnic spots.

Example quote

- “The lake needs total redevelopment.”
- “Clean up lake. Seafront refurbish and make central space.”
- “Save Canvey lake... de-silting... planting more trees and bushes... erecting information boards...”

Additional insights

- References to Canadian geese, aeration equipment, and day-ticket fishing show practical knowledge of how the Lake used to function.
- People connect the Lake with family activity such as picnics and safe walking.

3) Seafront and family facilities

- Cleaner beaches and water, better toilets, benches, lighting and accessible ramps.

- Bring back the Splash Park at The Paddocks or create a lido or mini-pier/decking for waterside activity.
- More things to do for young people and visitors, including paddle boarding, watersports, and places to eat.

Example quotes

- “Cleaner beaches and swimming water... Reopen splash park.”
- “Seafront refurbish and make central space.”
- “Seafront disabled access... environmentally friendly.”

Additional insights

- Specific mentions of Labworth, ramps, railings and the unfinished path near the new café.
- Requests for covered seating and a better walking surface along the seawall.

4) Town centre and everyday services

- A livelier, cleaner, safer town centre with better retail variety and fewer vacancies.
- Banking access including a banking hub.
- Lower business rates or rent to attract independent shops and reduce reliance on takeaways and barbers.
- Example quotes
 - “A bigger town centre with local decent shops, community bank...”
 - “Better shopping offering... No shoe shops/ more clothes shops.”
 - “Banking hub.”
- Additional insights
 - Knightswick is named in several comments that ask for a brighter, modern feel.

- Residents want clothes and shoe shops so they do not need to leave the island.

5) Youth provision and community spaces

- Youth clubs, youth workers, skills and training pathways, and safe spaces for evenings and holidays.
- Affordable options that keep teenagers engaged, with requests for gaming, music, skate, bowling, and indoor spaces.
- Support for SEND children and spaces suitable for varied needs.

Example Quotes

“More visibility police / open police station. More for youth, open up youth clubs. The lake needs total redevelopment ...”

“Skatepark upgraded including stable seating. Parks. More youth clubs. Mental health ...”

“... More facilities for 11-18 yr olds.”

Additional insights

- suggestions to partner with USP Xtend and secondary schools for apprenticeships, supported internships, and evening youth hubs.

6) Safety, policing and cleanliness

- Visible policing and a sense of safety in the evening.
- Clean streets, fewer weeds, more bins, and regular pavement and drain maintenance.
- Lighting where needed and attention to anti-social behaviour.

Example quotes

- “More visibility police / open police station ...”
- “1 A safer place for my son to grow up in; 2) Better buses; ... Make Canvey great again!”
- “... Paddocks community centre for all ages – pool to be brought back. Seafront disabled access...”

Additional insights

- Repeated reports about potholes, blocked drains, and specific streets.
- Requests to manage e-bikes on pavements and address dog fouling along the seawall.

7) Sports and affordable things to do

- Bring back the Splash Park as a free, inclusive family space.

- Upgrade the skatepark, provide bowling, courts, and low-cost activities.

Example Quotes

- “Skatepark upgraded including stable seating ... Cinema prices go down ... Bowling.”
- “I would like to see the Splash park reinstated as a free space for families ...”
- “... Reopen splash park ...”

8) Housing and infrastructure balance

What residents said: avoid additional housing without infrastructure first. Prioritise repair and maintenance.

Quotes

- “No more house builds. Repair what we have.”
- Comments elsewhere link new homes directly to the case for a third road and improved services.

9) Services and health

- Easier access to GPs and hospitals, ideas for minor injury units, and better transport to Southend and Basildon hospitals.
- Community-based mental health support connected to youth and family activities.

C) Age question

Base: all 826 records

19 and under: 194 (23.5 percent)

20–39: 100 (12.1 percent)

40–49: 56 (6.8 percent)

50–59: 41 (5.0 percent)

60–69: 89 (10.8 percent)

70–79: 103 (12.5 percent)

80 +: 65 (7.9 percent)

What this shows: Responses span all age groups, with notable participation among “19 & under” and “70–79”.

D. Relationship to Canvey

Breakdown

- Resident 479 (58.0 percent)
- Missing 254 (30.8 percent)
- Other as written 36 (4.4 percent)
- Work or Business 20 (2.4 percent)
- Student 19 (2.3 percent)
- Visitor 14 (1.7 percent)
- Neighbour 4 (0.5 percent)

Canvey Island Consultation – Answer Sheet



Canvey Island Pride of Place Children and Young People Consultation Answer Sheet

School –

Number of Children –

Age Range -

Question 1 – What do you think of the Vision for Canvey? Is it right? Is anything missing?

Question 2 – What is Canvey currently like for children and young people?

Question 3 – What do children and young people need to make life better?

Question 4 – What could Canvey look and feel like in 10 years time if you were in charge?

Question 5 – Some of our ideas to spend money on include:

- Make the Town Centre a nicer place to visit.
- Improve the area around the lake.
- Improve the seafront, maybe build a Splash Park.
- Run more activities for children and families in and out of school.
- Help people to be able to walk, scooter and ride bikes more on Canvey.

What are your thoughts?

Question 6 – Ask the whole group if they like the vision and ideas...record answers as a percentage (simple hands up)

Question 7 – Ask the whole group (hands up again) if they are excited about money coming into Canvey to improve lives.

Canvey Island Consultation – Method Sheet

Canvey Island Pride of Place Children and Young People Consultation



Canvey Island Pride of Place Children and Young People Consultation

Method – To run a 20-30 minute focus group meeting in each of the 12 Canvey Schools.

Consider the language and questioning style used according to age.

Keep all evidence of answers and complete the summary sheet provided. Take photos if allowed.

Explain to the children that Canvey Island will be receiving a lot of government funding to make improvements and ensure it is the best place to be. We want to get the views of children and young people from Canvey before we start spending the money. We have some ideas which we will share today and we are keen to listen to the children's thoughts too.

The Canvey Island Neighbourhood Board has listened to the Island and its people, and the following vision has evolved that respects that of which we have heard, and that of which we know to be important for this exceptional place and space.

Our Vision is built on five pillars:

Safe - We believe that everyone has the right to feel safe. Young and old, men and women, visitors and residents. Our work will consider safety in all of its ramifications and guises and will foster dialogue and discussion to make sure we understand and respect each other.

Vibrant - We know that to be a great place to be, our Island needs to be animated and vibrant. That means being well connected digitally and creatively and having great spaces and places to meet and interact.

Healthy - Our health is key to our happiness and wellbeing. That is the same for us all. Our plans will ensure that health is considered as a determining factor in the Island's general wellbeing and ability to grow economically, and in a fair way. Fair access to healthcare will be a guiding light for us.

Proud - We are proud to be Canvey Island. We love our Island and are proud to be here. We will continue to champion the Island, its people and its beauty to the region and beyond.

World Class - Canvey Island deserves nothing better than the best. We will reflect this in our work and plans, and make sure that at every turn, we are all doing our very best to enable Canvey Island, its people and its visitors to know they are not just great, they are world class.

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Options depending on numbers:

- Conduct as a whole group discussion and make notes on the responses, or
- Allow the children to make notes of their answers on flip chart paper and then collate

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Question 2 – What is Canvey currently like for children and young people?

Question 3 – What do children and young people need to make life better?

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- Run more activities for children and families in and out of school.

- Help people to be able to walk, scooter and ride bikes more on Canvey.

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Canvey Island Consultation – Our Vision & Our Ideas



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An aerial photograph of Canvey Island, showing a dense residential area with a grid-like street pattern, interspersed with green spaces and a large body of water on the left side. The text 'PRIDE IN PLACE: CANVEY CONSULTATIONS' is overlaid in large, white, sans-serif capital letters in the center of the image.

PRIDE IN PLACE: CANVEY CONSULTATIONS

Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership commissioned children and young people engagement

October 2025

Introduction

- Castle Point and Rochford School Sport Partnership was commissioned to conduct children and young people engagement and consultation activities through the 'Canvey Island Pride in Place' Board
- Canvey Island will receive £20 million of central government funding over the next 10 years to improve the lives of the residents living on Canvey Island
- During the month of October 2025, engagement and consultation activities were held in the 12 schools on Canvey Island to ensure the vision and ideas for investment were representative of the children and young people's needs, and to allow youth voice to formulate the detail in the plans prior to submission
- The findings of this exercise have been shared with the Board to shape future discussions

Aim: to engage children and young people from all 12 schools on Canvey Island, covering a wide range of ages and backgrounds

Method and Approach

- SSP staff worked in collaboration with Headteachers and school staff to conduct 20-30 minute 'focus group' meetings with cohorts of 10-15 children and young people
- A simplified 'Vision' document was created so the language was age appropriate – this formed the consultations' introductions
- The consultation was based around 7 key questions, and groups were given paper and pens to create mind maps and draw pictures of their ideas, allowing for flexibility in the activities used to extract views and information
- From these consultations, a mixture of quantitative and qualitative data was captured

Resources Used

Castle Point & Rochford School Sport Partnership

Canvey Island Pride of Place Children and Young People Consultation

Method - To run a 20-30 minute focus group meeting in each of the 13 Canvey Schools.
 Consider the language and questioning style used according to age.
 Give all attendees an opportunity to give their views (if possible). Take photos if allowed.

Explain to the children that Canvey Island will be receiving a lot of government funding to make improvements and ensure it is the best place to be. We want to get the views of children and young people from Canvey before we start spending the money. We have some ideas which we will share today and we are keen to listen to the children's thoughts too.

The Canvey Island Neighbourhood Board has listened to the island and its people, and the following vision has evolved that respects the environment we have here and the natural resources we need to be happy in our this exceptional place and space.

Our vision is built on five pillars:

Safe - We believe that everyone has the right to feel safe. Young and old men and women, visitors and residents. Our work will consider safety in all of our transactions and everyone will foster respect and discussion to make sure we understand and respect each other.

Vibrant - We know that to be the best place to be, our island needs to be an extraordinary vibrant. That means being well connected digitally and physically and having great systems and plans in place and online.

Healthy - Our health is key to our happiness and wellbeing. There is the same focus on our plans will encourage health as well as a vibrant living space in the island's general wellbeing and ability to give economically, making job easy. Fair access to facilities will be a guiding light for us.

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Castle Point & Rochford School Sport Partnership

Canvey Island Pride of Place Children and Young People Consultation

Answer sheet

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Number of Children - _____

Age Range - _____

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Headline Stats

All 12 schools
participated

100%

**153 children and
young people** took
part in focus group
discussions

The age range of
participants was
between **5-18**
years old

97% (149/153) of
children and young
people are excited
about the investment
coming to Canvey
Island

91.5% (140/153) of
children and young
people agreed with
the vision and
investment plan ideas

Summary of Findings: Question 1

Question 1: 'What do you think of the vision for Canvey? Is it right? Is anything missing?'

- The vision was very well received across all schools, with only a very small percentage not endorsing its content and aims
- The 'child-friendly' version of the vision was easily understood and summarised the aspirations of children and young people well
- Some of the older students commented that the vision should also focus on enticing more people to visit Canvey Island
- Children and young people feel they could play a part in creating a 'vibrant' Canvey Island through art displays in the Town Centre

Summary of Findings: Question 2

Question 2: 'What is Canvey currently like for children and young people?'

- There are lots of areas that are safe for children and young people, but sometimes they do feel **unsafe**
- Children and young people get **bored** on the Island, especially older teenagers which can cause issues with behaviour
- People **drive** everywhere on the Island which creates too much traffic – people should walk, cycle and scooter more
- Children and families tend to go **elsewhere** to take part in family activities – it is important to support families on Canvey Island
- Canvey feels a bit '**run down**' compared to other nearby areas and Canvey can't compete with leisure facilities like Basildon Festival Leisure
- Canvey has some nice areas with good offers and opportunities
- Sports pitches are poorly maintained

Summary of Findings: Question 3

Question 3: 'What do children and young people need to make life better?'

- More and better-quality outdoor activities to be active
- Improved safety, CCTV, more security and police presence to help residents feel safer, help restaurants and stop shoplifting
- Activity areas including a trampoline park (very popular)
- Children agreed a 'Splash Park' would be a great addition but swimming lessons need to be included
- Clean and welcoming lake so families can have days out – would like shops and restaurants near the lake too
- Better shops in the Town Centre
- Stages and performance areas in the Town Centre

Summary of Findings: Question 4

Question 4: 'What could Canvey look and feel like in 10 years time if you were in charge?'

- More shopping areas with better shops to improve what is on offer
- More green spaces, increase the number of trees, plants and flowers
- A cleaner beach with more things to do
- Healthier families who are more active
- A trampoline park on Canvey Island
- Fewer cars and more accessible cycling
- Creating more homeless shelters to support those most in need
- Give money to help poor people

Summary of Findings: Question 5

Question 5: 'Some of our ideas to spend money on include:

- Make the town centre a nicer place; Improve the area around the lake; Improve the seafront, maybe build a Splash Park; Run more activities for children and families in and out of school; Help people to be able to walk, scooter and ride bikes more on Canvey

What are your thoughts?'

- They would like to see more healthy food shops
- Splash Park - consistently most exciting for children
- Improve the Town Centre – more brands
- Flowers around the lake to attract wildlife, better pathways
- A minor injuries hospital on Canvey Island
- Include more soft play centres

Summary of Findings: Questions 6 & 7

Question 6: 'Ask the whole group if they like the vision and ideas... record answers as a percentage (simple hands up)'

- 91.5% of children and young people agree with the vision and investment plan

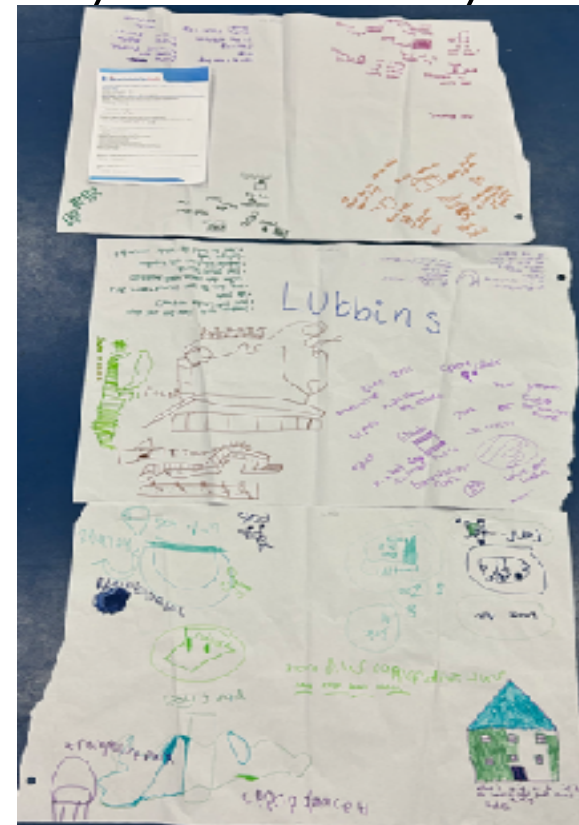
Question 7: 'Ask the whole group (hands up again) if they are excited about money coming into Canvey to improve lives.'

- 97% of children and young people are excited about the investment coming to Canvey Island

Lubbins Park Primary Academy Summary

Key theme: 'Eco Friendly'

- "Plant flowers"
- "Clean the beach day"
- "More plants for wildlife/animals"
- "More bins to put rubbish in it"



Northwick Park Primary School Summary

Key theme: 'Shops'

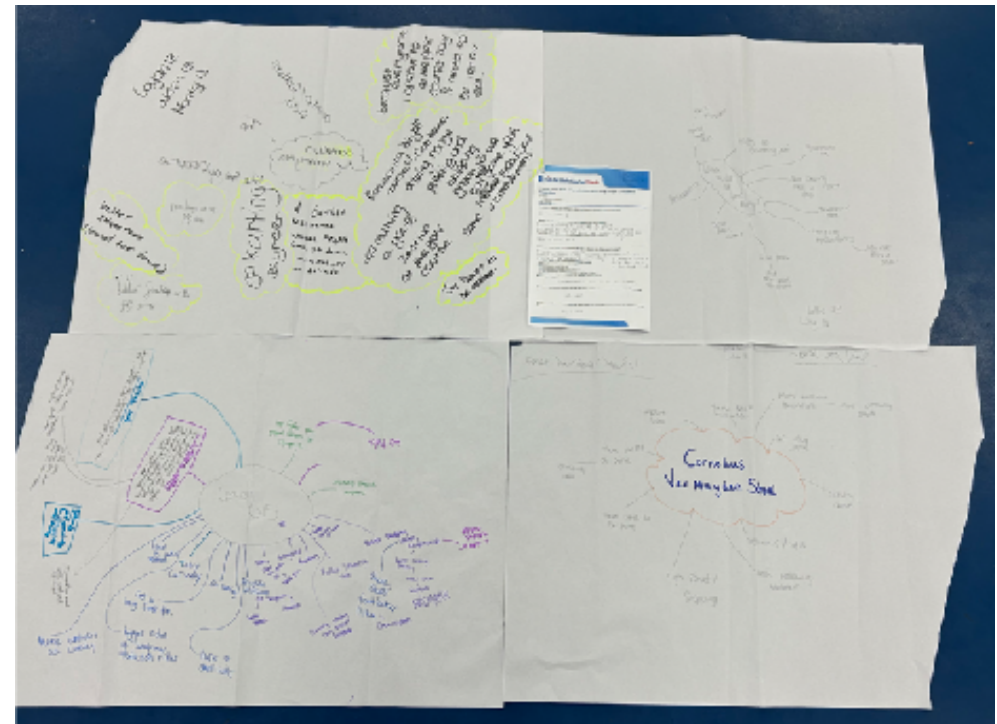
- "More shops – convenience store"
- "Bigger shops"
- "Sweet shop"
- "Christmas shop"



Cornelius Vermuyden School Summary

Key theme: 'Lake'

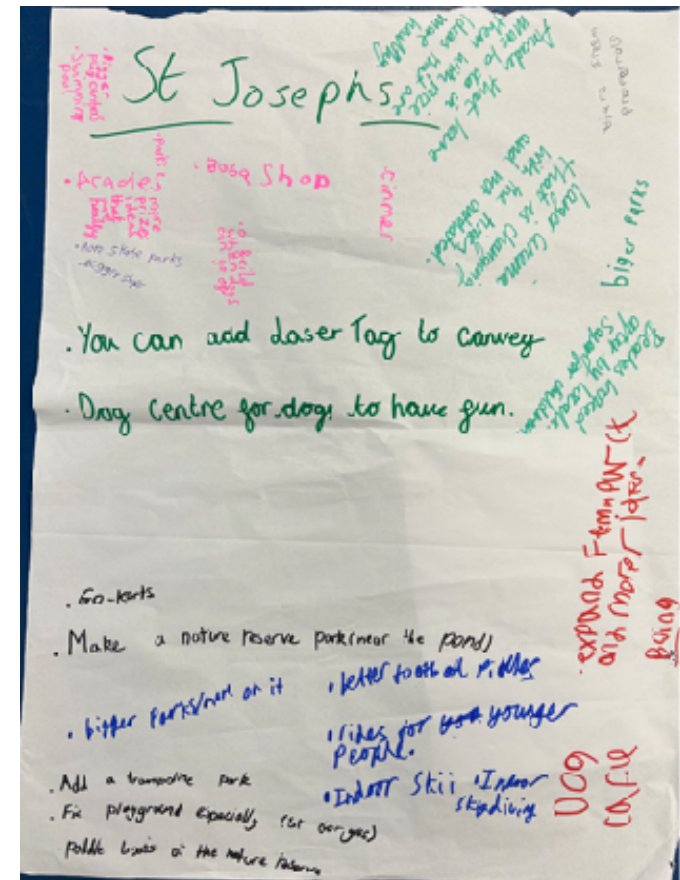
- “Improve the lake”
- “Have park – add more park equipment”
- “Build another lake with more fish”
- “Clean the lake and add more beaches and shops”



St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Summary

Key theme: 'Parks'

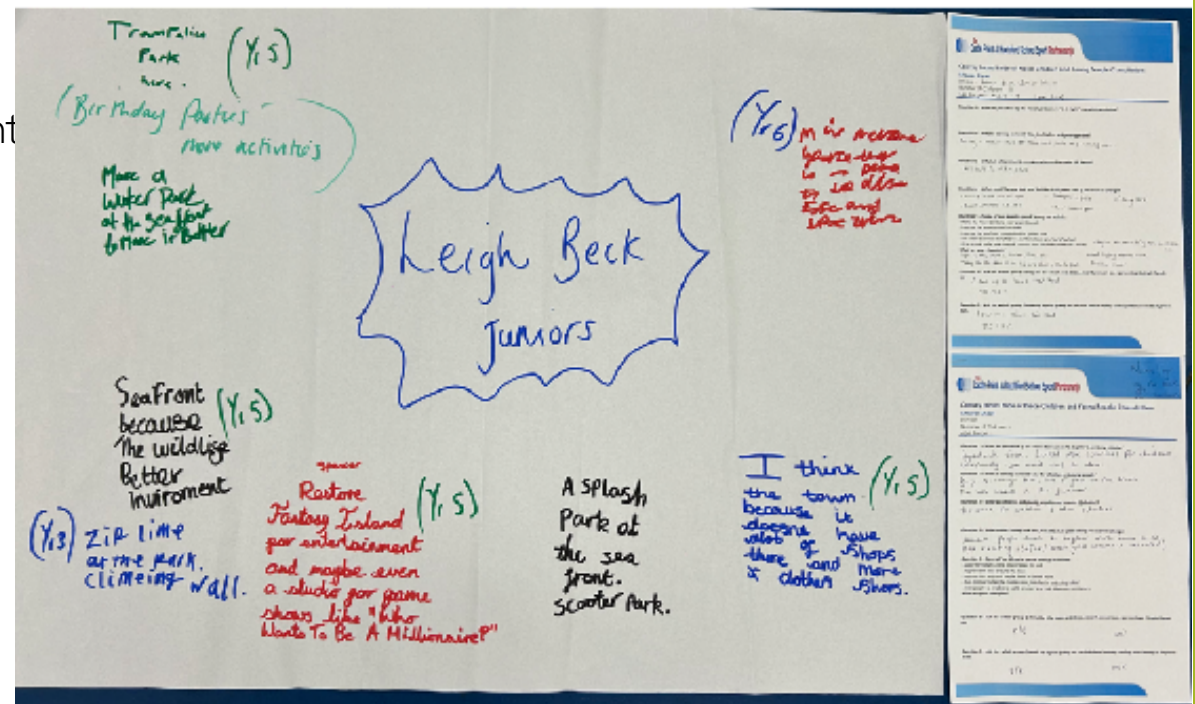
- "Bigger parks"
- "Make a nature reserve park (near the pond)"
- "Bigger parks/more on it"
- "Add a trampoline park"
- "A field where dogs can go off"
- "More skate parks"
- "Paddle boats at the nature reserve"



Leigh Beck Junior School

Key theme: 'Seafront'

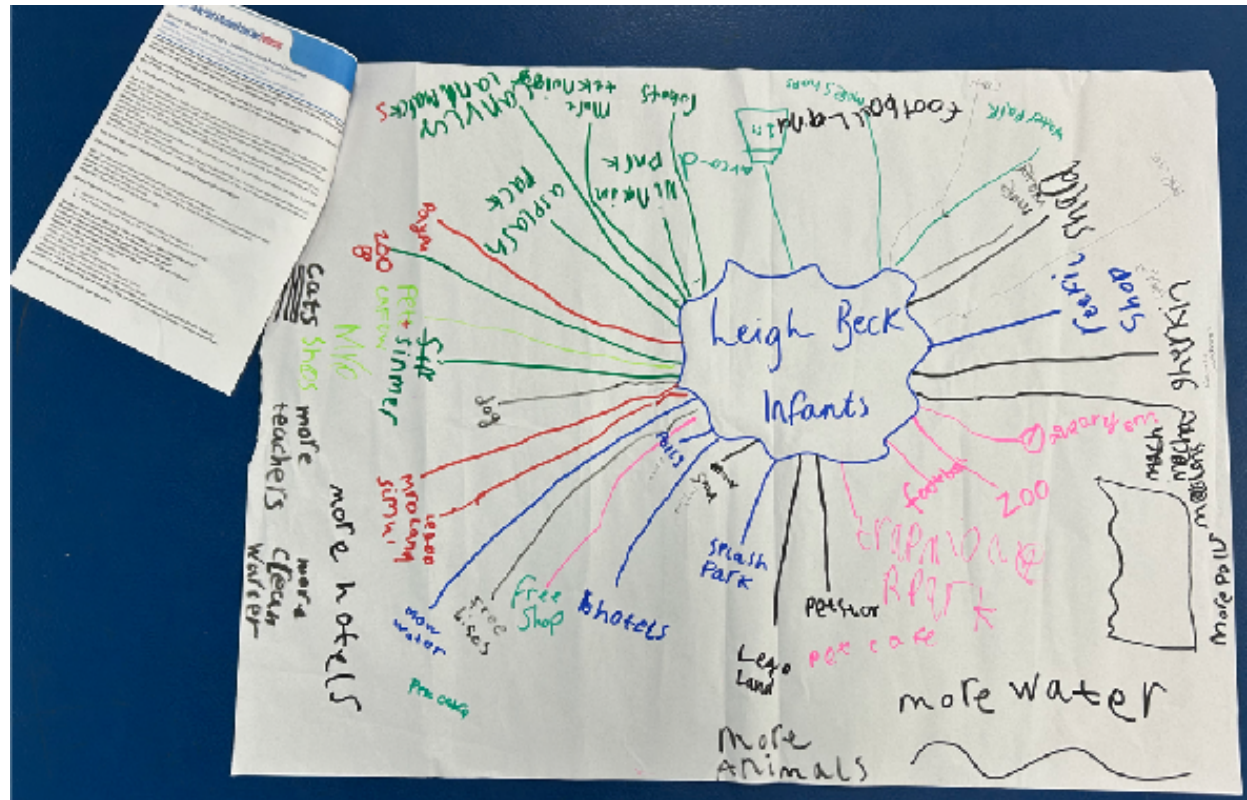
- "Make a waterpark at the seafront to make it better"
- "Restore Fantasy Island for entertainment"
- "A splash park at the seafront"



Leigh Beck Infant and Nursery Academy

Key theme: 'Water'

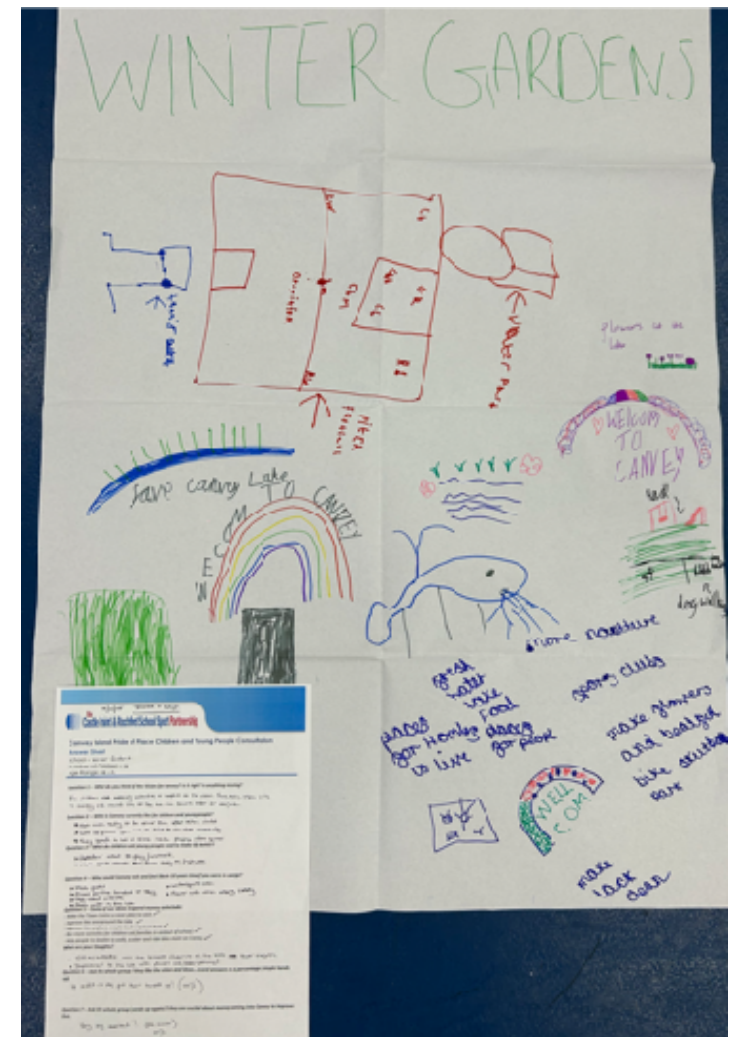
- "More clean water"
- "Splash park"
- "More water"
- "More pools"



Winter Gardens Academy

Key theme: 'Nature , lake, flowers'

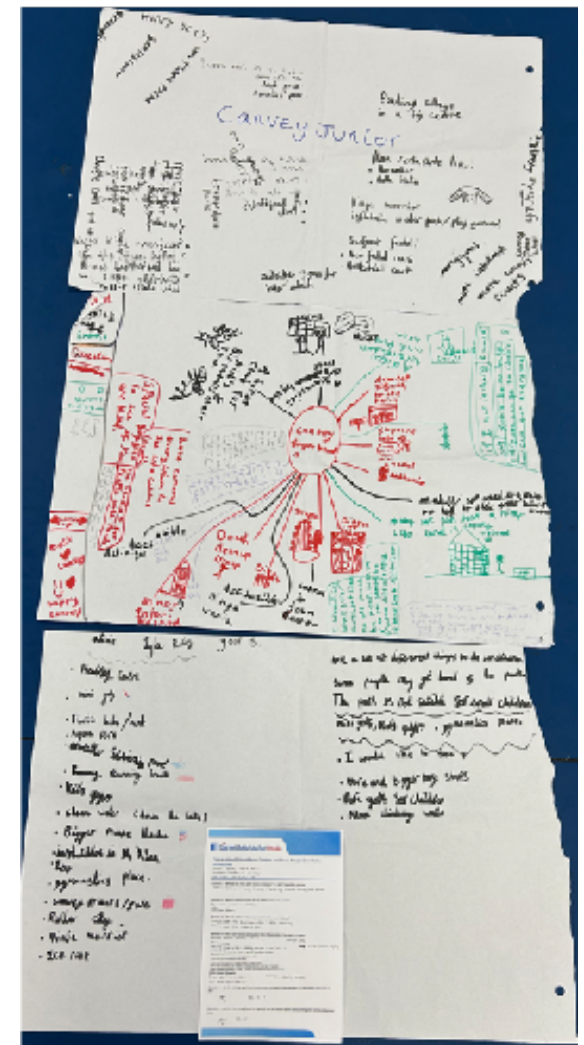
- "Fresh water lake"
- "More nature"
- "More flowers"
- "Flowers at the lake"
- "Save Canvey lake"
- "Make lake clean"



Canvey Junior School

Key theme: 'Facilities'

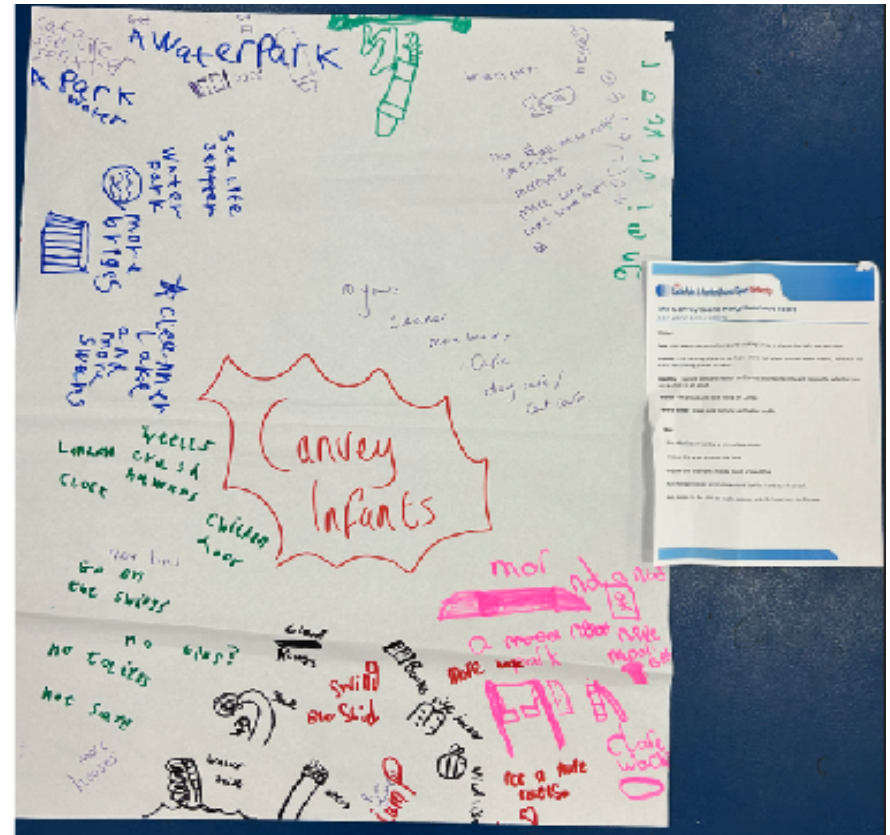
- "Gaming centre"
- "Bigger movie theatre"
- "Have cameras everywhere to see who causes trouble"
- "Minor injuries hospital"
- "Bowling alley"
- "Bigger library"
- "Stage"



Canvey Island Infant School

Key theme: 'Water'

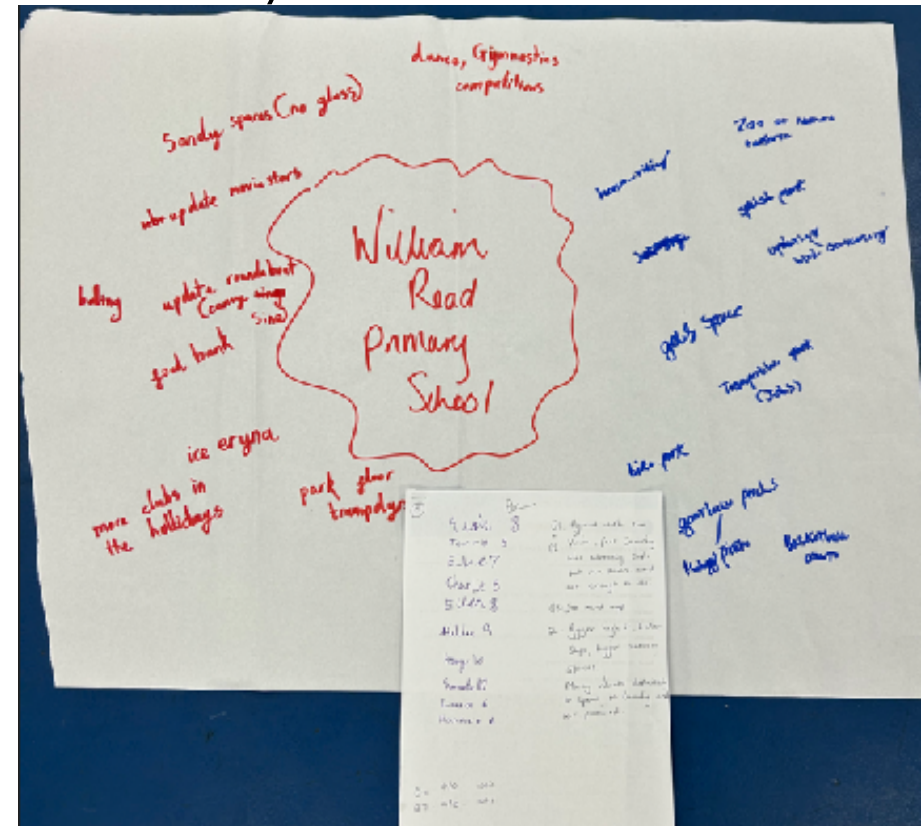
- "Sea life centre"
- "Water park"
- "Clean rivers"
- "More boats"
- "Clean lake and more swans"
- "A water park"



William Read Primary Academy

Key theme: 'Clubs and Activities'

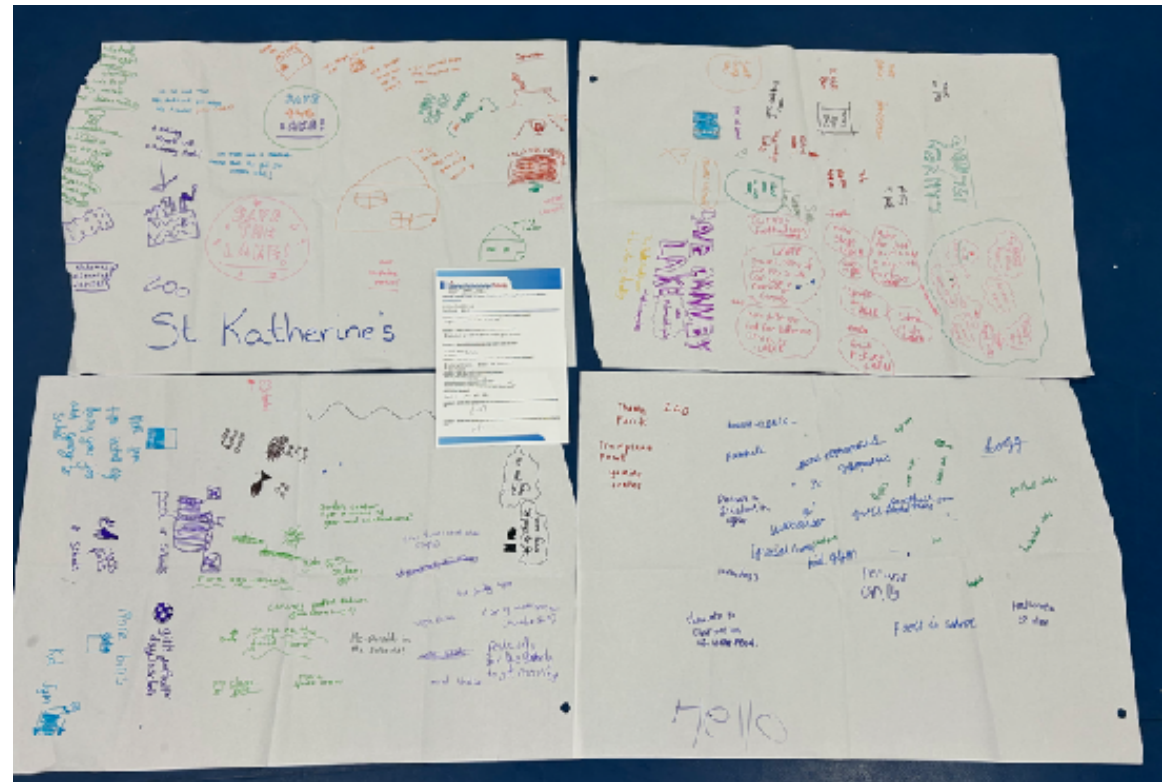
- "More clubs in the holidays"
- "Football pitches"
- "Trampoline park"
- "Horse riding"
- "Dance, gymnastics competitions"



St Katherine's CoE Primary School

Key theme: 'Sport'

- "Tennis club"
- "Outdoor gym"
- "Kid friendly gym"
- "Sports days"
- "Basketball clubs"
- "Gymnastics"
- "Trampolining"
- "Girls football team"



School Sport Apprentices Discussion

We held discussions with 5 school sport apprentices, all of whom live and work on Canvey Island

Key Findings:

- **The Island lacks activities** – e.g., soft play, bowling, birthday party opportunities. Most people travel off Canvey Island for these
- The **lake** is a common point of discussion – it is not seen as a positive for the area, and it smells during the summer months. The group agreed it had the potential to be a focal point
- **Better shops** would improve the town centre (e.g., Primark). It would bring more people to Canvey and would also lead to improved shops/services around it. Could this be considered?
- More opportunities for people to **cycle, run, exercise and play outdoors**

Yellow Door. Young People Engagement

Appendix C. Pride in Place Engagement with Young People on Canvey Island (Delivered by Yellow Door)

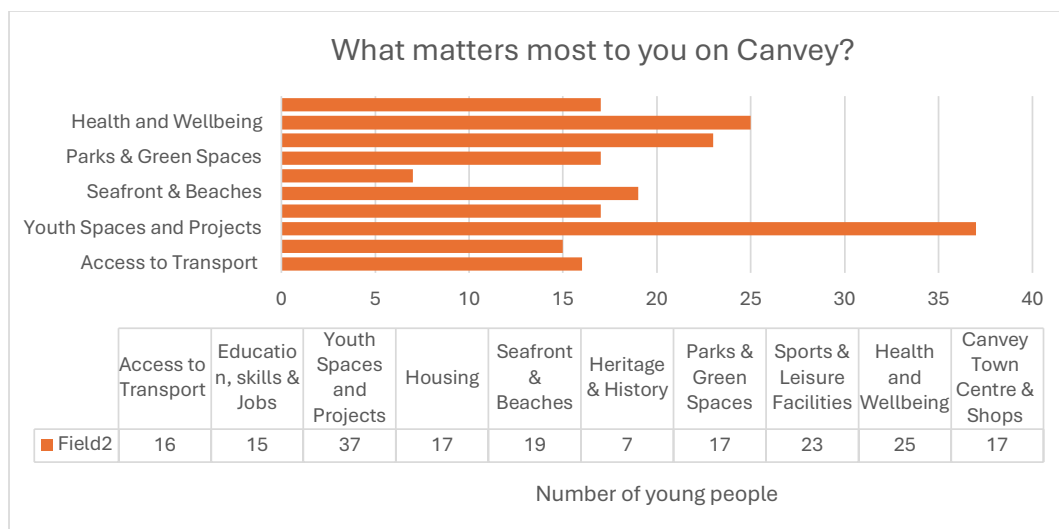
The Neighbourhood Board commissioned Yellow Door to engage with young people on Canvey Island on the ten issues it identified for consideration as part of the Pride in Place funding award and development of a Regeneration Plan for the town.

During October and November 2025, 114 young people were able to express their views on their feelings about Canvey and its future. Views were collected across a number of different locations across the island.

- 74 young people at Yellow Door Youth Clubs
- 25 young people at Waterside Skate Park
- 15 young people in Canvey Town Centre

A summary of the questions asked, and the answers provided is outlined below.

1. Young people were asked, of the ten areas identified, what mattered most to them on Canvey.



The top four themes that emerged as being most important to young people were:

- Youth Spaces & Projects (37 mentions)
- Health & Wellbeing (25 mentions)
- Sports & Leisure Facilities (23 mentions)
- Seafront & Beaches (19 mentions)

2. Young people were firstly asked to imagine that they had £20m to spend on Canvey. They were then asked what they would do with this money to make it a better place to live, learn and have fun.

53 distinct ideas emerged for this question. These have been sorted into headline themes. Where ideas were repeated this has been indicated. The tables below provide an overview of the responses.

Theme	Ideas
Parks, Skate & Sports Facilities (17 mentions)	Rebuild Skate Parks 9ft Ramp
	Roof on top of the Skate Park
	New Ramp in the Skate Park (Resi, Foam Pit) (x3 mentions)
	Indoor Skate Park (x5 mentions)
	Fix the holes in the Skate Park
	Replace the teen shelter in King George's
	Bike Park and Pump Track
	Scooter Lane (very smooth)
	Make most things cheaper — a scooter shop
	More Football Spaces More Parks
	More Activities

Theme	Ideas
Education & Youth Support (10 mentions)	Better Schools (2 mentions)
	Ban Homework
	More funding for youth work – more access and longer hours (2 mentions)
	Funding for school safety
	Bigger food budget for Yellow Door
	Give more funding to Yellow Door
	Yellow Door (general mention)
	Upgrade Waterside Bungalow (Youth Space)

Theme	Ideas
Environment & Public Spaces (7 mentions)	Clean Beach
	Fishing Area – Seafront
	Canvey Lake – save it (2 mentions)
	More Green Spaces
	Improving Pavements
	Fill the potholes
Theme	Ideas
Community, Housing & Infrastructure (8 mentions)	Houses (3 mentions)
	Refurbish the Town Centre
	Better ways to get on and off the island (2 mentions)
	Places for the poor

Theme	Ideas
Employment & Affordability (4 mentions)	More money per hour for young people in all jobs
	Decrease price for first car
	Make most things cheaper
	More car dealerships

Theme	Ideas
Mental Health & Wellbeing (3 mentions)	Support for stress for all under 18s
	More money to support mental health
	School Nurse

Theme	Ideas
Arts, Culture & Community Projects (3 mentions)	Big Theatre
	Church
	People understanding disputes (community cohesion)

Theme	Ideas
Fun & Aspirational Ideas (1 mention)	Let kids drive a supercar

Theme	Ideas
Facilities & Utilities (1 mention)	Clean Water Taps

The top themes emerging based on frequency were:

1. Youth recreation & skate/sports areas
2. Environment & community spaces
3. Schools, youth work, and mental health

Summary

In summary, the answers from the 114 young people who took part in the engagement exercise, demonstrate a strong desire to improve **Youth Spaces**, particularly skate and sports facilities (e.g. skate parks, ramps with football areas), along with cleaner, greener public spaces and better community facilities (such as Yellow Door and Waterside Bungalow).

Young people engaged with also highlighted the importance of **Mental Health Support, Better Schools**, and affordable opportunities for work, housing and transport. Their top priorities for how they would spend the £20m were again **Youth Spaces and Projects**, followed by **Health and Wellbeing, Sports and Leisure Facilities**, and the **Seafront and Beaches**.

Overall, the responses show that young people on Canvey Island want investment that supports active, social and healthy lives, with safe and welcoming places to meet, play and develop.



Local Business Survey Consultation

Oct/Nov 2025

Pride in Place – Canvey Island

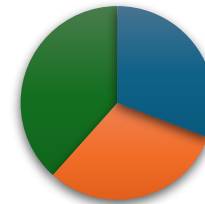
Methodology

- 10 question survey promoted to local business community
- Open for submissions between 23rd Oct – 2nd Nov
- Mixture of free form and multiple choice-based questions.
- Promoted via:
 - Castlepoint Borough Council Business Newsletter
 - Castlepoint Borough Council's Citizen space page
 - Physical copies of the survey handed to local businesses in Canvey Island on market day
 - Survey promoted on Castlepoint Borough Council's social media pages

Results

Question 1. Do you feel the draft vision statement is reflective of the needs and priorities of Canvey Island?

- Positive view of vision: 30.8%
- Negative view of vision: 30.8%
- Neutral view of vision: 38.4%



● Positive View ● Negative View ● Neutral View

If not, what is missing in your opinion?

Notable comments

- “The aims here will not be achieved without adequate access at all times of the day.”
- “Prosperity. Bring good shops that will bring good business to our island give those who cannot travel everything they need in one place.”
- “There is nothing in this vision statement that alludes to education and lifelong learning and in order for the population to achieve at least of those three pillars - world class, healthy and vibrant - you need to provide access to and enable the population to learn. Learning provides the capability to be healthier and to achieve more and to ultimately lead better lives.”
- “We are missing the opportunity to value family. The need to celebrate and encourage our young people to feel valued as members of our community.”
- “Accessibility and inclusivity - the new plan needs to ensure features accessibility to our elder generations and inclusivity to our SEN community. “

Question 2. What changes or improvements would you suggest to make Canvey Island a thriving place for businesses?

Themes

- Third road/Better Access
- Better mix of businesses/retail offer
- Increased engagement and support from local authority
- Options for young people
- Reduced rents/business rates

Question 3. What changes or improvements would you support to build stronger communities on Canvey Island?

Themes

- Attractions/services for young people
- Community projects/events

Question 4. What improvements do you think are needed to develop the job market on Canvey Island?

Themes

- A third road/better transport
- Better mix of companies/attract new & bigger businesses
- Engagement of potential workforce
- Reduce business rates
- Educational opportunities to build skills for employment

Question 5. What type of access does your business require to and from Canvey Island?

Themes

- A third road
- Better bus links
- Improved pavements and roads

Question 6. What type of access does your business require, to and from, Canvey Island?

Themes

- Improved Road access
- Improved Bus links

Question 7: What do you consider to be the main strengths and issues facing Canvey Town Centre that impact on the success of local businesses?

Themes (Strengths)

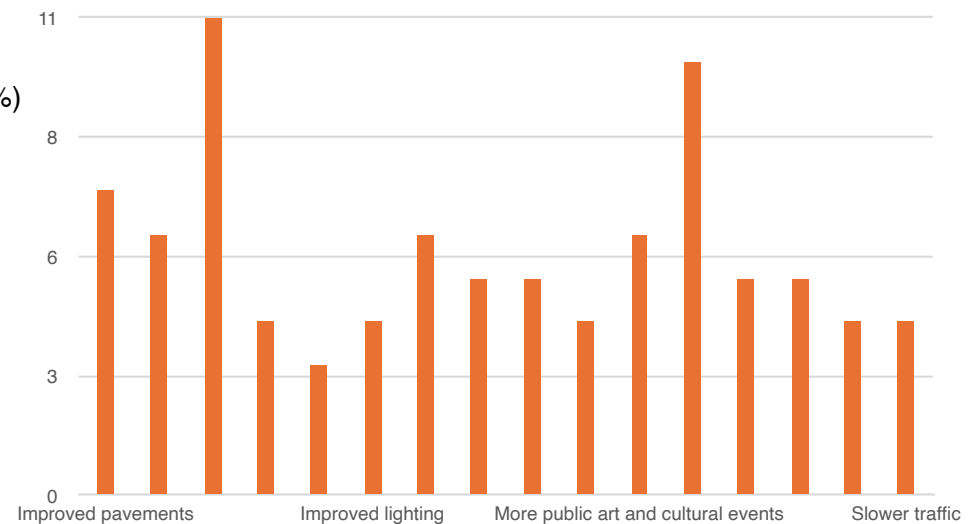
- Indoor element – options for poor weather
- Willingness to improve

Themes (Weaknesses)

- Third road
- Rental costs
- Lack of parking/free parking
- Tired town centre and facilities
- Lack of security/safety
- Lack of public events
- Lack of diversity in retail offer

Question 8. Which of the following improvements to Canvey Town Centre would you be supportive of? Please select all the options that apply to you.

- Improved pavements x7 (53.8%)
- Improved quality of shopfronts x6 (46.2%)
- An enhanced market square x11 (84.6%)
- Better linkage to Canvey Lake and Canvey Seafront x4 (30.8%)
- More/improved pedestrian crossings x3 (23.1%)
- Improved lighting x4 (30.8%)
- Improved signage x6 (46.2%)
- More places to sit x5 (38.5%)
- More planting and greening x5 (38.5%)
- Less graffiti x4 (30.8%)
- More public art and cultural events x6 (46.2%)
- Improved safety and security x10 (76.9%)
- Less traffic x5 (38.5%)
- More table and chairs outside restaurants x5 (38.5%)
- Less traffic x4 (30.8%)
- Slower traffic x4 (30.8%)



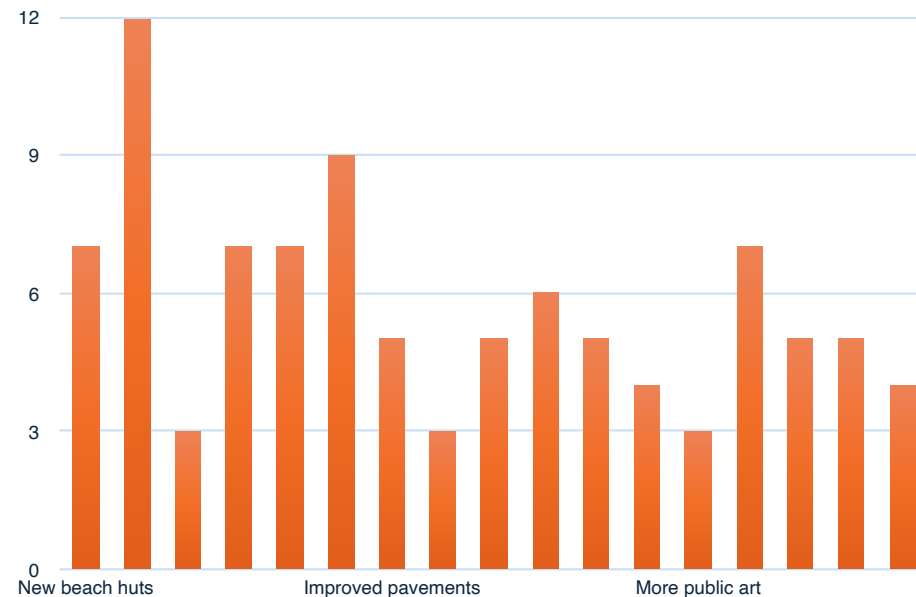
Question 9. What changes would you like to see on Canvey Seafront to make it more appealing for the local community, visitors and to boost the local economy?

Themes

- More Parking/Free parking
- Reduce speed limit
- Better security and police presence
- Limit traders to entertainment focus
- More lighting
- More greenery/planting
- Musical & community events
- Play areas

Question 10. Which of the following improvements to Canvey Seafront would you be supportive of? Please select all the options that apply to you

- New beach huts x7 (53.8%)
- The development of a Splash Park x12 (92.3%)
- Improved signage and wayfinding x3 (23.1%)
- Creation of new walking trails x7 (53.8%)
- Introduction of a Park Run event x7 (53.8%)
- Space for music and cultural events x9 (69.2%)
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- 6 Exclusions**

Appendices



1 The Long-Term Plan for Towns

- 1.1 The Plan for Neighbourhoods is a continuation of the [Long-Term Plan for Towns](#) was launched by the Prime Minister on 1st October 2024. The Government has allocated £1.5 billion towards community led regeneration of, to date, 75 towns in the United Kingdom, including Canvey Island.
- 1.2 Canvey Island was identified as a recipient in the Spring Budget on 6th March 2024. As a recipient area, the relevant local authority is required to establish a Town Board, which is independent of the Council and made up of representatives from the local community, as well as statutory bodies.
- 1.3 Each Neighbourhood Board (previously Town Board) will be required to prepare a long-term vision and an Investment Plan on how they will use £20 million of endowment funding over a ten-year period on three main themes of investment:
- Safety and security
 - High streets, heritage and regeneration
 - Transport
 - Housing
 - Work, productivity and skills
 - Cohesion
 - Health and wellbeing
 - Education and opportunity

The Government has pre-approved a number of interventions that the Neighbourhood Board can invest in. These are referenced in the guidance which is annexed to this this Terms of Reference (cross ref to para 1.7 below?).

- 1.4 The Accountable Body¹ for the endowment² investment fund is Castle Point Borough Council. Therefore, any decisions on how the fund is to be used must be in accordance with local government finance law and regulations. The Council's Section 151 Officer will have to be satisfied that the regulations have been complied with.
- 1.5 The Government has stressed the importance of engagement in the preparation of a long term vision for the future of Canvey, and an Investment Plan, which sets out how the fund could be used towards achieving that vision, and the on-going engagement on projects that emerge. To facilitate this and technical work to support project development and delivery, 25% of the fund can be used as revenue funding

¹ The Accountable Body in this instance is determined by the Government as being the Local Council – i.e. Castle point Borough Council. The Accountable Body receives the funding from the government solely for the purposes of the project and is responsible for ensuring that the funding is used appropriately.

² An endowment fund us one that is payable as set amount instalments over the funding period.



for resources – project management, consultants, engagement materials, community grants etc. The remaining 75% will be capital funding for spending on, for example, physical projects.

- 1.6 The Government issued guidance on the Long-Term Plan for Towns and how to establish a Town Board in December 2023, and this was updated in May 2024. Guidance on the Plan for Neighbourhoods, which follows the same principles was issued in March 2025. These Terms of Reference are based on the Guidance issued and as new guidance is issued, these Terms will need to be reviewed to ensure compliance with the government’s requirements.
- 1.7 If the Neighbourhood Board and projects do not comply with the governments requirements, there is a risk that funding may be withheld or withdrawn, which will mean that the Neighbourhood Board could not provide the benefits for the local community.
- 1.8 Throughout this Terms of Reference there are hyperlinks to various documents and guidance. These are shown in blue and underlined. Furthermore, a list of relevant documents is set out in **Appendix One**.

2.0 Purpose of the Neighbourhood Board

- 2.1 In the [Long-Term Plan for Towns Guidance](#) published in December 2023. It states that:

‘While the local authority remains the accountable body for funding and executing plans, Town Boards are responsible for developing the Long-Term Plan, working closely with local people.

The independent chair of Long-Term Plan for Town Boards should be invited by the local authority, considering who is best placed to convene partners and is a respected figure in the community with an obvious passion for the place. The local MP should be engaged as part of the process. Consideration should be given to the length of tenure for the chair, given the nature of the Long-Term Plan including a 10-year vision, it may be the case that towns wish to consider succession planning, for example by appointing one or more deputy chairs. If a town already has a Town Deal Board in place, or a similar such structure – for example, an appropriate subset of a Community Planning Partnership in Scotland – we strongly encourage the utilisation of that forum to act as the Town Board, to avoid unnecessary duplication and allow towns to move quickly to draw up their Long-Term Plan. If an existing forum is to be repurposed, it is incumbent on the chair, supported by the local authority, to ensure the right people are around the table to fully reflect the priorities of the town - this may require further appointments, if deemed appropriate.



Town Boards must be chaired by a local community leader or local businessperson. The chair should act as a champion for the town and provide leadership for the Town Board, ensuring it is community-led and embedded within the local area. They can be anyone who holds a prominent role...

Elected representatives, such as MPs, MSPs, MSs or local councillors, must not chair the Town Board.'

As there is no existing structure in Canvey Island that has the independence required, a new Neighbourhood Board is established.

- 2.3 Following Guidance, Castle Point Borough Council identified and appointed an interim Neighbourhood Board Chair (the Chair). A long-term Chair will be appointed later in the year, following the submission of the long-term vision and Investment Plan
- 2.4 In accordance with the Guidance, and in consultation with the interim Chair, the Council has subsequently appointed the Neighbourhood Board membership. The current membership has noted that depending on the long-term vision and Investment Plan, future appointments or co-options to the Board may be made.
- 2.5 The role of the Neighbourhood Board is:
 - a. To consider strategic issues facing Canvey Island and the borough of Castle Point and to prepare a 10-year Regeneration Plan for the area, which includes a long-term vision statement and a four-year investment plan outlining where funding will be spent. The four-year Investment Plan will be the subject of regular review by the Board.
 - b. To engage with the local community and organisations on the preparation of the long-term Vision for Canvey Island and Investment Plan, and subsequent projects and Investment Plan reviews.
 - c. To identify the evidence for the preparation and implementation of the Investment Plan.
 - d. To ensure local ownership and add value to develop project ideas, working with key partners including Castle Point Borough Council, Essex County Council and Essex Police and ensure that local community, business and voluntary groups are appropriately engaged in the overall scheme and are beneficiaries of its outputs and outcomes.
 - e. Working alongside the Accountable Body, to take decisions on the funding of projects and ensure the best use of resources and long-term community benefits from the investment.
 - f. Working alongside the Accountable Body, to make sure that all appropriate financial, budgetary and planning processes are in place to ensure public funds are appropriately administered, invested and reported on, in line with the long-term vision and Investment Plan.



- g. To agree to the brief for the appointment of any consultants or others engaged in the planning or delivery of the overall scheme.
- h. To ensure that the Board is sustainable and of appropriate constitution at all times.
- i. Consider any amendments to these Terms of Reference and governance arrangements as the need arises, in particular in response to any changes to the Government's requirements.
- j. Establish, at any point, any sub-groups or task and finish committees it deems appropriate in the execution of its duties.
- k. Liaise with other relevant partnerships, groupings or individuals in the borough of Castle Point and beyond, as may be deemed appropriate.
- l. To adhere to the Seven Principles of Public Life ([the Nolan Principles](#)).
- m. To agree to a Communications and Engagement Plan.

3 The Chair and Membership of the Neighbourhood Board

- 3.1 The Chair or interim Chair of the Neighbourhood Board is appointed by Castle Point Borough Council, and, thereafter, by the Neighbourhood Board.
- 3.2 The Chair must be independent of any political organisation and must not be a Councillor from Castle Point Borough Council, Essex County Council, Canvey Island Town Council or the Member of Parliament. The person specification for the Chair is set out in **Appendix Two** of these terms of reference.
- 3.3 The Chair will sit for an initial three year term. This term may be extended by a total, not exceeding, an additional three years if agreed on by both the Chair and the Board.
- 3.4 The Chair will be the lead contact between the Neighbourhood Board and Castle Point Borough Council as the Accountable Body
- 3.5 They will chair the meetings in accordance with these Terms of Reference.
- 3.6 They will act as an advocate for the Neighbourhood Board, the programme and the local community.
- 3.7 A Vice-Chair will be appointed by the Chair, who will deputise for the Chair in their absence
- 3.8 Other members of the Board will include:
 - a. One Councillor from Castle Point Borough Council, for example the Leader, Deputy leader or relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder.
 - b. One Councillor from Essex County Council, for example the Leader, Deputy leader or relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holder.



- c. A representative from Canvey Island Town Council and as appointed by the Town Council and who is not a councillor at another tier of local government.
 - d. Essex Police.
 - e. Community Groups.
 - f. Faith Groups.
 - g. Local Charities.
 - h. Youth Groups.
 - i. The Council for Voluntary Services.
 - j. Local businesses.
 - k. Cultural, arts, heritage and sporting organisations.
 - l. Anchor institutions, such as local schools, college, and or integrated care board.
- 3.9 The number of members on the Board should be determined by the Board, but optimally should be around fifteen.
- 3.10 The Neighbourhood Board may establish sub-groups or task and finish groups if necessary to focus on the themes for investment to facilitate wider engagement. In doing so, the Neighbourhood Board must agree on the purpose of the sub-group, its terms of reference and membership. Any sub-group would report to the Neighbourhood Board and any decision on recommendations of the sub-group will be made by the Neighbourhood Board only.
- 3.11 Members will serve an initial three year term with a view for future years, by agreement of the Chair and Board, of up to three years.
- 3.12 Members of the Board, including the Chair, will not remunerated. Travel expenses and other expenses as may have been incurred in the legitimate discharge of their duties as a Board member, can be reimbursed.
- 3.13 Meetings of the Neighbourhood Board will be attended by officers from the Accountable Body and local councils and may include officials from the government's relevant Local Area Team.

4 The Neighbourhood Board Governance Requirements

- 4.1 The Neighbourhood Board will meet at least quarterly, with the option to call additional meetings if required subject to one month's notice and paragraph 4.2 below. The quarterly meetings will be held in:
- July
 - October
 - January
 - April



- 4.2 In accordance with Government guidance, the Neighbourhood Board will publish the following. Such publication will be electronic and via one or more relevant websites hosted by or linked to that of the Accountable Body.
- *'A documented decision-making process outlining the voting rights of the Board (these Terms of Reference will act as that document)*
 - *Profiles of the Board Members*
 - *All Board papers including Minutes of the previous meeting, in advance of the Meeting within 5 working days*
 - *The Board Register of Interests.*
- 4.3 Meetings will be held in person or by Teams.
- 4.4 The Neighbourhood Board will seek consensus, but in the event of a vote, each member of the Neighbourhood Board will hold equal voting rights, with the Chair holding a casting vote if necessary. Should the Chair not be present for any meeting, the casting vote will go to the Deputy Chair.
- 4.5 A meeting shall be deemed quorate if a minimum of 60% Board members are in attendance.
- 4.6 There shall be no Alternates, except for the three Councils and Essex Police, who shall each nominate an Alternate to ensure representation from the statutory authorities at all meetings, and the Alternate will have the same voting rights.
- 4.7 Officers from the Councils, and other statutory bodies who may be present at Board meetings to observe and contribute to the discussions, will not hold voting rights.
- 4.8 The Neighbourhood Board may ask other community representatives or advisors to attend meetings, where it is relevant for them to do so and to contribute to the discussion. Those representatives or advisors will not hold any voting rights.
- 4.9 All Board members shall sign up to a code of conduct based on the Seven Principles of Public Life. This code is set out in **Appendix Three**.
- 4.10 Board members must complete a Register of Interest. Board members will be furnished with a copy of the Register and, once complete, the responsibility to keep each Register up to date rests with the individual Board member. The Chair will remind Board members of conflict at the outset of Board meetings and any additional interests or conflicts identified will be noted and added to the relevant Board member's Register. These Registers will be kept on file for the Board by the Board secretariat. Guidance on declarations of interest will be provided by Castle Point Borough Council or the Chair if required. An extract on Declarations of Interest from the Council's Constitution (May 2024) is set out in **Appendix Four**.



- 4.11 In addition to the Register of Interests, Board members are also required to notify the secretariat of any gifts or hospitality offered or received (even if refused) and this will also be kept on file. Guidance on the declaration of gifts and hospitality will be provided by Castle Point Borough Council or the Chair if required.
- 4.12 The secretariat³ for the Neighbourhood Board will be provided by Castle Point Borough Council. This will be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis.

5 The Accountable Body and Assurance Framework

- 5.1 Castle Point Borough Council is the Accountable Body for the programme and the funding and will hold the fund for the Government on behalf of the Neighbourhood Board.
- 5.2 The fund will be ring-fenced and will not be considered as part of the Council's General Fund. However, if required, the Council may borrow capital funding against the fund – for example to make an early capital investment in a project agreed by the Board, the repayment of which would be through future year funding.
- 5.3 The Council will provide regular financial and budgetary reporting to the Neighbourhood Board alongside an annual Budget and Financial Statement..
- 5.4 The Council will have to perform its own governance in relation to the Investment Plan and programme funding, in addition to engagement with the Board, to ensure compliance and as part of the Assurance Framework.
- 5.5 The Council will appoint a Programme Director, who will be funded by the Plan for Neighbourhoods Fund, who will provide support to the Board and coordinate activity. The Council's Director of Place and Communities will act as line manager and ensure performance management.
- 5.6 In accordance with the Government's Guidance, the Council's Section 151 Officer (the Assistant Director for Finance and Resources) will be required to submit to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) a Statement of Grant Usage and an Assurance Letter. These assurance documents will also include '*compliance checks to ensure the governance requirements around the Town Board are being met.*'

³The Secretariat means the administration of meetings – i.e. agendas, minutes, arranging meeting dates and venues



- 5.7 The Assurance and Compliance Team within DLUHC will undertake a range of checks, on a risk and sample basis, which the Council will be required to engage with and support this process.
- 5.8 The Government's Internal Audit Agency will act as a third line of assurance on the overall DLUHC programme.
- 5.9 The Council will administer the Investment Fund in accordance with its Financial Regulations as set out in its Constitution
<https://castlepoint.cmis.uk.com/castlepoint/Documents/PublicDocuments.aspx>

6.0 Exclusions

- 6.1 The Neighbourhood Board will not:
- Establish itself as a legal entity.
 - Directly hold funding or act as the delivery vehicle for funded projects.
 - Comment on or influence any planning or regulatory decisions of statutory body.
 - Act in the capacity as a planning policy authority and all plans, master plans or policy statement associated with the programme, will, as is normal, be approved by the local planning authority.



Appendix One

Chair Person Specification

Purpose of the Role

- To lead the Neighbourhood Board in the preparation and delivery of the Investment Plan that will set out how the investment of £20 million of Government Funding will provide sustained benefits for Canvey Island and the impact on the wider Borough
- To be the lead advocate of the programme at a local, regional and national level
- To chair the Neighbourhood Board and drive the debate and discussion to ensure that decisions are made in a timely manner and the programme is maintained
- To guide and work with a programme director on the strategic use of the £20 million funding working closely with the local Council as the Accountable Body, and oversight of the project programme
- To support the appointment of Board members in consultation with the Neighbourhood Board and ensure that the Board members' conflicts of interest are identified and addressed
- To ensure that the Board is dynamic, focussed on the purpose and allows for transparency upholding Nolan principles of public life (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life/the-7-principles-of-public-life--2>)
- To uphold the Terms of Reference of the Neighbourhood Board
- To represent the brand of the Neighbourhood Board and be the face of the Board within the local community, the media and with partners

Person specification

- You display the drive and ambition for the benefit of the local community
- You are an established and respected leader within the borough of Castle Point, preferably Canvey Island
- You have a track record of partnership working including chairing meetings
- You have strong advocacy skills and strong leadership, including conflict resolution
- You are not an MP or Councillor
- You demonstrate confidentiality, respect and trust
- You have the capacity



- You have experience of providing oversight of complex budgets



Appendix Two

Code of Conduct for Board Members

Members are expected to adhere to the Seven Principles of Public Life (“The Nolan Principles”). These principles, set out below, ensure that the Board members conduct themselves to the highest public standards.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-7-principles-of-public-life/the-7-principles-of-public-life--2>

The Seven Principles of Public Life

The Seven Principles of Public Life (also known as the Nolan Principles) apply to anyone who works as a public office-holder. This includes all those who are elected or appointed to public office, nationally and locally, and all people appointed to work in the Civil Service, local government, the police, courts and probation services, non-departmental public bodies (NDPBs), and in the health, education, social and care services. All public office-holders are both servants of the public and stewards of public resources. The principles also apply to all those in other sectors delivering public services.

1.1 Selflessness

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

1.2 Integrity

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must declare and resolve any interests and relationships.

1.3 Objectivity

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

1.4 Accountability

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

1.5 Openness

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.



1.6 Honesty

Holders of public office should be truthful.

1.7 Leadership

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour and treat others with respect. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.



Appendix Three

Register of Interest

Members of the Neighbourhood Board must declare any interests which they consider could impact on decisions and their role on the Board. Castle Point Borough Council has a declaration of interest policy in place as set out in the Council's Constitution (May 2024).

This is set out below.

If a member of the Neighbourhood Board believes they do have a conflict, they should consult with the Council's Monitoring Officer.

'Registering and Disclosing Interests'

*Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories of **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories of **Other Registerable Interests**.*

"Disclosable pecuniary interest" means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in **Table 1** below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up to date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have



been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in Table 2), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in Table 1) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which affects –

- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
- b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
- c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2**

you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied:

9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) affects the financial interest or



well-being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

10. Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or that is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it

Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial



Subject	Description
	<i>interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.</i>
<i>Land and Property</i>	<i>Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.</i>
<i>Licences</i>	<i>Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer</i>
<i>Corporate Tenancies</i>	<i>Any tenancy where (to the councillor's knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.</i>
<i>Securities</i>	<i>Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where (a) that body (to the councillor's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a</i>



Subject	Description
	<i>beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</i>

* 'director' includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* 'securities' means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2: Other Registrable Interests

<p><i>You must register as an Other Registerable Interest</i></p> <p><i>a) any unpaid directorships</i></p> <p><i>b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority</i></p> <p><i>c) any body</i></p> <p><i>(i) exercising functions of a public nature</i></p> <p><i>(ii) directed to charitable purposes or</i></p> <p><i>(iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)</i></p> <p><i>of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.'</i></p>
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