

Your chance to influence changes to your neighbourhood around Roman Road, Bow.

Have you heard about the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan?

The Government's Localism Act now gives us all the chance to influence how our neighbourhood develops in the future through a Neighbourhood Plan. A group of local residents, businesses and community organisations are forming a Neighbourhood Forum and have started to think about what a Neighbourhood Plan for the Roman Road area in Bow might say, making sure that what we think is special now, stays special.

Do you live or work in or around the area around Roman Road in Bow?

The Neighbourhood Plan will affect the area in which you live or work. We want to be sure that what goes in the plan is what local people want. The map overleaf shows which parts of Bow the Neighbourhood Plan area covers. It extends to the boundary of Victoria Park to the north, Bow Road to the south, the A12 to the east and the Regent's Canal to the west.



Let's plan our neighbourhood

together: We would like your help to shape the policies and projects that will make up our local Neighbourhood Plan. There are lots of ways to get involved: come to an event, send in your ideas or join the Neighbourhood Forum. We are also happy to come and speak with groups of neighbours or colleagues if you would like to invite us.

You'll get to vote on it later:

What is good about the Neighbourhood Plan is that once it is written, residents and businesses within the boundary can vote on it. Voting for the Neighbourhood Plan will mean local opinion is included in the planning process, as it will be used by the Council when deciding about future investment and development in the local area.

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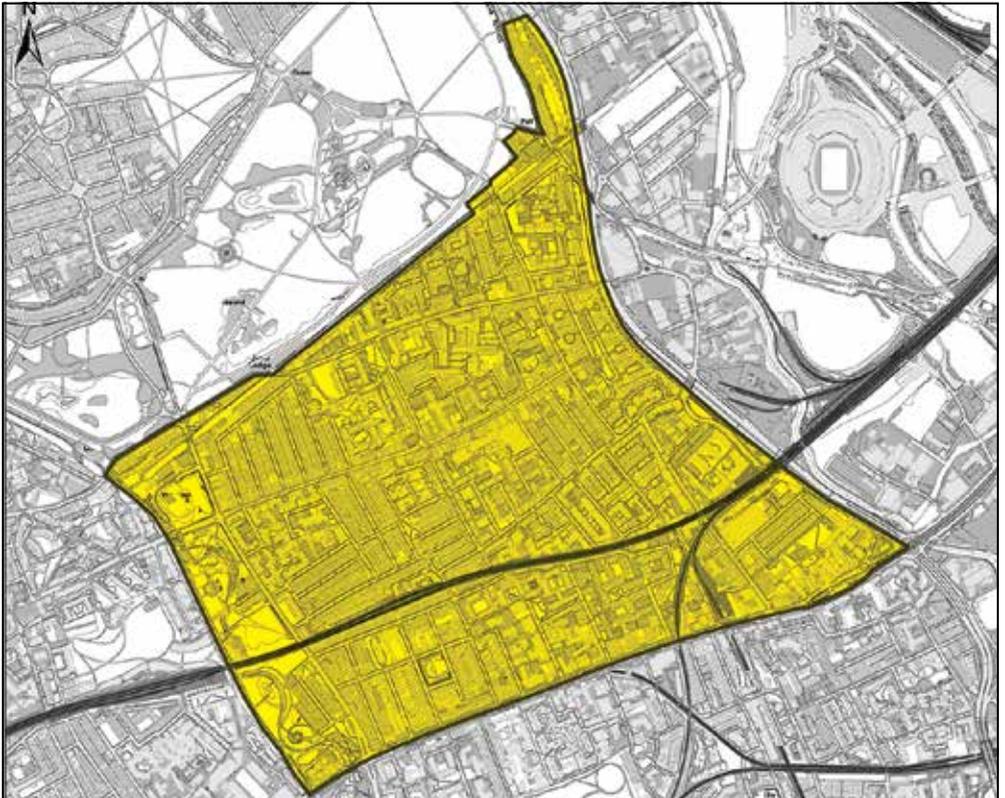
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What can the Roman Road Bow Neighbourhood Plan do?

It can help create a cohesive community built around a flourishing high street through the following activities:

1. Working towards a safer and cleaner neighbourhood
2. Improving connectivity and accessibility around the area
3. Supporting our local businesses and traders
4. Transforming underused spaces, improving our public realm and creating more green and open spaces
5. Increasing community facilities
6. Ensuring development enriches our community and high street
7. Protecting the area's heritage and celebrating our diverse identities and cultures





We think our neighbourhood is a special place

The neighbourhood around Roman Road in Bow is a place of many identities and communities. For many this area is best known for its traditional street market, Roman Road Market. Within this neighbourhood are found smaller communities with clusters of shops that have their own identity, including Old Ford to the north, Bow Church to the south-east and Mile End Old Town to the south-west. We have two tube stations, Mile End and Bow Road.

Like much of East London our housing is a patchwork of post-war housing estates, Victorian terraces and a historic Georgian square. More recently, thousands of new homes have been built in the last 30 years, and thousands more are planned in adjacent neighbourhoods, particularly in Fish Island.

Unifying this rich and diverse neighbourhood is our high street, fondly nicknamed The Roman. With 240 shops and 260 market pitches, it is the size of a not-so-small town. Like many high streets, businesses on Roman Road have struggled over recent years. However there is still a good mix of long-established businesses as well as a growing number of new traders serving an expanding population.

We need to support that growth, develop our communities and improve the high street, but not at the expense of the character and heritage that makes our local area special. By working together as a community on The Neighbourhood Plan we can help to keep that balance.

Please look at the website, come to a consultation event and help us to get our plan right!

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