

# Social legacy & environment

British Land is a long term investor and are committed to working with the community to ensure that the Masterplan delivers a range of long-term benefits for those who live, work and visit here, both now and in the future.

## A LONG-TERM SHARED VISION

Over the past three years of consultation and conversations we have been gathering local knowledge, developing an understanding of the many fantastic organisations and opportunities there are locally, and importantly where challenges or gaps may lie.

The Canada Water Masterplan is a long term project and we intend to own and manage the spaces and places created, and ensure the masterplan is properly integrated into the local area. This creates a unique opportunity over the next 15 to 20 years to create a new piece of the city which everyone can find their place in – by connecting with the local community, enhancing local skills, creating opportunities, growing local businesses and enlivening Canada Water, well beyond our red line boundary.

See board 08a for some of our current projects and ideas which are helping to inform the strategy.



Sketch view of the Park Walk, with shops, businesses and homes.

## IN THE MEANTIME...

The Canada Water Masterplan will be built in phases over 15-20 years. It's important that the area remains activated and that the community is part of what is being created. Below are some examples of temporary uses already underway and these will continue to grow:



Printworks Paper Garden, Global Generation



Printworks used as an exhibition & events venue



Time & Talents and the CWM Hub

## ECOLOGY, ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY

Our commitment is to have a positive impact on the environment: improving biodiversity and water quality; not adversely impacting air quality, reducing water consumption and using resources efficiently. We will work with existing groups such as Friends of Russia Dock Woodland / Southwark Park and external advisors such as Southwark Living Streets and Wildfowl & Wetlands Trust to develop plans and test ideas.

### ECOLOGY & BIODIVERSITY

- Incorporating significantly more trees and plants, with a priority on native species or suitable non-natives with a proven biodiversity benefit.
- Protect and enhance the SINC (Site of Importance for Nature Conservation) designation of the Canada Water Dock, and sensitively address the management of the reed beds for nesting birds.
- Create a network of greenspaces and habitat routes, with wildlife-friendly lighting and a range of nesting areas.

### ENERGY

- The energy strategy will be reviewed and updated throughout the development to ensure it offers the most appropriate carbon efficient approach.
- A number of options are being considered for providing the energy for the site; these include connection to local district heating networks, as well as on-site energy generation. The final strategy will be selected based on a rigorous assessment of the carbon emissions, energy efficiency, feasibility and construction phasing.
- It is likely that the masterplan will need to accommodate a primary sub station and energy centre/s. We are currently reviewing options for providing these.

## ECONOMY & EMPLOYMENT

Creating a new economic centre for Southwark, home to a range of employment opportunities and wide variety of businesses and workspace is a fundamental ambition of the project. British Land's vision is that major employers can thrive side-by-side with start-ups and independent businesses bringing a range of employment and opportunities to do business. The completed scheme expects to provide up to 20,000 jobs and approximately 1,800 (full time equivalent) roles in construction would be generated over the development period.

### OUR POLICIES AND CHARTERS

Building on our existing policies below, we will develop a bespoke sustainability strategy for the Canada Water Masterplan.

- **A Sustainability Brief for Development**  
Ensuring that the masterplan delivers positive environmental changes and achieves the highest levels of sustainability.
- **Supply Chain Charter**  
Enabling local businesses, suppliers and contractors have to benefit from the masterplan's supply chain.
- **Our Local Charter**  
Delivering a masterplan that creates outstanding places, meeting the community's needs and ambitions.

The physical environment, play, health and wellbeing are all linked to social legacy, more information is on board 09 and throughout the exhibition.

## LOCAL INVESTMENT &amp; LEGACY

Early work to deliver the masterplan's legacy is already underway. We're piloting ideas, continuing to learn more and building relationships with a number of community partners to help understand how and where we should focus our energies and investment to deliver long term social, economic and community benefit. We have been thinking about the Canada Water Masterplan's legacy in four broad ways, below are some examples of our projects in each area:



Young Farmers at Surrey Docks Farm



Members of the British Land team assist Bacon's College students with their UrbanPlan projects



Volunteers at Bede House Garden as part of British Land's annual community day

## EDUCATION

## Working with schools and young people, investing in education to help access employment.

**Global Generation:** We are working with Global Generation, an environmental education charity that supports young people to make a social and environmental difference by involving them in the co-creation of public spaces. They are working with local schools and community organisations, running educational workshops. Also setting up the 'Paper Garden' community space in the Printworks, which will host making, gardening, cooking and storytelling workshops; linking to employment and training opportunities for young people.

**Bacon's College and the Urban Land Institute's UrbanPlanUK programme:** Members of the masterplan team run workshops as part of the programme, which aim to bring urban planning and development to life through a challenging scenario projects.

**National Literacy Trust:** British Land has supported the National Literacy Trusts' to support its Young Reader's Programme for over five years at various sites across the UK, including Surrey Quays. The programme encourages reading with fun literacy-focused sessions and free books to take home. This year the programme is working locally with Rotherhithe, Albion and Southwark Park Primary schools.

## EMPLOYMENT

## Sustainable opportunities for employment and training for local residents including apprenticeships.

**Bermondsey Community Kitchen:** We support the Bermondsey Community Kitchen, a not-for-profit project to provide free training and opportunities in catering to local young people who are in long-term unemployment.

**Southwark Career Ready programme:** This works with three local schools – Bacon's College, St Michael's and City of London Academy - linking their students to employers through mentoring, master classes and internships to help them reach their potential. We've been on the Local Advisory Board of the cluster since the start, and five British Land colleagues are currently mentoring Year 12 students through the programme.

## BUSINESS

## Supporting local business and enterprise to strengthen the local economy.

We are members of the **Southwark Chamber of Commerce** and last year hosted a business breakfast, discussing our vision for business as part of the Canada Water Masterplan and beginning a conversation about supply chain opportunities for local enterprises.

We've also supported the **'Scandi Arts' fair** at Albion Street in 2016, and are currently developing further projects to support our local high streets.

## COMMUNITY &amp; CULTURE

## Supporting activities which bring the community and businesses together to continue to deliver on these objectives.

**Time & Talents at the CWM Hub:** Community charity Time & Talents will take on the Consultation Hub at Surrey Quays Shopping Centre, bringing the space to life when it is not being used for masterplan consultation. They will host a wide variety of events, including crafting workshops, family activities and community parties, as well as renting the space to third parties to deliver community activities in line with their ethos and aims.

**Volunteering:** Each year, British Land staff spend a day volunteering on local projects. In the last three years we've had hundreds of staff involved, including at Bede House, Surrey Docks Farm, Brunel Museum and Bacon's College. Several of our colleagues are also governors in local schools. We are always looking for ways that our staff and suppliers can get involved in the local community - please share any ideas!

**Sponsorship:** We are long-time supporters of the Rotherhithe Festival, Docklands Jnr Football, Surrey Docks Young Farmers, and the main shirt sponsors of Fisher FC, among others.

## NEXT STEPS

We will be thinking further about the Canada Water Masterplan's social and economic legacy in the coming months and further developing our strategy alongside local stakeholders. We would value your input and feedback on these broad focus areas, and ideas you have for priorities or initiatives; if you have any comments then please make a note of these on your feedback form, or speak to a member of staff, and do ensure you sign-up for updates.