

# Living, Playing, Creating

Living, Playing, Creating is about developing a sustainable mix of uses for the Royal Docks and its surrounding areas, which balances industry, with new homes, jobs and cultural uses. Building more housing in well-connected places can help to address local community needs and provide a range of high quality, genuinely affordable homes for local people. Cultural uses include not only the arts, but also creative industries and participation in public space and social life. These cultural uses reflect the traditions and heritage of the diverse communities in the Royal Docks.

## What we have heard so far...

**The highest priority is** for social spaces, including pubs, cafés, restaurants as well as community events and projects.

**The most memorable events for local people** include both local community events and large scale celebratory events such as the Fireworks and Newham Show.

**20% of responses indicated** they would like to have more cultural activities locally, including: cinema, museums, art galleries, theatre, music and dance.

**Knowing what is happening in the area is a priority for local people** and is a key enabler for joining in cultural activities. 33% of responses would like more information about things to do.

**People would like to see** new shops and markets in the Royal Docks and surrounds.

People felt that **parks and green spaces are underused or neglected** across the Royal Docks.



From the local community

Britannia Village Workshop 09.09.19 Photo by Kiron Ponnath

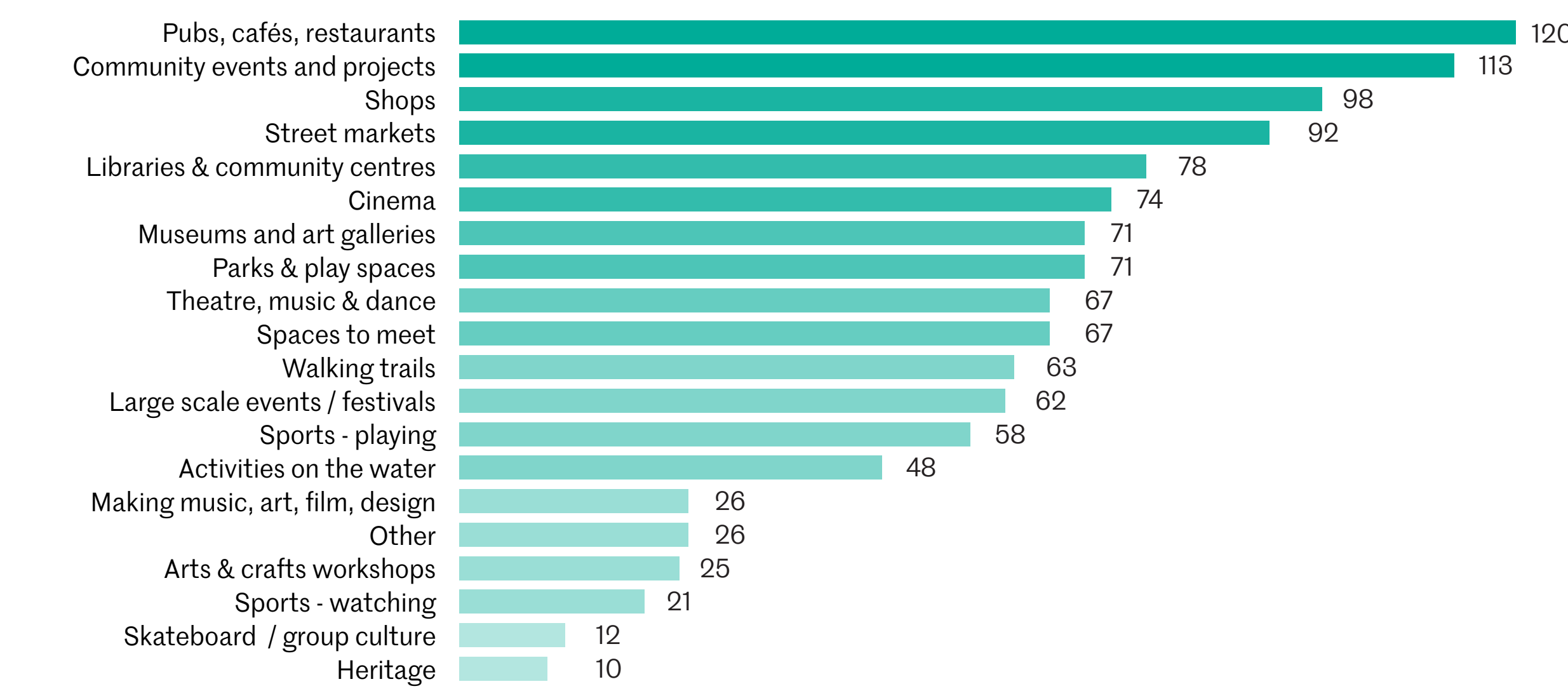
**Celebrating what is unique and rich** about the Royal Docks is very important

**A major event** to draw together all the cultural activity in the Royal Docks would help put it on the map.

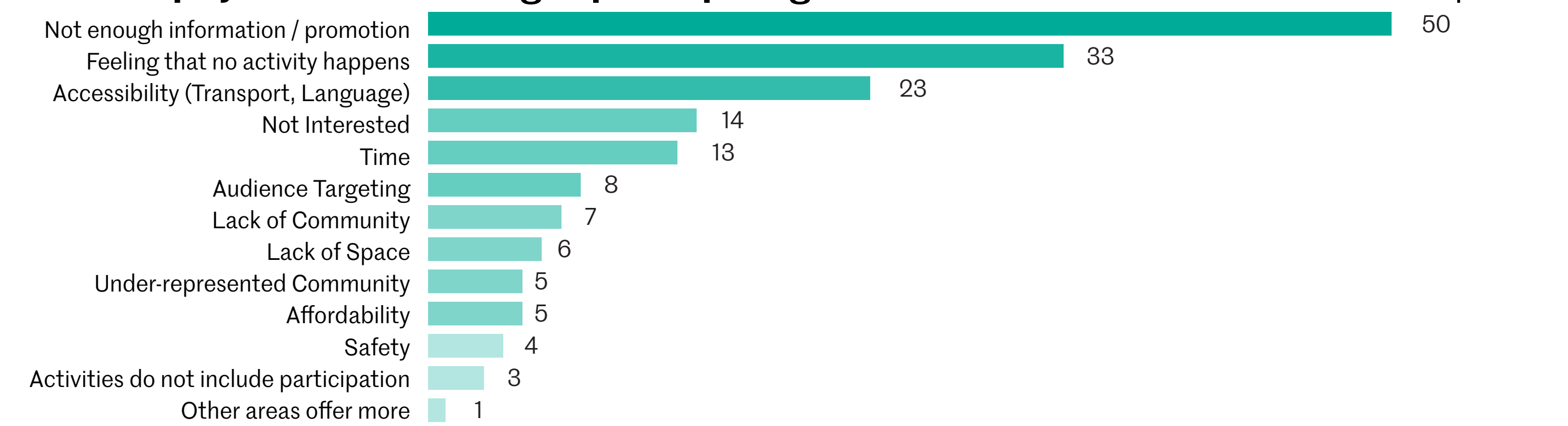
The **natural and wild landscapes** are a heritage asset and should be made more of.

From local stakeholders

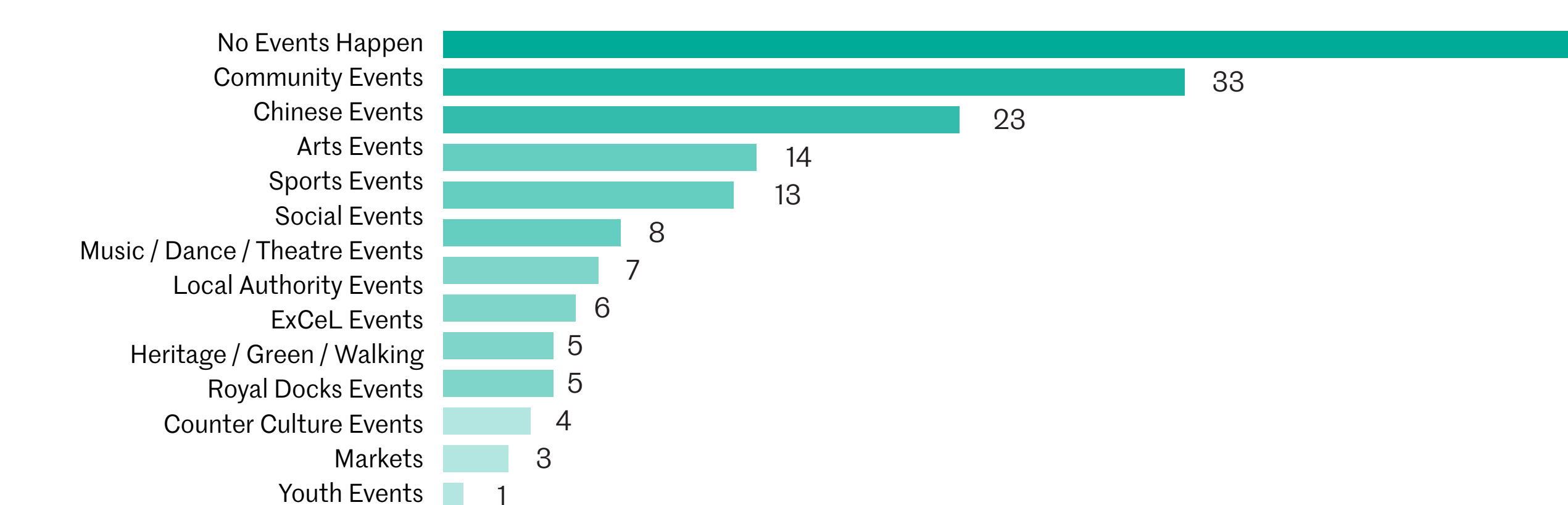
**What activities would you like to see more of in the Royal Docks & surrounding area?** Choose 5 (1,203 responses)



**What stops you from accessing or participating in arts and culture in the area?** (185 responses)



**Tell us about an enjoyable cultural experience you have had in the last year in the area** (178 responses)



## Continuing the conversation...

We want to continue the conversation in today's workshop. Here are some example images and opportunities for improvement to inspire our discussion. Tell us what you think of these observations and examples. Do you have any other suggestions?

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**Plenty to see and do**  
Animating public space and the Docks to increase the cultural offer.

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**Events**  
Making the Royal Docks a place for both larger scale and smaller scale community events.

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**What is happening in the area**  
Creating a local newspaper and welcome hubs to connect communities and communicate about events what is happening in the Royal Docks.

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**Community green spaces**  
Encouraging the use of green space with increased community activity.

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**Markets**  
Celebrating diverse cultures and creativity in the Royal Docks.

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**Performance**  
Activating the Royal Docks through events and establishing it as a destination.

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**Activities for young people**  
Increased cultural, creative and social activities for young people in the area.

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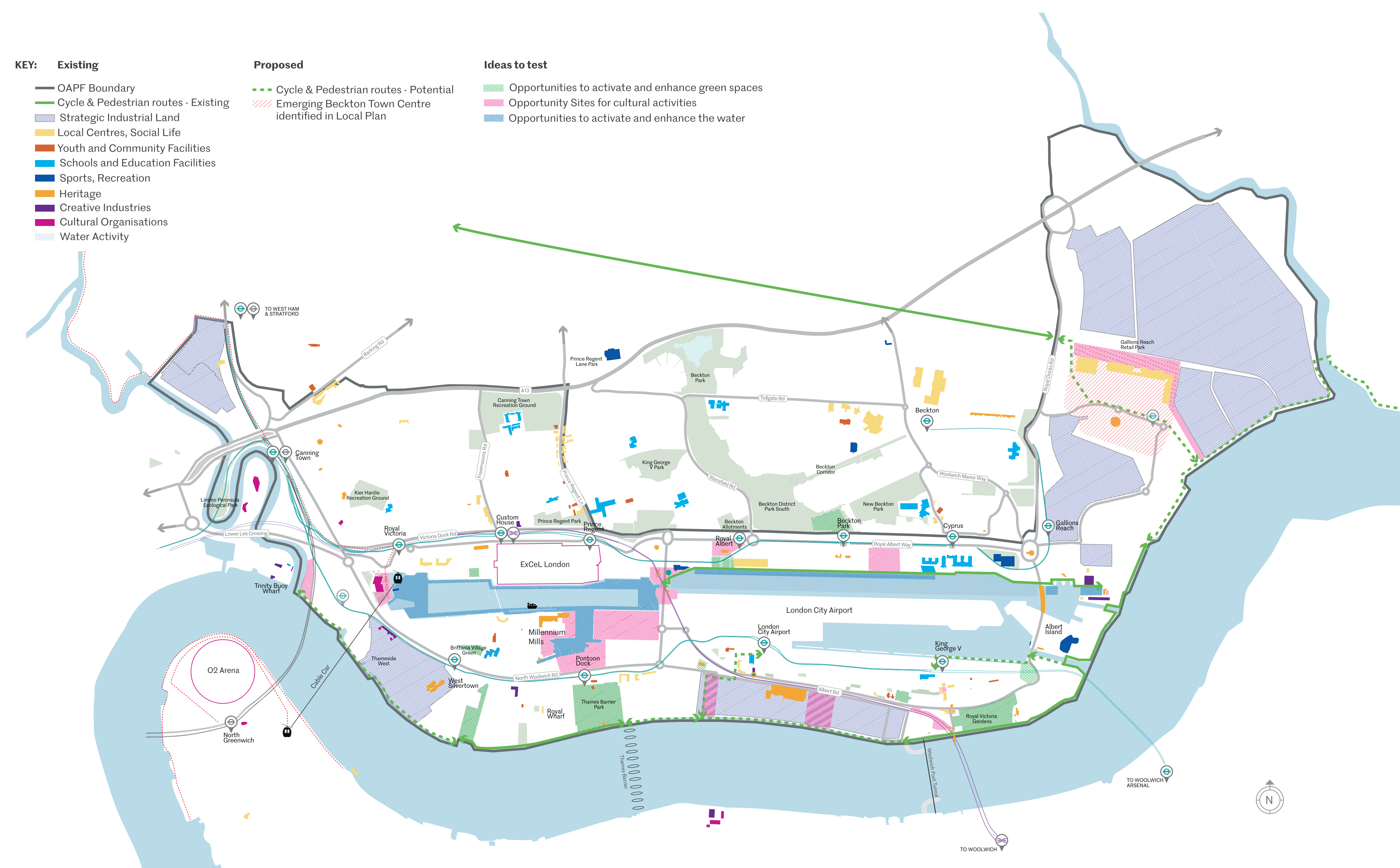
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**Heritage assets**  
Celebrating the natural and man-made history, heritage and stories of the docks.

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