

(By email)

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Dear

Thank you for putting your concerns into writing and contacting the Mayor about this issue, which was received by the Greater London Authority on 1 June 2022.

I understand that you are looking for further information on the Good Growth Fund grant awarded to the London Borough of Enfield for their 'Fore Street, Angel Edmonton' town centre regeneration project. Unfortunately the GLA does not hold all of the information you have requested, however we can provide the following information in response to your recent correspondence:

1. Why would the Council library qualify for part of this grant?

One of the ten actions of the Mayor's Good Growth Fund is to 'Develop Civic Infrastructure' by revitalising underused public buildings, such as libraries, to expand public access and develop a more multi-use offer.

As part of the project, the existing Fore Street library is being transformed into a new 'Urban Room' to create much needed community space and connect Enfield's regeneration team with the community for engagement events. The approach will expand the opening hours of the library and boost the local night time economy, helping to improve safety at night.

2. Further details on the engagement process that was adopted including which groups and schools were involved.

The priorities and approaches for the project were informed from a range of engagement events including:

- A series of resident engagement events on the Joyce & Snells estate
- A series of public engagement events hosted at the Angel Community Centre, Enfield Grammar School, IKEA Edmonton, Albany Park Fun Day and Edmonton Green Library
- Interviews, individual meetings and walk-arounds with high street businesses and local workspace operators
- Feedback through the digital engagement platform 'Let's Talk Angel Edmonton'
- Meetings with community groups
- Public exhibition at Fore Street Library

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For further details on the engagement events and the specific names of schools, businesses and community groups involved please contact the team at Enfield Council:
neighbourhoodregeneration@enfield.gov.uk

3. Further details of the public realm interventions including a justification of their appropriateness.

Enfield Council are in the process of commissioning a spatial plan for Fore Street to consider the short-, medium- and long-term improvements that will accompany the wider development planned in the area, future-proof the high street and mitigate the impact on local residents and businesses.

The public realm interventions proposed as part of the Good Growth Fund project have been developed to signal the wide scale development that is planned for the area and focuses on areas of the high street that local people have identified as a key priority. The interventions have also been used as a method to have meaningful conversations about the future of the town centre and provide the foundations for the spatial plan that is in development.

4. Why are the Council calling it 'the installation of the wall'?

I understand this term refers to the installation of the wall artwork, rather than the installation of the wall itself.

5. What is a laundry yard?

The term 'laundry yard' is used to refer to the historic use and/ or previous activity of the site. The disused laundry yard and garage site on Snell's Park, within the Joyce and Snells Estate, is where the proposed 'Angel Yard' affordable commercial space will be located.

6. A detailed breakdown of the Good Growth Fund grant allocation.

The £1,100,000 Good Growth Fund grant is contributing to five different elements of the project costs as follows:

- General project management costs and administration
- Urban Room: The refurbishment of the existing library on Fore Street to create an engagement space for community and cultural events alongside traditional library activities.
- Public Realm Interventions: public art installations at targeted spots along the high street
- Angel Yard: creation of low cost affordable commercial space
- Air Quality: public realm and street improvements to reduce vehicle emissions and create a 'School Street' at St John & St James Church of England Primary School.

The project is still in progress, however spend to date against each of these elements is as follows:

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| Project Management | 64,849.44 |
| Urban Room (Library) | 186,471.56 |
| Public Realm Interventions | 101,255.50 |
| Angel Yard | 149,697.93 |

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Air Quality

| **108,125.40** |

In addition it is forecast that approximately £333k will be spent on the Angel Yard affordable workspace this year, and a further £156k will be spent on the Air Quality improvements.

Please note, this breakdown only represents a proportion of the total project costs. Further information on project costs need to be requested from the team at Enfield Council:

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If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, ensuring that you quote the reference in the subject line of this email.

Kind regards

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