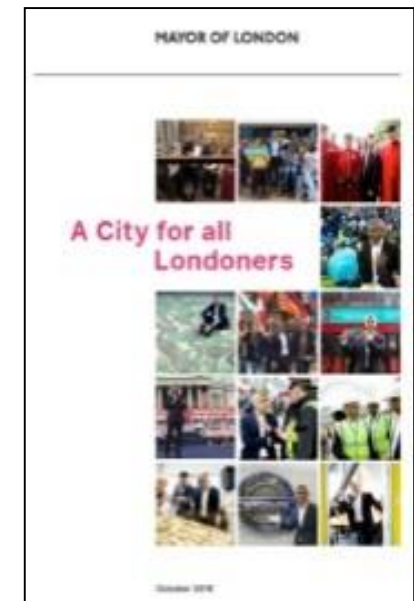
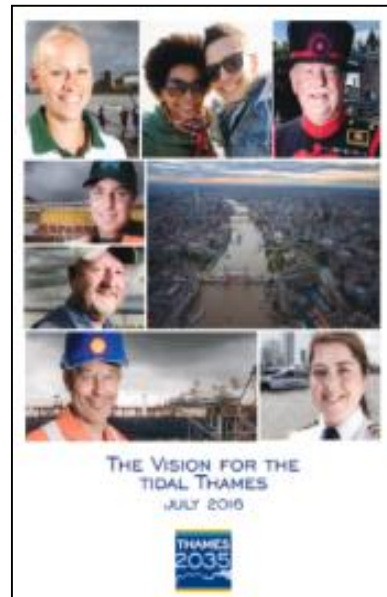


AN OVERVIEW OF THE THAMES AND LONDON WATERWAYS FORUM



CONTEXT OF PEOPLE AND PLACES WORKING GROUP



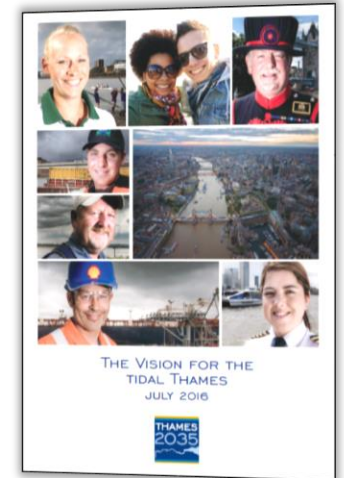
- Mayor's Transport Strategy and London Environment Strategy
- River Cultural Strategy
- London Plan
- Port of London Authority's Thames Vision

CONTEXT OF PEOPLE AND PLACES WORKING GROUP:

PLA VISION FOR THE THAMES 2035



**20 year vision
with 6 key goals:**



- **Port of London: more trade, more jobs**
- **Inland Freight: more goods off roads onto the river**
- **Passenger Transport: more journeys**
- **Sport and Recreation: more participants**
- **Environment and Heritage: improved tidal Thames environment**
- **Community and Culture: more people enjoying the Thames and its banks**

LINK TO THE LONDON ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY:

- Reduce freight movements by road, more use of cargo bikes for last mile deliveries
- Increase levels of London's waste transported by river: cut road emissions and congestion

• PLA Target: Double river patronage to 20m p.a. by 2035

• Supports Mayoral target of 80% of all journeys being made by PT, cycling or walking by 2041

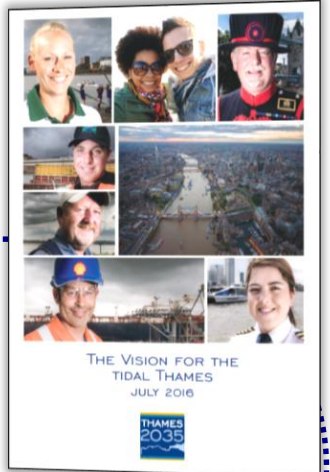
LINK TO MAYORAL HEALTHY STREETS OBJECTIVES

LINK TO THE LONDON ENVIRONMENT STRATEGY:

- Reduce freight movements by road, more use of cargo bikes for last mile deliveries
- Reduce emission levels on the Thames, tributaries and canals

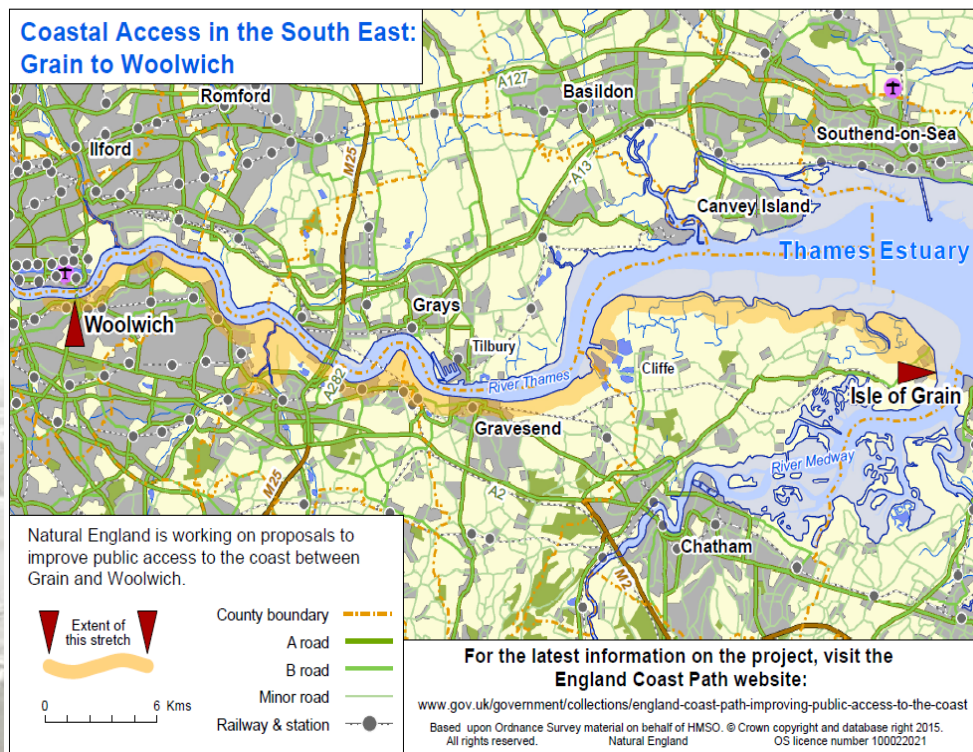
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LINK TO RIVER CULTURAL STRATEGY

PLA THAMES VISION: SPORT & RECREATION – MORE PARTICIPANTS

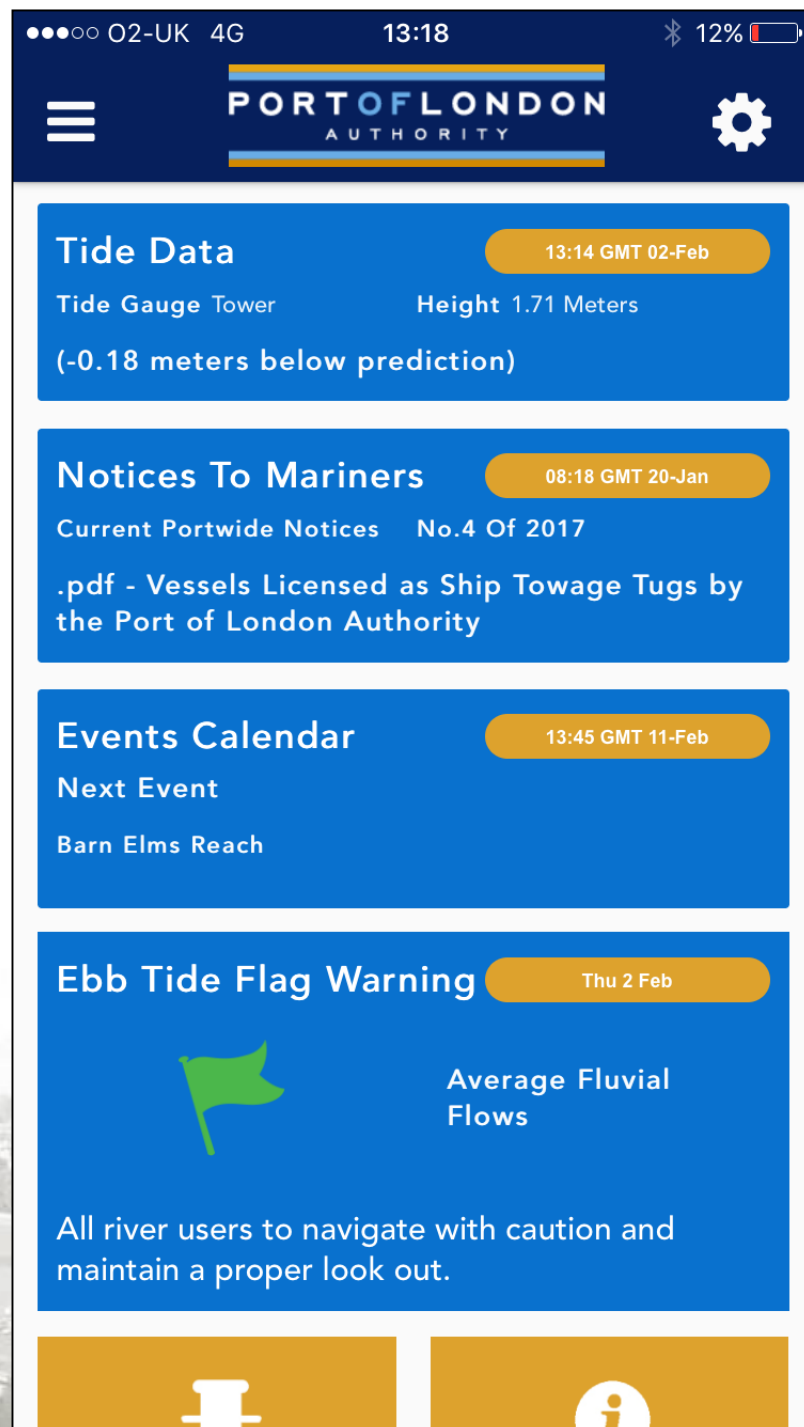


Greater participation in sport and recreation on and alongside the water:

- 140+ sport and recreation clubs along the Thames
- 19,000 people take part in watersports
- 70% of UK rowing is on the Thames
- First sports participation survey completed
- Sport England and London Sport on board to double participation

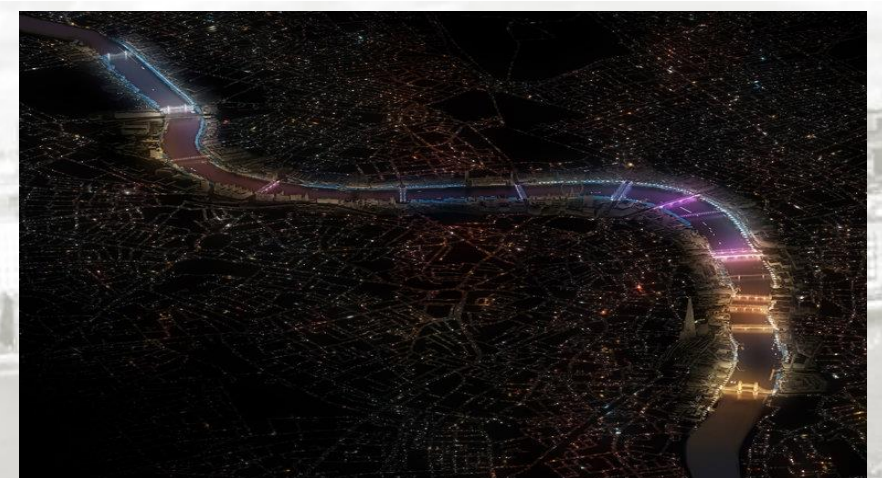
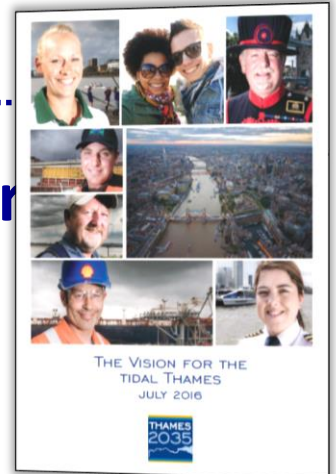


PLA THAMES VISION: COMMUNITY & CULTURE – MORE PEOPLE ENJOYING THE THAMES AND ITS BANKS

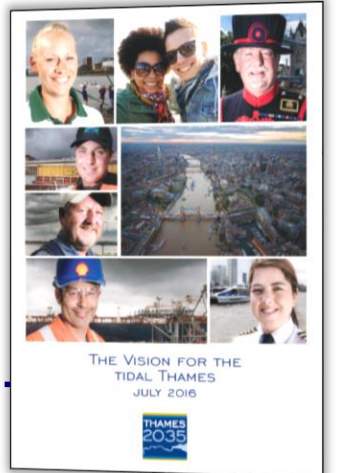


A riverside which is a magnet for ramblers, historians, artists and others, whether living nearby, on the river or travelling from further afield.

- Only river in the world to host four UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- River Thames is in the top 3 Visitor Attractions in London



PLA THAMES VISION: ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE – IMPROVED TIDAL THAMES ENVIRONMENT



The river the cleanest since the Industrial Revolution, with improved habitats and awareness of heritage.

- **125 fish species, over 900 seals and visits from 300,000 overwintering birds every year**
- **Up to 300 tonnes of rubbish is recovered from the Thames each year.**



PRIORITIES AND OUTPUTS

- Review outputs from Forum launch event
- Growing sports, leisure and recreation on and alongside the waterways for all Londoners
- Culture
- Education, environment and community
- Water safety and security

Questions
People and Places

Decreasing impact on the historic environment whilst accommodating the increases in freight and passenger transport

Need to think about the things people care about as well as transport. This must consider stewardship of the land and riverbanks, environmental issues and historic access to the river...are these issues going to be covered in depth? Will they be supported by the Mayor?

Can the GLA/TfL strategies link with Government Cultural objectives (Culture Paper, 2016) to promote opportunities in the Culture Sector for 'global standards'?

Need for local people with 'Thames Passion' who have worked on the 3 Thames Strategies – will the Mayor support them?

Providing interpretation on the history & archaeology of the river is important...it is significantly greater than 2,000 years!

The London Plan needs to focus on how waterside developments can create great places – and the benefits for health and wellbeing

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How do we encourage media interest in Thames events?

Ensure the correct information is collected on safety e.g. British Canoeing are leasers in river sport safety

Does 'People & Places' include consideration of environmental improvements? Particularly dealing pollution/plastic waste

Celebrating our unique status – The Thames is the leading global river for the World Heritage Sites with FOUR!

Thames Waterways Forum