Old Moat: Age-friendly Action Plan Overview

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**Density Hugh End and Gateway Park**
- Improve key crossing points to Hugh End at the junctions with Palatine Road, Withington Park Road and Mauldeth Road, and the junction with Mauldeth Road, and potentially the Acorus Estate.
- Improve park facilities e.g. gym, bowling green, improved benches, planting and games areas.
- Establish residents led promotion to preserve, ownership and management of spaces.
- Create interconnected pedestrian flow between Hugh and fields.
- Investigate connecting park on Hugh End with improved Princess Road to transport nodes, including benches, lighting, long crossing times and better road treatments.
- Improve urban design to increase area value. This should include better public space and green design, as well as improved access to facilities and improved physical indicators of density.
- Formation of groups around specific issues and ideas for a more local basis. Old Moat, for example could see a new community group.
- Ensure older people are included as full partners in community decisions which affect their interests.

**Hugh End Playing Fields**
When deciding on Hugh End Playing Fields:
- Consider covered spaces / as part of new public spaces.
- Ensure public open space and transport nodes.
- Use community hub to provide and promote assistive technologies.
- Develop community garden initiative with raised beds, as a number of businesses around Withington Centre are involved with community gardening initiatives.
- Public space.
- Promote the social side of library service through integrated communication strategy.
- Provide opportunities for residents to take over role in improving and maintaining spaces.
- Promote the increased use of Old Moat Park.

**Establish Older Person-Focused Activities at the Library**
- Establish primary and secondary route linking Whittington district centre and the centre of the estate, and key assets such as the Acorus and Hugh End centre and the Cowgate.
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**New Public Spaces**
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Build on the strong reputation and penetration of existing bus services around Old Moat.

Investigate options for diversifying housing stock and increasing provision of specialist housing within the area. This might include:

- Higher density developments (after assessing bus and rail services benefits to the area)
- Lower density homes, accessible for younger people
- Social care units

Develop sustainable transport options for local needs.

Establish residents panel/working group.

Identify potential local partners to help projects get off the ground.

Establish further links with existing scheme residents and service users to help them make their homes safer/wider.

Respect and Improved Social Inclusion

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