

LINEAR PARK E11 : PLOT LINES

Call-out for former residents' stories

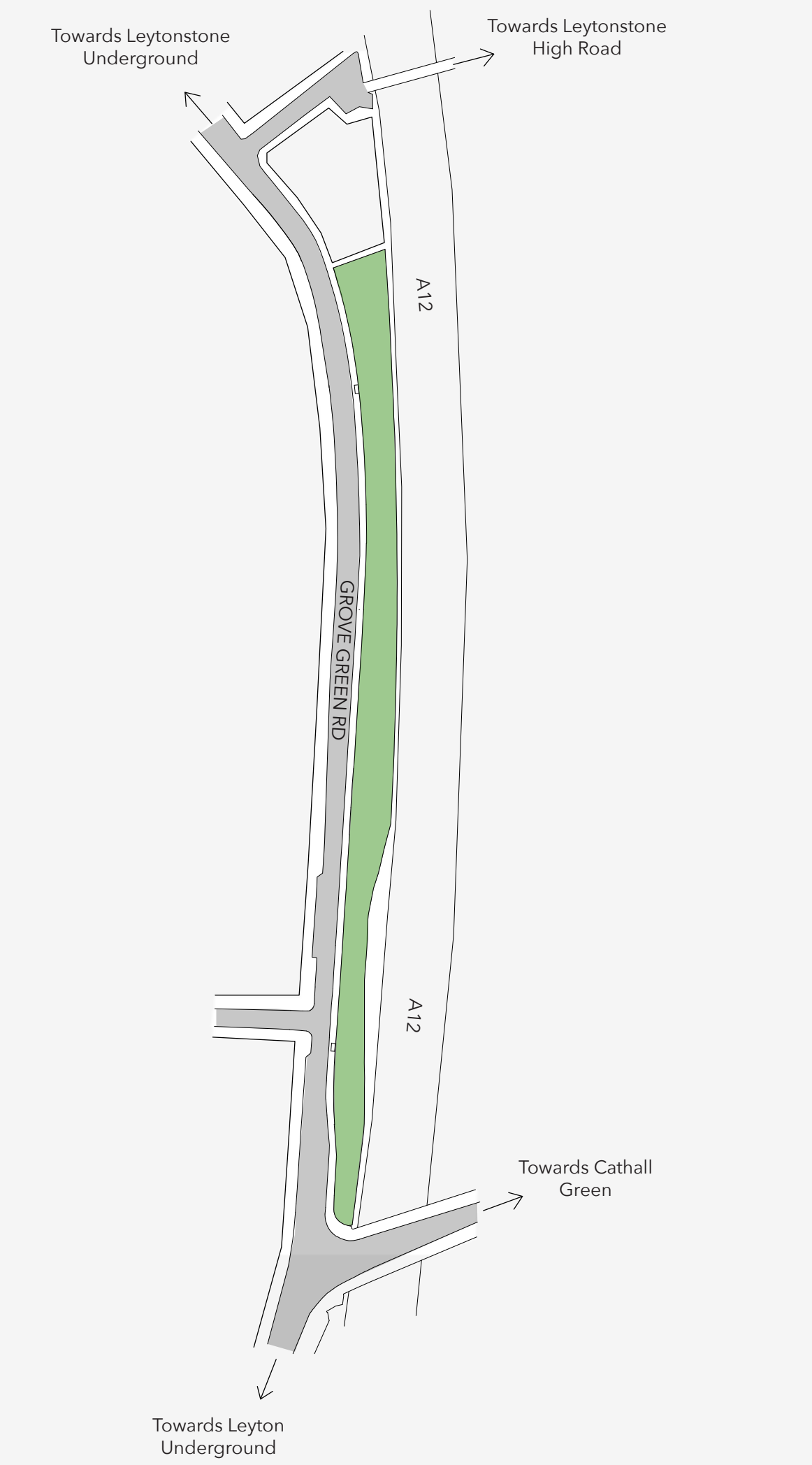
A project by Matter Architecture & Lucy Harrison

This online PDF map of the Linear Park will act as an archive of information gathered through the workshops and will be updated regularly.

The Left-hand side of this page describes the project and the process behind it. The Right-hand side is a clickable map to view the stories relating to the former buildings on Grove Green Rd.

Stories and information we gather will be added to the map, via a clickable coloured plot, leading to a page containing the information gathered.

If you wish to find out more about the project or share stories, please contact Lucy Harrison at linearparkplotlines@gmail.com or call 07537 180033



Plot Lines proposal for Linear Park

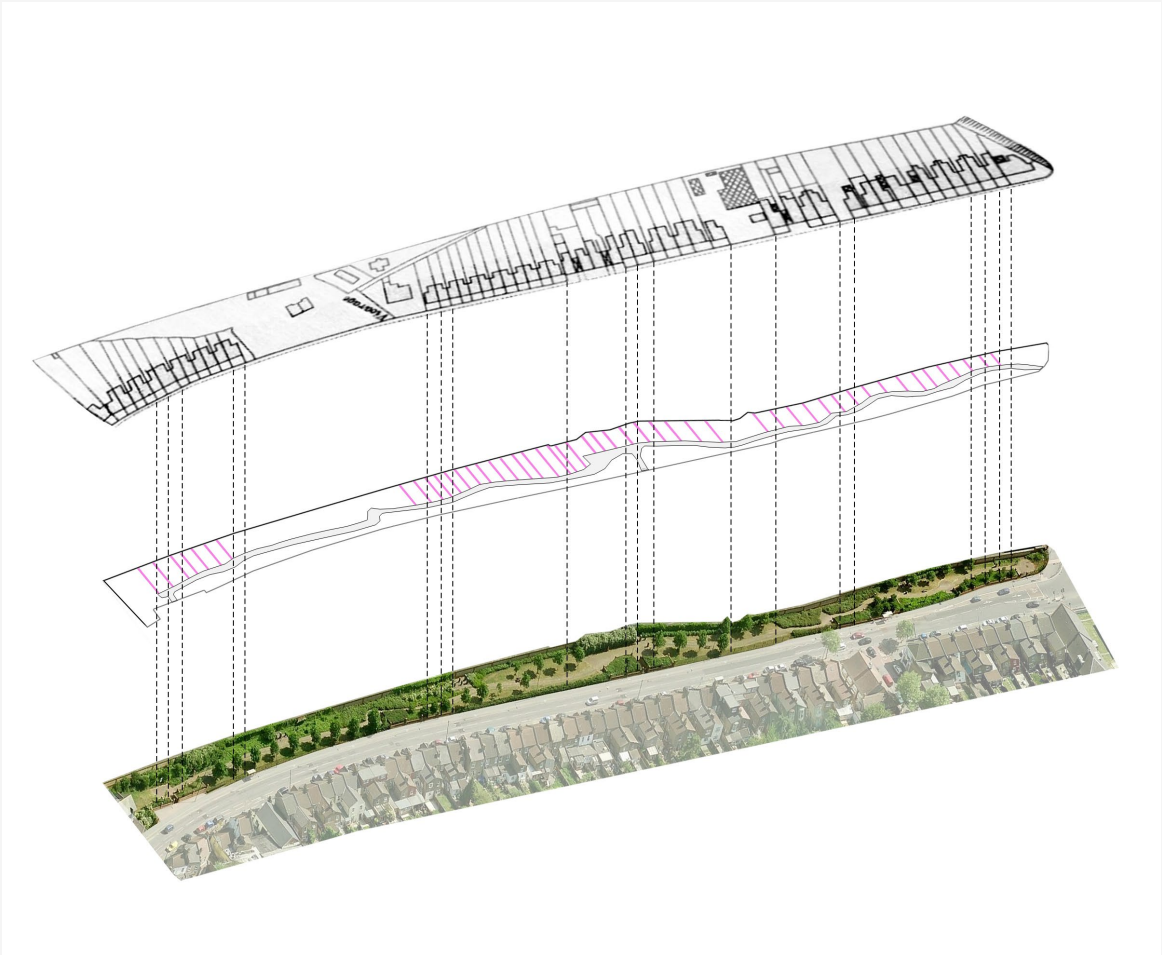
The proposal

Our winning scheme for Linear Park in Leyton is part of Making Places, an initiative funded by Waltham Forest Council to deliver creative projects across the borough. Plot Lines traces the pattern of previous houses along the more than half a kilometer of park in strips of lavender, with historic stories inscribed on plaques amongst meadow grasses and flowers.

This project is a collaboration between Matter Architecture and the artist Lucy Harrison. The project will build on our knowledge of the borough and experience of working with communities to **explore social history**, as well as discover and reveal the people and history of houses that were previously on or near the site, from the lives of residents of the Victorian houses that once stood there, to the campaign to prevent the M11 link road. The footprints of some of these buildings will be plot along the length of the park using **herbs and perennial planting**, alongside fragments of stories collated from research.

The lavender strips will create different sections which could be utilised in various ways by local residents. Some of these would include herbs which would be an excellent resource for **community workshops** or reminiscence sessions, sensory or gardening, activities, children's storytelling or educational sessions.

Inputs from residents and local communities will help to shape the programme and we would hope to engage as many of them as possible to create a vibrant place for people to enjoy as part of their daily lives.



Concept showing the lavender strips created from the footprints of former houses



167 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided by the Webster family
(March 2018)*

The house was built in the 1880s. In 1906 Jack Grimes and his family of 9 children moved in as tenants. He was the grandfather of Peggy Webster. Jack Grimes died in 1952 and his elderly wife moved to be with her daughters leaving the property vacant.

At this point the rent was about 27 shillings a week (£1.35). Mr and Mrs Webster (who had both grown up on the road) asked the landlady to see if they could take on the tenancy as they were living above the garage at 193 Grove Green Road. They were offered instead to buy the house which they did for £1075.

In 1952 the house was still gas lit with a coal fired range and some bomb damage. It had 4 bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen, 3 receptions, a cellar and an outside toilet and a 70ft garden. The Websters had two children including Jane.

In 1968 the house was sold to the council under a compulsory purchase order for £4500 and was used for council housing until its demolition. The A12 Link Road had been discussed in the 1930s by the borough surveyor but the plans were shelved due to the war.

Known former residents:

1896
William S Brown

1908
Edward W Bowdler

1915
John Grimes (same name is
listed at 165 in 1922)

1937, 1939
Jn Grimes grainer



Jane Webster - 1920s



Jane Webster - 1950s



Jane Webster



Jane Webster - 1964

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173 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided during Vestry House workshop
(April 2018)*

In 1911, John Herring, a typewriter repairer from Bermondsey, lived here with his wife Amy Rosina, an assistant forewoman from Bow. Following this, from 1913 Elizabeth Webb lived here on her own for some years before the Gridley family, who previously lived at 179 Grove Green Road, moved into the house. It is likely that the house was split into flats, as it was inhabited by several different couples at the same time during the 20s and 30s, including Edward and Emily Etly, Harry and Emily Tibbett, George and Lily Harrison, and Arthur and Teresa Bodkin, along with the Gridleys.

Arthur Gridley was born in 1862 and his wife Elizabeth in 1857, and as Elizabeth does not appear on the records in 1936, it seems likely that she had died in her late 70s. Edwin appeared for the last time in 1937 when he would have been 75.

Known former residents:

1896 James Charles Beesley	1919-20 Elizabeth Gridley - 1858 born in Shaftesbury
1908, 1910 George F Cordwell	Edwin Charles Gridley- born 1862 - married Elizabeth in 1890- Railway Signaller born in Leytonstone
1911 John Edward Herring, a typewriter repairer, age 25 from Bermondsey, and his wife Amy Rosina from Bow, an assistant forewoman.	Sidney Alfred Moore
1913 Elizabeth Webb - also in 1913 Kelly's - widow? Div. 3 voter "successive" for this property + 166 Grove Green Road	1922, 1937 Edwin Gridley
1914 Elizabeth Webb upper part 1915 James Thompson Ramage	1929 Edward & Emily Etly Edwin Charles Gridley Elizabeth Gridley Emily Elizabeth Tibbett Harry Porter Tibbett
	1930-32 Edwin Gridley Elizabeth Gridley George Edward Harrison

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179 Grove Green Rd

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(April 2018)*

Edwin Charles Gridley, a railway signaller and his wife Elizabeth, who lived here in 1915, then moved a few doors down to 173.

Known former residents:

1896 - 1899 Lewis Arthur Walkling	1927 -37 Geo. Alfd Ford
1899 - 1900 Charles Edward Cox	1939 Macmillian Wm Ince
1902- 1907 Joseph Taylor Lewis Arthur Walkling	1973 Virginia Milliano Annette Powell Keith J. Powell
1908 Harry Willcox	1992 - Nick Musset, a member of East London Community Action League, lived here. "The Roadbreaker" August 1993 page 5 "Grove Green Renegades" The house was raided by the police accused of having an 'illegal party' and given an eviction order.
1909- 1915 Edwin Charles Gridley	
1922 -23 Henry William Tyler	
1925 William Henry Smith	1992 Electoral register - Akinlotan Lener (?)

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181 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided during Vestry House workshop
by Christine Chittock (April 2018)*

Joseph Tidman was the brother in law of Peggy Webster, of 193 and 167 GGR.

Prior to demolition this was listed as an Acme house and Julia Barton was listed on an open studios event.

Christine Chittock lived here from the late 1980s until demolition in 1995, renting through Acme.

Known former residents:

1896
Mrs Gallant

1908, 1915, 1922
William Lucas

1937, 1939
Jsph Tidman

1990s
Christine Chittock



Christine Chittock - 1990s



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183 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided during Vestry House workshop
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The Clark family lived here for many years until demolition in 1995.



Christine Chittock - 1995

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189 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided by the Webster family.
(March 2018)*

In the 1950s and 60s Mrs Webster's (193/167) aunt Lizzie Tibbett (nee Grimes) lived here with her son John.

It was a sweet shop with accommodation. John Tibbett started a small business transporting vacuum packed clothing (an innovation at this time).

The company became the multi national Tibbett and Britten Hauliers which still existed as a logistics company until 2004 when it was acquired by Excel (having been bought by Unilever in 1986)

Known former residents:

1896
Wm. Hy. Rose confectioner

1908
Mrs Mary Elizabeth, confectioner

1915
George German

1922
Wm. Jas. Carver confctur

1937, 1939
Thos. Landon confctnr

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191 Grove Green Rd

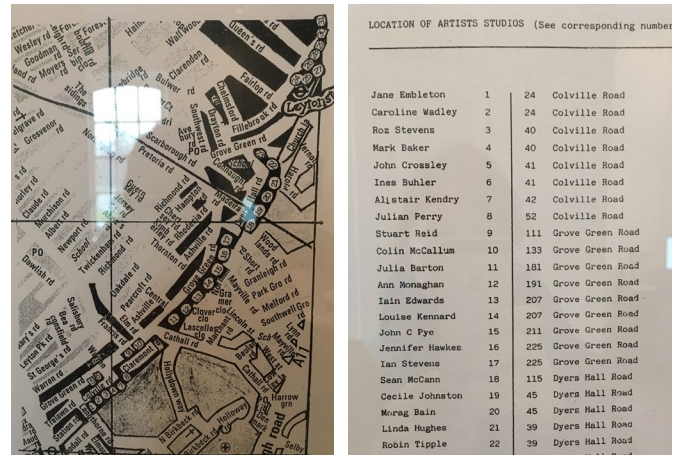
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*Information provided by the Webster family & archives
(March 2018)*

In the 50s and 60s, Dick Ponsford (from the garage at 193) lived here with his wife and daughters.

An Acme Open Studios event from the 1990s shows an artist called Ann Monaghan living here.



Artist studios' location

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193 Grove Green Rd - GD Ponsford Garage

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*Information provided by the Webster family.
(March 2018)*

In 1912 the maps show large greenhouses at 193 Grove Green Road and open space rather than any buildings - the garage was built in the 1920s.

GD Ponsford Car Sales and petrol station was designed by Richard Grimes, a prominent local builder, Mrs Ponsford's cousin. It was built in 1928 and was the only petrol station in the area apart from one in Hackney which served petrol on the route out of London.

Mr and Mrs Ponsford moved into the accommodation above the showroom and offices in 1928 with their two children, there were 3 bedrooms, a bathroom, kitchen, living room, reception room and roof garden. Behind the property were 12 lockup garages which were rented at half a crown a week to local car owners.

In 1930 Peggy Webster (nee Ponsford, later at 167) was born at this address.

During the second world war the garage remained open for business. The lock up garages were rebuilt as a workshop for essential engineering for war work.

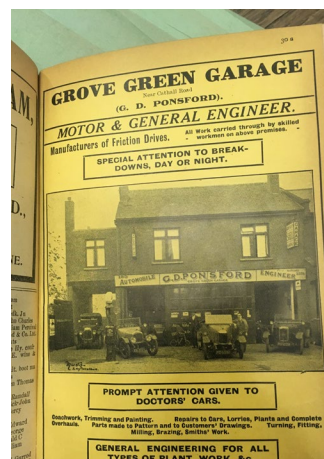
Mr Ponsford died in 1959 and soon after the business was sold to Total Petrol Co. Mrs Ponsford moved into 167 with her daughter Peggy.



Motor garage - 1945



Garage - 1920's



Garage advert - 1927



Garage - 1940's

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201 Grove Green Rd

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(April 2018)*

In the late 19th century and early 20th century, Charles and Margaret Culley, who were florists lived in 201 Grove Green Road. Later on the Bourne family lived here, and Peggy Webster remembers them. Arthur William Bourne (aka Frank Arthur Bourne) was the Mayor of Leyton in 1949-50.

Known former residents:

Built in 1896	Leonard Richard (Eddie - info from Peggy)
1896, 1908, 1915, 1922	Nellie Fue
Charles Culley, florist	Wm Bourne
1918	Arthur Wm. Bourne aka Frank Arthur Bourne, Mayor of Leyton 1949-50.
Charles and Margaret on electoral register under Collins	
1925-31	1960-61
Mrs M Culley - OW - Occupational Qualification to vote	Edith A.L and Frank H. Bourne
	No. 201 in register of electors
1932	1937, 1939
Margaret Culley (living with Philip and Florence Durrant)	Wm Bourne
Florence had qualification to vote through her husband (DW)	In 1949 there was a tobacconist on Leytonstone High Road by the name of Bourne - could be connected?
1933	
Arthur Wm. Bourne - (Frank Arthur? Peggy Webster knew them)	1962, 1964, 1974, nobody on electoral register
Ellen Elizabeth	

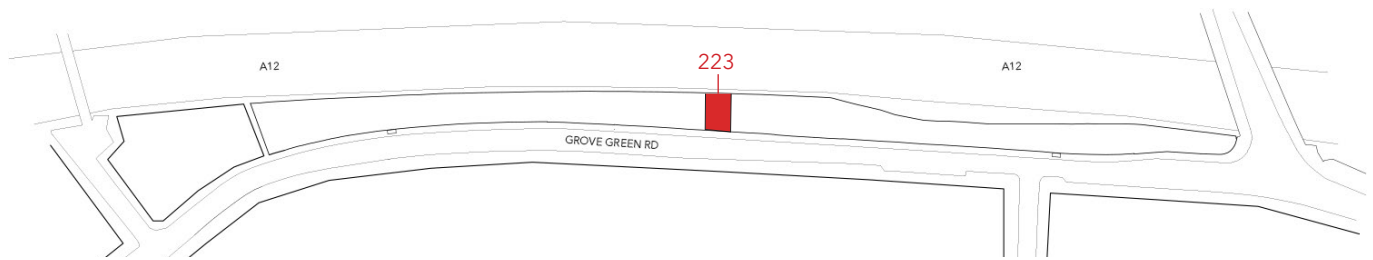
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223 Grove Green Rd

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*Information provided during Vestry House workshop
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This seems to have been a commercial premises
– in the 1920s Walter Goodchild a bootmaker
lived here, followed by Mrs Paque, a piano tuner,
before it became a Bicycle shop in the 1950s and
a plumbing and heating shop in the 1980s.

Known former residents:

1908 Sidney J Taylor, genl. Dlr	
1915 Joseph Hart	1956- 1973 Neypier / Neypore Rt. N. Cycle Dir. Cycle Agents and Dealers
1922 Walt. Goodchild, boot ma	1982 London Plumbing and Heating Services
1937, 1939 Mrs E. Paque pianoforte tuner	

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