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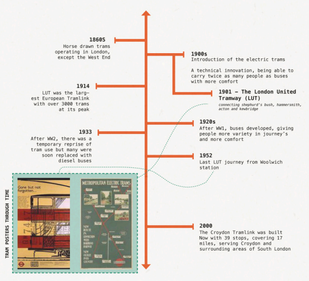
A Dynamic Solution: The Croydon Tramlink

The Croydon Tram link is a notorious part of Croydon's identity, with many people identifying the area through its unique mode of transport. In comparison to other parts of London, Croydon has no direct links or stations as part of the TfL London underground system. Although it is extremely well connected to both central and South London through various rail links and buses, it was missing a connection to the Victoria line, which would have been a direct link to the West End. This was unfeasible with congestion on roads, making it hard for buses in the area to be efficient. The Croydon tram link was proposed in the late 1990s and constructed in the year 2000 with the first route taking people from Central Croydon to New Addington. Now, the tram link connects to Elmer's End and Wimbledon, acting as an interchange.

Due to the prevalence and success of the Tram link in south London, many people believe that this is the only Tram system to ever exist in London. From the 1880s to the mid 1080s, trams were an integral mode of public transport, allowing people to travel quickly and in comfortable conditions, compared to those of buses at the time. Although they were successful, all tram links in London became dismantled by the 1950s, with the last one being the one from Woolwich Station, due to the significant improvements made to buses and trains during this time.



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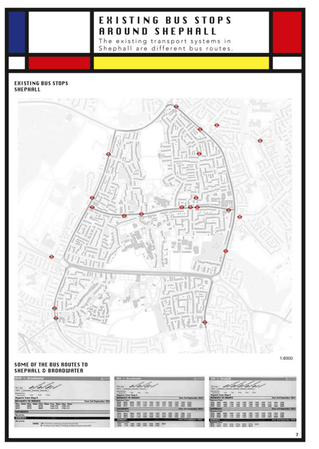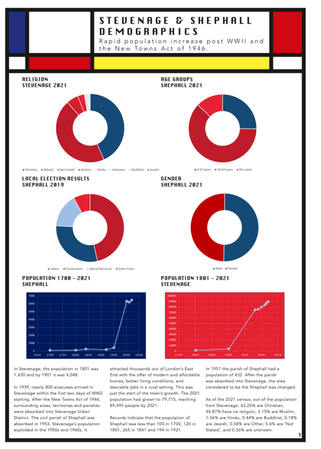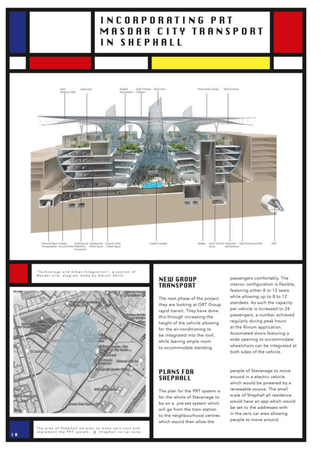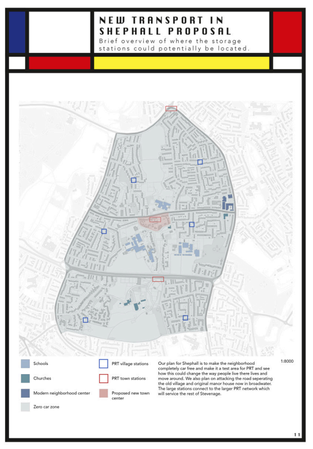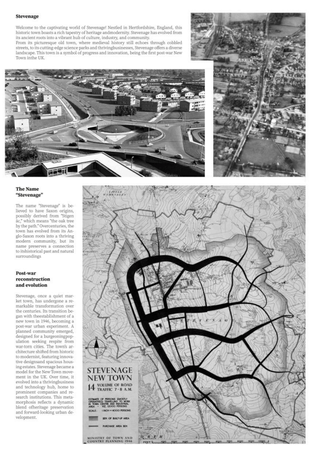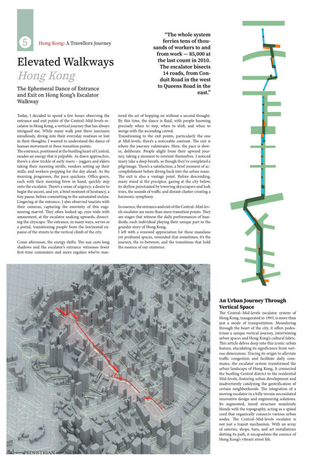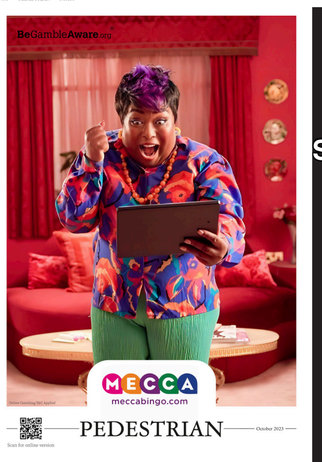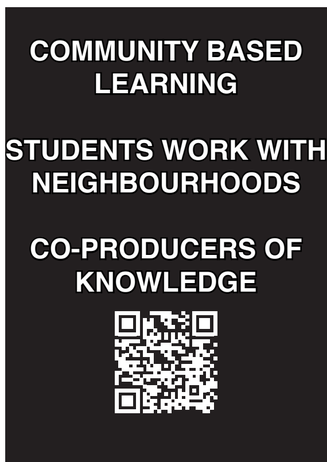
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