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Consultation Plan

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1. Introduction

This document outlines the consultation strategy to inform the development of the King George's Management and Maintenance Plan. This strategy is based on a summary and review of previous consultation supplied by the client team and based on discussions at the project Inception Meeting regarding a consultation approach.

The approach can broadly be broken down into two main stages. Firstly, some initial intelligence gathering using a household survey, stakeholder meetings and a stakeholder workshop in late 2017 which will help shape the content of the MMP.

This will then be followed by a Consensus Check exercise, in May 2018, which engages the wider public with the themes of the draft MMP before final publication.

There will also be a need to consult with statutory consultees.

Throughout the project there is a need to deliver a range of measures to increase awareness of the project development and make people aware of the opportunities to participate and influence the proposals. There will also be a need to co-ordinate with the proposed Thames Tideway Tunnel works.

This consultation strategy is intended to be a shared document that guides the work of the client team, key project partners and the wider consultants team. After each stage we will collate all the responses and evidence from the proposed consultation actions to support the report and for future reference by the project team.

2. Previous Consultation

A summary of the previous consultation relevant to King George's is shown below.

2.1. Enable Summer of Parks Survey (2017)

In 2016 Enable carried out Summer of Parks Survey. The team met park visitors and ran an online survey to determine the views of users of parks within Wandsworth Council about the attributes of those spaces. The results showed that while users of the parks found them to be accessible, friendly and well-used they were less likely to agree the spaces had facilities appropriate for all ages, or that adequate information about the park was provided.

2.2. Life in Wandsworth Survey (2017)

Survey results to be supplied by client

2.3. Open Spaces Survey – Atkins (2007)

In 2007 Atkins was commissioned by the Council to undertake an assessment of open space, sports and recreational facilities within the borough. The survey classified King George's, alongside Wimbledon Park, as fulfilling the criteria of a District Park. It identified the District Park catchment area as being 1.2km.

Surveys were carried out. Results were recorded on the basis of ward, rather than by individual park and among other things covered reason for use, time spent, travel mode and quality of spaces.

They showed that respondents to the Wandsworth survey were particularly satisfied with the level of provision compared to some other London Boroughs. In Wandsworth, 87% stated that they are either very satisfied or satisfied with open space provision, compared to 73% in Enfield and 68% in Havering. When asked where improvements were needed most common answers included a cleaner environment (less graffiti, dog mess etc) (35%), improved access and safety (33%), more park wardens/rangers (23%), improvements to football equipment (22%), making it easier to cycle to them / to lock a bike up (20%), improvements to the grassed areas to play sport on (19%) and improved safety (e.g. lighting) (18%).

3. Consultation

The proposed consultation techniques and events are set out under separate headings in the section below.

3.1. Awareness Raising

There is the opportunity to promote the project, create greater awareness of the aims of the project and to encourage greater participation in other consultation processes. A coordinated programme of awareness raising activities should be developed across all elements of the Project, which makes effective use of the Council's communication media (and that of partner or associated organisations), which include:

Wandsworth Council:

- Website <http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/> using the Council's consultation portal www.wandsworth.gov.uk/consultation
- Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/wandsworth.council/>
- Twitter : <https://twitter.com/wandbc>

Enable Leisure and Culture:

- Website <http://enablelc.org/>
- Twitter : <https://twitter.com/enableLC>

Other channels include:

- Caryl Davies, Wandsworth Town Centre Manager Twitter - @WandsworthCaryl
- Wandsworth 'Brightside' Publication
- Wandsworth 'Homelife' housing newsletter
- Press and news releases
- Wandsworth Council News@6
- Local Press- Wandsworth Guardian and Wandsworth Radio
- On site notice boards & information through Wandle Recreation Centre
- Ongoing dialogue with project partners which includes Ward Councillors.
- Other networks willing to 'spread the word' e.g. WOW Mums (Women of Wandsworth), GoodGym Wandsworth, Wandsworth LGBT

3.2. Consultation Delivery Phase 1- Initial Data Gathering

1. Questionnaire Survey

We will develop a questionnaire based online survey which will be promoted through direct mailing, the Council's consultation portal, social media and through Council publications such as Brightside (next edition scheduled for November 2017).

Our experience from the Tooting Common project found that online delivery was highly effective with 600-700 responses were received online in contrast to 100 returned hard copy surveys. However, in order to address issues of accessibility the survey should be made available in hard copy format if requested.

The survey will be promoted through other local networks including the Wandle Valley Forum and by the Town Centre Manager.

Delivery Period: October/ November 2017

2. Stakeholder Meetings

CFP have allowed two days to hold a series of face-to-face stakeholder meetings delivery to identify key issues for the MMP. LUC will also meet with statutory consultees and other stakeholders to identify and discuss design and management issues.

We have identified the below as key groups to engage and be flexible about the method and location of these from group sessions, to face to face meetings to telephone calls.

Delivery Period: October 2017

3. Initial Stakeholder Workshop

We will run a workshop to ascertain how people value King George's Park and how they feel the park could be improved. The results of this workshop will highlight key issues, potential solutions and indicative priorities and inform the development of the management aims,

objectives and actions. The workshop setting will also allow participants to voice any other concerns or opinions.

Provisionally, we plan to hold the workshop during the late afternoon or evening on site at Wandle Recreation Centre.

Delivery Period: November 2017

Network Mapping Exercise

We have carried out an initial network mapping exercise to identify potential stakeholder and consultees and likely consultation route which are set out in the table below.

Stakeholder / Consultee	Questionnaire Survey	Stakeholder Meetings	Initial Stakeholder Workshop
Local Park Users Local Park Non-Users	X		
Wandsworth Council Officers; Parks and Trees Highways and Transportation Town Centre Management Sports and Leisure Events Parks and Events Police Service Borough Planners		X	X
Parks Maintenance Contractor (Idverde)		X	X
Tree Management (City Suburban Tree Surgeons)		X	X
Tennis Concession (All Win Tennis)		X	X
Bowling Club		X	X
Kimber Skate Park and BMX Track		X	X
Children's Centre (One o'clock club)		X	X

Stakeholder / Consultee	Questionnaire Survey	Stakeholder Meetings	Initial Stakeholder Workshop
Wandle Recreation Centre		X	X
Sustrans		X	X
North to South Cycle Superhighway (TfL)			X
Allotment plot holders			X
Nuffield Health Fitness and Wellbeing Gym			X
Aspire Southfields			X
Wandle Valley Forum			X
Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust			X
Wandle Trail Group			X
Wandsworth Premier FC (Children's Football)			X
Active Wandsworth			X
Southfield Academy			X
South Thames College			X
Riversdale Primary School			X
West Hill Children's Centre			X
The Park Gardens Day-care & Nursery			X
Lifetimes (CVS for Wandsworth)			X
Move More Wandsworth (Macmillan Group)			X

3.3. Consultation Delivery Phase 2- Consensus Check

Building upon the earlier phases we propose a second phase of consultation on the draft proposals. This would be in the form of an Exhibition and Drop-in session: to provide the opportunity to discuss and test the findings of the Management and Maintenance Plan with parks users, stakeholders and a wider audience before the publishing of the final report.

Provisionally we expect this would take the form of an exhibition and drop-in session running on site from the Kimber Skatepark. The exhibitions could be extended to other venues over more dates if desired subject to further support from Wandsworth Council. Display materials could also be made available online with the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

We would suggest the approaches should include the following:

- Large scale marketing and promotion in advance;
- Direct mailing to those engaged earlier in the project;
- Exhibition with display materials and a structured way to gain feedback;
- A staffed drop in session which could be supplemented by further unstaffed exhibitions;
- Commitment to gain a large number of responses from a wide range of respondents;
- Option to provide information & gain feedback online.

Delivery period: May 2018

3.4. Statutory Consultation

LUC will lead on delivering site visits, meetings and other consultation with statutory consultees.

3.5. Reporting

All consultation processes will be recorded and written up promptly after completed and we would recommend that summaries of key consultation activities are made available to participants, wider stakeholders and the public as appropriate. This should be disseminated through the proposed channels for general awareness raising.

4. Action Plan

The proposed consultation methods are set out in the Action Plan below.

Item	Consultation Objective	Key stakeholders / consultees	Lead organisation(s)	Timescale
Awareness Raising				
Web pages Email newsletters Social Media Press and News releases On site notice boards Other project communications Ongoing dialogue with project partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise awareness of consultation opportunities • Encourage participation • Provide feedback 	General public & residents Stakeholders Interest Groups Users & Non-users Statutory Consultees	Wandsworth Council	October 2017 Onwards
Initial Data Gathering				
Household Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gain insight into local resident users and non-users of the park, how they view and use the area currently and views on areas for growth and change. 	Local Residents	CFP	October/ November 2017

Item	Consultation Objective	Key stakeholders / consultees	Lead organisation(s)	Timescale
Stakeholder Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight key issues, potential solutions and indicative priorities and inform the development of the management aims, objectives and actions 	As identified above.	CFP	October/ November 2017
Stakeholder Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highlight key issues, potential solutions and indicative priorities and inform the development of the management aims, objectives and actions. 	As identified above.	CFP	October/ November 2017
Consensus Check				
Exhibition and Drop-in Session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide the opportunity to discuss and test the findings of the Management and Maintenance Plan before the publishing of the final report. 	Parks users, stakeholders and a wider audience	CFP	May 2018
Statutory Consultation				

Item	Consultation Objective	Key stakeholders / consultees	Lead organisation(s)	Timescale
Consultation of Statutory Consultees	Fulfilling legal obligations	Transport for London The Metropolitan Police Metropolitan Public Gardens Association GLA greenspace team Natural England GiGL London Wildlife Trust London Biodiversity Partnership London Parks and Gardens Trust Living Wandle Project (or its legacy body) Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust	LUC	-

Demographic Profile



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Demographic Report

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1 Introduction

This report sets out some of the key, background demographic information for an indicative 1.2 km catchment of King Georges Park, Wandsworth.

All information is derived from the Office for National Statistics and relates to data available for the 2011 Census. The data has been derived from information available at Lower Level Super Output Areas and aggregated to cover the 1.2 km catchment area.

Figure 1 shows the catchment area of the King George Park based on a 1.2 km buffer, with the selected Lower Level Super Output Areas (LSOAs).


King Georges Playing Fields, Wandsworth

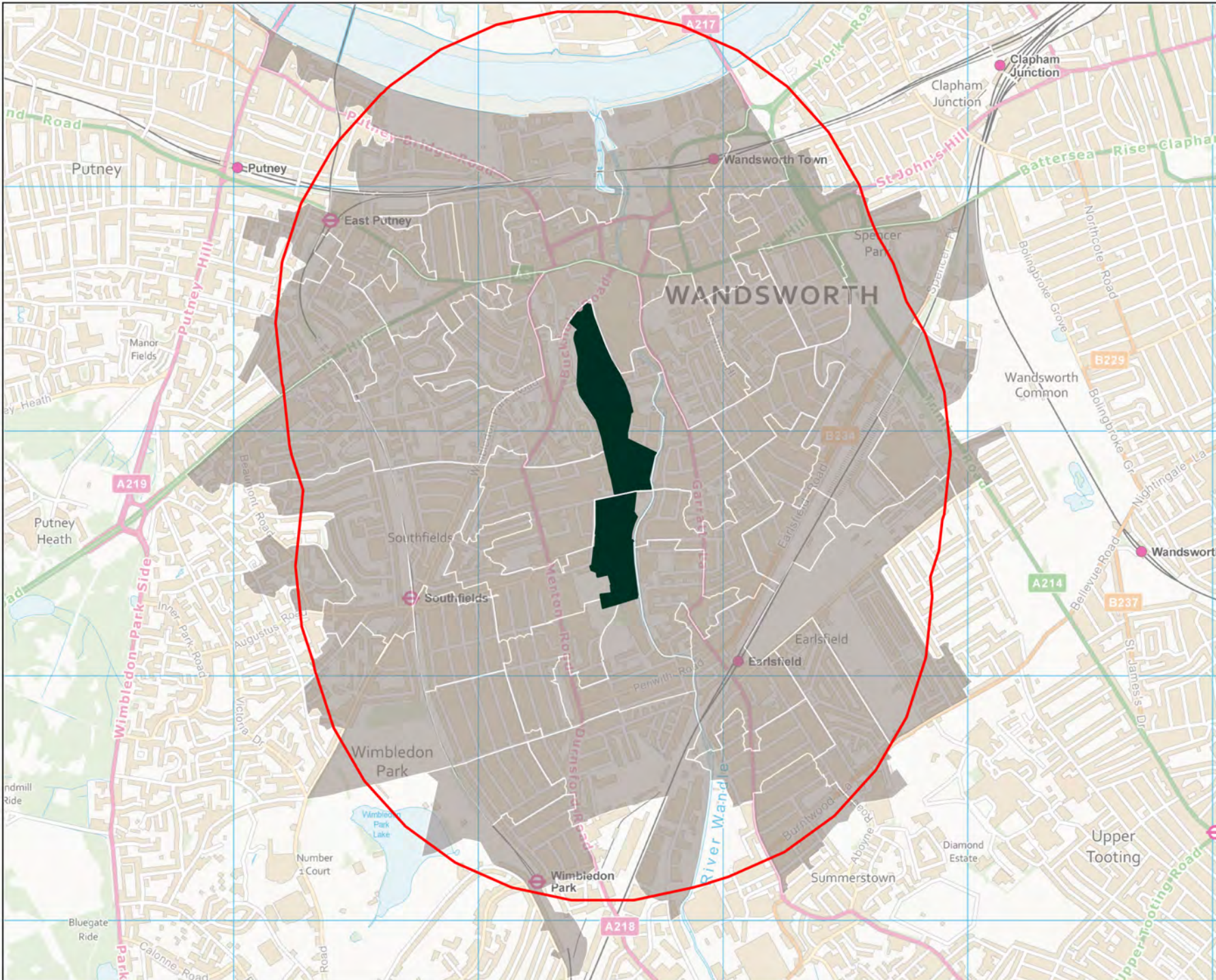
Figure 1
Location Plan with
1.2km Buffer

LEGEND

 King Georges Playing Fields

 1.2 km Buffer

 Selected LSOAs



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2 Demographic Data

2.1 Population

Within the 1.2 km catchment area there are around 71,556 residents. There is a more or less even gender split with slightly more females than males (50.7%).

2.2 Age Range

As shown in **Table 1**, the age profile of the 1.2km catchment is similar to that of Wandsworth overall. Both are generally younger than England and Wales, with a third of the population aged 25 to 34 compared to only 13.4% in England and Wales. However, while the population is generally younger, there are fewer children and young people living within the catchment (25.0%) compared with the country overall (30.7%).

Age Range	1.2 km Catchment	Wandsworth	England & Wales
<16	17.3%	17.4%	20.1%
17 - 24	7.7%	10.3%	10.6%
25 - 34	30.9%	29.0%	13.4%
35 - 49	24.5%	22.9%	21.3%
50 - 59	8.3%	8.3%	12.1%
60 - 69	5.9%	6.0%	10.8%
70 - 79	3.5%	3.9%	7.1%
>80	2.0%	2.4%	4.6%

Table 1 Age Profile

2.3 Ethnicity

Although significantly lower than England & Wales, the proportion of residents identified as White British within the catchment (59.1%) are slightly higher than Wandsworth overall (53.3%). Notably one in six residents within

the 1.2 km catchment identified themselves as Other White. While similar to Wandsworth, this is significantly higher than England & Wales overall, where around one in 20 residents are Other White (**Table 2**). Although the 1.2km catchment is less diverse than Wandsworth, certain BME groups are better represented compared with England & Wales. For example, 3.8% of residents are Pakistani or British-Pakistani and 6.8% of the population identify themselves as Black or Black British (compared with only 3.4% in England & Wales).

Ethnic Group	1.2km Catchment	Wandsworth	England & Wales
White: British	59.1%	53.3%	80.5%
White: Irish	2.4%	2.5%	0.9%
White: Other White	15.9%	15.6%	4.5%
Mixed: White and Black Caribbean	1.2%	1.5%	0.8%
Mixed: White and Black African	0.5%	0.7%	0.3%
Mixed: White and Asian	1.2%	1.3%	0.6%
Mixed: Other Mixed	1.4%	1.5%	0.5%
Asian or Asian British: Indian	2.0%	2.8%	2.5%
Asian or Asian British: Pakistani	3.8%	3.2%	2.0%
Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi	0.4%	0.5%	0.8%
Asian or Asian British: Chinese	1.1%	1.2%	0.7%
Asian or Asian British: Other Asian	2.4%	3.2%	1.5%
Black or Black British: Caribbean	2.6%	4.0%	1.1%
Black or Black British: African	3.0%	4.8%	1.8%
Black or Black British: Other Black	1.2%	1.8%	0.5%
Other ethnic group	1.6%	2.1%	1.0%

Table 2 Ethnic Profile

2.4 Limiting Long Term Illness

Nine in ten respondents are not limited by a long-term limiting illness or disability compared to around four fifths of England and Wales (**Table 3**). This is most likely a reflection of the young population.

Long term illness	1.2km Catchment	Wandsworth	England & Wales
Day-to-day activities not limited	90.2%	88.8%	82.1%
Day-to-day activities limited a little	5.2%	6.0%	9.4%
Day-to-day activities limited a lot	4.6%	5.3%	8.5%

Table 3 Limiting long-term illness

2.5 Housing Tenure

Housing tenure in the 1.2km catchment is similar to Wandsworth, with around a third of residents living in rented accommodation (**Table 4**). However, within the catchment, there is a lower proportion of socially rented housing (13.7%) compared with Wandsworth (20.6%) and England and Wales (17.6%).

Tenure	1.2km Catchment	Wandsworth	England & Wales
Owned or shared ownership	53.8%	46.2%	64.3%
Social rented	13.7%	20.6%	17.6%
Private rented or living rent free	32.5%	33.2%	18.0%

Table 4 Housing

2.6 Car Ownership

Generally, car ownership is similar to Wandsworth although a smaller proportion of residents do not have access to a car or van (**Table 6**). Around half of the residents (48.9%) within the 1.2km catchment have access to one car or van, and a tenth (12.8%) to two or more.

Car Ownership	1.2km Catchment	Wandsworth	England & Wales
No car or van	38.3%	45.3%	25.6%
1 car or van	48.9%	43.2%	42.2%
2 or more cars or vans	12.8%	11.5%	32.2%

Table 5 Car ownership

2.7 Index of Deprivation 2015

As shown in **Figure 2**, levels of deprivation within the catchment area are low, with most LSOAs falling within top 60% least deprived in the country. Of the selected LSOAs, five are considered deprived including one to the north and one to the south of the Park. All five deprived LSOAs are within the 60 – 60% most deprived in England.

King Georges Playing Fields, Wandsworth

Figure 2
Indicies of Multiple Deprivation (2015)

LEGEND

 King Georges Playing Fields


IMD (2015)

Most deprived

 80 - 100


 60 - 80


 40 - 60

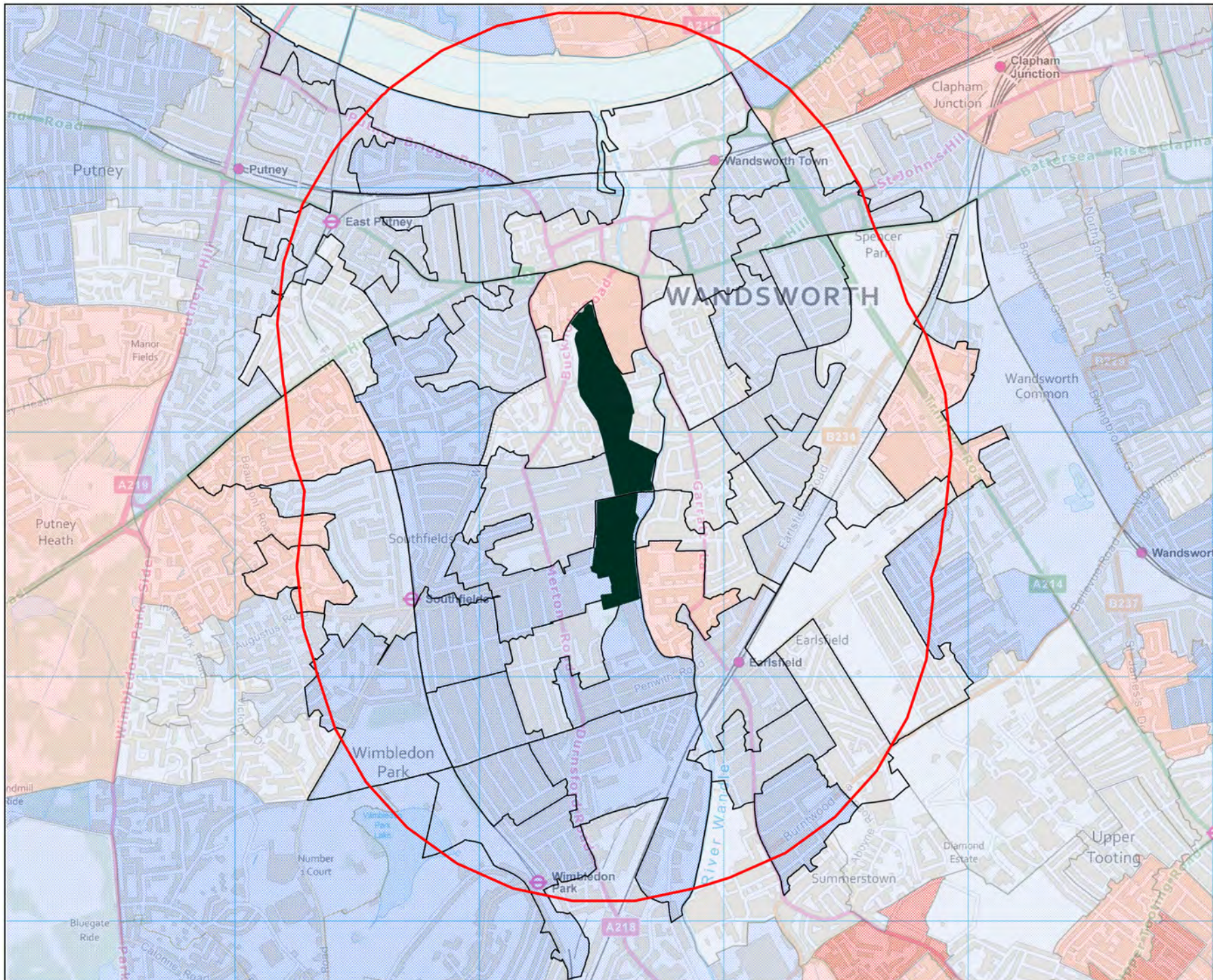
 20 - 40

 0 - 20

Least deprived

 1.2 km Buffer

 Selected LSOAs



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2.8 Audience Segmentation

Audience Spectrum is the segmentation tool developed by The Audience Agency on behalf of the Arts Council. This replaces the older Audience Insight Tool published in 2011.

The newer Audience Spectrum segmentation tool (when compared to Insight) reduced the number of audience segments from 13 to 10 and more importantly for green space projects introduces a broader range of audience behavioural and preference criteria. These new criteria include preferences for art forms; frequency of heritage visits to both built and landscape attractions; non-cultural interests; creative pursuits; and volunteer activity (by sector).

Based on their cultural values, Audience Spectrum has segmented the UK population based on a combination of shared characteristics relating to behaviour; demographic details; geography; and attitudinal. The result is segmentation across 10 distinct groups:

Metroculturals: Prosperous, liberal, urbanites interested in a very wide cultural spectrum;

Commuterland Culturebuffs: Affluent and professional consumers of culture;

Experience Seekers: Highly active, diverse, social and ambitious, engaging with arts on a regular basis;

Dormitory Dependables: From suburban and small towns with an interest in heritage activities and mainstream arts;

Trips and Treats: They enjoy mainstream arts and popular culture influenced by children, family and friends;

Home and Heritage: From rural areas and small towns, engaging in daytime activities and historic events;

Up Our Street: Modest in habits and means. Occasional engagement in popular arts, entertainment and museums;

Facebook Families: Younger suburban and semi-urban. They enjoy live music, eating out and popular entertainment such as pantomimes, musicals and plays;

Kaleidoscope Creativity: Mix of backgrounds and ages. Occasional visitors or participants, particularly community-based events and festivals;

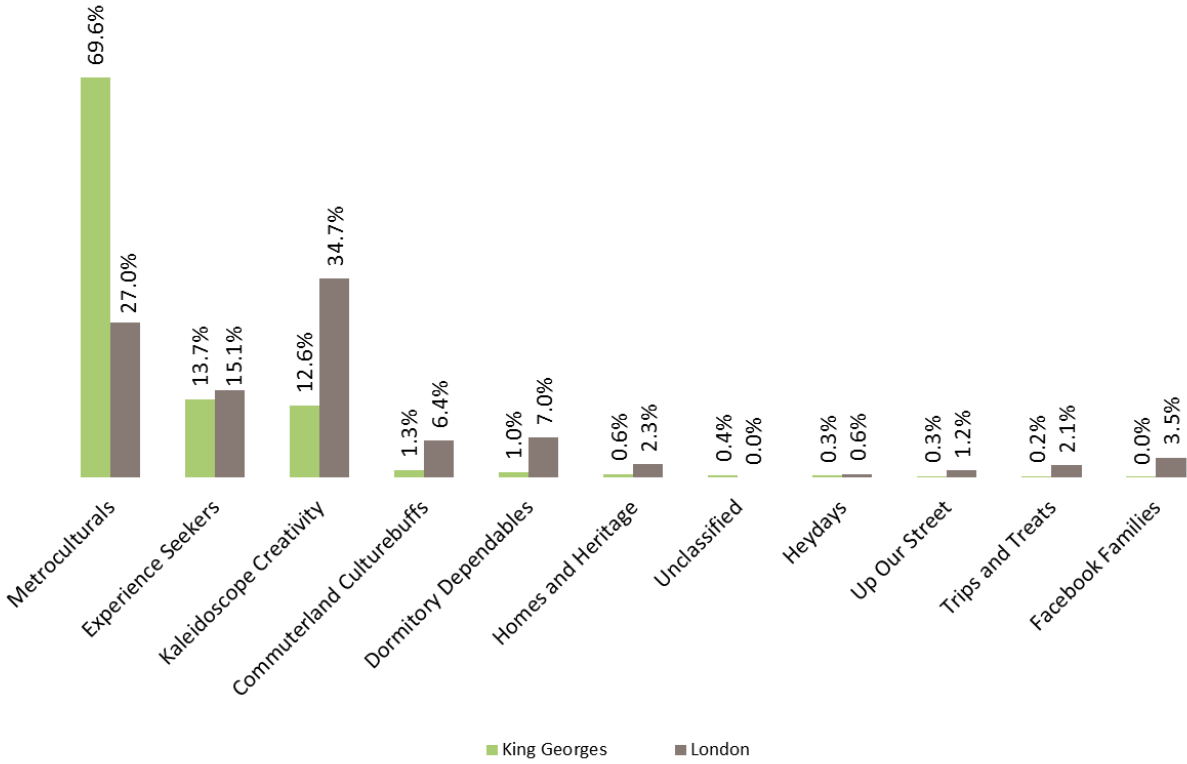
Heydays: Older, they are often limited by mobility to engage with arts and cultural events. They participate in arts and craft making.

The geographical distribution and frequency of each segment has been mapped through the Audience Segmentation tool and data is available at postcode sector level. There are 13 postcode sectors within the 1.2km catchment area. These have been analysed, giving the proportions of the population in each segment. These can be seen in the table below and the chart overleaf, compared to the proportion of the London population in each segment. Due to the geography of the postcode sectors the area is not entirely consistent with the 1.2 km catchment area and previous demographic analysis, however, the postcode sectors selected are the closest approximation.

Audience	King Georges Park		London	
	Area Total	%	Area Total	%
Metroculturals	44,933	69.6	1,835,366	26.5
Experience Seekers	8,834	13.7	1,028,968	14.8
Kaleidoscope Creativity	8,122	12.6	2,356,299	34.0
Commuterland Culturebuffs	853	1.3	437,091	6.3
Dormitory Dependables	634	1.0	475,241	6.9
Homes and Heritage	405	0.6	154,986	2.2
Heydays	196	0.3	43,729	0.6
Up Our Street	166	0.3	84,031	1.2
Trips and Treats	148	0.2	143,840	2.1
Facebook Families	10	0.0	235,993	3.4
Unclassified	259	0.4	138,459	2.0
TOTALS	64,560	100.0	6,795,544	100.0

As **Figure 3** below shows, over two thirds (69.6%) of the population are Metroculturals, significantly higher than London overall, where they make up a third of the population (27.0%). Two other major groups within the catchment are Experience Seekers and Kaleidoscope Creativity.

Figure 3 Audience Finder: King Georges and London



Metroculturals are an affluent, liberal group of urbanites who are interested in a range of activities and keen to engage in arts, theatre and dance, with high museum attendance. Metroculturals are also great with engaging with new pieces of work and will influence the choice of less confident audiences. They are very active and often participate in events. Of all the segments, Metroculturals are the most dependent on the Internet, using it regularly for leisure purposes and to manage their busy lives. One of the most notable features of the segment is their high levels of education; over 70% have degree-level education and a significant number have further post-graduate or professional qualifications (notably, many are actually arts and museum professionals). Metroculturals are resistant to typical forms of advertising, instead preferring more niche and direct information, driven by a desire to be in the know.

Metroculturals	
A well-educated and liberal segment, who like to work hard and play harder. They are typically found in urban environments and are interested in a wide variety of arts and cultural exploits.	
Scale	44,933 households (69.6%)
Cultural visits	Extremely high levels of engagement (ranked 1 out of 10 in every segment) (1 is highest 10 lowest).
Arts visits	Extremely high levels of engagement (ranked 1 out of 10). Includes both classical and contemporary, popular artforms, as well as culturally specific.
Specific art forms	Exhibition, play / drama, classical music, musical, opera and street arts.
Heritage visits	Very high levels of engagement (ranked one out of 10). 81% have visited a museum or gallery in the last year, 69% a historic park or garden and 66% a historic building. Over half have visited a monument (56%).
Volunteer participation	Generally high levels of participation with archive (ranked 1), art, sports and heritage (all ranked 3). However, very unlikely to volunteer at a museum or gallery (ranked 7) and extremely unlikely with to volunteer at a library (10).
Attitudes to culture	Three quarters believe that the arts make a difference to where they live (74%), conservation of local heritage benefits them (77%) and having access to museum and galleries is important to them (75%). Half consider themselves an arty person (51%).
Digital Engagement	Extremely high levels of use of cultural websites (ranked 1). Very high use of social media, especially Twitter, LinkedIn and Spotify (ranked 1) but less so for Facebook (ranked 4). A fifth use it to find out what's happening in their local area (23%) and two fifths use it to share content and their views on the content (38%).
Family lifestage	Wide range of life stages, although most likely to be young singles and home sharers, older singles or older family with no children under the age of 18.
Ethnicity & Disability	Nationally 77% White, 15% Asian or Asian British, 5% Mixed and 3% Black or Black British. Around a fifth have a long-standing illness or disability (17%) or have had a physical or mental illness in the last 12 months (19%).
Income	Overall, a very affluent segment, with the majority earning over £20,000 a year and a quarter earning more than £60,000 (26%).
Engagement	They are an open-minded segment and usually the first to try new things. They are heavy Internet users so niche, personalised and high quality web and mobile communications are ideal. They do not respond well to mass market messaging, telemarketing or more traditional advertising and do not read local newspaper. However, broadsheets are a useful source of information for them. They are most likely to read The Guardian, The Times, The Metro or The Financial Times.

Experience Seekers are highly active and socially ambitious young people, typically students, living in urban areas. Their interests tend to be varied, including both mainstream and classical events and activities. Engagement tends to be high, particularly in unusual events such as music in heritage sites, as well as exhibitions, drama and heritage sites. Experience Seekers often partake in creative pastimes such as music and dance, as well as more traditional hobbies like painting and photography and have large amounts of disposable income to spend on leisure time. Experience Seekers are digitally savvy and keen to share new information. They often volunteer and tend to be ethically and environmentally minded, seeking out related causes.

Experience Seekers	
A significant and diverse proportion of urban audiences, these highly active students and recent graduates are in their early to mid-stages of their careers and regularly attend a wide variety of cultural events.	
Scale	8,834 households (13.7%)
Cultural visits	Fairly high levels of engagement (ranked 3 out of 10 segments) (1 is highest 10 lowest).
Arts visits	High levels of engagement (ranking 2-5 out of 10). Culture specific engagement is relatively high (rank 2) as are contemporary & mainstream (rank 3), to a lesser degree classical (rank4).
Specific art forms	Other live music, exhibition, play / drama, musical, public art / installation.
Heritage visits	Relatively high levels of engagement with historic parks / gardens (rank 4). 49% of segment visit a historic park or garden each year. Historic building 47%. But higher engagement with museums / galleries (66%). Active sport is important (rank 4), social events (rank 5).
Volunteer participation	Very high levels of volunteer participation for arts (rank 1), museums / galleries (rank 2). Moderate heritage volunteering (rank 5).
Attitudes to culture	Culture is valued highly especially museums / galleries. 63% feel that conservation of local heritage really benefits them.
Digital Engagement	High levels of use of cultural websites (rank 3-4). Very high use of social media, significantly above the national average. Import channel to find out what is important in the local area but also to share content and views on content.
Family lifestage	Most likely to be young singles / home sharers, older singles and mature singles.
Ethnicity & Disability	Nationally 84% White, 8% Asian / Asian British & 4% Black / Black British.
Income	Levels are mixed with 46% earning between £20,000 and £40,000 and 38% earning <£20,000. 19% suffer from a long standing illness, disability or infirmity and 30% have suffered a physical or mental health condition in the last 12 months.
Engagement	Their online and offline social networks are a key driver in their choice of whether to engage. Email and online content is key, particularly through social media or an engaging website. Making content easily shareable will broaden reach. This group is also responsive to print advertising in papers, such as The Guardian or Metro and ambient street advertising, particularly on public transport.

Kaleidoscope Creativity are typically defined as being more culturally diverse and will tend to engage in activities within their community. People within the segment tend to be economically challenged, with 65.0% of households earning less than £20,000. They are reliant on TV and mobile phones as main forms of communication but will also read newspapers and interact through community organisations, such as church groups. Levels of engagement are low, particularly with historic parks and gardens, although volunteering linked to libraries and sport are above the national average.

Kaleidoscope Creativity	
More culturally diverse than many groups, urban but economically challenged. They are most likely to engage in their community and outside the mainstream.	
Scale	8,122 households (12.6%)
Cultural visits	Low levels of engagement (ranked 9 out of 10 segments) (1 is highest 10 lowest).
Arts visits	Low levels of engagement (ranking 8 & 9 out of 10). Culture specific engagement is relatively high (ranked 3 out of 10).
Specific art forms	Other live music, musical, play / drama, exhibition, carnival and culturally specific festival.
Heritage visits	Low levels of engagement with historic parks / gardens (rank 9). 26% of segment visit a historic park or garden each year.
Volunteer participation	Generally low (rank 5-7). Volunteering linked to libraries and sport above national average.
Attitudes to culture	Culture not valued highly. Only 53% feel that conservation of local heritage really benefits them.
Digital Engagement	Low levels of use of cultural websites (rank 8-9). Moderate use of social media, marginally above the national average. Important channel to find out what is important in the local area.
Family lifestage	Most likely to be older single or older family (both with and without children u18).
Ethnicity & Disability	Nationally 18% of Asian / Asian British and 10% of Black / Black British are found within this segment. 66% White. 34% are reported as having a long-standing illness, disability or infirmity.
Income	Household incomes tend to be low, with 65% earning <£20,000.
Engagement	Reliant on TV and mobile phones but also likely to read newspapers, such as The Metro and The Sun. Can also engage through a range of community organisations, including church groups, youth programmes or shops.

Stakeholder Consultation Report



people spaces places

King George's Park, Wandsworth MMP

Stakeholder Workshop Report

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The views detailed in this document represent the comments made as part of a discussion / submission to a consultation by a wide range of people.

They were sought to provide an understanding of as full a range of views as possible. Discussions were limited and time did not always allow for a full examination of the appropriateness of the solutions suggested.

This document will be used to inform the creation of the Management and Maintenance Plan but does not necessarily reflect any or all of issues that may be taken up within the final document.

King George's Park, Wandsworth MMP

Stakeholder Workshop Report

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1 Introduction

As part of the development of the Maintenance and Management Plan for King George's Park, Wandsworth a stakeholder workshop was delivered in January 2018. This document summarises the findings of that session

Date / time & location	January 29 th 2018 12.30 pm- 3.30 pm Venue: Wandle Recreation Centre, Mapleton Rd, Wandsworth, London SW18 4DN – Dance Studio
Overall purpose	To capture the thoughts of key stakeholders to feed into the creation of the Management and Maintenance Plan for King George's Park Wandsworth which will determine actions and priorities for the next ten years.
Objectives	By the end of the workshop the aim is that the group will have: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Been briefed on the scope of the Management and Maintenance Plan, work done to date and the forward programme• Had an opportunity to feed in thoughts about current issues faced by the park, solutions to those issues and prioritisation of such actions.

2 Welcome and Introductions

There were 17 participants in attendance.

Attendees were welcomed to the session and thanked for giving up their time.

Attendees were introduced to the purpose of the management plan and briefed on work which had taken place to date on the formation of the plan. Two presentations were given on behalf of LUC and CFP the content of which are included as appendices.

Participants were also asked to introduce themselves to build understanding of their particular interest in King George's Park.

3 Exercise 1: Issues

Group 1	Group 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Littering and fly tipping on the banks of the Wandle• Lack of Friends Group• Opportunities for more woodland and trails• Access to Knaresborough and wider street pattern• Opportunities for engaging other groups• Signage inadequate• Wandle Trail not signposted and trail and river separated• Need of park to deliver for biodiversity due to lack of green space in Wandsworth• People unaware how to report problems• River could deliver more- river restoration and flood storage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Interface with the river is fenced off and allows no engagement with the river or the biodiversity it offers• Underused triangle by allotments and Southfield Academy- could be extended allotments or compost area• Lack of identity for the park and no unity in signage/ branding etc• Surface churn from fair ground• Unnecessary fencing in the park serves no purpose and feels prohibitive• Pitch conditions are dangerous- pitches have been redrawn in areas where there are manhole covers. Holes in pitches are not filled in and both issues pose direct threat to those using pitches• Lack of flowers/ colour/ diversity of

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wandle trail- too much fencing, overgrown areas, no gritting, poor sightlines, pinch point @Kimber Skate Park • Invasive species- Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Floating Pennywort and Giant Hogweed • River is ignored in the park and should be a key feature for families and recreation • Gateways have little sense of arrival • Lack of use of the southern end of the park • Lack of toilets • Pedestrian and cyclist access poor via Kimber Road- poor quality Toucan crossing • Poor understanding over management- WC and Enable • Focus on north where there is more use and focal points • Southern entrance difficult with large buggy • Paths, need East-West Links • Cafe 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> planting • Lack of facilities for sports fields including toilets- some play for 2/3 hours • Lack of events- there are some local ones to make links with Wandsworth Weekend, Wandle Fortnight • Lack of allotments- 55 plots, 8 year waiting list (250) • Artificial pitch demand very high- constantly booked and could do with more provision for the public • Fast moving cyclists posing risk to other users. • More could be made of the parks position in the centre of Wandsworth and hence potential for being the town park • Need signs at all entrances indicating that pedestrians have right of way over cyclists
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3.1 Emerging Themes

The park lacks basic facilities, most notably toilets which causes real inconvenience to some (sports users) and present a barrier to using the park for the general public. The lack of a café is also seen to limit the park's potential. King George's is seen as having a real identity issue, the park lacks a sense of arrival, unifying signage and information about the extent of the park and what it has to offer. It is not currently making the most of some of it's key features including the River Wandle and Wandle Trail and much of the reason for this is physical or visual barriers between the park and the river. The sports pitches which are a key attraction are being marked in inappropriate positions (there is

a service cover within pitch) and lack of maintenance can pose a potential risk to users. There can be conflict between pedestrian and cyclist use. There is a perception that the park generally feels a bit unloved, there is no Friends Groups, no volunteering and few events compared both to in the past and to other parks in the area.

4 Exercise 2: Solutions

Group 1	Group 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bicycle parking at destination points- concreted in • Table Tennis Provision • Natural Play • Seating and Picnic areas throughout • Area for biodiversity- Pollinator paths, London Sustainability Exchange • Interpretation • Access to the river- river dipping • Park Run • More allotments • Greater school use (need seating, toilets, lunch space) • Friends of Group • New identity • Better access • Tree Strategy • Toilet facilities • Multiple focal points • Activities focussed on health • Education facilities for school to come and use and engage children with the wandle and nature e.g. nature trail, nature play • Outdoor Gyms and 'Activators' • Lighting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision for sports users of all kinds • Bring together user groups to form a starting point for Friends Group • Provision for new population- events, focal points, facilities • Improved identity for the park through signage, marketing, events, signposting from town • Work with Southside to highlight existence of the park beyond it • Volunteering to help maintain park and create focal points • Public toilets • Develop link to other areas- Ram brewery • Friends Group could link to WVRPT Project to create hubs for volunteers to store equipment • Seating and picnic areas • Better Access- Neville Gill Close • New use for bowling green • Signage Strategy • Natural Play • Toilet provision • Café • Cycle parking • Engagement resources (downloadable) • Rationalisation of maintenance-

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diversity of planting- fruit trees, sensory gardens, flowers • Better maintenance of playing fields • Input to location of playing fields • Should be a presumption against any additional tarmac paths, or tarmacking of existing paths 	<p>could reduce mowing in some areas, but improve pitch maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School keen to have another artificial pitch. Example of open artificial pitch in Regent's Park with grass growing through strengthened base • Rename the park to provide a local identity
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4.1 Emerging Themes

Many solutions refer to new or rejuvenated facilities including play facilities in the south of the park, seating and picnic areas, outdoors gyms, table tennis, lighting, cycle parking, an area to access the river and provision of toilets and café. Some solutions focus on increasing use of the park by certain groups through park run, school engagement, and Friends Group and Volunteering. There was a feeling identity of the park could be improved through signage, both within and beyond the park, and marketing. There was a recognition that funding was finite and suggestion that volunteering could increase capacity and that maintenance could be tweaked so that most essential actions were prioritised.

Please see Appendix 1 for a table matching identified problems with identified solutions, an exercise carried out after the workshop.

5 Exercise 3: Prioritisation (Impact- Implementation Matrix)

As a whole group exercise some of the solutions identified in Exercise 2 were prioritised. The findings are set out on the tables below.

		IMPLEMENTATION		
		Easy	Medium	Hard
IMPACT	High	Friends Group Seating and picnic areas	Access from Southside Centre New use for bowling green Natural Play Signage Strategy Rationalise maintenance	Toilet provision Café
	Medium	Engagement resources Diversity of planting Cycle parking	Outdoor Gym and 'Activators' Lighting	
	Low			

5.1 Emerging Themes

It was recognised that different interventions would have different impacts and would require different levels of effort to achieve. It was recognised that while some of the solutions were stand alone others were interrelated- for example the formation of a Friends Group might make other outcomes more attainable.

6 Other Matters Arising

Monitoring trends in pitch bookings would be useful

Cost of hiring the tennis courts could be prohibitive for some user groups

Use by local schools is not known- more sports many use Southfield Academy artificial pitch

Appendix A- Issues and Solutions Table

ISSUES	SOLUTIONS
Littering and fly tipping on the banks of the Wandle	Volunteering to help maintain park and create focal points
Greater school use	Toilet facilities Education facilities for school to come and use and engage children with the Wandle and nature e.g. nature trail, nature play Engagement resources (downloadable) Seating and Picnic areas throughout
Wandle Trail not signposted and trail and river separated Wandle trail- too much fencing, overgrown areas, no gritting, poor sightlines, pinch point @Kimber Skate Park River is ignored in the park and should be a key feature for families and recreation	Access to the river- river dipping
Lack of use of the southern end of the park	Natural Play Multiple focal points Park Run Volunteering to help maintain park and create focal points
Lack of identity for the park and no unity in signage/ branding etc	Improved identity for the park through signage, marketing, events, signposting from town
More could be made of the parks position in the centre of Wandsworth and hence potential for being the town park	Work with Southside to highlight existence of the park beyond it
Lack of flowers/ colour/ diversity of planting	Friends Group could link to WVRPT Project to create hubs for volunteers to store equipment
Diversity of planting- fruit trees, sensory gardens, flowers	Volunteering to help maintain park and create focal points
Lack of events	There are some local ones to make links with Wandsworth Weekend, Wandle Fortnight
Provision for sports users of all kinds	Park Run Bicycle parking at destination points- concreted in Table Tennis Provision Outdoor Gyms and 'Activators' Better maintenance of playing fields Input to location of playing fields
Lack of Friends Group	Bring together user groups to form a starting point for Friends Group

Access	<p>Knarborough and wider street pattern</p> <p>Lighting</p> <p>Better Access- Neville Gill Close</p> <p>Paths, need East-West Links</p> <p>Kimber Road- poor quality Toucan crossing</p> <p>Southern entrance difficult with large buggy</p>
Need of park to deliver for biodiversity due to lack of green space in Wandsworth	<p>Should be a presumption against any additional tarmac paths, or tarmacking of existing paths</p> <p>Area for biodiversity- Pollinator paths, London Sustainability Exchange</p> <p>Invasive species- Knotweed, Himalayan Balsam, Floating Pennywort and Giant Hogweed</p>
Lack of toilets	Public toilets
Cafe	Cafe
Pitch conditions are dangerous- pitches have been redrawn in areas where there are manhole covers. Holes in pitches are not filled in and both issues pose direct threat to those using pitches	<p>Better maintenance of playing fields</p> <p>Input to location of playing fields</p> <p>Rationalisation of maintenance- could reduce mowing in some areas, but improve pitch maintenance</p>
Lack of facilities for sports fields including toilets- some play for 2/3 hours	Public toilets
Lack of allotments- 55 plots, 8 year waiting list (250)	More allotments
<p>Fast moving cyclists posing risk to other users.</p> <p>Need signs at all entrances indicating that pedestrians have right of way over cyclists</p>	Signage
Underused triangle by allotments and Southfield Academy	Could be extended allotments or compost area

Appendix B - LUC Presentation

King George's Park Management and Maintenance Plan

Stakeholder workshop
29th January 2018

- Works to date
- Key findings
- Value of King George's Park

Works to date



- **Reviewed background documentation and other studies.**

Historic, ecology, trees, events, current management, policy context.

- **Survey.**

Management and maintenance, site furniture, access.

- **Consultation.**

House holder survey, workshop, face to face interviews and telephone interviews.

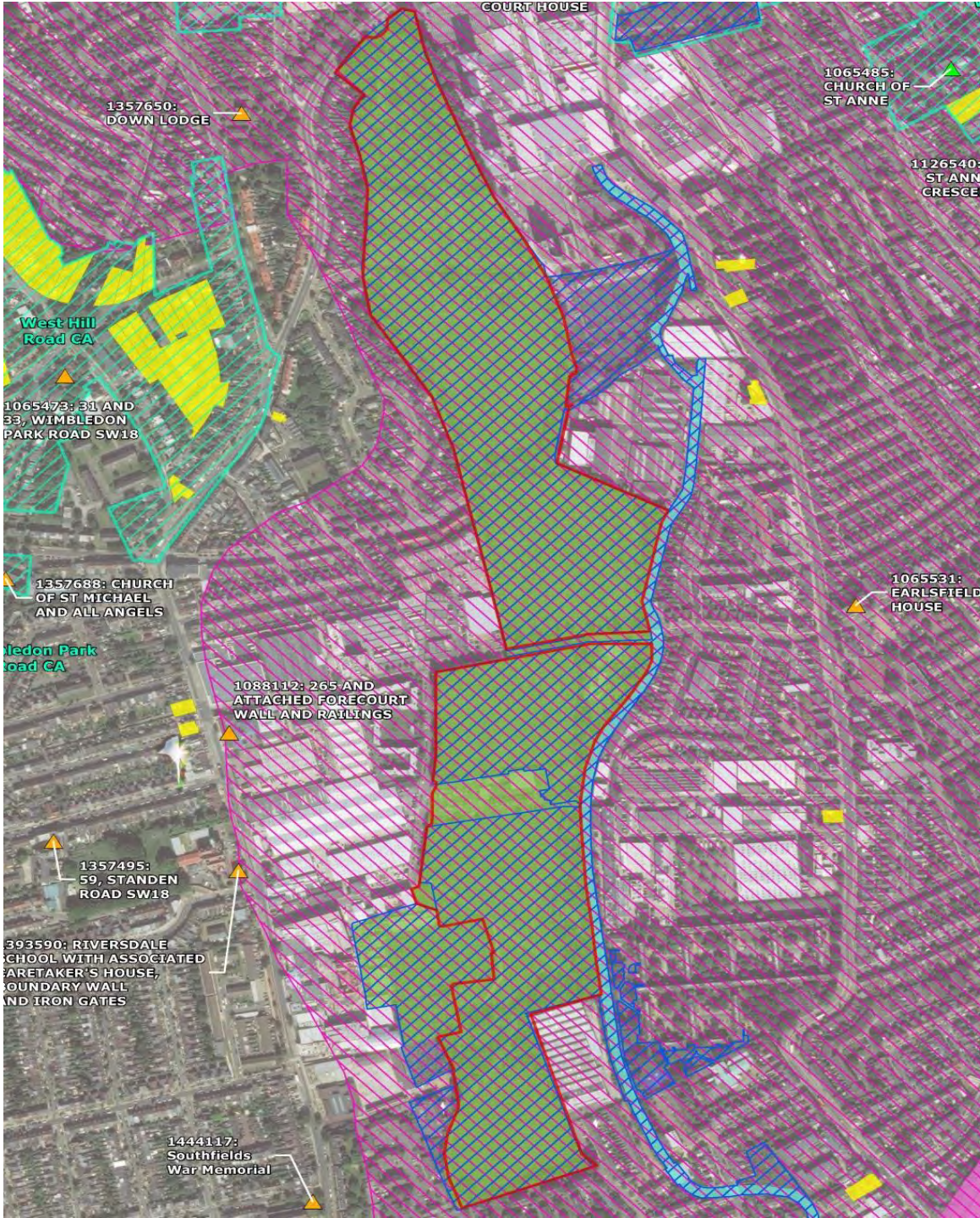
Key findings

Designations



- There are no heritage designations within the park.
- The park was on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest but was later removed.
- Environmental designations which apply to the park include **Site of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation (Grade II)**. **Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)** furthermore the
- Park adjoins the River Wandle which is a **Site of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation (Grade II)**.
- The park is surrounded by a number of conservation areas none of which directly back onto the park boundaries.
- The park is within an archaeological priority area.

Designations



- King George's Park boundary
- Wandle Valley Regional Park boundary
- Grade II* Listed Building
- Grade II Listed Building
- Conservation Area
- Locally Listed Building
- Archaeological Priority Area
- Wildlife**
- Earlsfield Railway Cutting SINC
- King Georges Park SINC
- River Wandle in Wandsworth SINC
- Wandsworth Cemetery SINC

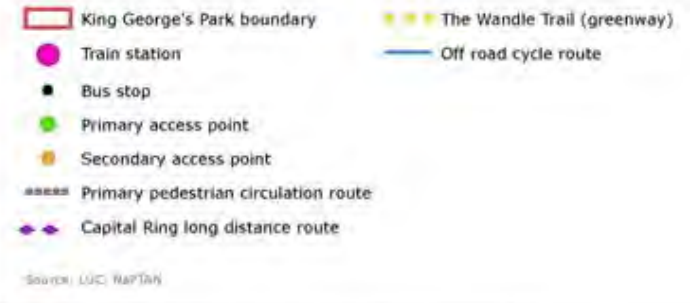
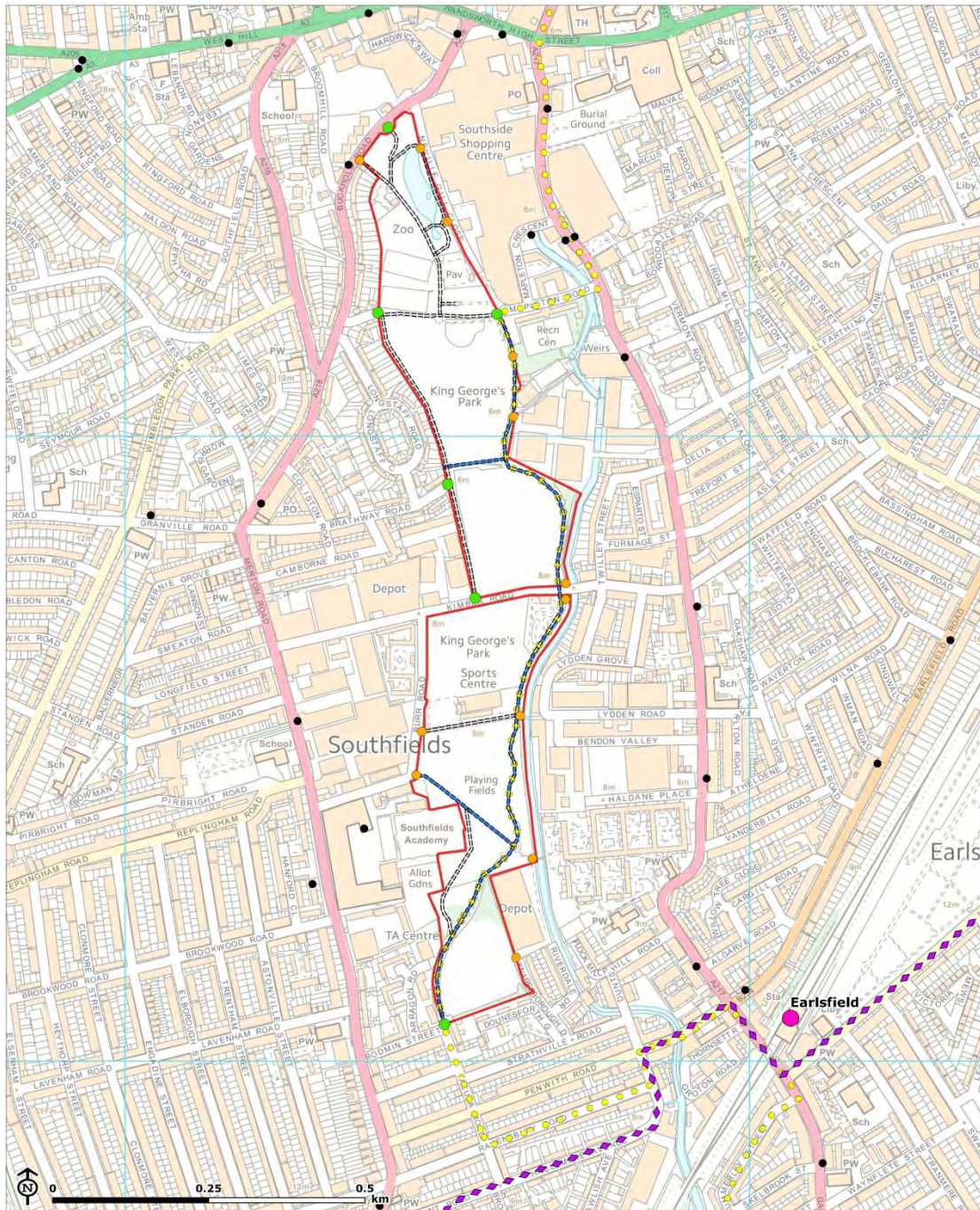
Key findings

Access

- Fragmentation of the park.
- Conflict between cyclists and pedestrians.
- Lack of availability of cycle racks at the periphery of the park.
- Insufficient parking by the skate park.
- Enhancing the overall interpretation and signage around the park to create a more unified and identifiable palette.



Access and circulation



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Number of local and national through or near to the Park.

These include:

- All London Green Grid,
- Wandle Trail,
- National Cycle network,
- Capital ring long distance route
- Thames River Walk
- a number of local routes.

Key findings

Heritage



- Designed and built in the 1920's as an urban recreational park.
- Opened by King George V in 1923.
- The original design included a leisure lake, swimming pool, tennis courts, a menagerie and ornamental planting.
- Though the landscape of the Borough has changed significantly in the last 100 years to this day the park has remained a recreation park.

Key findings

Heritage



Key findings

Management and maintenance

- Compaction and wear damage to amenity grass at key access points.
- Wear and maintenance of boundary features including gates, fencing and bridges.
- Vegetation maintenance along the River Wandle obscuring views to the river.
- Use and maintenance of bowls pavilion.
- Site lines though the park are obscured by vegetation and lighting is limited.



Key findings

Ecology

Key habitats:

- Amenity grassland.
- Standard trees.
- Broadleaved semi-natural woodland.
- Neutral grassland.
- A pond/lake.
- Ornamental planting.

Key species:

- Bats.
- Amphibians.
- Reptiles.
- Invertebrates.
- Birds.



Key findings

Value and management



- Consensus to encourage further events and recreation use of the park.
- Encourage greater communication with local communities, businesses and BIDS.
- Balance formal and informal park use.
- Contain urbanisation and amenity use.
- Enhance interpretation and landscape management.


Key findings

Character areas



We have identified four distinct character areas in park based on our conclusion so far these include:


- The lake and formal gardens.
- Main pitches and playground.
- Southfields.
- Park extension, nature conservation area and amenity grassland.


 King George's Park boundary


 Local Authority boundary

Character Areas

 01: Lake

 02: Main pitches & playground

 03: Southfields

 04: Park extension



Appendix C - CFP Presentation



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King George's Park MMP

Stakeholder Workshop
January 29th 2018



people spaces places

King George's Park MMP

Work to date:

- Visitor Observation Study
- Online Consultation
- Stakeholder Consultation



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Visitor Observation Study

Purpose:

To build a picture of current use of the space

Method:

Ten weekday observation sessions carried out with a total of 1,248 users observed over almost nine hours.

To be repeated in Spring – volunteers needed

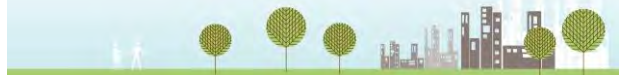


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Visitor Observation Study

Findings:

- Disproportionately high use of the Park by children and young people aged under 20, and young adults aged 20-34
- Ethnic profile of visitors broadly reflective of the area
- High numbers of visitors in groups (57.3%)
- Low numbers of dog walkers (7.5%)
- Large proportion (56.7%) passing through the park



Stakeholder Consultation



Purpose:

Gathering of more specific issue and areas of consideration from a select group

Method:

1. Individual Consultation
2. Stakeholder Workshop (today!)



Stakeholder Consultation



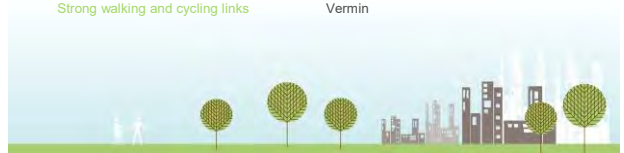
Findings:

Strengths

- Low and declining ASB
- Growing use of sport and play facilities
- Investment in Tennis
- High levels of use in north
- Generally good maintenance
- Strong walking and cycling links

Weaknesses

- Few facilities in the north
- Lack of single identity for the park
- No lighting and CCTV in key areas
- Unused pavilion and bowling green
- Little provision in southern portion
- Vermin



Stakeholder Consultation



Opportunities

- Events for growing population
- Working with the new BID
- Formation of Friends Group
- Play in southern portion
- Facilities in north- toilets, catering, shelter
- Stronger communication of park offer
- Impacts of Thames Tideway construction- landscaping and piazza

Threats

Impacts of Thames Tideway construction – access disruption, noise and visual impact



Next Steps



This is a two phase approach

1. Data Gathering
2. Consensus Check

This workshop represents the end of the data gathering phase.

The consensus check phase will look to engage the wider public with the themes of the draft MMP before final publication, we envisage this phase beginning in April/ May 2018.



Appendix D- Contributions marked to maps

1. Only 2 access points along Neville Gill Close. Consider creation of additional access points.
2. Site of former café
3. Existing Cycle Parking – Sheffield Cycle Stands concreted into the ground would be a better (more secure) option
4. Good east west link – more difficult to travel east west in other parks of the park
5. New flats / apartments – increase in residential population with no outdoor space (see also 21)
6. Poor surface to path
7. Gradients on the pedestrian ramp are steep and pose a barrier
8. No access point to park here – consider creation of new
9. No access point to park here – consider creation of new, linking to access point on northern section
10. Timing at crossing point is not responsive to pedestrians / cyclists wishing to cross – long wait time
11. Path access alongside BMX / Skate park is too narrow – a real pinch point – can the fence be realigned?
12. General concerns over highway safety along Kimber Road – particularly between Burr Road and Twilley Street. Mini-roundabouts are often a source of conflict and there have been RTAs. Cyclists made comments about feeling vulnerable here.
13. Review access
14. Bridge link to Lydden Road is important (east – west route) – but can be obstructed by parked cars
15. Pedestrian access (and for wheelchairs / mobility scooters) from car park into park is poor and needs review. Look at surfaces / kerbs / gradients / cross falls.
16. Area may be suitable for outdoor gym. Trim trail equipment in poor condition. Consult with sports clubs / personal trainers.
17. Opportunity for toilet provision for park users. Managed by sports centre? Externally access from park / car park?
18. Route is important. Surface (resin bound gravel?) was considered to be good. Route is not a designated cycle route but is used by cyclists. This can cause some conflict but open aspect offers good sightlines.
19. Bridge is narrow and can be difficult to access by cyclists / wider cycles. But provides an important link.
20. Additional bridge / crossing point requested
21. New flats / apartments – increase in residential population with no outdoor space (see also 5)
22. Flat development was designed to accommodate café provision on ground floor / terrace. Café / toilet provision may be well located here.
23. Consider allotment extension – 250 people / 8 years waiting list.
24. Possible location for outdoor gym?

Household Survey Report

King George's Park

Visitor Survey

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Visitor Survey 2017

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Appendix A Open Comments

Appendix B Word Clouds

1 Introduction

To inform the development of the Management and Maintenance Plan for King George's Park, a Visitor Survey was carried out to gather the opinions of local residents, users and non-users of the Park. The survey was made available online and as a paper survey from the 6th November to the 17th December 2017. The survey was advertised in the Brightside publication and promoted through the Have Your Say website. Follow up promotion was carried out by Wandsworth Council's communications team using social media. As such the survey was promoted across the whole Borough of Wandsworth.

Consultants CFP were commissioned to write and analyse the survey, producing the following report demonstrating how residents use the Park, how they perceive the quality of the Park and what they would like to see there in future. In total, there were 471 responses to the survey.

2 Respondent Profile

In total 471 people responded to the Visitor Survey. Of these, three quarters (75.2%) identified as female, a significant over-representation compared with a 1.2 km catchment where there is a more or less even gender split with 50.7% females. We have used a nominal 1.2 km catchment to consider the profile of local residents based on the park’s designation as a ‘District Park’ in the Wandsworth Open Space Study.

Chart 1 below shows the age profile of respondents compared with the 1.2 km catchment and for the London Borough of Wandsworth. A greater proportion of younger adults aged 21 to 40 years completed the survey when compared to the age profile of the 1.2 km catchment. Similarly, the proportion of adults aged 41 to 60 is greater than the catchment profile. Only two respondents were aged under 16, however under Market Research Society guidance the survey was promoted to adults over the age of 16 years and younger people were asked to confirm that their had the consent of a parent or guardian.

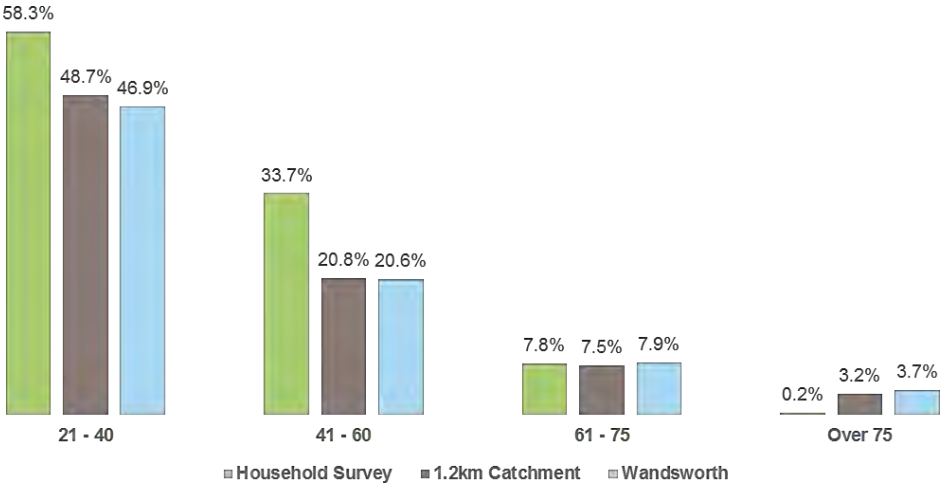


Chart 1 Age profile

Respondents were also asked if they considered themselves to have a disability or long-term illness that affected their use of King George’s Park. The vast majority of respondents (93.8%) said they did not, while 14 (3.0%) said they did. Compared with the local area, where a tenth of

the population (9.8%) have a disability or limiting long term illness this is a significant under-representation.

The survey was more frequently completed by White British respondents. Over, nine out of ten respondents (91.8%) were White British, which is significantly higher than the profile of the 1.2 km catchment and that for Wandsworth Borough (77.4% and 71.4% respectively). Only 7.0% of respondents were BAME (Black, Asian or Minority Ethnicity) compared with a quarter (26.5%) of Borough residents (**Chart 2**). Under 'other ethnic group' two respondents said they were Chinese and another identified as Filipino.

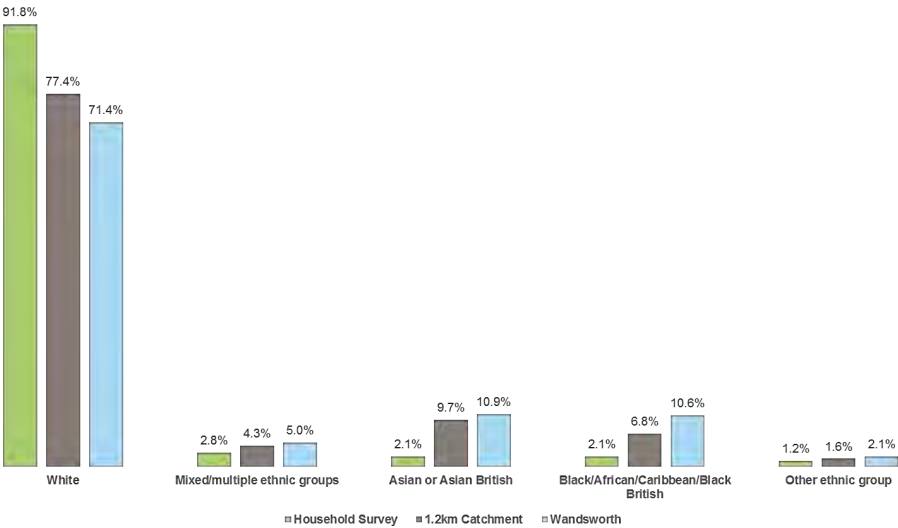


Chart 2 Ethnic profile

Respondents were also asked if they were responding as an individual or as part of an organisation. While the majority responded as individuals (99.2%), four (0.8%) said they represented an organisation. These were: Park Gardens Day Care, the Living Wandle Team, Sudbury House Residents Association and Phase Eight.

470 respondents gave their full postcode. These have been analysed and mapped, as shown in **Figure 1** overleaf. Most respondents live locally to the Park, with 90.4% of respondents coming from within the 1.2 km catchment area. Within this area there was a good spread, with respondents coming from all points of the compass around King George’s Park. Outside of the 1.2km catchment, a number of respondents came from the Battersea and Tooting Common areas, with the furthest living 9.2km away from the Park.

King George's Park, Wandsworth

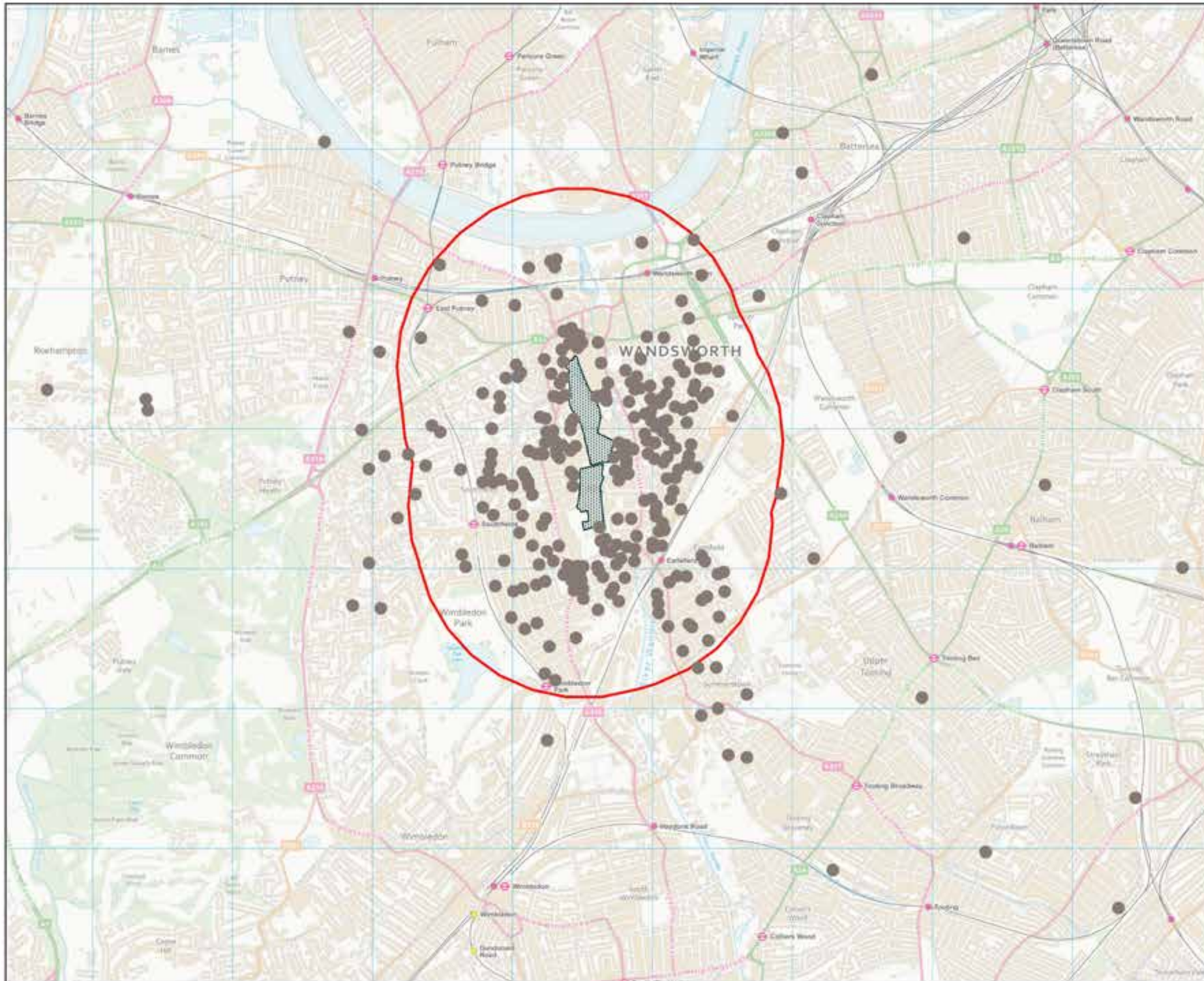
Figure 1 Respondent Locations

LEGEND

 King Georges Playing Fields

 1.2 km Buffer

 Respondent Location



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3 Visiting King George's Park

Of the 471 respondents, only one had not visited King George's Park in the last 12 months. Respondents were asked how often they visited various areas of the Park (**Chart 3** overleaf). With more than three quarters (77.6%) of respondents, most tend to pass through on a daily or weekly basis. Similarly, with 67.9%, many used the fields and open space on a daily or weekly basis and almost a quarter (23.3%) visit monthly, making this the most commonly used aspect of the Park. The River Wandle was also a popular area, with half of the respondents (50.9%) visiting it on a daily or weekly basis.

Around two fifths of respondents visit the playground, lake and formal gardens on a daily or weekly basis (41.7%, 43.2% and 37.5% respectively). Almost one quarter (23.1%) of respondents also said that they never visited the lake.

While the Nuffield Heath Centre was never visited by two thirds of respondents (63.4%), around one in 16 (6.4%) visited on a daily basis.

With only around 1% of respondents visiting daily, the least popular areas of the Park were the Wandle Recreation Centre, One O'clock Club, tennis courts and allotments. While two fifths (43.2%) of respondents never visited the Recreation Centre, a quarter (26.5%) visited at least monthly. Over half of the respondents never visited the One O'clock Club (69.1%), Tennis Courts (57.9%) or allotments (86.1%). The allotments were the least well use area with only 13.9% of respondents using it, 7.0% of whom use them less than monthly.

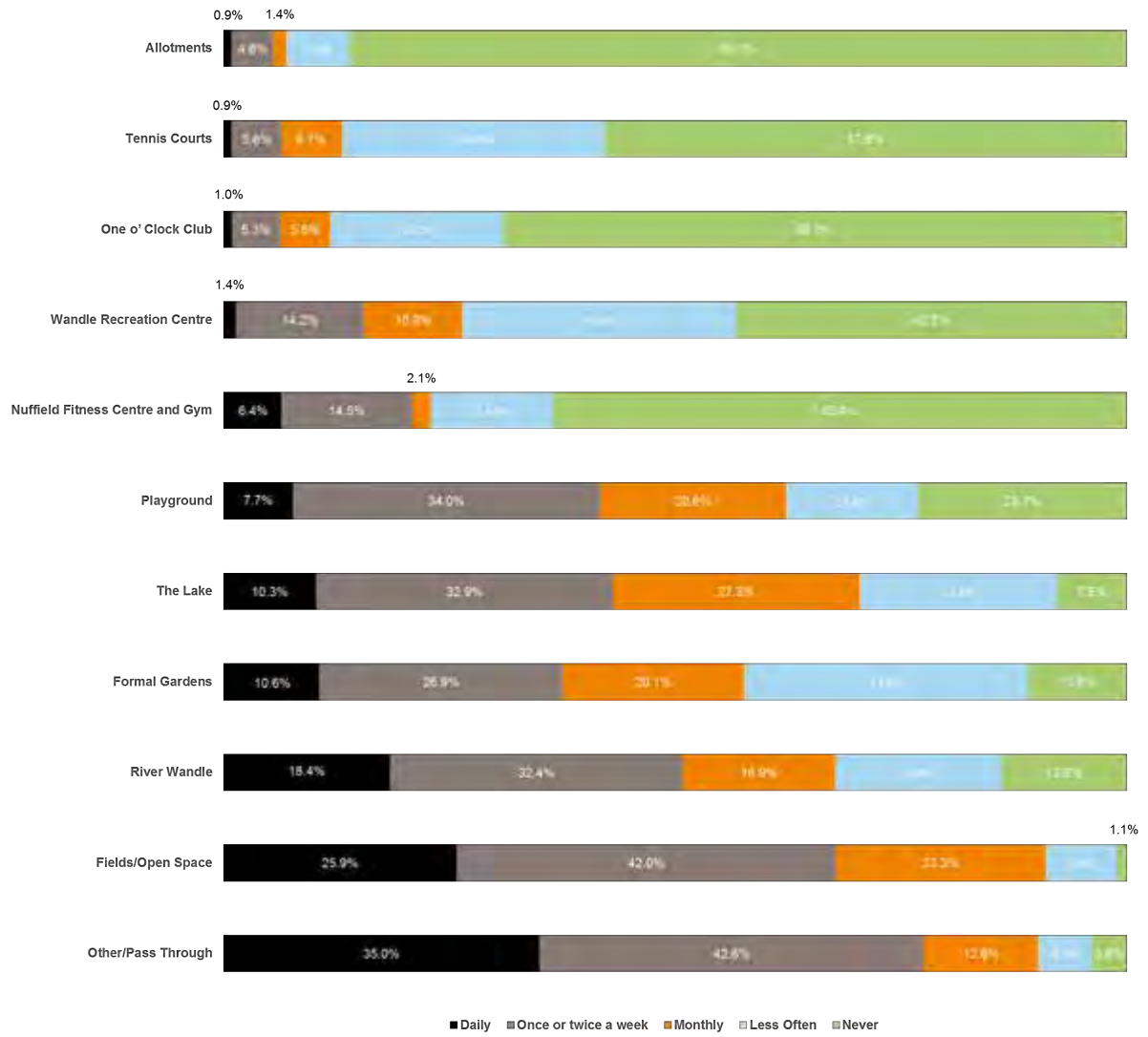


Chart 3 Frequency of use

As a follow up question, respondents were then asked which single area of the Park they visited the most (**Chart 4**). With around a third of respondents (32.7%) the area most frequently visited was the playground, followed by the fields and open space (28.5%). One in six (15.7%) of respondents said they most frequently passed through the site. Among the less frequently visited areas of the Park were the One O'clock Club and Kimber Skatepark and BMX Track, with only two respondents (0.4%) visiting either most frequently. However, this may in part reflect the profile of respondents to the survey who were predominantly adults or young adults.

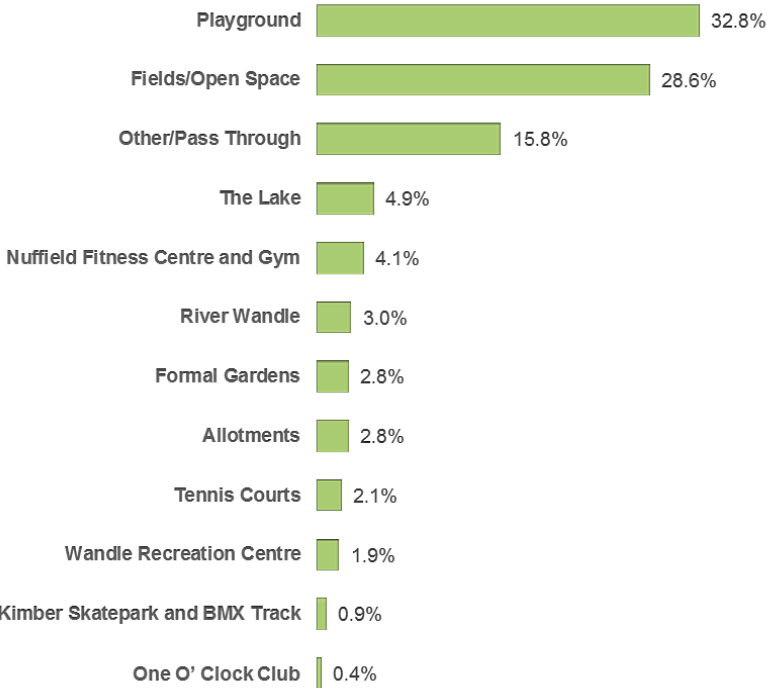


Chart 4 Frequency of use: most frequently visited

Chart 5 below shows respondent dwell time on a typical visit to King George’s Park. Over two fifths of respondents (45.9%) spending between 30 minutes and one hour at the Park, while a third (30.3%) said they visited for between one and two hours. Nearly one in five (17.9%) spend less than 30 minutes in the park.

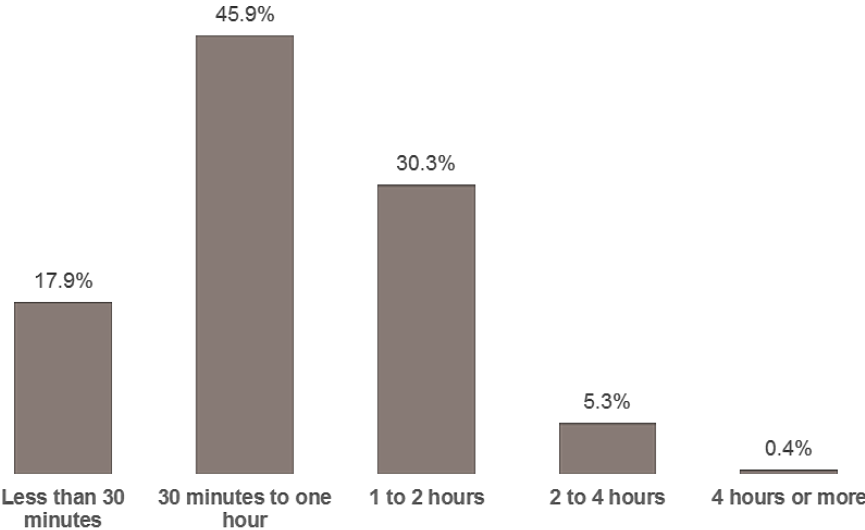


Chart 5 Dwell time

The vast majority of respondents (92.6%) said they usually travelled from home (**Chart 6**).

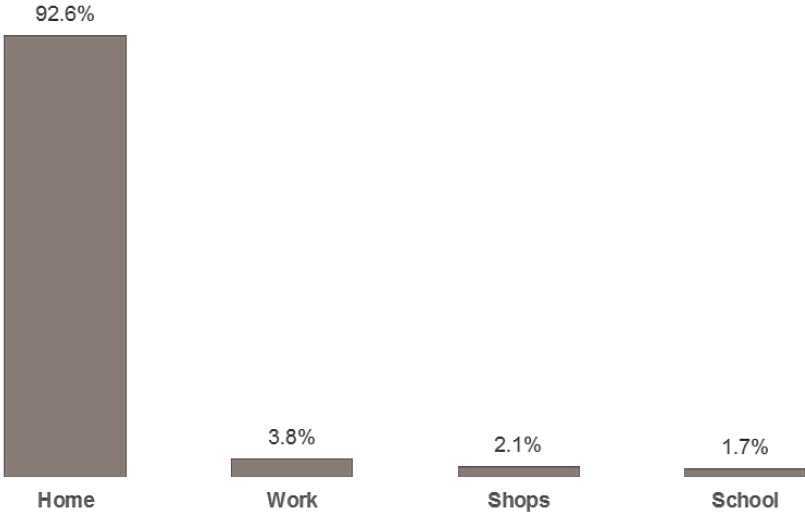


Chart 6 Where do you normally travel from?

Respondents were also asked how they usually travelled to King George’s Park. As shown in **Chart 7** below, almost one in every ten respondents (85.8%) said they travelled to the Park on foot. Just 31 respondents (6.6%) said they usually travelled by bicycle while only 14 respondents (3.0%) said they usually travelled to the Park by car. Under ‘other’ one respondent said they used a wheelchair and another said they used a mobility scooter.

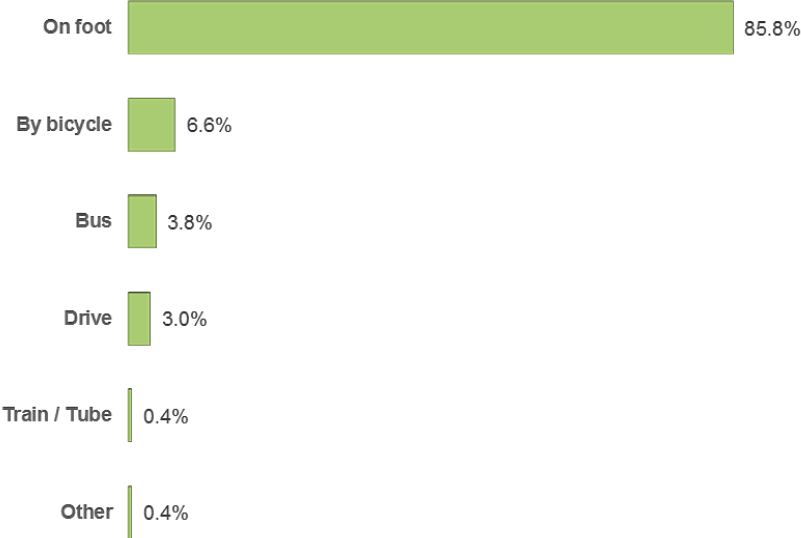


Chart 7 Travelling to King George’s Park

As a follow up question, respondents were asked if they had ever experienced any difficulty when parking. While most respondents did not answer this question, of the 141 who did, most said they had never experienced any difficulty (**Chart 8**). Almost at third (27.0%) said they had experienced problems, with 8.5% saying they always had problems with parking.

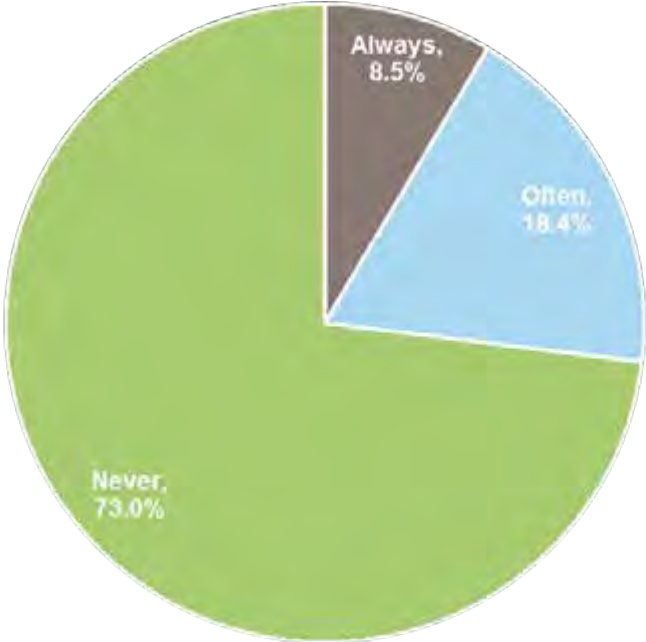


Chart 8 Difficulty with parking

Some respondents also went onto describe what problems they had faced when driving to the Park. Most said that the spaces were limited, with local car parks being too small or with nowhere to just collect or drop off. The cost of parking was also an issue for some. One respondent took the opportunity to say that “there should be no encouragement to drive to any park” however, another pointed out that they needed to drive in order to transport things to their allotment which was too heavy to take by bicycle.

Most respondents do not travel far to King George’s Park, with over two thirds of respondents (69.3%) taking less than ten minutes to travel there. Only nine respondents (2.0%) took longer more than 30 minutes (**Chart 9**). This reflects the location of respondents as recorded in Figure 1 using post code data.

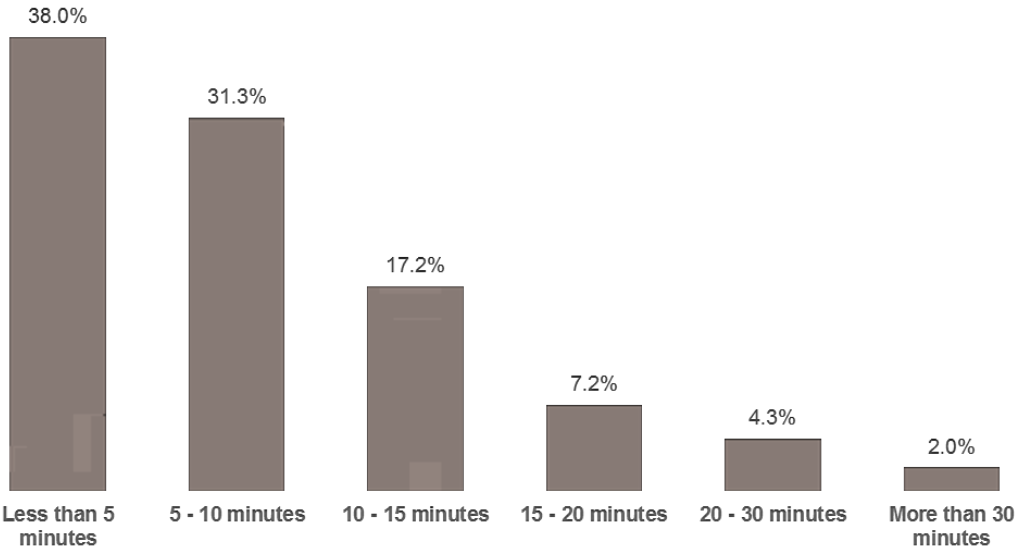


Chart 9 Length of journey to Park

Chart 10 below shows that most respondents (56.6%) visit the park with their children, with a fifth (21.8%) visiting alone (or with their dog). The Park is also a popular socialising place, with 8.4% of respondents visiting with friends and other family members. Of the 1.3% who visit as part of a special interested group, three use the Park for touch rugby as part of In2touch. Another said they visited with colleagues and visitors, while one said they took children from their nursery school.

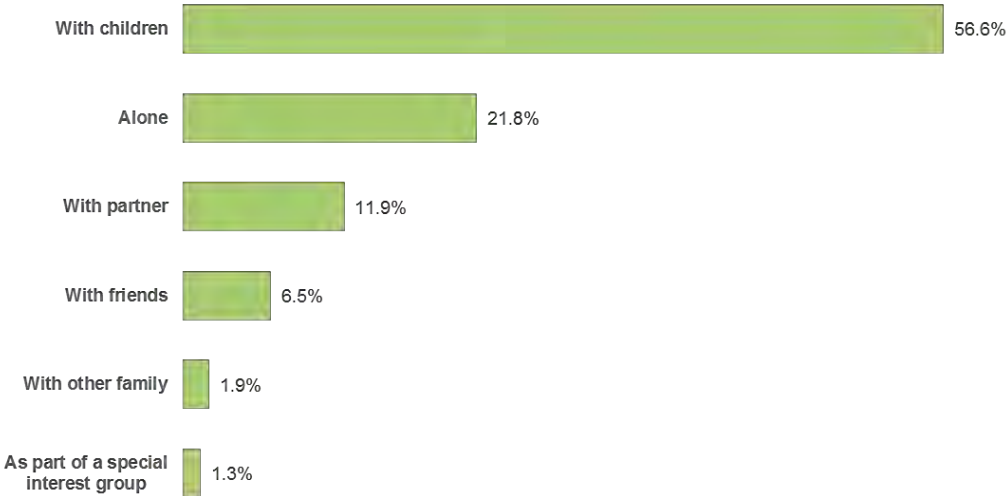


Chart 10 Who do you normally visit with?

As shown in **Chart 11** below, the most common reason for visiting King George’s Park was to pass through on foot or using a mobility scooter (14.4%). Reasons cited for this was to avoid traffic on the main road or walk to the Southside Shopping Centre from Earlsfield. This was closely followed by to walk (13.3%) and to take to children to play (13.0%). The least common reasons for visiting the Park were to visit the allotments, with only 20 respondents (0.9%), and to visit the One O’clock Club (1.4%).

Under ‘other’ respondents said they visited the Park to observe the river, walk the Wandle Way path and see where the old aqueduct passed over (local history). As well as to get fresh air, enjoy a picnic or sunbathe, visit the children’s centre, visit the wild space near the allotments, play rugby or see the ducks.

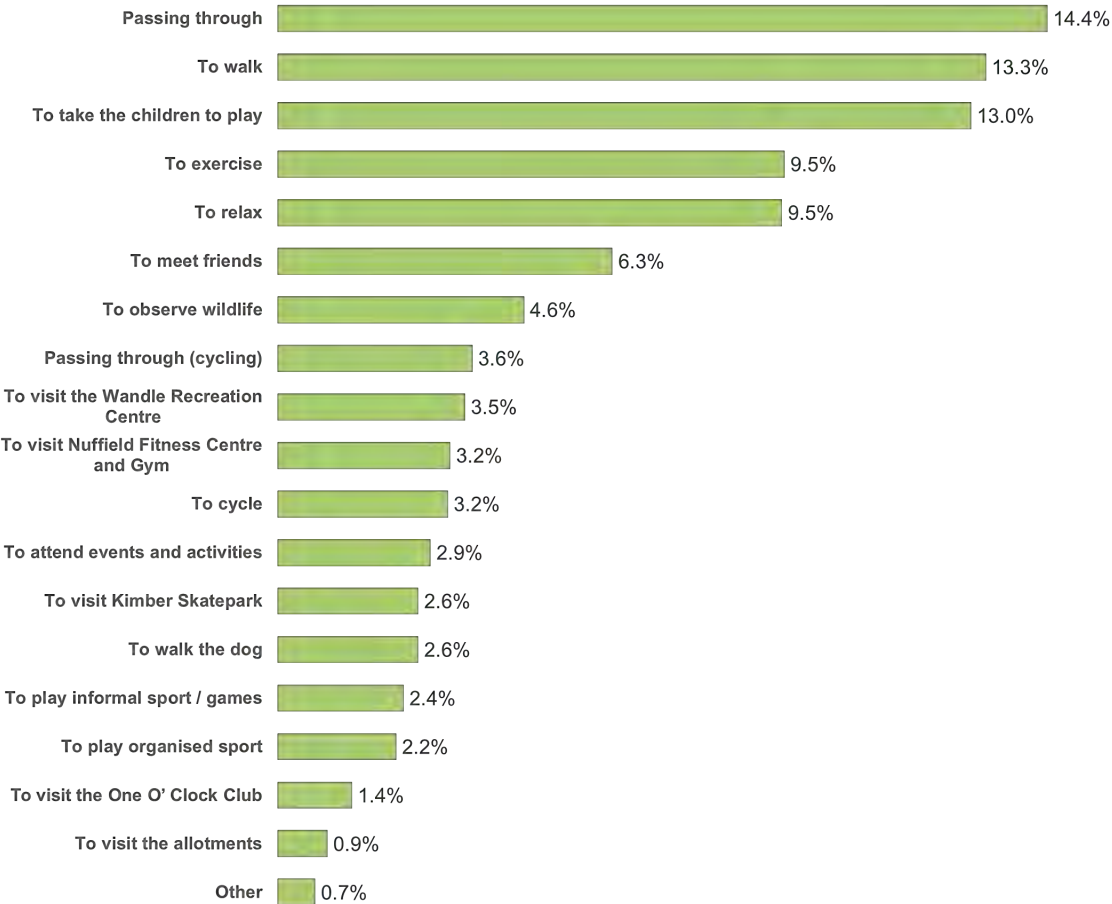


Chart 11 Reason for visiting King George’s Park

4 About King George's Park

4.1 Walking Routes

Respondents were asked to rate the quality of walking routes in the Park. With over three quarters (78.1%) of respondents, the vast majority rated the walking routes as quite good or very good. Only 11 people (2.3%) considered them to be quite poor or very poor (**Chart 14**).

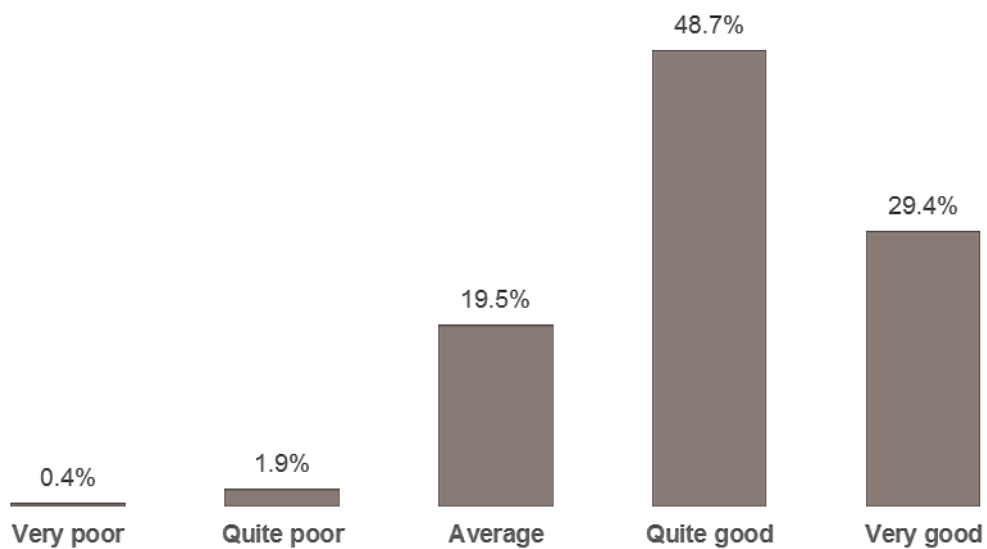


Chart 14 Rating the quality of walking routes in King George's Park

Respondents were also asked whether they felt there was any conflict between walkers and other user groups. While the majority (65.9%) said they did not feel there was any conflict, around a third (34.1%) said there was (**Chart 15**).

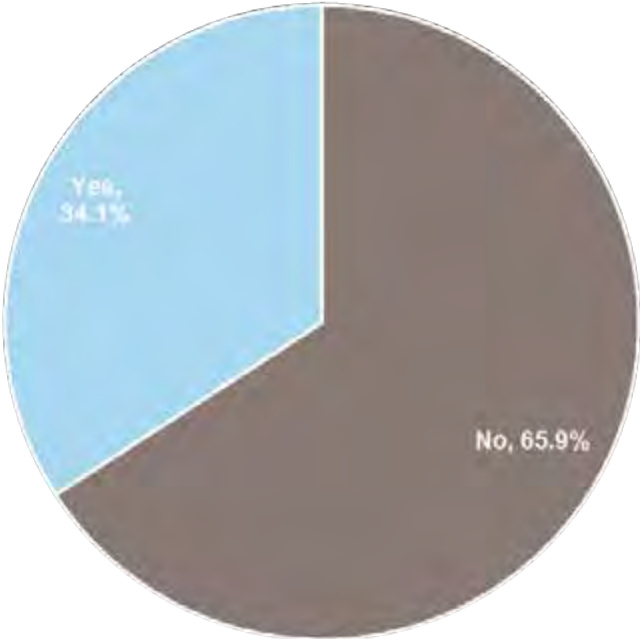


Chart 15 Do you feel there is any conflict between walkers and other users of the Park?

As a follow up question, respondents were also asked if there was anything that could be done to improve provision for walking in the Park. Many respondents suggested improvements relating to cyclists in the park, saying that some were “aggressive” and “rode too fast”. They suggested that the lanes should be more separate or be repainted to make the cycle and pedestrian lanes clearer and prevent pedestrians from walking in the wrong lane. Alternatively, one suggested combining the paths and giving pedestrians the right of way. Some went as far as to suggest banning cyclists from the Park, while a minority thought that the segregation was clear enough.

Improving the visibility along the pathways was also a key point. While some wanted vegetation cleared to open up views of the river, other were concerned over safety and being able to see

cyclists coming. For example, one respondent cited a blind corner at the steps down from the football pitches. Other suggestions included reducing the steepness of the ramp and dropping the kerb and adding a warning sign outside of the school (Southfields Academy).

The condition of the paths themselves was also an issue, with some calling for repairs to the pathways and the re-laying of the surfaces. On the other hand, one respondent said that the conditions were fine for their wheelchair and mobility scooter. Others cited maintenance issues with mud and leaves making the pathways slippery and dangerous, and that gritting when icy would also help. Some also wanted to see the pathways widened or for additional routes and trails to be added, such as a baby trail with buggy friendly pathways. Better accessibility was also suggested, such as adding an additional gate along Kimber Road with a pedestrian crossing.

Some also felt that the Park itself was dull and uninteresting to walk around, with areas feeling unkempt and enclosed. Respondents suggested adding more flowers and trees, artwork and providing more information and interpretation around the Park. One respondent suggested adding areas for wildlife spotting and incorporating a sustainable urban drainage system into the paths.

Litter was also an issue, with some suggesting more patrols with on-the-spot fines for those caught littering, as well as volunteer involvement to clear litter from the paths. More bins and benches along the walking routes were also suggested.

Other suggestions included better lighting along the routes, adding a fence along Knaresborough Drive, measures to prevent people from feeding the pigeons or letting their dogs off the lead and not clearing up after them. Others cited concerns over mopeds and service vehicles on the pathways.

All Open Comments are available in **Appendix A**.

4.2 Cycling

Of the 471 respondents, 315 gave a reason for cycling through the Park. As shown in **Chart 16** below, the most common reason for cycling through King George's Park, with 37.8%, was for leisure. Under 'other' respondents said they cycled through the King George's Park to get to and from their allotment or the Southfields Centre, teaching their children how to ride a bike, to experience the Wandle or to get to get to the play area. Other respondents added that was a safer route for their children and often the quickest way.

Just one on eight respondents (12.4%) cycled through the park as a commuter route.

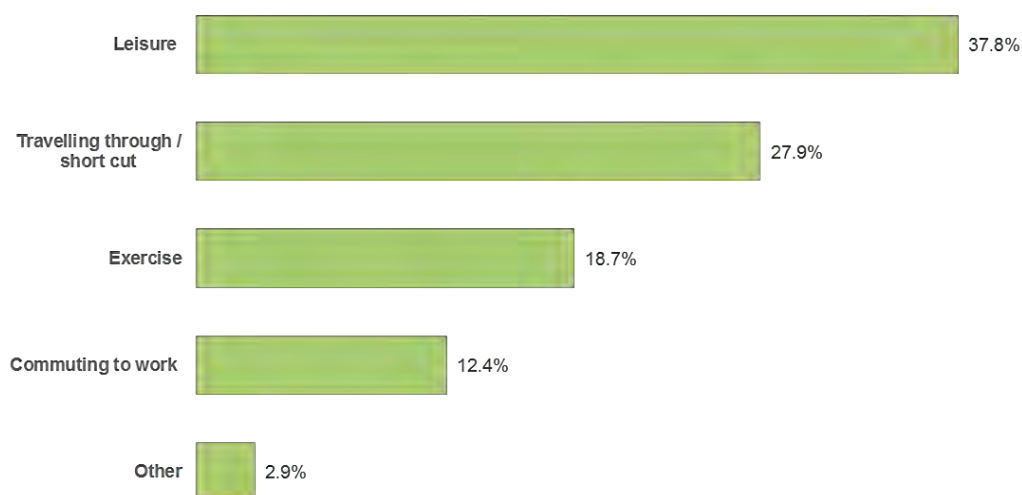


Chart 16 Reason for cycling through King George's Park

As shown in **Chart 17** below, over half of respondents (54.3%) rated the quality of cycling routes as “quite good” or “very good”. A further third (31.9%) of respondents considered the routes to be average condition. Just one in seven (13.5%) of respondents were dissatisfied with the condition of the cycling routes.

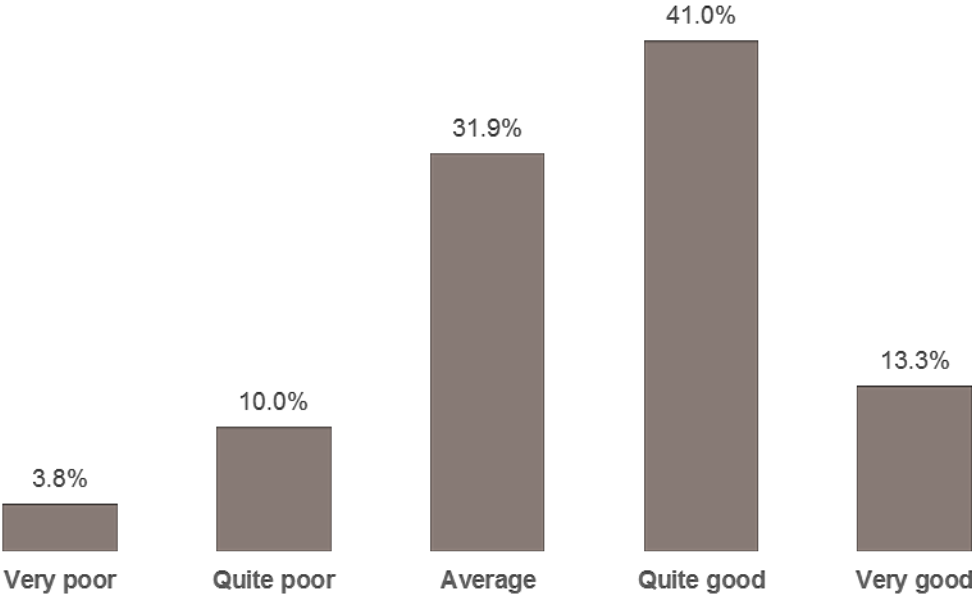


Chart 17 Rating the quality of cycling routes in King George’s Park

Respondents were also asked whether they felt there was any conflict between cyclist and other user groups (**Chart 18**). Of the 266 respondents who answered the question, two fifths said there they were aware of a conflict.

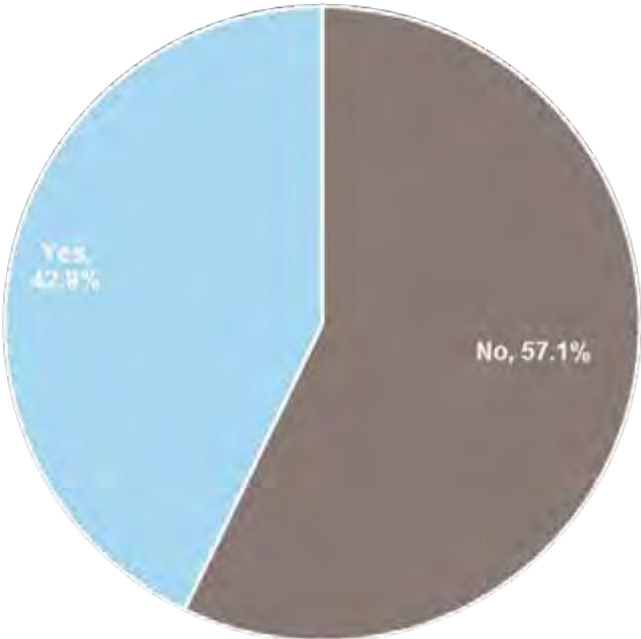


Chart 18 Do you feel there is any conflict between cyclists and other users of the Park?

As a follow up question, respondents were asked if there was anything that could be done to improve the cycling provision in King George’s Park. Respondents wanted to see cycling allowed in more areas of the Park and a more cycle-friendly environment created. Also, through creating more cycle routes around the Park and reconnecting current (poorly planned out) pathways (making the route more continuous) to make a ‘green link’ or ‘Thames safe bikeway’ would be a useful commuting route, reducing pollution and encouraging people to exercise (linking with Public Health). A more inclusive design would also improve provision, for example, widening the gate on Acuba Road / Bodmin Street to allow access for adapted cycles and boxbikes. Increasing

accessibility through more crossings and entrances (for example, crossing the Wandle into the Henry Prince Estate) was also suggested.

The conflict between cyclists and pedestrians was mentioned multiple times by respondents in the survey. Some said cyclists should be banned from the Park, while many respondents would like to see more separation between the cycle and pedestrian routes, either through creating better, wider pathways or repainting surfaces to make them clearer. A minority suggested creating shared routes with better signage. Cyclists also cited issues such as pedestrians in the cycle lane and dog walkers using leads which are long and thin, invisible to oncoming cyclists, or those walking dogs at night. There were also concerns from walkers of children running into the cycle lane and being hit by cyclists travelling too fast. Some suggested enforcing rules on cyclists and penalising them for speeding.

Another suggestion to reduce conflict was to improve visibility through better lighting along the route (or enforcing cyclists to use lights on their bikes) and the clearance of vegetation from alongside the paths.

Better maintenance of the pathways was also cited, including suggestions to clear leaves and gritting (in winter) making it safer to cycle, and generally reducing the risk of slipping. Some respondents suggested resurfacing some areas to make them more level and less steep.

Additional facilities like lock-ups and pumps would also improve provision for cyclists. The addition of Barclays bikes to the Park would also encourage more people to cycle.

4.3 Sports Provision

Chart 19 below, shows the formal and informal sports which respondents said they participate in in King George's Park. With over two fifths (43.5%) of respondents, the most common sport in King George's Park is running or jogging. With only 12 respondents (3.3%) use of the trim trail was the least common activity participated in by respondents.

Under 'other', eight respondents said they participated in group exercise, such as Bootcamp, while ten played tag-rugby, some citing the Battersea Ironsides. Other sports listed by respondents included cricket, bowls, judo, Pilates and table tennis. Other, more informal sports, included rounders, football or running around, and "climbing trees with the children".

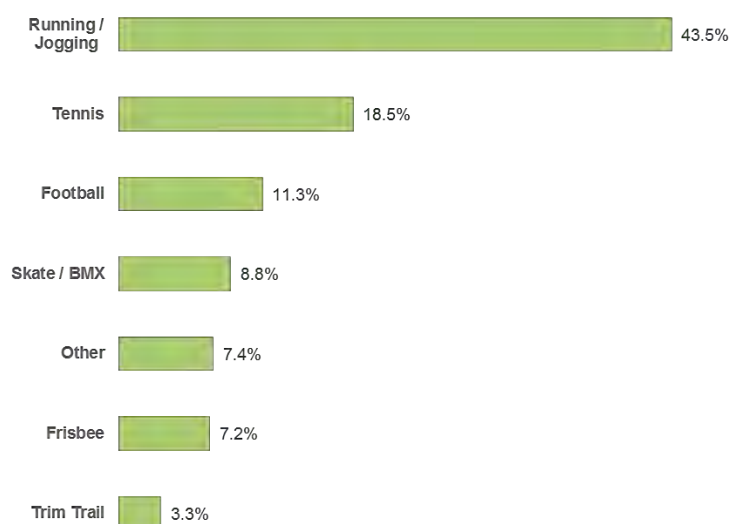


Chart 19 Formal and informal sports in King George's Park

When asked what could improve the sports provision at King George's Park, many respondents said they would like to see more facilities and activities, such as gym equipment (like at Clapham and Mitcham commons), table tennis, basketball / netball court, outdoor fitness classes, Parkrun, outdoor swimming pool, cricket, volleyball, bowls (for teenagers) or a MUGA. A member of the Sudbury House Residents Association also added that outside exercise equipment near Neville Fill Close was voted a good idea by a member in November 2017, saying that the association was willing to "compensation funding" to pay for it.

Others supported a general update of the facilities currently there and improving maintenance through clearing litter and ensuring they are kept dog-free. Further suggestions for enhancing the facilities included separating the pitches, adding flood lighting, installing permanent goal posts, drinking fountains, a café, and accessible toilets for spectators. Others suggested better advertising of the current facilities provided, such as the tennis courts.

There was also an emphasis on keeping the sports provision for the community. Suggestions included creating more for children under 5, allowing children to use facilities for free, running family exercise classes and creating more for young teenagers in the local area, like a youth club or additions to the skate park. Some respondents also wanted to see more provision for families and less organised sport. Others suggested using "mixed-management" with more space for wildlife alongside sports pitches and keeping areas more open and less fenced off.

4.4 Play Provision

As shown in **Chart 20** below, the play provision at King George's Park was considered to be of a high standard, with over four fifths (82.5%) rating it as good or very good.

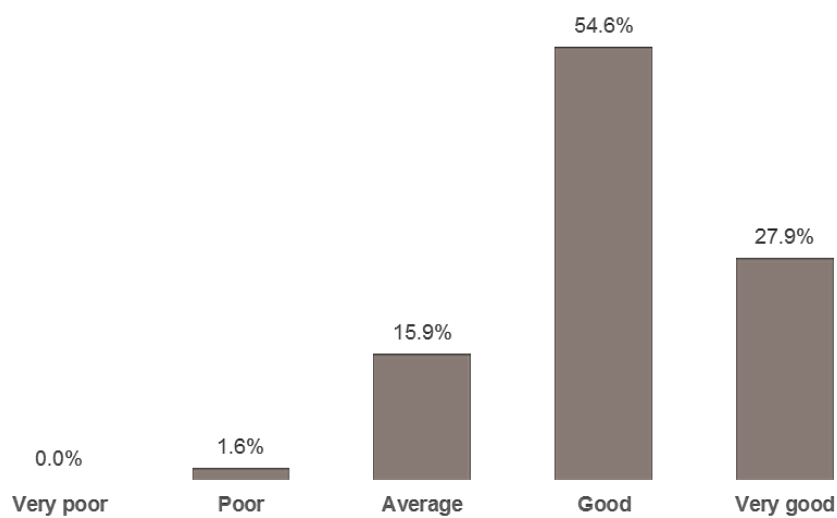


Chart 20 Rating the play provision at King George's Park

Respondents were also asked if there was anything that could be done to improve play provision at King George's Park. Many respondents wanted to see more varied play provision, such as water play or a sand pit in the Park, as well as additions like climbing frames, slides and trampolines. Some also wanted more natural play, with the addition of more trees and forest school type equipment. More interpretation and interactive play was also suggested, such as information on wildlife, orienteering routes or stories with carved wooden tablets, which would encourage wider use of the Park.

Another major issue highlighted by respondents was the need for more age specific areas. There were cases where older children had been threatening to younger children, or younger children had been hurt accidentally after wandering into the older play area. Adding a gate between the two areas was suggested (although this would limit parent's ability to watch children in both

play areas). A recurring point made by respondents was also to put a fence around the swings, with many respondents concerned that smaller children may be injured if running through.

Some respondents said the play area was great for younger children, but there was little provision for older children (over eight), such as slides or an adventure play element. Suggestions also included more for older children and teenagers, such as free sports equipment, bikes and exercise machines. As well as organised play to keep children entertained in the school holidays. Some also wanted more toddler play which could be used by younger children unaided and to open the One O'clock club for longer so parents can come for free play. The Dads' play session was cited, with the respondent stating it was fantastic but had got removed.

Many agreed that the Park needed more play provision particularly with the increase in the numbers of families in the area. Respondents suggested additional play areas to the south of the Park, which would be easier to access for people from Earlsfield and reduce crowding within the current play area.

Other suggestions included the addition of child-friendly toilets near the play area with changing rooms, drinking fountains and a shelter for the teenagers to use. More seating or a picnic area or a cafe for parents and carers while they are watching over their children was also suggested, as well as banning smoking from the play area and having a first-aid trained member of staff onsite to monitor that play area. Screening off the play area would mean that there was less disturbance to other Park users and maintain the area as dog free. Respondents also wanted to see better maintenance of the current play area, with litter clearance and the replacement of the bark chippings with a buggy-friendly and softer surface, which was also easier to see litter and animal droppings on. There was also emphasis on maintaining the play area as free to use, open and accessible (one respondent suggested play equipment with disabled access).

4.5 Safety

Respondents were asked to rate how safe they felt in King George’s Park. As **Chart 21** below demonstrates, that the majority of respondents felt safe in King George’s Park (81.6%). Only five people (1.1%) said they felt very unsafe in the Park.

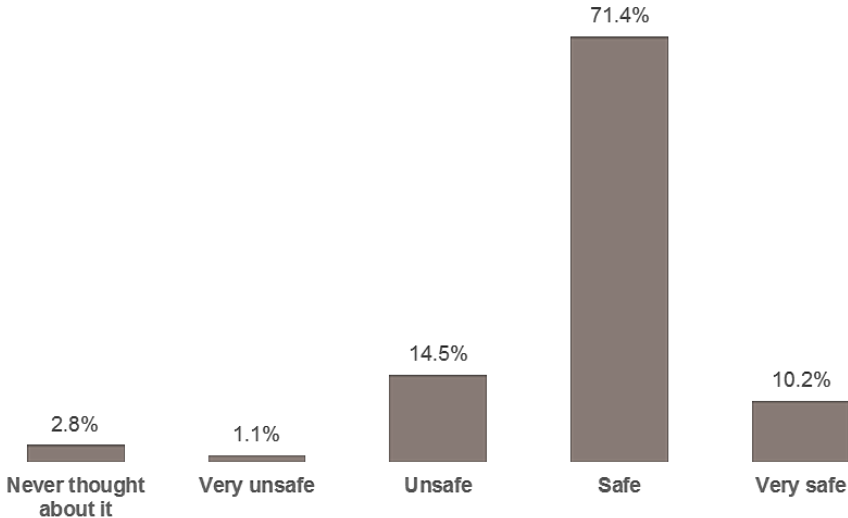


Chart 21 How safe do you feel in King George’s Park?

Respondents were asked, if they did not feel safe, why and where they felt unsafe. Some said that King George's felt unsafe compared with other Parks, such as Wandsworth Common, where there are often more people and dog walkers about. Some also said that certain areas of the Park felt unsafe, particularly for women and mothers and after dark, due to overgrown vegetation obscuring the paths, made worse by a lack of lightning. One respondent, (who said they were pregnant with their first child), said she and her partner were considering moving house due to safety concerns.

Some respondents also cited specific cases of anti-social behaviour around the Park, including young drug dealers trafficking near the Waterside development, drug use and drinking around Buckhold Road and near Brathway Road, around George View house development, around the Wandle and towards the south side of the Park. There were also multiple cases of assaults and muggings or pickpocketing around the Henry Prince estate and the bridge. One respondent also cited three cases of a flasher in the Park (reportedly drunk and in daylight).

There were also reports of groups of youths in the Park intimidating other users (some identified them as bored school kids during the holidays). Incidences included teenagers in the play area acting intimidatingly, listening to loud music, using bad language and throwing fireworks. One respondent cited an incident where their partner was nearly knocked off his bike by youths and another reported Southfield Academy students shouting abuse at passers-by. Others had seen people riding mopeds and burned out mopeds in the Park. Some also highlighted cases where a swan had been killed and cygnets stolen from the Park. Aggressive parents in the play area was also an issue for some users.

Other safety concerns include cyclists riding too fast and coming up behind people unexpectedly. Some cyclists also commented on pedestrians walking in the cycle lane. Litter (including broken glass) and dog mess was also commented on by respondents, with some suggesting creating a restricted area for dogs to be let off lead, would reduce conflict with other users. One respondent also said they had seen minicab drivers defecating in the woods as well as people urinating in the Park.

Much of the issues were put down to a lack of police presence or CCTV, with respondents asking for better security and more regular park patrols.

4.6 Seating and Shelter

Half of respondents (50.5%) considered the seating and shelter availability in the Park to be average, while almost a third (29.0%) rated it as very poor or poor (**Chart 22**).

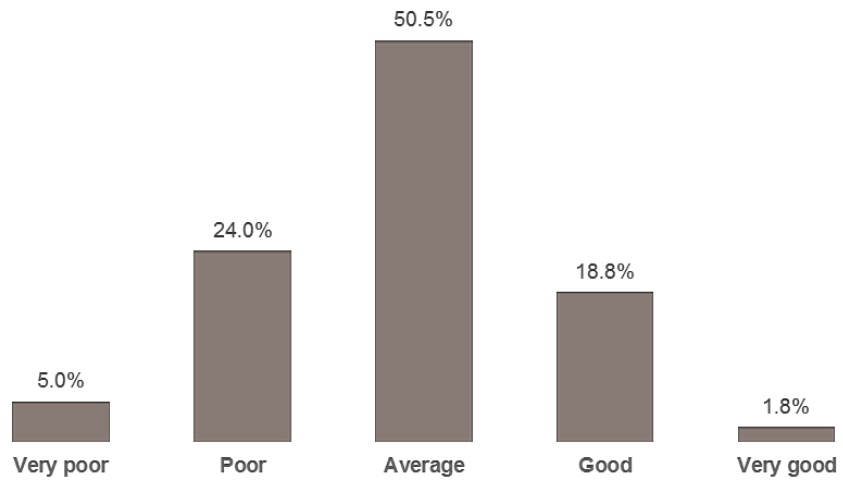


Chart 22 Rating the seating and shelter availability in King George's Park

4.7 The Quality of King George's Park

Respondents were also asked to rate the overall quality of the Park. In general, the quality was considered good, with almost two thirds (60.3%) of respondents giving it this rating (**Chart 23**). Only 15 respondents (3.2%) considered the quality to be poor or very poor.

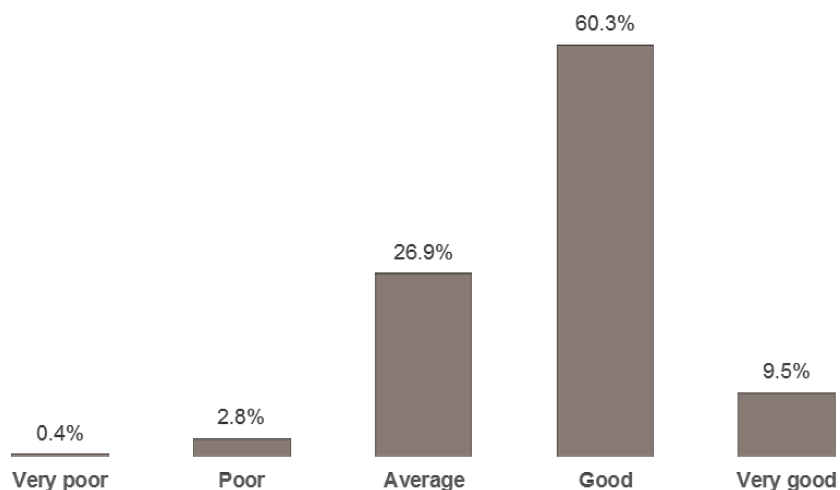


Chart 23 Rating the overall quality of King George's Park

Respondents were also asked what the change in quality had been in the last three years (**Chart 24**). Most (59.5%) said that it had stayed the same, while one third (34.1%) said it had improved. A minority (6.4%) said it had declined.

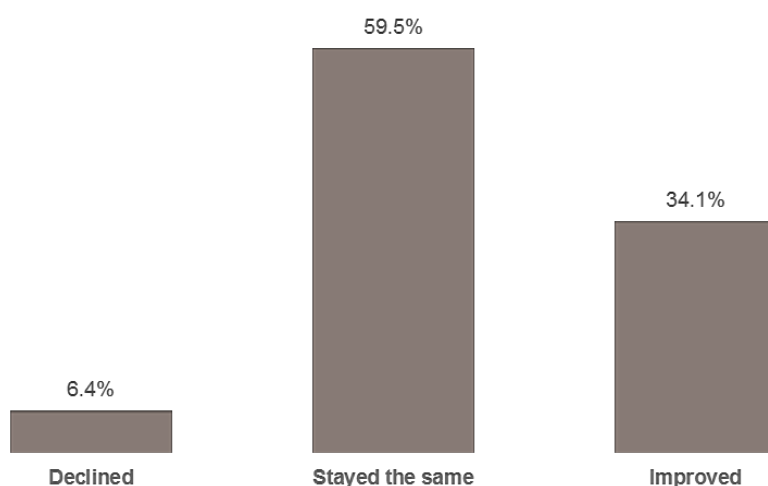


Chart 24 What has been the change in the quality of King George's Park over the last three years

Respondents were then asked to rate several statements on a scale of one to five (one being strongly disagree and five being strongly agree). With two thirds of respondents (66.3%) most agreed that King George’s Park was a welcoming place to visit (**Chart 25**).

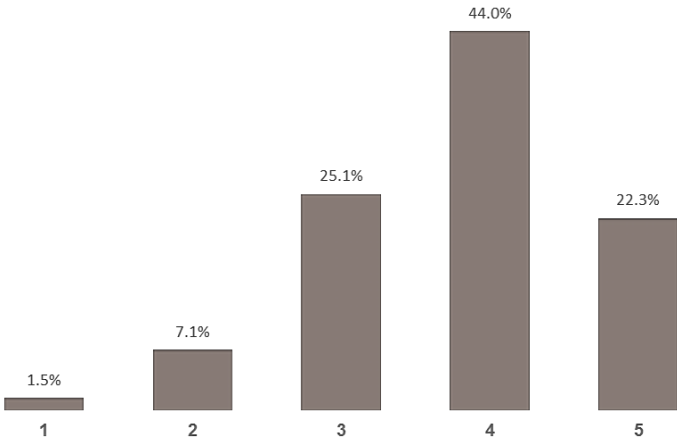


Chart 25 It is a welcoming place to visit

In general, respondents felt that King George’s Park was a safe place to visit. Almost two thirds (60.6%) of respondents agreed or strongly agreed that the site was safe, around one in eight (12.6%) disagreed or strongly disagreed (**Chart 26**).

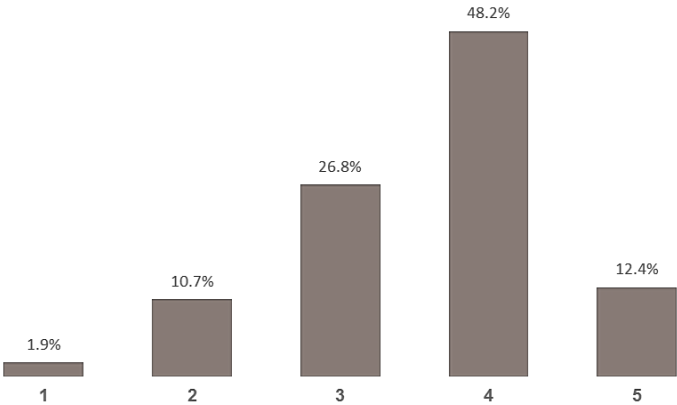


Chart 26 It is a safe place to visit

Chart 27 below shows that most respondents (63.9%) agreed or strongly agreed that King George’s Park is clean and well maintained.

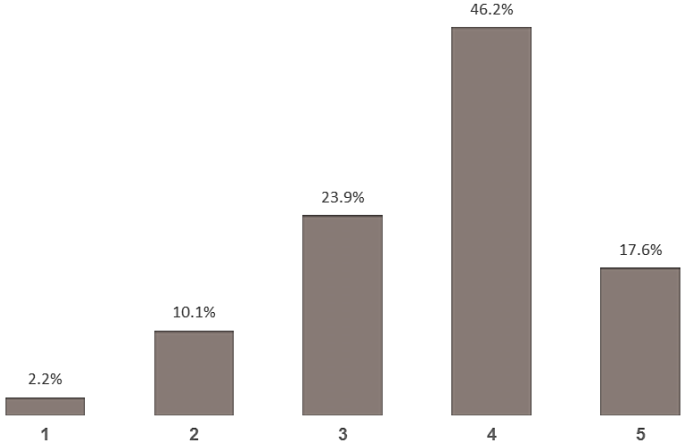


Chart 27 It is clean and well maintained

With just over half (50.2%), fewer respondents agreed that the Park was managed in an environmentally friendly way. A third (33.8%) were neutral (or three) and 16.0% disagreed.

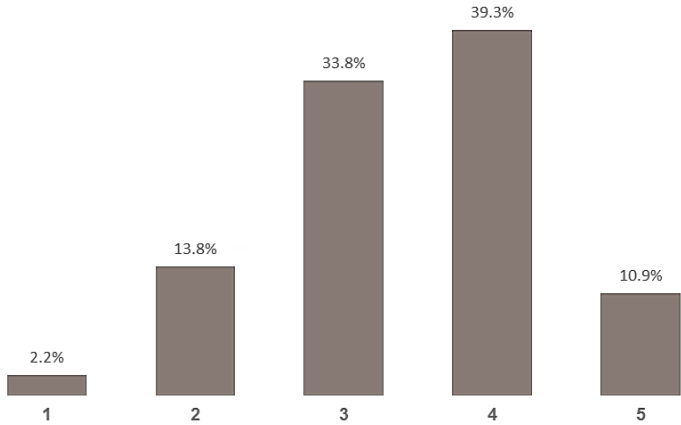


Chart 28 It is managed in an environmentally friendly way

With over half of the respondents (58.4%) more agreed that the Park made a contribution to wildlife (**Chart 29**).

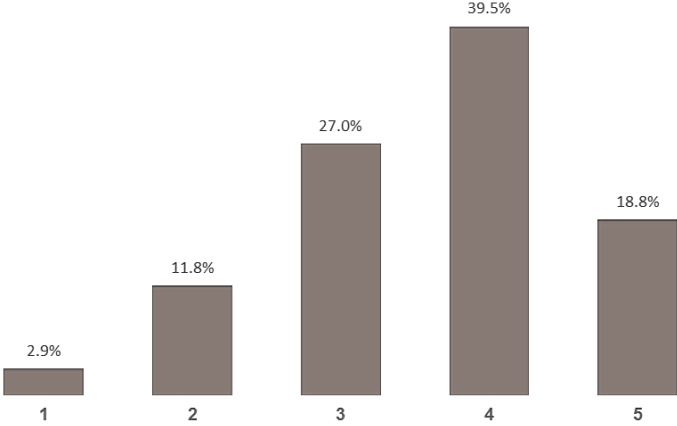


Chart 29 It makes a contribution to wildlife

Chart 30 below shows that, with only a fifth (21.2%) of respondents, a minority agreed that King George’s Park showcased its local heritage. Almost half (47.1%) disagreed with the statement, with a tenth of respondents strongly disagreeing.

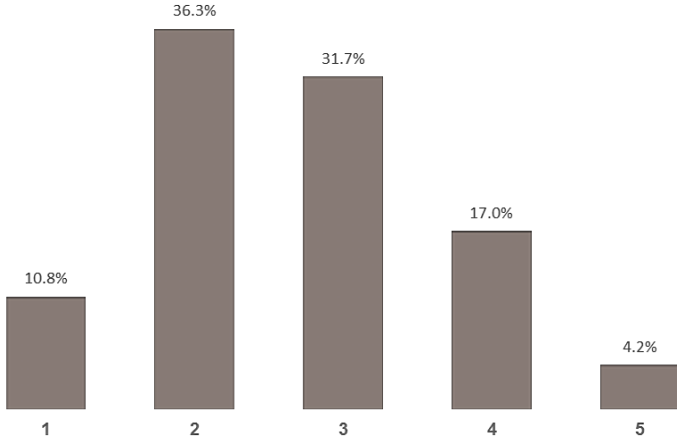


Chart 30 It showcases local heritage

A third (33.8%) of respondents disagreed that there were enough opportunities to get involved at King George’s Park (**Chart 31**). While just over a quarter (27.4%) agreed, and one in 20 (5.2%) strongly agreed.

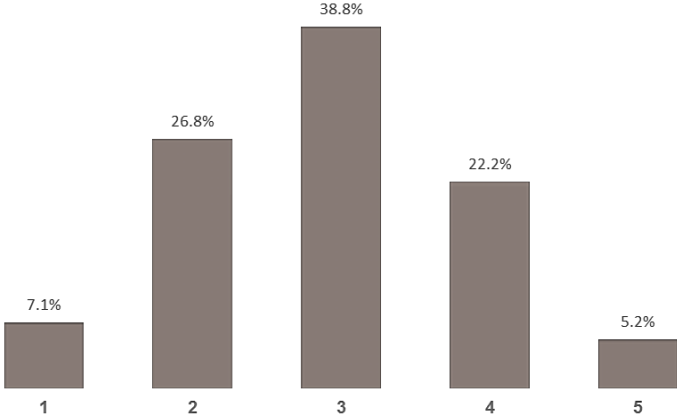


Chart 31 There are enough opportunities to become involved

As shown in **Chart 32** below, almost half (48.0%) of respondents disagreed that the Park was properly promoted and celebrated. With only 11 people (2.8%) strongly agreeing with the statement.

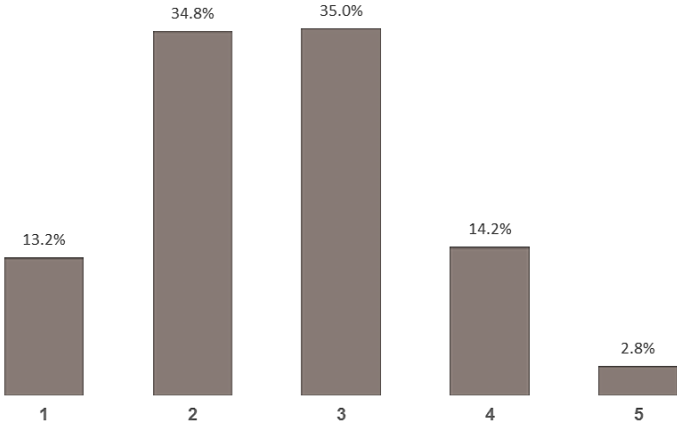


Chart 32 It is properly promoted and celebrated

When asked if King George’s Park had a positive impact on the local community, the vast majority of respondents (87.9%) agreed or strongly agreed. Only five respondents (1.1%) strongly disagreed (**Chart 33**).

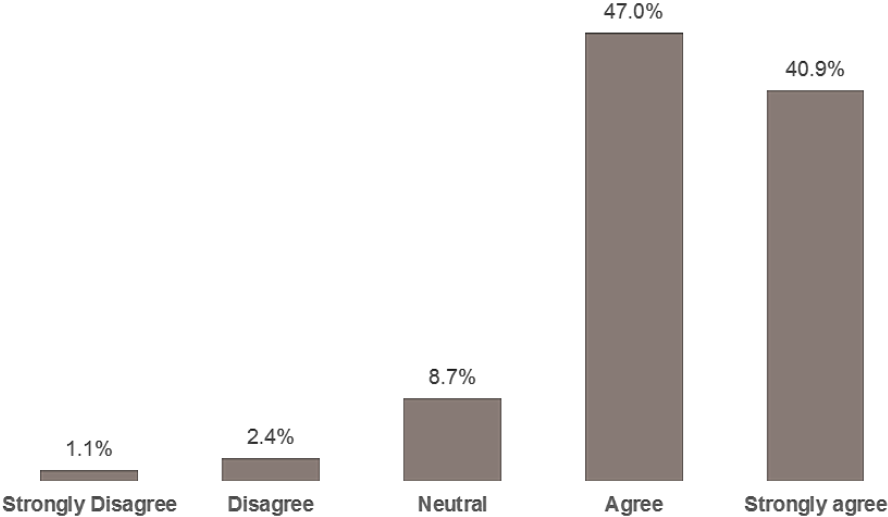


Chart 33 King George’s Park had a positive impact on the local community

Chart 34 below demonstrates that over half (55.0%) of respondents would like to see the character of King George’s Park to be more natural in future. Only a tenth (10.9%) would like it to be more formal.

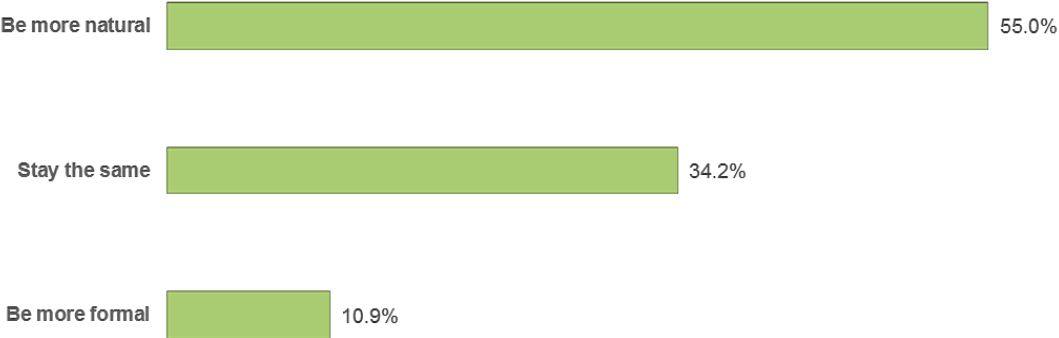


Chart 34 In the future what would you like to see the character of King George’s Park change to?

Respondents were also asked if they felt there were any facilities not currently provided in King George's Park (**Chart 35**). Two thirds (64.2%) said there were.

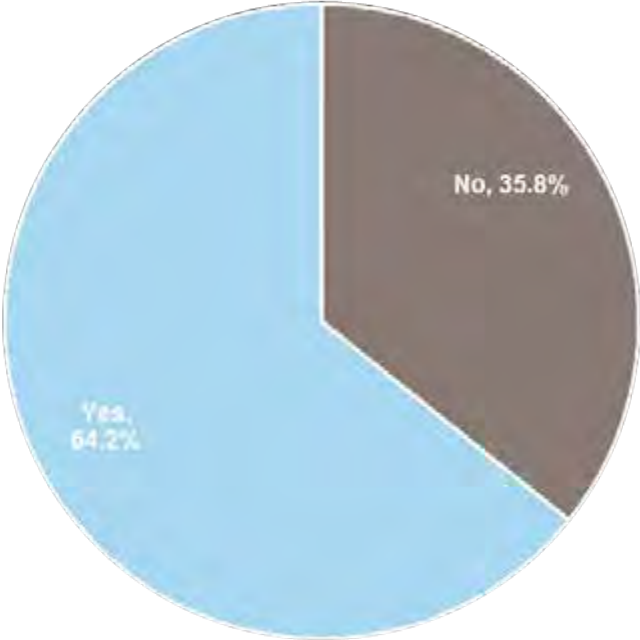


Chart 35 Do you feel there is a need for any facilities not currently provided in King George's Park?

As a follow up question, respondents were asked what facilities they would like to see in future that were not currently provided in the Park. As shown in **Table 1** below, the most common facility that respondents would like to see provided in the Park in future were more toilets and baby changing facilities (22.5%), particularly near the play area. This was closely followed by requests for a café (20.3%), possibly with indoor and outdoor seating, or a small kiosk in the Park. Some also said there was supposed to be a community café as part of the Westfield Waterside Development and suggested that a community café could help those seeking employment in the local area.

Facilities not currently provided	n	%
More toilets and baby changing facilities	94	22.5
Cafe	85	20.3
Play area improvements	68	16.3
Sheltered seating and bins	35	8.4
Wildlife areas and better management of natural areas	28	6.7
Additional sports provision and facilities	22	5.3
Outdoor gym equipment	21	5.0
Better lighting	15	3.6
Improvements to cycleways and walkways	14	3.3
Designated dog walking areas	10	2.4
Community events	6	1.4
Security	5	1.2
Other	15	3.6
Total	418	100.0

Table 1 Facilities not currently provided in King George’s Park

The third most common suggestion was improvements to the play areas (16.3%). Some respondents suggested making improvements and additions to the current play facilities, such as a sand pit, water play or a paddling pool, or the addition of new play feature. These included an area for natural play, crazy golf or a zip wire. Some would also like to see more playgrounds in the Park, particularly towards Earlsfield.

Other respondents would like to see more shelters and seating in the Park (8.4%), also suggesting some picnic benches. Under other, there were also suggestions of brick BBQ areas. Six respondents (1.4%) also asked for more bins in the Park, including recycling bins.

Another popular suggestion was for more wildlife areas and more of an emphasis on biodiversity within the Park (6.7%). While some respondents wanted to see the area around the Wandle better managed, making it more accessible with a seating area. Other suggestions included a wildflower meadow, more planting and trees (with a possible woodland area and walk) and encouraging more wildlife into the Park. Along with more information on the wildlife in the Park and some educational areas. There were also two suggestions of a community garden or orchard.

Additional sports provision was also a fairly popular suggestion (5.3%), with emphasis on the provision being free. Respondents requested a basketball court, netball, improved skatepark, canoeing, cricket, running track and table tennis. There was also a request for disabled access equipment. As well as other facilities like a tennis club house or water fountains. One in 20 respondents (5.0%) also wanted more outdoor gym equipment in the Park, such as monkey bars or press up bars.

Following on from issues regarding safety, many respondents wanted more lighting around the Park (3.6%), as well as increased security and CCTV (1.2%).

Again, following on from previous questions, some respondents wanted more walking routes and cycle tracks (3.3%), along with additional facilities like bike parking.

Ten (2.4%) respondents requested dog-free areas or designated areas where they could walk their dogs off lead safely, with fences to prevent them from running into other people or roads.

A small number of respondents (1.4%) also wanted to see more events in the Park, such as community events, markets, fireworks display and music.

Under 'other' (3.6%) one respondents suggested introducing beehives to the top of the Nuffield Building and selling King George's Park honey. Additional parking, allotment expansion and a mini zoo were also suggestions from respondents. Some also asked that there was more provision for teenagers to prevent anti-social behaviour in and around the Park.

Respondents were also asked if there were any barriers to use which prevented their enjoyment or use of King George’s Park (**Table 2**). Generally, some respondents thought it did not have a lot to offer, especially compared with other Parks in the area such as Wandsworth Common or Wimbledon Park. Many consider it somewhere to walk through, not a destination.

Barriers to use	n	%
Anti-social behaviour	40	17.6
Lack of facilities	32	14.1
Wildlife and nature	25	11.0
Maintenance and improvements	18	7.9
Dogs and dog mess	17	7.5
Litter	16	7.0
Pigeons	15	6.6
Lack of lighting	15	6.6
Fencing / entrances	10	4.4
Lack of seating and shelter	10	4.4
More community events (less sport)	8	3.5
Cycling and walking provision	6	2.6
Cyclist-walker conflict	5	2.2
Other	11	4.4
Total	228	100.0

Table 2 Barriers to use that prevent the enjoyment or use of the space

With 17.6% of the respondents, the largest barrier to use was anti-social behaviour from “threatening teens”, drug use and drinking. There were also concerns over safety, another major barrier to using the Park. Following this, another common barrier was a lack of facilities (14.1%), such as a café, toilets and additional play provision. Other facilities suggested included BBQ and picnic areas

Another key issue was the lack of provision for wildlife and natural areas in the Park (11.0%). Many wanted to see more trees and flowers in the Park and more provision for nature, along with interpretation and signage (especially about not feeding bread to the birds). Making the river Wandle more accessible and improving the water quality to make it more of a feature by adding a bench and picnic table or adventure area for children was also suggested. There was also some concern over the safety of the swans.

With 18 (7.9%) of respondents, some also thought the Park was in need of additional maintenance and improvements, with one respondents calling it “poor quality” and another

“run down”. Improvements suggested included painting the railings, pruning, tending to the rose beds and clearing the bins more frequently.

The presence of aggressive dogs off lead and dog mess throughout the Park also prevented people from using the Park (7.5%).

Litter was also a common barrier (7.0%), particularly after football practise. As well making the Park unappealing, there was concern from dog walkers who said their dogs had eaten chicken bones left behind. Respondents suggested regular litter clean ups and more litter and recycling bins.

Many respondents (6.6%) did not like using the Park because of the numbers of pigeons. There were comments about the mess they make and the numbers of rats that they draw to the Park. People also wanted to see signs put up, telling people to not feed the pigeons.

In relation to previous comments in the survey, an additional barrier to use was also the lack of lighting (6.6%) in the Park, making people feel unsafe and preventing them from using it in the early mornings and evenings.

Under ‘Fencing / entrances’ (4.4%) five respondents said there needed to be a space for dogs to be let off lead without disturbing other Park users or the risk of them running off. Other access issues included too few entrances due to areas being fenced off, as well as limited parking and heavy traffic in the area. There were also a small number of comments about making the Park more buggy and wheelchair accessible.

As highlighted in the previous question, the lack of seating and shelter was also a barrier to use for some respondents (4.4%).

Respondents (3.5%) would also like to see less of the Park used for sport and more provision of activities and areas for sitting and relaxing. Activities (such as bonfire night) that engaged more of the local community would encourage more use of the space.

In relation to previous comments about cycling and walking provision, six respondents (2.6%) also said that the lack of cycling provision (and “negative messages sent out about cycling”) and a shortage of walking and cycling routes was a barrier to use. Some wanted to see the two sides of the Park better connected and improvements to current pathways. Moreover, five

respondents (2.2%) said that conflict between cyclist and walkers had put them off using the Park, with cyclists riding dangerously fast.

Under 'other' (4.4%) respondents said that barriers included no free parking, smoking in the play area and general lack of appeal. Suggestions include setting up a management group and expanding the allotment due to high demand for plots.

5 Conclusions

There was a good response to the survey, with almost 500 respondents. 470 of the respondents had visited the Park in the last 12 months, with most using the play area and open fields. Many of the users are local, taking less than five minutes to get to the Park on foot.

A major theme throughout the survey responses was cyclist-walker conflicts. Although the quality of walking and cycling routes were generally rated highly, many wanted the lanes to be more separate and better marked to reduce future conflicts. Some also wanted better enforcement to prevent cyclist from riding irresponsibly and endangering other users.

Again, although the majority considered the Park to be safe there were some instances of anti-social behaviour reported and some said that certain areas felt unsafe, particularly with a lack of lighting and security.

Several commented that King George's Park was well loved with people using it regularly and wanting to see it better maintained with more varied features, such as natural play or a café, so that it will be better used in the future.

Appendix A

Open Comments

Is there anything that could be done to improve provision for walking in King George's Park?

- Speed restriction signs for cyclists especially in front of the wandle recreation centre nursery exit.
- Speed restriction for cyclists throughout who use some of the cycle routes as a super highway flying through. Enforcement of this.
- Extremely clear signs which indicate no cyclists allowed on walking pathways where there is no cycle route
- More frequent dog waste removal on pathways and in the park and strict enforcement
- clean up of pathways after football and rugby games on the weekend when sportsmen clean their muddy boots on the walking path and pavement especially around the kimber road exit and the playground exit

Clearer bike lanes and a school warning sign. Our school entrance is right on one of the main bike routes and am concerned of the safety of our children on drop off and pick up time especially in the winter when it is dark.

1. Better maintenance of paths e.g. sweep leaves up (currently a problem and becoming dangerous) - shouldn't come as a surprise in autumn...
2. Put all-weather surfaces on 'desire lines' e.g. to connect the new Linden riverside flats behind Henry Prince Estate with the Wandle Trail and Strathville Road, to the south
3. Fix brickwork paths that have become uneven because of tree roots
4. Some gritting at least of main paths in icy weather would be appreciate
5. Ensure people keep their dogs under control

Make the paths all mixed use for a walkers and cyclists. They're too narrow to walk side by side with other babies and buggies.

There is NO gate to allow you to walk across the kimber road unless you go all the way round to to the right (or left). Bonkers, just put a gate in the middle so joggers don't have to run out of the park and back into the gym car park when trying to run through the park. The long metal fence has to be jumped over (unless you want to run round via thre BMX Park)

Lack of sufficient cycling paths.

Slow cyclists down

Hard to say. You can only walk next to the cycle path.

Gravel paths, clearly marked cycle paths separated from walkers, more benches, more trees, improve gardening around Fosters Walk (overgrown nettles), widen existing asphalt paths and reasphalt them, put a cafe in e.g. south of Kimber Road). Improve access from all the roads nearby.

There's not very many trails to walk in the park, mostly it is open fields for sport which you cannot pass when people are playing. It would be useful if extra walking routes, with extra provisions made to create space for wildlife/varied habitats, were created around the park/sports pitches. These routes shouldn't necessarily be tarmac/hardcore but instead could be created with marginal planting and bark chipped/soak away SuDS pathways to benefit the surrounding land and not water-log the nearby pitches or cause run off into the River Wandle. Perhaps small areas could be redesigned with wildlife in mind to allow other recreational activities to take place in the park such as nature walks/wildlife watching, outdoor education for nearby schools etc. Areas not used for sport could be left to grow long rather than being mowed consistently short around the pitches, even if this was just around the margins, or surrounding new walking routes to create a sense of separation from the other activities going on.

Widen the footpaths slightly, repaint the walk/cycle lane lines, repair the faulty lamp posts. wider paths to allow for safe passing with dog walkers / runners / pushchairs / cyclists / people walking 5-a-breast...

Better marking on cycle routes and walking routes

More routes, not shared with cyclists

Cyclists sometimes travel along paths too quickly which is worrying when walking especially with a pram

The cyclists go so fast. Making it clearer the lanes they should be in and aski. Them to slow down

Make is safer to pass with children as there are bikes there

Surface is a bit bumpy near the skate park.

I notice if I cycle through on my way back from Earlsfield - walkers ignore the cycle side of the path

A fenced off area specifically for dogs to run and play that won't interrupt other users.

There's sometimes problems with walkers and buggies and cyclists. I'm not sure what can be done about this.

Maybe separate the walking and bike path as walking path not quite wide enough when two people with pram walking together

Getting people to pick up their dog mess.

Paths to be more lit up in evenings

dog area should be restricted and people should monitor it like a safeguard

the entrance to nuffield is also too dangerous

The walking path and the cycle path are both narrow and often you will find walkers on the cycle path and vice versa. Maybe separate the paths or make them wider.

No. I think the segregated walking/cycling path works.

Added path from Westfield development onto park, where end of road is you can clearly see the path people prefer to take. More and nicer benches

I would like the path from Southside to the tennis courts to be better lit.

avoid young drug dealers always trafficking close to the Waterside development

Yes improve lighting. Also benches at south end of the park as you enter from acuba rd attract street drinkers and youths smoking weed which can feel threatening to lone women walkers.

Also youths smoking weed in the skate park especially in summer evenings. Also homeless person living in the bushes at far south end open space last summer felt unsafe.

There should be better visibility where the walking path intersects with the bike path (that connects Mapleton Road and Mapleton Crescent) as it is very difficult to see cyclists when coming out from the broad walk by the tennis courts.

No, there is already a cycling path so no further improvements really needed.

Better segregation of cycle paths

Better quality walking surfaces. More demarcation between walking and cycling paths (not too bad now but not everyone adheres to them).

Lights on Fosters Way. A lot of them are not working.

Get rid of aggressive cyclists who hate children and dogs and think it's their right to travel as fast as they can through

Better separate the cycle lane from the walking lane - maybe make two separate paths.

Child friendly Cafe and public loos

More signage and rules to state which is the pedestrian path and which is the cycle path as cyclists often cycle on the pedestrian path especially near the Park Gardens nursery where the rules and demarcation are not so clear. A simple sign or a sign on the path showing the bicycle route would be helpful.

Cycle lane kept totally separate from the footpath

Get rid of the cycle lane as has been done on Wandsworth Common. Bike users can be very fast and aggressive and if they are forced to share the space it causes less conflict between the cyclists and pedestrians as they have to slow down.

Better lighting in dark areas

The cyclist route is not clearly marked &

It is easy for pedestrians to walk into the cycle path without realising

The cycle path is poorly marked out so users are not immediately aware that there is a cycle path, and therefore wander into it, potentially putting themselves and others at risk - for example, not being risk aware when walking with young children.

The untidy "wildlife" area by the river next to the walking paths makes them feel less safe in the night.

Make it easier to get closer to the Wandle for the length of the park.

People need to be more aware of the cycle lane especially parents with children

Make the bike path clearer

Make the walking lane slightly bigger than the cycling one.. 2 buggies can't fit on the walking

one comfortably

Yes, more lighting on the walkways/cycle tracks at night.

More artwork or interactive stuff

Installation of an outdoors calisthenics gym at the northerners end of the park. Wandsworth is lacking in street work out furniture unlike other boroughs in London.

It's a great cycle route and connection for healthy commuting / travelling. So it would be easier for walkers to be separated from cycles to keep both safe

More lighting around the pathways at night - especially down the Strathville Road end of the park.

Dont allow cyclists!

Yes. There are large vacant areas of characterless grass which could be turned into interesting and valuable wildlife habitats. For instance, shrubs and small trees will encourage the bird and bat populations in the area, and will make the park more attractive with greater interest for walking.

Re-lying the footpath

presently with children walking along the shared cycle/footpath feels potentially dangerous - especially where lines not marked. could cycleways be blue etc...

Better lighting

no

Dogs on leads. In the main open area too many dogs running around far from their owners - maybe a specific area for dogs off leads?

Better separation of cycle and foot paths

There are lot more people using the paths joggers parents with buggies dogs being walked and you have to be aware of the cyclist in the cycle lanes

The river area is usually quite dirty and dark which it's a shame as it's such a lovely walk for children. It feels quite magical with the sound of the water and covered by trees away from busy noisy road.

More exercise equipment for adults/children

I would like to see more family and dog free areas, less dog mess and less organised sports taking over the whole park.

Lighting on the path that leads from Burr Road to the Westfield Waterside development/cycle route. This cut is very dark in the winter evenings and is used by a lot of people coming from Southfields station, it doesn't feel very safe as a woman to be walking there alone in the dark to my home (Westfield Waterside).

Some of the areas feel quite enclosed and there are often some undesirable characters around there. Some of the routes in to the park seem a little unkempt and unfriendly.

At night time more lighting. I don't like walking through the park alone even at 5pm in winter. I think splitting the footpath between walkers/runners and cyclists is silly. Earlier this year I was running along the path next to the skatepark. I was being overtaken by a cyclist and when we both rounded the corner I met a couple with a double buggy coming the other way. As I was blocked in by the cyclist, I had no choice but to go round the buggy on the inside verge and I lost my footing. I fell and badly cut my leg, back and arm. If the footpath is too narrow to properly accommodate both bike users and pedestrians at the same time, then I think having dual use is silly and potentially dangerous

It's a nice park. Things that would improve it: Have a public swimming pool at the recreation centre; advertise the tennis sessions more actively; start a netball league.

It is sometimes a problem to walk through because of cycles coming towards or behind when walking, there doesn't seem to be enough space for both even though there is a designated path for each. It can be very irritating and dangerous to have bikers cycling up fast towards or behind you.

Make the bike track and the public walk, which is together more safe, for the bikes have only one lane for both ways, this also applies to the public walk, and with myself using a wheelchair is difficult

More street lights that work. Very often the lights are out and also seem very dim, therefore for the ones that work brighter lights.

There are some parts where the shared cycle / pedestrian paths are a bit narrow. These could be

widened.

More information provided - maps, biodiversity, etc.

Lighting the path that runs the bottom length of the park that's v dark at night

CCTV cameras do make it safer after dark.

The path from the river wandle can use a bit more lighting as it invites some people to use illegal substances.

Newer walking paths not clashing with/ sharing cycling lanes

The south end of the park (near the estate) often feels unsafe with people smoking weed, hanging about in groups with pitbulls. I've seen police chases there and so don't like to walk through with my baby

Larger footpaths/cycle paths

No, it's fine as it is.

Occasionally some confusion between the bike lane and footpath near the park. Not really separate enough to allow small children to run along the footpath in case they run into the bike lane. Bikes do come through very fast on occasion.

Improved space and segregation between footpath and cycle path.

Improved use of the riverside area.

Improved rubbish bin provision and no waste bins near the benches resulting in lazy / ignorant people littering the park. Insufficient rubbish bin facilities in the summer months too.

The lanes in some parts of the park are quite narrow and it is difficult to walk when there are a lot of cycles especially with buggies

Very happy with it

No. It's fine.

It could be lit up more.

Some bikes don't slow down which poses a danger to small children who wander into cycle lane. Also there are sometimes vespas racing up and down the paths.

The signs for cyclists could be repainted

Lights around the lake area and tennis court. It can be very scary to cross in the dark - especially in winter

More walking paths

More clearly segregated lanes

Requiring dogs to be kept on leads

YES THE BYCICLE LANE NEAR MAIN PLAYGROUND NEEDS TO BE CHANGED BECAUSE AS YOU COME OUT OF THE GATES TO GO TO PLAYGROUND YOU CANNOT SEE IF A BYCICLE IS COMING AS THE BIKE LANE GOES RIGHT ACROSS THE GATES

Some of the hedges could be kept lower so you can see over them when going round corners.

The walking path could be flatter, at present it has some uneven bricks.

Dog walkers do not keep their dogs under control.

Lack of vision of bike path between sections of Mapleton Road when walking south. Bikes hidden behind hedge, also bikes can't see pedestrians

Create cycling lanes all the way round the park. The 2015 council decision to make a part of the park unusable by cyclists was both stupid and in practice has been totally ineffective.

Better lighting on the paths at night

Fast cyclists can be very annoying and a hazard

Separate cycle path

The cycle lanes are too wide and don't allow enough space for buggies. Cyclist go too fast.

More paths could be put in place, especially alongside Burr road, which is particularly in accessible, especially with a buggy. There should also be more access/entry points in the park.

There are also certain paths which do not separate cycle track and the walking track, which can sometime feel unsafe for walkers.

Better lighting to feel safe at night. More bins. CCTV.

Baby trail for mums with pushchairs/ toddlers

Clearer and more frequent markings of cycle lanes. Better working streetlights at night particularly around Nuffield Leisure Centre.

Make paths wider. Clean leaves more frequently

Slow down the cyclists, especially around Park garden nursery. Get the dogs in leads on the pedestrian paths

Please please stop there being so much dog poo, especially on the paths.

Better street lighting at night...the orange hue isn't great and it doesn't feel that safe after dark

Better lighting in the dark and better separation of cycle ways

Clearer separation from cyclists

I have noticed mopeds going through the park on the walking paths which is very dangerous. Is there anything that can be done to stop this?

I have not observed this or find this to be an issue

slightly larger paths so that cyclist have more space too

Lighting around the lake

More lighting from the back of Waitrose, walking past the pond towards the tennis Courts. It's very dark at 5/6pm collecting my children from Tennis. It makes me very nervous. I understand that there is wildlife there, but some low level lighting to guide you would be useful.

Make crossing Kimber Road easier. Make path up to Kimber Road less enclosed.(West side of park). Provision of public toilets. More access at southern end by new residential buildings.

Widen the paths, especially those used by people riding bicycles. The paths in the park are part of National Cycle routes, and the forthcoming quietway will use the park's paths too.

Many of the brick paths have uneven surfaces, where the brickwork and adjacent manhole covers have shifted. There is little effort made to fix these, resulting in trip hazards for people walking and dismount hazards for people cycling. An example is the path between the east and west Mapleton Roads.

The park is constantly littered with fast food leftovers, plastic bottles and human waste. There should be wardens safeguarding the parks and issuing on the spot fines.

Clearer bike/walk markings.

Pedestrian crossing at Kimber road

Less steep ramp and clearer bike/walk paths between the playing fields and the large playground area

Sometimes it can feel quite isolated and walking alone can feel a bit unsafe. It would be nice if there was more of a presence of other people. Sometimes I prefer to walk on Wandsworth common as there are more people around

Slow cyclists down. Very dangerous. My child has been knocked and my dog narrowly missed

The bikes are very dangerous for kids near the playground

Wider path; often in conflict with cycles

No

Painting of fencing, improving lighting especially for dark nights in the winter - should be brighter / well lit

Separate the cycle path and footpath

- Better control of littering, with nearby schools, it's a daily issue to find lots of garbage and fast food boxes across the fields area of the park.

- Cyclists, not using lighting or signalling with bells, also cycling at what I would consider a dangerous speed while in close proximity with pedestrians, children, dogs,...

- Better designated areas for off-lead dog walking

Garbage makes unpleasant walkings in the park. Regularly volunteer organizations are necessary for our contribution to park area

Groups of teenagers/ young adults hang out in the carpark in the evenings and through the night with loud music. This can make you apprehensive about evening walks in the park!

Only problem I have encountered is cyclists cycling too fast and on the part of the path that is pedestrian only. Would be good to exclude cyclists from this path more effectively as I walk with small children and am anxious of cyclists cycling where they shouldn't be.

Improve paths

The cycle lane needs to have a speed limit when there are walkers around. Cyclists seem to think the path is theirs to race down which is alarming with children and a dog in tow.
better view of River Wandle, recently vegetation has been cut back but is there a cost to biodiversity

Make bikes in a different place..

keeping the path clear from leaves and tree mess

A number of cyclists cycle on paths which are not marked for cycling.

A wider path along the whole length of the park (where shared with cycles) would help where pushchairs, scooters, walkers, runners and joggers compete for space

Service vehicles often drive through and park on walking paths.

Make sure cycle paths don't cut across walking routes as it can be dangerous when with children, particularly near the big playground.

The paths themselves are in good condition, but it is a linear path through a series of playing fields. More varied terrain would help.

Better lighting

Toilets, better lighting

More division between cycling and walking

While there is 1 main walking/cycling track, cyclists can be speeding through very fast and get very stropky if kids stray onto the cycle path (which does happen with young children).

Stricter enforcement of cycle rules, they quite often use the wrong parts of the path

My 8-year old son got almost run over by a cyclist riding at speed who shouted (and swore) at us to move. We were just walking across the path at normal speed. The cyclist did not slow down at any point and it was a near miss which left us shocked but relieved that my son managed to jump out of the cyclist way in time to avoid a trip to the hospital (if not worse). Walking paths should be separate from cycling paths given this risk.

Separate walking and cycling tracks

Ensure mopeds do not use it as a cut through. Ensure cyclists use cycle paths. Enforce littering and food dumping policies

More rubbish collection. Absolutely need toilets by playgrounds - bushes etc for little kids - is fairly disgusting and often there is not enough time to get to the mall. King George park has one of the best playgrounds for kids 3 - 10 ish

Signs telling cyclists that's pedestrians have right of way / look out for those more vulnerable than you

The cycle paths are great but hazardous to walkers, especially small children. Could be reconfigured or better signposted

More lighting so its safer in the winter

Cyclists can sometimes be quite aggressive ... perhaps a speed limit and a set of rules is needed.

Dogs don't always understand they have to stay on the walkways!

Divide the pathway for pedestrians from the cycle lane as cyclists use it as a race track with no regard for toddlers the blind or hard of hearing and the elderly

Dog walkers need to make sure they clear up the dogs waste. Dogs need to stay out of restricted areas. I have 2 young children. Their play has been spoilt for the above reasons.

Make it more interesting/less linear. The area south of Nuffield is more interesting with curved paths, trees and small hillocks. Cannot take dog to formal gardens which are, of course, more interesting. Maybe a small part of woodland would be more fun for the dog to explore (see woodland area between railway line and playing fields on Wandsworth Common - the side near Bolingbroke Grove). South Park Gardens in SW19 is small but has more interesting paths for dog walking. Don't feel King George's Park is a dog walking park. Too much space set aside for sports.

Too many dogs off the lead and a lot of dog's dirt on the grass

Public toilets would encourage more people to use the park

No

Street lights on ALL footpaths.

Better visibility where cycle path meets walkway near tennis courts - currently dangerous as pedestrians (especially children) can't see if bikes are coming (and vice versa)

It would be good to have another children's playground closer to nuffield or the green area

passed the allotment.

Enforcement of cyclists keeping to cycle paths would help.

And there is a sign saying 'No cycling' by the defunct marble drinking fountain on the path from the park down alongside the Wandle to Merton Road. The path is narrow and is much used by cyclists despite the ban.

Yes. There are a number of things. First, cyclists never adhere to the posted regulations on where they can and cannot cycle. They are constantly riding on the brick portions, which is dangerous at night (and now especially that days are getting shorter). Also, the cycle lane directly between the tennis courts and the playground is quite dangerous as well because it forces people who are walking out toward the playground and the fields to look over the tall hedges and slow down to see if cyclists are zooming by. Lowering the height of the greenery or moving the cycle lane to the back side of the bricks, closer to the playground than the tennis courts, would prevent incidents at this intersection. I have often seen young children approach the playground from the tennis courts and cyclists have to suddenly brake to avoid hitting them.

I'm really happy with it as it is

Safety. I don't use the park when older school children are around

Cyclists can be overly fast sometimes - we do have to show care to ensure that our son and dog don't get run over!

It is actually dark after 17pm, so don't feel comfortable walking every day in evening. Daytime is ok. Playground is great. The smaller by children centre could have more activities

Under the benches lately there are often waste of drugs users (that is what they look like but I never used drugs so it might be something else... but very dirty anyhow)

It is fine

Remove segregated cycle paths and make them shared with pedestrian priority. Enforce no cycling in areas where this is not allowed

ban cycling

No, i feel the bike and walk routes are well defined

Occasional bicycles cycle very fast which can be tricky with small children on same path. Easier for both cyclists and walkers if not same path.

There could be a better route from buckhold rd to south side (currently there is a cut through over grass).

Routes into and out of the park could be more buggy friendly (I.e. there are some high curbs)

Improved path

Moped drivers are becoming a problem. I think deliveroo drivers use it quite often as a cut through so maybe some cameras. You can then get reg plate details and fine them

In winter more lights could be used also some of the park areas will benefit from more colorful plants

Separate cycle and pedestrian paths

Not Answered

No

Improve lighting on the pathways at night as the trees are quite mature and block the path lights

Wider walkways or complete separation of cycle paths.

Playground needs improving

The cycle path lines, especially the give way lines need to be refreshed as bikes quite often rush past the entrance to the gardens which is a hazard to pedestrians especially children and the elderly. Stop signs for cyclists may help them realise pedestrians have right of way.

Safer walking routes in the evenings

More clearly signposted walking/cycling routes

Smoothen our the pavements & ensure the lamps are working (they often aren't around the skate park & by the Wandle near Nuffield)

More lights at night

No cycling within park

No bicycles or scooters should be allowed

Not really

Better lighting, I find this is very poor, particularly now given the time of year. Forster Way is fine. There is no lighting at all connecting the park to Burr Road.

Create a discrete route for cyclists, separate from small children or those with mobility problems using the footpaths. Alternatively ban cycling on footpaths altogether.

Cycle lanes could be re-painted

Better security please

There is a lot of rubbish around. They may need more secure bins to protect the rubbish from foxes at night.

Widen the area for cyclists, at the moment the footpath is narrow for both pedestrian and cyclists

Better cycle lanes - the current cycle lanes are too narrow, especially parallel to the Wandle.

Wider paths to allow more space for pedestrians side by side (cyclists often go quite fast so we don't want to walk in the cycle lane)

A cycle path?

A direct path from the new flats at the south end of the park to the path alongside the schools AstroTurf pitch.

A few bends in the walkways can be difficult because one can't see if cyclists are coming towards.

Area around the lake is generally not as smoothly paved as the rest of park.

At Brathway Rd entrance, would be nice to be able to get directly into the section of park to the right (south) instead of walking round. I have also encountered others who mistakenly assumed they could walk diagonally across from the Kimber Rd entrance (by the Wandle), then they find there isn't an exit.

Better lighting at the lake/Southside end. Very dark from 4pm onward in winter

Better lighting, more distinction between pedestrian and cycle space, clear vegetation and overgrowth to make a safer more visible path clear litter more frequently

Clearer division between pathways and cycle lanes

Clearer division of cycle and walking paths

Clearer signage for walkways and cycle paths

Cyclists are allowed within the park and it is sometimes a little dangerous for walkers/ with young children for example

Designated cycling path. Now people are always walking on it, because they think it's pedestrian priority anyway. Take a look in Holland about cycling paths, always very clearly marked, pavements usually a tiny bit higher etc. and never pedestrian priority on a cycle path (it makes the cycle path useless).

Dog poo is a problem. Aggressive school kids/gangs. Better lighting

Don't feed the pigeons near the lake, they make a lot of mess

Enforcing the no cycling rule would be more user friendly

Existing routes should be larger. Lighting upgrade.

Have a fence at the end by the Knarlsborough drive side. It is dangerous to have an open space for dogs and children with cars driving past

Less dog mess

Less cycling lanes

Lighting (evenings) & CCTV

Manage dog walkers and their dog 'waste' collection inside on the approach to the park's entrances.

More trail type paths

More flowers

More frequent clean up of leaves on paths in the autumn

More lighting in the area towards Earlsfield. I wouldn't walk here at night as don't feel safe

More lights installed to make it feel safer after dark.

Lighting

Park patrol presence during school holidays.

More signs for dog walkers

No

No. Paths in good condition for use by both my mobility scooter & wheel chair.

Not really. It is an exceptionally dull park. Paths round open space. The paths aren't what needs improving.

Separate cyclist and walkers more if possible

Slow down inconsiderate cyclists

Stop cyclists using non cycle paths. Stop cyclists speeding at exit points as if they have right of way.

The walking path is quite narrow in places and the cyclists are often travelling very fast so that can be tricky with children running around.

Walking next to cycle lane with children is not great. Some cyclists treat this as a race course and path is very narrow in places.

Regularly sweep leaves from paths, particularly the slopes between the upper and lower levels of the northern section. Further encourage dog walkers to clean up their dog's mess.

wider lanes that allow for bikes and buggies to pass each other without veering into the other lane

Yes, improved lighting along walk ways

Some street lights weren't working yesterday 11/11/2017.

That's a fairly blind corner at the steps down from the football pitches, especially at night. As a shared use path bikes won't see pedestrians until very late. If the steps and the 'slope' were the other way around it might work a little more smoothly.

Whilst I am a dog lover, I have witnessed a dog attacking a child near the children's centre. Dogs should be banned from the small part of the park in between the tennis courts and the children centre.

Is there anything that could be done to improve cycling provision at King George's Park?

Restrict cyclists from conflicting with pedestrians and especially causing accidents with young children, enforcing cyclists not to use any walking paths as cycle routes, enforce this, speed restriction for cyclists throughout the park, clear signs to pay attention at the wandle recreation center nursery exit in the park, more thorough clean up of leaves in autumn in the park on walking pathways and cycle routes

See last answer!

1. Allow cycling on the excellent all-weather path running NW-SE between back of Henry Prince Estate and Burr Road. This would be a useful 'green link' (low pollution) for people including schoolchildren to/from Earlsfield and Southfields

2. Generally, allow considerate cycling with pedestrian priority on all paths unless demonstrable reason not to do so. Cf other London boroughs such as Southwark, Lambeth.

3. Better maintenance and inclusive design upgrade of the Wandle Trail - it has blind corners, and surface needs to be better swept eg. dangerous (wet-> mush!) leaf fall at present. Getting rid of the riverside fence would enable people to make better use of the (meanly proportioned) cycle track side of the Wandle Trail in KGP.

4. General impression is that people cycling are unwelcome in KGP, with plethora of shiny new 'no cycling' signs on paths which elsewhere would be seen as providing good opportunities for getting local people active via cycling. This doesn't fit with Wandsworth Council's public health responsibilities - 'inbuilt' physical activity being the most effective way to meet CMO guidelines on recommended levels of physical activity for all population subgroups - and suggests a disconnect between dept responsible for the park and WBC Public Health dept.

5. It would be good to reconnect the path running alongside the KGP allotments with the path joining Burr Road, which was severed by the BSF-funded school floodlit playing field and not replaced. This would benefit people walking too - see above - especially in wet weather when grass is muddy.

6. The gate at the southern end of KGP where the Wandle Trail joins Acuba Rd/Bodmin St looks rather narrow. Is it wide enough to take adapted cycles for disabled people, and boxbikes for parents travelling with children? See Equality Act 2010.

Pedestrians often walking in cycle path. Not enough joined up paths -i.e. - not able to cycle out of park at Brathway Road.

Separate walking paths totally from cycle paths

wider / separate paths to make for safer passing

People seem to be unaware which side is for walking and which for cycling. Could it be marked more clearly

The cyclists are too aggressive

Same as walking

Cycle routes could be a bit more clearly marked - pedestrians ignore the halfway split

as before

On the east side of the park there is good segregation but not so on the west.

Greater visibility of cyclists coming from the other direction around curved corners. It is really hard to see and some cyclists go very fast. This is fine for an adult with speedy response but less so for children and very scary for them.

We enter through the Brathway Road entrance where there are 'no cycling' signs at the gate, and have to get off before we are able to connect to the cycle path that leads to the Wandle Trail.

Can this entrance be better connected to the cycle route please?

Most cyclists are fine but a few cycle too fast. Need to be clear about pedestrian priority rules.

Plus cyclists need to have lights in the dark.

Yes, sorry should have mentioned this earlier, cyclist do sometimes travel quite quickly through the park which has so many children running, cycling and scootering through. I think there should be a yield sign on the cycling path by the bridge that crosses over the river, near the gym, as well as near the crossing tennis courts. I have seen many near misses. Lighting could also be a bit better on in the path that runs toward the BMX park.

Better segregation of cycle routes from footpaths. More cycle parking spaces.

Other cyclists who think they're on a motor rally

Clearer demarcation between the cycle and pedestrian paths. There are lots of prams in the area and this would help.

Keep the cycle path totally separate

Please see me previous answer. Get rid of the bike lanes.

Clearer marking of cycle paths.

Not quite the park... but beef cycle racks at the park side of southside shopping centre. There is one! One!

Improve the cycle/pedestrian designated paths

Most importantly the cycle path needs to be safe for users and pedestrians. So, firstly the cycle path needs to be better marked to ensure that everyone, most particularly parents with young children running free, are aware of the risks and keep their children safe. At certain points (especially during summer months) it is not possible to see oncoming walkers - for example, coming from the Kimber Road entrance, and following the path, when it goes down to the Mapleton Road entrance - that slope down on the bike path is often used by parents and their children, as opposed to them using the walkway, and its a danger spot because the cyclist cannot see anyone on the slope until they are on top of them, and a collision here could result in a serious injury particularly if it involves a young child.

Secondly, dog walkers who walk their dogs at night present a hazard for cyclists; I have had more than one accident due to hitting a dog in the park at night, and of course a dog could also be seriously injured.

The lights in the park seem to take long while to be replaced when they fail, while this is not a problem though the whole park due to the lights from the industrial estate, in other parts this is a hazard.

Some places to lock up bikes within the park - so for example when I go to the park to use the tennis courts, I would like to be able to lock up my bike there, rather than having to go to the shopping centre.

Permanent pump somewhere in the park for those days when you just need to pump up your tires, but don't have one with you?

For the cycle path to be gritted when we have snow or a heavy frost? Or for grit to be available for cyclists to use?

Wandsworth has stated that they wish to promote cycling in the borough, but it takes more than the wish - it takes investment in completing risk assessments, maintenance of the routes etc. The borough has not maintained the cycle path in the park; I used to send emails whenever I noted something that was dangerous, or needing addressing before it became dangerous, but I stopped doing so as they were apparently ignored.

Children on scooters should be in the walking lane

Make the bike path clearer so pedestrians don't wander onto it (particularly with small kids) Better sight lines for both cyclists and walkers. Clearer markings and warnings for walkers to remind them they are on a cycle route. Separation in places where it is tight. Pruning of overhanging vegetation that causes cyclist or walkers to step off their path; better physical connections with external spaces eg to Wandsworth town centre - linking into a route that takes you towards the river at Putney across Wandsworth High street; improved levels in places. BUT keep the cycle route continuous - not stop start

Don't allow cyclist in the whole park.

On sunny afternoons the palisade railings on the skate park cause flickering strobe-type shadows for passing cyclists which can be mesmeric.

The brick paved area is often uneven; pedestrians inadvertently straying onto the long slope create difficulties for cyclists.

The cycle route ends at Aboyne Road with an ornamental iron gate. The park entrance/exit next to it is pedestrian sized only.

More!

yes - the paths are wide enough to make them ALL dual use, especially the one that leads to Brathway Road.

Wandsworth council seem to love setting up Cycle routes that make no sense - not linking roads and routes and just stopping the cycle lanes in odd places. It looks like you do it to boast that you have x miles of cycle lanes - even though vast numbers aren't used or are not used by cyclists. Tell the cyclists there is a speed limit and they don't own the park. Stop them getting annoyed if a child or a dog is in the cycle lane

Better separation of cycle and foot paths

Sometimes people don't realise there is a cycle lane. Maybe if they were different colours it would make it more apparent and therefore safer.

Narrower cycle lane as they are always individual but families with children are often walking 2-3 abreast. A wider pedestrian lane would make this safer rather than children having to go behind/in front of parents

Widen the cycle and pedestrian lanes so there is safe room for 2-way movement. In places, the fence/hedge crowds out use of the adjacent lane.

Some of the path is wide enough for dual use, however other parts quite frankly are not. It would be safer in these places to reroute cycle paths away from pedestrians.

Make sure they use the cycling route only, for a lot of the cycle where and when they want Paths could be repaved and repainted, a path should enable cyclists to enter/exit from Brathway Road

No it's all marked clearly

Get them to slow down it's not a race track

same as above, a bit more light would be beneficial

Better/newer cycling lanes not clashing /sharing with footpaths

Cycle paths all round the park and more defined separation between footpath and cycle lane

Improved segregation between cycle and foot paths

Cycle parking spaces/places to lock bikes near playgrounds

Wider lanes for both cyclists and walkers

No

Cycle paths are good but could be more clearly marked.

There are no Boris bike in the park , which is annoying when I want to bike with the children.

Also we need to 'safe bike way' to the Thames so we can do nicer biking rides with the kids.

Separate the walking and cycling section

Improve seggration of lanes

Make the walking and cycle lanes wider. Sometimes you have to step in to the cycle lane if the walking lane is congested - and this can be dangerous.

wider bike lane

see comment above about issue at Mapleton road bike path

As per previous comment. You brought in a ridiculous policy at the Brathway road entrance to prohibit cyclists. Everyone ignores this.

Separate cycle path especially in walking only areas

Make cyclists slow down!

Improve the surface particularly around the skate park and Nuffield gym - a lot of potholes.

Better street lighting in the same area at night.

Have path further from walking route and wider

A specific cycle route separate to walkers

make them slightly wider, it would improve overall safety

I worry about children running out from the tennis court area to the playground. Although there are give way lines on the cycle path there, no-one ever adheres to them.

Crossing Wandle into henry Prince Estate. More parking.

I note this questionnaire fails in Q1 to include National Cycle Route 20/ Wandle Trail as a feature of the park, which kind of highlights Wandsworth's council's attitude to cycling as a form of active travel. Council byelaws penalise people riding on the "wrong paths", an issue which will be exacerbated when the Wandsworth - Teddington quietway is built (if ever approved). The answer is to derestrict the paths on all sides of the park so that they are open to people on bicycles, to embrace walking and cycling as forms of active travel to be enabled (not just encouraged) and for Councillor King to stop demonising people on bicycles as a menace to be controlled.

Bolder cycle paths

Develop different cycle ways. Encourage cyclists to use the road if they want to go fast

Wider path

Open more paths across the park as the routes are one way only.

Clarity of signage

Separate the cycle path and footpath

Increase cycling routes in the park. Some areas are not allowed (especially Broomhill road entrance side)

Cycle paths are poor and the one that's cuts from buckhold rd to southside is terrible

A better cordoned off lane across park from the Southsids to buckhold Road

Clear signage as to where cycling is not permitted.

More clearly mark the cycle path as pedestrians often walk in the cycle lane. Many of the pictures of cycles painted on the path are faded/worn away.

Cycle paths leading to/from all entrance/exit points

As said above. There are some cyclists who are very aggressive, travel too fast and don't necessarily ring a bell to warn they are coming through.

Walkers and dogs get in the way sometimes and vice versa

Separate cycling track

The cycle lane could be wider as it's difficult to pass someone in the opposite direction without going onto the grass or pedestrian path. However, wider cycle lanes would allow cyclists to go faster so they would need to be physically separated from the paths for safety reasons. Lots of young families use these paths so it would be dangerous to have fast cyclists and unpredictable toddlers in close proximity.

Repair the paving on the lower part of the park between the slope and the wandle recreation centre. Can be dangerous on high speed (coming down). The slope could be made longer so it is not so abrupt.

The cycle routes are only in one half of the park, not around the area by the pond or tennis courts, but then the path is wide there and so walkers and cyclists seem to share with no problem.

I only know of one path so maybe more options

See previous reply

A shame families can't cycle on paths on west side of lower playing field.

More cycle stands near the children's playground

Allow all routes to be cycled on. There are paths that state no cycling and by-laws apply.

Again, enforce/encourage use of cycle paths and deter cycling in unauthorised areas.

Maybe re-paint cycle paths to make them more visible.

See previous entry on walking.

Perhaps widen the cycle/ walking path so there is more space for people to pass each other or children learning to cycle to have a tendency to wobble

Sometimes it's busy with both cyclists and walkers. The path could be wider.

Safety / visibility / plenty of space for all

Remove segregated cycle lanes and make them shared on the cycle routes better signage and access egress to the park at mapleton rd/crescent

clearly marked cycle routes

Section between entrance on Buckhold road up to the playground is technically forbidden for bikes... why? It should be open.

Separate walking and cycling paths

Not Answered

No

as above - refreshing the lines and adding give way/stop signs

Again, smoothen our the path & ensure the lamps are working

Make cycle paths clearer

Ban cycling, or create better/clearer cycle paths... maybe paint them a different colour

Give them an exclusive cycle track

Keep them separate. Dangeroys. Fast. Inconsiderate

See above

Re-paint the cycle lanes

Security

The concret needs to be repaired in some areas. Also, more lights as sometimes feel unsafe at night.

Widen the path

Wider cycle lanes with better segregation from pedestrians.

Wider paths

Not really pedestrians use the cycle lane & vice versa cannot help that really

Separate cyclists and walkers if possible (I do both but the current paths get filled with kids cycling in the wrong bit)

Conflicts are very rare, but remaining raised segregation strip causes problems and should be fully removed. Dog walkers using the long, thin, leads can cause problems. The Wandle Trail route has poor sight lines on the section between Kimber Road and the link to Henry Prince. Cycling should be freely permitted on all metalled paths in the park, including the bridge to Henry Prince.

Allow more cycling routes

Cycle path through the park towards Kimber Road is bumpy and loose bricks make it uneven to cycle along.

more access for bikes on all the paths in the park

Wider lanes

Partition walking/cycle lane isn't clear, there are signs but doesn't work very well, needs more markings on the ground. The physical partition means that there is a lengthwise bump which can be slippery when wet/covered with leaves, dangerous for cyclists when they have to cross them. The surface is lethal in the wet or in the autumn when the leaves have fallen from Mapleton road either up past the gardens or to the left before the slope up towards the football pitches. I've seen many inexperienced cyclists slide over. It's slippery enough to run on - in Winter I take my run club elsewhere for fear of injury.

Is there anything that could be done to improve sports provision at King George's Park?

Enforce dog owners to pick up dog waste, there is too much dog poo on the field and especially in winter many dog owners don't pick up in the dark.

Would love to see an outdoor table tennis table or two - perhaps in the Mapleton Rd area of the park or near tennis courts, in the most sheltered spot i.e. not near the high-rise block, which creates a wind tunnel effect... A table in the southernmost field might help attract more residents from the new riverside block of flats into the park, although I see that access for them has very recently been improved, which is good.

Every weekend the fields are littered with leftover water bottles and other garbage from the football games. Please find a way to enforce picking up your own litter. Clubs should be fined if they leave trash on the pitch.

Have mixed managed pitches - create borders/margins pocket areas for wildlife and other park users as well as the sports enthusiasts

Volleyball; active trail for children.

Tennis set up is good

Flood lights as the ability to play in the evenings after work is limited to the peak summer months preventing an all round community of tennis players building up

Paint a few football pitches on the top field near Kimber Road.

The paths to be lit better for dark evenings during the winter

upkeep the skate park and improve the facilities

Lacking netball and/or basketball facilities

An outdoor gym

Better lighting to Access the gym in its late or early opening times

Yes replace the trim trail. It is in a terrible state with lots of broken pieces. Plua put something in the very south field.

Do like the free outdoor gym equipment provided near the gym. With a nation that is now encouraged to exercise more we should look at keeping or improving the facilities that are free to use.

Dog poop, still too much of it.

Generally the grounds are excellent for football, and the tennis courts are a great asset. What is really required are smaller playgrounds along King George's Park for small children as there is

only one large playground which gets too busy and is too far for some local residents with very young children.

Have dog free zones so kids can play sports safely

Cricket

I take my son to the skate park which is a FANTASTIC facility. Please continue to keep it well maintained.

Some of those work out machines that you get in parks would be great

Perhaps an outdoor gym?

There is plenty of facility for football all through the park, but nothing for other sports. Could there be facilities for people to play rounders, for example - a marked out space for people to get a game together with friends, a beach volleyball court?

Outdoor gym

Lights to run safely at night

Installation of an outdoor Calisthenics gym at the northern end of the park. Wandsworth is lacking in street work out furniture compared to their London boroughs.

It is well provided for and a very useful urban space

Yes. Re-provision of the bowls area. This is a popular sport for young people in Australia and New Zealand. It is a sociable activity especially on a summer's evening after a working day. It is also good steady exercise and good for flexibility and balance for older people. Best of all, you can enjoy a good conversation while playing.

Re-laying the footpath

its really good

Increase the offer for under 5s at weekends

Maybe a circuit for exercising

Please update the trim trail and add more free exercise equipment to encourage healthy lifestyle.

Have a toilet

Toilet facilities, tennis club house. Lights (I know they are coming)

Construction of toilets

Lighting the paths

Basketball/netball court

don't sell the space to commercial ventures allow kids free use of the park

An exercise equipment area is required like those provided in Clapham Common or Figges Marsh to enable people to exercise outdoors and enjoy the community within the park without expensive gym fees.

A table tennis area where people can bring their own bats and balls to play - maybe between the tennis courts without court rental fees.

This would be a benefit to the local youths and hopefully inspire them to be more active and engaged in the community rather than them littering with McDonalds, Coke and murdering the swans/signets in the lake.

Lighting could be improved especially in winter.

No seems good for all sports.

The lighting in some part of the park in winter is poor for joggers or walkers at night. Especially ladies like me.

The bmx track is missing an easily accessible water fountain and toilet. I don't understand why those are not always open.

Bar workout section and an outside gym would be beneficial

All Star Tennis have just upgraded their courts which is fantastic, but could do with more accessible toilets.

Make a feature of the river. Running alongside water is good for your mental health (better than running outside not near water) but at the moment the water can't really be seen. It's a shame not to make more of the riverside eg like the towpath from Twickenham to Richmond.

Outside exercise equipment at the Neville Gill Close end of the park. Maybe near the children's play

area, so it could also encourage parents / carers to exercise. The outdoor exercise equipment was also voted a good idea by the members of the Sudbury House Residents association at our meeting in November 2017. And would encourage more people to use the park. The residents association was willing to use some compensation fund to fund this.

It would be great to have a park run around the park. Or a well-promoted weekend/weekly running club. Would also be nice to have a few more flowers to make it a bit more visually appealing when you are running through. Would also be AMAZING to have an outdoor gym where you can use some outdoor toning equipment.

build one of those outdoor workout places like they have in Clapham and Mitcham

It's very good.

Better lighting on the paths at night

Bring back the old outdoor swimming pool

More pathways for running.

More adult facilities, e.g. more outdoor gym. Some ping pong tables would be great too.

Provide a circular running route that avoids roads. At the moment running up/down the western edge requires running along parts of Kimber Road.

Better lighting in the dark

The condition of the fields can be improved to reduce the number of injuries that occurs

Not known

I'm quite happy as it is now

I don't think that is enough for young teenagers in the borough. It would be nice to have a youth club that met once a week at the Wandle or somewhere, where the kids could participate in team sports and workshops and meet in a warm and safe environment. All of those young children that you made provisions for 10 years ago, have all grown up and don't have anywhere to go!

Greater facilities - e.g. Running track

Improve lighting from Autumn to Spring

There could be an outdoor gym put up similar to the likes of Clapham Common and other outdoor spaces

Toilets

More things to use on their own

Less dogs mess

Less organised sports

The provision seems pretty comprehensive to me.

The outdoor exercise equipment could be improved. Also more should be done re dog poo.

Keep the dogs away from people playing Frisbee.

TOILETS.

Facilities are a bit tired

Better facilities in the park- southside is close but having toilets and a community space would be great

A cafe and loo for spectators. No dog poo on pitches (suspect some un-community spirited people don't pick up their dog poo and leave their rubbish).

Grass is dirty with dog dirt

No

Football goals in one of the open spaces would be great for children.

Floodlights for evening tennis (although I understand this may be happening already?)

Pitches that are better cared for.

Never heard or seen trim trail - so this should be improved to encourage people to have fun whilst exercising

Gate between playgrounds for large and small kids... often find little ones wander into big playground. Difficult to "contain" them without a physical barrier

Floodlights to tennis courts

Clean under benches

Make sure that any holes on the touch rugby pitches are regularly filled.

Yes the football pitch maintenance seems non-existent the pitches have over the years become abysmal. They should be renovated and restored. Other areas could be modified to pitches etc particularly the field close to Acuba Rd

I have not participated in sport I. The park, but I would be interested in joining family:child friendly outdoor exercise classes (in the summer)

I think it's great. Not at all

boot camps or outdoor classes would be great

Not Answered

Path is uneven in places.

Better advertising of what's available

Better lighting

Drinking water fountain strategically positioned around the park

Give local kids free access to the 5-a-side pitches.

Leave goalposts up and goal netting. More tennis courts. The bowling green is in poor condition, maybe have more courts there?

Lighting upgrade

More kids football, multi sports. Drop in pay as you go sessions would be great

More signs to stop dog fouling.

No

Please do not enclose further areas of the park for sports - there is no problem with using the open areas with marked-out pitches, but fencing off and hard surfacing of areas removes precious open space from general public use.

The "workout" pieces look old and outdated and not very attractive

The surface of the paths on the 'lower' part of the park is lethal in the wet/damp/frost and in autumn when the leaves start dropping. I take my running group elsewhere in Winter for fear of injury.

It would be great if there were some sort of gravel/trail around the outside edge of the football pitch area - in the dark it would make that unlit part of the park much more usable.

The tennis courts are fabulous

Is there anything that could be done to improve play provision at King George's Park?

- water play area for children in the summer

- dog free picnic area where children don't need to worry and which is clear of dog waste. The area opposite the lake only asks for dogs on the lead but many people let their dogs run around freely which is not enforced. There is dog waste in the bushes. It should be entirely dog free to make it safe for children.

- the one o'clock club should be opened more often allowing parents to come for free play sessions with children in a wide range of age groups so I can come with a 2 and 4 year old at the same time. Also the dads play session on Saturday was fantastic but unfortunately it got removed

Not a lot- generally it is good.

Can't think of anything, other than a public toilet

There isn't anything at the other end of the park. But then again the open space is amazing.

Remove threatening teenagers later in day

Safer swing area for younger children (under 5's), with more swings.

Different play equipment.

More picnic benches/seating areas.

Some shaded areas

A cafe with toilets would be an ABSOLUTE BONUS & would do really well near the play area.

Playground on the Earlsfield end of the park would be great. There was talk of a playground and cafe when the new housing development next to the river was planned but nothing came of it so far. Also, more trees on the open spaces would make it more inviting for picnics with children.

The fire engine in the smaller playground is brilliant, but often smaller children cannot climb onto it unaided. I feel a fitness trail for children would be fun and beneficial.

More shade in older kids playground. Flat surface so you can wheel buggies up to the play equipment (if you have an older child and a buggy, for example). More benches.

It can be intimidating when older kids hang around in the park and I am there with my young son

There should be no smoking in or near the children's play area. Toilets nearby would be good too!

Continued maintenance

I haven't used it for a while - as I have teenage children - but it was always far superior to Wandsworth Park

All the playground areas are at the Southside end of King George's park (and they're great!). But, living at the opposite end of the park it is a 20 minute walk to get there, and if the kids are walking then longer and more like 30-40 minutes. It would be wonderful to have a small playground at the other end of the park near the Wandle Way entrance. Perhaps this playground could be a small playground specifically aimed at toddlers.

It would be great to have a play area near the Nuffield/Earlsfield end as there are so many families plus would help with when it gets crowded

Maybe another smaller playground at the other end of the Park (the Earlsfield end).

A toilet block.

more seating for parents

More play areas

Add another playground near the Westfield development side.

Water features in the summer, a sandpit, bigger and better playground features please

Yes the north end play provision is great but there is nothing in the south end. Put a fenced off play ground for young kids/ toddlers in the very south field. It would massively increase use and makespace feel safer for everyone.

Addition of slides into older children's playground.

A play ground at the Strathville rd end

Definitely. King George Park desperately needs more smaller playgrounds for toddlers (under 5s).

The one large playground near Southside is frequently overcrowded and there are no other areas which are dog poo free which makes it difficult for families with young children. Also having smaller playgrounds along the park will reduce the overcrowding at the large playground and would enable families to access playgrounds which are much closer to their homes. Even a swing & slide for toddlers in 2-3 areas around the park eg Fosters Way would be beneficial and very appreciated by many.

Cafe with indoor area

More 'natural' play areas and play equipment, water and sand play similar to Bishops Park in Fulham

The playground is great and very popular. With new housing being build in the area it will get more crowded. Adding a new section would be well used. Perhaps a café in the playground open at peak times?

We need a cafe!

1) The playground is excellent for younger children and I used to use it on a more regular basis. My children are now 8 & 11 and I feel that they have outgrown the playground.

I feel I'm general that Wandsworth has excellent and plentiful playgrounds for children under 8 but no playgrounds that cater for children between 8&15.

2) there needs to be more benches in the older playground on the side near the climbing frame opposite the 2 existing benches The 2 existing benches are inadequate and in the summer people sitting on them have hot sun full in their faces which is uncomfortable

3) there is often rubbish in the playground which is not pleasant.

Perhaps a playground at the top end of the park, the playground is well used, but families living at the top of the park could benefit from similar provision

More things for very small children to play on.

All good

Would be lovely to see a playground area down the other end of the park (Acuba Road/Strathville Road end)

Water play (paddling pool) and sand pit

There should be more opportunity and encouragement for young people and children to use the whole of the park. They should not be restricted to a fenced area we call the playground. In fact, the fence itself often gives the impression that children would not be safe on the outside. More interesting play value can be derived out in the wider park. For instance, carved wood or tablets that carry parts of a story dotted around the park; information on wildlife; orientation routes designed for the younger people. and much more.

Some accessibility equipment i.e swings for older disabled users the playground is not very good for my disabled daughter who is too big for the baby swings but not quite stable enough for the Junior swings. This really should be available in all Wandsworth parks very frustrating that it is not! If you check with the disabled register I'm sure you will see the list of children whom would be if it from play facilities is sufficient enough.

I love the playground for my toddlers but depending on the time of the day older kids take over the playground. Unfortunately some of them are not very respectful of children or parents, some mums even found them a bit aggressive in their attitude, some of them just use the play equipment to sit and chat and eat.

I have to say most playgrounds are badly designed for children but at least Kings George has more equipment for little ones. Would be nice seeing more things for under 5s, if they don't attend nursery then mum's usually struggle to find nice areas to play and entertain them during the day.

Another playground at the end of the park, close the allotments and sand play area. Also, the swings at the playground are in the middle of the playground and are not ringfenced and I've seen many kids running into them and being injured.

More varied equipment for children

More define areas for age specific provision.

Be bigger, it is used by a lot of children and it would be good to expand it

More seating around the edges for the parents.

Improve/provide a playground at the Earlsfield end.

Get rid of the bark. It gets in your shoes and attracts cats who will use it as a litter tray.

Some of the small park play equipment is very worn. We have had instances of much bigger kids being in the small kids area and knocking children over. I'm not sure how you avoid this though.

It's brilliant thank you!!!

Add small climbing wall and other equipment

A small play area at the bottom end of the park would be nice, nothing massive, just a little climbing frame and a couple of swings. The play area at the top end is fantastic and the recent improvements excellent. If there could also be a summer water play area and an all year round sandpit area like in Wimbledon Park that would be brilliant too.

more free use

Sand pits and water games

It would be lovely to have some climbing things at the southern end

Please please please put a fence with closing gate around the swings in the bigger park as you have done in the smaller park near the 1 o'clock club. I have seen so many kids run into the swings and get hurt.

Increased equipment and space would always be good as Wandsworth / Earlsfield has experienced growth in young families and the facilities should be upgraded and enhanced to match.

Drinking fountains should be provided to encourage people not to use and leave plastic bottles / litter.

More play equipment :)

More playing areas for the little ones

More play Parks. One nearer Floreat Wandsworth primary school would be great.

Playground is good, would be amazing to get something in the park by Aragon Road/ Riverdale Drive. Lots of kids use that park.

Put gate back between the older and younger playgrounds

More Lighting in the park especially in winter and at night, clean river wandle path /walk, safe bike paths for children to the Thames and Wimbledon Park - for nice circuit ride. Boris bike available in the park close to playground. Water fountains for joggers. Summer Swimming pool for little ones ...

Provision at the bodmin rd end of the park or at least a dog-free area. Natural play area with eg logs to climb on, trees to run between (like at the woodland gardens in teddington's bushy park). Improvement could be made to smaller children's PLAYGROUND by

Old one o'clock club and in main PLAYGROUND you need to look at safety between little kids and bigger kids play area as smaller kids often wander into bigger kids PLAYGROUND and could get knocked over or hit by the swings

outside exercise equipment at the Neville Gill Close end

No.

Do not add additional football or similar noisy sports

Undercover facilities for when it is wet. More toddler swings.

The preschool playground by the children centre could be improved with more activities as it can get really full.

Having a play area at the southern end of the park

paddling pool for kids will be absolute bonus

Sand and water play provision / paddling pool

Picnic tables in kids play area at one o'clock club

Cafe next to play areas

More playgrounds? The one near Southside is great but it's quite a trek.

Ensure enough activities for older children so they don't break equipment for young children.

Fence in the toddler swings in the larger playground. Add a gate between the two play areas in the large playground.

Build a splash park that can be used summertime. It is a lot if children in this area and very much requested

More picnic area

A cafe in the park would be great to grab a coffee while the kids play

Possibly a screen of trees to separate play area from other parts of the park to help divide areas and reduce disturbance for walkers

yes, improve playground with more choice of activities, more seating for family picnics etc and most important of all there should be a public toilet close to the playground. So many kids need to leave it because they urgently need to use the service or they simply go behind the bushes Don't forget that older children 10-14 still like to play. They get told off for playing in the playground (even though it states that it's for up to 14 years). I'd like to see a dedicated area for older children with table football and table tennis and shelter with seating area.

Could be cleaner and could ban smoking in the play area

Add playground areas

Would love a large sand pit and splash park

More expansion as it is VERY popular

A sand pit would make it a lot better for summer days

Some of the playground for the younger ones could be improved or perhaps made larger as it

can get very busy for the under 5's. It is great through to have the see through between the two playgrounds and be able to keep an eye on different ages children easily so they can be in their age appropriate areas

Sliders are necessary for kids. (Battersea park playground sliders are good examples)
The playgrounds are really good. Possibly more swings would be a good idea as these are always in demand.

More variety and adventurous

I would strongly support a water fountain/splash park like at Wimbledon park
Either make the main park bigger or add an older children's area to the small playground next to the children's centre to stop over crowding

More climbing things

yes decently put up a gated fence around the swings so younger children don't run in front of the swing and get hurt one child cut his eyebrow open
There is a need for toilet facilities close to the playground area - it is unrealistic to expect children of 2-4 years to travel as far as the nearest ones

An on site toilet.

Enclose the swings in the bigger playground. Include sand and / or water play areas. Change the slide in the small playground so young children can get on and climb the ladders independently.

Football goals

Cricket markings

The provision is great near southside, but the playground is well over a kilometre from the other end of the park where I live. If you are thinking of relocating it you should put it in the middle- or add a second play area in the southern section.

More benches

TOILETS!!!

CAFE

It does get extremely busy in the playgrounds, so perhaps even more provision. There is often quite a bit of rubbish around, which isn't great. Also, I would like there to be a gate between the toddler section and older area.

More climbing frames for older children aged 8-15.

bigger area for toddlers playground

and toilets and changing facilities near by

I think the play areas are lovely! I've always thought it would be lovely if some organised play could be provided by the council in our beautiful parks like football classes for different ages. Even for a small charge like £5.

A coffee shop/cafe would be lovely too!

A toilet nearby would be good.

Make the area feel

Safer

Invest like Bishops Park In Fulhams with Paddling pool Sand Pit Toilets @ a covered Cafe manned by a first aider This could be sited in bowling club hut near tennis courts

The smaller playground (Near children centre) needs to be more suitable for toddlers as it is designed for them! Slides are way to high. More play apparatus would be nice, in the forest school sort of way.

In the big playground (toddler side) the swing area could be cordoned off in a better way. I've seen many children get bumped/hit very badly by walking in to people swinging.

Bigger adventure playground for older children (eg like Battersea park with golf and go ape)

The provision of public toilets are essential. Also a sandpit or water play would be a great feature as per Wimbledon park and Bishops Park

No

Yes! The playground near Southside is GREAT, but it is a long way to walk for Earlsfield residents.

It would be great to have a playground at the other end of the path (past the allotments). A number of residents were expecting this to happen, as it was originally mentioned in the plans for the waterside development. It is an area with a lot of young families, and a playground would

be extremely popular and be an integral part of the community.

Water feature

More regular cleaning rubbish from playground areas

Cleaner sometimes

Sand and water

Sails shelter for rain?

More activities for children

No

A gate between large and small play equipment.

A playground was promised near Acuba Rd end when new flats were built but this never materialised.

Adventure playground - like battersea

As I said could have more activities for kids, also picnic area. Once it gets darker definitely needs more lights not secure at all.

Better play facilities

Coffee shop (NOT icecream vans as they pollute!!!!!!)

Enclose the swings in the larger playground (as in the small playground next to the one o'clock club) to help prevent accidents.

Excellent

Filing in of holes.

Free hire of play/sports equipment

Have staff on site

I find the swing in the main playground very dangerous for little children, it's not secured at all.

I think my children would benefit from a larger play area. We've been going to the play area for years and it hasn't changed

It gets very crowded!

It would be great to have a wet play area in the park.

Light the playground in the evening

Water fountain like the one at Wimbledon park

Maintenance of the smaller slides

Maybe a bit softer landing surfaces in the smaller children's playground next to the big playground as have noticed that a few of the smaller ones are getting scrapes & bruises from landing on the surface too hard when coming down the slide or falling from the climbing frame

Messy play area, sand or waters perhaps for summer months. Also trampolines would be nice.

More benches and better maintenance of the facilities. Also police more the big playground as in the afternoons i have seen older teenagers smoking and taking over the big park

More play provision in part towards earlsfield (west of kimber road)

more play provisions towards the strathville road end of the park

Not Answered

Outdoor exercise machines would be great!

playground is very good

Put in some play facilities at the Penwith Road end of the park

Sandpit, better quality playground and outdoor water play in the summer

The flooring of the large play park could be improved - the new bark hides fox and rat droppings

the smaller children playground could be refurbished

The woodchip isn't very good in wet conditions

Water fountains in the summer for children (like in Wimbledon Park)

A sand pit for children (like in Wimbledon Park)

If you do not feel safe please tell us why and in which areas:

- unsafe for children in areas where bikes are a danger such as the nursery exit and when bikes are too fast and don't stick to the routes for pedestrians overall
- unsafe for children when dogs, especially bull dogs run around freely. There should be more restriction enforcing to keep dogs on the lead throughout the park and dogs only allowed to run freely in restricted areas of the park

Feel safe during the day but less safe after dark - tend to avoid it then, unless accompanied

Threatened by some dog walkers and some groups of teens hanging out in playgrounds. Most areas as there are gangs of teenagers & kids. They all swear, have attitude & are intimidating. Some of the parents in the playground can also seem aggressive. They shout & swear at their kids.

Have more lights along the footpath and ensure the ones that are there work.

wouldn't walk through in the afternoons/evenings in winter as poorly lit and tends to be a hang out for groups of youths which can be intimidating

I do not feel safe in the evenings in the park at all. I have had an incident where teenagers threw a firework at me, and another episode where some girls attempted to intimidate and threaten me. I live opposite the park and have also witnessed people being assaulted and have had to call the police. During the day I have also witnessed people being assaulted, however I do feel safer during the day. I am currently due to have my first child, and due to these circumstances we are considering moving.

I would not want to get rid of the park, but I think it needs to be patrolled.

I do feel safe except that older kids hanging around in the park particularly after school can be intimidating especially when in large groups

More light in the evening

Large numbers of people smoking drugs openly next to the tennis courts can make you feel unsafe due to the other activities they could be involved in

As with any park, at night it is pretty dark and feels unsafe especially for women. The park near Acuba road is increasingly used for sports activities and in winter months it is very dark at night - additional lighting that helps create a sense of safety would be great.

The path through the skater park can feel a bit hidden, I don't always feel safe when I'm walking there on my own, even during the day.

drug dealers close to the waterside development and lack of lighting the late hours

Most of the time I feel safe, but I do some times feel unsafe when walking alone and at dusk early evening when there are groups of street drinkers and smokers on the benches at the very south end of the park. There are also signs of fires on the path, used alcohol bottles and the wild area near the allotment sometimes feels unsafe.

The lighting could be a bit better. This may be a bit of a concern at certain spots in the park.

I have seen lots of dodgy characters in and around the park and always keep my wits about me.

Sometimes groups of youth's hanging around with dogs.

Just at night, not all lit. Walking through fields.

Unsafe only in the evening when not all lights are on on the Fosters Way.

I only use the park during the daytime with children. I would not choose to walk through in the evening

Someone got mugged there in broad daylight once

I won't go after 6pm due to youths hanging around

I feel safe during the day but not in the evenings. I tend to go for a walk with my toddler or use the park to return from a grocery shopping trip and I've found a few groups/gangs hanging around in the evenings smoking weed. They tend to hang out in groups and it is intimidating for single women or women with children. A favourite hang out spot seems to be Fosters Way in the evenings especially on Fri, Sat and Sun. Other mother's I've spoken to in the area feel the same way.

Safe during the day but I would not walk through the park alone at night

I feel safe but at night lighting is not great everywhere.

The river bank is not very well maintained and feels less safe

Near Westfield waterside/council waste on the benches in the park some people deal drugs
Your question above is too binary. There's a point in between safe and unsafe - eg I wouldn't walk through it after dark, and sometimes there are gangs of teens in the play areas.

I don't think it's that well lit at night!!

At night, because of lack of lighting, and also because there are usually some young people in groups which can prove intimidating at night!

The Acuba Road end is not very well lit at night and often there are people drinking/smoking on the benches and they are left messy.

People smoke weed on it at weird times. They leave all kind of things behind.

There are people smoking drugs near the Westfield waterside development and I worry about

going too early in the morning or too late at night due to drugs dealers and people high

I often cycle on the bike route through King George's Park but I would not go there towards the end of the day when it is getting dark. Parts of it are just too remote from busy streets, if anything should happen. The lighting gives a wrong impression of safety in very remote places.

I could imagine the more southern end, just past the new galliard homes area could feel intimidating at night for others...where you pass between two railed areas, moving from large park into the southern smaller area.

Lighting in the entrances off buckhold road would be great

Safe in the day but wouldn't feel safe in any park at night

Depending on the time of the day older kids sometimes gather in the playground and more often than not they are not very respectful of the children and parents.

I feel safe in general but sometimes there are some groups of teenagers not behaving appropriately around the bridge that crosses the wandle, close to the allotments

I feel safe because I walk in daylight but I notice lots of drinkers and people smoking illicit drugs near children area. More monitoring is needed.

The walkways aren't always lit enough

Lighting in the park on the on the cut through path from Burr Road towards Westfield Waterside/Henry Prince Estate would make it feel safer in the winter evenings. A lot of people walk home this way from Southfields station and as a woman I don't always feel that safe.

Mainly safe but occasionally round the sides e.g near the steps going into the main grasses area or down the side entrance next to the old east factory it can feel more unsafe with people hanging around, sleeping on benches etc.

At night I don't feel safe walking from Waitrose exit into the park. It's not well light.

Although I feel safe walking through the park during daytime hours, I would not feel safe once it becomes dark and I would definitely avoid.

Lots of gangs of youths and odd drunk particularly towards lake end ... also lots of aggressive dogs do have to be cautious

Walking through park from shopping centre to where lake is there is no lighting during dark night

I only feel unsafe after dark after rush hour is over, so from about 7pm I'm winter.

Groups of people seemingly taking drugs with rough looking dogs

The bridge leading from the industrial park through to the Nuffield centre. There is always a drunk man there and a colleague was flashed there.

Mostly safe but have witnessed some anti social behaviour such as marijuana smoking, drinking and foul language in and around the children's playground area, which is more of a pain than unsafe.

Some nasty youths occasionally near the lake and incident with murdered swans recently.

Mini-cab (not Black Cab) drivers have been defecating in the trees at the southern end of the King Georges Park near Acuba Road. Reports of the disgusting men relieving themselves at 8.00 - 8.30am when children on the way to school by dog walker friends.

The parking area behind Waitrose

Lighting as previously mentioned.

Some of the walkways could be better lit at night.

Need to be more patrols, police etc.

It feels unsafe especially when dark.

See previous section (bikes and vespas)

Some more lighting and cctv on the pathways would be good.

Especially at night or in the winter

Generally safe but I'd never go in there in the dark. I've had abuse shouted at me by southfields academy students, my partner was nearly knocked off his bike by youths running at him and trying to push him off and my friend was mugged while walking through the Henry Prince estate. You need more lighting through the walkway to southsides because people often cut through there from cinema at night and lighting is non existent

Dogs need to be kept under control.

I do NOT feel safe as a woman walking through at night. Some of the path is so badly lit. Could there be a brightly coloured and well-lit path in a very public part of the park to improve safety of women walking at night?

Large gangs of teenage children who have nothing better to do than harass younger kids. I have also had friends being mugged for phones and bags in the park.

Children's playground and open spaces.

CCTV May help, and an active police presence may be a deterrent.

Playpark. Someone through a firework towards my 5 year old neice and other children in November 2017.

I feel safe, except walking through at night - the lighting in some areas is not good

Dark at night

Teenagers hanging out in the kids playgrounds being abusive and vandalising the equipment.

I usually feel safe, but a little wary when school has just finished. I usually try to avoid the park at this time.

At night it could do with better lighting.

A lot of the street lights along the walking path are out

Teenagers dealing and smoking weed

I would not walk there during late evenings

Youths on mopeds racing along the walking track.

See earlier comment about path lighting in the park at night. I generally avoid walking through the park at night for this reason.

In the dark in all unlit areas of the park. Often I walk the long way around (ie via the top of Garratt Lane, last TK Maxx rather than go through the park

I sometimes feel unsafe walking along the path that leads to the side of Phase Eight/Kimber Road due to moped/motorbike riders.

Lighting by the lake

At the back of Waitrose. Very dark on a winters night.

I feel unsafe when it is dark in certain areas due to poor illumination

Anywhere after the main play area travelling towards the BMX park and from there onwards sometimes feel a bit unsafe.

I think the lighting for dusk and dark needs to be improved.

Once saw a dog attack as a dog was not on a lead and with your children.

I feel that there should be a dog walking area... and the bottom area (field close to the play park should be for children/families) as one concern is those dog owners that allow their dogs to use the field as a toilet but do not clean up. This is not nice then for children playing / walking through / or pushing the pram through!

Lighting could be improved on the fields from Southfields Academy across to Henry Prince Estate,

poorly lit at night.

The carpark often has groups hanging around until late at night, they play music and shout. This starts in the afternoon/evening through summer and goes on all night! This makes me feel very unsafe and it also stops me sleeping as my house is overlooking the carpark!!

Sometimes on some of the more secluded parts of the path, leading up to the skate park from the Bodmin street entrance

Needs more lighting

South section of the park can sometimes feel unsafe.

I don't feel safe when there are few people around. I don't ever walk there alone after dark. Sometimes I feel unsafe due to gangs of youths or 'oddballs' walking around. In a way that doesn't happen in Wimbledon Park.

I don't feel safe at night/ dark not lit enough in certain areas

The area between the Academy and the Henry Prince estate, with groups of kids letting off fireworks meters from me and my baby and dog!

Cyclist coming up behind you whilst walking.

Teenagers in the play area

The benches on the path in the second section often attract groups, which in the dark can be intimidating. I cycle past most evenings and have only had one issue, but it does make me nervous.

My partner won't go into the park after dark - perhaps sensibly.

I would not feel safe walking through the park in the dark. There are also often groups of people gathered around the benches on the far end of the park near Acuba road entrance.

At night some areas are not lit

We as a family do not feel safe walking through the park once it is dark.

At night there seems to be more young people hanging around throwing eggs, sauces etc at each other and the public. Firework use was horrendous for about 2 weeks working up to the 5th. Several young people fired them directly at us and even set them off in the play ground with young children still there. This was around 5-7 in the evening.

There are people with scary dogs at times. There are some people who smoke joints too (even my son noticed the unusual smell).

Groups of youths smoking drugs at Radcliffe road often. Lack of lights. No police foot patrols ever

There was once an incident where unruly older children finishing school were running around terrorizing toddlers with party poppers but it was a once off incident.

There were also rumours in the summer that someone was stealing the baby swans.

There are often groups of young people who, acting in a pack, are loud and use foul language next to the little children in the little playground. I also once witnessed a group of drunk youths slapping random people they passed, people who were just minding their business and trying to enjoy the park - I called the police that time.

I wouldn't feel safe at night having seen the burnt out mopeds in the nature reserve but in the day it's fine. The drunks on the benches at the Acuba road are usually friendly but occasionally there are some intimidating people there. A lot of rubbish too.

Bottom end near dog park, people drinking on benches. Feels secluded in parts. I don't like letting my children play in KGP as I don't feel confident that it's a safe place

Generally feel safe with other people around and in daylight but have seen things that have made me feel uneasy even at these times and especially at dusk as there is no lighting and mopeds ride through!

In the evenings

There are a number of itinerants who roam around the park urinating in the bushes and fierce looking dogs off leads The Park needs attendants keeping a lookout on site. Not occasional visits by vans

I feel very scarce during the day. Not so much when it starts to get dark.

Don't always feel unsafe but wouldn't let my guard down in the dark. But that's London generally. Feel less safe here than other local parks like Wandsworth Common which are more dog walking parks.

At night, some areas are not well lit, e.g the path that leads Burr road over to the green bridge (by Henry prince estate). It is well used but very dark.

I rarely feel unsafe - only at night in unlit / poorly lit areas

All over. On my third day after moving to Wandsworth my wife and I were verbally abused by a man who was serially harassing women in the park. We ended up calling the police and I went to Wimbledon Magistrates Court to testify against him in a trial. It was not a good start to my time living here. People on the whole are generally rude and not understanding. There is also a lot of drug activity that takes place in the park, especially at the Buckhold Road entrance and on the isolated far corner bench on the top pitch near the Brathway Road entrance. It's a place that I've learned to try to go through as quickly as possible without having much interaction with anyone else. Finally, the amount of rubbish that is left in and around the park (in all areas) shows how little it is maintained, and when people can see pizza boxes and food waste and truly everything else strewn about away from the bins, they know there is no oversight and they can get away with doing anything they wish.

You never seen any park attendants EVER

Groups of teenagers in playground that takes space in evening.

If little ones wander into playground with large play equipment I think they can be vulnerable from fast moving big children or attempting to climb on large play equipment

Drinks on benches and older school kids in groups

Safe in daytime but need to be aware of crime and wouldn't walk thro in dark

Too dark too many bushes

I would not go at dusk/night

The whole park is unsafe, never any staff around, if there are then they tell you to call the Parks Police. Useless

Occasional thefts from playground. Have had firework thrown at us in park on one occasion

I have seen scooters travelling on the cycle paths and even cutting across the grass in the park!

This is unsettling when there are children playing as they are travelling very fast!

The bridge over the pond is also a bit dangerous as a small child could fall in through the rails.

I have also heard of pick pockets targeting parents in the play area but haven't experienced this myself but stay vigilant just in case!

There has been a problem with people throwing fireworks near the playground

Only at the time when Southfield academy are in the play area - the language they use is very inappropriate and in the large gangs it can be intimidating, when parents approach them they can be aggressive. If they are in the play area we go to the swings by the children's center instead.

Lighting is not always great

the main walking route from Burr Road to Knaresborough Drive could be better lit after dark

Not Answered

Lightning needs improving at Kimber Road entrance due to excessive foliage.

please see earlier comment in relation to lighting

lighting between the neville gill and tennis courts could be improved

I've had two friends be the victims of theft in the park

I wouldn't walk in the park after dusk with my baby or on my own. But then I wouldn't walk in many parks or places on my own at night... otherwise I generally feel pretty safe.

The path rom Burr Road to Waterside, when it's dark yet no-one is playing football - it is very dark there!

I feel safe generally but would feel safer at night with more lights

Footpaths around the Wandle and beside the upper and lower sections of the park towards South Side

At night there is people who look like are selling drugs in the area. Usually a group of males close to the George View house development.

Lighting could be improved. The path from Garrett Lane along the side of the Wandle outdoor facilities is particularly dark and feels very unsafe.

Depends on time of day

Walking through the park on my way home from work in the dark when the lights are not on on the schools AstroTurf. That part of the park is very dark.

The playgrounds can sometimes feel unsafe because there is broken bottle glass in the playground and older children (too old) who do not belong in the playground in the area.

As per previous comment, better lighting and clear overgrown areas.

The pathway crossing from the knaresborough drive area across the park towards Southfields academy. It needs to be lit at night.

Also many groups of youths hanging around knaresborough drive and the area of trees at the entrance to the park around the new block of flats.

I feel safe but I do notice people hanging out in the children's play area late at night, often drunk.

Lights in the park are not on during winter and some parts of the park get very dark

Alwas get shout at by pedestrians, when they walk on the cycle path and I gently aks if I could pass...

Bodmin street entrance. Always drinks/tramps swilling beer on benches no matter what time of day. Need to be moved.

Dog poo is a problem

On the path way between the River Wandle and the skate park I have encountered "flashers" twice lord only knows what can be done to stop them - maybe more police patrols as well as CCTV ? Both occasions have been in broad day light (around 9am) so although better lighting would be good - lighting was not the issue

The park is constantly open all night and there are some very dark areas where people can congregate.

Don't feel safe in dusk/dark as not well lit.

Summer holidays a lot of young bored children causing a nuisance robbing bikes, intimidating other children who are just playing especially nervous as this happens near children's playground.

Parks police presence during school holidays.

There is no lighting there &.not much for bigger children to do.

i don't feel that the lighting is enough in the evening/nighttime. I will avoid it if it is dark.

Safety in unlit areas and areas close to the Henry prince estate are, at times, not good enough

At night only

the cut through pedestrian route from the park to Garrett lane across the river is at times very badly lit

Don't feel safe running at night

The bushes in the back of the playground are often full of rubbish, beer cans etc and the kids are always running in and out of there, not safe at all.

I don't like walking through bits in the park eg between Kimber Rd and Brathway Rd

Anywhere people linger, particularly groups

Would like more lighting on the paths particularly the cross through from Kendall cars over to the river wandle

Unsafe in the evenings. Something need to be done about that.

I think the path near the pond that runs alongside the back of Southside shopping centre isn't as appealing as that side of the shopping centre is all deliveries and aging venues but overall the park has a wonderful community feel and is a much-needed lung for wandsworth as the gyratory is very polluted by cars, people and rubbish.

It can feel a little dark and intimidating by the seat in the corner of the upper park near the football pitches, only at night - the seat can attract some of the less charming wandsworthians at night...

If you cut into the park from

Penwith Road then the first couple of benches you pass after the gate is often a hang out for homeless drunks and whilst they're usually polite, it's horribly intimidating especially if alone and they often have a dog

Don't always feel safe on the way home when half the lights aren't working on the walking route home (towards Earlsfield end of the park - opposite prince Henry estate)

My kid's neighbour 11 years old, got his bike stolen in the park while he was riding it by a group of boys.

Recently there was a group of teenagers letting fireworks off beside the playground - this was very dangerous. My husband chased them off. Generally I feel safe in the playground.

Large groups of teenagers hang around by the play area after dark. They smoke drugs and harass passers by.

It is not well lit in the evening and it is located next to big council estates. There are groups of youths in the evening, which can be intimidating.

Do you feel there is a need for any facilities not currently provided in King George's Park?

A cafe would be a great addition. A cafe which serves healthy children's food, tea, coffee and cake. Obvious area for this would be to take away the small tennis hut and build a nice big cafe with indoor and outdoor seating area. The bowling green seems derelict, there should be enough space to provide for this. Another area would be the currently very quiet area towards Earlsfield where new flats have been built along the river in the park. On the ground floor is an open unit which could provide space for a cafe. Also in this area further toward Earlsfield is no children's playground facility which would be useful. In addition it would be nice if there were areas where the river wandle is more accessible and incorporated

A better management of the land surrounding Wandle River

A cafe

Toilets

A cafe and a more up to date play space

As mentioned above: tablets bus, toilet (and a better network for cycling)

A cafe and toilets

Put a playground or something the other end of the park.

A cafe with indoor/outdoor seating would be nice.

Big walking loop

A cafe with toilets near the play area

Cafe & loos

A cafe would be great! Would also be nice to have a wildflower meadow with information on the flowers that there are. Maybe even put beehives on top of the Nuffield building and start selling King George's Park Honey.

More rest areas that are calming and include more natural features. More wildlife friendly areas for both people and wildlife to contribute to better mental health and biodiversity.

a cafe, another playground on the Earlsfield end

A wildlife & nature information point.

A children's play area in the Earlsfield end. An outside Gym.

pop-up cafe kind of thing on the more southern part of the park would be good. not needed further north as southside etc

Toilets. Coffee shop.

A good cafe, water play in summer, more plants and trees.

A play area at the Earlsfield end of the park

More space that is inviting for sitting down and relaxing with friends, have picnics in the summer, etc. It feels more like a park that you walk through to get somewhere else rather than to enjoy.

Sport facilities seem okay.

A sandpit! A water park for summer (like Wimbledon). A climbing wall.

A shelter

A small cafe would be lovely

More benches - are there any sheltered spaces?

Water fountains

Safe dog area!

an extra playground at the other end of King George's park.

An outdoor gym, like in many parks in London

Another playground closer to Earlsfield End

Another playground near the Earlsfield end

More biodiversity is needed - and more interaction with the river Wandle - a clean up operation is much needed and the walking paths along the banks could benefit from being opened

Toilet blocks

More stuff for children and for exercise

basketball

bathroom, cafe' and park police to enforce no littering and dog fouling

Basketball/ netball

Canoeing on the wandle, my son says a zip wire

Bathrooms

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A cafe would be nice as some other parks have as well. Especially near the side of the Westfield development,

Better cycling routes, better playground, outdoor gym, natural play

Better lighting by the lake to tennis courts. More seating, picnic areas, shelter. Toilets. Cafe?

basketball court, better access to the Waterside development

Better lighting. Kids play space in south end of the park. Nothing seems to have happened from the community benefits that we expected from the new flats at the south end. Was meant to be a cafe? It is a park of two halves with lots of investment in the north and nothing in the south end.

Better play construction (see Brockwell park example)

Better seating and more inviting area near the river Wandle

Toilets. The park is used by so many children, toilets are definitely needed.

Bring back the open air swimming pool please.

Cafe

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Free tennis court - like at Wandsworth Park

Cafe and children's playground near the Westfield Development which was promised

Cafe and lots more formalised nature areas for children to explore

Coffee shop police or park wardens

Smaller playground dotted along King George's Park

Cafe near the play area with indoor area and changing/feeding for kids otherwise have to go into Southside which is big/noisy/busy etc when just want a coffee/baby change

Cafe near the scuba road side

A cafe

Cafe would be fantastic, more trees and less formal areas (nobody uses them!), improved skate park facilities, dog free areas

Cafe would be great. More playgrounds and bigger skate park. Bbut i understand this is a pay-off with green spaces and sports fields. The curretn balance is probably pretty good.

Cafe!

1) A wild garden/meadow area 2) an area that has wooden structures and paths and boulders and plants for children to play

Toilet facilities

Cafe, outdoor gym, sheltered area, clean access to the river bank, better lights

Cafe, possibly just in summer. It could be a pop up type arrangement

Something to keep the swans safer from people

Cafe, loos

Cafe/Coffee shop would be lovely

Toilets that the public can use!!!

More lighting at night.

Cafeterias and music events

Calesthenics out door gym furniture. Parallel bars, pull up bars, monkey bars, press up bars. Lots of different bars .

It needs to be a less afraid of nature and really seek to bring better biodiversity into the park.

Sometimes there is too much focus on the needs of sports pitches to the detriment of pollinators and nesters. Perhaps consider integrating biodiversity into all interventions in simple inexpensive but highly important ways.

Children's play space at the Acuba Road end

Paddling pool and sand pit

Clean toilets, a cafeteria

Coffee shop crazy golf

The southern end may become busier now the flats are occupied. It is really this end that needs a focus/feature/attraction - something that will cause people to visit and enable them to stay a while. A community garden or a garden area where people could pass the time of day, while others who preferred would do some gardening, or using such a facility for educational purposes for both children and adults. The allotments has a good community to it and could easily be expanded out into the park. This could become a more public type of allotments . . .

Coffee shop/ sport changing facility by the tennis courts

community exercise equipment. expand the trim trail.....

Cover up places for mums to meet if it rains.

Cricket pitch

cycle lanes on all path ways over a meter wide

Designated area for dogs off leads

Disability outdoor play equipment and maybe even some gym/exercise equipment !

Dog only area would be lovely

Educational areas to showcase wildlife and sustainability, allotment expansion.

Are there any toilets

Even more facilities for under 5s

More seats and shelter, specially towards the end where the gym and allotments are. Another playground. Bike racks. More parking spaces

Exercise equipment for adults/children that is free and can be used in the park not in a fitness centre

Floodlights on tennis courts

Yes more exercise activites/equipment.

A cafe in the middle to meet at, like Sky Lark in Wandsworth Common

There was meant to be a community cafe as part of the Westfield Waterside development. This would be a lovely way to give the park more of a community feel, help disadvantaged people find work and be a social hub for the park

Toilets, shelters (sometimes it would be nice to be able to spend time in the park in the rain/ possibly some bricked BBQ areas for families to book in the summer

Further playground at Earlsfield end. Cafe preferably at Earlsfield end.

Toilets. More of a focus on designated areas for different activities. More plant life and shrubbery e.g. Wandsworth Common

Public toilets

I can't remember if there are toilets

Toilets

I think a basketball court might be good for some of the older children.

I wrote about them in response to a previous question

I remember when there was a beautiful open air swimming pool in the park during the 60's/70's and it makes me sad that it is no longer there as we loved going there, and would still use it if there was a good pool in the area. We need more big good quality swimming pools in Wandsworth.

Toilets

It'd be good to have some recycling bins alongside the waste bins. And the dog-walking should be restricted to one fenced area.

Lights

Loo

Cafe. Toilets. More seating. Tennis club house

More activities for children. Not more playgrounds but maybe a water fountain for playing in the summer, crazy golf etc

Toilets

Apart from the lights

Toilets and maybe outdoor water area and sandpit

Sand pit and water play area like Wimbledon Park. Also a climbing frame and swings at the southern end would be good (zoe the sandpit and/or water play area could be here?)

More community events such as a Weekend market

More designated picnic tables. More seating in the playgrounds for adults.

Toilets near the playgrounds, bicycle parking near the playground

Public conveniences

More for little children - a sandpit, a water play area

more free use of park

More interactive gardens for children.

More larger/lidded litter bins along the paths would be helpful. A cafe could be opened in the allotted space in the new build by Henry Prince estate. At the moment it is still empty and if up & running would be extremely popular.

TOILETS!!!

Exercise equipment area required, suggest next to the childrens playground

Shelters in the park for parents watching children play (eg with babies, watching older children)

More places for the little ones

More playareas

More playground equipment

More preschool outdoor play

Provide more facilities for teenagers

more rubbish bins and recycle bins

More seats

Gym equipment as not everybody can afford the gym plus people with anxiety and panic disorder would prefer the open space

more shelter and a cafe please

More should be done to clean up the river, make use of the riverbank

More lighting, Coffee shop for breakfast or coffee breaks, some water fountains for the sporty, safe bike paths to the Thames and Wimbledon Park

More sport equipment available for all

More toilets

Cafe and toilets

More trees and plants to encourage birds and wildlife

Natural play area, playground at bodmin road end, better use of river, dog-free area at bodmin rd end

Need toilets definitely and a cafe

outside exercise equipment

Toilets at both ends of the park - Wandsworth and Earlsfield. A cafe with seating area. Battersea Park has a fabulous 'tree walking' area and 'crazy' golf.

Nicer sitting areas - the grass is not always that inviting. Places to lounge and read, or rest after a run.

Older teenage children's play area.

open air workout equipment

open up banks of Wandle ideally permit fishing on Wandle

Bbq area?

outdoor gym

Outdoor gym equipment

Outdoor swimming pool

Outdoor swimming pool like tooting lido

A cafe and more community events

Paddle pool/fountains

A playground at the southern end of the park. More walking paths.

paddling pool, sand pit for kids

More lights to make the park feel safer at night, more seating & more bins. CCTV

Paddling pool, splash park, cafes in park

Park cafe.

Picnic benches

ping pong tables

Play area at the Aspire/Henry Prince end

Pool and splash park for kids

Children's water feature

proper toilets and a cafe for beverages and snacks should be re-instated in the park.

Cafe to encourage people to stay longer? There is a vacant unit under the Waterside apartments.

A cafe. The ice cream van is great but not in the colder months.

Better lighting in the dark

Public gym

Public loos

Public Toilet and changing facilities

A coffee/cake shop with indoor and outdoor seating so that there is a sheltered social welcoming indoor area for people to gather

public toilets

Small kiosk for teas and coffee

More diverse planting and wildlife-friendly planting; community garden/orchard down the side of the bowling green; on-site composting of green waste and showcase this

Toilets and a cafe.

Public toilets, more trees, more access to Wandle, fewer railings.

Address shortage of cycle parking along the length of NCN20 within the park.

Toilets

Guards

Restoration point and extra playground

Running track

Toilets. Cafe. More seats. Firework display

Sand area in the playground

Sand pit and splash park.

Cafe. Toilets

Sand pit and water play for summer

Seating areas

Seating is only really available near the pond/one o'clock club. A few more benches near the open spaces would be great and not impact the playing space

Seating, cycle parking and toilets

Toilets would be very much welcomed

Separated dog walking area, improved seating and lighting

Separate the cycle path and footpath

Shelter and seating

Shelter from the rain, a toilet, a cafe, cctv

Enclosed dog park where dogs are permitted off-lead

Slides and some more improvement are necessary at playground

Somewhere other than the carpark for youths to hang out in the summer! Perhaps lock it overnight as their music is so loud and it stops residents sleeping!!!

Public toilets

Would be great to have a public toilet especially when visiting the playground with children, and maybe even a coffee stand.

Cafe, better flowers

Improvements to the south section

Splash fountains for the kids, toilets, formal shade from rain but kids can still play!

Street fitness

Free outdoor gym, traditional lamp posts throughout especially along the Wandle route

More childrens play areas

Toilets and a cafe/coffee hut

there seems to be something missing but I can't put my finger on it.

There used to be a cafe and toilets in the park. I think it would be good to bring them back - especially for those of us who use the allotments. We do provide limited facilities at the allotment

but a loo block in the park would be good.

Structured play facility earlsfield end Toilets, better lighting, cycling away from pedestrians
A community cafe in that empty premises on the corner of that new development near Henry Prince estate

free gym equipment

Toilet facilities near playground

Toilet facilities.

There is no sheltered seating.

Toilets

Toilets

Access to or ability to get to or walk by the river

Toilets

Public toilets near the play areas

Toilets

Toilets

Toilets

Toilets

TOILETS AND CAFE

Toilets

Toilets

Toilets

Public toilets (and then being well maintained)

Toilets and a cafe

Recycling bins and maybe bottle bank?

More climbing frames for older children, a dog free area, a pedestrian path separate from the cyclists one, more lighting to increase feeling of safety.

Separate cycling tracks

Toilets and change near large playground

Football, tennis classes etc that are more informal and cheaper than a private lesson

Cafe and toilets

Toilet. Water tap fountain

Toilets near playgrounds

Toilets near playgrounds. It's very difficult with small children who are potty training. I take a travel potty but there is still a lack of privacy.

Toilets near the main playground

A café with the basics in terms of food and some toilets

Toilets or a cafe maybe, a playground at the Earlsfield end, proper fencing around the dog walking area

Paddling pool/water facility, picnic tables

Toilets there is nowhere for kids to go

Nice cafe with inside and outside area

Cafes and more communal spaces would make it feel safer a

Toilets, cafe and some sheltered area for when it rains

toilets, cafe, community space, lighting

Toilets, or at least signs to the nearest facilities in Southside.

Toilets, provision for an ice cream truck etc - like at Wandsworth Common
Toilets Cafe. Kids Sand pit water fountains similar to Wimbledon Park or Bishops Park
Toilets and maybe snack/coffee shop!
Nice cafe/restaurant with toilets.
Outdoor exercise equipment for adults?
Somewhere to sit and get a coffee
Toilets/ cafeteria
Toilets/ sandpit / fountains
Toilets; hot food outlet; bbq area
Public toilets, and a kiosk or somewhere to buy drinks (like Wimbledon Park).
Cafe/food offering
Water (drinking) fountains, children's paddling pool (e.g. in space currently not used by bowling green), community orchard
Water and sand
Water drinking fountain and toilet facilities
Water fountain, public toilets
Public conveniences
Woodland, enclosed picnic area for families
Would a cafe be a viable option?
Lots more bins.
More events
Zip wire for playground. Mini zoo

Please tell us about anything that prevents you from visiting King George's Park or limits your enjoyment of the park, or use this space to give us any other comments:

- cafe needed with healthy kids lunch options and nice seating area

- enforcement of dog waste removal

*The Do Not Feed the birds sign by the Lake (pigeons attracts rats) is in the wrong place it should be under the willow where people stand to feed them.

Important- notice board explaining why it is not good to feed bread to ducks, swans, geese etc. The most common result of feeding bread to ducks is metabolic bone disease and growth deformities. In human terms, metabolic bone disease is typically called Rickets. Bread does not have any nutrients that a duck or goose needs.

*The new planting in and around the Lake is very good but the reeds are over planted and threaten to quickly take over and restrict views.

*Information boards to identify flora and fauna would encourage interest.

1. Access from the east at the northern end of the park is not very good - see the very poor (narrow, tree root damaged) footway on Neville Gill Close. Can't imagine how anyone in a wheelchair or mobility scooter manages!

2. Negative messages sent out about cycling are dispiriting, especially when I see young people cycling, or parents teaching young kids to ride a bike. There is zero provision in KGP for the latter.

3. The biggest barrier for me visiting KGP is the fear of being killed or injured en route to the Park. This could be addressed by Wandsworth Council by making Furmage and Twilley Streets two-way for cycling, so that I could avoid the (lethal) right turn from Garratt Lane into Kimber Road. Would also moderate drivers' speed on my return journey, on Furmage Street, because they would be aware that they could meet an oncoming cyclist, thus reducing stress all round....

A toddler is likely to be hit by a car if they are playing on the amazing open area the Earlsfield

end of the park and then run into the road where the cars from the new development come up from their underground garage. It is vital to allow people to enter the park easily from this new development so do have gates but having just bollards means dogs and children can run straight into the road. Again, bonkers (and a real pain. Just put a French with lots of gates. Bollards are useless.

Aggressive dogs (or more problematically owners)

Threatening teens

As mentioned, it's not safe due to some of the local community who use it. It's such a shame.

As mentioned, more provision for other activities that aren't purely sport/cycling related would be beneficial so more and different types of people could better enjoy and engage with the space. Naturalised areas, more spaces to sit and relax that aren't exposed to the elements would perhaps encourage more use at lunch time/weekends from the nearby town. Better provisions for wildlife/nature through different grass-mowing regimes (e.g. leaving margins/under trees long, creating meadow-areas around the pitches or to separate the pitches), additional trees planted, create "pocket-parks" within the main space for relaxation and nature, green the tennis courts/sports arena areas by planting trailing vines over the fences to make the aesthetics more pleasing and less grey.

As people are constantly feeding the water fowl in the lake all manner of things, providing an opportunity for people to access/purchase bags of proper, nutritious food would be welcome, like at Barnes Pond. Also, signage with information about wildlife found in the park would be brilliant.

as previously mentioned - in winter months it's poorly lit and wouldn't walk / cycle through alone after dark

As stated above, I think that the park should be patrolled in some way to keep it safer.

As stated above, the fact that there are no areas that feel appropriate to sit on the grass and relax with friends. You only seem to have either fields for playing sport or a kids playground. Both Wandsworth Park and Wandsworth Common are much more appealing in this regard.

Bin seem to overflow in the summer

Cannabis smoking is common in the park

Can't let dog off lead as it's used by football clubs in mornings at weekends. No secure area for dog to be dogs. I'm not saying dogs shouldn't be allowed in other areas. Just there should be a secure area for them .

Could benefit from a couple of sheltered areas by the fields /playgrounds

Could do with some more lighting in the evenings especially in winter.

Do not feel safe there when it's dark in the evenings or early in the morning

dog fouling and young adults behaving inappropriately

Dog poo

Dogs that are off the lead

drug dealers

Fantastic space that is used by the whole community, but does need toilets. This is the main reason we need to cut our stay short.

Fear of being mugged; going to Richmond or Putney or Hammersmith instead; being too lazy to go for a long walk!

Gangs of youths hanging around

Groups smoking weed in the evenings particularly near Fosters Way

I am reluctant to use the park after dark as I don't feel safe.

I find the area around the lake off putting.

It could be very beautiful but inevitably has rubbish in the lake and lots of pigeons around.

I love this park, it has been a part of my life since childhood, and I think that the community makes good use of it - it is wonderful to see the local workers taking their lunch there in the summer and enjoying the sun, the families making use of the park at the weekends. It would be wonderful it were possible for some permanent BBQs to be added, but I recognise that this might be quite risky in a park that is not patrolled regularly.

My primary worry is about the potential for a serious accident due to a collision between a bike and a child, and I would welcome information about how this will be addressed.

I really get worried about the signets dying what can we do to avoid this going forward?

I used is significantly more - Daily - when my son was very young. It's a vital resource.

I was just thinking recently it's a shame King George's Park doesn't do a firework display on bonfire night!!

I won't go to the park alone at night to walk the dog, as occasionally feel unsafe because of groups of youths who occupy the benches, drinking etc.

I would like to see better access and communication with the River Wandle. Hiding it away behind fences is denying the natural and physical heritage of this amazing resource. Maybe allow selected areas to flood laterally into green space to create mini wetlands and increase opportunity for better local flood risk management, improved water quality, improved aesthetics, climate change resilience and biodiversity

I would love to visit in the summer but other parks have water play and sand pits. But I would prefer to travel to King George's

If I were to stop and spend more time there I would need some seating, picnic table or bench where I could stop. This is provided and very well used at the ornamental end but not in the southern end where there is almost no facilities, only flat grassland. I would very much like to see access to the river opened up. The river is an amazing unusual if not unique feature - all that running bubbly lively water! Any water feature makes a huge difference in a garden, in a park it would bring back a sense of life and character.

In recent years on Saturdays large portions of the part of the park which I used to use for picnics and to relax is now being used by many children's clubs to train and play football. These large areas of the park are now out of bounds to me on Saturdays which is a shame because I work all week and I pay my council tax.

In the evenings, when it's dark, I don't go close to the end of the park, close to the allotments because of groups of teenagers misbehaving and sometimes committing crimes which have been reported to the local police

Inconsiderate and irresponsible dog owners. Business taking over the park and prevent free movement and usage.

It is annoying that the two sides of the parks only connect on one side and if you are trying to run around it you can't cross down one side.

It would be nice if there was family friendly cafe in the park

It would be nice to have a few more organised events in the park and to know about them through twitter/websites etc. It would help to bring the community together and give people a sense of belonging to the park.

It's a bit uninspiring

It's a great local space and is always well-used. The allotments are a valuable resource and provide a friendly close-knit community. Good opportunities for sport and I am a long-standing member of the Nuffield gym but feel there's a lack of public toilet facilities for those playing/spectating the regular weekend football/rugby matches.

It's a great park. It needs toilets though.

It's a lovely park and if improvements can be made it will be perfect.

Lack of seating and toilet

Lack of seating. No cafe. - I would spend more time in the park if there was a cafe.

Lack of toilets

Lighting at night

Lighting in evening

Litter and dog poo but this is a problem in all parks.

Long commute from home due to traffic in Earlsfield, cafe/sheltered space near the playground
Maintenance of the rose garden is very poor and the flower beds are getting smaller and smaller and again are poorly maintained.

Massive inconvenience to have no toilets especially with small children in tow.

A water feature for summer children's playing would be nice.

Ensuring regular clean up or litter and patrolling of parks police to deter anti social behaviour

More could be done to improve the facilities consider the close location to so many people which has increased significantly recent with the new apartments at the north and south ends. The Ram Brewery development will also bring more people in close vicinity so investment required ASAP to sustain and support the increase use.

My oldest child is 3 so we don't go to the playground when school is out as the older kids can be a bit rough.

A water park like at Fulham Palace would be fantastic in summer!

Need to feel safer.

No gym equipment to work out

No place for coffee, in the summer the picnic tables are crowded and dirty, no lighting in the winter

No toilets - we've had to run into Southside many times which can prove difficult if walking our friends dog.

Not enough seating e.g. Benches

Nothing other than the rain!

Only as stated above.

Only that the middle (raised) area is under utilised, especially out of football season. I'd like to think more can be done with it but I don't know what.

Parking is impossible and i find the groups of teenagers/ school children behaving anti socially to be intimidating

Parts of the park are inaccessible with a buggy, particularly the south-western side of the park. It is also difficult to access the park with a buggy.

People using bushes as toilets right under my balcony, but if toilets were put in they could become a magnet for drug users, so I'm not sure what the best solution is.

Pigeons around lake horrid, journey between park and southside is poor quality, public toilets / baby change might be useful

Playground for smaller children is quite small and gets very busy

Please don't build flats on the park!

Poor lighting at night.

Poor lighting. Issues with bad behaviour e.g. teenagers playing with fireworks on bonfire night Possible areas for attention and suggested improvements:

The surrounding black fence is ugly, worn down and creates a barrier to those outside the park - if this were to be removed or replaced with a more attractive fence, e.g. wooden fence, this might create a more inviting feel to the park and make it more attractive.

Several pigeons - putting signs up to stop people feeding the birds might help with this.

Poor maintenance, particularly of the gardens - it would be lovely to see the gardens restored!

The pergolas and flower beds appear neglected.

More attractive entrances, e.g with a fountain, to create a more inviting feel.

The surrounding tower blocks are ugly and imposing - if more trees could be planted around the periphery, this might help screen off the high rise buildings.

More trees dividing each area of the park is another suggestion, e.g. trees planted between the rose garden and the play area, to create a more peaceful environment for those close to the play area

Rubbish and dumping. Significant amount of raw meat, food stuffs dumped by people which is unsightly but also causes problems for the dogs. For a number of months the dumping was so bad i stopped walking in the park and used Wandsworth park as it doesn't have the same problems.

Set up a management group like other (larger) parks - why wasn't this included as a particular question?

Shelter, cafe, toilets.

Shortage of cycle parking along the Wandle Trail/ NCN20

Smoking in the playground

Some people who visit the park often disregard basic civil rules. They leave rubbish (boxes of take away food etc) behind. They should be fined.

Sometimes park feels a bit unsafe, people do undesirable things like smoke weed, maybe if there was more activity people would be discouraged and it would make the park feel safer, mainly the part towards Nuffield Gym and the skate park. The part of the park away from the tennis courts, play area is excellent. The rest of it towards BMX park and Gym do not have much appeal and I don't enjoy going there nor do I feel I have much reason to

The amount of rubbish left by the organised football and rugby groups

The biggest thing would be no toilets in the park meaning having to go into the shopping centre or other close by shops for the bathroom, it limits the time spent there

The field at the South side of the park which runs alongside the Riverside development, which has been used as an 'informal' dog park for some time, fencing along the property/road side of the fence.

I believe this has been raised to the Park's management numerous times, in the absence of any designated dog parks, we believe local dog owners and the community overall would benefit from this field being fully fenced-off again and made a dogs-off lead area moving forward.

The groups that hang around in the carpark!!

The lack of public toilets / change facilities prevents me visiting for a length of time.

I also feel unsafe to be in some of the quieter parts of the park on my own. Sometimes people congregate drinking on the benches near the Bodmin street entrance which makes me feel unsafe.

The lake area could sometimes be a little more user friendly - possibly opened up a little more and cleaned a bit more. The children love seeing the birds especially the swans and so it would be good to make the most of the lake and surrounding area.

The lake needs to be more inviting for wildlife

The north section is really nice but the south section needs improvements to the aesthetics and street lighting.

The park feels unsafe at night, however, I don't know what the answer would be. The footballing groups at the weekends leave an enormous amount of plastic drinks bottles when they leave.

They should be fined for this as a deterrent as it takes a couple of days for it to be cleared. They need to bring a bun liner and collect the rubbish at the end of their sessions. Not only does it look horrible, it's dangerous for dogs. I know one dog owner who had to muzzle his dog for the dog's protection from eating old chicken bones and other rubbish that has been left.

The pigeons at the lake are not so nice and it would be lovely to see some more ducks on the lake

The play area is fantastic, but as mentioned above sometimes I feel unsafe due to dodgy people hanging around. Better lighting during winter months might help, I make sure to never be there after dark. Also dog users need to pick up dog mess on grass, or be educated that it's a children's playing area (football etc) too, not just a place to walk dogs and for them to use it as a toilet!

The rudeness of the cyclist who cycle to fast, esp with young children just learning the ropes

The students from the Academy are quite rude - urinating in the bushes letting fireworks off, shouting at each other and my dog!

the swing in the main park as my son always runs in front of them im scared he is going to get hurt also i think there needs to be a gate separating the 2 park so younger ones stay in the younger park as the swing are not got gated barriers and younger children who insist on running of buy the time you get to them they have been hit by a older child with great force (not there fault)

There are areas that are fenced off and gated for no apparent reason.

There are lots of dogs being walked both on and off leads, which is understandable, but there used to be a dog free area. This would have worked well for my daughter who is scared of dogs and regularly encounters friendly and sometimes unfriendly dogs.

There are no public toilets in the park, especially near the play areas and this limits the time we can spend there.

THERE ARE NO TOILETS AT THE PLAYGROUND OR ANYWHERE YOU HAVE TO GO INTO SOUTHSIDE AND KIDS PEE BEHIND THE BUSHES

THERE IS NOWHERE TO GET A COFFEE OR TO BUY REFRESHMENTS

There is a natural woodland near the aspire centre. This is a wonderful part of the park but it is often left overgrown with nettles and sometimes has fly tipping rubbish. It would be great if this could be better maintained as it would be a lovely place for adventures with you kids (we refer to

it as the Gruffalo woods).

There is also a real issue of litter and food waste being left especially chicken bones etc which is a real issue as a dog owner

There is no free parking.

Threatening groups and individuals have scared me and followed my wife whilst pushing a pram. Police foot patrols need to go through park

To get a coffee we generally have to leave the park.

Toilets

Toilets

Too many young adults in the playground being obnoxious and littering - generally giving a bad example to the little children.

Trees are not enough taken care of. Many beautiful and tall trees on the river banks have been cut over the last few years (even some that looked healthy) and it is a shame because we could do with more oxygen, and overall, a better air quality. Preserving trees doesn't seem to be a council priority (not only in King Georges Park). It makes a difference with greener boroughs. It is a shame.

Two things: one, more towards the side of Nuffield and skate park, there could be another playground with a cafe, that's an area of the park we almost don't go as a family and this could be improved; also, by the side of the toddlers playground, it's lovely to see the swans and ducks but I keep avoiding it due to the pigeons, it's usually very very unpleasant and dirty and it keeps us from enjoying this a bit more and more often. Overall love the park!

Unsafe, not particularly clean. Needs focal points to give it more of a community feel. Feels like a place people pass through rather than a destination. Compares badly to other local parks (Wimbledon Park, Wandsworth Common etc)

Use our council taxes to provide more facilities. On site park keepers who could double up as gardeners/, park maintenance/first aiders etc.

Usually dog poo prevents us from playing properly on the grass. We end up doing an inspection of the area before we sit down and play.

Very convenient for us as so close but doubt it's a destination park for others. Quite utilitarian with too many playing fields. Would either prefer it to be more natural with more trees and less flat (like Wimbledon Common or even Wandsworth Common) or more formal with more flower beds and interesting paths to follow. Currently have to walk the dog on or around a big, flat square playing field (with a lot of rubbish) which is rather boring. It's practical for us but really no more than that. A nice cafe (like Skylark on Wandsworth Common or Windmill Cafe on Wimbledon Common) would make it more of a destination. Seems odd there is no gate on corner of Kimber Rd and Burr Rd.

Walking routes from the north and east from the front and rear of Southside are not great (conflict with cars and buses, narrow pavements, etc.)

Walking through at night is too dark

We love the playground and facilities at the Southside end of the park. However, the opposite end in Earlsfield could do with some attention and would hugely benefit from a playground.

We really enjoy taking our baby to the park and all the facilities on offer. We look forward to using the play areas and Kimber skate park more as our daughter grows older

Would like to see the rose garden better maintained and better attention paid to the ever diminishing flower beds

Yeah, I think it's pretty clear how upset I am with the quality of the park. I moved to the area and the park was one of the main reasons why and I find myself increasingly unhappy with the cleanliness and character, especially because of the other people who routinely frequent it.

Clearly marked cycle paths and walking paths would do a lot better for both cyclists and walkers in terms of safety. Adequate rubbish bins (and not just wire mesh bins with no top to prevent the wind from blowing rubbish out) would make it cleaner and nicer. And, of course, some active presence to dissuade unsavoury characters and drug users would be much appreciated. I know this park can be great but am disillusioned with its current maintenance.

You should look down the road to Wimbledon Park (Merton!!!!) it is more vibrant, used much more and feels loved with loads more people using it. The pigeons and their mess by the lake is disgusting. The rockery there is completely overgrown. The rose garden a shadow of its former self. It could raise you more money (what about 2 weeks parking for the tennis) to plough back in. The cafe in Wimbledon Park is well attended and popular.

The cycle path is such an asset. I can get small kids from home to and through park on quiet roads and a long cycle path. We feel safe riding as a family. I think this is so important to us and other cyclists of all abilities

Safety. My mobile was very close to being snatched there when looking after children.

The lake is too big and a wasted space. Also the bird / pigeon area is dirty and unattractive. It is a shame that people persist in feeding the pigeons as it encourages them. Much better use could be made of this area – a more imaginative scheme would be interesting and would certainly add to the area.

Safety

Playing field areas lack character or charm. Great for dog poos and football at the weekend but otherwise under-utilised in the week.

I used to visit the bowling green with friends and it's sad that it has not been maintained.

There are no loos, but some are available in the shopping centre and I think this is sufficient

The water in the lake can sometimes smell

It's not well lit, especially the playground areas

When large numbers of Southfield academy are in the play area

There are some unsavory characters that can hang around the park in their school holidays. They can be quite abusive verbally, always leave a mess and have no regard for the wildlife (particularly the swans). How can you teach youngsters how lucky they are, especially when they are all from the housing estate next to southside...

Better lighting at night would be welcome, make it safer to walk through.

The amounts of rats that hang out in the bridge by the lakes

it would be great to have a more natural feel to some areas... i really like the very small area with birch trees near the allotments by Aspire. more of that please

I would like to see the river better integrated into the park, particularly by removing the railings, which are an exaggerated response to the minimal danger it constitutes.

A beautiful and calm space to walk and relax.

Too many dogs pooing where children should be able to play. A separate area for dogs who free up the rest of the space for human use.

I always feel that the pond behind southside is a grotty Mecca for pigeons. People are always throwing bread around. Apart from being bad for the birds and other pond life it makes the space around the pond dirty and somewhere you hurry past to avoid marauding pigeons. It would be nice if it was better maintained and people were strongly discouraged from encouraging pigeons and rats as clearly the current signs have no effect.

I love having a great park neRby for my self and my children to play in so I would hate for it not to be there. Some simple upgrades would benefit it great,y and make it an even better family area .

It's a lovely park and they do a good job of maintaining it and keeping it tidy. Sadly you often get groups of youngsters who disrespect the park smoking/littering ect but that cannot really be helped.

Seems run down

Very poor lighting walking to / from Burr Road. This should be improved

1. In summer, a couple more seats would be welcome and if they were cleaned it would help.

2. Speeding cyclists on footpaths is a concern.

Security.

The quality of public realm in the park could be improved, especially smarter footpaths, railings, fences, walls, gates and lights - it's quite dreary and municipal at the moment.

Access to some parts of the park is difficult because it is too fenced in. Access should be much easier from all angles! This is really important.

We visit daily, there are a lot of children in the area which take advantage of the space. Thanks for keeping it well maintained.

Food is regularly dumped, which is very annoying for dog walkers, better signs, cctv or threats of fines would improve this. Particularly bad in the south

People hanging around late at night in the children's playground, often drunk and noisy especially in summer.

Drunks on benches.
Gangs by skate park
Nasty dogs off leads

Dont feed the pigeon near the lake, they create a lot of mess

Over the years I have become disturbed by the number of wildlife that have been destroyed by wanton violence , by I must presume local youth. I would dearly like to see wardens occasionally patrolling as the swans ducks etc need protection from vandalism, plus I would like to see litter patrols to castigate and fine people for dropping litter in a park that has plenty of provision with many litter bins easily accessible. Nothing is quite so disturbing as seeing people abusing a place of solace and beauty by throwing down their litter. Shocking to see.

Sometimes especially during weekends litter bins are full and people just throw away rubbish in the park or in the streets leading to the park entrances.

The take away chicken boxes / bones left over. Attracts foxes and dogs can eat the bones which is dangerous and can be fatal to them.

The bench in the top left hand corner of the upper part of the park should be removed - its a gathering place for drunken / littering / no good people - often have to call dog away from under the bench with all sorts of unmentionable rubbish around there. If there was no bench there the "undesirables" wouldn't sit there and do whatever they are doing in that quiet corner.....

Dogs not managed by their owners

I wish there were more flowers

Already mentioned

More seating would be great!

The green spaces are crap. The provision for nature is pathetic. It is just a line of trees surrounding vast swathes of open, mown grass. Every inch of the park is managed to within an inch of its life. There is simply nothing natural about it. The space performs a function for the users no doubt, but it could do so much more.

I think that the formal gardens are a waste of money, I see perfectly good plants being thrown away and replaced with new, seasonal plants. I would rather have evergreen bushes.

Conflict between cycles and pedestrians

Kimber Road presents a real barrier to moving between the two halves of the park. The existing crossing has very long wait periods which should be reduced and a second crossing and gate could be provided further to the west to align with the current path bordering the industrial estate on the north side of Kimber Road. The poor air quality resulting from the road traffic on Kimber Road is noticeable to me when I run in this area.

The lake is always dirty. Swans there have also been attacked or killed over the last few years. more can be done to limit or change this

Maintain physical fabric & landscape better - it has got noticeably poorer over the past few years - railings desperately need painting and pruning/mowing need to be carried out more regularly. The garden beds by the tennis courts have gone downhill - they were much better / variety of flowers years ago (approx 8 years) but I no longer see the same garden maintenance workers I think the supervisor in charge may have retired and took all his knowledge with him. The flower beds are not maintained well and they use to be a pleasure to look at enhancing the park greatly.

Park would do good with more leafy trees in the scattered around, at the moment its just a big lawn especially in the southern part. The current walk layout means it is just suitable for passing through and not roaming/going for a "round" in the park, so a more circular layout would be nice. And trees please.

Please improve the rubbish especially on the sports fields

Too many teenagers using the playground and using language and behaviour that is inappropriate for the younger children to be around.

I'm daily in the park with my children and there's dog poo on the meadow, every day, which is really annoying. And my kids are experts in stepping on it;)

Lighting at night, I don't always feel comfortable walking through in the night on my own
Sometimes I am put off by the teenagers in the children's play space using bad language in front of little ones.

As above - homeless people

I would like to see more recycling facilities and also ban people from feeding the disgusting pigeons.

Mice and rats at the smelly pond.

The safety

The large grass area could be more lush.

Teens and young adults cause problems around the lake and play areas, they also hurt ducks and swans, more parks police patrols would help.

Also someone needs to stop people feeding the pigeons by the footbridge on the lake.

I hope you won't take any more space from the park, as in the all-weather playing field in the south and the sports club. Perhaps a few more trees might be good – it seems to lean heavily towards the sports pitch and not quite enough towards the park/garden aspect of a public park.

This is an amazing park that I grew up playing in and I'm not a 33 year old woman who take my own children there. Not hong needs to be improved best park in wandsworth

More shaded areas in the southern parts of the park would be good. An area that was dog free would be good for using the park with babies and small children.

It would be good to increase the area provided for allotments due to the high demand for them.

There is a lot of litter and parts are rather down at heel

Appendix B

Word Clouds

Facilities needed
in the Park



Visitor Observation Study Report

King George Playing Fields

Visitor Observation Study

Introduction

Observations were carried out at the King George Playing Fields between the 17th and 29th December 2017. In total there were ten weekday observation sessions carried out with a total of 1,248 users observed over almost nine hours. **Appendix A** shows the locations of Park users observed.

This report shows the interim analysis based on these results. A more detailed report will be produced following further observations in Spring 2018.

Results

Gender

	Count	%
Female	659	52.8%
Male	589	47.2%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

Age Profile

	Count	%	1.2km Catchment
0-4	170	13.6%	7.6%
5-10	52	4.2%	5.3%
11-19	122	9.8%	6.3%
20-34	530	42.5%	36.7%
35-49	225	18.0%	24.5%
50-69	124	9.9%	14.2%
70+	25	2.0%	5.5%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%	100.0%

Compared to the age profile set out in the separate Demographic Report there would appear to be greater numbers of children and young people aged under 20, and young adults aged 20-34 using King George's Park. In part, the location of Southfields Academy next to the park has influenced the findings. Conversely, the proportion of recorded older visitors is lower than the demographic profile of the catchment would suggest.

Ethnic Profile

	Count	%
Asian	46	3.7%
Black	93	7.5%
Chinese	17	1.4%
Mixed	13	1.0%
n/a	1	0.1%
Other	98	7.9%
White	980	78.5%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

The ethnic profile of visitors broadly reflects the profile of the catchment area. The proportion of black visitors is slightly greater than the demographic profile may suggest. The proportion of Asian visitors would appear to be slightly under –represented.

Alone or Group

	Count	%
Alone	533	42.7%
Group	715	57.3%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

The percentage of visitors in a group is high, in part influenced by the presence of Southfields Academy.

With or without dog

	Count	%
No	1155	92.5%
Yes	93	7.5%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

The proportion of visitors with dogs appears to be relatively low.

Disability

	Count	%
No	1244	99.7%
Yes	4	0.3%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

The proportion of recorded visitors with a disability is low, but the methodology based on observation is likely to under represent the numbers of disabled visitors. The high proportions of younger visitors may also have impacted on this result.

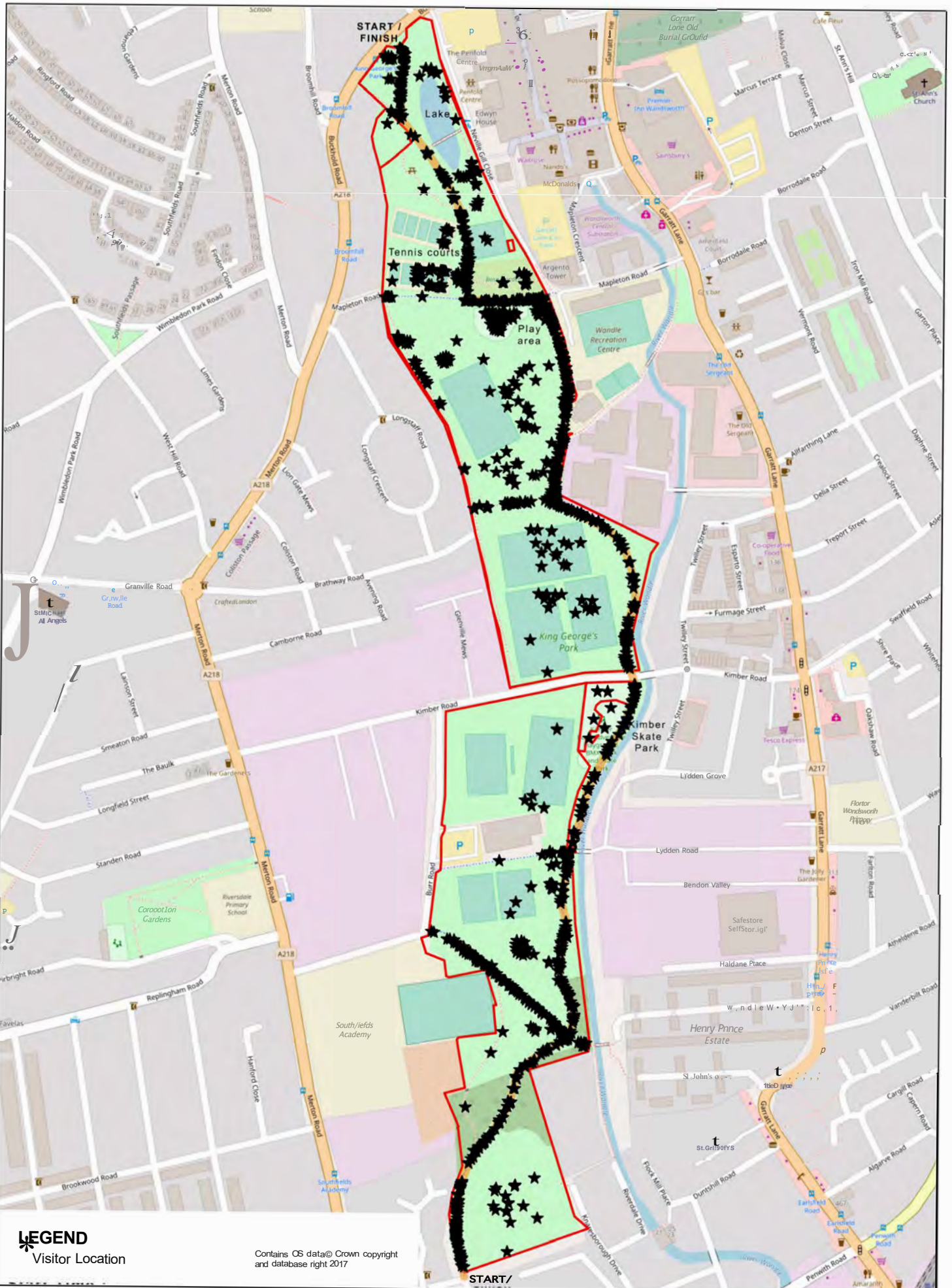
Activities

	Count	%
Through routing	708	56.7%
Walking	163	13.1%
Other	98	7.9%
Walking dog	91	7.3%
Buggy / Pram	57	4.6%
Playing	53	4.2%
Sitting	30	2.4%
Running	25	2.0%
Standing	16	1.3%
Football	6	0.5%
Wheelchair	1	0.1%
Through routing	708	56.7%
Grand Total	1248	100.0%

Under other, park users were observed:

- tennis training and playing tennis
- netball
- playing touch rugby
- dog training
- skateboarding
- scooter
- football training
- pushing post cart
- pushing wheelchair
- carrying a ladder
- electric mini scooter
- exercising
- on mobility scooter, walking dog
- on swing
- pushing swing
- riding motor scooter
- sitting on child's seat on bike

Appendix A
Locations of Park
Users



King Georges Playing Fields

Figure 1
 Visitor Observation Study



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Stakeholder Workshop Report



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1 Introduction

Consultation is a crucial part of the development of the King George's Management and Maintenance Plan.

Our approach can be broadly broken down into two main stages. Phase 1 is initial intelligence gathering which will help define the issues for and shape the content of the Management and Maintenance Plan. This will then be followed by Phase 2, a Consensus Check exercise which engages the wider public with the themes of the draft plan prior to final publication.

The purpose is to outline the stakeholder consultation which has taken place as part of Phase 1 and communicate the findings of that consultation to allow them to be effectively taken forward in the forming of the MMP.

2 Stakeholder Meetings

CFP allowed two days to hold a series of face-to-face stakeholder meetings delivery to identify key issues for the MMP, these meetings were supplemented with telephone calls when a meeting was not possible. Where appropriate additional information was requested from individuals subsequent to these conversations.

Stakeholders contacted in this manner included;

Name	Organisation	Position
Andy Flood	Richmond and Wandsworth Council	Principal Transport Planner
Jane Greatholder	Richmond and Wandsworth Council	Senior Transport Planner
Padraig Collins	Richmond and Wandsworth Council	Planning Officer - Policy
Claire Reeves	Enable Leisure and Culture	Chief Leisure & Sports Officer
Jack Adam	Enable Leisure and Culture	Executive Director of Culture, Events & Filming
Suzz Bell	Enable Leisure and Culture	Head of Events & Filming
Pat Langley	Enable Leisure and Culture	Arboricultural Manager
Caryl Davies	Wandsworth Town Centre Business Improvement District	Manager
Stephen Biggs	Wandsworth Council Parks and Events Police Service	Inspector
Simon Jones	Idverde	
Garry Bishop	Idverde	
Ben White	All Win Tennis	Director
Charlie Luscombe	Kimber Skate Park and BMX Track	
Wendy Maxey	West Hill Children's Centre	Centre Manager

2.1 Andy Flood and Jane Greatholder

The department has targets to increase active travel through walking and cycling and that is their main interest in the MMP. They don't have an Active Travel Plan as such but the Active Wandsworth Plan (a holistic approach to getting Wandsworth Active) has a report coming to council in February 2018- Nick Atkins from Enable would be a good person to discuss this with.

King George's Park is key to Active Travel and is featured on Wandsworth Council's Active Living Map.

There has been a move from segregation of paths between pedestrians and cyclists to shared use after a public inquiry relating to Wandsworth and Tooting Common. Anecdotally this has improved the behaviour of both parties and it is now policy across the borough.

There has been a recent consultation regarding the creation of a Quietway which would pass through KGP. The early indication is that people are supportive of this and analysis will be shared when available. The creation of the Quietway is not a certainty- dependencies include approval by Wandsworth Council and approval of the whole route by TfL. If there are issues elsewhere the whole route may not be taken forward.

Likely transport changes in area include the reinvention of one-way system north of the park which takes in Wandsworth High Street. Likely to start at the end of 2018. Would hope to see better provision for cycling as part of this.

There is an issue they are looking to resolve with the Wandle Trail which currently skirts around the edge of a development site South of the park at Earlsfield

Cycle trails need to have good surfaces- block paving on some of the Wandle Trail isn't adequate and signage needs to be clear about shared use. Wandle Valley Trust run a regular cycle along the route.

There is a ramp and stairs section between two football pitch sections, it is too steep and ideally should be made shallower to improve accessibility.

A new footpath was created in the park by looking at paths being worn in the grass on aerial photos- this might be a good way to capture further demand for new routes.

Could check if park is used for cycle training- Gemma Davidson, WC.

There is currently trialing of dockless bike technology across London, where-by bikes are available to pick up and use- unlike Santander Bikes they have all the technology in them and so can be left anywhere/ in designated areas. There might be a case for creating designated areas for this in parks in the future. The other issue is that companies will 'rebalance' bikes to ensure correct spread and so might need access with a trailer or similar to do this.

There is a pan London TfL group on this issue but ultimate decision on licensing etc will sit with individual Councils.

2.2 Padraig Collins

Will support meeting with written answers to questions provided in advance.

Park land is Metropolitan Open Land

Area is Flood Risk 1- will be considered in any application around change from soft to hard surfaces.

There are some pre-applications live in the area on the South East of the park. This area is identified in Wandsworth's Employment and Industry Plan. The Council is

incentivising development of these areas- if they can provide an uplift in certain uses through development the rest of the site can be used for other purposes.

There is a live application from Tideway around the top of the park where a Plaza is being created and there is a proposal to serve coffee from a kiosk.

There has been no interest in use of the bowling green for 2 years.

The Wandsworth Playing Field Strategy DM01/02 states that playing fields must be replaced with facilities of the same quantity and quality, this would apply to the bowling green. There is something around associate facilities.

The Council have looked at increase in population to 2050 and figures can be provided along with demographic breakdown (still awaiting).

The population is being housed in new developments but also in conversions supported by the New London Plan which alters Housing SPG in support of conversions from large properties to smaller ones.

The Formal Gardens are unappealing in some seasons and would benefit from restoration.

There is very high demand for allotments in the area and the New London Plan is supportive of more being created. At King George's Park there are 53 plots, 229 people on the waiting list and a wait of 9 years.

Relevant Policies and Documents

Site Constraints:

-Surrounding Conservation Areas

-Thames Tideway Tunnel Applications

-Metropolitan Open Land Designation

-Significant Industrial Areas to the South East of the site – Employment and Industry Local Plan http://www.wandsworth.gov.uk/info/1004/planning_policy/1366/local_plan

Pavilion Change of Use:

-DMO1 – Protection and Enhancement of Open Spaces – See specifically parts B and C of this policy

-DMO2 – Playing Fields and Pitches, Sport, Play and Informal Recreation – See parts A, C, D and E

-NPPF Paragraph 74/75

- Existing London Plan

New Play Space:

-London Plan Policy 3.6 and SPG on Children’s play space

Large Developments:

-See Site Specific Allocations Document

-Employment and Industry Document

2.3 Claire Reeves

King George’s Park is a good park and one which is well used for day to day sport and larger events and competitions.

However, it does lack facilities- toilets, changing and refreshments concessions which other local green spaces have.

There is a lack of lighting in the evenings which reduce the feeling of safety in the park and encourage ASB.

There is a lack of bike racks

There could be an outdoor gym, the location would need to be carefully thought out so it enhances other activities rather than being a standalone feature.

She is aware of All Star Tennis previous plans for a pavilion and would support a future plan of this kind- it would provide the lacking facilities and create a presence in the park making the area safer and more welcoming.

The Leisure and Sports strategy is part of the Active Wandsworth Strategy which will go to committee in February 2018.

2.4 Jack Adam

Would be interested in seeing more events in the North of the park, this is the area with the highest footfall and there have been some cases of ASB by youths in the South of the park which is off putting from an events perspective.

From a strategic perspective there are some major considerations

1. Tideway- Early discussions with Tideway indicate there will be a piazza/ event space created at the North of the park ready for 2019/2020. There will be a newly landscaped plaza area and access to power and water which makes for an attractive event space.

2. The bowling green and pavilion- these sites are coming back in hand across Wandsworth due to an aging population of Bowls Groups. In Battersea park the space is being managed as a general event space. In KGP it is generally though the bowling green, bowling pavilion and the formal garden are in need of renovation or change of use. The discussion of would manage such sites (Enable or WC) is to be had as is recipient of any income generated.

3. Catering concession- Wandsworth has all models from high end Brunch destinations in Battersea Park to café on Tooting Common to ice-cream vans currently at KGP.

4. BID- there is confusion as to whether the north of KGP is in the BID or not- depends which map you see. There is a general interest from them in terms of improving the aesthetic and boosting footfall but this is early days given they are newly formed.

5. Also, Wandle Recreation Centre is a low-rise building in an area in which land is very valuable. It is likely to be bought up and developed into a high rise building with leisure facilities remaining on the ground floor. How could this better integrate with the park.

2.5 Suzz Bell

Current events are;

Funfair 2/3 times annually

Get Active Wandsworth

Previously there were more events example being a commercial launch for Sanex Shower gel featuring an urban beach, bar, beach football tournament.

Barriers to further events are;

Perception of ASB- 10 years ago the park did have some issues including a serious incident of violence at an event which is off-putting

Reduced capacity in events team- this is going to be remedied with the imminent recruitment of an officer to develop events at Wandsworth parks (other than Battersea Park which has a full programme).

For future events it would be helpful to give thought to;

1. Vehicle access for large events and maintenance vehicles- drop kerbs, accessible gates and hard standing aprons
2. Water stand pipes and pop up power points

2.6 Pat Langley

There are 883 trees on the database in KGP.

There are no 'stand out trees' in KGP in terms of historic, veteran or specimen trees. There are lots of boundary trees which individually have little interest but as groups have merit both functionally and visually.

The park is divided into 6 sections for the purpose of inspections which take place on a three-year cycle. This inspection leads to a maintenance order which is then carried out by contractors. Majority of this work is dead wooding, crown lifting, reshaping not thinning or reducing. In between three-year cycle there is monitoring by tree wardens and reports from the public or contractors.

They replace removed trees. They are live to issues around climate change and pests when it comes to tree replacement, there is no written policy but decisions are made on a case by case basis by a knowledgeable team. These decisions are also shaped by availability from suppliers which can be limited given the size of orders needed by Councils.

His two main issues for the plan would be;

1. Impacts of Tideway- details of scheme are unclear but aware that trees are currently being cut down which is their right as a public utility company- he would like to see an adequate plan to replace trees in this area in the long term. These should be semi-mature trees girth of 16-18 rather than 12-14 cm.

2. Funding for trees in the park- there needs to be adequate budget for buying and replacement of trees as well as funding for contractors and tree inspector posts to ensure future.

They have very little issue with vandalism- the most frequent issue is dog users using trees to exercise and train dangerous dogs- jaw strengthening. No theft.

Trees in King George's Park are;

- Very large total 25%
- Large 50%
- Medium 12.5%
- Small 12.5%

From this and his knowledge of the Park Pat would say there is a reasonably well-balanced age range, though perhaps top heavy with higher numbers in the large and very large categories. Of slight concern here perhaps is the low numbers in the small category which is being addressed when conditions allow.

2.7 Caryl Davies

BIDS are designated areas within which all businesses pay an additional levy for the maintenance, development and promotion of their district, based on the rateable value of their individual business unit. This is collected by the council and then paid over to

the management company, in Wandsworth the BID Levy is 1.25% of a business's rateable value for all making over £10,000 annually.

The management company is in year 2 of a 5-year business plan.

Main interest in KGP is to use the park to increase footfall in the area which benefits local businesses. KGP is the only really usable green space in the BID area. The BID area only goes as far as Mapleton Road so the interest is in the northern area.

The BID would like to see more events taking place in the park. They are aware of an increasing young professional population in the area which are not being catered for in terms of cultural events.

BID is involved in West Hill Farmers' Market (50 market stalls) takes place on Sunday mornings- this currently involves closing the road and the park would be a much better location for the market allowing people somewhere to sit and socialise.

They think there is an opportunity for the park to be used for more events- 4 large events a year. The BID has a relationship with Think Events London who have done some thinking around what this would be (Day of the Dead Festival etc.). BID have money to fund events if they can work closely with Enable. Other ideas could be Outdoor Cinema events.

They would be interested in more activities in the park- exercise classes etc and could fund things like this.

Main barriers to more use are lack of leadership, low awareness amongst public.

Would like to see some areas improved- formal garden is unappealing in some seasons

Potential for better provision for events- hardstanding area, vehicle access, could consider permanent facilities- a stage.

No use is made of the river- again there is potential for activities and events if this area was opened up.

There is a need for lighting around the lake which is a well use through way.

The park would benefit from a Friends group who could galvanise action and change in the area.

The BID is looking at improved pedestrian signage to be implemented end of 2018 and this could better signpost the park.

There is a lack of clarity about the impact of Tideway.

2.8 Steve Biggs

KGP is a 24-hour park which does pose issues for policing. The existence of the parks police means that presence is high and they have seen incidents reduce drastically over the last 10 years. The park is the second largest in the patch and generally sees few incidents than others- is generally a safe environment.

Where there is ASB it extents to inappropriate cycling, illegal motorcycles and other vehicles, dog owners, drug use, misuse of the playgrounds, littering, school fights, dangerous dogs.

There is an issue with traveller communities who enter the site via Kimber Road and set up on playing fields. The police are well accustomed to dealing with this and while there were several incidents in 2016 there were none in 2017 and there may now be a focus on less populous areas.

There are issues with car break ins and vehicle dumping in the Nuffield Health car park.

There are some issues by the River with gathering groups drinking and causing nuisance for local residents.

They have the occasional issue with rough sleepers which has increased in recent years.

There is unauthorised use of the football pitches but when approached this is normally through lack of awareness of the need to book.

More incidents occur in the summer with the long light evenings- issues in the winter cluster around Halloween and bonfire night.

Drakes funfair once or twice a year- good relationship, no issues.

Improvements

A good case could be made for CCTV- this has been a good deterrent in other areas and would help provide information when incidents do occur. Would suggest some in north of the park rotating to cover the tennis hub, playground and lake and some in the south to deal with vehicle related issues.

It would be good to build the profile of the park through better information- notice boards with maps like in the Royal Parks would highlight what is available.

2.9 Simon Jones, Garry Bishop

Short conversation with Idverde.

See their role as fulfilling contract specification.

They have monthly minuted meetings with the client to discuss fulfilment of that contract and any issues arising.

They didn't feel at liberty to discuss any particulars of the site or any possible improvements to be made as this is the domain of the client.

There may be value in reviewing notes of monthly meetings to establish any issues raised for KGP.

2.10 Ben White

All Star Tennis operate 28 Tennis Courts across 6 sites in Wandsworth. They have been at the site since 2013 and are now in year 5 of a 25-year contract. They have a team of 7/8 staff and in summer have 40/50 associated coaches on the books.

The 10 courts in KGP have recently been resurfaced and they are awaiting the installation of flood lights to enable year-round play (their investment in 2017 has totalled £300,000). The site at King George's Park is the busiest AST run. The courts are also now marked for netball and AST are building links with local teams and schools.

Over the period they have been at the site they have seen little in the way of antisocial behaviour (soft drug use on the grass between the tennis courts and children's centre, people crossing the park on mopeds).

Since 2013 the maintenance standards of the park have been maintained and the site is well managed. They have seen increased use of the site and growing diversity in use (touch rugby, yoga)

This is reflective of the change in the area, there has been a growth in the population and the type of accommodation means a growing number of young professionals-gentrification. There has been more investment in the surrounding area notably Southside Shopping centre increasing people passing through the park.

The use of the tennis courts is chiefly by local people who travel on foot and by bike or scooter. Those who come by bike have no bike rack provision and currently chain bikes to the court fencing.

Once the courts of flood lit this will be an added attraction and should bring in players who would usually play at other Wandsworth sites. Other reasons for travelling to the site are those involved in a Tennis League where matches are played at a mutually convenient location.

The bowling green has not been used by the bowls club in 2 years due to an aging group who decided other locations were more convenient.

AST have long standing ambitions to provide better facilities on site. Currently they lack toilet facilities and people regularly use the shopping centre facilities. There is a need for changing facilities for those playing after work which are also absent. Flood lighting also expand hours of play but they have nowhere light or dry for players or observers to stand.

Their staff currently have a small kiosk which also acts an equipment store. They have the keys to the bowling pavilion which has utilities and provides a dry space in an emergency- use of this space is currently unofficial. There is a toilet behind the pavilion but due to this being permanently open and in a poor state they are not comfortable with clients using it.

AST are already involved in some community and social initiatives, they see themselves as facilitators of tennis in the community. They feel they would be able to provide more in the way of social inclusion if they had indoor facilities.

In October 2013 AST had some plans drawn for a Tennis Pavilion, at the time there was a hope that a scheme might be funded through the Lawn Tennis Association. Unfortunately, this came at a bad timing for the LTA who froze funding for several years. There is a perception LTA might be a source of future funding given a positive current relationship and proximity both to their headquarters at Roehampton and Wimbledon.

They feel the park could have a stronger sense of identity through signage and through the provision of a central focus or hub.

They would like to see more fitness equipment- green gym or similar.

They feel more lighting would be advantageous. There is lighting in the section which joins two ends of Mapleton Road, but not in other well used sections by the lake. Flood lighting will light up the area immediately next to the courts.

There are currently not many large events in KGP. AST participate in the annual Active Wandsworth Festival. They note there is a funfair on site once or twice a year.

Communications, AST have their own channels for communication and also go through the council website and social media and 'Headstart' magazine which goes to parents.

They don't advertise activities on site but would see noticeboards in other areas of the park as good means of promotion and growing a joint identity for the park.

Ideally a website for the park to promote all facilities and activities

There is a notable lack of Friends Group in the park compared to other sites and this leads to a lower profile politically. The perception is that individuals exist but need a central organising force. There are regular users of the park as demonstrated by the growing numbers in the 'Member Plus' scheme at AST.

Accessibility of the courts has been improved by the resurfacing and half of the courts are accessible by a ramp. There is little use by those using wheelchairs and they would like to see this increase.

Ben provided an overview of the users of this facility;

Contacts on our database: 32464

Home Addresses:

SW18: 25%

SW11: 17%

SW17: 15%

SW12: 11%

SW15: 11%

SW4: 6%

Other: 15%

Average age: 28yrs

2.11 Charlie Luscombe

The Skate Park is a Wandsworth Council facility. Prior to its creation 4 years ago the site was an adventure playground. The facility is unique in providing a free facility where children (up to 16) can skate and ride in a safe enclosed space under instruction and supervision from staff who can also provide first aid and address unsuitable and antisocial use of the space. Charlie isn't aware of any similar facilities- others are public skate parks which are unmanned (Clapham Common) and private skate parks at gyms and other leisure facilities.

They currently don't feel much like they are in the park or benefit through association with the park. The elongation of the park and dissection by roads in addition to any lack of sense of arrival from some directions leads to lack of identity. Maps of the site would help.

The Skate Park use Facebook, Website, Instagram and are investigating Twitter. They mainly use these channels to promote events but also feature on Council website.

They are looking to grow the facility, open longer hours, run more events and generate income (skate shop just opened). They share space with children's groups on weekdays as they only open at 3.

They have no parking and do suffer from this on site. This is mainly at weekends when people travel with their children to use the facility rather than afterschool which tends to be more local use.

They feel the cycle path is a great resource for the park and should be better publicised. At one point they had a leaflet from the Wandle valley about the cycle path but they ran out and weren't replaced.

They feel generally use of the park is increasing and this is due to the new playground and higher participation in sports in the park in recent years.

They feel the southern end of the park is underutilised. The only group using the area are dog walkers. They would like to see that area deliver more and they suggest there could be natural play developed there, such as a Forest Schools area or a natural play area where there is den building etc associated with the wooded area.

The Skate Park is already floodlit and lights are due for replacement. There is little ASB near the skatepark due to staffing and locking of gates when closed. If there are issues (school fights and drug dealers) they tend to be in the less peopled area south of Kimber Road.

2.12 Wendy Maxey

Building has been in current use since June 2015 prior to which it was a one o'clock club. They have 3000 under 5's in their 'reach area' and the site is popular due to location in the park and proximity to the shopping centre. They do run sessions which are limited to their reach area and exclude people from neighbouring councils (Merton).

Most people access the site on foot, and there is an awareness that parking is difficult so not many complaints. They find the site very accessible and don't have complaints from those with buggies, children's bikes etc.

Lighting is an issue. The centre closes at 4.30 and staff stay later- staff have felt considerably safer with the lighting provided currently by the Tideway works.

Maintenance in the park is good, litter is picked up and bins are emptied regularly. There very high demand for seating in the area between the Tennis and the Children's Centre in summer which are used by workers from the shopping centre- there might be potential for more benches or more picnic table provision for families and groups.

There is a lack of shelter and cover.

It seems people use play equipment correctly, however it does seem a little illogical to have equipment for different ages split across sites (toddlers and older children) as family groups then can't all play together.

There is an issue with vermin in the centre and this is caused by littering and people leaving food (rice and bread) for the ducks on paths which attracts rats- there are signs about this.

The Centre doesn't get involved in events as they tend to be on weekends but does help to promote them.

Wendy offers a further opportunity to engage with parents at the stay any play Wednesday morning session where children play and parents have various discussion sessions.

3 Summary and Conclusions

Strength

Committed and long-term operator in All Star Tennis.

Newly surfaced and flood lit tennis/ netball courts- 5 courts with disabled access.

Cycle path provide a link to the park and wider area

Growing use of sports facilities

Growing use of playground area

Maintenance generally good

ASB lower than other local greenspaces

Parks Police presence reducing ASB and building community connections over the last ten years

High level of use in the north

Weakness

Lack of facilities in much used northern portion of the park- toilets, shelter, hub space, bike racks.

Lack of united identity in park due to dissected nature of the space

Lack of unifying signage

Lack of joined up communications about what the park has to offer.

Lack of lighting in northern portion of the park used as a cut through and by users and staff of the tennis courts and children's club

Lack of sense of arrival

Lack of facilities or interest in southern portion of the park

Split between play facilities for different ages- issue for families.

Vermin problem exacerbated by feeding of duck.

Ramp and stairs by ABC Selfstore too steep and may pose obstacle

Unused bowling green

Formal Garden unappealing in some seasons

Too little made of the river, more potential for enjoyment and recreation

Age profile of trees is top heavy with low numbers of trees in the small category (12.5% of total) something which is being addressed

Occasional presence of traveller communities on playing fields

Lack of CCTV which has proven a good deterrent elsewhere

Opportunity

Growing and gentrifying local population looking for events and activities in the local area

New capacity in Enable Officer and BID staff for events

Facilities for events- vehicle access and power and water

There is an opportunity to build a Friends Group for the park as for other local green spaces to catalyse action

Repurposing of unused bowling green, bowling pavilion and WC

Better publicise events in park

Better publicise or signpost cycleway

Play opportunity in the southern portion of the park- natural play area, Forest Schools area

More seating/ picnic facilities/ shelter in the northern portion of the park- high demand in summer

Bring KGP into line with Wandsworth Council new policy, moving from segregated paths to space shared between cyclists and pedestrians.

Linking of KGP into the Quietway system

Creation of new footpaths driven in a demand driven manner using aerial imaging

Provision for forthcoming dockless bike systems

Impacts on site from construction related to Thames Tideway- plaza and catering

Large demand for allotments in the area, underutilised areas could help meet demand

Working with the newly formed Business Improvement District who have an interest in funding park events and activities which increase footfall in the area

BID is looking at improved pedestrian signage implemented end of 2018, could better signpost park.

Catering concession

Threat

Impacts on site during construction related to Thames Tideway- disruption to access, noise and visual impact

Findings of consultation on findings of Management and Maintenance Plan



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1 Introduction

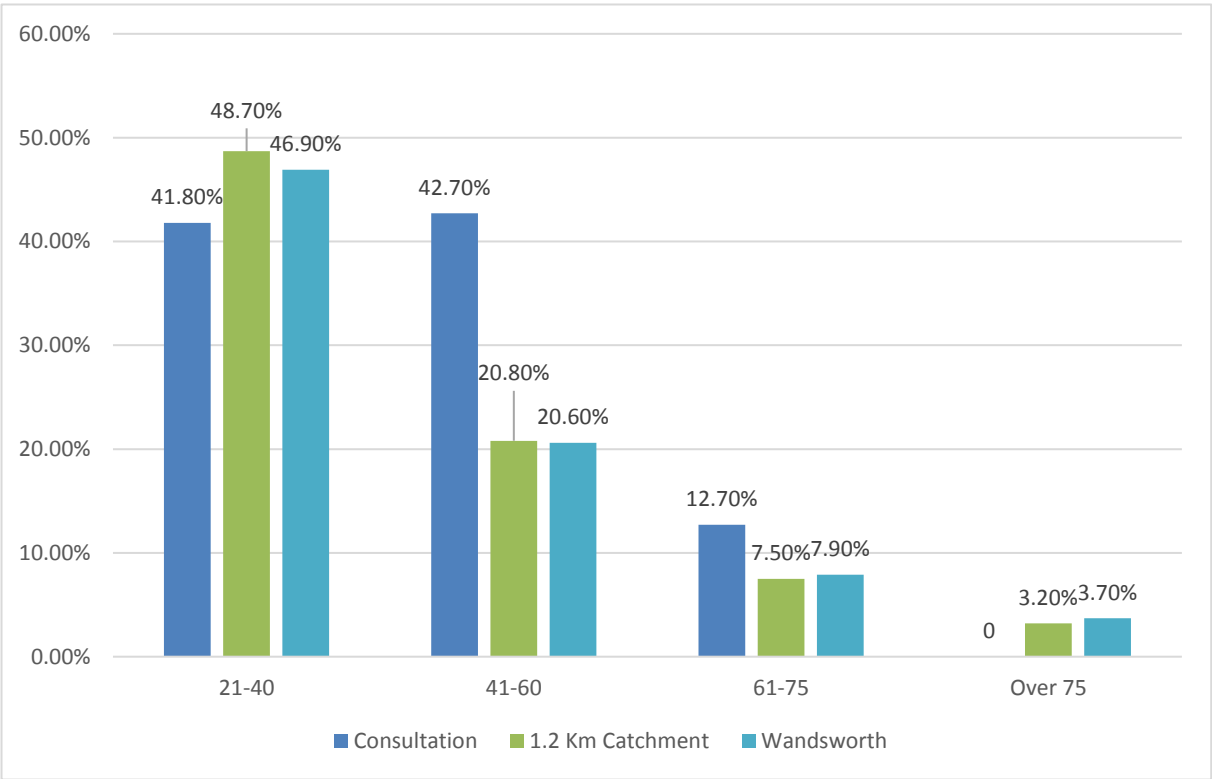
The consultation to inform the development of the Management and Maintenance Plan for King George's Park is a two-phase process. This report concerns an online consultation to support Phase 2 an opportunity to discuss and test the findings of the Management and Maintenance Plan with parks users, stakeholders and a wider audience before the publishing of the final report.

The consultation was made available online from the June 1st to June 22nd 2018. It was advertised in the Brightside publication and promoted through the Have Your Say website. Follow up promotion was carried out by Wandsworth Council and Enable communications team using social media. The survey was also promoted during our onsite consultation event on June 4th and a link was sent by e-mail to all stakeholders consulted during Phase 1.

2 Respondent Profile

In total 110 people responded to the consultation. Of those who specified their gender 47.1% were male and 52.9% were female.

The chart below shows the age profile of respondents as a percentage compared with the 1.2 km catchment and for the London Borough of Wandsworth. The proportion of adults aged 41 to 60 is greater than the catchment profile and the same is true for the 61 to 75 age group. The 21 to 40 and over 75 age groups are slightly under represented.



Respondents were asked if they considered themselves to have a disability or long-term illness that affected their use of King George’s Park. The vast majority of respondents (97.2%) said they did not, while 3 (2.8%) said they did. Compared with the local area, where a tenth of the population (9.8%) have a disability or limiting long term illness this is a significant under-representation.

The consultation was more frequently completed by White British respondents. Nearly eight out of ten respondents (79.1%) were White British, which is higher than the profile of the 1.2 km catchment and that for Wandsworth Borough (77.4% and 71.4% respectively).

Respondents were asked if they were responding as an individual or as part of an organisation. While the majority responded as individuals four said they represented an organisation. These were: Battersea Ironsides Rugby Football Club, Wandsworth Society, Kew Antigua Football Club and King George's Park Permanent Allotments Association.

3 Survey Structure

Participants were provided with a draft masterplan which had proposals divided into 4 categories, as shown below.

1. Changes to existing facilities
2. Access improvements
3. Environment and biodiversity measures
4. New features and facilities

An overview was provided of proposals in each category and participants were asked to determine their satisfaction with proposals in each category and provide any comments as the positive and negative aspects of the proposals.

Key

- Improving and enhancing existing facilities
- Access improvements
- Environment and biodiversity measures
- New facilities/features

Not to Scale



38. Consider local heritage listing of ornamental entrance gates and restore.

1. Creation of a flexible community open space following completion of Thames Tideway works.

2. Consider future cycle superhighway route including along Wandsworth High Street.

3. Creation of an access trail suitable for people of all abilities.

4. Continue to enhance lake for the benefit of wildlife.

5. Potential outdoor space linked to new cafe facility / consider re-locating play area to this location.

6. Potential locations for multi-purpose building including cafe, tennis pavilion and toilets.

7. Restore rose garden or create ornamental/ sensory gardens linked to a new cafe containing information on the park and its heritage.

8. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to define entrances. Improve circulation through the creation of informal paths across the park, with care taken to avoid obstructing sports pitches.

9. Install cycle racks/ hire bike station at key locations.

10. Consider local heritage listing of drinking fountain and restore.

11. Enhance ramp to ensure footpath is accessible for people of all abilities.

12. Establish meadow grass and plant trees to provide wildlife habitat as well as a pleasant environment for watching sports.

13. Create a raised zebra crossing point aligned with entrances. Pedestrian priority zone within vicinity of Kimber Road.

14. Restore grass pitches.

15. Create play trail and picnic area with improvements along the boundary with the River Wandle including providing information on the River and wildlife.

16. Widen footpath and provide tactile paving for visually impaired park users.

17. Incorporate deadwood features into the park for wildlife.

18. Establish views through to River Wandle with seating on top of existing mounded landscape.

19. Open up view to bridge over the River Wandle through localised thinning of vegetation.

20. Replace footpaths in a poor condition with self-binding gravel paths.

21. Improve glade and woodland management including removal of non-native species.

22. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to create environment for natural play whilst maintaining views into park from Knaresborough Drive.

23. Consider creating a green gym within Bodmin St Field.

37. Provide wheelchair accessible seating.

36. Deliver localised tree pit widening and re-surfacing for tree health and site safety.

35. Space kept open to allow for continued seasonal use of sports pitches.

34. Space kept open to allow continuation of seasonal events.

33. Increase tree and scrub planting along park boundary to buffer effects of Kimber Road.

32. Improve visual appearance of car park at fitness centre.

31. Improve and enhance path links from fitness centre car park to wider park.

30. Improve path and tree planting at Burr Road entrance.

29. Extend and enhance allotment provision improving access to Burr Road.

28. Localised vegetation removal to improve visibility at path junction.

27. Wildlife important grasslands to be increased through sowing of wildflowers.

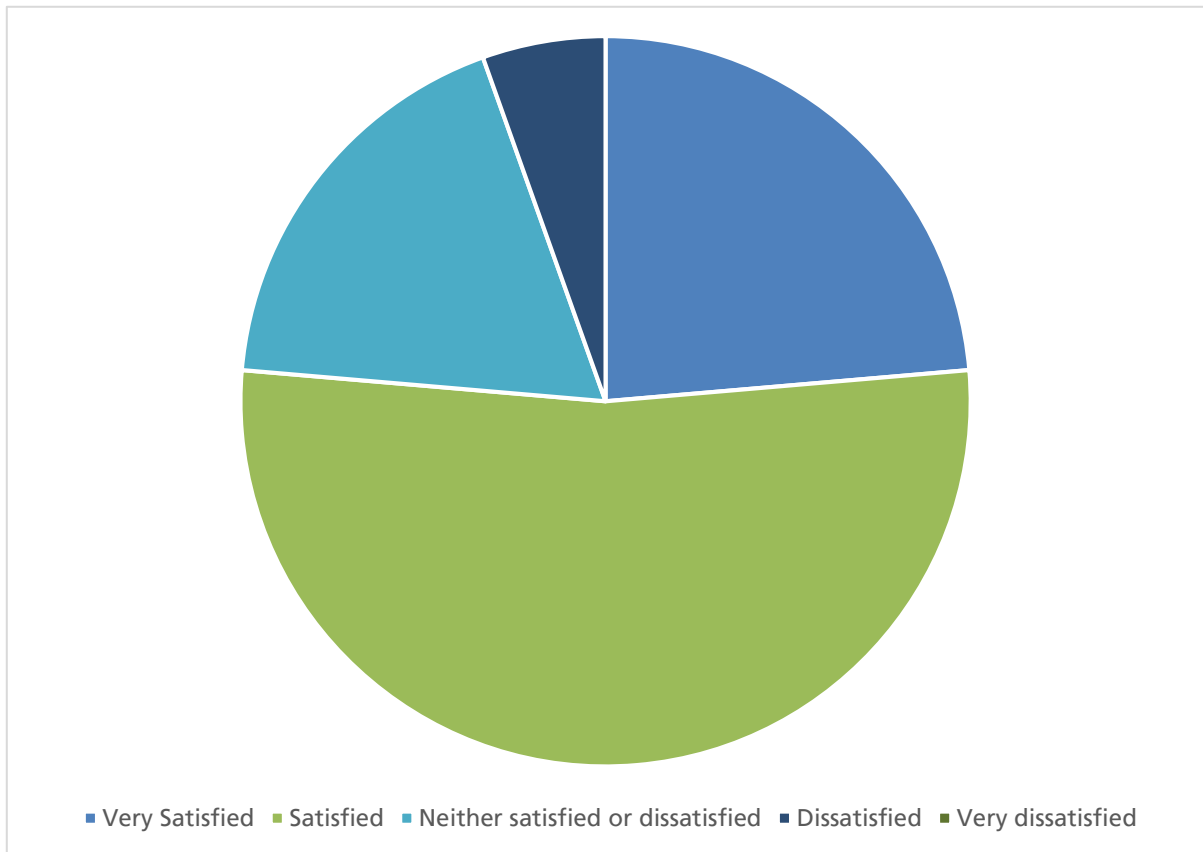
26. Consider removing sections of railings to improve circulation through the park.

25. Review lighting to ensure it is efficient and effective.

24. Consider entrance improvements from Bodmin Street to improve visibility of memorial trees.

4 Existing Facilities

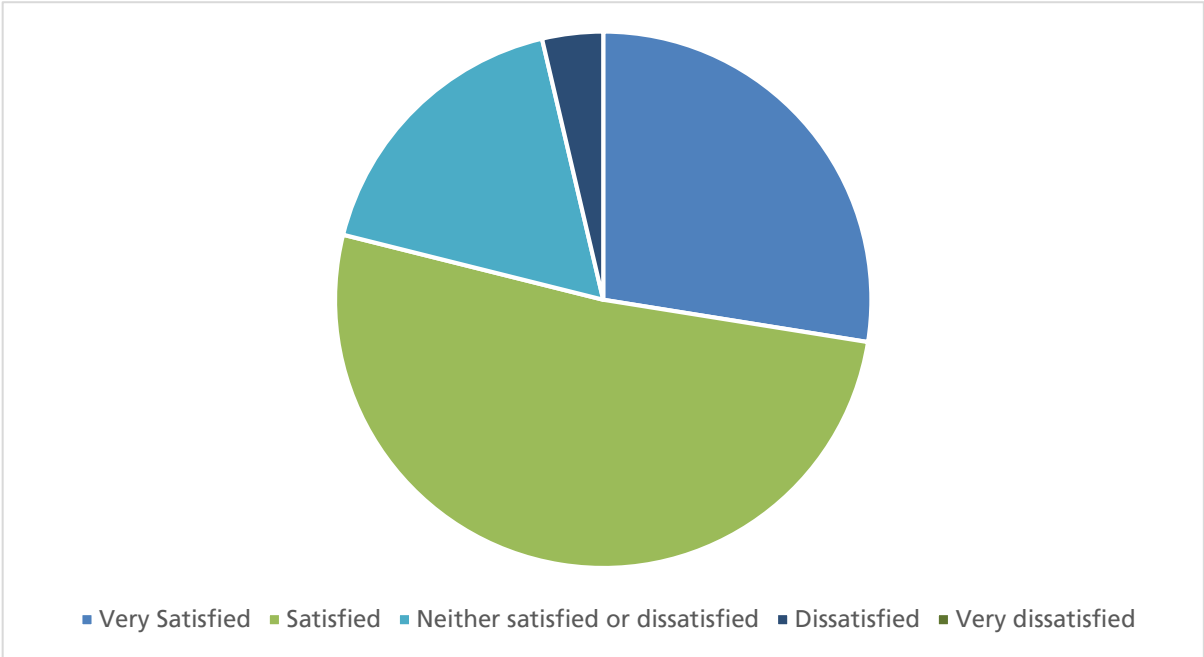
Satisfaction levels with the proposals for existing facilities were high, with only 5.4% noting they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied while 76.3% said they were satisfied or very satisfied.



green space. There was concern about the phrase 'vegetation removal' and a general desire not to lose vegetation seen as beneficial for biodiversity and public health.

5 Access Improvements

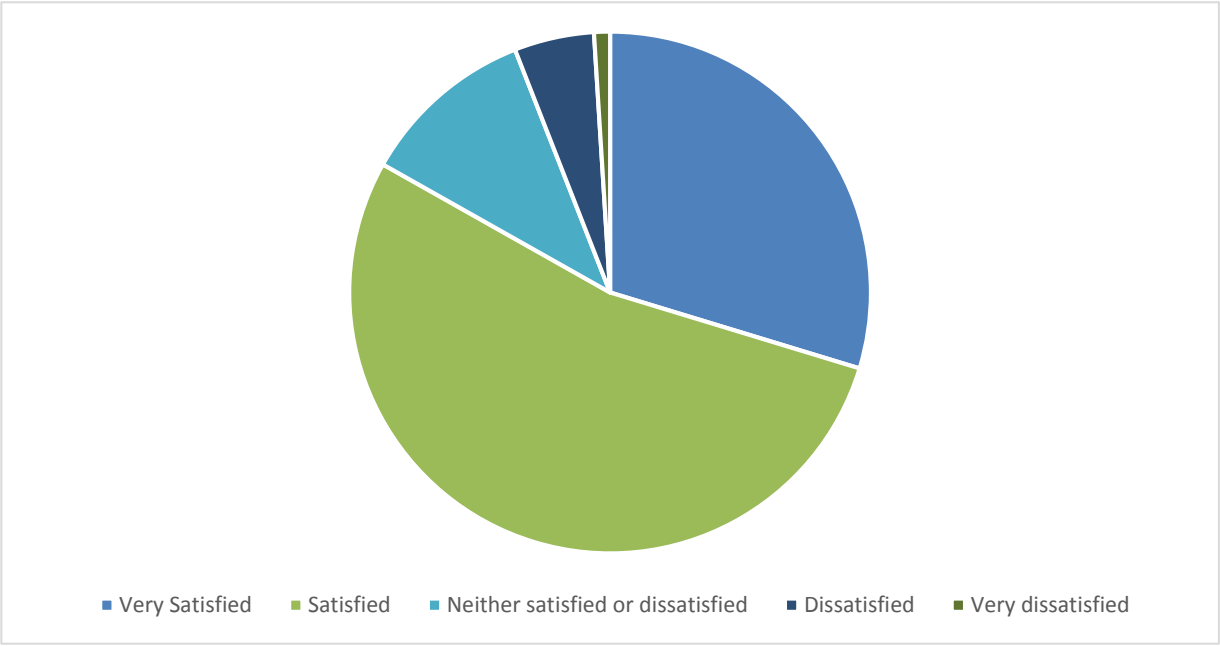
Satisfaction levels with the proposals for access improvements were very high with only 3.7% noting they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied while 78.9% said they were satisfied or very satisfied.



The comments made in support of these proposals can be seen in full in Appendix C. This set of proposals prompted many supportive comments as to the need for green spaces to be accessible to all including those using wheelchairs and pushchairs. There was support for improvements to the crossing of Kimber Road, widening of footpaths and changes to the existing ramp. There was support for paths which allow further access to the west side of the park and several positive comments about the Cycle Superhighway link.

6 Environment and Biodiversity Measures

Satisfaction levels with the proposals for environment and biodiversity measures were very high with only 5.9 % noting they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied while 83.1 % said they were satisfied or very satisfied.



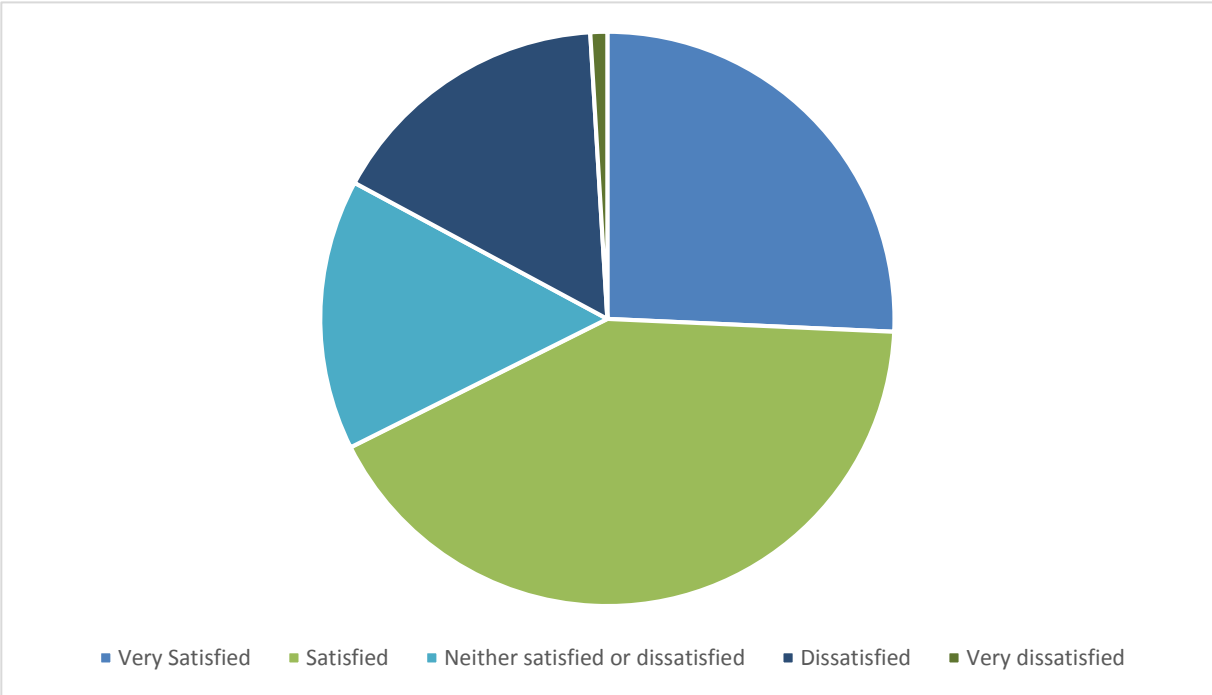
The comments made in support of these proposals can be seen in full in Appendix E. The comments showed strong support for these proposals with people recognising the value of the park, especially the lake, river and trees as habitats to support biodiversity. There was a feeling management for biodiversity could also improve the look of the area with particular support for management which encourages wildflower growth.



The comments made in opposition to these proposals can be seen in full in Appendix F. Some express a desire to see improvements to the Lake and River Wandle. Some comments express the need to engage people with wildlife to ensure behaviour change. Comments on trees include the need to replace the trees in the north of the park removed by the Thames Tideway and a desire to see no trees removed, just non-natives replaced with native trees over time. Specific comments are made in relation to Stag Beetles and Parakeets.

7 New Features/ Facilities

Satisfaction levels with the proposals for new facilities and features were the proposals with which people were least satisfied. Even in this area however, 17% noted they were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied while 67.6% said they were satisfied or very satisfied.



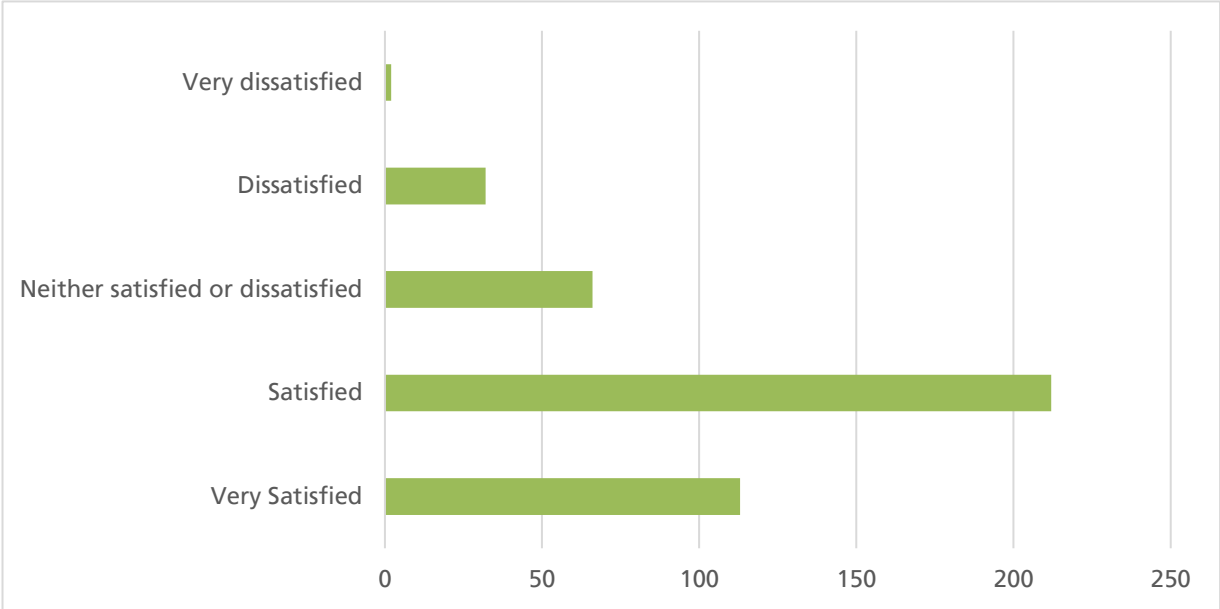
The comments made in support of these proposals can be seen in full in Appendix G. There was support for a green gym, restoration of the rose garden and opening up views to the river. There was support for provision of toilets, a café and cycle rack provision. Several comments were made about the need for more information about the park and the river once more visible.



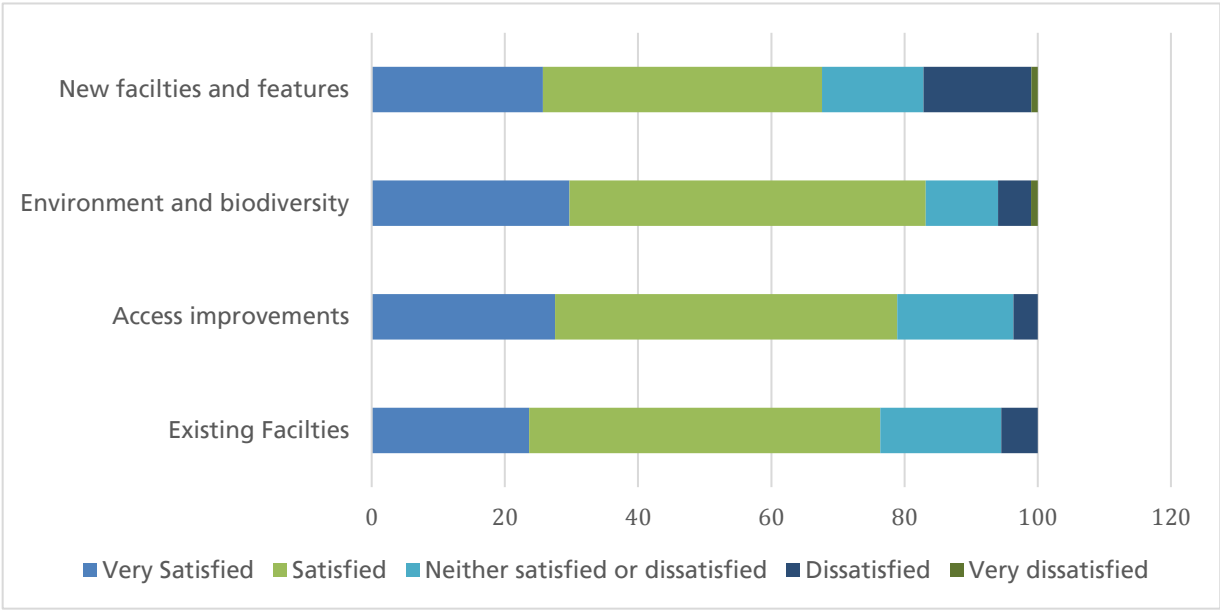
The comments made in opposition to these proposals can be seen in full in Appendix H. Themes emerging include resistance to a new building on green space and some questioning the need for a café given proximity to Wandsworth Town. There is satisfaction with the main playground and recent investment and so caution around relocation. There is a demand for provision of a focal point in the south of the park. There is a perception that older children are not catered for currently. There is concern about littering being exacerbated by a new café or designated picnic areas.

8 Conclusions

The consultation showed an overall satisfaction with proposals with only 8% of responses expressing dissatisfaction with any aspect.



Satisfaction was highest with the proposals that centred around environment and biodiversity and improvements to access, while proposals around new facilities and features received a more cautious response.



Appendix A

Positive Comments: Existing facilities
All of it, but particularly the improvements to existing lighting, views of the Wandle, improving the vegetation's and wildflowers and improving the look of the Nuffield car park
The inclusion of a cafe and the emphasis on establishing more plants and wild flowers
Great that the proposal is making certain access points more handicap accessible or adding zebra crossing. There are a lot of children in the area and Kimber Rd traffic can be quite intense.
Everyone can do more activities together as the facilities are going to improve.
will make park more attractive
Extending allotments is good and improved lighting.
Some of the vegetation by the River Wandle is overgrown and we cannot see the river. Also the park needs better lighting, as we use the facilities during the winter too and always concerned about safety at night.
If the toilets are well maintained they will be a great asset. A cafe in the north of the park would be great, if it is well run. The Wandle is a lovely area and being able to appreciate it all year round would be very enjoyable.
Improvements to wildlife and removal of railings in places
Environmental improvements are (like motherhood) always welcome.
The restoration of the drinking fountain is a good idea, (as a regular runner and cyclist round here), and the allotment provision is nice, along with the alteration to the path junction. In general, the improvements to the pitches and the appearance sounds nice.
Upkeep of our green spaces is imperative to ensure happy healthy people, Sportsmen, sportswomen, bike riders, families and skaters. We all need a safe green place to enjoy the sunshine.
The improvement in existing facilities is encouraging. Whilst the northern part of the park is good, I think that investment could be used to tidy it up and improve what is currently in place. I also think that the plan to expose the river wandle is really good, and would love to see this happen.
listing historically significant infrastructure
The restoration and listing of the gates and the fountain
Enhancements to nature/wildlife Improvements to Kimber Road crossing
It is good to see improvement to the Park
Hard to say - I'm not sure how the proposals materially improve the existing park facilities and amenities, other than being relatively small, cosmetic changes.
Utilising areas more and cafe should bring more people to the park.
I think the following are positive: Meadow grass area More trees Restore the existing Drinking Fountain
Consideration to multipurpose building for cafe / tennis pavilion / toilets, drinking fountains to be reinstated, creation of a green gym , improved visuals, increased trees, open up the river view and the improvement of Kimber Road crossing and addition of crossing.
Maintenance and improvement in quality of existing facilities (paths, crossings, vegetation)
Providing better access for wheelchairs and improving vegetation

Restoration of the older features is positive
restoring grass playing areas
more allotment provision is good
They seem good provided they do not further restrict dog walking areas. This is one of the main and very popular uses of the park
More facilities for children, consideration of what is grown in the park.
The plan to plant and grow new vegetation, including meadow grass and clusters of trees, and to continue enhancing the lake in order to create and encourage new wildlife habitats is a great idea for the park's contribution to preserving the environment. Hopefully it will also give park users a sense of pride in the surroundings.
Improved lighting for safety!
I like the fact that the park's use and potential is being thought about and that it contains a lot of good suggestions for improving it's use in different ways. I particularly like the suggestions to open up the view to the Wandle, the restoration of the Rose Garden, improving disabled access at the Southside end, increasing biodiversity and a suggested green gym at the Bodmin Road end.
Making use of the river and improving the rose garden
They meet needs to improve the park
As an allotment holder I am please to see that there will be enhanced allotment provision. The improved lighting will hopefully prevent some of the problems experienced at night,
Incorporating views on the Wandle river, planting more flowers and trees, restoring water fountain, improving pavement for pedestrians
Green gym seems like a good idea, but would be better placed in the centre of the park, closer to the sports fields.
Any improvement are welcome especially tennis pavilion with toilets.
Restoration of the rose garden, general proposals to smarten up the park, restoration of sports pitches, inclusion of a new cafe facility.
I pressed "Here" in blue last time and lost the page for ten minutes before managing to find it again. Very frustrating and almost gave up trying. I am against more lighting in the park. Has there been an upsurge of crime in the park? I don't think so but it makes the birds tweet all night. So no more lighting.
Improved access to allotments & increased no. of allotments
Good to improve look of gym car park and allotment extension
Improved lighting is essential for those walking through the park at night so this is welcome. Increased allotment space is excellent. More biodiversity is good. Extended play and picnic area will be fantastic.
All sounds great!
Water fountains and outdoor gym will be great for local health and help reduce plastic usage
Meadow spaces, increased tree planting.
General intentions to improve the park. Points 25 and 30 are much needed
I fully support proposals to create more wild areas to support wildlife
Cafe Opening up park by taking away railings Blocking view of car park and road Planting
I especially like the changes that increase wildlife protection and biodiversity.
Restoring well loved features and improving lightening etc.
It will improve the overall appearance of the park

The nature gym
The proposals will help sustain many features of the park so that its character is retained.
Good see better wildlife provision, better cycling provision and better cafe facilities. Great to have paths going across the grass from Brathway Road area towards Southside. Really important to have the new entrance to the park from Kimber Road to Nuffield Health part of the park. Good to make more of the Wandle River.
Improving access facilities, introducing park cafe and improvements to planting schemes
Improvements to aesthetic, practically and function of spaces.
Improvements to some of the areas
Upgrading and provision of cafe and toilets
Very pleased to see a proposal to extend and enhance the allotment provision. There is a lengthy waiting list for these. They help people keep active and encourage sensible and healthy eating.
Anything to improve the park is great. Would you consider a pool and sand pit? Maybe something for 13teen + not everyone likes football
I would like to support the proposal for a green gym (I am assuming a green gym is an area of equipment where I can exercise).
Improved wheelchair access
As an allotment holder who waited 9 years for a plot I welcome the proposal to extend the site and get more people involved. The additional paths reflect how people move around the park and the proposals make the spaces more of an asset to the community and not just an easy to maintain bit of waste ground.
Cycling is being considered, improvements to the rose garden, water fountain, better views and incorporation of the wandle
An outdoor gym! Not many near me... all minimum 25 min driving distance.
A new cafe and toilet is a welcome addition and enhancing wildlife and native species is much appreciated
Increased biodiversity and range of activities within the park. Lighting will make it seems safer.
Views of river
Extension of the allotment space Heritage Listing of ornamental gates and drinking fountain
Green gym at Bodmin street, more wildlife vegetation, crossing of Kimber street
That attention is being given to King George's Park
The proposals sound good and I do support them
More wild areas - natural grasses etc Restoration of pitches inclusion of a cafe / pavilion / sports buildings Rose garden restoration
There are some reasonable proposals, depending on detail. The underused area at Bodmin field leaves room for improvement as it seems very timid. Turning it into a fully fledged woodland would be a better way forward, it would not detract from the area but add to it. Clusters of trees could be ok depending on how or what was done. This area in particular is deserving of extra thought. Reclaiming it for added biodiversity whilst giving it an extra lease of life could make it particularly attractive.
Nice idea about natural gym and the cutting down of nettles etc at the south end of St. George's park.
I love all the things proposed - the fountain, the lighting, the cafes, the "connections" in between the park, the green Gym, the view of the Wandle etc...
I am strongly in favour of the cycling superhighway and of the attempts to improve the visibility of the River Wandle through the park - this would be a significant aesthetic improvement.

The relevant listing
It will provide more general facilities for the park
34 and 35 keeping spaces open - sounds obvious; it's what parks are for
12 establishing meadow to provide wildlife habitat

Appendix B

Negative Comments: Existing facilities
Not enough emphasis on plants etc. No mention of helping to eradicate litter. The notion of moving the play area.
Not sure exactly what "play area" the council is contemplating relocating (item 5) but if its the toddler playspace of Westhill then I would highly suggest it not be linked. That space is great because many of the smaller kids get overrun by the bigger kids in the KGP. If the playspace is part of the café, I fear the bigger kids, especially those coming from the mall, will do the same. Its nice to have a space which is somewhat secluded for the little ones. Café is nice but not essential in my opinion as there are so many options in Southsides for food and drink. I think it simply takes valuable greenery space those that want to enjoy the park for just that, the park.
Picnic areas will only increase the amount of litter left in the park daily.
might be some works and partial closures
Think vegetation is fine. Not sure you need to list gates
Lacks much aspiration, more just an improvement of existing infrastructure
Lots of proposals, lots of "consider" s, not much that's particularly ambitious.
I am perhaps ignorant of the value of considering heritage listings.
Whilst I live closer to the northern side of the park, and am happy about the proposed improvements it could be a good idea to spread the work towards the south part of the park as well. I'm not sure if this is because of the associated traffic coming heavily via the northern part but I'm sure people would utilise facilities over a wider area.
I'm happy with all those proposals
More bike access - adult cyclists go very fast through the park
Disappointing that the bowls green (which has been part of the park for a very long time) will not be reopened for use (a game which is becoming increasingly popular amongst the young).
I really want a proper cafe in the park
Key issues in the park: 1. Pedestrian access to Southside Shopping Centre - access is dreadful currently and involves in essence walking through a poorly marked out external car park, or walking through the covered car park along non-existent pavements. Existing car parking could be reconfigured to prioritise walking over parked cars at the base of the residential buildings 2. Access/ view of the river - the Wandle River is principally hidden behind iron railings, trees and overgrown vegetation. It would be great if access and views of the river are enhanced for all to enjoy. 3. Kimber Road - pedestrian crossing. If the light controlled crossing is replace with a zebra crossing, what measures will be implemented to ensure drivers stop to allow vulnerable street users to cross here safely 4. Kimber Road - parking - remove the parking along Kimber Road or charge for weekend parking. These spaces are not used during the week at all, and cars parked here at the weekend frequently and unnecessarily block the pavement. Given these spaces raise virtually no revenue, I'm not sure why they are there. 5. Toilet facilities - toilet facilities should be provided in the north and south part of the parks 6. Cafe facilities - again, would be great to have cafe facilities in the north and south part of the

<p>parcs. Cafes nr the existing tennis courts are less of a requirement given the adjacent retail provisions in the Southside Shopping Centre.</p> <p>7. Littering - this is an issue, particularly during/following adult football matches just to the north of Kimber Road</p> <p>8. Proposed Quietway route - why is the proposed route not included in this consultation? The proposed route is terrible, but should be referenced in the consultation.</p>
<p>Still no specified area for dogs which there used to be, really need a fully gated area which has signs as a dog park.</p>
<p>I cannot see anything negative, however, there is no mention of the River area in the park. I would like to see the river section that runs along the path cleaned up - it is always rubbishy and dirty which spoils the walk.</p> <p>I would also like to see more dog free zones in the park.</p>
<p>Increasing size of the allotment which further decreases the width of the park following the extension of the flood-lite astroturf pitch without enhancing or significantly improving the presently under-used areas 20 / 21 / 26 & 27 which mainly used for dog walkers who don't pick up their animals faeces. More could be done here especially considering the empty retail / unit that could become the park cafe / bar / restaurant if the area was better utilised.</p>
<p>Further encroachment on available land. After the enclosure of a large area to make a sports ground for Southfields Academy it is now planned to remove yet more of the park to create extra allotments. This endless removal of parcels of land leads to the obvious end point of no park at all.</p> <p>If we don't fight to preserve land for all to use, why do we have public parks at all?</p>
<p>I would like to see more shaded seated areas and understand how litter will be better managed as this is a big problem</p>
<p>are ornamental gates necessary?</p>
<p>No mention of dog walking areas</p>
<p>No allowance for dogs - please keep them separate from the rest of the park and enforce this as this is a real issue. I'm tired of walking through dog poo.</p> <p>No allowance for cyclists. It is utterly ridiculous that you have put a no cycling sign on the Brathway Road entrance. Would you rather that I took on the trucks and van using Kimber Road as a rat run? It makes no sense as there is a cycle path within the park.</p>
<p>The proposal of a hire bike station, while not negative for encouraging people to take up physical activity and to decrease their car usage, is a huge concern for pedestrians and dogs on foot. There is already a huge problem with cyclists not keeping to the designated cycle lanes and cycling dangerously too fast through the park, so more bikes will only add to this problem unless controls and signage are put in place.</p>
<p>Not sure about the allotment proposal but the park is quite big so should work if it's tucked away</p>
<p>I would like to see more facilities that focus on disabled children and people and the elderly. There could be, for example, a sensory trail included for those with sight problems, the playground could be expanded to make the surface wheelchair accessible and include swings and other play facilities particularly adapted for disabled children's needs. It's a real shame that the bowling green has been let go - could it be reinstated or, if there isn't enough support for that, something else added that encourages older people to keep fit and active? The proposal includes a suggested café for that site, but there are already plenty of cafes in Southside shopping centre, only moments away. If there is a lot of support for yet another café, could it offer special days when there is a pensioners lunch etc? Or other things offered that would attract the elderly and help build a community?</p> <p>Re the refurbishment of the football pitches, could 1 or 2 of them be converted to astroturf? Might that be cheaper in the long run to keep them in good condition or would that cost more? Also, the footballers (young and old) leave their rubbish all the time. Could there be a 3 strikes and you are out rule employed? Whoever is responsible for organising the game (the set, regular organised ones), then they should be given the responsibility for making sure every player and</p>

<p>parent/friend takes their rubbish home. And, if the pitch is left in a mess on 3 occasions then that group are banned (for a period of time) from playing there. The pond needs to be cleaned regularly and it would be good to see more made of the wildlife in different parts of the park.</p>
<p>I think the pond needs more focus including water features as it looks a mess at the moment and often the water level drops considerably.</p>
<p>Still not replacing facilities that have been lost over the years.</p>
<p>I can't think of anything negative about the proposals</p>
<p>Removing railings and enabling acces to more cyclists, green Gym area</p>
<p>Don't agree with the removal of fencing near bodmin road. Fencing (with a gate) on knaresborough drive should be added for safety of children and dogs playing close to the road.</p>
<p>What I miss the most is improved lighting alongside sidewalk by the tennis court towards Buckhold road and by the pond toward Southside shopping centre. It's too dark to walk there after sunset. Also outdoor gym would be a very nice addition to the park, similar to the one which is in Clapham Common.</p>
<p>New activity space near southside shopping centre should be a free to use space</p>
<p>Too many "potential to...". I think the plans should be implemented in full.</p>
<p>Keeps wildlife away and keeps them awake at night which can keep us awake at night. Stop using more electricity and lighting up the city in light pollution.</p>
<p>The lighting upgrade around Bodmin field risks adding light pollution to an areas of relative darkness</p>
<p>I'm concerned about loss of vegetation especially trees as they are essential to improve and maintain air quality. As the mother of an asthmatic child I am very aware of pollution levels and how much they can improved by the presence of trees and hedges.</p>
<p>More fountains around the park would be beneficial rather than simply reinstating an old one. Improved access to the park from surrounding recreational areas (inc Thames Path) should be considered and incorporated into plans.</p>
<p>Point 30 're entrance at Burr Road does not provision for better lighting. There is presently no lighting along this path. Point 32 create a green gym at Birmingham St Field seems wasteful and unnecessary.</p>
<p>Plant more trees please</p>
<p>Could do with more flowers Would be nice to open up even more so there is plenty of open space without roads/buildings/railing getting in the way of the green space</p>
<p>A lot of space is only used intermittently.</p>
<p>I disapprove of the trees in Bodmin field as they will reduce the views of the park for the flats on knaresborough drive. Also, a playground would be better than a great gym. These don't tend to get used</p>
<p>It would be best to re-do the rose garden completely and change it - an ornamental/sensory garden sounds good.</p>
<p>There is no mention of a proposal to control the blackfly problem that is currently in King George's Park. I have been to A&E due to bites from these insects twice and know of others who have suffered the same. I have also been told they breed in the wandle so opening up the vegetation could lead to increased numbers of these flies in the park</p>
<p>Park gym equipment at Knaresborough Drive end of park will increase noise for residents in this area closely surrounded by housing . There are already problems with teenagers gathering in this area and causing prolonged noise disturbance throughout the summer.</p>
<p>Failing to upgrade the playing pitches on the Kimber Road and Far side of Burr Road fields. These are horrendous and need sorting as well.</p>

Nothing obvious springs to mind.
Any proposals for new buildings; no outdoor space should be lost
Item 26 proposal to remove railings. As the area to the side is allowed to get overgrown I think it is safer to have a railing between the footpath and the 'wilderness'.
Item 29 allotments - as this might be a once in a lifetime upgrade to the park, could an electrical supply be brought into the site office / social centre. This is a much used space by mainly the elderly plot holders. I think for some it is their only social contact. In the winter it's so sad to see them huddled in the hut, no doubt having a good conversation but in a half light and a lit camping stove . I think the space would be used by many more people if there was a bit of heat and light in the space.
Removing the bowling green to put in another play area - there needs to be space for others without children to enjoy as well. Still too many sports pitches and not enough picnicing spaces
With the green external gym, there is a risk it would be used late at night by teenagers to hang out, whilst this is generally fine. This may encourage some antisocial behaviour. It would be welcomed if the taller vegetation to the perimeter of the park at the southern edge could be reduced in height to allow passive surveillance of the park, new gym and main southern arrival space from residents of Acuba House etc.
no mention of bats, stag beetles etc
Would like more detail about 'Localised vegetation removal at path junction'.
None of them seem to be definite, words like 'consider' crop up and there is little detail and no timeline.
The proposals lack detail and timescale. What is really meant by enhanced allotments (more attractive fencing? electricity supply? toilet facilities? other) and extended (increased number of allotments?, extended by how much and in what direction?). When is it planned to start and complete the proposed changes?
Be care how much cycling is promoted in and around the park. The park is used by young children learning to ride bikes / play and too much cycling will be dangerous. Already the joint cycle / pedestrian path joining Buckhold and Garratt Lane is challenging when there are lots of children around as there is limited separation.
Removal of non native species? Why? The Horse Chestnut is non native in that it has only been here 500 years. There are only 30-40 native tree species, why should we be having arbitrary forestry based on that?
PLEASE put a constant fence with gates (like the other side) for where knaresborough meets the park. That is a road in constant use and toddlers run straight from park into the road, it is an accident waiting to happen, to know the young children are contained in this large space would be much more stress relieving!
1- I have 3 children 7, 10, 12 and they tend to get a little bored quickly in the parc. After a picnic , the game areas are really crowded and targeted to relatively young audience or teenager hanging out. It would be great to offer something in addition especially for summer - like a splashing fountain or a small pool and sand - they are more for hang on and chill like the one in Ravencourt's park or Clapham Common or something for family activities like a mini-golf or something a family can do together i.e. all level of fitness ;-)
May be we see somewhere for the teens to hang out too - as they typically go on the swings and annoy the little ones. At dusk, the typically stay in the playground - it can be quite scary to cross and hear those weird noises...
2- I think the cafe are shown as boxes. It will be nice to have outdoor sitting space as well.
3- I don't see anything about improving the security of the park especially at night. This is one area where loads of crime is committed if you look at the crime map - would be good to have

CCTVs everywhere and lighting on the path at night. Very good for the joggers too.
I am strongly against a couple of ideas for Bodmin Field. This is used extensively by dog walkers and so any ideas like removing/opening fences is detrimental to the safety of dogs and/or young children. In fact I would urge the council to extend the railing/fencing on the west side of Bodmin Field were dogs and/or young children could easily wander out in front of cars whilst playing. Similarly I am against the idea for an outdoor gym area based on the notion that these will need to be continually maintained as they invariably fall into disrepair and become unsightly and a focal point for anti-social behaviour.
It is unclear what 'improvement' means exactly ? Bright lighting has been acknowledged as detrimental to health and to wildlife. What does 'vegetation management' mean ? As it stands it appears to mean removal . Extending the allotments is fine as long as these are properly managed - it would be preferable if they were for people in the immediate area - and what control over pesticide/herbicide use is there?
Nothing in particular - I am less worried about restoration of the gates
38, 10 spending money on gates and fountain (other than maintenance) 32 improving visual appearance of car park: it's just a car park - it doesn't need to look nice 28 vegetation removal: you've already removed too much vegetation because of the new flats and clearance of the (former) woodland area

Appendix C

Positive Comments: Access Improvements
Better accessibility and park enjoyment for those with a disability
That they have been considered
Everyone can access the park which makes the citizens happy
calming of Kimber Road
Easier access for wheelchair users.
Everyone should have access and a place to sit
We've always used the ramp as walking down to the swings from the Kimber Road entrance and found it rather steep. Definitely needs improvement.
Better accessibility for all users
Improving wheelchair access is great
A set of low-key improvements.
The cycle superhighway is an obvious winner in my eyes, although I appreciate that it's probably not your jurisdiction or abundantly necessary considering there's already the Wandle Path available. The work on Kimber road sounds extremely sensible, especially the west gate work, to avoid having to walk on Burr road without a pavement.
This is good - lots of young families use the park so an improved access trail for buggies and bicycles etc would be good.
A lot of people have buggy's so this will be useful
Good ideas. Kimber Rd crossing can get busy with multiple bikes and pedestrians
Cycle superhighway Improvements to infrastructure for people of all abilities Zebra crossing kimber road
The easy access trail and the zebra crossing points
Improved access is generally a good thing

Fantastic
The cycle superhighway route is extremely positive.
The measures being taken to make the park more wheelchair friendly.
All seems sensible suggestions apart from the addition of bike racks and bike hire - why?
I am in favour of improving access to widen public use of the park.
My mum is in a wheelchair and will be able to make use of the more accessible wheelchair areas
Wheelchair access is great
Better crossing provision
access trail wheelchair accessible improvements to the Kimber Road crossing
All
There are some good suggestions and I like the fact that there are areas specifically for wheelchair seating at the Southside end and the surfaces are being looked at.
General improvements are good
If funding can be found these would help to enhance the park
I think it is important that the park is accessible to all users. Widening the footpath should also provide more space for walkers and cyclists.
Making the access to park more accessible to wheelchair users
Zebra at kimber road
Improving the Kimber Road crossing.
DO we need more?
The zebra crossing on kimber Road is a good idea provided it is safe and well enforced for children to use
Improved crossing at Kimber road. Repair of surfaces. Widening of footpaths.
Footpath widening and crossing improvements
Wheelchair and Buggy access is important to local people
Points 20 and 13 are needed
Gym creates a bottle neck of access through the park from top to bottom - positive to try to reduce this
Widening access to the park is great.
All groups within the community should be able to benefit from accessing KGP. But conflicts between cyclists, pedestrians, buggy users and wheel chairs need to be eliminated and appropriate signage installed. The Wandle Trail needs to be highlighted for those 'walking or cycling the Wandle'. A strategy that recognises the different types of cyclist needs to be in place i.e. covering the spectrum from serious commuting cyclist to young tearaways.
Improvements to the ramp
Anything that helps wheelchair users is welcome. Also improving how to cross Kimber Road is more than overdue.
Good move to improve access for wheelchair users. I can see that improved ramp access is necessary
better crossing of Kimber Road
Kimber road crossing is difficult and slow so improvement to this is welcomed
Kimber Road crossing
Improving access to all users of the park, and improving path surfaces

They seem sensible and considerate of pedestrians.
All seems good.
Proposals are good
I think access is currently very accessible. Kimber road proposals are much needed.
Seems to work well overall
Love the connections to go fully around the park on a small path.
I don't really have views on this as I don't use that part of the park much at present

Appendix D

Negative Comments: Access improvements
I think the playground could have more accessibility friendly swings etc. Horsham Park is a good example where wheelchair accessible swings have been installed
way too many cyclists
There is nothing to make the bike path between the parts of Mapleton Road safer. The sightlines for pedestrians are awful.
No reference to building on Quietway proposals for the park to encourage cycling. Existing cycle paths should be resurfaced and widened where possible (e.g. the link between Mapleton Road on both sides of the park), paths should be segregated between pedestrians and cyclists.
Nothing done to encourage cycling through the park/ cut down car use in the area. Buggies access not bad currently
26. Removing sections of railings at the South end of the park is not a good idea at all, for quite a few dog walkers I have seen, this is the only place they can let their dogs off the lead and it provides a nice calm oasis. That said, the comparative seclusion there does lead to a lot of dealing there.
Cycle hire stations.....don't see any benefit of these being in the park or in the proposed location
Consideration should be given to the relatively 'blind' corner outside Park Gardens Nursery. My daughter attends and with the speeds some cyclists go down the cycle path it is dangerous. She has nearly been hit and I have been knocked over. It is VERY DANGEROUS and cycle speeds here need to be limited somehow (bumps/chicane?) Signs alone will not make a difference.
My only reservation is if improved access leads to significant extra land being paved or otherwise developed.
It needs to be much clearer that pedestrians have priority in 'high risk' areas of the park. The junction where the path from the rose garden/tennis courts to the path crossing the park is dangerous due to lack of pedestrian visibility and cyclists believing they have right of way (despite the five way signage).
Concern about the sight lines at the Wandle river crossing as near to bridge hump
Existing ramp seems fine as it is. Footpaths are also fine and should not be widened as this takes away green space.
No mention is made of the skate park. I hope it's staying for the youth
I would like to see some wheel chair access seating at the Bodmin Road end, and more sensory areas overall.
I think the gates should be listed as at the moment the thames tideway have made a right mess of that corner
cant find negatives for these proposals

I can't see anything negative about these proposals
Making the park more accessible to cyclists, there is already high traffic of cyclists and motorbikes crossing the park with high speed without taking in count children and dogs
No Zebra crossing across Buckhold road to proposed enhanced entrance
Removing the railings around Bodmin st field could increase cycles and make it less secure for young children to freely wander around in what is the only peaceful and totally secure part of the park
I'm not sure what self-binding gravel is but in general I don't find it an accessible surface either for buggies or my moher's wheelchair. It can also be unpleasant for small children if they fall over.
Again new water fountains should be installed around the park
Point 30 at Burr Road is likely to achieve little without the introduction of lighting
The Wandle Trail should be made an attractive feature in itself as it will be used by local people and those doing longer walks/rides. Some landscaping to add to its charm rather than an asphalt strip along or close to the river would be welcomed. This should include the section of the path that leads to Garratt Lane and the riverbank to Mapleton Close.
You need to consider improvement to the path on the lower field. The bricks have raised from tree roots meaning it is dangerous to cycle, plus it is treacherous in the rain as there is little grip from the bricks.
Nothing obvious springs to mind.
The railings along Bodmin St field are to create a contained dog walking area, so dogs don't run across the cycle paths.
I think access for buggys is acceptable as things stand and this does not need to be improved
What does consider a cycle superhighway mean? Probably nothing. If this was a civilised society like Holland or Denmark there would be a proposal included in the scheme for comment by the residents - with the rest of your proposals wrapped around this central idea. I'm not a cyclist because I don't feel safe in London and I don't let my children go on a bike, but would love to.
Extra paths around Nuffield seem unnecessary. cafe, toilets need more thought
Cycling superhighway through the park
but they do not go far enough. All entrance/exit sites should be fully accessible to all including wheelchairs. Facilities within the park should all be accessible by wheelchair. There is a need for disabled toilet facilities.
Don't spend too much on the ramps between the parks. I would suggest that they provide sufficient access for almost all people and they are enjoyed by children on scooters and bikes.
Can we open access to the Wandle again? If not can the reasoning be explained.
Access from buckhold road is very dangerous despite the flashing crossing. Car/ Trucks are going far too fast - my son got badly bumped over by a car in broad day light whilst going on the Zebra Crossing. The measures to make the park safely accessible from buckhold - especially the run down from Merton - are still very poor.
I don't really have views on this as I don't use that part of the park much at present

13 create raised zebra crossing. Unnecessary waste of time and money. The pedestrian-operated crossing works fine, although the timing needs to be synced (often have to wait ages between pressing button and cars stopping)

16 widen footpath (from bridge over Wandle alongside fitness centre). Totally unnecessary: this footpath is wide already. HAVE YOU ACTUALLY BEEN THERE?

31 create access trail: what is an 'access trail' and would anyone use it?

20 replacement of paths . Waste of money. Please leave these paths alone.

26 removing sections of railings. Waste of money. It is pleasing that these sections of the park feel 'self-contained'.

Appendix E

Positive Comments: Biodiversity and Environment Measures
All of it!
That they have been included
It's beautiful to see the nature in action.
More trees
More wildflower growth is fantastic and the lake is my favourite part of the park so any improvement is great.
Green is good
Sounds like the space will be a real oasis within the town. I like the fact you propose to do more with the river
All good
All for encouragement of wildlife in the park. We love spotting the local heron in the river and trying to see how many fish are hiding in the reeds.
Its being thought about and considered.
Some useful ideas.
Most of the obvious vegetation/biodiversity work sounds good.
I think it's important to tidy up the area as explained earlier, and it would be a big attraction to the area to have a nice environment to enjoy. Plants and greenery are always encouraged.
Wildflower growth will help the park look nice
The effort on preserving and developing the biodiversity of the park is great. The lake in particular needs better care - it is the most beautiful feature of the park, yet it is often very dirty, full of plastic which endangers the wildlife nesting there. Only last weekend, the swans were pushing away empty bags of crisps from their newly born little ones.
Taking away non native species Improving the view of the Wandle
Encouraging native plants
The lake - it is currently dirty, usually full of rubbish and unpleasant to be near. Introduction of the deadwood area The meadow grass area All very positive steps to improve wildlife
Good to see more trees to improve the park
Good to encourage wildlife and biodiversity
It is generally good for the environment that measures are taken to increase biodiversity encourage wildflowers more wildlife habitat & work on the lake

Lake management needs expert advice, and should be encouraged to keep this wonderful feature.
Encouraging wildlife to flourish and making the park an even more pleasant place to be will hopefully encourage greater appreciation of the from users.
All
I think all of the suggestions are good, but the more the better so if others can think of more things to include that would be great.
good to see improvement to the lake as the wild life needs protecting as their have been a numbers of deaths to young birds and cygnets
They will help to move the park forward with new ideas in the leisure field that have not been included in the park.
I think that it is important to encourage native wildlife to live in the park.
Generally good including wild flower areas
Proposal to include improvements to the lake.
Can't say because don't dare press "here" again as i was cut off and page went black. What i do think is that it is always a very good idea to bring back native species and let grass grow long. Springwatch last night said that one third of insects have gone in last 20 years because of us. No more building please. We have enough buildings in London thanks. It's just another one to become derelict in the future and an eyesore because designs are so thoughtless. Reintroduce more small mammals that should do well in cities because some of their predators won't be here. Enhance the waterways and woodlands. Stop building and start growing.
Would encourage you to maximise biodiversity and incorporate cleaning up the river banks as much as possible
Wildflowers. Re-naturalising the lake.
Wildflowers
Increasing the natural habitats and promoting native species is important for the country and area
All good
The lake in the park is special, it needs as much support as possible. If foxes could be prevented from entering, more young birds (ducklings, cygnets) would survive.
Eliminating or reducing insect etc while naturalizing the lake.
I think it's a very good idea to improve biodiversity and increase the wild features. Perhaps even more of these can be incorporated in the park plans.
The proposals cover a range of different types of environment and seem sensitive to enhancing diversity within the KGP biosphere.
The park will look better and wildlife will be supported.
Great to being the lake back to how it was. Good to remove non native species.
Removal of non-native species and introducing wildflower sections
Improvements to the biodiversity
All of this is welcome.
Good to make better use of the small woodland areas
good that this being considered
All measures to improve wildlife habitat, especially that of the lake.
That you are giving consideration to them.
Most seems good
Any plans to improve the environment and biodiversity are welcome and supported by the allotment association.

Wild areas Development of the lake
The sowing of wildflowers and increased scrub is good
rose garden, view of the Wandle, biodiverse ecosystem
Good to see reference to this as the council has a duty in this regard
the creation of new habitats
Measures to improve biodiversity are welcome, provided they are not disruptive. Please consider culling parakeets (non-native species)

Appendix F

Negative Comments: Biodiversity and Environment Measures
Not nearly enough emphasis
It would be great to also get a few large trees which are native to the park planted around the playspace to offer some more protection from the sun.
Probably there are people that won't respect that much however more security or even voluntary people could help to protect and maintain the nature.
No targets or local community ownership/engagement in this so will it have meaningful impact.
Most of the park will stay a grass prairie.
My main issue is that there is barely a mention of the River here, which is in dire need of regeneration, and yet you seem to be relying on the South East Rivers Trust to do your work for you.
Don't take away the daffodils
I would like to see the railings removed around some areas of the lake, or a gate to get inside to keep dogs out so people can picnic on the grass there.
There is no mention of the existing rockery near the lake and Southside. This is unattractive, breeds rats, is a magnet for rubbish and small children wee there. Please can you replace it with something more attractive.
Not enough proposed to improve useability of existing wooded / undergrowth areas that are under utilised and not very accessible
I am reluctant to endorse proposals to remove mature examples of non-native trees, replacing them with small native trees that will take decades to grow to the same size. Far better to add native trees and allow non-native mature trees to live out their lifespans and then not be replaced
I can find no negatives with these proposals
Nothing negative
No mention of protection of the large native deciduous trees or addition of new trees of this type
I'd like you to be bolder in making the lake and lovely area for people to enjoy.
See above.
Large deadwood features can act as a place for unpleasant people to hide at night (such as the activities on Tooting Common)
None
Please plant more trees
More flower beds needed
Assume would only reduce likelihood of Wandle river flooding?
Not too much vegetation should be removed to 'increase views' of the Wandle

Don't know!
Again the biodiversity of the Wandle gets no special mention. Its banks and fringes should encompass areas of wildlife/nature reserve, areas of views, and areas of access even a 'toes in the water' beach. It should also take into account planting relevant to anti flooding areas as noted in the Green Grid Document, Framework 8.
There is no mention of trying to control the blackfly population which causes horrific bites on a number of people. As mentioned in previous question I have been to St George's twice through being bitten in KGP and these flies need to be controlled. I have been told they breed in the wandle
There are endangered stag beetles living in the woodland section near Knaresborough Drive. Any alterations here should take their habitat into account.
Consideration should be given to the proposed additional planting along Kimber Road. As this is a secondary route for buses they will need to pass.
Nothing obvious springs to mind.
Need to prioritise the removal of nettles and thorns along the footpaths. Getting out of hand.
I don't see the point in adding dead wood features. It is not a site of nature conservation. I don't want to see ANY grass areas changed in any way.
lacks detail and joined up thinking
That they are vague and unspecified (especially no 27), that there is no mention of replacing the trees lost to the Tideway Project.
I know Thames Tideway are meant to be restoring habitat once work is ended but I doubt it will be to the standard prior to the work. So I suggest more trees in the northern area, partly too to provide shelter from the road traffic noise and pollution.
I'm concerned about the plight of the swans + signets who were resident on the lake and now have been removed to the swan sanctuary in Shepperton. I am aware of persecution problems suffered in the past by the swans on this lake. However I'm currently unaware of the reason for their recent removal to the sanctuary. Nevertheless are you proposing to look into this matter and plan accordingly in the bio-diversity proposals to ensure the swans have a safe and healthy environment in which to live here ?
Have you considered having dogs on leads in these areas to ensure that the wildflower meadows and woodlands are peaceful places and dogs do not disturb the flora and fauna.
They really don't go far enough. The opportunity to invest in the completely underused Bodmin field is a big miss. This really has potential for something exciting and different but the proposal is very timid and lacking in imagination. The area could be transformed making it a vital and interesting part of the park rather than the bit that nobody knows. It could host sculptures, be a tree haven, have a cafe, host an open air theatre, be a centre of well being. This particular area still looks like the poor relation to the rest of the park.
PLEASE put a gate in the middle of that large fence so she. You walk from Nuffield gym north you can walk across the field, currently if you run through the field you have to climb over the fence to keep running through the park or go only keep to the edge.
What about having a space for bees ?
There is insufficient regard for the park as a green chain to facilitate movement of species. Also there is no mention of compensating for the loss of a considerable number of trees and shrubs at the northern end.
removal of non native species isn't always desirable if they can be controlled well enough so they don't take over
8 Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to define entrances. This points to the area around the main play area, which has been expanded, but it seems to me there are enough trees here. Improve circulation through the creation of informal paths across the park. Utter waste of money to even consider this: everyone creates their own informal paths across the park.

Appendix G

Positive Comments: New facilities and features
All of it
Very happy of the inclusion of a cafe
Love the bike rack idea; definitely try to install more up by the lake as well as. Many times people hop to the shops from the park and there is very little by way of parking currently (for non cycle for hire users).
The gym green area is amazing. There are so many people into exercise nowadays but can't afford it so I think it's an amazing idea.
Provided the vegetation removal is not as extensive as in places like chestnut avenue then fine. But keep it natural looking.
New cycle racks
Love it all, especially the green gym.
Good idea to remove excess Vegetation would be good to fund the skatepark
Yes yes yes! More cycling racks! And make the most of the river. Can we get access to the river (for paddling etc) near the Lydden road bridge and through to the Henry prince bridge. It could be like Morden hall park. It would be amazing Then we just need a cafe and we'd be set!
Build some toilets!
The rose garden is desperately in need of restoration. Also the parks desperately needs better toilet facilities.
Green gym a great idea. Getting people to engage/access the river more.
Bike racks will be good.
I really like the majority of the proposals, although I strongly believe you should roll up 5. and 18. to create a cafe on the bank of The Wandle within the projected viewpoint of 18. This would bring a cafe and focal point to the South end of the park, which is sorely lacking in facilities compared to the North end, whilst making the most of the natural resource there, (similar to the way Hackney has managed with the canals). Like the natural gym stuff, although having seen the state of the natural gym on the Kimber road section, I'd hope it'd be more like the one on Wandsworth common... Bike rental space is an excellent idea, although, again, there's still nothing at the South end, Bodmin street would be a great way for people who live South of the park to reach Southside along the safety of the Wandle trail.
I think the proposal is excellent, in particular the 'green gym' outside which would get plenty of use from the number of runners and people who exercise in the area. As mentioned in the first page, I think it's really important to expose more of the river wandle and smarten up the vegetation that is currently there. This would attract more people to enjoy the park as opposed to simply using it as a piece of grass where they can sit and have a picnic. This way there would be something pretty to look at as well.
A building that could be used for Baby/Children's group would be useful
River is definitely not enough of a feature of park so good idea
Improve rose garden Lighting improvements
The opening of a cafe near the tennis pitches and the lake is a good idea
River views and additional seating
The park needs more facilities

<p>1) The new play trail and information about the river Great idea & I would like to see this part of the river cleaned up as it is usually rubbishy and unpleasant.</p> <p>2) New Loos - Well needed. I think these should be sited near the existing playground so that parents and carers can take their children there quickly.</p> <p>3) Cycle racks</p> <p>4) River trail, picnic area, information about & views of the river Overall celebrating the river & finding fun and attractive ways to sit near it & view it. In Sydney the rivers are celebrated, in London they are hidden away as a dirty secret.</p>
Green gym area good idea
Obviously some people will benefit from whatever purpose the building is intended to serve
Cafe and toilets are a must
making more of the River Wandle. more seating needed, not just along the central path
Any new buildings should be kept to a small scale. Toilets are always important to have available. A green gym could be a great idea for encouraging greater use of the park for sports and exercise. It would be helpful to install bins around this part and signage asking users to dispose of their rubbish or take it away with them as there is already a big problem with people leaving rubbish after playing sports on the itches.
The central play area is great. The one near the Southside mall is lovely and I hope it stays but it's too far to walk for me. Hopefully the location of new play area is closer to Penwith road side and the other play area is retained.
I think all the proposals as good, except the café which I have reservations about.
toilets and a new retail outlet would be great
All theses proposals would greatly enhance the park
We need toilet facilities in the park. The rose garden used to be nice so it would be good to restore it. It would also be good to provide more at the Southern end of the park.
Restoring water fountain, rose garden, opening view on to Wandle river
green gym
The possibility that this will include toilet facilities
Accessibility /wheelchair access improvements are good
Café, restoration of rose garden, opening up the river wandle.
It depends how you "Open up views" of the Wandle. We do not need more buildings. You have built high rise all over the place. Let us have some sky. Save money for once. It's hard enough living in houses where the furthers you can see is across the road. Let things grow. Save money so we don't have higher rates next year or whenever. Have a programme for locals to incubate/breed/enhance small native breeds of mammals and birds and let them live on the Wandle. More wild areas.
Opening up river views is good but is it not possible to open up the river more for a river walk way?
Green gym and natural play area.
restoration of the rose garden area and provision of cycle racks at park entrances
Opening up the wandle is great and should be encouraged. gReen gym will improve health in the area and especially for those that cannot afford expensive gym memberships
Improving views of the Wandle, natural play area
Do we really need more buildings? And yes please restore and maintain the semi formal rose garden. The last time it was done the problem was lack of maintenance afterwards

A decent cafe would be great!
All especially expanding play area etc.
Making the most of the wandle is great. I think this could be improved even further
The café/toilet facility is critical to attracting people into the park and improving the experience for existing users. However it will need to be attractive as a venue, offer a popular menu and be maintained and staffed to a high standard. Its design should: be sympathetic to its environment, minimise vandalism and be secure and clearly signposted and advertised and sustained until it becomes established.
New cafe facilities, new picnic area, green gym.
Opening up views to the wandle
Attempting to make the park more of a venue to spend time
I agree in making more of the River Wandle
Opening up views of the Wandle from the park.
a café in the park
I think all of these are really important and in need of improvement currently - restoration of the rose garden area, cycle racks at park entrances, extended play and picnic area in the centre of the park. A green gym is an excellent idea for older kids and adults. A natural play area would be great. Better views of the wandle would be lovely.
Outdoor gym!!!
Cycle racks are a welcome addition as one can travel to the park via cycle to play sports. The rose garden is disused and a restoration will hopefully bring it back into full use
Good that these are being considered
Plan to restore rose garden Toilets meadow grass
It is good that attention will be paid to the rather sad rose garden.
We have long needed a cafe in this park.
Sounds good.
Provision such as outlined sounds promising.
All aspects, bar the cycling provision
Generally ok. Do we need a green gym?
Absolutely should be a open space green gym 22. Many people would use it and it would be good for the community, But it is at the very end of the park and I fear many people would think it is hidden and out the way. it would be better to put it closer to the playground/ tennis courts where many people go and the foot fall is highest and so the chance of people using the equipment is higher
Like the idea of a nature gym.
all is great
I like the idea of opening up views of the Wandle by removing some vegetation.
I like all the proposals but particularly like the creation of a tennis pavilion as I think it will make it a more attractive venue for kids and adults to play at all times of the year
7 Restoring the rose garden would be lovely as it is currently looking sad. Look for early and late blooming roses and fragrant varieties. but PLEASE locate cafe/lavatories/multi-purpose building as far as possible from the rose garden, which should be a place of peaceful contemplation. 15 (also some negative points) Providing information on the River and wildlife may be interesting to some park users, but should not be intrusive.

Appendix H

Negative Comments: New facilities and features
No mention of public toilets and changing facilities. The park sorely needs them
I don't think café is necessary as stated previously. I also think any play area should not be linked to café. If the café wants to have a small play area (similar to Skylark) than that's ok, but I would not relocate an existing playspace.
Again more security in order to maintain everything in good condition.
How many gyms does this area need ?
A "multi-use" building is extremely vague. What uses?!?
While bike racks are useful what is the broader plan for encouraging cycling through the park to get kids and less confident cyclists more active?
Multi-use facilities seem to have become revenue-generating locations and even (effectively) hived off to private businesses - like the Wandsworth Common former farmhouse.
Still no real infrastructure proposals for the South end.
Why are you putting cycle racks within 300m of the existing ones at Southside? Put them more South so other people can use them to transit through the park!
A lot of the emphasis is on the Northern part of the park, which is obvious due to the current structure of the facilities. I do think that residents towards the southern part of the park would appreciate some investment as well
The play area shouldn't be relocated - it is great where it is!
Don't add a natural gym to Bodmin Field or remove railings - this is a great area for dog walking.
I would like further play facilities, particularly in the south of the park. It's currently a long walk from one end of the park to the other to use the playground.
Too much focus on facilities adjacent to Southside Shopping Centre where plenty of facilities are already available. More needs to be done in the middle and southern end of the park.
1) Play area for older children I have put dissatisfied, because I have a family that uses the park every week and what I would really like to see is a new play area for older children (not just a new trail area). My children are 9 & 11 and have outgrown all the local Wandsworth play areas. There is a general lack of playgrounds in Wandsworth for older children (10 and over) & I would like a new playground in King Georges to be along the style of the wooden adventure playground in Battersea Park, near Go Ape. This is in addition to the existing playground.
2) The Rose Garden - I think instead of trying to re-work it, I believe that it should be replaced with something else. I walk past it approx 8 times each week & it is hardly used. It is unattractive, old fashioned and I would like to see something with a better use of the space there. There are a plethora of other much nicer places to sit in the park.
4) Existing playground improvements The existing playground really needs more benches for adults - particularly on the swing side. I also think the bushes along the railings should be removed as children wee and poo behind them & it is unpleasant and unhygienic.
Deadwood features? don't understand the benefit
Not clear which play area you are planning to relocate
I am against the development of any more of the park than is built on already. It is easy to add a building to a public park - but very hard ever to get that land restored to public use again. Every

square metre developed is no longer park - we should aim to maximise open, publically-usable land, and minimise its development and exclusion
I think green gyms are rarely used and don't add much value
The proposal to move the play area to a smaller space is negative. We need a bigger not smaller space
Not happy with allowing picnics in the park, but perhaps this may restrict the areas where it is allowed. There will be litter as a result.
Extended picnic areas, unless supported with additional bins and signage asking people to dispose of their rubbish sensibly or take it away with them, could be hugely problematic. There is already a very big issue throughout the park with people leaving their rubbish on the ground, and this is a very big problem and concern for the large dog community who use the park. It has become a very real daily struggle to ensure that dogs don't get hold of potentially dangerous things on the ground such as chicken and steak bones, raw/rotten meat and plastic packaging. Several dogs have ended up in hospital after eating/swallowing some of these things.
There are already lots of cafes in Southside and I am not sure that one more is needed in the park. If the bowling green being reinstated isn't an option, then I would like to see something more imaginative that would bring the community together more or which would add something extra special to the park and be a real feature.
I can find no negatives to these proposals
Nothing negative
Green Gym area, 22. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to create environment for natural play whilst maintaining views into park from Knaresborough Drive.
location of the green gym. Would be better placed near sports fields
The is no details of what the new facilities will be. New facilities should be free to use
I'd like you to be bolder in working with other agencies to make your section of the wandle river a beautiful area - it's not great at the moment.
Buildings mean less space and encroach on us. Bad for us mentally. We need open space. We are exceptionally lucky that George V created all these parks. Look at all the other major world cities. They're tortuous with all their high rise buildings and lack of decent space. No more concrete either. Long grass and watery places encourages insects - encourages birds and in turn encourages interest. All good for humans. what's not to like as it is?
The cafe / tennis pavilion is likely to generate more rubbish in that area when there are already several cafes in the area / south side - rubbish is the main negative factor for users of King George's Park. The bench on top of the mounds seems unnecessary and disrupts the only non flat part of the park and again is likely to generate more rubbish in that area.
Removal of vegetation - see earlier comment about air quality.
There needs to be a bigger playground for younger children - it gets extremely busy
Connection with the wider wandle should be incorporated into the plans
The proposed gym at Bodmin St Fields is wasteful and entirely unnecessary
See above - do we really need more buildings?
Risk of further bottleneck on RHS of gym?
I don't know if a green gym is really necessary
Not making enough of the wandle
The River Wandle only gets one mention that seems to relate to a small area behind the Nuffield. Yet it is the unique asset of the river banks that creates a substantial attraction and provides a special feature along much of the park's length. There needs to be a detailed study of how much of the railings can be removed, what areas should be wildlife reserve and where there can be safe access to the river or closer proximity. Also the choice of the river and KGP is part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park and this status and its enhancements should be promoted as such especially as it is adjacent to the town centre. This should be top priority. Fencing where it is still needed

<p>should be more rustic and friendly. The river and KGP is part of the Wandle Valley Regional Park and this status and its enhancements should be promoted as such with joint branding and signage, especially as it is adjacent to the town centre. This should be top priority.</p> <p>A further café / toilet facility to the south of Kimber Rd should be considered, either as a small extension of the Nuffield centre or taking the stall in Lyddon Road across the bridge into the park so workers can take lunch in the park environment.</p>
<p>It would be good to make even more of the Wandle, and make its banks more attractive and open them up in places.</p>
<p>More could be done to hide the Tideway shaft site.</p>
<p>Please don't put another building in the park.</p>
<p>I always worry about picnic areas. Wimbledon Park is plagued by people having barbecues in the Summer and leaving large quantities of litter afterwards. Will there be enough bins for the rubbish?</p>
<p>Do not like the idea of a gym area or any sports hosted on the Bodmin St field. It is specifically a dog walking/family play field, not a recreational ground. There are numerous residential buildings all along it's perimeter on three sides. Also the corner of Acuba Road/Bodmin St is already a bottleneck of through traffic with limited parking. Ironside Rugby's use of the field creates an almighty disruption to residents.</p>
<p>I don't want to see ANY new buildings in the park. I don't want to see an open gym. People can run around the park for fitness. I don't want to see a picnic area which will most likely become messy and abused by youths. I want the park to be left open with no new facilities.</p>
<p>the locations for the café may not be the best. if you look at some of the best cafes in parks - Bushy Park, St James Park they have trees around them and large outdoor seating. As the café could be a money making outlet would it make sense to pick the best spot and design around that location, rather than looking for a rectangle big enough to put a portacabin.</p>
<p>None</p>
<p>needs more thought</p>
<p>Do we really need another cafe in the vicinity when so many have failed to thrive in the surrounding area</p> <p>Bike station (unless it's outside the park)</p>
<p>No. 9: do we need to encourage cycling inside the park? Surely not. Also No. 1 seems simply the renaming of an area of hardstanding that will be the result of the Tideway Project</p>
<p>Nil.</p>
<p>In the natural play area to the south can this be a dog free area so that children can play safely without coming into contact with dog faeces.</p>
<p>Whilst there needs to be improved provision for cyclist storage, please make this appropriate and don't have large areas at entrances dedicated to unsightly storage that is not ever used. There is enough bike hire facilities nearby and the recent trend in bike hire without stations suggests that stations will become obsolete.</p>
<p>The area at Bodmin field could be much more imaginative as outlined</p>
<p>We do not need a tennis pavilion given that is now an almost private enterprise we need a community center that all sections can use for free.</p>
<p>need to have outside seating space next to the facility to hang out with coffee and have a chat with friends, have brunch with the family...</p>
<p>It appears on the plan that the vegetation removal to increase views of the Wandle is only in the southern part of the Park (South of Kimber Road). It would be good if this could extend further north to the area north of Kimber Road adjacent to the sports fields. There is a black fence set back around 10m from the river bank and the area has thick vegetation. It would be great if this area could be opened up too.</p>

We do not need any more cafes in the area!! Cafes in the centre of Wandsworth are going out of business and we already have a huge litter problem. Additionally the northern end of the park has been built up rather a lot and with more high rise adjacent this part will sustain enormous pressure. Yet another building is not a good idea - restoration of the rose garden is however.

1 Creation of a flexible community space - totally pointless.

5 Please do not consider re-locating the play area: you have just spent money extending the play area.

9 Install cycle racks/ hire bike station at key locations. WHY? Cyclists using the park are often dangerously inconsiderate of pedestrians; it seems foolhardy to encourage them.

15. Create play trail and picnic area (in area marked). WHY? the park itself is a play and picnic area and does not need specific 'areas'.

Encouraging play and picnicking along the boundary with the River Wandle will invite people to chuck waste into the river.

19. Opening up view to bridge over the River Wandle through localised thinning of vegetation seems contrary to the aim to improve biodiversity.

22. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to create environment for natural play. Seems like waste of money since the park IS an environment for natural play.

Access improvements

No.	Comments	Oppose	Support
2		1	3
3			4
11			2
13	Traffic control or swinging gate necessary to prevent children running out Barriers to slow children down as they cross Kimber Road		5
15			-
20			3
26	Removing railings may lead to new desire lines and damage to wild areas- leave as they are	1	2
30			1

31			1
37			3

Environment and biodiversity measures

No.	Comments	Oppose	Support
4	Issues with people feeding bread- attracts rats and pigeons Littering near lake- plastics		8
8			5
17			5
21	Supported, expanded and enhanced woodland Support thinking about connectivity for hedgehogs etc		4
27			6
33			8

36			2
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New facilities/ features

No.	Comments	Oppose	Support
1			2
5	Supported Skylark on Wandsworth Common and Pear tree in Battersea lovely Could be close to river- river views Café would be great but not on bowling green as I like to see older people using it- maybe café near play area	5	3
6	Support for facility allowing toilet provision Don't move playground to bowling green area- good as they are Don't move playground Support continuation of bowling green use for that purpose- facility for older people Don't move playground but different play- sensory/ disability play Would like to see bowling restored for elderly and promoted for younger groups/ events		11
7	Rose garden restored or wisteria or something		9

King George's Park Maintenance and Management Plan- Phase 2 Consultation Drop-in Report

Date: June 4th 2018 10-4

Location: Main playground, King George's Park

Attendees: 78 and additional 100 flyers with online consultation details distributed

See below for comments made in relation to proposals from draft masterplan.

Additional Comments by category

Play

- Some kind of water play/ splash park
- Splash pad but locate carefully due to noise
- Splash park or similar
- Larger play area for younger children
- More play for in between toddlers and older kids
- Something for older kids
- Skateboard ramp for younger kids
- 12 years + play provision
- Parkour facilities for teens

Seating

- Better and more benches
- Seating with grass view

Shade

- Consider more fruit trees around big playground for shade
- Not enough shaded seating
- Seating in the shade

Cyclists

- Aggressive cyclist who don't ride on the cycle lanes
- Cycling on West path where not permitted
- Desegregate space for cyclist and pedestrians
- Better access needed for disabled cyclists
- Cyclist obstructing and going too fast near the nursery
- Aggressive cycling
- Bikes to fast- should be shared use

Sports

- Footballers leave lots of bottles and other litter- should be fined or not allowed to use pitches again
- Would it be possible to have a tennis wall
- Artificial pitches to reduce maintenance

Dogs

- Better signs to stop dogs in picnic area
- Create a dog free area
- More information for dog owners and public- from the Dogs Trust
- Dog free area

Other

- Don't feel safe after dark
- Mopeds and motorcyclists in park
- Public pool demand
- Improve path behind Wandle Leisure Centre from water fountain to Garrett Lane- open it up
- Riverside walk, path near fountain, neglected
- Nature trail by the Wandle by moving back railings to allow access to riverside vegetation
- Desire lines North of Kimber Road so don't need to walk along busy road
- BBQ stands
- Signs to take litter home
- More seating with grass view
- Look again at desire lines in the north- Southside Centre, south- building development by Wandle
- Too many flat boring sports pitches, not enough to explore- all a bit linear- south park in Wimbledon is really interesting
- Picnic area
- New footpath on West supported
- Schools having access to more natural spaces for Forest Schools
- A community gardens
- Motorbikes cutting through dangerous

Key

- Improving and enhancing existing facilities
- Access improvements
- Environment and biodiversity measures
- New facilities/features

Not to Scale



38. Consider local heritage listing of ornamental entrance gates and restore.

1. Creation of a flexible community open space following completion of Thames Tideway works.

2. Consider future cycle superhighway route including along Wandsworth High Street.

3. Creation of an access trail suitable for people of all abilities.

4. Continue to enhance lake for the benefit of wildlife.

5. Potential outdoor space linked to new cafe facility / consider re-locating play area to this location.

6. Potential locations for multi-purpose building including cafe, tennis pavilion and toilets.

7. Restore rose garden or create ornamental/ sensory gardens linked to a new cafe containing information on the park and its heritage.

8. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to define entrances. Improve circulation through the creation of informal paths across the park, with care taken to avoid obstructing sports pitches.

9. Install cycle racks/ hire bike station at key locations.

10. Consider local heritage listing of drinking fountain and restore.

11. Enhance ramp to ensure footpath is accessible for people of all abilities.

12. Establish meadow grass and plant trees to provide wildlife habitat as well as a pleasant environment for watching sports.

13. Create a raised zebra crossing point aligned with entrances. Pedestrian priority zone within vicinity of Kimber Road.

14. Restore grass pitches.

15. Create play trail and picnic area with improvements along the boundary with the River Wandle including providing information on the River and wildlife.

16. Widen footpath and provide tactile paving for visually impaired park users.

17. Incorporate deadwood features into the park for wildlife.

18. Establish views through to River Wandle with seating on top of existing mounded landscape.

19. Open up view to bridge over the River Wandle through localised thinning of vegetation.

20. Replace footpaths in a poor condition with self-binding gravel paths.

21. Improve glade and woodland management including removal of non-native species.

22. Establish meadow grass and plant clusters of trees to create environment for natural play whilst maintaining views into park from Knaresborough Drive.

23. Consider creating a green gym within Bodmin St Field.

37. Provide wheelchair accessible seating.

36. Deliver localised tree pit widening and re-surfacing for tree health and site safety.

35. Space kept open to allow for continued seasonal use of sports pitches.

34. Space kept open to allow continuation of seasonal events.

33. Increase tree and scrub planting along park boundary to buffer effects of Kimber Road.

32. Improve visual appearance of car park at fitness centre.

31. Improve and enhance path links from fitness centre car park to wider park.

30. Improve path and tree planting at Burr Road entrance.

29. Extend and enhance allotment provision improving access to Burr Road.

28. Localised vegetation removal to improve visibility at path junction.

27. Wildlife important grasslands to be increased through sowing of wildflowers.

26. Consider removing sections of railings to improve circulation through the park.

25. Review lighting to ensure it is efficient and effective.

24. Consider entrance improvements from Bodmin Street to improve visibility of memorial trees.

Improving and enhancing existing facilities

No.	Comments	Oppose	Support
10	Restoration of drinking fountain may pose hygiene issue Support to reduce use of plastics		7
12			7
14			2
24			-
25			1
28			2
29	Support for more allotments- waiting list very long Support for allotment extension		6
32			1

33			-
34			3
35			3
36			-
38			1

9	Plenty of provision of Boris bikes already	1	2
16			-
18	Views of river widely supported River walk needs lighting- LEDs Sightlines poor, vegetation needs cutting back for safety		5
19	Would be better if pedestrian portion of path was close to river so can admire views without being cut up by cyclists Paint Henry Prince Bridge and next one up		4
22	Southern most part of the park is not overlooked- ASB concern and possible damage to new green gym and play equipment		8
23	Southern most part of the park is not overlooked- ASB concern and possible damage to new green gym and play equipment Green gym for elderly/ less mobile people		-

HADA Access Audit Report



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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Introduction

This accessibility report has been prepared to contribute to the King George's Park Management and Maintenance Plan.

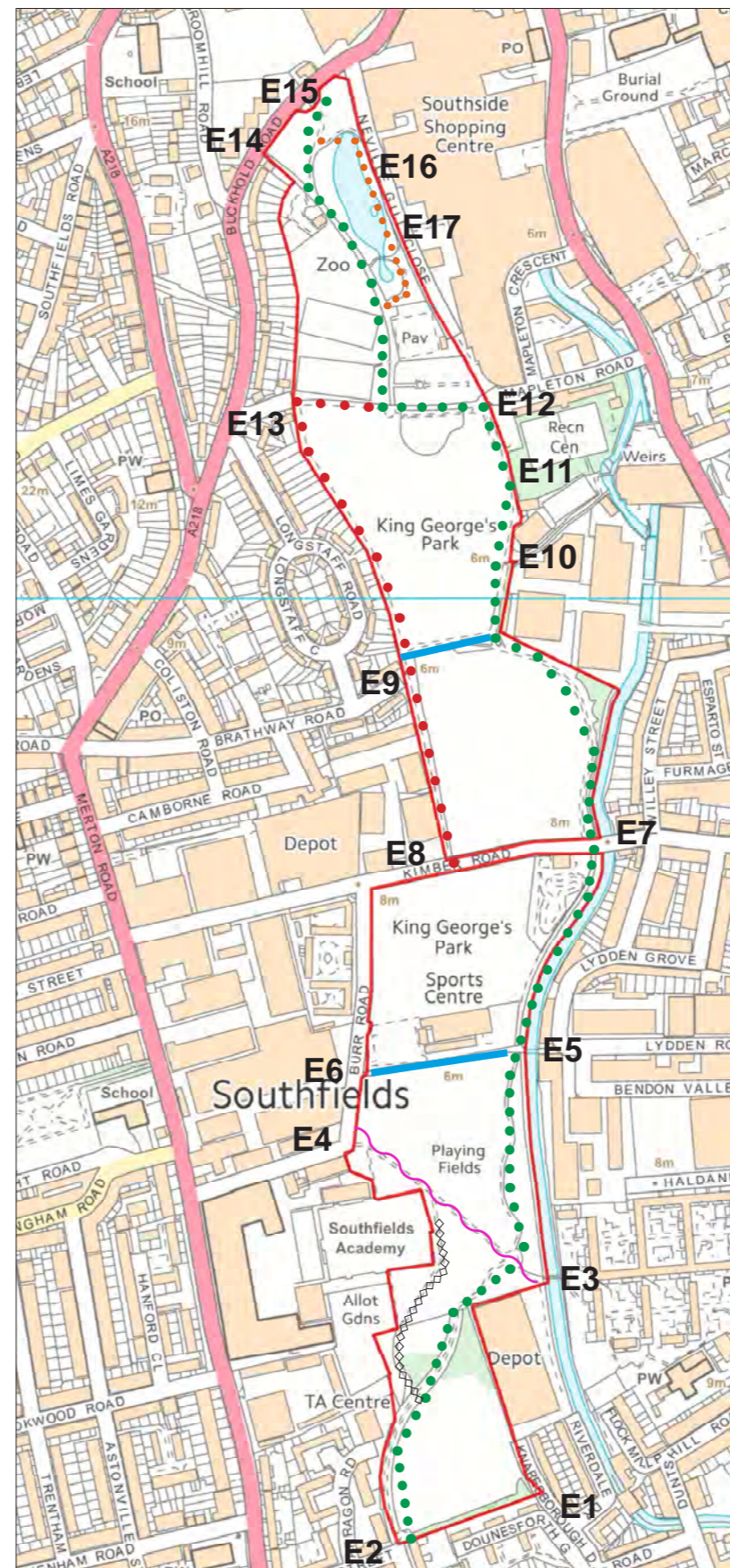
The purpose of the site appraisal is to ascertain what physical and managerial access improvements need to be undertaken in order that future developments and maintenance proposals for the Park not only satisfy statutory design standards for the external environment but also enable the local authority, London Borough of Wandsworth, to meet their obligations under The Equality Act 2010.

This presents an opportunity to ensure that any feasibility studies and proposed future design works will resolve current access issues and identify areas which may require a managed solution to improve access or form part of a phased programme of works.

1.2 Site description and constraints

King George's Park is 23ha stretching from central Wandsworth in the north to in the south. It is bisected east / west by one main road and footpaths. The River Wandle forms part of the eastern boundary. It has been declared a Site of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation (Grade II) and is immediately adjoined by King George's Park allotment site. The site is relatively with the exception of some graded links in and out of the park on its east side.

The park is heavily used as a through-route for commuters and cyclists from the residential areas to the train and bus station and town centre. This potentially creates some shared route issues between pedestrians and cyclists that will also need to be addressed as part of the LBW / TFL shared cycle route proposals ('the Quietway'). Proposals for the Wandle Valley and the All London Green Grid – Wandle Valley Area Framework 8 - also have a strategic vision for improving access in its widest sense and access improvements will assist in contributing to this.



Route Key

- R1
- R2
- R3
- ~~~~~ R4
- R5
- ◇◇◇◇ R6

Plan of park showing entrances (E), and route (R) references with site boundary line (red)

1.3 Instruction and scope

HADA (Helen Allen) was appointed as access consultant for the project by Land Use Consultants (hereafter referred to as LUC) in September 2017.

The landscaping and parkland at King George's Park were surveyed by Helen Allen (trading as HADA) on 24 October 2017. The areas under ownership or management by other bodies do not form part of this scope as follows:

- 3G football pitch
- Kimber Skate Park and BMX track
- Children's centre and nursery

1.4 Drawings and reports examined

In addition to the site visit this report is based on a desktop review of existing project reports, consultation responses and the OS map as provided by LUC in October 2017.

1.5 Scope and methodology

This site appraisal has been undertaken using a 'journey sequence' from arrival to the multiple entrances to the park to walking around all key public entrances and along primary pedestrian routes taking into account the access needs of the following:

- Visitors to the park; and
- / volunteers working in and visiting the park, and play areas.

The objective of the appraisal is to ensure accessibility needs are considered in the design development from the outset, providing the step in an auditable

document trail that sets out design considerations and decisions

The meaning of 'disabled' in this Access Statement is as in the Equality Act. Refer to Appendix 1.

Note:

HADA provides guidance and advice as access consultants. The consultancy does not have the authority to approve designs, only appraise and that a design complies with statutory standards, i.e. Building Regulations, or policy guidelines. Final responsibility remains with designers and the approvals authority.

1.6 Legislation, standards and interpretation

There are few nationally enforceable access standards or regulatory controls governing public realm, recreational spaces and landscaping. **For primary routes and approaches to public buildings and key facilities, Approved Documents M (Volume 2) are taken as a benchmark for determining accessibility.** Elsewhere the *BS 8300-1 Design of the external environment to meet the needs of disabled people - Code of Practice, 2018*, is used as a benchmark for accessibility as well as specialist guidance such as the Fieldfare Trusts's Countryside Guide

With regards to streetscape and pavement design, guidance is provided by the Department for Transport's Inclusive Mobility Guide and Transport Notes. Sports facilities for public use are guided by Sport England. Whilst there are also safety and space standards applicable for accessible play spaces.

A degree of interpretation and appropriateness of these standards may be required on a case by case basis. A list of these are included in the appendix.

1.8 The Equality Act

Statutory consents

When considering a reasonable adjustment to a physical feature, the Equality Act does not override the need to obtain consents such as planning permission, building regulations approval, listed building consent, scheduled monument consent and regulations. If the consent is not given, there is still a duty to consider a reasonable means of avoiding the feature.

Refer to Appendix A1.1 for further information.

Design standards

Service providers and public authorities carrying out their functions do not have to remove or alter a physical feature of a building for a period of 10 years from construction or installation if it accords with the relevant objectives, design considerations and provisions in Approved Document M. They may still need to consider a reasonable means of avoiding a feature in the interim however if it proves to be unsatisfactory over time.

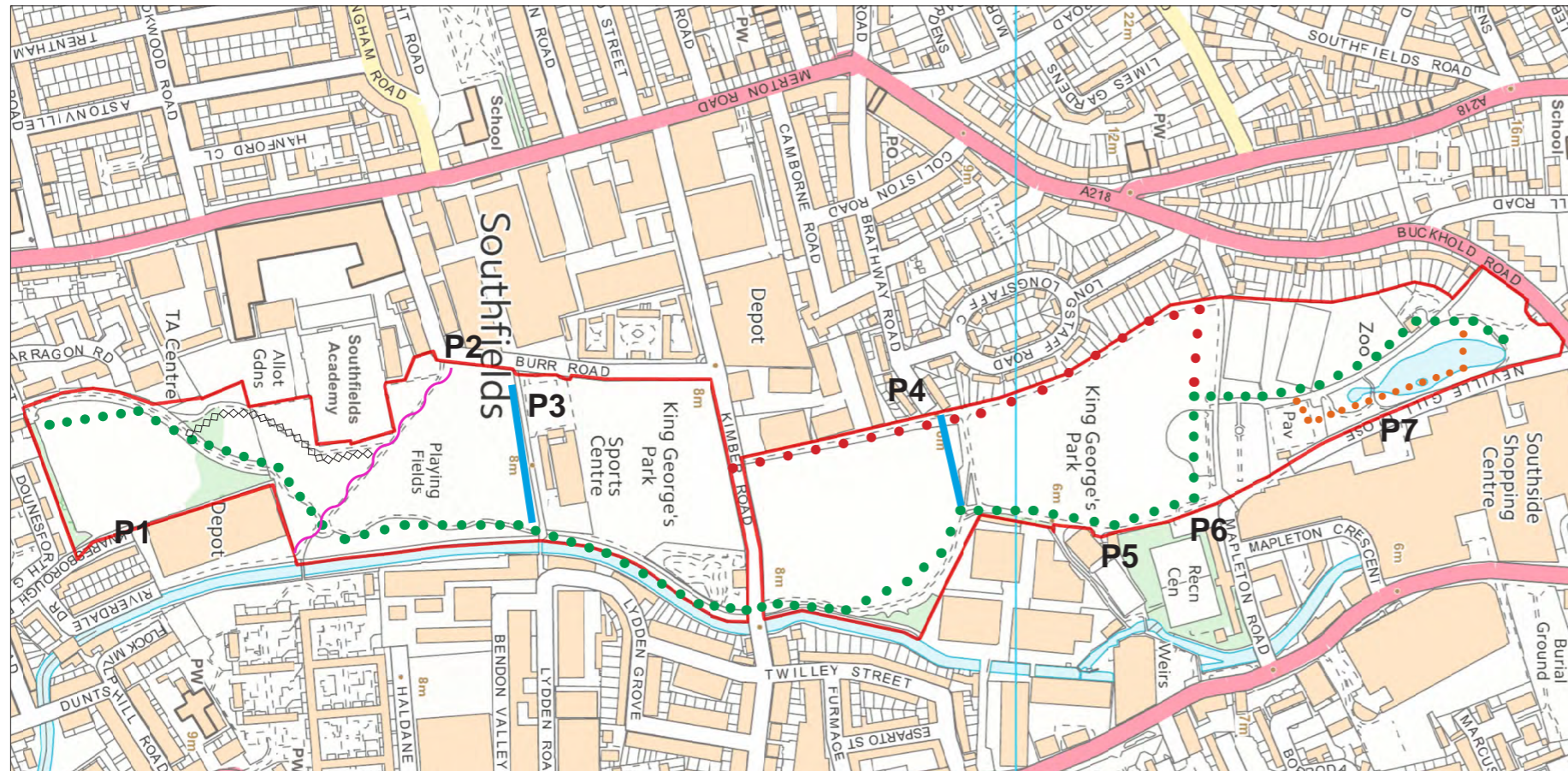
1.10 Management and maintenance

Good accessibility relies on site management.

Management items will range from provision of a good quality website to the maintenance of lighting, seating, path surfaces, play equipment, bin collections and leaf clearance and plant growth.

Inspection of specialist devices and training of should become a regular element of management processes. Access Management Plans can form part of a site operator's on-going duties

2.0 Site Appraisal - Arrival



Plan showing potential accessible parking locations (P)

2.1.1 Parking and drop-off

There is no dedicated car parking or associated with the park although the street network provides opportunities for on-street parking for Blue Badge holders to the south and west of the park and there is a multi-storey car park to the north east as part of the shopping centre. The sports centre at the heart of the park also has four accessible parking bays that could be utilised by park visitors. The short path link via the pedestrian gate is uneven and may be a trip hazard and create for wheelchair users however. There is also a car park at the Wandle Recreation Centre outside of the park boundary to the north.

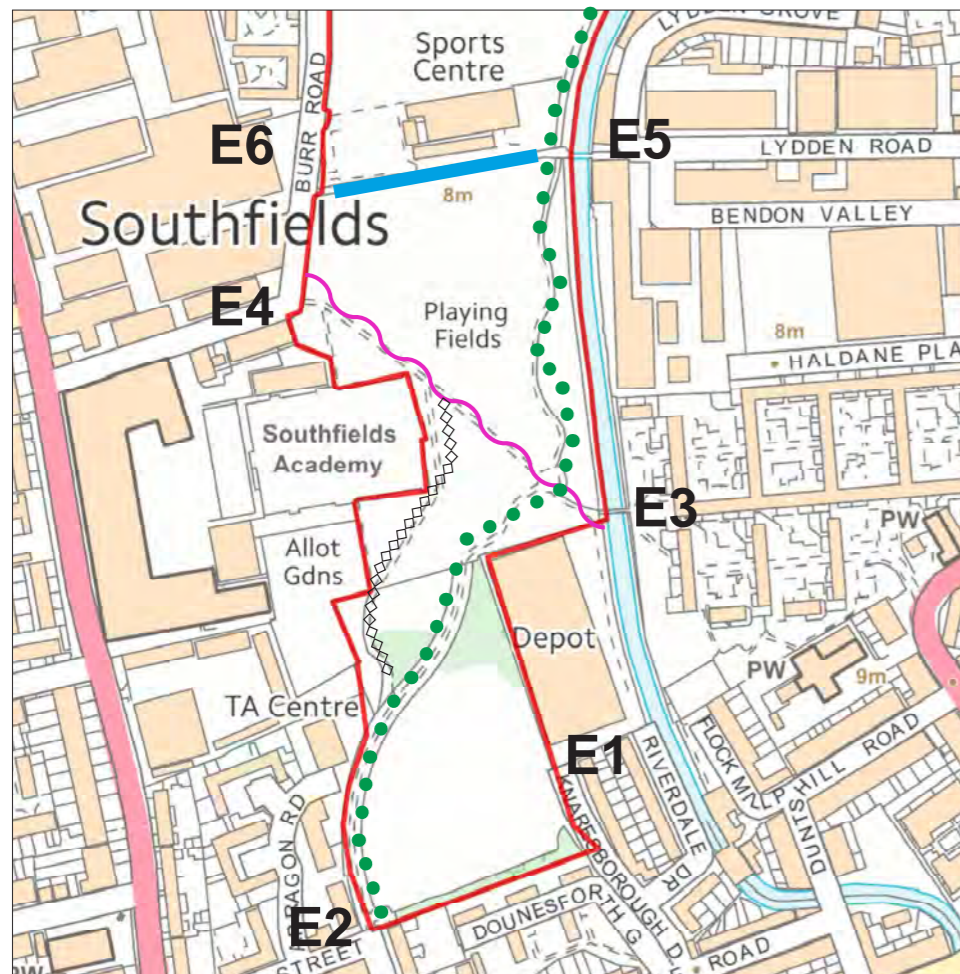
Recommended:

- Undertake survey to ascertain if the four accessible parking bays are and used by park and sports centre visitors. Events days will require increased provisions, preferably in the sports centre car park;
- Ensure any car parking proposals have a minimum 6% accessible bays, preferably 10% (to meet BS standards and event days);
- Improve path link from the sports centre car park to the path route.



Accessible parking provision (x3) for use by sports centre can be used for park users; local street network can be used for on street parking although most are controlled

2.2 Entrances



2.2 Entrances

Each pedestrian park entrance was reviewed around the perimeter of the park. Key items for review included legibility, quality of the terrain and path surface (trip hazards and gradients), safety and sightlines and the provision and location of seating, facilities and equipment.

2.2.1 Entrance 1

The pedestrian approach to the park from train station to the south east is via a residential area. As one approaches from this direction there is some ambiguity as to where the entrance is as there is no signage and there is also a local small 'pocket park' on the corner of Knaresborough Drive so it is unclear as to whether to enter via here or the adjacent road and the new housing development. This entrance is open with no fencing or formal path link but presents a potential place for an accessible parking space. The road is a residential cul-de-sac and as a result is quiet and suitable for and accessible parking. This road also sits next to a often used for events according to a local elderly resident, which often creates a shortage of seating.

2.2.2 Entrance 2

Entrance E2 is the formal entrance into the south-west side of the park. This leads from a quiet residential street within a controlled parking zone (CPZ). There are dropped kerbs into the entrance and local residents may park with Blue Badges subject to parking restrictions.

There is limited signage, in the form of the metalwork on the gate and the coat of arms although all signs are non-accessible and would from a tactile map and details for opening hours etc (refer to later section on signage).

2.2.3 Entrance 3

Entrance E3 is an important and attractive pedestrian link from the residential areas via a bridge over the River Wandle. The existing metal barrier may create some for independent wheelchair access and double buggies due to the tight 90° turns even though the clear width between the barrier is 1000mm. Beyond the bridge link there are non-compliant gradients of up to 1:6.5, which would create for independent wheelchair users. Other issues are, as with all other entrances, with regards poor lighting provision.

2.2.4 Entrance 4

Entrance E4 has a long 10m ramp with a non-compliant range of gradients of 1:15 at its base to 1:20 at the top, which would create some for independent wheelchair access. Again there is no signage and poor lighting. The road crossing also only has a dropped kerb to one side and no tactile paving. Although this is beyond the scope of the park boundary this may be an important crossing point for local residents and employees.

2.2.5 Entrance 5

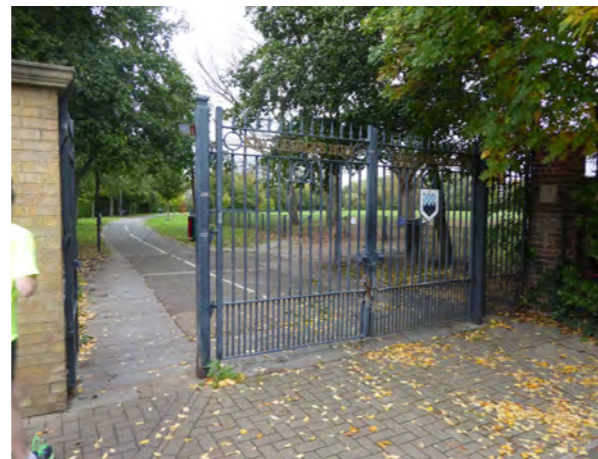
Entrance 5 is a bridge link to a local light industrial area. It has a long non-compliant slope of over 10m long descending to the local streetscape ; the gradients into the park are compliant ranging from 1:15 to 1:20 over a 5m span. Signage and lighting is poor but as this entrance leads primarily from an industrial area this link may be a low priority and needs to be investigated.

2.2.6 Entrance 6

There are no physical access issues of concern other than lack of signage but this appears to be a minor entrance for local residents. The adjacent pavement network however has inconsistent provision of dropped kerbs over the vehicle entrance to the sports centre car park for wheelchair users and tactile paving for blind and partially sighted people.



E1 entrance



E2 entrance



E3 entrance



E3 entrance



E3 entrance gradients



E4 entrance



E4 entrance gradients



E4 entrance - inconsistent dropped kerbs and no tactile paving



E5 entrance



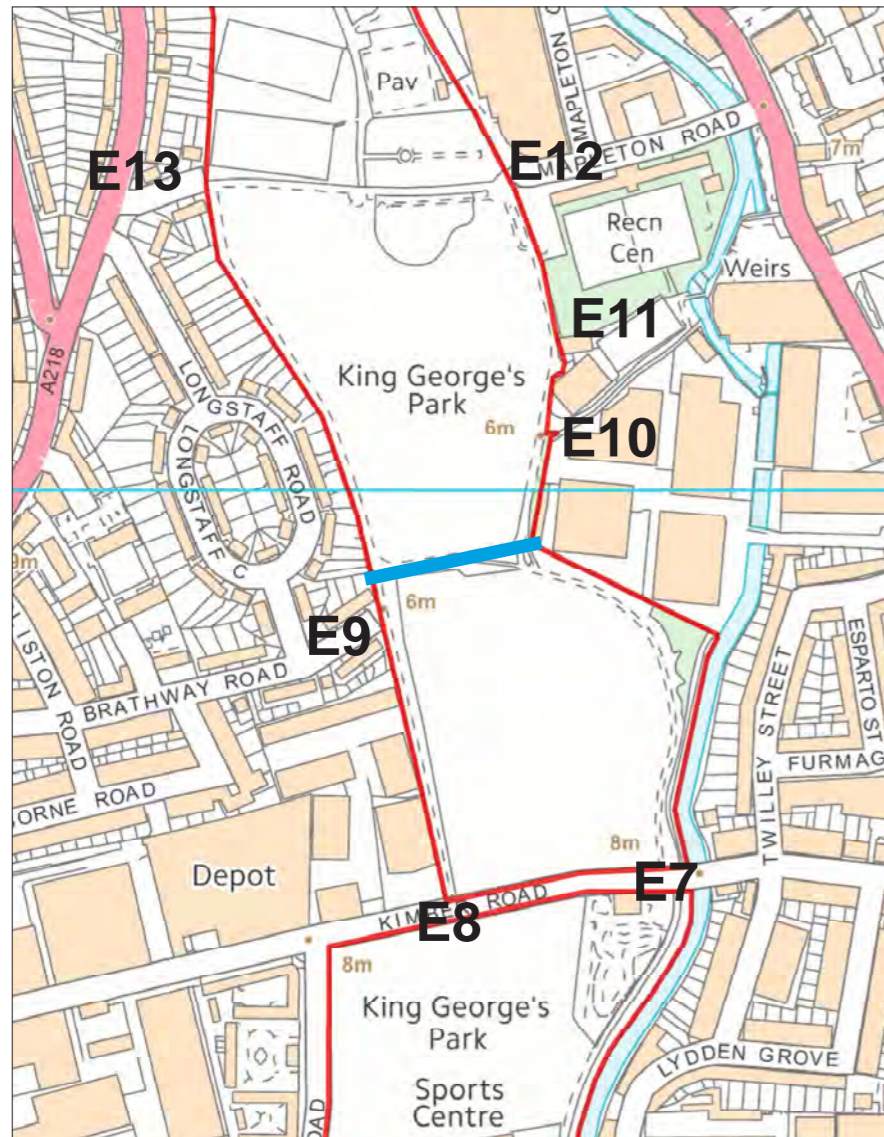
E5 entrance



E5 entrance gradients



E6 entrance - lack of dropped kerbs



2.2.7 Entrance 7

Entrance 7 is either side of the pedestrian controlled crossing point either side a busy road dividing the park. There are no substantial access issues although there are maintenance issues with regards leaf clearance, which is a problem across the whole of the park as they can become wet and slippery and often a hazard for people with restricted mobility and the older generation. As a long term objective it would be desirable to calm the along this road with a wide raised table at controlled crossing points to provide a pedestrian priority zone.

2.2.8 Entrance 8

Entrance 8 has an island for crossing with no pedestrian priority whilst the is entrance is protective from the road by a barrier. It would be desirable to align the crossing point with the entrance and upgrading the island into a raised table zebra crossing as a minimum if TfL (Transport for London) are resistant to a second pedestrian controlled crossing point. The entrance is otherwise adequate apart from the absence of low level accessible signage and lighting.

2.2.9 Entrance 9

Entrance 9 is at the end of a residential quiet cul-de-sac. The clear passing widths either side of the central bollard are adequate for wheelchair access but the low level bell bollards are potential trip hazards for blind and partially sighted people. Otherwise the entrance has level access and dropped kerbs and reasonable tonal contrast. Signage is again on the arch over the entrance and at high level.

2.2.10 Entrance 10

Entrance 10 leads to a long path route and bridge link to a residential area. There is no signage and lighting provision appears poor and the route in general not safe although it was well used during the site survey. Two approved DfT (Department for Transport) tactile delineation strips have been installed to delineate a cycle lane, which cuts across the face of the entry point (and nearby infants school entrance). Crossing over the segregated cycle path from path to path is potentially dangerous for blind and partially sighted people, wheelchair users and children as they are required to cross a busy cycle route with cyclists traversing at high speed and there is minimal advance warning for pedestrians. A level section is required for wheelchair users whilst 800mm deep tactile warning strips are required to warn blind and partially sighted people. Ideally the cycle route should be relocated so it is not crossing pedestrian entrances. Refer to comments on routes for shared space and cycle lane issues.

2.2.11 Entrance 11

Entrance 11 leads from a small car park and again crosses the cycle lane with no advance warning at all.

2.2.12 Entrance 12

Entrance 12 is a key entrance from a new residential development and recreation centre. There are the same low level bell bollards either side of the entrance whilst the long kerb and road edge has no tactile warning for blind and partially sighted people although there is tactile blister paving to help blind and partially sighted people align with the pavement.

2.2.13 Entrance 13

As with Entrance 9, E13 is located at the end of a residential cul-de-sac and has level access and dropped kerbs and reasonable tonal contrast. Signage is again on the arch over the entrance and at high level.



E6 entrance - lack of dropped kerbs / tactile paving



E7 entrance



E7 entrance



E8 entrance



E8 entrance - offset and uncontrolled



E9 entrance - low level bollards



E10 entrance



E10 entrance - tactile cycle lane delineation



E11 entrance



E12 entrance



E12 entrance



E13 entrance



2.2.14 Entrance 14

Entrance 14 has level access but has some uneven paving slabs on the pavement, which may be a trip hazard for blind and partially sighted people and people with restricted mobility. Signage is again limited.

2.2.15 Entrance 15

Entrance 15 is the main north entrance served by a pedestrian controlled crossing and is the key route, with E16, to the shopping centre, car parking and new developments to the north. The entrance is set back and concealed by trees and has limited street presence. The route however is although again there is limited signage and what there is set back within the park and at high level in non-accessible formats.

2.2.16 Entrance 16

Entrance 16 is an important link to the shopping centre and multi-storey car parks. Pavement routes approaching the entrance are too narrow for wheelchair access and pushchairs and dropped kerbs

are inconsistent. The street does provide on street accessible parking potential however. The ramp into the park has a range of gradients from 1:15 and 1:14 to 1:18 over an 8m slope although this is unlikely to pose a substantial barrier to wheelchair users.

2.2.17 Entrance 17

Entrance 17 has a gentle slope into the park and as with other entrances has no signage or site plan.

Recommendations:

E1 - provide signage and consider providing accessible parking if consultation and the parking strategy demonstrate there is a need from this direction;

E2 - develop a signage strategy - all signs are non-accessible and would from a tactile map and details for opening hours etc (refer to later section on signage);

E3 - upgrade the metal barrier for improved wheelchair and double buggy access and level out the gradients;

E4 - consider improving gradients. signage and lighting and the road crossing should further investigations and consultation demonstrate that this is a popular entrance;

E5 - given that this is entrance leads primarily from an industrial area this link may be a low priority and needs to be investigated. Lighting and signage will require improving;

E6 - consider installing and upgrading the dropped kerbs over the vehicle entrance to the sports centre car park for wheelchair users and tactile paving for blind and partially sighted people;

E7 - As a long term objective it would be desirable to calm the along this road with a wide raised table at controlled crossing points to provide a pedestrian priority zone;

E8 - consider aligning the crossing point with the entrance and upgrading the island into a raised table zebra crossing as a minimum;

E9 - remove the low level bollards as they are potential trip hazard for blind and partially sighted people;

E10/11 - consider removing some of the tactile strip to provide a level section through the cycle lane for wheelchair users whilst 800mm deep tactile warning strips are required to warn blind and partially sighted people. Ideally the cycle route should be relocated so it is not crossing pedestrian entrances;

E12 - none;

E13/15 - provide accessible signage;

E14 - provide accessible signage and improve paving slabs;

E16/17 - Investigate into the possibility of on street Blue Badge parking and providing gentler slopes.

General comments:

- An accessible and signage policy will be required as part of the project scope. Tactile site maps would be useful at each entrance and path junction.
- There is a considerable lack of lighting at all entrances. Whilst light pollution needs to be kept to a minimum, the safety levels need to be improved for all users, especially during winter months when light levels drop at 4pm and routes are used by commuters and parents with children.



E14 entrance - uneven paving slabs



E15 - main entrance crossing point



E15 - main entrance



E16 entrance



E16 entrance



E16 entrance - poor dropped kerb provision

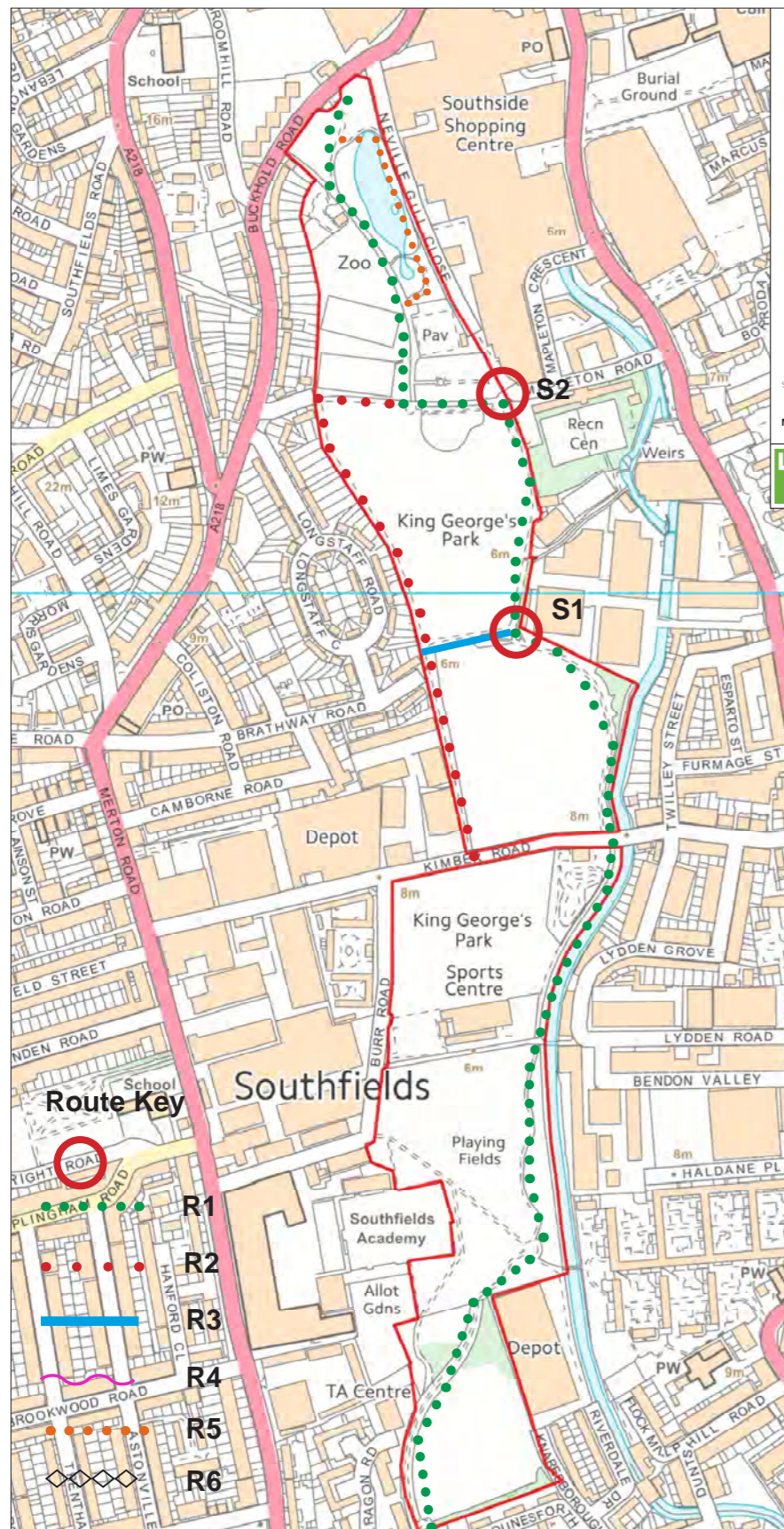


E16 entrance - narrow pavements



E17 entrance

2.3 Path Network



Plan of park showing route (R) references with site boundary line (red)

2.3 Routes

Each route was appraised for its surface quality, camber, seating provision, lighting and legibility.

2.3.1 Route 1

Route 1 is the main spine running north to south through the park. The route on the whole has a good quality surface with no substantial gradients but one of the biggest access issues is the shared cycle route. Cyclists are segregated by a tactile strip in the north half of the park and a faded painted line in the southern half with no tactile which can be hazardous for blind and partially sighted people and children. However, it was observed that where there are segregated paths on the north side, with the approved DfT tactile line, cyclists proceeded at high speed creating collisions with pedestrians who were not necessarily disabled. In other areas the cycle path crosses over entrances (E10, E11 and the nursery) again creating a collision hazard. Seating along the route is sporadic and in places set beyond the path on the grass with no path route for mobility aids or as guidance for blind and partially sighted people. There are pinch points en-route with lampposts restricting passing widths for double buggies and wheelchair users. All routes will require assessing in their width and usage vis-a-vis cyclists.

There is a substantial stepped and ramped link (S1) which requires attention in that the ramp is non-compliant with two 10m spans of with gradients ranging from 1:12 to 1:15. It is normal for a change in excess of 2m to have a lift (ADM1/2) but this would be unsuitable for a parkland setting but the gradients do need to be improved upon for independent wheelchair access. The steps also do not have any highlighted nosings or tactile corduroy warning surface top and bottom for blind and partially sighted people whilst the width exceeds the recommendations for the spans between the handrails.

The ramp for the cyclists and central slope is also potentially dangerous for blind and partially sighted

people in that there is no protection and the low wall at the top of the cyclist's ramp could be a trip hazard. This area is, on the whole, confusing especially for blind and partially sighted people and people with dementia due to the close proximity of 3 ramps and one set of steps and little guidance.

The link between S1 and S2 has a good surface quality but there is no seating provision and the cycle lane is clearly not wide enough. The cross over of cycle lanes from side entry points by pedestrians is potentially dangerous. The proposed LBW/TfL cycle path improvements for the Quietway Project provides an opportunity to increase safety for both pedestrians and cyclists by removing these areas.

The second area (S2) that causes some concern is a busy social hub for the playground and entry into the park. Steps and gradients do not comply in terms of height or contrast, gradients and lack of tactile corduroy warning surfaces. Also, the lack of tactile warning for oblique approaches to cycle routes needs to be resolved, whilst having the DfT approved tactile corduroy for a direct approach is present there is potential confusion for blind and partially sighted people and children.

The path route past the tennis courts to the two northern most entrances (E14 / E15) is good with plenty of seating. There are some steps en-route leading to the tennis courts, which will require attention with regards contrasting step nosings, tactile nosings and handrails. The ramp link to the tennis courts has a range of gradients of 1:24 to 1:36 over an 18 span for a 750mm drop; standards require an interim landing every 500mm rise.

Across the site there are drainage grills with very wide slots and manhole covers that may be trip hazards. Within the rose garden there is no access to seating for wheelchair users with companions.



Route 1 - uneven paving setts from pedestrian route to smooth tarmac



Route 1 - poor segregation and wearing off



Route 1 - seating good but can be improved upon with side transfer zones



Route 1 poor path surface and link to woodland walk (Route 6)



Route 1 - no wayfinding / signage



Route 1 - inconsistent delineation



Route 1 - inconsistent delineation



Route 1 - lampposts restrict widths en-route on pedestrian side



Route 1 - seating set back with no firm path link for mobility aids



Route 1 - inconsistent and confusing delineation



Route 1 - steep slopes for cyclists but no warning for blind and partially sighted people



Route 1 - low level wall a trip hazard for blind and partially sighted people

Route 1 Recommendations:

- Future refurbishments present an opportunity to widen path surfaces where shared with cyclists. It would be desirable to investigate into having a segregated path for cyclists, which could be delineated with low level vegetation and kept away from entrances and crossovers where possible. Such segregation could then also minimise pedestrian 'drift' into the cycle lanes. It is understood that Wandsworth Council conducted a 10 year public enquiry on desegregation and an assessment was undertaken by Sustrans 6-7 years ago. Further discussion is required about segregating cyclist paths from pedestrian on primary commuter routes with reference to the Quietway Project.
- The areas around S1 and S2 require improving for safety and not just access.
- There is currently poor provision of seating in the southern side of the site and between S1 and S2 steps. Seating ideally should be provided every 50m for people with restricted mobility and, if not directly next to the path, to have a path link for wheelchair access.
- There is a lack of lighting on primary path routes. Low level light bollards would assist blind and partially sighted people.
- If the opportunity presents itself, the gradients at entrances E3/E4 and E16/E17 could be improved upon.
- Grills and manhole covers require replacing and resetting across the site.
- The Council will need to ensure that maintenance schedules collect leaf falls on paths during autumn months to minimise slip hazards. This may also have some impact on species in the future.



Route 1 - gradients are non-compliant and poorly managed for leaf clearance.



Route 1 - step nosings not highlighted, no tactile floor surfaces and central handrail required.



Route 1 - seating set back from path with no access



Route 1 - side on approach to cycle lanes from park - insufficient segregation



Route 1 - feathered steps and ramps



Route 1 - no tactile warnings for feathered steps and contrast poor on nosings



Route 1 - wide grating slots



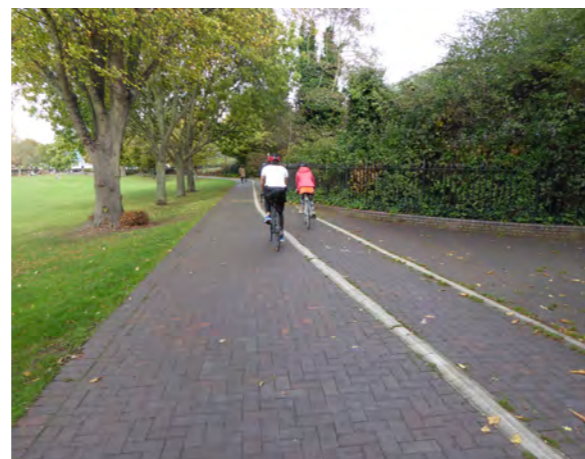
Route 1 - rose garden - no access to seating for wheelchair users with companions



Route 1 - tennis courts - no handrails, contrasting step nosings or tactile paving



Route 1 - cycle path narrows - poor maintenance



Route 1 - narrow cycle path - spill over of usage



Route 1 - pedestrians required to cross over cyclists passing at high speed and tactiles insufficient



Route 1 - no tactile warnings on steps and poor step nosing definition



Route 1 - trip hazard from raised manhole covers



Route 1 - grill slots are too wide in gratings - can catch and break white guidance canes



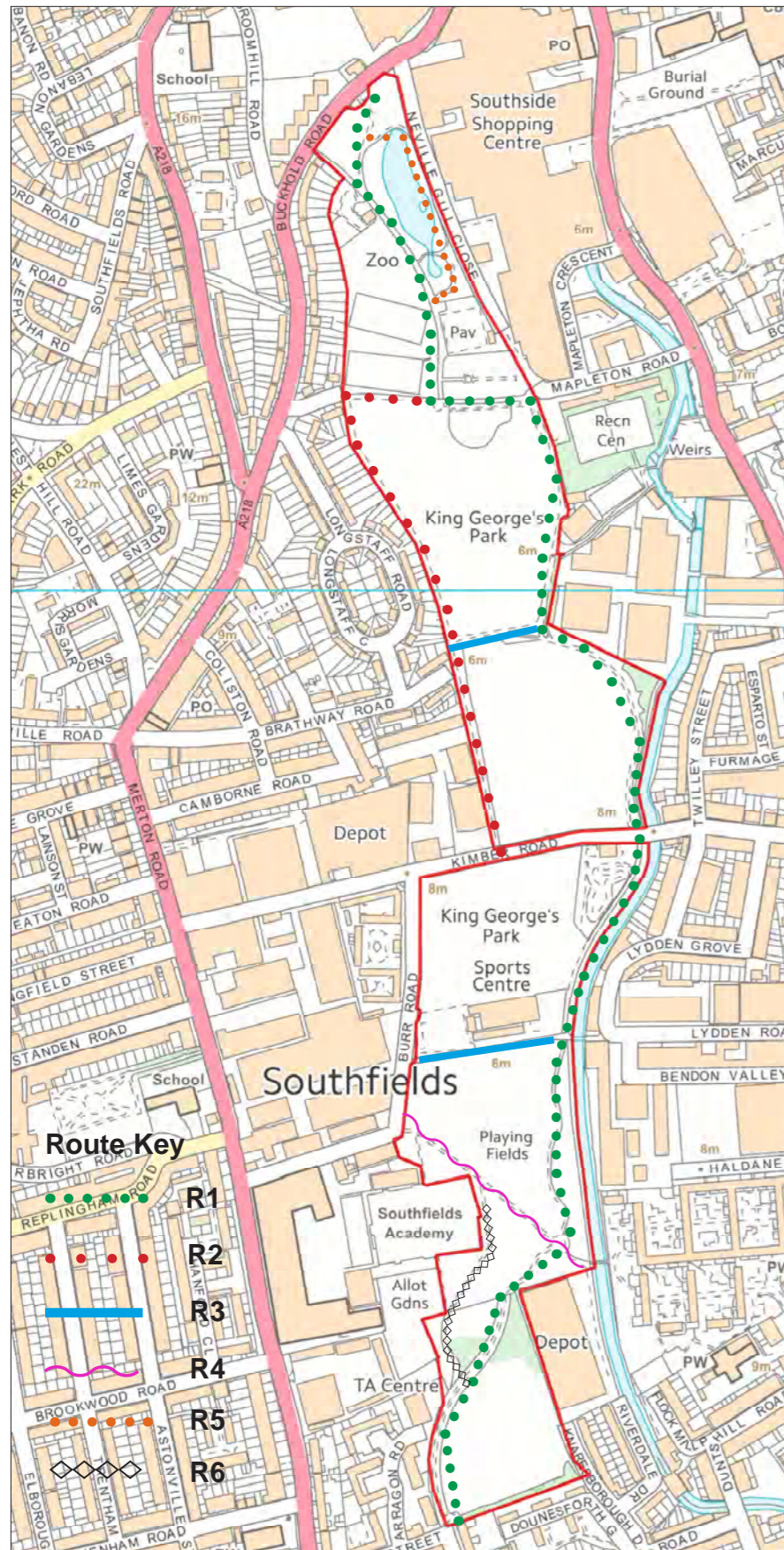
Route 1 - good surface and seating provision



Route 1 - rose garden has reasonable access



Route 1 - ramp to tennis courts



2.3.2 Route 2

Route 2 forms a short link along the western edge of the park. It has good path surface and width along its western edge and is not a formal shared cycle route apart from where it meets at entrance E13 to link back in with route 1. Here the route switches to a shared cycle route and there are some trip hazards with tree root disturbance and inspection covers.

2.3.3 Route 3

The route 3 links traverse across the park between routes 1 and 2. Both are adequate in terms of path surface and width and would not be a high priority for seating locations as they do not provide good views and are short distances. Lighting appears to be minimal.

2.3.4 Route 4

Route 4 cuts diagonally across the south section of the park. It is wide and has good sightlines although lighting and seating is non-existent. However, this may not be a high priority depending on the level of usage of this route.

Route 2,3,4 Recommendations:

- Repair paving around tree root disturbance and service covers ideally should not with tactile paving.
- Review lighting provision along routes.
- Provide seating every 50m.



Route 2- access to playing fields



Route 2- good path surface and widths



Route 2- low wall can provide perch points en-route - long gaps between seating



Route 2- seating good and set back from route with space alongside for wheelchair users



Route 2- some seating missing



Route 2- junctions require signage and a tactile map



Route 2- some drainage grills may require resetting



Route 2 - spill over of usage



Route 3 - trip hazards



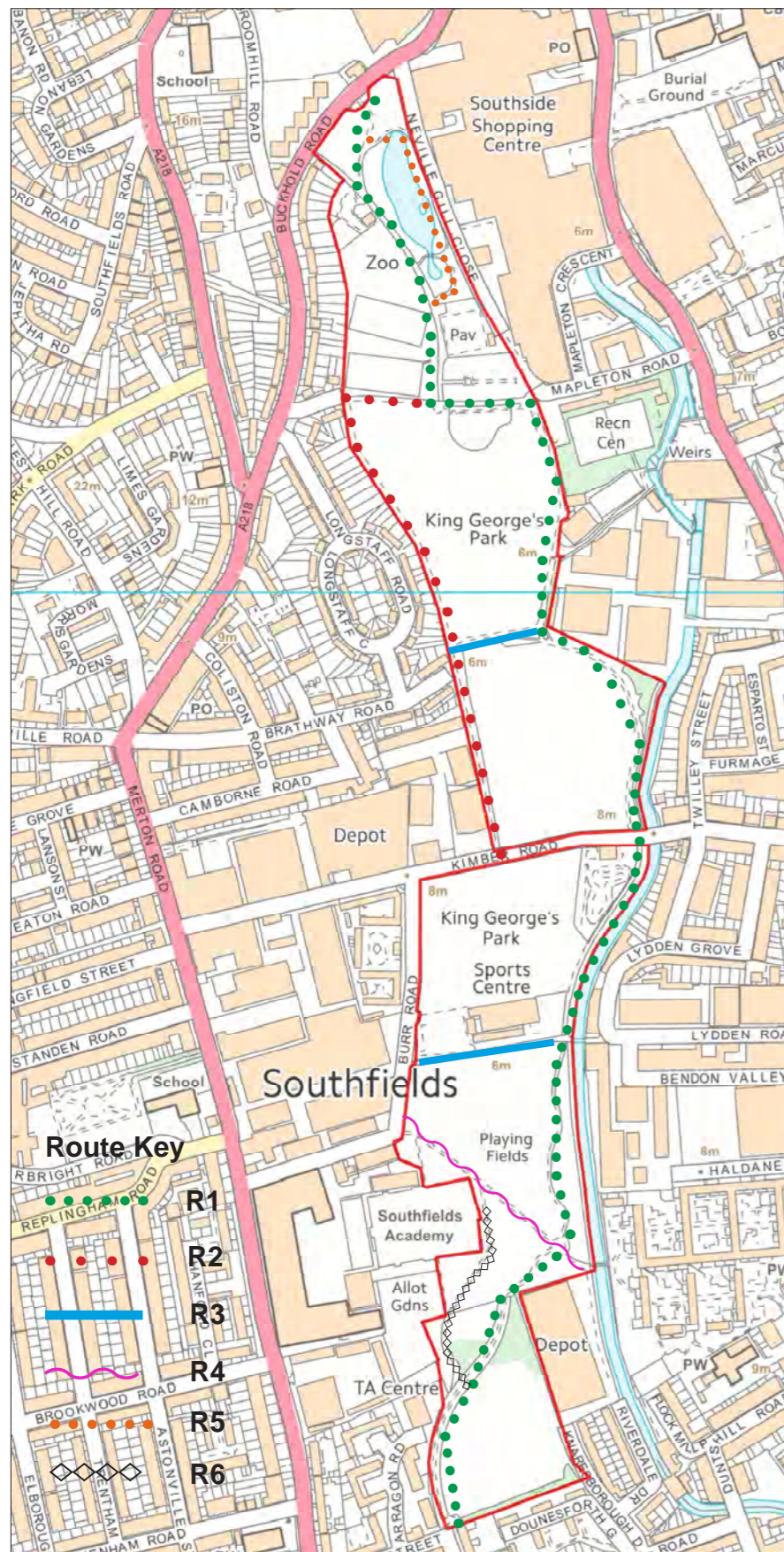
Route 3 - trip hazards



Route 3- link to Route 1



Route 4 - good path surface but no seating or lighting



2.3.5 Route 5

Route 5 links the three northern entrances around the water features. The path surface quality and width is adequate but undulates quite steeply in places. Whilst it could be argued that the path could be levelled out there are other level access routes into the park that provide a good level of access and can be avoided. If, however, this route is deemed to be an important link with the shopping centre and the multi-storey car park this may need to be reviewed.

2.3.6 Route 6

Route 6 is a woodland walk leading from route 1 and links up with the back of the allotments. The path surface through the walk is reasonable but the link from route 1 is poor with a raised kerb edge preventing wheelchair access. The path to the rear of the allotments just requires maintaining to prevent slip hazards from moss growth.

Route 5 and 6 Recommendations:

- Undertake consultation to examine the levels of usage of route 5 bearing in mind this is a link to the shopping centre and multi storey car park. Gradients may need to be adjusted to accommodate wheelchair users independently.
- Remove or lower the kerb edge into the woodland walk to enable wheelchair access for route 6.



Route 5 - poor signage but gentle gradient



Route 5 - seating en-route may be beneficial



Route 5 - poor signage - location map?



Route 5 - steeper routes but there are alternatives



Route 6 - poor surfaces and raised kerb edge



Route 6 - poor surfaces for wheelchair access

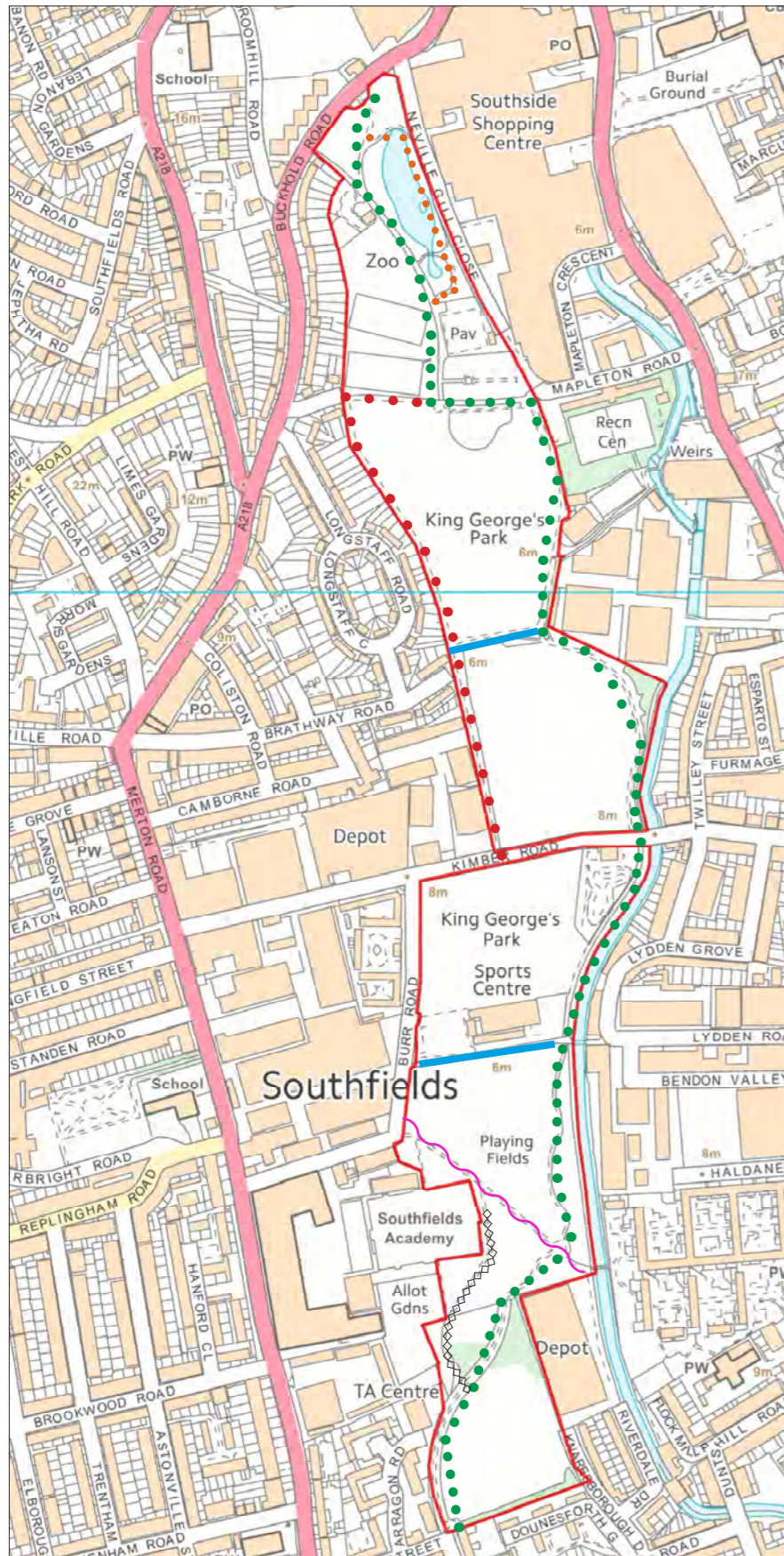


Route 6 - poor surfaces for wheelchair access



Route 6 - poor maintenance (slip hazards with moss growth)

2.4 Facilities and W



2.4.1 Facilities

The park appears to have good play equipment and access but no provision for children who are wheelchair users. One set of tennis courts are accessible with sloped access although the kiosk has a high level counter and no hearing aid induction loop.

There is no WC provision in the park as the nearest WCs are either in the shopping centre or sports centre in the middle of the park.

Picnic benches are set in the with no wheelchair access whilst outdoor sports equipment is scattered randomly across the park and is hard to and non-accessible to wheelchair users.

2.4.2 Wayfinding

Signage on the whole is poor, at high level and in non-accessible formats with no map of the site or details of facilities or opening hours.

2.4.3 Dog spend areas

There are dog litter bins throughout the park but a formal dog spend area could be provided, which would greatly help people with assistance dogs, particularly blind and partially sighted people. The park has dog exclusion zones but these are not clear from signage. However, assistance dogs cannot be excluded from these areas in compliance with the Equality Act.

Recommendations:

- In the long term visitors to the park would from WC access as there is none in the vicinity and the park is heavily used. The tennis kiosk provides the best location for an accessible WC as it can be monitored and maintained. Some discussion will be required as to whether a Changing Places facility is required. During events Portaloos will be required for extra capacity.
- An accessible and signage policy will be required. Tactile site maps would be useful at each entrance and path junctions where route decisions have to be made.
- Ideally at least one accessible picnic bench and solid path route needs to be provided.
- As part of the park strategy the outdoor sports equipment could be amalgamated into one central position with accessible features.
- Consider providing a dog spend area.



Sports equipment is scattered and hard to find



Opportunities for accessible WC



Picnic benches are not wheelchair accessible



Original signage



Original signage



Signage is at high level and non-accessible



Arched signage is a good landmark feature



Signage is at high level and non-accessible



No park signage



Main entrance requires a higher profile with accessible signage and tactile maps



Signage is set back into the park and at high level

Appendix 1 | References for inclusive design

A1.1 Legislation

Equality Act 2010

The Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') combines and supersedes previous separate discrimination legislation (including the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 as amended ('the DDA') and the disability discrimination provisions of SENDA 2001 for England, Wales and Scotland. People are protected from discrimination and harassment based on 'protected characteristics'; victimising anyone as a result of action taken in connection with the Act is also unlawful. There are nine protected characteristics under the Act which have levels of protection depending on the context (such as employment, provision of goods and services or the provision of education). This Access Statement focuses on the protected characteristic of disability; the of disability is essentially the same as under the DDA.

The types of discrimination that can arise in relation to disability are:

- Direct disability discrimination;
- Indirect disability discrimination;
- Treating disabled people unfavourably because of something arising in consequence of their disability without and
- A failure to make reasonable adjustments for disabled people ('the RA duty'). The RA duty works in ways depending on who requests the reasonable adjustments to be made, for example an employee or a member of the public.

The Act also provides protection for people who are treated less favourably because of their relationship with a disabled person (such as a carer) or for people treated less favourably because they are mistakenly believed to be disabled. A disabled person can always

be treated more favourably than a non-disabled person.

If an employer is a listed public authority (such as a local authority) they will be subject to the public sector equality duty. If the employer is not a public authority but carries out a public function as part of its work, it will be covered by the general part of the equality duty in relation to the exercise of that function.

The public sector equality duty seeks to promote equality from within an organisation and the general duty requires the organisation to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not; and
- Foster good relations between persons who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

Due regard must be given to these three aims when undertaking procurement and to comply with procurement law, consideration must be given to the extent to which equality considerations are relevant and proportionate to the subject matter of the contract.

Most of the listed public authorities are also subject to the duty (which operates slightly in England and Wales). This involves reporting requirements to demonstrate compliance with the three aims of the general duty. The public sector equality duties are relevant both to the design and the management of the built environment.

The Reasonable Adjustment Duty and specific building provisions

The Equality Act does not contain any requirements for the built environment and therefore has no relevance to 'compliance' in respect of physical building standards.

Statutory Consents

When considering a reasonable adjustment to a physical feature, the Act does not override the need to obtain consents such as planning permission, building regulations approval, listed building consent, scheduled monument consent and regulations. If the consent is not given, there is still a duty to consider a reasonable means of avoiding the feature.

- Planning Act 2008, HMSO, 2008
- Disability Discrimination Act 2005, HMSO, 2005
- The Chronically Sick and Disabled Persons Act 1970, Department of Health, 1970
- Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

Building Regulations

Building Regulations 2010

- **Approved Document B (Fire safety) – Volume 2 - Buildings other than dwellinghouses** (2006 edition incorporating 2010 and 2013 amendments)
- **Approved Document K - Protection from falling, collision and impact**, HMSO, 2013.
- **Approved Document M (Access to and use of buildings) – Volume 2: Building other than dwellings**, HMSO, 2015 edition;

It is essential to understand that the Regulations require Building Control approval. The Regulations make clear that designs other than those shown in the document can be approved if they are as being equally or more Approval confers acceptance that the building meets all reasonable standards in respect of physical access for disabled people with regard to the Equality Act.

A1.2 Policy

National Planning Policy

- **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)**, Department for Communities and Local Government, 2012

The NPPF states that all developments should be designed to be inclusive and that this should be addressed by local policies. It also advises that local planning authorities should assess their housing requirements by considering the needs of the groups in the community including children, older people and disabled people.

- **Town and Country Planning** (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015, Article 9

Regional Policy and Guidance

- **The London Plan incorporating the Further Alterations to the London Plan (FALP)**, Mayor of London, March 2015
- **Draft Further Alterations to the London Plan, the Spatial Development Strategy for Greater London**, Mayor of London, January 2014

The London Plan (2011) comprises the development plan at the regional level. Relevant policies relating to access and design standards are summarised in the Residential Standards section below.

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A1.4 Terminology

Road network

An inclusive road network comprises a hierarchy of vehicular roads from primary roads, with a high level of traffic, to tertiary roads, quieter streets with limited traffic, as follows:

- Primary roads have vehicular traffic, including buses;
- Secondary roads have lower levels of vehicular traffic and have no bus routes; and
- Tertiary roads are designed to give greater priority to pedestrians. They are designed as shared spaces and the vehicular traffic is expected to be limited.

Setting-down points

Setting-down points are designated places, on the main carriageway, where taxis and other vehicles can stop for a short time to allow their passengers to get into or out of the vehicle.

They will need both a kerb to facilitate a ramp stored in a vehicle such as a black cab and a dropped level to provide access to the pavement from other vehicles.

Accessible routes

Accessible routes are pedestrian routes that are inclusive and designed to be accessible by everyone. These are categorised into two types: primary accessible routes and secondary accessible routes, as follows:

- Primary accessible routes are the most direct and convenient accessible pedestrian routes linking transport, buildings, public open spaces and other key facilities such as including accessible vertical circulation points, crossings; and
- Secondary accessible routes generally have similar features to Primary accessible routes but are less prominent and will be used by smaller numbers of people.

Shared streets and spaces

Shared space is a way of enhancing a street's sense of place while maintaining its ability to accommodate vehicular movement (as defined in LTN 1/11 DFT 2011). Shared spaces can either have small kerbs (50-60mm) between the vehicular and pedestrian zones or have level surfaces with tactile edges.

Level surface

A street surface with no level to segregate pedestrians from vehicular (as in LTN 1/11 DFT 2011).

Comfort space or 'safe zone'

A segregated area of the street or pavement, usually in kerb-free areas, for pedestrian use only where vehicles, including bicycles, are not present or allowed.

Slopes

Slopes are usually longer and than ramps with a gradient of 1:21 maximum and rest landings for changes of level of 500mm or more. Handrails are not required on slopes.

Sanitary facilities for public use

Sanitary facilities for public use include public WCs, accessible WCs, baby changing and Changing Places.

Changing Places

Changing Places are combined toilet, shower and changing facilities for use by people with complex and multiple disabilities who require the help of up to two assistants. They should be provided in places where visitors are expected to spend longer periods of time or in buildings where public services are provided, for instance in community buildings.

RADAR Keys

These are keys for locks to accessible WCs in the public realm to minimise abuse from non-disabled users and vandalism. Keys have to be purchased or can be held on loan.

Blue Badge parking bays

An accessible parking bay designated for use by Blue Badge holders only. Blue Badges are issued by the local authority and are subject to varying regulations.

Accessible car parking bays

An accessible car parking bay is a bay designed with a width, length and transfer zone as in Approved Document M (Volume 2).

Family parking bays

Family parking bays are designated for use by family groups or for variations, for example a designated mother and baby parking space.