

# RESPONSE TO THE 2020 PARKS USER SURVEY

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# Parks: User Satisfaction Survey 2020

## Response to Comments

Because of Covid-19 restrictions it was not felt appropriate to carry out face-to-face surveys for 2020. Instead the survey was put online and publicised as widely as possible. The survey ran between 24 August and 2 November 2020, with 1,120 surveys completed, covering 45 parks and open spaces. This represents well over half of all the sites Lambeth manages. The survey report is available online at: <https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/leisure-parks-and-libraries/parks>. Overall, 90% of respondents said that they were satisfied with Lambeth's parks.

Feedback from users constitutes vital information to help ensure we are providing a good quality service and meeting the needs of residents. This report provides a response to the user feedback given, with a focus on the answers given to the question of what we can do better.

The first section addresses the core areas which users were asked to assess and details what action, if any, we are planning to take for those sites where more than 10 per cent of respondents gave a grading of Poor or Very Poor. To avoid skewed data from low sample sizes we have excluded sites with less than 10 responses.

The second section lists all of the additional comments provided through the survey, by park; as well as a response which attempts to address the main themes.

*S106 refers to money secured from developers after planning permission is granted, as a contribution to local infrastructure*

## ***Horticulture: quality of trees, plants and grass (89% satisfaction)***

68% of respondents (1,106 responses) classed horticulture as Excellent or Good, with 21% satisfied, 9% considering it to be Poor and 3% classing it as Very Poor. As such there are no significant concerns over service provision, however there is always room for improvement. The table below covers those five parks where more than 10% of users felt that the quality of horticulture was Poor/Very Poor; and lists the actions we are planning to improve this area.

<b>Park</b>	<b>Poor/Very Poor</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Larkhall Park	34%	Ring-fenced funding has been secured for Larkhall Park and a substantial amount of this is being used to fund dedicated staff for the park including a Gardener and Horticultural Apprentice. These officers are being recruited at present and will make a transformational difference to the management of horticulture within the park. The current capital programme has seen the raised bed beside the café completely re-planted and a programme of tree works took place during January. A comprehensive re-working of the Southville entrance is planned and proposed designs are currently out to consultation. These include several new horticultural features. A re-vamp of the four wildflower meadows is planned for later in 2021 and this will include extending them to create brand new vibrant meadows
Slade Gardens	33%	Slade Gardens has benefitted from extensive capital works recently including lots of new tree-planting. Almost all of the horticultural management is undertaken by the Friends, to a high standard, so the results are surprising. The Development Officer covering Slade Gardens will lead on examining what might have led to this and possible solutions. Slade Gardens attained Green Flag Award for the first time in 2020 and part of the criteria is good horticultural management
Clapham Common	29%	Clapham Common by its nature is open grassland and woodland so there is limited scope for horticultural improvements. The council is working closely with stakeholder groups including Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee and Friends of Clapham Common to increase tree cover on the common. The perceived poor-quality grass areas are down to the high footfall during lockdown and unauthorised sports use – we have seen a number of new running routes appear that have caused compaction. We will be developing a recovery plan for the common and are having an independent assessment of sports pitches undertaken

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Agnes Riley Gardens	17%	Capital works are planned for the park, which is likely to include some horticultural elements
Norwood Park	11%	As part of a Lottery funded project, we are working with the Friends to refresh the raised planters in the café and pergola gardens with “plants for pollinators”

## ***Level of cleanliness and maintenance (83% satisfaction)***

62% of respondents (1,116 responses) classed cleanliness and maintenance as Excellent or Good, with 21% satisfied, 11% considering it to be Poor and 4% classing it as Very Poor. As such there are no significant concerns over service provision, however there is always room for improvement. The table below covers those seven parks where more than 10% of users felt that the quality of horticulture was Poor/Very Poor; and lists the actions we are planning to improve this area.

<b>Park</b>	<b>Poor/Very Poor</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Larkhall Park	34%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness
Clapham Common	28%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness
Agnes Riley Gardens	25%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness
Slade Gardens	25%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness
Norwood Park	19%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness
Streatham Common	17%	We do have a Park Attendant based on Streatham Common and we know from stakeholders that he keeps the Common maintained at a high level of cleanliness. We are in the process of implementing some operational changes which will make the litter operation more efficient, and this should improve levels of cleanliness. An additional maintenance regime has been put in place for the new play area because of the high levels of wear on the new equipment
Myatt's Fields Park	13%	Additional supervisory visits will be undertaken to monitor the standards of cleanliness

## Quality of play facilities (82% satisfaction)

61% of respondents (661 responses) classed play areas as Excellent or Good, with 21% satisfied, 13% considering provision to be Poor and 5% classing it as Very Poor. As such there are no significant concerns over service provision, however there is always room for improvement. The table below covers those seven parks where more than 10% of users felt that the quality of play provision was Poor/Very Poor; and lists the actions we are planning to improve this area.

Park	Poor/Very Poor	Actions
Agnes Riley Gardens	30%	Just prior to the survey being undertaken we completed a £50,000 upgrade of the play area. S106 funding has been secured to complete a full refurbishment and this will be commissioned in spring 2021
Larkhall Park	25%	As part of the current capital programme a range of improvements have been completed at both play areas, some of which were completed after this survey was undertaken. The Partnership Board for the park has agreed a substantial extension of the main play area and this has been incorporated into the Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 with funding provisionally allocated The Friends of Larkhall Park are leading on preliminary work to start planning the look of the extension
Norwood Park	24%	Some small-scale improvements have been undertaken recently, but the play area is in need of a complete refurbishment. This has been included within the proposed Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025, with funding provisionally allocated
Clapham Common	23%	The main play area has just been completely re-designed, with the works completed early in 2021. A range of improvements have also been made to the smaller play area. Replacing the paddling pool with a modern wet-play area is the next capital investment priority for the Common, and funding has been provisionally allocated
Hillside Gardens Park	22%	The current capital works include a significant overhaul of the play area and the works should be complete by summer 2021
Ruskin Park	14%	It is acknowledged that play facilities are in need of a major overhaul. The new masterplan for the park proposes a major extension to the existing play area and a refresh of the existing equipment. This has been included within the proposed Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 with funding provisionally allocated and is a top priority for the park's Partnership Board

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Vauxhall Park	11%	As part of the recently completed capital works the playground has been completely replaced, following extensive consultation as to the preferred equipment
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## ***Personal safety and security (89% satisfaction)***

67% of respondents (1,104 responses) classed personal safety and security as Excellent or Good, with 22% satisfied, 7% considering safety to be Poor and 4% classing it as Very Poor. As such there are no significant concerns over service provision, however there is always room for improvement. The table below covers those five parks where more than 10% of users felt that personal safety and security was Poor/Very Poor; and lists the actions we are planning to improve this issue.

<b>Park</b>	<b>Poor/Very Poor</b>	<b>Actions</b>
Slade Gardens	41%	The Parks service has no enforcement remit or capabilities and relies on the Council's Public Protection team. Parks have funded one of the Partnership Plus police officers seconded to Lambeth and pre-Covid the intention was that this team would undertake a number of operations to improve enforcement capacity within parks. This will be realised once Covid issues settle down. In addition, the Council's Safer Spaces project includes an objective to make public open space safer for all users and this should lead to more targeted interventions to address crime and anti-social behaviour, Lambeth working in partnership with Safer Neighbourhood Teams and local ward panels. We encourage residents to report ASB via Lambeth's website; and to report crime to the police. This information will assist in terms of identifying locations to prioritise for enforcement patrols and action
Larkhall Park	32%	
Norwood Park	21%	
Clapham Common	15%	
Hillside Gardens Park	12%	

## Quality of toilet facilities (46% satisfaction)

In contrast to the other sections of the survey, only 17% of respondents (671 responses) feel toilet facilities are Excellent or Good, with 29% satisfied; 30% considering them to be Poor and 23% classing them as Very Poor. This is clearly a key area where work is needed to raise user satisfaction. The table below covers those nine parks where more than ten per cent of users feel that toilet facilities are Poor/Very Poor and lists the specific actions we have taken recently, or will be taking, to address this.

Park	Poor/Very Poor	Actions
Clapham Common	60%	Improvements to the children's toilets within the main play area were recently completed as part of the current capital programme. Improvements to the main toilets at Windmill Drive have been identified within the proposed Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 and are planned for 2021/22
Norwood Park	40%	Improvements to the toilets have been identified within the proposed Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025, with funding provisionally allocated
Streatham Common	40%	We have recently undertaken enhancement work to both sets of toilets
Brockwell Park	36%	Since the survey was undertaken, we have completed an extensive refurbishment of the play area toilets. Our Round 2 bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for restoration of Brockwell Hall has been successful and this will include new public toilets at the stable block, replacing and expanding the existing provision
Kennington Park	34%	The toilets have been closed for long periods, sometimes in response to requests by the police, due to vandalism and excessive anti-social behaviour. We are close to finalising the new Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 and this includes Kennington Park as one of the priority sites, with substantial funding allocated. The scope of work includes a full replacement of the existing public toilets. It is also planned to provide access to the toilets on the exterior of the old one o'clock club to sports groups using the extension
Ruskin Park	29%	We are close to finalising the new Parks Capital Investment Plan 2020-2025 and this includes Ruskin Park as one of the priority sites, with substantial funding allocated. The scope of work includes refurbishing the existing public toilets, with those in the play area being prioritised. It is also planned to open up the disabled toilet as soon as possible
Hillside Gardens Park	26%	The current capital works include a refurbishment of the toilets and this should be undertaken early in 2021

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Myatt's Fields Park	19%	The park has two sets of relatively new toilets. We will work with Myatt's Fields Park Project to increase monitoring and cleansing as part of the new management agreement
Archbishop's Park	15%	A new toilet block was recently installed as part of the new sports centre. We will clarify the cleansing and monitoring regime with our contractor Greenwich Leisure Limited and undertake inspections ourselves on a regular basis

## Response to other comments provided

Some of the comments received related to parks in Southwark or those that are not managed by Lambeth's Parks team. These have been redirected to the appropriate land managers wherever possible.

<b>Agnes Riley Gardens - comments</b>
Better encouragement for the sports / football player to clean up after themselves. All too often the pitch is littered with left over plastic bottles - Toilets seem rather unpleasant; cold, dirty and smelly - There was recently some new playground rides added which are great, but there is an empty patch where an old slide once used to be. It would be lovely for something new to go here - for the older kids Overall a nice park / playground
Community garden needs attentions. For ten years prior to 2015 it was kept beautifully, safe for toddlers etc, but since 2015 it has fallen into an appalling state. The Council should step in if those charged with looking after the space can no longer manage it.
Conscious that we are lucky to have them & they are great resource, but concerned in Agnes Riley that community garden needs help with repairs- fence etc. Also non- availability of the toilets is a problem both there & on Clapham Common
More interaction with Friends Groups - perhaps some volunteering events?
Put toilets
Really good effort all round. User friendly. Fantastic space for inner city breathing space. Thank you !!!
This is in reference to Agnes Riley specifically. There hasn't been much in the way of updating the playground in a long time. I'd like to see more sensory or inclusive play areas for children with mobility and balance challenges. The paddling pool has not been filled in over 3 years which is a shame. If it is not going to be used can the space be converted into a ground level trampoline or something similar? The water/rock play area has been left to overgrow and there is no water left. Also it is lovely to see the football pitch in constant use but the state the grounds are left in afterwards is disgusting.
We should have toilet facilities or open a cafe parents happy to buy a coffee or tea and use toilet facilities. It would be nice
<b>Response</b>
<i>Ward councillors secured a substantial sum of planning gain money which will be used to improve the park, with the play area being a priority. At least one set of toilets will be re-opened during 2021. The Friends have funded re-opening of the paddling pool, but were not able to operate it during 2020 because of Covid restrictions. The comments regarding the Community Garden will be raised with the Friends and an updated licence for use of the space will be put in place in the near future. Litter within the sports courts will be a difficult issue to tackle as the facilities are free to use and we do not have staff on site. Due to a number of issues with the use of these facilities, their management is being reviewed.</i>
<b>Archbishop's Park - comments</b>
Adults and especially young children using bicycles at speed- waiting a serious accident - on a circular path that is not wide enough to be safe use by both pedestrians + cyclists at same time
Dealing with the homeless who camp out in tents - issues are reported by local staff but nothing happens.
Ensure 24/7 toilet facilities are clean and accessible and safe.
Have a few shops on site
Help them more with quality of some if grassed areas and stopping rough sleepers
I am reluctant to be too critical given the difficult financial situation the Council faces. The cleanliness is generally good, as is the maintenance of the grass, but the standard of care of trees and shrubs is poor. The work that is done on the latter often reveals a lack of knowledge and skill, and of course this work is very labour-intensive.
I genuinely don't know. Archbishops is a lovely park. Those who look after it are conscientious and friendly. A little gem.
I'm retired, I find cyclists unsettle me while I'm walking, especially in Kennington Park which I also walk in a few times a week.

I've been living overseas for 5 years and just returned. Archbishops Park is much better - play and sports facilities both improved. Park is much better used now too. Improvements? Brighter flower beds / more planting. Also put pressure on Council to clean up entrance/ Carlisle Lane. Thank you!
In the summer open a little earlier for early morning running
It would be good to hard crow-proof bins, as they often spread rubbish from bins across the park. More regular litter-picking, and increased horticultural maintenance would also be good.
No toilet at Archbishop park.
Not allow blatantly commercial activities again such as the zip wire in Archbishop's Park, which is noisy, polluting, space-grabbing, damaging to the park environment, and to the ethos of what a park should be, i.e. a tranquil place for relaxation, etc.
Open the toilets. Problem with dogs off leads. Please note I use many parks but you limited my response to one. I also use doorstep green, pedlars' park, Vauxhall Park, Vauxhall pleasure gardens and Kennington park and would visit a park most days
Possibly late afternoon rubbish collection/emptying bins during summer to avoid the foxes etc getting into the rubbish over night.
Reduce litter and plastic; better paths; less tarmac; look after the grassed areas better; eliminate dog mess
Stop the sleepers, find somewhere more suitable.
To increase friends and volunteers...we have so enjoyed visiting a lot of parks during CoVid and more money should go to these wonderful very precious spaces. Thank you for your efforts but there is always more room for services, planting, rubbish collecting etc.
Toilet provision is obviously a priority at present. However, in general the parks are a joy and have been crucial to our wellbeing and physical fitness during the pandemic.
Toilets
<b>Response</b>
<i>Inconsiderate cycling is an issue at several parks, but almost impossible to enforce against. We are trialling new signage in Brockwell Park which is likely to be rolled out to other parks and a sub-group of the Lambeth Parks Forum is examining other ways to address the issue. The park does have relatively new toilets within the changing room block, but these did have to close for periods due to Covid. We are aiming to open a small café within the park, but this is more complicated than at other parks because Lambeth is not the landowner. In terms of rough sleepers, we follow a process with the Council's rough sleeper team to allow time for outreach workers to engage with the individuals and make all possible effort to fund them accommodation, before moving them on.</i>
<b>Brockwell Park - comments</b>
1) Invest in large wheelie bins during peak summer months so that existing small bins are not overwhelmed with rubbish. 2) Actually enforce speed limits for cyclists and e-scooters that endanger the lives of walkers and their dogs.
1. You could have more recycling bins as they are often overflowing. 2. Consider putting in more water fountains that have both a high point for humans and a bottom bowl for dogs. 3. Consider putting in carousels for exiting Park after closing at all entrances so people don't get locked in and have to walk back to lido 4. Consider changing lighting in Park to solar power. May be initial cost but long term savings and better for the environment 5. You should look into 'big Bertha bins' for rubbish and recycling used in Ireland, as these would prevent excess rubbish being blown around the park. 6. Consider having rubbish pickers and bags at each entrance so users can help keep park clean Just my thoughts, but I do love the park and the staff are all very friendly and helpful too!
A dog free area in Brockwell Park similar to that in Ruskin Park and many other open spaces in the Borough. It is impossible to sunbathe or picnic in Brockwell Park for long without being disturbed by a dog.
A dog-free area for adults and children to sunbathe and enjoy picnics without disturbance from dogs. More table tennis tables. More park benches
A lot less noisy events - and I don't just mean in Brockwell Park. I hope you charge the damn circuses a fortune, but it would be better if they barely came at all.
Add a skate park
As the parks are being used more by members of the public then a greater number of portaloos at various locations would be beneficial

Ban diesel vehicle from crisscrossing and polluting the park. Start fining people with dangerous dogs that are not with a muzzle and not on a leash as well as good owners who do not clean after their dogs. Ban anti social drinking next to where children play.
Ban dogs unless on leads. Ban picnics. More rubbish bins. More enforcement.
Ban inconsiderate and speed cycling on the paved walkways
Ban petrol/diesel ice cream vans (or at least ban them from idling). Support any further efforts to make the park more friendly for wildlife.
Before covid-19 the toilet facilities were really awful, i can only imagine the that this has not improved. Please improve the toilet facilities massively and have them cleaned regularly Also I found on especially on a Saturday morning the 'park run' runners were very inconsiderate of other park users and make it horrible to walk through the park. During Covid- 19 i haven't been to the park as much as i would normally due the park being busy and social distancing not really being adhered to. at the moment I'm resided to not using the park as i have a garden. I think the park is key for those without outdoor space at the moment.
Better and more toilets
Better quality Cafe in Brockwell Park. It serves very unappetising, unhealthy food, and is incredible how it has remained so bad so bad for so many years.
Better recycling bins near exit by park gates to encourage day trippers to bin bottles etc - you could turn these into green sculptures or something creative to look nice
Better toilet and baby changing facilities
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Better toilets
Bigger bins for rubbish - although you are awesome at regular cleaning. More labels on the plants and trees, so that we learn about the species.
Bigger bins; vermin proof. More to promote wildlife eg house sparrows, frogs
Bin emptying at busy times (Frequency rather than excessive number of additional bins - the extra 1100 eurobins are fine if carefully placed & re-cycling works only works when all bins are regularly emptied
Bins better plants in pond in walled garden
Bins could be emptied a bit more often at busy times
Brockwell closes too early so getting harder to fit a run in in the evening. Why does it have to close when the commons don't? Water play is never on for some reason. Has been on once or twice during COVID so this can't be why.
Brockwell is a treasure but it's sadly now time to give it more official protection . XR camp (illegal), Park Run (of 600 people each Saturday) and its slow evolution into a bicycle/electric scooter circuit is starting to impact on the right of all to enjoy the park in their own way. It's time to sponsor some official park rangers again.
Brockwell park badly needs additional basketball courts. The existing one is often monopolised by teams for training, and on nice days there's rarely enough room for non-contact games in small groups, which is really the only safe way to play during the pandemic.
Brockwell Park could use more frequent rubbish collection. Often when I run there in the mornings, the bins are overflowing. Other than that I LOVE Brockwell Park--certainly the best park in London and probably in the world!!!
Brockwell park is a big park and if there's not alot of people around you can feel unsafe.
Cafe at playground Improve services/look of Brockwell Hall Better toilets
Check security more stop electric scooters and fast cycling
Clean more the park after week ends
Cleaner and better maintained toilets. Better enforced bin/litter policy. Sadly, people just dump their rubbish by the bins instead of taking it home.
Cleaner toilets , supply of soap and refers of toilets.
Cleaner toilets. Bmx club and track make Brockwell park special. Even better would be to have floodlights for them. And for hard football pitch just below BMX track. Thank you.
Cleaner, better maintained toilet facilities and a bigger, better cafe.
Cleaning up rubbish

Collect the rubbish at the end of the day (instead of the next day) so as to avoid letting foxes spread the rubbish over a large area at night.
Comparatively I think Lambeth parks are the best in London. There is usually some trash, but that is because of Covid and the extra use of the parks and not enough bins. The bathrooms are terrible and need to be better cleaned, spray with bleach. I have to let my toddler use the bushes as the last time I tried to use the bathroom someone was using drugs in it. Overall I think the park is great and I am thankful it has so many activities available.
Control cycling and ban all electrical bikes, skateboards, scooters and monocycles plus childrens electric cars.
Coordinate with TFL to address new zebra crossing upgrade at Rosendale Road exit. Has encouraged cars to speed up and often ignore crossing. Cyclists also come through gates at high speed. Very dangerous.
Could do with wood tables and benches to meet friends for a bite
Cycle paths, recycle rubbish bins, refill water Stations with recycled dog water tray, Brockwell park cafe improvement with wedding\function hire space inc outside
Decent toilet facilities; regularly checked and maintained
Do not hire out to private events and concerts. Noise pollution and uncleanliness is awful. C19 has meant being able to enjoy park without all the usual noise these events cause. It has been a godsend and having the park as it is meant to be, a park to be enjoyed by all.
Dog owners are not all respectful of others: not everyone cleans after their dog and dogs are rarely on a leash.
Don't rent out the parks for festivals which deny access to locals and damage the park
Empty the bins & pick up rubbish more frequently especially when the weather is hot. People just litter & therefore the Council needs to be proactive. This is across ALL parks. Brick well Park Toilets are much better since COVID so keep up the cleanliness.
Encourage people to take their rubbish with them - although park is very well kept and tidied up. provide information about the trees, plants and wildlife that can be seen.
Enforce social distancing better
Ensure festivals, etc. properly reinstate the grass, etc.
Ensuring that trees and bushes around the periphery are kept within due bounds : on the Brockwell Park Gardens fence line there is little evidence of pruning or trimming. Other trees within the park are looking shabby and neglected. Insufficient rubbish bins are provided and these are emptied less frequently than they used to be (particularly evident after a hot, sunny, weekend).
Force those who hold events there to cover the cost of repairing damage to paths and grass.
Get Better to run the Lido
Get the bins emptied more often, especially after the weekend. Perhaps a few more litter bins to encourage people.
Get together with the Brockwell Community Garden and open a Brockwell garden centre
Give more funding to the BMX club for better safety, fencing, coaching, maintenance and anything in between.
Give runners a separate circuit round the edge of the park, as they tend to dominate space on the tarmac paths. Develop the cafe area so that it can be used for events.
Have always loved Lambeth parks especially Brockwell but during these times they are especially crucial to wellbeing. Improve toilet facilities would be only main suggestion
Have artists perform music mime solo groups amateur professional non profit inpromptu performances on good weather days
Have better/more rubbish bins and re-introduce park rangers.
Have larger refuse bins for the rubbish. The bins spill over and people just leave their rubbish on the ground. Then the cleaners have to spend so much time picking the rubbish off the grass. So the park looks awful first thing on a summer morning with all the rubbish - it can look like there was a concert in the park the previous day. Same thing happens on Clapham Common. New BIGGER bins - please
Have litter patrols to stop people leaving rubbish. Have bigger rubbish bins
Have more secret gardens in the parks for solitude and admiring of plant life
Have more wildflower borders - I know you have started but there's room for more Reclaim the formal flower beds at the top by the cafe with more seating
Higher quality and clean toilets. Some labelling of trees and plants would be helpful

<p>I am very disturbed by Lambeth 's policy of hiring out to private companies during summer months large swathes of the Park which are then enclosed &amp; no longer available to public use. Also in December a large area near main gate has this past few years been used been made available to a company selling Christmas Trees, in competition with local established flower shops. THIS Must Stop</p>
<p>I did run the bowling green at the request of the Friends of Brockwell Park I was informed that it would be impossible to maintain the green. I tried to do it with the help of several volunteers but found it too difficult for amateurs with limited time. A very disappointed group of young people have lost an amenity which gave a great deal of pleasure to them and members of the community who were always encouraged to join us It is sad to see the state of the green now and it does not appear that an alternative use Hasbeen found for the space.</p>
<p>I live on Brixton Hill, and have to travel "into town" most days. Although I'm retired, most of my friends still meet in "Central London". I find Brockwell Park as a whole, a wonderful antidote to the inevitable noise, fumes, etc. of local transport. Please keep me informed of current plans and/or projects which are likely to effect local residents, for better or worse! Many thanks.</p>
<p>I love brockwell park, it has made the lockdown bearable and its maintained with love &amp; due care. So, a big THANK YOU is in order to the park team. As for what you could do better I think the toilet facilities are pretty poor, and of course they were closed during lockdown. I also think Brockwell Hall could do with a revamp and the cafe could be nicer (I love the ice cream, but not the food).</p>
<p>I loved it when during Lockdown 1 all double gates to the park were opened so that there was no danger of being in one another's space no matter what time of day you entered the park. But, then it reverted to single gates. Apart from on the weekends it seems. I'm acutely vulnerable to C19 so would love to see the double gates open all the time. And not just because of Covid - it's sooo much more welcoming to everyone.</p>
<p>I often visit the toilets literally as the cleaner is finishing, and there are invariably leaves in the urinals. I don't blame the cleaner for cutting corners, but why does his supervisor not intervene? This is nothing to do with finance, it's just poor management. There are some disire line paths which will soon turn to mud if they are not paved or fenced off. I object to vehicles in the park. There are often cars parked there all day. Restaurant employees should walk or cycle like the rest of us. I'd like the horticulture to be a bit more wild, and less manicured.</p>
<p>I really value the parks and think they are well maintained. I understand it is worth a lot of money, but a silver lining to the restricions was not having so many times significant parts of the park were closed for ticketed events.</p>
<p>I think it's absolutely fine now. During the Summer months, I was initially put off by the crowds ignoring social distancing rules, but that seems to have improved a bit. The park I feel is great, it's some of the people using it that are the problem. Bike and scooter use has increased and I feel the users have little regard for people walking. It annoys me to have to constantly dodge cyclists and scooters when all I want to do is walk for an hour, away from traffic.</p>
<p>I think some of the ladies loos need updating, though I really appreciate the extra ones put in place. Also drinking fountains ? Please can we have some. Good to see big recycling bins though lots of idiots aren't using them (!!!???)</p>
<p>I think the toilet facilities in Brockwell Park could be cleaner and better maintained. This is particularly important during the pandemic. Also, the area around the cafe could be better looked after. It attracts a lot of pigeons, crows etc due to plates etc that are not cleared away promptly. The bins could also be emptied more frequently on weekends as these are often overflowing requiring us to take our rubbish home rather than using the bins provided which isn't always practical. This is particularly the case for the recycling bins near the Herne Hill entrance. I work from home so I normally take a daily walk in the park. However, I've noticed that near to the Tulse Hill entrance there are now cricket matches and football matches near the footpath, rather than where they used to take place (the grounds along Norwood Road). The cricket matches take place without any sort of fencing so one could easily be hit by a stray ball whilst walking along the path. In addition, this has really added to the noise and congestion along the path near where the games take place. Families of players congregate around the area playing music etc. While I appreciate their need for enjoyment of the part, could they not play in the area that football games used to take place (left of the Tulse Hill entrance, along Norwood Road) . This area can therefore be avoided by walking along the cafe path to access the Herne Hill end of the park. Thank you.</p>
<p>I think we need to be a bit stricter with cyclists in the park. The paths are narrow and there are lots of children around, and I find there are too many cyclists going too fast in the park. Similarly with dog owners, my daughter is now petrified of dogs because of the number of times uncontrolled dogs have jumped on her in the park. I think there should be contained spaces where dogs can be off their lead, and everywhere else owners should be asked to keep dogs on a lead.</p>
<p>I think you need to have more control over the cyclists and joggers, they seem to have a bit of an attitude when comes to space on the pathway.</p>
<p>I walk my dog in the (very) early morning and during the summer months the waste bins are overflowing with rubbish at that time of day - as well as the grass areas - because lazy people have either not bothered to deposit their rubbish in a bin, or not taken their rubbish home, and the foxes and crows have scattered the detritus. The park either needs a lot more bins, or park wardens could do a clear-up just before closing time so that the space does not look so unsightly first thing in the morning.</p>

I would love all tarmac paths to be better maintained because it is otherwise very difficult to access parks as a wheelchair/handbike user. Thank you for path repairs that have taken place in Brockwell Park. It would be marvelous if the last few parts that have not been done could also be resurfaced, and if camber could be minimised, always (terribly dangerous when on three wheels).
I'm a cyclist so I'm not anti cycling but a lot of people cycle very quickly round the park which can be dangerous at times.
Improve planting (see Dulwich Park), increase rubbish collection when park is busy, consider recycling bins / larger bins, refurbish and maximise the use of the potential of the building, consider adding public art
Improve sports facilities – floodlight astroturf pitches and floodlights for the BMX track would be a good start.
Improve the cafe
Improve the toilets.
Improve toilet facilities
In June, I completed a fundraiser for the charity I work at, which included running/walking around 13 parks in Lambeth and 13 parks in Southwark. I spend a lot of time outside anyway, but I really enjoyed discovering new parks and greens spaces that I had not seen before. Myatt's Fields, for example, is a beautiful multi-functional space that I probably wouldn't have found otherwise. Based on what I have seen, I think you do a great job. There is scope for better servicing and maintenance, especially of toilet facilities, but I understand that you are strapped for cash. The one request I would have is more prominent signage about opening and closing. I've learnt the tricks of Brockwell but it took me a while. If times were overtly obvious, maybe even on a digital display that you controlled centrally (if that was affordable!) then it would be great. Many thanks and best wishes, Matt
In the larger parks increasing the number of wooded areas, planting more trees, allowing some areas to return to wild or meadow land.
Increase security with regards to vagrants
Increase the cleanliness of the toilet facilities and the children's play ground area. Also to ensure that the dog walkers pick up the their dogs faeces and to also make sure that lone adults do not enter the kids play area without children.
It would be a great improvement if it would be enforced that dog owners pick up the poo of their dogs. There is still too much dog poo on the lawns and this is not just disgusting but also a health issue. Especially families with young kids are negatively affected by this as the kids frequently step into dog poo when running around. It would also help if dogs stay on leads at all times, as many run around too far away from their direct control by their owners and will come to kids and other people who do not want them to come close. This is supposed to be the rule now in Covid times in Brockwell park, but many dog owners do not follow this rule and let their dogs run around freely.
It would be good to have some picnic benches not attached to the cafe, and maybe a few more undercover areas for the winter months
It would be marvellous if you would provide more support for sport for young people. We love the BMX track but it really should be fenced in to protect it from things that damage it like radio-controlled vehicles, scooters, and dog walkers. The café in the hall at the top of the hill is dreadful. There's no excuse for anywhere serving up such poor quality fare. The toilets in the park are a disgrace. The one positive thing to come out of this pandemic is that there are no massive fenced in music festivals this year.
It's unfortunately just the toilet facilities, they always let the parks down. Understandably it's harder during COVID, but they weren't very hygienic before.
It's not your fault, but persuading people to take rubbish home (if they've carried it in, then they carry it out) would be great. Over the summer, there were mountains of rubbish left overnight after picnics etc. that the foxes would go through and scatter everywhere.
I've ticked 'good' under cleanliness and maintenance - not because the efforts and resources in Brockwell aren't amazing - they are. Simply because of the sheer volume of people who come and either leave litter in the park where they have been sitting or who, when the bins are full, leave their rubbish mounted up by the bins. Brockwell needs 3 things: In the summer, it needs many more industrial/large heritage green bins for general waste PLUS a twin industrial/large recycling bin beside it. Ideally these would be beside every small heritage bin point in the peak season, but if not every bin point, then hugely increased. I'm sure they are expensive but they may pay for themselves in the time saved by the people having to litter pick and empty the bins. They should also last and last and could be stored on site during the winter when not in use. Secondly, there needs to be a MAJOR and concerted anti-litter campaign across the borough (and also Southwark) - ideally in fact nationwide but I know this is beyond your remit. At each bin point there needs to be an (attractive if possible) banner/reminder to not litter, and, if the bins are full, take rubbish home and put in landfill or recycle where possible. 'Love your park, love your planet'. Ideally we'd also have volunteers in the park near the bins to help encourage people to separate their recycling too and a campaign in all local schools about a) not littering and b) recycling. Third, Lambeth is missing a HUGE opportunity to increase its recycling quotas. There are currently only 4 points in the park (and it is a huge park) with recycling bins - by the Brixton exit, by the Lido, Herne Hill and the Clocktower. This

<p>needs to be increased and, by every large waste bin, there needs to be a twin large recycling bin. People are lazy but most people know enough not to drop their litter where they sit and at least take it to the nearest bin. So the nearest bin should be big enough to accommodate the litter AND there should be an immediate choice for people to recycle what they can right next to it. The park workers should be given alternative bags for waste and be asked to separate the recycling from the general waste wherever possible. I don't mean delve to the bottom of the bin and rummage but there are so many times when people have left glass and tins and plastic out which could easily be put in separate bags. Brockwell generates literally tonnes of rubbish - much could be recycled and the tins may at least generate some revenue/help offset the waste bill. Finally can I just say the BIGGEST thankyou. Brockwell is my favourite place in London. It is the most wonderful, wonderful park and caters for everyone. I love the huge wide wild grass fields in particular and the amazing trees. Thank you keeping it going and improving it (tastefully and not just ruining it with ugly council and municipal style accoutrements - the railings and bins painted heritage green made the biggest difference to the look and feel of the park and went a long way to making it feel classy and attractive. It is the least obtrusive colour and was the best choice). Well done and thanks again.</p>
<p>Keep the football teams off the grass to the left of the lido. They have so many other areas already set aside.</p>
<p>Keep up the good work. More frequent toilet cleaning. Speed limit for cyclists.</p>
<p>Ladies toilets could improve although I know some of the problems have been down to vandalism. As cycling is being encouraged I think they should be separated from walkers and joggers as many exceed the speed limit and think they now have priority in our park</p>
<p>Leave more areas for wildlife. Let the trees seed themselves. Allow leaves to form leaf litter. Let the grass grow long in more areas of the park. Plant more native hedging plants. Add more recycling litter bins. Stop widening the paths - there's too much tarmac. There are enough benches now - please don't add any more. Have some more volunteer work days and nature walks. Brockwell Park is one of the finest in London and I appreciate it every day.</p>
<p>Less noise allowed ...or a dedicated 'noise' space near gates Dogs are too dominant and go everywhere including into spaces where we are just sitting. Dog owners seem to think all people want to interact with their dogs . It can be a bit scary</p>
<p>Less sport, more horticulture, gardening, and especially decent restaurant facilities - for instance Brockwell Hall should be fully restored and become a decent restaurant where one can go out for dinner or lunch and have private rooms for e.g. wedding events. There is an obsession with sport which damages the bones and a failure to support walking, dancing, and other non-competitive exercise which improves health and can be done right into old age - I use all Lambeth Parks, not just Brockwell but Vauxhall, Larkhall and the others. Get rid of the gardeners and bring back proper in house gardeners who know what they are doing and also why not have orchards and vegetable plots as well as lavender fields which can provide produce for the restaurant and essential oils for sale?</p>
<p>Lighting on paths would be great so that the park could be used for exercise after dark. This is especially important as we move in to the Winter months.</p>
<p>Litter is always a problem but that's not down to the provision or bins or the park keepers' litter picking but to the users who leave it.</p>
<p>Lock tennis courts to stop people using sheds on court 3 overnight and breaking bottles on the courts.</p>
<p>Loudspeaker free zones. It is getting to the point where you can't go to the park without hearing 2 or 3 competing loud speakers playing personal music. While the park is for everyone it would be good to have areas dedicated to no loud speakers</p>
<p>Lovely place to be- thank you. It would be nice to be more welcoming to (considerate) cyclists- how about some signs, as in Burgess Park, saying that cycling welcome but please give way to those going slower than you? The exit onto Norwood Road is currently a bit dangerous and a child could run out into the busy road easily- please can something be done to make this safer? Thank you!</p>
<p>Maintain better, functioning toilettes; build a free entry, open lido. Other than That, the park is perfect, I love it!</p>
<p>Management (and public education) of dealing with rubbish left in the park by its users</p>
<p>monitor condition of toilets.</p>
<p>More / bigger bins in the summer months, particularly at the gates; water fountains (there must be a fairly simple way of making them COVID-secure); dividing lines and arrows on the paths to establish "walk on the left" (or right); try to repair some of the desire lines (particularly the big one near the Water Lane entrance) and erect temporary fencing and signs in busy months to prevent them from reappearing.</p>
<p>More and bigger rubbish bins especially in the summer</p>
<p>More bins and better conditions in the toilets</p>
<p>more bins and recycling for rubbish</p>

More bins if possible on warmer days or encouraging people to bring their rubbish home. The staff are really friendly and the park is beautiful otherwise :)
More bins in Brockwell. Especially the larger bins as far too much rubbish accumulates by the current bins and gets spread by foxes etc so in the early morning it's unpleasant to walk around
More bins, or more resources to empty the bins when needed, especially at week ends or at time of sunny weather when more and more people are using the parks. The toilets are in terrible states... When one open is closed, please make sure another one is open, and its place is mentioned. Toilets are crucial for anyone walking in the park who will stay a while. I would really appreciate to have someone available patrolling in the park, to keep an eye on noisy electrical cars, could they be volunteers wearing a suitable recognisable set of clothes... Cycling in the park is beautiful, I hope it will never be prohibited to cycle in the park. I appreciate that cycling in the park at very busy times needs some thinking, possibly some white lines, defining areas for cycling in both directions could be very useful to avoid any accident. Maybe there would be then, a need to widen the walking and cycling paths.
More cleaning / gardening / maintenance. More love!
More flowers and biodiversity
More information boards about tree and plant and animal species, encouraging nature walks and walking routes around the park for families. Ways for families to get involved. More nature based events for families.
More litter bins. Less electric scooters
More maintenance of peripheral areas such as the new hedges along Brockwell Gate etc.
More new trees to be planted ... as the old trees are aging ... we need new
More options for waste disposal, especially options for recycling, throughout the park. During the Summer, Brockwell Park is a great popular destination for picnics and gatherings and as a result, a lot of waste is generated. Very often (particularly on weekends) the amount of waste exceeds bin space, and it piles up around them and can be scattered across the park. It would be great if waste disposal options were reviewed to prevent this from happening. Additionally, I am disappointed that there are more bins dedicated to recyclable waste.
More places to sit and eat - maybe log tables/chairs
More recreation/play facilities
More recycling bins all over the park, water refilling stations at the various entrances and better toilet facilities.
More recycling bins, and more frequent emptying. They are often full to overflowing, resulting in strewn debris. Is it possible to get bird/squirrel/fox-proof bins? I know that coastal areas (Port Isaac in Cornwall for example), have effective seagull proof bins; these may be appropriate for urban use too...
More seating
More self-exercise facilities. Not so many in Brockwell park.
More skips with lids for litter. One at each main entrance. Rubbish bins that foxes cannot empty or park staff emptying them before the parks close in the evening. Toilets that are fitted with sensor flushes x washbasin taps that stop running automatically and have adequate sized litter bins with self-closing lids.
More spaces etc for older kids, young kids are well catered for (eg One O'Clock club, paddling pool). Family paddling pool, the old Brockwell Park paddling pool was excellent (though old), the new one only caters for a very specific age group, and doesn't have that much water. Toilets can always be improved (but get damaged/vandalised).
More tidy, more clean grass no dog poo, owners keep the dog on lead, more cut grass
More toilets
More toilets - especially during the pandemic when so many people are socialising in the park
More toilets and water fountains
More waste bins please
More 'wild' areas? 'Outdoor gym' facilities? Better maintenance of toilets in Children's play area. More small play areas.
More wildflowers & plants to encourage wildlife and promotion of where pesticides and herbicides are not used. More information about plants and planting. Keep cycling allowed - it's really frustrating in other boroughs where cycling is hardly allowed in parks!!!
More wildness, more biodiversity, less electric scooters!

New path's. I have fallen over several times through to the holes in the path all around the park. They have patched the path but there are still large parts with uneven surfaces. One day I am going to break my ankles or My wrists.
No big paid events!!! Festivals ruin the atmosphere of the park, create traffic chaos and rubbish everywhere.
No point renovating for gatherings as we cant meet in groups larger than six. Save the money and lower the council tax
Not closed access to citizens for for profit events and ensuring any pay events have concessions tickets for local that are denied access for their events. Also, more public free event should be offered as not all are young rich or middle class. There are loads of families and single young older adults that can't to go to events because they are priced out. Also need more public facilities strategically places so that all can enjoy the parks without leaving
Not have commercial events that close Brockwell Park off to residents and cause damage and disruption locally
Not much to do better. I really appreciate all you do, especially the litter pickers and the planting in the walled garden in Brockwell Park
Nothing that I can think of - sorry.
Nothing. I have always enjoyed Brockwell Park in Brixton, when I was single, then with a young family and now return with great pleasure when I return to Brixton.
Occasionally inconsistency over closing time of the gate (seemingly down to individual judgement of dusk in bad weather as opposed to link with sunset) has led to a longer walk. Consistency of messaging on line and in park would help. A minor quibble as people work hard to maintain and keep open.
Open gates on time and consistently in the mornings. Often late especially at weekends
Open the park earlier so exercise can be undertaken before work. And close later so exercise can be undertaken after work
Open up the disused spaces in Brockwell park that are used for storage. These could be put to use for community groups, organised sport or more growing space. Lobby TfL to get a cycle station at the Brockwell park entrance on Norwood Road or by the lido.
Overall brockwell park is a lovely environment It has been a wonderful space to use for exercise, meeting friends and being in nature during lockdown and after I missed Lambeth country show. Brockwell community greenhouses are lovely I also notice that there are lots of new benches - which has been very helpful
Personally, I feel that Lambeth does everything possible so that residents and visitors can enjoy their time whilst in whichever Park they visit. We are very lucky to have so much 'greenery' in our area.
Pick up the litter at the end of the day instead of waiting for foxes, crows etc to scatter. Empty bins throughout the day so they don't overflow. Delve into long grass and bushes to clear litter that is blown in there. Stop hosting big events that require fencing off of large parts of the park.
Plant and tree trail or guides or labelling to help us engage with the bio diversity of the parks
Please - always keep the toilets open during the pandemic - allow small scale performances i.e Lambeth Music Service ensembles to be hosted in the parks - allow regulated visits by ice-cream and street food vendors
Please extend the water park season across the borough! It's a heat wave and the fountains should be on. There have been so many days this year when kids haven't been able to play in them, please consider putting them back on for September. Please finish the drinking fountains. They are desperately needed, and look like they're almost complete. Massive thanks to Mark and the whole maintenance team for taking such good care of the park. They've managed to response to a very busy year with good humour, even when they're the ones who have to take human waste from the bushes. We don't have any outside space so the park really has been our haven this year especially.
Please find a new use/owner for the bowling green in Brockwell Park
Please instal barriers/railings inside the Rosendale Rd entrance. There used to be railings on the pavement which ensured people exiting the park did not step into the road. They have been removed and I am terrified a small child on a bike or scooter will end up under a car - I have already witnessed several near misses. Ruskin Park has barriers at its Denmark Hill exit which ensure park users' safety - please can we have the same?
Please keep toilets open when and if we go into lockdown.
Provide clean and modern toilets provide better/more waste bins especially on busy summer weekends. Possibly with recycling capacity
Provide free parking when available
Provide more bins. They get over full especially in summer.

Provide more rubbish bins for people to use and have the full ones emptied. People want to put their rubbish in a bin so provide them. Keep cyclists on different paths to pedestrians.
Provide some floodlit AstroTurf football (Multi-use) pitches on the gravel pitch by the Lido. Would provide much needed facilities for all ages. Provide a fence (similar to that around the children's play area) around the BMX Track. It would safeguard the track and clearly define the area for use as a dedicated area (in the same way the bowling green, play area and tennis courts are enclosed). It would also be nice to have floodlights at the BMX track. Do something with the bowling green, it seems such a waste to just leave it. Brockwell Hall is a wonderful opportunity, it seems such a waste to under utilise the spaces and the cafe is not the best. Toilets - they are a disgrace. Encourage people to walk around the small football pitch area by Brixton water Lane entrance. As, since the large events a few years back a footpath has been created across the pitch, which for the previous 15 or so years was never there.
Provide structures that give shelter when raining, especially throughout Winter months for individuals or small group exercise eg aerobics, yoga, tai chi. These structures could be temporary in nature so as to adapt to the weather on the day - a retractable roof or gazebo type of structure - constructed of eco-friendly materials. This would be a very welcome additional facility especially in time of Covid pandemic.
Providing wildlife-proof bins and more of them with recycling (as provided on the high street)
Question 1, you should have given the choice of more than one option, I have visited Clapham common and other parks. I think as a whole Lambeth does an Amazing job on our open spaces, and I will always support them. The only think that let's it down is the toilet facility.
Reduce the homeless providing them with housing. Reduce the drug needles around the X Track....toilets need to be cleaned often.
Reduce the number of paid for events that shut off large parts of the park, and make the Lambeth County Fair free again. The park itself is great!
Reduce the volume at music events Not just cater for 'Booga Booga' music but include big band jazz, blues, folk and classical music
Reinforce the message that parks are for all of us and we all need to co-exist peacefully, with give and take - not focus on the tiny conflicts that may arise
Rubbish collection and provision of toilets during lockdown. Appreciate this was a difficult time for everyone.
Rubbish collection is very poor. Not just in Brockwell but in most parks I visited locally. So often such an eyesore and a danger to children and wildlife.
Safety of gates into Brockwell park at Rosendale road entrance. No barrier currently to prevent children scooting out onto Norwood road
Shaming people who litter. Encourage people not to litter Provide more bins and empty them more often. Littering is a big problem all around Lambeth - it's not the council's fault but people are lazy and disrespectful.
Signage for dog owners to respect other wildlife - especially round the ponds. Signage to make it clear not to start barbecues. Signage to encourage people to take litter home. Leave no trace :)
Some are not so inviting such as Norwood Park. Which I do not go to as I do not feel safe. Brockwell Park was a breath of fresh Air haven't been there in a while and was really lovely. Mostly go to Southwark Parks.
Sort out the toilets. Employ a young team, local kids that need a break, to do them up.
Stop children using the walled garden as a playground - climbing trees, trampling flower beds, screaming and playing hide and seek. Never experienced this until this summer but suddenly groups of affluent parents seem to be using the walled garden as a creche / playground. Some signage on the gate to ask for some respect and to promote peaceful enjoyment would be appreciated.
Stop closing the parks off for private events and reinstate open entry to the Country Fair.
Stop erecting these huge fences for events. The concerts etc last year fenced most of the park off. This is awful and it's depressing. The locals can't use the park as normal, in this situation. And I stopped going to Country Show, since you fenced this off. I had previously attended every single year and loved bringing a picnic - alas you can't even bring your own drinks in now
stop gangs hanging around joggers are a pain people discarding rubbish spoil the look of our parks retrain people to look after their environment would also help
Stop putting on commercial paid events (like the fairground that's currently there)
Stop using the park for musical festivals in the summer when the local population need to use the park and no part of it should be closed off to them.

Swimming pools indoors and outdoors plus cafes inside the public parks all over the Lambeth areas, available to public.
Tennis court surface is slippery - I have complained
Thank you for our wonderful parks. I tend to use a non Lambeth park most, Bel Air Park, as it's closer to my home but I appreciate all the local parks and the massively important role they have played this year in people's physical and mental well-being. So thank you!
THANK YOU so much for keeping Brockwell open, looking beautiful and the toilets usable. It's been an absolute life saver throughout Covid so far and I feel so extremely lucky to live nearby. I will never forget my time spent in Brockwell
The areas round the old trees on the island that has been created in the last few years outside the main Herne Hill entrance is full of weeds and looks horrible. If they were planted with maintained flower beds ( NOT low maintenance bushes) it would uplift the ambiance of Herne Hill tremendously.
The BMX track has been hugely popular this year a lifeline to many children and parents. The club has been amazing and provided children from many different backgrounds a safe and exciting outlet. It's in much need of renovation and development to bring it up to the standard of other further tracks which have had greater investment. Given its London's oldest club and has been the launch pad/track for many past, current and hopefully future champions of the sport it's time to give it the support it needs to help future generations of children reach their potential in a safe and well maintained environment.
The entrance to the cafe in Brockwell Hall must be made disabled friendly. The ramp that exists is dangerous.
The facilities are good for adults and young children but I feel facilities are not so good for older children and teenagers (with the exception perhaps of the BMX track). I would particularly like to have seen a skate park on the area that used to be the changing rooms. Instead, it has been left empty and is now mostly used as an adult exercise area, which could be done anywhere. Kids from around the Brockwell area have to travel quite a distance to other local skate parks and they are very popular and busy. Skating is really resurgent. Another idea could be something like a parkour area, ideally made of wood so as not to tarmac over any more space. And a hanging out area around the skate park and parkour area. I have just moved forward to the "about you" section and there is not an age group below 18. I think you should encourage young people to fill out this survey too. I was going to ask my children if they would like to but it seems there is not an opportunity for them to do so.
The maintenance of the park is always superb and has been particularly appreciated this year. It's unfortunate that some of the users still manage to spoil things by littering. More of the really big bins at busy times pay help but I know it's a thankless task. You could also somehow incentivise litter picking by park users but, without a budget, I don't know how.
The old house in the center of Brockwell park feels like opportunity for improvement. Ideally take inspiration from the new facilities at Beckenham place park. Too many big groups socializing during COVID period. Improve bowls green facilities again. More recycling bins around the park.
The park facilities should be looked after better. They are dilapidated and run down.
The Rosendale road exit from Brockwell park is unsafe for children and the pedestrian crossing at this entrance is also very unsafe, with no drivers stopping to let people cross. It would help if this crossing could be made safer.
The rubbish problem is awful but that's about the people who use the park. Things might be improved by bigger bins and recycling points but there is a balance to be struck between the landscape and spoiling it with unsightly bins. If you could put some bins which blend into the landscape - wooden rather than huge plastic affairs, that might work.
The toilet blocks seem to have ancient flushing mechanisms which take ages to refill and on busy days result in blocked toilets. There is frequently no soap available (a big problem in covid times). Also the water fountains (which I really appreciate) have been blocked off since start of pandemic, and not sure why as these are so useful.
The toilets (when open) used to be disgusting. Maybe better now (I have avoided them for at least 4 years) but as I remember they stank of urine, the taps didn't work and few of the toilets actually flushed.
The toilets are heavily used and could do with more maintenance. The euro bins for recycling could be emptied at least weekly during the summer months Some regular volunteer warden patrols would benefit everyone during the spring and summer.
The toilets at Brockwell park near the hall are disgusting. I fear having to use them.
The waste bins were overflowing with litter during the lockdown. I don't expect Lambeth Parks to educate the offenders but maybe throwing in a few extra bins would've been nice.
The way cyclist use the paths they often speed which can be dangerous considering it is a path they could be more courteous maybe some signage to remind them.
The whole of Lambeth needs more public toilets
The women's toilets in Brockwell (at the top of the hill near the cafe) need some maintenance - the floor is always sopping wet (I assume due to a leak or overflow somewhere) which makes it slippery and unsanitary at the best of times... and the soap dispenser is always empty. It was a relief to have the porta-loos this summer but a shame they've gone now, it would be good if a

few could be brought back for the winter as it's going to be a busy season again for the park with the continuation of covid... otherwise an amazing park and an absolute oasis. Thanks for all the work you do.
There are too many irresponsible dog owner's that don't obey park rules and gave their dog's off their leash. (not under control) as someone that is disabled and walks with an aid it has been off-putting going to park because I've had dogs running into/upto me. I love dogs but they are not policed by Lambeth parks authorities.
There has been a recent tendency for people to play amplified music in the park - this is not just an occasional occurrence, but every time I visit and multiple groups simultaneously - almost everywhere in the park one can hear other peoples' music. This seriously degrades the park, since it used to be a place to go to get away from people that want everyone else to hear their music from cars or flats. Now, they have moved into the park. It is on the back of the park maps that a patron can ask others to turn their music off, however, when I have done so in the past, I have been threatened with violence. Please do something about this, otherwise the park will rapidly become a place where there is no peace and quite.
There is a litter problem in Brockwell. In fairness, the park staff do a great job in trying to keep on top of it. This is more a complaint about a small minority of users. I'm not sure if the toilet near the cafe has been reopened. It has never seemed the most hygienic of places.
There need to be more trees. Will improve air quality and have been shown to be very beneficial for people's mental health. Why not pick a part of the park, covering say 5% of the total park, so about 2.5 hectares and dedicate as a Lambeth Wood?
There needs to be more bins available. Although there are a large amount of cretin who don't clean up after themselves, having bigger bins available should help to reduce the waste left. Running through the park in the morning there is a lot of waste scattered around the park
Think there needs to be a greater focus on nature and wildlife : Brockwell is an urban oasis for insects, animals, flora and fauna : rare, but crucial in our city : let's recognise, celebrate and develop this. It's been so refreshing not to have large events in Brockwell Park in 2020. Large scale gated events in Brockwell Park spoil it : half the park is closed to the public for weeks, or at best difficult to use or enjoy, and it gets trashed. I think it inappropriate to hold these events in such a special space - find a brown field site.
Thinking about Ruskin Park - would love to see water back in the pond! Brockwell Park - enjoying the calm of Brockwell without all those big events! Would enjoy historical talks about Brockwell. The toilets are pretty awful! But appreciate soap, water and paper. The walled garden is gorgeous - thank you volunteers! Thank you to the team for clearing all the rubbish especially after the weekend - what a job! Will be walking regularly this winter (and lockdown) come rain or shine - please, please keep up the good work. Thank you Parks Team!
Toilet attendants deffo
Toilet facilities more usable
Toilets are filthy, bins need to be emptied more frequently in the summer months. Security needs to be better in view of recent stabbing outside park and witnessed perpetrators running into children's playground with a knife.
Toilets around the park should be renovated. Cafe needs developing - Brockwell Hall is a lovely potential facility and should be developed for multi use. Such a great range of Trees but even better if they were labelled with both their common and botanical names for the appreciation and education of all. It might even include some interesting facts about them.
Toilets could be cleaned more!
Toilets could be cleaner / better signposted
Toilets need to be cleaner and have toilet paper in there and bins emptied daily / every 4 hours to be checked
Toilets open all hours
toilets open am as well as pm. More frequent emptying of bins. Better outside seating in cafe (chairs not benches)
Too much fouling by dogs that are not collected by their owners
TRY AND GET SOME CYCLISTS AND SCOOTER RIDERS TO REDUCE THEIR SPEED LABEL TREES AND PLANTS ADD A BIT MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE BIRDS AND WILDLIFE AROUND THE PARK NOT JUST BY THE POND THINK OF HOW TO ADD WATER TO THE PONDS WHEN THERE HAS BEEN A VERY DRY PERIOD AS THIS SUMMER AS IT GETS VERY SMELLY. PLANT MORE WILD FLOWERS
Try to find a way to stop cyclists riding dangerously fast on the paths, particularly in vicinity of Brockwell Gardens/Rosendale Gate, from the Lido to the Herne Hill Gate and from the tennis courts down to the Lido.
Upgrade the toilets possibly
Use of outdoor facilities for baby sessions as part of Better Start

Water fountains a joke. Installed before heatwave. In June I think. Plumber testing water supply in august. Still closed. Missed the boat. What's the point??
We like the park operatives driving round, makes it easy to report anything wrong, like the odd person being aggressive. More patrols.
We love all parks in our area
We need to sort the rubbish problem. Bigger bins both recycling and normal and we need to enforce fines if people are seen littering. I don't believe cleaning each day teaches people to leave no trace. I feel cleaning up after people enables them to continue the bad behaviour. Lastly can we have more woodland, plant more trees it's more interesting for the dogs. We love Brockwell.
With increased usage we need better and more toilet facilities. The portaloos over the summer were welcome but still not adequate. The rubbish needs collecting more often. They are constantly overflowing.
Would love to see major trees labeled with their species name as they are in Ruskin Park.
You are doing a great job
You could * Allow access to toilets * The Grass is poorly kept - needs better attending * For parents to have access to the hall/ Cafe
You do à great job. Brockwell is wonderful. Life could be miserable without it. Thank you
<b>Response</b>
<p><i>This response addresses all the comments made more than twice, in descending order by the number of times they were mentioned.</i></p> <p><b>Litter</b> – the huge increase in usage as a result of the pandemic resulted in an increase in the amount of litter collected of up to 100% in some months, placing huge pressure on our limited staff resources. The budget situation means we cannot have any more staff dedicated to litter-picking and we cannot flood the park with large numbers of additional bins. A review of all bins is being undertaken and depending on the recommendations we may install extra bins or relocate some of those already present.</p> <p><b>Toilets</b> – we have recently completely refurbished the toilets in the children's playground, including the installation of sensors and other measures to make them more hygienic. If our application to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the restoration of Brockwell Hall is successful, then this will include the full renewal of the public toilets around the stable block, as well as extra toilet provision within the Hall.</p> <p><b>Enforcement</b> – Lambeth created a small public realm police task force in early 2020, and along with other enforcement teams in the Council will provide an increased presence in the park. To date, their activity has had to be mostly related to Covid-19, but this will turn more to Byelaw-related issues as the pandemic recedes.</p> <p><b>Control speeding cyclists</b> – new signs are being trialled and further measures are under consideration if these do not achieve a tangible difference.</p> <p><b>Biodiversity</b> – large areas of the park are already managed primarily for wildlife. Plans are underway for a major biodiversity project around the top lake and we are currently working to secure funding for this. Some smaller measures generally targeted at helping specific species are being planned.</p> <p>No large commercial events – we have a substantial income target associated with the events service and that requires some commercial events be put on in Brockwell Park. The location is hugely popular and commercial events generate funding for improvements within the park that wouldn't otherwise be possible. The Strategic Board for the park is working on a plan to minimise the impact of events on the park.</p> <p><b>Dog controls</b> – this is a challenging issue and something that is difficult to enforce effectively because of the size of the park and our low level of enforcement resources. It is an issue which is going to be explored strategically for all Lambeth's parks.</p> <p><b>Info labels on trees/plants</b> – we did trial this in the Walled Garden and will be looking to roll out more widely now we see its popularity.</p> <p><b>Water fountains (&amp; with dog bowls)</b> – we will be installing new drinking fountains with dog bowls and bottle-filling capacity over the next couple of years.</p> <p><b>Improve the cafe</b> – if the Brockwell Hall restoration project goes ahead then a new café with more internal seating will be constructed and a new lease let.</p> <p><b>Revamp Brockwell Hall</b> – this is proposed through the £7m NLHF programme; and we will find out shortly if our application has been successful.</p> <p><b>Invest in BMX track</b> – the BMX club have a development plan and we are doing everything we can to assist them with implementation, for example our Fundraising Officer is supporting them.</p> <p><b>Make exits onto main roads safer for children</b> – this will be taken into account for future funding.</p>

**Ban electric scooters** – the use of electric scooters is not permitted under the Parks Byelaws and controls will form part of future enforcement tasking.

**Dog-free areas** – this has been discussed previously. There are dog-free areas for families and the Walled Garden is also dog-free. However, we are keeping this issue under review.

**New 3G pitch** – this was identified within Lambeth’s Local Football Facility plan and planning is already underway to install one on the existing Redgra pitch.

**Install picnic tables** – this will be added to the park’s development plan.

**Offer weddings/function hire** – this is very much within our plans for the refurbished Hall and also for the Temple building.

**Deal with desire lines** – we have plans to start addressing these in the near future.

**More horticulture** – we don’t have the resources for expanding herbaceous beds but have recently revived the bed near the tennis courts and the Community Greenhouses development plans include a full revival of the beds along their frontage.

**Better signage re. closing times** – this will be reviewed.

**Plant more trees** – we are currently developing a Tree Plan for the park which will identify all planting locations. The Friends do organise an annual tree-planting programme.

**Install fox-proof bins** – the larger bulk bins are fox-proof and the smaller litter bins are a fixture from previous grant-funding.

**Find a new use for the bowls green** – we are planning to install a volleyball court on the green, but development has been delayed due to Covid.

## Clapham Common

A bit more areas for wilding - native flours trees etc to encourage birds and bats

A far larger space is needed for wild flowers to attract bees and butterflies. At the moment only a tiny section is left to go wild.

Access to Clapham Common is now difficult. I can’t walk from home with my elderly dog and rely on being able to park on Windmill Drive in one of the few remaining spaces. The constant turnover of cars on Windmill drive meant that I always used to get a space. Now I can’t. I don’t understand what has been gained from closing the road.

All good. It is an excellent lung in the heart of the community, used by so many people on so many ways.

All of the play equipment is incredibly old and the swing seats are crumbling away. I don’t like my children playing there as I’m worried that it is dangerous.

Apart from crows, magpies and pigeons, there is very little bird life. Squirrel and crow-proof nesting boxes? More litter bins

Ban cycling. I have been hit twice in the last two months. They go too fast and I do not feel safe. They treat it like a race course

Better cleaner toilet facilities with baby changing

Better cycle routes within the park, the common. It’s frustrating to cycle on roads when you have a huge park next to it.

Better location of litter bins and possibly toilet facilities

Better playgrounds for kids

Better toilet facilities

Borders and more flowers.

Clapham Common (I think it’s westside??) playground is badly in need of repair at the least, and upgrade if possible. There’s a small seesaw type of equipment that is pulled out of the ground a bit. Also I’ve been there on a couple of occasions the last week or so and there’s broken glass and rubbish all over the playground. I don’t know if something can be done about that, it’s so dangerous for the little ones.

Clapham Common Cafe needs attention. It has wonderful potential and should be like Battersea park’s 'Pear Tree Cafe'. The need for decent toilets is a must. Broken glass is a big problem everywhere. Too many fun fairs have damaged the grass over the years. And the most shocking of all, is the appalling children’s playground. Lambeth what...are...you...doing?? It’s shocking - it needs attention, look at Battersea Park’s playgrounds, especially the one near the Go Ape area. It’s fantastic. Come on - we pay enough money and our children deserve better than concreted-over half broken, cold unwelcoming bars. COME ON Lambeth....

Clapham Common could do with more large dustbin facilities. More toilets maybe with an attendant.

Clapham Common could have one extra play area near the paddling pool as the other one gets so busy and sometimes unsafe

Clapham Common gets too much use from big events (not so much this year, obviously). These tie up big areas from their intended COMMON use, and also can take the ground a very long time to recover. The noise and bright/flashing lights can also be most unwelcome

Clapham Common has a chunk of the park out of use so the grass can be improved. The grass has got into a bad state in that area due to previous events which have been held there. It's better that events are held in the area of the common where there is a hard core surface so damage to the grass is reduced.
Clapham Common is basically my garden it is so close to my house. I love it so much. It was so important to my mental health during lockdown. Thank you for keeping it open!! We need proper toilets on the common particularly during the corona pandemic as people were forced to urinate in bushes and on streets. Also with the new rules of pubs closing at 10pm I am concerned that illegal raves will return to the common. The mess left on the common during lockdown and litter was disgraceful, but sadly the bins were overflowing. We need more.
Clapham Common is far worse than many of Lambeth's other parks and open spaces because it is massively over-used, and exploited for commercial events. Its trees, plants and grass struggle to survive and large areas of it are like deserts. Rather than investment in more chargeable facilities, it needs protection and proper care.
Clapham Common needs toilet facilities and to ensure that there are ample litter bins and to plant more trees
Clapham common: Would appreciate more toilets. Could do with more litter picking and picking rubbish out of the ponds - definitely not the staff's fault, it's ignorant park users throwing their rubbish on the ground! Would be great to have some undercover space. Really grateful for the beautiful green space, special thanks to all of those who work so hard to maintain it.
Clapham playground by windmill is woefully lacking, behind on redevelopment and underfunded
Cleaning up after weekends. Stop fairs or shows other than in the fairground area. Keep up promise to renew the grass over the common. Great idea. Reduce the sponsored jogging runs - they are ruining the tracks around the common.
Cleanliness for sure especially the wooded area in Clapham Common
Clear litter better, maintain plants and trees and grass better
Compared to surrounding parks like Tooting, Wandsworth, Brockwell and Battersea, Clapham common is shocking. Clapham needs new playground. It's dated and so many play equipment has broken or been removed. We should have more play facilities for children. Where does my taxes go? My husband and I both work and pay high taxes.
Controlling litter, clamping down on people who litter, provide more bins for those that do bin litter (bins are often overflowing) Access is often limited yet I thought it was a public space. Events often destroy grass, why does council let this happen?
Create better cycle lanes without cars interfering and create better cycle lanes (away from pedestrians) stop cars driving through the common as a shortcut
Dog fouling has got so much worse over the years, so many professional dog walkers with multiple dogs, and even when dog waste picked up, plastic bags left everywhere- hanging on branches etc. Litter collection especially in summer and by the wild wooded area, perhaps more bins may help. Paths quite eroded in areas. The wildflower area has been very nice. Encourage more planting- wildflowers, and possibly bulbs like spring bulbs or native blue bells under trees. Trees very beautiful.
Don't know
Enforce no barbecues, clean up more thoroughly, empty the bins more frequently pay more attention to fences and railings, many of them have rotten posts and have fallen down. The paths have poor and very uneven surfaces, no effort or truly pathetic effort is put into repairing them. The park is extremely heavily used at the moment, more attention needs to be paid to care of the grass and generally cleaning the place up. Half of the common is owned (if that is the right term) by Wandsworth Council however I believe it is Lambeth's responsibility to maintain the whole park, I don't think you do a thoroughly bad job but you are not putting enough resources into litter clearance. I hope that you will stop through traffic going along the lane near the Windmill pub and get rid of the truly dreadful and messy burger caravan that creates a dreadful mess in that area of the common at night.
Ensure weekend football teams remove their rubbish (especially plastic drink bottles) which they always leave littering the side of the pitches.
First of all toilet facilities are needed. It is not acceptable that people use the park as a toilet. I will not let my dog or my children near the wooded area after several instances of finding human feces. Next the playgrounds need refurbishment and updating.
Fix the lights around the bandstand that have not worked for over a year
For Clapham Common make sure that the sports facilities particularly football pitches are arranged so that walkers can still enjoy their pursuit
For Clapham Common, stop the big events which destroy the grass and result in blocking off large areas to ordinary visitors.
Generally the park is lovely and thankful escapism during covid. Absolutely vital for the communities mental health and should be a priority for Lambeth. Toilets are generally clean, one episode of very dirty toilets (could not be used) by the tennis courts as someone must have had an accident. During covid, even with restrictions we have witnessed many times how large groups of people disregard the rules. Can this not be tackled more effectively? It is a densely populated area and not following rules will impact the communities health and access to healthcare. Often a lot of rubbish is then also left behind. Are there any

provisions being made so that the parks can be enjoyed in the colder months where further lockin seems inevitable. Such as take away coffee/hot chocolate vendors, wind breakers, etc. Thank you for all your work. I'm not sure we could keep sane without them
Good, modern, clean Toilets with more access. Working drinking fountains - think of all the plastic you could save!! Fewer big events that shut large areas of the common off to others for ages... Love the wildflowers and unmown sections.
Have more educated people using the parks ie people who don't let their bins everywhere
Having a few more exercise areas
Huge Bins to collect rubbish from the jobs. Huge fines for dropping litter. Public toilets
I continue to comment on the maintenance of the grass for over 40 years to no noticeable effect and, due to neglect, do not believe current plans will be able achieve the improvement needed-- only turfing (an area which was done many years ago is still in excellent condition) can now do that at, I imagine, an unacceptable cost.
I hope that the large fenced-off area of lawn at the North side of the park will re-open soon. I see from the signage that it is being refurbished, though I don't understand what improvements are possible to a grassy area. Look forward to finding out, once the work is done.
I really like the attempt to rewild Clapham Common but aspects of the park could be better. The tarmac paths are degraded. Could they be replaced with modern surfaces that drain better? I like the attempt to plant more trees. Sadly many suffered during the lockdown. Many of the new trees along Westside have died. Could they be replaced? Thanks.
I'm pleased to see that you are working on the beaten up turf on the Common, it has been put to great use in the last few months. It would be great if you can maintain the grass so that it is still a pleasure to walk on and be surrounded by. I see the purpose and commercial rewards, but the marking out of football pitches etc does detract from the pleasure of being a walker.
Improve the playground. Older kids (8+) love playing on a playground but get easily bored of its not challenging. Have good toilet facilities outside the playground or the private cafe. More colourful plants and flowers. The garden plots look like a building site most of the times I passed by. More variety akin to Battersea park - rose garden, tropical etc Love the educational boards and ponds but dislike anglers.
Improve the playgrounds especially for older children.
Improved play areas for older children. Designated nature areas
Improving wildlife and biodiversity, organising a community compost area, which will also be used to nourish the soil in the common. Pavements - they definitely need a makeover, I'm always quite concerned when I walk around, beside the path being uneven there are cracked and dangerous in many parts. Rough sleeper and fishermen camping on the common, this problem is never addressed enough. And fishermen fishing when and where they are not allowed. Thank you
In the area on Clapham Common where my children like to go and observe wildlife it is littered with used condoms, drug paraphernalia and frequently there are people soliciting sex or exposing themselves. The area is listed on a sex site and people frequently hook up there using an app. It has been mentioned to the police and Lambeth parks before, but still nothing is being done.
Introduce measures to slow down cyclists. They can be quite a threat to walkers.
Invest all of the revenue that Lambeth receives from holding events on the Common back into the maintenance of the space. Areas desperately in need of investment: 1) Remove the paddling pool - it is a filthy eyesore, is rarely filled in the summer (it's constantly closed for maintenance or has a dribble of dirty water in it). It no longer serves a purpose and would be better replaced by fountains that kids can play in. 2) Toilets 3) AstroTurf area and/or permanent football goals (see Myatts Fields)
Invest some money in cleaning and maintaining Clapham Common - the playground near Windmill Drive is disgraceful - no safety net near the climbing frame plus you've removed all the portals so some unsavoury looking adults are entering the kids playground to use the oos there. I go to the common almost daily and there is always litter everywhere plus the paddling pool also needs to be fixed again. Lambeth has invested in other parks - for example Brockwell park - but has neglected making any major improvements to the common.
It would be wonderful if there was a dedicated area where barbecues are allowed
It's not so much what you could do better but how users could use the bins that you provide to put their rubbish in
It's been a tough year for the parks so firstly, thanks to the team. 1. Community clean ups - could you set up voluntary sessions? I have done them with Friends of Clapham Common but litter picking makes such a difference. Other parks could also benefit 2. Improve/install toilet facilities. Tough in lockdown but the regular human waste is horrible & a nightmare for dog owners (see CommonDog facebook group)
It's fantastic having Clapham Common on our doorstep, we're very grateful for it especially during lockdown. However in contrast to other local park land (taking Brockwell and Battersea as examples) Clapham Common feels unloved. A better protection from

the traffic in the form of hedges across all borders would help with both pollution and the aesthetics of the park. Better facilities (compare to Go Ape at Battersea, or the Pear Tree Cafe) would make a massive difference. This can be done in partnership with private companies and improve the appeal and facilities available for all.
Keep clean and make toilets available.
Keep promoting diversity of plants and insects
Keep the football changing room toilets open and don't fine people £150 when they are forced to use the bushes instead.
Keep up wildflowers and natural areas on Clapham Common. Also the closure of Windmill Road is great - please make permanent.
Lambeth parks desperately need more wildlife habitat. Clapham Common in particular has a couple of woodlands and some new token meadows but why not half of it? Studies are showing people benefit from exposure to nature, in cities that must be more important.
Less paying events as they spoil the grass
Litter is a major problem particularly on weekends (after football matches or when weather is good). The Common could also do with a park ranger.
Look after the young trees they are planted but are not watered and a lot die due to lack of water
Love the park. Saved our sanity during lockdown. The toilets are dirty and unmaintained. Portable toilets had been added which were better, but they have now been removed? The playground is unmaintained and worse than any other playground in the area.
Maintain trees, ponds and ground better.
Make a sandpit for the children
More and better maintained toilets. The closure during the pandemic was unacceptable. Better litter picking it shouldn't be left to just volunteers. Sort out the paths for winter especially the section runs down the centre (past the band stand walking towards the changing rooms to cross over to The Avenue) the cross section of paths becomes waterlogged all winter blocking the route for all walkers, runners and prams. It's really bad and should be fixed.
More bins & more support for clean up crew.
More bins, incl recycling bins. Suggest you send all the parking wardens to the parks and fine people for littering, rather than make all the poor Veolia staff pick up litter. And all the adult workout areas are always over run with children. Decidedly unsafe for the children and stressful for those of us who want a workout.
More cleaning and bigger bins at peak times. Fewer large events on Commons.
More lighting in Clapham Common to enable jogging on winter evenings.
More littering signs - More recycling + non-recycling bins - More tree-planting projects - More ways for locals to get involved in protecting biodiversity and planting trees
More planting of beds and borders with plants/ flowers/ bulbs/ scents. Plant more trees every year. More visible security patrols. Better signage for walkers and cyclists. Agree with closure of Windmill Drive - big success.
More public toilets
More seats overlooking the green areas, more shaded seating. More bike parking. Better signage on bike lanes. Wider pavements. More planted areas with flowers etc more areas with rain cover where you can wait out any showers. Working water fountains and more of them around for me and the dogs. More bins along pathways
More toilets that are cleaned regularly.
More tree planting (with variety of indigenous trees) and wild flower areas
More trees on Clapham Common and less litter. Also healthy grass all year round (I know this must be really difficult to do because of the number of visitors and weather). I feel uncomfortable walking home at night over the common, lights on more of the paths would be helpful
More trees, more wildflowers, cleaner and better maintained facilities. Thank you
More trees, upgrade the children's play area, build a go ape to help generate income to go towards maintaining the park.
More under cover areas like the bandstands so they can also be enjoyed in the rain. More emphasis in entertainment, play / gym equipment for older children and teenagers. Now more than ever a place where young teenagers can feel they are welcome and not a nuisance would pay dividends.
More variation of vegetation on Clapham common, tree planting to give more life to its open spaces

More wild flower areas, more biodiversity , more ecology and water fountains.
More wild parts (as on eg Tooting and Wandsworth Commons). More unmown areas. Accept some untidiness. Plant for bees and butterflies, including trees eg Alder Buckthorn. Plant shrubs round the areas reserved for football. Expand Bandstand beds if they need more land. More toilets (the ones at the cafe are fine but limited).
More wildflower spaces.
Much more intensive support of the soft landscaping, better repairs of boundary poles and other hard landscaping items when broken, provide screening for the unsightly eurobins that are everywhere, more clean drinking water available, and better management of where people walk to prevent the huge erosion of grass and creation of multiple 'mud paths' or soon there will be no grass left!
No huge events such as music festivals which damage the grass, cause litter problems, spoil the calm atmosphere and disturb wildlife. Hold other events such as funfairs on the designated hard core area near Clapham South. More litter bins please, and if possible more toilets too.
No major concerts or events that use up large parts of the park for weeks at a time. And which often ruin the grass and park surface. Winterville was particularly bad and should not happen in future.
Not let younger trees die from non watering at hight of summer .mend broken pole / fences . .Patch pathways, Replace broken benches one 4 one . Or install new one as lacking . Especially in Clapham Common. More toilets
On Clapham Common pathways are dangerous and full of potholes. Resurfacing is required. Fences have not been repaired for 30 years and are in a shameful state. Litter, especially after events is appalling. More fines and education needd'
One of ponds being available for swimming in Clapham Common
Open the football changing room toilets and don't fine people £150 for being forced to use the bushes instead
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Outdoor gym near Broomwood road junctions with CC Westside has made our street awful - boom boxes played loudly by those exercising- rubbish left by them too - aggression if asked to turn music down. Those using gym drive to exercise there, park their cars and take Residents spaces. Gym users do not pay parking but move cars when they see wardens come along. Drugs are being sold and used at the gym facility. Our road - Clapham Common Westside has become a rat-run for cars cutting through or gym users. Dangerous as they drive too fast on this road which pedestrians use to access the common. Rubbish left all over the street/road by gym users. During lockdown men constantly climbed over the fence or under to use equipment even though it was against the law. This gym attracts low level criminals and has ruined the area for residents.
Pick up litter. Stop holding events on the green space. Do something about the bare compacted ground where joggers run. Stop trying to prosecute people who take a pee in the bushes!
Picking up litter more often - when done it id done well. Spotting assemblies gathering which break social distancing guidelines and leave litter. Inform police. Keeping a publicly available record. Preventing people peeing against east end of Holy Trinity the only possible way which is by building architecturally acceptable toilet in vicinity
Plant more trees, more flowers, more bushes, try to isolate the park from the road, add a bit of variety.
Plant more trees. Create more habitat for wildlife. Allow it to be less manured and more like a 'common' Less sport.
Play equipment on the Clapham common could do with an upgrade, but I understand money tight and there are more urgent priorities. Maybe a fundraiser from the very wealthy local residents?
Playground is very small compared to attendance, any chance it could be made bigger? and mud club is always full on saturdays, could it be on wednesdays too? Thx
Please stop people from peeing, pooping and heavy parting in the park. Also the forest part of Clapham Common is disgusting, used for sexual activities and full of aftermath rubbish like condoms, wet wipes etc. I've seen people having oral sex in the middle of the day. Please stop this nonsense!
Please try to make it clean and work for shaping grasses and plant more flowers and trees. Most of the people smoking weeds between trees and there is no security and I am really afraid to bring my children there
Proper maintenance, non-exploitation for cash by the Council, and proper staff/keepers
Protecting grass from festivals.
Provide more litter bins when the parks are busy. (Weekends / Sunny days)

Provide more rubbish bins and empty them more frequently
Reduce traffic around the parks. It feels like the green spaces are often divided from communities by large amounts of polluting private vehicles.
Regulation of loud speakers.
Reinstate water fountain at back of cafe by bandstand for dog drinking too.
Resurface defective footpaths. Upgrade standard of waste bins and have a seasonal provision policy. Cut and maintain grass around and to east of Trinity Church and the Old Town. Current position a mess. Ensure toilets are open and cared for.
Smoothing and widening existing paths and designing them without steep cambers along the edges. facilitates jogging, walkers, kids on bicycles, buggies etc. - New cycle path and walking/jogging path east-west from the Skatepark to Battersea Rise to replace and improve the current muddy tracks. - Plant more trees - some paths are currently bare eg. Walk from the Long Pond to the Bandstand
Stop ruining them with low quality loud overcrowded alcohol and drug attracting antisocial events which only attract the young
Stop the over use of Clapham Common caused by organised events. The damage to the grass is unacceptable. 2. Provide more and/or bigger bins on Clapham Common especially in the summer months when visitors bring with them food and drink. It's not the fault of the parks staff that the bins overflow with vast amounts of rubbish.
The beautiful wooded area of the Common is rendered completely unusable due to discarded condoms, needles and other disgusting rubbish.
The cleanliness of the common is poor and there isn't enough rubbish collections carried out. The toilets are poor, having recently been closed for works they aren't any better!
The cleanliness of the park has deteriorated greatly in the past year, loads of rubbish lying around all the time. Part of the Playground facilities were fenced off for a prolonged period of time when this should have been sorted in a more timely manner. The toilet facilities are dirty. Paddling pool was open but then closed most of the time despite signs indicating otherwise and by the time it was reopened the summer had gone. We always enjoyed clapham common park so very much and are disappointed at how worse it has gotten over the past year
The common seems to not be taken care of in the least. I hear of Brockwell being very well taken care of and how Clapham Common seems to be an after thought from everything from bowling greens, children's playgrounds, noise pollution from teenagers, to pollution of other activities. It's such a shame during a pandemic to get "fresh" air only to see the same rubbish that has been sitting there for days.
The eastern side of Clapham Common is in a very poor state. A better design is required to encourage people further in so that the corners do not get such heavy use. A potential option is further hard landscaping to the east near Clapham high street. A possibility is also another playground near the paddling pool as the existing one does not serve the residents on the eastern side. Please consider more ambitious play areas such as those in Battersea park. The park and Lambeth in general has very poor quality street cleaning, compared to its neighbours Wandsworth and Westminster. This makes it look tatty. Please take more pride in Lambeth, it should not be just a tick box exercise but there should be genuine desire to provide a great urban environment. Having lived in Lambeth for nearly 10 years I can say that this element has not improved and is being the borough down.
The grass is generally in poor condition. The frequent large event (concerts and winterville) have been major contributors. Would be beneficial also to arrange for larger bins (incl. recycling) with more frequent collections.
The grass on parts of Clapham Common is very worn. I know you are working on part of the Common, but more areas probably need attention.
The Green Site and the Community garden is an eyesore - no charm with metal containers and shopping trolleys. The amount of ugly railings and paraphernalia stacked in full view - completely mars the sense of being in a green space. Can't it all be stored in a warehouse away from the Common. Not a single working drinking fountain, poor signage, atrocious toilets. Wildlife needs more protection from dogs and people need more protection from fumes of roads all around - a green barrier would be great.
The litter is unacceptable - put in fines and enforcement. Better education and community clean up.
The Paddocks around the Southside (with it's associated roads and pathways/pavements) are not looked after. Roads and Highways do not look after these and it has been established that these areas are part of Clapham Common. Sadly they are very neglected.
The rubbish situation has become out of control. I appreciate the efforts the parks teams have put in cleaning up after the general public but perhaps more bins and notices might help. Some sports teams leave tons of rubbish after football on a weekend - there needs to be more effective enforcement and a warning that they will lose their ability to operate if they leave any trace behind. The playgrounds could do with a facelift - Wandsworth playgrounds are much better!

The wooded areas of Clapham Common are strewn with used condoms, condom packets and tissues. Can you do something to deter this littering by “the gentlemen of the Common”?
There are not enough toilets on Clapham Common. During summer, most people would pee in the bush or in the streets nearby. The Common has been extremely noisy in the evening with parties going until late at night.
There could be better lighting and the cycle lanes could be better signposted. Cyclists take no notice of the give way markings. Love the Common though!
There could be more rubbish bins, and more signs encouraging people to take their litter home or put it in the bins. The cafe by the bandstand needs a serious upgrade into the 21st century. Look at the royal parks or Battersea park for guidance on that. Also when granting events a licence one requirement should be to make the event free of single-use plastics.
There should be more drinking water fountains (the two available are not functioning) and the markings on the cycle route should be repainted.
To take good advice from the Friends of Clapham Common
Toilet facilities and more benches
Trees. The best ones are Victorian. Need to leave future generations some great trees. Should be planting now. Events. Don't hold long events on grass - it gets ruined. Open space. There's too much. More shrubs, meadow flowers and long grass, trees.
Turn them into tarmac open spaces for cyclists...just like you are doing with other public shared space eg normal roads, pavements, park paths.....
Very disappointed at the closure of the little route across clapham common as it has increased the congestion on the main n/s route considerably and enforced a much more circular and environmentally unfriendly excursion on local traffic accessing roads off the southside
Where there is space which is not in public use, like side of the park, around the inside fence, there should be seasonal flowers, which will look more attractive and beautiful. The fences need, renovation (Painted, broken should be changed.)
Wilder areas, trees along all footpaths to create more shade, better cafe, improve the playgrounds with more modern, well maintained equipment
Would be nice to have more equipment to workout (non meaning weightlifting) but pushups, etc.
Would be really nice to have some planted areas- but realise this would be expensive
Would like more trees and plants and feeling of greenness.
<b>Response</b>
<i>This response addresses all the suggestions raised more than twice, in descending order by the number of times they were mentioned.</i>
<b>Litter</b> - the budget situation means we cannot have any more staff dedicated to litter-picking and we cannot flood the common with large numbers of additional bins. A review of all bins is being undertaken and depending on the recommendations we may install extra bins or relocate some of those already present. We are planning more anti-littering messaging across the common this summer.
<b>Toilets</b> - we have recently refurbished the toilets in the children's playground and will be refurbishing the main Windmill Drive toilet block in 2021/22 as part of a new capital project on the Common. We will also be opening the toilets in the changing block for public use at weekends. We are also exploring ways of providing additional toilets in partnership with existing and new commercial tenants.
<b>Biodiversity</b> – a project to improve biodiversity in the woodlands is underway; a large area of the common is left naturalised, with no grass-cutting at all and plans are underway to start implementing a major biodiversity enhancement project south of the bandstand, which was proposed in the 2007 Masterplan. A Trees, Landscape and Ecology working group of the Clapham Common Management Advisory Committee meets regularly to discuss ways of improving biodiversity on the common. For example, they initiated the wildflower strips close to the main playground.
<b>Enforcement</b> – Lambeth created a small public realm police task force in 2020, and along with other enforcement teams in the Council will provide an increased presence on the common. To date, their activity has had to be mostly related to Covid-19, but this will turn more to Byelaw-related issues as the pandemic recedes.
<b>Play areas</b> – the main play area has now been completely refurbished and re-opened in February. Although some investment was also made in the Battersea play area, more work is need here and will be discussed during 2021.
<b>More trees</b> – trees are planted every year and a tree plan will be completed by the end of 2021 setting out a clear policy for tree-planting over the next few years.
<b>Better management of grass, trees etc.</b> – the very high usage of the common and our low staffing levels make this challenging, but our in-house teams inspect trees regularly, use specialist equipment to de-compact the soil, avoid cutting grass too short when

it is dry and the ponds have seen considerable investment over the past few years. We are in the process of commissioning an improvement plan for all grass sports areas.

**Less commercial events** – Although Covid-19 has delayed plans, the intention is to use a contract to condense large commercial events on the grassed area into a short space of time. Commercial events fund many improvements on the Common, which would otherwise not be affordable.

**Repair paths** – the new capital works programme launching in April has this as one of its key priorities, with a detailed survey of all internal roads and paths as the starting point.

**Eroded grass paths** – these tend to be heavily used runners' tracks and it is not possible to deal effectively with these at present.

**Shift events to hard-standing** – although interrupted by Covid, this is a key principle of our new Events Strategy.

**Improve boundary posts etc.** – this project is ongoing, largely funded through events income.

**Invest more in the Common** – the Common has suffered from under-investment, however we have spent over £400,000 on the new playground project and are planning even more significant investment for 2021/22.

**More horticulture/flower beds** – we aim to manage the Common with a more naturalised look rather than a municipal park, so no plans for new formal flower beds.

**Better signage for cyclists and pedestrians** – new signage is currently being trialled in Brockwell Park with the aim of rolling it out to other larger sites.

**Improve bandstand café** – the lease has recently been transferred to the tenants of Pear Tree Café in Battersea Park, who will be bringing a fresh, new look to the Common.

**Install rain shelters** – these will probably not be a priority for capital spend and will further detract from the naturalised look of the Common. There are several places on and around the Common where it is possible to shelter and the site is so large that it would be difficult to offer effective protection against the elements.

**More gyms** – the Common already has a number of outdoor gyms and there are no current plans to install more.

**More recycling bins** – as part of the review of bin provision we will be considering extra recycling bins.

**More water fountains** – this will definitely be considered as part of future improvement plans.

**Turn on drinking fountains** – that hasn't been permissible during the pandemic, but we are in the process of checking and repairing fountains so that we can turn them on as soon as we are able to do so.

**Better facilities/activities, e.g. Go-Ape** – we did evaluate Clapham Common for a Go-Ape centre but they could not find an area suitable. They do require a fair number of very mature trees. A proposal to create an adventure golf course by the tennis courts on Westside is working through approvals processes.

**Ensure football teams clear up their litter** – this message will be reiterated to clubs again.

**Improve cycle paths** – plans to extend Quietway 5 across the Common are delayed, but in progress.

**Install play equipment for older kids** – the new playground is designed to cater to children up to the age of 12; the Common includes a range of activities for older children including a skatepark and sports facilities. Lambeth provides Adventure Playgrounds for older children.

**Replace paddling pool with new wetplay** – this is a priority for the new capital investment programme.

Other comments have been noted and will be taken into account wherever possible.

## Cleaver Square

My particular interest is Cleaver Square, where I live. I consider the mature London Plane trees to be in a dangerous condition. They are overgrown and sorely in need of attention from a tree surgeon. A serious winter storm could easily bring down large heavy boughs damaging property and potentially injuring people. This would expose Lambeth to legal compensation costs far in excess of the modest cost of tree surgery. It is in the interests of both Lambeth and the public that action is urgently taken.

Refresh the trees.

Suggest that the owners of the very large houses around Cleaver Square make an annual contribution to its maintenance.

Urgent check on the safety and health of trees in the square. Replacement of fallen tree. Repairs to railings

## Response

The trees in Cleaver Square were inspected in November 2020. There were a few minor issues that needed addressing, some deadwood removing and some crown reductions. There is one small Cherry that was dead and needs removing. The large Ash is scheduled for a re-inspection in May 2021 and will be one to watch as it looks like it may be in decline. There is a works order raised and we expect to complete this work by the end of March. The trees are on an inspection cycle of 3 years at the moment

<b>Eardley Road Sidings</b>
Engage with local community to better sustain the diversity and better protect specialist collections, e.g. especially the endangered yellow snail population at Eardley
<b>Response</b>
<i>We are not aware of any rare molluscs at the site but are planning to apply to Natural England to have the site declared a Local Nature Reserve. This will provide a fresh opportunity to try and engage the local community in getting involved with managing the site. We will be arranging a comprehensive site survey as part of the preparation for the LNR application and this will identify any rare species present.</i>
<b>Elam Street Open Space</b>
Improve the natural environment under the bridge walkway. Identify significant plants with signage.
Maybe security
<b>Response</b>
<i>Working with the local community we recently completed a full revamp of the walkway area and further site enhancements are planned over the next couple of years. We've had a few requests for plant labels and will be exploring this in more detail. We would encourage all park users to report crime to the police and anti-social behaviour via Lambeth's website. These reports help inform tasking and enforcement work</i>
<b>Emma Cons Gardens</b>
"Emma Cons Gardens" is a falsification - it is not a garden space, merely unattractive land. It is repulsive and needs dire attention - only street drinkers sit there and it creates a horrible hostile environment. The area has been like it for years and I despair at how awful it has become. It is not maintained with any plants or greenery of note and only recently has had regular cleaning. When will the space get the redevelopment it desperately needs?
Most Lambeth parks I've visited have a great deal of litter and often some sort of anti-social behaviour. Emma Cons Gardens is particularly bad. It is strewn with litter (bottles, cans, plastic, cardboard) and is usually full of rough sleepers/street drinkers. It's an unpleasant area which must be very off-putting to visitors. It feels quite threatening and not somewhere you'd want to spend any time. It is a pity because it could be a nice safe space if it was monitored properly.
<b>Response</b>
<i>The poor state of the site is acknowledged, and it is a priority for capital investment. The Council is currently working with a major local landowner over using planning gain to fund a full redevelopment. A steering group comprised of local community groups and stakeholders has been formed to develop a consultation exercise regarding the design</i>
<b>Grafton Square</b>
More signage to stop people leaving litter, having BBQs, playing football
<b>Response</b>
<i>Further capital works are planned for the near future to enhance the site and signage will be reviewed as part of this</i>
<b>Hillside Gardens Park</b>
Add nets on the Basketball courts.
At Hillside Garden basketball court do not have a net and could be improved. The playground as well sometimes requires maintenance which is not done straight away.
Better playgrounds, better toilet facilities, coffee facilities
Better tennis courts, more litter management (fine people who abuse the parks and drop litter), build more outdoor gyms - they are really popular and attract a ton of good people to the park, rather than dodgy gangs and grafitti artists etc. I really do

appreciate the parks over all and don't want to be too negative. But as such great resources, Lambeth need to do much more to get maximum usage out of them.
Encourage more wildlife
Have a specified dog area which is fenced in for dogs to be off lead so I don't have to worry about my dog running away
Hillside Gardens is rather tucked away, more residents might find it if there was more pedestrian signage to it on nearby major roads (eg Norwood Road at junction with Leigham Vale, or on Christchurch Road at junction with Hillside Road)
I think Hillside Gardens would really benefit from camera surveillance as it does suffer from gang groups, vandalism and fly-tipping. It has moments when it is very busy and times when it is very quiet and it's the quiet times would benefit from the extra personal security from cameras. It is such a beautiful park but just needs monitoring.
Make sure toilets have always toilet paper and provide tennis courts with a roof and lighting to play in rainy weather. Please repair the spinning bike ride in children's playground. It is missing pedals and doesn't work properly
More regular cleaning, better maintenance of playground equipment and benches
Not digging up precious greenery and replacing footpaths with wider tarmac roads for the convenience of maintenance vehicles. Improving tennis courts with proper sports surfaces. Providing natural planting and wildflower areas.
Play equipment needs upgrading and toilets need to be more widely available.
Please more rubbish bins. I pick up litter when I see it and then need a bin to put it in as I don't want to have to take it all home.
There is at times an issue with littering. My impression is that this improved a little during lockdown and while children were not at school and since school's have returned it has worsened. It would seem that this therefore a result of the level of use of the park and profile of users rather than any change in park management or maintenance routine's. Please note your survey has some fundamental flaws as it has a bias towards a positive result. 3 out of 5 possible answers other than n/a are positive as follows: Excellent Good Satisfied You either need a neutral answer if using 5 options (neither satisfied or dissatisfied) or you adopt a 4 option response with two positive and two negative forcing respondents to express a view one way or the other.
Upgrade the kids park make it safe big holes in the ground very dengruos .. I have seen many accident happen over with my own kids arther people kids. Aswell..also very sleepy ground in places.. when ground is wet . In 3 years the kids area is been forgotten..😞😞
You keep the parks in good order we are so lucky to have so much green space.
<b>Response</b>
<i>As per all other parks across London the huge increase in usage during 2020 made it even harder to keep on top of issues like litter with our already stretched resources. A number of improvements are planned for the park as part of the ongoing capital programme, including enhancements to the play area and refurbishing the tennis courts. Basketball nets will be replaced/installed once outdoor sports facilities are permitted to re-open and we will look for additional opportunities to make the park more wildlife-friendly.</i>
<b>Holmewood Gardens</b>
Perhaps more staggering of after school use during this critical phase with Covid 19. The playground gets very full as there are 3 schools and a nursery in the very close vicinity and it can be difficult for other people and small children to use the park at those times. There is no problem otherwise
<b>Response</b>
<i>Unfortunately, the Council does not have the resources to implement any sort of queuing system for play areas in parks, and we rely on users taking sensible measures to reduce transmission of Covid-19. Signs with advice regarding hygiene and social distancing were installed at all park-based play areas in the summer of 2020, and we are currently replacing any that have gone missing</i>
<b>Kennington Park</b>
- The toilet facilities are in poor condition, not terrible though but both the building and its structures are quite outdated. - It would be nice having more trees providing fruits for the local fauna, instead of the current more decorative plants.
A greater police presence would help.
A nicer enclosed dog park. The dog park behind the imperial war museum is much nicer

As a cyclist I think there should be non cycling routes most of the time as I see anxiety and frustration amongst non cycling users.
Avoid letting space to groups like Friends who left the area a real eyesore and did so much damage to the grass
Better monitoring of behaviour in parks especially at weekends - BBQs, unofficial organised football, keep fit equipment hanging off tree branches, litter, occasional speeding cyclists. Tackle the drug dealing and open air drinking. Sort out the mess of the cafe's pizza boxes. Improve the toilet provision. Manage the weekend footballers on the park extension. Get the Adventure Playground and One o'clock opened for decent hours during the term time and holidays and made available to all local children - it is a wasted resource.
Bins need very frequent emptying. I think the lawn would ideally be mowed a little more often.
Cleaner and safer toilets.
Clear rubbish from the Kennington Park extension early on Saturday and Sunday mornings after parties on the nights before
Consistent early morning opening of gates
Cycling calming measures would be good. Otherwise I've loved having the park on my doorstep.
Deal with graffiti. Some areas not cleared of litter.
Discourage loud music and ban fair grounds and beer tents. Introduction of deck chairs. Repair and increase water fountains.
During the pandemic I've been working at home rather than going to the office and so I've been doing a lot of walking round my neighbourhood and visiting a number of Lambeth parks which I don't normally visit, in addition to my local park, Kennington Park. Generally all the parks I've visited have been well maintained, including the paths and buildings, and the plants and trees look good. The only real area where I feel we could do better is with toilet facilities, which I think should be more numerous and cleaner.
Empty bins more often in Kennington park we have seen rats several times. Make all the parks the same standard so we do not need to travel to go to a good park.
Encourage people not to play music from personal equipment.
Fruit and nut trees for locals to pick
Get rid of the rats on the Kennington road side of the park, they climb the trees there and are a terrifying experience to see at close quarters. The rat situation has got much worse during covid.
Grass never recovered from the "Friends" marquee event in late 2019: whilst I understand that these events bring in essential revenues, I think the organisers should take greater responsibility to restore the grass afterwards.
I don't know what Lambeth's policy is on groups using the green spaces for organised activities but it really spoils my enjoyment when a large group of people is blasting music and working out on the grass with no regard for anyone else using the park
I love spending time with the kids in the parks, lots of lovely spaces locally, thank you for all of your hard work! Shame the Lido that used to be in Kennington Park tennis courts can't be revived :D I work in Foots Cray Meadows, a larger nature reserve in Bexely, so nice having the River Cray, water play areas are brilliant (eg paddling pool at Ruskin Park), and leaving some areas all wild and mysterious is great for urban kids (like the nature bit in Archbishops Pk). Toilets are sometimes in sore need (eg Vauxhall Park!) but otherwise really lucky having such nice green spaces in walking distance, good luck!
I think Lambeth Parks team do the very best they can with the resources available. I am conscious that St James Park has better planting partly because the Royal Parks are better resourced. I would like Lambeth to run a campaign highlighting every time a piece of litter is dropped tax payers money £££ has to be spent to pick up the litter. We need a different approach to campaigning to change behaviour on litter and rubbish!
I think that Kennington Park is an absolutely wonderful resource and I'm continually impressed by how much innovative use it is put to. The Cafe is very well run, the gardens are really incredible. The childrens' play area is really good - shame the train is fenced off, but the park has been recently redone and is used heavily. The toilets aren't amazing but it is amazing there are any at all. The dancing on Sunday, huge sports lessons, very well behaved dog owning community, parakeets, people practising music, fencing, boxing, football, table tennis, the bees! - I absolutely love Kennington park and i'd like you to know that it has really helped mine and my family's mental health over lockdown, it's a wonderful resource, it's very well kept and clean and tidy and we are lucky to have it thank you : )
If the toilets could be open so we could spend more time in the park
Improve the toilet facilities available at Kennington Park - just not pleasant to visit - access via a small fee or pass would be OK if greater control and finance is required
In kennington park the verge alongside the playground for disabled children on the midnight path side, was abandoned by the council, when the previous contract ended, and is a litter dump. Also, and a marked contrast with southwark, lighting on the lambeth footpath is not maintained.

Increased litter collection, bins and/or encouraging Collective Cafe to maintain their own bins. Increased signage around how to use the sports facilities (e.g. tennis courts).
It would be good if train was fixed and toilets were available at the playground
It's a beautiful park and we are so lucky to have it!
It's the access to clean toilets and baby changing facilities that let it down hugely for me. It's not nice having no where to go literally especially when I have two young children with me. The toilets are either locked or they are very dirty, no toilet rolls, sometimes no toilets seats to sit down, the toilets haven't been checked or cleaned, there's no soap in the soap dispensers to wash our hands. Brockwell, Clapham Common and Kennington park could seriously do with an upgrade and this is just the few parks I have stopped visiting regularly for this reason.
Keep toilets open during reasonable hours and clean. Some are very good and some dreadful. By the way this should cover more parks. I also frequent Brockwell Park, Vauxhall, Burgess, Myatt's Field and Larkhall Park.
Lambeth Parks have done an amazing job during the Pandemic - thank you! I wish the bins in the Kennington Park Flower Garden could be emptied a bit more, and some of the blind spots designed out - some inappropriate behaviour does seem to be attracted here. Hate that land has been given up for the Northern Line Extension. Wish the shelters could be made more useful and some of the desire lines incorporated better into paths.
larger bins too much overspilling rubbish in key area even with extra large bins during busy months especially in the morning when cats and rats and foxes have been ripping up rubbish bags spilling food from bins all over the paths dangerous driving from cyclists have now made the parks unsafe for pedestrians. too many cyclists see the park as a through road and have no consideration for anyone else too many joggers in the morning make it difficult to walk safely no social distancing separate bike and jogging lane required remove drug users and alcoholics who congregate at the tube ventilation shelter to one place. the smell of drug is not very satisfactory no one to approach if there is an issue in the park when behaviour is unacceptable. too much very loud music in the park from exercise classes run in the park, cafe and parties. this means the park is not peaceful grass areas are badly damaged by fun fares exhibitions etc and the grass is not repaired
Litter removal. We need larger bins, emptied ore frequently. Staff have to spend time picking up litter carelessly dropped by park users.
Make sure dogs only use the designated areas when off the lead. Allow the survey to show how many of the green space you use. I had to choose only one as I understand you can't collect the other data on a specific park but perhaps another question that allows you to show how you use green spaces.
Manage the users so that they don't play football where they shouldn't and gather in large crowds when they are not supposed to.
Many teams play sport here and many families congregate throughout the summer months, eating and drinking. The rear fence of the Charlie Chaplin playground has become a urinal. Please provide toilet facilities so all the users stop defecating our back lane, next to 70 St Agnes Place
More benches.
More frequent tree management.
More litter picking and disincentives to create litter
More safe have secite guiled on site at park make people bevhing respetfullu way keep family safe learining disabiles young people make sure wellbeing get know commtriy support each other we fighth cov19 stay safe.
More water fountains to fill water bottles and dog bowls.
New toilets urgently needed. New (recycled rubber chips?) hard standing under apparatus in fitness area. And please complete the surface around the new playground train and open it up for the kids to use!
Not really your fault but people seem to be holding events in the parks and it's not pleasant for the rest of us, when they're blaring out loud music, big groups taking over etc, leaving vast amounts of waste. Groups should be dispersed.
Nothing
Nothing! It's a wonderful park and I can't fault it
Open longer to enable the cafes to sustain a business more effectively.
Open on time Clean up after the lazy suits who leave their litter or have park wardens to prevent it in the first place
People smoking drugs by playgrounds awful also drug bags in children's play area awful
Perhaps could leave more of the grass as unmown meadow
Playgrounds vary so much across the parks. Kennington park has been really poor for a long time with items being broken. I know budgets are tough but would be epic to see them all at the same standard. Having more regulations around dogs being on leads

and ability to fine for dog fouling needs to be better -- this is the only reason I put down poor maintenance as it is so hard to let your kids run around when there are so many dogs and so much dog shit.
Please remove the graffiti in Kennington park by the basketball court. It ruins the parks look. Would love to see more plants in the park to rival countryside parks and hyde park
PUNISH "FRIENDSFEST2019" FOR THE HORRIFIC DAMAGE THEY DID TO THE GROUND IN KENNINGTON PARK
Reopen the skateparks / build more/bigger ones in the spaces that are unused
Some park users leave a lot of rubbish - a problem with the users rather than the parks
Somehow ensure people dispose of litter correctly (maybe signs)
Stop allowing takeovers of parks for exclusive events. Spend more to ensure upkeep, Proper well maintained toilets and rubbish collection. More parkkeepers and gardeners.
Thanks for keeping the toilets open longer. I would have also liked to see the park hours extended through summer well into the evening as it was often the safest option to socialize at a safe distance - closing at sun down meant going into smaller rooms with people, at closer range.
The Friends event for 2 weeks resulted in damaged field which took 7-8 months to fully recover with large areas cordoned off during that period. This seems disproportionate in terms of cost /benefit. On a Saturday morning to early afternoon organised ball games are played in the park when there is ample room on the playing fields.
The huge volume of human traffic in and through the parks has made it very difficult to enjoy the space, particularly since the Covid19 pandemic and lockdown when more people have taken to using the parks. There is a big problem with litter and people using the bushes and borders as toilets. There is also a great deal of discarded food left, supposedly for the birds but encourages rats and has made my greedy labrador guide-dog very ill on several occasions. I walk to work through Kennington Park or Myatt's Fields every day. I know that the staff do their best to empty the bins every day however, at weekends and when there is good weather, bins are absolutely overflowing and sometimes the foxes pull out their contents. Therefore, could we have more substantial lidded bins perhaps near to the exits and entrances of the parks so that people can leave their litter and not just dump it in carrier bags by overflowing basket bins in the park. I am a blind person and my partner is also visually impaired. If he is with me, I let the dog off for a free run but when I am on my own, the guide-dog is working on harness. I am shocked at the speed at which cyclists whizz past on the footpaths. As cyclists are pretty silent both my partner and I have experienced near misses on so many occasions that I have lost count. I have also found myself entering the park on foot with the dog at the entrance nearest to the junction of Brixton Road and Camberwell New Road. Turning into kennington park gates, I am often met with a cyclist who is racing towards the gate without due caution. these experiences are potentially very dangerous and certainly alarming. I realise that people ignore signage but I think it is unreasonable for pedestrians and cyclists to share the same pathway because a significant number of cyclists do not slow down or make any allowances for pedestrians. I know that Lambeth Council is very keen on encouraging more cycling and walking in order to combat pollution levels and take care of our environment. Therefore, I think it would be a good idea to create a cycle path that is separate from the footpath so that people who wish to use these public spaces like a velodrome can do so without causing alarm, offence and potential accidents to those of us who need to travel on foot.
There are lots of rats in Kennington Park, sited daily I believe there is an infestation in the Park House near to Kennington Park Road. The Park in general could do with better cleaning/grooming. Kennington Park has a lot of potential and needs looking after.
There are not enough toilet facilities in the parks in relation to the number of people using the parks and so they get very dirty and can be a health hazard.
Toilet facilities should be much better.
Toilets are a disgrace. They need some serious investment. The use of the park for unorganised music events should be banned, this ruins the peace and enjoyment for those who wish to enjoy the park.
Too many toilets in various parks are closed
Very enjoyable and connecting with Nature
You are obviously not able to spend as much as you would wish on maintenance, gardening etc but you do try very hard to keep Kennington Park well tended and clear of rubbish. You seem to work hard and happily with the Friends group. An attack on the rats would be appreciated, but their presence might naturally diminish in the winter months.
You try very hard to combat the litter, but in specific areas where specific groups congregate it's always a unrewarding and dispiriting exercise. Their disregard for cleanliness and other peoples enjoyment is total. Also we know you have problems with dog walkers, but the rat population on those shrubberies that abut the road to the Oval Station and beyond is now rampant and the problem needs addressing.
<b>Response</b>

There are two significant areas of concern raised – more enforcement of the park byelaws and better toilet provision. Lambeth will be commencing a major programme of capital works in the park this year and one of the priorities is to demolish and replace the existing toilets, with the aim of creating safer and more hygienic toilets less susceptible to vandalism and anti-social behaviour. We also plan to open a new toilet close to the extension. In terms of enforcement, Lambeth recently created a new public realm police team, which does operate in parks. They have had to focus on Covid-19 issues to date, but as the pandemic dies down, they will be able to focus on more of the concerns raised by users.

In terms of the other issues raised, a number of these are being or will be addressed in the near future. For example, the area used by the Northern Line extension will shortly be restored as a dog exercise area and will also include a new wildflower/conservation area; there will be less large events in the park; the train in the play area has been surfaced and opened up now; we are planning improvements to weekend staffing arrangements to better manage litter; the lighting on the extension is currently being repaired; a project is underway to deal with the state of the verge along Bolton Crescent; the play area will be enhanced and expanded as part of the capital programme; we have been engaging with the café over litter issues; work is underway to explore options for repairing and re-opening the skate bowl; one of the shelters is being repurposed as an information point; bins and benches will be looked at as part of the capital programme, and three new drinking fountains with integral dog bowls are planned; as is the removal of the seating around the ventilation shaft; and a new gardener is currently being recruited. The issue of speeding cyclists is a concern across many parks and ways of addressing this are being explored and trialled. New methods will be introduced into Kennington Park, although new dedicated cycle paths are unlikely because of the cost, impact on green space and the presence of the dedicated cycle lane along Kennington Road. There is an orchard area between the flower garden and the extension, and we will look at how that could be enhanced, with the possible addition of nut trees. Several people raised the issue of rats and that will be assessed to see what can be done.

### Lambeth Walk Open Space

An absence, where possible, of cyclists. If they can't be deprived of riding through the parks, could they please be required to have bells or hooters fitted on their bikes. And some regulations about runners - keep to one side of the path, say...

Generally rubbish collection is fine, but there is a lot of small bits of plastic and other rubbish in the grass. I think there should be an annual 'deep clean' intensive rubbish collection to pick up all of the small bit of plastic that litter the grass.

In the summer all the benches are in the full sun. A couple in the shade would be nice. And in the time of covid, facing the grass not the path would be better. (And more pleasant anyway).

It'd be nice, but more labour intensive, to have more than just open grass, trees and edges - like a more intensively planted garden area in one corner, or something. There are things like that in other parks (e.g. Archbishops' Park frog pond area) that make a nice variety and would make it easier to spend more time in this park.

Keep up the good work!

Lambeth Walk doorstep Green, I'd like to see a community orchard, similar to the park at Imperial War Museum - Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park (Southwark). There's a good spot for it, and cultural heritage wise, it extends the heritage apple trees planted in the patch directly in front of Roots and Shoots. We could then develop Orchard skills for the youth at Roots and Shoots, as well as community picking days.

Need more community teams to assist with gardens etc in park. Need support from Lambeth of plants for breads. How do people learn about teams. Plant boxes around the community need allocating to various people.

### Response

The Council is planning some enhancement works in the park. These suggestions are very welcome and will be considered and incorporated where possible

### Larkhall Park

A seating area with flowers and maybe a water display ,where you can read or just have a quite moment

Better Control / Punish people who regularly let their dogs defecate without correctly picking up mess / disposing Better lighting and security especially night - CCTV is always good idea Get on and develop the redundant land /sites around Larkhall park to improve quality of neighborhood/ get money coming in to reinvest like park improvements. Delay is so wasteful and unnecessary. This is huge point. To be fair Lambeth have improved their asset management since the 1980's low point but much more still needs to be done ..... Charge people to use the park for commercial gain and dog owners ? Like dog walkers /hog owners /fitness trainers / football teams ? Licensing fees would be good idea to control usage and generate income Provide more waste bins Better maintain and improve outdoor exercise equipment. One pedaling piece of equipment has /had terrible squeaking sound

Better grass maintenance
Cleaner and safer
Have a flower garden with benches
In small pocket park we need more safety ,or a Warren as we have a lot of homeless people sleeping rough in them often people with severe mental health.
Keep it open, don't sell off any part of it for developers. It's a lovely little park.
Litter is a big problem, the bins regularly overflow throughout the summer. Good that the rubbish is by the bins though. In Larkhall park it looked as if wildflower meadows were being grown on the banks, but they were cut down in July, when they should be left till the end of August to flourish. Please inform the teams on how to care for these important sites better
More activities, clean grass on field. Kids activities.
More cleanliness, less littering, maybe fines for doing so?
More park attendants. Also please stop people defecating in our park (I know it is human when there is loo roll). This park is heavily used, and a life saver for many of us but it needs some serious care.
More play area and activities for teenagers as they are non existant. Some park need more sitting areas for non visible illnesses such joins arthritis. Sometimes there are away to far.
More seating in clusters to encourage chatting More toilet facilities
More toilets and cafes on the parks - we mainly go to Lark hall and Slade - we also go to Vauxhall park and although the cafe is nice it would be good to have toilet facilities outside the cafe for anyone attending the park
My local park (Larkhall Park) is often very dirty.
Our cleaners do a good as best as they can cleaning the park but especially now we need better security.. there isn't any cameras in the park! I also think we need to see more enforcement in the area: re people not cleaning up after the digs. Not taking their rubbish home. There is currently no loo, or hand washing facilities either.
Provide public toilets, make litter offences work. People litter without impunity. less dogs please why cant they go to clapham common its bigger. Open the one o clock club
Quality and condition of the Lambeth parks are good, however the number of homeless sleeping overnight is increasing; there must be better support given to find accommodation.
Redising the park removed the big soccer pitch in the middle of the park and optimize space, control the area a lot of people drinking, getting high, playing pocker and bedding in the table tennis near to machinery for exercises and a close soccer pitch is a very bad image for the children around is awfull
Regular Groundmens visit to maintain the playing surface. Regular cleaners for the toilets and showers . Clubs held responsible for cleaning changing room after uses .
Stricker rules against people that generate waste and leave them on the park. More bins
Tend to trees and bushes; bother to plant some flowers; clear up around bins; eradicate vermin populations (incl. rats and squirrels).
The path by the larger of the two childrens play areas needs maintenance. The one o'clock club has been closed for many years, which is deeply frustrating. As a very low cost measure, how about unlocking the gate and cutting the grass so that children can play on the equipment?
There could be special areas dedicated to dog owners to take their dogs to do their toilet as there was in Vauxhall Park before all the restructuring that is now going on. Some dog owners still let their dogs foul the walkways without picking up after them.
Toilet facilities in Larkhall Park. Also bigger rubbish and Recycling bins.
We often visit the Larkhall Park which we enjoy however no toilet, no drinking water/tap available. I sometime see teenagers stay and play in the kids play-ground where they shouldn't be playing in this area as they can disturb and play rough games. We also like to have a coffee shop in the park. Please encourage investor to open one. Either offer reduce rent even free.
You could do something about the path from the kids playground to the road. Its like a a swamp when its wet. A bit more litter picking would be good too.
<b>Response</b>
<i>A range of developments and improvements are in hand which will address a lot of these issues and requests. Lambeth has recruited a dedicated public realm police team, however they have been diverted to enforcing Covid-19 restrictions, but will be operating across our parks; public toilets are planned as part of a refurbishment of the changing block; the café should re-open this</i>

<p>summer with new tenants; the one o'clock club is now open and activities will expand as soon as lockdown restrictions lift; additional wildflower meadows and formal flower beds are being planned for 2021, as well as dedicated gardeners for the park; lighting has been improved recently; licensing schemes are in place for commercial dog-walkers and personal trainers and enforcement of these is planned once Covid-19 work eases; new benches and bins will be installed during 2021, including a recycling bin; and we are working with specialists to develop improved management regimes for grass pitches</p>
<p><b>Loughborough Park</b></p>
<p>Loughborough park must be one of Lambeth's most neglected open spaces. A recent project to re-surface the path running round the outside of the park has taken so long it made it unusable for running for more than two months, it is a simple job and I can only think that the contractor is ripping off the council. There is a plan for the park, but I haven't seen it. Where can I see it?</p>
<p>There is a new school opposite Loughborough Park, I think it would be great to get the students to design the space. It's not well laid out. All inaccessible and tucked away. A radical redesign would bring lots of people, make it safer, more interesting and a better use of space. It needn't cost a lot of money, use what's there, rearrange it, make it fun, open and good.</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>
<p><i>The resurfacing work was the start of a programme of enhancement works to the park – and its neglected state is acknowledged. The plans are on display in the park and on our website. The resurfacing was carried out by our highways contractor using fixed rates for the size of the task. Part of the changes involve opening up the central portion of the park and we are keen to involve the local community in how that area could be managed. Officers will make contact with the school</i></p>
<p><b>St Luke's Church Gardens</b></p>
<p>Get rid of the street drinkers who live in the park and the churchyard - they've taken over and think it belongs to them alone</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>
<p><i>This is a challenging issue to resolve, with the police reluctant to take action unless more serious issues are involved. It can easily become an issue moved from one site to another with no real resolution. Covid-19 has diverted enforcement resources, but there is an intention to try and tackle street drinking across the public realm</i></p>
<p><b>St Mark's Churchyard</b></p>
<p>It's a great shame the Lambeth parks stopped the Oval Market from continuing where it used to - it's a major community event. I don't know the backstory though. St Marks' Churchyard is a major cut through for people and there is an opportunity to really improve that space with planters / flowers / more play facilities. I wonder whether money could be found to do this from nearby commercial developments?</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>
<p><i>The market had to be relocated due to the severe compaction caused to tree roots which was threatening their long-term health. It still takes place within the churchyard. The church has raised funding for additional play equipment, which is in the process of being ordered. Unfortunately we do not have the resources to create additional flower beds</i></p>
<p><b>St Mary's Church Gardens</b></p>
<p>Provide more litter bins and clean up after litterers more. Remove inappropriate trees (e.g. robinia - it sprouts all over the place) and cut back overgrown ones so that other plants can thrive as well. Improve soil quality by annual mulching.</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>
<p><i>The gardens are maintained by the Garden Museum and this feedback will be forwarded on to them.</i></p>
<p><b>Max Roach Park</b></p>
<p>Max Roach needs urgent help. The play structures are awful. The fountain/slide feature is ugly it blocks view to road and park. This is a security issue. The fitness equipment is irrelevant and the general landscaping means it's used as a big bin. Only drinkers</p>

smokers and men go there regularly. The bins need upgrading. The benches are old and uninviting. The park screams of neglect and children have poor quality play equipment. Please do something and make it like Vauxhall park which has great horticulture/playground/bins/pathways and benches. Thank you.
Max Roach Park is a hub of anti social behaviour and littering. There are groups of people permanently loitering using drugs. These people then leave the park in a state of disrepair. Seemingly the council no interest in actually doing anything to tackle this because this park is at the edge of Brixton rather than say Clapham
More toilets - doesn't cost that much and would prevent people to pee everywhere and if so, they get fine (if police do its job though)
Remove drug paraphernalia, control drinkers, work with police to prevent large gatherings during pandemic
<b>Response</b>
<i>The concerns expressed are valid. The new Parks Capital Investment Plan sets out proposed improvements, but funding is yet to be identified. Covid-19 has diverted enforcement provision, but the council has invested in additional enforcement resources which can be used to tackle this sort of problem once things begin to return to normal</i>
<b>Myatt's Fields Park</b>
Better a emptying the litter bins. People do try to use them, and those of us who volunteer as litter pickers do a good job, but the Council's role in emptying the bins and especially the big bins by the offices and entrances (Myatts Field) is not as regular as it might be. There is also a huge mess around those big bins - a proper clean of this area needs to be done
Clean toilets regularly Bring back park rangers to deter antisocial behaviour Look after the beds
Grass in Myatts Fields Park needs to be better maintained as over summer period was extremely dry and potentially dying off.
If there was more money you could maintain the park better
Include more herb gardens and plants that bear fruit
Litter is a problem in all Parks - so more bins and signs might be helpful
Maintain them! You tend to fix up and let go to ruin...then spend tons to fix up again. If you focused on maintaining you would not have this issue throughout the borough.
More bins/bins emptied more regularly during hot summer days when the bins get quickly full. Myatt's Fields is often strewn with litter from the bins being overflowing and also foxes getting into the bins. Myatts is a lovely park but the worst area is the dog run, so dusty and bare. So many people have dogs in the park that it's a shame the dog area isn't very appealing.
More recycling bins next to the normal bins and have them picked up properly. Renovations of more unloved spaces like Elam Street OPEN space
More recycling facilities in the parks, more bins in the parks, bins emptied more frequently, crowdfunding for fountains in myatts field to be fixed as these are a massive source of joy for local children
Myatt's field could do with more cycle parking and an outdoor gym. I'd like to see play equipment get incorporated into nature areas for a more 'wild' experience. More bins are needed for litter and I'd like to see maintenance staff arrive by bike, not van. I'd like to see a return of community activities such as the farmers market, outdoor concerts, activities for children etc. The electric powered ice cream is a nice touch - idling petrol vehicles outside park gates are unpleasant. In a crowded city, the more multifunctional spaces there are, the better. If all the parks in Lambeth were as good as Myatt's field Park already is it would be wonderful!
Myatts Field is a brilliant park, but I think they're under-funded
Myatt's field kids play area sometimes has broken equipment that goes months without repair e.g. the zip line. This is not good. The toilets in the kids play area oddly does not have baby changing as they are on the opposite side of the park by the greenhouse. Hint.....baby changing goes in the kids bit.
Please keep playgrounds open during lockdown
Some parks are available to cycle through after closing hours but Myatts Fields don't and it is a very good scape route for bicycles particularly the Minet library road. Cars speed up a lot in this one as the parking crowds the street and drivers run to avoid being trapped by a bigger oncoming vehicle. I have been scared by cars overtaking me on my bike at a very fast speed too close to me. Please keep the park open and illuminated at least the main arteries of it. Ideally keep it open 24/7 so it can be enjoyed on unusual weather and eves too.Thanks
The level of maintenance carried out is quite low. Whilst I indiated 'satisfied' above it was because there was no where to say 'good but requires improvement'. There was a fantastic investment in the children playground and the equipment itself is great -

but it is deteriorating and showing heavy signs of such, and will eventually be hazardous to use. I don't understand why small maintenance is not carried out instead of letting things deteriorate to the point of requiring replacement and requiring significant funding. Childrens equipment is heavily used daily and should be continuously maintained. Less important to me personally, but worthy of note, the level of horticulture planting in the beds is quite poor. In comparison with parks in other boroughs which are always maintained and colourful/seasonal.

The playground has a few pieces of equipment that are currently broken.

The quality of planting and care has diminished due to budgetary pressures, despite good voluntary support. A bit more money would make a big difference

The rubbish is a big problem - educating about litter is the only way

The wooden sidings which were added to the football cage last year mean that the noise from the ball banging against the sides of the cage is really unpleasant. Adult men kicking the ball as hard as they can, again and again, against the sidings, morning and night. The noise was ok before the wooden sidings were added - please assess the noise level and consider removing the sidings. Parks are for everyone, not just for football loving men.

This Park used to be maintained to a much higher standard, it needs a resident park keeper like before

Toilet facilities (where available) are often poorly maintained. Also, more free dog poop bags made available would be great.

## Response

*Most of these comments request better maintenance and more frequent litter collections. Unfortunately, the Council has very limited resources for maintaining parks and cannot afford to increase the maintenance. We have partnered with Myatt's Fields Park Project (MFPP), who have been undertaking extra work in the park since 2015 and are preparing to take on full maintenance, leveraging in extra resources through high levels of volunteering and other initiatives. All parks across London suffered from serious litter problems during 2020 with huge increases in usage. We also had issues sourcing play equipment spares during 2020, as several manufacturers shut down for extended periods.*

## Norwood Park

As a casual user of Lambeth's parks I'd say that you appear to do quite well on what is likely to be a tight budget. My local Lambeth parks - Norwood Park, Tivoli Road - could probably do with more interesting horticulture - but this is hardly a priority. Plus, I can see the work you put in at the walled garden in Brockwell Park and the Rookery on Streatham Common. Knight's Hill Wood and the Unigate Wood could also do with better promotion and/or more activities to integrate them into the local communities and move them away from possibly just being seen as waste land. But their small and secluded nature makes this difficult compared to, say, the wooded parts of Streatham Common.

Better availability of water play in summer. A bit of maintenance is needed on the water channel in Norwood park then it would be back to the lovely feature it used to be.

Better lighting

Better toilets in some parks and more water play during the summer months please!

Brockwell Park seems to get a lot of attention. I think some of the other parks have been slightly overlooked. I understand that it is the biggest park, but some of the others could do with some TLC. Overall I think Lambeth is a great council and does well, but I'd like to see some additional works on transport and quality in the park.

Can't fault the Council during lockdown, you ran the parks incredibly well considering the large number of people using NP! Rubbish - if the Council could push Central Govt to push through the Deposit Return Scheme for bottles, cans, containers, then 90% of rubbish left by humans would be avoided! There are plenty of bins, ok in Lockdown sometimes they were overflowing, but is because so many people using the park. Perhaps more signs for people to take their rubbish home? E-scooters should be banned in all Parks, old people particularly at risk. More long grass areas to improve biodiversity? More woodland? Fenced off wildflower meadow? Allow bee hives in the Park?

Cleaner safer and more facilities

Cleanliness

Crack down on selfish dog owner who let their pets foul our parks; fine them and shame them - things are better but there is still an element who will not clear up after their dog. Disgusting and even worse at a time when so many people are relying on the parks, including kids. Also do more to tackle litter louts and graffiti vandals. Inexcusable. Tell the police to patrol regularly to deter anti-social elements and ensure good behaviour. Keep festivals out of parks when they return. They ruin Brockwell Park.

Either have water/sand play and maintain them, or if it's too much money/other issue then put something else that's more easily maintained in its place.

Encourage people to take their rubbish home, as bins are overflowing most of the time, especially on weekends, and foxes scatter it around. Also, empty the bins more often or replace them with larger ones.
Everyone's responsibility I know but how can we all reduce litter? Also, how can we facilitate more people feeling welcome to help support the park - all groups, all ages, all ideas and contributions..
Fix benches More or bigger bins
Have the right staff and managers to take of the parks and hold them accountable for there actions
I am mostly concerned about playground area. Unfortunately water play area is in poorest condition ever. My son fall there while running around ended up with terrible scratches on his legs with a lot of blood. Most parents agreed with me that, while water is off most of the time, it should be used as a sand pit. Weather and COVID but also maintaining is difficult and expensive with water play, it will be much better and way more fun for children if used as sand pit
Improve pathways and playground areas
Improve the cafe and open the one o'clock club
Leave the parks you've already taken our road, I have no trust in Lambeth at all. DON'T TAKE OUR GREEN SPACES.
More bins in the park
More free tennis courts. More toilets.
More litter bins
More rubbin bins.
More seating, more toilets, I also visit Brockwell Park on a regular basis.
Norood park is starting to look much better now areas have been wilded. It was lovely to walk amongst the long grass during lockdown. The country walk is amazing, but one mans efforts I think...not the councils. It would be great to have a country walk all around the perimeter of the park - a bit like Bel AIR park has done recently. A path around the perimeter would be good as its a difficult park to run in as you have to double back up each path, as they all just lead to an exit. A cafe you could sit down in and have a proper breakfast/ lunch and a decent coffee be great too, as its a lovely park.
Norwood park has a nice climbing frame which has a sand pit and water feature for the children, but it is dirty and the sand has all but disappeared and the water is not switched on in the summer months, which is such a shame and waste of resources
Norwood Park is not welcoming from Elder Rd entrance. There's nothing to encourage you to walk up the hill with children to see the view & use the facilities.
Norwood Park is very neglected; 1. The playground facilities are old, never maintained, broken, missing 2. The water/sand play facility hasn't been maintained for years. There is no sand anymore (unlike Brockwell Park) and the play water is switched off with the water pools full of stagnant water 3. There is no decent planting 4. There is no security at the park entrances to prevent illegal scooter riding and young people regularly ride through at great speed 5. There are barely any picnic tables 6. The toilets are old and don't feel safe
planter tubs near cafe and area near skating zone full of weeds. Please remove weeds and cover with bark chippings.I know you are trying to lease out one o clock club.
Provide spaces that allow for adults and children to purchase food items. I think perhaps a small sandwich or cafe would be useful it could be a space that allows for young people to take up work opportunities outside school hours, learning valuable skills within a small business whilst providing the neighbouring community with a place to purchase food and drinks whilst moving through the park. I believe also having a business open on the premise will increase safety for those wanting to exercise later on in the evening if the cafe were to close around 8pm. I also think it would be a good place to provide other incentives like the Cafe could serve as a place to hold meetings or pop-up events around its space. If facilities were to be improved suck as a kitchen or toilet facilities. It could also be a place that could allow for the use of other spaces around the park currently being disregarded to be get used If say part of the cafe were to function as a holding space for rentable sports equipment to use around the park or gardening and growing packages sold to assist with the upkeep of vegetation areas.
Put more lighting in them. More benches. And nee toilets. Norwood park toilets are old. In a poor state.
Repair broken seats Better lighting Empty all bins more frequently Improve drainage where it regularly floods paths
Some maintenance of playground equipment, replenish sand
Some of the kids playground facilities require maintenance. Safety is a primary concern both for children and parents/families. i have witness groups of kids bullying and intimidating other children, especially by older school kids of high school age, which then escalates when parents/guardians try to intervene. this creates an unsafe atmosphere especially after school. Additionally there are often instances of parent disagreements which degenerate into abusive exchanges, aggression, threatening behaviour and occasionally physically violent exchanges.

The homes overlooking the park have shrubs and bushes growing up there fences, hence slowly destroying them. Would be good if they could clean them up. The park lights are too dim, saw a couple argue so i looked through my window but i could hardly see them. He was just about to hit her when i opened my window he stopped.
The main problem is the amount of litter dropped on the park. It seems there are plenty of bins so increased litter picking, enforcement of fines and even providing litter picking equipment (like they do for the beach clean challenges) would help. Further wilding and tree planting would be great as well.
The mowing regime of the lawns should be reduced to embellish wildlife, retain more moisture in the ground, sequester more CO2 and to improve biodiversity.
The playground area requires more maintenance. Some of the infrastructure needs to be fixed although I noticed that the steps are being fixed) and the water play area is usually clogged. It is preferable when it is off altogether. The skatepark can have flooding and little TLC would make it look nicer.
The playground in Norwood Park needs frequent maintenance to ensure the attractions are safe. There is a wooden construction where extra safety measures could be taken to be made safer for younger children who might venture there. Also, laughing gas canisters have been spotted at the end of the playground and they could be hazards for young children. Can you ensure police and maintenance monitor antisocial behaviour activities and keep the grass clear for the children? Can CCTV cameras be installed for nighttime? Dogs fouling - can you introduce fines for dog owners who don't pick up their dogs' mess?
The toilets need renewing. Other than that it's a nice park and lots of wildlife
There is not much in terms of safety, no cameras or police wardens walking through them, we are so far blessed to not have any major incidents. The Toilet facilities could have a paint inside making them more appealing. There are no water features or water to cool off , it would be lovely to have a water paddle pool or a spraying water feature to cool off. Summers get so hot but there is no water fun. The Cafe The Hippo could be improved example with Umbrella when its hot, making it more inviting, its so basic it could be so much better, making it pretty and more variety of cheaper food, like a burger, chips, hotdogs, soft serve ice cream making it more affordable as you have so many kids who will buy soft serve but when you have 3 kids its like GBP2.50 to GBP3.00 a child why can't kids scoops of GBP1.00 Be introduced or R1.30 .
Toilets are often locked and even when open are in poor condition. Please improve the state of the toilets and keep them open. Park doesn't always feel safe especially towards dusk. Please reinstate park ranger service.
Very impressed with cleanliness in Norwood Park, couldn't see any litter at all. Only place needing a bit of improvement is around the entrance on the lower part of Salters Hill just before the train bridge, rather tatty. Glad to see that many of the seats seem to have been mended, it was getting impossible to perch on one slat! Love the magnificent display of trees - and the distant view of the City.

## Response

*This response will address all the comments made, in descending order by the number of times they were mentioned.*

**Improve the play facilities** – as part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan we have allocated funding to undertake major improvements to the play area. It is unlikely we will revive the waterplay feature due to the high maintenance costs.

**Improve the toilets** – as part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan we are proposing to undertake improvement works within the toilet block.

**Enforcement/fines for dog-fouling** – Lambeth is now funding a dedicated public realm police team, which will be increasing enforcement within parks and open spaces. To date most of their work has had to focus on enforcing Covid-19 Regulations, but this should change through 2021.

**Install more/bigger litter bins** – as part of the capital works, we will review bin provision and potentially increase capacity.

**Better lighting** – lamp columns are provided through the Council's streetlighting contract and any faults can be logged via our [website](#). We do not have the resources to install additional lighting.

**More benches/repair benches** – we have been refurbishing benches across the park and will consider installing more as part of the forthcoming capital programme.

**Improve the cafe** – as part of the forthcoming capital programme we have allocated some funding to improve the area around the refreshment kiosk. At present footfall is too low to support a full park café, however improvements to the play area may well increase usage and our long-term aspiration is to improve the kiosk building, subject to funding.

**Litter education campaign** – The first Covid-19 lockdown took most play equipment manufacturers out of action and it was very difficult to get spares. There have been two items of equipment out of action for an unacceptable length of time. This is being addressed by our Parks Improvement Team with urgency, although they are still having difficulty sourcing some of the required spares.

**Plant more trees/more woodland** – we have planted substantial numbers of trees in the park over the last two years, as well as a new hedge alongside the sports court. This will be an ongoing process.

**Ban e-scooters** – the use of e-scooters is prohibited under our Parks Byelaws.

**Keep the park cleaner** – unfortunately we do not have the resources to increase litter-picking and rely on users taking litter home if bins are full.

**Create a fenced wildflower meadow** – this was done several years ago, however not very effectively and we will revive this area subject to funding.

**Bee hives** – we licence apiaries on many of our parks and cemeteries and would consider an application for Norwood Park if a suitable area could be identified. However, we would also need to agree an increase in suitable forage in the park so as not to create a threat to wild bees and other pollinators.

**Facilitate more involvement in the park** – please do contact the Friends via their website, they run a programme of community activities. We welcome and value resident involvement in the park, for example litter-picking or looking after the orchard.

**Improve the paths** – this will form a core part of the forthcoming capital programme.

**Tennis courts** – we don't have the resources for this at present, however creating a tennis court is a possibility for the future.

**Create a perimeter path with wildlife areas** – the park is unusual in not having a perimeter path and ideally we would remedy this, however the cost would be prohibitive under current circumstances.

**More welcoming entrance on Elder Road** – this is a fair comment and a new sign will be considered as part of the forthcoming capital works.

**More horticulture** – at present we do not have the resources to implement and maintain formal horticulture in the park, however some improvements are planned for the patio around the café.

**Sort out drainage** – this is a core element of the forthcoming capital programme.

**Install picnic tables** – this will be considered as part of the forthcoming capital works.

**Improve the tubs by the café** – work is planned with the Friends to do this.

## Old Paradise Gardens

Bit more effort with this park would be good Better maintenance and landscaping

There is often dog poo in this park

## Response

We have secured capital funding for this park and these works will take place during 2021. The Garden Museum have been supporting Lambeth with some gardening work and we will review signage and enforcement relating to dog-fouling

## Pedlars Park

Not mow the grass so short that it turns to dust especially over summer

Could the park be extended, with the area between Cottington Street and Oval Street depaved save a high quality walking link and a high quality cycling link, and planted?

Stop locking Pedlars Acre Park at night. It is a very popular path from the tube station. It was locked because of a few anti social people. They still go in there and just climb over the fence. Also one of the locks on the gate is broken but all the other gates are still locked so anyone going in there from the tube station thinks they can get out but they would be trapped if someone followed them in there. Also the benches are all broken and need replacing they are a health and safety hazard.

## Response

We have secured capital funding for this park which may include joining the two sections together – but that is dependent on a series of traffic studies. Improvement work will take place during 2021 and this will include replacing damaged benches. The mowing regime will be reviewed to see if we can leave some areas under less intensive management for wildlife

## Rush Common

As I was limited to one park/area I checked Rush Common (between Holmewood Road and Somers Road. I have complained about this before. Prostitutes and pimps. Drug users and drug pushers. And, people using the area (not just the bushes in front of my windows and where children play) as a toilet facility all throughout the day. Sometimes these people don't even bother to hide themselves. They get off a bus on Brixton Hill and pee right there! Something has to be done about this as it is a health risk; it's embarrassing to have to walk past a dozen times a day. I have to avoid the groups of drug-users and drinkers that congregate opposite The Telegraph (that was). It could be soooo pleasant and is when the above are not congregating or transacting business.

Even at 6.30 this morning in the rain there was a woman getting her hit. They even use the stairwells of our blocks of flats too for all sorts. And, no-one does a damn thing about it. I don't invite friends or family round because I am so embarrassed. I am living in a lawless neighbourhood.
Crack down on litter louts
<b>Response</b>
<i>These concerns will be passed to our Public Protection team. We encourage all anti-social behaviour to be reported via our website as this helps build a case for allocating enforcement resources</i>
<b>Ruskin Park</b>
A proper Cafe/meeting space in Ruskin Park
Allow more wild flowering planting rather than cutting back weeds
Bigger signs / enforcement for keep your dog on a lead. Everyday I am in the park there will be at least one dog who is off their lead in the keep your dog on a lead area
Discourage the leaving of litter by party givers
Empty bins more often
Fix the fence that the car drove into. Fix the benches that are missing/broken. Try and refill the pond. The labyrinth garden could do with some more attention as it's looking a bit rough around the edges, compared to the Brockwell Park walled garden for example.
Gates open at all times
Give the playground a bit of TLC, the loos at the playground especially bit overall it's a lovely park.
I'm amazed how well Lambeth looks after its parks after years of cuts. It's great that Ruskin Park has a member of staff working there full-time again; I thought that would never happen. Generally, what needs doing better is general maintenance, to deal with small problems before they become big ones. And over summer we needed bigger litter bins.
Invest in maintenance and horticulture.
It would be nice if there were more bench outside picnic tables . Someone likes park keeper around. Tree signs information about trees . And oak trees elder flower trees.
It would be great, if possible in the future. To have outdoor gym equipment like the one in Clapham common. This would be very beneficial, as would be near and accessible, for many. Also would be very helpful fineacially. Matt's field, would be another possibility. Thankyou
Keep playground equipment operational. It is great that the climbing frame in Ruskin park has been repainted. Why did it have to be roped off for so long before the painting took place? We now see the same thing with the swings.
Keep the lake filled with water. Have larger rubbish bins, each for recycling, glass, plastic, paper and card. More notices about litter. Replacing fallen trees. Keeping the plants in the bowling green garden well tended, hedges cut and wisteria clipped. A safe toilet please. Thank you.
Lambeth does a great jobs of maintaining its green spaces. Also when there is a problem Lambeth is quick to listen and resolve. I think some thought needs to go into how parks may operate in winter months during a potential Covid lockdown.
Larger dog free areas that are better policed. Fewer dog walking companies allowed. Greater policing of dog mess problems. Ideally fewer dogs!
Lighting in the parks. This is an issue with a number of parks that they don't have adequate lighting. With the evenings getting darker it makes the parks a less attractive place to go and exercise.
Look after the pond in Ruskin Park better
Maintain the children's playground 'rides.' A lot of them are in a state of disrepair, are falling apart and quite frankly, look quite dangerous. There is a small trampoline in the play park of Ruskin park and it looks like it's going to break anytime soon which could cause quite a nasty injury to a child.
Make more use of the bandstand Written guarantee you won't ever try and build on it
Modernise toilet facilities and more rubbish bins. Overall a great space to spend time in!

More signage about tree plant names More biodiversity measures eg spaces being more wild, grasses not mown, Increase edibles Also info about biodiversity and how parks are being managed to meet needs of all species that use our green spaces Eg not using pesticides or excessive clearing areas to cater for pollinators
Only with a bigger budget!
Re-instate park rangers instead of anonymous outsourced workers, good for etiquette, security, hygiene, education of youngsters. Work with the community. The park & horticulture is excellent, but it shows that the money is barely enough for minimum maintenance.
Ruskin Park has a real problem with the water level in the pond. I know this is being looked into but it needs urgent action to help the wildlife.
Ruskin Park is a real gem, just some work on anti social behaviour in the evenings
Ruskin Park is not as well maintained as, and has much less good facilities than, Myatt's Fields and Brockwell Park. Ruskin Park should be brought up to the same standard as these which I see as a real credit to Lambeth. In addition there is very little water in the pond - this lets the whole park down (it makes a trip to the park feel rather sad despite many other excellent features of the park) and is bad for the wildlife.
The beautiful old lamp posts need better maintenance! Especially the ones around the bandstand, two of which urgently need repairing. One has no lamp head on it at all and the head of another is hanging off. Please do not ever replace these with modern as they give the park so much character! Like lamp posts out of Mary Poppins!
The draining and current derelict state of the pond is awful - I worry about the knock on effects it will have on migrating and local birdlife. There has been increased quantities of used toilet paper in the park - and people camping/rough sleeping in the park. Thank goodness for our volunteers- I feel they do more than Lambeth does to maintain the park.
To prioritise the investigation of the cause of the water loss in the main pond then to stabilise and restore this habitat area as soon as possible.
We need more collection of rubbish from this park, so much mess during the summer days
<b>Response</b>
<i>The pond is clearly a significant issue, however identifying the cause of the problem has been extremely difficult and is still not understood. It may be linked to a falling water table and many ponds across the south-east dried up during last summer. We will be exploring options for topping the pond up during future dry spells but it is currently at a good level following the recent wet weather.</i>
<i>A lot of the issues raised have been identified as priorities within the new Masterplan and we will start tackling some of these during 2021 as part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan. This is likely to include improvements to the play area, toilets and lighting columns; and a new wildflower meadow is also planned. During 2020 we recruited a dedicated member of staff to work in the park and they will be focusing on improving horticultural maintenance and running volunteer sessions. We also started a restoration project for the Labyrinth Garden and that is well underway, with the involvement of residents. With joint funding from the Friends we are also installing new bins, benches and picnic tables. Enforcement is a key issue and Lambeth recruited a small public realm police team during 2020, however the officers have had to focus on enforcing Covid Regulations. Once that work recedes, they will be undertaking targeted work in Lambeth's parks</i>
<b>Slade Gardens</b>
Clean up litter (or get users to!)
I think Lambeth tries its best with the resources it has available. The parks are generally nice and maintained. I just wish that the people that use them could appreciate how lucky we are to have them and to treat them accordingly. I think most people do but there's a minority who abuse them, leaving litter, making them feel unsafe and damaging the infrastructure (hard and soft landscapes). It's a shame
If you can parks closing early in the evening to avoid having group of man drinking, peeing and leaving their rubbish behind. During the day there are always group of man drinking as well (Slade Gardens). Police should visit the park and tell them to stop
Increase cleanliness and safety.
Please keep them and please continue to make them diverse such as Slade Gardens - for different people and for biodiversity. Keep up the good work.
Some evidence of anti/social behaviour still near Brixton Rd entrance

Stop drunk men hanging around in parks! Creeping on women, being sick, swearing, defecating in bushes. Men are in slade gardens every day and residents are not happy. :( walking with my children it is so unpleasant. Also please can more regular bin pick up be implemented as they overflow regularly. Thanks
The parks we visit just look at bit sad and uncared for.
There are too many people smoking in the park specially close to the playground where children are playing. Sometimes is impossible to spend time there with my child because you can smell people smoking cannabis. I am not a smoker person and it is unbearable and for children as well.
Toilets facilities / use space for a cafe
We need more open spaces in Lambeth, not more tall blocks of housing without facilities, putting pressure on the few open spaces we have
<b>Response</b>
<i>Most of the comments relate to enforcement. Lambeth created a dedicated public realm police team in early 2020 and was also planning increased enforcement activity in parks from a number of internal teams. Unfortunately, all resources have been diverted to dealing with Covid Regulations. However, as the pandemic recedes, the intention is that there will be an increased enforcement presence across our parks. It really helps if people report anti-social behaviour via the Council's website as this is used to help prioritise tasking. All parks in London were under significantly increased pressure during 2020, with litter levels up 100% over the summer months. The park has a wildlife area, but we will look for further opportunities to increase biodiversity. The plans to redevelop the adventure play site include a café and public toilets which will be accessible from the park.</i>
<b>Stockwell Memorial Gardens</b>
Too much traffic surrounding it, there is no longer a quiet time to sit there, due to road changes locally there are always traffic jams, too much noise and pollution, too many beggars, scooters and bikes zooming through, it was nice at first but is now a gathering space for drinks, beggars, and muggers
<b>Response</b>
<i>This site is located adjacent to a busy road junction but has benefitted recently from a major upgrade, removing the road from one side. Please do report anti-social behaviour via Lambeth's website and this will help direct enforcement resources to areas of need</i>
<b>St. John's Church Gardens</b>
Litter (not during COVID-19); rough sleeper discards and faeces - don't know what the solution is though. The Lambeth team do their very best.
Maintain street trees
More trees
The security measures should be more stronger for every one 🙌 no exceptions for moments. Am a bit concerned 😞 of sleepless in the park with COVID-19 and if you want to have spend time in the park some time it's worried if you notice change in different ways
<b>Response</b>
<i>We are aware of the issue with rough sleepers in the churchyard and it is a priority area for our rough sleeper outreach team. Please do report rough sleepers online via the Streetlink website as this will help target resources. As a small site with extensive tree cover already, we are not proposing any additional tree-planting</i>
<b>Streatham Common</b>
A wild life pond with ducks and swans with bird feeding facilities in the trees would be wonderful. Dulwich park does it very well.
Add extra sport facilities i.e more tennis courrs, football/basketball courts. Have a full functioning paddling pool during the summer (near the rockery). Have public toilets that are regularly cleaned. Hold a craft/food market every month or Christmas market
All good, particularly appreciated grass adjacent to paths being kept cut during lockdown making it easy to keep a social distance. And appreciated increased number of litter bins !

Allow people to enjoy meeting at the park. Stop harassing them when they meet with friends. Provide more bins encourage people to use them. Stop dog fouling. Fine those who let their dog foul. Monitor roads that lead to the parks we are also experiencing a massive increase in dog fouling outside our homes
Apply a max number of dogs/walker rule.
Ask people not to leave toilet tissue in the park - was particularly bad during lockdown
At the playground Something is always broken and does not get fixed for a very long time. The toddler swings are far too close to the ground, which means only babies can use it leaving 2-4 year olds with no swing as they are too tall for the toddler swing and too small or not safe on the older swings. The swings at Streatham Vale park are at the right height. Not enough shade at the playground so the slides get very hot during the summer and the picnic area; your just sitting under the burning sun. Paddling pool should have more input from the council and not just be run by volunteers. Wish it had water sprinkles added and water games structures within the pool so kids can do more in it. More picnic areas around the pool too, there is an opportunity for it to be a really good splash park, but with no help from the council it just sits there until a volunteer comes along. The cafe is great and the Rockery is great especially the pond area; beautiful, love it. Wish the common also had an outdoor gym and a basket ball court or multi sport court not too far from the playground. Norbury park has a good outdoor gym just wish it was at Streatham Common. I enjoy the events that come to the common and hope there are more to come. We enjoy walking through the woods and playing on the trees, it would actually be a good place to do a Gruffalo hunt or maybe the very hungry caterpillar trial there, like some other places have, but I'm sure it would be very much welcomed at Streatham Common.
Better care of toilets. Fix broken playground apparatus. More bins.
Better communication and policing of a public-spirited attitude to litter. All the hard work of the park's volunteers is undone by the amount of mess left behind after a busy weekend. Better security so vandalism (a real problem on Streatham Common) is brought under control
Better litter collection
Better toilet facilities
Better traffic calming / LTN measures around the park to encourage active travel and reduce air pollution.
Can we please have a new (wider) path across the common. The current one is barely wide enough for two people. Thanks.
Cannot think of anything
Clamp down more on litter, people playing loud music and people smoking drugs.
Clean up dead willow tree that fell two years ago.....on North side ....obstructs bus stop.....very unsightly
Designate sports fields on the common. Add a pond to the common. Add more loos. Add more trees to the east side of the common so there is a tree lined walk (on both not just one side)
Ensure rubbish bins are emptied and prevent joggers invading social distancing space
Grass cutting and litter.
I am angry that the car park at Streatham Common ( closed all summer due to illegal raves ) has now been completely taken over by a Covid 19 Testing Centre. The car park closure means that everyone parking with the intention of walking a dog has to find parking on congested local roads.
I feel that some park further away from central London is not well looked after. Stream common wood often has sexual wares ( used condoms) in its wood. It lacks paths on the left hand side and the common could have a much more trees to shield the playground from the road pollution. The splash pool on the top of the common is not at all looked after Its old and uninteresting and relies on volunteers for volunteers. It need urgent investment! Norwood park lawn is often overgrown. It does not feel safe and again could have much better paths like brockwell park. Both of these parks are radical for the well-being of thousands of disadvantaged families who don't have access to a garden. It is in dire need to investment . The south of the borough is particularly lacking in green, safe space so these parks are a life line for residents.
I usually go to the rookery at Streatham common park and athe paddling pool has been closed the hole summer and so are the toilets. As the rest of the Streatham common park is good. I have been to the hillside park as well and it doesn't work for small kids. My toddler doesn't stand a chance against the 10 years old ISH standing on top of all the toys, including the small swing.
Improve strategies for eradicating littering and fly tipping
In Streatham Common/Norwood Grove I wonder if there could be more sports opportunities (not brightly coloured outdoor gyms as I think that would spoil the nature) eg a wood/metal couple of exercise stations or a table tennis table
Increase the number of rubbish bins to avoid rubbish overflow. Reactivate the water fountains in the summer. Continue to plan a variety of flowers. Use this space for more farmers markets and Christmas market stalls. Just a few ideas.

<p>Instead of wasting our money on the playgrounds for 3 years old children spend them on something all ages can use. Multi sport hard surface courts, place where children could learn how to cycle. Please do not build anymore fitness crappy machines, they are used only by the insecure men who do not have a girlfriends and loves to watch themselves in the mirror half naked.</p>
<p>Integrate cycle routes and parks wherever possible.</p>
<p>It feels like Streatham Common is at the end of the borough and is forgotten compared to some of its wealthier neighbours such as Clapham Common. The amount of money spent on it is very low and it is disappointing to see that the money raised from hiring it out to events isn't spent directly on its upkeep.</p>
<p>It would be good if once something has been identified as broken it was fixed at a faster pace rather than just gated off for long times. more one O'CLOCK CLUBS in Lambeth parks and something running through holidays</p>
<p>It's really unfortunate how dirty the toilets are with used nappies and sanitary towels piled up by the loos. The Rookery is an absolute joy. Huge privilege to have a garden like that in our neighbourhood.</p>
<p>Keep supporting Friends of Streatham Common cooperative. Thank you.</p>
<p>Keep the car parks open. During lockdown, it needs to be accessible to everyone who needs space even if they drive there. Let young people have organised events where they can party safely so they don't need to have illegal events. They need space and a chance to let their hair down as not all have gardens</p>
<p>Larger bins and more regular emptying. More obvious presence of staff for security. On a positive point, the Rookery gardens have looked better this year than I have ever seen before and I've been visiting for 50+ years. I wish to compliment all the gardeners and volunteers. Well done.</p>
<p>Litter is a real problem that I observe on a daily basis. The litter that is particularly problematic is bottle tops (plastic and metal), glass bottles and plastic bottles from alcoholic drinks.. also cigarette butts are a huge concern too</p>
<p>Litter!</p>
<p>Maybe more bins/ organised community litter picks</p>
<p>More dedicated bins for dog poo.</p>
<p>More and bigger bins provided in strategic places. Also that they are emptied more frequently</p>
<p>More and much larger bins, bins are overflowing and people despite signage do not take their waste home. The food containers that get left particularly those with chicken bones in are a danger to dogs and other wildlife. Break up the big groups of people who are having parties on the common and not social distancing or wearing masks to stop the spread of covid. There needs to be regular police presence in all areas of the common but particularly in the more 'hidden' areas such as in the woods, the area behind the rookery carpark and around Norwood Grove where large groups congregate to avoid being seen.</p>
<p>More bins, as in busy times there is always load of rubbish left by people using the park. People are lazy and will never take the rubbish home, so having bigger bins at the side of the park will hopefully help to make sure people will dispose of their rubbish correctly. More fruit trees and edible bushes for ppl to harvest and for wildlife.</p>
<p>More cricket nets would be nice.</p>
<p>More external gym equipment for elderly residents to use rather than having to join an expensive gym</p>
<p>More frequent emptying of rubbish bins</p>
<p>More green shrubs and flowers Nicer benches made from fallen trees More park wardens visible Local farmers market</p>
<p>More investment is badly needed in all parks which are a huge benefit to Londoners, especially those who live in flats and crowded conditions. I think more volunteers and offenders should be encouraged to help maintain and improve the parks, working outdoors in nature is a great way to find peace and learn team work.</p>
<p>More planting for wildlife - wildflower meadows etc</p>
<p>More provision for litter &amp; more public toilets</p>
<p>More signage for dogs on leads near entrance to playground, more seating for picnics.</p>
<p>More sites for toilets at Brockwell, Streatham Common etc</p>
<p>More to encourage people to take their own rubbish/litter with them. Beautiful parks spoiled by rubbish left behind including from BBQs, and from the large groups gathering which they're not supposed to be at the moment. Maybe the litter thing needs to be a national campaign to educate. As soon as the council staff and volunteers have cleaned up, the litter builds up.</p>
<p>More toilets</p>
<p>More Touch Rugby Sessions on Streatham Common! Diversify the sport options for this common, not just Football</p>
<p>More trees</p>

More trees would be nice along with more security. There are often semi-aggressive groups of people who gather around, listen to loud music and inhale laughing gas. This is what's causing the litter buildup all over the park.
My main issue is the damage money making events do to the common. If there are going to be numerous events then some of the money they make should go back to fixing the damage. Today I was watching 5 year olds trying to play football on a pitch with potholes. Many of them tripped, I'm surprised there was no injuries!
Not enough outdoor gym equipment, paddling pool has been closed, no water fountains, could be useful to have a bicycle trails , street lighting is not adequate for the winter season.
OPEN toilets fed up with having to pee in the woods!!! The Rookery and woods on Streatham Comm. have kept me sane throughout this needless lockdown, but due to so many people using the area often without consideration to nature it needs a lot of care and restoration.
Our Streatham Common is constantly being battered by event like funfairs, circuses and festivals but we do not seem to see any of the financial benefits to make our common better. The grass is always ruined and the litter is disgusting. We need more distinctive signage for people to take their litter away and companies should be made responsible for making good the damage they cause. The only people who efficiently clean up seem to be the 2 day summer festivals.
Park wardens are essential for people's safety
Plant food and flowers
Plant more trees
Police patrols especially after dark.
Reduce anti-social behaviour e.g. barbecuing and lack of social distancing on the Common, and dangerous fast cyclists on the pathways.
Streatham Common playground requires repairs. The trampoline has been broken for a year. The equipment will deteriorate if not looked after.
Support the parks to keep what they're doing please.
Suspect could provide more toilet facilities
The amount of litter can be very upsetting at times, it should be removed. If performances etc are to take place on the Common then repairs should be facilitated immediately and profits should be ploughed into the Common's up-keep. The lower play area seems to be successful the upper play area should be similarly successful in stead of being neglected. There should be more seating.
The cleanliness of the park needs to be improved dog owners cleaning up after their dogs and people having picnics needs to clean up their rubbish more. The toilets are really dirty and grubby. Being a kids playground it would be good to have a park Warden to check the toilets and be around the park area to ensure people are following the rules And if not give out fines with the money from the fine we can improve the playground more.
The park is clean because you have a great team of people clearing up the rubbish. A few more permanent bins would help, so people could put the rubbish away instead of someone having to clear it up after them the next day.
The playground on Streatham common has gates that are either broken or parents can easily leave open. I have toddler twins who can escape. The playground is right next to the A23!
The toilets need to be better! The Streatham common toilets near the Rookery are just about usable, but the ones by the playground I can't go in at all. I have stopped visiting Brockwell Park altogether (except for passing through briefly) as I don't think the toilets are fit to take children in. Please, please, please do something about the state of Brockwell Park toilets! Dulwich Park and Peckham Rye manage to have acceptably clean toilets, why is it not possible in Brockwell and Streatham?
There always seems to be something broken in the playpark, the toilets by the playpark are very unclean, the toilets by the Rookery need updating and well it would be good if they were actually open at the moment at all.
There needs to be more litter picking otherwise I would say Streatham Common is an excellent park and the Rookery is really beautiful.
This isn't a what you could do better, this is a thank you. I go for a run in the morning every other day on Streatham Common and without fail I see your staff members cleaning the park, picking up litter, emptying the bins and constantly smiling! They say hello to all passersby and they work to an extremely high standard. I just wanted to say thank you to the individuals and the council for putting such a priority on keeping the parks clean. I really appreciate it and it makes my morning runs so much prettier and enjoyable. Thank you!
To plant substantially more trees and bushes in particular in Streatham Common park where the roads adjacent to the park are so noisy and busy and to add fencing and proper gates so it can be closed at night and keep mostly drunks using the park as a public

<p>toilet at bay. It would be eminently sensible to give this park that is right in the middle of a messy and particularly ugly setting a well deserved 'cocooning' feeling, to allow the people who enter the park to really feel separated from the rest in the same way Kennington park or the Roockery gardens are gated and separated from the adjacent streets and roads. As part of the much needed reinstatement of Streatham High Road to its glorious past, making the common more secure and well segregated should be a priority of the council.</p>
<p>Toilet facilities are very important for the children.</p>
<p>Toilet provision</p>
<p>Toilets on Streatham Common are always disgracefully dirty. Good idea to have the little rookery but terrible to have it next to dirty toilets. Some of the equipment like the trampoline is permanently out of action, this is a shame as the new playground has been done really well. The grass is a disaster, maybe Astro the remaining grassy areas?</p>
<p>Unable to go to Streatham Green as taken over by abusive drinkers. Re Streatham Common - it really is beautiful and thank you as it has been v important to me since shielding paused. Would like to see much more presence eg security.</p>
<p>Wider footpaths A nature area More trees</p>
<p>Wild sections are harder to come by in Lambeth parks than I would like. They do exist, the Lambeth section of Tooting Bec is about half ancient woodland and that's the most interesting part of the whole common. Likewise the top of Streatham common is a delight in an otherwise predominantly urban resource.</p>
<p><b>Response</b></p>
<p><i>This response will address all the comments made, in descending order by the number of times they were mentioned.</i></p> <p><b>Enforce the Byelaws</b> – in the past year, both the Public Protection and Environmental Enforcement Teams, as well as the Police, have carried out enforcement action on the Common and several Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs) have been issued. Lambeth is now funding a dedicated public realm police team, which will be increasing enforcement within parks and open spaces. To date most of their work has had to focus on enforcing Covid-19 Regulations.</p> <p><b>Improve the toilets</b> – as part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan we are proposing to undertake improvement works within the main toilet block.</p> <p><b>Install more litter bins</b> – we will be undertaking a litter bin audit during 2021 and identifying potential sites for additional temporary bins for the summer season on the lower common.</p> <p><b>Better litter-picking</b> – since the Covid-19 pandemic started we have seen litter volumes increase by up to double for some months, which has stretched our limited resources. An additional member of staff was allocated to the Common during 2020 and we are hoping that a review of bin locations will improve the situation this year.</p> <p><b>More sports facilities/activities</b> – we are planning to refurbish the tennis court on the common over the next couple of years and Lambeth and the Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC) will be collaborating to bid for funding for gym equipment for the common.</p> <p><b>Clean the toilets more often</b> – within our current resources we are only able to clean and restock the toilets by the play area once a day. The café toilets are maintained by the café and the Universal Superloo by JC Decaux.</p> <p><b>Improve speed of repairs to play equipment</b> – The first Covid-19 lockdown took most play equipment manufacturers out of action and it was very difficult to get spares. There have been two items of equipment out of action for an unacceptable length of time. This is being addressed by our Parks Improvement Team with urgency, although they are still having difficulty sourcing some of the required spares.</p> <p><b>Plant more trees</b> – the Common was originally open heathland, with woodland only being established towards the end of the 19th century. It has a variety of habitats, such as areas of acid grassland, and needs areas of open amenity grass for sports and recreation as well as to preserve protected views. However, there has been and will be some succession tree planting on the open grassland and boundaries in planning for the eventual demise of veteran trees and as replacement for mature trees.</p> <p><b>Litter education</b> – Funding has been sourced for some litter signage on Streatham Common and the Council will be developing a positive signage campaign for litter in conjunction with FoSC and local residents.</p> <p><b>Empty bins more often</b> – Since the Covid-19 pandemic started we have seen litter volumes increase by up to double for some months over the last year, which has stretched our resources. We are hoping that a review of bin locations will improve the situation this year.</p> <p><b>Install larger litter bins</b> – as bins become obsolete, they are replaced with the standard parks black bins which are a larger capacity than most of the previous bins. We also supplement existing capacity on the lower common with Eurobins and wheelie bins in the summer months.</p> <p><b>Event organisers should repair the common better</b> – a grounds deposit is always held for repairs and these are undertaken by our own staff using specialist resources, or by a single approved contractor. Producers always pay the full cost of repairs and the use of our in-house staff means we can assess repairs through the year and undertake further work where necessary.</p> <p><b>Improve the paddling pool</b> – the paddling pool is managed by the Streatham Common Cooperative (SCCoop).</p>

**Install an outdoor gym** – Lambeth and the Friends of Streatham Common (FoSC) will be collaborating to bid for funding for gym equipment for the Common.

**Invest more in the Common, it is neglected** – there is limited funding available, so the new Parks Capital Investment Plan is targeting refurbishment of some paths with drainage works, a refresh of the toilets and resurfacing of the tennis court. Other projects on the Common are occurring with project partners and will be developed as appropriate funding becomes available.

**Money from events should be used to improve the common** – a fixed percentage of income from every event is directly reinvested back into the Common.

**More wildlife areas/planting for wildlife** – in 2021/22 Parks, FoSC and SCCoop are partnering to improve the diversity of Hilly Four Acres meadow with some meadow seeding. We are also developing a project to protect and conserve the remaining acid grassland on the Common, improve its management and expand its area of coverage.

**Plant more flowers** – the Common is managed primarily for nature and biodiversity with formal gardens and amenity planting within the Rookery. Parks, FoSC and SCCoop are partnering to bid for funding to seed a wildflower meadow on Hilly Four Acres.

**Create a wildlife pond** – three new wildlife ponds were created in February 2021 in partnership with Froglife along the boundary ditch with Croydon.

**Create separate cycle paths** – the width of most paths across the common are too narrow for shared use and heavily used by pedestrians. Streatham Common is governed by the Commons Act 2006 and there is a presumption against net loss of green space to hardstanding. To increase the width of the path would require the Secretary of State's consent and there is a long and complex process for looking at a project like this. Funding is also unlikely to be available under current circumstances.

**Host markets** – The Rookery hosts a monthly market within the gardens.

**Organise volunteer litter picks** – some organised litter picks and conservation events do occur in the Local Nature Reserve (LNR). This is something that is being considered for the whole Common when the restrictions are lifted. We are always very happy to have residents volunteer for things like litter-picking. This takes place across many parks in Lambeth and is generally organised by Friends groups or concerned residents.

**Plant an orchard** – there is an orchard at the bottom of the Rookery and some additional fruit trees have been planted in recent years.

**Re-open the car park** – currently the car park is in temporary use as a Covid-19 testing station. This will remain in place whilst Public Health consider it necessary. The Council does not own many hardstanding areas suitable for testing.

**Re-open the paddling pool** – the paddling pool is managed by SCCoop and it will be their decision whether they consider it able to be reopened this summer. Paddling pools were closed during 2020 in line with Government Regulations to reduce spread of Covid-19.

**Turn on the drinking fountains** – currently Lambeth Council do not consider it safe in the current climate to turn on the drinking fountains.

**Widen paths** – Streatham Common is governed by the Commons Act 2006 and there is a presumption against net loss of green space to hardstanding. To increase the width of the path would require the Secretary of State's consent and there is a long and complex process for looking at a project like this. At present there is also no funding for works on this scale.

**Add some shade in playground** – we will look to see if some more areas of shade can be created, subject to funding.

**Build a one o'clock club** – Streatham Common is governed by the Commons Act 2006 and there is a presumption against net loss of green space to hardstanding or buildings. The Council has no plans for additional stay and play facilities.

**Clean up the dead willow which has been obstructing the bus stop on Northside for ages** – dead wood is left in situ to benefit nature. SCCoop are planning to harvest some of the willow withies for use in The Rookery.

**Control cyclists** – inconsiderate cycling is an issue across many of our open spaces and a project is currently underway to evaluate and trial various ways of dealing with the issue.

**Control joggers** – joggers are entitled to use the Common. Any sort of control would be near impossible to enforce.

**Create a waterplay splash pad** – there is no funding currently available for this. Lambeth previously made a decision to close the paddling pool on the Common, it was kept open because SCCoop agreed to take on the maintenance.

**Create more paths** – Streatham Common is governed by the Commons Act 2006 and there is a presumption against net loss of green space to hardstanding. The Council has no funding at present for this scale of investment.

**Cut grass more** – the grass cutting schedules on the Common are balanced between the needs for amenity and nature, with some areas left wild.

**Fence the common so it can be locked at night** – the Common has never been enclosed and nor will it be as it is governed by the Commons Act 2006. Only temporary fencing for land protection or restoration is allowed.

**Fine dog foulers** – Lambeth's Environmental Team do patrol the Common occasionally and issue Fixed Penalty Notices.

**Fix the broken playground gates** – the gates were vandalised but have recently been repaired.

**Improve landscaping in play area** – the landscaping in the play area has been problematic due to the water-logging and heavy use. We will look at alternative plants.

**Improve the lighting** – all the lamp columns on the Common fall under Lambeth’s street-lighting contract and any issues can be reported via the [website](#).

**Install benches made from fallen trees** – fallen logs are left in situ so they can be useful habitats for nature as they rot and can also be used for informal seating and play.

**Install picnic benches around paddling pool** – the paddling pool area is managed by SCCoop, but this is something that will be considered for the future subject to resources becoming available.

**Install picnic tables** – furniture across the Common is deliberately limited, in order to preserve the open aspect.

**Keep supporting SCCOOP** – we work in close partnership with SCCoop on a number of projects and they are contracted to manage the Rookery on our behalf.

**Limit the number of dogs one person can walk** – the number of dogs that any one person can walk is limited to six.

**More benches** – furniture across the common is deliberately limited, in order to preserve the open aspect.

**Plant shrubs along roadsides** – we will look to consider increased boundary planting of native trees and shrubs.

**Raise the toddler swings, they are too close to the ground** – swing heights are in accordance with manufacturer and industry standards.



### Streatham Green

Keep it clean, trim the hedges, empty bins, deal with ASB (pigeon feeding and public urination particularly) and drug dealing. There have been improvements recently, but the quality of this public space remains poor and it is littered and stinking of human excrement. Also street drinkers have moved to the nearby St Leonard's Churchyard, apparently also the responsibility of Lambeth Council, and people from nearby hostels are also roaming the area unsupervised and apparently unsupported. Are you aware of this?

Streatham Green could be such a nice place but instead it is frequented by many dodgy characters displaying antisocial behaviours (such as urinating in public). Not sure how to solve this.

Streatham Green needs a tremendous amount of work to make it anywhere near family/ local residents friendly. Feeding pigeons happens on a regular basis even with the very small signs in place - which are ignored but no fines; public urinating; asbo; consuming alcohol. Let the local businesses make good use of it if Lambeth council aren't interested in making it better.

Take measures to reduce antisocial drinking and the associated smashed glass and litter.

### Response

*All of these comments focus on anti-social behaviour, which we are well aware is a major issue at this site. A local forum was established some time ago which includes the police and Lambeth's Public Protection team, to try and address these issues. Lambeth recently established a new Public Realm police force and this will provide increased capacity to deal with problem locations such as Streatham Green, once the police officers are able to de-prioritise Covid-19 related work*



### Streatham Vale Park

Lock the gates to prevent the antisocial behaviour( drug taking and drinking) that happ bus at night.

Overall it feels that parks have been sacrificed to pay for other services. Things which could be done better include: maintenance of the sports facilities - one of the tennis courts is unplayable due to huge plants growing out of the surface; maintenance of the paths and entrances - it is not a welcoming park until you are inside; signage explaining the huge amount of work going on at one end.

Update equipment in the playground, find a use for the old adventure playground land. It is an eye sore. Bring back the park warden for safety. Do more activities in the park. Update the tennis courts

Too many people drinking and taking drugs and smoking cannabis.

You could re-tarmac the pathways , take care of the grass a bit better , put more flowers and rhododendrons.... clean benches , replace the damaged ones. This park could be really nice ....

### Response

*We are working in close partnership with Streatham Youth and Community Trust to develop the facilities within the park and they successfully secured funding for a new 3G pitch on the old Adventure playground site. They are now working on plans to turn the tennis courts into a multi-use sport and leisure activity zone. As part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan we are proposing a*

<i>specific allocation to upgrade some of the play equipment and benches. Unfortunately, we do not currently have the budget for park wardens, locking the gates each day, resurfacing paths or more horticultur</i>
<b>Tivoli Park</b>
Most of us would like to see Tivoli park with more variety of babies/toddlers equipment to use e.g. more swings because most mothers with young children have to wait for others to have a turn. This causes a lot of tantrums with the children who haven't learnt what to wait is. We would love to see more equipment too for teenagers who visits the park to accompany their younger siblings.
Needs some landscape gardening to be done. Could be an amazing lark but some of it looks like a building site.
Provision of adult exercise equipment in park
Supervise/check the cleaning of the park more rigorously. I've seen litter pickers walk past litter. Litter generates more litter. Part of the parks have been used as toilets during lockdown, maybe a sign at the main entrances telling people what they should and shouldn't do, i.e. not to ride bikes, the by-laws etc.
Tivoli Park needs a new playground. The tarmac is a trip hazard. Has loads of holes in it. Half of it is not secure. The play equipment is very old and not enough in there for the amount of children that use it. A estate 15 minutes up the road has more facilities than this one. It was supposed to be getting a make over . But nothing has materialised.
You will see that I hardly visit Tivoli at all although it is round the corner from me. I'm afraid to say it is an embarrassment...everything from the entrance gate on Knights Hill to the patchy lawn and lack of flowers. Also, it feels unsafe. I can see there has been a marginal effort to make it look better with a new sign about its history or something but still.
<b>Response</b>
<i>We have secured funding to improve the play area, unfortunately works have been delayed due to flooding issues and we have been working hard to address these through improved drainage. The playground improvements should take place during 2021 or 2022. We are also working on a project to relocate outdoor gym equipment into the park. Staff resources are very limited to increase litter-picking or undertake more gardening, but we have been working with NatureVibezzz to carry out some landscaping enhancements at the Knights Hill end of the park, as well as installing brand new gates using some Central Government funding</i>
<b>Trinity Gardens</b>
Greater recognition of the work of local volunteers keeping spaces in good order
<b>Response</b>
<i>Volunteers are hugely important to keeping our parks and open spaces well maintained and we hugely appreciate and welcome all volunteering. We have a well-established support network in place for those wishing to volunteer in our parks. We aren't aware of a volunteer group working in Trinity Gardens, but would live them to get in touch via <a href="mailto:parks@lambeth.gov.uk">parks@lambeth.gov.uk</a></i>
<b>Vauxhall Park</b>
Better litter collection - the park gets heavily used and the bins overflow and/or get raided by foxes at night.
Better safety and better maintenance
Better toilet facilities
Could the dog park section be open after dark? This is the only closed in dog park in the area and with winter coming there aren't many alternatives to let a dog off the lead after work.
Delighted this park is being refurbished and new playground - about time with all the new development! Hate the new cheap black straight railings - the bow-topped green railings were much nicer and in keeping with the park's original historical design.
Doing fine. Love the new diverse new hedging and fab playground.
I just wanted to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU and appreciation for the transformation of Vauxhall Park. Now that the park has fully re-opened I have been so impressed with the attention to detail and quality of work.
I think needs to plant more trees and flowers.
I think the parks are kept extremely well. Thank you for all of the hard work.

Just waiting for play equipment for children to reopen and it should be awesome once more.
Litter Bins
Look after and water the newly planted shrubs, trees and flowers regularly to establish them.
Make space for wildlife! The lack of support for biodiversity in general within Lambeth Parks is appalling.
More public toilets please
Provide toilets.
Tennis court needs better maintenance
The parks need bigger bins or more bins.
The tennis court in Vauxhall park is an undervalued treasure! It has been great to see the investment into the park however the tennis court is unsafe as the Tarmac is very uneven and accumulates a lot of debris and water in the uneven parts. Apart from being unsatisfactory for playing tennis on due to the uneven court the undulations in the tarmac are potentially a trip hazard. Please can you look into resurfacing the tennis court surface? Many thanks best wishes Rupert
Vauxhall park is a mess right now...there is a childrens playground upgrade in progress and the general public have restricted access to the park , this work has been going on since september 2019, and my only worry is that of the Drinking fountain, as there were NO access to drinking water either for the public (or for dogs) before sept' 2019,(yet?) i just hope that there will be in 2020?? here's hoping . . . especially IF we have another hot summer in 2021...??
Vauxhall Park is the one I visit. It will be great when the present work being done on it is finished.
We need it to be properly open. We have spent the whole of lockdown without full access. It's driving me bonkers that nothing is being done and yet large portions fenced off, as of we're somehow not good enough to enjoy the flower garden. I understand there have been problems, but it's been ages, just let us in. Put local and temporary barriers when people are working, rather than fencing of half the park!
You need to control cyclists who consistently ignore the 'no cycling' or 'thoughtful cycling' notices and ride through the park as if it was a race track. They really are a menace to small children and the elderly
<b>Response</b>
<i>Firstly, we appreciate how long it has taken to design and implement the enhancement works in the park, but the feedback has been extremely positive. The tennis courts are being refurbished as one of the last elements of the capital works, so they will be resurfaced, and we will be implementing a new electronic access and booking system. We are intending to create a public toilet within the main park building in 2021 or 2022, and funding has been allocated for that. The capital works should have delivered additional litter bins but unfortunately due to budget restrictions the service is unable to increase the frequency of litter collection. We do rely on users taking some responsibility and taking their rubbish home or finding another bin if the one closest is full. All drinking fountains in parks have been turned off as a result of Covid-19 and will only be switched back on once the pandemic has ended. We have made extensive new plantings of trees and flowers as part of the capital works, but this will be reviewed on an ongoing basis. We do have a dedicated Gardener in the park and a budget for plants. With the park being locked at dusk every day we aren't able to make special arrangements to open the dog area after dark. Inconsiderate cycling is an issue across many parks and Lambeth's Parks Forum is working on possible solutions. New signs are currently being trialled in Brockwell Park and will be rolled out more widely if successful. The lack of a wildlife area is a fair point and is something Lambeth and the Friends of Vauxhall Park are keen to address. An area has been identified and plans are being scoped out.</i>
<b>Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens</b>
I would love to see more seating in Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens, other than the odd bench near the sports area there's only really the grass and if it's been raining or poor weather we're restricted. Maybe a picnic table or those lovely barrels we see dotted about the place.
Need something for the kids to do on the grass maybe a water tap to drink from
Open the roads so that we can park, enjoy the beautiful parks and integrate a park visit into our working day.
The path from the station to Tyers Street should be a solid path (not gravel), wider and with lights. It's a busy path with no lights at night making it very unsafe. There should also be a few water fountains to fill water bottles and dog bowls.
Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens are a catalyst to the local community. Friends of Vauxhall Pleasure Gardens are central to the facilities being updated and there is a real sense of ownership in what is achieved. Please lets get events up and running again, the loss of RVT Sports Day for the LGBTQ community has been a major set back this year. The loss of film screenings and community events is Paramount in bringing the communities together.

<b>Response</b>
<i>We are planning further improvement works to VPG as part of the new Parks Capital Investment Plan, and this will include a new drinking fountain, which has been a long-standing aspiration for the Friends. We are also looking at more seating and path/drainage improvements. As soon as Government restrictions allow, we will be looking to bring events back into our parks</i>
<b>Windmill Gardens</b>
More places for people to put their litter e.g. see through litter baskets
The windmill park needs a bit of love. There is a lot of rubbish around. I've found used condoms in the children's play areas a few times and I know it is used by sex workers in the evening. I think there needs to be a taller fence in the evening. The new visitor centre is great though.
<b>Response</b>
<i>We are planning some improvement works to the park during 2021/22, focusing on the play area, but we will review litter bin provision as part of the programme. Lambeth has created a new public realm police force. The resource has been fully occupied in relation to Covid-19 issues, but Windmill Gardens is one of the sites we will ask them to target once their pandemic-focused work reduces</i>
<b>Wyck Gardens</b>
Apply the same level of care to Wyck Gardens as you do to Brockwell Park or Ruskin Park! Pavement on Millbrook Road is cleared of weeds once a year. Poorly maintained on both the park side and the residential side
There is a lot of litter in this park and people often dispose of large items here too. It would be nice to get the community more invested and involved in looking after this park and not disposing of their litter in it/encouraging them to leave no trace.
<b>Response</b>
<i>Unfortunately, the budget situation means staff resources are very stretched and it isn't possible to increase the time staff spend in the park. Both Brockwell and Ruskin Parks benefit from active stakeholder groups who undertake a lot of supplementary litter-picking and gardening. We would very much welcome the creation of a Friends group or otherwise increased community involvement and have lots of support available</i>
<b>No park name stated</b>
An increase in numbers to our parks means some areas are at risk of erosion. No polluting ice cream vans please.
Better dustbin as they tend to be overflowing, better toilet facilities in general although there has been an improvement
Bins and litter still massive issue
Clean bins and ensure any facility is maintained and safe.
Control cyclists and scooter users better so that pedestrians are not at risk - if possible keep them out of the park altogether although that may be asking a bit much. Do more to stop the barbecues and other cooking.
Create more jobs so that open spaces and parks may be 'tickboxed' as excellent. Seems a great opportunity for Lambeth to lead in the field of continued community development - a great way towards covid recovery
Deal with litter and drug dealing going on in lambeth parks
Definitely have police patrols after school. The playground sign says for children under 14 accompanied by and adult. The secondary school children are very intimidating and bullying with the younger children kicking them off facilities and using bad language. When a parent gets involved they are like a pack of animals all coming together and start shouting. There should be areas for older children away from the younger ones.
Dog Park maintenance and more
Encourage the visiting public to be more community minded when it comes to leaving litter in the park.
Enforce.p bye laws. Stop organised football taking over lawn areas.
Everything. Cleaner toilets. Signage. Horticultural practices in some parks are terrible, train the staff! Some trees in parks are terrible, important old trees are not taken care of properly.

Have free parking on Saturdays near the parks
Hello, Many thanks for conducting the survey. It'd be good to learn more about the plants in te parks, so a small sign for some plants would be really useful. Thank you!
I would like if you allocate time or area where we can practice hobbies such remote control helicopter, drone, toys car, kites and alike.
Improve Clapham common and Larkhall parks especially children play areas compared to Brockwell, Archbishops and Battersea and Robart. In need of a upgrade. Also flower gardens and features. Recently decided to abandon these parks and go the extra distance to the better parks. Also the small area behind Westbury estate its like they are just being run into the ground
It's been hard over lockdown with the amount of litter. I see the park teams have been working hard.
Larger bins Clean and well looked after toilets
Less teenagers in groups and more sitting areas
Lighting in the park and cameras.
Litter picking initiatives Better buns - including recycling Public toilets
More and better toilets and cafes
More flowers, a running track that tells you your distance around the edge, eg 100m-200m. A better notice board with local events. Information on the park wildlife. Treasure hunt type of trail with clues for kids. Less steep sections for comfortable wheelchair use. Wider paths. Larger bins by the benches. A little more information about the families who pay for some of the benches. A section where local people can promote charities and social enterprises. Water refill area like they have in Victoria station. Braille signs. A more colourful map of the park. Public morning free fitness sessions in the park such as Tai Chi. An item of food that is heavily subsidised to be more inclusive for families visiting the park. More activities in the outdoor gym, where information is written to explain other exercise you can do and how it helps the body especially during COVID where we may not want to touch the equipment. Information about famous local people who used the park and what they did to contribute to the community.
More investment we should take away the bins encourage people to take rubbish home with them I hear talks of leaving gates open personally I think that would be a disaster thank you
More local wardens that the community can get to know. cleaner toilet facilities that are regularly cleaned and maintained. More free community events eg learning about plants , birds etc Encouraging schools and student participation and learning. Bringing it to the heart if a community that people can feel prt if and get to know their neighbours.
Obviously not completely Lambeth's fault due to Covid etc, the rubbish is an issue, Lambeth needs to provide larger bins to cater for rubbish in general. Not that we are in autumn the residue rubbish not picked up is blowing around. I'm not talking about large items such as pizza boxes but it's the rappers, biscuit, crisps - this stuff is now caught up in trees and hedging. All very un sightly, I would've more than happy to head out if Lambeth organised a clean up of these parks.
Please stop rangers locking the parks without warning. It is very scary to end up locked up in a park. Please build better and more outdoor workout facilities. Please have rangers patrol the grounds to prevent antisocial behaviour: people using disposable barbecues on the grass, playing loud obnoxious music, cycling in the walk lanes, behaving aggressively. Please change the catering provider in the manor house of Brockwell Park, that grub is hideous, their opening hours are random, and the interior looks crummy, unhygienic and very uninviting. It could be a great community node and budinesss opportunity (cf. the same facility in Hampstead Heath). The horticultural level of lambeth parks is very uneven. Some are excellent to superb like Brockwell and but some are very anti-aesthetic and substandard like Ruskin, Archbishop's or Wyck Gardens. The recent refurbishment of Vauxhall park is exemplary, thank you so much! The Walled Garden in Brockwell Park deserves a major award and the gardeners a major raise.
Provide dog free zones.
Provide parking
Provision of clean and modern toilets
Security needs to improve especially is local smaller parks where you feel vulnerable if there is not much people but you and bunch of smokers or drinkers. Smaller parks seem to have less attention in all sides, cleanliness, facilities, maintenance and toilets included. Then, bigger parks are better equipped but perhaps the need for more cycling friendly kids areas as well as skate boarding for kids only as it is a bit intimidating when you have older groups who don't allowed kids to use skate boarding facilities easily. Thank you for reaching out to ask.
Substantial reduction of volume and speed of cycling (and now powered scootering) on footpaths.
The garbage everywhere near the bins is not acceptable. Bins should have proper bags and be collected everyday. The large metal containers don't work. It's just everywhere. The playgrounds in tooting common could be improved a lot. Sometimes we find

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some poppers empty cans in this playground. Quite often actually. Where all the kids play. Disgusting and dangerous. We need more security too.
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There could be christmas light and christmas fair and table for them. tonsit on and make the parke colourful to enjoy
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Toilets and cleaning of toilets
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