

Down Lane Park Master Planning Survey Results

In May we circulated a questionnaire to homes in a 500m radius of Down Lane Park.

The results are shown below and will be used to make decisions on what to include in the Master Plan for improving the Park.

Q1 Do you currently visit Down Lane Park?

- 78.0% Yes
- 20.9% No

Q1a If no, Please tell us why you do not visit the Park? (Please tick all that apply)

- 9.9% Lack of Facilities
- 10.4% Safety concerns
- 4.4% Problems getting to Down Lane Park
- 4.4% Another open space closer
- 6.0% Other

Q1b. If other, what reason do you have for not visiting the park?

- Dogs fouling the park, perception of dangerous dogs in the park

Q1c If you have problems that stop you getting to the park, what stops you doing so? (Please tick all that apply)

- 3.8% Busy roads to cross
- 2.7% Poor cycle routes
- 4.9% Other

Q1e How often do you visit the park?

- 23.1% Every Day
- 30.8% 2-3 times a week
- 23.6% 2-3 times a month
- 11.5% Less than once a month

Q2 How do you get to the park?

- 81.9% On foot
- 2.7% On bike
- 3.3% In own vehicle/taxi
- 2.2% Bus, tube, rail

Q4 How do you currently use the park? (Please tick all that apply)

50.5% Go for a walk	46.2% Fresh air	42.9% On the way to somewhere else
42.3% Take children to play	23.1% Go for a run/jog	17.0% Sports/games
13.2% Informal recreation	8.2% Take the dog for a walk	5.5% Other

Q5 Please indicate which of the following improvements you think are important features of the park?

	Important or Very important	Unimportant or Very unimportant	Neither important nor unimportant
More seat/benches	80%	4%	6%
Additional lighting in the park	77%	3%	9%
More litter/dog bins	77%	4%	8%
A public pavilion (shelter, toilets, cafe)	77%	5%	8%
New formalised paths for walking/jogging along park perimeter	68%	8%	12%
Picnic areas (with tables and extra bins)	66%	9%	14%
Create outdoor gym equipment for all ages	63%	13%	11%
Retain and improve existing football pitches	61%	4%	20%
Improve the tennis courts	64%	5%	15%

Flower/shrub beds/hedges	60%	8%	15%
Quiet areas	56%	8%	22%
Improved perimeter fencing and gates	56%	8%	14%
Long grass areas with wild flowers	56%	11%	17%
To create a multi use games area for 5 aside football/netball/volleyball	55%	12%	23%
Short grass areas for informal gathering	54%	6%	17%
New paths to get to facilities	54%	9%	17%
Bird boxes in trees	53%	13%	19%
Improve the basketball court	53%	25%	9%
Improved access from Park View Road	52%	9%	21%
Information boards/wayfinding signs	50%	12%	19%
New woodland area	47%	13%	21%
Improved access from Hale Road	46%	9%	21%
Improved access from Ashley Road	43%	9%	25%
Create new Skateboard area	30%	23%	25%

Q6 Please tell us what other improvements are important that are not listed

Policing, CCTV, toilets, more lighting, , separate dog walking area, older peoples meeting place , BBQ area, youth club, graffiti wall, water fountain, water themed attraction, , signed route to the Marshes, a Zip line

Q7 The park's children's playground near monument way is being refurbished. Do you think additional play equipment is needed elsewhere in the park?

	Yes	No
Additional children's play area(s) for 0-5 years	43%	33%
Additional children's play area(s) for 5-11 years	44%	31%
Additional Play areas(s) for 11-15 years	44%	34%
Additional natural play area(s) - logs, mounds, boulders	51%	28%
Youth shelter	39%	39%

Q8 Do you feel safe using the park?

65.4% Yes 27.5% No

Q12 Please write your own comments, suggestions or ideas for improvements to the Down Lane Park

- The park should definitely have toilet and drinking water facilities. It is really important
- Parks should be opened at certain time and closed at certain times to stop drug users
- Please get a warden to patrol the park. Have toilets which are available and clean
- Water fountains and make it lighter
- More police around. More stopping dangerous dogs and youths.
- At the moment you have to improve on the security lights, toilets playgrounds and getting enough seats for people
- As a small park too much development could take away the plants that create the fresh air.
- Changing asphalt .roller skating

- Small goals should be set out around the park for children to play, lighting all around the park. Bark should be placed around the edge of the park for joggers
- I would love the park to be improved and tidy. Hope there be creative activities and things for all age groups.
- Have a park keeper like they used to have years ago.
- I find it very disappointing that I live 5 mins from a park that is not nice to use. I always have to travel to Finsbury Park or Lordship Recreation Park. happy to add more comments any time to help you.
- the path down the middle needs levelling out as it always floors when there is heavy rain.
- A park keeper there has been lots of broken glass in the children's play area. Also youths would use the sheltered areas of the kids play area to take drugs. Employ a person to stop them.
- Definitely more lighting, flowers, cafe, toilets, kids play area. More walkways, benches, tables, smaller prettier trees and security
- It would be nice if the park could be linked or sign posted to the Marshes
- Increase presence of pc's officers in the dark at all times. Door of gates should be shut except main gates as children can run out of the park to motorway.
- Introduce better lighting. Consider the need for a summer programme of activities.
- Secure local access for residents. Reduce the impact of the trees along Park View Road.
- Needs to be more family oriented space. At the moment it's mainly only men there and be intimidating and during evening quite scary. Needs to look 'softer' and more inviting and give the rest of the community reason to use it. At the moment the only reason to go is to play football or walk through.
- The paths in nearby areas are too cut off and lack clear lines of sight, on walking to the park from N17 postcodes and watermead way. Should connect better to Tottenham Marshes both on foot and bike
- Astro turf playing pitches for the youths to play on the winter months. New netting for all goal posts. Designated picnic areas for people to meet and share time and relax particularly the elderly.
- More community events in the park
- Need more football pitches than there is at the moment to divert local lads/youth from playing football on the streets. A huge problem at Junction of Melvern Road, N17 9HH and Scales Road N17 9HH. Need football coaches for lads/youths in park evenings and weekend.
- I'd love to see chess tables in the park. People could come to the park with their own sets and play on tables pre-marked. Or maybe hire chess/draughts pieces from a cafe. Other ideas - a splash park, fitness trainers, cricket pitch, hiring facilities, cycling instructors for children and adults. Use your imagination!
- Picnic areas with tables and extra bins and toilets. Will be very nice in the park and useful for the community who use the park.
- The park and children's playground should be cleaned more often. police supervision for drugs users. Extra lighting.
- Please make sure that dogs are not allowed without leads.

- Swimming pool (inside) running track café
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- Paint fence. Nice cafe. Perhaps paddling pool and youth shelter
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- More seats. Flowers.
- We really wish to see cafe in the park for families. Toilets and extra bins are very important.
- More seating. Some supervision. Locking at night. Better play facilities. Café
- I feel the football pitches could benefit from being relayed as during the winter the goalmouths in particular get very muddy and boggy during cold wet weather. Some toilet facilities would be useful as many children use the site for sports
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- More flower beds. More nice seating
- The path around should be widened and gym equipment stations to create a circuit
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- Increased patrol of community officers between hours of 4pm to 8pm.
- Leave it alone. No houses to be developed
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- Picnic areas in large part of park so when you are there with people playing football you can watch
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- No more flats please.
- Make it a more pretty park rather than a lawn with trees. Shelters/toilets tend to get trashed in London unless attended to at all times. gating needs replaced - it looks too neglected the way it is. Just because our area isn't seen as the most wealthy – why are aesthetics unimportant.
- The playground needs to be locked after dark - obviously used for drinking at present.
- Also there needs to be a phone number to report dogs loose in playground.
- Not enough trees/shrubs. Not clear defined areas for sports. Small play area
- More patrols by council/cpsos staff
- For weekend different community play football. it is too noisy. But other people like it quiet. Because it is the weekend people find time to go and get some fresh air but footballers make too much noise.
- A overhaul improvement of all the amenities.
- Hire out bikes to ride around the park. Put a roller skating rink in. Put more flowers in the park to brighten the park up.
- Glad improving children's play area.
- Please make it a place people would love to come to often
- Create the park such as for maintenance have young volunteers to get involved maintaining their park a work experience programme
- A community cafe - Could also use a shop nearby
- Tai chi classes would be great improvements in park safety so older people use it more.

- Reintroduce full time park keepers to keep people and the park in order.
- At least 5.30-6pm close.
- Keep space open and hinder with building or sheds, which allows for hiding of Persons
- Down lane Park is one of the reasons we moved to this area.. Specifically the ability to run around the perimeter on natural grass and ground. Please do not put a path around the perimeter. There are plenty of paths already
- The lighting really needs to be improved. I walk home from work through the park 3 times a week and it is so dark on the pathways. Needs more benches near the Ashley Road entrance maybe. Nothing on the information board by Ashley road. Be good to have local events advertised. Maybe provide small bags for dog owners to put their dog's poo in them and then in bins.
- Keep recycling facility next to park and please don't build new council developments on that land.
- Can the park be turned into a green park sharing sustainable principles to grow plants, save water and introduce areas for wildlife. Can the new ideas be beautifully designed
- Please give us a cafe where we can unwind and enjoy a good coffee at the weekend after a hard week at work.
- Football areas should be marked out clear of central path (busy walkways); consideration to walkers - footballers take over the area; WARNING SIGNS; visiting park officer
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- Would like to see more community events held in the park - not just funfairs.
- Every things is OK need further improvement.
- Cameras to cover wooded areas because certain dog owners allow their dogs to damage trees.
- It would be great to have a cafe there
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- It is too flat some hard landscaping would improve the visual impact
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- Seats/benches were removed but never replaced.
- More bins. Football teams should be made to pick up bottles at the end of play; improve tennis courts
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- Facilities are needed for youths to have some fun and separate area for dogs. Clear signs where dogs can and cannot go within the park and help [text unclear] to report problems to wardens.
- More prominent signs to keep dogs on leads. Signs to indicate that the tennis courts are not for football.
- More use could be made of building where the toilets are and hall for bowling club
- Can we get more benches around the park. more swings as population of children is high and swings are scarce. More lighting around the whole of the park and a paddling pool for the young children. Possibly a fountain near to the pavillion nursery as a water feature?
- Could we have one more dog messy bin near the Hale Road and a few more benches that are maintained.
- The tennis courts need improving need more benches and bins - too much rubbish sometimes left behind by large groups who picnic in the park
- Litter is a real problem. Staff do clear it up regularly but fines etc need to be enforced to stop people dropping it in the first place.

- Picnic area would encourage families to gather and share the enjoyment of such a treasured place in the community. It would be wonderful to have more open days activities for taster sports sessions and also family fun days.
- There should be a lot more visible security
- Break the space up and move some soil, create different areas more planting. Given space for football but define other areas for other activities or just sitting and being.
- The space has huge potential, could be lovely like markfield par but it's waster for now. Please plan a wildlife area or more flowing things for them.
- I am against the erecting of a public toilets mainly because of the disgraceful behaviour of adults (some) who have an agenda when using public toilets. Because many children use the park without adult supervision I would feel that a public toilet may harbour undesirable individuals and could compromise the safety of children.
- Why not CCTV to minimise the vandalism and anti-social behaviour?
- Bring back the curly slide
- The railings at the front of the park (by Park View Road) have not seen any paint since at least the early 1970's and the railings at the back along Ashley Road do not appear to have been painted since they were put in in about 1988. The notice boards at the Ashley Road entrance has been vandalised. The wooden benches are not maintained and are coming to the stage where they will be unusable. The lighting tower in the middle of the park is not working properly and is sometimes on during the day, wasting electricity. When I visit the park I often get the feeling that too many people round here do not care at all about the park and probably would not miss it if it were to disappear altogether. In the 1970's it was a better park to be in but ever since then with the changes that have occurred within the park things seem to have got worse and it is no longer the place it once was.
- Have some of the seats near trees as in the summer when very hot/sunny there is no shaded
- A cafe and indoor community space would be nice, as would a nearby pavilion/bandstand for live music in the summer.
- I believe because of its situation in a very public area that a cafe (which could also provide toilets) would do well in the park by the children's play area
- Police the park at night or lock it. Fine people for dropping litter more. Improve the tennis courts. Widen the path across the park and improve its drainage. Most importantly retain existing facilities.