

Feedback from Consultation
Draft Open Space and Recreation Standards Supplementary Planning
Document Consultation

Purpose of consultation:	<p>Access to public open space and facilities for sport and recreation underpins people's quality of life. Setting standards for open spaces and recreation facilities is important to support the Unitary Development Plan (UDP) and its Open Space Strategy. This Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) will help to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Protect existing open space and recreational facilities in the borough; and ▪ Secure increased provision and improve existing facilities where there are existing deficiencies or where the quality or access to facilities is poor. <p>The consultation was carried out to allow comment on the draft SPD.</p>
Methodology:	<p>The draft SPD was issued for formal public consultation according to statutory guidelines. This included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Details of the Draft SPD and Sustainability Appraisal Report sent to statutory consultees. These included adjoining boroughs, GLA, GOL, Natural England, Environment Agency and English Heritage. • Draft SPD sent to local groups and bodies, all councillors and key council officers. • Consultation advertisement in the local press and an article in Haringey People (a free council magazine that is distributed to every house in the borough).
Findings:	<p>We received six written responses from individuals or organisations. The SPD was welcomed, but the main areas of concern were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The failure to adopt the National Playing Fields' "Six Acre Standard" • The data collected is out of date and this is exacerbated by the use of the 2001 census data to set population projections as census data is not completely accurate. • Some of the potential indicators could be expanded to include more heritage assets, and the SPD should recognise the value of existing open spaces that are of heritage value. • PPG17 was used as "an excuse" not to act in the spirit of the London plan "which more directly informs the boroughs' LDFs and defines areas of open space deficiency to a higher criteria". • The appropriate criteria for identifying deficiencies in open space are set out in the Mayor's London Plan and accompanying 'Guide to Preparing Open Space Strategies' and it is these that should be adopted. • The standards proposed are not those that are recognised as minimum standards by the GLA. • 3sq metres of play space per child should read 6 sq metres. • Many of the standards should be lowered.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The level and quality of access needs to be taken into consideration – some public spaces are not accessible by the elderly, infirm or wheelchair bound.
What does this mean for us?	<p>As a result of the consultation, the SPD was changed to make reference to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the heritage value of open space two parks in the borough that are on the National Register of Historic Parks. Haringey Health Reports. <p>The SPD was presented to the council's Management Board on 13 May 08, who agreed to adopt the SPD as a formal planning policy document for the borough. On 17 June 08, the Cabinet agreed that the SPD could be adopted.</p>
How were results communicated ?	A report sent to the Planning Committee on the 29 th May 2008. This report was also available to download from the Haringey website.
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Ward/ neighbourhood affected?	Borough-wide