

Feedback from Consultation

Draft Proposals to Improve Parkland Walk South – Phase 2 consultation

Purpose of consultation:	<p>The purpose of the consultation was to gauge public support for improvements to Parkland Walk South between Highgate and Finsbury Park.</p> <p>The proposals follow an offer of more than £700,000 funding from Transport for London (TfL) to create three 'greenways cycling and pedestrian corridors' in 2007-08 – one at the southern stretch of Parkland Walk, one from Highgate to Alexandra Palace Station, including the northern section of Parkland Walk, and one from Finsbury Park to Lea Valley Park.</p>
Methodology:	<p>Local residents and interested parties were invited to comment on proposals for improvement measures to Parkland Walk by writing to the council.</p> <p>In both phases, the consultation was publicised via:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1,600 letters mailed to residents within a 50m catchment area of the walk ▪ Advertisements in the local papers ▪ Publicity on the council's website ▪ Notices displayed along Parkland Walk ▪ The full draft proposal was placed in two local libraries close to Parkland Walk (Hornsey library and Highgate library) and also sent to two local schools along the link (Stroud Green and Coleridge primary). ▪ The full draft proposal was also placed on the council's web site for comments. <p>In addition:</p> <p>Phase 1 Extensive press coverage was received, although reports stating that the council was proposing to extensively tarmac the walk were inaccurate.</p> <p>Phase 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ A consultation event in Hornsey Town Hall on Saturday 21 July 2007, which was attended by 164 people ▪ Detailed proposals placed on Haringey website for two months (July-September), allowing residents to complete the consultation questionnaire on-line. <p>122 letters were received at Phase 1 and 168 at Phase 2.</p>

Findings:

Following analysis of the Phase 1 results, the proposals were amended according to feedback and sent out for further consultation in Phase 2.

In Phase 2 of the consultation, there was a high level of support for the proposals at consultation event, by post and via the website. Out of a total of 168 responses, 79% were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall proposals. Only 10% were dissatisfied or very dissatisfied, and a further 11% were 'neutral' about the overall proposals.

Agreement with individual aspects of the proposal was as follows:

Proposal	Agree %
Improve the drainage at poorly-drained sections	90
Repair surfaces of steps and access ramps, where necessary	89
Proposals to reflect the following priority (1) Nature Reserve, (2) Pedestrians, (3) Cyclists	89
Repair path only where very muddy or very rough/ difficult surfaces	88
Keep existing narrow points and meandering alignment	87
Repair wooden steps at Crouch End Hill	84
No extra fences proposed (just minor repairs to existing fences)	78
If fences or gates need repair, use black iron railings at the common Parkland Walk Style	78
Two additional panels proposed (Crouch End Hill bridge and Stapleton Hall Road bridge)	75
Adopt a uniform style signpost along the walk	73
Repaired sections to be between 2-3m in width, depending on local circumstances	73
Introduce 'Parkland Walk Nature Reserve' marker posts at entrances	72
No additional street lighting	69
Signpost the walk from nearby roads (signs to say 'Parkland Walk Nature Reserve')	6
Keep the existing skateboard facility	62
New steps at Northwood Road	62
Provide disabled parking access outside some entrances	62
Provide ramp for pushchairs at Milton Park steps	60
No motorcycle barriers proposed, but strengthen community policing	50
Change steps to a ramp at Crouch End Hill (east)	50
Provide cycle ramps to Stanhope Road and Upper Tollington Park steps	46
No additional benches proposed	31
Provide joggers' equipment at two or three locations	29

<p>What does this mean for us?</p>	<p>We will present the Phase 2 consultation results to the Lead Member for Environment and Conservation for approval to introduce all of the proposals, except:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Change steps to a ramp at Crouch End Hill (east) ▪ Provide cycle ramps to Stanhope Road and Upper Tollington Park steps ▪ Provide joggers' equipment at two three locations <p>We will include additional benches, as support to omit these was low.</p> <p>Detailed plans will be drawn up and placed on the Haringey website by 15TH November 2007 , for improvement works to begin by December 2007.</p>
<p>How were results communicated?</p>	<p>A summary of the consultation findings has been published on the Haringey web site at the address below and in local press and has been sent to local schools and libraries. It will be mailed to all those wrote in.</p> <p>http://www.haringey.gov.uk/pwconsultation.htm</p>
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<p>Dates of consultation:</p>	<p>Phase 1: 27 April – 8 June 2007 Phase 2: 21 July – 28 September 2007</p>
<p>Ward/ neighbourhood affected?</p>	<p>Crouch End, Stroud Green and Finsbury Park wards</p>