



Green Flag Award 2019

Name of Site: Down lane Park

Managing Organisation: London Borough of Haringey

Desk Assessment Feedback (Management Plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation	The plan is well presented and clearly written with good use of pictures, maps and charts. Facilities are clearly identified. There is a clear description of what needs to be managed.	When using pictures make sure the area looks presentable e.g picnic table. Avoid using cut and paste, without updating context e.g Section 8.4 The management plan would benefit from being more comprehensive.
Health, Safety & Security	It encouraging to see crime figures to dispel misconceptions and this section would benefit from more emphasis that crime is decreasing in the area.	
Maintenance of equipment, buildings & landscape	There is a detailed description of the team responsible for the park and also an explanation of how the team supports the whole of the borough. There is a robust system to identify the current condition of assets and targets to achieve to ensure good standards of maintenance	
Litter, cleanliness, vandalism	There are clear objectives within the plan to ensure that the standards for this criteria will be achieved and a good reaction to graffiti	It would be good practice to do spot checks for empty litter bins

Environmental Management	The management of the site is part of the wider Greenest Borough Strategy. Chemicals are used on the site responsibly. It is encouraging to see that surveys have been carried out.	The use of chemicals should be reviewed to consider alternative methods of control
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	The landscape has been developing over recent years and it is encouraging to see there are lots of good ideas being considered.	
Community Involvement	There seems good community involvement in the site.	Consideration could be given to creating a forum of all uses to ensure all needs are met on the site where possible.
Marketing & Communication	This criteria appears well covered in the Management Plan.	Interpretation boards would be a useful addition to the site.
Overall management	When adopted and embraced by all staff this plan has the potential to be a good management tool.	The Judges would like to see the action plan extended. The plan would benefit from being more long term than being for a year.

Additional comments

Field Assessment Feedback

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A Welcoming Place	The site had a welcoming feel with nice open site lines into the park. There was good access for all visitors.	There were no signs into site from surrounding area. There were a number of desire lines across the park, this should be resolved to improve the situation.
Healthy, Safe and Secure	The Judges felt safe in the park and there was no evidence of dog fouling on the day of their visit.	The dog gates into the play areas need attention as none of them closed properly. A number of railway sleepers on the embankment slide are rotten. Some edges to soft surfacing need attention.. Difficult to keep secure with nursery and cafe, look at some way to enforce gate locking
Well Maintained and Clean	At the time of the inspection it was observed that the rubbish bins were empty and there seemed a good system in place.	
Environmental Management	Looking to the future to reimplement environmental schemes. Recycling bins programmed to go in.	Ensure that the environmental targets and aspirations are monitored and programmes are implemented in a timely fashion.
Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage	Within the site a number of trees have been planted	Look for opportunities to reintroduce biodiversity, understand why it had been taken out because of safety issues. Any awaiting 106 monies coming shortly.

Community Involvement	The Judges were pleased to see there was good community involvement on the site.	
Marketing and Communication		
Management	The Judges appreciated that this is a park that has adapted because of its usage. from the change in approach because of anti-social behaviour to that which is coming in the future, due to major redevelopment in the area	Make sure this is captured in the management plan and particularly in the work programme. The area in the middle between the old depot and children's nursery is very barren and needs resolving in usage terms

Additional Comments

The Judges acknowledge the hard work that goes into providing this resource for the community and are able to award it a Green Flag for this year. It is essential that work continues to ensure the site maintains the standard in order for it to retain the flag in coming years.

