FEEDBACK REPORT: 2022-23

Name of Site	Chapmans Green
Managing Organisation	London Borough of Haringey
Date of Assessment	6.6.22 & 20.6.22

OVERALL RESULT	Pass	✔	Fail	☐

NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT
Strengths and recommendations are provided for each criteria. Photographs are included, where appropriate, to support the feedback from the judge(s) in relation to both strengths and recommendations. Please refer to the Raising the Standard guidance manual here for further information on the criteria.

DESK ASSESSMENT

(Management plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation	• Considerable amount of effective information contained with the management plan (generic information less so)	• A number of references in the Management Plan to Woodside Park appear not to relate to this park • Focus generic references to specifically this park
Health, Safety & Security	• Good sightlines maintained, especially in vulnerable locations - crown lifting and shrub reduction • Some natural surveillance	• Are cyclists a problem to park users ? If so designated routes may help alleviate any conflicts with pedestrians • Consider the value of CCTV to monitor vulnerable situations
Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings & Landscape	• Signage within the park appears to be well provided • The bowling green pavilion has received effective support from the Friends Group	• Ensure information boards content is kept up to date
Litter, Cleanliness, Vandalism	• Emergency response to graffiti and cleansing • Regular bin emptying	• Ensure all graffiti and vandalism is dealt with rapidly

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Environmental Management	• Recycling considerations in place	• Recycling should be a high priority - both for visitor deposits and also team/staff operations • Consider recycling bins throughout the park for public use • Establish recycling regimes within the park for all arising elements within the park • Adopt positive outcomes from the 'no pesticides' trials • Stipulate peat free grown plants from suppliers • Look to procuring electric vehicles and equipment as renewal is required, phasing out carbon fuelled as a priority
Biodiversity, Landscape & Heritage	• Introduction of more sustainable / durable planting • Maintenance operations take account of bird nesting requirements • Meadow establishment in recent times	• Establish a strategy for succession planting, particularly of trees, taking account of current climatic conditions • Continue to explore and implement native bulb planting
Community Involvement	• Supportive Friends Group, bringing life back to the former bowling green • Regular programme of events in the park	• Continue to explore plans for the former bowling green • Continue investigations into the possibility of providing cafe and possibly toilet facilities in the park • Ensure the programme of future events is maintained and fulfilled
Marketing & Communication	• Effective online presence, greatly supported by the Friends website	• Ensure website information is current and extended where possible • Populate social media at every opportunity
Overall Management	• Climate change initiatives acknowledged	• Actively pursue Climate change mitigation intiatives

FIELD ASSESSMENT

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place	• The park has a compact 'cosy' feel in certain areas, with relatively small pockets of space enclosed by mature and some traditional park style planting	• Reinstatement of the small triangular bedding flower bed adjacent to the Lordship Lane entrance would add a traditional dynamism to the park. Whilst labour intensive it is a small bed which would make all the difference to the park and help lift the park and be even more attractive. Support from the Youth Service could aid this reintroduction • Possible inclusion of a cafe in the former bowling pavilion would be a welcome facility for park users
Healthy, Safe & Secure	• Whilst there is currently a lack of general natural surveillance the park does not have a threatening feel, with a relatively high footfall during the day. The tennis courts, when is use, adding to the presence of more people in the park • Adjacent street lights provide spill lighting during evenings	• Re-occupation and proposed activities within the former bowling pavilion will greatly add to the sense of personal security of visitors to the park. Collaboration with Inspirit should help achieve this aim • Perimeter shrub and hedging heights need to be assessed to ensure personal security through lack of adequate sightlines is not compromised • If the pavilion can provide a base for the maintenance team this will provide additional security in the park
Well Maintained & Clean	• The park does suffer from incidents of anti social behaviour, but with vigilance and efforts by the support teams this park will be a much loved and respected green space • The park is maintained to pleasant standards	• Impending planting adjustment works to the entrance area of the bowling green will help improve personal security levels and remove opportunities for unacceptable behaviours • The perimeter railings need cleaning and painting • Some paths need resurfacing to improve safety and reduce trip hazards
Environmental Management	• Reduced peat and herbicide use in the park • Operatives now use electric powered tools	• On-site composting facilities will be a positive introduction • Ensure when litter bins are to be replaced that recycling sections are included

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Biodiversity Landscape & Heritage	• Naturalisation and wild flower planting offers an extended biodiversity is this compact park • Re-wilding is bringing a delightful element to Chapmans Green • Friends Group are looking to introduce beehives • Swift boxes have been installed on the pavilion by the Friends	• Plans of the Friends Group to further develop the biodiversity of the former bowling green area is a welcome and will be an effective initiative - collaborate and support !
Community Involvement	• The Friends Group has provided impressive support to Chapmans Green Park, especially with regard to the former bowling green. The introduction of wild flowers, and a herb garden has achieved a great impact. Imminent plans for the Friends Group are set to establish a thriving and vibrant park • Effective interest from Ward Councillor	• Lucky to have an enthusiastic and progressive Friends Group - work with them as much as possible
Marketing and Communication	• Information board in place and kept up to date - the Friends have a key to access and add relevant information	• In a world of fast news and social media - make the most of these services to update, and even attract, visitors. Highlight activities, proposals and features of the park
Management	• Management of the park is effective, with projects in hand, such as the removal of the dead conifer avenue	• There is a lot that can and should be achieved in this compact park, to enrich the experience of all visitors

Summary and additional comments: (Highlighting the result, and the main areas of strength and recommendation)
• The potential for a new play area in the park would attract more children and parents offering a much needed feature of this type for the local population • Support and funding from the Lawn Tennis Association to rejuvenate the tennis courts will be a great achievement and will provide a considerable improvement to the existing courts. Provision of bike racks should be considered • Restoration to the unique Basket Garden feature would add another highlight to Chapmans Green • Thanks go to all involved in looking after the park and spearheading much needed developments within the park. The progressive Friends Group is to be applauded for their dedication and drive !