



Green Flag Award 2019

Name of Site: Chestnuts Park

Managing Organisation:

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. There is context within the plan with both historical and demographic information.	In the Action Plan (Section 12) would benefit from using colour for low, medium and high priorities and also including a column to record when things have been achieved or updates.
Health, Safety & Security	The plan describes how unhealthy activities like smoking and drinking are managed within the site. It is encouraging to see the walking routes within the park are extending out the other Haringey Parks. There are clear descriptions on who is responsible for the safety within the site and how this is done, there is positive encouragement to include the community and park users to contribute in this area.	Include reference to daily/weekly/monthly visual inspections to the outdoor gym as 2.2.6 Outdoor gym, gives the impression no visual inspections are carried out apart from those done every 3 months.
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	On page 20 it confirms that the parks assets are inspected monthly including children's play equipment. More frequent inspections should be

	assets and targets to achieve to ensure good standards of maintenance.	considered in line with industry standards.
Litter, cleanliness, vandalism	There are processes in place to ensure litter, cleanliness and vandalism are managed to a good standard.	
Environmental Management	The management of the site is part of the wider Greenest Borough Strategy. Chemicals are used on the site responsibly. The recycling policy extends to green waste. Planting is considered with relation to climate change.	The use of chemicals seems an economic decision rather than environmental one. Records of chemical use should be provided as an appendix.
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	Aware of limitations of site. The opening of the brook will help with possible flooding and will help with bio diversity. There is a good conservation action plan in place complete with activities and time frames.	Consider doing some survey work
Community Involvement	There is a very active and well established Friends of Group for the park. The park is used as a green classroom by local schools.	Links to St. Ann's Hospital seem important to the park so a project/strategy should be developed to ensure this is established.
Marketing & Communication	It is great to see that the marketing and communication strategy for the park appreciates that it is a two way process and a variety of tools are used to support this.	The use of surveys are powerful tools for gaining feedback, if cost is an issue for doing this there are free options that might be considered including Survey Monkey.
Overall management	The plan is a relatively new document and if adopted and embraced by those working on the site will ensure that standards are maintained consistently and that future aspirations are achieved.	

Additional comments

The plan is comprehensive and well written which gives confidence that the site is being proactively managed to a good standard for its users to enjoy all year round.

Field Assessment Feedback

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place	There is a Community project to install a new gate by the school is excellent to improve access. There is good access to inclusive play and it was nice to see musical play equipment.	
Healthy, Safe and Secure	Very open park with good views across.	Consider reducing hedge height around play area so you can see in from park.
Well Maintained and Clean	Very clean little evidence of litter or dog mess	Be aware of first impressions, where the cow parsley had been cut down it looked a bit of a mess. Use laminated temporary signs to explain. Graffiti on main gate post should be removed. Damaged basketball nets should be repaired or

		removed. The gate in the musical playground needs adjusting and the handles on the largest piece of equipment need repairing or replacing.
Environmental Management	Will be interested to see the completion of the opening of the brook to relive flooding down stream	
Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage	Wild flower turf strips will be laid shortly. Nice to see Savannah bed	Savannah bed could do with some interpretation, the other beds in this area should be maintained to the same standard.
Community Involvement	There is a good community group who are very active in the park. The Judges were very impressed with the difference they have made. done.	
Marketing and Communication	As appropriate for the space	Put up temp laminated signs to show what's happening
Management	The plan is being applied well supported by the friends. The issues raised below should be seen as a strength between two parties interested in the well-being of the park	

Additional Comments

The dilemma between what types of events to hold in the area, Commercial events bring money into the park which helps maintain the level of service although some friends find that difficult needs to sensitively managed.

