



FEEDBACK REPORT: 2022-23

Name of Site	Ducketts Common
Managing Organisation	London Borough of Haringey
Date of Assessment	16/06/2022

OVERALL RESULT	Pass	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fail	<input type="checkbox"/>
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NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT
<p>Strengths and recommendations are provided for each criteria.</p> <p>Photographs are included, where appropriate, to support the feedback from the judge(s) in relation to both strengths and recommendations.</p> <p>Please refer to the Raising the Standard guidance manual here for further information on the criteria.</p>

DESK ASSESSMENT

(Management plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation	<p>The Management Plan is well laid out with a clear contents page for easy navigation through the plan. It makes it particularly easy for judging purposes as it is laid out according to the Green Flag criteria.</p> <p>Excellent to see the political commitment in the foreword from the Cabinet Member responsible for the parks.</p> <p>Excellent that Cllr Hearn is addressing the foreword to the local people and</p>	<p>The plan should be updated for example the “there are no other planned events for 2020 and currently no bookings for 2021”. It would be good to see what did take place in 2021 and refer to 2022.</p> <p>Page 33 the PSPO started in October 2017 and lasts for three years (the dog PSPO on page 37 is the same). This information</p>

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	<p>encouraging them to become involved in Ducketts Common.</p> <p>The additional note from Cllr Mike Hakata shows the commitment by the Council to the restructured parks service in Haringey and the increase in investment along with the adoption of Parks and Green Space Strategy from 2023.</p> <p>The plan is well illustrated with relevant plans and photographs which helps the understanding of the management of Ducketts Common. The labelled plans with all the facilities marked.</p> <p>There is a good section on the local communities and demography.</p> <p>There are excellent links through to relevant strategies, the Friends Group and partners who work together for Ducketts Common.</p>	<p>should be updated as it is past the three years now and I am sure it has been renewed. On page 45 it says “in 2020 a new CAP will be developed”.</p>
Health, Safety & Security	<p>There is a very good section on health and safety with good PSPOs for antisocial behaviour and dog control. There are excellent reporting mechanisms including with the Love Clean Streets app.</p> <p>Good that the reported crimes are recorded and the overall crimes have decreased by 16% as visitors to the parks across Haringey have increased.</p> <p>Good partnership arrangements with the police with regular meetings.</p> <p>Excellent programme of engagement by Leisure Client Team and Haringey Sports development Trust delivering basketball sessions.</p>	<p>It would be good to see the number of reported crimes over the years in an appendix so that progress on reduction can be measured.</p>
Maintenance of Equipment,	<p>There is a good scheduled maintenance section for all the horticulture and</p>	

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Buildings & Landscape	<p>hygiene with good service standards and monitoring.</p> <p>There are excellent facilities for sport on the site that have been upgraded.</p> <p>Good project to replace/upgrade the building for the kiosk/café.</p> <p>There is a programme for the replacement of bins which has been started.</p>	
Litter, Cleanliness, Vandalism	<p>Bins are emptied and litter is picked on a daily basis.</p> <p>All offensive graffiti is removed within 24 hours of the report. There is an excellent system for reporting any concerns.</p>	
Environmental Management	<p>There is excellent access from local roads and public transport and there have been improvements to make the site cycle friendly.</p> <p>It is good to see that there is a pilot scheme in one of the parks to trial a no-pesticide approach.</p> <p>Good links to the Greenest Borough Strategy.</p> <p>Good green waste recycling through the North London Waste Authority and increasing onsite composting.</p> <p>Good that drought resistant plants are prioritised to preserve water.</p>	
Biodiversity, Landscape & Heritage	<p>There is an excellent schedule of maintenance for the park and this is assessed by the Parks Quality Scoring System which is easy for parks operatives and the public to assess whether the standard specified has been met.</p> <p>There is a good priority to increase the biodiversity value of Ducketts Common</p>	<p>The actual maintenance of the biodiverse areas should be resolved so that they can be maintained. To increase biodiversity and an increased chance of people getting close to nature.</p>

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	<p>as flagged in the “Improving Londoners’ Access to Nature Report”. There is a good aspirational Conservation Action Plan and actions to address the low biodiversity value.</p> <p>Lovely history section to the management plan that puts the site in context with an interpretation board located on site.</p>	<p>It would be good to have a flora and fauna survey of the site to look at the progress on improving the biodiversity. It would also be good to have site information on what people could see on the site.</p>
Community Involvement	<p>There is a Friends Group founded in 2007 for the common supported by the Haringey Park Forum. They have greatly improved the site with projects like the history interpretation board and creation of meadow areas.</p> <p>As referred to above there are good programmes of engaging the local young people with sports and in particular basketball.</p> <p>Good lease arrangement with the new Café Roj to enable community meetings once a week.</p>	<p>It would be good to have a survey of the park users to inform plans going forward.</p>
Marketing & Communication	<p>A good policy for signs at each entrance point with relevant contact numbers and highlighting initiatives e.g., Keep your Park Tidy.</p> <p>The play area has a sign saying what is not allowed and what is appropriate.</p> <p>Very good section on marketing and communication with links to relevant websites information on how social media, publications, notice boards, campaigns and consultation are used to improve the park.</p>	
Overall Management	<p>The management plan is very good and covers all aspects of the park. It is also aspirational with many projects on a wish list put forward by the friends, councillors and the staff.</p>	<p>It would be good to have the future projects prioritised and costed.</p> <p>The action plan should state the progress on all</p>

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FIELD ASSESSMENT

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<p>A Welcoming Place</p>	<p>There is a good gateway entrance onto the site and access from the surrounding streets and Turnpike Lane Station.</p> <p>Good facilities to park bicycles.</p> <p>During the site visit the new café building was under construction but it was still clear how to enter the site around the building site.</p> <p>Lovely leaf stencils on the pathways leading you in.</p>	<p>The Hampden Road entrance could do with a redesign/renovation. The common's sign was on the ground and the phone box covered in fly posters doesn't make an attractive entrance to the site. The fence has been damaged and needs repair.</p>
<p>Healthy, Safe & Secure</p>	<p>There is an excellent relationship with the police who do regular patrols and targeting specific crimes. Police sniffer dogs patrol for drugs.</p> <p>£20K was given by the police to improve the lighting at the front (station) end of the park.</p> <p>The new café will bring people into the park and help to keep the park safe and welcoming.</p> <p>There are signs detailing responsible behaviour to keep good hygiene in the play area.</p> <p>The basketball players use the site regularly and said that they feel safer this year after all the good partnership working with the police and the extra patrols.</p> <p>There are good picnic benches which allow for wheelchair users and prams.</p>	<p>Keep up the partnership working with the police.</p>
<p>Well Maintained & Clean</p>	<p>It is good that the bins have been upgraded.</p> <p>The majority of the site was clean and litter free, no dog mess was seen.</p>	<p>Litter blows into the site from the surrounding streets. It might be good to consider some netting all along the inside of the railings to prevent this or</p>

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	<p>The gym equipment and play area were well maintained with all the appropriate risk assessments.</p> <p>The basketball courts were immaculate with excellent fencing.</p> <p>All the trees appeared to be in good order and they have regular risk assessments and surveys.</p>	<p>even better a regular litter pick along the railings.</p> <p>Some areas of the park, for example the entrance to the play area, need a further clean to pick up all the tiny plastic litter.</p>
Environmental Management	<p>Drought resistant plants are being used and the landscape around the new café building show cases grasses and water tolerant plants.</p> <p>Dead wood is kept on site.</p>	
Biodiversity Landscape & Heritage	<p>It is good to hear that the new BAP is being written this year and that the Biodiversity officer will be working with the Friends of the common.</p> <p>There is a wonderful range of bulbs for a spring display including snowdrops, crocuses and fritillaries in the southern section of the site.</p> <p>The repainting of the railings to a smart black colour and the new black bins enhance the site.</p> <p>There were a good range of bees and butterflies on the site in the meadow grass area.</p> <p>There is a good interpretative sign on the history of the common by the basketball courts.</p> <p>The southern part of the park has a good meadow land and all around the perimeter wildflower areas have been developed beneath the London Planes. This makes an excellent green area to get away from all the busyness at the north side.</p>	

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Community Involvement	<p>The new café has links to the local community and they have provision for a monthly meeting of the Friends Group.</p> <p>Spotlight meetings with the Friends, Councillors and staff are being timetabled.</p> <p>The Friends group are very important to the site with their ideas on how to take the park forward and helping out with lots of different things for example at the present time they are watering the new hawthorn hedge which is flourishing in the dry weather.</p> <p>There are some events on the site for example the Redball Basket Ball and funfairs. This will probably pick up following the Covid lockdowns.</p> <p>It was wonderful to see so many people using the site, sitting on the benches, exercising on the outdoor gym and playing in the play area.</p> <p>It will be good to see the art project getting off the ground again after Covid. They have left a legacy of some interesting art work in the common.</p>	<p>Keep up the support for the Friends Group and the recruitment of more volunteers.</p>
Marketing and Communication	<p>There are some good signs on site for example saying about the building of the new café, explaining the history and letting people know about their responsibilities.</p>	<p>More could be made of this site which is a haven in a very busy area. I am sure this will happen with the opening of the café and through the Friends Group.</p>
Management	<p>There is good management of the site and the management plan is being carried out. There have been some good projects on the site including the new café and the wildflower area.</p>	

Summary and additional comments:

(Highlighting the result, and the main areas of strength and recommendation)

This is a lovely site in a very busy area of London. Access to the tube allows many people to visit the site and there are some good facilities for different groups.

Thanks should go to the parks staff for their commitment to improve this site and to the Friends Group who have worked well with them and have some of their own projects.

Keeping up the maintenance of such a busy site, improving the Hampden Road entrance and keeping the good partnership working with the police and friends' group are the main recommendations.

Ducketts Common is Green Flag Standard.