

The councils response to the Environmental Visual Audit – June2019

Areas identified in the Environmental Visual Audit	Action taken or matter for consultation
<p>1. <u>Full Closure Policy</u> It is recommended that a new policy is implemented to ensure that the park is closed and fully secured at a single designated time.</p>	<p>The council is aware that there will be differing views on this and therefore has made this a topic within the public consultation.</p>
<p>2. <u>Stroud Green gate</u> The current installation is not fit for purpose. The gate should be of a design and construction that maximises visual permeability and incorporates a good level of security.</p>	<p>Works to the gate will only be required if there is a decision to lock the park at night.</p>
<p>3. <u>Stroud Green entrance</u> The area leading to the open expanse of the park has created a haven for illicit use and anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>With the agreement of the council's Nature Conservation Officer, this area is now being mown more regularly and new wildlife areas will be created elsewhere in the park.</p>
<p>4. <u>Boundary Treatment</u> It is recommended that the wooden fencing be replaced.</p>	<p>The council agrees with this recommendation and will undertake a replacement programme over the next four years. However, this is subject to further decisions, including planning permission, relating to the style and materials for a new fence. In addition, a fence may no longer be required if the park is to remain unlocked overnight.</p>
<p>5. <u>Arboriculture</u> 'The Growing Space' is treated to improve the surveillance levels, particularly natural and informal, from the street and the buildings opposite.</p>	<p>Tree works have commenced in a number of areas around the park and will continue throughout 2019/20.</p>
<p>6. <u>Manor Lodge</u> The building and adjoining gardens are in need of attention to prevent this area falling into further disrepair.</p>	<p>The council is working with all the current tenants of this building and the Friends of the Park to ensure the building has a good level of community use and the garden area is well maintained. The Friends of the Park have planned three working days in the garden during July.</p>
<p>7. <u>Wooden Shelter removal</u> This small building near to the inner carriage drive by Seven Sisters gate has been highlighted as a prevalent location for anti-social behaviour and drug use</p>	<p>This building is an historic asset within the park. Rather than remove this building the council's enforcement team and the police are working to reduce antisocial behaviour through engagement and introducing new powers through a Public Spaces Protection Order. The introduction of Public Spaces Protection Orders is covered in the consultation.</p>
<p>8. <u>Finsbury Gate seating</u> It is recommended that the benches near to the Finsbury Gate are removed in order to deter their use by the street drinkers and drug dealers.</p>	<p>The council is aware that there will be differing views on this and therefore has made this a topic within the public consultation.</p>

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<p>9. Waste Bins The current installations around the park can be used for the storage of weapons and drugs. An option would be complete removal and a re-education of park users to take all their waste with them. A bin design that prevents illicit usage should be considered.</p>	<p>The council is not aware of any incidents where this is the case, and all bins could be used in this way. The council is working on a new bin strategy and has also tripled the number of Park Keepers in the park who collect litter and empty the bins.</p>
<p>10. Cricket Pavilion As the area has become popular with rough sleepers, steps need to be taken to reduce the desirability of the location.</p>	<p>The council has undertaken works to secure this building and deter people from sleeping rough in close proximity to the building.</p>
<p>11. Exercise Equipment The inclusion of pull-up bars to the exercise area should be implemented as soon as practicable.</p>	<p>The council will introduce some additional fitness equipment at the outdoor gym to meet the needs of those undertaking this kind of activity. However, it is unlikely that this measure alone would tackle the adult use of the adjacent playground. Therefore the council has included the issue of children’s play in the consultation. This is alongside an investment of nearly £600,000 in the children’s play areas this year.</p>
<p>12. Lighting Vandal resistant bollard lighting has been installed to provide a ‘safe route’ from the athletics track to the Manor Gate. Bollard lighting is not considered as an effective light source.</p>	<p>The council can not provide a different style of lighting in this location due to the presence of bats in this part of the park. However, the council is consulting more broadly on the introduction of lighting in the park.</p>
<p>13. CCTV Any consideration for the installation of CCTV would require the advice and guidance of a suitably qualified CCTV installer.</p>	<p>The council is aware that there will be differing views on this and therefore has made this a topic within the public consultation. No new cameras can be installed until the council has fully commissioned its new CCTV Control Room at the beginning of 2020.</p>
<p>14. Legislation The park is not currently covered by any local byelaws or legislation regarding dog control, alcohol consumption or anti-social behaviour in general. It is recommended that consideration is given to the use of a Public Spaces Protection Order.</p>	<p>This is incorrect. The park has its own set of byelaws that were put in place by the GLC when it ran the park. In addition, there is a Public Spaces Protection Order that covers the control of dogs within the park. Further powers could be implemented, and these are set out in the public consultation.</p>
<p>15. Licensing The prevalence of street-drinking within the park is a significant concern and engagement needs to take place with local licensed premises.</p>	<p>Most of the local licensed premises are not in Haringey. However, where they are in Haringey, they all receive regular inspections by the council’s licensing team and are reminded of their responsibilities under current legislation. Similar inspections are carried out by Hackney and Islington.</p>