



# FEEDBACK REPORT: 2022-23

<b>Name of Site</b>	Oliver Tambo Recreation Ground
<b>Managing Organisation</b>	London Borough of Haringey
<b>Date of Assessment</b>	17/06/2022

<b>OVERALL RESULT</b>	<b>Pass</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Fail</b>	<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 <a href="#">here</a> for further information on the criteria.</p>

## DESK ASSESSMENT

(Management plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
<b>Presentation</b>	<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 could do with some updating for example “further tree planting and the creation of an orchard is planned by the Friends for winter 2019/spring 2020 (page 13).</p> <p>Also, some clarity in the script for example buses stop near “these crossings”. Which crossings? Page 14.</p>

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	<p>encouraging them to become involved in the park.</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 beautiful photographs which helps the understanding of the management of the park. The labelled plans have all the facilities marked.</p> <p>There are excellent links through to relevant strategies, the Friends Group and partners who work together for the park.</p>	
<p><b>Health, Safety &amp; Security</b></p>	<p>There is a good health and safety section with use of appropriate risk assessments and method statements for all proposed works and operations.</p> <p>Excellent gold award as a Safer Park in 2011 and 2012.</p> <p>The café and increased use of the park gives additional surveillance and a decrease in crime.</p> <p>It is excellent that smoking is banned from children's play areas.</p> <p>There is a good reporting system for all health and safety concerns for staff, the Friends group and the general public.</p> <p>There are provisions for the control of dogs and dialogue with dog walkers as key users of the park.</p> <p>The health benefits of walking are supported and there is a good walking</p>	<p>It would be good to see the annual crime figures for Oliver Tambo Recreation Ground so that measures to ensure it reduces can be assessed.</p> <p>It is unclear whether the PSPO for the Recreation ground has been renewed. (Page 31)</p>

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	<p>trail information board in the park. To improve local people's health.</p> <p>Crime figures are in the management plan (however just for a three-month period in 2021) and it is good to see that crime has been reducing across the Borough. There is a good reduction in crime and partnership working with the Neighbourhood Policing Team. It is fabulous that the Council has prioritised Oliver Tambo Recreation Ground for sports and easy access travel initiatives and the transformation of the pavilion into a café (with CCVT) all of which have helped reduce the crime on site. The partnership working with the Neighbourhood Policing Team is vital to keep up the safety and use of the Recreation Ground.</p>	
<p><b>Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings &amp; Landscape</b></p>	<p>There is a good section detailing the wide range of facilities on the site with their management and maintenance.</p> <p>Good upgrading of facilities working with the friends and community groups for example the upgrading of the Petanque facility.</p> <p>There is a good inspection of hard assets every month that is prioritised and feeds into an action programme.</p> <p>There are good quarterly inspections of the play areas and gyms.</p> <p>Detailed scheduled maintenance programmes include grounds maintenance and hygiene. The good service standards and monitoring by staff and the public is to be commended.</p> <p>The conservation section gives excellent actions on pages 48 to 53. Which, if carried out would greatly improve the biodiversity of the site.</p>	<p>It would be good to have a more regular tree risk assessment programme and it is good that this is being looked at as part of the new park strategy.</p> <p>The plan is not clear on the play area inspections. Are these included in the monthly inspections it says "play safety surface and minor repairs."</p>

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<p><b>Litter, Cleanliness, Vandalism</b></p>	<p>Good litter picking and collection schedules in the maintenance section and there is a good new waste strategy with new bins at specific locations and the removal of dog waste bins and some of the sentinel bins.</p> <p>Good plans for the management of graffiti.</p> <p>Excellent reporting channels including the Love Clean Streets smart phone app.</p>	
<p><b>Environmental Management</b></p>	<p>Good links to the Greenest Borough Strategy.</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>All waste from the bins is sorted and recycled where possible at the North London Waste Authority depot. Green waste is recycled on the park as a mulch where possible and the rest of the green waste is also taken to the depot where it is composted and then reused in the park.</p> <p>Recycled materials are used where possible.</p> <p>Vehicles meet the low emission zone criteria and all new machinery is required to have low emissions and be serviced regularly.</p>	

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<p><b>Biodiversity, Landscape &amp; Heritage</b></p>	<p>The conservation and heritage section is very good. The history of the site is clearly detailed.</p> <p>There is an excellent conservation action plan in appendix one for the site including the SINC. If this is integrated into the grounds maintenance operations the park will have good conservation value for biodiversity.</p> <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 achieved.</p> <p>The heritage has been further enhanced with the renaming of the Recreation Ground and the new statue to reflect the importance of Oliver Tambo as a former local resident and user of the park.</p>	<p>It would be good to have a BAP for the Recreation Ground that is reflected in the Action Plan.</p>
<p><b>Community Involvement</b></p>	<p>There is a good description of the demographics of Haringey.</p> <p>There is an excellent and very active Friends Group (FORTR) for the Recreation Ground they have brought in a lot of funding to upgrade facilities on the park and practical work for example the orchard and tree planting. They also put on several events including a Jazz Fest, family sports day, quiz nights, cancer fundraising and a Christmas party. There is good training available for community groups running events. It is good they have a base at the café.</p>	<p>It would be useful to have more in depth description of demographics in Alexandra Ward in addition to the population density.</p>

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	<p>FORTR have a very good Facebook and Webpage with a good use of social media to engage with the local community.</p> <p>It is good that FORTR is supported by the Forum.</p> <p>There is a good partnership with the local schools and they regularly use the site with families accessing the schools and using the site before and after school.</p> <p>A good policy to encourage smaller events by making them free.</p> <p>Excellent Beacon status awarded for the high-quality affordable community tennis programme. The Pavilion Sports and café have made a tremendous contribution to the sports in the rec as well as the reduction in crime mentioned above.</p> <p>There is an excellent programme of work experience for school children on the sports programme.</p> <p>The offer for local people doesn't only include sport, there is a five day a week fitness programme provided by Fitness Squad UK initiatives like Pushy Mothers. And the Rhodes Avenue Forest School.</p> <p>The many activities on the recreation Ground and the amount of dedication by the many volunteers is reflected in Oliver Tambo Recreation Ground winning the 2012 UK "Getting Most Active Park", and joint runner up of "Most Loved Park" run by the Fields in Trust.</p> <p>The recent consultation with local people (2018) has led to a number of actions including the upgrading of the play area with the children's favourite play equipment, and solving drainage issues.</p>	

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	<p>It is good to see that a feasibility study has been completed on the drainage problem.</p>	
<p><b>Marketing &amp; Communication</b></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> <p>There are good signs at all the entrances showing the behaviour expected in the park and relevant contact numbers and two notice boards for up-to-date information about the park and events.</p> <p>Really good to see the results of the consultation with the Friends group and local schools in the management plan.</p>	
<p><b>Overall Management</b></p>	<p>There are good links to the relevant strategies and these are reflected in the management plan.</p> <p>The management structure section of the plan gives a good detail of the overall responsibility of different staff sections in the delivery of the plan.</p> <p>The designation as a Queen Elizabeth11 park means the recreation ground is protected in perpetuity.</p>	

# FIELD ASSESSMENT

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<p><b>A Welcoming Place</b></p>	<p>This is a very welcoming site with open easy access at all points.</p> <p>There is a good secure entrance from the school site.</p> <p>The entrance past the sculpture of Oliver Tambo is impressive and his gesture with the Freedom Charter and smile welcomes you onto the site.</p> <p>All the paths are wide and allow for people with disabilities.</p> <p>Well behaved dogs are welcomed and there is a drinking bowl for them.</p>	
<p><b>Healthy, Safe &amp; Secure</b></p>	<p>There is an excellent partnership with the police.</p> <p>The recreation ground felt very safe, there were clear site lines right across it, so many people using it and a very good presence at the café.</p> <p>There are good signs for the responsibilities for the tennis courts, nature area and the play area.</p> <p>There is CCTV at the café and this has enabled the police to catch a flasher on site.</p>	

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<b>Well Maintained &amp; Clean</b>	<p>The seats are clean, well painted and sit on good clean hard surfaces.</p> <p>All the litter bins were emptied and there wasn't any litter found at all on all the site.</p> <p>Any problems are reported through the Love Clean Street app.</p> <p>The tender is out and works estimated to start in August on the storm water attenuation system on the West side of the rec. This will alleviate the flooding on the play area, MUGA and playing fields.</p> <p>Consultation is planned for the new play area and outdoor gym.</p>	<p>Some of the litter bins are looking quite worn and a few didn't have their lids on but they were all serviceable and clean.</p> <p>The planting beds Infront of the café could be filled with ground cover and perennial plants in all the gaps.</p> <p>There are a few wear areas on the grass and these should be restored.</p>
<b>Environmental Management</b>	<p>Transport for London has led events to promote cycling and the links through to the wider networks.</p> <p>There is a good use of drought tolerant plants like lavender in some of the planting.</p> <p>Great use of bark chip to suppress weeds beneath the shrubs and trees.</p> <p>LED replacement lights are being put in this year.</p>	<p>The litterbins were not recycling bins.</p>
<b>Biodiversity Landscape &amp; Heritage</b>	<p>The café in the centre of the recreation ground is a real hub of activity.</p> <p>The tennis courts, basketball courts/ netball courts and bowling green/petanque are used all year round.</p> <p>The tennis courts and netting were in very good order and there were many people enjoying coaching and playing on the day of the site visit.</p> <p>People were enjoying the beautiful roses, taking pictures and smelling their perfume. They looked spectacular against the brick wall.</p>	

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	<p>The nature reserve is fenced off to protect it and there is a great circular walk through it to enjoy all the flora and fauna.</p> <p>The area between the top walk to the Bidwell Gardens Gate and the tennis area is a good area for biodiversity and there were many birds, and bird song, in this area of the rec.</p>	
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<p>Pavilion Sports and Café have won the park of the year award and many sports development awards.</p> <p>Schools were using the grounds throughout the day and one was having their sports day on part of the field.</p> <p>There is a good use of the grounds for fitness training, Tai Chi and Pilates. There is a pilot with Public Health targeting groups for people with health inequalities. These include walking around the park with a buddy system.</p> <p>10% of the tennis camp is free. So that everyone has an opportunity to join in.</p> <p>Young people from the troubled families programme are targeted to access and also to help out deliver programmes. A young man excluded from school is helping out on the site.</p> <p>There are many events on the recreation ground this year including South African Youth Day, Family Sports Day, pop Up outdoor performances like “The Reluctant Dragon”, Memorial Service for the Quakers and Children’s Parties.</p>	<p>It would be good to have an up to date user’s survey to see the range of people using the site and what they think about the site and future plans.</p>
<b>Marketing and Communication</b>	<p>The café has a plethora of interesting information about community events, the sports provision and history of the site. It has a small arts gallery. The Pavilion</p>	

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	<p>Sports and Café use all social media and have a good website.</p> <p>There has been wonderful publicity and marketing on taking up tennis on the site led by Sue Barker.</p>	
<b>Management</b>	<p>The partnership between the parks staff and the Pavilion Sports and café staff, the local community and the police make this park work well.</p> <p>The management plan is followed and there are some good new projects which will raise the quality of the site.</p>	<p>Ensure that all the actions are progressed and maintenance is kept up.</p>

**Summary and additional comments:**

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

This is a wonderful, well used and loved recreation ground with some great opportunities for local people.

The enthusiasm of all the partnership was wonderful and a great many things have been achieved on the site including the sports programme, events and wildlife area.

The new drainage scheme and play area projects will really help raise the standard and support the number of people enjoying, learning and having fun on the site.