



Green Flag Award 2019

Name of Site: Park walk
Managing Organisation:

Desk Assessment Feedback (Management Plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation	The plan is a comprehensive document, well laid out with good photos, maps and charts.	There seems to be some confusion between whether this document is a complete plan or a supplementary documents. It would benefit from being updated as other management plans have been. There are a number of references to older information that may now be either out of date or not relevant.
Health, Safety & Security	Trees are inspected for safety but it is unclear when.	It is unclear which management plan is used to manage the site. In the supplementary plan it talks of trees being inspected every four years in the ecological plan talks of annually. 4.7 contradicts 2.3 about trees in the supplementary management plan. The last available notes for this are from 2014 so are probably not relevant.
Maintenance of equipment, buildings	There are regular inspections of assets, Carry out some maintenance	The management regime for grassland and tall herbaceous material in the Ecological plan

& landscape		is completely different to that in the supplementary, leads to more confusion so it is difficult to assess how it is managed.
Litter, cleanliness, vandalism	There are regular litter picks and also involvement from volunteers	In the plan talks of graffiti being removed within 3 days however the photos, make it look older than that.
Environmental Management	There is a good approach to Environmental Management	
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	Good approach in both plans	Please make clear if following advice in ecological survey.
Community Involvement	Appears to be good community involvement	
Marketing & Communication	This is well covered with a good use of media and a range of boards.	
Overall management		Appears to be some confusion on which is the main plan. The ecology plan is in its last year, and it would have been beneficial to have incorporated it in to the site plan over the last 10 years.

Additional comments

Unfortunately where you have a site which is managed in a completely different approach, you need to reflect that flexibility in the management plan. That sections of the standard management plan have been cut and pasted only promotes contradiction.
Perhaps you should consider updating the ecological survey and then apply those parts of the standard management plan to the site

Field Assessment Feedback

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place	There is good access to the site for users.	Keep chasing highways to repair damaged barriers as you enter the site.
Healthy, Safe and Secure	There are good sight lines and the site appeared well used	Contractors need to ensure their staff are working safely, guards had been removed from strimmer's. There is a dead tree at the northern entrance that needs attention.
Well Maintained and Clean	Good access to bins	There was a lot of dog fouling on the site.. Some of the vegetation could be removed from overhanging paths.
Environmental Management	It is good to see there is no chemical or peat use on the site. Green waste is kept on site. Water from houses feed the pond.	

Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage	There is a very impressive nature trail considering its age with boxes for hedgehogs. Good bat tunnels.	Perhaps look to interpret some of the railway features. Consider Interpretation board for bats on the tunnels
Community Involvement		The Judges were aware that Friends feel as if not listened to. This is linked to the work they did around the bins on the site. Consider ways to rebuild this relationship and gain trust, perhaps introduce planning session for group.
Marketing and Communication	This was well covered. Good boards	
Management	Good application of all the management plans	Management of the site could be made simpler by amalgamating existing management documentation

Additional Comments

The Judges were happy that this site has achieved the Green Flag Award standard this year.

