



## Green Flag Award 2019

**Name of Site: Priory Park**

**Managing Organisation: London Borough of Haringay**

### Desk Assessment Feedback (Management Plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
<b>Presentation</b>	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.	The maintenance plan needs to be more explicit re timings. It refers to two – four occasions but does not say if that is annually, monthly or weekly, for example the shrub and rose bed maintenance schedule, if this is annually could you really maintain it to Grade A standard by only weeding and litter picking a maximum of 4 times a year? 2.1 mentions the park is 6.5 hectares, Section 8.2 says 6.45 ? typo.
<b>Health, Safety &amp; Security</b>	The plan describes how unhealthy activities like smoking and drinking are managed within the site. 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.	Although there is mention of walking routes through Haringey Parks, there is no specific mention of Priory Park in the plan
<b>Maintenance of equipment, buildings &amp; landscape</b>	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	When planning new play equipment ensure there are pieces that are inclusive for all users.

	assets and targets to achieve to ensure good standards of maintenance. There is a good list of assets that need to be maintained.	
<b>Litter, cleanliness, vandalism</b>	There are clear objectives within the plan to ensure that the standards for this criteria will be achieved.	It would be good to monitor the effectiveness of the frequency for the tasks as it may be difficult to achieve the grades aimed for with some of the timelines.
<b>Environmental Management</b>	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.
<b>Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage</b>	A good well thought out biodiversity plan, for now and for the future. It has clear objectives, tasks and timings.	
<b>Community Involvement</b>	<p><b>“Preserving and Protecting our Park”</b> What a good strapline used by the Friends of Priory Park. A very good history of the friend's group, with great projects achieved in the past and ones hoping to be achieved in the future. A very well laid out and easy to use Friends Of website.</p> <p>Lots of activities for children kids activities and a good sports involvement.</p>	It is important that all users are engaged consulted for all future projects.
<b>Marketing &amp; Communication</b>	The park uses a number of activities to communicate with its user groups and it is good to see that there is an appreciation that this should be a two way process.	Two notice boards are mentioned in section 9.5 but there seems lots more on the map on page 12.
<b>Overall management</b>	If adopted and embraced by all staff this plan will be a good management tool. It is good to see that as well as acknowledging what has happened in the last 12 months there are also future developments planned.	

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**Additional comments**

The plan is a good cohesive document to manage the park to a good standard all year round

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**Field Assessment Feedback**

<b>Criteria</b>	<b>Strengths</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
<b>A Welcoming Place</b>	There is good access on to the site. The Cafe is a good social hub, with very friendly and keen staff.	The horticultural standards at the main entrance are poor with significant weeds growing in front of the tennis courts.
<b>Healthy, Safe and Secure</b>	It was nice to see sand in a play area. Some desire lines are being tarmacked	Consider water with the sand. The roundabout appears to have not worked for some time perhaps think of removing, repairing earlier.

		<p>Consider doing the edges of the play surface as you have done in other areas. Some issues over dogs in the philosopher's areas should be resolved next year. The basketball hoops have damaged nets, these should be replaced or cut off.</p>
<b>Well Maintained and Clean</b>	<p>Some re patching of tarmac taking place. Good to see that odd bits of equipment will be replaced. Some railings are due to be repaired at some entrances. Good to see that benches are having a permanent base.</p>	<p>Still a lot of tarmacking to be done. It appears that a lot of the equipment is getting tired. A lot of work needed to the railings. Dead branch over footpath. Edge of tarmac area in basketball court needs to be edged as it has extended a long way onto the area. Formal area, exposed manhole cover needs to have soil applied around, it. Rose bed needs to be edged. One drain full of weeds and soil. Missing coping stones near the basketball area need replacing. The gate at the far end of the tennis courts needs to be secured. The gate to the Philosophers Garden needs replacing or repair. The Mushrooms in the Philosophers Garden need repair or replacement.</p>
<b>Environmental Management</b>	<p>There are some recycling bins within the park.</p>	<p>Need to do more for climate change</p>
<b>Biodiversity Landscape and Heritage</b>	<p>There are some wildflower areas on the site.</p>	<p>St Paul's Fountain sadly needs refurbishment and support to obtain funding should be a priority. The area immediately surrounding the fountain could be improved immediately by sound horticultural practices.</p>

<b>Community Involvement</b>	Old bowling green is starting to be used for other uses. Talked to member of the public who liked the park but have noticed a drop in standards	The old bowling green area would be a great place for a community orchard with perhaps a hedgerow that includes fruit bushes. E.g. blackcurrant , blackberries, gooseberries etc.
<b>Marketing and Communication</b>	There are noticeboards on site and the marketing and communications seems appropriate for the park	
<b>Management</b>	The management plan needs to be applied as it is in other parks	

**Additional Comments**

In the list of parks recently judged this is probably the worst in terms of maintenance. It could be that there has been no project manager recently and that has also lead to the friends group feeling forgotten. Works have been carried out very recently to improve this park, and this needs to be continued if the Green flag is to be maintained.

