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Foreword

Dear residents and park users,

I am pleased to share with you the management plan for the Parkland Walk. This plan has been developed by Haringey Council, with input from the Friends of Parkland Walk, stakeholders in and around the park and with input from your local ward councillors.

Residents have told us that our parks and green spaces are one of the things they love the most about Haringey, and as a council, we agree. We are proud of our green spaces and are committed to doing all we can to make our parks the very best they can be.

Most of Haringey’s district and local parks have been nationally recognised through the Green Flag Award scheme, and we continue to work with Friends groups to maintain and improve our parks for our community and visitors alike. In a recent resident survey 80% of people told us they were satisfied with parks and greenspaces in the borough.

It is no secret that Haringey – like all local authorities – has been affected by austerity, but we continue to work hard to fund and maintain our parks, as well as bringing in external investment to provide a much-needed boost.

Green spaces in Haringey play so many different roles - from a retreat from the busy city, or a place for sport and play, to sites for nature conservation and world-renowned events. Each management plan seeks to balance the many competing demands for each park to allow our community to enjoy the park their way.

This management plan looks to show how the council is meeting and addressing the criteria of the Green Flag Award scheme and sets out the priorities for action and improvement of the park over the coming years.

I hope you find this document useful and I would encourage you to make the most of your local park. If you want to get more involved in the future management of the park why not consider joining a Friends group, attending an event or simply just send us some of your thoughts?

Thank you,

Cllr Kirsten Hearn
Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Sustainability
Open space vision in Haringey.

Our draft vision is that by 2023 Haringey’s parks and green spaces will be places where:

• Residents’ lives are being improved by access to quality green space.
• Communities take an active role in the decisions about the future of parks and green spaces.
• Civic pride and community ownership of parks are encouraged, through a diverse range of volunteering opportunities.
• A diverse range of events is offered, providing a backdrop for communities to celebrate together and enhance the borough’s cultural offer.
• Wildlife flourish and habitats are maintained, expanded and connected.
• Spaces are protected and future proofed for the next generation.
• Funding for parks is sustainable.

The strategy is in development and will be subject to consultation with a range of partners and stakeholders before the Council is asked for formally adopt it in 2020. More details are set out in sections 10.4.
Purpose of the Management Plan

This supplementary management plan details and guides the management, maintenance, development and improvement of the Parkland Walk.

In developing this management plan, we particularly want to stress the importance we place on our commitment to involve the whole community in shaping the future of Parkland Walk. This is because we recognise that open space affects the lives of almost everyone who lives and works nearby. We believe that the combination of effective management and community involvement of all our open spaces offers considerable potential for helping to make Haringey a thriving and more cohesive community.

This management plan should be treated as a living and evolving document. It is open to review and adaption in an ever-changing environment.

This document is the primary location where all those with a connection to the Parkland Walk - council staff and members, Friends and community groups, partners and residents - should be confident that everything about the Parkland Walk can be found and is set out here.

It also tells a little of the history of the park, how it is today and details future plans and aspirations and how these are to be achieved.

This document is a supplementary management plan, to be read alongside the full 2010-2020 management prepared by the Ecology Consultancy. It is important to note that whereas the supplementary management plan has been updated in 2019, the full management plan will not be updated until 2020.
1. Setting the scene

1.1 Haringey in a nutshell

Haringey is one of 33 London boroughs, and is located to the north of the capital covering 11 square miles (28km²) in total. The borough population in 2020 is estimated to be 289,000 which is 15% more than ten years ago.

![Map of London Borough of Haringey shown in London context](image)

Overall Haringey is the seventh most deprived borough in London (out of 32). However, the borough has extreme contrasts. Areas such as the high hilly communities of Highgate, Muswell Hill and Crouch End in the west are some of the most prosperous locations to live in London, while some wards in the east are classified as being amongst the more deprived in the country.

1.2 The demographics of Haringey

The population is very diverse and very youthful. Around a quarter of the borough population is aged 0-19 and only a tenth of residents are over 65. Nearly two fifths of the borough population are from black, Asian or minority ethnic (BAME) groups and 26% identify as “white other”.

The Parkland Walk is in Stroud Green, Crouch End, Muswell Hill and Highgate wards. The population density in Stroud Green ward is 11,782 residents per km², for Crouch End it is 9,592/km², for Muswell Hill it is 7,482/km² and for Highgate it is 5,276/km² (This works out to an average of 8,533 for the Parkland Walk which compares to an average of 10,264 in Haringey and 8,697 in London). This highlights the importance of access to parks and open spaces in these neighbourhoods.

The Haringey website has detailed information about the population of the borough and individual wards within the borough. This can be found at [http://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-council/state-of-the-borough](http://www.haringey.gov.uk/local-democracy/about-council/state-of-the-borough)
1.3 Open space provision in Haringey

Haringey Council manages most of the public open space within the borough, except for Alexandra Park, Highgate Woods and Tottenham Marshes.

Although much greener than some other London boroughs, Haringey is deficient in all types of open space, including public parks. This fact underlines the importance of improving and maintaining sites like the Parkland Walk to enable more intense and diverse use.

In 2014, 24.7% of Stroud Green ward, 13.9% of Crouch End 30.7% of Muswell Hill ward and 41.8% of Highgate ward (in which the Parkland Walk is located) was described as open space. This, when taken as an average across the four wards (27.8%) is on a par with the average open space across Haringey (28%) and below that of London (39%).

Furthermore, only 3.9% of the land area of Stroud Green ward is public open space, 11.6% of Crouch End, 24.7% of Muswell Hill and 22.1% of Highgate (averaging at 15.6% across the four wards) compared to nearly 17% across the whole of Haringey and nearly 20% across London.
2. About the Parkland Walk Local Nature Reserve

*Runs from Finsbury Park, N4 to Muswell Hill, N10*

The Parkland Walk is the remnant of the course of the former Finsbury Park to Alexandra Palace Railway Line. It is approximately 3.5 kilometres in length, the majority of which is in the London Borough of Haringey, with a short but relatively broad section in the London Borough of Islington. The site is oriented approximately southeast to northwest.

Parkland Walk South runs from Finsbury Park through Crouch Hill to Highgate where a section of the track has been subsumed into Highgate Wood.

Parkland Walk North runs from Cranley Gardens under Muswell Hill Road to Alexandra Palace Park.

2.1 Site Location and description

The coordinates and grid reference of Parkland Walk are as follows for different points along the walk:

- **Muswell Hill, N10**  
  528906 / 189604  
  TQ289896
- **Cranley Gardens, N10**  
  548487 / 189166  
  TQ284891
- **Holmestead Road, N6**  
  528829 / 188006  
  TQ288880
- **Oxford Road, N4**  
  531333 / 187366  
  TQ313873

The Parkland Walk was designated a Local Nature Reserve in 1990. Together with Queen’s Wood and Highgate Wood it forms a Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation. It is also designated as Metropolitan Open Land.

The Walk covers an area of 129,688m2 and stretches for 3.5 kilometres from Finsbury Park through to Alexandra Park and goes through the wards of Stroud Green, Crouch End, Muswell Hill and Highgate; four of 19 wards within the London Borough of Haringey.

A small, two hectare section of the Walk between Mount Pleasant Villas and Crouch Hill Road lies within the London Borough of Islington. This part of the walk is managed by Islington Council. Inter-borough working has been established between Haringey and Islington’s Parks and Nature Conservation Officers.

Islington Council have their own management plan in place for their section. This and more information can be found at: [https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves/parkland-walk](https://www.islington.gov.uk/sports-parks-and-trees/nature-reserves/parkland-walk)
Parkland Walk South, which runs between Finsbury Park and Highgate (c2.8km)  
Parkland Walk North, which runs between Highgate and Alexandra Park (c770m)

Image 2: Map highlighting Parkland Walk North and Parkland Walk South

2.2 Facilities

Parkland Walk contains the following facilities and assets:

Main path  
The original specification for the path surface was ‘as-dug hoggin from a borrow pit’. Further to this, patch repairs have been undertaken over the years leaving a varied patchwork or different materials, aggregates shapes and sizes and specifications and large sections of the main path are in need of further repair or resurfacing works. Working with the Friends, we have found hoggin providers and agreed an acceptable specification for future path works, ie 50mm screened hoggin, laid to a camber to shed water to the sides, with no edging.

Entrance steps and access points
These are discussed in more detail at 3.2.
All steps and access paths were revamped between 2007 and 2010 and 6 sets of steps were further resurfaced in 2018.

**Boundaries**
Much of the boundary of the Parkland Walk is formed by adjacent properties and are owned by the freeholders of these properties. Abutments, fences and retaining walls are present where the site is adjacent to roads or crosses them on bridges. All bridges, with the exception of Crouch Hill, are owned by the London Borough of Haringey.

**Bridges**
In total there are 11 bridges that either run over or under the Walk. These are at the following locations:

**Bridges that go over the Walk**
- Muswell Hill Road
- Muswell Hill
- Crouch End Hill
- Crouch Hill (within Islington)
- Vicarage Path (Haslemere Road) footbridge (on the boundary with Islington)

**Bridges that the walk goes over**
- St James’ Viaduct
- Northwood Road
- Stanhope Road
- Mount Pleasant Villas
- Stapleton Hall Road
- Upper Tollington Park

**Bins & benches**
Following borough-wide consultation with Parks Friends Groups, the Friends Forum, Councillors and members of the various Parks teams in 2019, a new bin and a new bench were decided upon for all of the borough’s parks and open spaces. These are the Wybone bin and the Eastgate Anti-vandal bench. For nature conservation sites such as Parkland Walk, the bins will have a timber surround, so they better reflect the nature of these sites.

All of the existing bins were removed as part of the 2019 asset repair works, and 13 new bins were installed at each of the entrances of the Parkland Walk. Each bin is now on a new hard base and fixed to concrete foundations.

**2.3 Trees**
Parks and open spaces are of significant arboricultural importance as they contain some of the largest and oldest trees in the borough. Trees are an essential feature in parks providing shade and structure, making them a more attractive environment to visit.
There is a planned inspection programme for which we aim to inspect each tree every four years. Trees in parks usually only require maintenance to mitigate risks to site users and adjacent properties. Over 150 new trees were planted in Haringey’s parks and green spaces on 2017 and 2018, funded in part by the GLA.

We will be reviewing and updating policies on tree management as part of the new Parks Strategy, with likely changes to inspection regimes and details on a more planned approach to new tree planting. This will also include how we aim to mitigate existing pests and diseases, such as Oak Processionary Moth, along with future risks to Haringey’s tree stock.

The tree population of the Parkland Walk is mainly comprised of Sycamore, Oak and Ash with smaller numbers of Silver birch, Wild cherry, Rowan, Hawthorn and Holly.

Other specific issues affecting individual sites can be discussed with the Nature Conservation Officer. Move this

2.4 Encroachment and expired leases

A regular series of meetings, initiated by the Friends of the Parkland Walk, along with representatives of Haringey’s Parks Service, Property Services, Legal Services and Enforcement Team, take place every 4-6 weeks to discuss matters of encroachment, leases, dumped rubbish & garden waste. The meeting is usually a static desk meeting and focuses on identifying issues and discussing options to address them. There are currently approximately 25 issues that the group are looking into.

The Enforcement Team will be installing new signage at key locations and hotspots warning residents not to continue with illegal activities.

The Friends of the Parkland Walk initiated and undertook a survey in winter 2018/19 to assess the state of the boundary and identify potential encroachments.

Other progress made since 2015 includes renewal of garden lease agreements for the properties concerned at current market rate for twenty-five years, plus one property handed back the land to the nature reserve. A number of encroachment cases have been dealt with by the Council’s Strategic Property and Litigation teams, including one case taken to Land Tribunal to address an infringement where the occupiers have been written to seeking them to reposition the boundary fence.
3. A welcoming place

3.1 Visiting the Parkland Walk

3.1.1 Public transport

The Parkland Walk can be accessed by a number of public transport options.

At the eastern end of the Walk there are two tube stations; Finsbury Park and Manor House, both located on the Piccadilly Line. Finsbury Park is also served by the Victoria Line.

At the other end of the southern section lies Highgate tube station, on the Northern Line.

Overground stations include Finsbury Park at the eastern end, Crouch Hill station, and Alexandra Palace at the far northern end of the walk.

A number of bus routes cover the roads along Parkland Walk including:
Muswell Hill, N10 – 43, 134, 144, W7
Holmesdale Road, N6 – 43, 134, 263
3.1.2 Vehicles

There are no parking facilities within the Parkland Walk and due to its nature conservation status any driving such as by operations staff or contractors within the site is kept to a minimum.

Many of the surrounding roads around the southern section of the Walk are covered by a number of controlled parking zones. Resident or visitor parking permits would be needed to park during hours of operation, or there are pay and display machines located at certain points.

These operate as follows:
- Highgate Station: Mon – Fri, 10am – 12pm
- Highgate Station Outer: Mon – Fri, 10am – 12pm
- Crouch End A: Mon – Fri, 10am – 12pm
- Crouch End B: Mon – Fri, 2 – 4pm
- Stroud Green: Mon – Fri, 12 – 2pm
- Finsbury Park B & C: Mon – Sat, 8.30am – 6.30pm / Match days, Mon – Sat, 8.30am – 8.30pm / Sun & Pub Hols, 12 – 4.30pm
3.1.3 Bicycles

Bicycles are allowed along the Parkland Walk and in fact the Walk is part of the Green Ways route between Muswell Hill and Finsbury Park, however pedestrians have priority at all times and only considerate cycling is permitted.

Many signs stating this have been erected at prominent positions along the walk to emphasise this.

![Pedestrians have priority/considerate cycling permitted](image5.png)

A number of cycling events, activities, maintenance workshops and training sessions for people of all abilities take place throughout the year at Finsbury Park which is located at the eastern end of Parkland Walk South.
3.2 Entrances

The Parkland Walk is a public site open at all times. There are 20 entrances to the site along the route. These being located at:

N4: Finsbury Park, Oxford Road, Florence Road, Lancaster Road, Stapleton Hall Road, Blythwood Road, Upper Tollington Park, Mount Pleasant Villas

N6 & N8: Crouch End Hill, Crescent Road, Vicarage Path, Holmesdale Road, Stanhope Road, Crouch Hill, Milton Park, Northwood Road

N10: Muswell Hill Road Underpass, Cranley Gardens, St James’ Lane, Hillfield Park, Muswell Hill

3.2.1 Vehicle access

There is no public vehicle access to the Parkland Walk. Access for service vehicles is kept to an absolute minimum due to the site’s nature conservation value, and limited to Blythwood Road and only in exceptional circumstances, Holmesdale Road. Operations staff only use small lightweight vehicles.
Service vehicle access is currently forbidden over Stapleton Hall Road bridge until major bridge repair works have been carried out.

Image 7: vehicle entrances at Blythwood Road and Holmesdale Road

3.3 Access for all

Equality Act 2010 defines a disabled person as someone with ‘a physical or mental impairment, which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on their ability to carry out normal, day-to-day activities’.

Haringey Council and its partners are required by law to ensure that disabled people are not discriminated against with regard to access to public places. The council is also committed to meeting its obligations under the Public Sector Equality Duty with regard to ensuring that those with and without protected characteristics under the Equality Act are able to enjoy the Walk’s facilities.

This commitment is considered whenever changes or improvements are made to the Walk. This not only benefits disabled users and their carers/companions, but also benefits those with small children and older people.

The entrances at the start/end of both parts of the Walk are step free, although there is a steep incline at the Holmesdale Road entrance. Many of the other entrances onto the walk have stairs or steep inclines. Due to the nature of the existing paths and the terrain, people in wheelchairs and with pushchairs should be cautious when using Parkland Walk. There is scope for further improvement to make the Walk more accessible if funding becomes available. Where major bridge repairs are planned for 2020 and 2021, associated access routes will be made as accessible as site conditions and budgets allow.
3.4 Signage

Signage throughout the Parkland Walk has not been properly updated since 2010 and is now in need of refreshment and updating in line with corporate branding requirements.

There are entrance signs at each of the entrances to the site which include the name of the entrance, emergency and non-emergency contact details along with pictorial site rules and a map to show where you are in relation to the rest of Parkland Walk.

Image 8: Parkland Walk welcome sign

Image 9: Template of new corporate branding for all of Haringey’s parks and green spaces
3.4.1 Parkland Walk Logo

As part of the TfL improvements a logo for the Walk was developed by the Council to provide it with an identity that referred to both the heritage and conservation aspect.

[Image: Parkland Walk logo]

This logo was used on steel roundels both on the floor and inserted into railway sleepers and installed at all locations to the Walk.

It is also used on all welcome signage along the Walk.

3.4.2 Interpretation panels

In 2010 interpretation boards were installed at seven locations along the Walk, highlighting various aspects. These include:

2 x Birds of Parkland Walk located at St James’ Lane and Stapleton Hall Road
**Birds of Parkland Walk**

As a habitat type, the Parkland Walk is young deciduous open woodland, and has a diverse range of bird life. The recorded bird species include blackbirds, robins, and blue tits. Other common sightings are squirrels, deer, foxes, and bats. There are natural refuges on the reserve for birds such as the great spotted woodpecker, and sparrowhawk. Despite this, the service is insufficient to attract more bird species.

By the end of 2019, 41 species had been recorded on the Parkland Walk. Of these, 29 are found to be resident in the area, and 12 are migrants. The majority of these are birds.

The density of birds in spring is low, and may be influenced by the type of habitat. The birds present are mainly passerines, with the majority being monitored by mapping their distribution on maps featuring a number of sites. The data collected is then analysed to determine the number of territories held by each species.

The above data may be seen throughout the year, and the numbers of birds are monitored by migrants at different seasons.

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**Trees of Parkland Walk**

This area is a mixture of open woodland, scrub, and fields. The trees present include oak, beech, and birch. The woodland provides a habitat for a variety of birds, including the great spotted woodpecker, sparrowhawk, and kestrel.

The trees provide cover for nesting birds, and the open spaces allow for feeding opportunities. The area is also home to a variety of insects, providing food for a range of species.

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**History of Parkland Walk located at Cranley Gardens and Crouch Hill**

The Parkland Walk is a nature reserve located in Haringey, London. It is a mixture of open woodland, scrub, and fields, providing a habitat for a variety of birds and insects. The area is also home to a variety of wildlife, including foxes, deer, and bats. The reserve is managed by Haringey Council, and is open to the public for leisure and educational purposes.
History of Parkland Walk

The Park Walk takes part of the route of the Finsbury, Highgate and London Railway. The line from Highbury Park to Highgate opened in 1857, and from Alexandra Palace in 1891. In the 1920s it was planned to extend the line to become part of the Underground Northern Line. The sections north of Highbury Park and Mill Hill were abandoned in 1940. Although partly unmade, the rest of the line was finished and then abandoned after the Second World War. Inflated passenger numbers continued to Alexandra Palace, that closed in 1964. Some footpaths remain until 1982, and the last use was by London Transport to deliver workers with both.

The tube that never was

The triangle shows where there would have been an extension of the Northern Line from Alexandra Palace to Highgate. The station was abandoned and never completed.

1 x Parkland Walk Bats located at Holmesdale Road

Parkland Walk Bats

The number of the Parkland Walks is up to 10,000 and can be observed during the daytime. Bats range from familiar and widespread to frost to fat bats, and from the rarest bats. They are found in the Parkland Walks, and from Alexandra Palace to Highgate. The bats are particularly common in the area.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Bat Species</th>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Common Pipistrelle</td>
<td>The species is the most common in London. It is small, brown, and with a typical bobcat shape. It can be found in the Parkland Walks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Daubenton’s Bat</td>
<td>A large bat, brown in color, with a round body. It is found in the Parkland Walks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Brown Long-eared Bat</td>
<td>A small bat, brown in color, with a round body. It is found in the Parkland Walks.</td>
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1 x Rare Acid Grassland located at Blythwood Road

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Images 11 – 15: Interpretation signage installed on Parkland Walk

All of the above signs are in need of refreshment, both in terms of addressing physical deterioration over the intervening 9 years, but also in terms of revised text and design. The Friends of the Parkland Walk have expressed a keen interested in being consulted on any amendments.
3.4.3: Capital Ring way markers

Divided into 15, easy-to-walk sections, the Capital Ring Walk covers 78 miles (126Km) of London's finest scenery, including open spaces, nature reserves, Sites of Specific Scientific Interest, ancient woodlands and more. Section 12 covers Parkland Walk.

There are a number of Capital Ring interpretation waymarker posts at key locations along Parkland Walk.

3.4.4: Way-markers

The Council commissioned and installed 17 numbered way-markers at key locations throughout Parkland Walk, 3 of which are on Parkland Walk North, the rest on Parkland Walk South. All missing posts were replaced in 2019.

The way markers are used in conjunction with Google maps to supply information to visitors using mobile devices.

The map below can be used to help locate the markers: Each Friends logo leaf corresponds to a marker position. The Friends intend these posts to double up as markers for their 'art trail' project in the not too distant future.

Image 16: Locations of the Friends' red way-markers (reproduced with kind permission from the Friends of Parkland Walk)
3.4.5: Other signage

The Friends of the Parkland Walk have had other signs designed and installed at various locations along the walk, such as their ‘Don’t be a Tosser’ campaign aimed at stopping people from tossing their litter aside whilst on the Local Nature Reserve.

Image 17: Friends’ ‘Don’t be a tosser’ campaign

3.5 Toilet facilities and refreshments

Although there are no toilets or refreshments at any point along Parkland Walk, there are such facilities in easy access of some of the entrances, such as at Finsbury Park, Stapleton Hall Road, Crouch End Hill, Holmesdale Road, Highgate, Queen’s Wood and Alexandra Park.
3.6 Events

Due to the nature of Parkland Walk, the only events that take place are conservation workdays.

The Friends manage a regular calendar date so that anyone wanting to volunteer to help in any of the tasks has plenty of notice. These sessions usually take place on the second Saturday of every month between 10am and 12pm.

Specific dates and times are publicised through the Friends website: https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/

Other workdays are held and there are regular work parties held on weekdays by The Conservation Volunteers (TCV).

Workdays often involve litter clearance, tree and shrub trimming, edge maintenance, entrance clearance, planting and occasionally very specific tasks such as building ponds or custom habitats.
4. Clean and Well Maintained

4.1 Operational and management responsibility for parks

Responsibility for the management of maintenance of all the borough’s parks is split between three council teams.

The Parks Operations team is responsible for the grounds maintenance and management of litter and hygiene within the park, while the Commissioning and Client Team is responsible for the physical assets within parks, arboriculture, allotments, nature conservation and the management of projects within parks.

The Active Communities Team is responsible for the management of events in parks, activation of parks through cycling, walking, and other fitness initiatives. The team is also responsible for the management of the council's small grant scheme and its partnerships with Neighbourhood Watch and the Conservation Volunteers.

Simplified parks structure chart
4.2 Current maintenance by Park Operations

The structure chart in section 4.1 shows a simplified overview of the work of the Park Operations Team (shaded in grey).

As shown, the borough is divided into two geographic sections (east and west), each of which is divided into three zones, giving a total of six zones across the borough. The zones are shown in the map overleaf.

Each zone has a six grounds maintenance staff: a team leader, a senior operative and four gardeners, but team sizes are altered to meet operational demands by transferring staff between zones and by bringing in seasonal agency resource as necessary. Parkland Walk is in operational zones 1 and 2.

The Parks Operations structure is the total resource available for all parks and open spaces. This not only includes council parks and open spaces, but also all the Homes for Haringey sites across the borough.

In addition to the zonal operations, the hygiene function is organised at a section-wide basis, one team operating in the east section of the borough and the other in the west. The hygiene teams empty litter bins across all parks and open spaces to an agreed schedule. They also respond to emergency cleansing and hygiene requests.

At a borough-wide level there is a team of two in-house arboricultural staff who carry out tree planting and supplement the use of external contractors for tree maintenance and responsive arboricultural work.

Most park operatives work Monday – Thursday 7.30am – 3.30pm and Friday 7.30 to 1.30pm. However, limited weekend work also takes place with pitch marking and hygiene activities for example.
Map showing zones for operational management of parks in Haringey

4.3 Asset management and management of projects in parks

The Parks and Open Spaces team now works to the same six zones as the Operations team. One officer has been allocated to lead on projects, asset management and community liaison in each zone. Each zonal officer has responsibility for:

- Regular asset inspections
- Asset related enquiries
- Non-emergency asset repairs
- Management Plan input
- Project identification
- Friends Groups liaison
- Support for Friends-led development work
- Councillor liaison
- Identification of volunteering opportunities

The allocated officer for Parkland Walk is David Theakston.

A Nature Conservation Officer and a Monitoring and Compliance Officer have responsibility for parks and open spaces across the whole borough.
4.3.1 Park asset inspections and Spotlight visits

In 2018 the council adopted the Mayor of London’s typology for parks. Under this typology Parkland Walk is described as a local park site (A3) as it is between 2-20 hectares in area.

Since January 2019 the council has instigated a programme of park asset inspections with the frequency dependent on the type of park. As a local park Parkland Walk is inspected every quarter.

The inspections cover hard assets, including (where relevant):

- Bins, benches, bollards, lighting columns
- Signage, noticeboards, interpretation
- Paths, steps, handrails, areas of hardstanding, car parking and roadways
- Railings, fencing, gates, walls
- Play area safety surfacing and minor repairs
- Outdoor gyms
- MUGAs, tennis courts, hard sports courts
- Football goalposts
- Paddling pools
- Historic/heritage features/War memorials
- Fountains, artworks, structures, pergolas
- Waterbodies, SUDs, water leaks, drain covers
- Cycle stands, raised beds
- Bird & bat boxes

Parks assets are inspected and rated according to their condition, as follows:

A: Excellent: No action required
B: Good: No action required
C: Acceptable: No action required
D: Improvement required: Defects will be addressed as budgets allow
E: Emergency repair required: Make-safe within 24 hours. Full repair within 28 days/as budgets allow.

From 2020 we will use the Confirm database system to record the outcomes of all inspections, defects and customer enquiries. ConfirmConnect handheld devices will be the main tool for recording site inspections.

Defects can also be reported by the public, Friends, councillors and stakeholders online via the Council’s website at www.haringey.gov.uk/park-problem or by using the ‘Our Haringey’ smart phone app or by calling the council.
As part of our zonal approach we have also started to hold ‘Spotlight meetings’ with Councillors, Friends and key stakeholders of Parkland Walk every quarter. The spotlight meetings have been developed to focus on specific Parkland Walk issues within a small group and to communicate through “face-to-face” contact with a Haringey Parks Officer.

4.3.2 Capital projects

A parks capital project commences once a project brief has been approved by the council’s Commissioning and Client Board and a capital budget and project manager has been allocated. The project manager is usually but not always the zonal lead.

Capital projects for Parkland Walk, which are listed in the Action Plan at Section 12 (check), include major bridge repair works to the four bridges with the most urgent repairs required, ie Vicarage Path footbridge, Upper Tollington Park bridge, Stapleton Hall Road bridge and Stanhope Road bridge.

Image 20: Vegetation clearance top enable Principal Bridge Inspections in advance of major repair works

4.4 Scheduled Maintenance

The following table provides a summary of the maintenance regime within Parkland Walk.

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<th>Activity</th>
<th>Frequency</th>
<th>Notes/comments</th>
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<tr>
<td>Grounds maintenance</td>
<td>Reactive</td>
<td>Account of bird nesting to be taken each year and site specifics.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bins, Litter and Dog Fouling</td>
<td>Twice weekly on Parkland Walk South (with a review to reduce</td>
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<th>Activity</th>
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<td>to once weekly in winter months).</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Weekly on Parkland Walk North.</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fly tips and other hygiene issues</td>
<td>Reactive</td>
<td>In response to emergency call-outs</td>
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<tr>
<td>Gate locking</td>
<td>Vehicle entrances are kept locked</td>
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Image 21: Scheduled maintenance in Parkland Walk

4.5 Setting and measuring service standards

The quality of grounds maintenance and cleanliness of parks and open spaces is assessed via a simple four-point assessment system, called the Parks Quality Scoring system. The scoring categories are:

A – Excellent
B – Good
C – Acceptable
D – Unacceptable

These service standards are set out in a booklet that is made available to all grounds maintenance and hygiene operatives. The aim of the booklet is to clearly and visually illustrate the different standards. Photographs, alongside brief and simple text, provide staff with a clear means of assessing the standards they are expected to achieve.

This system has since been adopted by the London Parks Benchmarking Group who have updated the manual and are working hard to get this recognised as an industry standard within the grounds maintenance trade both on a London-wide and on a national level.

The key performance indicators (KPIs) within this scoring system are for three main areas of activity and a fourth more seasonal category:

- Grass (which includes the grass cut height, follow up and final finish)
- Shrubs (which includes pruning, weeding of beds and general appearance)
- Hygiene (which is made up of 3 separate scores of litter and bins, detritus and graffiti)
- Seasonal and other categories (horticultural seasonal work such as hedges, leaf clearance, rose bed maintenance and seasonal bedding as well as nature conservation and some infrastructure points such as pathways).

The Monitoring and Compliance Officer visits each park and open space on a regular basis to assess these aspects of the park against the service standards.
An overall score is calculated based on the percentage of A (Excellent) and B (Good) scores achieved across all categories.

![Illustrative service standards for grass cutting](image)

Image 22: Illustrative service standards for grass cutting

The boroughwide targets and performance for these KPIs are as follows (table 3).

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Target A/B</th>
<th>Achieved 2018-19</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Grass</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>61%</td>
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<tr>
<td>Shrubs</td>
<td>90%</td>
<td>83%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hygiene</td>
<td>60%</td>
<td>71%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Seasonal and other</td>
<td>55%</td>
<td>65%</td>
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Image 23: KPIs

4.6 Monitoring the condition of equipment and physical assets

Since January 2019 a Parks Officer carries out quarterly site inspections of the physical assets in Parkland Walk. The condition of each item is noted and where applicable repairs (or replacements) are requested.

Grounds maintenance or hygiene issues are excluded as Parks Operations undertake their own inspections, with additional inspections by the Monitoring & Compliance Officer.
4.7 Tree maintenance programme

Tree works in parks, open spaces and woodlands are usually undertaken to mitigate risks to site users and adjacent properties. For example works to trees in Parkland Walk have in the past been carried out to improve security on site by raising the canopies of the trees to increase sight levels and reducing overhanging branches into adjacent roads. Removal of dead, dying and/or dangerous trees has also been undertaken.

Tree works on Parkland Walk are currently reactive, however a tree survey will be carried out in Spring 2020, the results of which will be addressed on a prioritised basis thereafter as budgets allow.

4.8 Graffiti

All graffiti of an obscene or offensive nature is removed within 24 hours of being reported. We aim to remove all other graffiti within three working days of being reported. Small bits of graffiti can be removed by parks operatives who have access to specialised graffiti removal kits.

Park users can report graffiti using the ‘Our Haringey’ smart phone app, and the council website. The Council also has a ‘hotline’ number (020 8885 7700) direct to Veolia (the council’s waste management contractor) to report obscene or offensive graffiti in parks and other public places.

4.9 Maintenance of buildings, equipment and landscape

Building maintenance in parks is shared between leaseholders and the council. Most modern leases in the parks have been let on a full repairing and insuring basis relieving the council of this ongoing obligation.

Older leases are internal repairs only and along with the operational buildings in parks are maintained by the council’s facilities management service. The budget for building maintenance is held by them and they are responsible for maintaining the buildings and ensuring compliance with legislation.

Equipment maintenance is carried out internally by the parks service for all types of equipment. Play inspections are undertaken internally and through external specialist on a quarterly basis.

Landscape maintenance is carried out by the parks service.

4.10 Hygiene

The Hygiene Team is managed by Parks Operations, covering borough wide hygiene responsibilities. Within Parkland Walk South waste bins are emptied on a twice weekly basis with a review to reduce to once weekly during winter months. Bins on Parkland walk North are emptied once a week. Any dumped rubbish that is reported to the service will be removed separately. New Council policy is for the removal of all dog bins from parks.
5. Healthy, Safe and Secure

5.1 Smoking

Smoking is permitted in all of Haringey’s parks although priority 2 of the council’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy identifies smoking as a key factor in reducing life expectancy.

There is a borough wide smoking ban in place in all children’s playgrounds. Signage at playground entrances highlights this.

5.2 Alcohol

Alcohol is permitted in Parkland Walk.

Parkland Walk is not currently covered by a PSPO, however it may be in the future.

PSPOs are intended to deal with “nuisance or anti-social behaviour in a particular area that is detrimental to the local community’s quality of life”. Failure to comply with a request from an authorised person to cease drinking or surrender alcohol within the boundary of the PSPO can result in a fine. An authorised person is a police officer, a police community support officer or an authorised member of council staff.


5.3 Walking

Walking is an excellent way to adopt a more active lifestyle and the health benefits can really make a difference. It’s also a great way to get out and meet people.

The parks service in partnership with other agencies such as NHS Haringey offer regular organised walks in many of the borough’s parks.

In 2018 a booklet called A Walk in the Park showcases several walks through Haringey parks including the “Linear” Trail that covers all of Parkland Walk.

Further details on walks and walking groups can be found at https://www.haringey.gov.uk/parking-roads-and-travel/travel/walking

The Capital Ring Walk offers walkers the chance to see some of London’s finest scenery. Divided into 15, easy-to-walk sections, it covers 78 miles (126km) of open space, nature reserves, Sites of Specific Scientific Interest and more.

The southern section of Parkland Walk is part of walk 12 of the 15 walking routes covered by the Capital Ring, running between Highgate and Stoke Newington.

The Capital Ring follows all of the southern section of the Walk and is marked on the interpretation and welcome signs. Markers also run along the Walk.
5.4 Health and safety

The health and safety of visitors to, and staff and contractors working in the Parkland Walk is given the highest priority. Health and safety within the park is managed by ensuring that:

- Play and outdoor gym equipment is installed safely and inspected regularly, with any repairs identified and prioritised through the inspection process. (Although there are no play facilities in the Parkland Walk currently, one is planned at the Milton Gate entrance).
- Infrastructure items are inspected regularly as detailed elsewhere in this document.

Additional signs have been installed at key locations to advise cyclists of the risks of inconsiderate cycling.

5.4.1 Raising health and safety concerns

Anyone visiting a park, and everyone involved in the parks maintenance and management are encouraged to report any health and safety concerns.

Contact phone, email and web details for the Council appear on all welcome signage, as well as the police emergency and non-emergency numbers.

When people call the Council with a concern, these are logged, assessed and assigned to a relevant team/member of staff to deal with and respond to in an appropriate timescale, using the Confirm system.

5.4.2 Reporting of issues by the Friends

Members of the Friends of Parkland Walk are able to report issues within the park in exactly the same way as members of the public, but they also have close links with the Parks Project Officer and with Operations staff, so will usually approach them directly.

Council officers are in regular contact with the Friends, enabling issues to be raised and discussed on an ad hoc basis.
Friends are also encouraged to report issues of anti-social behaviour and other issues through the Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator who will direct these to the most relevant person within the police to deal with them.

5.4.3 Risk assessments

The Parks & Open Spaces team ensures that prior to any works being undertaken on Council land, its consultants, contractors and other organisations prepare for approval all necessary Risk Assessments and Method Statements (RAMS) covering all proposed works operations. In addition to the usual operations, the Council requires consultants and contractors to provide specific RAMS covering potentially contaminated land, underground services and other unforeseen underground matters, such as UXO (unexploded ordnance), and measures to protect the public during any works. Contractors are further required to undertake CAT scans prior to excavations to identify underground services.

The Parks & Open Spaces team ensures that, where excavations are to take place, underground services information is obtained from utility providers and the Council’s Pollution team prepares contaminated land desk studies.

5.4.4 Safety representatives

The parks operations service holds a quarterly Health and Safety Working Group, which is chaired by a council health and safety specialist. It is attended by representatives of operational management, staff from both east and west areas, and trades unions. These quarterly meetings provide the opportunity to raise issues that have not been fully addressed elsewhere. The group is also a place to discuss health and safety issues and legislation, and their implications on working practices and plays a key role in generating continual improvement in health and safety standards.

5.4.5 Staff reporting

All staff are encouraged to raise health and safety issues with their manager or with the health and safety representative who can raise concerns at the quarterly Health and Safety Working Group.

5.5 Reporting issues with the ‘Our Haringey’ app

The ‘Our Haringey’ app makes it quick and easy to report problems when people are out and about in the borough. Once the app has been downloaded to a Smartphone, the public can take photos of the problem and send it directly to the team responsible for fixing it using the Confirm system. They will then receive progress updates and will be told when the reported issue has been fixed.

Unlike other ‘report it’ style apps, ‘Our Haringey’ asks the user to choose from a list of Haringey specific categories for the problem, which ensures the report goes to the right team, first time and will be dealt with as quickly as possible.
5.6 Community safety and policing

Parks in Haringey remain relatively safe places, especially during the hours of daylight. Over the whole of 2019 there were 728 reported crime or incidents reported to the police across all the parks and open spaces in Haringey.

The most commonly reported crime in parks in 2019 was robbery, which accounted for about 40% of reported crimes in parks. Three in five of these robberies took place after dark. There were also over 80 reported thefts and over 60 cases of possession of cannabis.

About two thirds of crimes in parks were reported during British Summer Time (April to October) when the evenings are longer, and the parks are more heavily used. Over two in five of all reported crimes took place when it was dark and a fifth happened late at night (between 10pm and 5am)."

In Parkland Walk there were 17 reported crimes in 2019, which equates to less than 2.3% of all crime in Haringey’s parks and green spaces and an excellent 43% reduction in crime on the 2018 figures.

Over the years there have been a number of initiatives the Council has implemented to make the parks safer for all who use them. However, reductions in budgets in the last decade have limited these initiatives.

The Neighbourhood Policing Team for Stroud Green, Crouch End, Muswell Hill and Highgate wards respond as needed to any issues raised by local residents and community groups. In the event of any crime in progress or emergency, call 999.

5.7. Extending Neighbourhood Watch into parks

Neighbourhood Watch groups across the borough are encouraged to adopt a local park or green space.

The Neighbourhood Watch Officer is proactive in helping to reduce crime in our parks through interventions such as asking all Neighbourhood Watch Groups to include their local park or green space in the Watch and report any issues of concern, organising a monthly dog walk in a different park every month, where dog walkers are asked about how safe they feel and encourage ongoing engagement with the police, regular communication with Friends of Parks Groups and the Friends Forum, including attending their meetings when invited, and providing monthly crime statistics to the Council and senior police officers showing crime trends and where resources are required.

5.8 Designing out crime

It is widely recognised that key factors in ensuring park safety and the perception of safety are to ensure high usage and a high level of community involvement and ‘ownership’.
Sensitive landscape management can also assist in reducing crime. Assessing accessibility and potential crime spots, known as ‘designing out crime’ may result in the removal of inappropriate tall shrubs and their replacement with a more suitable low growing species.

5.9 24-hour access

Some park sites in the borough are locked at dusk and opened at dawn, due to historical issues or having private houses or gardens backing onto the site. Parkland Walk is not a locked site (in terms of pedestrian access), however the vehicle entrances at Holmesdale Road (locked bollards) and Blythwood Road (locked vehicle gate) are kept locked and only opened for essential works & maintenance access.

5.10 Dogs

Dogs and dog walking are a valuable part of the park scene, and dog carers are probably the main daily user group in many green spaces. Their collective presence is a key ingredient of green spaces being populated and safe to use, especially at quieter times of the day and year. Dog walkers are often described as ‘eyes and ears’ of a green space.

We recognise that the vast majority of dog owners are responsible and respectful to their local community. However, we receive complaints from residents about dog fouling and the behaviour of some dogs (and their owners).

A Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) is in place across the borough to control the behaviour of dogs. The prohibitions have been designed to be as simple as possible, giving clarity and outlining expectations.

Well behaved dogs can be walked or exercised freely off lead in all large parks (over half a hectare) including Parkland Walk. This promotes healthy exercise for dogs and takes into consideration the needs of the borough's dog owners and the welfare of dogs.

The Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) covers five areas of dog control:

- Dog fouling
- Keeping dogs under control
- Putting dogs on a lead if directed
- Keeping dogs out of designated areas (such as playgrounds)
- Limiting to six the number of dogs that one person can bring to the park

Failure to comply with the requirements of the order can result in a fine or to court if the fine is not paid within a specified timeframe.

The PSPO is in force for three years from October 2017 and can be extended for a further three years. Full details can be found at www.haringey.gov.uk/sites/haringeygovuk/files/pspo_dog_control_with_seal_0.pdf
These powers came into effect on the 20 October 2017, introduced under the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014. The Public Space Protection Order will remain in force for three years.

5.9 Dog control orders

5.9.1 Dog control orders within the Parkland Walk

The following orders are in operation in Parkland Walk and apply to the whole site:

- Fouling of Land by Dogs Order, Dogs on Leads by Direction Order, Dogs (Specified Maximum) Order
6. **Sustainability**

6.1 **Greenest borough strategy**

Haringey’s Greenest Borough Strategy was adopted in 2008 in response to growing concerns around climate change. The Strategy sets out the Council’s and its partners commitment to tackle climate change under seven environmental policies to ensure achievement of their ‘green’ vision over a ten-year period, and details what the council, its partners and the public can do to contribute.

1. Improving the urban environment
2. Protecting the natural environment
3. Managing environmental resources efficiently
4. Leading by example
5. Encouraging sustainable design and construction
6. Promoting sustainable travel
7. Raising awareness and involvement

The management and maintenance of parks and how they are used relate back to many of the individual targets within the Strategy and are instilled in everyday working practices.

6.2 **Pesticide use**

The council uses a range of herbicides to control weeds in parks. It remains the most effective in terms of the required resources – with two treatments per year often sufficient to prevent weed growth, as opposed to regular treatment by hand or other means.

Chemicals are stored, handled, used and disposed in accordance with manufacturer/supplier requirements, and a COSHH assessment is prepared for each of the substances used.

Reliance on mechanical methods of weed control (e.g. strimming) is reducing as this has an impact on both the operator and also does not address the weed at its roots.

The use of herbicides as a principal form of weed control is increasingly under scrutiny, and the parks department is routinely considering alternatives. This is particularly true of weedkillers containing the component glyphosate. This has received a lot of press coverage subsequent to court cases in the United States, but it remains licensed for use in the UK and Europe.

Officers of the council monitor developments in scientific findings. At this stage, glyphosate appears not to cause harm to humans or any animals larger than microorganisms. This will be reviewed as part of the development of the new Parks & Green Spaces Strategy.
6.3 Sustainable use of materials

The parks service refrains from the use of non-sustainable peat-based products and challenges nursery suppliers to provide alternative supplies. Where plants are obtained from private nurseries, we request plants grown in a peat free environment.

Our infrastructure procurement policy is to use recycled materials where possible. We aim to acquire recycled plastic benches where possible; or where timber is required, we seek to use those from sustainable sources.

6.4 Recycling

Although some parks have dedicated onsite recycling bins, all waste collected from parks be it from standard waste bins, or recycling bins is taken to the North London Waste Authority (NLWA) depot. Materials that can be recycled are extracted and processed accordingly.

Where possible green waste is recycled on-site; grass cuttings are left on the grass; and hedge cuttings are mulched and placed under the hedge or in other areas of the park.

In autumn when a large amount of green waste is generated, that which cannot be used or composted on site is taken to the NLWA depot for recycling. The resulting compost is then collected for use in the parks.

A monitoring system is in place to record the amount of green waste that is mulched on site and the amount that goes to NLWA for recycling, as well as recording the percentage of green waste that is recycled. The system aims for 100% recycled green waste. Leaf litter is already composted or mulched on site.

After Christmas the borough has a number of advertised sites where people can drop off their used Christmas trees.
7. Community Involvement

7.1 Volunteering in parks

Volunteering in parks

Haringey Council actively supports and encourages volunteering in our parks and green spaces. There are a range of mechanisms to support volunteering and community involvement.

The Friends of the Parkland walk actively encourage potential volunteers to sign up to their newsletter to receive up-to-date information about conservation workdays and other matters.

7.1.1 Community Volunteering

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) are based at Railway Fields, N4. They deliver conservation volunteer days across the borough on behalf of Haringey Council. They also support delivery of training opportunities as well as development of site-specific conservation action plans.

During 2018-19, TCV delivered 155 conservation days across parks in Haringey, involving over 1,200 volunteers. In addition, 6 training days were provided for volunteers on the following subjects: leadership training, leading guided walks, winter tree identification, environmental education volunteers, wildlife garden design and hedgelaying.

7.1.2 Corporate volunteering

Haringey Council actively supports companies and corporate volunteers within our parks and green spaces. Corporate volunteering provides an opportunity for employees to be involved in a different experience whilst supporting our management and improvement of green spaces.

During 2018-19, TCV supported 14 corporate volunteer days across the borough with tasks ranging from habitat creation and vegetation management, to creating countryside furniture and nature trails. Additional corporate volunteer days were delivered at parks across Haringey, facilitated by Friends groups.

Specific opportunities for corporate volunteers are included within site Conservation Action Plans (section 8.4) to ensure that the sessions support wider management of the site whilst providing an engaging and rewarding opportunity for the volunteers.

7.2 Haringey Friends of Parks Forum

The borough-wide Haringey Friends of Parks Forum was set up by Friends groups as an independent network in 2002. It is a coalition of over 40 Friends of parks groups and is committed to protecting and improving open space within the borough. The Friends of Parks Forum meets six times a year.
The Forum provides an opportunity for Friends Groups to work together for the benefit of Haringey’s green spaces and green space users. The Forum’s ‘What We Do and How We Do It’ document describes the work of the forum and of individual friends’ groups.

Amongst other things the Forum has been effective in lobbying and campaigning for

- better planning policies as they affect open spaces
- more ambitious and effective open space standards
- greater levels of on-site staffing
- giving support to individual Friends’ groups

Friends Groups communicate and co-ordinate through the Forum’s email list. The Friends Groups liaise closely with all council park services and have been key agents in helping to bring in millions of pounds in external funding to improve facilities for local people.

Over the years they have worked with the Council on achieving Green Flag status for many parks and open spaces. The Forum is supported by the Council and park officers attend a session during the Forum’s meetings to take note of each local Friends group’s issues, and to discuss wider issues of common concern. The Council is publicly committed to active partnership working with Friends groups and the Forum. Minutes of all Forum meetings are published on the Forum website.

The Forum also works with Haringey Federation of Residents Associations and the Haringey Allotments Forum. It also links up with similar grass-roots residents’ Forums and networks throughout the UK through the London Friends Groups Network and the National Federation of Parks and Green Spaces.

7.3 **Friends of the Parkland Walk**

The Friends of the Parkland Walk is a community-based voluntary organisation that aims to protect and conserve the Parkland Walk. On a voluntary basis, and in their own time, they undertake conservation and light maintenance work and litter picking.

They have also commissioned surveys of wildlife and of path usage.

The FPW is affiliated to TCV which also means the Friends can enjoy their (and the London Borough of Islington's) insurance arrangements for jointly run activities.

The Council works closely with the Friends on all matters affecting the Walk. The Friends have provided the following statement in support of this management plan update:

‘The aim of the Friends of the Parkland Walk (FPW) is to protect the Parkland Walk as a Local Nature Reserve. This often involves achieving balance between its often-competing roles linear park, footpath, and its use by cyclists and dog walkers. The FPW undertakes practical conservation activities and also is concerned with developing the Walk’s value as a place of education about wildlife. To this end it also organises guided walks and since 2016 has been developing a Wildlife Trail at the Holmesdale Road end
of Parkland Walk South. This educational project successfully opened to the public in May 2019.

Our volunteers undertake tasks out of concern for our nature reserve and wildlife in general but are aware that a balance needs to be struck between our involvement and the responsibilities of the local councils. The council needs to be aware that the enthusiasm of volunteers is inherently fragile no substitute for properly resourced council input.

Encroachment is one of the biggest threats to the Walk. We are engaged with the relevant staff to defend the Walk against developers and others taking land away from public enjoyment. These meetings also aim to address the risk to the fabric of the Walk from illegal dumping of garden waste and building refuse from neighbouring properties. We look to the council to provide the legal backing and resources to make this work effective.

We believe the management plans for the Walk should reflect both the importance of the nature reserve as both a wildlife haven and a valuable green resource for human residents. The plans should be more than just an ecological study but should also take in the style of signs, entrances and other issues of clearance and maintenance of scrub and overshadowing’.

For further information - www.parkland-walk.org.uk
8. Conservation and Heritage

8.1 Biodiversity and the Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP)

The term biodiversity refers to the variety of life around us, including plants, animals and the ecological interactions that take place in our environment. Haringey supports a wide diversity of wildlife and habitats ranging from woodland and wildflower meadows to ponds, streams and wetlands.

Haringey’s Biodiversity Action Plan (BAP) is currently under review. During 2019-20 a new BAP will be produced, aligned with the new Parks and Open Spaces Strategy. The new BAP will include detail on priority habitats, development of high value ecological corridors and the integration of biodiversity conservation into wider council initiatives.

Priorities within the BAP will help support updating or developing Conservation Action Plans for parks in Haringey including Parkland Walk. See section 8.4.

8.2 Habitat representation and nature conservation interests

Parkland Walk covers 12.9 ha of green space with a range of habitat types represented, including:

- Woodland, plantation & scrub (Metropolitan importance)
- Grassland and tall herbaceous vegetation (Local importance)
- Ruderal and mural vegetation (Borough importance)
- Wetland habitats (Local importance)
- Buildings and other structures (unknown importance)

Parkland Walk has significance and value for the following species:

- Reptiles (Local importance)
- Birds (Borough importance)
- Bats (Borough importance)
- Invertebrates (Borough importance)

8.2.1 Invasive species

In September 2019 a small strand of Japanese Knotweed was discovered on the Stroud Green Meadow. Following specialist that this is best left undisturbed we will continue to monitor this strand. Treatment plans are in place for other areas of Japanese Knotweed on the Parkland Walk in particular where they impact on residents boundaries.

8.3 Designation status

Natural England and Local Authorities have a system of designating greenspace depending on certain characteristics and their value - locally, regionally and nationally. Parkland Walk is:

Table: Habitats in Parkland Walk

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<th>Habitat type</th>
<th>Area (ha)</th>
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<td>Native woodland</td>
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### 8.4 Conservation Action Plan (CAP)

Conservation Action Plans (CAP) provide a framework for ongoing management of sites for their biodiversity value. They provide guidance on conservation actions and activities that can be carried out throughout the year and form a basis for the conservation work of TCV, Friends groups and other community organisations.

CAPs detail site specific opportunities as well as supporting borough wide conservation efforts and requirements, such as contributing to habitat creation targets or demonstrating the positive management of SINCs.

A new Biodiversity Action Plan for the Parkland Walk will be developed during 2020, whereupon existing CAPs will be aligned with the new BAP. They will detail conservation actions and requirements, including maintenance, enhancement opportunities and potential future projects.

There is a CAP in place for the Parkland Walk which can be found in Appendix A. This continues to form the basis for conservation activities within the park and will be updated to reflect new priorities, actions and projects.

### 8.5 Site history and heritage

#### 8.5.1: Site history

Parkland Walk follows part of the course of the Edgware, Highgate and London Railway. The line from Finsbury Park to Highgate (and on to Edgware) opened in 1867. A branch from Finchley to High Barnet opened in 1872 and from Highgate to Alexandra Palace in 1873.

In the 1930s it was planned to transfer all the lines to become part of the Underground Northern Line. The sections north of Highgate to Barnet and Mill Hill were transferred in 1940. Although partly completed, the rest of the scheme was halted and then abandoned after the 2nd World War. Infrequent passenger trains continued to Alexandra Palace, but ceased in 1954. Some freight trains ran until 1964, and the last use was by London Transport to transfer tube trains until 1970.
Schemes to use the land were developed by the neighbouring boroughs, and all included a Walk to some extent. A Haringey scheme for the south section which included considerable housing was rejected in 1979 after a public enquiry. It was said that as open space it ‘had a value extending far beyond that of local interest... warranting special protection’ and that the development for housing ‘would prevent the benefit of rare environmental contribution being realised’. It has now become London’s longest nature reserve.

Improvements were made with new entrances and resurfacing of the path. The Parkland Walk was officially opened in 1984. It is formally designated as a Local Nature Reserve and as Metropolitan Open Land. The section from Finsbury Park to Highgate is part of the Capital Ring Walk around Inner London.

Visible reminders of its railway past include the platforms at Crouch End Hill, the station house at Stapleton Hall Road for Stroud Green station, the viaduct in Muswell Hill and the brick building by Crouch Hill, which was built to house an electricity transformer for the Underground scheme but never used.

The history of the Walk is detailed in two interpretation panels located at Cranley Gardens and Crouch Hill.

8.5.2 Highgate bat tunnels

In January 2014 the creation of a bat roosting habitat within the disused railway tunnels at the end of Parkland Walk, adjacent to Highgate Station, was completed.
The works consisted of internal walls with associated metal grilles, doors and habitat frames to assist with the regulation of airflow and temperature providing a suitable habitat for bat roosting in bat boxes also provided.

![Image 27: Sign to bat tunnel and bat boxes](image)

The work was instigated and coordinated by the Council’s Nature Conservation Officer with valuable support from Transport for London (London Underground), the London Bat Group and SITA Trust, who funded the work. The bat habitat is now regularly monitored for roosting bats.

The increased presence of bats in the tunnels will help towards achieving conservation and biodiversity targets within the Haringey Biodiversity Action Plan, the London Species Action Plan – Bats, and Connecting with Nature’, the Mayor’s Biodiversity Strategy (GLA, 2002).
9. Marketing

9.1 The marketing approach

Marketing the Parkland Walk involves more than simply publicising and promoting the park, it also involves listening to the users of the park. A common phrase associated with marketing is ‘putting the customer at the centre of business’.

This section outline how facilities and activities at Parkland Walk are promoted and publicised and secondly how users are positioned at the centre of the business.

9.2 Websites

www.haringey.gov.uk/greenspaces
The Haringey website contains extensive information on the borough’s parks and open spaces, including Parkland Walk. Information such as location, facilities and transport links for all Haringey parks and open spaces is available.

Policy information such as the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy which draws upon a range of information and seeks to establish a long-term vision for the borough’s parks and open spaces is also available.

Information detailing the Council’s partnerships with Friends Groups, The Conservation Volunteers and the Metropolitan Police is available online along with links to their websites.

Detailed information on the Green Flag Award with clear links to the Green Flag park pages within the LBH site can be viewed.

The Friends also maintain a website/Facebook page:
The Friends of the Parkland Walk: https://www.parkland-walk.org.uk/

9.3 Social media

Social Media is now a regular way of communicating information between relevant parties and beyond. Haringey Council encourages all partners to use social media when communicating with communities.

@haringeycouncil
Haringey Council has a Twitter feed with just under 17,000 followers and is used as a two-fold approach: to proactively release live information to keep people informed and updated and respond to queries and complaints posted by others. This is checked throughout the day and provides residents and visitors with another communication channel.

The Council also uses other forms of communication such as Facebook and YouTube.
www.facebook.com/haringeycouncil
www.youtube.com/haringeycouncil
We also like to keep our resident’s in the loop about the events that are taking place, and regularly ask that stakeholders and park hirers submit details about their event on the Council website for FREE, on our “What’s On” listings section at www.haringey.gov.uk/add-event

9.4 Publications

Haringey People is the Council magazine, distributed six times a year by direct mail to all households within the borough. The magazine is produced by the Council’s Central Communications Team which has editorial control over the content. https://www.haringey.gov.uk/news-and-events/haringey-people-magazine

Several articles are published each year promoting the borough’s parks as well as the work and events that key stakeholders and partners organise in parks throughout the year.

9.5 Notice board

There are two noticeboards at the Parkland Walk located at the Oxford Road and Holmesdale Road entrances. These are used to display information about the Friends and Council services and/or campaigns.

In 2014 a new set of guidelines detailing how notice boards within parks should be used, maintained and what information can be displayed were issued with the expectation that all those with an interest and access to the notice boards will adhere to. In 2019 we developed a simple A2, updateable poster that gives key contact information for council and other public services.

9.6 Campaigns

A number of annual publicity campaigns are run each year to highlight key issues affecting the borough’s parks and open spaces. These include:
- Litter awareness campaign – encouraging users to dispose of their litter responsibly, focusing on specific hotspot areas at key points in the year and including enforcement action
- Neighbourhood Watches – encouraging creation of new watches and increased membership
- Trees – awareness campaign aimed at key points through the year, highlighting tree planting, tree maintenance and removal and why, national tree week
- Volunteering and Friends Groups – promoting the work groups do and the benefits they bring, and encouraging volunteering
- Love Parks Week – promoting and highlighting the borough’s parks and events that take place in them

9.7 Awards

In 2018, 22 parks managed by Haringey Council were awarded Green Flag status, an external recognition for quality parks and open spaces.
Haringey Council is committed to managing its parks under the Green Flag criteria and aim for accreditation for all its parks and in 2016 entered into the Green Flag Group Award application.

In 2018 a total of 22 parks managed by Haringey Council were awarded Green Flag status, an external recognition for quality parks and open spaces. Parkland Walk was one of these. However, a subsequent mystery shopping assessment found a number of concerns which jeopardised Parkland Walk’s Green Flag status.

The council responded by addressing the issues highlighted in the report and submitted a reapplication for a Green Flag assessment in the summer of 2019, when again 22 sites were awarded Green Flag status.

Haringey Council remains committed to the Green Flag scheme and is seeking to secure Green Flag status for 22 parks & green spaces in 2020.

9.8 Tree and bench sponsorship

A sponsorship scheme is provided where members of the public can sponsor the planting of a tree or the installation of a bench in any Council run park and open space. This can be done to commemorate a loved one or an event.

The sponsor pays for the item and planting / installation, thereafter the Council maintains it subject to certain conditions. Should sponsors wish to, they can also help in maintaining their item.

The Friends of Parkland Walk have used their own funds and have previously applied for small grants to install memorial benches along the Walk, however their current position is that they are opposed to any further memorial trees or benches on the Parkland Walk.
10. Management

The parks service gross budget for 2017/18 was a total of £5.1m with a revenue income of £4.5m and operated a net deficit of £600k. According to a survey by Parks for London this represents the second lowest operating deficit in London.

Whilst the service has borne its share of austerity related budget reductions, in recent years the service has chosen to focus on generating additional income to mitigate these reductions rather than impact service delivery on the ground. The service has managed this by growing the amount of income generated through:

- Increasing the number of park properties let
- Increasing the number paying a market rent,
- Growing the number of commercial events
- Growing the level of filming income
- Increasing the range of services offered to other organisations

A breakdown of the 2017/18 revenue budget is set out below:

a) Revenue Expenditure – Employees, Premises, Transport, Supplies and Services, Third Party Payments, Support Services etc

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<td>Employees</td>
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<td>Premises related expenditure</td>
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b) Revenue Income - Customer and Client Receipts, Recharges etc

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<td>Customer and Client Receipts</td>
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The council seeks to secure external investment from a number of sources. The council has its own ten-year capital strategy which currently includes over £11m of capital funding for parks. The service seeks to add to this sum and has secured further investment from the following sources over recent years:

- Section 106
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- National Lottery
- London Marathon Charitable Trust
- Environmental Funds
- Greater London Authority
Event Income

Another important part of the overall funding mix is the fundraising carried out by Friends Groups across the borough. A wide variety of groups have been able to secure funds to deliver the priorities they identified. In 2017/18 the council directly invested the following amounts:

b) Capital Expenditure – names of Capital schemes and expenditure on each scheme.

- Park Asset Management £377,288
- Active Life in Parks £263,477
- Parkland Walk Bridges £126,780

The Council continues to face significant financial challenges with many millions of pounds of savings to find over the coming years. A goal therefore for the service over the coming years is to maintain a stable budget position and therefore continuing with a strategy to generate additional income will be an important financial focus for the service.

10.2 Management structure

The Parks Service sits within the Environment and Neighbourhoods Directorate and is overseen by the Director and the Cabinet Member for Environment.

The service is organised across Commissioning and Client Services business unit.

Responsibility for the service falls to the respective heads of each business unit and they are supported by two commissioning managers and a parks manager.

The structure chart (below) shows the three core strands of the parks service which are:

- Park Operations Team – this team takes the lead on all day to day operational aspects of maintaining each green flag park.

- Active Communities Team – this team takes the lead on all event management, community activation in the park, partnership working and small grant awards. This team also secures sport related external funding

- Public Realm Team – this team takes the lead on asset management, investment in parks, policy development, nature conservation and arboriculture.
These three core teams are supported internally by colleagues across Community Safety and Enforcement, Planning Services, Regeneration, Adults and Children’s services on a variety of issues from homelessness, to new cycle routes, to improvement in existing green spaces and access and activities for older and young people.

External support for the service comes through the Friends Forum, our partners within the Police and The Conservation Volunteers alongside organisations such as Parks for London, Keep Britain Tidy and APSE.

10.3 Borough Plan 2019-2023

Following the local elections in May 2018 the new council and its partners have developed a Borough Plan setting out their vision and priorities for the next four years. Following extensive public consultation, it was agreed by Cabinet in February 2019.

The plan sets out the council’s priorities and the outcomes it seeks to achieve. Outcome 10 of the plan is for “a healthier, active and greener place”. The plan places importance on the role of parks and open spaces in delivering this outcome through four objectives.

Objective 10a is to “Protect and improve parks, open space, and green space, promoting community use”.

The Plan identifies several ways in which this will be achieved:
• Continue with partners to invest in our parks with over £15 million of improvements planned over the next five years, including new playgrounds and sports facilities.
• Develop a new Parks and Open Spaces strategy and consult with partners and local communities about how we will work together to protect, enhance and, where possible, extend green and open space in Haringey.
• Promote the use of our parks for a wide range of events and activities, including more community use.
• Plant more trees to make our streets and open spaces greener.
• Work with partners, including Environmental Community Groups, to maintain the borough’s watercourses, maximising their environmental and health benefits

Parks are also important in delivering Objective 10b of the plan. It is to “increase the levels of physical activity across the borough” by “creating healthier places, including parks and open spaces, in line with the Mayor of London’s Healthy Streets plan…”

However, we cannot achieve the priorities in the plan on our own. We trust that our partners locally and our residents will work together with us on achieving them.


10.4 Parks and Open Spaces Strategy

The last open space strategy was adopted in 2006.

Work has begun on developing a new strategy for parks and open spaces. The importance of a new parks and open spaces strategy is underlined by the explicit reference to it in Borough Plan 2019-2023.

The new strategy will build on the Parks Scrutiny Review that took place in March 2018. It will be co-produced with Friends, residents and councillors. As part of the process there will be a series of workshops and a period of public consultation.

The strategy will set out the ambitions for the service over the next 10 years. It will set out approaches to the maintenance, management and usage of parks. It will also set out clear policy positions on issues relating to parks and open spaces. In some cases new policies will need to be developed (such as security in parks and licensable activity).

The strategy will also describe the funding landscape. One key element of this will be to balancing revenue funding for the service against the agreed service standards. It will also provide a context to inform the long-term capital strategy including mapping out the external funding opportunities that can be used to the benefit of the service.

The timetable is for a draft strategy to have been agreed, following public consultation by summer of 2020 and for Cabinet to agree the document early in 2021.
10.5 The Greenest Borough Strategy

Haringey’s Greenest Borough Strategy responds to growing concerns around climate change. The Strategy sets out the Council’s and its partners commitment to tackle climate change under a number of key environmental policies to ensure achievement of their ‘green’ vision over a ten year period, and details what the council, its partners and the public can do to contribute.

More information can be found here: www.haringey.gov.uk/greenest-borough

10.6 The Health & Wellbeing Strategy

This strategy aims to reduce health inequalities through working with communities and residents to improve opportunities for adults and children to enjoy a healthy, safe and fulfilling life, through a number of key outcomes.

Those that specifically relate to parks include increasing physical activity and improving health and mental wellbeing.

More information can be found here: www.haringey.gov.uk/hwbstrategy

10.7 Finance and funding

The revenue budget for Parkland Walk sits within the overall Parks Operations.

Capital expenditure on parks and open spaces is planned at a borough level rather than at an individual park level. Match funding and other sources of external funding are sought wherever possible.

10.7.1 Parks and open spaces Small Grant Scheme

The Parks and Open Space Small Grant Scheme has been running for a number of years. The scheme offers community groups associated with parks and open spaces - such as Friends of Parks groups - to bid for funding of up to £1000. The funding is to support and develop community activity to help meet the council’s aims and priorities for improving the borough’s parks and open spaces. The budget available in 2018/19 was £40,000 and is expected to be again in 2019/20.

More information can be found here: www.haringey.gov.uk/parkssmallgrants

10.7.2 Events income

At the end of 2013 a review of the parks events policy was conducted to inform and guide changes of how events would take place in the borough’s parks, and also realign and invest income from parks events back into park improvements.

Income generated from events in parks and open spaces will be used in the first instance to meet the parks event income target in each year.
The application and booking fees will be utilised to fund the staffing costs of the booking and event management process.

Surplus income will initially be used to support and develop community led festivals and events in parks across the borough and offer training opportunities for community event organisers. £20,000 additional funding will be made available as part of the small grants scheme, as detailed above.

Any additional income generated will be ring fenced to be reinvested back into parks maintenance across the borough. Where significant sums of money are generated in individual parks the reinvestment needs of that park will be addressed first before redistributing the remainder of any funds to other parks.

All applicants to hold event will be charged a flat rate fee dependent on their event to cover the cost of the environmental impact on the park.

The environmental impact income will be kept separate from other income received in respect of events. This additional income can be used by the Friends of the park in which the event was held to address their immediate priorities for the park.
11. Improving Parkland Walk

11.1: Improvements undertaken since the 2015 management plan

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<td>Additional ‘pedestrian priority/considerate cycling’ signs installed at the Holmesdale Road entrance (requested by the Friends)</td>
<td>2018/19</td>
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<td>Undertook resurfacing works to 6 sets of entrance steps (identified and agreed with the Friends)</td>
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<td>Cleansing of all signs, noticeboards and interpretation, including replacing damaged Perspex screens</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td>Removing rubble and unwanted items from various locations, including the Milton gate, Mount View bridge, Blythwood Road (obsolete fencing), Florence Road steps, Lancaster Road etc</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td>A clean and well-maintained park</td>
<td>Vegetation removal to the 4 bridges prioritised for urgent major repairs</td>
<td>March 2019</td>
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<td>Vegetation cut back to all paths, steps and access routes</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td>Undertook a range of asset repair works to replace all of the old-style bins with new bins on proper bases at each of the entrances, repair benches, remove graffiti, address the worst path patch repairs and remove unwanted items</td>
<td>November 2019</td>
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<td>Friends activities:</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>• Carry out 10 conservation sessions per year, which mainly focus on the following practical activities that would normally be carried out by the Council:</td>
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<td>o Maintaining accessibility at entrances</td>
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<td>o Cutting back where paths narrow</td>
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<td>o Removing invasive species - notably sycamore saplings and cherry laurel</td>
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<td>o Controlling Japanese knotweed</td>
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<td>• Manage Litter Marshal scheme - equipping volunteers to carry out</td>
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<td><strong>Healthy, safe and secure</strong></td>
<td>regular litter picks (minimum once a week and in some areas 4 times/week)</td>
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<td>• Keep Parkland Walk North clear of graffiti through regular reporting via Haringey app.</td>
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<td>• Organise litter picks to coincide with national events</td>
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<td>Cleansing graffiti from all assets such as bins, benches, concrete structures etc</td>
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<td>Heavy duty bollards to prevent unlawful access to the Holmesdale Road entrance</td>
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<td>Undertook a desk study to better understand land quality issues along Parkland Walk: Made this available to contractors working at the site</td>
<td>November 2018</td>
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<td><strong>A sustainable place</strong></td>
<td>Creation, by the Friends, of a new nature area and wildlife pond (The Nature Trail) at the Holmesdale Road entrance. This was enabled through a funding bid by the Friends for Tesco Bags of Help funding.</td>
<td>2015-18</td>
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<td>Reporting and resolution by Thames Water of numerous water leaks associated with Holmesdale Road and Orchard Mews (alerted by the Friends)</td>
<td>2018, 2019</td>
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<td>Repairing damaged benches and upgrading &amp; rationalising bins to a new specification, adding bases to aid maintenance and prolong lifespan, and removing all dog waste bins</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td><strong>Community Involvement</strong></td>
<td>Creation, by the Friends, of a new nature area and wildlife pond (The Nature Trail) at the Holmesdale Road entrance. Regular maintenance of the Nature Trail by the Friends and TCV and managing a weekend roster.</td>
<td>2015-20</td>
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<td>Coordination with the Friends over a list of 37 issues (20 on PWN, 17 on PWS) they wanted to be addressed, plus follow-up actions to address many of these, as budgets allowed</td>
<td>January 2018</td>
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<td>Consultation with Friends of Parkland Walk, the Friends Forum and Parks teams on the design and style of future bin provision for parks and open spaces</td>
<td>Spring/Summer 2019</td>
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<td>Conservation and Heritage</td>
<td>Undertaking Principal Bridge Inspections to the 4 bridges prioritised for urgent major repairs</td>
<td>April 2019</td>
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<td>Surveys, investigations, and procurement of design and works packages for the 4 bridges prioritised for urgent major repairs</td>
<td>October 2019 to Autumn 2020</td>
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<td>Marketing and communication</td>
<td>Cleansing of all signs, noticeboards and interpretation, including replacing damaged Perspex screens</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td>Replacing the 4 missing red marker posts and repainting all 17 (requested by the Friends)</td>
<td>September 2019</td>
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<td>Friends activities:</td>
<td>Supplied information and images to the press and other interested parties</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Maintained website containing information about flora and fauna</td>
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<td>Participated in London National Park City festival 2019.</td>
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<td>Engage with public through social media: Facebook 952 total page followers. Friends twitter 1,417 followers. Parkland Walk twitter 2,713.</td>
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<td>Generate and circulate regular newsletters: FPW newsletter subscribers 905</td>
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<td>Sponsor art project along the Walk</td>
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<td>Developed interactive Google map</td>
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<td>Created signage to help visitors get between the two sections effectively with QR code links to our website.</td>
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<td>Promote the Walk via a number of local events such as the Crouch End Festival</td>
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<td>Coordination with Friends, Stakeholders Councillors as issues require such</td>
<td>Ongoing/​as &amp; when</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>coordination, eg Spotlight Meetings</td>
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<td>Legal proceedings concerning covenants covering access to 3 Francis</td>
<td>2018, 2019</td>
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<td>Place, at the Holmesdale Road entrance</td>
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<td>Instigated legal proceedings related to encroachment issues at 101</td>
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<td>Florence Road, flagged up by the Friends</td>
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<td>The Friends of Parkland Walk initiated and undertook a survey in winter</td>
<td>Winter 2018/19</td>
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<td>2018/19 with the support of Haringey Council to identify places where</td>
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<td>encroachment and dumping etc. has taken place</td>
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<td>Friends activities:</td>
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<td>• Full boundary inspection every three years</td>
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<td>• Carry out regular small inspections at hotspots</td>
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<td>• Carry out footfall surveys</td>
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<td>• Carry out flora surveys</td>
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<td>• Sponsor art project along the Walk</td>
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<td>• Organise educational walks</td>
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<td>Commence recruitment for Nature Conservation Officer</td>
<td>Summer 2019</td>
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<td>Following a request by the Friends, discussions between the Council,</td>
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<td>the Friends and Homes for Haringey have taken place to see whether it</td>
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<td>would be possible to legally incorporate a small parcel of Homes for</td>
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<td>Haringey land near the Blythwood Road entrance (6-10a Mount View Road)</td>
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Image 29: Improvements since 2015

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12. **Action Plan**

12.1 **Maintenance and scheduled work programme**

This is a schedule of annual or routine tasks which are neither developmental nor fall within the remit of routine grounds maintenance or hygiene functions.

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<td>Clean and well maintained</td>
<td>Site inspection: asset condition survey</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>Parks Project Officer</td>
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<td>Site inspection: grounds maintenance issues</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>Parks Area Manager</td>
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<td>Site inspection: performance monitoring of grounds maintenance works</td>
<td>Monthly</td>
<td>Parks Monitoring &amp; Compliance Officer</td>
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<td>Site inspection: annual boundary check</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Parks Project Office</td>
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<td>Healthy, safe and secure</td>
<td>Bridge condition safety inspections</td>
<td>Annual</td>
<td>Building Control/Structural Engineers</td>
<td>Annual</td>
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<td>Major bridge repairs</td>
<td>Consecutive</td>
<td>Parks/Highways</td>
<td>2019-2022</td>
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<td>Management</td>
<td>Review the Park Management Plan annually</td>
<td>Annually</td>
<td>Parks Project Officer</td>
<td>Dec/Jan</td>
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<td>Community Involvement</td>
<td>Lead ‘Spotlight’ meetings in the park with councillors and Friends</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
<td>Parks Project Officer</td>
<td>Quarterly</td>
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*Image 30: Maintenance and scheduled works*
12.2 Parkland Walk action plan

This plans how the work we would like to carry out. Budget availability and more urgent unplanned work may mean that it cannot be fulfilled. Other repairs and general maintenance may have to take precedence. The content will be reviewed at least annually at the end of each calendar year.

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<td>A welcoming Place</td>
<td>Upgrade all site signage to the new corporate branding style</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Parks</td>
<td>tbc</td>
<td>Parks budget</td>
<td>As budgets allow</td>
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<td>A clean and well-maintained park</td>
<td>Add timber surrounds to all the bins</td>
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<td>Parks</td>
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<td>Parks budget</td>
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<td>Address the issue of dog fouling</td>
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<td>Parks Operations/Enforcement</td>
<td>Officer time</td>
<td>Parks</td>
<td>Ongoing</td>
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<td>Friends 'Great British Spring Clean'</td>
<td>litter picking events</td>
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<td>Friends</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>21 &amp; 29 March 2020</td>
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<td>Address graffiti</td>
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<td>Veolia</td>
<td>Officer time</td>
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<td>Healthy, safe and secure</td>
<td>Address insecure boundary fencing</td>
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<td>Neighbouring property owners</td>
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<td>(eg Hillfield Centre/Risborough Close) and areas where no fencing is</td>
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<td>present (eg Pure Gym)</td>
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<td>A sustainable place</td>
<td>Undertake a phased programme</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>Parks</td>
<td>£500k</td>
<td>tbc</td>
<td>2025, as budgets</td>
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<td>of path repairs and resurfacing</td>
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<td>works, as budgets allow (priority area is between Oxford Road and Upper Tollington Park)</td>
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<td>Identify scope for encouraging recycling and reducing waste within the park</td>
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<td>Parks</td>
<td>Nil</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>March 2020</td>
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<td>Review the use of chemicals as part of the new Parks &amp; Green Spaces Strategy</td>
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<td>September 2020</td>
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<td>Undertake a programme of tree inspection and tree works</td>
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<td>Tree team and Nature Conservation Officer</td>
<td>Officer time</td>
<td>Trees budget</td>
<td>As budgets allow</td>
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<td>Community Involvement</td>
<td>Through consultation with the Friends, update all the site interpretation boards</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Nature Conservation Officer</td>
<td>tbc</td>
<td>Parks budgets</td>
<td>As budgets allow</td>
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<td>Neighbourhood Plan project to introduce a new play area at Milton Gate</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Highgate Neighbourhood Forum</td>
<td>tbc</td>
<td>CIL funding</td>
<td>2020/21?</td>
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<td>Continue to consult the Friends and ward Councillors on major bridge repair proposals, specifically regarding the look &amp; feel of materials and accessibility aspects</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>Parks/Highways</td>
<td>Officer time</td>
<td>Council capital</td>
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<td>Conservation and Heritage</td>
<td>Undertake major bridge repairs to Vicarage Path footbridge (currently out to tender)</td>
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<td>Parks Capital</td>
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<td>Undertake major bridge repairs to Vicarage Path footbridge</td>
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<td>Upper Tollington Park bridge (currently out to tender)</td>
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<td>Undertake major bridge repairs to Stanhope Road bridge (currently</td>
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<td>Undertake major bridge repairs to Stapleton Hall Road bridge (currently</td>
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<td>Parks/Highways</td>
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<td>Principal Bridge inspections to the other 7 bridges along Parkland</td>
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<td>Survey, investigate, design,</td>
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<td>procure and undertake major bridge repairs to the other 7</td>
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<td>Control invasive species as required</td>
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<td>Marketing and communication</td>
<td>Share tree survey information with the Friends and update Council</td>
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<td>Tree team</td>
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<td>Address encroachment issues, boundary fencing issues, dumping of arisings and rough sleeping issues in a timely manner</td>
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<td>Enforcement, Parks Operations, Legal Services, Property Services</td>
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<td>Ongoing discussions between the Council, Homes for Haringey and the Friends concerning the incorporating a small parcel of HfH owned land into Parkland Walk.</td>
<td>M</td>
<td>Parks/Friends/Homes for Haringey</td>
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<td>Uncertain</td>
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<td>Drafting, consultation &amp; roll-out of the new Parks restructure</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>Head of Parks &amp; Leisure</td>
<td>tbc</td>
<td>Officer time and revenue budget tbc</td>
<td>November 2019 to April 2020</td>
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<td>Drafting, consulting, writing and adopting of the new Parks &amp; Green Spaces Strategy, including all its supporting documents such as the Parks Asset Management Plan, the Trees &amp; Woodlands Plan, the Watercourse &amp; Flood Risk Plan, the Biodiversity Action Plan, the Volunteer &amp; Community Engagement Plan, the Workforce</td>
<td>H</td>
<td>Head of Parks &amp; Leisure and all of the Parks &amp; Open Spaces Team</td>
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<td>Officer time and revenue funding</td>
<td>November 2019 to April 2021</td>
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Development Plan plus a number of Policies and Service Standards.

The Friends of Parkland Walk were asked what their top 3 priorities would be for the park. Their answers are collated here:

1: Path repairs
2: Tackling encroachment and dumping of building rubble and garden waste
3: Litter and dog waste management
Appendix A

Current management plan – 2010 – 2020