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## Burgess Park West: Report on Third Public Consultation, June 2016





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# 1. Introduction

## 1.1. Burgess Park West: Overview

Following completion of phases one and two of the Revitalise Burgess Park project in 2013, Southwark Council is consulting on plans for other areas of the park which have not yet been improved.

As the council moves forward with the project, the name to describe it has been updated from the Southern Entrance project to Burgess Park West. This is to better reflect the broad remit of this project, which is about much more than improving just one entrance to the park. During the first two phases of the park's revitalisation, no changes were made to the south western area of the park including Rust Square, New Church Road (inside the park), the nature area and adjacent grassland. Southwark Council now plan to landscape and improve this area of the park.

The first public consultation on Burgess Park West took place in December 2014. Respondents to the survey were asked to choose between two concept designs that included four key areas which make up the project site. These areas are Rust Square (A), the open space adjoining Rust Square (B), the central open space (C) and the nature area (D). Of the two concept designs, Concept 2 proved more popular with 44% voting in favour of this option compared with 35% in favour of Concept 1.

Based on the feedback from the first public consultation, the plans were updated and formed the basis for the second public consultation. This presented one design proposal and ran from May to June 2015. The updated design proposal included a larger and improved nature area with a pond, cycle Quietways, play equipment, an outdoor gym, a barbeque area and removal of New Church Road from inside the park.

There has now been a third and final consultation on the plans, which were developed after analysis of feedback from the second consultation, further research and the receipt of estimated costs. The plans include cycle Quietways, a new play area, improvements to Rust Square, removal of New Church Road from inside the park and a bigger nature area. The consultation period ran from 9 May to the 5 June 2016. Outcomes from the third public consultation are presented in this report.

## 1.2 Third Public Consultation: Objectives

The key objectives of the third public consultation were:

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- Presentation of an updated concept design to the public
- Informing the public of how the results of the previous public consultation have influenced the design
- Informing the public how further research and estimated costs have influenced the design
- Encouraging a broad range of park users to give feedback on the updated concept design
- Insight into what people think about the revised proposals

## 2. Executive Summary

This summary highlights the key findings from the third public consultation for Burgess Park West. They are drawn from the survey fielded in May and June 2016 and from discussions that took place during the stakeholder and residents' meetings in May 2016.

### Overall satisfaction with the plans

When asked in the survey about the revised plans, **a majority of respondents were in favour (81.6% stated they liked/liked some of the plans)**. Respondents were also generally well informed about the plans prior to completing the survey – only 3.8% of respondents said they had not seen them.

### Play area

The play area was considered in a positive light by many. Of those that said they liked/liked some of the plans, 17 respondents specifically mentioned how pleased they were with the plans for the play area, and some suggested it should be larger. Overall, 22 respondents made suggestions for the play area which include equipment for different age groups, specific types of equipment including swings, a larger play area or an additional play area and a bike area. Only 2 respondents suggested that there should not be a play area. Five respondents liked the play area location.

Some respondents, local residents and the Friends of Burgess Park expressed concerns about the play area location. Ten respondents were concerned that the play area could overlook residential properties or disturb local residents; with some concerned about misuse by adults at night. Six respondents cited concerns over the proximity to the road.

### Nature area

Seventeen respondents made positive comments about the proposals for a larger nature area and to increase biodiversity. Seven were disappointed by the omission of the pond which was removed due to the cost of installation and future maintenance, and after discussions with the London Wildlife Trust.

Eight respondents highlighted their support for the proposed acquisition of the sites not currently owned by the council, which the council wishes to purchase and add to the park as an extension to the nature area, although this is not guaranteed. There was also support for this at the stakeholder meeting.

Four stated support for the removal of the road from inside the park; which will also become part of the nature area.

### Cycle Quietways

The introduction of cycle Quietway routes remained a contentious issue; drawing some impassioned views regarding cycling in parks both from the stakeholders meeting and survey respondents. Eighteen respondents cited concerns about cycling in parks, regarding safety and respect of pedestrians, cycling too fast and a preference for segregated rather than shared pathways. Support for cycle Quietway proposals that include wide shared pathways was received from 5 survey respondents. There was also support from the Southwark Cyclists community group who expressed satisfaction with the route of the Quietways, but felt that segregated pathways would be preferable. It was suggested that making roads safer would encourage cyclists to use them instead of the park.

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## **Rust Square**

Five people mentioned support for reconnecting Rust Square to the rest of the park. However three people were unhappy with the plans for Rust Square, as they preferred it to remain quiet and secluded. Local residents had concerns about antisocial behaviour in this area.

### **Residents want to see more in the plans**

Forty four respondents mentioned wanting more from the plans, these included suggestions for more lighting, toilet facilities, learning/educational opportunities, a café and a barbecue area.

# 3. Consultation Programme

The third public consultation for the project was both an engagement exercise and a means of collecting park users' opinions so they could be used to influence the design.

Comments about the revised proposals were captured using a short survey that was available online and in print (in a postcard format). The survey was bolstered by facilitated stakeholder and resident meetings, and public exhibitions of the plans.

## 3.1 Exhibitions

Seven presentation boards showing information about the previous consultation results, the concept design and next steps were on display at an unstaffed exhibition at the Burgess Park Community Sports Centre on Coburg Road. The presentation boards were also on display at the BMX Track.

An additional exhibition was held in Burgess Park at Chumleigh Gardens near the Park Life Café at weekends and during school half term. The Park Ambassadors staffed these exhibitions. The presentation boards can be viewed in Appendix A.

## 3.2 Posters

Posters were put up to promote the consultation and the survey, with details of the exhibitions and how to complete the survey online. A copy of the poster can be seen in Appendix C.

The posters were displayed at the following locations:

- Burgess Park West project site
- Fowlds Café
- Park Life Café
- Burgess Park noticeboards
- Burgess Park Tennis centre
- Children's Services building
- local shops
- local cafes

## 3.3 Stakeholder Meeting

Key stakeholders and members of local community groups were invited to view and discuss the updated plans for Burgess Park West. The meeting on 11 May was attended by 13 stakeholders – with representation from the Friends of Burgess Park, Camberwell Society and Walworth Society.

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At the meeting, council officers provided a summary of the feedback from the second public consultation, followed by presentation of the plans by the Landscape Architects LDA Design. A structured discussion was held afterwards, led by LDA Design. The survey was made available for attendees to fill in individually.

## 3.4 Resident Meeting

Residents living in close proximity to the project site were invited to view and discuss the updated plans for Burgess Park West. The meeting on 17 May was attended by 7 residents.

At the meeting, council officers provided a summary of the feedback from the second public consultation, followed by a structured discussion during which thoughts about the updated plans were received. Discussions on the updated plans were led by LDA design. The postcard survey was made available for attendees to fill in individually.

## 3.5 Feedback

Feedback was requested in the form of a short survey. The print version was in the form of a postcard. 2,235 postcards were distributed to local households. More were handed out in the park. A copy of the postcard can be seen in Appendix B.

The plans were available to download and the survey could also be completed online.

The consultation drew a total of 234 responses to the survey (142 by postcard and 92 via the online form) plus 8 email comments, bringing the total number of responses to 242.

Three email responses were received from local community groups and are reviewed separately in Section 4.3.



# 4. Consultation Response Analysis

## 4.1 Stakeholder and Resident Meetings

The first meeting that took place was with the key stakeholders on the 11 May 2016 at the Old Library on Wells Way. Topics of discussion were:

- **The scrap yard on Southampton Way.** Concerns were expressed principally around health and safety and its aesthetic impact on the park. Council officers stated that this is one of the three sites which the council wishes to purchase and add to the park, for which there was support from the stakeholders. This may involve a Compulsory Purchase Order.
- The **nature area** including the proposed increase in its size and the omission of pond from the latest plans. Officers stated that the pond was removed from the plans for two reasons. Discussions with the London Wildlife Trust revealed that it would be more beneficial to have a well-managed nature area rather than add a pond which would require additional maintenance. Estimated costs received showed that the pond could not be afforded within the budget due to the high cost of disposing of the soil which would be dug out.
- **Conflict between pedestrians and cyclists** remained a talking point. Stakeholders felt that the speed of cyclists continued to be a concern for those using the park. Council officers suggested that improvements for cyclists on roads should improve safety and encourage faster cyclists to use the road instead of the park. The council will review the Living Streets study that was carried out on the east side of the park.
- **No BBQ area** is included as estimated costs showed it could not be afforded within the budget. Stakeholders were satisfied with this decision.
- A topic of discussion during the meeting centred on the **new railings to Rust Square**, explaining their location and height
- **Sensory planting** was suggested.
- Consider the heritage value of the iron **GLC globes** in the designs.
- Concerns were raised about **rat runs through Kitson Road**.
- **Location of the play area.** As a result of the second public consultation the proposed play area location was moved further from residential properties and is nestled within trees which will help to provide some natural screening. Some residents expressed dissatisfaction with the new location, due to proximity to properties and a busy road. Concern about pollution was raised. The park needs to cater to a range of different users including families who do not have a garden, therefore the play area need to be close to homes. This is particularly important for residents of the nearby Elmington Estate, as money from the development of this Estate is funding the Burgess Park West project and is earmarked for play facilities. The play area needs to be visible from outside the park to draw people in and not feel secluded and unsafe.

The second public meeting that took place was the residents' meeting on the 17 May 2016 at the Old Library on Wells Way. Topics of discussion were:

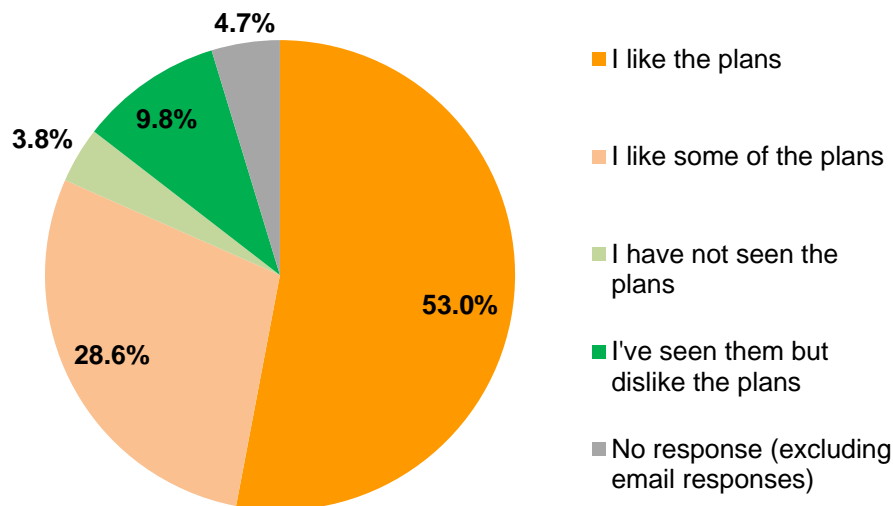
- Improved **lighting** across the park. The only new lighting will be on the cycle Quietways.
- More **seating** was requested by some residents, particularly for senior citizens and for parents with children. Other residents preferred no seating as they felt it may encourage antisocial behaviour.

- Some residents had concerns that seating could encourage antisocial behaviour at the back of residential properties where there is already an issue with street drinkers. Council officers suggested that this can be tackled using targeted enforcement.
- **Conflict between pedestrians and cyclists.** Residents stated that the speed of cyclists continued to be a concern for them.
- Discussions about **Rust Square** that included complaints about anti-social behaviour.

## 4.2 Survey Responses

**Question 1: Have you seen the plans for Burgess Park West (includes Southern Entrance) and what do you think of them?**

The vast majority of respondents to the survey either liked all or some of the plans proposed (81.6%). Most respondents had viewed the plans prior to completing the survey – only 3.8% said they had not seen them.



Base: 234

## Analysis of comments

Respondents were invited to leave a comment. Comments have been grouped into common themes and counted on the frequency that they were mentioned. Most respondents mentioned more than one theme when commenting on the plans.

A full list of the comments received from the public via the survey and email can be found in Appendix D.

The following section summarises the positive and negative comments received during the final consultation and includes email responses. It excludes responses from local community groups (whose responses are analysed separately in Section 4.3).

## Positive and negative comments by theme

A full list of the positive and negative comments as organised in the table below can be found in Appendix F.

**Table 1.**

Area	No. of positive comments	% respondents (out of the total 242 responses)	No. of negative comments	% respondents (out of the total 242 responses)
<b>Comments about the overall plans</b>	67	28%	8	3%
<b>Play area</b>	17	7%	14	5%
<b>Nature area</b>	17	7%	0	0%
<b>Cycling plans</b>	5	2%	18	7%
<b>Rust Square</b>	5	2%	3	1%

## Comments regarding the play area

Seventeen respondents made generally supportive comments regarding the plans for the play area. Respondents said they liked:

- Improved play facilities in the park (15 respondents)
- Play area location (5 respondents)
- Natural play specifically (2 respondents)

Fourteen respondents made negative comments about the play area. The total number of comments is higher than the number of respondents because some comments were about more than one subject. Subjects raised were:

- Location of the play area too close to residential property (10 respondents)
- Location of the play area too close to the road, with concern over safety and pollution (6 respondents)
- Not wanting a play area at all (2 respondents)

Twenty two respondents made suggestions for the play area. Full comments are in Appendix G. The suggestions can be summarised as:

- More equipment for toddlers and babies (6 respondents)
- Would like swings / baby swings (6 respondents)
- Bike area inside play area (3 respondents)
- More play areas or a larger play area (3 respondents)
- Like natural play (3 respondents)
- Request for a skatepark (2 respondents)
- Request for a sandpit (2 respondents)
- Would like water play (2 respondents)
- Would like climbing frames (2 respondents)
- Would like slides (2 respondents)
- Would like a roundabout (1 respondent)
- More equipment for older children (1 respondent)

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## Comments regarding the nature area

Seventeen respondents made generally supportive comments regarding the plans for a larger nature area and to increase biodiversity. Many of these respondents mentioned feeling positive about the park becoming more wildlife and nature friendly.

Seven were disappointed by the omission of the pond which was removed. This was due to the cost of installation and future maintenance, and after discussions with the London Wildlife Trust.

Eight respondents gave their support for the acquisition of the sites not currently owned by the council, which the council wishes to purchase and add to the park as an extension to the nature area.

Four stated support for the removal of the road from inside the park; which will also become part of the nature area.

## Comments regarding Rust Square

Five people mentioned support for reconnecting Rust Square to the rest of the park. However three people were unhappy with the plans for Rust Square, as they preferred it to remain secluded. Three mentioned the location of the play area as a concern in relation to its proximity to Rust Square. The removal of trees was mentioned as a concern by two respondents.

## Comments regarding cycle Quietways

The introduction of cycle Quietway routes remained a contentious issue; drawing some impassioned views regarding cycling in parks. Eighteen respondents cited concerns about cycling. These were regarding safety and respect of pedestrians, cycling too fast and a preference for segregated rather than shared pathways.

Eleven respondents offered suggestions on cycling plans such as alternative routes and speeding measures. The suggestions for other routes included having more direct cycle routes through the park, directing cycle routes around the park and having routes directed away from areas where young children may be. One respondent suggested the routes should make it easier to cycle from the southern end of Wells Way and Bowyer Place. There were also suggestions that the cycle proposals should take into account a predicted future increase in cycling. There was a positive comment about having a route through Addington Square.

Five respondents mentioned support for cycling plans in the park, which include pathways shared by both cyclists and pedestrians. Five respondents mentioned preferring to have segregated cycle lanes, over shared cycle paths.

A full analysis of Southwark Cyclists' response can be seen in section 4.3. In summary they like the Quietway routes and lighting and would like pathways at least 5m wide that are semi-segregated by a height difference. They would also like improvements to surrounding roads to make them safer for cyclists, and feel that this would encourage cyclists to use the road instead of the park.

The Friends of Burgess Park suggested routing Quietways around the outside of the park instead of through the middle and do not want an alternative standard for cycle routes in the west of the park, as cyclists can currently use all pathways. They are also concerned that proposals for slowing down cyclists are currently untried or tested

## Comments requesting more facilities

Forty four respondents to the consultation survey felt more facilities could be added to the plans. Suggestions included more toilets and a bigger play area that would cater to a wider age range – including teenagers and toddlers.

**Table 2.**

Area	No. suggestions	% respondents (out of the total 242 responses)
More lighting around the park	13	5%
More toilet facilities	11	5%
Learning/education opportunities for park users	7	3%
Café	4	2%
BBQ area	3	1%
Football/basketball court for locals	3	1%
Cultural/event space	2	1%
Outdoor gym equipment	1	0%

## Other comments

There were a range of other comments received during the consultation, which are detailed in table 3 on page 16. Some of the more common comments included:

- Concerns regarding investments, scale of the of the project and impact on residential property (10 respondents )
- Support for the proposed removal of the scrapyard/furniture shop and/or car wash (8 respondents)
- Request for learning/education opportunities for park users (7 respondents)
- Request for retention of existing trees and plants (7 respondents)

## 4.3 Responses from local community groups

Local community groups were encouraged to send their thoughts about the updated plans via email. Three emails were received with feedback about the plans – from Elmington TRA, Southwark Cyclists and the Friends of Burgess Park. The full emails summarised below are detailed in Appendix E.

### **Response from Friends of Burgess Park**

The Friends of Burgess Park submitted a response by email and were supportive of the plans. They have some comments and suggestions, which are summarised below:

- The group are pleased that regeneration of Burgess Park continues and there is significant support for the plans, particularly the larger nature area and plans to make Rust Square more soft and green.
- Support for purchase of sites that do not currently belong to the council, and adding these to the park.
- Support for removal of New Church Road from inside the park.
- Support for play area natural design.
- Request for a further workshop to help shape the play area.
- Locating play areas close to housing is good for younger children.
- Need to consider that proposed play area location is near to the road, air quality and proximity to a cycle path.
- Concerns that the play area might be used at night by adults constituting antisocial behaviour, and associated noise, disruption and damage. Question about whether it will be locked at night.

- Support for low level entrance planting, possibly with central swale, in similar style to existing main entrances which people like.
- Entrances should be wide and have good visibility.
- Request for adequate width of pathways where they merge, for example at the secondary entrance.
- Roads should be improved and made more safe for cyclists to use, for example Wells Way.
- Preference for cyclists not to travel through the park. Cyclists using the park must have consideration for pedestrians.
- Request that cycle routes are around the perimeter of the park, instead of through the middle.
- Request for more information on Quietways design, and consultation with other Friends of Parks Groups.
- Design should indicate that cyclists should slow down in the park.
- Concern over width of cycle pathways
- Concern that proposals for slowing down cyclists are currently untried or tested
- Cyclists are able to use all pathways therefore it is not reasonable to introduce an alternative standard in the west of the park.
- Design needs to take into account that cyclists will use all pathways.
- More information on design for exit of Quietway onto Wells Way requested.
- Objection to pathway into the park from proposed Parkhouse St housing development. Acknowledgement that this is not part of current design.
- Request for clearer information on tree removals and new trees being planted.
- Request for tall pyracantha or cypress hedge along boundary wall with Addington Square properties, to provide better screening and privacy..

### **Response from Southwark Cyclists**

In their response, Southwark Cyclists expressed satisfaction with the Quietway 7 route, the proposed East-West Quietway route and with plans to install lighting to ensure the routes are usable 24 hours a day.

They also suggested the following:

- The Quietway 7 pathway should be at least as wide as the east-west Canal Walk pathway in east Burgess Park; 5 metres at a minimum; preferably more.
- Surrey Canal Walk (the linear park to the east of Burgess Park) has a pathway that is too narrow to be shared by cyclists and pedestrians.
- The Quietways pathways should be divided in two with semi-segregation: a small height difference, with the cycle track lower, or low profile kerbs down the middle.
- Given concerns about high and rising numbers of cyclists using park paths as through-routes, they would like to note that the roads around the park should be improved. Fewer cyclists would feel that park paths were their only option to reach their destination safely and without stress if the surrounding roads had space for cycling.

### **Response from Elmington TRA**

Elmington TRA are satisfied with the revised plans.

## 4.4 Conclusion

There is a high level of support for the plans, with more than 80% stating they like some or all of the plans, and over a quarter of the comments expressing support for the plans (67 respondents). As table 3 on page 16 illustrates, this sentiment elicited the highest number of comments. The Friends of Burgess Park also said that there was significant support for the plans within their group, and Southwark Cyclists support the plans for cycling but have made some suggestions.

The play area is an integral part of the plans and has drawn a range of views. There were 7 comments received suggesting the play area caters to specific age groups (most predominantly toddlers) and requests for swings and other types of play equipment. There was also strong support and praise for plans regarding the play area (17 comments) including for its location (5 comments). However 10 respondents were concerned about the location near to residential property which could mean properties are overlooked and/or experience noise disturbance. Six respondents were concerned about the location being close to the road.

A similar number of comments praised the plans for the nature area (17 comments). Some of those who said they were happy with plans to encourage biodiversity in the park suggested that the nature area could be even bigger. There was some disappointment over the removal of the pond from the plans, which was removed due to the cost of installation and future maintenance, and after discussions with the London Wildlife Trust. There was support for removal of the section of road from inside the park; which will be greened and become part of the extended nature area.

Eight respondents highlighted their support for the proposed acquisition of the sites not currently owned by the council, which the council wishes to purchase and add to the park as an extension to the nature area, although this is not guaranteed. There was also support for this at the stakeholder meeting.

There continues to be some concern regarding the proposals for cycle Quietways. Eighteen respondents cited concerns about cycling in parks (speeding, lack of respect for pedestrians and a preference for segregated pathways). Five comments (including from Southwark Cyclists) expressed a preference for segregated cycle paths, however five comments expressed satisfaction with the current plans which include wide pathways shared by both pedestrians and cyclists. It was suggested by the Southwark Cyclists group that improvements to roads, making them safer and less stressful for cyclists, is likely to encourage more cyclists to travel using routes outside of the park.

Among the comments received from those wanting more from the plans, lighting across the park was the most popular suggestion, with 13 respondents suggesting this. Some also felt additional toilet provision would be required (11 comments) and others requested a water fountain (2 comments).

Some comments cited issues outside of the project site. This included comments relating to existing BBQ facilities, with 5 comments expressing concern that their location was close to residential property.

## Summary table of all comments

The table below presents the total number of times an issue was cited by respondents and the percentage out of the 242 responses to the consultation. The table excludes responses from local community groups which have been considered separately.

**Table 3.**

Theme from comments	No. of respondents commenting on this area (out of 242 responses )	% respondents (out of 242 responses received)
Supportive of the overall plans for the park	67	28%
Suggestions for the play area: Play area catering to a specific age groups (toddlers/teenage kids)/more play facilities/larger play area	22	9%
Concern over shared cycle paths, Quietway route, behaviour of cyclists, (speeding, respect for pedestrians etc.)	18	7%
Supportive of plans for biodiversity/nature area/would like bigger space	17	7%
Supportive of plans for the play area	17	7%
Request for more lighting	13	5%
Suggestions regarding the cycling plans (routes, speeding measures)	11	5%
Request for more toilet facilities	11	5%
Concern over location of play area (disruption/privacy)	10	4%
Concerns regarding investments, scale of the of the project and impact on residential property	10	4%
Generally unsupportive of the plans	8	3%
Disappointed by the absence of/would like water /pond feature	8	3%
Support for proposed removal of scrapyards/furniture shop and/or car wash	8	3%
Request for learning/education opportunities for park users	7	3%
Would like the retention of existing trees/plants in plans	7	3%
Concern over location of play area near road	6	2%
Comments relevant to issues outside project site	6	2%
Support for cycling plans	5	2%
Would prefer segregated cycle lanes	5	2%
Separate area for dogs (including away from children)	5	2%
Support the reconnection of Rust Square to the rest of the park	5	2%
Supportive of location for the play area	5	2%
BBQ related comments (concerns including their proximity to housing)	5	2%
Support for/issues around removal of New Church Road	4	2%
Concern there will be an increase in antisocial behaviour	4	2%
Request for café facilities	4	2%
Supportive of the investment in Burgess Park	3	1%
Like lighting plans	3	1%
Dogs should be kept on leads	3	1%
Request for BBQ facilities	3	1%
Request for football/basketball court	3	1%
Gym equipment - happy with existing provision/better distribution of equipment	3	1%
Plans should be mindful of materials/heritage of the park (metal gate structures/globes, use of fertilisers in the nature area)	3	1%
More/better signage around the park	3	1%
Unhappy with plans for Rust Sq (including it should not be joined to the main sections of park)	3	1%
Dislike seating plans	3	1%



Request for drainage issues addressed / better drainage	2	1%
Details sought on plans/need to review plans further	2	1%
Request for plans to support older people	2	1%
Request for interpretation signage/boards for nature area	2	1%
Do not want a play area	2	1%
Do not want an outdoor gym	2	1%
Would like a cultural/event space	2	1%
Would like water fountain	2	1%
Would like a lido in the park	2	1%
Restore canal up to Peckham	1	0%
Unsupportive of plans to remove New Church Road	1	0%
Request for more gym equipment	1	0%
Need to support bike ability training	1	0%
Happy with the consultation process	1	0%
Like seating plans	1	0%
Plans will improve the security	1	0%
Perimeter of park visually enclosed	1	0%
Suggestion regarding lake	1	0%

## Free text responses: *I dislike the plans*

Of the 23 respondents who stated that they disliked the plans presented to them, 19 commented on why. Of the comments, 5 of them were generally unhappy with the revised proposals while 4 comments cited concerns regarding the proposed cycling plans. The same number of comments also expressed concern about the investment being made (questioning the feasibility of doing so) and whether park investment adequately addresses the needs of all users. The comments were categorised as follows:

**Table 4.**

Theme from comments	% respondents (out of 19 who commented)	% respondents (out of total 242 responses)	Number of respondents commenting on this theme
Generally unsupportive of the plans	26%	2%	5
Concern over shared cycle paths, quiet way route, behaviour of cyclists, (speeding, respect for pedestrians etc.)	21%	2%	4
Request for more lighting around the park	21%	2%	4
Concerns regarding investments, scale of the of the project and impact on residential property	21%	2%	4
More toilet facilities needed in plans	11%	1%	2
Request for Café facilities	11%	1%	2
Unhappy with plans for Rust Sq/Rust Sq should not be joined to the main sections of park	11%	1%	2
Request for plans to support older/senior citizens	5%	0%	1
Do not want any play area	5%	0%	1
Do not want gym	5%	0%	1
Suggestion regarding lake	5%	0%	1
Dogs should be kept on leads	5%	0%	1
Increase in antisocial behaviour as a result of these plans	5%	0%	1
Request for BBQ facilities	5%	0%	1
Plans should be mindful of materials/heritage of the park (metal gate structures/globes, use of fertilisers in the nature area)	5%	0%	1
Would like the retention of existing trees/plants in plans	5%	0%	1

Comments relevant to issues outside project site	5%	0%	1
Perimeter of park should be more visually enclosed	5%	0%	1
Unsupportive of plans to remove New Church Road	5%	0%	1

## Free text responses: *I haven't seen the plans* and those who did not answer the 'like' question

26 comments were made by respondents who stated that they had *not viewed the plans* (7 comments) and those that did not respond to the first question (19 comments) but commented on the plans – i.e. answered the second question of the survey. This includes the email responses that did not respond to the first question.

Two in five of these comments were supportive of the plans overall. There were 4 comments which cited concerns around privacy and disruption/anti-social behaviour relating to the play area's location.

The comments were categorised as follows:

**Table 5.**

Theme from comments	% respondents (out of 26 who commented)	% respondents (out of 242 total responses)	Number of respondents commenting on this theme
Supportive of the overall plans for the park	39%	5%	11
Concern over location of play area (disruption/privacy)	14%	2%	4
Concern over shared cycle paths, quiet way route, behaviour of cyclists, (speeding, respect for pedestrians etc.)	11%	1%	3
Suggestions regarding the cycling plans (routes, speeding measures)	11%	1%	3
Supportive of plans for biodiversity/nature area/would like bigger space	11%	1%	3
Generally unsupportive of the plans	11%	1%	3
Supportive of plans for the play area	7%	1%	2
Dislike seating plans	7%	1%	2
Request for Learning/education opportunities for park users	4%	0%	1
Details sought on plans/need to review plans further	4%	0%	1
Suggestions for the play area: Play area catering to a specific age groups (toddlers/teenage kids)/more play facilities	4%	0%	1
Do not want any play area	4%	0%	1
Do not want gym	4%	0%	1
Request for more lighting around the park	4%	0%	1
Concern over location of play area near road	4%	0%	1
More toilet facilities needed in plans	4%	0%	1
Separate area for dogs (including away from children)	4%	0%	1
Increase in antisocial behaviour as a result of these plans	4%	0%	1
Gym equipment - happy with existing provision/better distribution of equipment	4%	0%	1
Would like the retention of existing trees/plants in plans	4%	0%	1
BBQ related comments (concerns including their proximity to housing)	4%	0%	1
Unhappy with plans for Rust Sq/Rust Sq should not be joined to the main sections of park	4%	0%	1
Like the seating plans	4%	0%	1
Plans will improve the security	4%	0%	1



# Appendix A – Consultation Boards



## The Consultation Process

To date, there have been two rounds of public consultation for the Burgess Park Southern Entrance regeneration project.

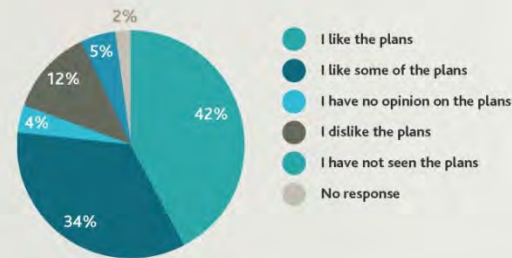
The First Public Consultation was held in December 2014. It presented two options for Rust Square, the Nature Area and adjacent grassland, and asked people for feedback on their preferred options.

The Second Public Consultation was held from May to June 2015. It presented one concept design incorporating the feedback received from respondents, and asked for people's opinion on the updated proposals for Rust Square, the Nature Area and adjacent grassland, and what types of equipment they would like to see in proposals for a Play Area and Outdoor Gym.

A total of 421 people responded to the Second Public Consultation survey available online and in print, and the key findings are summarised below.

## Overall Satisfaction with the plans

A majority of respondents (76%) either liked all or some of the proposed plans. Respondents were generally well-informed about the plans prior to completing the survey – only 5% of respondents said they had not seen them.



## Outdoor Gym

The Consultation material asked what type of equipment people would like to see in the proposed Outdoor Gym. Feedback from respondents demonstrated only marginal differences in terms of equipment preference. Over half of the respondents (53%) either indicated no preference for equipment or did not respond to this question at all.

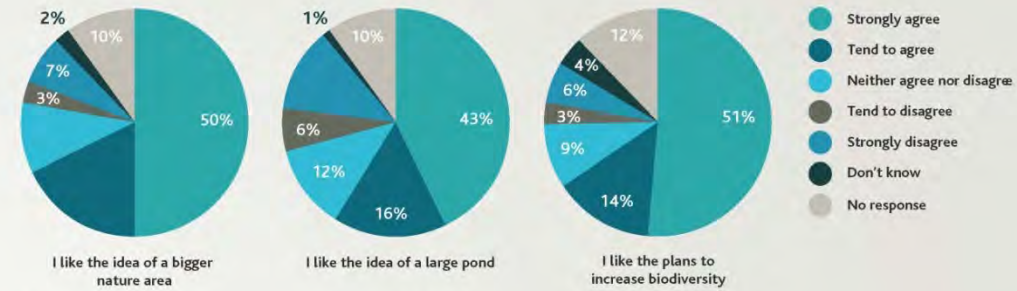


## Play

The most popular play options were 'Swinging' (43%), 'Climbing' (40%) and 'Sliding' (38%). The most popular suggestion in the 'Other' category was a water play feature with paddling pool, suggested by twenty-one respondents (6%).

Twenty-seven respondents (6%) left further comments suggesting that the designs should include more play options catering for younger children.

The play area was considered in a positive light by many respondents, however fourteen respondents (3%) were concerned about the proximity to residential properties and the potential for associated noise, disruption and antisocial behaviour.



## Nature Area

The Consultation material asked for people's opinion on the proposed Nature Area.

The majority of respondents approved of the proposals, with 69% agreeing with the idea of a bigger Nature Area and 65% agreeing with proposals to increase biodiversity in the Park.

About two thirds of respondents (59%) agreed they liked the idea of a large pond, but 17% of respondents disagreed with the idea of having a large pond within the Nature Area.



## Key developments and decisions since the previous Consultation

- \* **'Burgess Park West'** is the new name for the 'Burgess Park Southern Entrance' project. We feel it better describes the project, which is about much more than improving just one entrance to the park.
- \* Landscape Architects LDA Design have been appointed to take the project forward.
- \* In response to previous consultation the Nature Area has increased in size and the Play Area has been moved further east into the Park, increasing the distance from residential properties.
- \* Further to the ecology, topographic and arboricultural surveys undertaken in 2015, new ground investigations and services/utilities surveys have highlighted existing infrastructure at shallow depths under New Church Road.

- \* Detailed estimated costs have been developed for proposed elements.
- \* The proposed Large Pond in the Nature Area has been removed from the scheme due to high costs associated with addressing existing services under New Church Road and removal of soil.
- \* Consultation with the London Wildlife Trust (LWT) about the designs for the Nature Area, and LWT support the decision to remove the proposed Pond from the scheme.
- \* The proposed new Outdoor Gym equipment has been removed from the scheme due to cost. Existing Outdoor Gym equipment along New Church Road will be removed and reinstated within the Park. New equipment could be implemented at a later date as funding allows.
- \* Detailed discussions with Southwark Councils Quietways team about the proposed cycle design and implementation resulting in the need for a phased approach to delivery that allows undisrupted cycle routes throughout construction.





## Vision & Key Objectives for Burgess Park West

So far £9 million has been invested in Burgess Park. We are now investing a further £4 million on the south western area which was not included in the previous revitalisation of the park.

The overall vision for Burgess Park West remains as set out in the Burgess Park Masterplan. This was to create a unique identity for this part of the Park by:

- ★ Connecting Rust Square to the rest of the Park – physically and visually
- ★ Creating a play hub for younger and older children to enliven the space and provide better facilities for the local community
- ★ Protecting, enhancing and expanding the existing Nature Area to create new habitats and increase biodiversity

- ★ Increasing the overall amount of usable green space, including removal of redundant sections of New Church Road
- ★ Incorporating three parcels of land along the southern boundary which Southwark Council wishes to acquire through purchase
- ★ Enhancing entrances and the sense of arrival
- ★ Improving access and movement, carefully integrating cycle Quietways to balance the needs of pedestrians and cyclists
- ★ Ensuring safe and legible routes carefully set within public open space, including new meandering pedestrian routes



### CIRCULATION & ENTRANCES



### ZONES



### OPENING UP TO RUST SQUARE

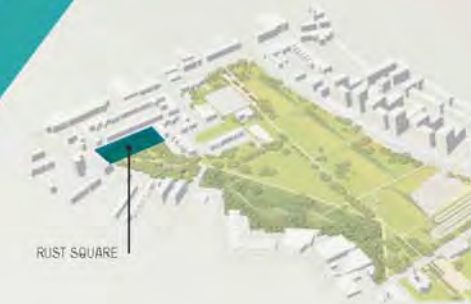




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# RUST SQUARE



The concept for Rust Square remains the creation of a formal green space. The designs have developed further as a more intimate garden space, inviting local residents and visitors to the Park to linger amongst beautiful planting and quiet lawns.

**This will include the following:**

- ★ Retaining the majority of existing mature plane trees to serve as a frame along three sides, while also selectively removing some trees to open up views and let in more light.
- ★ Installing a new railing along Kitson Road and Rust Square with low shrub planting to help enclose the space and better incorporate it into the rest of the Park.

- ★ Removing areas of existing hard surfacing and raising ground levels to create lawn and planting areas. A network of surfaced pedestrian paths cross the lawns and focus on a small area of self-binding gravel with some seating.

- ★ Planting areas of short pictorial meadow featuring natural-looking, wildlife-friendly grasses, wildflowers and bulbs in warm colour ranges, loosely referencing the former streetscape of Rust Square and peaking in different areas according to the season.

The planting will be visually stimulating but also easy to maintain, with wildflower species encouraged to set seed and spread, increasing the areas of meadow over time.



An intimate and inviting space



Beautiful and manageable



Informal and quiet lawns



PLANTING PALETTE OF WARM COLOURS







The provision of play in Burgess Park West is a key design objective to be executed with a creative and thorough approach. The play experience aims to incorporate opportunities for children to engage the senses, encourage creativity and imagination and develop motor skills and coordination.

The location of the proposed Play Area has been moved further east into the Park to an area containing scattered existing trees and gentle topography, which form part of an exciting and attractive play space to be used by local residents and visitors to the Park. Trees felled as part of the regeneration project will be reclaimed and reused as part of the play space, building on themes of sustainability and wildlife through Burgess Park West.

The Play Area will comprise a number of elements primarily aimed at children ages 5-12, with inclusive play for children with mobility issues and additional elements suitable for younger children. These will include:

- \* 1 no. large bespoke structure, such as a specialist structure built amongst existing trees
- \* 3 no. big items, likely off-the-shelf pieces of equipment incorporating slides, climbing frames / nets, balance beams and rope pieces
- \* 8 no. smaller items, favouring natural timber elements such as swings, logs and stumps for balancing/stepping, and carved wood and willow structures for resting / scrambling.

Moreover, the landscape will include complementary natural play elements such as small land form mounds, surfacing and planting.



Art and colour to inspire



Elements for young children



Opportunities for creative play



Natural Play trails



Natural Play Forest



Natural Play - Climbing



\* SAFETY SURFACING WILL BE USED WHERE APPROPRIATE

AN AREA WITH PLAY ELEMENTS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

BESPOKE TIMBER PLAY FEATURE REUSING TREE TRUNKS ON SITE

PLAY TRAIL THROUGH THE EXISTING TREES

L06 PILE CLIMBING STRUCTURES WITH NETS





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# NATURE AREA



The existing Nature Area will be retained and enhanced, with new habitats created to increase biodiversity. In addition, the removal and re-landscaping of New Church Road will allow the Nature Area to expand northwards into the adjacent grassland as far as the proposed footpath / cycleway.

A rich mosaic of habitats will transition from a more formal character within the Park to a more natural character at the Park boundary, and include the following typologies:

- \* Flowering species-rich lawn, mown at regular intervals to allow informal access
- \* Taller grassland and wildflower meadow, including isolated flowering and fruiting shrubs to provide visual interest as well as valuable food sources and cover for local wildlife.

- \* Shallow, seasonally damp grassland, particularly valuable for amphibians and invertebrates and making use of existing low-lying topography (in lieu of the formerly proposed pond).
- \* Woodland edge habitat featuring a mixture of shrubs, flowering herbs and grasses will provide a smooth transition between areas of more open grassland and existing trees.
- \* Woodland, supplementing and thickening existing trees and shrubs along the Park boundary with new planting to create a denser woodland buffer.

A winding gravel path will provide a formal route through the Nature Area, but people will be encouraged to explore informally.



Nature Area - Hibernacula



Nature Area - Tall Grasses & Clearings



Nature Area - Insect Hotels





# CYCLE QUIETWAYS

As part of the Mayor's Vision for Cycling in London, TfL with the London Boroughs have been commissioned to deliver an integrated network of cycle routes across the Capital. These will include a series of Quietways that link key destinations, following backstreet routes through parks, along waterways or tree-lined streets and providing an environment for those cyclists who want to travel at a gentle pace. Southwark Council will include provision for two Quietway routes as part of the regeneration of Burgess Park West. These are expected to be completed in 2017. The project will be phased to ensure the new cycle Quietways can be kept open during construction.

Creating safe, legible routes through the Park and balancing pedestrian and cycling priority will be key to the success of these Quietway routes.

After consulting research produced by TfL and Sustrans, an unsegregated path will be implemented through Burgess Park West for shared use by both pedestrians and cyclists. Unsegregated paths have been shown to promote more considerate behaviour amongst user groups, with cyclists travelling at slower speeds. Pedestrians will have priority on these paths. Signage will be minimal, with directional finger posts at key junctions and surface markings indicating routes.

Lighting columns will be installed at regular intervals to illuminate the Quietways sufficiently and ensure the routes are accessible 24/7. Consideration will be given to minimise light spill, especially near the Nature Area.



- QUIETWAY 7
- QUIETWAY TO BE CONFIRMED
- SOUTHWARK QUIETWAYS
- SOUTHWARK SUPERHIGHWAYS



Signage



Shared Surface



Lighting





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# NEXT STEPS



## What Happens Next?

Following this third round of public consultation, feedback from respondents will be analysed and the design for Burgess Park West will be updated and more detail added. The detailed designs will be submitted in a planning application. Technical design work is then required to provide information for seeking a building contractor (tendering). The Tender process will run through the autumn with a contractor appointed early in 2017. Construction is expected to begin on site in spring 2017.

## Phasing

Detailed discussions with Southwark Council cycle Quietways team have resulted in the need for two phases of Implementation to allow the routes to be open during the construction of the Burgess Park West project.

### Phase 1:

This will cover work to deliver all proposals north and west of New Church Road, including the Play Area, Rust Square, new entrances and new axis footpath / cycleway. This will require temporarily diverting the Quietways along New Church Road during construction. The Phase 1 works will enable formal opening of the cycle Quietways by the summer of 2017.

### Phase 2:

This will cover the majority of the Nature Area works, including removal and re-landscaping of the remaining section of New Church Road and incorporation of the three parcels of land along the southern boundary which Southwark Council wishes to purchase and add to the Park. The purchase of the three parcels of land is not guaranteed at this time. The timing of Phase 2 depends on how quickly negotiations to try and purchase the additional sites are resolved.

## Your Comments

Please fill out the card provided and let us know what you think.

There will be further opportunity to comment once the planning application has been submitted.

Don't forget to join the project mailing list for further updates on the project.

You can do so by visiting

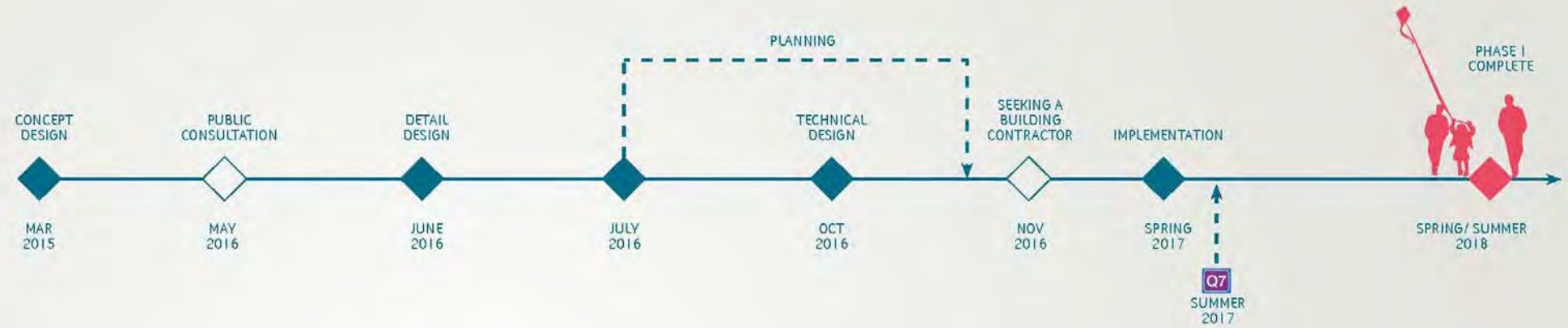
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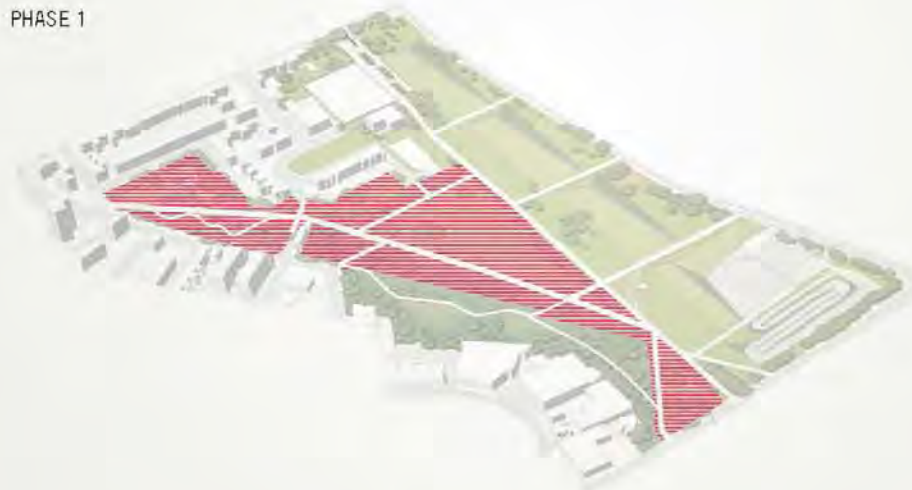
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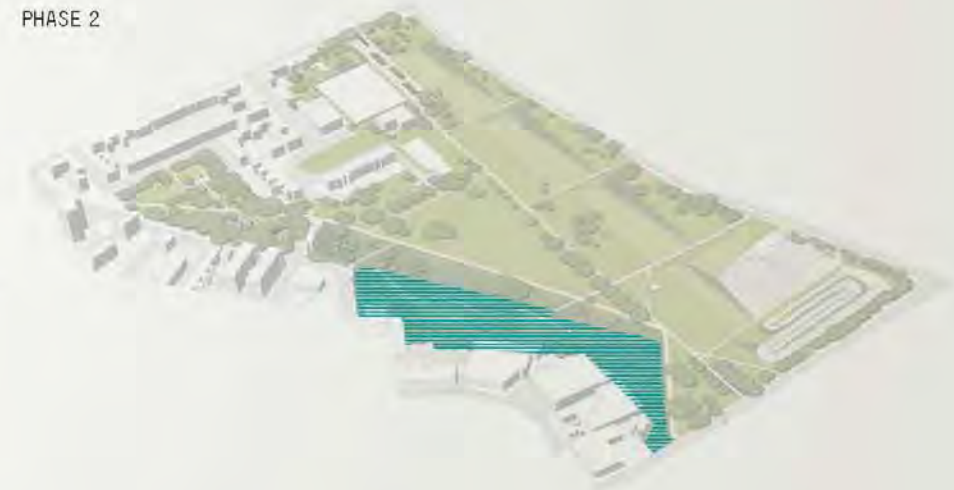
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PHASE 1



PHASE 2





# Appendix B - Postcard



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If you prefer, you can view the plans and complete this survey online at [southwark.gov.uk/burgesspark](https://southwark.gov.uk/burgesspark)

Have you seen the plans for Burgess Park West (includes Southern Entrance) and what do you think of them?

- I like them     I like some of them     I've seen them but don't like them  
 I haven't seen the plans

If you have any further comments on these plans please write them in the box below:

Enter email to join mailing list:

If you have any questions or further comments please contact [parks@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 5133. The closing date for all responses is 5 June.

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# Appendix C – Poster

Let's talk about...



## BURGESS PARK WEST

(Includes Southern Entrance)

**There are 3 ways you can see the plans and send us your feedback before 5 June:**

- 1 Online at [southwark.gov.uk/burgesspark](http://southwark.gov.uk/burgesspark) where you can download the plans and complete the survey.
- 2 Visit our unstaffed exhibition at the Burgess Park Community Sports Centre on Coburg Road. An additional exhibition will be held at Chumleigh Gardens, off Albany Road, at weekends and during half term (weather permitting), where our Park Ambassadors will be happy to speak to you. Exhibitions will be open until 5 June.
- 3 Pick up a postcard at the exhibitions and fill in your comments. Please return it to a member of staff.

**For further information please email [parks@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southwark.gov.uk) or call 020 7525 5133.**

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# Appendix D – Postcard and online survey comments

## Free text responses: *I like the plans*

Ref	Please tell us more about why you like some of the plans
PC01	More kids area, like the cycling ideas
PC02	I would like to see more designs for older adults and extend the opening hours times to 21:00. More light would help older people stay safe
PC04	More play areas for all age groups, esp 8 to 16 year olds. Separate bike area, plus dogs on leads
PC06	Such a scheme will take two years to accomplish
PC08	Anything you do will be good, when I moved here 45 years ago burgess park didn't exist
PC12	Great ideas, it will work and look great
PC17	I like that they have planned to bring in a children's area
PC34	More swings and climbing frames for toddlers
PC35	happy to have another play area where you don't feel squashed into one area
PC36	It would be great to have a bike pathway created on the side of the grass and in the trees
PC38	I think it is a great idea for the new playground to be built in this park. It will be a great location for children, to play and enjoy themselves, and not just in the other one. If it is built, it will create a better environment for kids like me. I can't wait to play myself!
PC39	It is refreshing to see the designers unafraid of using clarity + straight lines in their design - clever use of maximising the existing assets
PC40	Plans look great - fantastic for the community and local biodiversity
PC42	All looks good! Particularly play area + nature garden
PC44	It is great to see planned improvements to the green spaces! Two issues to consider - Please stop using Monsanto Glyphosphate weedkillers - they cause cancer! Please don't allow generation to be social cleansing!
PC45	A new entrance - greenery could be extended into tarmac area. Also there is an existing circle of trees which should be retained. But most importantly WHO is going to benefit from this. As a leaseholder on the Wyndham Estate, I worry that my estate will be demolished as part of the Estate Regeneration.
PC46	Can an area of the late be set aside for a dog swimming area?
PC47	Lots of ideas and other opportunities, Would like to talk to someone about them, Play + creative learning, Artistic installations, Cycline routes more direct
PC50	Keep up the good work
PC54	Great ideas. Maybe add a smaller children's park
PC55	I live at the western end of the park and we are the park every day as a family. I like the plans for that square as this is an underused piece of park
PC56	Just don't understand why its going to cost so much don't really have anything
PC60	My main concern is the amount of time there have been no toilets near the children's play area
PC66	Baby swings + toilets
PC69	Yes I really like the idea
PC70	Looks good, please please keep as much open as possible during construction
PC71	Park will look beautiful after all the changes, more toilets that end
PC72	Really like it.
PC73	Fill online
PC75	Are this people at corner Southampton way/New Church Road will be remove from that one? (scraps people)
PC82	The new nature play area looks amazing. Will there be a disabled access into this area? Beautiful!
PC83	I think it would be great to have educational programmes in the park. Learning about nature& wilderness in the park. This is a fantastic facility for this community. The ambassadors are a great help too.

<b>PC85</b>	Nature area a must- allows interaction and educational wishes for children and all ages... Also separate cycle lanes be a wise choice.
<b>PC88</b>	Good look, keep up the good work.
<b>PC90</b>	Like the new play area.
<b>PC91</b>	It would be wonderful to restore the canal up to Peckham.
<b>PC92</b>	Love to have a new extension of the park.
<b>PC94</b>	Looks great
<b>PC95</b>	What we currently have in the area is very good for us and our family. We can't wait to see the remaining part completed.
<b>PC96</b>	I like the nature area & play idea.
<b>PC97</b>	Go ahead!
<b>PC98</b>	Good that you will get rid of New Church Road.
<b>PC99</b>	The ladies representing Burgess Park are very friendly :)
<b>PC100</b>	Beautiful park. Please less barbecues. More wooded area. Keep the nature of the park
<b>PC103</b>	Have more nature areas and a water fountain
<b>PC104</b>	IDEAS are very good!!
<b>PC105</b>	Beautiful park with wonderful resources and an energetic team - impressive. It is worth adding more this wonderful place
<b>PC107</b>	Great idea about cycle lanes. More lighting in the park. Love the those of more nature
<b>PC108</b>	Great plans, Money well spent, Looking forward to end result
<b>PC109</b>	You could add some trails or an activity area to find and list animals
<b>PC110</b>	is a good plans
<b>PC112</b>	It is good see plans for different areas of the park using natural materials. I have a 2yr old granddaughter. It is also important to maintain and develop areas for under 3s as many parents have older and younger children.
<b>PC113</b>	Good scheme for area. Nice to see improvement
<b>PC115</b>	I think the plans for the park are very good. Improvement are a must and its money put to good use. Well done
<b>PC117</b>	Lots of potentials and make the park enjoyable for all the people!
<b>PC119</b>	Educational space for children during weekends so kids can help with gardening and learn about plants, insects etc.
<b>PC128</b>	More BBQ area
<b>PC143</b>	Good for the area
<b>O01</b>	I would like to see New Church Road grassed over and the scrap yard/wallet service on Southampton Way removed and added to the park.
<b>O08</b>	I hope you will be able to negotiate quickly the remaining part of the park for phase 2, where now there are the hand car wash and the used furniture shop. They ruin completely the entrance to the park.
<b>O10</b>	I live on the Castlemead estate on Camberwell Road and there is nowhere on my estate, or neighbouring estates, for young lads to play football. I live at the top of a high rise with clear views of the local area, including Burgess Park. But it saddens me that every day, after school, I can see lads aged about 12-14 playing football in car parks because there is no provision for a football pitch for them. A modest one would do. This is needed in our community. There are a great number of children and teenagers growing up on estates adjacent to Burgess Park (Castlemead, Poet's Corner, Comber Grove, Wyndham etc and their needs are not being addressed or met. Can the new plans for Burgess Park provide a small, safe football pitch in addition to play areas for small children?
<b>O13</b>	Agree that the BBQs being away from building/homes is a good idea. As well as suggestion to distribute gym equipment.
<b>O15</b>	We're especially excited by the addition of the play area in Burgess Park West having just moved into the new Camberwell Fields area with a young baby.  Lots of families live in the development and I think it's a fantastic idea to make the most of space. Also, we love the idea of natural / creative play for the children.
<b>O16</b>	I really like the proposed plans. I agree that bbq areas shouldn't be near housing.
<b>O17</b>	The plans for Burgess Park are hugely encouraging. As an area which has lacked investment for decades but where a huge number of new developments and properties are being built, with a growing population of Young professionals and families, the proposals for Burgess Park will help

	<p>to cement positive family life and an active space for children to enjoy in Camberwell.</p> <p>I am also pleased to see that Southwark Council is wishing to purchase the commercial sites - 'Steptoe &amp; Son' and the 'Car Wash'. I particularly have concerns about the Car Wash operations. It is very evident that employees are sleeping on site in caravans and temporary accomodation, and that there are frequently high numbers of new starters.</p>
<b>O23</b>	<p>We are local residents on Addington Square and fully support these proposals. I note you will be felling some trees which I suppose is necessary, but please keep this to a minimum as the trees are so beautiful at this end of the park and offer a real escape from the city. I also hope there will be some way to keep dogs out of the children's play areas as we have young daughters and hate the amount of dog mess in the rest of the park.</p>
<b>O24</b>	<p>The expansion of the nature area is very welcome, as is opening it up to gentle visitors with better paths. Removal of New Church Road also very welcome and will dramatically change the feel of the park and make it feel larger, greener, more unified.</p> <p>The proposals for the play area are exciting. As a parent of a young child and frequent visitor to many local play parks, the delivery of this element is absolutely key to the park's future success and could be a well-loved local landmark for many diverse local families. Playgrounds provide a wonderful opportunity for social cohesion, and this one is well-placed near local nurseries and children's centres. If it is delivered as per the plans it will be a good asset - my fear is that these bold plans will be watered down. Many local Southwark play facilities are badly designed and underwhelming. Burgess Park nr Chumleigh Gardens, for example, the under-5s section is disliked by a lot of parents and has several large design flaws (small children cannot get out of the sandpit once they've gone down the slide, and it is difficult and often dangerous for parents to try to retrieve them). Brunswick Park is outdated and a poor use of the space. The new play facilities on Camberwell Green are underwhelming - too few bits of fairly uninspiring play equipment will host only a few children at a time. Better local examples include Myatts Fields, Brockwell Park (excellent) and Ruskin Park. Gold-standard play parks (a great example is The Level in Brighton - please look at this example) really transform an area and actively encourage collaborative, friendly, neighbourly behaviour. I hope this is what the park planners are aiming for.</p> <p>It is disappointing that slow progress is being made on the CPO on the pieces of land which have for some years been due to be incorporated into the park. These will severely compromise the delivery of the vision of Burgess Park West. The businesses at the top of Southampton Way continue to be an increasing social nuisance, an eyesore, and are operating illegally in many respects (flytipping, living quarters on business premises, persistent illegal parking, illegal use of highway for trading, running food premises without a license, burning toxic materials). It is beyond the understanding of many residents why the Council cannot effectively prosecute these businesses to make them comply to basic legal trading standards, nor why the CPOs are taking so long to effect.</p>
<b>O26</b>	<p>It's a shame the pond is no longer part of the scheme because of the cost of dealing with existing services under New Church Road. I think a pond, or some form of water, would be a positive benefit for the biodiversity of the nature area. Is there any option for a smaller water feature of some sort?</p>
<b>O27</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please take care creating a leisure space in the Rust Square area. Residents of Cleaver Square say how disturbing the boules playing is when people stay on until all hours. While great to get people active care needs to be taken with disturbance to local residents.</li> <li>2. Kitson Rd. If more people are going to be encouraged to use the Rust Square area (which is an entirely good thing) please take action on Kitson Road where those who do use it in vehicles use it as a rat run and can drive at excessive speed. Ideal is to close the rat run; essential is to calm Kitson Rd to reduce the danger to people using the park and local residents.</li> <li>3. Please find a good home for the metal globes etc on the former gates at Rust Square - this has been raised by people in the past and there is a civic heritage in the role that Rust Square has played in the development of Burgess Park.</li> <li>4. Strong support for the Cycle Quietway (Q7). Burgess Park is so wide east-west that it cannot avoid taking part in Southwark's cycling network BUT there is no harm in calming cycle speeds at key locations such as junctions in the park (this is being done well on the new cycle</li> </ol>

	<p>superhighways where pedestrians are crossing).</p> <p>5. Hurry up with Phase 2 - it will be great to see that western part finished.</p> <p>6. Please one day do something about the Trafalgar Avenue crossing - we have been promised to make that crossing between the two green spaces less intimidating from speeding vehicles for years and nothing has happened. At the very least just put a set of 100mm high sinusoidal humps either side of the green man crossing.</p> <p>Overall great plans - well done.</p>
<b>O30</b>	I think it is a shame you will no longer be putting in the small pond, however I understand and accept the reasons given.
<b>O32</b>	Really like the idea of a cycle quietway through Adlington Square - ideally this would like Walworth Road with the Cycle Route 23 which runs via Benhill road. Currently cyclable but lots of gates!
<b>O33</b>	My name is Alexandra, nine years old ( almost ten! ), and I just love your plans so much. I first saw them in the park and then on the website and I thought it was a brilliant idea as I am one of the children that time to time visit Burgess Park. It would be fantastic to have not one but two large, fun playgrounds for children to enjoy themselves in. Hundreds of children come in and only have one playground to play in. It doesn't sound quite right! It frequently gets too crowded and parents tend to fight over the equipment because of other children skipping cues. Who wants that? I know I don't. And you probably don't want that too. We may as well build two playgrounds if the park is HUGE and is home to a range of animals and plants like the geese and swans and the many patches of daisies everywhere. It will eventually become a better environmental location for children around the area and brighten up Burgees Park a little bit! I am very much looking forward to attending the playground if it is built and I'm sure other children are too.
<b>O34</b>	Keep on expanding the park!
<b>O37</b>	I like the plans but I want to make sure that these include tidying up the mess that is Steptoes and the used car lot next to that. I think that the plans include abolishing these but it is not abundantly clear and this is not spelt out on the plans. I think if these are left this will seriously detract from what will otherwise be a good entrance area.
<b>O39</b>	Will the tennis courts remain?
<b>O40</b>	Overall looks great. I think you should be a bit more open about the number of trees that will be removed from Rust Square. I support their removal as there are too many at the moment, but it looks like you're trying to hide this. Shame the pond has been removed but understand the reasons.
<b>O42</b>	I liked the pond couldnt see it in plans. Childrens play area is in better spot. More feature trees eg like silver birch (effective in areas like Imperial War Museum)
<b>O46</b>	Burgess Park is an amazing open space in South London and the revitalisation of the area has improved a sense of community.

## Free text responses: *I like some of the plans*

Ref	Please tell us more about why you like some of the plans
<b>PC03</b>	Sounds good
<b>PC07</b>	South west side after rain floods. Happy if you do a better job on the west side than the south west side
<b>PC19</b>	Like the play area for the kids
<b>PC23</b>	I like how the park is beginning to be more wildlife and animal friendly. Am really pleased.
<b>PC24</b>	Any slow bike route needs full segregation from pedestrians
<b>PC25</b>	Quiet bike routes? I don't think so. The majority of cyclists are very fast, crossing in front of children and families. A lido? Summer a lido, winter a skate park?
<b>PC27</b>	We need dogs play areas, always on the lead near children which means my dog can't run
<b>PC30</b>	More cafes, toilets, BBQs, lights
<b>PC37</b>	Dogs should be on leads at all times, animals are getting hurt due to this

<b>PC41</b>	I have concerns that, with the nature area being made larger, the problems with people using this area to have sex, take drugs and go to the toilet will only increase.
<b>PC51</b>	They need more football and basketball
<b>PC52</b>	Needs more football places
<b>PC53</b>	Stop spending unnecessary money, and do something to help public
<b>PC57</b>	I think there should be more toilets, and a proper baby park
<b>PC58</b>	Needs more lights
<b>PC59</b>	I think there needs more toilers more stuff for smaller children under 4s
<b>PC61</b>	Lighting is good, would prefer separate cycle lanes
<b>PC62</b>	Lighting is good, shared path will encourage cyclists to go fast it's a cyclist pedestrians, I think they should be separate paths so everyone is safe, nature plans area all good.
<b>PC63</b>	I like the lighting for the cycle paths but im not sure about shared use with pedestrians, as cyclists will cycle to fast. Im also unclear about the plans for new Church Road , how will it be separated out?
<b>PC64</b>	Not sure about a cycle lane that involves people, children as well
<b>PC84</b>	Plans are looking great.,please more woodled nature areas, so good for the children+ schools.
<b>PC116</b>	The Nature Area, Play area is a brilliant idea. My three grandchildren cannot wait for these new plans to happen
<b>PC118</b>	I like the fact that there is changes but I am concerned that along with the new houses, these changes wont be for everyone as the working poor will be kicked out.
<b>PC126</b>	More wings and slides , also water area.
<b>PC127</b>	More swings and slides
<b>PC129</b>	Want more toilets and ligthing
<b>PC130</b>	As long as there are more things for the childrent to do
<b>PC131</b>	More toilets
<b>PC132</b>	pedalo on lake, swings, roundabout, activities for kids, café/kwik vy BMX bike - joint events with Peckam BMX.
<b>PC135</b>	will check
<b>PC138</b>	Why are you doing it?
<b>PC142</b>	Nice design and it looks beautiful.
<b>O02</b>	<p>I like the plans on the whole - the cycling quietways, the children's play area etc. However, I'm EXTREMELY saddened to see that the pond has been lost. I know the nature area is bigger and the damp grassland for amphibians also sounds good, but is there no way a pond or water feature can also still be included too, even if it's smaller than originally planned and perhaps moved elsewhere? They are very relaxing to be around and also attract birds.</p> <p>By the way, I thought the consultation online is very good and it was nice to get a card through my letterbox (post code SE5 0XW) alerting me to the consultation. However, people are expected to fill in that card and return them somehow. They aren't freepost and there is no return instructions or return address on the card so this is a bit confusing I think, and may mean you miss out on responses from those who aren't able to then get on the internet as I have done. Still, overall it's good and it's nice to be consulted!</p> <p>(also, as I tried to send my response at 1440 on Monday the consultation site was suddenly unavailable for quite a while. I'm thankful it saved my typed response when I pressed 'back' so I was able to save it on a separate document)</p>
<b>O03</b>	Plans have been significantly downgraded since previous plans. Water features completely removed.
<b>O04</b>	<p>I think the Southern Entrance near the New Church Road area should be prioritized as accessibility from that side is very poor. And there is very limited things to do. Also the new lake would be a really good feature there. I would have liked to see a bigger lake though. And the play area should be bigger too as a lot of young families live near that area.</p> <p>The park also needs a quiet area with beautiful landscape where people can just relax and contemplate.</p>
<b>O05</b>	I am concerned that a 'cutting edge playground' is proposed. A similar approach was taken to the playground at the other end of the park near Chumleigh Gardens.



	<p>The result is that we have a playground (under fives) where there are stone boulders hidden in a sandpit which toddlers can't get in and out of easily, without swings or a slide.</p> <p>The larger playground feels as though is designed solely for scooters and allows little space for imagination and play.</p> <p>Children need the basics. There are no simple swings anywhere in Burgess Park despite millions being spent! Can the children have those simple toys before wooden stepping stones which will cost a fortune but could have been made by salvaging all the trees that were cut down years ago?</p> <p>Please think about installing the easy, simply things and then building from there?</p> <p>If this can't be done at this site perhaps somethings could be down at the Nile Terrace playground which is tired and needs attention (not millions / landscaping / cutting edge ideas - just attention)</p> <p>Thanks</p>
<b>O09</b>	<p>I don't agree with the "cycle quietways" being integrated with pedestrians. In complete contrast to the claims, cyclists are completely intolerant to pedestrians, ring their bell at you to get out of their way and cycle far too quickly through the park. You often have to jump out of the way of cyclists who just drive straight at you with total disregard to your safety. The claim that they cycle slower is complete nonsense.</p>
<b>O11</b>	<p>Please create a dog area. The park needs to be safe to use by everyone and currently the plans do not factor in the problem of irresponsible dog owners who let their dogs run around freely in areas such as the children playground and café. Not everyone likes dog, especially uncontrollable ones near them or their children. My 6 and 3-year-old were recently jumped on by two dogs and the owner did nothing to rein the dogs back. Irresponsible owners and uncontrollable dogs are a known problem in the area. This park is for local people, the make- up and behaviour of some of the local people should be factored in.</p>
<b>O20</b>	<p>where the new play area has proposed might cause noise issues for people living around Rust Square.</p>
<b>O35</b>	<p>would like to see all play designed as natural play. The existing playground looks worn and tired after only a few years. Take away the rubber and there isn't actually much play provision there. Table tennis tables on slope never a good idea. It looks dated after only 4 years. There is so much amazing creative play around - bring it in to BPark.</p> <p>You intend to bring even more people to an already overcrowded park. You must deal with cycling as it's a massive conflict. Quietways - cut up park completely as does proposed spine. Keep commuter cycling out of the park completely - it's too dangerous.</p> <p>Would like decent signage so everyone is well informed. Eg BBQs - you can't assume everyone will have see the 2 signs by the lake, especially on a busy day when the area is crowded. How can you blame them when they set up their BBQ elsewhere??</p> <p>Rubbish- when the park is full it's a disgusting place.</p>
<b>O36</b>	<p>Disappointed that the shared pedestrian and cycle path will stay. It really needs more than 'minimal signage' because there should be some communication for BOTH walking and cycling to watch out for each other, slow down, keep to the left etc. Part of the planning should be proper signage to facilitate good use of the pathways for everyone.</p>
<b>O43</b>	<p>please improve New Church Rd cul de sac road surface, lots of cyclists use this from Addington Sq</p>
<b>O45</b>	<p>We use the park for training young people to ride bicycles. We would like to see the Wells Way underpass retained and a positive attitude to recreational as opposed to commuter cycling nurtured in the park. As in all Southwark Parks the attitude towards cycling is ambiguous, certainly not overtly positive. How do young people taking Bikeability training take it to the next level?</p>
<b>O47</b>	<p>I would like the new play area to have a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Paddling pool / water play area</li> <li>2) Sand pit play area - there is no sand pit play area for children 5+year old in the park. I really like a sand play area in Brockwell park.</li> </ol> <p>Within the new park I would like to see a picnic area with tables and benches.</p>

<b>O63</b>	Concerned about the opening of the cycle quiet way into Albany Road. Currently it is narrow and cyclists cut across pedestrians on the pavement and the crossing itself to go down Portland Street. Also concerned about "removal of some mature trees" at the Rust Square site. Having seen mature trees removed from park already and at Elephant and Castle, this really needs to be justified. It is not at all clear why more trees need to go
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## Free text responses: *I dislike the plans*

Ref	Please tell us more about why you dislike the plans
<b>PC15</b>	The plans are XXXX The whole park needs lights not just cycle paths
<b>PC16</b>	Don't think that these plans will work, changing the park isn't fair on people who enjoy it the way it is.
<b>PC18</b>	Don't like anything, the ideas are sh*t, I don't think the cycle lane will work
<b>PC22</b>	Don't like cycle path
<b>PC26</b>	Too much for kids, what about the adults, theres only one café
<b>PC28</b>	Too much money on kids stuff, we need toilets, lights, BBQs. All the BBQs are taken over by parties and the same people all the time
<b>PC29</b>	More lights, toilets. Too much money on unnecessary stuff
<b>PC31</b>	We need more cafes, only on one side of the park
<b>PC32</b>	We need dogs on leads at all times, my children are scared, its not fair or SAFE!
<b>PC65</b>	No need to rename new church road from the park and lighting should be applied all through the park not just cycle lanes.
<b>PC74</b>	To much money already spent on this park
<b>PC121</b>	We need more toliets, cafes.
<b>PC141</b>	Closing up to many sections and it costs a lot of money.
<b>O19</b>	<p>Re Quietways ...</p> <p>The proposal states that Quietways provide "an environment for those cyclists who want to travel at a gentle pace". Unfortunately, a very large number of cyclists - commuters in particular - have no interest in cycling slowly. What measures will/can Southwark take to oblige cyclists to go at a sensible speed - or is the council relying entirely on the presence of brave/foolhardy pedestrians, and the occasional accident, to slow cyclists down? Unsegregated paths might encourage some cyclists to go more slowly than if (as they'd prefer) they had the paths to themselves, but I dare Southwark representatives to visit the park at "rush hour" in the morning and discover for themselves how dangerous unsegregated paths really are.</p> <p>"Pedestrians," according to the proposal, "will have priority on these paths". How will this be enforced, or even encouraged? A "Quietway" doesn't become quiet simply by acquiring the name. The lofty intention that such paths should be safe doesn't make them so.</p>
<b>O29</b>	<p>Overall, Burgess Park is a third rate park:</p> <p>the Royal Parks are first rate; Southwark Park is second rate; Burgess Park is third rate - despite the huge amount of money spent on it.</p> <p>Although I love going to parks, and try to go at least twice a week, and live closest to Burgess Park, I avoid it whenever possible - it is so dreary.</p> <p>At a minimum, the perimeters should be far more visually enclosed, and the lake should have an island or islands for wildlife. Doh! Did LDA Design forget how to design when it came to Burgess Park...?</p>
<b>O38</b>	All the existing heritage and traditional style of the rust square area is removed to make yet another un-sheltered and impersonal feeling greenspace with paths where no-one can walk without fear of being run down by cyclists on their way somewhere else. The burgess rebranding from 3 years ago was cheap and nasty. The entrance features are already looking dated with peeling paint. This new design takes away even more traditional and interesting features such as the pillar-gates and statues which have stood the test of time gracefully.
<b>O51</b>	This Park is a haven of peace. All it needs are some interesting meadow plantings.

	<p>It does NOT require an outdoor gym nor a play area. The rest of the Park is already well catered with these things.</p> <p>As someone who lives opposite the park in Evelina Mansions I am totally opposed to the new design which does not add to the needs of the community. These additions will in fact increase noise and anti- social behaviour.</p>
071	<p>Hello , I'm not sure if this is the correct email to voice my opinion to, but I'll do it anyhow. I live in XXXX and I am concerned about the plans for Rust square.</p> <p>Firstly I don't think Rust square is a good place for a children's play areas. There is already a massive play area over by Chumleigh Gardens so it seems a bit excessive for have another. I feel that the important feature of this area is that it is a quiet little corner. There aren't many quiet corners left in the park and I think is a nice spot for people who don't have families but who just want to go and perhaps sun bath , sit and read or generally but enjoy the park, away from the chaos of children, families, swings, slides and BBQ's. (there are people that don't have children who want to enjoy the park and who live in Southwark )</p> <p>The other point is that there is element of wildness and nature about this corner of the park which needs to be preserved. I think for these reasons the Rust square corner, should not be joined to the main section of the park. It should remain a bit of quietness and peacefulness corner of Burgess park</p> <p>Your sincerely XXX</p>

## Free text responses: *I haven't seen the plans/Did not answer the first question / email responses (ref EXX)*

Ref	Please tell us more about why you dislike the plans
PC05	I think is a very good idea, it would give a better security to the area and many kids will benefit
PC13	Don't care about plans
PC14	I think this is pointless, asking for our opinion when you are going to go forward with plans anyway
PC33	Great plans, but toilets would be good
PC43	I think that the new plans for the park are Brilliant. All for it.
PC48	look good
PC80	I think cycle route should be devided from the public, more nature for children, wooded area is great.
PC81	More play areas for the children, maybe a small farm of some sort, for local schools (nursery+primary) long grassed area children love to explore
PC89	New park, very excited for new plans, lovely area, lovely people.
PC93	More lightening in the park and cycle route away from young children.
PC101	No more barbeque spaces please
PC102	Keep natural areas natural, not too polish or manicured look like. Keep the log around to sit down
PC106	I think there should be closed in area's for people to take their dogs and not many people pick up after their animals and its not fair. Loving the plans
PC111	I am very excited about the new play area
PC122	Sounds quite good I'll find more out online.
PC123	Not keen on the bike area.
PC133	more fun for more events
PC139	
022	<p>Would it be possible to be sent the plans in paper format? Its difficult to access on the computer.</p> <p>I live at XXX</p> <p>London</p> <p>XXX</p> <p>I would like to take part in the consultation - Ive had a leaflet through my door which is the only</p>

	<p>reason I knew the plans were happening.</p> <p>I think the changes so far have been fantastic so would like to look at what's next.</p> <p>many thanks</p> <p>XXX</p>
E01	<p>Dear XXX</p> <p>A belated thank you for the consultation session. I have completed the consultation survey as well but just wanted to reiterate that while I am on the whole supportive of the development plans of Burgess Park West, which look excellent, I am concerned about seating that will act as a magnet for street drinkers and other antisocial behaviour at the back of our properties. Likewise, I remain concerned about the larger items of the play area being used for other purposes and the potential for excessive noise and overlooking, so therefore would urge you to keep refining the design from that perspective. In fact, the landscape architects had already some ideas to mitigate the overlooking aspect. I am copying in other affected neighbours so they can respond directly.</p> <p>Many thanks, Yours sincerely, XXX</p>
E02	<p>Hello, I'm not sure if this is the correct email to voice my concerns to, but I'll do it anyhow. I live in XX XXXXXXX XXXXX, XXXXXX XXXXX XXXXXX and I am concerned about the plans for Rust Square.</p> <p>Firstly I don't think Rust square is a good place to have a children's play areas. There is already a massive play area over by Chumleigh Gardens so it seems a bit excessive for have another.</p> <p>I feel that the important feature of this area is that it is a quiet little corner. There aren't many quiet corners left in the park and I think is a nice spot for people who don't have families but who just want to go and perhaps sun bath, sit and read or generally but enjoy the park, away from the chaos of children, families, swings, slides and BBQ's. (there are people that don't have children who want to enjoy the park and who live in Southwark). The other point is that there is element of wildness and nature about this corner of the park which needs to be preserved. I think for these reasons the Rust square corner, should not be joined to the main section of the park. It should remain a quietness and peacefulness corner of Burgess park</p> <p>Your sincerely xxx (a local resident)</p>
E03	<p>While I broadly welcome the proposals there are three problems with them that have been mentioned in previous consultations. If they are not resolved they will be raised as an objection to the planning application.</p> <p>1) Does not reflect Southwark's adopted cycle routes  <a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4241/cycle_routes_committed_and_future">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4241/cycle_routes_committed_and_future</a></p> <p>Southwark's Cycling Strategy includes other cycle routes that have not been included in the consultation materials. Although described as 'future cycle routes', many of them are in fact ones that already exist.</p> <p>It is important that the park proposals are changed to integrate with them, e.g. make it easier to cycle from the southern end of Wells Way and Bowyer Place into the park (rather than be forced to share the New Church St).</p> <p>2) Cycle path proposals insufficient for future growth</p> <p>The proposals would significantly reduce the available space for cycling at a time when it is growing at an unprecedented rate. The completion of other cycle routes in this area and extension in due course of the cycle hire scheme would lead to even higher levels of cycling. Ironically the supposedly 'shared surface' image used in the consultation materials actually shows a path with different areas marked for those on foot and on cycle. Having that amount of people in the photo walking and cycling without some separation onto respective sides would lead to conflict. TfL and Sustrans, which the consultation state have been consulted, both have poor records in terms of predicting and catering for future cycling growth. TfL use an assumption of 6% cycling growth per annum but the Oval cycle superhighway saw 73% growth in just 6 months. The Olympic Greenway is far too narrow to cope with medium cycle flows and now fails to meet TfL design standards.</p> <p>3) Need for adaptable space</p> <p>The proposals should be changed to include space for a cycle hire docking station to be retrofitted and to allow further separation between cycling and walking. The Dutch approach in many parks is</p>

	<p>to have a narrow grassy strip between respective routes. Even if the proposals are not modified now to include that, they should be designed to enable this to be easily retrofitted.</p>
<p><b>E04</b></p>	<p>Dear XXX ,</p> <p>Here is my response to the consultation. I agree that the areas should be redeveloped and particularly to include seating. I can only see a few picture of benches in the images – I would like there to be a lot more seating as this would mean the area gets used more, particularly with people with children going to the playground. Picnic tables would be great as well and would encourage people to spend more time in the area.</p> <p>I think lack of seating is one reason why the area isn't used at the moment as well as because it is dark from tree cover, it's not obvious that it is there from the rest of the park and there is nowhere to sit. I used the park regularly for over a year without realising that this section was there so new signposting and routes would be very useful.</p> <p>I would like to see more gym equipment and an unhappy that the existing gym equipment on church road will be relocated – I prefer it this way as where the equipment is all clumped together in Burgess park it is a different atmosphere and tends to be used more by men, because of the weight lifting equipment and often it is intimidating because if you are out of shape to have loads of other people watching you and if they are doing high intensity exercises and weights and huffing and puffing.</p> <p>I prefer it to be spread out as it allows people to exercise without having to have other people right next to them, particularly for women and people who are out of shape, it is more pleasant and comfortable and not intimidating . It also means if you are cycling through you can stop off and do a few exercises and then carry on .Also I like the way it is spread out because it means that you can look at different parts of the park while you are exercising. I use the gym equipment a lot in both Kennington open space, Burgess Park and other small parks in this area so this is very important to me.I cannot use many gyms due to cost and lack of disabled access so this is very important to me that the level of the service provided now is maintained.</p> <p>I think in order for the gym equipment to be used as much of it is now – pretty much every time I go to the park which is at least three times a week I see someone using several pieces of equipment – that careful thought should be given as to where this is based and what equipment is provided. I also know that some of the equipment on Church Road is broken and so this should be repaired as soon as possible.</p> <p>I like the new planting area on Cherry Avenue by the railway bridge and hope that the new proposals from the west area will be similar to this. I like the wildflowers very much as these are pretty and good for bio diversity. The natural play area and climbing frame is quite nice but I don't have children so I won't be using it.</p> <p>Yours, XXX</p>
<p><b>E05</b></p>	<p>Dear Sir or madam,</p> <p>I love the area between New Park Road and the backs of the Addington Square houses just as it is. It is the only area left with beautiful good quality grass in the entire park. The meandering path way, and undulating land, together with wild life and the shrubs are very pretty. Daffodils on the tumps and a pathway between New church road and the square are delightful in the spring. It does not need to be turned into a cycle highway as the pavement adjacent to the park railings is a cycle dual carriageway leading into the park. PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IT. I WALK THERE MOST DAYS AND FEEL VERY GRATEFUL FOR IT.</p> <p>The Flattened park land and straight cycle pathway in the new plans are by comparison unimaginative and unattractive.</p> <p>Apart from the nature area you propose, it would be difficult for me to be more distressed by the urban vandalism which is proposed in the new plans for this area.</p> <p>I believe we need to get back to the purpose of having parks in London. They have been developed so people can find peace and tranquillity and pretend they're in the countryside.</p>

Meandering pathways , lakes ,beautiful trees and wildlife are all part of this.

Many children have no access to their own Garden in this area. The park is a place where they can run wild with their parents , their friends and pets without fear of being harmed by traffic.

This area is a very rare thing within central London which should have been cherished and we are quite deliberately throwing it away and harming the quality of people's lives.

There is a great deal of evidence of the psychological healing effect of parks and the reduction of local vandalism as a result of having parks- dodging aggressive silent cyclists is not part of this healing process.

#### Specific comments

##### 1 . New children's play area

I am unclear why the children's play area is sited between a cycle path ( and bicycles are silent) and the pollution of New Park road.

It is very close to my garden and as I am semi retired and am home all day I have valued my peace for the past 25 years.

There is a wide clear area on the road between the straight road extending from New Park Road and the tunnel, which is clear. It would be much safer for Children to run around freely and they would be clearly visible to parents and other friends There is enough space for parents to take picnics . Is there any reason why this clear space is not appropriate?

##### 2. Cycle highways.

It is already very difficult to walk safely in the park because of aggressive cyclists. I know of one injured dog, a dead squirrel and an elderly person who is now too frightened to use the park.

The times the cyclist are rushing in greatest numbers silently through the park are when children are walking on the same park paths to school, or playing in the park after school. This must present a HEALTH AND SAFETY issue and affect the quality of life of the children.

The straight roads already created are ugly boring and are already wind tunnels with poorly irrigated rocky stony grass next to them- more destruction along these lines would be unfortunate. There are so many roads and very wide pavements throughout London .Surely an alternative route could be found for cyclists to circumnavigate the park. There is already a cycle dual carriage way along the park railings in New church road leading into the park.

I believe people are NOT allowed to cycle through the Royal Parks or Dulwich park. Is it a reflection of our perceived poorer social status -that our parks can be sacrificed to a cycle highway or possibly the belief that we have neither the power nor the taste to stop it.

##### 3. Trees

We continue to cut trees down that are healthy. This adversely affects the soil drainage and air quality and has caused many of the parks problems. I am sad to see the stunning crown off cherry trees at the Church road entrance to the park are to be sacrificed. I was told they may be coming to the end of their life- but I have an 80 year old healthy cherry tree in the old family garden and so I query this. -once again vandalising the beauty that exists in our park. Could the woodland trust be asked to comment?

I wish you would just spend the money on improving the quality of the grass and caring properly for the plants we have.

On the positive side.

I congratulate you on the nature reserve and hope the sales go through successfully.

Finally

Please take notice of these comments. They are important and about the quality of life of the families pets and elderly people who live around the park and currently are very grateful for it - not the elite lucky fit and healthy single fair weather cyclists.

Yours sincerely XXX

E06

The cards we were given were not big enough for most comments so do not be surprised if few are returned. My comments are:



	<p>1. It seems a waste of money and counter-productive to have a design that undoes all that has been done only a few years ago. The two beds along the railings between Rust square and the park have been carefully designed and planted; the plants are just about mature and very attractive. The area will still be under the trees and need something similar. Please try and keep the planting.</p> <p>2. Similarly with the cherry trees- they must have cost the Council (the tax-payers!) a lot of money originally and are lovely in the spring. Why do away with them just because the landscape designers want a completely new design? They should learn to work with what is there already.</p> <p>3. Re the playground: the huge plane trees ( with tree preservation orders on them) are still able to drop large branches or fall onto the playground. The trees are quite old and no-one knows how long they will live. This is an unnecessary hazard for the children. There is a perfectly good site, still accessible to the estate, behind the building that used to be the Leprechaun pub. If the developers of the Elmington Estate wanted a playground they should have designed one in the estate but as they did not (too greedy) I see no reason why they should trouble their neighbours by trying to bribe Southwark to put the playground where they want it.</p> <p>4. The cycle lane along New Church Rd took a slice out of the park, cost a lot to make in response to complaints from Southwark Cyclists when Addington Squire was closed to through traffic, but is NEVER used by cyclists, who continue to go through Addington Square by using the pedestrian path. Why not re-incorporate it into the park?</p> <p>best wishes , XXX</p>
<p><b>E07</b></p>	<p>As someone living opposite the Park I am completely against any plans for an outdoor gym or play area. The rest of the park is already well catered with these things.</p> <p>I believe these additions will cause noise and anti-social behaviour. at the moment this part of the park is an area of great tranquility and peace. It would benefit from some good meadow planting - encouraging more wildlife, improved setting and a creative water feature and some sensitively arranged seating areas.</p> <p>The plans are very inappropriate. I hope you truly are open to consultation.</p>
<p><b>E08</b></p>	<p>Dear XXX</p> <p>Re: Burgess Park - West</p> <p>It was a pleasure to meet you at the meeting last Thursday.</p> <p>I just wanted to provide further feedback following the meeting as I feel parents/carers with children were not well represented at the meeting.</p> <p>Swapping the location of the Play Area with the Nature Area I feel concerned about the children's Play Area being located right next to a cycle path and as a regular user of the park I see many bikes travelling at high speeds. I don't think this is safe given there is no fencing around the Play Area. I would like to suggest that the Play Area be moved to where the Nature Area is currently located for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I suspect the Play Area will be very popular with families and children compared to the number of users to the Nature Area. By moving the play area to a larger space it could be expanded to accommodate a realistic number of children.</li> <li>2) A larger site would give the council the flexibility of adding to the Play Area at the later date when more funds are available, such as adding a water play feature for the children.</li> <li>3) There will be sufficient space to allow the Play Area to be set back away from the cycle path.</li> <li>4) Residents have said they are concerned about the proximity of the play area to their properties due to noise, anti-social behaviour, privacy, etc. By moving it will help alleviate their concerns and thus allow play elements to be built without the restrictions residents could place on their design.</li> <li>5) There are concerns about pollution due to the proximity of the Play Area to a busy road.</li> </ol>

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I would also like to add that if the Play Area is moved could you please consider including a picnic area to enable people to enjoy a picnic while their children play.

**Advantages of Moving the Nature Area**

The benefit of the Nature Area being located closer to Rust Square is that these two areas, in my opinion, work very well together and provide an area of the park that is focused on nature, beautiful planting and tranquillity without users being interrupted by noisy children playing in the Play Area. In addition, local residents will be pleased to have a beautiful nature area located close to their property.

If the Play Area can't be moved could you please consider making the Play Area safer from moving bikes and including more planting along the boundary to provide privacy for residents and people watching the children while they play.

Many thanks,  
XXX



# Appendix E – Local Community Groups

Email response (stakeholders)	
<b>Southwark Cyclists</b>	<p>Southwark Cyclists think that the route for Quietway 7 crossing the park is a good one. We also like the proposed East-West Quietway. We are very happy with lighting to ensure the routes are accessible 24/7. Shared space has been shown to be a good solution where numbers of pedestrians and cyclists are low. However, this will not be the case with the Quietway route.</p> <p>There are already large numbers of cyclists commuting on this route. Cycling is increasing throughout London, and new routes see increases well beyond the average. We predict that cycle traffic on this route will grow faster than the borough or London average in the medium term, due to the planned opening of a through-route to the east of the Borough by the redevelopment of the Old Kent Road Asda site and the general redevelopment of South Bermondsey (Southwark and Lewisham). The reduction of severance will release latent demand, and the redevelopment will create additional demand. Just as cyclists find sharing space with large numbers of motor vehicles stressful, pedestrians find large flows of cyclists stressful. This can be observed on the north-south Surrey Canal Path to Peckham, which sees large flows in a space which is too narrow.</p> <p>Southwark Cyclists therefore makes the following suggestions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- That the Quietway 7 route through the park should be made at least as wide as the east-west Surrey Canal Walk in east Burgess Park; 5 metres at a minimum, and preferably more.</li> <li>- That the path is divided in two with semi-segregation: a small height difference, with the cycle track lower, or low profile kerbs down the middle. These small physical changes have been shown to influence people to stick to different sides, which reduces conflict. A painted divide tends not to work; a height difference works more subconsciously. Currently, we observe no conflict in the park on New Church Road, where pedestrians tends to use the pavement, and cyclists, skateboarders and others on wheels use the lower road. We would like to keep this amicable arrangement. (Your illustration for the consultation shows pedestrians on one half and cyclists on the other, without anything in the language of the path suggesting this arrangement to users. In our experience, this does not happen; instead, all users use the full width of the path, and pedestrians find cyclists weaving between them very stressful. In particular, when small children or dogs are on the opposite side of the path from their parents/owners, this is stressful for all involved.) Given our concerns about high and rising numbers of cyclists using park paths as through-routes, we would like to note that the roads around the park should be improved. Fewer cyclists would feel that park paths were their only option to reach their destination safely and without stress if the surrounding roads had space for cycling.</li> </ul>
<b>FOBP</b>	<p>FOBP are very pleased to see the next phase of revitalisation coming forward for the Burgess Park West scheme.</p> <p>The council has already undertaken significant consultation on the masterplan as well as the earlier consultation on the current scheme which took place in 2015 which provides a wealth of feedback to draw upon.</p> <p>Overall there is significant support for the proposed plans which increase wildlife areas of the park, revitalise and soften Rust Square, extending the greenness of the park towards Camberwell Road. The overall aim to incorporate additional land into the park is supported as well as the removal of New Church Road which should improve safety at that entranceway into the park.</p> <p>FOBP held a meeting with the Parks team and LDA on Thursday 2 June to look in detail at several features of the scheme. These are the aspects of the design which FOBP believe need further consideration to achieve a better outcome.</p> <p>Play area The naturalistic designs are welcomed and the plan to reuse timber from park trees.</p>

#### Design and location:

The size and scale of the playground is significant and a major change to that end of the park. We would welcome a further workshop with local residents and children to help shape the playground. In any other park an addition of this nature would be significant and warrant consultation in its own right. We think there would be some merit to consider the size and type of play equipment in relation to age of children, location at the rear of the houses and gain more information about parents' views on fencing.

The masterplan currently identifies the adventure playground as a play site but this is not open access. This playground will be the main playground for residents at this end of the park. Whilst it is helpful to locate play areas for younger children close to housing it also needs to be balanced against the location beside the road, air quality and the likelihood that a major cycle route will run next to it.

Several people voiced concerns about the potential for the playground being used after hours by teenagers and adults, whose noise disturbs people whose gardens back onto that part of the park. This might also mean damage to the play equipment. Would the play area be locked at night?

#### Entranceway planting

We welcome the proposals for tiered planting ensuring it is low level alongside the fencing.

#### Safety and presentation:

On the design two pathways merge at the secondary entrance way which with cyclists means that there must be adequate width of pathway and entranceway.

We already know from entrances elsewhere in the park that people do not feel safe with bushes and trees on each side of the pathway. The entrance ways must be wide, welcoming with good visibility.

The experience of the main entrances shows that people enjoy the planting with flowers which mark the entranceways. We would like to see some style of planting similar to the main entrance ways – perhaps on one side or with a central swale?

#### Cycle route

Friends of Burgess Park support the use of safe routes for commuter cyclists on roads rather than through the park which brings them into conflict with other park users. The provision of improved cycling infrastructure on Wells Way is our preferred option. When cyclists use the park this must be with consideration for pedestrians and this must be the basis on which Quietways routes go through parks.

The choice of the cycle route as shown in the plan is not explained. The LDA designers did not believe that they had any choice in the matter although the traffic department of Southwark Council maintained previously that the layout was not their choice and was left entirely up to the park designers. Why is there this confusion? If the park must encompass the cycling route why not route it around the outside of the park rather than through the middle creating numerous hazards and segmenting the park?

The current information on the route and design does not provide sufficient level of detail for FOBP to comment in detail. We would recommend that the cycle quietway design toolkit being prepared by LDA be consulted on with other park friends groups.

#### Our other concerns are:

The entranceway and path intersection designs indicating through the design for cyclists to slow down

The width of the pathway

The proposals for slowing down cyclists are currently untried or tested

Based on the experience elsewhere in the park cyclists are able to go onto all pathways we do not believe it is reasonable to introduce an alternative standard in the west of the park. This would be a significant change, would require wide consultation and policing/enforcement if implemented.

We believe that the pathways and park design need to be on the basis that cyclists will use all pathways as is the current situation. What is the current cycle usage of the New Church Road route?

Many cyclists go along the route of the road – so in the new design there will be more cyclists on the

	<p>pathways. The new design does not allow cyclists the option to join Wells Way before the lights but at the St George's Way junction. What does this junction look like for pedestrians and cyclists?</p> <p>We do not want some pathways to become no go areas for pedestrians as is the case with SCW.</p> <p>Nature area We do not support the additional proposed pathway into the park from Parkhouse St from the new development. Whilst this is not part of the current design we believe it will be (i) detrimental to the wildlife of the nature area, (ii) create an additional entrance where one does not currently exist, (iii) create a safety issue. We would prefer to see how the nature area is used once there are through pathways which would be used by dog-walkers and joggers and should encourage others to explore this area.</p> <p>Tree removal Can you confirm the number of trees, number for removal and reason and replacements, including indicative type of trees. We recommend that this information is made clearly available as the scheme proceeds.</p> <p>Trees will be left along the wall that is the boundary with Addington Sq. to give the residents privacy- they do not in fact do that. They are planted close together so have become "lollipop trees" with bare trunks up to 15-20 feet. All they do is cast unwanted shade into the gardens. A shorter, thicker planting such as a tall pyracantha or cypress hedge would fulfil the purpose much better.</p>
<p><b>Elmington TRA</b></p>	<p>I think it is a good idea</p>

# Appendix F – Positive and negative comments for key areas

Those who made positive comments about the plans in general:

Ref	Suggestions
PC03	Sounds good
PC05	I think is a very good idea, it would give a better security to the area and many kids will benefit
PC08	Anything you do will be good, when I moved here 45 years ago burgess park didn't exist
PC12	Great ideas, it will work and look great
PC33	Great plans, but toilets would be good
PC39	It is refreshing to see the designers unafraid of using clarity + straight lines in their design - clever use of maximising the existing assets
PC40	Plans look great - fantastic for the community and local biodiversity
PC42	All looks good! Particularly play area + nature garden
PC43	I think that the new plans for the park are Brilliant. All for it.
PC44	It is great to see planned improvements to the green spaces! Two issues to consider - Please stop using Monsanto Glyphosphate weedkillers - they cause cancer! Please don't allow generation to be social cleansing!
PC48	look good
PC50	Keep up the good work
PC54	Great ideas. Maybe add a smaller children's park
PC69	Yes I really like the idea
PC70	Looks good, please please keep as much open as possible during construction
PC71	Park will look beautiful after all the changes, more toilets that end
PC72	Really like it.
PC84	Plans are looking great.,please more woodled nature areas, so good for the children+ schools.
PC88	Good look, keep up the good work.
PC89	New park, very excited for new plans, lovely area, lovely people.
PC92	Love to have a new extension of the park.
PC94	Looks great
PC95	What we currently have in the area is very good for us and our family. We can't wait to see the remaining part completed.
PC97	Go ahead!
PC100	Beautiful park. Please less barbeques. More wooded area. Keep the nature of the park
PC104	IDEAS are very good!!
PC105	Beautiful park with wonderful resources and an energetic team - impressive. It is worth adding more this wonderful place
PC106	I think there should be closed in area's for people to take their dogs and not many people pick up after their animals and its not fair. Loving the plans
PC108	Great plans, Money well spent, Looking forward to end result
PC110	is a good plans
PC112	It is good see plans for different areas of the park using natural materials. I have a 2yr old granddaughter. Ist is also important to maintain and develop areas for under 3s as many parents have older and younger children.
PC113	Good scheme for area. Nice to see improvement
PC115	I think the plans for the park are very good. Improvement are a must and its money put to good use.

	Welldone
<b>PC117</b>	Lots of potentials and make the park enjoyable for all the people!
<b>PC118</b>	I like the fact that there is changes but I am concerned that along with the new houses, these changes wont be for everyone as the working poor will be kicked out.
<b>PC122</b>	Sounds quite good I'll find more out online.
<b>PC133</b>	more fun for more events
<b>PC142</b>	Nice design and it looks beautiful.
<b>PC143</b>	Good for the area
<b>O02</b>	<p>I like the plans on the whole - the cycling quietways, the children's play area etc.</p> <p>However, I'm EXTREMELY saddened to see that the pond has been lost.</p> <p>I know the nature area is bigger and the damp grassland for amphibians also sounds good, but is there no way a pond or water feature can also still be included too, even if it's smaller than originally planned and perhaps moved elsewhere? They are very relaxing to be around and also attract birds.</p> <p>By the way, I thought the consultation online is very good and it was nice to get a card through my letterbox (post code SE5 0XW) alerting me to the consultation. However, people are expected to fill in that card and return them somehow. They aren't freepost and there is no return instructions or return address on the card so this is a bit confusing I think, and may mean you miss out on responses from those who aren't able to then get on the internet as I have done. Still, overall it's good and it's nice to be consulted!</p> <p>(also, as I tried to send my response at 1440 on Monday the consultation site was suddenly unavailable for quite a while. I'm thankful it saved my typed response when I pressed 'back' so I was able to save it on a separate document)</p>
<b>O16</b>	I really like the proposed plans. I agree that bbq areas shouldn't be near housing.
<b>O17</b>	<p>The plans for Burgess Park are hugely encouraging. As an area which has lacked investment for decades but where a huge number of new developments and properties are being built, with a growing population of Young professionals and families, the proposals for Burgess Park will help to cement positive family life and an active space for children to enjoy in Camberwell.</p> <p>I am also pleased to see that Southwark Council is wishing to purchase the commercial sites - 'Steptoe &amp; Son' and the 'Car Wash'. I particularly have concerns about the Car Wash operations. It is very evident that employees are sleeping on site in caravans and temporary accomodation, and that there are frequently high numbers of new starters.</p>
<b>O23</b>	We are local residents on Addington Square and fully support these proposals. I note you will be felling some trees which I suppose is necessary, but please keep this to a minimum as the trees are so beautiful at this end of the park and offer a real escape from the city. I also hope there will be some way to keep dogs out of the children's play areas as we have young daughters and hate the amount of dog mess in the rest of the park.
<b>O24</b>	<p>The expansion of the nature area is very welcome, as is opening it up to gentle visitors with better paths. Removal of New Church Road also very welcome and will dramatically change the feel of the park and make it feel larger, greener, more unified.</p> <p>The proposals for the play area are exciting. As a parent of a young child and frequent visitor to many local play parks, the delivery of this element is absolutely key to the park's future success and could be a well-loved local landmark for many diverse local families. Playgrounds provide a wonderful opportunity for social cohesion, and this one is well-placed near local nurseries and children's centres. If it is delivered as per the plans it will be a good asset - my fear is that these bold plans will be watered down. Many local Southwark play facilities are badly designed and underwhelming. Burgess Park nr Chumleigh Gardens, for example, the under-5s section is disliked by a lot of parents and has several large design flaws (small children cannot get out of the sandpit once they've gone down the slide, and it is difficult and often dangerous for parents to try to retrieve them). Brunswick Park is outdated and a poor use of the space. The new play facilities on Camberwell Green are underwhelming - too few bits of fairly uninspiring play equipment will host only a few children at a time. Better local examples include Myatts Fields, Brockwell Park (excellent) and Ruskin Park. Gold-standard play parks (a great example is The Level in Brighton - please look at this example) really transform an area and actively encourage collaborative, friendly, neighbourly behaviour. I hope this is what the park planners are aiming for.</p>

	<p>It is disappointing that slow progress is being made on the CPO on the pieces of land which have for some years been due to be incorporated into the park. These will severely compromise the delivery of the vision of Burgess Park West. The businesses at the top of Southampton Way continue to be an increasing social nuisance, an eyesore, and are operating illegally in many respects (flytipping, living quarters on business premises, persistent illegal parking, illegal use of highway for trading, running food premises without a license, burning toxic materials). It is beyond the understanding of many residents why the Council cannot effectively prosecute these businesses to make them comply to basic legal trading standards, nor why the CPOs are taking so long to effect.</p>
	<p>1. Please take care creating a leisure space in the Rust Square area. Residents of Cleaver Square say how disturbing the boules playing is when people stay on until all hours. While great to get people active care needs to be taken with disturbance to local residents.</p> <p>2. Kitson Rd. If more people are going to be encouraged to use the Rust Square area (which is an entirely good thing) please take action on Kitson Road where those who do use it in vehicles use it as a rat run and can drive at excessive speed. Ideal is to close the rat run; essential is to calm Kitson Rd to reduce the danger to people using the park and local residents.</p> <p>3. Please find a good home for the metal globes etc on the former gates at Rust Square - this has been raised by people in the past and there is a civic heritage in the role that Rust Square has played in the development of Burgess Park.</p> <p>4. Strong support for the Cycle Quietway (Q7). Burgess Park is so wide east-west that it cannot avoid taking part in Southwark's cycling network BUT there is no harm in calming cycle speeds at key locations such as junctions in the park (this is being done well on the new cycle superhighways where pedestrians are crossing).</p> <p>5. Hurry up with Phase 2 - it will be great to see that western part finished.</p> <p>6. Please one day do something about the Trafalgar Avenue crossing - we have been promised to make that crossing between the two green spaces less intimidating from speeding vehicles for years and nothing has happened. At the very least just put a set of 100mm high sinusoidal humps either side of the green man crossing.</p>
<b>O27</b>	Overall great plans - well done.
<b>O33</b>	<p>My name is Alexandra, nine years old ( almost ten! ), and I just love your plans so much. I first saw them in the park and then on the website and I thought it was a brilliant idea as I am one of the children that time to time visit Burgess Park. It would be fantastic to have not one but two large, fun playgrounds for children to enjoy themselves in. Hundreds of children come in and only have one playground to play in. It doesn't sound quite right! It frequently gets too crowded and parents tend to fight over the equipment because of other children skipping cues. Who wants that? I know I don't. And you probably don't want that too. We may as well build two playgrounds if the park is HUGE and is home to a range of animals and plants like the geese and swans and the many patches of daisies everywhere. It will eventually become a better environmental location for children around the area and brighten up Burgees Park a little bit! I am very much looking forward to attending the playground if it is built and I'm sure other children are too.</p>
<b>O34</b>	Keep on expanding the park!
<b>O37</b>	I like the plans but I want to make sure that these include tidying up the mess that is Steptoets and the used car lot next to that. I think that the plans include abolishing these but it is not abundantly clear and this is not spelt out on the plans. I think if these are left this will seriously detract from what will otherwise be a good entrance area.
<b>O40</b>	Overall looks great. I think you should be a bit more open about the number of trees that will be removed from Rust Square. I support their removal as there are too many at the moment, but it looks like you're trying to hide this. Shame the pond has been removed but understand the reasons.
<b>O46</b>	Burgess Park is an amazing open space in South London and the revitalisation of the area has improved a sense of community.
<b>O48</b>	I support the plans and I wish you the best in implementing them.
<b>O52</b>	I think they are extremely exciting and a ground-breaking approach to modern park design. Southwark Council deserve credit for being this visionary in a challenging cost cutting environment.



<b>O57</b>	The playground seems like a great plan , however will be nice for the multi sensory exploration that children could access a nice and big sandpit ( kind of the one at Greenwich park) I know there are two small areas at the other 0-5 playground but even bigger children sometimes would like to enjoy it and it became so busy that babies and mummies get frustrated and have to leave . Also please would be great to have more water fountain for drinking and a nearby toilet ( really important ) apart from that everything seems great and we are please of all your hard work to better this space
<b>O59</b>	I think the plans are fantastic and the western end is very much in need of the change.  However, it's a shame that the plans to update the tennis courts have been delayed when the club is getting busier and busier and in desperate need of development.
<b>O60</b>	I would have thought phase 2 would be the priority given the appalling appearance of the scrap yard and car wash to the entrance. Im unsure how they are legally allowed to have rubbish spilling onto the roads and pavement from a safety point of view let alone an aesthetic one!  The plans overall look brilliant but my only suggestion would be to have more gym equipment scattered around the park for more trails to be introduced as the current trail is very limited.  Ensuring there is nowhere to park by the entrance is also very important. At night the entrance is very intimidating with crowds of people drinking out of the boot of their cars until late. This could easily be stopped by preventing parking being possible.
<b>O65</b>	I particularly like plans for the old library / bath house building and event space, keeping the Camberwell Beauty butterfly mural is essential. The park will offer so much with all the plans, but if it has not already been included I think a skate park would be worth considering.
<b>O66</b>	The plans look good, but please be sure to have cycleways clearly marked, continuous and free of obstacles, as currently it's not always easy as a cyclist to enter the park from the south west (i.e. Addington Square area)
<b>O72</b>	As discussed at the consultation I am largely supportive of the plans with the notable exception of seating as this unfortunately a magnet for street drinkers and other antisocial behaviour as well as the playground, particularly in relation to the larger installation where there is a real concern around overlooking our property (Addington Square).
<b>O78</b>	I like the plans, and fully support the initiative.  In particular, I like the use of wild/nature areas, but in these areas can we also have a strong focus on signage and information to help educate people about nature, habitats and the importance of biodiversity in maintaining a healthy local and global ecosystem.  I also like the wildflower gardens, but likewise, can we have information about each plant and its role in the ecosystem in which it is found.  One criticism and suggestion. Even in the plans, Rust Square still feels isolated and disconnected from the rest of the park. Is it possible to issue a compulsory purchase order for the property on intersection of Addington Square, New Church Road and Edmund Street? Removing this property and incorporating it into the park would greatly enhance the flow between Rust Square and the rest of the park and give the Burgess Park West a greater sense of connection.
<b>O82</b>	Great work! And thank you.  As a resident of the new neighbourhood Camberwell Fields I look forward that the plans will be implemented. The council and external consultants have delivered excellent plans.  In the community where I live there are many young couples and they are all starting a family at the moment. We have five babies on the way in the block where we live. For this reason its great to see such a wonderful playground designed on our doorstep.  But my concern is that the playground is planned next to the Southampton Road on the south edge of the park.... I noticed that in last years consultation the play ground was planned further north further away from the busy road. A much better location!  I am especially concerned in relation to the playground for the under five what seems to be only a few meters from the main road.
<b>O84</b>	Overall I think the plans are fantastic and I am so excited about the changes ahead. Me and my partner have recently bought a flat on Edmund street and we are using the park frequently.

	<p>I am concerned about the new proposed position of the children's park, which is now planned to be next to the busy road. I would much prefer it if the original plans for the children's park could be followed - having it away from the busy, polluted and dangerous road. I understand residents of Addington Square raised concerns about it causing them a nuisance however I fail to see how a children's park could do this. I also think the safety and health of children using the park should be prioritised.</p>
O86	<p>I support the plans relating to Rust Square and think the meadow planting will be a great enhancement; and I support the natural areas to the east of Addington Square.</p> <p>I am unhappy about the proposals to insert the play area into what I feel is an unsuitable area. I accept that there is a need for more play facilities at the western end of the park but would prefer it to be sited further east and with a closer relationship with the natural area and as an enhancement to it. It would also be further away from a busy road (New Church Road) and associated pollution.</p> <p>Personally I am concerned the impact the playground would have on me as my house is directly behind the play area and it will necessarily have quite an effect. I have raised concerns with the designers relating to the issue of being overlooked by the taller components and suggest that all those whose homes will be affected should participate in discussions regarding the actual layout and the design of the play structures..</p>
O87	<p>I like the wild flower planting plans and the nature area very much. The integration of Rust Sq into the park should work well with the land-levelling and new planting.</p> <p>My only concern is the children's play area which seems to be rather badly placed close to housing. In my experience, play areas are used as areas for teenagers to congregate at night and cause a noise nuisance for nearby residents. The play area would be much better placed where it is visible across the plain of the large open space, this drawing children to it form a wide area. The play area could be a real draw into the park and a really beautiful feature. The designs look great with a natural wood feel/finish, in keeping with the nature area and woodland. However the area needs to be carefully thought through re safety of small children. There may need to be an enclosing fence for any section aimed at small children.</p> <p>Overall, I very much like the plans and think that it will transform the area. One possible addition I suggest is a natural sculpture, perhaps made from the culled trees, commissioned from Andy Goldsworthy or other artist working with nature.</p>
O92	<p>As a resident of the Camberwell Fields development, next to Burgess Park West, I am pleased to see the plans for developing this part of the park. Overall, it is great to see the plans for increased play area and better use of the nature areas in the park.</p> <p>However, I would urge the council to reconsider the location of the play area next to a busy road (New Church Road) as this unnecessarily exposes children to pollution from the traffic. The impact of traffic related pollution on health, and children's health in particular, should now be understood well enough for the issue to be taken seriously.</p> <p>The location of the play area was changed based on concerns about antisocial behaviour raised in previous consultations, however it seems the problem of antisocial behaviour (which there may well be), is merely moved to another part rather than addressed – and all to the detriment of the most vulnerable of groups.</p> <p>Also, with the improved facilities in this part of the park the traffic arrangements to access the park should be reconsidered so that these are safe for pedestrians, specifically children, accessing the park as well as all other traffic users.</p> <p>I hope these comments are helpful and I am sure residents of Camberwell Fields would welcome the opportunity to share views when the council confirms more detailed plans for the park and the play area.</p>
E01	<p>Dear XXX</p> <p>A belated thank you for the consultation session. I have completed the consultation survey as well but just wanted to reiterate that while I am on the whole supportive of the development plans of Burgess Park West, which look excellent, I am concerned about seating that will act as a magnet for street drinkers and other antisocial behaviour at the back of our properties. Likewise, I remain concerned about the larger items of the play area being used for other purposes and the potential for excessive noise and overlooking, so therefore would urge you to keep refining the design from that perspective. In fact, the landscape architects had already some ideas to mitigate the overlooking aspect. I am copying in other affected neighbours so they can respond directly.</p>



	<p>Many thanks, Yours sincerely, XXX</p>
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<p><b>E04</b></p>	<p>Dear XXX ,</p> <p>Here is my response to the consultation. I agree that the areas should be redeveloped and particularly to include seating. I can only see a few picture of benches in the images – I would like there to be a lot more seating as this would mean the area gets used more, particularly with people with children going to the playground. Picnic tables would be great as well and would encourage people to spend more time in the area.</p> <p>I think lack of seating is one reason why the area isn't used at the moment as well as because it is dark from tree cover, it's not obvious that it is there from the rest of the park and there is nowhere to sit. I used the park regularly for over a year without realising that this section was there so new signposting and routes would be very useful.</p> <p>I would like to see more gym equipment and an unhappy that the existing gym equipment on church road will be relocated – I prefer it this way as where the equipment is all clumped together in Burgess park it is a different atmosphere and tends to be used more by men, because of the weight lifting equipment and often it is intimidating because if you are out of shape to have loads of other people watching you and if they are doing high intensity exercises and weights and huffing and puffing.</p> <p>I prefer it to be spread out as it allows people to exercise without having to have other people right next to them, particularly for women and people who are out of shape, it is more pleasant and comfortable and not intimidating . It also means if you are cycling through you can stop off and do a few exercises and then carry on .Also I like the way it is spread out because it means that you can look at different parts of the park while you are exercising. I use the gym equipment a lot in both Kennington open space, Burgess Park and other small parks in this area so this is very important to me.I cannot use many gyms due to cost and lack of disabled access so this is very important to me that the level of the service provided now is maintained.</p> <p>I think in order for the gym equipment to be used as much of it is now – pretty much every time I go to the park which is at least three times a week I see someone using several pieces of equipment – that careful thought should be given as to where this is based and what equipment is provided. I also know that some</p>

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PC42	All looks good! Particularly play area + nature garden
PC82	The new nature play area looks amazing. Will there be a disabled access into this area? Beautiful!
PC90	Like the new play area.
PC96	I like the nature area & play idea.
PC111	I am very excited about the new play area
PC116	The Nature Area, Play area is a brilliant idea. My three grandchildren cannot wait for these new plans to happen
PC130	As long as there are more things for the children to do
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	<p>the park planners are aiming for.</p> <p>It is disappointing that slow progress is being made on the CPO on the pieces of land which have for some years been due to be incorporated into the park. These will severely compromise the delivery of the vision of Burgess Park West. The businesses at the top of Southampton Way continue to be an increasing social nuisance, an eyesore, and are operating illegally in many respects (flytipping, living quarters on business premises, persistent illegal parking, illegal use of highway for trading, running food premises without a license, burning toxic materials). It is beyond the understanding of many residents why the Council cannot effectively prosecute these businesses to make them comply to basic legal trading standards, nor why the CPOs are taking so long to effect.</p>
<b>O33</b>	<p>My name is Alexandra, nine years old ( almost ten! ), and I just love your plans so much. I first saw them in the park and then on the website and I thought it was a brilliant idea as I am one of the children that time to time visit Burgess Park. It would be fantastic to have not one but two large, fun playgrounds for children to enjoy themselves in. Hundreds of children come in and only have one playground to play in. It doesn't sound quite right! It frequently gets too crowded and parents tend to fight over the equipment because of other children skipping cues. Who wants that? I know I don't. And you probably don't want that too. We may as well build two playgrounds if the park is HUGE and is home to a range of animals and plants like the geese and swans and the many patches of daisies everywhere. It will eventually become a better environmental location for children around the area and brighten up Burgees Park a little bit! I am very much looking forward to attending the playground if it is built and I'm sure other children are too.</p>
<b>O57</b>	<p>The playground seems like a great plan , however will be nice for the multi sensory exploration that children could access a nice and big sandpit ( kind of the one at Greenwich park) I know there are two small areas at the other 0-5 playground but even bigger children sometimes would like to enjoy it and it became so busy that babies and mummies get frustrated and have to leave . Also please would be great to have more water fountain for drinking and a nearby toilet ( really important ) apart from that everything seems great and we are please of all your hard work to better this space</p>
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<b>O84</b>	<p>Overall I think the plans are fantastic and I am so excited about the changes ahead. Me and my partner have recently bought a flat on Edmund street and we are using the park frequently.</p> <p>I am concerned about the new proposed position of the children's park, which is now planned to be next to the busy road. I would much prefer it if the original plans for the children's park could be followed - having it away from the busy, polluted and dangerous road. I understand residents of addington square raised concerns about it causing them a nuseance however I fail to see how a children's park could do this. I also think the safety and health of children using the park should be prioritised.</p>
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<b>O86</b>	<p>I support the plans relating to Rust Square and think the meadow planting will be a great enhancement; and I support the naural areas to the east of Addington Square.</p> <p>I am unhappy about the proposals to insert the play area into what I feel is an unsuitable area. I accept that there is a need for more play facilities at the western end of the park but would prefer it to be sited further east and with a closer relationship with the natural area and as an enhancement to it. It would also be further away from a busy road (New Church Road) and associated pollution.</p> <p>Personally I am concerned the impact the playground would have on me as my house is directly behind the play area and it will necessarily have quite an affect. I have raised concerns with the designers relating to the issue of being overlooked by the taller components and suggest that all those whose homes will be affected should participate in discussions regarding the actual layout and the design of the play structures..</p>
<b>O87</b>	<p>I like the wild flower planting plans and the nature area very much. The integration of Rust Sq into the park should work well with the land-levelling and new planting.</p> <p>My only concern is the children's play area which seems to be rather badly placed close to housing. In my experience, play areas are used as areas for teenagers to congregate at night and cause a noise nuisance for nearby residents. The play area would be much better placed where it is visible across the plain of the large open space, this drawing children to it form a wide area. The play area could be a real draw into the park and a really beautiful feature. The designs look great with a natural wood feel/finish, in keeping with the nature area and woodland. However the area needs to be carefully thought through re safety of small children. There may need to be an enclosing fence for any section aimed at small children.</p> <p>Overall, I very much like the plans and think that it will transform the area. One possible addition I suggest is a natural sculpture, perhaps made from the culled trees, commissioned from Andy Goldsworthy or other artist working with nature.</p>
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**E08**

Re: Burgess Park - West

	<p>It was a pleasure to meet you at the meeting last Thursday.</p> <p>I just wanted to provide further feedback following the meeting as I feel parents/carers with children were not well represented at the meeting.</p> <p>Swapping the location of the Play Area with the Nature Area I feel concerned about the children's Play Area being located right next to a cycle path and as a regular user of the park I see many bikes travelling at high speeds. I don't think this is safe given there is no fencing around the Play Area. I would like to suggest that the Play Area be moved to where the Nature Area is currently located for the following reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) I suspect the Play Area will be very popular with families and children compared to the number of users to the Nature Area. By moving the play area to a larger space it could be expanded to accommodate a realistic number of children.</li> <li>2) A larger site would give the council the flexibility of adding to the Play Area at the later date when more funds are available, such as adding a water play feature for the children.</li> <li>3) There will be sufficient space to allow the Play Area to be set back away from the cycle path.</li> <li>4) Residents have said they are concerned about the proximity of the play area to their properties due to noise, anti-social behaviour, privacy, etc. By moving it will help alleviate their concerns and thus allow play elements to be built without the restrictions residents could place on their design.</li> <li>5) There are concerns about pollution due to the proximity of the Play Area to a busy road.</li> </ol> <p>I would also like to add that if the Play Area is moved could you please consider including a picnic area to enable people to enjoy a picnic while their children play.</p> <p>Advantages of Moving the Nature Area The benefit of the Nature Area being located closer to Rust Square is that these two areas, in my opinion, work very well together and provide an area of the park that is focused on nature, beautiful planting and tranquillity without users being interrupted by noisy children playing in the Play Area. In addition, local residents will be pleased to have a beautiful nature area located close to their property.</p> <p>If the Play Area can't be moved could you please consider making the Play Area safer from moving bikes and including more planting along the boundary to provide privacy for residents and people watching the children while they play.</p> <p>Many thanks, XXX</p>
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## Positive comments about the plans for the nature area:

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<b>PC23</b>	I like how the park is beginning to be more wildlife and animal friendly. Am really pleased.
<b>PC40</b>	Plans look great - fantastic for the community and local biodiversity
<b>PC42</b>	All looks good! Particularly play area + nature garden
<b>PC80</b>	I think cycle route should be devided from the public, more nature for children, wooded area is great.
<b>PC84</b>	Plans are looking great.,please more woodled nature areas, so good for the children+ schools.
<b>PC96</b>	I like the nature area & play idea.
<b>PC100</b>	Beautiful park. Please less barbeques. More wooded area. Keep the nature of the park
<b>PC102</b>	Keep natural areas natural, not too polish or manicured look like. Keep the log around to sit down
<b>PC103</b>	Have more nature areas and a water fountain
<b>PC107</b>	Great idea about cycle lanes. More lighting in the park. Love the those of more nature
<b>PC116</b>	The Nature Area, Play area is a brilliant idea. My three grandchildren cannot wait for these new plans to happen
<b>O24</b>	The expansion of the nature area is very welcome, as is opening it up to gentle visitors with better paths. Removal of New Church Road also very welcome and will dramatically change the feel of the park and

	<p>make it feel larger, greener, more unified.</p> <p>The proposals for the play area are exciting. As a parent of a young child and frequent visitor to many local play parks, the delivery of this element is absolutely key to the park's future success and could be a well-loved local landmark for many diverse local families. Playgrounds provide a wonderful opportunity for social cohesion, and this one is well-placed near local nurseries and children's centres. If it is delivered as per the plans it will be a good asset - my fear is that these bold plans will be watered down. Many local Southwark play facilities are badly designed and underwhelming. Burgess Park nr Chumleigh Gardens, for example, the under-5s section is disliked by a lot of parents and has several large design flaws (small children cannot get out of the sandpit once they've gone down the slide, and it is difficult and often dangerous for parents to try to retrieve them). Brunswick Park is outdated and a poor use of the space. The new play facilities on Camberwell Green are underwhelming - too few bits of fairly uninspiring play equipment will host only a few children at a time. Better local examples include Myatts Fields, Brockwell Park (excellent) and Ruskin Park. Gold-standard play parks (a great example is The Level in Brighton - please look at this example) really transform an area and actively encourage collaborative, friendly, neighbourly behaviour. I hope this is what the park planners are aiming for.</p> <p>It is disappointing that slow progress is being made on the CPO on the pieces of land which have for some years been due to be incorporated into the park. These will severely compromise the delivery of the vision of Burgess Park West. The businesses at the top of Southampton Way continue to be an increasing social nuisance, an eyesore, and are operating illegally in many respects (flytipping, living quarters on business premises, persistent illegal parking, illegal use of highway for trading, running food premises without a license, burning toxic materials). It is beyond the understanding of many residents why the Council cannot effectively prosecute these businesses to make them comply to basic legal trading standards, nor why the CPOs are taking so long to effect.</p>
<b>O61</b>	<p>I really like the natural areas, and hope you can install bird nests and other areas which wild life might use. Maybe some signs showing pictures of some of the plant so visitors can learn about them.</p>
<b>O67</b>	<p>I like the incorporation of nature into the play areas, the plans to use wildflowers and existing trees as part of the gardens.</p> <p>I feel that there are more play areas in Burgess park that cater to older children, and that the space for younger children on the north end of the park lacks some normal playground features (swings, small slides, climbing equipment etc) and therefore there should be some areas that cater to younger children. Especially since after school, the baby playground at the north seems to get full of school kids, making it less pleasant for toddlers.</p>
<b>O78</b>	<p>I like the plans, and fully support the initiative.</p> <p>In particular, I like the use of wild/nature areas, but in these areas can we also have a strong focus on signage and information to help educate people about nature, habitats and the importance of biodiversity in maintaining a healthy local and global ecosystem.</p> <p>I also like the wildflower gardens, but likewise, can we have information about each plant and its role in the ecosystem in which it is found.</p> <p>One criticism and suggestion. Even in the plans, Rust Square still feels isolated and disconnected from the rest of the park. Is it possible to issue a compulsory purchase order for the property on intersection of Addington Square, New Church Road and Edmund Street? Removing this property and incorporating it into the park would greatly enhance the flow between Rust Square and the rest of the park and give the Burgess Park West a greater sense of connection.</p>
<b>O86</b>	<p>Great work! And thank you.</p> <p>I support the plans relating to Rust Square and think the meadow planting will be a great enhancement; and I support the natural areas to the east of Addington Square.</p> <p>I am unhappy about the proposals to insert the play area into what I feel is an unsuitable area. I accept that there is a need for more play facilities at the western end of the park but would prefer it to be sited further east and with a closer relationship with the natural area and as an enhancement to it. It would also be further away from a busy road (New Church Road) and associated pollution.</p> <p>Personally I am concerned the impact the playground would have on me as my house is directly behind the play area and it will necessarily have quite an affect. I have raised concerns with the designers relating to the issue of being overlooked by the taller components and suggest that all those whose homes will be</p>

<p>E05</p>	<p>affected should participate in discussions regarding the actual layout and the design of the play structures..</p> <p>Dear Sir or madam,</p> <p>I love the area between New Park Road and the backs of the Addington Square houses just as it is. It is the only area left with beautiful good quality grass in the entire park. The meandering path way, and undulating land, together with wild life and the shrubs are very pretty. Daffodils on the tumps and a pathway between New church road and the square are delightful in the spring.</p> <p>It does not need to be turned into a cycle highway as the pavement adjacent to the park railings is a cycle dual carriageway leading into the park.</p> <p>PLEASE DO NOT ALTER IT. I WALK THERE MOST DAYS AND FEEL VERY GRATEFUL FOR IT.</p> <p>The Flattened park land and straight cycle pathway in the new plans are by comparison unimaginative and unattractive.</p> <p>Apart from the nature area you propose, it would be difficult for me to be more distressed by the urban vandalism which is proposed in the new plans for this area.</p> <p>I believe we need to get back to the purpose of having parks in London. They have been developed so people can find peace and tranquillity and pretend they're in the countryside. Meandering pathways , lakes ,beautiful trees and wildlife are all part of this.</p> <p>Many children have no access to their own Garden in this area. The park is a place where they can run wild with their parents , their friends and pets without fear of being harmed by traffic.</p> <p>This area is a very rare thing within central London which should have been cherished and we are quite deliberately throwing it away and harming the quality of people's lives.</p> <p>There is a great deal of evidence of the psychological healing effect of parks and the reduction of local vandalism as a result of having parks- dodging aggressive silent cyclists is not part of this healing process.</p> <p>Specific comments</p> <p>1 . New children's play area I am unclear why the children's play area is sited between a cycle path ( and bicycles are silent) and the pollution of New Park road.</p> <p>It is very close to my garden and as I am semi retired and am home all day I have valued my peace for the past 25 years.</p> <p>There is a wide clear area on the road between the straight road extending from New Park Road and the tunnel, which is clear. It would be much safer for Children to run around freely and they would be clearly visible to parents and other friends There is enough space for parents to take picnics . Is there any reason why this clear space is not appropriate?</p> <p>2. Cycle highways.</p> <p>It is already very difficult to walk safely in the park because of aggressive cyclists. I know of one injured dog, a dead squirrel and an elderly person who is now too frightened to use the park.</p> <p>The times the cyclist are rushing in greatest numbers silently through the park are when children are walking on the same park paths to school, or playing in the park after school. This must present a HEALTH AND SAFETY issue and affect the quality of life of the children.</p> <p>The straight roads already created are ugly boring and are already wind tunnels with poorly irrigated rocky stony grass next to them- more destruction along these lines would be unfortunate.</p> <p>There are so many roads and very wide pavements throughout London .Surely an alternative route could be found for cyclists to circumnavigate the park. There is already a cycle dual carriage way along the park railings in New church road leading into the park.</p> <p>I believe people are NOT allowed to cycle through the Royal Parks or Dulwich park. Is it a reflection of our perceived poorer social status -that our parks can be sacrificed to a</p>
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We continue to cut trees down that are healthy. This adversely affects the soil drainage and air quality and has caused many of the parks problems. I am sad to see the stunning crown off cherry trees at the Church road entrance to the park are to be sacrificed. I was told they may be coming to the end of their life- but I have an 80 year old healthy cherry tree in the old family garden and so I query this. -once again vandalising the beauty that exists in our park. Could the woodland trust be asked to comment?

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On the positive side.

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Finally

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## Positive comments about the cycling plans:

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<b>PC01</b>	More kids area, like the cycling ideas
<b>PC107</b>	<p>Great idea about cycle lanes. More lighting in the park. Love the those of more nature</p> <p>I like the plans on the whole - the cycling quietways, the children's play area etc.</p> <p>However, I'm EXTREMELY saddened to see that the pond has been lost.</p> <p>I know the nature area is bigger and the damp grassland for amphibians also sounds good, but is there no way a pond or water feature can also still be included too, even if it's smaller than originally planned and perhaps moved elsewhere? They are very relaxing to be around and also attract birds.</p> <p>By the way, I thought the consultation online is very good and it was nice to get a card through my letterbox (post code SE5 0XW) alerting me to the consultation. However, people are expected to fill in that card and return them somehow. They aren't freepost and there is no return instructions or return address on the card so this is a bit confusing I think, and may mean you miss out on responses from those who aren't able to then get on the internet as I have done. Still, overall it's good and it's nice to be consulted!</p> <p>(also, as I tried to send my response at 1440 on Monday the consultation site was suddenly unavailable for quite a while. I'm thankful it saved my typed response when I pressed 'back' so I was able to save it on a separate document)</p>
<b>O02</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Please take care creating a leisure space in the Rust Square area. Residents of Cleaver Square say how disturbing the boules playing is when people stay on until all hours. While great to get people active care needs to be taken with disturbance to local residents.</li> <li>2. Kitson Rd. If more people are going to be encouraged to use the Rust Square area (which is an entirely good thing) please take action on Kitson Road where those who do use it in vehicles use it as a rat run and can drive at excessive speed. Ideal is to close the rat run; essential is to calm Kitson Rd to reduce the danger to people using the park and local residents.</li> <li>3. Please find a good home for the metal globes etc on the former gates at Rust Square - this has been raised by people in the past and there is a civic heritage in the role that Rust Square has played in the development of Burgess Park.</li> </ol>
<b>O27</b>	4. Strong support for the Cycle Quietway (Q7). Burgess Park is so wide east-west that it cannot avoid



	<p>taking part in Southwark's cycling network BUT there is no harm in calming cycle speeds at key locations such as junctions in the park (this is being done well on the new cycle superhighways where pedestrians are crossing).</p> <p>5. Hurry up with Phase 2 - it will be great to see that western part finished.</p> <p>6. Please one day do something about the Trafalgar Avenue crossing - we have been promised to make that crossing between the two green spaces less intimidating from speeding vehicles for years and nothing has happened. At the very least just put a set of 100mm high sinusoidal humps either side of the green man crossing.</p> <p>Overall great plans - well done.</p>
<b>O32</b>	Really like the idea of a cycle quietway through Adlington Square - ideally this would like Walworth Road with the Cycle Route 23 which runs via Benhill road. Currently cyclable but lots of gates!

## Negative comments about the cycling plans:

Ref	Suggestions
<b>PC18</b>	Don't like anything, the ideas are sh*t, I don't think the cycle lane will work
<b>PC22</b>	Don't like cycle path
<b>PC25</b>	Quiet bike routes? I don't think so. The majority of cyclists are very fast, crossing in front of children and families. A lido? Summer a lido, winter a skate park?
<b>PC63</b>	I like the lighting for the cycle paths but im not sure about shared use with pedestrians, as cyclists will cycle to fast. Im also unclear about the plans for new Church Road , how will it be separated out?
<b>PC64</b>	Not sure about a cycle lane that involves people, children as well
<b>PC80</b>	I think cycle route should be devided from the public, more nature for children, wooded area is great.
<b>PC123</b>	Not keen on the bike area.
<b>O09</b>	I don't agree with the "cycle quietways" being integrated with pedestrians. In complete contrast to the claims, cyclists are completely intolerant to pedestrians, ring their bell at you to get out of their way and cycle far too quickly through the park. You often have to jump out of the way of cyclists who just drive straight at you with total disregard to your safety. The claim that they cycle slower is complete nonsense.
<b>O19</b>	<p>Re Quietways ...</p> <p>The proposal states that Quietways provide "an environment for those cyclists who want to travel at a gentle pace". Unfortunately, a very large number of cyclists - commuters in particular - have no interest in cycling slowly. What measures will/can Southwark take to oblige cyclists to go at a sensible speed - or is the council relying entirely on the presence of brave/foolhardy pedestrians, and the occasional accident, to slow cyclists down? Unsegregated paths might encourage some cyclists to go more slowly than if (as they'd prefer) they had the paths to themselves, but I dare Southwark representatives to visit the park at "rush hour" in the morning and discover for themselves how dangerous unsegregated paths really are.</p> <p>"Pedestrians," according to the proposal, "will have priority on these paths". How will this be enforced, or even encouraged? A "Quietway" doesn't become quiet simply by acquiring the name. The lofty intention that such paths should be safe doesn't make them so.</p>
<b>O35</b>	<p>Would like to see all play designed as natural play. The existing playground looks worn and tired after only a few years. Take away the rubber and there isn't actually much play provision there. Table tennis tables on slope never a good idea. It looks dated after only 4 years. There is so much amazing creative play around - bring it in to BPark.</p> <p>You intend to bring even more people to an already overcrowded park. You must deal with cycling as it's a massive conflict. Quietways - cut up park completely as does proposed spine. Keep commuter cycling out of the park completely - it's too dangerous.</p> <p>Would like decent signage so everyone is well informed. Eg BBQs - you can't assume everyone will have see the 2 signs by the lake, especially on a busy day when the area is crowded. How can you blame them when they set up their BBQ elsewhere??</p> <p>Rubbish- when the park is full it's a disgusting place.</p>

<b>O36</b>	Disappointed that the shared pedestrian and cycle path will stay. It really needs more than 'minimal signage' because there should be some communication for BOTH walking and cycling to watch out for each other, slow down, keep to the left etc. Part of the planning should be proper signage to facilitate good use of the pathways for everyone.
<b>O63</b>	<p>Concerned about the opening of the cycle quiet way into Albany Road. Currently it is narrow and cyclists cut across pedestrians on the pavement and the crossing itself to go down Portland Street.</p> <p>Also concerned about "removal of some mature trees" at the Rust Square site. Having seen mature trees removed from park already and at Elephant and Castle, this really needs to be justified. It is not at all clear why more trees need to go</p>
<b>O73</b>	<p>I am not sure if this has been already taken on board in current plans, however I suggest that the current cycle/pedestrian paths are divided in cycle and pedestrian, and have lightening throughout as is unsafe to use when it is dark.</p> <p>And personally, although I agree it is a park to be used by the community, the park does get spoiled with so much space for BBQ users and organised events such as fun fairs.</p>
<b>O75</b>	I have some reservations about the shared cycle/pedestrian paths. Whilst not a fan of segregation, I worry about cyclists speeding along the paths with nothing to slow them down or discourage inconsiderate behavior.
<b>O89</b>	<p>A major cycle way is being routed through the park without care being taken to avoid cyclist and pedestrian conflict. Numerous crossings with other paths are going to be a source of danger. New Church Rd is being replaced with another road where cyclists and pedestrians will be in competition for space without clear areas for either. Will the cyclists take over as they have done on the Surrey Canal Walk -- which should be a safe, less polluted route where parents are now afraid to let children walk?</p> <p>Research recently done in Burgess Park East shows that the design of long, straight paths contributes to excessive cycling speed and yet the new design is going to replicate that mistake. The new path will also speed past the new play area -- another design oversight.</p> <p>The cycling speeds through the underpass were supposed to be addressed in this project but now that area is not included.</p> <p>At a consultation, it was mentioned that 350 trees are being removed and 150 are being planted. During the previous improvements Southwark planners were concerned that there had been too much tree canopy loss. It is very unfortunate to see this is happening again. There seems to be too much concern about clearing straight lines through the park rather than creating a variety of spaces throughout.</p> <p>The proposed play area is sited right next to a busy, polluted road. There is plenty of space elsewhere for it to be moved further into the park.</p>
<b>O90</b>	I strongly believe that the cycle quietway route through the park will encourage fast commuting cycling to the detriment of the local park users.
<b>O92</b>	<p>As a resident of the Camberwell Fields development, next to Burgess Park West, I am pleased to see the plans for developing this part of the park. Overall, it is great to see the plans for increased play area and better use of the nature areas in the park.</p> <p>However, I would urge the council to reconsider the location of the play area next to a busy road (New Church Road) as this unnecessarily exposes children to pollution from the traffic. The impact of traffic related pollution on health, and children's health in particular, should now be understood well enough for the issue to be taken seriously.</p> <p>The location of the play area was changed based on concerns about antisocial behaviour raised in previous consultations, however it seems the problem of antisocial behaviour (which there may well be), is merely moved to another part rather than addressed – and all to the detriment of the most vulnerable of groups.</p> <p>Also, with the improved facilities in this part of the park the traffic arrangements to access the park should be reconsidered so that these are safe for pedestrians, specifically children, accessing the park as well as all other traffic users.</p> <p>I hope these comments are helpful and I am sure residents of Camberwell Fields would welcome the opportunity to share views when the council confirms more detailed plans for the park and the play area.</p>

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# Appendix G – Suggestions (Play Area/Cycling Plans)

## Suggestions: *Play area*

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PC34	More swings and climbing frames for toddlers
PC36	It would be great to have a bike pathway created on the side of the grass and in the trees
PC54	Great ideas. Maybe add a smaller children's park
PC57	I think there should be more toilets, and a proper baby park
PC59	I think there needs more toilets more stuff for smaller children under 4s
PC66	Baby swings + toilets
PC81	More play areas for the children, maybe a small farm of some sort, for local schools (nursery+primary) long grassed area children love to explore
PC112	It is good see plans for different areas of the park using natural materials. I have a 2yr old granddaughter. It is also important to maintain and develop areas for under 3s as many parents have older and younger children.
PC126	More swings and slides , also water area.
PC127	More swings and slides
PC132	pedalo on lake, swings, roundabout, activities for kids, café/kwik vy BMX bike - joint events with Peckam BMX.
	I think the Southern Entrance near the New Church Road area should be prioritized as accessibility from that side is very poor. And there is very limited things to do. Also the new lake would be a really good feature there. I would have liked to see a bigger lake though. And the play area should be bigger too as a lot of young families live near that area.
O04	The park also needs a quiet area with beautiful landscape where people can just relax and contemplate.
	I am concerned that a 'cutting edge playground' is proposed. A similar approach was taken to the playground at the other end of the park near Chumleigh Gardens.  The result is that we have a playground (under fives) where there are stone boulders hidden in a sandpit which toddlers can't get in and out of easily, without swings or a slide.  The larger playground feels as though is designed solely for scooters and allows little space for imagination and play.  Children need the basics. There are no simple swings anywhere in Burgess Park despite millions being spent! Can the children have those simple toys before wooden stepping stones which will cost a fortune but could have been made by salvaging all the trees that were cut down years ago?  Please think about installing the easy, simple things and then building from there?  If this can't be done at this site perhaps somethings could be done at the Nile Terrace playground which is tired and needs attention (not millions / landscaping / cutting edge ideas - just attention)
O05	Thanks

<p><b>O33</b></p>	<p>My name is Alexandra, nine years old ( almost ten! ), and I just love your plans so much. I first saw them in the park and then on the website and I thought it was a brilliant idea as I am one of the children that time to time visit Burgess Park. It would be fantastic to have not one but two large, fun playgrounds for children to enjoy themselves in. Hundreds of children come in and only have one playground to play in. It doesn't sound quite right! It frequently gets too crowded and parents tend to fight over the equipment because of other children skipping cues. Who wants that? I know I don't. And you probably don't want that too. We may as well build two playgrounds if the park is HUGE and is home to a range of animals and plants like the geese and swans and the many patches of daisies everywhere. It will eventually become a better environmental location for children around the area and brighten up Burgees Park a little bit! I am very much looking forward to attending the playground if it is built and I'm sure other children are too.</p>
<p><b>O35</b></p>	<p>would like to see all play designed as natural play. The existing playground looks worn and tired after only a few years. Take away the rubber and there isn't actually much play provision there. Table tennis tables on slope never a good idea. It looks dated after only 4 years. There is so much amazing creative play around - bring it in to BPark.</p> <p>You intend to bring even more people to an already overcrowded park. You must deal with cycling as it's a massive conflict. Quietways - cut up park completely as does proposed spine. Keep commuter cycling out of the park completely - it's too dangerous.</p> <p>Would like decent signage so everyone is well informed. Eg BBQs - you can't assume everyone will have see the 2 signs by the lake, especially on a busy day when the area is crowded. How can you blame them when they set up their BBQ elsewhere??</p> <p>Rubbish- when the park is full it's a disgusting place.</p>
<p><b>O47</b></p>	<p>I would like the new play area to have a:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Paddling pool / water play area</li> <li>2) Sand pit play area - there is no sand pit play area for children 5+year old in the park. I really like a sand play area in Brockwell park.</li> </ol> <p>Within the new park I would like to see a picnic area with tables and benches.</p>
<p><b>O57</b></p>	<p>The playground seems like a great plan , however will be nice for the multi sensory exploration that children could access a nice and big sandpit ( kind of the one at Greenwich park) I know there are two small areas at the other 0-5 playground but even bigger children sometimes would like to enjoy it and it became so busy that babies and mummies get frustrated and have to leave . Also please would be great to have more water fountain for drinking and a nearby toilet ( really important ) apart from that everything seems great and we are please of all your hard work to better this space</p>
<p><b>O65</b></p>	<p>I particularly like plans for the old library / bath house building and event space, keeping the Camberwell Beauty butterfly mural is essential. The park will offer so much with all the plans, but if it has not already been included I think a skate park would be worth considering.</p>
<p><b>O67</b></p>	<p>I like the incorporation of nature into the play areas, the plans to use wildflowers and existing trees as part of the gardens.</p> <p>I feel that there are more play areas in Burgess park that cater to older children, and that the space for younger children on the north end of the park lacks some normal playground features (swings, small slides, climbing equipment etc) and therefore there should be some areas that cater to younger children. Especially since after school, the baby playground at the north seems to get full of school kids, making it less pleasant for toddlers.</p>



## Suggestions: *Cycling plans*

REF	Suggestions
PC24	Any slow bike route needs full segregation from pedestrians
PC47	Lots of ideas and other opportunities, Would like to talk to someone about them, Play + creative learning, Artistic installations, Cycline routes more direct
PC93	More lightening in the park and cycle route away from young children.
	<p>1. Please take care creating a leisure space in the Rust Square area. Residents of Cleaver Square say how disturbing the boules playing is when people stay on until all hours. While great to get people active care needs to be taken with disturbance to local residents.</p> <p>2. Kitson Rd. If more people are going to be encouraged to use the Rust Square area (which is an entirely good thing) please take action on Kitson Road where those who do use it in vehicles use it as a rat run and can drive at excessive speed. Ideal is to close the rat run; essential is to calm Kitson Rd to reduce the danger to people using the park and local residents.</p> <p>3. Please find a good home for the metal globes etc on the former gates at Rust Square - this has been raised by people in the past and there is a civic heritage in the role that Rust Square has played in the development of Burgess Park.</p> <p>4. Strong support for the Cycle Quietway (Q7). Burgess Park is so wide east-west that it cannot avoid taking part in Southwark's cycling network BUT there is no harm in calming cycle speeds at key locations such as junctions in the park (this is being done well on the new cycle superhighways where pedestirans are crossing).</p> <p>5. Hurry up with Phase 2 - it will be great to see that western part finished.</p> <p>6. Please one day do something about theTrafalgar Avenue crossing - we have been promised to make that crossing between the two green spaces less intimidating from speeding vehicles for years and nothing has happened. At the very least just put a set of 100mm high sinusoidal humps either side of the green man crossing.</p>
O27	Overall great plans - well done.
	Really like the idea of a cycle quietway through Adlington Square - ideally this would like Walworth Road with the Cycle Route 23 which runs via Benhill road.
O32	Currently cyclable but lots of gates!
O43	please improve New Church Rd cul de sac road surface, lots of cyclists use this from Addington Sq
O45	We use the park for training young people to ride bicycles. We would like to see the Wells Way underpass retained and a positive attitude to recreational as opposed to commuter cycling nurtured in the park. As in all Southwark Parks the attitude towards cycling is ambiguous, certainly not overtly positive. How do young people taking Bikeability training take it to the next level?
O66	The plans look good, but please be sure to have cycleways clearly marked, continuous and free of obstacles, as currently it's not always easy as a cyclist to enter the park from the south west (i.e. Addington Square area)
	<p>If possible it would be good to incorporate the little used cycle path along Bowyer Place into the park planting. This would shield the park from traffic on Bowyer Place.</p> <p>The proposed location of the new playground is in a nice quite woodland part of the park popular with children's parties and picnicking. It seems a shame to turn it into a playground.</p> <p>A better spot for the playground might be just east of the first north south park where the new entrance from Southampton Way and the major axis route would all link to it. This would be away from private gardens and central to the park.</p>
O85	
	While I broadly welcome the proposals there are three problems with them that have been mentioned in previous consultations. If they are not resolved they will be raised as an objection to the planning application.
E03	<p>1) Does not reflect Southwark's adopted cycle routes</p> <p><a href="http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4241/cycle_routes_committed_and_future">http://www.southwark.gov.uk/downloads/download/4241/cycle_routes_committed_and_future</a></p>

Southwark's Cycling Strategy includes other cycle routes that have not been included in the consultation materials. Although described as 'future cycle routes', many of them are in fact ones that already exist. It is important that the park proposals are changed to integrate with them, e.g. make it easier to cycle from the southern end of Wells Way and Bowyer Place into the park (rather than be forced to share the New Church St).

### 2) Cycle path proposals insufficient for future growth

The proposals would significantly reduce the available space for cycling at a time when it is growing at an unprecedented rate. The completion of other cycle routes in this area and extension in due course of the cycle hire scheme would lead to even higher levels of cycling.

Ironically the supposedly 'shared surface' image used in the consultation materials actually shows a path with different areas marked for those on foot and on cycle. Having that amount of people in the photo walking and cycling without some separation onto respective sides would lead to conflict.

TfL and Sustrans, which the consultation state have been consulted, both have poor records in terms of predicting and catering for future cycling growth. TfL use an assumption of 6% cycling growth per annum but the Oval cycle superhighway saw 73% growth in just 6 months. The Olympic Greenway is far too narrow to cope with medium cycle flows and now fails to meet TfL design standards.

### 3) Need for adaptable space

The proposals should be changed to include space for a cycle hire docking station to be retrofitted and to allow further separation between cycling and walking. The Dutch approach in many parks is to have a narrow grassy strip between respective routes. Even if the proposals are not modified now to include that, they should be designed to enable this to be easily retrofitted.

The cards we were given were not big enough for most comments so do not be surprised if few are returned. My comments are:

1. It seems a waste of money and counter-productive to have a design that undoes all that has been done only a few years ago. The two beds along the railings between Rust square and the park have been carefully designed and planted; the plants are just about mature and very attractive. The area will still be under the trees and need something similar. Please try and keep the planting.

2. Similarly with the cherry trees- they must have cost the Council (the tax-payers!) a lot of money originally and are lovely in the spring. Why do away with them just because the landscape designers want a completely new design? They should learn to work with what is there already.

3. Re the playground: the huge plane trees ( with tree preservation orders on them) are still able to drop large branches or fall onto the playground. The trees are quite old and no-one knows how long they will live. This is an unnecessary hazard for the children. There is a perfectly good site, still accessible to the estate, behind the building that used to be the Leprechaun pub. If the developers of the Elmington Estate wanted a playground they should have designed one in the estate but as they did not (too greedy) I see no reason why they should trouble their neighbours by trying to bribe Southwark to put the playground where they want it.

4. The cycle lane along New Church Rd took a slice out of the park, cost a lot to make in response to complaints from Southwark Cyclists when Addington Square was closed to through traffic, but is NEVER used by cyclists, who continue to go through Addington Square by using the pedestrian path. Why not re-incorporate it into the park?

**E06**

best wishes , XXX





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