

Summary of the results of the initial public consultation for the Consort Park

Question	Summary of comments	LBS response	Theme	Total
How often do you visit Consort Park?	2 to 6 times a week			15
	Daily			13
	Weekly			9
	Monthly			9
	Less than monthly			9
	Never			4
	Fortnightly			3
What do you like about Consort Park that encourages you to visit/use the park?	Nature			39
	Play			22
	Places to rest			22
	Peace and quiet			20
	Other			17
	Dog walking			13
	Safe space			11
	Attractive design			5
	Not answered			3
	Wildness / Green space / No traffic		WILD	3
	Safe place for children to play and learn to ride their bike / My toddler uses his scooter / Come to the park to ride our bikes		BIKES	3
	Nice place to relax / Peace and quiet		PEACE/QUIET	2
	Decline in safety / Nothing to like as unsafe notorious place. Police on weapons searches!	Parks operations and safer neighbourhood teams notified of anti-social issues	ANTI-SOCIAL	2
	Whole park looks untidy / Unloved	Masterplan will address this	UNTIDY	2

Exercise		EXERCISE	2
Hills are fun with toddler		MOUNDS	1
Walking through the park to get to the other side		CUT THROUGH	1
Didn't know that area was classed as a park		DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS PARK	1
Go there with my young nephew		VISIT	1
I like it for dog walking and meeting others who also walk their dogs there. Have made many new friends due to this		DOG WALKING	1
Proximity to where I live		CLOSE	1

Does the park feel safe? Options –	No			31
	Yes			30
	Not answered			1

What should the priorities be to improve Consort Park? Options – Increase benches or picnic tables / Improve play equipment / More wildlife friendly / Improve safety / Other	More wildlife friendly	Comments noted		46
	Improve safety	Comments noted		40
	Improve play equipment	Comments noted		34
	Increase benches or picnic tables	Comments noted		28
	Other			19
	There is no lighting in the whole of the park / Lighting to be well lit at night as drug dealing and unsavoury strangers young men visitors every night.	Park policy is to not introduce lighting into parks as it disturbs wildlife and can encourage people to use the park at night-time which may lead to a false sense of security and disturbance to local residents.	LIGHTING	

Do something about dog control and dog mess which spoils an otherwise lovely park / Resolve the dog poo problem / Ban dogs	Parks operations and safer neighbourhood teams notified of anti-social issues. Dog owners are responsible for dog mess, but it can be reported via https://www.southwark.gov.uk/street-care/dog-fouling	DOG ISSUES	4
Reduce the trees in the dark corner behind the houses where the "fitness" equipment is. Undesirables congregate there, its a very dark area / Back of the park which backs onto the church has become a drug, toilet area and needs addressing / It has a lot of 'closed' areas that don't feel safe	Masterplan will aim to design out anti-social behaviour	ANTI-SOCIAL	3
Gym equipment	Masterplan could consider new gym equipment at Dr. Harold Moody Park	OUTDOOR GYM	2
Plant some orchards: apple/pear and plum trees / Grow flowers	Poor quality soil is unlikely to be suitable to grow fruit for	FRUIT TREES	2
Soft surface is old and has trip areas, v slippery when wet and dangerous	Masterplan could address this	MULTI-COLOUR SURFACE	1
Play bits also slippery and unsightly, tarmac and brick snake requires removal or repair	Masterplan could address this	PLAY	1
Plant more trees	Masterplan could consider this	TREES	1

Possibly CCTV	Running costs of CCTV likely to be unaffordable	CCTV	1
Provide some notice boards	Masterplan could consider this	NOTICE BOARDS	1
2 more picnic benches	Masterplan could consider this	PICNIC TABLES	1
Consort Road Park is fine	Comment noted	FINE PARK	1
There is no play equipment for children	Improvements are planned for the play area at Dr. Harold Moody Park	NO PLAY	1
Enlarge it, reduce impacts of noise & air pollution from adjacent streets	Project will explore linking Consort Park to Dr. Harold Moody Park	INCREASE SIZE	1

Any other comments on improving Consort Park?	Dog owners need to clean up after dog / The park is mainly used by dog owners, sometimes it feels it may not be safe for children / Since the dog walk area closed on Nunhead green it has become a dogs toilet and people driving to the park and letting their dogs out because it is an enclosed area and waiting in their cars and not cleaning up after them / Needs to be made clear whether or not it is to be used for dog walkers and if so, some methods of encouraging dog owners to pick up their pets' mess needs to be introduced. Perhaps a free poo bag dispenser?	Dog owners are responsible for dog mess, but it can be reported via https://www.southwark.gov.uk/street-care/dog-fouling	DOG ISSUES	16
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<p>My kids are forever stepping in poo in the park especially in the grass areas / Controlling the dogs there / Many good dog walkers but some not so good / dominated by dogs / When I had my baby daughter in a sling one large dangerous dog charged at us so fast it knocked us both down and proceeded to jump on us: the owner did absolutely nothing, I often avoid the park if I see dogs off the leash in there / I was attacked by a dog last year and as a consequence feel nervous about my children using the thinner section of the park / Often there are vicious dogs off a leash with unpleasant owners; my wife was once set upon by a huge dog (and not in a friendly way) which for some reason led the owner to be aggressive to her. It would be nice for everyone to use the park alongside each other but it's not somewhere I feel comfortable taking my children that often. I'm sure there's no ideal solution but maybe a large area (maybe even the majority) can be cordoned off for dog walking / A fenced off dog walking area would also be attractive to allow dog owners to let their dogs off the lead safely away from other members of the public . Again this needs to be away from the back of the houses / Ban dogs... there are plenty of other areas for them including the space next to the football pitch by Harold moody park opposite. It was previously dog free when we first moved in / Lots of the children that use the park are not used to dogs and are extremely fearful when they are around or approached by dogs</p>			
<p>Tree in middle circle stone require replacing / The trees creak a lot especially on the main road part near soft surface area they probably need inspecting. All of the trees could do with being cutback a little especially at the back</p>	<p>Tree stump to be removed</p>	<p>TREES</p>	<p>1</p>

Use unused play equipment for vine plants, Possibly plant a small fruit orchard in unsafe soft area. would be nice to encourage more fruit trees/bushes as part of an urban orchard, allowing foraging, and also more seasonal native plants, wild flowers, dog roses?	Poor quality soil is unlikely to be suitable to grow fruit for consumption	FRUIT TREES	2
Daffodil and bluebell planting using local people and neighbours / Community garden / Area to encourage people to garden and grow wildlife friendly plants. I would be very happy to get involved with this project / So much evidence in this field that community parks and gardens helps residents to live healthier and happier lives / Interested in gardening and getting community involved, is part of Garden Organics. Knows Chris Collins the gardener from Blue Peter, so if there was funding could possibly get him involved	Volunteer planting opportunities could be explored	COMM GARDEN	6
Easy access for elderly people / Accessible for all	Any future improvements will meet Equality guidelines	ACCESS	2
Encourage events - one a month - car boot, community play and barbeque, Sunday lunch picnic, local produce farmers market , possible small safe structure for storage	Anyone interested in holding an event should contact the council's Events team. More info at https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage	EVENTS	1
Don't try to do too many things with it, it's not a big space. It won't fit all needs	Suggestion noted	SMALL SPACE	1

<p>I love this little friendly park / Definitely very much used and appreciated / Spend many hours playing in it and climbing trees, great space for children to run around, climb trees / It is very popular for such a small space, especially with parents and small children, who often picnic there, dog walkers / This park is an amazing park but unfortunately has lost its touch over the 28 years I have been going there. However I still find my daily attraction to this park but would love to see it updated / It's a nice green space which is good for walking the dog and encouraging wildlife / We are really pleased about these plans as Consort Park is a real asset to the community. It is a fantastic place to have break and enjoy some peace, nature and wildlife here in Peckham. We are really excited about this project. Well done Southwark Council / Lovely spot. Would be great to see it reach its full potential / We love this little park it is used so much by children of all ages</p>	<p>Comments noted</p>	<p>LOVE</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>Water play park for kids in the summer</p>	<p>Unable to install water play as too expensive to maintain</p>	<p>WATER PLAY</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>My neighbours and I often sit in the park and catch up with a coffee. More benches for people to sit down on / Local workers are often to be found eating lunch and relaxing / Some more tables would make it more likely to be used for picnics / Place benches in the shade / Natural resources that are in the park for seating instead such as logs</p>	<p>Masterplan could consider this</p>	<p>BENCH/PICNIC TABLES</p>	<p>8</p>

<p>Outdoor gym / Local youth and people exercising in the early morning. It's also a really nice park to exercise in, very private and people do so in the early morning / Adult exercise equipment to encourage regular use of the park / Would encourage more to come and great for young and older children and adults / Away from the back, dark, toilet/drug area! New exercise equipment would be fab but the old stuff just moved into the lighter area just as good / Would attract new users to the park / Make equipment more visible</p>	<p>Project will explore adding outdoor gym equipment in Dr. Harold Moody Park</p>	<p>OUTDOOR GYM</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>Play equipment is looking worn / Play equipment be aimed at exploration and discovery / Play equipment is in the worst area of the park (muddy, unsafe, full of dog poo). It is also, frankly, a weird selection of equipment. What would be really great is some equipment for older children (younger ones have Dr Harold Moody Park) - but it would be better to re-think in conjunction with Dr Harold Moody Park, as otherwise it could be tricky for parents who have both older and younger children. Older children aren't currently well served by the local park arrangements / Play area for children / I live in the block of flats on consort road with two children. We have no garden and this is our closest area for play. It's virtually unusable in its current state / Play area for very young children only / Needs something different so kids have different choices as not much going / Would like to see some of it used as a adventure playground for slightly older children / Would be nice to see some areas for children / Children need to be at the heart of the design</p>	<p>Project will explore adding outdoor gym equipment in Dr. Harold Moody Park</p>	<p>PLAY</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Take away parking restrictions from outside the park to encourage people to visit</p>	<p>This comments have been passed to the Parking team</p>	<p>PARKING</p>	<p>1</p>

<p>Lighting might be an idea. Its pitch black at night and is scary to walk past / Park would benefit from some low level lighting to even out dark corners - maybe within the plants themselves / You can hear some shady figures sometimes in the evening / There are a few who don't pick up after their dogs, maybe because it the dog has used the park at night and the owner cannot see - night light that uses solar power. Lighting might be an idea. It's pitch black at night and is scary to walk past / Park would benefit from some low level lighting to even out dark corners - maybe within the plants themselves / You can hear some shady figures sometimes in the evening / There are a few who don't pick up after their dogs, maybe because it the dog has used the park at night and the owner cannot see - night light that uses solar power</p>	<p>Park policy is to not introduce lighting into parks as it disturbs wildlife and can encourage people to use the park at night-time which may lead to a false sense of security and disturbance to local residents.</p>	<p>LIGHTING</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Really love Consort Park as an alternative to the more formal, controlled space of Harold Moody Park. Would like this to be encouraged as a less formal play space, especially for smaller children, more of a wilderness / Love how calm and green it is / It needs to be a quieter area for people to relax, sit / I will take a walk through the park as a detour for some peace / Space away from others</p>	<p>Comments notes</p>	<p>PEACE/QUIET</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>Great space for children to ride their bikes / More space for children to ride bikes / Kids like to make a little circuit and ride their bikes along the path and down the hills across the soft surface and back up the hill on the other side , maybe make this a more formal thing and make the approach to the higher hills a little easier! And less slippery. Our older children learnt to ride bikes here / My children enjoy riding their bikes in here as it's closed and not next to the road</p>	<p>Masterplan could consider areas for children to ride bikes or other wheeled sports</p>	<p>BIKES</p>	<p>5</p>

<p>Like the shape and the little hills to be retained and celebrated / Kids like to make a little circuit and ride their bikes down the hills across the soft surface and back up the hill on the other side , maybe make this a more formal thing and make the approach to the higher hills a little easier! And less slippery</p>	<p>Masterplan could consider reshaping mounds as part of reducing height to increase visibility</p>	<p>MOUNDS</p>	<p>2</p>
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<p>There is some anti social behaviour but never threatening, seems to be a place for local youth to sit and is confined to very late in night, which I don't have a problem with but detritus could be cleaned up more effectively, especially at back of park, often broken bottles and cans, which may put off parents of small children / Controlling youth hanging around in the park smoking weed. If I see this I don't like taking my daughter there to play / Night time drug use. Not safe after dark / We have a lot anti social behaviour, loud music, big groups, fireworks being set off / It doesn't feel safe at the moment, even in the light. It isn't helped by the fact that lots of areas are tucked back from the street. The benches are tucked back and are frequently used for nefarious and (judging from the debris) criminal activities / Maybe better lighting and cctv? / Used condoms and lots of laughing gas canisters in the play area / People drinking alcohol during the day at the park / Slightly unwelcoming though. I like the wildness but perhaps there could be fewer hidden areas / Keep safe for all users / Needs a Wardens office plus public toilet as used by humans as a public loo and to deal drugs and meet up with drug users / Few parents seem to see the areas as either safe or attractive and it is often occupied by people with no children who use it as a social centre / Everything done to keep it as a safe quiet place for relaxing for those who do not wish to use the more busy and youth orientated Harold Moody Park</p>	<p>Parks operations and safer neighbourhood teams notified of anti-social issues. Masterplan will aim to design out anti-social behaviour</p>	<p>ANTI-SOCIAL</p>	<p>17</p>
<p>Lots of people use the park from mothers with babies young people and the elderly it's stood community area which I feel is safe</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>	<p>SAFE</p>	<p>1</p>

<p>A bit dark and wet / There is a lot of tall trees making it very dark in some of the corners it would be nice if these were cut back to be more open and less unsafe / Uninviting to families. It's a shame as it's a large space</p>	<p>Masterplan could address this</p>	<p>DARK</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Link Consort Park and Dr Harold Moody Park together, come up with a coherent plan for both of them? Dr Harold Moody Park is better used at the moment (by us - we have two children) but this is largely because (i) it has a better selection of play equipment, (ii) it is much safer, and (iii) there aren't so many dangerous dogs off the leash. But there is no reason why together, the two couldn't make a really lovely local space / Sturdy Road does not need to be a through Road as Ellery Street already connects Gordon Road with Consort Road. If Sturdy Road were to end after number 20, then Consort Park could be amalgamated with Harold Moody Park / Money should provide more open plan green space / Maintain cycle access to enable the park to be enlarged with the neighbouring green space... to make park more inviting</p>	<p>Project will explore this</p>	<p>LINK PARKS</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>Better access between Dr Harold Moody Park and Consort Park, as Consort Park is frequently used by people who are looking for an alternative through route to the road. Although Ellery Street is a residential street cars do go down it far too fast, and the number of parked cars can make it difficult to cross the street (both due to lack of gaps to cross and also the drop kerbs being blocked). Perhaps a zebra crossing and /or something to slow drivers down?</p>	<p>Project will explore this</p>	<p>ACCESS</p>	<p>2</p>

<p>More nature reserves / As parts of the park are quite shady so not frequented by so many people, these could easily lend themselves to wildlife areas / It could be a wonderful wildlife area, if landscaped correctly. The Japanese Garden in Peckham Rye is an example of this / The rear of the houses needs to be protected from the noise of people... It can be easily protected by shrubs laid out for ten metres or so from the fence / More planting round the edges / It would be great to see some more habitats for nature here / It is imperative that we keep any green spaces we have in Southwark / It could really increase the biodiversity and wildlife and be used for education sessions such as forest School. You could put a locked pond, if the park was to stay open. Or if the security around the park was increased, with taller lockable fencing then the pond could be left open. It would be a nice contrast from the more formal play area adjacent(Dr Harold Moody Park) and make what is at the would be nice to look at beautiful plants when sitting down / Could have a gravel garden, bring nature back with flowers moment a bit of a nothing bit of land into a really valuable community space / Children to explore wildlife and play imaginatively / Leave green spaces and trees that encourage imaginative play</p>	<p>Tree and ecology surveys have been undertaken. The reports make recommendations which will feed into the Masterplan</p>	<p>WILDLIFE</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>Play areas are well provisioned in the adjacent Dr Harold Moody Park so, in my opinion, not needed in Consort Park / There's already a children's playground nearby but Consort Park</p>	<p>The Masterplan will look at how to improve the play area at Dr. Harold Moody Park</p>	<p>NO PLAY</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>To encourage better use of the backspace would be good</p>	<p>Masterplan could address this</p>	<p>REAR AREA</p>	<p>1</p>
<p>It's also a good spot for adults to sit and read or eat without going to a children's playground</p>	<p>Comment noted</p>	<p>RESTING</p>	<p>1</p>

It's not clear what the park is- there are some old odd looking exercise machines which don't add up to much. The place always looks a bit strange and confusing / We don't get the yellow thing on a post with holes in. Footballs don't fit in the holes!	Comments noted	ODD PLAY	2
Please note when constructing this park that there is a nursing home adjacent to the park and must be considered the impact of noise and building works going on in the area	Comment noted	CONSIDERATE CONSTRUCTION	1
Ensure it is marked on maps and signposted, a sign pointing the way from Cossall park for example, in fact a map in all parks showing where the next park is should be adopted	Comment noted	MAP MARKING	1
Get rid of rubbish mingled in soil	Bricks and rubble in the soil of the grassy hills can be removed during the work to reshape them	DEBRIS	1
The existing play area absurdly sited in a dark corner at the back of the houses in Sturdy Road needs to be moved to a more central site which can be seen from the street and from all directions for the safety of the children. moving the seats and play areas closer to the paths and centre of the park	The Masterplan will include improvements to the play area at Dr. Harold Moody Park	LOCATION OF EQUIPMENT - TOO DARK	1
Recycling bins	Comment noted	BINS	1
At the moment it feels as if its a walkway / path rather than a destination. Maybe better design could improve	Masterplan could address this	CUT THROUGH	1
The soft surface area to be resurfaced and maybe some playground games printed on it	Masterplan could consider this or replace with soft landscaping	MULTI-COLOUR SURFACE	1
Location of current bench by the soft surface is in direct sunlight, which is lovely if you want to sunbathe but not so good when you want to keep an eye on your children	Masterplan could consider this	LOCATION OF EQUIPMENT - TOO BRIGHT	1

Maybe an "official" tree swing rather than a makeshift one the children make	Masterplan could consider upgrading all play in Dr. Harold Moody Park instead	TREE SWING	1
The back area (near church and old people's home) that dips down raised so that it is all one level	Masterplan could address this	LEVELS	1
There are not enough dog walking areas and I like Consort Park for dog walking. Majority of the dog owners that use the park pick up after their dogs. If there are no dog walking areas this will lead to dog mess on the pavements - so it really is important to keep some green spaces in local areas / The park is mainly used by dog walkers	Comments noted	DOG WALKING	3
Would be nice to look at sculpture when sitting down	Comment noted	ART	1
Picnic tables might increase pigeons	Pigeons shouldn't be a deterrent towards including picnic benches in parks, bins are located within the park	NO PICNIC TABLES	1
Remove unused play equipment	Masterplan could consider this	REMOVE PLAY	1