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Geraldine Mary Harmsworth
Consultation

Phase One: May-June 2016

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1. Introduction



1.1: History of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

Geraldine Mary Harmsworth (GMH) Park is a public park located in Kennington, Southwark. The park first opened in 1934 after newspaper proprietor Harold Sidney Harmsworth, 1st Viscount Rothermere, donated the land to London County Council for use as a public park in memory of his mother, Geraldine Mary Harmsworth. Prior to this, the land was used as the grounds of the Royal Bethlem Hospital, a notorious psychiatric hospital.

The park contains a section of the Berlin Wall and a Soviet War Memorial commemorating the Soviet dead of WWII. A Tibetan Garden of Contemplation and Peace, commissioned by the Tibet Foundation, was opened in 1999 by the Dalai Lama. More recent additions include a tree trail linking 34 native trees that colonised Britain after the ice age.

1.2: Objectives of the Consultation

The primary aim of the first phase of consultation is to gather a broad range of views from users of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park. The consultation wants to establish how park users currently feel about the park, to develop an understanding of current issues and challenges, and to gather ideas about how the park could be improved. Feedback from park users will be used to inform the development of a draft masterplan for the park.

1.3: Elements of the Consultation

The first phase of the consultation consisted of a stakeholder meeting and a survey, which respondents were able to complete online or on paper. The consultation opened on 9th May 2016, and was intended to run until 5th June, but was extended to 12th June after technical issues with the online survey.

Survey

Respondents were able to offer their views on the park by completing a survey. The address of the online survey was promoted on posters displayed in and around Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park and on leaflets delivered to approximately 5,800 residential addresses in the vicinity, and distributed by Parks staff. The promotional leaflet and poster can be viewed in Appendix C.

The survey invited respondents to comment on a number of major elements in the park:

- Entrances
- Ecology and landscape
- Play
- Sport and fitness
- Buildings
- Facilities
- History and heritage
- Ideas for the future of the park

There were nine open questions in the survey, giving park users the ability to express their views about the park at present and their ideas for its future.

In total, 301 responses to the online survey were received.

Stakeholder event

A stakeholder event was held on 25th April 2016 at the Imperial War Museum. This event was chaired by Cllr Barrie Hargrove and was attended by a range of local stakeholders, including representatives of:

- Friends of GMH Park
- Peace Playground Committee
- OASIS
- The Tibet Foundation
- IWM London
- Local councillors
- Local primary schools
- Foster + Partners

This event provided organisations and individuals with an interest in the park an opportunity to hear about the programme and to discuss the objectives and methods of the consultation.

2. Executive Summary

This summary highlights key findings from this stage of consultation. They are drawn from the survey, email feedback and from the discussions that took place during the stakeholder meeting.

Respondents are generally positive about Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park, particularly the standard of landscaping.

Local residents and workers value the park and, broadly speaking, there is a great deal of affection for the park among respondents.

The key issues highlighted by consultation respondents related to dogs, rough sleeping and anti-social behaviour.

The ability to walk dogs in the park is valued highly by local dog owners. However, dogs are a concern for some park users, particularly parents and caregivers who visit the park to use the play facilities. Many respondents felt that dogs should not be allowed off leads in certain areas of the park for safety reasons and to protect planting. Many respondents also raised the number of people sleeping rough in the park, particularly in the Tibetan Peace Garden, as an issue. Lighting is a concern for some park users. It was felt that poor lighting in some areas of the park contributed to anti-social behaviour issues and made a number of park users feel unsafe, particularly in the winter.

Insufficient signage is a key issue.

A broad range of respondents felt that improvements to signs should be a priority. Many regular park users are unaware the park even contains certain areas. In particular, a number of respondents do not know that there are drinking water fountains and indoor play facilities.

There is resistance to additional 'clutter' breaking up the open space in the park.

While many park users are keen to see additional play and sport facilities, there was a section of respondents who are resistant to seeing too much furniture in the park, and value preserving the maximum amount of open space, particularly in this built-up area of the city.

3. Stakeholder Meeting

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The meeting began with an introduction from Cllr Hargrove, who began the meeting by providing an overview of the background of the park and previous projects. This was followed by a presentation by Principal Service Development Manager John Wade, who provided an overview of the plans for the consultation, as well as its objectives.

Following this, there was a Question and Answer session led by John Wade. There were questions on areas such as how responses from local people will be weighted against those who live further afield, and the geographical area and elements of the park covered by the consultation. There was a comment that income generation and sustainability are important considerations in development of plans for the park. Stakeholders were reassured that they would be involved at each stage of the project going forward.

Consultation attendees were then split into two groups to discuss possible improvements to the park in greater detail. A summary of the discussions by theme is detailed below.

Entrances and Exits

Attendees felt that the Brook Drive entrance should be kept for access, and not as a carpark, as at present, motorists park there all day. Attendees felt that the disabled parking bays should be retained.

Pedestrian access was thought to be good at present, but it was felt that signage could be improved. There were also issues around co-ordination with the pedestrian crossing. Lighting, particularly at the Lambeth Road entrance, was highlighted for improvement.

The Geraldine St entrance was described as “dark and narrow”. There was some discussion on lighting in the park, as some felt it was too dark generally, however, it was noted that any changes to lighting would need to be balanced with impact on local residents. There was also discussion about lighting being sympathetic to nature, and that any lighting improvements would also need to not disturb wildlife.

Park landscape

There was praise for the current park landscaping, however it was felt that there could be more flowers and colour, or perhaps hedges, are needed to 'soften the edges' of the park to distract from the traffic. It was raised that the Lambeth Rd/Kennington side of the park could have better planting. Regarding railings, one attendee said it would be "amazing" to have unified heritage railings around the park.

Play facilities and sport

Attendees thought that the play facilities are well used, but are very basic and have limited space at present. There was discussion that play areas could be designed to complement other play areas in the wider local area, perhaps providing a different kind of play experience.

It was stated that the One O'Clock Club hosts around 100 families a week and would like to expand provision for younger children and holiday activities. A representative from the organisation said that there is a "huge need" to improve these facilities. It was suggested that much of the park is currently underused, such as the orchard, that could be used for an adventure playground.

It was raised that there are a number of anti-social behaviour issues relating to the sports and leisure facilities at GMH, such as use of loudspeakers and young people and instances of people breaking into the facilities after hours. It was also mentioned that the basketball court is too close to homes and causes nuisance and therefore it was asked whether this could be relocated.

History and Heritage

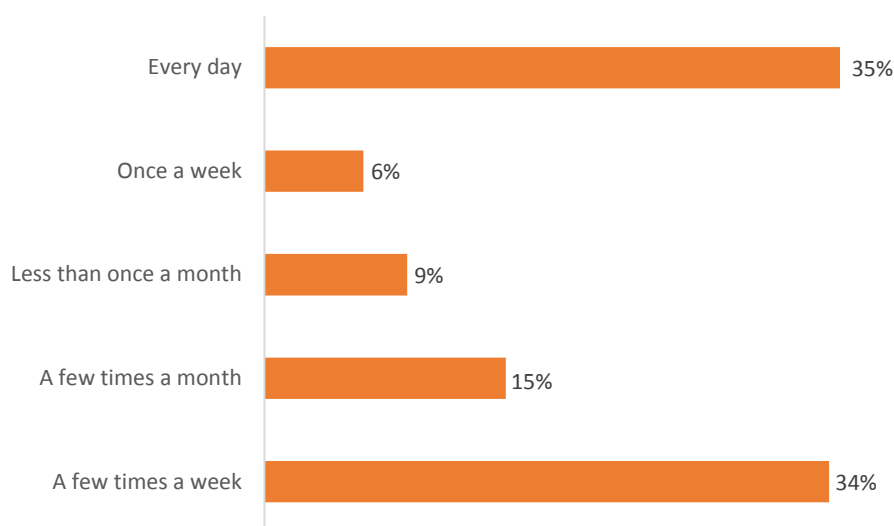
Attendees wanted to see more signage and information about the heritage of the park and information about the local area. There was also discussion of incorporating local area heritage in the play facilities, making the most of the park's "rich history". There was discussion of having heritage markers in the park – for instance showing where there used to be a paddling pool. Heritage is deemed a particularly important feature of GMH park due to it being the home of IWM London and its history as the Dog and Duck and the Royal Bethlem Hospital.

4. Findings

3.1: Use of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

Most survey respondents visit the park frequently. Over three-quarters of respondents (77%) say that they use the park at least weekly. Just over a third of respondents (35%) say that they visit GMH park every day, while a further 34% say that they visit a few times a week, and 6% say they visit once a week.

Figure 1 Q1: How often do you visit Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park?



Base: 296 respondents

Respondents were asked about their main reasons for visiting the park, and were able to choose up to three options. The most popular options are 'walking/walking dogs' (39%), 'visiting IWM London' (28%) and 'commuting to work' (25%).

Table 1 Q2: What are the main reasons that you visit the park? Please tick up to three options

Reason	Number of Respondents	Proportion of respondents to Q2
Walking/walking dog	116	39%
Visiting IWM London	85	28%
Commuting to work	75	25%
Using the playgrounds	68	23%
Using sports facilities	41	14%
Visiting the cafe	35	12%
Jogging	33	11%
Walking to school/using the park as part of a school activity	14	5%
Other (please specify)	77	26%
Not Answered	8	3%

Base: 299 respondents

A quarter of responses (26%) selected 'Other'. The following table classifies the responses under 'Other (please specify)'. 22 of these responses reference relaxation or sitting in the park, while 19 mention visiting the park to enjoy nature and green space. 21 respondents mention visiting the park in their lunch break. Some comments covered more than one theme.

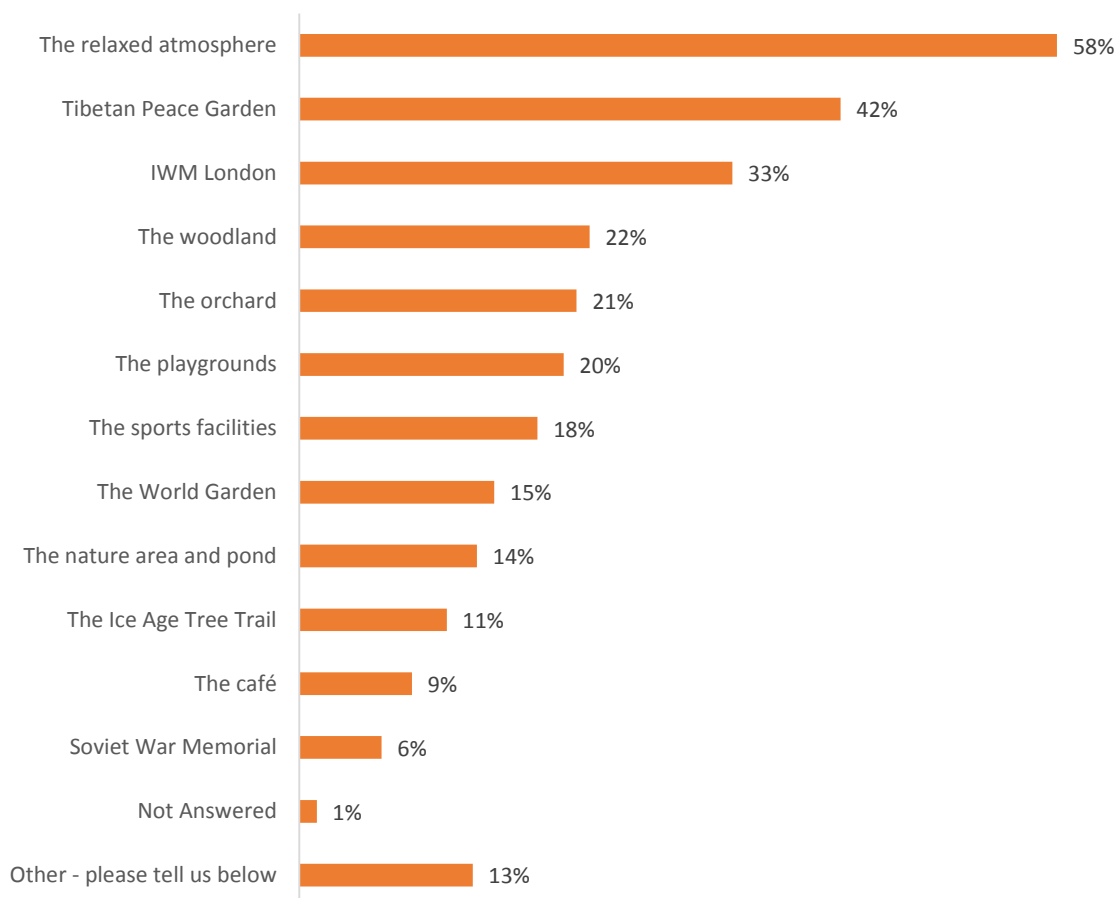
Table 2 Q2: What are the main reasons that you visit the park? Other (please specify)

Reason	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q2
Relaxation/Sitting on the grass	22	7%
Lunch break	21	7%
Enjoy green space/nature/nice weather	19	6%
Walking/Cut through	13	4%
Work at IWM	7	2%
Hullaballoo/play area/youth activities	5	2%
Sport	3	1%
Ice cream	3	1%
Art/Drawing	3	1%
Other (each reason in this category was cited by one respondent)	8	3%

Base: 299 respondents

Respondents were asked what they like most about the park. Almost six-in-ten respondents (58%) chose 'the relaxed atmosphere' as one of the main things they like the about the park, followed by the Tibetan Peace Garden (42%) and IWM London (33%).

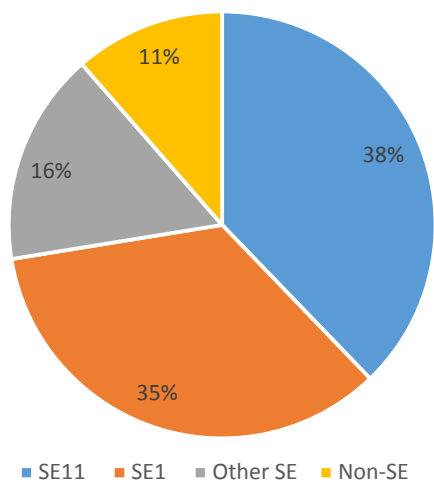
Figure 2 Q4: Thinking about the park at the moment, what do you like most about it?



Base: 298 respondents

Respondents were able to leave the postcode that they visit the park from – their home, school, place of work, or school. The majority of respondents (86%) left their postcode, of which nine out of ten (89%) either live or work in the SE postcode area. Over a third of respondents left an SE11 (38%) or SE1 (35%) postcode.

Figure 3 Q24: Please tell us the postcode where you visit the park from - e.g. your home, place of work or school postcode.



Base: 258 respondents

3.2: Problems

Respondents were asked whether there are any problems in the park that they think need to be addressed. Seven out of ten (69%) respondents chose to leave a comment. The most common issues raised are set out in the table below.

Table 3 Q5: Are there any problems in the park that you think need to be addressed? If so, what are they?

Reason	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q5
Dogs	42	20%
Rough sleepers	27	13%
Anti-social behaviour (ASB) – inc. alcohol, drugs, drug paraphernalia	18	9%
Issues with access/dislike of fencing, gates	18	9%
Play area	17	8%
Better lighting	12	6%
Litter/bins	11	5%
Improve planting	9	4%
Need more/better signage	8	4%
Need more toilets	8	4%
Cyclists	7	3%
Lack of drinking water	6	3%
More seating	5	2%
Dislike commercial events	5	2%
Café	5	2%
Lacks coherence	3	1%
Sports facilities - not open enough	3	1%
Pathways	3	1%
Not enough community events	3	1%
No change	2	1%
Keep open space	2	1%
Roadworks	2	1%
Drainage	2	1%
Dislike wood carving	2	1%
Upgrade the back of the museum	2	1%
Other	6	3%

Base: 208 respondents

The most frequently raised problems relate to dogs, with 20% of comments describing dog-related issues as a problem in the park. Specific problems cited included dogs off leads in all areas of the park, especially around children, and dog mess.

"Dogs. The park is big enough to cope with all users but dogs should not be allowed in the Peace garden or the other area to the east of the museum (both areas already nicely fenced and used for either quietness or recreation). Keep dogs to the behind area of the museum and the Kennington road side"

"The park is heavily used by dog owners, many of whom unfortunately still take their dogs into the four dog prohibited areas. These include the Sports area, the picnic area, the games court and the club. I would welcome proper enforcement by the Council or the Park Keepers of the Bye Law that specifies these areas as dog prohibited areas. In addition, the dog faeces in other areas of the park is increasingly becoming a problem. More should be done to ensure that dog owners remove dog faeces, which is a public health risk."

The second most frequently raised problem relates to rough sleepers, with 13% of comments mentioning this issue.

"The Tibetan Peace Garden is very popular with homeless, drink and drug users and while everyone should be able to enjoy it; it does tend to put off others from spending time in this lovely space."

"Too many areas feel like hotspots for anti-social behaviour or rough sleepers like in particular the wooded area behind the sports courts near the rear access road."

Nine per cent of comments are about anti-social behaviour, including issues around alcohol, drugs and drug paraphernalia in the park. There was a high degree of overlap between comments relating to issues with rough sleepers and issues with ASB.

"Human excrement, from the rough sleepers!"

The area closest to Kennington Road, where there are tables, are a problem because this encourages drinkers - could the tables be taken over to the area near the cafe?"

"Regarding the homeless people who seem to wait in the park for the relevant local drop-in centres to open, wouldn't it be possible for Parks to start some round-table discussions with these providers about some of the problems Parks consequently have to contend with?"

There are also many comments taking the view that the play area needs to be upgraded. Respondents typically chose to comment on the lack of challenge in the playground as well as the lack of play facilities for older children. Comments relating to the park's play facilities will be explored further in section 3.4.

"We use the playground but it compared to places like Archbishops Park and Brockwell Park, it is not great. It would be wonderful if it could be upgraded and there be more for young to older kids (at the moment it feels that it is mainly for toddlers and not great for 5-11)"

"Old, tired, uninventive, unchallenging playground"

"Playground is not that great. Has very few rides/stations for the children to explore"

Issues related to access and general connectivity were also raised frequently. Around 9% of responses to this question involved a comment about this.

"It's minor but some of the inner railings trap you in areas when you don't unlock all the gates. Am sometimes tempted to jump over!"

"The gated section near the children's playground should have more gates that actually open. It is quite annoying to have to walk round to the only gates at the world garden side or have to climb over the fence to get in."

“Even though the park is big, it doesn't feel very large - it is very 'bitty' and segmented, so you don't really feel able to fully relax and enjoy it as you are always close to a road, path, or building.”

Litter is highlighted as an issue by around 5% of respondents. General themes included overflowing bins and the need for recycling bins.

“Some parts are little used while other parts are over-used. Litter when the IWM send school groups out remains a seasonal problem. They should instruct these groups to take litter back into the IWM for disposal. This takes up far too much of Southwark's Parks resources.”

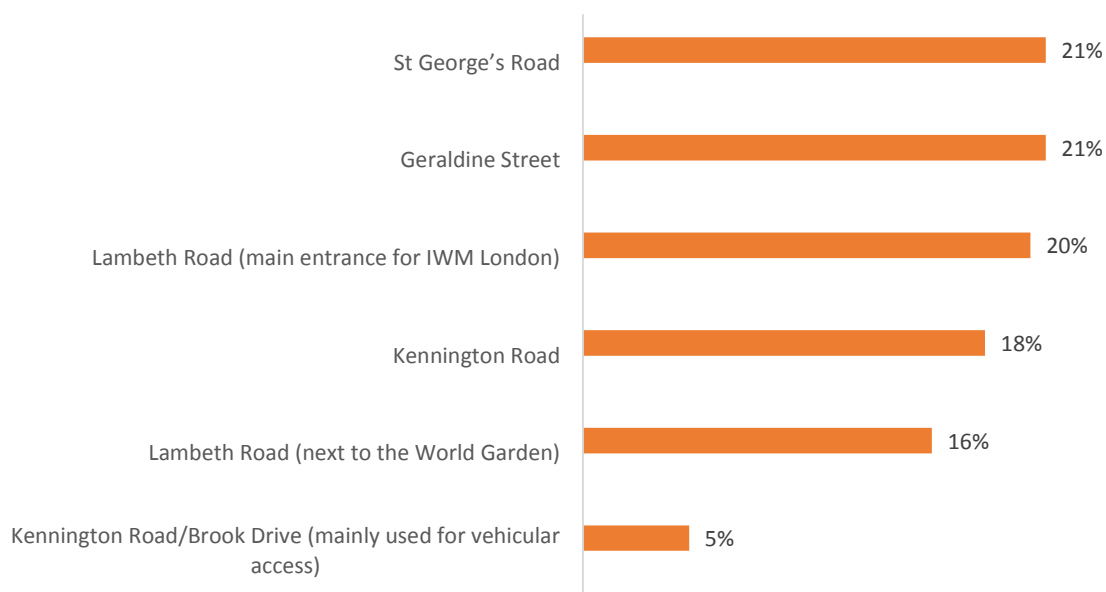
“No recycling bins! utter disgrace, especially by the sports area where bins spill over with plastic bottles every week throughout the year. Picnic areas are also a mess in summer, who and where is the park warden?”

“Litter. - The team does a great job trying to keep clean, but bins when used fill up quickly, are not adequate for days with high usage. Sunday mornings can be particularly bad”

3.3: Entrances

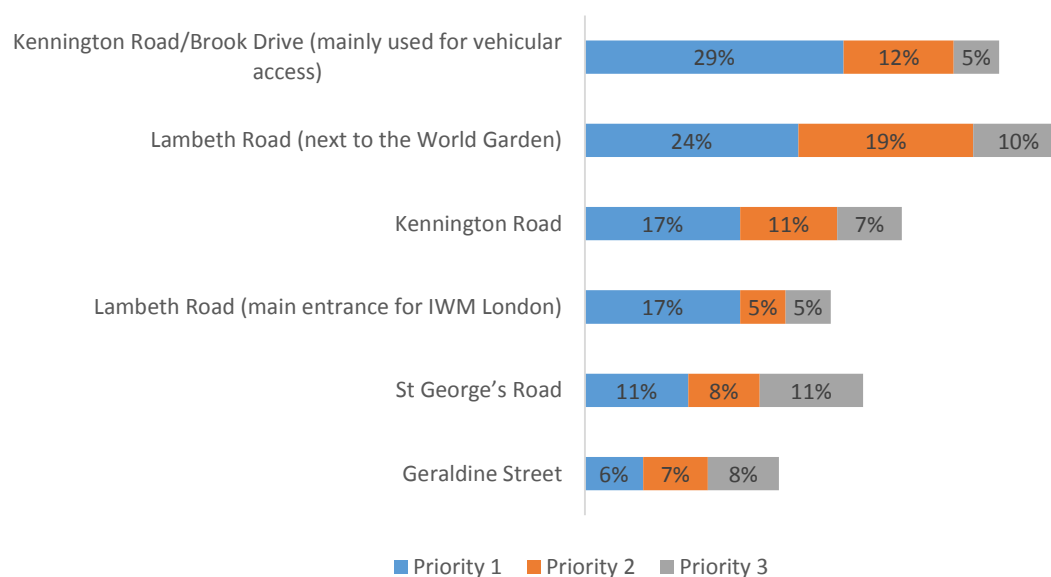
Respondents were asked to state which entrance they used most often to access the park. The most-used entrances among respondents are St Georges Road (21%), Geraldine Street (20%) and Lambeth Road (main entrance for IWM London) (20%).

Figure 4 Q3: Which entrance do you use most often? Please tick one option.



Base: 294 respondents

Respondents were asked which entrances to the park they think could be improved, and were given the opportunity to rank their top three priorities for improvement. The results are summarised in the chart overleaf.

Figure 5 Q6: Which, if any of the entrances to the park do you think could be improved? (Number of respondents)

Base: 140 respondents

The entrance cited most often as first priority was the Kennington Road/Brook Drive entrance. The following question, Q7, allowed respondents to leave comments about how they think a particular entrance could be improved. 15 respondents who selected 'Kennington Road/Brook Drive' as their priority entrance for improvements chose to leave a comment. The majority of these comments centred on accessibility, visibility and road safety issues.

"This entrance is en route to the playground and I think could be improved from a safety aspect. The edges of pavements are not lowered to ease accessibility and it can be difficult to see cars coming in to a park with small children"

"Tricky with a buggy/kids scooter to cross from the pavement behind the Imperial War Museum, off Brook Drive over to the playground; and visibility difficult when crossing Brook Drive from that pavement going in the direction from the park to Kennington Road."

"Brook Drive - has always been a problem, the vehicles are always too fast in there coming & going. It will take a serious accident to get the war museum to heavily instruct their visitors to slow down...."

A quarter of respondents (24%) chose 'Lambeth Road (next to the World Garden)' as their first priority for improvements. The most common theme to these comments related to the need for improved pathways to and from entrances. There are a range of comments about this entrance, of which the most common theme is that it is too narrow. There were also a number of comments about cyclists and pedestrians cutting across the grass between the Kennington Road and Lambeth Road entrances.

"It is a narrow entrance which has a sharp right angle and a shin-high rail on one side. It can become congested when people are approaching from both directions as they can't see others around the corner and there is no way to step aside unless you re-route through the world garden (when it is open)."

"Entrance beside the World Garden is too small for the large number of people who use it coming from the Three Stags pub direction."

“Formalise a pathway from Lambeth Road entrance to Kennington Road entrance. People always cut across the grass there instead.”

Seventeen percent of respondents (17%) put ‘Lambeth Road (main entrance for IWM London)’ as their first priority for improvements, but fewer respondents chose to leave a comment. The most frequently cited issues by respondents who chose this entrance as their first priority were “Signposting to and from entrances” and “Pathways to and from entrances”.

“Lack of lighting is a real problem in winter months and makes the park very intimidating”

“smoother pathways accessible for wheelchair users so that they are easier to push and they are less bumpy and so a more comfortable ride for the wheelchair user”

“The Lambeth road entrances are always full of parked cars, taxis and large coaches I didn't know there were entrances there and especially that was the main entrance.”

‘Kennington Road’ was selected as first priority for improvement by 17% of respondents. For these respondents, the most salient issues with this entrance related to lighting and a more consistent look of entrances.

“A new access on the junction of Kennington Road and Lambeth Road would facilitate access for people coming from the tube station and this neglected area could be improved with flowers and bushes.”

“Near the pub there are benches. But it seems a bit dark needs attention”

“Lighting needs to be improved at the KR entrance to deter drug dealers etc”

Among the 11% of respondents who selected the St Georges Road entrance as their priority for improvements, there were a range of comments. The issues cited most frequently related to lighting and signposting.

“Make the St George's entrance directly by the pedestrian crossing.”

“Lighting from St Georges Road entrance only”

“Some sort of barrier that forces cyclists to dismount/halt at entrances would be a good idea. I've been clipped several times by cyclists veering into the narrow entrances at St Georges Road and the main entrance side gates. They assume there are no pedestrians and pass through at speed without slowing down.”

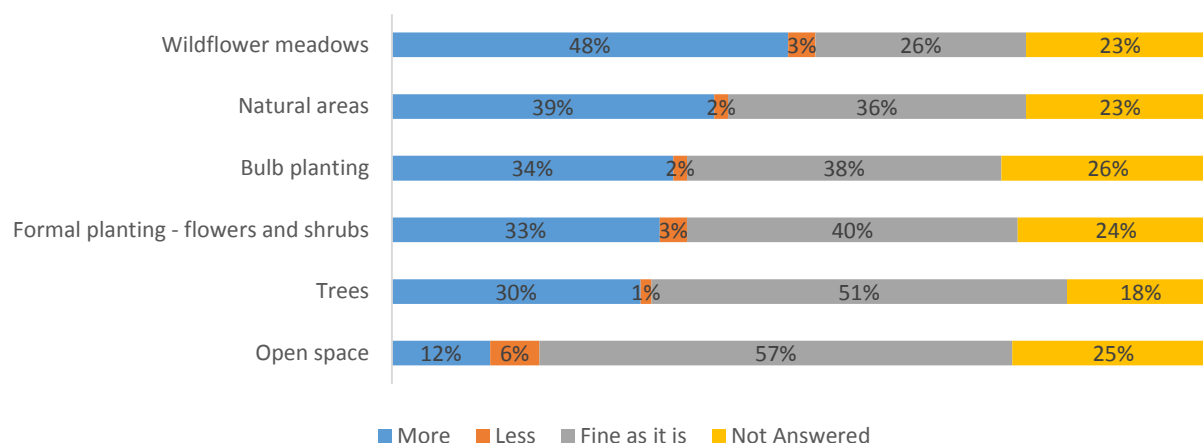
Finally, 6% of respondents selected Geraldine Street as their priority for improvement.

“The entrance from Geraldine Street is a nightmare with little children. The roadway outside could become a shared surface with new traffic calming and parking restrictions.”

3.3: Ecology and Landscape

Respondents were asked to offer their opinion about the balance of ecological and landscape elements in the park. Their responses are set out in the chart below.

Figure 6 Q8: Which, if any of the elements below do you think we need more of, or less in the park?



Base: 261 respondents

There was support for more wildflower meadows, with almost half of responses (48%) of respondents answering that there should be more wildflower meadows in the park. Around four-in-ten respondents (39%) think that there should be more natural areas in the park. Respondents are generally satisfied with the current amount of open space, with a majority (58%) selecting “fine as it is”. Similarly, there are high levels of satisfaction with trees, with just over half of respondents (51%) answering that they are fine as it is.

Respondents were able to leave further comments. These comments covered a wide range of subjects which are listed in the table overleaf.

Table 4 Q8: If you would like to see more ecology and landscape features, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Reason	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q8
Wildflower meadow	32	25%
Water	12	10%
Trees	12	10%
No change/It's fine	7	7%
Butterfly/Bees	7	7%
Pathways	5	4%
Keep open space/less clutter	4	3%
Hedging/protected feel/fencing	4	3%
Sensory garden	4	3%
Poppies	3	2%
Children	3	2%
Community garden	3	2%
Flowers	2	2%
Seasonal	2	2%
Signs/information	2	2%
Cohesiveness/integration	2	2%
Natural/informal gardening	1	1%
Wildlife	1	1%
Less concrete	1	1%
Other	13	11%

Base: 122 respondents

The most frequently mentioned theme of the comments was support for wildflower meadows. A quarter (25%) of respondents who answered this question commented on wildflower meadows.

“There are some lovely planted areas but it was a shame that the wildflower meadow couldn't be sustained more - the 'desire line' that people take to walk through the park meant people were walking directly through the meadow, and others followed suit, so the flowers got quite trampled”

“I like the new wildflower section next to the World Garden, this could maybe be extended around the edges of the park? (without reducing grass space too much)”

“I like 'scruffy' landscapes, especially meadows - and appreciate the efforts that are being made in this space. Perhaps a little more attention to placement would be useful (the meadow - now gone - that was next to the entrance on Lambeth Road was quickly trodden on and, with hindsight, better placement would have lessened the chance of that.”

Twelve respondents (10%) support introducing a water feature or respond.

"The pond area is lovely, although is closed to visitors. A larger pond like the one at Red Cross Gardens, would be lovely."

"I would like to see a little fountain and more flowers"

Around a tenth of respondents (10%) chose to leave a comment related to trees. There is a frequent praise for the Ice Age Tree Trail initiative.

"I love the ice age trail - this is a really good example of how to engage the community with trees - so more dynamic planting of both large (for the future) and small specimen trees would be welcome."

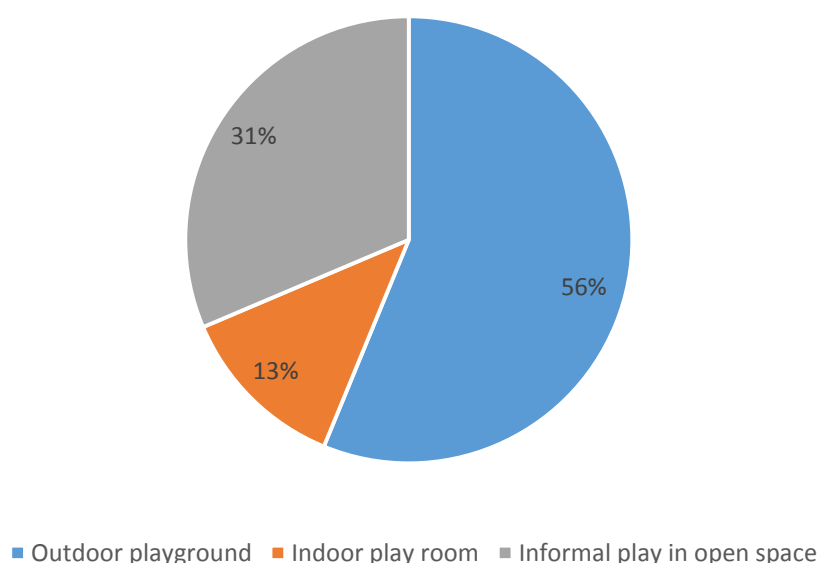
"Silver birch trees. Hay fever friendly trees"

"More trees to cope with the terrible air pollution in this part of London."

3.4: Play

Respondents were invited to comment on the play facilities available at GMH. Respondents were asked to indicate which of the play facilities they thought most in need of improvement; the outdoor playground, the indoor play room, or the informal play in open space. Of the 46% of respondents who chose to answer this question, the majority (56%) prioritised the outdoor playground.

Figure 7 Q10: Thinking about play facilities, which if any of the following do you think are most in need of improvement? (Excluding 'Not Answered')



Base: 137 respondents

Outdoor play

Respondents were invited to comment on what kind of improvements to outdoor play facilities they would like to see. Suggestions of 'natural play', 'toddler play' and 'adventure play' were listed, and respondents were also able to offer additional comment in the text box below.

'Natural Play (i.e. play made from natural components such as logs, mud and trees)' was the most popular option – 62 respondents selected this as their first priority. 42 respondents chose to put 'Adventure Play' first, while 15 prioritised 'Toddler Play'.

When asked to comment further about what kind of improvements they would like to see, 47 respondents chose to comment. The most common themes to these comments related to water play/a water fountain (8 respondents), more for older children (7 respondents), and a general belief that the playground needed modernising/updating (7 respondents).

Table 5 Q11: If you would like to see improvements to outdoor play facilities please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q11
Would like water play/water fountain	8	14%
Needs updating/it's old	7	12%
Need more for older children	7	12%
No change needed/It's fine currently	7	10%
Use natural materials	4	7%
Would like the peace playground	3	3%
Comment not about play	2	3%
Indoor play	2	3%
Would like informal play	2	3%
Would like play for adults	2	3%
Other (each reason in this category was cited by one respondent)	6	10%

Base: 59 respondents

Water play is the most frequently mentioned improvement, requested by 14% of respondents.

"I would like to see some sort of water play area. The best park in London is the water play area in Myatt's Fields and I would love something like that in Southwark. The playground might need some updating but is lovely as it is"

"I would love to see the return of the paddling pool or fountains".

A number of respondents think that there should be more play facilities for older children.

"All of the above would be wonderful, as would a total upgrade to the playground so that it includes play for a wider range of ages - at the moment it seems to be for very young toddlers / kids."

"More for older children and teenagers"

Indoor play

Respondents were asked if they would like to see improvements to indoor play facilities, and if so, what kind of thing they would like to see. The most frequently mentioned ideas are set out in the table below.

Table 6 Q12: If you would like to see improvements to indoor play facilities please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q12
Soft play	9	18%
I didn't know there was an indoor play area/need better signage	7	14%
Needs updating	5	10%
Outdoor activity indoors in case of adverse weather	3	6%
Permanent structure	2	4%
Trampoline	2	4%
No more play area/prefer open space	2	4%
Water play	2	5%
Make larger	2	4%
Sports/exercise equipment for children	2	4%
Older kids	2	4%
Toddler play	1	2%
Peace playground	1	2%
Seating	1	2%
Other (each reason in this category was cited by one respondent)	6	11%

Base: 44 respondents

Soft play is the most popular option among respondents. Several respondents feel that a bigger indoor playspace would be appreciated by local families.

"Current indoor playspace is small and often closed. It's only suitable for babies and toddlers. An indoor soft play would be great for the area."

"The playspace is fantastic and we love going there but it's small and could do with a facelift. Bigger building would be great with more facilities."

A number of respondents are unaware that any indoor play facilities existed.

"There are none!!"

"I'm not sure how accessible the indoor play facilities are to the general public, so that could certainly be made a lot clearer. I've used them as part of the Oasis Playspace offering and I think they're very good."

"I didn't even know there was any. It could be better signposted, or some how made more welcoming."

3.5: Sport and Fitness

We asked respondents which, if any, of the sports facilities in the park could be improved. Six-in-ten respondents (61%) wanted improved fitness routes, while 47% of respondents said that the outdoor gym should be first priority for improvements.

Table 7 Q13: Which, if any, of the sports facilities in the park do you think could be improved?

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q13
Better outdoor gym	43	47%
Fitness routes/running routes	56	61%
Other (please tell us below)	30	33%

Base: 149 respondents

The following question, Question 14, allowed respondents to detail what kind of improvements to sports facilities they would like to see.

Table 8 Q14: If you would like to see improvements to sports facilities, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q14
Better maintenance of sports courts	7	10%
Football pitch needs updating/maintenance	6	9%
Running/fitness path	5	7%
Disruption to residents	5	7%
Make it easier to book courts/increase awareness/	5	7%
It's good/No change	4	6%
More courts	4	6%
Less space for outdoor gym/sports facilities	4	6%
Signs	3	4%
Like outdoor gym	3	4%
More basketball	3	4%
Sit up/pull up area	2	3%
Haven't used	2	3%
Water fountain	1	1%
More secluded exercise area	1	1%
Gym for kids	1	1%
Other	9	13%

Base: 68 respondents

The most frequently mentioned improvement requested improvements to and maintenance of the sports pitches.

"Please just keep access to the pitches for children. The 3rd football pitch needs updating and we like to use this regularly."

"I play tennis on the courts now and again, invariably a ball ends up going on the road, might be worth investing in some higher netting!"

The second most frequently mentioned improvement was the addition of a running or fitness path, though there was some opposition to this.

"I remember when there were no courts or facilities so hooray! A perfect world would double the no. of tennis courts. The serious lack relates to running/jogging. Having tried various routes it seems obvious that considered changes and improvements could produce decent running facilities. Not a track, there are other places but an off road, healthy and secure running trail, e appropriate non Tarmac surfaces..."

"Fitness trail around the park like Dulwich and Burgess Park"

"Please do not ruin the park by installing a fitness or running route. What is there now is peaceful and traditional. I walk the park everyday and everyone seems more than happy with what's there now."

A small number of local residents expressed concern that the expansion of sports facilities would be disruptive.

"More consideration should be given to the impact of the sports facilities to the residents, especially those in the houses adjacent to the area. Extreme noise has been a problem such as loud speakers. Antisocial behaviour as people have climbed out of hours to play, during unreasonable times (two weeks ago two men started playing basketball at midnight). The next door neighbours cannot be ignored please."

"Better fencing, or adjustments to existing fencing, to stop people from entering the facility and causing problems when it is closed. Over Christmas, around 40 people led by someone with bolt cutters broke into the sports facility and caused a disturbance over several days."

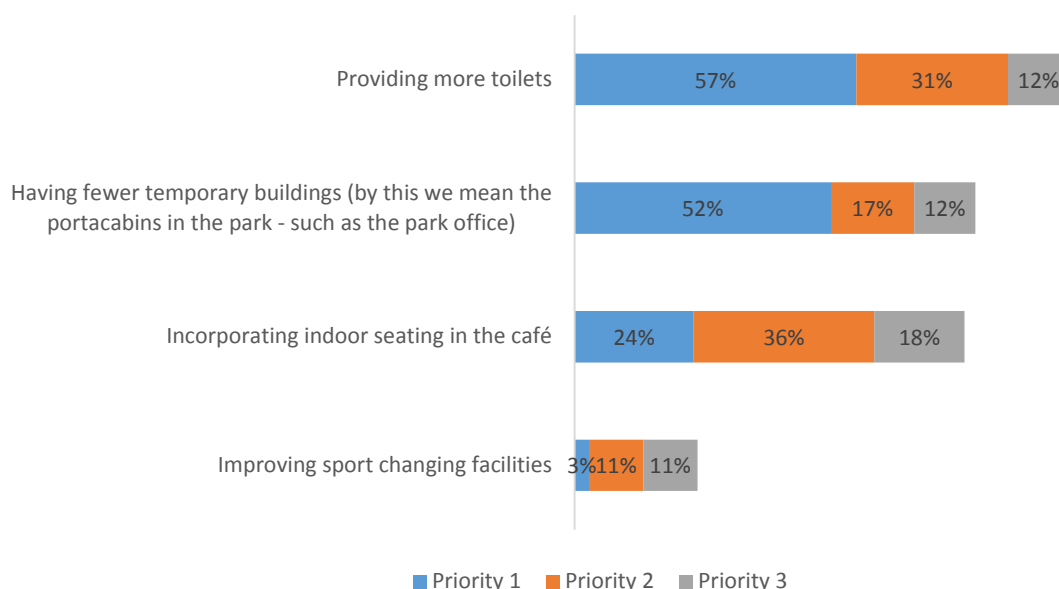
Living very close to the park, I rely upon the opening hours of the facility remaining so that the noise and light intrusion is manageable."

3.6: Buildings

Respondents were able to comment on buildings in the park. The survey provided a number of options for prioritisation: having fewer temporary buildings, improving sport changing facilities, providing more toilets and incorporating indoor seating in the café.

The most popular option was 'providing more toilets'. Fifty seven percent of respondents chose this option as their first priority for improvements. This was followed by 52% of respondents who felt that 'having fewer temporary buildings' should be prioritised. While a quarter of respondents (24%) thought that 'incorporating indoor seating at the café' should be prioritised for improvements, most respondents seemed satisfied with the current standard of sports changing facilities, with only 3% respondents believing that these facilities should be first priority for improvement.

Table 9 Q15: Which, if any of the below do you think could be improved? (Number of respondents)



Base: 137 respondents

The following question, Question 16, asked respondents if they would like to see improvements to buildings in the park, what kind of things they would like to see. The below table classifies the types of comments received.

Table 10 Q16: If you would like to see other improvements to buildings in the park, please tell us what kind of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q16
More toilets	12	18%
Café – improve quality/new cafe	11	18%
Support co-location	10	15%
More seating	6	9%
Fewer buildings	5	8%
General comment about aesthetics	4	6%
Lighting	3	5%
Don't know	2	3%
Open up café	2	3%
Remove cafe	1	2%
No change needed	1	2%
Other (each reason in this category was cited by one respondent)	17	11%

Base: 65 respondents

The lack of toilet facilities are the most frequently mentioned issue. There was also support for co-location and fewer buildings. A selection of comments for Question 16 can be found below.

“Having the play area and cafe close by would be amazing. We've been in the cafe in the IWM a few items but it's too expansive and thus prohibitive. It'd be great to see some kiddie toilets near the play area, like in Kennington Park.”

“I think the one o'clock club and park office portacabins should be removed and replaced with a permanent low rise building with lots of natural light for indoor play, parents and carers, co-located with an enlarged playground.

I would like to see the sports building brought into more active use. The main foyer isn't useful or used.

There is the scope for outside seating here too. It could be more of a clubhouse or cafe.

I would like to see the gatehouses used more. I wonder if they could be leased to local community start-ups? For example, I run a local enterprise to connect people to services and activities. The gatehouses would be perfect for community minded start-ups like ours.”

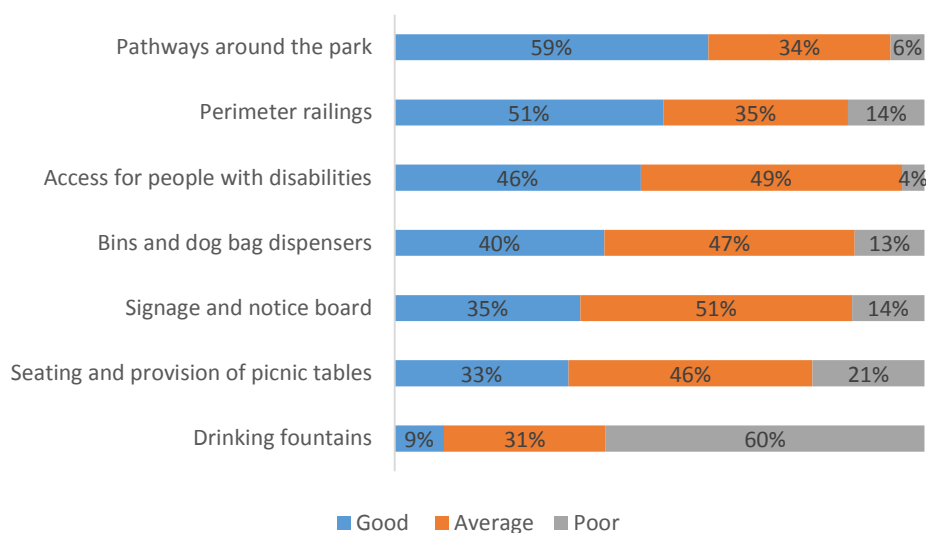
“With the relocation of the parks managers to their new office in a few months time, it would be good to have the current office removed. Ideally, the park should have one main building, of world-leading design, and in sympathy with the local environment, that incorporates the cafe, an indoor seating area, and a community space for families and other users.”

“The toilet is poorly maintained (eg the lock is currently broken), any plan should include maintenance.”

3.7: Facilities

We asked respondents to rate a number of facilities in the park at present – whether they deem them to be ‘Good’, ‘Average’ or ‘Poor’. The table below ranks these elements by the proportion of respondents that rated each element as ‘Good’.

Figure 8 Q17: How would you rate the following in the park at present?



Base: 241 respondents

As can be seen from the graph, ‘drinking fountains’ were rated the poorest element in the park by respondents, followed by ‘seating and provision of picnic tables’ and ‘signage and notice boards’.

Respondents were also able to add suggestions for other improvements to facilities in the park in question 18.

Table 11 Q18: If you would like to see improvements to facilities in the park, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q16
More/improved seating	10	10%
Drinking fountains	8	8%
Separate area for dogs	8	8%
Toilets	7	7%
More bins/bins emptied	7	7%
Dog facilities	6	6%
Water	6	6%
Access	6	6%
Play	5	5%
Lighting	5	5%
Fitness/Sport	5	5%
Signage	5	5%
BBQ	3	3%
Railings	2	2%
Less clutter	2	2%
Other	25	25%

Base: 100 respondents

The most popular suggestion related to more and improved seating, with a tenth of responses referencing this.

"I'd like to see a bit more seating - maybe some natural-looking park furniture. You could run a competition to design these!"

"The steel benches are not comfortable at all there are enough benches, they're just not comfy."

Several respondents suggested adding more drinking fountains to the park, particularly ones that also allow dogs to drink.

"Improved drinking fountains with good water pressure and a cleaning regime in place. Possible also incorporating dog and other animal drinking place - Royal parks have various good examples of such."

"Perhaps I missed it but I couldn't find an outdoor tap for dogs drinking water or human water fountain. I used the cafe instead but not an ideal solution."

Eight per cent of responses referenced designating a separate dog area in the park.

"I would like to see a designated dog play area that is fenced off and gated and clearly signed DOG AREA so that dog walkers and owners do not have to share the space with other visitors and can let dogs off safely in a gated area."

"Separate or have less dogs area. Currently playground and picnic area are surrounded by dogs area (west and east of the IMW building). Some dogs are intimidating and run across non dog area. If you are

having children or picnic food, they can easily come across. The dog poos are everywhere too. Perhaps increase signs to the owners?"

A small number of respondents suggested improvements to dog facilities in the park, specifically facilities for disposing of dog mess and drinking water facilities for dogs.

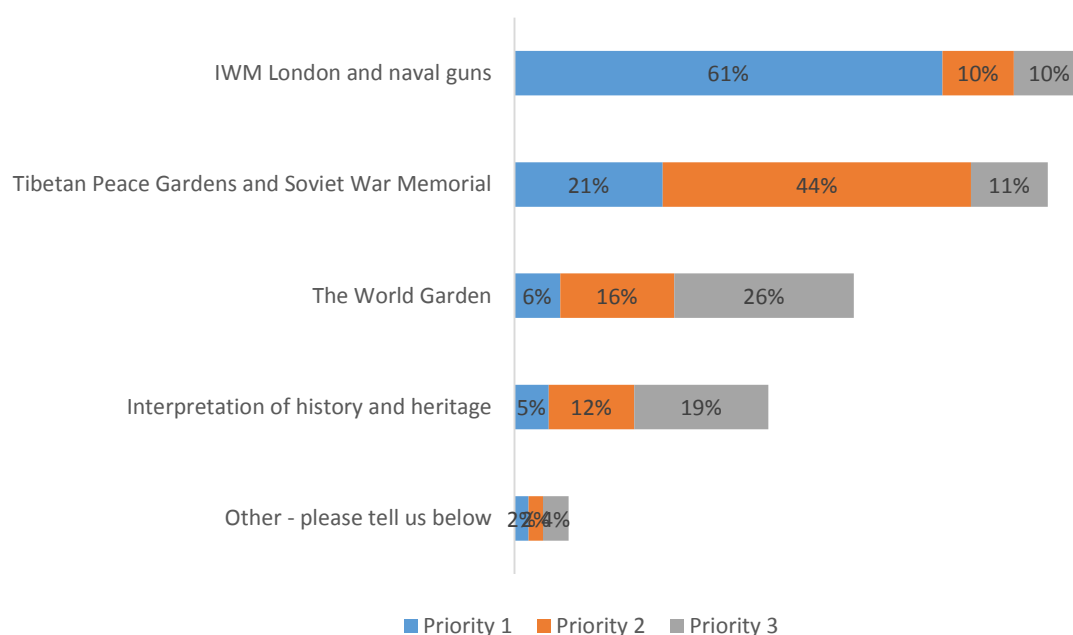
"I walk my dog within the park but haven't seen poo bag dispensers. Most people pick up their dog's poo but this should be 100% and those not complying should be warned and fined. Don't penalise responsible owners."

"now plastic bags are not free poo bins should be as those in Burgess park with bags attached."

3.8: History and Heritage

Respondents were asked to comment on the historical, heritage and cultural elements in the park. Respondents were able to rank their favourite three historical, heritage and cultural elements.

Figure 9 Q19: Thinking about the historical, heritage and cultural elements in the park, which do you like the most?



Base: 247 respondents

Among respondents, IWM London and the naval guns are looked upon most positively, with 61% of respondents placing this as their favourite historical, heritage or cultural element in the park. Second was the Tibetan Peace Gardens and Soviet War Memorial, with a fifth (21%) of respondents selecting it as their favourite.

19 respondents selected 'Other'. Their comments are summarised in the table below. Some respondents chose to comment on non-historical and heritage elements in the park such as the play area and the orchard.

Table 12 Q19: Thinking about the historical, heritage and cultural elements in the park, which do you like the most? Other (please tell us below)

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q19
Historical information	7	27%
Trees/Ice Age tree trail	5	19%
Planting around guns	2	8%
Berlin wall	2	8%
Peace Garden	2	8%
All of it	2	8%
None	2	8%
Sculpture	1	4%
Open space	1	4%
Other	2	8%

Base: 19 respondents

Respondents were asked if they would like to see more interpretation of history, heritage and culture in the park, and if so, what kind of thing they would like to see. Their comments are summarised in the table below.

Table 13 Q20: If you would like to see more interpretation of history, heritage and culture in the park, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q20
Bethlem Royal Hospital /History and previous use of building	16	21%
History of park	12	14%
More IWM in park	11	13%
It's fine / no change needed	6	7%
Photos / storyboards	5	6%
Art / sculpture	5	6%
Want open space/keep it simple	3	4%
Don't like naval guns	3	4%
History of wider area	3	3%
Maintenance of existing features	3	4%
Walk	2	2%
Not much history/heritage in park	2	2%
Performance area	2	2%
Promote peace	1	1%
Use for brick gate house	1	1%
Trees	1	1%
Improve accessibility	1	1%
Other	7	8%

Base: 83 respondents

Many respondents are keen to see recognition of the IWM London building's history as Bethlem Royal Hospital, or Bedlam.

3.9: Ideas for the future of the park

Finally, respondents were given a free text box in which to offer suggestions for further improvements to the park. Respondents were asked to detail:

- Where in the park they would like to see the improvement
- How you would like this area to be improved
- Why you believe this improvement should be prioritised.

162 respondents chose to leave a comment to this question. The most common themes emerging from these suggestions are set out below.

Table 14 Q21: We would love to hear of any other ideas you have about how to improve GMH park...

Idea	Number of Respondents	Proportion of responses to Q21
Dogs	21	13%
Play/for kids	21	13%
It's good/maintain	12	7%
Café	12	7%
Integration/cohesiveness	12	7%
Nature	12	7%
Lighting	11	7%
Seating	10	6%
Sports	9	6%
Open space	8	5%
Events	7	4%
Toilets	6	4%
Park warden	4	2%
Fair damage	4	2%
Pond/water feature	3	2%
General praise	3	2%
Safety	3	2%
Gen praise	3	2%
Building	2	1%
ASB	1	1%
History/Heritage	1	1%
Drainage	1	1%
Access/Entrances/Close park at night	1	1%
Signage	1	1%
Drinking fountain	1	1%
No further comment	1	1%
Other	15	9%

Base: 162 respondents

Dogs

The use of GMH park by dogs and dog-owners was highlighted by a number of respondents. As in other parks in London, there is a degree of conflict between dog owners and other park users. Frequent themes to comments include improvements to signage and enforcement so that dog owners and other park users are aware of which areas of the park are dog-friendly and which are not, and making the most of the dog agility area.

"Please do keep the enclosed area in the middle of the park as this is very important for dog owners who use this area at all times of the year. We appreciate that there are many park uses that frequent the park just in the summer who may wish to remove the enclosed area, however, this area is used 365 days a year by dog owners who appreciate the size of this area as opposed to other parks in the vicinity."

"As said before, I would like to see a designated dog area, fenced off and gated and clearly signed DOG AREA so dog owners do not have to share an area with children and youths playing ball. This area would be very helpful for dog owners knowing that they can let their dogs off in a safe area without bothering and being bothered by other people, specially people who do not like dogs. I know you have a small dog area at the back but it is not fenced in and gated and is not safe to let young dogs off lead."

"The area to the rear of the museum by dog agility area is underused and could be better signposted and you insist dogs exercise there rather than being allowed to run off leash everywhere else in the park. The tibetan garden and the lawn to the St Georges rd side should be wholly off limits to dogs. (Dogs can have the rear and the Kennington Road side.)"

"I would also like to see more separation of the areas for dog users - and for these to be further away from play areas. I would use the grassy areas for play and picnics much more if there weren't overrun by dogs, but they don't currently feel safe for young children."

Play

Play was mentioned by 13% per cent of responses to this question. Many respondents felt that the current indoor and outdoor play facilities require upgrading and updating, with more for older children. A number of respondents referenced the Peace Playground project.

"The Oasis Playspace is great for toddlers, but there should be consideration of a youth space as well, or at least a space big enough to incorporate these two different demographics. This should include better lighting in the park play areas at night, more challenging climbing frames, bigger swings, and a more adequate indoor area. This improvement should be prioritised because many young people come through the park due to the youth club, and football initiatives that is currently held there. Also, with two secondary schools nearby, young people choose to come to the park when the weather is nice. Having a space for them will help them to engage better with the park. It will also be better for the young people who visit the museum with their families".

"Better play area for children along with a cafe close to the play area. In comparison to other parks in the area, the play area is quite small with limited facilities for older children (5+). It is a reasonably big park so I am sure a larger play area could be incorporated."

"Please see the designs that were commissioned by the Southwark Greener Cleaner Safer Spaces grant by ERECT ARCHITECTURE for the Peace Playground initiative as an example of the type of spaces that we should commission. Also please be aware of both the playgrounds in Battersea and Brockwell parks which are truly up to 21st century specification."

Outdoor café

The outdoor café was frequently highlighted as an aspect of GMH park that could be improved. A number of respondents felt that the aesthetics of the outdoor café and the quality of its produce could be brought more in line with the standards of rest of the park.

"Beautiful park - just the cafe needs improving or more than one"

"Your outside cafe is really very tatty and has a poor selection. Depending on the licence terms this ought to be easy to fix as there is an income opportunity with locals and tourists."

"I mention elsewhere in my response that I would like to see something done about the ugly café near the main IWM entrance (not the new café within the IWM which is fine). It is not in keeping with the park."

Seating

Six per cent of responses mention seating, specifically requesting more and better quality seating.

"This feels like a good park with the potential to be great through some updates. In particular, installation of high-quality seating to encourage people to stay and linger."

"Better (and probably more) seating - you have picnic tables and seating in the cafe that are benches. I have a bad back and need furniture with a back on it to rest on. So I can never sit down in the park. Fix this because it is simple, low cost, and is a one off rather than requiring ongoing maintenance. And its an easy way to add to the enjoyment of the park."

Open space

Some park users are keen to see open space in the park protected and value a more "peaceful" atmosphere, with about 4% of responses to this question touching on this theme.

"Green space simply. A place for us living in SE1 to escape the traffic and breath in some fresh air and see the sky. Because its clear by the number of residential high rise developments Southwark is approving in the area, we soon won't see any sky, unless we can afford to buy some multi-million pound real estate or pay £40 to have an uber hollow corporate experience at the top of the Shard."

"I'd love the park to stay as simple as possible, especially given all the building development up around the Elephant. Please don't try to get too clever with it! Peace and calm and open space are the good things about it - and it's marvellous to see the sports facilities in use as spring accelerates. Well done everyone involved!"

"I would like you to remove clutter from the park and to replace it with open grass and trees."

"It is a lovely park which provides a much needed green space to the part of London. The peacefulness it gives is cherished by users and residents."

"Not too much "clutter" as in temporary buildings, too many signs, etc."

Integration and cohesiveness

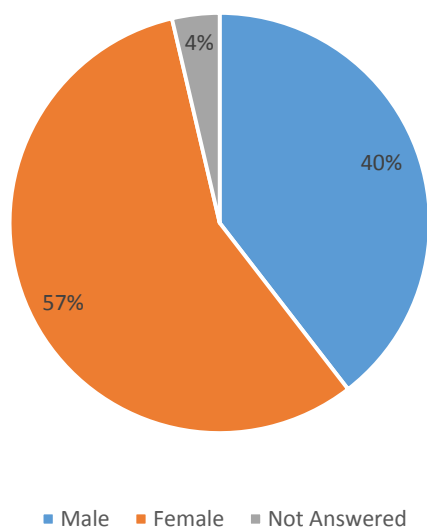
There were a number of comments discussing how the different areas of the park mesh together, representing 7% of responses. Some respondents take the view that some changes to make the park feel more 'cohesive' could be useful.

“It's a great park, but it suffers from feeling a bit 'all over the place'. It would be great to unify it and possibly to think about creating pathways for different user groups - a running track around the perimeter, for example, or using pathways to define family/picnic zones in the open areas.”

“The park has slowly become overrun with fences which has created a lot of unnecessary division and obstruction. While something is sometimes necessary to contain certain areas, these do seem to be destroying the potential beauty of the park and the ability to move freely. Might we suggest that when considering any further developments, we also promote some de-cluttering measures, which are often more cost effective in any case?”

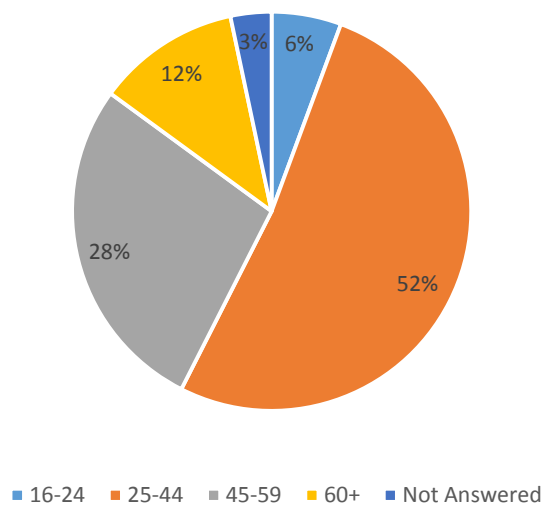
Appendix A: Survey Demographics

Gender



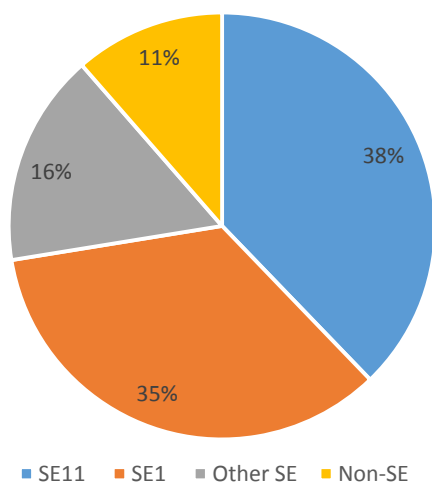
Base: 290 respondents

Age



Base: 291 respondents

Postcode



Base: 254 respondents

Appendix B: Questionnaire

The future of **Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park**



Consultation Survey

Introduction

We are planning to upgrade Geraldine Mary Harmsworth (GMH) Park, and we are seeking your views on what improvements we could make.

Our vision is for the park to be open and welcoming for local residents and visitors to the Imperial War Museum (IWM London).

We want to:

- encourage better use of space, as some areas of the park are currently underused
- create visual links across the park through the use of a more coherent palette of planting and materials
- make circulation around the park easier
- find a balance of facilities for all park users
- ensure that changes are easy to maintain within existing budgets.

This survey offers you the opportunity to write down your ideas throughout, but please feel free to skip any questions which you do not feel are relevant for you.

We will use your comments from this first stage of consultation to create an initial design for the park. We will then hold a second stage of consultation during Autumn 2016 to get your views on this design before making any final decisions. The master plan for the park will be finalised in Winter 2016.

Section 1: Use of the Park

Q1. How often do you visit GMH Park?

- ☐ Every day
- ☐ A few times a week
- ☐ Once a week
- ☐ A few times a month
- ☐ Less than once a month

Q2. What are the main reasons that you visit the park? Please tick up to three options.

- ☐ Commuting to work
- ☐ Walking to school/using the park as part of a school activity
- ☐ Walking/ walking dog
- ☐ Jogging
- ☐ Using sports facilities
- ☐ Visiting the cafe
- ☐ Using the playgrounds
- ☐ Visiting IWM London
- ☐ Other (please specify):

Q3. Thinking about the park at the moment, what do you like most about it? Please tick up to three options.

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The relaxed atmosphere | <input type="checkbox"/> Soviet Memorial |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The sports facilities | <input type="checkbox"/> The Ice Age Tree trail |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The cafe | <input type="checkbox"/> The family orchard |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The playgrounds | <input type="checkbox"/> The copse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> The World Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> The pond |
| <input type="checkbox"/> IWM London | <input type="checkbox"/> Other - please tell us overleaf: |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tibetan Peace Garden | |

Q4. Are there any problems in the park that you think need to be addressed? If so, what are they?

Section 2: Where and what could be improved?

2.1 Entrances

Q5. Which entrance do you use most often? Please tick one option.

- ☐ Lambeth Road (main entrance for IWM London)
- ☐ Lambeth Road (next to the World Garden)
- ☐ St George's Road
- ☐ Geraldine Street
- ☐ Kennington Road
- ☐ Kennington Road/Brook Drive (mainly used for vehicular access)

Q6. Which, if any of the entrances to the park do you think could be improved? Please rank them in order of priority for improvement; please only choose up to three entrances. If you are satisfied with all entrances, please move to question 8.

	Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
Lambeth Road (main entrance for IWM London)			
Lambeth Road (next to the World Garden)			
St George's Road			
Geraldine Street			
Kennington Road			
Kennington Road/Brook Drive (mainly used for vehicular access)			

Q7. If you would like to see improvements made to any entrances, please tell us how you think any they could be improved.

- ☐ Signposting to and from entrances
- ☐ Pathways to and from entrances
- ☐ Lighting
- ☐ More consistent look of entrances
- ☐ Location of entrances
- ☐ Other - please tell us overleaf:

Q11. If you would like to see improvements to outdoor play facilities, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see. Please tick up to three options

☐ Natural Play (ie. play made from natural components such as logs, water, mud and trees)

☐ Toddler Play

☐ Adventure Play (ie. challenging play structures and features, wild nature and planted areas, sand play; informal sports areas)

☐ Other - please tell us here:

Q12. If you would like to see improvements to indoor play facilities, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see here.

2.4 Sport and fitness

Q13. Which, if any of the sports facilities in the park do you think could be improved? Please rank them in order of priority for improvement; please only choose up to three options. If you are satisfied with the sports facilities in the park, please move to question 15.

	Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
Multi-use games area (eg. basketball courts)			
Outdoor gym			
Sports pitches			
Tennis courts			

Q14. If you would like to see improvements to sports facilities, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see. Please tick up to three options.

- ☐ Better outdoor gym
- ☐ Fitness routes/running routes
- ☐ Other - please tell us here:

2.5 Buildings

Q15. Which, if any of the below do you think could be improved? Please rank them in order of priority for improvement; please only choose up to three options. If you are satisfied with the buildings in the park, please move to question 17.

	Priority One	Priority Two	Priority Three
Having fewer temporary buildings (by this we mean the portacabins in the park – such as the park office)			
Improving sports changing facilities			

Providing more toilets			
Incorporating indoor seating in the cafe			

Q16. If you would like to see other improvements to buildings in the park, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

() Co-location of facilities - e.g. the play area and café

() Other - please tell us here:

2.6 Facilities

Q17. How would you rate the following in the park at present? Please only tick one answer per row.

	Good	Average	Poor
Signage and notice boards			
Seating and provision of picnic tables			
Pathways around the park			
Bins and dog bag dispensers			
Drinking fountains			
Perimeter railings /unified border			
Accessibility for people with disabilities			

Q18. If you would like to other improvements to facilities in the park, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

2.7 History and Heritage

Q19. Thinking about the historical and heritage elements in park, which do you like the most?
Please tick up to three options.

- ☐ IWM London and naval guns
- ☐ Tibetan Peace Gardens and Soviet War Memorial
- ☐ Interpretation of history and heritage and signs
- ☐ The World Garden
- ☐ Other - please tell us overleaf:

Q20. If you would like to see more interpretation of history and heritage in the park, please tell us what kinds of things you would like to see.

Section 3. Ideas for future of park

Q21. We would love to hear of any other ideas you have about how to improve GMH Park. Please tell us:

Where in the park you would like to see the improvement

How you would like this area to be improved

Why you believe this improvement should be prioritised

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Section 4. About You

Q22. Are you?

☐ Male

☐ Female

Q23. What age bracket do you fall into?

☐ Under 16

☐ 16-24

☐ 25-44

☐ 45-59

☐ 60+

Q24. Please tell us the postcode where you visit the park from – eg. your home/place of work/school postcode.

Q25. Are you part of a local group or organisation?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If yes – please tell us which group/organisation:

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Section 5. Updates

Q26. Would you be interested in receiving updates about future works in GMH Park?

☐ Yes

☐ No


Please leave your email address here:

Thank you for taking part!

Appendix C: Consultation Leaflet and Poster

Leaflet

Let's talk about...



Shape the future of
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

Join our COMMUNITY CONVERSATION We'd love to know what you think about your local park.

How could it be improved?

What do you think is missing?

Get involved and tell us your ideas...

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Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park

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- make movement around the park easier
- make sure there are facilities for a wide range of users
- ensure that any changes to the park are easy to maintain within existing budgets

YOUR VIEWS

We would like to hear your thoughts about what improvements we could make to GMH Park. You can let us know your views by filling in the online survey available on our website: southwark.gov.uk/GMHPark.

You can also pick up a paper copy of the survey from the park office during the consultation period. Your comments will be used to create an initial design for the park, and we will consult with you again before making any final decisions.

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