

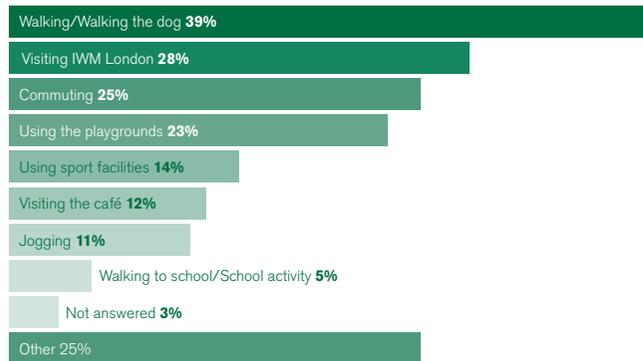


# RESPONSE FROM CONSULTATION

## The primary aim of the first consultation was

- To gather a broad range of views from users of Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park.
- To develop an understanding of current issues and challenges.
- To gather ideas about how the park could be improved.

## Reasons to visit the park



Note: Sum >100% as respondents could select more than one option.

The 25% who selected 'other' for reasons to visit the park said the following:

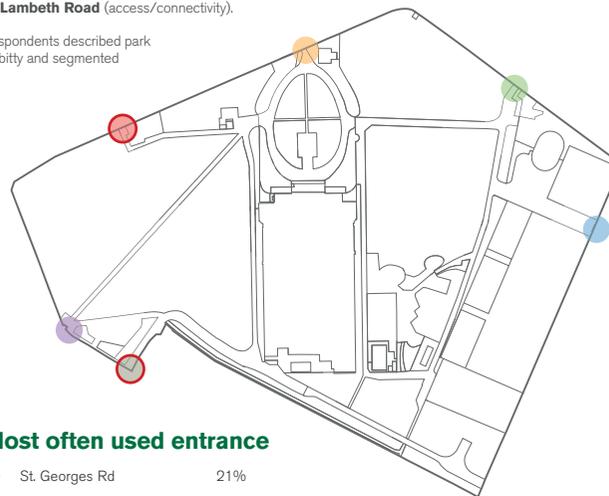


## Entrances

Use of entrances is evenly distributed.

Priority for entrance improvement is the **Kennington Road/Brook Drive** (road safety), followed by **Lambeth Road** (access/connectivity).

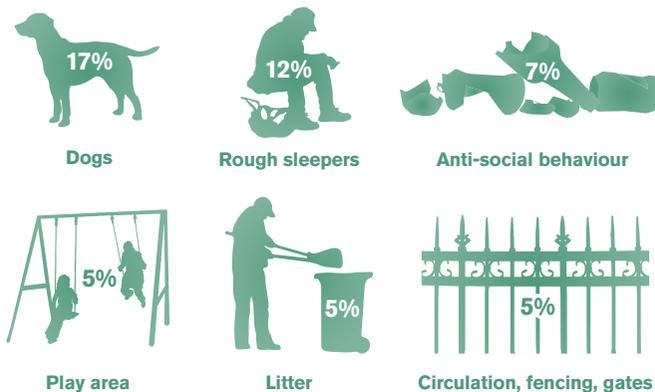
Respondents described park as bitty and segmented



## Most often used entrance

St. Georges Rd	21%
Geraldine St	21%
Lambeth Rd, IWM	20%
Kennington Rd	18%
Lambeth Rd, World Garden	16%
Kennington Rd, Brook Drive	5%

## Problems in the park to be addressed



## Ecology and Landscape



Respondents are most satisfied with the provision of open space.



Wildflower meadows and water feature/pond were most frequently mentioned.

## Buildings

Respondents requested:



More toilets



Indoor seating for the Café



Fewer temporary buildings



Covered area to sit/shelter in bad weather

## Outdoor play



Outdoor play was prioritised for improvement

## Sport



Respondents prioritised fitness routes and a better outdoor gym.



Others requested disruption to neighbours be considered.

## History and Heritage

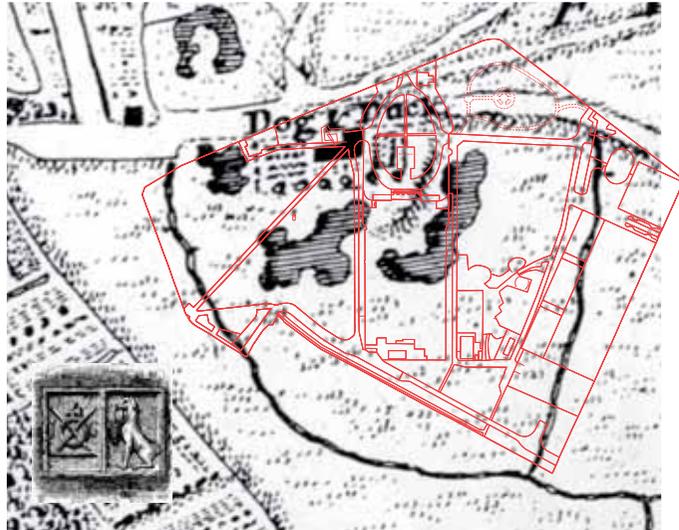


More interpretation of the site, particularly previous use. "IWM seems a little disconnected from the park". Cultural events.



# HISTORY AND HERITAGE

## The park has a rich and varied history



John Rocques map of 1746 - Site of the Dog and Duck Tavern - Marsh land bounded by river Neckinger tributaries

Inset: Illustration of the Dog and Duck Tavern stone sign 1716  
— Existing 2016 Plan

1816



North Elevation  
with existing Cupola



North View  
St. Georges Road runs parallel to north elevation

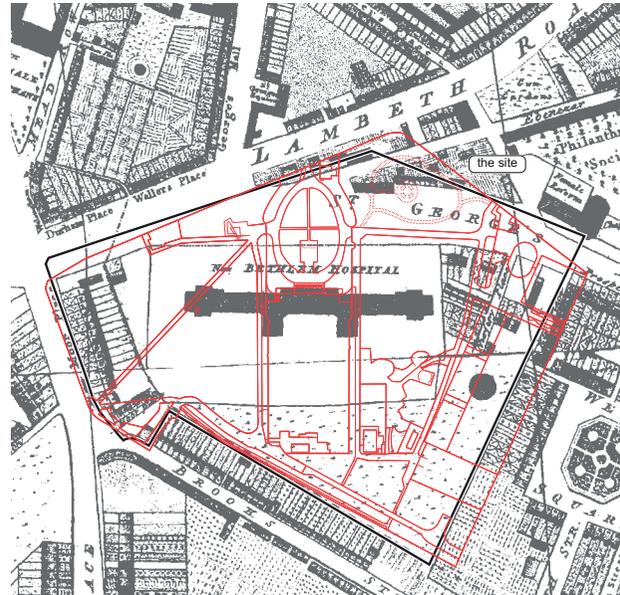
by 1846



North Elevation  
Cupola replaced with existing Sydney Smirke dome



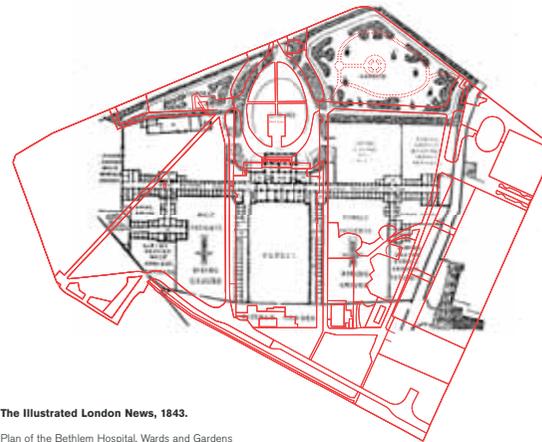
North View  
St. Georges Road realigned and entrance oval gardens created (1830s). Hospital wings extended east and west. Gate lodge added



Horwood's map of 1799

St George's Road runs east-west parallel to North Elevation  
— Existing 2016 Plan

Pre existing landscape use of hospital patient 'airing grounds' contained within areas of more intensely planted visitor gardens to north and kitchen gardens to the south could be reinstated as reference to previous use.



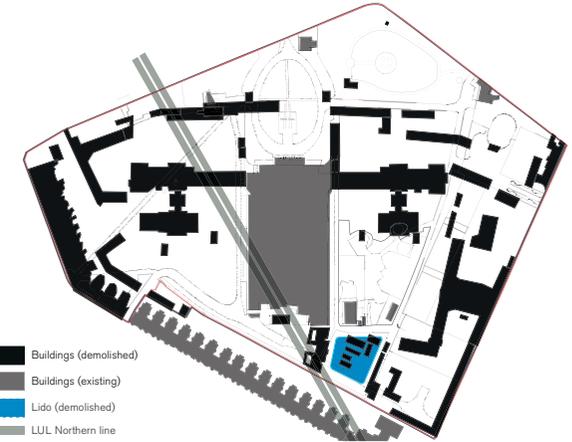
The Illustrated London News, 1843.

Plan of the Bethlem Hospital, Wards and Gardens  
— Existing 2016 Plan

## Using the past to inform the future

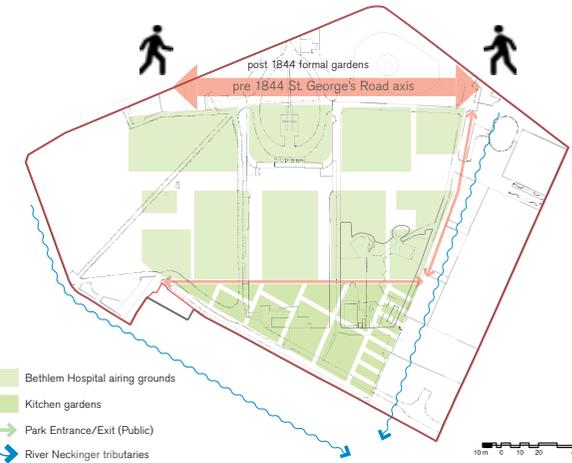
Respondents expressed a keen interest in the history of the site and the IWM building. The development of the masterplan has been guided by history and evolution of the site.

This plan shows existing buildings and previous buildings on the site. The plan below shows the previous uses of the site, historic routes and environmental features.

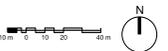


■ Buildings (demolished)  
■ Buildings (existing)  
■ Lido (demolished)  
— LLL Northern line

Reinstatement of an east-west path would reinforce the link between the east and west of the park and connect improved entrances along the line of the old (pre-1844) St George's Road. Opening the World Garden and nature area at the Lambeth Road entrance would reduce anti-social behaviour and allow the reinstatement of formal gardens. Draining the often wetter East Lawn would provide an opportunity to create a rain-garden or 'swale' on the line of the former tributaries of the River Neckinger.



■ Bethlem Hospital airing grounds  
■ Kitchen gardens  
→ Park Entrance/Exit (Public)  
→ River Neckinger tributaries





# CIRCULATION AND PEDESTRIAN FLOW – BOUNDARIES & FENCES



## Improved circulation

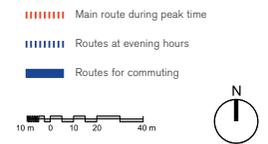
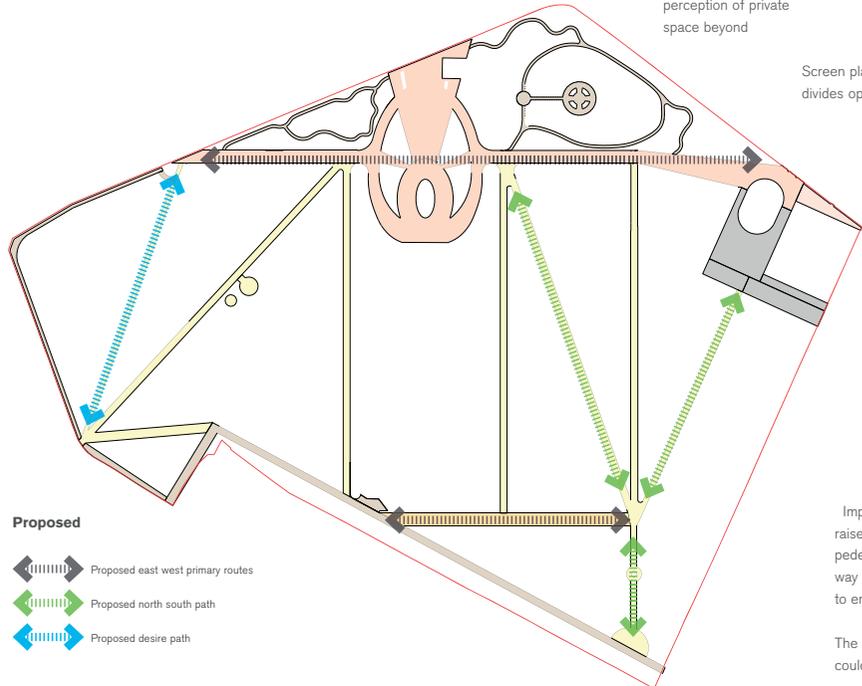
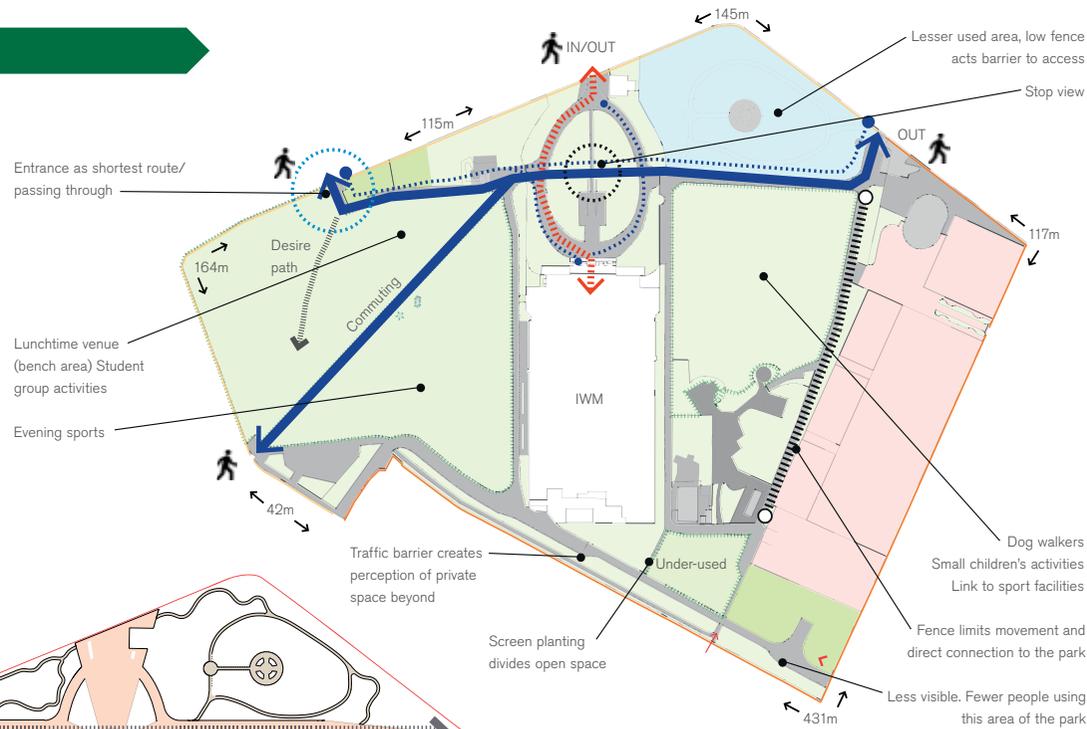
### Existing observations:

Date: Monday, 11th July, 2016  
Hours: 10am-6pm

People passing through the park from and to each of the entrances = **2,139**

People sitting down (e.g. having lunch) = **484**

**Total number using park = 2,623**  
Peak time between 12:35-1:00pm

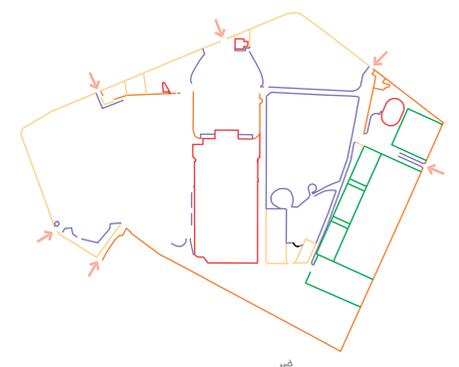


Improved circulation throughout the park is key to tackling some of the more frequently raised problems reported by park users. Connecting the more remote areas of the park via pedestrian routes could facilitate use of less visited areas. This could benefit the park by way of passive surveillance, discouraging anti-social behaviour. Improved pathways are key to encouraging east-west connectivity.

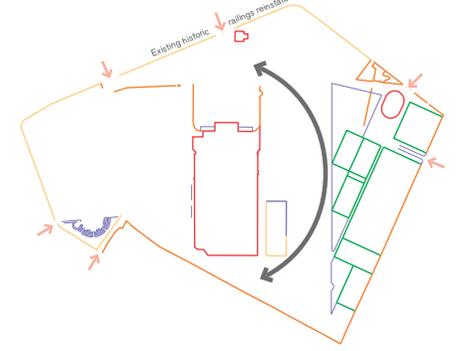
The plan adjacent indicates the key pathways and highlights possible additional route that could be added to promote circulation to lesser used areas.

## Selective removal of fencing

### Existing boundaries



### Proposed boundaries



- Park Entrance/Exit (Public)
- Masonry walls 2m+
- Railings & chain link fence circa 1.5m
- Railings & dwarf walls <1m
- Sports fence

Selective removal of fences to the east of the site is proposed to encourage east-west circulation and use of all area of the park.





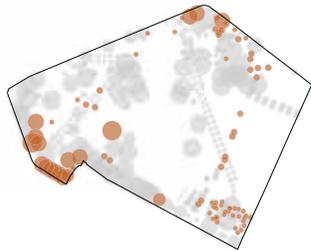
## Future planting

There are more than 360 individual trees and shrubs and over 80 species in Geraldine Mary Harmsworth park. The park is dominated by mature London Plane trees, many are veteran trees of high landscape, ecological and amenity value and will continue to be cherished for future generations as part of the landscape management plan for the park.

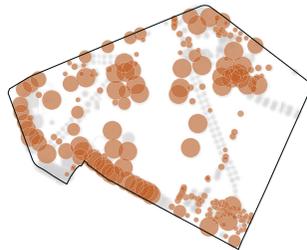
Future planting and replacements must take account of the expected impacts of climate change and the resilience of tree, shrub and plant species to factors such as drought, flooding, pests and diseases.

### Existing tree resilience to climate change

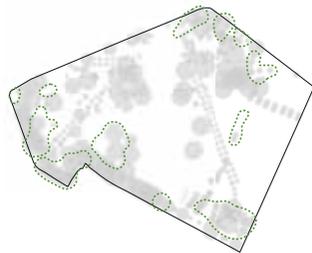
Potential Tolerance to Drought and Waterlogging



Locations of trees potentially intolerant to drought.



Locations of trees potentially intolerant to waterlogging.



Potential areas for future tree planting.



Permeable paving



Swale



Section through Swale



Swale

### Sustainable Drainage Strategy

The inclusion of sustainable drainage systems is an important part of the landscape strategy for the park particularly in making better use of existing marshy, waterlogged land to the east of the park. Such systems alleviate demand upon conventional drainage systems by slowing the movement of stormwater run-off, helping to prevent the discharge of sewage into the River Thames during storm events.

- Source control methods could collect, temporarily store and attenuate stormwater run off, via rainwater harvesting methods, rain gardens, bio-retention areas and permeable hard surfaces. Any collected water could be reused to irrigate landscaped areas.
- Site control features such as ponds and wetlands could store and remediate collected water, whilst also providing important areas for biodiversity and attractive features for people to enjoy.
- Conveyance features such as bio-swales could temporarily store and move water for collection in specific areas of the park. As temporary water storage areas these bio-swales could have alternative uses during dry periods.



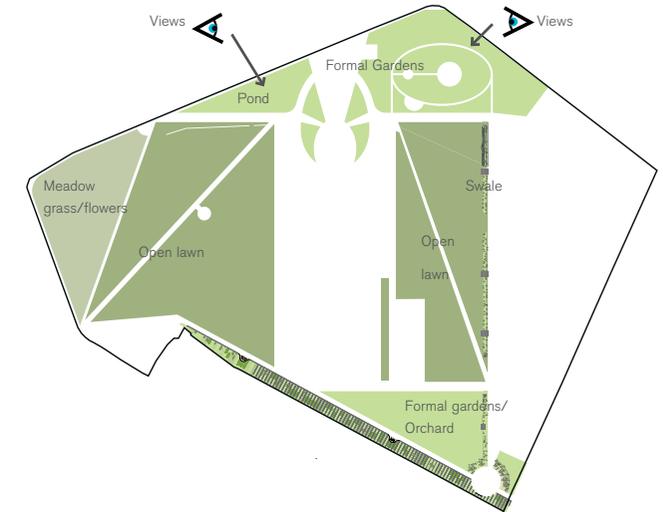
Existing north (Lambeth Road) elevation screens park beyond

### Opening up the park perimeter

Opening the World Garden and nature area at the Lambeth Road entrance could help reduce anti-social behaviour and allow the reinstatement of formal gardens. Creating views across the park from the entrances will help visitors to navigate the park.

### Proposed Landscape Character Areas

Consultees expressed the importance of open green space and the need to remove unnecessary clutter. Strong preferences were expressed for more wild flower meadows. Respondents were satisfied with the provision of open space, the smallest number thought there should be fewer trees.



Areas of intensified planting marking bomb sites



Areas wetland ponds, swales and rain gardens (east)



Areas of formal gardens (north)



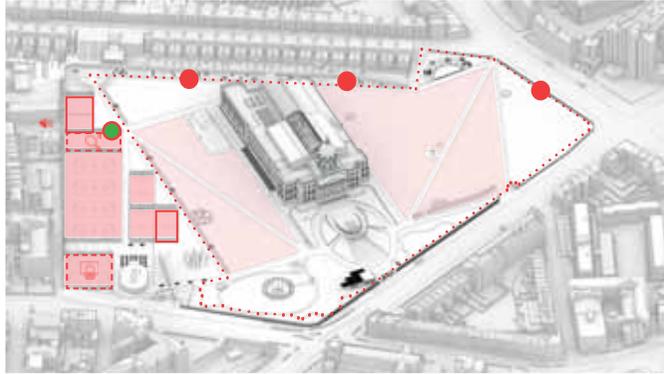
Areas of meadow planting (west)



# SPORT

## Improve sport facilities

### Proposed sport and perimeter circuit



- Outdoor gym equipment, Timber fitness equipment
- Outdoor gym equipment resistance equipment as existing
- Running route: perimeter circuit 1km
- Courts unchanged
- Proposed Courts
- Court type changed
- Sports Courts
- Grass open area. Ad-hoc sports



Running Circuit App. Sports timer

Improvements to the outdoor gym was a clear priority from the consultation. The most frequently-requested sports facility was a running/fitness path. The masterplan offers the potential to provide a perimeter track of approx 1km. It could also be used as a fitness trail by providing 'natural' equipment along the route to complement the parkland setting.

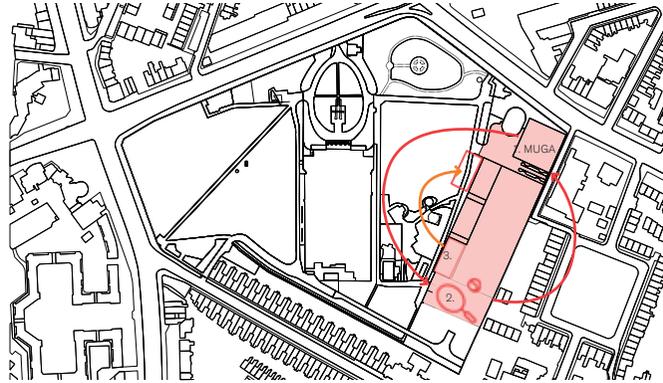


Outdoor fitness equipment



Perimeter path

### Existing sport provision - Court reconfiguration to activate south of park



1. Multi use games area moved to existing tennis courts
2. Tennis courts relocated south
3. Relocation of 1 court.

Limited modification of the existing sports facilities could encourage increased use of the pitches and allow the development of improved play facilities. The proposed layout is to the right. This alignment could allow a pedestrian route between the pitches and relocation of noisier activities away from residential properties by swapping the existing tennis courts and MUGA



### Sports pitch proposed option

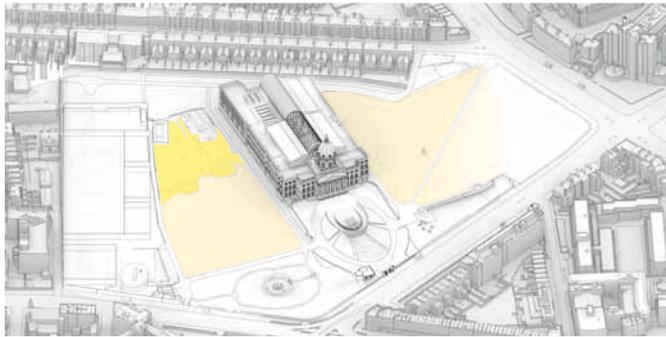




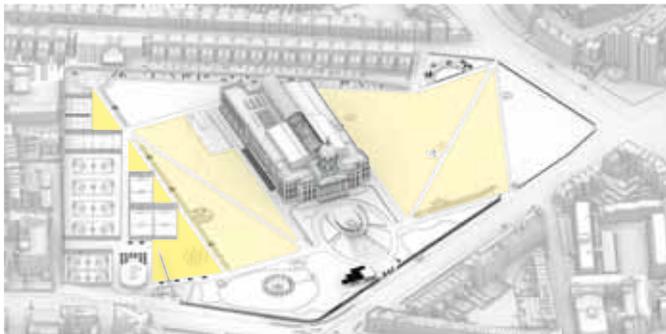
# PLAY



## Top quality play areas for wide range of ages



Existing play

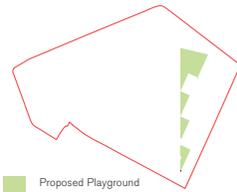


Proposed play area    Open grass area available for play

The provision of top quality play facilities was a priority for consultees, with a majority favouring 'natural' or 'adventure' play. The existing indoor play facility is to be retained. The revised layout of the sports pitches would allow the creation of a number of playgrounds to cater for different age groups, located along a new footpath linking the north and south of the park. The area allocated to playground(s) could be the same as the existing provision.



Existing Playground  
2,650 m<sup>2</sup>



Proposed Playground  
2,650 m<sup>2</sup>

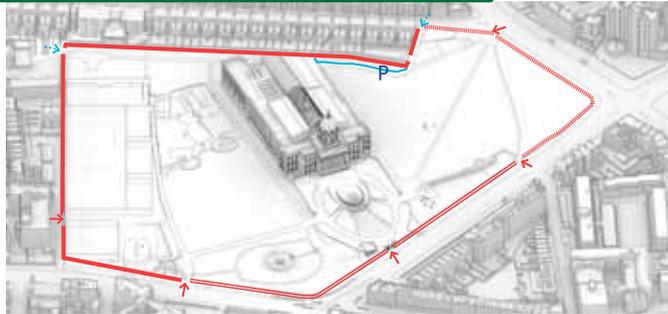




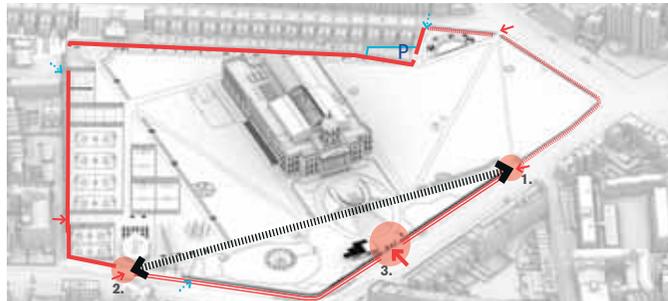
# ENTRANCES



## Improving entrances and circulation



Existing entrances



Proposed

- Park Entrance/ Exit (Public)
- Vehicle Accessibility
- Masonry walls 2m+
- Railings chain link fence circa 1.5m
- Railings & dwarf walls < 1m



1. Lambeth Road (west) Entrance



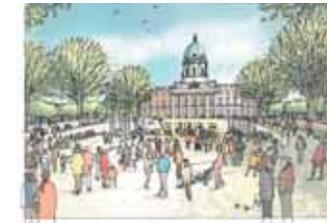
2. Proposed St. George's Road entrance



3. Lambeth Road (west) entrance

Consultation responses gave priority to improving safety at the Kennington Road/Brook Drive entrance and improving access at the Lambeth Road west entrance. The proposed improvements to the entrance would aid intuitive park circulation, reducing the need for signage. Modifications to the entrances at Lambeth Road east and St George's Road would create views along the proposed east-west path and make better use of some of the lesser-used areas of the park.

Further traffic calming measures on the rear access road from Brook Drive could include parking restrictions, changing the road to a shared surface and creating a 'green lane' by introducing a central grass strip.



2010 master plan



Master plan revised post phase one

A new entrance to IWM London was proposed as part of the museum's 2010 master plan. Following public consultation, IWM and Foster + Partners have revised the design to include maintaining an east-west path and a greener landscape..



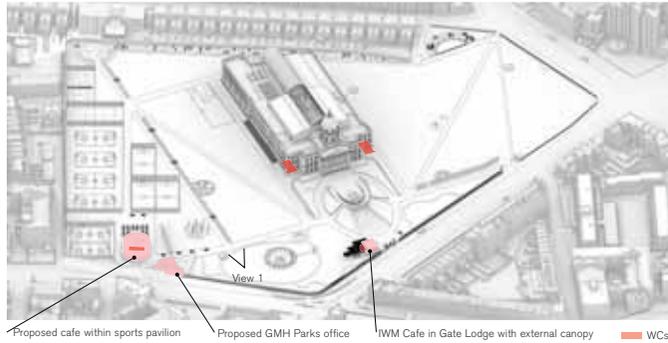
2014 revised IWM master plan



# BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES



## Improvement of existing facilities



Consultees called for fewer temporary buildings and more public toilets in the park. Existing buildings could be utilised to provide some of the functions currently housed in temporary buildings. For example, a café and toilet facilities could be located within the IWM gate lodge on Lambeth Rd. with a rear terrace providing covered seating. Another café with room for indoor seating and a public toilet could be provided within the existing sports pavilion, serving sports and play areas. It is intended to relocate the park office in the brick lodge on St George's Road.

The area inside the Kennington Road entrance was prioritised for improvement by consultees. This area could be landscaped to provide amphitheatre seating, along with improvements to lighting to discourage anti-social behaviour.



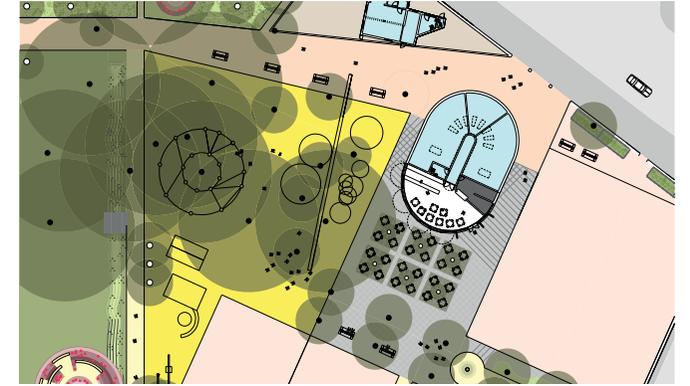
View 1 looking south along path between proposed playground and bio-swale.



Kennington Road Entrance - Amphitheatre, lighting improvements and canopy reduction.



Lambeth Road Entrance - Proposed museum entrance and Gate Lodge Cafe.

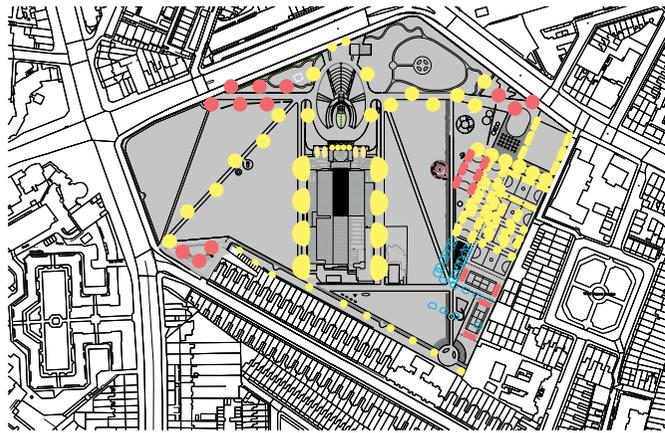


All weather Cafe within sports changing pavilion adjacent to proposed playground.



# LIGHTING AND MATERIALS

## Lighting to follow primary circulation routes

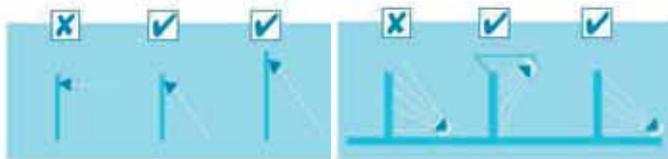


● Sequential replacement with LED energy efficient lighting  
○ Lighting to be removed  
● New energy efficient LED lighting

Some consultees referred to the existing park lighting and the need for improvement. This was thought to be of particular concern in the winter months where routes through the Park were noted as being 'very intimidating'.

The seating area near to the Kennington Road entrance was singled out as in need of lighting improvement.

It is proposed to light primary circulation routes within and through the park concentrating on entrances. The potential for dynamic lighting to raise or lower lighting levels on demand could be considered. The possibility of utilising dynamic lighting to subtly raise or lower lighting levels on demand, are to be considered as part of the overall park lighting scheme.



Sports pitches will continue to be floodlit as currently; lighting shields could be considered to help to reduce light overspill.



## Improvement of facilities

Consultees wanted more water fountains. Additional facilities could be provided at locations close to sports and outdoor gym equipment and seating areas. Water provision for dogs close to the dog agility area may also be an option.

Other facilities which ranked highly for improvement are seating, picnic tables, signage, notice boards and waste bins. Respondents were keen to see that benches and picnic seating are provided with back support, that signage is improved and unified and that litter collection and recycling coincide with busy periods.



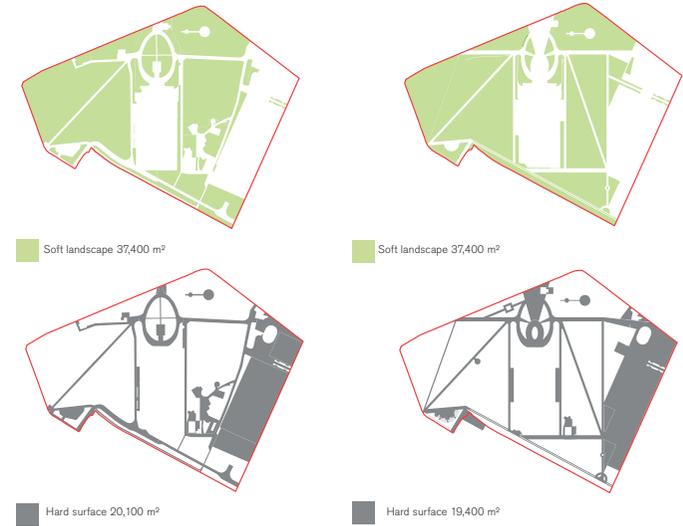
Water fountain in GMH Park, 1939.



Burgess Park 'Portiqa' bench. above; fwdesign signage proposal;

## No loss of green space

A 'light touch' strategy has emerged from multiple respondent comments that valued the importance of green open space within a dense urban area. As such the masterplan proposals achieve no loss of green space and a reduction of total hard surface area.



A simple palette of materials is proposed drawing on existing materials present in GMH park. Primary routes are proposed to be laid as bound gravel, tumbled granite sets could be utilised to discourage cyclists from speeding on pathways. Permeable surfaces or diversion of storm water to storage points for re-use in the park are to be considered to reduce the volume of water discharge into local sewer.



Rubber Mulch - Playgrounds



Compacted gravel



Existing tumbled sets



Bound gravel



# MASTERPLAN PROPOSAL

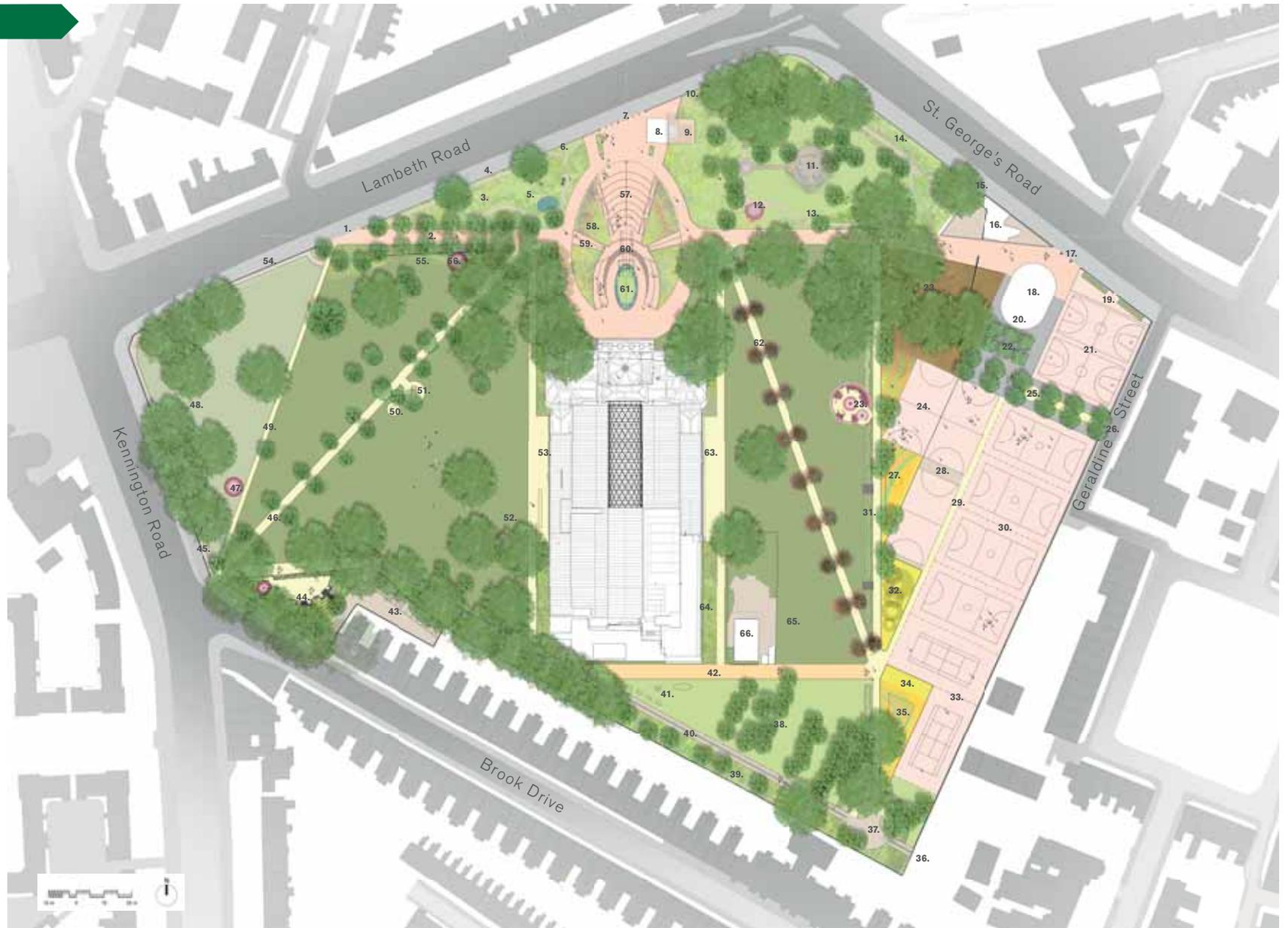


## Proposed and existing Park features

1. New entrance arrangement on Lambeth Road on new east-west axis.
2. Tree lined path.
3. Formal gardens.
4. Existing 1840's east west garden railings reinstated.
5. Wildlife pond.
6. Perimeter circuit.
7. Lambeth Road IWM entrance opening widened either side of existing gate.
8. Existing gate lodge, proposed IWM cafe.
9. Covered cafe terrace.
10. Perimeter circuit.
11. Tibetan Peace Garden.
12. Feature to mark Second World War bomb site.
13. Compacted gravel path.
14. Perimeter screen reduced to allow views into and across park.
15. Service access to park keepers yard.
16. Park keepers office.
17. Proposed St Georges Road entrance.
18. Existing sports pavilion.
19. Potential nursery staging, existing Mulberry tree
20. Park café within pavilion reception.
21. Multi use games area.
22. Café terrace shaded by horizontal espalier trees
23. Feature to mark World War two bomb site. Pocket garden with seating.
24. Relocated sports court.
25. Feature to mark Second World War bomb site.
26. Geraldine Street entrance.
27. Playground.
28. Existing sport courts.
29. Pathway between courts opened for general use.
30. Existing sport courts.
31. Swale. Linear wetland garden.
32. Playground.
33. Relocated tennis courts.
34. Outdoor gym equipment.
35. Playground.
36. IWM All Saints Annex yard access.
37. Vehicle turning hammer head (shared space).
38. Orchard.
39. Linear woodland planting.
40. Service roadway (shared space).
41. Dog agility equipment.
42. Proposed east west path.
43. IWM visitor parking.
44. Planted amphitheatre.
45. Perimeter circuit.
46. Tree lined path
47. Feature to mark Second World War bomb site.
48. Meadow planting with mown pathways.
49. Proposed path following existing desire line.
50. Holocaust memorial tree, proposed hard standing skirt.
51. Soviet War Memorial proposed hard standing skirt.
52. Feature to mark Second World War bomb site.
53. IWM Cafe terrace.
54. Existing 1950s perimeter railing.
55. Existing listed Bethlem Hospital boundary wall.
56. Feature to mark Second World War bomb site.
57. IWM proposed entrance steps/ramps.
58. Intensified floral verge planting.
59. East-west path over museum entrance.
60. 15 inch naval guns.
61. Planting/Reflecting pool.
62. Proposed tree lined path.
63. Future opening of IWM facade at ground floor to park
64. Vertical planting
65. Open grass, ad-hoc games.
66. Existing indoor play space

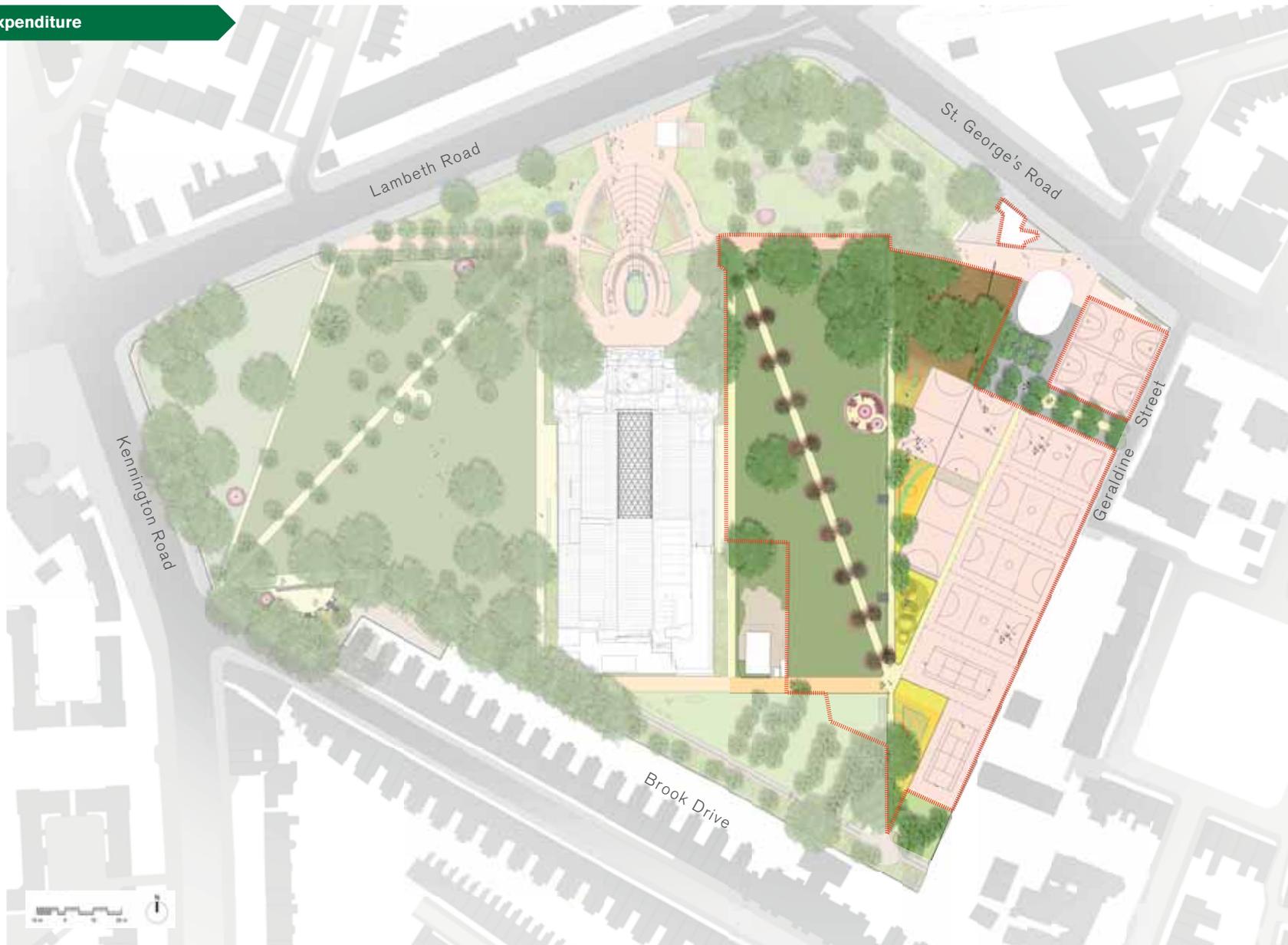
**Legend**

-  Meadow grass
-  Open lawn
-  Formal gardens
-  Sports facilities
-  Playground





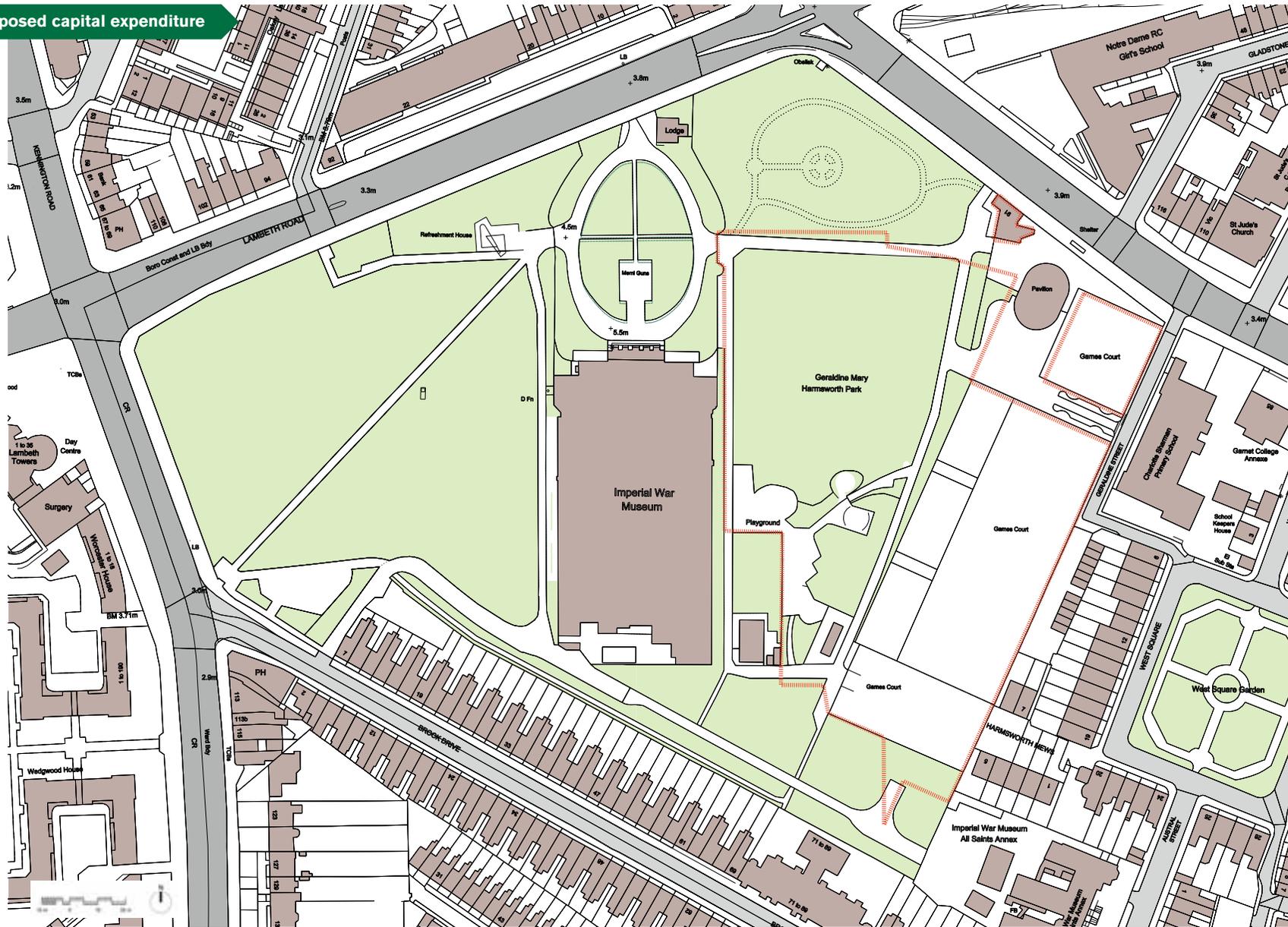
## Proposed capital expenditure



- Legend
- Meadow grass
  - Open lawn
  - Formal gardens
  - Sports facilities
  - Playground
  - Phase 1 boundary



## Existing plan - Proposed capital expenditure



Legend

Phase 1 boundary