

Summary of the results of the 2nd public consultation for Pelier Park				
Question	Summary of comments	Category	Theme	Total
Overall what do you think about the design?	Like designs			13
	OK designs			18
	Don't like designs			4
	No comment			1
	No comment		No comment	10
	Well done, I like the proposals / Paths and desire lines good / Looks like a well thought though design / Really nice idea of the ping pong table and picnic table / Like a great deal about the changes you have proposed: it does feel more open and welcoming, with better pathways and enhanced green and wild space. I am very glad that you are going to be giving it a makeover; really look forward to its renewed use / The design is a significant improvement to the previous design / Consolidating the playground areas is a good idea		Like proposal	8
	Can't see a dog area on the plans, that's a big loss as there are no alternatives in the vicinity / Why is there no enclosed dog exercise area in any of the designs? Many local residents have dogs and pushing them all into Pasley Park is an issue / Also the new plan does not cater for a dog's area / But would be great if we had a dog walking area / There is no dog "exercise" area in the park and there does not appear to be any bins within the proposal. How will dog excrement be managed, it is already a minor problem and there is currently an "exercise" area. Bins need to be provided within the park and I believe notices reminding people to pick up their dog's excrement should be allowed for. Spot checks within the park by dog wardens should be allowed for	Dog area	Retain dog area	6

<p>Not enough play area, and you're surely not considering keeping the older children's play equipment, I have never seen anything so useless in park at that. I was on the committee when the park was first built, I have lived in Pelier Street for nearly 40 years, my kids used the park and my granddaughters used it up until a few years ago, its horrendous as a play area, this older kids equipment needs renewing as well / Would be great to have swing for babies and the open ones / I am sorry there is no enhancement of the existing play equipment. This is a much-used area by primary-school-aged children from at least two local schools, and their carers. I have noticed that there are very often queues for the swings in Pasley Park, and no swings at all for slightly older children in this one. It would be wonderful to see more inclusive, entertaining and challenging equipment for them. I understand there are most likely budget constraints, but people really use this park. It could be a great community source of wellbeing and joy / Swings for younger users should be included, the two that are currently there are currently very well used</p>	Play	Not enough play area / not enough for younger children / basket swing not suitable for younger children	5
<p>Where is the ball court? I have two boys and without the ball court they will not use the park! It is the one space that brings all the local kids together. The design is great but at the end of the day it is the kids that really need an outside space to get together. It seems strange that you do an adult consultation about the needs of an outside communal area when it is children that need it the most. I am sure that if you asked local kids what they would want the most it would be a ball court. With all the cuts over the last ten years, meaning less and less places for young people getting rid of another dedicated outside space is unforgivable / It's a shame that the competitive aspect of the court is lost / Reducing the ball play area by getting rid of the basket ball pitch will reduce space for play for young people, already cut down by housing developments and closure of youth centres / The ball area, sports court has been reduced. Why? It encourages group playing and children to practice sports with others. They can also ride their tricycles and bikes there when no one is playing. There is no point you playing basketball alone all the time!</p>	Ball court	No ball court / removes area for young people	4
<p>Hope the existing hilly bits are not completely destroyed / Think we could consider improving the grassy hills and make them usable as kids bike trails. As my son and his friends often playing on those grass hills on their bikes / Grassy mounds are fine as they are. Waste of money to reshape them. No evidence that lowering them improves reduced antisocial behaviour. Children love them / Wondering if you have conducted observations on how the park is used. The slopes actually are a highlight for the little ones, they up and down running and on their bikes. It will be a pity if they disappear</p>	Mounds / hills	Retain hills / popular with kids	4

**Any further  
comments on  
the overall  
design?**

<p>Are there enough litter bins? / Dog mess bins are needed / There does not appear to be any bins within the proposal</p>	<p>Bins</p>	<p>Add bins</p>	<p>4</p>
<p>I feel quite strongly that a fantastic opportunity to reclaim and include the dead and forbidding space between the park and Empress St here has been lost. There are many children in the Empress Street flats who currently play on the pavement outside the flats - not even on the grass area, because it is used by dog owners who do not clear up their mess. I see the children every day and feel really sorry for the arrangement and priorities in the space. Nearby, under the railway bridge, is grim. During the day it always has vehicles on the yellow lines, often has vehicles with engines running for great periods of time at great detriment to the air quality right beside the park; and at night it attracts antisocial behaviour -- and with the current proposal will remain grim, which just seems the most massive loss. Imagine linking the park with Empress Street, making that under-bridge area a bright and welcoming, friendly entrance to the park, a thoroughfare? Imagine if children could get through to the park that way? The Langdale Close side feels like a much better approach for service vehicles, to me. The current proposal to put service vehicles in that area just seems to exacerbate what is unpleasant about that horrible area RIGHT beside the park / Entrance, exit to Empress Street need to be properly considered. Thought needs to be given to how the proposals interface with the existing condition beneath the Empress Street railway bridge. The area beneath the railway bridge is currently unlit, littered with illegally parked cars and dirty; it feels dangerous and threatening.</p> <p>The area beneath the railway bridge requires lighting, cleaning, and have parking restrictions enforced if this proposal is to be successful / The design should include a rethinking of Empress street entrance. It's a missed opportunity to leave this entrance for service vehicles only. Transforming the Empress St. entrance into a public way into the park will improve the wider area, including the arch, which is now left in the dark and feels unsafe. I believe the existing businesses under the arch can coexist and in fact even benefit from a new opening of the park from Empress St side, with improved lighting and pavement. I believe a truly improved park goes hand in hand with a rethink of this aspect of the design</p>	<p>Empress St.</p>	<p>Improve Empress St.</p>	<p>4</p>

<p>A mature sycamore tree in the centre of the park seems to be missing from the plan. I hope that's a mistake. I can't understand what would justify its removal. Quite apart from the obvious environmental reasons, it's also a great source of shade during the hot summer months / It's especially important to many neighbours to preserve the vista walking down Fielding Street or the tree canopy. There is a lot of concern as to why so many of the mature trees on the edge of the park are being unnecessarily felled and we would like to retain as many as possible / Why do all trees indicated for removal need to be removed? They are an existing valuable asset? I have not seen the tree report but I understand they have been given Category C status by an Arboriculture Consultant, I assume BS5837:2012 guidance has been used. As they are not Category R I would suggest they should be retained where possible as they are currently performing important functions. The existing semi-mature trees to Fielding Street should be retained. They are a valuable asset to the Fielding Street view, they provide a sense of enclosure for the park and provide screening for the railway line? In order to retain these trees, it will be necessary to retain a section of the existing mound within their root protection areas. This should not be a problem for the design as the current proposal suggests there should be a mound in this location anyway. The existing semi mature trees to Langdale Close and to the south west corner of the park should be retained. They are a valuable asset to these boundaries? The alignment of the proposed path off Fielding Street could be amended slightly to facilitate the retention of the mature tree at the centre of this park</p>			4
<p>Too much grass area still / Less plain grass / Why is the lawn area so large?</p>	Lawn	Too much grass	3
<p>A table tennis table would be used for kids to climb on / There appears to be a very large area of hard surface given over to ping pong. I'm slightly concerned that it will be underused and a missed opportunity</p>	Ping pong	Remove ping pong	3
<p>Would there be lighting along the path? / There is no mention of lighting within these proposals for the park. If the park is to remain unlocked at night I think it's critical that there is adequate lighting to the footpaths if this park is to be used as a safe thoroughfare during the winter months. If bat roosts are a concern then baffles can be fitted to the luminaires to control light pollution. If necessary an ecologist can be consulted to advise. Secure by Design should also be consulted to ensure they are happy with the design proposals considering the intention is for the park to remain open at night</p>	Lighting	Retain lighting	3
<p>An additional picnic table and some benches / Is it just one picnic bench?</p>	Picnic bench / benches	Additional picnic bench / benches	2

This plan has been changed to the last 2 proposed plans / These are different designs than the ones shared last year	Design	Design has changed	2
That picnic bench will become another hub for street drinkers as has happened in Faraday Gardens. It would be better to put it into a less isolated area / Another striking feature is the position of what seems to be a solitary picnic table jammed in a corner between the mounds and the road, which seems very strange indeed. Surely people will be wanting to picnic near the playgrounds? With tables close to the path beside the playground, adults could sit with the picnics and each other, close by their children at play? What use will a picnic table over in the corner be? Around the table: the fence and pavement on one side, the industry of the railway arch on another, and the mounds boxing them in on the park side? It could make a really lovely wildlife corner, instead	Picnic bench	Remove / move picnic table	2
I believe low level, attractive/ fragrant planting to the entire Fielding Street boundary would be welcome (similar to Pullens Gardens). In addition to the proposed climbers to the railway arch boundary, I would suggest a slightly deeper bed of robust planting that continues along this edge	Planting	Improve planting plan	2
It would be good if the various elements of the nature area could be labelled to provide an educational resource. Perhaps develop a nature trail	Nature	Label plants / nature trail	2
Key is to get more daylight into the park	Trees	Increase light	1
Proposed planting evenly spaced along path lacks distinction. Either make a purposeful avenue, or gather into groups. Aim should be a balance of sunny and shady areas, not just a repetition of small decorative trees along a path. Some of this planting could be moved along railway line	Planting	Plant locations	1
Northern and southern entrances look underwhelming. Southern entrance should utilise, incorporate the triangular footpath area if possible	Entrances	Entrances underwhelming	1
Like the use of trees	Trees	Like use of trees	1
More trees, more wildflowers	Trees / wildflowers	More trees / wildflowers	2
Another ping pong table	Ping pong	Additional ping pong	1
What about a zen type garden space where people could sit quietly in some small trees, maybe a couple of boulders, and a sense of calm, for people of all ages to enjoy. Wooden benches	Zen garden	Create Zen garden	1

	There was consultation before the lockdown due to COVID 19. I liked design B or no. 2	Previous designs	Like previous design B	1
	Dogs. People let their dogs poo all over the grass, that is why I stopped using it. We call it poo park as it stinks	Dogs	Dog mess	1
	Would BBQ's be allowed?	BBQ	BBQ allowed?	1
	The existing plan of the park is fine. There is no need update the park. It's just a waste of money. The park is nice quiet and well maintained	Existing park	Existing park fine / no need to change	1
	Wonder how long park will be closed for update since it seems to be well used already	Park closure during works	How long will it be closed for?	1
<b>What do you think about the proposed play equipment?</b>	Like it			15
	OK			14
	Don't like it			5
	I'm not sure			1
	No comment			1
	No comment			16

<p>Hardly anything for under 5s. Why not incorporate a few more bits similar to John Ruskin Park? / Would be great to keep the swings for babies and add a couple of open ones. Please do not take them away!!! Basket swing only serves one person or maximum two! / Would really like enhanced older equipment, including swings which are really popular / Swings for younger users should be included, the two that are currently there are currently very well used / There should be more than one basket swing for early years. Toddlers tend to fight over who goes to the swings and having only one doesn't make things easier / Children's swings - Small children's swings absolutely need to be retained, these are the most popular things in the park. And they can be used for children from 6 months to 5 years. There's no other equipment that is so popular amongst such a wide range of children. It will be a HUGE mistake not to keep these. They are always used which is not true of any other piece of equipment - and is true of any park. Any parent could support that all parks require swings for small children. It's a good idea to add the new swing alongside the existing ones. Currently older children use the small swings and they clearly will love having one that is suitable for them. Smaller play frame - My son has enjoyed and enjoys using this and so do other children we see. This doesn't mean it's the best version of something for their age but it's popular. If there is one of the play frames to be retained, based on use, it should be this one. Wood play frame - This looks really brilliant and would definitely support this. As the mum of a 2 year old, I would say this shouldn't replace the smaller play frame but be in addition as the structures are more popular with older children of</p> <p>5 and up. Would there be scope to remove the older play frame and replace it with a wooden play frame that can be used by 5-14? i.e. a wider age range. Overall - as a mum of a 2 year old - the proposed changes would leave nothing that my son could use until he was 4/5 years old. and I don't think this can be what you are intending? Surely the park should cater as it does now for babies to teens. As a mum of a 2 year old - the proposed changes would leave nothing that my son could use until he was 4/5 years old. and I don't think this can be what you are intending? Surely the park should cater as it does now for babies to teens</p>	Play	Not enough play area / not enough for younger children / basket swing not suitable for younger children	7
Proposed examples look good / The new early years equipment would definitely draw more people to the park / Design is good / Like the proposed early years addition	Play	Play proposal good / like new early years equipment	4

<b>Any comments about the play equipment?</b>	Proposed examples look good, especially the real wood play structures rather than plastic or steel / Use of natural materials such as wood in construction is important in a park such as this, great to see it in the plans / It is updated and looks natural because of the wood. Not an eyesore / Would be a great addition to the design if the play equipment was constructed from timber, similar to the successful Burgess Park Woodland Play Area		Natural materials	4
	The existing play structure is rarely used and do not challenge or inspire children. This is redundant and should be replaced / Existing play structure for junior years should be replaced if possible. It is an unusual design and I have rarely seen anyone play on it / Junior play should be replaced too as its not stimulating enough and to be frank quite boring because its quite small and it just has these small platforms to climb but nothing else / Older play frame - Why is this being retained? Based on what evidence? In 2 years of frequent use, I have never seen this piece of equipment used much. It's poorly designed and when children do play on it, it's not using any of the pieces as designed but simply as something to climb on. It's also dangerous - the blue bit is really steep and is neither a slide nor a ramp. I have tried each bit myself, to figure out what they might be for, and it's not useable. Has anyone from your team or the designers actually used this? This is an unused and unloved thing. It would be a really big mistake to retain this.	Play	Replace / remove junior play equipment	4
	Roundabout is well used and proposal to retain is good / This is popular and a good idea to keep these	Play	Retain roundabout	2
	Ensure it is graffiti proof / Like wooden materials, but will it be maintained? Southwark has a track record of letting play areas go dilapidated and in disrepair	Maintenance	Ensure it's graffiti proof	1
	Ground covering could look as natural as possible to maximise the green cover of the park	Planting	Increase ground cover	2
	No ping pong table, it will be used for sitting on and climbing on and most people won't have the equipment for it	Ping pong	Remove ping pong	1
	The existing spinner is rarely used and do not challenge or inspire children. This redundant and should be replaced	Play	Replace / remove spinner	1
	No ball court therefore no place for teenagers to play - kind of defeats the object	Ball court	Retain ball court	1
	Playground stuff is outdated. Make some more wood adventure playground style space to play	Play	Play outdated / install adventure play equipment	1
Equipment is OK	Play	Equipment Ok	1	



Retained existing play equipment would need to be fully refurbished in addition	Play	Retain and refurbish existing equipment	1
With the new road closures, has the council considered opening up the park and play area into the road , or at the very least, dropping the kerb, removing the fence line along the pavement, and painting on the road and footpath to tie the wider public space and the park together?	Highway	Blend road to park	1
Spinning thing - This is popular and a good idea to keep these	Play	Retain spinner	1
Like it. Good idea not to replace the full ball court / Good area, reasonable compromise between all users / Like the design / Think this is a great idea / Like inclusion of ping pong table / Agree there are already 2 ping pong tables and basketball court in Kennington Park that are well used - and again in Burgess Park / Sounds like a great idea - definitely in favour of ping pong and basketball and the idea of a social heart must be good for all of us / The ball area looks great if it replicates the pictures above. Overall - your proposed plan of the ball area is much more modern and inviting / Think the existing ball court was underutilised and the new plan for ping pong table and seating look more appropriate / Like it / Like the proposal and think having a ball area is important especially basketball hoops as we generally play as a family / Nice for children / Like it / Have never seen the ball court used so I think a social area is a better use of the space. There's a nice ball court in Kennington Park which isn't too far away / This is a good idea and allows for togetherness whether you play sport or wanting to watch and socialise / This is a big improvement. Moving the ball court to the edge of Fielding Street was previously a big mistake as it would spoil the green vista that many enjoy. The ball court was rarely used and there are so many in the close neighbourhood (8+). Having space as in the design for multiple uses in the 'Social Heart' is a good idea / Agree the ball court should be smaller	Social heart	Like social heart	18
No comment			9

**The proposal includes a new 'Social Heart' for the park with basketball area, seating and ping pong table. Do you have any comments about this area?**

Would prefer a ball court at the existing size remained, in order to allow for more play / If you actually spent some time in the area and took other examples of 'used' areas you would notice that the ball courts are well used. This area is used for football, basketball and bringing local kids together. The proposed basketball area will not bring kids together as they won't be able to create adlib teams from local kids who turn up. Both my boys have met other local kids by going down to the 'cage' and joining in with people who are already there / Think it is important for young people to play sport competitively. Reducing the space to a single hoop will likely reduce its use / Getting a basketball on the head of a young child or parent. Basketball is better in a closed pitch as before / Strongly suggest the ball court should be kept. Children can play, practice sports with other kids there. The court is actually not that big, When the court was in use I could see kids and teenagers playing football and basketball and also the little ones riding their bikes and with their roller-skates. It is a pity if that disappears!	Ball court	Retain ball court	5
Basketball area will be ok and a small football pitch / Could live with this design	Social heart	Social heart ok	2
No ping pong table, it will be used for sitting on and climbing on and most people won't have the equipment for it / There appears to be a very large area of hard surface given over to ping pong. I'm slightly concerned that it will be underused and a missed opportunity	Ping pong	Remove ping pong	2
Looks fancy but not practical, also older youth playing basketball will create an unwelcoming environment for younger children at the heart of the park. Definitely designers have little experience of playground design for multi-age groups / Imagine it will attract older children, and I imagine the residents of the new development RIGHT next door to it may not enjoy it as much as its users, rather sadly	Social heart	Social heart not suitable	2
More natural the colour scheme, the better for a park environment for relaxing away from urban materials	Materials	Use natural colours	2
All south facing seats should have backs rather than being stools, blocks	Benches	Back rests for south facing seats	1
Maybe here the focus should be away from play to a place of calm and restorative greenery - take away the plastic and garish colours and go for something more natural, plant more trees. Aim for an oasis of calm	Social heart	Create place of calm rather than play	1
The social area appears to be a ball area for ping pong	Ping pong	Social heart only has ping pong	1

Provide an area for teenagers to let off steam. Such as a basketball court that can double as a football court. Playing football is a generic game all children can play the sport and it is used to socialise and make friends (and let off steam from being cooped up indoors for long periods of time, especially during COVID 19)	Social heart	Basketball area should be multi-functional	1
Don't like the idea of concrete seating - it is hard (literally and metaphorically) and not in keeping with the wooden playground area. But as I have not seen a picture it is difficult to offer my true opinion. Burgess park have some wooden/metal seating - could this not be used instead?	Benches	Concrete seating uncomfortable	1
The only addition to this "social hub" would be more seating	Benches	Additional seating	1
Addition of communal BBQ area	BBQ	Include BBQ	1
Careful consideration needs to be made for the lighting throughout the park	Lighting	Retain lighting	1

No comment			15
Looks good / Any of the benches pictured look good to me / These benches look good - a mixture would be welcome / The benches sound like a good idea / We think it is good to have seating in the park	Benches	Benches good	6
With lack of lighting I doubt the bike park will be safe / This is not a very good idea to not have lightning in the park. We already had funding to get extra lights. As we had social issues with drug users and prostitutes. We are happy to say that the lights have prevented them coming into the park as all the residents see them. We are happy to say the park is fine as it is. Please do put lights in the park as if you don't we will have all the problems back again / What a bunch of ignorant folks. Have you actually studied the area? People in Langdale Close and beyond walk through the park on their way home. If you take away the lights, you will expose residents to crime and make people, particularly elderly and women more vulnerable to crime and fearful of walking home / As the park is used as a cut through there should be some form of lighting installed. Removing lights makes it unsafe and welcomes antisocial behaviour / We are keen that the park is open 24 hours as it is a good through walking route. We are not sure it's a good idea to remove all of the lighting. Doing so won't make any big change if it's used at night or not	Lighting	Retain lighting	6

**Do you have any comments about the benches or other fixtures?**

Prefer the use of timber rather than concrete for benches and any other areas. It looks better & more natural, is more comfortable and cooler temperature / Timber benches are nicer / Preferably constructed from a softer material, such as wood / On the consultation for Victory Park - it has been suggested that concrete seats be removed as they are uncomfortable. Why then are they being installed here? Wooden seats would be better, more comfortable and can be used all year round. Concrete is too cold to sit on in winter, again discouraging people from using the park / Concrete can be a bit dangerous for little ones	Benches	Timber rather than concrete benches	5
Not enough seating, if parents carers are there with their younger children, they will need more seats to sit on / Additional benches should be provided throughout the park / Hope there are benches elsewhere for people not interested in table tennis! / Would like to see furniture for the carers of small children, who undoubtedly accompany them, close to the play area	Benches	Additional benches needed	4
Suggest maybe a picnic table or somewhere for families to snack / Think the proposed position for the picnic table is very peculiar indeed, close to the play area seems a much more appropriate place for a picnic table / The picnic bench at the top right hand corner of the park is an odd location for this	Picnic table	Move picnic table	4
Like the inclusion of cycle parking - this is very important / Must provide cycle stands and the Sheffield stand is the best - as pictured	Cycle parking	Cycle parking good	2
We hope a recent Cleaner Greener Safer funding bid will be successful for the new railway arch next to the Empress Street entrance, making a new viable walking route through the park	Empress St.	CGS bid to improve Empress St. submitted	2
Would be good to have several bins in the park	Bins	Include bins	2
South facing seats with back on benches rather than stools or blocks	Benches	Back rests for south facing seats	1
Do we need to have equipment for exercise? That is all over Burgess Park and Kennington Park – great to have something different instead of trying to cram loads of fittings inside such a small overlooked space. Aim for less is more	Gym equipment	Remove gym equipment	1
The more benches which are vandal-proof the better. The benches will encourage the more mature neighbours in the community to use the space	Benches	Benches need to be vandal-proof	1

	Find in other parks that the placement of seating is often at strange angles, so it would be useful if whomever is in charge of placing the permanent seating that you actually sit in the areas and see what sightlines there are and if the seating is close enough for a small gathering. Don't let the computer decide!! Physically have a look	Benches	Locate benches carefully	1
	Benches and fixtures are fine	Benches / fixtures	Benches / fixtures fine	1
<b>What do you think about the proposal to remove lighting in the park?</b>	Park should have lighting			32
	Park shouldn't have lighting			3
	Not sure			1
	No comment			1
	This day and age you need lighting, not loads of big bright lights but lights to light up dark areas / This is a pedestrian route well used at night and security should take precedent over wildlife as there are no alternative north - south routes towards Kennington station / Removing lighting for 60% of the day during winter would put these residents at a disadvantage too. Lighting MUST be retained, at least between 6am and 11pm / Lighting must not be removed. The park is used as a thoroughfare for residents and removing lighting would make it unsafe. In winter, the park will be dark as early as 4pm. Is the proposal that children shouldn't exercise after school in the colder months? / I think having lighting actually makes it safer, even if you don't want it to be used at night. As a smaller female I would feel safer even walking past the park at night if it was lit / You can't remove the lighting because the park may be unsafe: it will be unsafe because the lighting was removed. Stop making illogical excuses for changes that are obviously being made to satisfy the developer and the wealthy new homeowners / Whilst I wouldn't want to encourage antisocial behaviour, I think lighting could help with safety when walking through. I think the use of the park in the early evenings in winter (when it gets dark	Lighting	Retain lighting	26

from the afternoon) would not be a bad thing, it would greatly increase enjoyment of the area during these dark months / If it's open at night and used as a thoroughway there needs to be lighting / Clearly you've never been mugged. It is bizarre to suggest that removing lighting reduces anti-social behaviour or that it creates more disturbance than having a railway line! / I think the path next to the park is a common cut through. To make it as safe as possible I would favour lighting. I would also favour the opportunity for people to play basketball in the winter months after 5pm. I realise the dangers of vandalism but would hope that the park can be designed as to minimise the risk of that / Lighting is essential as a form of safety for those who have to pass through the park. Reduce the opportunity for mischief and help reduce the possibility of assaults. It is good for all to be able to see the faces of all who use the park, especially during the winter months / I think the park should have lighting because people use the little path that runs along the path and the flats / Even walking through the park now when it is dusk or dark is not a good experience. It doesn't have to be bright lighting - have a look at Pasley Park lighting, that is subtle and not obtrusive. Have you asked any women in your team

how they would feel walking through a park at night? Have you asked any female residents how they currently feel about walking through this park at night with no lighting. Also - what about people with disabilities or who can't see very well - how will it be for them navigating their way through the park? / Many residents use the park as a thoroughfare from the nearby local transport links such as Kennington tube or local buses on Walworth Road. The removal of lighting is not something that should be considered to deter anti-social behaviour. The removal of lighting will make the park unsafe. Careful design of lighting can be used to light the pathways through the park, without disturbance to local residents, all of whom have lived with existing illumination in the current park. The new design moves the pathways further from local residents, further reducing the potential impact on them. Lighting is a must and can be sympathetically added / I think that emergency lights should be provided, in order to avoid misbehaviour or potential hidden spots. I agree that the park should not be used at night to protect residents and wildlife, but it should also be safe to cross it during the dark hours, therefore a few soft, emergency lights should be provided / This is not a very good idea to not have lightning in the park. We already had funding to get extra lights. As we had social issues with drug users and prostitutes. We are happy to say that the lights have prevented them coming into the park as all the residents see them. We are happy to say the park is fine as it is. Please do put lights in the park as if you don't we will have all the problems back again / Think not having lights makes it more unsafe as it can be a place for crime and possible assaults to take place as you won't be seen / What a bunch of ignorant folks. Have you actually studied

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for your  
lighting  
answer**

the area? People in Langdale Close and beyond walk through the park on their way home. if you take away the lights, you will expose residents to crime and make people, particularly elderly and women more vulnerable to crime and fearful of walking home / In winter it gets dark by 4 pm and children can't play after school / Remove lightning?????? That is the worst solution you can think of for safety issues!!! The park is also a passage to get from Fielding Street to Langdale Close, Pelier Street. If you remove lightning you put people at risk instead of protecting them!! What about the winter, so no-one can use the park when it's dark. That is nonsense. Please do keep the lights. It would make us feel safe. We were once mugged in a park near Vauxhall some years ago. When we expose residents to crime and make people, particularly elderly and women more vulnerable to crime and fearful of walking home / In winter it gets dark by 4 pm and children can't play after school / Remove lightning?????? That is the worst solution you can think of for safety issues!!! The park is also a passage to get from Fielding Street to Langdale Close, Pelier Street. If you remove lightning you put people at risk instead of protecting them!! What about the winter, so no-one can use the park when it's dark. That is nonsense. Please do keep the lights. It would make us feel safe. We were once mugged in a park near Vauxhall some years ago. When we announced to the police we raised the issue of lighting. Some weeks after the incident the number of lights doubled and more people were using the park at night for leisure, running etc. / Not aware of research regarding lighting and the use of the park. Areas without light are frightening for people crossing parks at night, so some light seems appropriate to me / Keep the lighting please. It's a cut through for local people and if you remove the lighting, the risk of crime will rise / I think the park should have some lighting, but this should help with walk through paths / If the park is to remain unlocked at night I think it's critical that there is adequate lighting to the footpaths if this park is to be used as a safe thoroughfare during the winter months / Some lighting would be good for people and bikes crossing at night

No comment



If its a nature space it needs to be dark - also for people living nearby they don't need a light on all night shining into bedrooms / Brightly-lit space interferes with wildlife nocturnal behaviour / No blind spots or excessive light pollution / If bat roosts are a concern then baffles can be fitted to the luminaires to control light pollution. If necessary an ecologist can be consulted to advise. Secure by Design should also be consulted to ensure they are happy with the design proposals considering the intention is for the park to remain open at night	Lighting	Manage lighting for wildlife / light pollution	5
Should have a natural feel and encourage daytime not night-time use / People congregating at night time would increase noise pollution for local residents / Too much lighting already, it does not seem to upset foxes and squirrels the main wildlife around here!	Lighting	Remove lighting	3
Timed lighting on sports area would be excellent - turning off at a particular time e.g. 8pm / Maybe keep it on till 6pm	Lighting	Timed lighting	2
Lighting and bird netting are needed under the bridges in Empress Street and Fielding Street / Personally I would like you to tackle improving the area under the railway on Empress Street because that is definitely an anti-social area	Lighting	Install lighting in railway arches	2
Park is used by local residents to exercise their dogs	Dogs	Dog users use park	1
I think it should but maybe sensor ones and gates locked during the evening	Lighting	Sensor lighting / lock park at night	1
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Like it / Good idea / They're very pretty and will be enjoyed, but by a minority. Based on the current use of the park, this isn't the greatest need locally. However I am in favour based on the positive impact on the environment / Great idea! / Think this is great / Log seat looks good. Bug hotel is a cute idea / Definitely in favour of log piles and bug hotels. Bee-friendly plants also good, thank you / Lovely idea. The more the better / LOVE LOVE LOVE LOVE this idea. Much needed in all London parks. Please keep! / Increasing the chance of nature finding this park as its habitat can only be a good thing / Like this idea of helping the environment with bee-friendly plants / They look lovely / Fantastic idea. Many thanks!! / Nice for children / I wholeheartedly support a nature area / Great idea / Nice, children do enjoy exploring / I think it's a great idea / It seems good and appropriate	Nature	Love / like nature area	18
No comment			9

<b>Do you have any comments about the nature area?</b>	Flowers are nice but if not maintained they will not look good / Area is too small to be a meaningful wildlife habitat apart from vermin. Existing ""wildlife"" areas in nearby Southwark parks are inadequately maintained / It won't stay nice. People will vandalise it / Can the nature area be designed so that it can be self sustaining, rather than a insect hotel looking good now, but in a couple of years being a wreck	Nature	Nature area needs to be maintained	5
	The whole space should be made into a nature area. Less equipment, more wildflowers, make it as relaxing as possible to be in / The whole park should put nature first, nature should not be side-lined to a corner in the 21st century. The design of this park and others should be nature first	Nature	Whole park should be for nature	2
	There appears to be a very large area of hard surface given over to ping pong. I'm slightly concerned that it will be underused and a missed opportunity	Ping pong	Large area of hard standing for ping pong	2
	In my opinion it would be a waste of money, it wont be used for what its intended for, another wasted space	Nature	Waste of money	1
	Long grass will not be great for those with hay fever	Nature	Long grass not good for allergies	1
	Why is there a photograph of a traditional English herbaceous border in a wildlife area? The fact that these have been ubiquitous for 150 years does not mean they are natural - successful cultivation of such planting requires regular intervention. The border pictured would work well in the North West where the natural rainfall is c. 3x that of SE17	Hedgerow	Suggested native planting 'not native'	1
	This should not out-way the need for lighting to be designed into the pathways of the park	Lighting	Retain lighting	1
	As the park is very small, it is important to make nature areas that can be accessed easily and used by children and adults to explore/walk/play so avoid large wildflowers/bush areas where people can't walk, instead think if more trees can be planted	Nature	Nature needs to be accessible	1
	Please make the park a no dog area as they will just defecate in the nature area	Dogs	Ban dogs	1
	May need some explanation about what to look for and where	Nature	Install nature interpretation	1
	Vigorously oppose the felling of trees that seems to be part of the proposed plan	Tree felling	Don't fell trees	1
The picnic table area seems ideal for a nature area, and not at all appropriate for a picnic table, to me	Picnic table	Move picnic table, re-locate to nature area	1	

<p>Agree, a variety of trees of suitable sizes and shapes to compliment the park is the correct strategy / Reasonable approach / Support the removal of trees if replaced with more varied species / Go for it, it will be better in the long term. As long as trees are replaced with those more appropriate then I am all for this strategy / I support your strategy and trust you know what you are doing / Think mature trees need space / Fully support the removal of the sycamores and increasing the light in the park. And yes to new trees which better support wildlife. Fully in favour / If old trees are there that need to be felled, then that needs to be done / As long as we do get new tress/foilage if the old ones are felled, then that is fine by me / Agree that some of the existing trees should be felled. They are closely packed and if not already, will soon show signs of this. A more varied species of trees would be great to see, however perhaps of the suggested species, nor should be native to the UK / Happy for trees to be felled / Like the idea of increasing more trees / Better to have greater variety. I am impressed with the way Southwark looks after its trees / Increasing the variety of trees is a good idea and beneficial for the biodiversity / Wholeheartedly support increased planting and diversity / It's good to have a range of trees in the park Don't think the existing trees should be</p>	<p>Trees</p>	<p>Park should have more varied trees</p>	<p>13</p>
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	<p>felled. The area is already losing so much of its greenery due to overzealous tree 'trimming' and felling. This removes natural sound and sign barriers between those who overlook and those who use the park, and detract from the overall look of the area / Felling 9 trees seems excessive / Don't like the thought of removing existing trees that have been around for many years / Vigorously oppose felling the mature sycamore, which seems to be part of the proposal / Always against felling trees for the convenience of human beings / Don't think that any trees should be cut down at all.. I am not happy at all about cutting trees that are healthy / Not happy about the removal of the tree canopy in the North East corner of the park, nor any of the perimeter trees. We had thought that any tree felling would be phased as the new trees established themselves. It would be a real pity if the one large signature trees in the centre of the park was felled - can't the design of the paths work around this mature tree? / Why do all tree indicated for removal need to be removed? They are an existing valuable asset? I have not seen the tree report but I understand they have been given Category C status by an arboriculture consultant, I assume BS5837:2012 guidance has been used. As they are not Category R I would suggest they should be retained where possible as they are currently performing important functions. The existing semi-mature trees to Fielding Street should be retained. They are a valuable asset to the Fielding Street view, they provide a sense of enclosure for the park and provide screening for the railway line? In order to retain these trees, it will be necessary to retain a section of the existing mound within their root protection areas. This should not be a problem for the design as the current proposal suggests there</p> <p>should be a mound in this location anyway. The existing semi mature trees to Langdale Close and to the south west corner of the park should be retained. They are a valuable asset to these boundaries? The alignment of the proposed path off Fielding Street could be amended slightly to facilitate the retention of the mature tree at the centre of this park</p>	Trees	Don't fell trees	9
<p><b>The proposal is to increase the number and variety of trees in the park, but includes felling some</b></p>	<p>No comment</p>			7
<p><b>The proposal is to increase the number and variety of trees in the park, but includes felling some</b></p>	<p>Like the idea of increasing more trees but don't like the thought of removing existing trees that have been around for many years / Wholeheartedly support increased planting and diversity, but I vigorously oppose felling the mature sycamore, which seems to be part of the proposal / It's good to have a range of trees in the park but not happy about the removal of the tree canopy in the North East corner of the park, nor any of the perimeter trees. It would be a real pity if the one large signature trees in the centre of the park was felled</p>	Trees	More tree variety but retain some of the trees proposed for felling	4

<p><b>trees to achieve this. Do you have any comments about the tree strategy?</b></p>	<p>Take down the damaged trees / If the existing trees deemed to be felled are in poor condition and not in a healthy status, I agree to remove them and replace them with healthier options. However, if the removal is purely aesthetic, I would prefer to keep all existing trees / Remove trees if not healthy / I think only trees in poor conditions should be felled</p>	Trees	Only remove trees if unhealthy	3
	<p>Pine tree instead of the ubiquitous lime tree. UK native trees should be prioritised to enable wildlife to flourish / Try installing lilac trees. These trees are beautiful in the spring and aroma from them would be delightful for the neighbourhood. The blooms should be light pink or white as these give the sweetest smell / Would like to see Southwark providing trees that have fruit - there is an active growing community in the local area, and issues around food security. Most fruit trees are good for wildlife, and disease resistant varieties could be chosen. Speak to the Walworth Community Garden Network, Walworth Garden, Walworth Allotment Association</p>	Trees	Suggestions for tree types	3
	<p>As long as you replace them with mature trees rather than saplings / Please can any new trees be added be of a decent size so they can establish as quickly as possible and reduce the risk of being vandalised</p>	Trees	Plant established trees	3
	<p>It might be good for types of trees to be named and where they originated / Maybe the tree descriptions can be near the tree on the fencing so children will know what tree it is</p>	Trees	Add tree labels	2
	<p>Take down the damaged trees but don't put too many more in, The park needs some sunlight and too many trees in the autumn will shed their leaves and the park wont be cleaned on a regular basis</p>	Trees	Remove unhealthy trees but don't plant more	1
	<p>Agree, a variety of trees of suitable sizes and shapes to compliment the park is the correct strategy. Yes many existing trees are too large and should be pollarded. Reduce in size scale, or remove if not healthy. The park suffers from a lack of natural night. But trees can be usefully used to shield the park from the railway and the Pellier Estate</p>	Trees	Pollard trees, only remove if unhealthy	1
	<p>Prefer clumping rather than repetitive spread The magnolia avenue could be better defined with a southern and northern clump, opening up the centre to more sun and less spatial separation</p>	Trees	Don't spread tree planting across park, create more defined areas	1
	<p>Agree that new trees should be planted, and this is easily done in areas away from the current trees, or where trees have already been removed/largely killed (e.g. the stumps in the existing dog exercise area)</p>	Trees	Plant new trees away from existing trees	1

Lack sufficient information on the ground conditions	Trees / planting	Lack of information	1
Most of the existing sycamores are almost certainly self seeded and a consequence of the historic lack of maintenance of public spaces by the borough. If the intention is to reduce their dominance of the park, it will be necessary to proactively manage/maintain the planted areas. Neglect is not a successful basis for creating the unnatural planting you propose	Trees	Trees need to be maintained	1
The felled trees should, as best as possible not be chipped but the timber used to create some of the above mentioned nature areas or donated to local groups to use for creating items in years to come	Trees	Re-use cut timber	1
As many trees to be cut are close to each other, this can be done in phases to avoid having that part of the park without large trees for several years. I suggest only cutting 3 trees now and, as newly planted trees grow, substitute others	Trees	Fell trees on rotation	1
Have you considered the shade some of these trees provide. Perhaps not cutting all of these but less. Otherwise I'm ok with the proposal	Trees	Fell less trees	1
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Very impressive / Agree with this strategy / Love it! / Looks lovely / Fully support as much planting as possible / You are the experts and I am sure that you will provide a good range of plants such as the ones you suggest, An excellent selection of flowers and bulbs as advertised above is good. There are plants there that attract bees, this is essential for the nature area / More colour the better and variety is key to keeping the park looking interesting. Wonderful! / Adding more colour to this park will be a huge improvement on the current design / Good ideas / Looks good / Great idea, thanks! / Glad to see greater diversity / Wholeheartedly support diverse, sustained and colourful planting - how lovely / Great idea / Absolute in favour of increasing better and more diverse planting / Generally it looks good	Planting	Planting strategy looks good etc.	18
No comment			12

Do you have any comments about the planting strategy?	Plants should be permaculture perennials not annuals. The whole area should be planted with food plants, orchard trees / The only addition I can think to add would be lavender / Would suggest some evergreen structure, shrubs or sub shrubs in the mix / It seems to me that the boundary between the park and the industrial area of the arches, where you have proposed to plant climbers, might also be a good place for a 'nature area' / Can there be more low level planting hedging along the Fielding Street edge, maybe some that comes through the fence a little to help integrate, soften the edge of the park into the street / Believe low level, attractive fragrant planting to the entire Fielding Street boundary would be welcome (similar to Pullens Gardens) / In addition to the proposed climbers to the railway arch boundary, I would suggest a slightly deeper bed of robust planting that continues along this edge. I would favour the introduction of more fragrant species, i.e. Sarcococca, Jasmine etc.	Planting	Plant suggestions	7
	Plants are good and look nice but again they wont be maintained / It needs to be maintained	Planting	Planting needs to be maintained	2
	Avoid a park with long grass due to my hay fever	Planting	Avoid long grass due to allergies	1
	Don't have enough information about the environmental conditions. I would not expect the mixed planting proposed to survive in the form proposed for the decades to come	Planting	Need more information	1
	The planting is a little mundane for what is possible in the microclimate that exists in South London - see the planting in Burgess Park or Walworth Garden for inspiration of what can be achieved. There is almost a complete lack of winter/spring interest in the pallet, apart from some bulbs	Planting	Planting strategy needs improving	1
	Maybe descriptions next to the plants so children know what plants they are	Planting	Label plants	1
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No comment			15	
Looking forward to seeing it come to fruition / This is a great initiative / Looking forward to the project starting / Glad to see you are investing in your green spaces / Thank you for attending to a park that has been neglected for years / The plans look great and it will be a good lift to the neighbourhood, it is much needed / Am grateful that you have made this proposal. On the whole I think it represents an improvement to the area. Look forward to seeing children and their carers enjoying the new space )	Overall project	Great etc. / Looking forward to it etc.	7	

<p>If you could include the green spaces on the other side of the railway line either side of Empress Street, rear of Fielding St southern terrace and potential planters for traffic calming in front of Gateway. The Empress Street entrance is very unwelcoming and requires upgrading as part of an effective plan. Please can you install bird netting under the bridge / Entrance, exit to Empress Street need to be properly considered. Thought needs to be given to how the proposals interface with the existing condition beneath the Empress Street railway bridge. The area beneath the railway bridge is currently unlit, littered with illegally parked cars and dirty; it feels dangerous and threatening. The area beneath the railway bridge requires lighting, cleaning, and have parking restrictions enforced if this proposal is to be successful</p>	<p>Empress St. and Fielding St.</p>	<p>Improvements to Empress St. and Fielding St.</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Have a general concern that the ongoing maintenance of the park will be inadequate as is apparent in the many other areas within the Borough's control and responsibility / Just ensure that good quality equipment is used and not cheap materials which will not be robust and will look shabby in under two years / Who will do the upkeep of the park?, What happens about vandalism or graffiti if there is any?</p>	<p>Maintenance</p>	<p>Park improvements will need to be maintained</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>Include dog waste bin / There is no dog "exercise" area in the park. There does not appear to be any bins within the proposal. How will dog excrement be managed, it is already a minor problem and there is currently an "exercise" area. Bins need to be provided within the park and I believe notices reminding people to pick up their dog's excrement should be allowed for. Spot checks within the park by dog wardens should be allowed for</p>	<p>Dogs</p>	<p>Install dog bins</p>	<p>3</p>



**Do you have any further comments about the project?**

There is a glaring omission in the plans - a dog exercise area. This is NEEDED for local residents, many of whom are without gardens (and who are subject to 'no dogs allowed' signs on other green spaces) to toilet and keep their dogs healthy. Without a designated area, the nearest space in which dog owners will be able to exercise their dogs off-lead is Pasley Park, which is significantly busier and out of reach for some residents (certainly not convenient for a quick trip outside). The current dog exercise area, despite its limited size, is heavily used, demonstrating its need. A further redesign of the park to include this is essential. Without it, dog mess on the streets will likely increase and Southwark Council will be disadvantaging local residents. What will likely happen is that dogs will be let free within the park, despite rules that they should not be, because there will be no other enclosed exercise option. The design for the new dog exercise area should include seating and a dog waste bin (inside the enclosed area), no other seating on the boundary - as this encourages littering which can be dangerous to dogs - and improved fencing to secure smaller dogs / Include a dog exercise area	Dog area	Retain dog area	2
The park is mainly being used by under 10s at the moment. Great to have diverse playgrounds for different ages. Keeping the baby swings and introducing two more for grown-ups (apart from the one proposed). Having just one big swing is silly, not many children have the opportunity to use it / Hope you reconsider the play equipment provision	Play	Suitable play for under 10s, retain toddler swing	2
Would be good to maintain more of the existing landscaped hills. They are really liked by many young children and good to sit on. Keeping more of the hills seems to be favoured by many and could save on some of the costs	Mounds / hills	Retain more of grassy mounds	2
Listen to what people want and not what the committee think they want	General	Listen to what people want	1
Prefer natural materials - wood, rock, stone rather than plastic, steel, bright colours	Materials	Use natural materials	1
Need to see parks as a green oasis rather than mini parks. Kids need space to invent and imagine, be closer to nature. Older people need to feel welcome in these green spaces too. Teenagers can go to the larger parks to congregate around ping pong and basketball spaces. You need to rethink small green areas with longer lasting ideas of community foraging	Landscape	Create green oasis	1
How soon can it start? How long will it take to do?	General	When and how long will it take?	1

Let's hope the reality is the same or better than the proposal and not worse when executed	General	Hope result is same or better than design	1
The project should extend further to the south and improve the area, running along Pelier Street. The cost saving of contractors being onsite, increased economies of scale and a joined up scheme would really benefit the local residents	General	Increase scope of project beyond boundary of park	1
Any plan to install a free drinkable water fountain?	Water fountain	Install water fountain	1
Please involve local organisations, e.g. Walworth Community Garden Network, Walworth Garden, Alberta Fruit people, and the estates for example in planting days and the creation of habitats, to instil a greater respect and awareness for the outside world	General	Involve local gardening groups	1
Poorly managed consultations with very little flexibility, i.e. three options only provided. Little transparency on results of previous consultations on preferred options. Make all residents' inputs available in raw format	Consultation	Consultation not flexible / needs to be transparent	1
Some decisions and proposals do not seem to have been made by people with relevant experience. Doesn't seem a smart use of funds	Consultation	Decisions / proposals made by inexperienced people. Not smart use of funds	1
Please be transparent about costs of design, consultation and implementation, without costing and different options costed and made public, the consultation is a fake tokenistic process. This is public money, residents need to know how much will be spent for them and influence how best this can be spent, once they know what each component of a project cost	Consultation	Costs need to be transparent	1
Hope there will be a bigger emphasis on bringing wildlife to the park rather than being just a green space	Nature	More emphasis on bringing wildlife into park	1
Keep the sports courts the size it has now	Ball court	Retain ball court	1
Keep the lighting in the park. If you remove them it will make the park very unsafe!	Lighting	Retain lighting	1

Have lived on Fielding Street for many years and I meditate in the park because there are a great many more birds and birdsong on that side of the railway, which I love. It is extremely noticeable. I think the park and the allotment together provide wonderful habitat for them that is lacking on this side of the railway. I think your proposals may eventually enhance bird life, but I really I hope that your works in progress do not disrupt the wildlife unduly	Nature	Enhance park for birds. Hope works don't disturb birds	1
Am a little nervous about conflict between residents and the ball/social area	Social heart	Concerns about conflict between residents and social heart area	1
Hope you reconsider the picnic area	Picnic table	Move picnic table	1
Really do not want you to fell mature trees	Trees	Don't fell trees	1