

Statement of Community Involvement

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared by Hedley Planning Services (the “Agent”) on behalf of Simon Farrow, Head of Parks and Leisure at Haringey Council (the “Applicant”) to accompany the proposal for the construction of SuDS Basin and associated landscaping at Chestnuts Park, St Ann’s Road, Haringey, London, N15 3AQ.
- 1.2 This SCI sets out the full details of the community engagement process and is to be read in conjunction with the submitted Planning Statement, also prepared by Hedley Planning Services, and establishes that the planning impacts identified have been fully addressed.
- 1.3 The public consultation exercise allows for local residents and key stakeholders to input into the proposals and respond with any comments, suggestions and queries they had.
- 1.4 The need for an Applicant to procedure an SCI comes from National Government guidelines contained within “Community Involvement in Planning: The Government’s Objectives (2004)” which, in relation to the issue of public consultation, states:

“A Local Authority could not refuse to accept a valid application because it disagrees with the way in which a developer has consulted the community, but failure by the developer to consult could lead to objections being made which could be material to the determination. The aim of the process should be to encourage discussions before a formal application is made and therefore avoid unnecessary objections being made at the later stage.”

- 1.5 The opportunity to respond to both an online and in-person consultation was granted, as was on-going design development with key stakeholders throughout the project, thereby ensuring that the proposal considers local opinions and is informed by local knowledge and values.
- 1.6 Haringey Borough Council adopted a Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) in 2017 to support the Plan making process of Haringey’s Local Plan. The SCI states in Section 2.2.2:

“Prior to submitting an application, applicants are strongly encouraged to discuss their proposal with likely affected parties, such as neighbours”

- 1.7 Paragraph 132 of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states that:

“Applicants should work closely with those affected by their proposals to evolve designs that take account of the views of the community. Applications that can

demonstrate early, proactive and effective engagement with the community should be looked on more favourably than those that cannot.”

- 1.8 Hedley Planning Services consider that the public consultation process and the associated key stakeholder engagement best reflects the relevant practice guidance, and is most appropriate to the scale of this proposal. Early engagement has taken place, and should be a determinant in the deciding of this proposal.

2.0 Details of Public Consultation

- 2.1 The NPPF places increased emphasis on pre-application engagement and the front loading of applications in order to resolve issues at the pre-application stage to avoid unnecessary cost and delay.
- 2.2 In line with best practice, a consultation strategy was coordinated to enable effective engagement.
- 2.3 The consultation strategy included the following:
- ‘Commonplace’ Website and Online Survey
 - In-person Consultation Events
 - Steering Group Meetings with Key Stakeholders
 - Individual, Focused Stakeholder Meetings

‘Commonplace’ Website and Online Survey

- 2.4 The online survey was set up on the website ‘Commonplace’ (Appendices A and B), which is Haringey Council’s dedicated website for project consultation and feedback. It was published on 5th June and ran for four weeks until 3rd July, allowing respondents sufficient time to engage with the consultation. There were four questions, and these allowed respondents to provide feedback on the following topics:
- Landscaping
 - Use of Space
 - Materials
 - Informal Play
- 2.5 The survey was promoted through posters within the park, through the Friends of Chestnut Park, through discussions with park users and through door knocking to residents in neighbouring streets.
- 2.6 101 responses were received, where 77% of respondents felt positive about the scheme to some extent. These responses were later used to inform two sketch proposals. These proposals, as well as the responses to the online survey, are set out later within this report.

In-person Consultation Events

- 2.7 Four in-person engagement workshops and events were held as part of the public consultation. These were held throughout June 2023, and included:
- 12th – Design Review Workshop held at the Community Centre
 - 18th – Wider Park Masterplan Engagement Meeting held at Chestnut Park

- 21st – Pop-up Workshop and Engagement Event held at Chestnut Park
 - 24th – Pop-up Workshop and Engagement Event held at Chestnut Park
- 2.8 Consultation boards (Appendix C) were shared at the event on 18th June and were displayed at the two pop-up workshops (21st and 24th June), and covered a range of details for attendees to review, including: an introduction to and overview of the Flood Alleviation Scheme, an Opportunities and Constraints Plan, and information about potential features to be explored with stakeholders. The consultation boards also informed attendees of the online survey. Paper questionnaires were available at the events, however attendees preferred to use the provided QR code to fill out the survey online.
- 2.9 There were 3 representatives from the project team present at the drop-in events.
- 2.10 A total of circa 50 people were engaged during the in-person consultations.

Steering Group Meetings with Key Stakeholders

- 2.11 Haringey Council convened a steering group to guide the design and development of the project throughout the process, from project conception. This group met monthly and included representative from:
- Friends of Chestnuts Park
 - Haringey Rivers Forum
 - GHD – design team
 - McCloy’s – design team
 - Haringey Council Parks, Flood Management and Major Projects Team
 - Thames 21
 - The Environment Agency
- 2.12 The meetings were held on 8th March, 18th April, 23rd May, 12th June, 27th June and 25th July 2023.
- 2.13 The questions and answers from the meetings are set out within Section 3 of this SCI, along with other matters that were discussed and actions taken by the design team in response.

Individual, Focused Stakeholder Meetings

- 2.14 Three individual stakeholder meetings were arranged with Chestnuts Primary School, the Friends of Chestnuts Park and Haringey Rivers Forum.
- 2.15 Kristie Wilson from Haringey Council met with the Green Liaison Lead for Chestnuts Primary School on 6 July 2023.

- 2.16 The meeting with Haringey Rivers Forum took place on 9 May 2023.
- 2.17 A meeting took place on 14th July with both Haringey Rivers Forum and the Friends of Chestnut Park
- 2.18 The topics of discussion are set out within Section 3 of this SCI.

3.0 Consultation Responses

- 3.1 The public consultation strategy included an online website with survey, in-person consultation events, as well as group and individual stakeholder meetings.
- 3.2 There were 101 responses to the online survey.
- 3.3 There were circa 50 people engaged through the in-person consultation events held at Chestnuts Park. Paper questionnaires were available, however attendees preferred to provide feedback verbally, or fill out the survey online.
- 3.4 A total of nine stakeholder meetings were held from March to July 2023, where six were group meetings and three were meetings with individuals.
- 3.5 This section provides a breakdown of the responses and discussions from across the consultation exercises. All data and responses received can be found within Appendix K.

Online Survey

- 3.6 The online survey was made available via the consultation website, Commonplace, which is Haringey Council's designated site for public engagement. The site's layout can be seen in Appendices A and B. A QR code link to the website was available at the in-person consultations events.
- 3.7 In total there were 101 responses to the survey, which ran for four weeks from 5 June to 3 July.
- 3.8 This section sets out the questions asked and provides a breakdown of the responses received to the online survey.

Question 1: Which type of planting would you like to see around the new flood alleviation scheme?

- 3.9 There were 93 responses to this question, which are set out below:
- Wildflower – 51
 - Wetland - 24
 - Formal – 14
 - Amenity – 4
- 3.10 Wildflowers were therefore the preferred option for planting around the scheme. As such, a conservation wildflower meadow and neutral grassland have been included within the landscaping proposals.

Question 2: What would you like to use this space for?

3.11 Respondents could choose more than one answer to this question. The responses were:

- Informal Play – 54
- Observe biodiversity – 51
- Seating – 42
- Art – 29
- Other – 19

3.12 Informal play was therefore the most popular choice for use of the upper level area. However, a combination of potential uses has been included in the final design, in response to the public consultation where options had similar popularity.

Question 3: Which type of materials would you like to be used within the Upper Level?

3.13 There were 98 responses to this question, which were:

- Wooden – 55
- Stone – 43

3.14 The majority of respondents therefore preferred wood materials over stone.

3.15 In response, the upper level will be made from recycled plastic, which has similar properties and aesthetics to wooden materials, but is more durable.

Question 4: Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?

3.16 Similar to Question 2, respondents could choose more than one answer to this question. The responses are set out below:

- Logs – 48
- Carved imaginative play – 44
- Boulders – 30

3.17 Logs and carved imaginative play were the two most popular options for informal play within the scheme. This has been included in the final design of the upper level.

Question 5: Overall, how do you feel about the proposals?

3.18 This question provided a scale of Negative – Mostly Negative – Neutral – Mostly Positive – Positive. There were 96 responses, which were:

- Positive – 26
- Mostly positive – 48

- Neutral – 12
 - Mostly negative – 6
 - Negative – 4
- 3.19 Overall, 77% of respondents were positive about the scheme to some extent, compared to 10% that were negative. 12.5% felt neutral about the scheme. Therefore, the majority of respondents supported the proposals.
- 3.20 If respondents chose 'Other' to any of the questions, they could leave more detailed, written feedback. The 'Other' comments are therefore summarised as:
- Renovation of existing play areas – 6
 - Maintenance of scheme – 6
 - Ecology and biodiversity assessments – 4
 - Avoiding loss of/planting more trees – 4
 - Loss of green space – 4
 - Play spaces for older children – 3
 - Standing/stagnant water that attracts mosquitoes – 3
 - Removal of hiding spots to reduce anti-social behavior - 3
 - Risks from draught/misconnections – 3
 - Provision of litter bins – 3
 - Cost-benefit analysis – 2
 - Picnic or BBQ area – 2
 - Size of basin disproportionate to size of park – 2
 - Lack of alternative design options – 2
 - More seating – 2
 - Varied landscaping – 2
 - Issues with design of basin – 2
 - Choosing long-term materials – 2
 - Choose materials that can't be vandalised – 2
 - Principle – 1
 - Effectiveness of SuDS – 1
 - Introduce a canopy cover – 1
 - Link to the wider park – 1
 - Developer contributions – 1
 - Safe dog area – 1
 - Safe pedestrian access – 1
 - Raised seating – 1
 - Availability of bookable spaces – 1
 - Skatepark – 1
 - Preserve dirt path for runners – 1
 - Lockable gates at night – 1
 - Lessons learnt from other schemes – 1
 - Opportunity for air quality improvements -1

- Area to observe water – 1
- As child-friendly as possible – 1

3.21 A full list of comments can be referred to in Appendix K.

3.22 The group, Friends of Chestnuts Park, used the online survey to comment on the scheme. They felt mostly negative about the proposals and were not able to support in its current form. The main matters are summarised as:

- Only one option has been offered
- Basin would take a far larger part of the small park than envisaged
- Unanswered questions
- Risks from extreme drought
- Effectiveness of flood risk mitigation
- Misconnections in drainage
- Comparison to Albany Park where 80% of trees planted have died
- Ability to maintain the scheme
- Better accommodated in a larger park
- Risk to park amenity

In-person Consultation Events

3.23 Circa 50 people were engaged across the four in-person consultation events.

3.24 Paper questionnaires were available at the events however attendees preferred to provide feedback verbally or via the online survey, where feedback was largely positive.

Steering Group Meetings with Key Stakeholders

3.25 A Steering Group was set up to guide the design and development of the project. This group met monthly and included representatives from:

- Friends of Chestnuts Park
- Haringey Rivers Forum
- GHD – design team
- McCloys – design team
- Haringey Council Parks, Flood Management and Major Projects team
- Thames 21
- The Environment Agency

3.26 Six steering group meetings were held by Haringey Council on 8th March, 18th April, 23rd May, 12th and 27th June, and 25th July.

- 3.27 The matters discussed and any questions and answers raised during the group meetings are set out below.

8th March

- 3.28 A meeting was held on 8th March 2023, hosting 11 attendees from key stakeholder groups. The full list of attendees can be seen within the meeting minutes in Appendix D.
- 3.29 The wider Masterplan of the park was introduced at this stage, as well as the Flood Alleviation Scheme to be included within the project.

18th April

- 3.30 There were 12 attendees to the steering group meeting on 18th April 2023, which can be referred to in the minutes in Appendix E.
- 3.31 The following matters were discussed in regard to the Flood Alleviation Scheme:
- Pre-app meeting
 - Landscape designer appointment
 - Modelling

- 3.32 There was further discussion about modelling between the project team and the Friends of Chestnuts Park:

Q – Is the model looking at the amount of waterlogging within the park?

A – Modelling programme can't look at this level of detail. That would be managed through the design.

Q – What work has already been done to address ponding in the park?

A – While the team were on site doing trial holes they filled in some of the bigger holes. Regrading has not yet been undertaken.

Q – Who will pay for this?

A – Will undertake work at the same time as cost effective. Will try and pay for works as part of this project but still to be determined dependant on costings of flood alleviation, further discussions to be had with parks team in due course.

Q – One of the inlets of the storm drain to be unblocked

A – This has been picked up by CCTV and can be addressed during the works.

- 3.33 A Water Quality Report was circulated, and the following discussion took place:

Q – Important to understand condition of the water as it will have a significant change to the park. Will there be an ammonia problem? Ecoli levels seem very low

in comparison to the Moselle brook? Can we therefore assume that there is less toilet misconnections and more baths/ showers/ dishwashers?

A – It is a snapshot so hard to say what baseline is. Need to do more regular testing to inform the baseline.

Q - Will there be a flow all year?

A – Hard to predict without a greater baseline data of flow

Q – Is there data from TW as they obviously have concerns re misconnections?

Q – The water points of testing were from the rain drains, not the storm drain. Are we still agreed that the Stonebridge Brook itself has still not been located, and is probably not running in either of the points of testing? And it's probably not in the storm drain either?

A – Points of testing were from the surface water sewers. Stonebridge may not flow but if it does it is probably flowing in the vicinity of the surface water sewers,

A - Daylighting has focused on where we will get the greatest flow

Q – Advice from other park projects has been that you should address misconnections before you undertake the project rather than after.

A - Timescales don't really work as we need to spend GLA funding by end of the financial year but Thames Water may not address misconnections for 2-3 years.

Q – Rivers Forum takes a long-term view that we need to be pragmatic and tolerate smelly water from restored streams within urban setting. Look at Woodberry Downs as another example. May not be misconnections but broken drains as well.

23rd May

3.34 Eight attendees were present at the steering group meeting on 23rd May. A full list of attendees and meeting minutes can be referred to in Appendix F.

3.35 The following matters were discussed in relation to the Flood Alleviation Scheme:

- Planning Document Development
- Modelling
- Detailed design

12th June

3.36 A meeting was held on 12th June 2023 hosting 10 attendees from key stakeholders such as GHD, Friends of Chestnut Park, McCloys, Haringey Rivers Forum and Haringey Council. Ward Councillor Tammy Hymas from St Ann's Ward was present. The full list of attendees and meeting minutes can be in Appendix G.

3.37 The questions and answers from the meeting were as follows:

Q – Is there enough water to justify the water feature?

A – A flow monitor is due to be installed to monitor water flow over the next few months. This will give us a worst-case scenario of water levels but based on the modelling undertaken it is anticipated that the top basin will have water in for the majority of the year.

Q – There is a limited distance between the inlet and outlet. Does this allow for enough water to be cleaned before entering the system?

A – Anthony sketched a drawing [shown in Figure 1] showing that there will be a low flow channel that meanders through the basin, this is based on minimal rainfalls of 5-10mm. Water will be held in the basin for a few hours – it is anticipated and expected that the flow may well be visible along with micro pools. The design team can look further at how visible the water is. It was felt that visibility of the water would be a benefit, helping the public to understand the project and rationale.

Q – It feels like there are wider opportunities for suds within the highway to address areas of surface water flooding on the highway.

A – This is something to be picked up by the Flood management team and to be considered as an holistic approach to SUDS in the area.

A – It was also noted that this is a downstream intervention, thereby the impact of this feature will alleviate flooding pressures further downstream of this location.

3.38 The following topics were also discussed:

- Misconnections in drainage
- On-site soil reuse
- Regrading of wider grassed area
- Short-term loss of grassed area
- Maintenance and planting
- Monitoring i.e. water quality
- Including inlets and outlets in the design

27th June

3.39 There were 10 attendees to the steering group meeting on 27th June. The full list of attendees and minute meetings can be seen in Appendix H.

3.40 The questions and answers of the meeting were as follows:

Q – Were there any concerns regarding loss of the green area for the flood alleviation feature raised in the consultation?

A – No issues raised by public or in consultation responses so far.

A – Specifically raised the project with the football club who use the space. They are happy with being re-located if additional works to the wider green areas is undertaken.

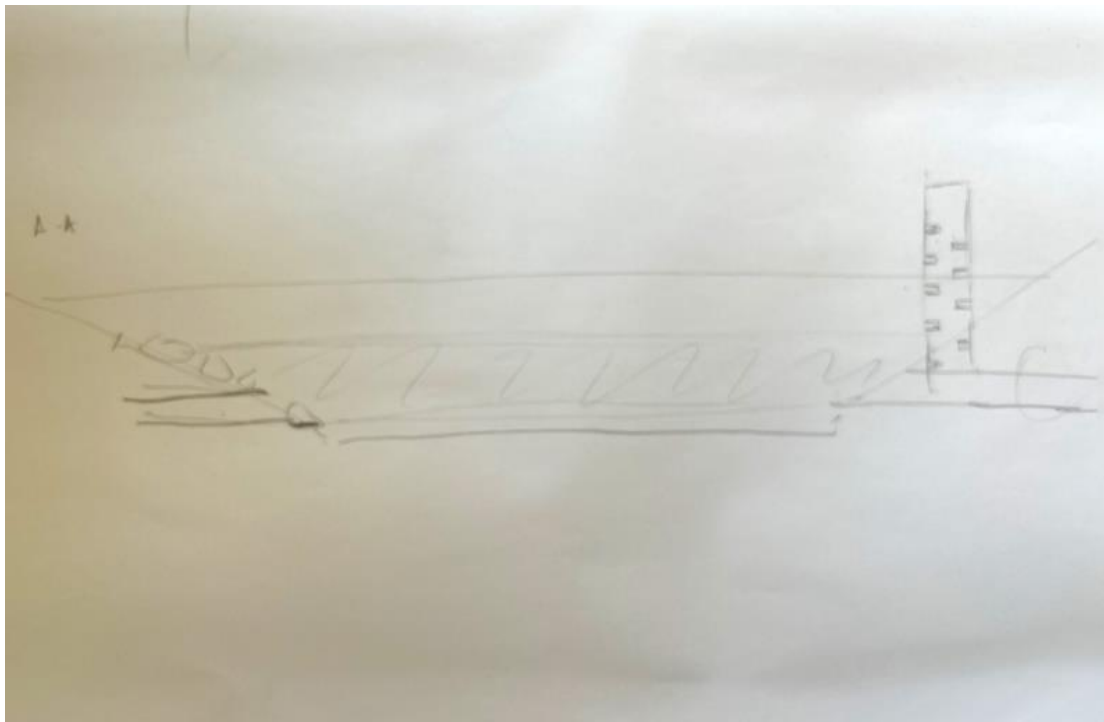
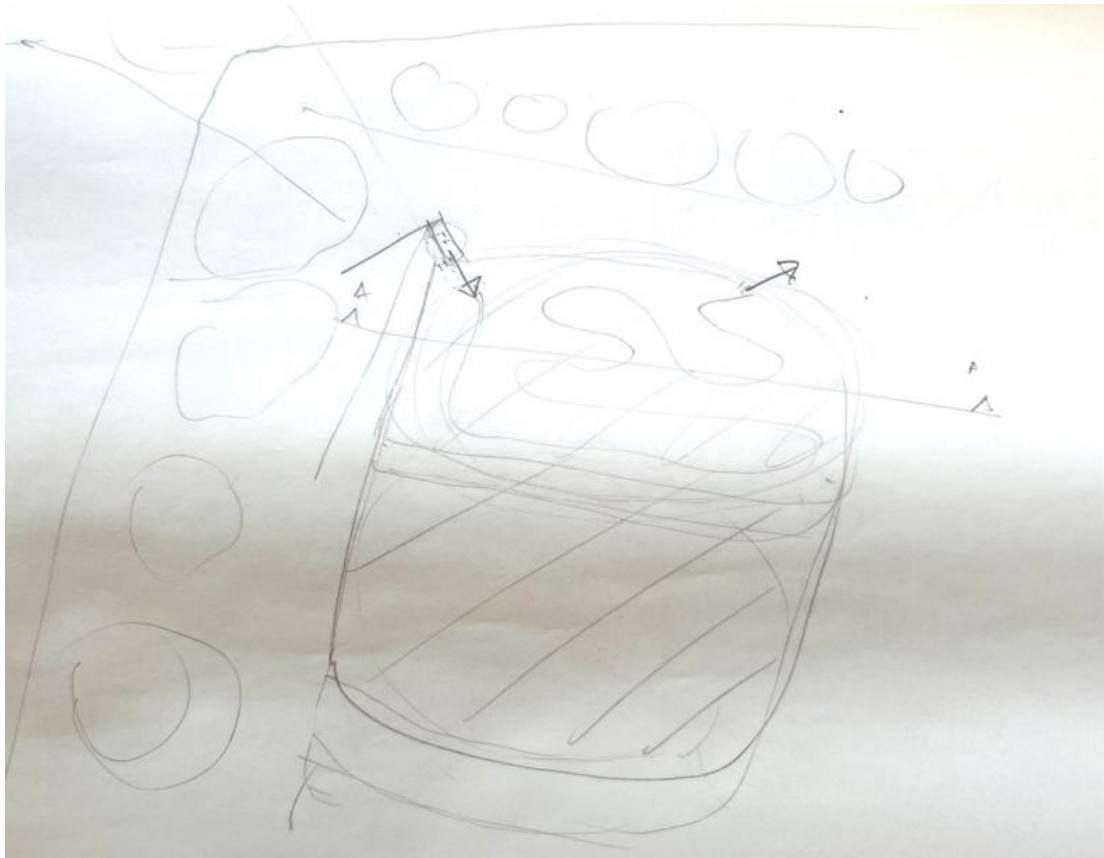


Figure 1 Sketch from McCloy's Consulting Drawn at 12th June Meeting

Q – Any concern regarding water pollutants into the park?

A – No concerns raised. We are undertaking additional surveys to further understand water quality

A – Friends of Chestnut Park will be pulling together a response by 3rd July. Remain concern regarding smells into the park as a result of mis-connections and concern regarding extreme drought as well as extreme flooding.

Q – Modelling showed flood risk at North/East will the scheme address this?

A – There is a natural depression in that area that we anticipate will remain as this provided further protection. Main resilience is further down of Falmer Road.

Q – Can you create a bund to protect this area or swales?

A – Masterplan is looking at additional planting in this area. Need to consider issues of safety and security alongside flood alleviation

3.41 The following matters were discussed in regard to the Flood Alleviation Scheme and SuDS basin:

- Amending the design of the basin to work with the water flows and contours of the site
- Ecological survey undertaken
- Tree and arboricultural survey undertaken
- Access from La Rose Lane
- Mitigation of any loss of hedge planting
- Further photography to inform visualisations for heritage statement
- Maintenance and management

25th July

3.42 A steering group meeting also took place on 25th July with 13 attendees, a full list of which can be referred to in the minutes within Appendix I.

3.43 The following discussion took place in reference to the Flood Alleviation Scheme:

Q – will feature address previous flooding on La Rose lane?

A – hard to determine what the cause of the flooding, ie blocked drain, speed of flow, full sewer. Gulley pots are designs for a 1 in 1 or 1 in 2 year flood.

Q – need to look at more suitable examples of case studies

A – agreed and design team are looking at appropriate site visit

Q – need to look at the wider SUDs opportunities in the highway along La Rose lane, rain gardens, remove hard standing in

Q – Can we bring Robert List into the conversation in terms of the maintenance?

A – Design team have been seeking to engage with parks maintenance team throughout the development of the design and are getting feedback on the designs

Q – can we pick features for the hedges that only grow to 1m rather than hedges that grow to 10m and require cutting

A – designs have been developed in line with the ecologist advice and conservation and heritage but will look at this now we have this feedback.

Q – the photomontage seems to show the basin smaller than it seems

A – Have been developed in line with the Landscape Institute guidance. The application will show existing and proposed alongside to make comparisons easier. It was determined through reference back to the GA that the photomontage has been mis-interpreted

Q – concerns still raised around how accessible the photomontages are

Q – could the view be elevated over the hedge?

A – views are at eye-line in line with the requirements of the Landscape Institute

Individual, Focused Stakeholder Meetings

9th May – Haringey River Forum

3.44 An individual meeting with the Haringey River Forum took place on **9th May 2023**.

3.45 Although meeting notes were not taken of this meeting the discussion can be summarised as:

- Structure of the design team
- Emerging planning submission, including the recreational elements required for the detention basin. The Swale by The Paddock on Ferry Lane was cited as a good example of an aesthetic but functional feature.
- Water quality, If the tests to be undertaken in June offer similar readings to those from October 18th there will be reasonably good grounds for believing Thames Water's assertions that the upstream contamination may not be as serious as we once believed.
- Citizen science and community involvement, how the success of the scheme, in terms of water cleaning and bio-diversity can be measured going forward. Challenge is funding to deliver a robust process but would be a great opportunity to involve people from the local community in understanding both flood mitigation and reduction of contamination.

8th July – Chestnuts Primary School

3.46 Kristie Wilson from Haringey Council met with the Green Liaison Lead for Chestnuts Primary School on the **8th July 2023**, to talk about and receive feedback on the wetland design of the scheme.

3.47 Although meeting notes were not taken for the meeting, the comments from Chestnuts Primary School were largely positive and are summarised as:

- Availability of on-site welfare facilities – linked to the wider masterplan
- Availability of bookable spaces
- Space on the upper tier for a class of 30, with seating on a steeper gradient
- Safety risks of SuDS basin could be avoided with dense planting

14th July – Haringey River Forum and Friends of Chestnuts Park

3.48 A meeting with Haringey Rivers Forum and Friends of Chestnuts Park was held on **14th July 2023** and focused on landscape options and planting.

3.49 There were four attendees from across Friends of Chestnuts Park, Haringey Rivers Forum, GHD's design team and Haringey Council.

3.50 Prior to this meeting, a sketch was shared with Haringey Council by the Friends of Chestnuts Park, the content of which was considered as part of the scheme, such as the scrapes incorporated into the final design.

3.51 The public consultation was discussed, including the online survey and in-person events, and how these had shaped the preferred design option. The changes made to the proposal are discussed under the 'Applicant's Response' section.

3.52 The questions and answers of the final meeting were as follows:

Q – What level of inundation will the wetland get?

A – [Figure 2 was produced in response]

Return Period	Peak Water Level (mOD)	Max Lower Basin Water Depth (m)	Max Upper Basin Water Depth (m)	50% Drawdown (mins)
2 (50% AEP)	12.01	0.49	0	30
5 (20% AEP)	12.26	0.74	0.10	30
20 (5% AEP)	13.07	1.55	0.91	45
30 (3.3% AEP)	13.17	1.65	1.01	55

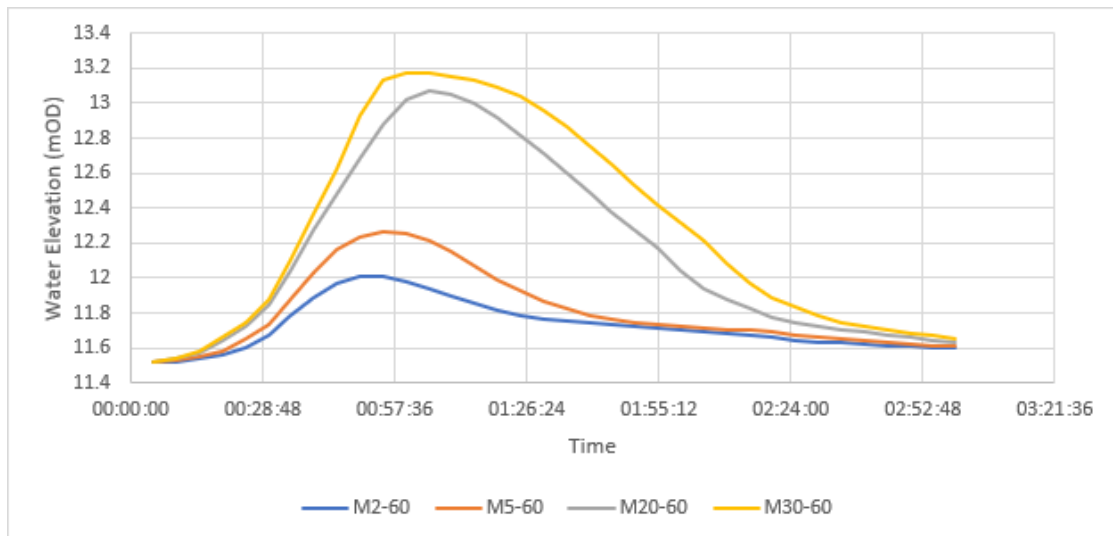


Figure 2 Detail of Water Levels from McCloy's Consulting

Q – Can the sketch be cited within the park in relation to the chestnut school entrance and seating etc?

A – We can send over a more detailed diagram once developed. This drawing is a sketch option for discussion.

Q – There are already meadow areas within the park. On-going concern regarding maintenance, not following the agreed maintenance regime i.e. cutting grasses when they shouldn't etc.

A – Outline maintenance specification will be submitted as part of planning application and this will form a planning condition and there will therefore be a mechanism to enforce

Q – Would you see the native hedges needing to be laid?

A – Wouldn't envisage them needing to be laid

Q – The hedges to be removed for the construction access have been advised by a hedge expert that they are now too large to be removed. Concern regarding removal of these.

A – We are aware of the concerns. Based on GHD professional experience have seen 50 year hedges replanted successfully so not sure of the advice received. We are looking for a bio-diversity net gain, looking to gain additional hedging and additional bio-diversity

Q – Albany Park example lack of topsoil causing issues, there are trees in the basin and 80% have failed, hedge planting within the depression is an issue. Grassland has failed. In the wet basin reeds have survived.

A – Clay will be limited to the bottom area, to create slopes, ramp etc covered by topsoil. No topsoil will go off site. Sometime failure of seeding on slopes can be either

timing or steepness of slope, we have factored this into the design, species and mix will be mindful of soil conditions and habitat we are trying to create.

Q – Have you engaged with the school?

A – Yes we have met with the school who are supportive of the scheme and we have factored in feedback from them.

Q – Can you talk through how localised ponding will be addressed in the wider park

A – There are areas that need to be top dressed/levelled. This will be done as part of the works but we do not need planning permission for that work. We will use topsoil from the project and address with the contractor on site. We will take into account the wider masterplan proposals as well. There is a natural crossflow of water across the grassed area and this will not be impacted.

Q – Can you try to tie the planting in with other areas of the park to ensure synergy?

A – That is one of the objectives of the planting design

Q – Ongoing risks and concerns:

- 1. Misconnections in Cranleigh Road SW drain*
- 2. Issues of lack of staffing in drainage team*
- 3. Issues of lack of staff in Parks team re on-going maintenance*

A – Confirmation that discussions were ongoing internally but delayed due to holiday season

3.53 A summary of other matters discussed is provided below:

- Amendments made to design as a result of public consultation
- Expected water levels
- Maintenance
- Removal of hedges
- Albany Park as a failed example
- Engagement with Chestnuts Primary School
- Objectives of planting design
- Ongoing risks and concerns of stakeholders

3.54 The full minutes of the meeting can be seen in Appendix J.

Summary of Consultation Responses

3.55 This extensive public consultation exercise included an online survey and consultation website, in-person events and steering group and individual stakeholder meetings.

3.56 The online survey received 101 responses and showed that the majority of respondents supported the scheme, where 77% felt either positive or mostly positive, 12.5% were neutral and 10% felt negative to some extent.

- 3.57 Four in-person public consultation events were held, two of which took place within Chestnuts Park, where circa 50 people were engaged with the project. Attendees preferred to complete the online survey or provide verbal feedback, but responses were largely positive.
- 3.58 Six steering group meetings were held with key stakeholders, as well as three focused meetings with individual groups such as the Friends of Chestnuts Park and the Haringey River Forum. These meetings provided valuable feedback to the project team, which was inputted into the final designs.
- 3.59 This SCI will address comments made by respondents which are of material planning concern in relation to the proposal. These concerns include:
- Principle of Development
 - Landscape and Ecology
 - Design
 - Amenity
 - Flooding and drainage
 - Access

4.0 Applicant Response

- 4.1 The public and key stakeholders were engaged from an early stage, and throughout the design development process, the Applicant collated responses from the feedback and used these to inform several design options for the proposal. The most appropriate components of these designs have been narrowed down to the design shown in the submitted Design and Access Statement (DAS) (12609983 GHD XX-XX-RPT-LA0001).
- 4.2 The design responds to matters raised during both the public consultation, and the stakeholder and steering group meetings.
- 4.3 The following section sets out the Applicant's response to the comments and feedback received during the consultation, which have been summarised into the following material considerations:
- Principle of Development
 - Landscape and Ecology
 - Design
 - Amenity
 - Flooding and drainage
 - Access

Principle of Development

- 4.4 Several comments were made in relation to the principle of development of the Flood Alleviation Scheme. These were:
- *"It's not clear that there is a solid needs basis for the intervention"*
 - *"Chestnuts Park is not the most suitable location for such a substantial scheme"*
 - *"Such a project could possibly be accommodated better in a larger park"*
 - *"In the climate crisis we are having less and less rainfall – I wonder if this is really needed?"*
- 4.5 Chestnuts Park is the proposed location for the Flood Alleviation Scheme due to being situated within a designated Critical Drainage Area. Further detail of this, and other designations, is discussed in the submitted Planning Statement, Flood Risk Assessment (FRA M01600- 11 DG 02 JULY 2023) and DAS (12609983 GHD XX-XX-RPT-LA0001).
- 4.6 The proposed SuDS basin has been sited in the most suitable area of Chestnuts Park for Flood Alleviation. This is in respect to the site's existing ecology, landscaping, visual amenity and heritage issues, as well as current surface water flow paths and topography, as demonstrated in the submitted DAS and FRA. This is also discussed within the Planning Statement.

4.7 As the site is an area of open space, the proposal must demonstrate full compliance with the Development Plan, which consists of policies within the following documents:

- Strategic Policies (2017)
- Development Management DPD (2017)
- Site Allocations Plan (2017)
- The London Plan (2021)

4.8 The submitted Planning Statement shows that the scheme accords with the relevant Development Plan policies SP13, DM20 and G4. As such, the principle of development is acceptable.

Landscape and Ecology

4.9 Responses to the online survey showed that wildflowers (51%) were the preferred planting option for the scheme. In response, a wildflower meadow has been included in the proposed landscaping, as shown in Figure 3.

4.10 Observation of biodiversity (51%) was the second most preferred option for the use of the Upper Level area. This has been considered within the final design, where the proposed landscaping within the scheme has contributed to a biodiversity net gain that will attract a mix of wildlife to the site.



Figure 3 Landscape Proposals Plan 12609983 / DRG 0014

4.11 The following comments were also received in response to landscaping and ecology within the scheme:

- *"Have not seen any ecological impact assessment for the new basin area. This will be important as there is a risk that the scheme takes away greenspace in the field."*
- *"It's not clear that thought has been given to the maintenance and upkeep costs of the site, especially regarding the more elaborate planting schema."*
- *"Could the scheme increase canopy cover and plant more trees (which doesn't appear to be currently considered)"*
- *"Not too much thought about the maintenance."*
- *"Doubts about the council's capacity to maintain and improve the project."*
- *"It would take up a very large space in our small park, reducing the area of a field which is currently well-used by children, young people and dog-walkers."*
- *"Please don't fell any trees for these projects."*
- *"Plans need to have careful ecological/environmental assessment"*
- *"I do not trust that this will be serviced and maintained after the initial input."*
- *"I'm worried if there is going to be a sufficient ongoing maintenance after the project is delivered and who will be doing it."*
- *"Any landscaping that has a bit of height would be great as the park is so flat."*
- *"It's super important that during construction no mature trees are lost from the park."*
- *"I walk through Chestnuts Park frequently and the existing planting and beds are not well maintained so I'm concerned this new scheme/planting will also be left to deteriorate."*
- *"Could it not be a mix of planting styles?"*
- *"I hope the scheme doesn't intend to remove anything existing e.g. trees."*
- *"I choose wetland planting as I feel this would enhance biodiversity, increasing chances of observing wildlife."*

4.12 The submitted Landscape Seeding and Planting Palette (12609983 GHD XX-XX-RPT-LA0002) states that the scheme is located within the recreational grassland that currently has little ecological value.

4.13 A Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment (BNG BIOC22-166 V1.1) and an Ecological Impact Appraisal (EcIA BIOC22-166 V1.1) have been undertaken by the Applicant and show an overall biodiversity net gain post-development. For more detail please refer to the BNG Assessment and EcIA documents.

4.14 A detailed Planting Maintenance and Management Plan has been included within the Landscape Seeding and Planting Palette document (12609983 GHD XX-XX-RPT-LA0002) which sets out the maintenance tasks that would be undertaken 1-3 years post completion of the scheme. For more information, please refer to the relevant document.

- 4.15 A Landscape Proposals Plan (12609983 / DRG 0014) has also been submitted and illustrates the planned landscaping within the site. Figure 3 shows that the design seeks to minimize the loss of recreational space by making the upper level amenity space that will be accessible except during flood events.
- 4.16 In response to comments about trees, an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA including AMS/TPP 230619 V1.2) has been carried out and sets out the measures for tree protection and mitigation, prior to and during construction. These include Root Protection Areas (RPA), Tree Protective Fencing, Ground Protection and Areas of Special Mitigation. Please refer to the AIA for more details.
- 4.17 In terms of landscaping and ecology, the scheme is in accordance with the relevant planning policy, which is discussed in the Planning Statement.

Design

- 4.18 The online survey showed that wooden materials (55%) were preferred to stone materials (43%) for use within the Upper Level.
- 4.19 The following comments were also made in reference to the SuDS basin's design:
- *"Disproportionately large size of the proposed retention basin, and lack of alternative options presented."*
 - *"I am very concerned, first that we only have one 'option' proposed. Second, that it does not seem to have been researched fully."*
 - *"Only one option has been offered."*
 - *"The overall shape is wrong should be more of a tadpole shape as this would stretch further along."*
 - *"I would like the shape of the water feature to be less kidney and more tadpole."*
 - *"I haven't understood what condition the 'upper level' will be in after being full of water during the winter however; won't any wooden structures etc start to rot if they're under water for part of the year?"*
 - *"Should maybe consider what is most resilient and future proofed."*
 - *"I think should be on the long term look of this space – boulders and stone will wear, weather and last longer than wood or logs."*
 - *"I would hope materials will be chosen which cannot be easily damaged or defaced."*
- 4.20 Two design options were established as a result of feedback received from the public consultation – one focused on natural play and wildlife and the other on imaginative play and art.
- 4.21 Having considered the feedback received across the online survey, in-person events and stakeholder meetings in relation to the scheme objectives, a final design has been

established and is set out within the Design and Access Statement (12609983 GHD XX-XX-RPT-LA0001).

4.22 The following amendments to the design of the scheme have been included in response to the public consultation and steering group meetings:

- The initial site boundary was reduced in order to reflect the importance to stakeholders of preserving and protecting the natural and cultural heritage features of the park.
- The design team have included grass reinforcement detailing to improve accessibility and continuity of the surface finish.
- The viewing platform will be a composite decking made from recycled plastic product. This will have a similar aesthetic to hard wood, which was the preferred option in the online survey, while addressing public concerns of durability, as the material is robust and requires little maintenance. The composite material is also slip-resistant to allow for safe viewing on the Upper Level.
- The importance of a recreational and educational environment was established throughout the consultation. As such, natural play and wooden features have been chosen as the preferred landscape features, and information boards will also be included. In the scheme. The design team recognised that these would provide an educational element to the project that could involve surrounding schools, but is a matter to consider post-planning.
- The basin location (as demonstrated by the Flood Risk Assessment) has to be located in the proposed area of the park due to water flows, existing drainage, existing trees and the topography of the site. The basin shape has been designed to maximise storage capacity in order to meet funder requirements, whilst minimizing the loss of recreational space. The dual use of the upper tier further mitigates this loss and the addition of new habitats within the wetland feature will enhance biodiversity within the park.

4.23 A children's play area is an important aspect of the scheme's amenity. In response to Question 4, logs (48%) and carved imaginative play (44%) were the two most popular options for informal play within the scheme.

4.24 The design of the Flood Alleviation Scheme is therefore in line with planning policy, which is discussed in the Planning Statement.

Amenity

- 4.25 A children's play area is an important aspect of the scheme's amenity. In response to Question 4, logs (48%) and carved imaginative play (44%) were the two most popular options for informal play within the scheme.
- 4.26 Other matters of amenity were commented on throughout the consultation, including:
- 4.27 The following comments were received in response to flooding and drainage within the proposal:
- *"Nothing about playspaces for older children"*
 - *"Nothing about revamping/totally renovating children's playground despite shocking state."*
 - *"Picnic or bbq area which would serve more diverse communities."*
 - *"It would take up a very large space in our small park, reducing the area of a field which is currently well-used by children, young people and dog-walkers."*
 - *"Possibility that it could become a health hazard."*
 - *"Risks taking away vital park amenity."*
 - *"Safe dog area"*
 - *"I think it is important for children to enter over the threshold of the park feeling safe and secure from the busy traffic on St Anne's Road."*
 - *"We'd like to see some refurbishment and less littering. The sensory play area was great but has fallen into disrepair and is isolated from the rest of the playground area."*
 - *"It's likely to increase rubbish left in the park."*
 - *"Chestnut should have facilities/spaces for safe BBQing during the summer months. Bookable spaces provide community opportunity and ensure safety measures."*
 - *"It would be nice to have some more places for children to play. The playground is so packed."*
 - *"I'd love for there to be a skatepark for the kids in the park."*
 - *"I'm not sure if the playground falls under this remit, but please can we see some improvement here. It's used so often by all the children from the school and is in desperate need of a makeover!"*
 - *"Any additions to the park will be valued but the formal play area is in dire need of renovation with swings zip wire and climbing frames all need upgrading as well as safe play surfaces being redone."*
 - *"Would the area containing water be fenced off in any way?"*
 - *"I am concerned that the area for tennis and basketball which are much used, especially by the young people (teenagers and young adults) in our area will be removed. These are so important to our community."*
 - *"The basketball courts desperately need resurfacing."*
 - *"The playground is smashed up regularly."*
 - *"I am very keen on more seating to allow the community to meet and mix."*

- *“These areas are regularly left with lots of litter in them.”*
- *“Safety and consideration of how the space might end up used for anti-social behavior is also important.”*
- *“I choose wetland planting as I feel this would... least appealing hang-out for anti-social behavior.”*
- *“Make as child-friendly as possible.”*

4.28 Many of the comments received in this section will be picked up in the wider masterplan for the park in due course.

4.29 In response to the comments relevant to the Flood Alleviation Scheme, the project has been designed within the constraints of water flow, topography, existing feature and requirements for a certain volume of storage. Within those constraints the design has sought to mitigate the loss of amenity space through the creation of a dual use for the upper basin and the introduction of informal play.

4.30 The proposal accords with the relevant planning policy, as demonstrated in the Planning Statement.

Flooding and Drainage

4.31 A primary focus of this proposal is to create a flood alleviation feature. The scheme will enable water to be managed more sustainably as well as creating a provision for biodiversity, improving climate resilience and decreasing flood risk.

4.32 The following comments were received in response to flooding and drainage within the proposal:

- *“Have not seen any cost-benefit analysis / ecological impact assessment for the new basin area. This will be important as there is a risk that the scheme takes away green space in the field with little or no flood benefit (and potential disbenefit given recent drought).”*
- *“It's also not clear that the SUDS will necessarily stop the field area getting waterlogged - a key objective of the project at the outset, and one that is of most concern to Park users.”*
- *“Risks posed by extreme drought conditions and potential misconnections in the water drainage system.”*
- *“Originally it was envisaged as a ditch rather than a large area and the water was to come from the brook under the park. I understand this is not now possible and the water will come from road run-offs and rainwater drains in Cranleigh Road and La Rose Lane. I also understand there is a question of possible misconnections feeding into this source which could make this water contaminated and thus pose a possible public health hazard.”*

- *"The elements of extreme drought which have damaged a similar but much larger project in Albany Park, have also come to greater exposure since the project was first envisaged."*
- *"There are suspected misconnections feeding into the Cranleigh Road and La Rose Lane road drains which will now be diverted into the park, but the local Council apparently currently has no misconnections officer, nor has the now beleaguered Thames Water shown any interest in investigating them."*
- *"We currently do not have confidence that if the scheme turns out to be a smelly puddle or rubble strewn hole of cracking clay in the park, that there will be funds and staffing in place to modify and improve it."*
- *"Also in the climate crisis we have having less and less rainfall - I wonder if this is really needed?"*
- *"I also went to visit Albany Park, as we were told that this is a similar type of flood alleviation. That visit convinced me that there are risks associated, eg water quality, drought like conditions when dry, trees that do not survive when not watered. That site has running water from a ribpver. Our park will be road runoff, so I am not urge of its success."*
- *"I'm also not convinced this scheme will achieve the flood relief put forward as the reason for this scheme."*
- *"Will this alleviate flooding from the underground river that runs under the Edgecot Grove Estate? Flats in the South block nearest Culvert Road get badly flooded after heavy rainfall, I think this was due to the river that runs under the estate becoming swollen?"*
- *"I thought there was a plan to deculvert the stream which runs under the park?"*
- *"I would like to note that standing water should be in all cases avoided. Particularly with our warming climate standing water provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other biting insects. If at all possible action should be taken to ensure the drainage of both tiers is considered in the design."*
- *"It is a little hard to answer these questions without understanding how the wet area will evolve thought the year. I travel around London a lot and I am concerned about muddy spots, stagnant areas or areas that will collect litter (of which there is always a lot in Chestnuts). It feels like drainage systems with gravel or other such and then areas of grass and wildflower may be a good compromise."*
- *"Concerns over mosquitos - which have become more prevalent in the area in the last few years. I would hope any areas of standing water would be designed to encourage and support wildlife that eats mosquito larvae. I would really hate for the wetland to become a breeding ground."*

4.33 Many of these comments are in relation to the wider Masterplan of the park, which is currently undergoing a separate public consultation.

4.34 In response to the comments relevant to the Flood Alleviation Scheme, a Flood Risk Assessment (FRA M01600- 11 DG 02 JULY 2023) has been undertaken that shows

evidence of surface water flooding within Chestnuts Park, which is located within CDA 057 of the London Borough of Hackney (LBH) Surface Water Management Plan.

- 4.35 A Maintenance Plan has also been submitted within the Landscape Seeding and Planting Palette Document, which sets out how the area will be managed and maintained.
- 4.36 The FRA provides a technical assessment of the Flood Alleviation Scheme and concludes that the development is considered acceptable in relation to flood risk. The scheme is therefore in accordance with the relevant policy, as set out within the submitted Planning Statement.

Access

- 4.37 There were some comments received in regard to accessibility of the site however these were most relevant to the wider Chestnuts Park Masterplan, rather than the Flood Alleviation Scheme.
- 4.38 Access to the SuDs basin and Upper Level have however been considered within the submitted Design and Access Statement and Flood Risk Assessment.
- 4.39 The DAS confirms that the ramped access has a very gradual gradient of approximately a 1:45 slope. Following site visits and stakeholder meetings, grass enforcement detailing has been included to improve accessibility.
- 4.40 The FRA demonstrates that whilst filling of the upper-level is likely to be infrequent, in the case of basin filling, users would have sufficient time to egress. Signage will be present with notification to vacate should the upper-level begin to fill.
- 4.41 As such, the submitted Planning Statement demonstrates that the scheme agrees with the relevant planning policies.

5.0 Summary and Conclusion

- 5.1 This Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has been prepared by Hedley Planning Services on behalf of Haringey Borough Council for the construction of SuDS basin at Chestnuts Park, St Ann's Road, Haringey, London, N15 3AQ.
- 5.2 In accordance with Paragraph 132 of the NPPF, early engagement has taken place with the local community, via both an online and in-person public consultation.
- 5.3 The aim of the consultation was to provide an opportunity for local residents and stakeholders to share feedback and views, that would then be collated and shared with the design team.
- 5.4 There was a total of 101 responses to the online survey, where the majority of respondents supported the scheme.
- 5.5 Feedback was also received through in-person consultation events, key stakeholders being members of the project steering group and individual stakeholder meetings.
- 5.6 The concerns raised during the public consultation exercise are as follows:
- Principle of Development
 - Landscape and Ecology
 - Design
 - Amenity
 - Flooding and drainage
 - Access
- 5.7 As a result of the robust consultation exercise and on-going stakeholder engagement, valuable views and feedback were collected. Feedback has been thoroughly reviewed by Hedley Planning Services and the design team, allowing the scheme to be amended in line with local opinions. Changes were made where feasible and necessary in order to achieve a quality, sustainable outcome.
- 5.8 The execution of this public consultation should carry significant weight in the determination of this planning application, in line with Paragraph 132 of the NPPF. Changes have been made as a result of early engagement with the local community, and concerns have been addressed.
- 5.9 It is therefore the view of the Applicant and Agent that the proposed development is acceptable, supported by public consultation, and permission should therefore be granted in accordance with Policy SP0 (Presumption in favour of sustainable development) of the Haringey Strategic Policies DPD and Paragraph 11 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

Appendix A

Commonplace - Website

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About the Chestnuts Park Flood Alleviation Scheme...

Introduction

Haringey Council, working in liaison with the The Haringey Rivers Forum and others, have successfully secured funding from the GLA, Thames21 and the Environment Agency to deliver a flood alleviation scheme within Chestnut Park.

Chestnuts Park falls within a Critical Drainage Area with a number of properties immediately downstream of the park which have a history of flooding.

The project seeks to develop and deliver a masterplan which significantly improves the usability of the park, decreases antisocial behaviour and provides opportunities for volunteers, this masterplan is currently being consulted on .

A primary focus of the scheme is creating a natural flood management feature (or Rainscape) within the park. By managing water more sustainably we can provide opportunities for biodiversity, improve climate change resilience and decrease flood risk to the wider catchment whilst increasing the social/ environmental/ educational value of the park to the local community.



The scheme

A detailed programme of environmental surveys and modelling has identified a potential location for the Rainscape which maximises the water storage capacity and flood reduction whilst minimising the impact on available recreational space. In addition we have designed the scheme to have a multifunctional element ensuring the amenity and aesthetic value of the park is maintained.



The project will provide a single basin which is terraced to create upper and lower levels.

The upper level will provide water storage during extreme weather events and will have a dual role as an informal 'play on the way' and sheltered spaces for recreation during the times that the space is not retaining water.

The lower area will hold water for the majority of the year and will be planted as a wetland feature which will be fed from the existing drainage system thereby introducing additional habitat diversity and provide flood protection to the downstream community.

These interventions will be supported by wider opportunities that will look to address the ponding of water in the grassed areas of the park which render a significant area of the park unusable over the winter period and other wet periods throughout the year as well as tree planting within the park.

Appendix B

Commonplace – Online Survey

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About the Project



Haringey Council, working in liaison with The Haringey Rivers Forum and others, have successfully secured funding from the GLA, Thames21 and the Environment Agency to deliver a flood alleviation scheme within Chestnuts Park.

Chestnuts Park falls within a '**Critical Drainage Area**' which means a number of properties immediately downstream of the park are at high risk of flooding. A primary focus of the scheme is to create a natural looking flood management feature (**also known as a Rainscape**) within the park, which helps to protect local residents from flooding, whilst still providing an exciting space for park users. This rainscape feature will be planted in such a way as to improve water quality and remove contaminants which are a risk to freshwater water creatures downstream and in the sea.

Planting the rainscape feature in this way also provides the opportunity to improve biodiversity by creating diverse habitats which wouldn't ordinarily be found within our Parks.

This Rainscape scheme has been developed alongside a wider Masterplanning exercise. Consultation on the masterplan will begin later in June. Further information on our in-person engagement dates can be found below.

[Chestnuts Park Masterplan Engagement Dates](#)

Why have we chosen Chestnuts Park for the Rainscape project?

Chestnuts Park falls within a '**Critical Drainage Area**' which means a number of properties immediately downstream of the park are at high risk of flooding.

A detailed programme of environmental surveys and modelling have identified the following location for the Rainscape. Locating it in this area will maximise the water storage capacity, whilst minimising the impact the on the park.

The scheme has been designed on two levels, so that the Upper Level can be used for a significant part of the year and will only hold water during extreme flood events.

Your feedback will help design this space to ensure it remains in keeping with the rest of the park and creates a new feature for visitors in the future.



How will it work?

The project will provide a single basin which is terraced to create upper and lower levels.

The **upper level** will provide an overflow area for water storage during periods of extreme rainfall, which have the risk of causing flash flooding. We are also exploring the options for doubling up this space as an informal 'play on the way' or seating space during the times that the space is not holding water.

The **lower level** will hold some water for the majority of the year. This will be fed from the existing surface water drainage systems on our streets and will be planted as a wetland feature.

The project will also be looking at potential improvements to address the ponding of water within the main field area, which currently means that a significant part of the park is unusable during the winter months, along with a programme of tree planting.

Waterlogging in the Park

The project has also been considering how to deal with the ponding of water within the main field area, and the deep ditches in the field, which currently means that a significant part of the park is unusable during the winter months

There will also be a programme of tree planting to support this.

We would like your opinions to help shape what the flood alleviation scheme will look like in Chestnuts Park, including how the upper terrace will be used and the look and feel of the lower terrace.

The following pages will ask your views on:

- Planting Styles
- Usage & Features
- Furniture Style & Feel
- Other Considerations about the scheme*

*Please skip to the 'Other Considerations' page if you wish to use an open text box for wider comments.

Planting Styles

It's not possible to predict what the rainscape will look like in the future. Natural processes will have an impact as will the level maintenance. The initial planting scheme will have to ensure we are able to deliver with the aims of the rainscape – to reduce flood risk and to improve water quality.

We are keen to learn about your preferences and interests regarding the four options below.





- A. Amenity grasses which are hard wearing and climate resilient
- B. Large area of native wildflower, which supports biodiverse planting. Please note native wildflowers can be less bright in colour.
- C. More formal style of planting which has large areas of short mown grass interspersed with small shrubs and hard wearing plants.
- D. Long reeds in Wetland grass habitat, surrounded by shorter grasses

Usage & Features

In this section we will be talking about the Upper Terrace of the proposed Flood Alleviation Scheme. This will give the opportunity to give your preference for the use of this space when the area is not flooded.

We anticipate that most of the year, this area will remain dry.

Furniture Style & Feel

This section is to see which style of features you may like to see, whether this be seating or play etc.

This will help us to understand the type of aesthetic which may be suitable for Chestnuts Park.

Other Considerations

This section provides you with the opportunity to give other comments for consideration. Please take this opportunity to raise any questions or concerns you may have.

Remember to check out our in-person engagement dates to discuss any questions about the scheme or email us directly at Parkprojects@haringey.gov.uk

Get Involved...



Haringey Parks Team are committed to engaging with local communities and park users across the Borough to develop all schemes within our parks. We hope that you will keep updated with our Commonplace page and take part in our wider Masterplan consultation, launching later this month.

To find out more on how you can get involved in current and future projects, email us at Parkprojects@haringey.gov.uk with your local park name!

Appendix C

Consultation Boards

Chestnuts Park Flood Alleviation Scheme

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Introduction

As part of the wider overall master planning exercise Haringey Council (in partnership with the Friends of Chestnuts Park, The Haringey Rivers Forum, Thames 21 and the Environment Agency) are looking to deliver a flood alleviation scheme within Chestnuts park.

The Scheme

The design team (McCloy and GHD) are developing a multi-functional Rainscape/ Flood Alleviation feature that delivers social, environmental and educational value in the park. The design will be informed by more site based information, surveys and reports required to support the future planning submission. The planning submission will consider the following –

- Heritage
- Landscape Setting and Visual Amenities
- Ecology and Biodiversity
- Drainage and Flood Risk
- Ground Conditions



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Nature



Play



Heritage



Furniture Features



Amenity



Design Considerations

We are looking for feedback/ comments to inform the planning application proposals. Please visit the consultation website or provide comments on the response leaflet giving your views on:

- the style of planting
- how play and seating could be incorporated into the space
- other potential uses of the basin (Upper Level)
- your views on this project

Chestnuts Park

M'Cloy
Consulting



Appendix D

Steering Group Meeting Minutes – 8th March

ATTENDEES:

John Miles
Ceri Williams
Andrew Naish
Rebecca Turnpenney
Anthony McCloy
David Theakston
Peter Watson
Dave Butcher
Kristie Wilson
Pankit Shah
Sam Neal

1) Wider Park Masterplan

Funding has been attained from the Developers of the St Ann's site, as well as a contribution from LB Haringey.

Adam and Sutherland Architects are working on the landscape design for the St Ann's development and have been appointed to undertake a masterplanning exercise on the park, working with stakeholders and wider users to understand the current situation and opportunities for future projects. Not all these projects will be immediately deliverable but this approach will ensure the projects are developed with an holistic approach to the whole park.

The location of the flood alleviation interventions will be fed into this masterplan. Wider community engagement will be undertaken April-June and stakeholder and user input into the amenity options and planting options for the flood alleviation scheme will be explored at this point. The location of the basin itself is dictated by topography and water flows etc so is not part of the engagement.

Adam and Sutherland are coordinating the information already provided by stakeholders into a plan for further discussion with stakeholders ahead of wider user engagement. Kristie Wilson is leading on this element of the project.

ACTION: Kristie to liaise with Ceri regarding meeting up to work through the masterplan process.

2) Survey and design development flood alleviation scheme

Sam updated that over the summer further investigations were undertaken (to identify flows into the culvert, soil tests, water samples, investigations into the existing drainage). These investigations have informed a review of the volume of water storage and wetland

that could be created. Given the steer from Parks that they did not want a wetland feature that was dry the majority of the year we need to explore options for meeting extreme event conditions but also ensuring the usability of the space outside of these events, this required internal discussions and approvals.

Recently we were given the green light to proceed with the project and McCloy's were instructed to undertake renewed calculations and design sketch to understand what the project could now be.

These sketch options (2 no.) were tabled at the meeting and circulated with this meeting note.

The proposed options were described as being basins approximately 35m wide by 50m long and up to 1.6m deep with a permanent wetland area at the northern end and a higher terrace at the southern end which would provide additional water storage during storm events. The higher terrace would be accessible by means of a DDA compliant ramp and would form a recreational area for the majority of the season.

The primary source of inflow into the basin will be the diversion of confirmed flows from the La Rose Lane and Cranleigh road surface water sewers. The flood alleviation project will also seek to install rills along La Rose Lane (formerly Black Boy Lane) which will capture surface water run-off and feed into the wetland.

Regrading of the wider grassed area is proposed to address issues of localised pooling of water in wet weather.

It should be noted that the outputs to be met from the £300k GLA funding are below:

Project title	Financial year	Output category	Output description	Forecast output
Chestnuts Park Rainscape Master Plan	2023/2024	Climate change adaptation	Area draining to sustainable drainage systems m2	1000
			Properties with reduced flood risk, number	290
			Volume of flood water stored m3	2000
		Engagement	% increase in visitor numbers	25
		Green economy	Number of volunteer opportunities leading to green jobs	2
		Green infrastructure	Greening/gardening/local food training or workshops held	2
			Trees planted	20

			m2 of green space with improved quality	30000
			m2 of priority habitat created	2000

LB Haringey Parks department have committed to additional funding to support the flood alleviation scheme with complimentary interventions including the relocation of basketball hoops possible path improvements, bins, benches etc. The wider masterplan will look at additional projects such as the toilets, addressing the anti-social behaviour in the North/East corner etc however these are as yet unfunded.

The issue of misconnections is being progressed by LB Haringey. This was highlighted by the group as a significant risk in terms of the quality of the water that would be exposed and brought into the park. It was noted that the requirement of the Thames 21 funding was that water would be cleaned as part of the project, the use of reeds, shingle etc will contribute to the cleaning but addressing misconnections will be a big part of the project as well. This element of the project will need to run in parallel as the project is time-limited in terms of funding.

ACTION: Pankit to progress the miss-connections with LB Haringey and Thames Water.

ACTION: Sam to send over the sketch designs developed by McCloys to the steering group

LB Haringey are meeting with the GLA Friday 10th March to discuss the revised outputs that are anticipated from the scheme to ensure they are happy for the project to proceed.

Further Hydraulic modelling will now be undertaken which will give further detail on the capacity and will identify the number of properties that will be protected from flooding and will confirm that this intervention will address this risk as per the requirements from the EA.

ACTION: Sam to coordinate with John and Thames 21 around a sub-group to look at future maintenance, looking at precedents and working with the Haringey Water Squad

3) Programme

Sam tabled (attached with these minutes) a programme that sees a start on site in Autumn 2023 and completion in early 2024 for the flood alleviation project as per the requirements of the various funding pots.

Ceri requested a meeting in a week's time once she had had a chance to digest the information and consult with others.

ACTION: All to email Sam if they are interested in attending this second meeting and Sam to arrange.

Post Meeting note. The GLA meeting on 10th March was a positive meeting where they confirmed that the capacity volumes current estimated for the basins (circa 1660m3 for option

1 or 1978m3 for option 2) were acceptable and that they were confident that we had a scheme that we could deliver within the funding timescales.

Appendix E

Steering Group Meeting Minutes – 18th April

ATTENDEES

Sam Neal
Anthony McCloy
John Miles
Pankit Shah
Ceri Williams
Andrew Naish
Rebecca Turnpenney
David Theakston
Peter Watson
Kristie Wilson
Thomas Henry
Dave Butcher

1. Review of last meeting notes (8 April) - Sam

PREVIOUS ACTION: Kristie to liaise with Ceri regarding meeting up to work through the masterplan process.

Meeting held on site with Graham Sutherland. Covered half the park approx. 4 stakeholders plus cllr. Follow up meeting being held this Friday 4pm.

PREVIOUS ACTION: Pankit to progress the miss-connections with LB Haringey and Thames Water.

Pankit needs to go through LBH Enforcement Team to Thames Water to follow up on the misconnections. Thames 21 and John Miles noted that is on Thames Water list to investigate misconnects. LBH to put pressure on Thames Water to bring this forward.

ACTION Pankit to follow up with Brian Elick and cc in Sam

PREVIOUS ACTION: Sam to send over the sketch designs developed by McCloy's to the steering group
Done

PREVIOUS ACTION: Sam to coordinate with John and Thames 21 around a sub-group to look at future maintenance, looking at precedents and working with the Haringey Water Squad

This will be pick up with the landscape team once appointed.

2. **Update on wider masterplan progress - Kristie**

Kristie is pulling together an engagement plan for the next steps. Following stakeholder walkabout will be taking the next stage of the designs to the wider stakeholders and users. Engagement to include:

- In-park stakeholders
- Schools re play
- Commonplace

Anticipate engagement will start in next month

John – where does relocation of basketball court factor in?

Sam – This will be picked up in the masterplanning and will be funded by additional budget to be provided by Parks.

3. **Update on Flood Alleviation project progress - Sam**

a. **Pre-app meeting**

Due to the volume planning permission is required. The park is also in a conservation area so we need to make the case for public benefit over potential impacts on vistas et within, from and through the park.

b. **Landscape designer appointment**

Should appoint Landscape designers this week. They are all multi-disciplinary consultancies so although they are providing landscape and heritage and planning services they also have an understanding of the drainage issues to support McCloys

c. **Modelling**

Anthony updated that modelling was underway and that baseline simulations have been modelled and have run some scenarios, over a range of rainfall events, headline figures have been fed back, example: baseline 1 in 20 year flood shows 69 properties at risk, with the basin the flood risk drops to 30; therefore shows to have a beneficial impact, impact is greater over low term periods. The lower the magnitude of the event the greater the impact of the flood alleviation scheme.

ACTION: Anthony to send over a summary report and to be discussed at a future meeting

Ceri - Is the model looking at the amount of waterlogging within the park?

Anthony - Modelling programme can't look at this level of detail. That would be managed through the design

Ceri – what work has already been done to address ponding in the park?

Sam – While the team were on site doing trial holes they filled in some of the bigger holes. Regrading has not yet been undertaken.

Ceri - Who will pay for this?

Sam - Will undertake work at the same time as cost effective. Will try and pay for works as part of this project but still to be determined dependant on costings of flood alleviation, further discussions to be had with parks team in due course

Ceri - One of the inlets of the storm drain to be unblocked
Dave – this has been picked up by CCTV and can be addressed during the works..

ACTION: LBH to identify who will pay for this.

4. Water Quality Report - All

Water testing report had been circulated

John – important to understand condition of the water as it will have a significant change to the park. Will there be an ammonia problem? Ecoli levels seem very low in comparison to the Moselle brook? Can we therefore assume that there is less toilet misconnections and more baths/ showers/ dishwashers?

Anthony – it is a snapshot so hard to say what baseline is. Need to do more regular testing to inform the baseline.

John - Will there be a flow all year?

Anthony – hard to predict without a greater baseline data of flow

John – is there data from TW as they obviously have concerns re misconnections?

ACTION: SN to follow up when we meet with Thames Water in Early May

Ceri - The water points of testing were from the rain drains, not the storm drain.

Are we still agreed that the Stonebridge Brook itself has still not been located, and is probably not running in either of the points of testing? And it's probably not in the storm drain either?

Dave – points of testing were from the surface water sewers. Stonebridge may not flow but if it does it is probably flowing in the vicinity of the surface water sewers,

Anthony - Daylighting has focussed on where we will get the greatest flow

Ceri – advice from other park projects has been that you should address misconnections before you undertake the project rather than after.

Sam - Timescales don't really work as we need to spend GLA funding by end of the financial year but Thames Water may not address misconnections for 2-3 years.

ACTION: LBH to take away and discuss the potential risks and what a plan B may be?

John – Rivers Forum takes a long-term view that we need to be pragmatic and tolerate smelly water from restored streams within urban setting. Look at Woodberry Downs as another example. May not be misconnections but broken drains as well.

5. Next steps - Sam

Appoint landscape and planning team. The team to attend the next steering group meeting

Workshops with design team around use of the detention basin and maintenance ahead of wider public consultation

Ceri – how are we looking against the budget?

Sam – we have spent £35k to date.

6. AOB

Ceri – we are planning the AGM for the end of May. Would this work for masterplan and flood alleviation programme?

Ceri – can we have a different day and time for future meetings?

ACTION: Sam to email all to rearrange meeting time

7. Date of next meeting

TBC

Appendix F

Steering Group Meeting Minutes – 23rd May

ATTENDEES

Sam Neal
Pankit Shah
Ceri Williams
Rebecca Turnpenney
Peter Watson
Kristie Wilson
Stephen Goodchild
John Maylon

1. Review of last meeting notes (18 April) - Sam

PREVIOUS ACTION: Pankit to progress the miss-connections with LB Haringey and Thames Water.

Pankit updated that it is a long process, it can take 1-2 years. Will continue to chase Thames Water.

PREVIOUS ACTION: Modelling Report to be circulated once completed.

Done

PREVIOUS ACTION: LBH to look at who will pay for reprofiling of wider field area to address isolated issues of ponding

This is still being discussed.

PREVIOUS ACTION: LBH to consider further the water quality issue

This was discussed with Thames Water and they stated that this was not highlighted as an issue in this area

Additional water quality testing is being planned in June to get a more robust baseline.

2. Update on wider masterplan progress – Sam

- Meeting with Graeme Sutherland regarding the masterplan later this week and will then be able to share the emerging drawings

ACTION: Kristie to circulate the emerging drawings once received

- Friends AGM 18th June potential for a further session in the afternoon, could someone from the flood alleviation project attend the AGM

ACTION: Sam to discuss with team and come back in terms of how we can engage with the AGM

- Concern regarding confusing the community with 2 engagements
- There will be 2 Commonplace pages but the events will be joined. Events are planned for:
5 June 10-3pm
10 June 10-3pm
21 June 11-4pm
30th June 11-4pm

ACTION: Sam to circulate boards by 30th May to Ceri and John

3. Update on Flood Alleviation project progress - Sam

a. Planning Document Development

- Looked at validation requirements for planning application, ecology, heritage, drainage etc
- Updating site surveys over next few weeks
- Specific drawings and reports to be produced
- Mid-July submission

b. Modelling

- McCloys have modelled 20/30/75/150/200 year return periods.
- The summary table demonstrates the quantity of properties with reduced flooding from 0mm, 20mm and number of properties with flooding removed. Properties assessed have been selected in proximity from flow routes that tended to Chestnuts Park to the downstream model extent and accounts for 7000 properties. As presented by Anthony at our last meeting a larger benefit is shown at lower return periods; up to 98 properties are indicated to be removed from flooding for the 20 year return period, versus 6 at the 200 year return period.
- Detailed design is progressing on the basis of the design modelled here. In addition we are trying to get additional flow rates measured as well as water quality to further input into our understanding of what the design will deliver.

ACTION: Sam to reshare modelling with Ceri

ACTION: Pankit noted will need a summary report for EA

c. Detailed Design

- Will be developed as engagement is undertaken based on the outline design that has been modelled.
- In discussion with term contractor about how it will be built – will bring plans to a future meeting for discussion in terms of buildability

4. Next steps - Sam

Engagement – June

Development Planning – June

5. **AOB**

- Need to discuss maintenance in future meeting
- Ceri noted on-going concerns regarding misconnections
- Ceri has a contact at Chestnut school for engagement

6. **Date of next meeting**

27 June 11am

Appendix G

12th June Group Stakeholder Meeting - Minutes

Dear All,

Thank you for your time on Monday. Below are some bullet points of our meeting, along with the sketch Anthony did.

Attendees:

Stephen Goodchild – GHD (via Teams)
Robert Pike – Friends of Chestnut Park (via teams)
Anthony McCloy – McCloys
Cllr Tammy Hymas
John Miles – Haringey Rivers Forum
Ceri Williams – Friends of Chestnut Park
Pankit Shah – LBH
David Theakston – LBH
Kristie Wilson – LBH
Sam Neal - LBH

John raised a series of technical questions

Q - Is there enough water to justify the water feature

A – A flow monitor is due to be installed to monitor water flow over the next few months. This will give us a worst case scenario of water levels but based on the modelling undertaken it is anticipated that the top basin will have water in for the majority of the year

Q – there is a limited distance between the inlet and the outlet. Does this allow for enough water to be cleaned before entering the system?

A – Anthony sketched a drawing showing that there will be a low flow channel that meanders through the basin, this is based on minimal rainfalls of 5-10mm. Water will be held in the basin for a few hours it is anticipated and it is expected that the flow may well be visible along with micro pools. The design team can look further at how visible the water is. It was felt that visibility of the water would be a benefit, helping the public to understand the project and rationale.

ACTION: ensure the precedent images used of the consultation make it as clear as possible what to be expected in the park

There was a discussion regarding misconnections.

Additional water quality tests are being undertaken. The Council could consider a mass promotional comms plan around misconnections once the project is installed

ACTION: Interpretation boards to be included in the scheme

Q – it feels like there are wider opportunities for suds within the highway to address areas of surface water flooding on the highway.

A – this is something to be picked up by Pankit and to be considered as an holistic approach to SUDs in the area

A – It was also noted that this is a downstream intervention, thereby the impact of this feature will alleviate flooding pressures further downstream of this location

There was a discussion as to whether we could keep all the soil on site and use it for other masterplanning projects. This would be a good option to keep carbon footprint of the project, and costs down.

ACTION: to keep this in mind as the masterplan develops

Regrading of the wider grassed area was discussed

ACTION: Sam to speak to the football club who uses the space on a Saturday to understand the limitations of the other areas of the grasses space.

There may well be a period of time where the whole of the grasses area cannot be used. This will need to be communicated with stakeholders in terms of the benefits of the short-term loss. Will require further discussion with the contractor and parks

ACTION: to explore further once details of regrading and construction programme are understood

There was a discussion regarding maintenance

IT was noted that GHD will develop a maintenance plan alongside the planting. Maintenance will be a key consideration when selecting the planting. The contractor for the works will have a responsibility to maintain the planting for 3 years (Sam will explore the potential of this being increased to 5 years) in line with the agreed maintenance plan. The management of the contractor to undertake this maintenance will be agreed internally but will probably sit within David's team. This approach gives time to look at longer term maintenance requirements.

Ceri wondered whether TCV could take on the long-term maintenance of the wetland?

ACTION: Kristie to follow up on this.

There was a discussion about how the project could be monitored in terms of water quality etc. John has been discussing this with UCL as a PHD opportunity. Robert also suggested the London Wild Life Trust or TCV.

ACTION: Pankit to follow up on this.

Anthony noted that accesses to the inlets and outlets needed to be built into the design.

Thank you

Appendix H

27th June Group Stakeholder Meeting - Minutes

ATTENDEES

Sam Neal
Pankit Shah
Ceri Williams
Andrew Nash
Peter Watson
Kristie Wilson
Stephen Goodchild
John Maylon
Anthony McCloy
Sara - FoCP

1. Review of last meeting notes (23 May) - Sam

ACTION: Kristie to circulate the emerging Masterplan drawings once received

DONE

ACTION: Sam to discuss with team and come back in terms of how we can engage with the AGM

DONE

ACTION: Sam to circulate Commonplace Consultation information by 30th May to Ceri and John

DONE

ACTION: Sam to reshare modelling with Ceri

DONE

ACTION: Pankit noted will need a summary report for EA

TO NOTE

2. Update on wider masterplan progress – Kristie

- Walk around with stakeholders of the park
- Design has built up following these walk abouts
- Commonplace link shared in the chat
- Positive response so far at AGM and consultation events
- Main clarifications were around refurbishment of tennis courts and play area
- Has been limited engagement with the survey – although only launched on Friday. Will share with stakeholders again to pick up interest

Q – were there any concerns regarding loss of the green area for the flood alleviation feature?

- No issues raised by public or in consultation responses so far
- Specifically raised with the football club who use the space. They are happy with being re-located if additional works to the wider green areas is undertaken.

Q – any concern regarding water pollutants into the park in terms?

- No concerns raised. We are undertaking additional surveys to further understand water quality.
- FoCP will be pulling together a response by 3rd July. Remain concern regarding smells into the park as a result of mis-connections and concern regarding extreme drought as well as extreme flooding.
- Consultation events held on Wednesday 21 June 11-4pm and Saturday 24th June 10-3pm. Included door knocking to neighbouring properties. Spoke to circa 45 people and currently 69 responses on-line. Consultation closed on 3rd July.

3. Update on Flood Alleviation project progress

a. Planning Document Development – Stephen GHD

- Continue to tweak the design of the basin to work with the contours of the site and water flows
- Undertaken an ecological survey to determine the baseline
- Tree survey and aborocultural impact assessment undertaken
- Will be looking to remove a section of fencing to provide access from La Rose Lane for the construction. Will look to mitigate any loss of hedge planting as part of the planning application. Works will be undertaken during hedge dormant period so could look to remove and re-plant once excavation has been completed.

ACTION: Team to share construction plan once developed

- Further photography of the site to inform visualisations for the heritage statement.
- Design and Access Statement, Heritage Statement and Planning Statement are all starting to be developed

b. Detailed Design

- Awaiting results of consultation
- Flow monitors are not yet in, delays with Thames Water
- Results of the water quality testing not yet been returned

Q – modelling showed flood risk at North/East will the scheme address this?

A – there is a natural depression in that area that we anticipate will remain as this provided further protection. Main resilience is further down of Falmer Road

Q – Can you create a bund to protect this area or swales?

A – Masterplan is looking at additional planting in this area so this will slow down the water flow. Will need to look at whether a bund would protect in this area. Need to consider issues of safety and security alongside flood alleviation.

ACTION: Anthony to prepare a presentation on the modelling for the next meeting

4. Next steps – Sam

Engagement evaluation - July
Planning docs and submission – July
Development of detailed design (Landscaping and Engineering) – July/ Aug

5. **AOB**

Andy Nash highlighted examples of interventions within LB Enfield (Albany Park)

ACTION: Sam noted that she continues to try and engage with Ian Russell at LB Enfield

Ceri raised issues around maintenance and management, funding for citizen science and management if project doesn't work.

Sarah Mower is the Green Liaison lead at Chestnut primary school.

ACTION: Andy to liaise with Sarah

ACTION: Sam to raise concerns internally to Parks and drainage

ACTION: Recommended that FoCP also raise concerns with Simon Farrow (Head of Parks and Leisure) and Tom Henry (Head of Drainage)

FoCP are available from Thursday 17th July for a meeting regarding design and maintenance of planting

ACTION: Sam to share the designer risk register

ACTION: Sam to resend invite to Ceri

6. **Date of next meeting**

25 July 11am

Appendix I

25th July Group Stakeholder Meeting - Minutes

ATTENDEES

Sam Neal - LBH
Pankit Shah - LBH
Anthony McCloy – McCloy's design team
Rebecca Turnpenney – Thames 21
Stephen Goodchild – GHD design team
Naish, Andrew – Environment Agency
John Miles - HRF
Ceri Williams - FoCP
Peter Watson - LBH
David Theakston - LBH
Kristie Wilson - LBH
Thomas Henry - LBH
Carla - FoCP

1. Review of last meeting notes (23 May) - Sam

ACTION: Anthony to prepare a presentation on the modelling for the next meeting

To be presented at the next meeting

ACTION: Sam noted that she continues to try and engage with Ian Russell at LB Enfield
Sam and Peter W met with Ian, this was a useful meeting where he shared lessons learnt and examples of best practice

Q – will feature address previous flooding on La Rose lane?

A – hard to determine what the cause of the flooding, ie blocked drain, speed of flow, full sewer. Gulley pots are designs for a 1 in 1 or 1 in 2 year flood.

Q – need to look at more suitable examples of case studies

A – agreed and design team are looking at appropriate site visit

Q – need to look at the wider SUDs opportunities in the highway along La Rose lane, rain gardens, remove hard standing in

ACTION: Pankit to look at the wider SUDs strategy for the area and feedback at a future meeting

ACTION: Kristie to liaise with Sarah Mower at Chestnut Primary School

Kristie met with Sarah and there was support from the school for the scheme, potential risks of accessing the water were raised but did not want to see the space fenced due to aesthetic reasons. Generally felt dense planting would be sufficient.

ACTION: Sam to raise concerns internally to Parks and Flood Management Team

This has been actioned and a meeting with Cllr Hakata and Cllr Arkell held. Will develop a plan of action to share with the FoCP to address these concerns.

ACTION: Recommended that FoCP also raise concerns with Simon Farrow (Head of Parks and Leisure) and Tom Henry (Head of Drainage)

DONE

2. Update on wider masterplan progress – Kristie

- Consultation is open for another week and a half – could be extended if needed
- Promoting consultation as we are nearing the end of the consultation
- Up take not as high as anticipated
- Due to have a series of focus groups which will follow

Q – what is happening with the toilets in the masterplan

A – an upgraded café with toilet (accessible from the outside) is in the masterplan currently. Is supported by the community and school

It was noted that the masterplan is a wider spatial document that will be developed and consulted on in more detail over the next potentially 5 years as and when funding and resources become available.

FoCP having a meeting at the weekend to discuss issues of the wider masterplan

3. Update on Flood Alleviation project progress

a. Planning Document Development – Stephen GHD

- Design and access statement, Heritage statement, Statement of community involvement, design changes following consultation, landscape proposals
- Stephen shared the GA with the group and discussed the design features, this is a cleaned, detailed version of the sketch drawing previously shared with the group
- Incorporates a more linear design, building on the comments from the FoCP with the inclusion of mounds and scrapes toward the SW of the feature.
- Cross sections shared, these are more detailed versions of the cross sections shared at the consultation, identifying the typical water level based on the modelling
- Planting schedule was shared with FoCP and HRF previously
- Photomontages shared

Q – Can we bring Robert List into the conversation in terms of the maintenance?

A – Design team have been seeking to engage with parks maintenance team throughout the development of the design and are getting feedback on the designs

Q – can we pick features for the hedges that only grow to 1m rather than hedges that grow to 10m and require cutting

A – designs have been developed in line with the ecologist advice and conservation and heritage but will look at this now we have this feedback.

Q – the photomontage seems to show the basin smaller than it seems

A – Have been developed in line with the Landscape Institute guidance. The application will show existing and proposed alongside to make comparisons easier. It was determined through reference back to the GA that the photomontage has been mis-interpreted

Q – concerns still raised around how accessible the photomontages are

Q – could the view be elevated over the hedge?

A – views are at eye-line in line with the requirements of the Landscape Institute

Will also provide a sketch that shows the scheme within the context of the park

ACTION: McCloys will share water quality results with the steering group and Sam will arrange a further meeting if required to discuss results.

ACTION: Sam to arrange site visit date and location TBC

Planning application due for submission on 31st July. In the mean-time internal meetings are being held (following a meeting with Cllrs Hakata and Arkell this morning) to develop a plan to address the concerns of:

- Future maintenance
- Mis-connections and water quality
- How the success of the scheme will be monitored.

Due to holidays this briefing note might be circulated in a few weeks but with a view to these concerns being addressed ahead of determination of the planning application.

4. Date of next meeting

22 August 11am

Appendix J

14th July Individual Stakeholder Meeting – Haringey River Forum and Friends of Chestnuts Park

Attendees

Ceri Williams - FoCP

John Miles - HRF

Stephen Goodchild – GHD

Sam Neal – LBH

Stephen took the group through the outcomes of the consultation and how that had shaped the preferred design option.

Deep Basin

- Design has been pulled south to avoid tree root areas, this has also impacted on the shape of the basin
- inlet with a slow flow channel (a visible stream)
- Reedbed habitat
- Southern bank to be kept free of planting as will be beneficial for invertebrates
- Slopes have been designed to allow maintenance access but avoid public access to protect habitats, looking at meadow planting that will only need to be mowed once a year.
- Hedge 1m wide, 1m high creates a physical natural barrier, the hedges graduate into the basin so not going to be a strong visual barrier to address issues and concerns regarding ASB

Shallow basin

- Wildflower meadows with minimal maintenance requirements
- Ramped access 1:45 to allow access down to recreational basin
- Informal play with boulders/ logs
- Also habitat enhancements
- Seating/ amphitheatre style
- Picking up on familiar features already in the park
- Viewing platform
- Interpretation board to be included – location TBC

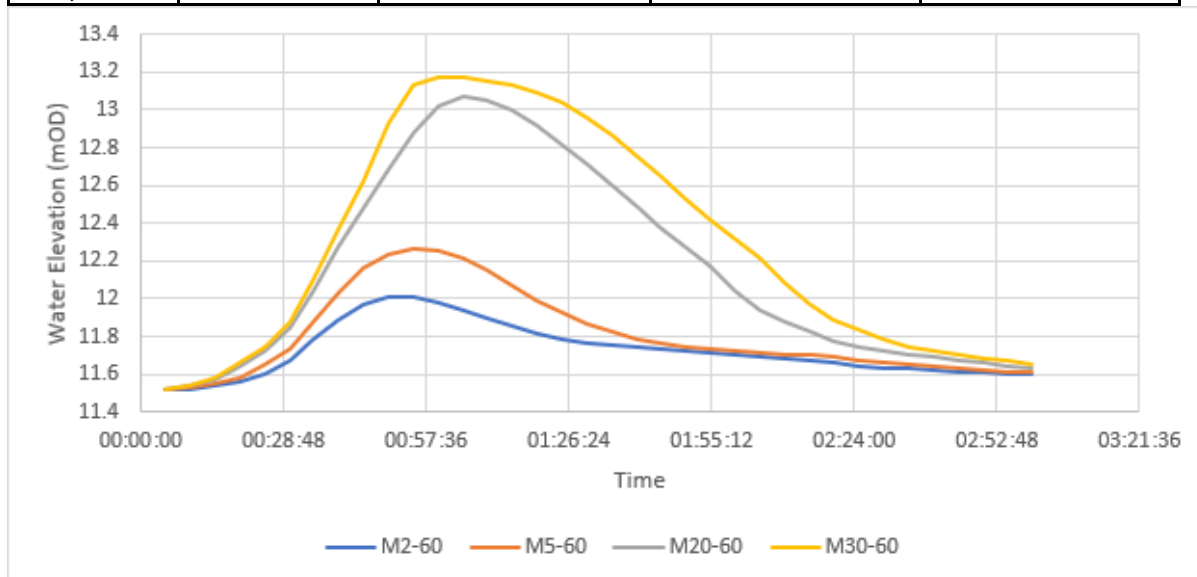
Outside Basins

- Shallow scrapes, only approx 30cm deep but looking to address localised ponding, broadening the ecological benefits of the scheme – building on the drawing submitted by Robert Pike

JM – what level of inundation will the wetland get?

McCloy has developed the below calculations

Return Period	Peak Water Level (mOD)	Max Lower Basin Water Depth (m)	Max Upper Basin Water Depth (m)	50% Drawdown (mins)
2 (50% AEP)	12.01	0.49	0	30
5 (20% AEP)	12.26	0.74	0.10	30
20 (5% AEP)	13.07	1.55	0.91	45
30 (3.3% AEP)	13.17	1.65	1.01	55



CW – can the sketch be cited within the park in relation to chestnut school entrance and seating etc?
SG – we can send over a more detailed –diagram once developed. This drawing is a sketch option for discussion.

ACTION: SN to send over GA drawing once developed

CW – there are already meadow areas within the park. On-going concern regarding maintenance, not following the agreed maintenance regime ie cutting grasses when they shouldn't etc.

SG – outline maintenance specification will be submitted as part of planning application and this will form a planning condition and there will therefore be a mechanism the enforce

CW – would you see the native hedges needing to be laid?

SG – wouldn't envisage them needing to be laid.

CW – the hedges to be removed for the construction access have been advised by a hedge expert that they are now too large to be removed. Concern regarding removal of these

SG – we are aware of the concerns. Based on GHD professional experience have seen 50 year hedges be replanted successfully so not sure of the advice received. We are looking for a bio-diversity net gain, looking to gain additional hedging and additional bio-diversity.

CW - Albany Park example lack of topsoil causing issues, there are trees in the basin and 80% have failed, hedge planting within the depression is an issue. Grassland has failed. In the wet basin reeds have survived.

SG – Clay will be limited to the bottom area, to create slopes, ramp etc covered by top-soil. No top-soil will go off site. Sometime failure of seeding on slopes can be either timing or steepness of slope,

we have factored this into the design, species and mix will be mindful of soil conditions and habitat we are trying to create.

ACTION: SN to arrange a site visit to Albany Park

CW – have you engaged with the school?

SN – yes we have met with the school who are supportive of the scheme and we have factored in the feedback from them

JM – can you talk through how localised ponding will be addressed in the wider park

SG – there are areas that need to be top-dressed/ levelled. This will be done as part of the works but we do not need planning permission for that work. We will use topsoil from the project and address with the contractor on site. Will take into account the wider masterplan proposals as well. There is a natural crossflow of water across the grassed area and this will not be impacted.

JM – can we see a detailed specification of the planting detail, soil spec, maintenance requirements etc?

ACTION: SG will issue draft planting doc for comment

JM – most of the active horticultural work in the park is done in TCV and FoCP. Looking forward to how this is going to be maintained going forward.

SN – we are looking to meet with Lewis Taylor to get his input into the maintenance of the planting. Internal discussions also being progressed between parks and drainage around the long-term planting.

JM – can you try to tie the planting in with other areas of the park to ensure synergy?

SG- that is one of the objectives of the planting design

CW – chased a response to email to Tom and Simon and project risk register.

CW – On-going risks and concerns

- 1) Misconnections in Cranleigh Road SW drain
- 2) Issues of lack of staffing in drainage team
- 3) Issues of lack of staff in Parks team re on-going maintenance

SN – confirmed that discussions were on-going internally but delayed due to holiday season.

ACTION: SN to follow up

Appendix K

Commonplace Online Survey Responses

7/28/23, 2:54 PM

Follow the Conversation on for Chestnuts Park Masterplan - Commonplace



Have your say on Chestnuts Park Flood Alleviation Scheme contributions



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Comments



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Reactions to comments

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Mostly negative



25 days ago

Which type of planting would you like to see around the new flood alleviation scheme

B. Wildflower

What would you like to use this space for?



Opportunities for informal play



Art

Which type of materials would you like to be used within the Upper Level?



Wooden

Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?



Logs

Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

Mostly negative

Please use this space for any comments or other suggestions you may have.

1. Have not seen any cost-benefit analysis / ecological impact assessment for the new basin area. This will be important as there is a risk that the scheme takes away green space in the field with little or no flood benefit (and potential disbenefit given recent drought)

More widely the master plan has nothing about 1) playspaces for older children, especially with the new development 2) too much focus on revamping team sports areas, which are of least benefit to local residents, and more benefit to people living further away 3) nothing about revamping/ totally renovating children's playground despite shocking state.



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Mostly negative



25 days ago

Which type of planting would you like to see around the new flood alleviation scheme

C. Formal

What would you like to use this space for?



Opportunities for informal play



Seating



Other

If Other, please specify what you might like to see in this space

picnic or bbq area - which would serve more diverse communities.

Which type of materials would you like to be used within the Upper Level?



Wooden

Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?



Carved imaginative play



Logs

Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

Mostly negative

Please use this space for any comments or other suggestions you may have.

It's not clear that there is a solid needs basis for the intervention. It would be helpful to ensure a robust cost benefit analysis of the project. It's also not clear that the SUDS will necessarily stop the field area getting waterlogged - a key objective of the project at the outset, and one that is of most concern to Park users. The park is quite small, and it's not clear that thought has been given to the maintenance and upkeep costs of the site, especially regarding the more elaborate planting schema.

Could a more holistic approach be considered, involving Thames water as a partner (and co-funder)?

Could the scheme increase canopy cover and plant more trees (which doesn't appear to be currently considered)



Mostly negative



25 days ago

Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

Mostly negative

Please use this space for any comments or other suggestions you may have.

I am a local resident. I am feel the scheme has been rushed. With not much thought about the maintenance.



Share

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Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

Negative

Please use this space for any comments or other suggestions you may have.

As a new comer to the "The Friends of Chestnuts Park" I have read the formal response of the group, explaining their inability to support the flood alleviation project in its current form at this stage, and I must agree with it. I share their concerns about the rushed planning process, the disproportionately large size of the proposed retention basin, and the lack of alternative options presented. They highlight the project's experimental nature, the absence of a funded framework for evaluation and modification, and the risks posed by extreme drought conditions and potential misconnections in the water drainage system. I also share the doubts about the council's capacity to maintain and improve the project, given staffing and funding constraints. It's very clear there is a need for more comprehensive planning, adequate resources, and greater collaboration between departments. Chestnuts Park, as a small green space already facing future developments, is not

much farther dialogue, regarding the plans for the park, before taking such a problematic project forward.

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Like other members of the Friends of Chestnuts Park (writing here in my personal capacity) I am doubtful about how this proposal will work. There is only one 'option' and that does not appear to have been fully researched.

It would take up a very large space in our small park, reducing the area of a field which is currently well-used by children, young people and dog-walkers.

Originally it was envisaged as a ditch rather than a large area and the water was to come from the brook under the park. I understand this is not now possible and the water will come from road run-offs and rainwater drains in Cranleigh Road and La Rose Lane.

I also understand there is a question of possible misconnections feeding into this source which could make this water contaminated and thus pose a possible public health hazard. I was not able to visit Albany Park but I understand that is at least partly fed by a brook rather than road run-off and surface water drains.

I am very concerned, first that we only have one 'option' proposed. Second, that does not seem to have been researched fully. Third, it will take a relatively large area of our small park. Fourth, there is a possibility that it could become a health hazard. If that turns out to be the case, the amount of money needed to rectify it would entail a huge waste of public resources, and no doubt large parts of the park, if not all of it, would be unusable by the public while it was being sorted. Please think again.

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Mostly positive



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B. Wildflower

What would you like to use this space for?



Seating



Observe Biodiversity

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Wooden

Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?



Carved imaginative play

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The informal play and art seem viable, Seating requires more spaciousness , as observing biodiversity in a busy space.

Neutral



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Logs

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Mostly positive



Mostly negative



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What would you like to use this space for?



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Opportunities for informal play



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This is the formal response from the Friends of Chestnuts Park, explaining why we are not able to support the flood alleviation project in its current form at this stage. We have been involved for years in discussions about developing a wetland feature in the park and helped with the bid to the GLA for this project a few years ago. We spent the year after the money was awarded chasing the council to start planning the project. Late in the day a project team was formed, but with only months to get plans ready for consultation, it has had to be rushed. Only one option has been offered, a retention basin and second higher area, which would take up a far larger part of our small park than we had ever envisaged. (Original discussions had

moved elsewhere).

Sadly, the project in its current form still has too many unanswered questions and risks for the Friends group to support it at this stage. We have serious concerns about its viability. It is highly experimental, but is not contained within a planned and funded framework to evaluate and, if necessary, modify or reverse it if it doesn't work. The elements of extreme drought which have damaged a similar but much larger project in Albany Park, have also come to greater exposure since the project was first envisaged.

The project was first conceived due to the historical role of water in the park, as the Stonebridge Brook used to flow through the park and there was apparently a watercress farm here. However, investigations funded by the EA and since by the GLA project, have since shown that it wasn't possible to locate the current flow of the actual Brook in culverts under the park. Therefore the project was reconceived by the project team to take water from road run-off and rainwater drains in Cranleigh Road and La Rose Lane into a large basin in the playing field area of the park. This has been linked to a promise by the parks service to use some of the top soil and to fund and carry out levelling of the rest of the playing field and to consider moving the derelict courts in the NE corner of the park to another location. (These ideas are included in the masterplan consultation which is an excellent piece of work and which closes on 6th August).

Several years ago during our first investigations we found Thames Water flood risk maps which showed that there is a potential argument that there could be some flood risk mitigation needed in this area. Although it's not a high risk flood area of the borough, it was just possible to make the case that the gardens and possibly some properties in Falmer Rd may have flood risk mitigated, and some properties towards Seven Sisters School, and this secured the funding. At an early stage it was also hoped that the project could deal with the flooding of the playing field itself, though this aim has now had to be discarded as it won't work due to the geography of the park.

There are suspected misconnections feeding into the Cranleigh Road and La Rose Lane road drains which will now be diverted into the park, but the local Council apparently currently has no misconnections officer, nor has the now beleaguered Thames Water shown any interest in investigating them. If it turns out that the water is very strong smelling of ammonia etc, it may take years to get the authorities to investigate and enforce the correction of the misconnections. This would be very damaging to relations between the park users and the council. Also in the past two years extreme drought has increased as a factor, which changes our thoughts about how the project might work. The project team told us

that the only reasonable project of restoration basis is in the new large Albany

easily be replicated in our park, which is tiny by comparison to Albany. The basin there is also partly fed we believe by running water in the Turkey Brook, a fast flowing and relatively unpolluted watercourse which flows through the other side of the park, rather than just water from road run off and surface water drains. We also observed that at least 80% of the trees planted within the Albany project 2 years ago have died due to the recent years of drought and that the second bason there has not been a success and is mainly now hard baked clay and rubble with dead trees around it. Digging down has meant that the clay and rubble has been exposed, and that is now the surface of the two basins, leading to large areas just of cracked and baked clay, strewn with a fair amount of long standing uncollected rubbish.

In particular, because of the borough's lack of a misconnections officer, and only one flood mitigation officer (Enfield has 11), and the parks service's current and acknowledged inability to recruit gardening and horticultural staff, we currently do not have confidence that if the scheme turns out to be a smelly puddle or rubble strewn hole of cracking clay in the park, that there will be funds and staffing in place to modify and improve it. We are concerned that there may be a presumption that volunteers will manage the area, when our volunteers are already stretched looking after the extensive existing beds in the willow garden. The volunteers in Haringey water squad which helps with other similar projects across the borough does not have capacity to help with this project. The project could of course turn out fine, which is why we've held back from pulling the plug of our support, but the risk level is now so very high that we need to make clear our serious reservations. We are grateful to all those involved in the project who are no doubt trying hard to deliver a decent project, and have tried to answer some of our questions as best they can.

Part of the problem has been inadequate understanding on the part of the council as to what co-design should mean, and a historical lack of joined-up thinking or shared responsibility for services across different departments and divisions within departments. This has been a factor in the delays in solving the problems for example of the Chestnuts Park/St Ann's Rd public toilets, which is also covered in the masterplan consultation to which we'll be responding in due course.

Another problem we have seen with this project so far is that it has been driven by the engineering aspects. The co-design has been invited on the basis of a diagram which is shown in this consultation. But members of the public who don't have the landscape expertise or any way to visualise it have not been given enough help to contribute effectively to co-design on the basis of the online material, and just two days of project officers present in the park.

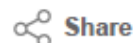
We have asked, as advised by the project team, the senior managers of the trust

flood alleviation) to meet with us before this project goes to planning. The project team has also not yet met with the Enfield team responsible for the Albany project, and we are also asking for a site visit with the project team to evaluate the Albany basins. The ecological benefits of the huge areas of dry grassland across the whole of Albany Park are clear. But the actual ecological benefits of the two basins, one dry and one wet, which take up a very small area in such a large park, and are only part of the Albany project, are not so clear. There is one small successful reed bed area, but most of the rest of the planting has not succeeded, and nearly all the trees have died and the ground underfoot is dry clay. It is not much visited by members of the public. There are no seats, nor waste bins, nor opportunities for play.

We remain committed to the principle of surfacing water in order to help purify it though natural methods including sunlight and vegetation, and the role this plays in public education. We are enthusiastic members of Haringey Rivers Forum. We know that if water which is going to flow into the River Lea, then the Thames then into the sea is exposed in public view as polluted, that will help pressure the authorities to deal with misconnections and other pollutants, and for a greater public understanding about how they can cooperate. We also understand that the council has to be seen to be carrying out flood mitigation projects. However, Chestnuts Park, a small park in the area of the highest green space deprivation in the borough, and about to be impacted by over 900 new homes in the St Ann's development, is not the ideal place to take the impact for what is now such a sizeable scheme. Such a project could possibly be accommodated better in a larger park, where its impact would be less drastic.

We are aware that raising concerns at this stage puts pressure on the timelines for spending the funding from the GLA, Environment Agency and Thames 21, and we are very sorry indeed to have to make difficulties. However, short term funding cannot be the only driver. If it turns out that on balance that this project is not going to add resource to the park (and indeed risks taking away vital park amenity), nor add in a substantial way to flood mitigation, then it should not go ahead, or some delay should be negotiated with the funders. They will be reasonable and will not want the embarrassment of funding a potentially unsuccessful project.

It should not go to planning in July until the risks listed above have been adequately addressed and mitigated.



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D. Wetland

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Please don't fell any trees for these projects

Which type of materials would you like to be used within the Upper Level?



Stone

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Although I think increasing biodiversity is great, I would vehemently oppose any felling of mature trees in the park, trees and their root systems help mitigate against floods - also in the climate crisis we have having less and less rainfall - I wonder if this is really needed?



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Neutral

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What would you like to use this space for?



Seating



Opportunities for informal play

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Wooden

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Logs



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Neutral

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plans need to have careful ecological / environmental assessment and not treated in isolation ie how do proposals link to the rest of park? how do the proposals link to what is happening outside?



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Negative

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I do not trust that this will be serviced and maintained after the initial input, and we do not have assurances of toilets and other facilities as part of the plan, only promises



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Neutral



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Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

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I have attended a few information meetings with Kirstie, and walked around plus looked at the proposed picture of the drainage ditch. I also went to visit Albany Park, as we were told that this is a similar type of flood alleviation. That visit convinced me that there are risks associated, eg water quality, drought like conditions when dry, trees that do not survive when not watered. That site has

running water from a ripper. Our park will be road runoff, so I am not urge of its success



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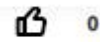
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Terrible idea. Why should we sacrifice a large chunk of the park?? It would be unusable. Please do not go forward with this!!!
Also, please make the developers who will be building all of those flats on St Ann's give a large sum of money to redeploy the park.
There will be hundreds/thousands on new residents when they finish and the park urgently requires investment already, let alone when all these new people arrive.



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C. Formal

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Art



Seating





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Carved imaginative play

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Neutral

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The project so far lacks a clear visual definition and it's difficult to comment not knowing the final result. Also, I'm worried if there is going to be a sufficient ongoing maintenance after the project is delivered and who will be doing it.



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Mostly negative

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What would you like to use this space for?



Other

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Safe dog area (close gate exits around the park)

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Stone

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Boulders

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Mostly negative



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Whilst the access road to the community centre clearly needs improving I am concerned about how pedestrians will be separated from vehicles. This is the main access point from this side of St Anne's with many nurseries and primary schools. I think it is important for children to enter over the threshold of the park feeling safe and secure from the busy traffic on St Anne's Rd.



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Positive

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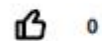
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Neutral



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It will be great to have another distinct area of the park. Any landscaping that has a bit of height to it such as raised seating would be great as the park is so flat.



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the overall shape is wrong should be more Of a Tadpole shape as this would stretch further along



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We use the park regularly for our kids to play and socialise, as well as for all of us to exercise. We'd like to see some refurbishment and less littering. The sensory play area was great but has fallen into disrepair and is isolated from the rest of the playground area. Flying fix made a welcome return recently. We love to see all areas of the park being considerably enjoyed by the community and visitors.



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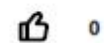
It's super important that during construction no mature trees are lost from the park



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I would like the shape of the water feature to be less kidney and more tadpole.



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Excellent proposal, and more work to alleviate flood risk and increase greenery/biodiversity very welcome.



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i'd like the best option for enhanced biodiversity, flood attenuation, and aesthetics

leading the development.

I would like to see more flood attenuation schemes in other high flood risk areas along the course of the Stonebridge brook which runs beneath Chestnuts Park and under Newsam Avenue on the approach to Avenue Road where there is currently large areas of ugly tarmac.

Apparently there is very low flow in the culverted Stonebridge Brook - I propose that the culverted brook be investigated and perhaps opened in short sections, or at least connected to the surface via SUDs/rain gardens to optimise flood alleviation via the culvert - particularly in Newsam Avenue



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A. Amenity

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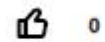
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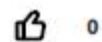
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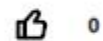
Negative

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This park is not very large and this scheme will take a large chunk of it. I walk through Chestnuts Park frequently and the existing planting and beds are not well maintained so I'm concerned this new scheme/planting will also be left to deteriorate. It's also likely to increase rubbish left in the park which of course the council does not deal with and most of it is removed by volunteers. I'm also not convinced this scheme will achieve the flood relief put forward as the reason for this scheme. This park is very important to me and I would not be at all happy with anything which threatens it.



Mostly positive



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Chestnut should have facilities/spaces (possibly bookable by time slot like the tennis courts) for safe BBQing during the summer months. Nearby residents in flats with no gardens are penalised. Bookable spaces provide community opportunity and ensure safety measures. E.g. fireproof platforms for people to BYO(BBQ) and safe disposal bins. This is a new parks feature in other London boroughs.

Mostly positive



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It would be nice to have some more places for children to play. The playground is so packed.



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I'd love for there to be a skatepark for the kids in the park, see them being used so much in e.g. Clissold park, Victoria park, Alexandra palace park etc. would love one for the local kids here.

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As before - would love to somehow introduce a skatepark, so many local kids skate and such a good way to engage them.



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I'm not sure if this playground in the park falls under this remit but please can we see some improvement here. It's used so often by all the children from the school and is in desperate need of a makeover!



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Any additions to the park will be valued but the formal play area is in dire need of renovation with swings zip wire and climbing frames all needing upgrading as well as safe play surfaces being redone. This area gets a lot of use and needs replacing to keep chestnuts the popular park that it is.



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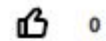
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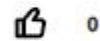
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I use Chestnuts Park 2-3 times a week as part of a 5k run. Chestnuts offers the only opportunity in the entire run for me to have a stretch on a softer dirt path rather than on paving or tarmac. I would like to request that you preserve access to the dirt path running between the trees and the La Rose Lane boundary. A edge-round running path on the model of Clissold would be the dream. Any measures to help deter men using the bushy north boundary as an open-air lavatory during evening "events" would be very welcome. Overall, opening up a water surface that signposts and accommodates the stream running through the area is welcome.



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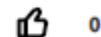
Will this alleviate flooding from the underground river that runs under the Edgecot Grove Estate? Flats in the South block nearest Culvert Road get badly flooded after heavy rainfall, I think this was due to the river that runs under the estate becoming swollen?



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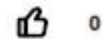
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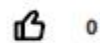
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would the area containing water be fenced off in any way?



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I am concerned that the area for tennis and basketball which are much used

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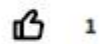
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With no info available it's hard to have a positive opinion. The basketball courts desperately need resurfacing. Drug use is rampant. The playground is smashed up regularly. Sexual activity in the public toilets a regular occurrence. A few houses getting flooded despite no doubt surveys showing this risk seem low on the agenda.



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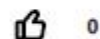
It sounds like a good idea. I haven't understood what condition the 'upper level' will be in after being full of water during the winter however; won't any wooden structures etc start to rot if they're under water for part of the year? I'm also not clear about the location - what is in this space at the moment?



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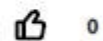
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You should couple this project with adding lockable gates to all entrances of the park such that the park can be closed after dark to stop antisocial behaviour that occurs at night. Just like they do at Clissold Park



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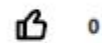
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Seems like a good idea and an opportunity to enhance the park environment. I am very keen on more seating to allow the community to meet and mix. Most people currently just pass through the park.



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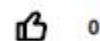
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- could it not be a mix of planting styles?
- What lessons have been learned from other similar schemes in equally busy and well used, parks?
- should maybe consider what is most resilient and future proofed. These schemes only happen from time to time so need to last in such a well, used area. Especially with the new St Ann's development heavily increasing footfall.
- I hope the scheme doesn't intend to remove anything existing E.g. trees, all bulbs currently there. Haringey council has a poor reputation on this front.
- appreciate it is a flood prevention scheme but are there any air quality

- what are the plans for the rest of the park? It seems a shame to have one perfect flood scheme amongst, for example, a rundown community centre and dilapidated sports facilities.



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I would like to note that standing water should be in all cases avoided. Particularly with our warming climate standing water provides a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other biting insects. If at all possible action should be taken to ensure the drainage of both tiers is considered in the design.



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It is a little hard to answer these questions without understanding how the wet area will evolve thought the year. I travel around London a lot and I am concerned

always a lot in Chestnuts). It feels like drainage systems with gravel or other such and then areas of grass and wildflower may be a good compromise).



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Areas of chestnuts park are regularly used by users of hard drugs as a place to smoke crack. These areas are regularly left with lots of litter in them. It might be good if these hiding places were removed so these people didn't spoil an otherwise quite nice green space.



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Other



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It would be so beneficial for the park to have a view or water and to observe the sensory effect of water of the environment - ripples, sound, insect life. So this might be a way to sit and observe the lower terrace from the upper terrace.

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I think the proposal in terms of working with natural water levels to create a water space in the park. It will add a needed focal point and extra dimension to the flat expanse of grass. I think emphasis should be on the long term look of this space -

deteriorate and be vandalised, but nature, in the form of planting, and landscape naturally evolves and changes. Safety and consideration of how the space might end up used for anti-social behaviour is also important.



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Which type of materials would you like to be used within the Upper Level?



Stone

Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?



Boulders

Overall how do you feel about the proposals?

Mostly positive

Mostly positive



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Which type of planting would you like to see around the new flood alleviation scheme

D. Wetland

What would you like to use this space for?



Observe Biodiversity

Which sorts of informal play do you think would work best in this space?



Logs

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I choose wetland planting as I feel this would enhance biodiversity, increasing chances of observing wildlife and also least appealing hang-out for antisocial behaviour.



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What would you like to use this space for?



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Carved imaginative play

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Makl as child friendly as possible. Ban dogs off leads.



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What would you like to use this space for?



Other



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Seating

If Other, please specify what you might like to see in this space

I like the wooden boardwalk

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Concerns over mosquitos - which have become more prevalent in the area in the last few years. I would hope any areas of standing water would be designed to encourage and support wildlife that eats mosquito larvae. I would really hate for the wetland to become a breeding ground.

Concerns over vandalism - I would hope materials will be chosen which cannot be easily damaged or defaced (e.g. delicate carved wooden sculptures)

I would suggest thought be given to preventing objects such as hirebikes being dumped into the pond, or providing an easy way to retrieve them. All open water in London seems to attract dumped bikes unfortunately

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A fantastic idea! Increasing habitat and biodiversity. A wonderful area for people to explore.



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B. Wildflower

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Wooden

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