

London Borough of Barnet

Environment Committee 13 July 2017:

Parks & Open Spaces Strategy Progress Update: 31 May 2017

No	Action	Target date	Progress at 31 May 2017
Local Plan Policy To ensure that the level of open space provision in Barnet is sufficient to meet the needs of an expanding population and that future need around provision of open space is described in the Local Plan			
1	Align Playing Pitch Strategy with the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (POSS)	2017	Playing Pitch Strategy for Barnet completed and adopted by March 2017 Environment Committee
2	Support the developing Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Document (GI SPD)	2018	Greenspace and Planning Officers have worked together on the draft GI SPD which was agreed to go to consultation by the 27 June meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee
3	Ensure the 2017 Local Plan Review considers and supports the POSS	2017	Will follow from the adoption of the GI SPD (see 2 above)
4	Investigate the potential to meet the All London Green Grid aspiration for a new Regional Park within Barnet	2026	The potential for connecting to the green grid is already being explored as part of the development of proposals for the improvement of individual green spaces
5	Plan the development and investment in the borough for the creation of at least 1 new district park and 13 new local parks utilising planning and other services	2026	To commence as part of the Local Plan Review
Growth and Regeneration To ensure that the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy reinforces the objectives of Barnet's regeneration area policies			
6	Improvements to the Brent Reservoir SSSI as part of the West Hendon Regeneration Scheme and improvements to the West Hendon Playing Fields	2018	Preparatory work commenced
7	Deliver new investment in the green spaces of Colindale and Burnt Oak associated with the	2021	Montrose/Silkstream: Planning application submitted. Completion anticipated early 2019

	Regeneration Programme; including improvements to Montrose Playing Fields, Silkstream Park, Heybourne Park and Colindale Park		Heybourne Park: Detailed design being developed. Works anticipated late 2018/early 2019 Colindale Parks: Detailed design scheduled for 2017. Completion anticipated in 2020.
8	Deliver green spaces improvements planned for Brent Cross: re-naturalisation of the river corridor, transformation of Clitterhouse Playing Fields, new town squares and re-landscaping of local parks	2026	Preparatory work commenced
Facilitating Entrepreneurship To ensure the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy supports the economic success of Barnet and the objectives of the 'Entrepreneurial Barnet' strategy			
9	Work with partners to create a framework to promote the night time economy in appropriate public spaces such as green spaces within and/or adjacent to town centres	2017	To commence
10	Identify pilot sites for Business and/or Neighbourhood Improvement Districts in to identify funding opportunities for local green spaces	2018	To commence
11	Review future green space funding and governance options pilots to explore their feasibility and viability	2018	Commenced and ongoing
12	Develop design guides for green spaces to promote local area identity and entrepreneurial activity	2020	To commence
13	Create, facilitate and promote locations for meanwhile activities and incidental use in local areas	2025	To commence
Employment and Skills To ensure that the Parks and Open Spaces strategy supports the development of work and training opportunities for Barnet's residents			
14	Create opportunities for careers through contract partners, graduate schemes and apprenticeships	2017	To commence
River Corridors and Flood Risk Management To adapt the Borough's river valleys to limit the impact of flooding and to enhance access to river valleys for educational and leisure activities			

15	Work with partners to assess opportunities for flood risk management in Barnet's river valleys	2017	Discussions have commenced with the Environment Agency
16	Work with partners to identify opportunities to address water quality in Barnet's river valleys and develop a programme of targeted activities and investments	2019	To commence
17	Work with partners to enhance bio-diversity in river valleys as well as other parks and open spaces to improve awareness education and recreation	2022	To commence
18	Pursue opportunities to complete the delivery of the All London Green Grid Dollis Valley Project	2025	Preparatory work commenced
Sustainable Travel: Facilitating the Growth of Walking & Cycling To promote the interconnectedness of the Borough's parks & open spaces and the adoption of alternatives to private car use			
19	Identify opportunities to develop and promote the Borough's walking and cycling network including school travel	2017	Developing and promoting the cycling and walking network is already being included in the development of proposals for the improvement of individual green spaces
Quality of the Environment and its Management To ensure that the Strategy protects and enhances the Borough's rich mix of habitats and supports the readiness of the Borough's green infrastructure for the impact of climate change			
20	Include measures to promote biodiversity and enhance ecological quality and inter-connectedness of the Borough's green spaces in all capital schemes.	2016	Preparatory work has commenced
21	Identify Borough wide locations for tree planting to:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deliver a net gain in trees across the Borough; • Strengthening landscape quality by planting avenues, tree groups, park boundaries and woodlands; • Address urban warming (tree planting concentrated in the south of the Borough; • Address NO2 by planting next to major roads 	2016	In excess of 300 trees planted in various street and park sites funded by Highways LIP (£85,000) and Mayor of London Grant (£25,000). Additional tree planting proposals are under development for consideration at a future meeting.
22	Develop partnership proposals to protect and enhance habitat types and values in green spaces	2018	Under investigation

23	Recycle 50% of waste produced within green spaces	2020	To commence
Play and Learning To secure the educational and health benefits accruing from the use of parks and open spaces by children and young people through innovative play design and enhanced access for schools			
24	Identify educational establishments in close proximity to green spaces and selectively pilot school use of these spaces with focus on forest school learning	2017	To commence
25	To identify funding for the development of local parks and open spaces	2018	Commenced and ongoing as part of the wider Greenspaces ADM process
26	To create a high quality distinctive local programme to upgrade the Borough's playgrounds; ensuring the inclusion of all schools by 2019	2019	To commence
Community Safety To ensure that parks and open spaces are distinctive, safe, attractive and popular places by designing out crime and anti-social behaviour			
27	From crime statistics identify opportunities to address community safety issues by 2017	2017	Initial analysis of crime and anti-social behaviour in green spaces undertaken
28	To identify sites with the potential for tranquil 'dog free' areas/special needs to meet with a wide range of mental health requirements and trial implementation b	2018	To commence
Community Cohesion To promote the involvement of residents in the management of open spaces to develop a sense of local ownership			
29	Support the development of a 'Barnet Parks Friends Forum' to create a broader community, a network for sharing learning and ideas around green spaces in the Borough by	2016	To commence
30	Assess green spaces against accessibility standards set out in the Accessible London Supplementary Planning Guidance	2017	To commence
31	Develop a stronger volunteering culture associated with local green spaces from 2017	2017	Work commenced with a number of individual sites

32	Create a framework to encourage communities to activate and feel ownership of their local green spaces by:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Removing barriers to the planning of local events in green spaces; • Removing barriers to and enhancing recognition of volunteering in green spaces. 	2020	To commence
Health and Well Being To promote the use of parks for physical activity and address major Public Health issues across the Borough.			
33	To identify specific parks and open spaces opportunities that can help tackle priority Public Health issues; such as obesity, diabetes and smoking	2016	Under consideration
34	To pilot social impact bonds for green spaces targeted at securing investment for parks facilities/services that will deliver health outcomes	2020	To commence
35	To identify sites and partnerships where health outcomes and informal and formal physical activities can work in tandem to enhance and promote health and well being	2020	To commence