Greenspaces and Leisure

London Borough of Barnet 2 Bristol Avenue Colindale **NW9 4EW**

parks@barnet.gov.uk e-mail: Date: 9th March 2023

Dear Resident,

Re: Westcroft Open Space Improvement

I am writing to inform you of the proposed changes to Westcroft Open Space, located on the corner of Westcroft Close and Litchfield Road, Cricklewood.



The space currently experiences problems with dog fouling and antisocial behaviour. This communal area has potential to be improved, and should be a place for people to come together, sit and relax, whilst also providing a habitat for wildlife.

We would like to:

- Remove broken benches and uneven paving.
 Remove four trees to give the remaining trees space to grow. Currently, the trees are overcrowded which means none of them receive adequate light to grow. Removing four trees will allow the others to thrive.
- \checkmark Lay a new footpath, to make the space accessible for all.
- ✓ Install new metal benches.
- ✓ Install two chess tables for the community to use.
- ✓ Install a new litter bin.
- \checkmark Erect a new pollinator habitat and noticeboard that can be used by residents.
- ✓ Install bird and bat boxes on trees to create additional nesting and roosting habitats.
- ✓ Plant pollinator friendly bulbs and shrubs across the space.

Do you have any suggestions? How would you like to see this space used? Please let us know! Please email parks@barnet.gov.uk with the subject 'Westcroft Open Space', we welcome any suggestions. Please respond by Friday 24th March. Thank you.



The proposed timeline is that a bid will be submitted to the meeting of West Area Committee on 30th March. If the bid is successful, the work will take place before the end of 2023.



