

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy & Nature Recovery Response

Children's Partnership Board
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Service Highlights



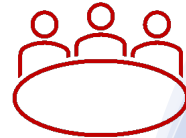
**39
Tennis Courts**



**10 Playground
Improvements**



**20+ Area
Committee
Projects**



**S106
Projects**



**Fair Play
Barnet**



**West
Hendon
PF**



**Rushgrove
Park**



**Heybourne
Park**



**Clitterhouse
PF**



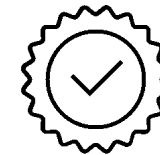
**Parks
Patrols**



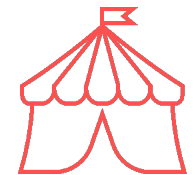
**Pitch
Improvement**



**GS
Network**



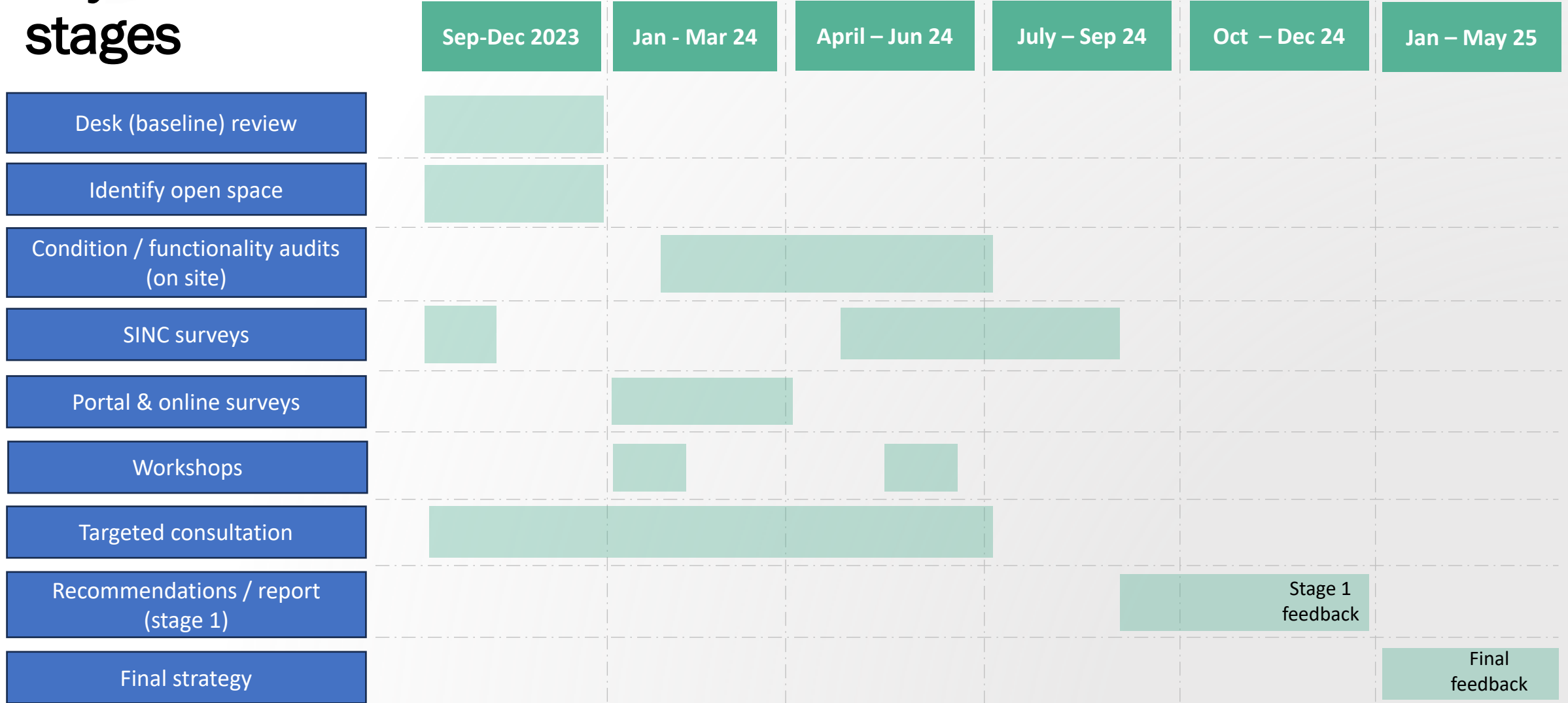
**Welsh Harp
Vision**



**Events in
Parks**

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Key work stages



Emerging Strategy Themes



Strategic planning



Partnership & shared vision



Active & healthy spaces



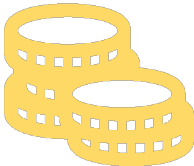
Nature Recovery



Resilient & climate positive spaces



Accessibility & Inclusion



Sustainable Management, Governance and Funding



Community Safety



Events & Culture



Awards for Quality

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Connected Strategy Workstreams

- Barnet Council Plan
- Regional Park
- Greening Neighbourhoods / Net Zero Neighbourhoods
- Citizens Assembly / BarNET Zero
- Children & Young People's Plan
- London Borough of Culture Bid
- Barnet Loop
- Borough of Fun
- New Barnet Parks Brand & Identity



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Strategy Outputs / Outcomes

- Reflects the changing context in Barnet – considers potential need for income generation.
- Embeds equality and inclusion (e.g. making space for women and girls, Fair Play Barnet etc.).
- Promotes processes to make best use of resources.
- Prioritises enhancements in areas of highest need (whether social, environmental, health needs etc).
- Whole system approach – bringing together a wider range of service areas to add value.

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Engagement Approach

To date:

- Engage Barnet Landing Page
- Officers workshop 1 (existing strategy review)
- Officers workshop 2 (Visioning workshop)
- Green Space Network Workshop
- Barnet Youth Board Workshop 1

Ongoing:

- Stakeholder & Partner Mapping (ongoing)
- Online residents survey (currently live)
- Online Friends Groups survey (currently live)
- One to one discussions (ongoing)
- Planning approach with under-represented audiences

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Engagement Approach

Future activities

- Barnet Youth Board Workshop 2
- Meetings / discussions with under-represented groups (including children & families).
- Strategy development Workshop.
- Consideration of community management / voluntary sector.

Consultation on outputs

- Stage 1 report (Internal consultation)
- Consultation on draft Strategy

Scope for Board Input

We would welcome your help in identifying other opportunities to engage with underrepresented groups including children & young people. Informed by:

- Consultation which has worked well in the past
- Opportunities to tie in with other initiatives
- Signposting contacts who already engage with groups we have identified through demographic research including:

Jewish communities

Romanian and Polish populations

Burnt Oak and Golders Green Wards (higher levels of deprivation)

Next steps

- Further develop understanding of open space provision – on site audits.
- Review results of ongoing engagement activities (e.g. online surveys / workshops etc.)
- Identify other opportunities to engage with underrepresented groups including children & young people.
- Develop structure and outline of strategy (Stage 1) to test and refine proposals.
- Questions?