



York Park area comparison - Overlay of existing (orange) and proposed (green)



York Park - The whole park should be a setting for play (images from Freeplaynetwork.org.uk)

Comparing the existing and 'new' York Park

Current access to York Park is via a network of small paths between buildings and directly from existing stairwells. The absence of boundaries, arrival and entry points means the Park lacks identity and feels like a part of the surrounding estate. The Park tapers out at its northern end, wedged between tall hedges and the trees of the SSSI, and finally ending with the narrow roadway to the rear of dwellings and connecting to Marsh Drive.

The new emphasis on connections beyond the site will make the Park much more outward looking – attracting more use by the wider community of West Hendon and encourage more use of the West Hendon Playing Fields by virtue of the new bridge.

The new apartments will be configured to greatly increase overlooking of the Park, with some dwellings given direct access from private terrace gardens to the public park. The communal courtyards facing the park will also give gated access to the public park ensuring more use and a safer environment.

The new Park will extend for the whole length of the site's boundary with the reservoir – extending its current length within the development site from 395m by almost 25% to 485m.

The area of York Park within the development site will also increase slightly to 14,984sqm, compared to an existing area of 14,810sqm.

With a similar area, but better connectivity, improved facilities, lighting, more overlooking and better management, the 'new' York Park will offer a significantly safer and more attractive amenity for West Hendon.