

Eltham Park North & South Management Plan 2019-2024

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PART I: WHERE WE ARE NOW

Park Address and Contact Details

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Crown Woods Lane
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SE18 3JA

Tel. 020 8856 0100

Email parks@royalgreenwich.gov.uk

The parks' Strategy & Development Officer is contactable for any further information (using the contact details provided above).

There is an established Friends of Group for Eltham Parks. Visit the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website. <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/parkfriendslist> for further details about Eltham Park Friends



Eltham Park South Open Day

Introduction - What is a Park Management Plan?

Management Plans are an essential aid to the efficient and effective management of a site. A Plan forms part of a process for evaluating performance, consulting and involving people, strategic planning, and providing continuity. Individual plans are specific to each park and will deliver aims and objectives specific to the needs of the local community who will be directly involved in its formulation.

A Park Management Plan also provides an excellent opportunity to collate a wealth of information relating to the park that the management authority possesses, into a single comprehensive document.

What is the purpose of this Management Plan?

One of the action points arising from the Green Spaces Strategy was that each park would have individual plans. Parks and Open Spaces expect that the plan will provide a framework for any future decisions concerning this site and that the regular reviews will inform future strategic and management planning. Also, we expect that the management plan for Eltham Park North & South will assist with allocating existing and securing additional resources for developments on this site that this management plan specifies.

The document outlines future actions/priorities for this site. This management plan, therefore, provides measurable benchmarks for use in the future.



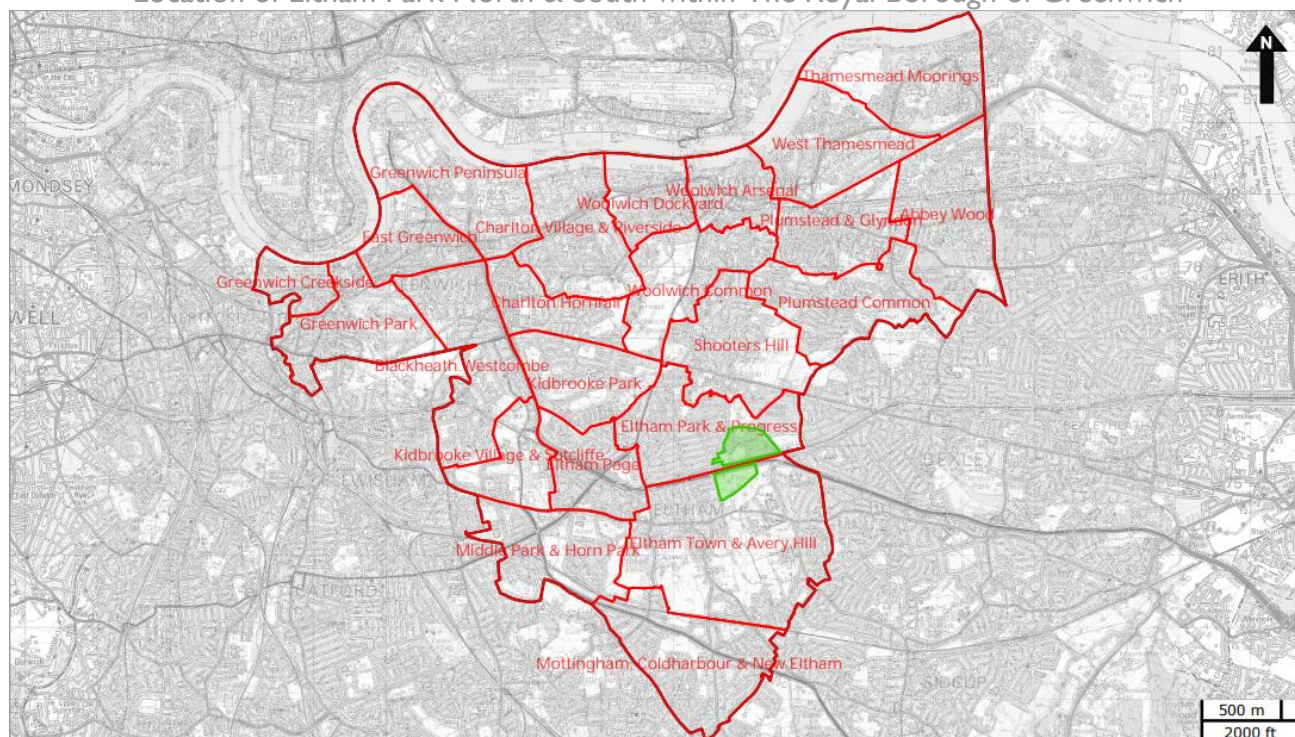
Picnic Area in the snow

Several strategies have been considered in the production of this document to ensure that the priorities identified in this plan deliver and compliment the appropriate aims and objectives identified in them. Appendix I lists the primary documents impacting on the development of this plan.

Description of the Park

Eltham Park North & South is a large park, covering a total of approximately 23 hectares of a different character in the Eltham Park and Progress & Eltham Town and Avery Hill wards of The Royal Borough of Greenwich, at grid square reference TQ 43 8 53.

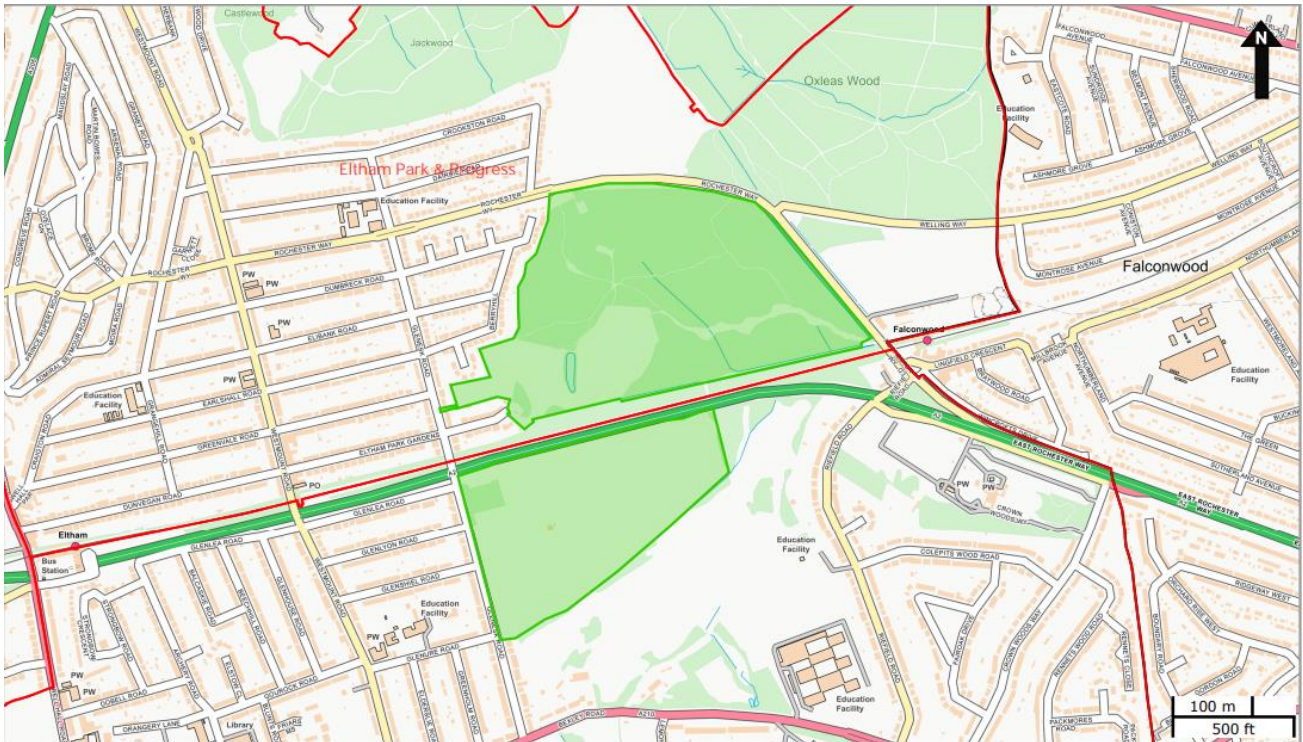
Location of Eltham Park North & South within The Royal Borough of Greenwich



Eltham Park North & South situated at Glenesk Road, Eltham, London SE9 1AH sits between 75 to 85 metres above sea level. Furthermore, Shepherdleas Woods border Eltham Park North & South to the north, Glenesk Road with residential housing to the West and Eltham Warren Golf Course to the East and South. (please see map on next page)

Eltham Park North and South were separated in 1895 by the construction of the South-Eastern railway line. After the development of Rochester Relief Road (A2) in 1984, an installation of a bridge followed shortly over the road and railway linking the North and South parks again.

The park's primary purpose classification, as designated by the Royal Borough of Greenwich Green Space Strategy is Outdoor Sports Facility and is a 'natural semi/natural open space'.



Eltham Park North & South and immediate surrounds

The primary use of Eltham Park South is as a sports facility, with one full-sized football pitch and one junior football pitch, as well as eight grass tennis courts and four floodlit hard surface tennis courts, one cricket table, an outdoor gym and two table tennis tables. There is also a café, a children’s playground, two dog-free picnic areas, a car park and a quiet commemorative area. The section of the park is divided into three regions by a network of tarmac paths and is part of the South-East London Green Chain Walk and the Capital Ring Walk.

Eltham Park North consists of three individual areas; the first area to the west of the pond is steeply sloping and consists predominantly of close-cut grass with a variety of saplings dispersed about the lawn. This area also contains a semi-wild area containing long grass and felled tree stumps left on site for habitats.

The second area is a relatively flat meadow to the east of the pond, marking the boundary of the wood from which several of the woodland paths commence.

The third section is the pond and its immediate surroundings. The pond has a range of resident ducks and wildfowl.

Eltham Park North and South are open to the public 24 hours a day.

Heritage of the Park

Appendix 2 contains a summary of the legacy of the site. Also, the area benefits from a plaque which celebrates the history of the Lido and the park. This memorandum replaces the lido which used to occupy the space.

Access to the Park

Pathways and access points

The pathways through Eltham Park South are all disabled accessible, as none of the slopes are over a 1:14 gradient. All of the grassed areas are accessible by wheelchair, weather permitting.

Eltham Park South can be accessed along the entire open western side and also via the footbridge in the north-eastern corner of the park connecting to Eltham Park North.

A cul-de-sac at the end of Eltham Park Gardens and by the paths from the woods from Rochester way, Shepherdleas Woods and the footbridge provide access to Eltham Park South. However, Riefield Road, Eltham Park Gardens and Glenesk Road provide authorised vehicle access. Gates restrict all vehicular access.

Public Transport

Public transport is available near the park. Bus routes 132,162, B15 and the B16 run near to the park. (approximately 5 minutes walk away from the park)

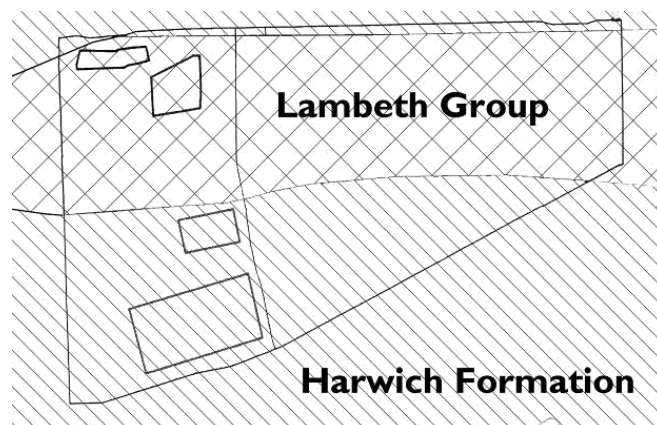
Falconwood and Eltham train stations are situated under 10 minutes walk from the park.

Car park

A public car park is available off Glenesk Road and provides parking for up to 30 vehicles. There is also ample free street parking available on Glenesk Road and other nearby roads, though due to commuters using the nearby railway station, this is now restricted to residents only Mon-Fri 11 am-12:30 pm.

Ecology and Landscape

Eltham Park South has an underlying geology of Lambeth Group and Harwich formation, as shown below. Both geology types display characteristically poor drainage and soil derived from these types is typically slightly acidic. Also, the geology underlying the park is defined by the council GIS as London Clay.



The underlying geology of Eltham Park South

The wall that separates the park and the A2 further exacerbates the drainage problems by preventing groundwater flow, thus resulting in frequent waterlogging.

On the south side of the A2, Eltham Park South is composed primarily of large areas of amenity grassland. Around the peripheries of the park the tree population consists mostly of sizeable mature specimen trees of a large number of different species, but with Chestnuts of different types dominating. The park contains a row of mature sweet chestnut trees (*Castanea sativa*).

Along the northern boundary of Eltham Park South, there are densely planted beds of deciduous and evergreen shrubs that form a partition and act as a barrier between the park and the A2, which runs along the northern length of the park.

On the northern side of the A2, Eltham Park North is for the most part surrounded by Shepherdleas Wood except for the south-west corner which is bounded by the rear of local residential properties. Oxleas Woodlands, (including Shepherdleas Wood) has been designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest, as well as being identified by the Royal Borough of Greenwich CS as being a site of nature conservation importance. Eltham Park North is not recognised as having any nature conservation importance but is vital in that it acts as a buffering area between the Rochester Way A2 and the Oxleas Woodlands.

The park contains several mature tree specimens on its upper slopes and many semi-mature trees on its steepest and lowest point, to the southwest of the Eltham Park Gardens entrance. The Park contains a range of tree species including – Hawthorn, Silver Birch, London Plane, Ash, Oak, Poplar, Maple, Weeping Beech and Weeping Willow. The more recent planting of the semi-mature trees consists of varieties with high water demands to assist in site drainage.

The Long Pond at Eltham Park North provides a habitat for a variety of migratory and local wildfowl and fauna. The Long Pond was dredged in 2006 to ensure that it remained a viable feature. Its northern end runs 4 metres deep underneath the dredged slurry. The spoil from the dredging was allowed to dry and settle, just to the east of the pond before the northern end blends back into the landscape. A 1.3-meter hoop fence now surrounds the pond.



The Long Pond at Eltham Park North

Year after year, the biodiversity of the southern section of the park improves as the planting of whips and naturalised bulbs (daffs & crocus) in certain areas, and 25 trees have increased the tree stock in the park at various locations. Also, the “Friends of Eltham Parks” organise planting days.

Tree maintenance practice leaving felled trees in situ to increase natural habitats and also increase mulching of beds, and reduced mowing during drought periods.

Parks, Estates & Open Spaces aims to promote Eltham Park North & South for recreational use while protecting and enhancing the natural habitats it offers. Following the Royal Borough of Greenwich's Biodiversity Action Plan, much of Eltham Park North's conservation grassland area requires management to encourage different species of plants and invertebrates to develop (we endorse protected species such as hedgehogs, stag beetles, shrews, foxes and squirrels within the park).

In August 2005, the Parks and Open Spaces Department commissioned an ecological survey of Greenwich's meadows in parks and open spaces. Groundwork South London conducted the examination which covered 12 fields in 7 tracts. Since the study, Parks and Open Spaces manage the area based on recommendations made by the study. Also, The Meadows Survey recommends that Eltham Park North be a priority site for further botanical surveys. Appendix 3 explains the section of the meadow survey that deals with Eltham Park North.

Park Infrastructure

Buildings

Within the Eltham Park South, there are two buildings, containing a café, public toilet facilities, and a park ranger's messroom.

At the Eltham Park North entrance (in Eltham Park Gardens) there is a staff yard with a building containing the gardener's messroom. There is also a toilet block (currently closed) at this entrance, and this is the responsibility of DRES.

Paved areas and pathways

The main pathway within the park runs around the perimeter of the south-eastern section of the park. Overall the paths are in good condition and are regularly used by joggers and dog walkers.

The path that runs along the southern edge of the A2 wall is a cycleway and is also part of the Green Chain Walk and the Capital Ring Walk. The path adjacent to Eltham Warren Golf Course is a Permissive Horse Ride from Glenesk Road to Eltham Park North.

Adjacent to the park is Shepherdleas Wood, which forms part of the ancient Oxleas Woodland and part of the Green Chain Walk. Extensive repairs were made to the tarmac pathways throughout most of the park in 2011 although would benefit from further patch repairs in places.

Fencing, Park Furniture and Signage

The eastern and southern perimeter of the park is a combination of close board and palisade fencing. The western side of the park is open to the local locality with rustic posts dotted along the perimeter to stop vehicular access.



Where the A2 separates the North & South Parks, there is a concrete wall on the southern side obscured in places by dense shrubbery and a two-meter chain mesh on the northern side of the A2. The concrete wall is the responsibility of the Highways Agency.

The northern perimeter of the Park is surrounded by woodland except the North West section where residential properties back onto the site with close board fencing. Furthermore, the fencing along with the southern boundary backing on to the golf course and in 2011 Parks and Open Spaces installed new the fencing around the grass tennis courts.

A 1.3-metre hoop rail fence surrounds the pond and is in excellent condition with several warning signs informing dog owners to keep their pets out due to the depth of the pond. (16ft). The park benefits from a good number of benches, litter and dog bins. Also, we empty each container regularly, which helps to maintain the park in good condition.

Each playground receives signage which includes the parks department contact information and the age range the play area caters for and carries the parks department contact details. Additionally, Signage is at each tarmac pathway entrance to welcome visitors to the park. Currently, there are two interpretation signs; one fitted at the Eltham Park Gardens entrance point and the second at Shepherdleas Woods at the Rochester Way entrance. Both signs provide a brief history of the park, information on flora and fauna and details emergency phone numbers.

A notice board is also situated at the Glenesk Road entrance to Eltham Park South, providing details which the Friends of Eltham Parks group use to inform of their activities.

Hidden Infrastructure

Underneath the park is a 1-meter diameter main water line, which is part of Thames Water's water supply network. During 2006, Thames Water installed a flow meter within the boundaries of Eltham Park North.



Approximate location of Thames Water pipe underneath Eltham Park North

Recreational & Sporting Facilities

Children's Playground

The North-west corner of Eltham Park South contains a children's playground which is surrounded by a metal, bow-top railing fence. Entry to the playground is via two gates; one on the north car park side and one entrance facing the tennis courts and café.

In 2013, Parks and Open Spaces installed a new piece of play equipment (play train), after consultation with the Friends Group. Afterwards, in 2014 we introduced five additional parts of new play equipment which included a nest swing, play zone unit, dish rotator and three springy's along with new safety surfacing.

All fixed play equipment playgrounds conform to European Union standards EN1176 and EN1177 regarding installation and surfacing. The equipment is visually inspected daily, with a more detailed inspection undertaken on a bi-monthly basis and an independent inspection on an annual basis.



Eltham Park South Playground

Tennis

The southwest corner of the park has eight grass courts, the only grass courts within the borough, and four floodlit hard courts.

A community interest company 'TwistFizz' have a license to use the hard tennis courts at Eltham Park South and provide coaching and participation with 6 local schools.

TwistFizz secured funding in 2019 to carry out deep cleansing and remarking of the tennis courts. They have also have introduced an online court booking system.

Outdoor Gym

An outdoor gym was installed in the park in 2010 and located near the playground providing free exercising equipment to the local community. Parks and Open Spaces conduct visual checks weekly, while independent inspections take place annually.

Football

Currently, there is one full-size football pitch and one junior football pitch laid out within the large open area in the southeastern side of the park. The sports fields constitute approximately 6.5 hectares. Also, the park is well used informally for football training on spring/summer evenings and at the weekends.

Picnic Areas

There are two fully fenced, dog-free picnic areas within the park. The large picnic area beside the playground has four picnic-style benches and three conventional park benches with plenty of room to relax on the grass. A native hedge mixture, predominantly Hawthorn surrounds the picnic area. There is also a small picnic area next to the café with picnic benches. There are additional picnic benches put out on the other side of the café.



The Large Picnic Area

There is a safe play surface within the large picnic area that has the potential to be developed for alternative uses, for example, to provide additional picnic benches, play equipment or shelter in the future. This alternative use concept requires further exploration through consultation.

Outdoor Table Tennis

In 2011, the English Table Tennis Association installed two table tennis tables. Both tables are situated in a sheltered spot next to the café funded by the English Table Tennis Association.

London Panoramic Skyline View

From Eltham Park North you have a good view of the London skyline stretching from the London Eye in the West to Canary Warf in the East and a range of notable buildings in between. A panoramic sign was installed in December 2015 funded by the Greenwich Parks Forum, The Friends of Eltham Parks and the Royal Borough of Greenwich and is an excellent example of partnership working between the Council and residents.



Councillor John Fahy unveiled the sign, Deputy Leader of the Council and Terry Powley the Chair of Greenwich Parks Forum and The Friends of Eltham Parks with members of The Friends of Eltham Parks and The Friends Forum.

Cricket Table

The park had a cricket table. However, a lack of demand has resulted in only casual use of the area.

Green Chain Walk

Eltham Park North & South features in section six of the Explore Southeast London's Green Chain information pack. The green chain website holds further details.

http://greenchain.com/greenchainsite/info/5/walking/2/green_chain_walk_-_sections/6

Other Recreational Facilities

A range of people uses Eltham Park North & South for a variety of reasons. Friends of Eltham Parks are frequent visitors to the park as are other residents. Visitors can enjoy dog walking, picnics, informal sports, jogging, nature studies, rambling, using the café and bird watching.

Visitors can also enjoy a marked tree trail taking approximately 90 minutes. One can obtain copies of the tree trail map and information sheet from the café. See Appendix 4 for details surrounding the map and information sheet.

Commemorative Quiet Area

A quiet sheltered area for rest and contemplation has been established at Eltham Park South. This area, protected by a laurel hedgerow and incorporates walnut trees, is adjacent to the old Lido site. This project was created in partnership between The Royal Borough of Greenwich and Eltham Park Residents Association with the support of the 'Friends of Eltham Parks' as a way of recognising what the Lido had meant to the local community. A commemorative plaque was installed in the quiet semi-circular area in 2008. (See photo below)



Commemorative Quiet Area

Former Lido site

The most dominant feature of this area in the past was the Eltham Lido. The derelict lido was demolished in 2006, and the area was reverted to grass. However, the footprint of the lido remains and has the potential to be developed in the future for the provision of sports facilities.

Community Events

The park has the flexibility to provide a variety of informal outdoor sports activities and events. There is an active Friends Group for Eltham Parks, supported by the Parks, Estates & Open Spaces

department. The Friends Group hold workdays such as Autumn Bulb Planting and Tree (whip) Planting.

Greenwich and Bexley Hospice host significant events in the park twice a year. Similarly, other organisations also hold occasional events on the site. Such as several local primary schools for sports days in the summer term.

The Friends group also work hard to put on events throughout the year. Events include “Fun Days”, “Music in the Park”, “Dog Shows” and Parksfest. (see photos)

A vibrant poster for Parksfest 2023. The background is a clear blue sky with a white musical staff and notes curving across it. At the bottom, there is a lush green field of grass with two white daisies. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical layout. The main title 'PARKSfest 2023' is in large, bold, yellow and white letters. Below it, 'THE FRIENDS OF ELTHAM PARKS' is in green, 'Eltham Park South' is in yellow, and 'Glenesk Road, SE9 1AH' is in white. The central focus is 'Concert in the Park' in large yellow letters. The date and time 'Sunday 23rd July 11am - 6pm' are in white. The event is presented by 'trams shed Greenwich Family Arts Festival' in white, which presents the Wild Geese Theatre's 'Loki: Lord of Mischief' at 11am & 2pm. The Manny Fizzotti Blues Band performs at 3pm, and The Celtic Hearts at 4:30pm. Children's attractions and bouncy castles are also mentioned at the bottom.

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Greenwich Youth Band perform in the Park

Eltham Park 5 and Junior Parkrun

A local running club, The New Eltham Joggers currently organise the annual Eltham Park 5 run. The event is a 5km timed race and also includes a shorter fun run for all to enjoy.



Competitors take part in the 2017 race

Eltham Park South is also the venue for the weekly Junior Parkrun event. The run takes place every Sunday at 9am and is open to children under 14. Details can be found at the Junior Parkrun website www.parkrun.org.uk/eltham-juniors/

School children and commuters use the park as a short cut for walking to and from Falconwood Station. The park plays an essential role in providing a link between the various local parks and woodlands with the residential area, and the aesthetic value of the park is considerable.



Informal Sports Activities at Eltham Park South



Eltham Park South Festival (Park Fest) 2019 with local Police

Park User Information

Stakeholders Associated with the Site

Royal Borough of Greenwich

Directorate of Communities, Environment and Central (PE&OS, Sports Promotion)

Directorate of Regeneration Enterprise & Skills (Property Services, Planning Control, Green Chain Walk)

Chief Executives (Communications, Events)

Neighbourhood Services (Neighbourhood Panels / Representatives)

Children's Services

Community

Friends of Eltham Parks (Eltham Park North & South)

Greenwich & Bexley Hospice

Local Primary Schools

Eltham Park Residents Association

Junior Park Run

Agencies

Police, Fire & Rescue Service

Politicians

Local MP

Ward Members

Other

Capital Ring

Transport for London

TwistFizz tennis group

Eltham Park South Café

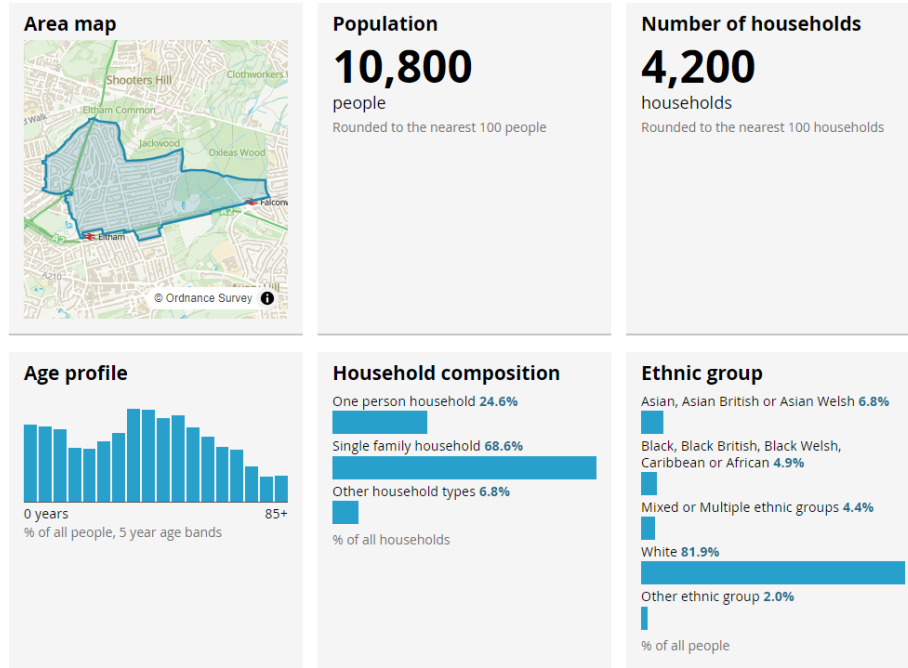


The Friends of Eltham Parks with The Mayor at the time and Clive Efford MP and EPRA at the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque for the Eltham Lido

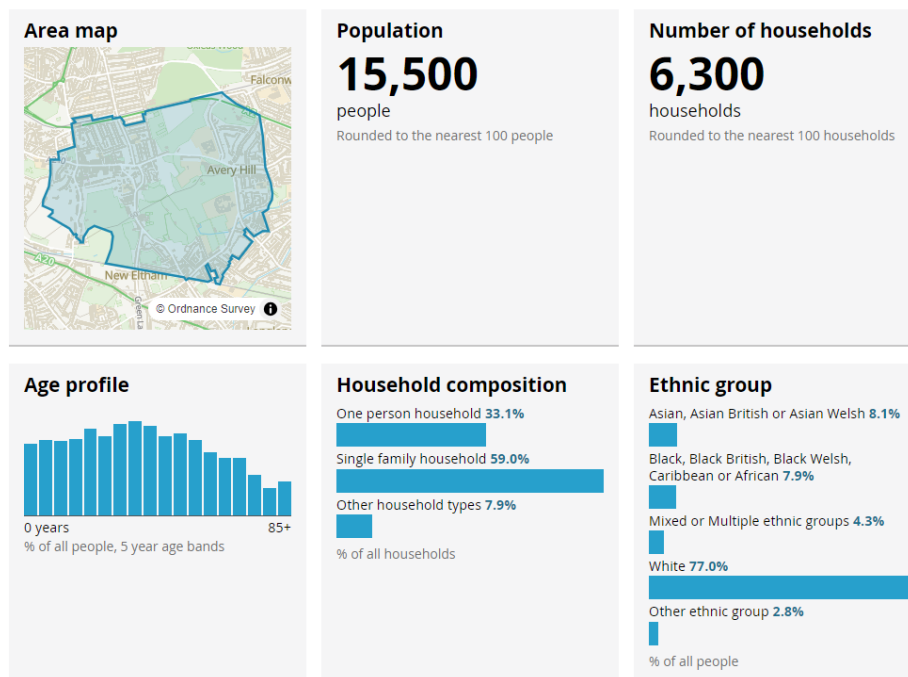
Demographic Information

The Demographic information contained in this section is gathered from the 2021 census information found on the Office for National Statistics web site under Ward Profiles. The information below relates to the 2 wards that the park is situated in and not specifically to the users of Eltham Park North & South.

Eltham Park & Progress



Eltham Town & Avery Hill



For further detailed census information, please visit the ONS website <https://www.ons.gov.uk/visualisations/customprofiles/draw/>

Management of the Park

Management of the site is the responsibility of the Parks, Estates & Open Spaces located within the Directorate of Communities, Environment and Central department within Royal Borough of Greenwich.

The Parks, Estates and Open Spaces Senior Management Team are accountable for the overall management responsibility of the Service. Individual management functions are devolved, and the key functions are as follows: PE&OS Management Structure is in Appendix 7 (currently under review)

- Horticultural Maintenance
- Park Rangers Service
- Parks Development
- Fixed Equipment Playgrounds
- Ecology & Conservation
- Tree & Woodland maintenance
- Administration – Sports lettings, complaints monitoring

Staff Presence on Site

A team of two Grounds Maintenance staff are based at Eltham Park North. Managed by the District Manager, they carry out regular horticultural maintenance at Eltham Park North & South and are also responsible for some other parks in the local area. The formal park area remains as amenity grass and the semi-wild areas as meadowland. Furthermore, scheduled/planned maintenance which takes place at different times throughout the year (Appendix 5 contains a copy of a copy of the Grounds Maintenance Work Programme for Eltham Park North). Un-programmed and corrective maintenance take place on an ad hoc basis according to requirements.

Park Rangers provide a regular presence on the site, and perform a range of duties: - help ensure the safety of the public visiting the park, provide assistance where appropriate, daily visual inspection of playgrounds and outdoor gyms, opening and closing of gates & facilities, empty the bins and keep the park free of litter. (Appendix 6 contains a copy of the Outdoor Gym Inspection Check List for Eltham Park South). There is one static park ranger on-site, supported by mobile park rangers when the static ranger is off.

Safety and Security of the Park

Grounds Maintenance staff are based at the park and Rangers Staff patrol the site daily and identify and address new hazards that may occur. This means that surveillance within the park is generally reasonable. As the Railway divides the park, and road and has areas of woodland, the visual barriers create the potential for unobserved behaviour due to obstructed sightlines. Nonetheless, with regular patrols by parks staff, the presence of the café operator and a public appearance all deter any inappropriate behaviour. For example, the park contains several signs that show emergency telephone numbers if park rangers should not be in attendance in the event of an accident or emergency. Also, The Royal Borough works closely with the local safer neighbourhood team.

Anti-social behaviour

ASB is minor and infrequent but, monitored nonetheless – and, records kept, to recognise trends and risk assessed for swift and responsive action.

The park has been subject to incidents including graffiti attacks, illicit use of cars and motorcycles within the park and football on the grassed tennis pitches. The amount of anti-social behaviour in the park has reduced since the opening of the Eltham Park Café in 2009 (lease extended in 2017) and the installation of CCTV on the outside of the café buildings. The café owner works closely with PE&OS, local PCSO's and other enforcement groups and outside agencies including TFL to combat any vandalism and anti-social behaviour. The signage in Eltham Park North & South contains out of hours contact number for the Royal Borough.



Eltham Park Café 2019

Community Involvement at the Park

There is an active Friends of Group that works in partnership with Parks, Estates & Open Spaces department. The Friends of Eltham Parks are a member of the Parks Friends Forum.

The Friends group support the park, organise volunteer workdays such as whip planting and community events such as the Summer Parks Fest. Being a formal group with a constitution and management committee, the group may seek grant aid from various “community funders.” The friends' group do not have a web site, but details of the group remain visible via the Royal Borough of Greenwich's website <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk/parkfriendslist>



Eltham Park South Owner (centre), and residents (left and right) 2019

Environmental Management of the Park

Parks, Estates & Open Spaces horticultural and arboricultural work are managed in conjunction with an Environmental Management System that conforms to the EN ISO 14001:2004 Environmental Standard. Parks, Estates & Open Spaces recycles approximately 95% of its green waste. The green waste is taken locally to Holbrook Depot and recycled into mulch. The mulch is put back on shrub beds which helps weed control and reduces the number of pesticides used in the Borough. The mulch also aids water retention. Maintenance equipment is serviced regularly to ensure that fuel consumption of mechanical equipment is minimised. We continue to trial the latest battery-operated machinery and where suitable have purchased battery operated equipment such as small chain saws, hedge cutters and strimmers. On-site based gardener and park keeping teams reduce the need for travel and again this reduces fuel consumption. Low energy bulbs are used in lighting and external lighting is photo-sensitive and so is only on during hours of darkness. As part of minimising Parks, Estates & Open Spaces impact on the Environment, Parks, Estates & Open Spaces do not use any peat-based products.

All staff have completed an Environmental Induction and have access to a copy of the Environmental Management System at each depot, which also contains other relevant health & safety information such as risk assessments and COSHH assessments.

Budget Information

Parks and Open Spaces split the budget used to maintain parks and open space into two areas, Horticulture Operations and Property Services.

Horticultural / Park Rangers Operations

Revenue Spend 2022/23 = £107,595

Capital Spend 2022/23 = £13,182.96

Property Services

Greenwich Property Services in the Directorate of Regeneration Enterprise and Skills hold the portfolio for corporate budgets for both planned and responsive maintenance of the Borough's property infrastructure. Organisational priorities drive all planned works. Also, reactive repairs are carried out for minor items as and when they arise.

Investment – Playground to Stadium

The Borough commits to using the opportunities created by the 2012 Olympics to create a legacy of improved infrastructure sports facilities in the Borough's Parks & Open Spaces. To meet this ambition, a £4.77 million investment programme was approved.

Funding from this programme was allocated to Eltham Park North & South and used to improve the pathways and fencing (boundary & tennis court fencing) within the park. It has also funded the installation of the outdoor gym. Installation of new playground equipment was carried out in 2014 and was supported by the Playground to Stadium Investment.

Marketing

The Royal Borough of Greenwich website www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk holds Information about local parks within the borough. Similarly, marketing of the park include :-

- The Royal Borough of Greenwich website and walking booklets
- Eltham Park South – A short History Booklet
- London Wildlife Trust
- The Green Chain Walk leaflets and website
- Capital Ring through The Ramblers website & publications
- Park Explorers website
- Walk finder on the TFL web site



Green Flag Award

Eltham Park North & South has successfully retained the Green Flag Award for several years. The Green Flag Award® scheme is the national benchmark standard for parks and green spaces in the UK. It was first launched in 1996 to recognise and rewards the best green spaces in the country. Many years later, it continues to provide the benchmark of comparison for parks and open spaces. Furthermore, the Green Flag Awards encourages others to achieve high environmental standards, setting a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas.

Green Flag Award® applications are judged against eight critical criteria.

1. A welcoming place
2. Healthy, safe and secure
3. Clean and well maintained
4. Sustainability
5. Conservation and heritage
6. Community involvement
7. Marketing
8. Management

Additional information accessible on their web site <http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/>



Spring Blossom

PART II: WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET TO?

VISION

The vision for Eltham Park North & South is to protect the vista, openness and ecological value of the park and neighbouring SSSI site while continuing to develop valuable strategic facilities through implementation of improvements to the sports facilities in partnership with the community and Friends of Group.

General Objectives

- To reduce Anti-Social Behaviour in the park
- To improve the health and well being of visitors and residents by offering a well maintained and quality park for active recreation and relaxation
- To protect biological assets and increase biodiversity
- To realise the potential of the park as a place to visit through a programme of publicity, information and events
- To work with the local community in identifying local priorities for funding of the park
- To ensure that the activities and events in the park celebrate and promote the borough's rich diversity and that it is accessible to everyone.
- To ensure the day-to-day management of the site is efficient and effective



View towards the Pond at Eltham Park North 2013

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

Summary of the Ecology

Despite having no conservation status, the park itself has several semi-wild spaces, including a habitat area of long conservation grass that contains felled trees, in addition to the habitat provided to many species by the long pond.

As mentioned, dredging the Long Pond during the early part of 2006 has resulted in an improvement to the water quality and depth of water (which had become shallower due to the silt).

Eltham Park South provides valuable sizeable green space in the locality, but ecology is limited to that which can live in regularly mown amenity grass areas along with a broad mix of tree species. Drifts of native whips and climbing shrubs have been planted on the southeastern end of the park to obscure the palisade fencing.



Summary of the Sport and Recreation

Eltham Park South has the potential to be developed for further sporting uses (e.g. provision of additional football pitches (for example, five-a-side). Early consultation indicates that the Friends of group would support the possibility of the development of an enclosed (all-weather) area for casual games such as five-a-side football, basketball/netball etc. Further consultation and investigation into the feasibility of this are required.

Additionally, the grass areas, perimeter pathways, picnic areas, children's playground, outdoor gym, table tennis tables and cricket table enable a variety of options for casual recreation.

Summary of Park Infrastructure

The two buildings have been extensively refurbished to provide a Café for the Park, and the public toilets redecorated.

The fencing, litter, bins, dog bins and benches within the park are generally of a good condition (with periodic inspections highlighting any problems).

The fencing around the hard surface courts has been painted with anti-climb paint to stop ASB within the courts at night.

The furniture design is consistent throughout the park, presenting a coherent, unified design approach.

Cultural value and activity will increase with the provision of interpretation signs at the footbridge entrances which also provides the overlapping point of the Capital Ring and Green Chain walk halls to the park, and similar interpretation could be presented at the pond and Eltham Park South.

Eltham Park Café refurbishment 2019



Visitor & Community Needs

Further consultation is required to be carried out with the community to continue to identify priorities for improvement. Cultural activity within the park will increase with the provision of interpretation signage and more community events.

STRENGTHS

- Active Friends group
- Open and expansive open space/vista
- Range of sports facilities including tennis courts, table tennis, cricket table and football pitches and potential to develop further facilities
- Range of visitor facilities including a Café, children's playground, pond, outdoor gym and picnic areas
- Park is part of Green Chain Walk and Capital Ring Walk
- Many outstanding mature specimen trees
- Tree trail around the park
- Proximity to Shepherdleas Woods- a Site Of Scientific Interest

CHALLENGES

- Pathways would benefit from improvements in places
- The infrastructure (buildings/signage) sometimes vandalised/graffitied
- Limited interpretation (improved signage)
- Persistent Graffiti at the footbridge over the A2 persistently graffitied (maintained by TfL).
- ASB – in particular, illicit motorcycle use
- Opportunity for more active recreation (additional football pitches)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Continue to consult with Friends of Eltham Parks and the wider community to identify priorities for improvement to include infrastructure improvements, additional events within the park and new interpretation.
- Keep under review the potential of development of additional sporting facilities (with particular reference to the former lido footprint)
- Continue the development of hedging surrounding the dog free picnic area.
- To approach TfL regarding a sustainable graffiti solution to the footbridge
- To seek Inward Investment as appropriate
- To reduce ASB in the park
- To improve awareness/use of the site by all sections of the community

PART III: HOW WILL WE GET THERE?

ACTION PLAN 2019-24

Timescales, as given in this document, are as follows:

Short Term – Within one to two years

Medium Term – Within three years

Long Term – Five years and more

Recommendation:	Action:	Timescale: (Long/Medium /Short Term)	Action By	Status of Work:
Continue to Consult with Friends of Eltham Parks and the wider community to identify priorities for improvement.	Regular consultation with the Friends of the group and other stakeholders to identify priorities for improvement	Ongoing	PE&OS	Open
Continue development of hedging surrounding the dog free picnic area	Carry out planting as appropriate	Ongoing	PE&OS	Open
Replenish ageing tree stock around the perimeter of the park	Carry out tree planting around the edge of the park with oak and field maple	Medium Term	PE&OS	Open
To seek inward investment as appropriate	Identify potential sources of funding and deadlines for each fund. Undertake work to secure new funding streams as appropriate	Long Term	PE&OS	Open
To reduce ASB in the park – in particular, illicit motorcycle use	Assess ASB in the park. Work with agencies as appropriate to reduce ASB at the site. Identify whether outreach work would be of benefit	Ongoing	PE&OS	Open
To improve awareness/use of the site by all sections of the community	Identify barriers to use through consultation. Review current marketing of the site.	Ongoing	PE&OS	Open

Recommendation:	Action:	Timescale: (Long/Medium /Short Term)	Action By	Status of Work:
To continue to achieve a recognised high standard for the park.	Retain the Green Flag Award for Eltham Parks. Carry out annual application and response to the judge's feedback.	Ongoing	PE&OS	Open
Improve signage	To source funding to undertake updating signage throughout the site	Short Term	PE&OS	Open
Contribute to the councils Carbon Neutral aim by reducing fuel usage	Replace handheld two-stroke machinery with battery operated machines by 2030	Long Term	PE&OS	Ongoing (38% as of Jan 2024)
Increase provision of children's play equipment for younger and older children within the playground	Funding to be sourced by friends group	Short Term	PE&OS	Open

Important Note: Improvement actions requiring investment are subject to funding. Additional funding of £1 million allocated for the development of parks infrastructure

PREVIOUS COMPLETED ACTIONS

Recommendation:	Action:	Timescale: (Long /Medium /Short Term)	Action By	Status of Work:
To improve public toilet facilities	Funding to be sourced by friends group for renovating and converting toilet block to accommodate disabled access	Short Term	PE&OS	Completed
Undertake a review of the ecology of the park to preserve existing ecological integrity and biodiversity and potentially increasing it in the future.	The meadowland survey and dredging of the pond completed.	Long Term	PE&OS	Completed

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Consider the provision of the notice board and other signage to promote upcoming events/information at Eltham Park North	Discuss with Friends of the group – see if they would be agreeable to progress	Medium Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Increase native plantings within the park to increase biodiversity in the park.	Plant whips along the eastern fringe of the park and mixed naturalised daffs and crocus.	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Increase species of trees to increase biodiversity in the park. Species include oak, willow, alder, lime, and sweet chestnut	Plant 25 trees at various locations with the park. Obtain part funding from Greenwich Pride	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Improve the condition of pathways at Eltham Park North & South.	Seek funding from the Playground to the Stadium Scheme. Carry out extensive repairs to the pathways in the park.	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Recommendation:	Action:	Timescale: (Long /Medium /Short Term)	Action By	Status of Work:
Friends of Eltham Park have requested additional play equipment in the children's playground at Eltham Park South.	Consult with Friends of Group about the type of equipment. Installation of train play equipment (funded internally)	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Consider the development of additional sporting facilities	Install Cricket table in the park. Seek funding from the Playground to Podium Scheme. Consult with Friends of the group on location	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Increase provision of children's play equipment within the playground supported by the Friends Group	£35 funding from Playground to Podium Scheme allocated and installation planned for early 2014	Short Term	R. Goring	Completed
Install a restricted entrance at the entrance to the park in Eltham Park Gardens to deter motorbikes on site	Application to be made to Viola Trust for Funding (£7000) by Friends of Group in partnership with P&OS	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Continue to develop plans to refurbish the buildings into the development of a café facility	Confirm refurbishment details and organise lease with café proprietor	Short Term	R. Goring	Completed

Investigate the feasibility of replacement/repair of fences around the southern boundary, along the golf course and around the grass tennis courts	Seek funding from the Playground to Stadium under the Olympic Legacy Scheme. Obtain quotes and secure contractor to carry out works	Medium Term	S. Roedel R. Goring	Completed
Adopt Dog Control Orders following approval by Council Cabinet (Clean Neighbourhoods & Environment Act 2005)	Signage, information and enforcement	Short Term	R. Goring	Completed
Consider the development of additional sporting facilities in the park. Seek funding from the English Table Tennis Association.	Consult with the Friends of Group to agree on the location and install two Outdoor Table Tennis Tables.	Short Term	S. Roedel	Completed
Consider the installation of an outdoor gym. Obtain Funding from Playground to Stadium.	Secure funding, consult with Friends of Group relocation of the gym, obtain quotes and ensure work carried out.	Medium Term	S. Roedel	Completed

PART IV: HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN WE'VE ARRIVED

MONITORING AND REVIEW

There will also be a need to keep a working document copy of the Management Plan within the Parks office so that issues and changes that arise as well as new information documented, and the action plan can be regularly reviewed and completed works recorded within it as part of the Parks Service business planning process.

Upon review, the new management plan will make a note of the works performed and review the success of those works in the Action Plan.



Eltham Park South looking East over the main field 2014

APPENDIX I

Legislation, policies and strategies

As highlighted earlier in the plan, Royal Borough of Greenwich's Parks and Open Spaces department operates within a broad framework of national, regional and local policy statements and strategies. The primary documents impacting on the development of this plan are listed below.

The Greenwich Strategy

The Greenwich Strategy sets out the vision for Greenwich Borough as being the place to live, work, learn and visit. This vision underpins all of the strategies produced by the Royal Borough of Greenwich and directly impacts on all service plans and service delivery.

The Cultural Strategy

Parks and Open Spaces is one of six 'areas' considered by the Cultural Strategy. The Strategy has five overarching themes: - Equality and Access, Sustainability, the Cultural Economy, Achievement and Excellence and Partnerships. All of these aims are relevant to this management plan and form the basis for development, opportunities and priorities for this site.

Green Space Strategy

The Green Space Strategy sets out the Council's strategic intentions for its green assets and its vision of the positive contribution that Greenwich's open networks make to our lives.

The thematic objectives (community safety, biodiversity, education and culture, culture and events, tackling inequality, sport, health and well being) are all relevant to the management plan for Eltham Park South.

Parks and Open Spaces Service Plan

The Parks and Open Spaces department aims to develop, manage, ensure accessibility and maintain to a high standard the borough's Parks, Open Spaces, Woodlands, Tree Stock, Cemeteries, Playgrounds, Sports Pitches, Allotments and other outdoor facilities. To meet the needs of the community and deliver the Council's core objectives, and specifically regarding the provision of a clean and well cared for the environment and supporting Health and Quality of Life for the local community.

Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (full document available on request)

The ten-year Strategy, adopted in 2017, is centred on the following seven themes:

- **Park and open spaces management:** Ensuring our parks and public spaces are well managed, maintained in good condition and are safe to use;
- **Community engagement:** Ensuring we actively engage and work in partnership with residents to provide good quality parks that meet the needs of the local community;
- **Nature and biodiversity:** Ensuring that Parks and Open Spaces protect areas and habitats for wildlife, and from inappropriate development;

- **Environmental management:** Maximise resource efficiency by increasing recycling opportunities, establish better use of essential energy sources and controlling the use of pesticides and chemicals;
- **Recreation, health and wellbeing:** Ensuring that parks provide spaces for active relaxation and quiet reflection and contribute to the health and well-being of the local community;
- **Regeneration and regional economy:** Ensuring our parks are well designed, attractive to visitors and encourage enterprise and employment of local people; and
- **Culture and heritage:** Ensuring our parks are places for learning and that their legacy is preserved and celebrated.

ISO 9001:2008 – Quality Management System

Quality Management System ISO 9001: 2008 is used by organisations to manage their tree maintenance activities and resources to guarantee a quality service. Eight quality management principles form the basis of this management system:

- Customer Focus
- Leadership
- Involving People
- Process Approach
- System Approach to management
- Continual Improvement
- Factual Approach to decision making
- Supplier relationship, which benefits both sides.

The Parks, Estates & Open Spaces Department is currently ISO 9001 accredited.

ISO 14001:2004 – Environmental Management System

Parks and Open Spaces are committed to holding events in an environmentally friendly manner, and our impact on the environment minimal and controlled. Parks and Open Spaces promote events that have a positive impact on the environment and promote sustainability, conservation and environmental awareness. The Parks and Open Spaces Environmental Management System operates as certified to the internationally respected BS EN ISO 14001 Environmental Standard.

Royal Borough of Greenwich's Core Strategy

Local Councils have to prepare a Development Plan by law. The Greenwich Core Strategy (CS) sets out the vision for the use of the land in the Borough and provides the principal guidance for making decisions on individual planning proposals. The document is a legal document to provide a framework of acceptable uses within the Borough, defining areas where development not desired or where it needs to be carefully directed and to provide a detailed basis for the control and development.

The CS designates Eltham Park as;

- Metropolitan Open Space.
- Green Chain Land
- Green Chain Walk

- Capital Ring Walk
- Area of the special character of metropolitan importance
- Area of Archaeological Potential

The CS may be viewed at the Directorate of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills, Planning Department, The Woolwich Centre, Wellington Street, Woolwich SE18 6HQ or at a local library.

Metropolitan Open Land

The CS designates Eltham Park North & South as **Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)**. Policy references **O1, O2, O3** and **O4** under the section 'Protecting Open Land' set out what the acceptable land uses and legal developments are within areas designated as MOL. These policy references are too lengthy to reproduce here. The policies are broadly meant to control construction or alterations to existing land that would be inappropriate to MOL and harm the character and usage of the open space.

Green Chain

The CS also designates Eltham Park North & South as **Green Chain**. Policy reference **O5** under the section 'Protecting Open Land' sets out what the objectives of this designation are. The goals are as follows:

To improve and encourage the provision of suitable recreational facilities, with an emphasis on those serving a wide area of South East London and requiring open land.

To safeguard the open land from built development and maintain its positive contribution in providing a visual and physical break in the built-up area of London.

To conserve and enhance the visual amenity and ecological aspects of the landscape.

To improve public access to and through the area.

To promote an overall identity for the area to increase public awareness of available recreational facilities.

To encourage the collaboration and co-operation of the various public and private agencies, owners, organisations, clubs, etc. in the area to achieve the above objectives.

For the extent of the Green Chain Area, refer to the CS proposals map and second draft alterations maps.



- Dark Green dots – Green Chain Walk
- Light Green Dots – Capital Ring
- Black Triangles – Area of Special Character of Metropolitan Importance
- Dark Green Line – Nature Reserve
- Green Shading with brown lines - Metropolitan Open Land and Green Chain
- Green Shading with Dots – Metropolitan Open Land and Site of Special Specific Interest
- Green Shading with black borders - Site of Nature Conservation Importance

Community Benefits

O10 The Council will seek to secure improvement and enhancement of existing parks and public open spaces, where significant development places increased demand on existing areas, and, where appropriate, the creation of new parks and public open spaces in line with Policies O9 and C3, through planning obligations and conditions on planning permissions in line with Policy SC2.

Park Facilities

O12 The Council will seek to enhance open space by the provision and encouragement of appropriate park facilities (e.g. seating, children's play equipment, refreshment facilities, outdoor tennis courts, sports pitches and changing facilities and Arts, Culture and Entertainment facilities, such as open-

air performance spaces, sculpture and visual imagery and areas for cultural exhibition and study) within suitable parks and public open spaces. Facilities should be of a high standard of design and quality and respect local nature conservation interests. Such facilities should be safe to use and accessible to all. (See policies D5, D6 and D7).

Green Chain Walk

Policy **O14** refers to the **Green Chain Walk**, which runs through Eltham Park South.

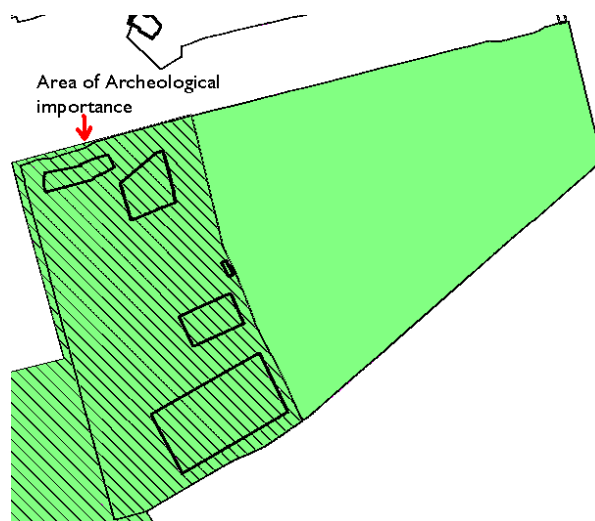
O15 Existing footpaths will undergo safeguarding procedure and new pathways created to and through open spaces and places of interest, where they do not adversely affect nature conservation. The Council will endeavour to create a signposted network of continuous and circular routes. In particular, the 'Green Chain Walk' footpath network will be improved and extended and new links created wherever possible.

The CS then says that the Mayor's Transport Strategy has identified the Green Chain Walk as being one of six strategic walks in London Section 2.4

Area of Archaeological Potential

The CS also says that part of the park is an area of potential archaeological significance and that policy D30 in the CS sets out provisions for planning

D30 The Council will expect applicants to accurately assess and plan for the impact of proposed developments on archaeological remains where they fall within 'Areas of Archaeological Potential' as defined on the constraints Map 10. In certain instances, preliminary archaeological site investigations may be required before proposals are considered. The Council will seek to secure the co-operation of developers in the excavation, recording and publication of archaeological finds before development takes place by use of planning conditions/legal agreements as appropriate.



Areas of Special Character

Also, the Greenwich CS in part 2.6 refers to Eltham Park South as part of a larger area designated as **Special Character of Metropolitan Character**.

D28 Within Areas of Special Character defined on the Proposals Map; special consideration will be given to the safeguarding, restoration and enhancement of character, scale and quality of open spaces and associated buildings. Skylines

and distant views both to and from the Areas of Special Character will be protected.

The Bio-Diversity Action Plan

The Greenwich Biodiversity Action Plan will be the first coordinated approach to conserving Greenwich's biodiversity. The aim of the plan is:

'To ensure the conservation, enhancement and public appreciation of the biodiversity of the Royal Borough of Greenwich'.

The Biodiversity Action Plan focuses on locally important habitats and species and has actions drafted to ensure that they cover all critical habitats and species. Initially, Parks and Open Spaces will consider concentrating on those under the most pressure or capitalise on areas. However, it allows for all-important habitats and species to be covered.

The Biodiversity Action Plan has been developed in partnership with local and regional groups and organisations and is currently in draft form awaiting adoption by the Royal Borough.

Relevant Legislation

The Parks, Estates & Open Spaces department operates within the frameworks set out by the following legislation, and therefore, the law may impact upon the delivery of service of the Parks and Open Spaces department both financially, through planning and human resources. This list is not comprehensive but is indicative of crucial pieces of legislation relating to Parks and Open Spaces.

- Alcohol Consumption in Public Places Order 2003
- Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2004
- Control of Pesticide Protection Act 1986
- Country Code 1981
- Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 and increments
- Countryside & Right of Way Act 2000
- Disability Discrimination Act 1998
- Health & Safety at Work Act 1998
- Litter Act 1983
- Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks & Open Spaces Act) 1967
- Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- Occupiers Liability Act 1957
- Road Traffic Act 1988 (as amended 1991)
- The 2004 Country Code
- The Anti-Social Behaviour Act 2003
- The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 & Dogs Act 1871
- The National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949
- The Weeds Act 1959
- The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

Also, numerous bye-laws relate to specific parks.

Dog Control

The Royal Borough of Greenwich's parks and open spaces acknowledges Dog fouling as a problem within many areas of the borough. The Public Space Protection Orders, Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 makes it possible for local authorities to introduce Dog Control measures. The Royal Borough of Greenwich has adopted five separate control orders across the borough including Eltham Park North & South, which provide a fixed penalty for non-compliance. These orders would make it an offence for persons in control of their dog(s) to:

- Not clean up after their dog has fouled.
- Have more than four dogs in their control at one time.
- Not to have their dog on a lead in designated areas
- Not to have their dog on a lead and kept on a lead when instructed to do so by an authorised officer.
- To allow their dog(s) to access designated dog exclusion areas.

Tenancy Services Officers, Officers from Parks and Open Spaces, Police Community Support Officers and the Dog Warden are authorised to issue fixed penalties.

APPENDIX 2

Summary of the site's heritage and history

Formerly owned by the Cameron Corbet development company, the land was purchased by the Woolwich Borough Council and the London County Council in 1903. The park was open from 1903 onwards with various facilities becoming available since its founding.

The lido first opened to the public in March 1924. During the Second World War large areas of the park were turned over to allotments due to shortage of fresh vegetables in the dig for victory campaign. Also, during this period, trenches were strategically dug across parkland to deter enemy aircraft from landing on the park.

During the post-war housing shortage, fifty-one prefabricated temporary homes were constructed on this area of park parallel to Glenesk Road, these were eventually demolished in around 1960 and returned to parkland.

The most recent incidents in the park have been the closure of the lido in 1986 and the loss of a number of large specimen trees in the great storm of 1987. In 2002 an incident of arson on storage sheds in the work buildings area, near the tennis courts resulted in the subsequent demolition of damaged storage facilities. In July 2006, the grassed area over the former lido was opened to the public.

Excerpt from the explorer's website detailing the history of the Oxleas, Castle, Jack and Sheperdleas Woods. Originally part of the Eltham Estate:-

"...The woodlands came into local authority management in the 20th century. Oxleas and Sheperdleas Woods were purchased in 1936, the latter being added to Eltham Park North. Falconwood was acquired in 1936. It was laid out in the 1950s and incorporated into Oxleas Woods. Oxleas Meadows to the east of Jack Wood was originally the site of Wood Lodge, a large house demolished in the 1930s. Under the meadows, an underground reservoir was constructed."

Park explorer website extracts on Eltham parks:-

Eltham Park North was once part of the estate of J T North of Avery Hill. It was bought by London County Council in 1929/30. Off Eltham Park Gardens the park has an area of rough open space. In the centre is Long Pond, which is planted with willows and ornamental shrubs and attracts wildfowl from all over the world. Eltham Park South was also part of the North estate. It has a large number of playing fields, with lime and oak trees. The two halves of the Park are separated by a major road but linked by a bridge now.

APPENDIX 3

2005 Groundwork Meadow Survey

2.30 Eltham Park North

Brief Description

This site has three distinct areas as follows;

- Area A – The western part of the site has areas of rough grass with scattered scrub and mown paths. The topography of the site is of some undulation but generally slopes downward towards the west.
- Area B – The middle of the site has an area of shaded rough grass with numerous trees and large pieces of fallen, deadwood. The topography the area is pretty flat and level.
- Area C – This is the most significant part of the site with an area of meadow; the turf is relatively open but is comprised mainly of grass species. The topography is very flat and level, and there are mown paths throughout the field.

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Recommendations

- Area A – The limited diversity and small numbers of meadow flowers suggest that this site would benefit from being left un-mown. This would allow anthills to establish and provide rough grass habitat, which is valuable for both invertebrates and small mammals. Management of the area could be confined to occasional strimming of the areas of grass and removal of scrub every 2 – 3 years.
- Area B – The limited diversity, small numbers of meadow flowers and dense shade suggest that this site would benefit from being left un-mown. This would allow the scrub to establish and provide rough grass habitat, which is valuable for invertebrates, small mammals and nesting birds. The deadwood within the area will also provide valuable habitat for invertebrates continuous additions.
- Area C – This area, in its current state, has significant value as a large piece of traditional hay meadow. However, the botanical interest and number of meadow flowers within the sward could be improved. Taking earlier hay cut in mid to late July would remove a more significant amount of biomass, (and hence nutrients) from the system.
- This plan would favour the establishment of a more diverse meadow sward and would also enable the production of good quality hay. The area should then be mown regularly (every 2 weeks) in the late summer / early autumn until the end of the growing season. This recommendation will further encourage the establishment of a sward of more delicate grass and meadow flower species.



Photo 16. Looking east up the slope



Photo 17. Looking north-west across the area of rough grass, trees and scrub



Photo 18. Looking north across the vast area of meadow

Species record:	
Common name	Latin Name
Field Bindweed	<i>Convolvulus arvensis</i>
Common Ragwort	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>
White Clover	<i>Trifolium repans</i>
Yarrow	<i>Achillea millefolium</i>
Ribwort Plantain	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>
Creeping Cinqfoil	<i>Potentilla reptans</i>
Common Vetch	<i>Vicia sativa</i>
Common Cat's-ear	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>
Hedge Mustard	<i>Sisymbrium officinale</i>
Bristly Oxtongue	<i>Picris echioides</i>
Common Bird's-Foot-Trefoil	<i>Lotus corniculatus</i>
Autumn Hawkbit	<i>Leontodon autumnalis</i>
Perennial Ryegrass	<i>Lolium perenne</i>
Creeping Bent	<i>Agrostis stolonifera</i>
Yorkshire Fog	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>
Cock's foot	<i>Dactylis glomerata</i>
Wall Barley	<i>Hordeum murinum</i>
False Oat Grass	<i>Arrhenatherum elatius</i>

APPENDIX 4

Eltham Park South Tree Trail – tree list

- 1.Sweet or Spanish chestnut (*Castanea sativa* edible nuts in hedgehog-like shells).
- 2.Common beech (*Fagus saluatica* one of our most beautiful native trees)
3. Flowering cherry (*Prunus kanzan* deep pink double flowers).
- 4.Lombardy poplar (*Populus nigra italica*)
- 5.Horse chestnut or conker tree (*Aesculus hippocastanum* huge candles of flowers)
- 6.Common ash (*Fraxinus excelsior*).
- 7.Turkey oak (*Quercus cerris* the conical-shaped tree)
8. Norway maple (*Acer platanoides*)
9. The scarlet oak (*Quercus coccinea*)
- 10.Hybrid poplar (*Populus x hybrid*)
- 11.Hawthorn (*Crataegus monogyna* quickthorn or may)
- 12.Mountain ash (*Sorbus species*)
- 13.Silver birch (*Betula pendula* lady of the wood)
- 14 English oak (*Quercus robur* the king of the wood).
- 15.The giant fir (*Abies grandis*)
16. Pine (*Pinus species*)
17. Cedar tree (*Cedrus deodara*)
18. Austrian pine (*Pinus nigra anstriaca*)
- 19.The tree of heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*)
20. London plane (*Patanus x hispanica*)
21. Lime (*Tilia platyphyllos*)
22. White poplar (*Populus alba*)
23. Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*)

24. The great white Cherry (Prunus “Tai-Haku”)

25. Common Walnut (Juglans regia)

FRIENDS OF ELTHAM PARKS

The Friends of Eltham Parks seeks to maintain the ambience of Eltham Park South and Eltham Park North and to develop their amenities so that the public can relax and take pleasure in their attractions.

As part of its work, in partnership with Royal Borough of Greenwich, the Friends group has recently been awarded a grant from the Greenwich Pride Award scheme to plant new trees and to establish a tree trail. This leaflet identifies the species of trees present in the park. The map in the leaflet will lead you on a tour of Eltham Park South to all the trees on the list – each tree has a numbered disc which relates to the numbers on this list.

Eltham Park South has been open since 1903 when the land was purchased from the Cameron Corbett Development Company (the builders of the Corbett estate opposite the park) by Woolwich Borough Council and the London County Council. A prominent feature of the park was the lido – opened in 1924 and finally closed in 1988 - and a plaque in the sheltered garden explains its history and its importance in the local community.

I want to thank Steve Roedel and Joe Woodcock of the Borough’s Parks and Open Spaces Department for their help in planning the laying of the new trees so that the range and diversity of the trees in the park are increased. Our appreciation is also extended to Greenwich Pride for its confidence in funding our initiative to improve the local environment for the benefit of local users.

If you are a regular user of the park and wish to become involved in its activities, then do not hesitate to get in touch with us.

Terry Powley
Chair
Friends of Eltham Parks

March 2009

APPENDIX 5

Annual Grounds Maintenance Programme

A03M ELTHAM PARK (NORTH & SOUTH)													
Line	Description	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
1	spray all hard standing areas & weedkill channels												
2	edging half moon												
3	erect football equipment												
4	dismantle f/equip												
5	initial mark football												
6	football remark pitch	5	4	4	4					3	4	5	4
7	football seeding												
8	Green Chain Walk												
9	pedestrian grass mowing			2	2	3	3	3	2	2	2		
10	brushcutting & obstacles												
11	edging long/handle shears												
12	hedge cutting												
13	hedge base maint												
14	leaf clearance												
15	deadhead roses												
16	rose bed maint												
17	rose bed maint												
18	pruning of roses												
19	rose bed pruning												
20	shrub bed maint												
21	shrub bed maint												
22	tennis court brush			3	4	5	4	4	5	4	3		
23	tennis court fertilise												
24	tennis court renovate												
25	tennis court hard weedkill												
26	tennis court irrigation												
27	tennis court mow			2	5	5	5	5	5	4			
28	tennis court overseeding												
29	tennis court scarifying												
30	tennis court top dressing												
31	tennis erect/dis nets/post												
34	tennis initial mark courts												
35	tennis court remark					5	4	4	5	4			
36	tennis marking hard court												
41	tree insp stake/tie												
42	sweep paths	5									4	5	4
43	clean mess	21	20	23	20	19	22	22	20	22	21	22	21

APPENDIX 6

Check the list for the Playground & Outdoor Gym at Eltham Park South

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Parks & Open Spaces
Visual Inspection Sheet for Playground and Outdoor Gym Equipment

Site Name: EPS	Date and Time Inspected: Daily at 9:30		
Visual Assessment	No	Yes	If yes; confirm the action taken below Yes Or details of other action taken
Is there any damage to equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Report damage to playground fitter for repair
Is the equipment unsafe to use	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tape off with "do not use" sign or padlock swing
Is there any graffiti on equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove all graffiti with graffiti wipes
Are self-closing gates shutting properly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Adjust with spanner or report to playground fitter
Is there any litter or glass on site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Remove all litter and glass from site
Does the equipment need cleaning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wipe clean all dirty surfaces
Checked by: Name: Bob Hall	Signature:		

To be completed by Appropriate Officer	No	Yes	Date	Details of Action Taken
Is further action required?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If repair is required contact the P&OS Playground Fitter Keith Winchop on 07970 239237	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If further action required report damage to Manufacturers / Suppliers via Technical Team for repair.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
If applicable, confirm equipment has been made safe until the problem is resolved.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

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