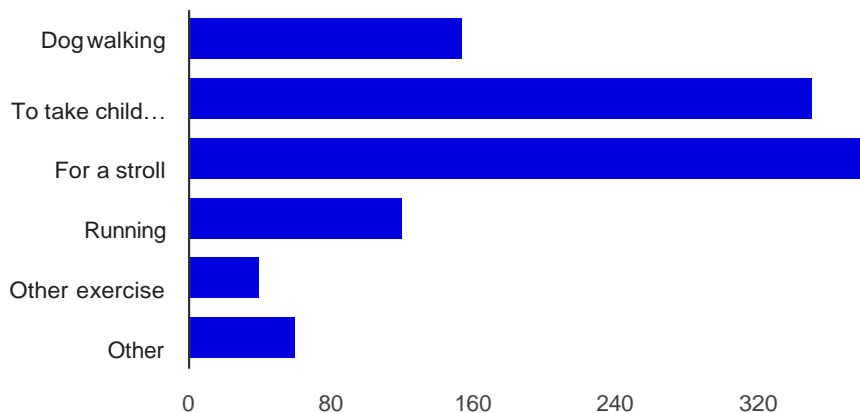


# 611 responses

## HOW DO YOU USE THE PARK AT THE MOMENT

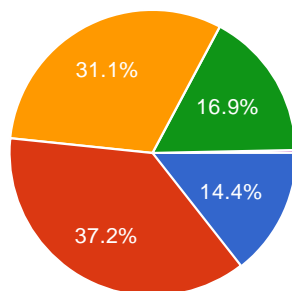
### Question 1. Why do you normally visit the Park?

(More than one option could be chosen)



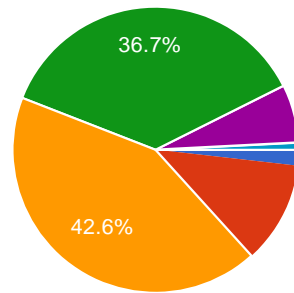
Dog walking	<b>154</b>	25.2%
To take children to the play area	<b>351</b>	57.5%
For a stroll	<b>383</b>	62.8%
Running	<b>120</b>	19.7%
Other exercise	<b>40</b>	6.6%
Other	<b>60</b>	9.8%

### Question 2. How often do you visit the park at present in the warmer months (April to September)?



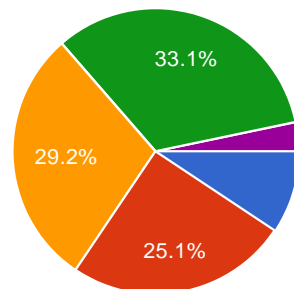
Daily	<b>88</b>	14.4%
Once or twice a week	<b>227</b>	37.2%
A few times a month	<b>190</b>	31.1%
Very occasionally	<b>103</b>	16.9%
Never	<b>2</b>	0.3%

**Question 3. How long on average do you tend to stay in the park in the warmer months (April to September)?**



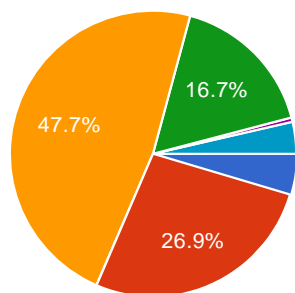
I just use the park as a cut through	<b>11</b>	1.8%
Half an hour or less	<b>70</b>	11.5%
Between half an hour and an hour	<b>260</b>	42.6%
Between one and two hours	<b>224</b>	36.7%
More than two hours	<b>40</b>	6.6%
I do not visit the park	<b>5</b>	0.8%

**Question 4. How often do you visit the park at present in the colder months (October to March)?**



Daily	<b>57</b>	9.3%
Once or twice a week	<b>153</b>	25.1%
A few times a month	<b>178</b>	29.2%
Very occasionally	<b>202</b>	33.1%
Never	<b>20</b>	3.3%

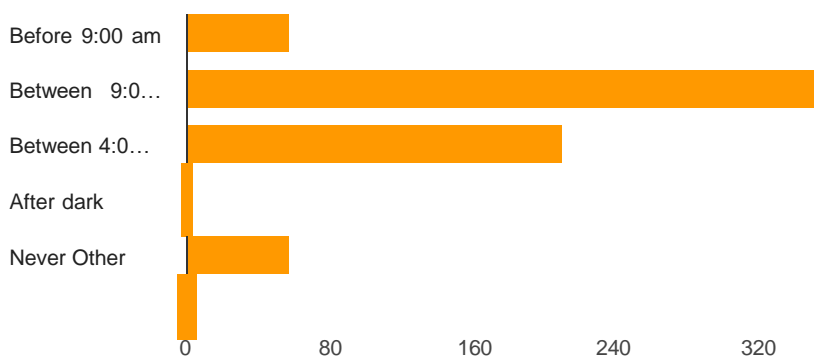
**Question 5. How long on average do you tend to stay in the park in the colder months (October to March)?**



I just use the park as a cut through	<b>28</b>	4.6%
Half an hour or less	<b>164</b>	26.9%
Between half an hour and an hour	<b>291</b>	47.7%
Between one and two hours	<b>102</b>	16.7%
More than two hours	<b>3</b>	0.5%
I do not visit the park	<b>22</b>	3.6%

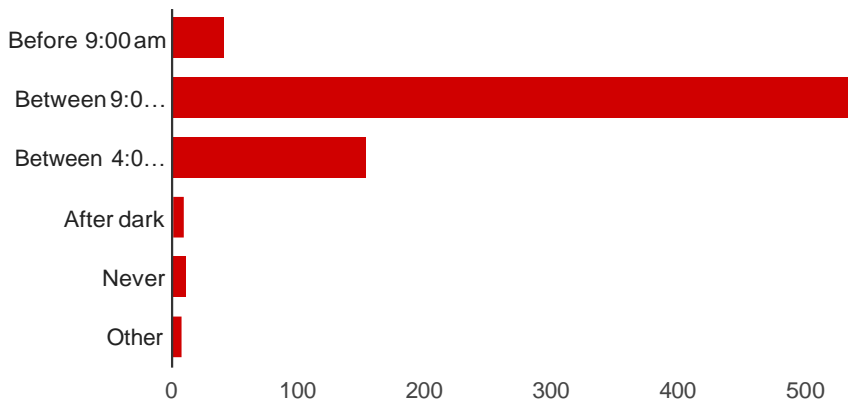
**Question 6. What time of day do you usually visit the park on WEEKDAYS April to September?**

(More than one option could be chosen)



Before 9:00 am	<b>58</b>	9.5%
Between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm	<b>371</b>	60.9%
Between 4:00 pm and sunset	<b>220</b>	36.1%
After dark	<b>7</b>	1.1%
Never	<b>62</b>	10.2%
Other	<b>12</b>	2%

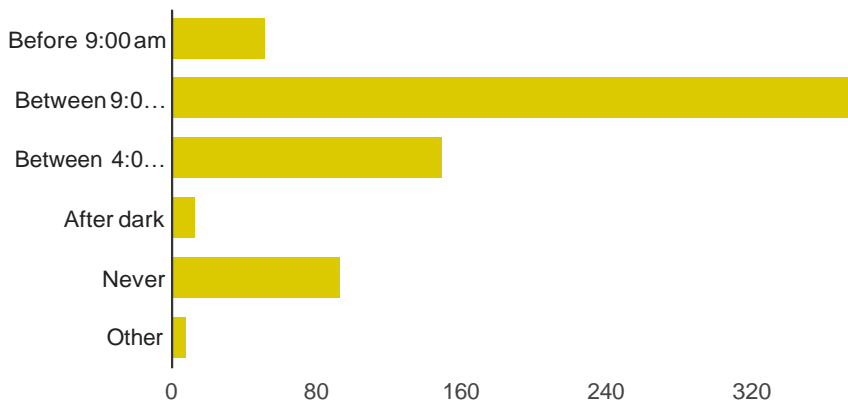
**Question 7. What time of day do you usually visit the park on WEEKENDS April to September ?** (More than one option could be chosen)



Before 9:00 am	<b>43</b>	7.1%
Between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm	<b>538</b>	88.3%
Between 4:00 pm and sunset	<b>154</b>	25.3%
After dark	<b>10</b>	1.6%
Never	<b>11</b>	1.8%
Other	<b>9</b>	1.5%

**Question 8. What time of day do you usually visit the park on WEEKDAYS October to March?**

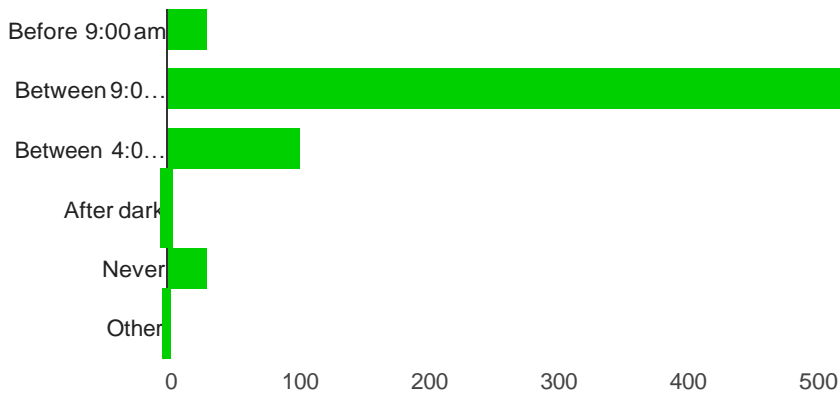
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Before 9:00 am	<b>52</b>	8.5%
Between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm	<b>376</b>	61.7%
Between 4:00 pm and sunset	<b>150</b>	24.6%
After dark	<b>13</b>	2.1%
Never	<b>93</b>	15.3%
Other	<b>8</b>	1.3%

**Question 9. What time of day do you usually visit the park on WEEKENDS October to March?**

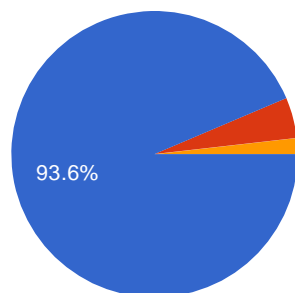
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Before 9:00 am	<b>36</b>	5.9%
Between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm	<b>527</b>	86.5%
Between 4:00 pm and sunset	<b>104</b>	17.1%
After dark	<b>10</b>	1.6%
Never	<b>28</b>	4.6%
Other	<b>6</b>	1%

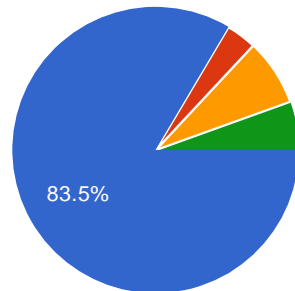
**NOW FOR SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT A CAFE IN THE PARK**

**Question 10. Do you support the provision of a café with toilets in The Highams Park along the lines of this proposal?**



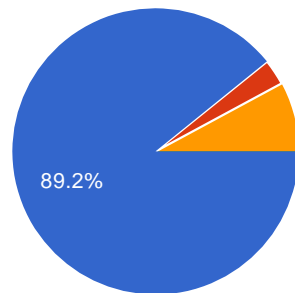
Yes	<b>571</b>	93.6%
No - please put your reasons in the comments box at the end of this questionnaire.	<b>28</b>	4.6%
Not sure	<b>11</b>	1.8%

**Question 11. If a café and toilets were opened in the park, would you be likely to visit the park more often?**



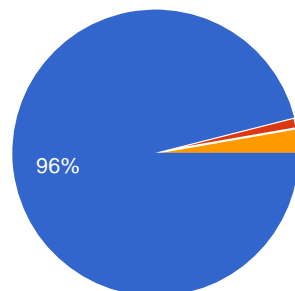
Yes	<b>486</b>	83.5%
No	<b>20</b>	3.4%
Not sure	<b>44</b>	7.6%
I visit daily anyway	<b>32</b>	5.5%
I do not visit the park	<b>0</b>	0%

**Question 12. If a café and toilets were opened in the park, would you be likely to stay in the park for longer than you usually do now?**



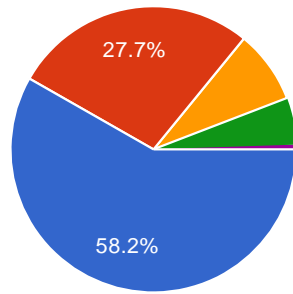
Yes	<b>519</b>	89.2%
No	<b>17</b>	2.9%
Not sure	<b>46</b>	7.9%
I do not visit the park	<b>0</b>	0%

**Question 13. Do you think your visitor experience to the park would be enhanced by the provision of a café and toilets?**



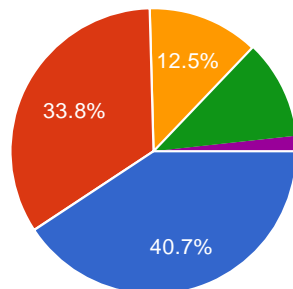
Yes	<b>559</b>	96%
No	<b>7</b>	1.2%
Not sure	<b>16</b>	2.7%

**Question 14. If a café is opened in the park, how often do you think you might visit the café in the warmer months (April to September)?**



One or more times a week	<b>339</b>	58.2%
A few times a month	<b>161</b>	27.7%
About once a month	<b>48</b>	8.2%
Only very occasionally	<b>31</b>	5.3%
Never	<b>3</b>	0.5%

**Question 15. If a café is opened in the park, how often do you think you might visit the café in the colder months (October to March)?**



One or more times a week	<b>237</b>	40.7%
A few times a month	<b>197</b>	33.8%
About once a month	<b>73</b>	12.5%
Only very occasionally	<b>65</b>	11.2%
Never	<b>10</b>	1.7%

## Additional Community Use

**Question 16. If you currently belong to or run a group you think might like to use part of the café building either regularly or occasionally, please give details in the box**

Maybe local brownies/scouting groups?
I run a before and after school club locally and would be interested in using the space regularly. The facility will enable us to use park much more than we currently do giving the children exercise and fresh air.
I belong to Orion Harriers . We may start a run group in the park and use your café for a base
It would be a great meeting place for exercise groups, parkruns perhaps, or for other groups - bookclubs, horticulture groups
Little HIPsters playgroup
I'm a teacher at Woodford Green Primary School and I would love to bring my class to the park. If there were toilet facilities/indoor facilities it would mean that we would be able to bring the children for a substantial length of time for studying wildlife/outdoor activities.
It would be great if there was a parkrun group set up from here.
I run around Highams park in my own but if a running group was to start from the new Cafe I'd probably join so I can cool down and socialise over a coffee.
Toddler groups would be a great idea!
I run a Knitting Club for primary aged children at Handsworth Primary school called Knitti Gritti ( Knittii Gritti has a Facebook page) I may be interested to run a similar venture possibly in school holidays/after school
Highams Residents Association may use the cafe for our summer get together, usually in June or July. This is however, is decided by a committee. Depends on size/hire costs - might be an interesting venue for work I do with
NCT/infant feeding work..?
Tumble tots Play group Mother and toddler Breast feeding group
We run a Thursday babies and toddler group and would love to occasionally re locate for a session to the park
Highams park scouts I am sure would welcome use of these facilities Play group on Thursdays may want to use it
Orion harriers use the park for training
I am a Pilates instructor, it would be lovely to offer lessons in the park or use a space in the cafe for clients to then have a coffee and a catch up afterwards. I would like you to take a look at the cafe in Springfield Park (nr Walthamstow Marches). It is always busy through winter and summer. It would be a great asset to the community
Definately. Teach at Handsworth primary .it would be a great facility for us and we would use the park more often
Possible meeting point for our Wednesday walking group. Friends of The Highams Park
I belong to the Highams Park book group, while we enjoy meeting in the Larkshall if there was the option to have evening opening of a park cafe that would be great. What would be lovely is to have it available for pop-up dinners etc so local residents could have the opportunity to be entrepreneurial and build our community
Chews - dog training group
Yes!!! It would be an amazing venue for party's in woods, school activities Art groups!! Yoga, book club, rambles !!!! And General meetings
I am a childcarer and feel children need opportunities to play, run around and explore open spaces. I believe it is good to be able to walk to such a park and open area is better for the environment and our health, both physically and mentally. (instead of having to use transport to other parks and outdoor spaces with better facilities). The Park is a wonderful open space and has the potential to be even better by having a more community feel to integrate with other local people. I am sure the schools would also benefit greatly for projects covering nature etc. Having facilities such as toilets, cafe and an activity room can only enhance the area without being intrusive on the local surrounding community.



Although I am not part of such a group I think it is a good idea to let local groups use it

This cafe would be a welcome addition for our pupils to visit the park during their social education visits. There are currently limited areas for children who require disabled access to be taken where they can enjoy the outside space coupled with a cafe and toilet facilities. The addition of a wheelchair access roundabout in the nearby playground is superb.

Handsworth Primary School use the park fairly regularly and toilets would be useful. It would be great to run forest school sessions or nature activities from there, for 0- 5s, school groups, or after schoolers 5-8yrs

The local schools can use it more for picnics, outdoor play or exercise and to keep fit Woodford Green primary school would be able to use the space as there are toilets and that was always a hold back

It might prove a useful base for a school group taking part in activities linked to Geography, PE or other outdoor pursuits.

Forest Glade residents meeting

Orion Harriers may possibly want to use it as a base for relay race once a year. Beaver/ Scouts groups

I am a childminder so would definitely use it. Book club

Would be great to have some resources / facilities within or adjacent to the cafe about nature, photography, local wildlife

This building would be a great stop of point for my cycle club,E4 Cycle Club

I could offer acting classes for all the community, I represent the highly recognised Anna Scher Theatre in Islington.

This is such a valuable question to ask. I worry what will happen if the cafe is run as a straightforward commercial venture whereas a model that factors in local stakeholding from the outset has a much better chance of maintaining itself on a sustainable footing. I'm involved with neighbours in improving neighbourliness and would expect that we'd be receptive to holding some of our meetings at the cafe. But these are not that frequent, though. I also attend All Saints, Woodford Wells and feel that connecting with faith communities, securing their stakeholding and support will make practical sense. All Saints has developed a fantastic community cafe from its new atrium and it may be useful to draw directly on their experience.

I think that a cafe as proposed with toilet facilities can only be a great improvement to the park, but it should be closed evenings before the noisy group of teenagers (just a few) arrive who can make a lot of noise until late evening which spoils the ambience of the park.

No, but I might join if there were activities such as these being delivered in this location.

I don't belong to any particular groups but think that's a great idea. I would certainly be interested in groups for toddlers there.

This would be excellent, we are always saying that there is nowhere to get a hot drink when you go to the lake and park. It would make me walk the dogs there more often and I would have breakfast if it opened early enough. It would be good for the community.

Highams Park 1st Scout may use this during the week in summer months between 5:45 and 6:45pm

I am part of a monthly Spanish group for families that had been using the Toy Library in Walthamstow, but we are now looking for an alternative venue and would love to use the space in the park to run the group

1st Highams Park Beaver Scout group when unable to use the Mally - weekdays or weekends

I think the local rainbows groups may be interested in holding sessions there, I could ask the leader of local group.

I would love to teach Kennel club approved dog obedience classes on a regular basis

Belong to Buckhurst Hill community walking group may use it once a term Ballistic Fitness outdoor training Also I run safe beginnings a centre that qualifies parents in paediatric first aid and also professionals in all levels of first aid

Parkrun would probably love it Yoga

Yes, I'm a member of Ballistic Finess who use the park 3-4 times per week.im sure we would use the cafe regularly

Dog training classes

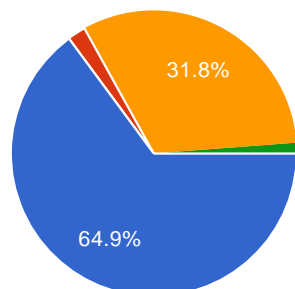
Our book group may use it as we try to vary venues

I run a computer club in the Walthamstow area. If the venue was open late and had wifi it would be a certain option.

I don't run a group but this is an amazing idea! At Ray a lodge Park they use Beal special needs school to train the teenage kids with special needs in how to run a register and serving people etc and it's a wonderful experience for them and a fantastic whole

community approach to the cafe! Similar could be done at Highams Park cafe also.
I think this would be a vital component in the success of the cafe. Lots of mums and dads would love baby and toddler groups. book clubs, art groups, yoga groups, the list is endless - would be amazing for the community.
Toddler groups, Park and lake exploring toddler groups would be lovely. It would be amazing if this would go ahead as it currently takes me about 25 min to walk there and with a toddler needing the loos it's quite tricky sometimes. Amazing suggestion!
Lili Spain runs some great craft events such as colouring in clubs for adults - those classes would be fun in the park.
I was always hoping that one I retired (May 2015) that I would "set-up-shop" and use the area (and the disused? building) to mentor teenagers who wanted a flavour as to what to expect in the workplace, and possibly, to introduce them into a career in my profession; accountancy.
Parents group
Probably not for us Beavers/cubs/scouts
I teach food technology at Joseph Clarke school for the blind in Highams Park. We would love to be able to visit occasionally to allow the pupils to purchase snacks without being rushed and deal with their own change and selecting without pressure.
Friends of Handsworth and Probably the FR mums and carers.
I'm a governor at Woodford Green Primary School. Despite being in walking distance of Highams Park, school groups get a bus to Ray Park as there are toilets there.
It would be great to set up a Nordic walking group that met at the cafe. There is currently a group that meets in North Chingford but none in Highams Park.
New parent meeting ups. Ideal meeting point for locals
If the space could be used by an art group, and ramblers / forest walkers, I would support it. ie. any groups that do not make noise or attract those who might increase noise levels. I love the park because it is peaceful and quiet - please don't encourage activities that make more noise.
Definitely would provide option for arts/culture related events and forest walkers/ramblers.
I belong to West Essex Ramblers. A cafe would be a good starting or finishing point for walks or a good half way stop
Nordic walking group
Star Redbridge Autism Group would use the café for parent/carers coffee meetings and depending on the size of the space maybe for groups of young children and young adults

**Question 17. The cost to renovate the building will be in the order of £40,000. Although we hope to source some grant funding we expect that some of the cost will need to be found by the local community. For this we are considering crowd funding (i.e. lots of small donations collected via the internet). Do you think that local people would be prepared to donate in this way?**



Yes	<b>377</b>	64.9%
No	<b>12</b>	2.1%
Not sure	<b>185</b>	31.8%
Other	<b>7</b>	1.2%

**Question 18. Do you have any other suggestions as to how we can raise money for café from the community?**

Charity events. Fitness challenges, sports days for families
Fundraising activities from community events in the park
Local businesses to sponsor
Christmas fayres
A fun run around the park. Could be done in association with Orion Harriers, who use the park for some of their training sessions.
General jumble/raffle sales/cake sales, etc. Maybe link up with the local schools for Christmas Fayres, etc.
Sponsored walk/run around the park. Name the cafe competition
Ask Tesco for a donation. Have a big concert in the park
Fundraising events near the café, e.g. sponsored running or walking events
Payments for art space, local activities and fun days. Birthday parties
Some form of event for example at the new year fire works collect then or host some sort of event and get people to collect donations then- or have a stall or people walking around at the farmers markets collecting. Or host a totally new event and have an auction or something or raffle to raise money
The Council's Ward Forum could be asked to contribute although you may already have thought of this and local businesses like Tesco, B and Q, Argos, etc. could be approached for funding
Perhaps hold a street party? Invite celebrities and charge for tickets. •Hold a competition •Organise a raffle (large item, eg. Car, Camperhome, etc.) and charge in proportion.
As a volunteer for (Goodmayes) Hospital Radio, we have constantly had an uphill struggle to raise our annual running costs of £2,000. Thankfully, we have met our targets for 40 years (come 31.10.15), by having business contacts who have contributed. After earning a living, from the community, and that's a struggle when one has to provide for a

family in one's early years, and is up against Corporate structures whose pay often dwarfs what a small business can provide, it is by getting a sense of community over, that must be overcome first.

Idea to use the space for school study groups doing pond dipping and forest study - like the Epping Forest Field Centre. Are there environmental education grants available? Just a thought Also when you say COUNCIL won't fund it (presumably LBWF) Does this include Epping Forest who own the woods - can they be approached if the cafe can be used by field study groups - all the primary schools use it for Pond dipping, and Handsworth Primary use it for healthy school initiative cross country running after school - Healthy schools initiative grant?

Newsletter via subscription, Christmas market stall hire, quiz night, curry night (supported by local businesses), park run / running group (donations of £1) Maybe a games day in the park like Picnic in the Park for adults and children- nature trail etc Sunset acoustic jam?

community sports day

Local schools could do a non uniform day or something similar and each child donates a £1

Why couldn't that money sourced from any grant be put into the renovated play area which I feel the poor kids have been severely let down on. A cafe is all well and good but as it stands the actual play area renovation has been disappointing with much of the money being spent on drainage issues. Let's put our kids first and not coffee drinkers please!

table, car boot or covered sale

National lottery grant. Local raffle. Music events Photography classes using the park

Set up a blog and facebook page to get donations

Tradesmen could donate time and also use volunteers. Builders merchants could be asked to donate

Fete or a fun day.

More events in the park - e.g. the easter egg hunt, picnic in the park

A fundraising activity in the park. Santa fun run Obstacle run

Local sponsorship events.

Raffles at the Farmers Market or other community events. Fundraising afternoon tea parties/pop up dining experiences/concerts by local groups or artists

Crowd funding as stated and community events, charity collections in local shops.

Competitive tendering to reduce renovation costs and perhaps try to push renovation costs onto potential cafe owners

I'm sure some of the local schools would hold some non uniform days. Also perhaps a winter fun day?

Highams Park Day - optional entry charges to fund it/fundraising at Easter event/Picnic Day (depends on funding/cafe development timescale!)

Grant fundraising such as Big Lottery Fund

Collection boxes in local shops - not everyone likes paying things on-line or necessarily uses social media to find out about this kind of thing

Bake sale, sponsored competitions for kids and adults to take part in.

Run a community event where residents come along and join in activities and pay for tickets and for food items and other saleable items.

Sponsorship from local business

Sell shares in it so all can have their say and feel part of it

Sponsors?

Depending on the food served in the cafe could money be raised from relevant events such as a Highams Park bake off where you have to pay to enter and the winner gets their cakes in the cafe etc

ask local businesses to donate building materials and get sponsors, get volunteers to help with the renovation
Crowd funding with little rewards such as a free coffee seems like a good idea
By organising larger events, i.e. picnic in the park held during the summer or maybe a fireworks in November (if the council would permit this)
Pay to enter competitions. Perhaps set up the café opening week-month to have art created by one of the community groups that would be using it on display. The member's pieces would be chosen for display by way of a competition, and entry could cost some small amount (£10? £15?)
Get local school to do sponsored events such as sponsored run. More local school likely to use space if toilets available. Tesco sponsorship
I would consider a joint business venture. I have extensive restaurant, hotel & customer service experience. I also have capital to invest given the business model was sound
Why not look at a chain sponsoring the renovation....it would be in their interest as there's no other competition nearby, would get funding completed faster & could be a loss leader for them but good PR for their community activities
Sponsored walk maybe to cover all ages.
Donation boxes in local shops?
Few special weekend events in the park with stalls and items for sale Picnics,
bbqs, fireworks displays, Christmas market
Events in the park with entrance fee perhaps
My 2 girls go to Woodford Green Primary school we could ask for donations.
Organised picnics and fetes in the park
I could arrange a sponsored dog walk/stay. I have organised numerous quiz nights and auctions for charity and could do the same for this project if approached
Fun days Bouncy castle event days Nature trail
We could sell those plastic bracelets which show your support for something. They could read 'I Love Highams Park' and they could be sold for £2 each
Proceeds of an Xmas fair? Local school fundraising? Involving some of the forest school people if they were keen ? Sponsorship from local businesses?
Fund raising events in the park
Some kind of stall at the various HP events?
Community lottery
Crowd funding seems a good option. What about a cooperative ownership
Other local community events (either current or potential) could be focused on fund raising as part of wider funding strategy for the Cafe renovation.
Cake sale Table top sale Children's sponsorship activity
One-off fundraising events. A stall at other regular events, such as the farmers' market.
Fundraising events, e.g Highams Park run, Xmas Fayre, family cinema events
Book sales and coffee mornings
Events held in park and small fee charged. Christmas carol candlelight event with mulled wine, treasure hunt for children with donated prizes. Small fee for each child. A sponsored Highams Park run for Adults and Children
Is there any way to link it to provide training for young people and get funding. I'm thinking of a prison I visited

recently - either Feltham or Winchester - where the prisoners were trained as barristas etc. Or talk to the Hornbeam or BlackhorseStudios
an HP event to fundraise
Grants. Think the Council should chip in. Fund raising at a firework night held in the park.
A specific fund raising day, tied into an event at the park.
Local shops to have collection boxes , and fund raising events
Collection in local shops i.e.Tesco's and the V & A Bookshop
Lottery funding Table top or boot sale at nearby venue
Local fundraisers etc, some events linked to local businesses and schools
A fun run/walk for the community with entry fee although not sure if this type of event would incur costs to organise?
If it's commercially viable, sell a lease to a franchise such as Costa Coffee People like donating if they get something in return ie. Charity postcard. Ask local schools, nurserys, groups to make some design ( cards, teatowels, keyrings etc.) Also you can combine it with Xmas markets. People are more generous around Xmas...
use one of the crowdfunding websites and utilise facebook pages used by local community, collect money at farmers market and speak to local tesco if the want to get involved. info on crowdfunding: <a href="http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/investing/10435276/Which-are-the-best-crowdfunding-websites.html">http://www.telegraph.co.uk/finance/personalfinance/investing/10435276/Which-are-the-best-crowdfunding-websites.html</a>
Sponsorship from either local groups or companies Charity events - charity run or stroll around the park Fun days in the park - via entrance fees Concerts in the park - with it's typography make great natural staging at the top end of the park - again as paid event Finally - If budget would cover it, why not raise more money than the 40k and invest in some amusement, or draw around that would attach visitors to the cafe, such as kids rides, natural pond, maze etc.
Sponsored walk/exercise in park Finding a sponsor e.g local celeb or business person. Fundraising event inside the park such as a fete.
Fun days park events
Table top sales. An art exhibition like the ones in The View in a larger venue that artists can donate pieces of art work inspired by the park and forest
Some specific fundraising events e.g a suggested donation for attending the Highams park Christmas Fayre, the picnic in the park etc. donation boxes at the farmers market. Seek some funding from Tesco's. The local pubs could run some quiz nights with entrance fees going towards the cafe.
Beehive area in the park selling honey or making mead
Fun run Auction Table sale in Tesco
Not sure,local sponsorship maybe?
Local shops having collection boxes or raffles etc
Highams park day and other community events
Lottery funding . And perhaps a local lottery using scratch cards etc
Raffles, events like picnic in the park, Easter egg hunts
I think local businesses might be willing to help as well as raising money from local events
Did the Highams Park plan not get a £20k grant-what has happened to that?
Get the company who will run it to invest so something so they have a vested interest

Advertising from local businesses

How about having a cake stall/hot drinks stall in the park at the weekend?

I just hope local people might be willing to contribute. Sorry we have no ideas about how to raise funds. Perhaps local big business may be willing to sponsor (and advertise ...eg the 'Sainsbury Cafe')

Raise money from sponsorship of shop local, Xmas fayre etc

Quiz night?

Fund raising days Xmas markets

I think the idea of toilets and cafe would be a fantastic addition to the park. Should there be an opportunity, I would be keen to put a proposal forward to run the cafe business in the park. Should this be a possibility, we may be able to invest some of our own money to fund the renovation and fit out of the cafe area in order to sooner achieve funding for this much needed facility. My husband is in the building trade and could also help source local tradesmen who may be willing to donate time or work for a lower fee. We would also volunteer our time to help with renovations.

Open-air cinema night. Organised sports/fitness activities in the park/fun run Cake sales

To get grant funding, the cafe would probably need to offer activities / groups that benefit people in the community - toddlers, isolated mums, the elderly, etc. Definitely worth setting up the cafe as a charity or social enterprise. There is a fantastic cafe on the Olympic Park that is a social enterprise - really worth a look for inspiration - <http://www.unitykitchen.co.uk/unity-kitchen-cafe> Wood Street Walls is an art-based social enterprise in Walthamstow and they have just secured money from the London Mayor's High Street Fund - not sure what the criteria is or if still open to applications, but worth bearing in mind. Finally, Iain Duncan Smith would need to support it and so the cafe should really offer jobs (some, not all) to those furthest from the labour market and currently on benefits (again, this is where social enterprise comes in).

There is a social enterprise in Highams Park called Clarity - they manufacture toiletries but majority of their employees are blind, partially sighted or disabled. IDS has been to visit them and was impressed. Political support can help secure funding.

Fundraising event - cost of ticket sales go towards the cafe.

the HPPground could put on some events eg a dance However could also combine it into a general fund from which projects such as this one could be funded. eg one big fund. into which a much wider pool of people and businesses might contribute and into which could be put some grant funds. this could be administered to fund eg the cafe, the cinema and the streetscene etc. could then use the fund to attract some small sums such as gifts left in last will and testament, or as gifts made as donations against which tax can be made could use the fund to create a membership of highams park with a membership fee

How about contacting the SOS DIY project team on the BBC? Alternatively, could the work be done by local residents to keep the labour costs down?

buy a plaque/brick or something - get your name on the building how did pimphall get theirs funded?

Running event

Sponsored 5k run around the park. Open day in the park to show the plans

Raise awareness at Farmers Market and eventually Highams Park Day

Contact

pta's at local primary schools to engage and encourage support.

Council. Events, fetes / fairs, small festivals, Seasonal events (Christmas wonderland).

Fund raising event. Family fun day at the park with small entry fee.

A community auction - people donate items that are then bid for by an audience

Party in the park or fireworks display perhaps could sell tickets

Commercial sponsorship (but sensitive and in keeping with the community ethos)



<p>Lost property auction. We create a place where everyone can take found items. Those that don't get collected will be auctioned off. Money raised goes to building cafe. Could also have a pop up version of the cafe with cakes before it opens. Profits go to raise funds. A bring and buy sale, in the park. A bit like Walthamstow Sell and Swap Facebook page. Money raised goes to funding. Hold outdoor cinema screenings in the park. Many parks in London do these, through winter too. Hire pop up blow up screen. Charge tickets. Profits go to funding.</p>
<p>Sponsored activities - ie walks, runs etc</p>
<p>How about events like a bonfire party, as was held a couple of years ago for the New Year. Activities to get children included. Pond dipping sponsored nature rambles. I'm thinking. If Anything comes of it I'll let you know.</p>
<p>* A dedicated event, advertised, with profits going to the costs. * A collection on a door-to-door basis, with pre-posted envelopes, to be done by local people in their own streets. * A raffle, always assuming that local businesses would contribute to the prizes - after all, they could benefit from additional visitors</p>
<p>Fundraising events eg fun run, jumble trail etc</p>
<p>HPPG could have a stall at the Farmers Market to advertise the plans. I wonder if any links could be made with any health and fitness clubs / local GP surgery / WF council to promote healthy living and tackling obesity - linking it with the wider current health and social care agendas.</p>
<p>An auction of items/services donated by local businesses and residents. A sponsored litter pick up. Sponsored gardening for residents no longer able to maintain their gardens (neighbours may sponsor?)</p>
<p>Events</p>
<p>Collection boxes in Tesco?</p>
<p>Fund raising events , local people could have a stall in the farmers market &amp; a percentage of everything sold could go towards raising money For the project, jumble sales, auction with local artists? Sponsored 5k run in the park, £5 to enter</p>
<p>carol singing. community field games. dog walking services</p>
<p>Sponsored fun run in the park or similar; fete or bazaar; Father Christmas trail or other themed trail in the park: Jazz in the park; reindeer meat barbecue for Christmas (husband's suggestion!). Outdoor theatre production or film screening</p>
<p>We pay council tax this service should be backed by council They have done a good job at Lloyds park It is about time council spends some money to Highams Park!</p>
<p>Possibly ask people to voluntary contribute for events like picnic in the park and the occasional fireworks event etc</p>
<p>Charity event such as "bounce day", sponsored events etc</p>
<p>car boot sale , family fun days</p>
<p>Fun days/events</p>
<p>If children and parents from local schools, families at local churches and people involved in local community groups get involved in fund raising for the cafe, this activity will increase local stakeholding in the venture. The more people feel they have a stake in the venture, the more they will want to make it work. In Newham, I was familiar with several cafes in parks and I saw firsthand how difficult it was for those running the cafes to turn them into successful commercial ventures. The cafe at Thames Barrier Park seemed to be tied with a long-standing maintenance contract from an expensive housing developments alongside it. The cafe at Memorial Park, connected to Grassroots Community centre, went through a succession of proprietors and as far as I am aware they have all struggled. Central Park had a brilliant facility and charismatic leader, a model that involved giving work to people with complex needs, and despite its popularity, it still could not translate itself into a sustainable venture. The best example in Newham of an effective community cafe, although not set in a park, is the Garden Cafe. This particular venture is so successful because it is rooted in its local community and has very high levels of stakeholding from a local church.</p>



As we have a strong community, community events with this aim as the focus may also work
Various fundraising events - jumble sales, pub quizzes and so on.
maybe table top sales raffles sponsored walks etc
Hold tea/coffee events in our homes with homemade cakes and have a cake stall and other fundraising stalls at the next picnic in the park. Charge 50p for entering the races at the picnic. Then have small prizes.
Local business sponsorship
raffles
Open up the boathouse or scout hut for a series of tea & cake sales (not huge money spinners, but nice!) Using match funding from big businesses eg Financial Times, if any money is raised for charity, they match fund it. Some locals may have access to that sort of scheme
Street collections Jumble or craft sales - all proceeds to money for cafe. Put on some kind of entertainment benefit at County Arms
Baking and selling cakes for the cause, I am good at it :-)
Organised events charging a small entrance fee, music festival
Sponsored family fun walk around the park and lake. Sponsored dog walk/ run around the park/lake Lottery funding
The council should fund the full cost of the project
Fun days in the park and around surrounding area, people doing collections at the farmers market and special days outside tesco, signal walk...local businesses, sponsored run/walk around the park/lake
Events at the park and charge a entrance fee
Fundraising events Sponsored activity Sponsorship by local businesses
family fun run in the park and charge entry fee
By posters in suitable local shops and the library, explaining what the proposal is, and how it is hoped to achieve it. Also by information as to the progress in local area groups on social networking websites
Ask apply for a lottery grant . raffles .sponsorship from Tesco
Jumble trail with proceeds going to the cafe. Runs around the park. Front yard bake sales. Raffle with donated prizes from Highams Park businesses and local residents
A family fun run
Pop up markets for local artists and designers. Concert with local talent charge a small fee on the door or take donations
Bag packing supermarkets?
You could also include using the extra indoor space for dog training classes. With the outdoor space this would be ideal.
Ask for a lottery grant
Local community grants
Community fund raising events
Could start with donations at the Xmas market of that is happening again!
organise events in the park to sell teas, coffees, cakes etc... at the location of the proposed café. once people see how useful it is and how much it adds to the park experience they would be more willing to donate.

Quiz night, cake bake sale, coffee morning, table top sale, treasure hunt, afternoon tea party, garden party, carol singing, Christmas fair.
Jumble sale Sponsored walks or something else.
Via Highams park plan events like farmers market and Christmas events , n by tesco
Other parts of the borough seem to get funding for community projects from the council.
You could sell those plastic bracelets that have a slogan on them. They could read 'I Love Highams Park' and could be sold for £2.
A stand at one of the market events in Highams Park? A jumble trail? Sponsored 'play in the park' A 'paint a picture of what you'd like the park to be like' (for kids ...)
Competition A family disco in All Saints Hall
Lottery funding Fundraising event Sponsorship from local companie
We could put on a gig, have collection tins at local shops and pubs, have a market stall at Christmas, have some sponsored events like a sponsored run around the park, et
Bake sale in the park at a weekend. I am sure local people (myself included) would provide cakes to sell and the families that use the park would buy cake and coffee to support the cause
sponsored events and table top sales etc
Volunteering
hold events in the park, sales, picnics et
Through events that currently happen e.g. Easter Egg hunt, summer fair - small donation onentrance
Local collections
Maybe a family marathon race around the park with contestants seeking sponsors. A boot sale could raise some cash but parking for stallholders would be a problem. How about a candle lit carol concert at Christmas with a donation to enter.
By having fund raising events
Christmas or winter faire (brick a brack, food, presents etc) with profits going to park developmen
Stall at the monthly farmers market, community events such as pop up restaurants, is this something that could get charitable status? Many supermarkets have funds to support local charities or local groups
Ask the local cub/scout and brownie and guides group
Auction with items/services being donated from the community. Coffee mornings
Hold family fun days in park, BBQs etc It needs to be a mass event to raise any significant amount. Such as (on the Park itself): - Summer Fair or Barbecue - Firework display - Sports event - Music event ..Something that people donate at the entrance rather than are charged for - or everyone will get stressed about security and insurgent
Fun run, cake sale
Events in and around Highams Park e.g. Christmas market, newly new sales, internet/Facebook campaigns, local businesses. You should post on the various mum's groups for the area and get them behind you. The group pushing funding for Wanstead playground refurbishment has raised a hugeamount
Table top sale event. Held by local residents in the park itself
Fireworks night party with BBQ, New years eve fireworks with BBQ, Standalone BBQ on nice days. Out of interest why cant the council spend some money on this part of the borough for once. Have a look at the effort put into other parks in Waltham Forest eg lloyds park. How about lottery funding or private investors - Tesco has previously stated that they would support the community so this is a good opportunity for the

Vintage or 'other' car boot sale at the royal oak car park. Sponsored Fun run in the park Row boats on the lake for the weekend! Family orienteering around the forest and park afternoon. Indoor car boot sale in all saints or the Methodist church. The Shelford villages in Cambridge run a yearly celebration called shelford feast.. They raise lots of money over a few days hosting dinner dance ( disco!) eves, evening quiz nights at local pubs etc..

Doing sponsored events

Fund raising events in the park, sponsored picnics, BBQs

Fundraising events and other initiatives

Pre sold sponsorship /advertising on the cafe by local companies. Seek operators that are willing to invest and run such a site. Costa/Nero... Sell drinks/food vouchers upfront through kickstarter. Ie borrow the money from future customers. Although for such a place to be viable for the long term (if it were to be a commercial venture as opposed to a volunteer activity) , it needs to be profitable. If it is a profitable venture, then an entrepreneur/business should be willing to invest in renovations to generate the profit. If that is not the case (ie it's not a potentially profitable business), then it's difficult to envisage how it would last. If the idea is to renovate the building with public funds, then ask a commercial venture to profit from that investment, I'd expect the public funds to be returned or to generate a share of the profit. Eg like crowdcube. The crowd funders would obtain a share of the business. If the idea is to create a public space, run by volunteers or not run for profit, then I agree, we should raise funds.

Community fundraising events like a fete, sponsored competitions etc.

**Question 19. If a café is opened in the park, it is expected that the usual snacks and beverages will be on sale. Please add any suggestions in the box for particular food you think might be popular.**

good coffee requiring proper machine

Soup, sandwiches, cakes, fruit. Maybe icecream in the summer months. Packaging should be kept minimal to avoid littering and plenty of bins provided.

Healthy, organic and quality snacks

Hot snacks/ jackets/ pasta Salad boxes in the summer . Breakfast deals

Good to cater for a range of clientele : Children: ice cream, milkshakes, freezer selection (lollies etc) Teens: fizzy drinks selection, hotdogs, burgers, chips, waffles Adults: salads, selection of breaded snacks lunch; (baguettes, paninis, tea cakes, crumpets, clotted and cream teas) A breakfast menu could also provide another source of revenue if cafe were open early enough in the mornings: Bacon/egg/sausage sandwiches, cereal selection, porridge, oats, organic themed offerings Tap into the local trades by potentially offering: local hams, cheeses and selection of freshly made breads

Home made cake

Healthy food for children Ice-cream Warm drinks

The range of food available in the Victoria Park is a good example of locally sourced, healthy, flavoursome foods. Also, local people often have a surplus of food grown in their own gardens and on allotments that you could encourage them to donate (in return for tea or coffee for instance) and enhance the menu (while also encouraging visits) that way.

Anything healthy for children and cake!

Healthier options - not just a greasy spoon

Indian food snacks, cakes, fruit, sandwiches, paninis, crisps, chocolates, cold drinks and teas and coffees

Child-friendly snacks/small meals - like beans on toast/hot dog. Decent tea and coffee. Sandwiches/toasties

A decent and reasonably priced children's menu - pasta, beans on toast etc. Plus maybe Ella's kitchens for babies. Toasted sandwiches...ice cream in the summer...good coffee (very important)
Patisseries, ice cream, slush puppies, ice lollies, smoothies; warmer snacks (e.g. toasted sandwiches, soup, etc. for colder months)
We need to try for some healthy snacks but I am aware we need to make money on the produce. Ice cream in the summer and perhaps a cup of hot soup in the winter. Snack boxes for children: a small cheese or ham sandwich, a few grapes, cherry tomatoes, a mini yogurt, a mini bottle of water and a biscuit
Baby food (ellas kitchen pouches etc)
Home made food would be good and attract lunchtime custom
Good quality coffee must be served with good quality food served. Local suppliers are a must, like Climpson coffee in Hackney and E5 bakery for patisseries
Just the usual fair to good price not like costa coffee etc
Cake homemade Soup Salad Bread
Traditional sandwiches and rolls, Cheese, Bacon, Ham, Sausage etc.Cakes
Biscuits, Crisps etc Perhaps Croissants and Paninis too
Vegetarian Vegan Healthy Low sugar
Please don't make any fancy cafe with "high tea" and so.... just simple affordable beverages, snacks and mainly ICE CREAM (my son's wish) :)
Breakfast foods would be great in the mornings
Bacon sandwiches Cakes of different varieties Scones and cream
Crepes and ice creams
ea and cakes fine plus soup and fresh bread in the winter
Good quality coffee and food, home made cakes, vegetarian and health foods. Quality will attract regular and returning trade. There are lots of places to go nearby that offer this and are well support such as the Larder in Wanstead and Chingford, cafe indulge in HP etc
Soup
bacon rolls. sausage rolls, sandwiches
Homemade cake and flapjacks
The cafe in ray lodge park is a great example. Kids food but some healthy options as well.
Include fruit & healthy options
healthy focus, and also possibility of tap water..for water bottles to be refilled
Offer the franchise to someone like Cafe Indulge (Highams Park) who are a real asset to the Community.
Can't think of anything in particular if the usual snacks and drinks already being provided other than icecreams
Home made cakes and salads... Lovely food please!
Children's food and drinks. Healthy and locally produced / sourced / made on site
Cake Scones etc Sausages/bacon sandwiches
some food for diabetic and other common allergies ie gluten free
Kids meals - mini portions Quick snacks - toasted sandwiches Soup and rolls Dish of the week/month Healthy salads bowls

Hot sausage rolls
Toasted sandwichs, jacket potatoes, selection of homemade cakes
Breakfast and porridge. Definitely a decent coffee like Illy coffee
Having two small children I would expect the cafe' to be child friendly, which means catering to all family's needs. The playground is a huge draw especially for families with children under 7. As well, a commercial espresso machine and a trained barista is a must as the nescafe' days are gone. In my opinion the Butlers Retreat in North Chingford is very much aspirational in terms of offer and quality. Maybe the same company would like to tender?
Organic and ethically sourced seasonal fruit and salad snacks. I would be less likely to contribute to crowd funding if junk food and beverages are being produced as we have enough fast food outlets in Highams Park and close to our schools.
Tea, coffee & homemade cakes, like at Wanstead. Icecreams or cheap lollies. Simple sandwichs for adults & kids. Fruit. I'd love it to be minimum packaging in simple ways, so proper teacups, and then sell re-usable portable coffee cups rather than have disposable cups strewn all over the park & planet. Proper birdfood for the lake
Jacket potatoes, ice cream
Healthier food and snacks. Organic and more fruit for children
Soft ice cream Panini
Milkshakes Breakfasts Toasted sandwichs
Sandwichs Paninis Jacket potatoes Home baked cakes
nice cakes and good coffee
Baby/toddler/children specific food, e.g. Ella's Kitchen pouches Babycinos! Organic
homemade sandwichs, cakes, soups Craft beer if there was a licence and good coffee
Vegetarian! This is always a healthy option for people who love being in the park, as they usually are there for exercise, with or without their dogs. Good vegetarian food is amazing and animal-friendly
Ice creams, jacket potatoes, chips
Salads, sandwichs and slightly more substantial financial food items along with some bottled beer/wine would keep people in the park longer, make it more of a destination and increase returns
Home cooked cakes. French fries. Quality ice cream (fresh scoops in cone)
Carrot cake Toasties Cheese twists
Don't think it matters too much as long as the price and quality is good. People won't use if that quality is poor
Will go with what is there to eat I'm easy.
good quality coffee and tea and nice cakes
Just make the food good quality and with healthy options
Fairtrade coffee, tea, hot chocolate and sugar please. I only buy these in a cafe if they are fairtrade certified. Toddler friendly snacks. Babychino, small cakes etc Paninis, jacket potatos, lasagne or pasta, soup or stew of the day. Ice cream, smoothies
provide water for dogs?
BBQ in summer months. Suggest taking a look at the lea valley white water rafting centre for an example of a great community café
In the winter hot soup would go down well. Snacks etc applicable to young children. Home made lunch items soups/sandwichs/quiche/tarts/cakes Good quality coffee Ice creams
Vegetarian options. Smoothies. Healthy food, low fat, low sugar, whole food.

Good quality teas and coffees! Otherwise it's kinda pointless!
gluten free cakes, keens organic and indulge cafe could also supply locally made quality products
Hot chocolate
Fitness shakes/smoothies, fresh juices
sugar free , gluten free(e.g. naked bars); wholemeal snacks
Cooked meat and vegetarian breakfasts. Lunch menu wraps/pies/jackets/salads.
Home made cakes/pastries. Kids food options not just chips and nuggets. Look at the Larder's menu in chingford and Wanstead... They have been very successful with the food they have on offer. Something similar would be great! :
Coffee tea hot chocolate muffins croissants ice creams crisps sandwiches panini
Teas coffee hot choc juice for kids water usual snacks
How about can evening bistro
Breakfasts and light lunches. As it is a hot spot for local dog walkers, could you include bowls and an outside tap so that the dogs could have fresh water. Treats and snacks for the dogs. Would you consider hiring the café or part of it for private functions or parties?
simple plain sandwiches for children eg ham or cheese, not too fancy/ trendy or pricey
Lunch food/rolls/sandwichs... Hot dogs Tea/coffee (would make me stay longer in the colder months!!)
The cafe in Lloyd park Walthamstow has a great selection of food . Wholesome trendy food Breakfasts would be great
Quality sandwiches
Hot chocolate
I think it needs to be broad enough to offer something for everyone. But as long as it's priced right and run right.
Child friendly snacks Healthy alternatives ie fruit. Good coffee
I think the following would be welcomed: sandwichs, baguettes, paninis with a variety of fillings jacket potatoes with a variety of fillings omlettes with a variety of fillings Salads Home-made cakes A range of good quality teas, coffees and soft drinks
I've seen a lot of community cafes and park cafes all over london - the most successful have a focus on simple quality. ie. espresso coffee and homemade cake! I do not drink tea, coffee or sugary soft drinks. I would like beer and cider to be available.
homemade stews, soups, toasties etc.
How about some suitable food for the wildfowl that can be cheaply purchased.
local honey, use toiletries from clarity - the blind-run factory in hp organiclea in chingford can provide local veg/fruit happy to donate my veg/fruit from my garden next year!
Coffee, tea, sandwichs, cakes, ice cream, kids food and drinks ie, fruit shoots, organix snacks etc
Nice cake. Nothing too fancy but good quality
Afternoon tea scones Burgers Sausage rolls Cakes Ices in summer months
Tea. Coffee and healthy snacks/home bakedgoods
The usual snacks and beverages sounds quite worrying! - type of food/cost needs to be considered carefully. Whole food café possibly but not ridiculously expensive just because it has the whole food name attached. Maybe just good old fashioned home cooking at affordable prices
Ice cream in summer. Toasted sandwichs and similar in winter. Also hot drinks and drinks suitable for children
The small tea hut in Wanstead Park is a total institution there.. something similar - home made cakes...

Good coffee and good quality Breakfasts would bring in the visitors
Organic produce Locally made and sourced items Handmade items products from local businesses
I think hot beverages are always welcome. It can be very simple - like the small green hut at High Beech it doesn't have to be top end. We don't want to put off people who don't have money for lattes and paninis - we want it to be accessible for local people who don't have much expendable income
Healthy snacks such as fruit would be good at affordable prices
Breakfast at the weekends Cakes in the afternoon( using local business )
Veggie-friendly food. Decent coffees with decaf available for pregnant women etc.
Decent sandwiches and salads. Not a greasy spoon - a trendy cafe
Whilst there are many cafes in Highams Park, very few offer healthful locally sourced produce. With so many food producers in the vicinity, there could be a great opportunity for a resource that supports the community as well as local smallholders and food producers. In my earlier career I managed a neighbourhood cafe in the US that served tasty naturally sweetened and wholegrain snacks and baked goods (that also taste good) - as there are so many of us who love treats but are mindful of consuming too many fatty and sugar laden foods so it would be good to have these on offer. I'd be really happy to become more involved in the project, should any of the ideas above be of interest
I'm sure the food sales will be affected by the time of year, but tea/coffee with a biscuit or cake is always popular
Simple menu would be best I would think. Sandwiches,soup,baguettes,cakes most likely. Jacket potatoes and fillings. Quiches/ salad.This would obviously depend on uptake and facilities. Tea and cake enough for me!
Hot and cold sandwiches, cakes. Summer months ice-cream lollies.
We would buy hot drinks (inc hot chocolate), cakes, brownies, biscuits, crisps and please stock Diet Coke!
Herbal teas Homemade cakes Freshly squeezed juices Bacon sandwiches!
Decent coffee!
Smoothies, juices, sugar free cakes
Organic/ healthy foods or Afternoon tea
Fruit Ice cream
Healthy snacks Fruit Soups Veggie options
Sandwiches, ciabattas
Ice creams in the summer
Fruit, especially bananas and satsumas
Paninis Baked potatoes Ray Lodge Park is a good example of a cafe. That is where we tend to go as the facilities are fantastic.
Coffee and tea Ice cream / ice lollies
Healthy low salt low sugar food for Children, fruit
Cake!
Cafetiere coffee and speciality tea, hot choc made with milk and whipped cream
Toasted sandwiches, salads, wraps. Lunch boxes for kids with selection of items i.e. Sandwich, crisps, yoghurts, fruit etc
Cakes Jacket Potatoes Children sized portions
Childrens snacks. Ask keens if they wish to sell some produce there for a small fee. Kids lunch boxes (5 items for a certain price) along the lines of many other cafes Prepared sandwiches and fruit snacks.
mix of healthy but chespih package and made to order food, sausage rolls and toasted sandwiches and nothing too fancy but using good ingredients



Nice coffee breakfast
Ice cream Chips!
Just keep it simple! The majority of cafes in Highams park are expensive. Goods that all families can afford: 50p bags of skips, 25p freddo frogs, 20p packets of raisins, 40p slice of toast, 50p cookies, £1.50 a bowl of soup. Nothing that has to be thrown away if not used. Soup hot that can be quickly microwaved and made to order so that waste is limited. (We've tried all these things over the years in shops we've done in schools) Don't do sandwiches, they take too long to prepare and then if they don't sell you've lost out. Bread can be frozen so easy to do toast, hot cross buns, tea cakes, crumpets. Little portions of marmite, jam, choc spread. Visit the atrium (all saints church cafe in Inmans Row, Woodford: <a href="http://www.atriumwoodford.com">http://www.atriumwoodford.com</a> ) they run the cafe at reasonable cost (60p for brownie, 80p carton of drink) with few staff and little waste.
salads smoothies gluten free cakes
I think this depends on the financial strategy and using the planning phase for identifying a sustainable model of growth for the cafe.
It would be great if the food offered was healthy and high quality or at least offered healthy options. If this is going to be a community cafe, offering healthy, high quality food is an important message to local people and families. Homemade salads, soups and sandwiches/quiche etc would all be good, as well as cakes and a range of tea and coffee. It would be great if members of the community could be involved in the running of the cafe/training opportunities were available so it felt like a genuine community hub.
cheap and easy kids food such as toasted cheese sandwiches, pasta with pesto or fresh tomato sauce, meze plates (houmous and turkish dips with turkish bread) make use of the fantastic turkish produce from the local area. Would prefer more healthy options for kids such as fresh fruit, carrot and cucumber sticks. and for everyone homemade cake of any sort.
They'll have to be of a decent quality as Highams Park has so many independent & chains....simplicity would be the key....dare I suggest even having just vending machines would eradicate the need for daily staffing and would cut costs ....
chips, soup
Competitively priced, healthy food. Cafe delice in Lloyd park walthamstow is a good example. If you price yourself too high people will not come.
natural dog treats Home made cake
Hot chocolate. Ices
Home made goods - bread, cake, jam, honey, biscuits etc. would be nice It would be good if it had a licence for selling cold beers too!
soft drinks, crisps and maybe sandwiches and light cakes. tea and coffee
a successful model is that of bantock house in wolverhampton. soup. choice of 2 salads. quiches and tarts etc. jacket spuds, cakes, choices of tea. an unsuccessful model is the cafe at the william morris gallery, too fussy, nothing to eat, constantly runs out, too expensive, over dressed an over arranged
Barrista style coffee please child lunch boxes?
Soup in the winter
Good quality cakes, homemade or organic
Pizza Pasta pesto Hot dogs Kids sandwiches Panni for adults Saugues sandwich Full English breakfast Vegetarian option Tea Coffee Water Cakes
Hot chocolate, tea, coffee, sandwiches, ice cream, cake, soups for the winter months
Kids lunch/picnic boxes
Special feed for the ducks
hot and cold drinks, sandwiches, toast, light meals, soup in winter, confectionery, fruit, jacket potatoes
afternoon tea, warm pastries (savoury), toasties etc



Kids meals. Ice cream
heated rolls etc.
breakfast, cream teas
Fresh fruits, yogurts ,nuts and raisins
Buttered Toast Tea-cakes Ice-cream
Damson gin
Pastries...croissant, pan au raisin. Carrot cake. Brownies
energy drinks and bars may attract athletes/cyclists/runners
provided locally grown / seasonal ingredients lots of delicious healthy salads
Homemade cakes and proper coffee.
Our preference would be for good quality food and beverage. For us to frequent this cafe on a regular basis we would like to see high quality ingredients. If serving hot food all meats and breads should be of high quality as opposed to average foods found in many places or we may not eat there, perhaps just have a drink? However we do understand that children & many people enjoying the park would still like the usual fizzy drinks etc. A good example of a nice new & up to date cafe would be the renovated Butlers Retreat in Chingford which seems to be popular.
there is nowhere local to get decent, healthy lunches. the area is crying out for it. I would LOVE to have somewhere to get a tasty salad or soup at lunch time and would be there in a flash (as long as it had wifi)
Could personally bake and sell cold home made: sandwiches/ cakes/ savoury quiches/ Fruit tarts.
Sandwiches, paninis, jacket potatoes, omelettes, soup (especially in the colder months). Healthy snacks - eg hummus & crudités, fruit. Cooked breakfasts at weekends. Pancakes, waffles. Nice cakes, pastries
It would be a great place to have breakfast at the weekend
Soup, toasties, beans on toast etc. for the colder days. Fresh fruit and yoghurts. Ice cream. Home made cakes?
Hot soup could be a favourite with walkers/bikers. Any food that can be prepared quickly.
Having some veggie options too! It would be good to have some healthy options, such as smoothies etc, not sure how 'popular' these would be though
Ice cream Pastries Healthy light lunches Jacket potatoes
Healthy food with plenty of veggie options
cooked breakfasts ?
Good quality homemade food like cakes and maybe organic food would be better than packaged junk food. Gourmet coffee would be a good thing too.
Cakes!
Not fancy stuff. The basics are important - toast, egg, bacon, tea, coke. Free tap water.
Kids sandwiches, fruit, tea and cakes
Bacon sandwiches Tea Cakes Crisps and snacks Fruit Biscuits of the cheaper variety
Sandwiches, children's lunch boxes, hot food, coffee. Soft drinks ice creams
Jacket potatoes, cooked breakfasts and hot rolls/paninis . Salads and Ice Cream in the summer
sandwiches, muffins, good coffee, in the winter time hot soup, hot chocolate Smoothies Simple fresh lunches
Organic healthy selection including vegan foods, also BBQs and alcoholic beverages in summer periods
Bacon roll always popular Good quality snacks & artisan bread & cakes
Some healthy food would be great. Inspiration could be drawn from Butler's Retreat in North Chingford. Child friendly food would be essential. Can we partner up with an organisation like the Hornbeam cafe in Walthamstow or organiclea?

Maybe an outlet for a local baker =nice cakes and picnic fayre soups. In colder weather
Freshly baked cakes, decent coffee!
Cakes, muffins, biscuits, baguettes, panninis, jacket potatoes, omelettes, salads, yoghourts, fruit salad, pasta, stir fries, soups, ice creams, scones, buns, cookies.
I think Le Delice which has recently taken over the cafe in the middle of Lloyds Park is pretty good, lots of cakes and coffee but also pasta and other dishes for £4-5 a head. Plus lots of food for children. Could it have a focus on local producers?
Depends on how far you want to go. Could be as simple as cakes, chocolate and crisps or go further with jacket potatoes, paninis etc. Staffing and diff food licences a consideration
Soup, sandwiches, afternoon cream teas, children's snacks and lunches. Ice creams in summer!
Organic produce, healthy snacks for children
Home made cake, panini, baguettes, beef stew, good coffee
Soups Hot dogs (German style sausage stand) Crepes Healthy cakes /pastries Juices/smoothies Etc
Don't rent it to any of the fancy overcharged type outlets. Simple tea and coffee plus snacks please otherwise people won't pay the prices
An alcohol licence might be an interesting draw, particularly long hot summer afternoons. home made cakes / pastries goods seems to be popular, sourcing them from local businesses is the key
Ice cream/ chips /drinks

**Question 20. Any other comments/suggestions about the café (also,if you answered NO to question 10, which asked if you agreed with the provision of a cafe and toilets the park, please enter your reasons here)**

I think having a café would be a great addition to The Highams Park. Good quality coffee & food would be great rather than just crisps & snacks.

It would be nice if there was an alcohol licence and the option to hold 'pop up' dining events in the evening.

The building is close to my garden. We often see youngsters climbing onto and playing on the roof. There would need to be proper security or the building could easily be subjected to vandalism

We have slightly older children now, who like to play football in the park at times. At the moment, when we have friends staying we visit a park with a cafe and toilet facilities. If Highams Park had those facilities, we would be going to Highams Park as it is our local Park which we can walk to

We desperately need a good family friendly cafe in HP! I'm sure it would do good business year round if it was family friendly and healthy

I think that it would be a good idea to have some room in the venue for a meeting place, for example, rambles or a running club or even a cycling club.

Just that in the park in the summer months and after dark there is sometimes noise where teenagers are staying late, drinking etc and we would want to discourage any anti social behaviour. Some measures should be taken to keep people out of the park when the park is closed after dark

My garden is adjacent to the building and the proposed café would create noise that we currently do not experience. It would also generate food/cooking smells dependent upon what is served there. What about the delivery of supplies? Tamworth is already a difficult road to take any deliveries in due to the fact there are always cars parked down both sides and is a dead end. we don't like the idea of the toilets being there as feel in fact it would not improve security but create a security problem at night from the young people who like to stay in the park til the early hours of the morning and are already a nuisance, this may encourage them to stay longer. we are concerned about the litter the café will create and whether those who say they will be responsible for tidying it will actually do it. What about the extra visitors it will attract? Do you propose making extra provisions for parking? We already lost the small car park by the lake so are already dealing with extra cars parking in our small road which inconveniences residents who live here. Parking is probably one of our biggest problems in this street, especially in the summer months and Im sure the proposed café will create additional visitors to the park. Please think about the residents who will be affected by this. The building has been empty for as long as I can remember but has never been a problem and does not really attract any attention security wise. Yes it is a bit run down, but a coat of paint would sort that out. It has not been re-painted for at least 5 years

I feel it will attract anti-social behaviour to the park and the area. The cafe will become the target for burglary, graffiti and vandalism. This happened to a previous toilet block at the lake. It will encourage groups to hang around. The majority of people who use the park are local and close to their own facilities. Visitors from further afield can find plenty of cafes in the shopping area at Highams Park. The venture is unlikely to be financially viable.

This is exactly the sort of development we need to attract people to Highams Park and to make it more social for residents

It would be a good community utility to have in Highams Park.

I think this issue is bigger than a cafe initiative. The park often full of litter with youth drinking. It's not somewhere I would consider safe and visit alone. It would be nice if the park could be of a standard like that of the park in Hampstead. The cafe there offers hot and cold food, and in the summer months Italian ice cream. It has a great family feel and is very clean.

Needs to be dog friendly inside as well as out as there are a lot of dog walkers in the park

Could sell art work or local produce I.e honey

Please make it dog friendly

It's a good idea. Personally I don't I'll use it much but the Park has needed facilities like this for a long time. CCTV from

the Cafe out onto the field may well help reduce anti-social behaviour too.

£40k sounds a very optimistic

It would be great to have toilets and a cafe in the park but sadly in my experience it is the local trendies that hog up the tables with their one cup of coffee and Sunday Times all day whilst their kids run a round screaming and annoying everyone. Sorry that I appear negative but I have experienced this behaviour in a lot of cafes in Chingford mainly in Station Road and this puts a lot of local people off using these places

Having cafe in the park will bring more people to this area so more rubbish, more busy and less parking space who lives nearby the park. The reason I visit park, lake and forest for walk and have fresh air not for having coffee. We need to keep highams park as local as possible.

There is a complete lack of parking at the Tamworth avenue end of park and having a cafe will encourage even more people to visit the park which will result in an even worse situation re parking . Also the park and lake are over a fairly small area and again do not support large numbers and the cafe will lead to overcrowding of the park. It would be best to remove the current building and grass it over or plant some trees.

Please can there be really good disabled facilities. We just worked hard to get accessible play equipment in the nearby playground and this would be brilliant for us to make full use of them. Also think the space would be a good place to host art exhibitions

I think it's a great idea. Look at Ray lodge park it has become so much more popular since they added toilets and a cafe.

Think the design looks good. Is there any way volunteers could form working parties to work on it? It would save fundraising money and the community will feel they have more ownership.

Proper coffee machine. Expensive but worth it.

The cafe with toilets will enable families to come and play with their children for longer without having to return home if the children need to go to the toilet! So the children will have more time in the fresh air and get more exercise and be closer to nature

I am against the idea due to lack of parking, also the park already gets dirty with litter and this will increase. We are residents and we find extremely difficult especially at weekends to park our cars. There will also be aspects of security of the children e.g there will be an increase in people and it will be more difficult to protect very small children. A better idea would be to place the cafe ,if indeed one is needed , in the old scouts hut at the top of the lake which is currently not used.

I think it would be lovely if it had artwork/photos by local people of the local area. Potentially if local schools were involved in its decoration - kids pictures on the walls/menus. Maybe a mosaic frieze (inside or out) of local scenes they could design and/or make. If possible, it would be nice for it to have a few pots growing herbs/fruit/veg to use in the food.

Please make it baby friendly. (High seats, crayons and paper, for example) No music played from the cafe. No chain such as Costa. It should be visually attractive, cosy, pretty. Not look like a council canteen

I think this is a great idea and have seen the dynamic of several parks changed with the simple addition of a cafe as it becomes more of a destination rather than somewhere that you pass through. Balham and Brixton both had similar small cafes added to local green spaces while I lived there and they were superb additions.

A café and loo's would really enhance the park and lake area. It would attract more people to visit the park and lake and would be a hub for the community and could be used by all age groups. Highams Park really needs this. (just look how popular and well used the café in both Lloyd park and Rays park are) - that said both these parks have much better play/sports equipment in them so will attract more people.

A cafe would be great. It will attract more visitors to the park and make it more sociable.

We tend to go to Ray Lodge Park for days out with groups of friends with children as the facilities are fantastic. There is hot and cold food with clean toilets which means we can spend the whole day there. It would be amazing if we could have something like that in our local park. We would most definitely take advantage of a cafe if one were to open. I really hope that this wonderful idea goes ahead

I loved walking round the lake when I was younger, but lack leg-power nowadays. I think the proposal is a good idea

for those fitter than me ! -As long as the site is made as vandal-proof as possible. A "disabled toilet" would be a boon for some folk. Those who need that facility have their own RADAR key. Good luck !

why take business away from existing cafes.....leave the park as it is.....

The park with the pond and all its surrounding area is a really great space for people of all ages and abilities. I don't necessarily want it to be spoilt and grow to a vast play area of climbing frames and swings but in addition to the VERY MUCH needs toilet facilities I really think more thought can be put into the play area for both under 7's and under 11's area. It's present state is tatty, unimaginative and unsafe. I think it's about time Highams Park community had somewhere big enough to walk to, to play, picnic, run around without the need to travel to other parts of the borough.

Great idea, the park needs cafe/toilets, however what would also be a great idea is a cafe/toilets in the actual park near the playground as I think it would make more money as mums love a coffee/tea while we can watch the kiddies play

Let's do it!!!

I would love a local outdoor exercise facility for children & adults, this place would be perfect.

Good luck - and get in touch if I can help in anyway. I work for the national body for social enterprise (Social Enterprise UK) and my husband works for a youth charity. It would be lovely if it included some space for local artists to show their work. Also extra rooms for community activities. For example, meetings, children's parties, HypnoBirthing, baby massage, yoga, groups for pre-schoolers. Local practitioners could rent the space.

Sunshades for seating area would be very nice as the park gets really hot in the sun.

Work by local artists displayed for sale. Newspapers/ magazines for free. Book exchange. Children's books available. Good background music! Not loud pop music (did I just say that!!) Art/ craft groups for children

I think it will be brilliant. Totally in favour!

I think it's crazy that we don't have a cafe or toilet facilities in the park, every other park I've been to in London & beyond has such facilities, I think more people would travel to the area to use the park, which could also have a positive effect on the local economy

Staffing? Park neighbours definitely 'on-side' ? Café 'committee' from HPPG mailing list and beyond friends and neighbours...and if possible not all from same increasingly stretched most active people.

Could do barbecues?

THE BUILDING IS TOO FAR FROM THE PLAYGROUND AND THE LAKE

What about a private ownership/letting of the building to help pay for it.

We would love to have toilets. It is a wonderful park but with children it's limited as there is no toilets.

I think it is a great idea, but wonder how much use it will get to make it financially viable. Just have to try it out and see? Getting groups to use it, i.e. schools, is a good idea.

The park really does need toilets!!!! We think it is one of the most beautiful parks in the area

The main problem I can foresee is parking. The surrounding roads are already congested and a cafe would attract more visitors. I feel that the council should have considered a limited parking option of a 1 hour restriction in their recent consultation providing residents could be exempted. There are similar parking restrictions in North Chingford and throughout Woodford Green. Apart from that I think a cafe is a wonderful idea.

I think a cafe & toilets would be a fantastic addition to an already great park. It wouldn't negatively impact the surrounding area as the building is already there. I already use the park a lot it's a great space for kids with lots of outdoor space with a playground, lake & ducks to feed. It would definitely be a brilliant addition to our community. My only concern is that it would be very important to adopt a strict dog on lead policy as they have in most other parks.

A pity the proposed site for the cafe does not provide a view of the lake. Could an alternative site be found adjacent to the recent improvements / buildings at the south end of the lake. In fine weather there could be lakeside tables.

Live bands or artists to perform/show work.
I have lived in Highams Park (and so has two generations of my family before me) for most of my life and have always thought that the park would benefit from toilet and refreshment facilities
A brilliant idea, something which has been needed in Highams park for the 15 years I have lived here!
Maybe some tables and chairs outside in the warmer months
I have sympathy for the no vote as the Park is such a special place which people don't want to change. However there was a toilet near the park years ago and overall if done well a cafe/ toilet could benefit the park and make it accessible for the community and not just us lucky few who live near. Security would be an overriding issue. Toilets and 'dodgy' activities seem to go hand in hand
A ggod idea but I cannot see a cafe would ever be viable. Use the renovated building as a meeting point for groups by all means.
The cafe' should be a place where people come together. I think something similar to what the Butler's Retreat in North Chingford is offering would be ideal. As well, and probably not linked to this survey, a doing away with the fence and the shrubs between the lake and the park would help in making the people come together as currently they are segregating the two areas instead of bringing them together
I think a cafe and toilets is long overdue in the park and would be very welcome as a parent with children and a dog walker. We tend to visit other venues for longer days out such as Lloyds Park as they have a cafe and toilets, but I would love to be able to stay more locally
Highams park lake is such a delight and natural beauty. I have often walked around it but then gone home. I think with the cafe there is an added bonus. Somewhere to visit and have a coffee or snack. Thank you so much for the possibility.
With so many park users dog-walking, what about provision of water bowls, dog biscuits? and somewhere safe for the dogs in winter while owners are inside?
I currently drive out to other parks due to the fact there is no cafe here in HP. If there was a cafe locally I would definitely use it. I think it would encourage more of a community spirit in HP.
I think this is a long overdue for Highams Park, We love visiting as a family but often have to cut it short due to lack of a toilet as I prefer my kids not to use bushes for both the park and their benefits. I often bemoan the fact I cannot have a coffee while I am watching the kids as its too far to walk with one from the nearest cafes in HP centre. I think it can only enhance the park and I really cannot think of any reason to be against it
This is a small park used by local residents. On a daily basis mainly used by dog walkers. How can you justify a cafe being open all day. Disturbance for residents backing onto park. Extra parking for cafe. Cafe not near play area. Think it will encourage undesirables, vandalism, already drug users frequent the area at night. Better suggestion would be the boat house by the lake. Portable drinks stand such as one at High Beach better use of money. Trying to hard to be too many things for different people
Would the cafe be open every day?
The opening of a cafe would certainly impose restrictions on the present users.
My main concern is parking which is already difficult for local residents near the park, especially residents of Tamworth Avenue who would mostly be affected. No consideration has been given to those people. The park has always been a place of quiet and serenity which could be ruined. Who would be responsible for the upkeep of the cafe? I think it would be a "flash in the pan" and open to abuse and vandalism
Would be fantastic to have a toilet have bought up four children here. Always had to go home if one of our kids needed the toilet always spoilt the day
Hi I'd be really happy to lend a hand in working on this - I spend a lot of time in cafes and would love to see HP have one in the park. Jackie
I lived by the park for 37 years and always thought it would be good to have the facility of drinks and safe toilets. Especially near to the playground for children. I still visit often to catch up with friends and it would be useful to have a cafe to meet people.

A cafe/bar in Highams park would be excellent although I believe that the existing boathouse beside the road and the lake has a much stronger potential - mainly because it can be seen from the street and would have an excellent view over the lake. I could imagine this being a quality restaurant/bar in the evenings and snacks during the day. Expect many complaints from local residents about this though - but it would be great addition to Highams park and I guess more likely to be profitable

There are plenty of cafes about for those who like to go to cafes. Those who enjoy the great outdoors should be able to do so in a natural setting without commercial interests involved. Also there will be extra traffic involved in delivering supplies etc.

Don't be afraid to do something a little bit quirky and different with the design and offering. General public don't always know what they want when you ask them!

It could be worth trying to make it a bit of a destination cafe by trying to partner up with places like Hillman's Tea Room that are known for good cakes and so on. Could sell little bags of dick and swan food as kids love that kind of thing and parents often don't mind paying say 50p a bag (could make some profit if this is bulk bought).

Good luck!

In the winter months I'd be much more likely to run in the park if I could get a warm coffee to make me more comfortable

Most lovely natural park & woods in Waltham forest . A cafe & toilets. Would be a target for vandals drug dealers. And spoil a local asset. The old. Toilets were destroyed by vandals 10 years ago .demolish the old building. & relocate the. Swings there. Mike drage

The car park by the lake closed which has caused issues on that road when cars are parked along it and no one can pass. The opening of the cafe could cause increased parking/traffic issues A

Notice Board with times of opening displayed

Boot brushes outside to stop muddy shoes

Need to ensure suitable baby changing facilities are on site.

It seems to be a no-brainer. I can't believe it has taken this long. I can't wait to try it!!!!

My only concern for those people living further away that may like to visit the cafe and park is lack of parking

think it's an excellent idea and something that should have been forward years ago.

Could the new building make use of solar panels? Could it be fitted with water saving measures on its taps, toilets to use rain water to flush etc Use of sun tubes in the ceiling for increased natural light. Bird and bat boxes etc on the outside of building. Then can install a nest camera etc. Cafe really needs to be baby and toddler friendly as it will be so close to the play area. Thanks.

This is a great idea and the key thing now is to identify a realistic model to ensure the project can be sustained.

I personally love the fact that we have an area of beautiful green space that is not built on and is a sanctuary for people to come and enjoy nature in peace and quiet. Families have got by very well with picnics to date and I think that a café with tables outside encroaching on to what is often used as a playing field for children in the summer would spoil what we have. As a resident I am also concerned that traffic would build up in the entrance roads to the park as more people heard about the café and what was intended for local families would soon become a stopping off point for van drivers, builders working locally etc.

Would it be possible to have a separate buggy park? I find the assortment of buggies near tables where food is being served a health hazard!

After hours security would obviously be a concern.

It's a bloody great idea and I can't wait to see it come to fruition

Very, very positive about a cafe in the park

I would be up for helping in whatever way possible xx

Although I really support a cafe in the park, it's a shame there is not a potential venue for such a cafe by the lake,



this would be more visible to people driving past I have always wondered why we didn't have these facilities and welcome them.

litter/rubbish - there would need to be a system/mechanism for keeping litter at bay/ this is a particular issue given the proximity of the lake with its wildlife which can't cope with plastic bags tin cans etc ; conversely that wildlife will be very interested in the cafe with its rubbish eg foxes & seagulls parking is potentially a blight - I am not sure what the answer is - a successful model at William Morris Gallery was to simply have virtually no parking at all and to clearly advertise this fact. otherwise the surrounding area attracts lots of cars especially if more families go there the proposal emphasises children and playing games. another group is that of older people who might welcome a pensioners lunch club. another comment from middle aged me is that I go there to escape kids and bikes and balls - so while I support the cafe in the park sometimes I hope the park will still be a quiet place! what about art in the park. I hope the cafe will have art work, lovely materials, poems, etc. there are specific grants /funds available for some of those things - and from environmental/educational funds

Litter is the main concern - we may need the council to do more bin collections. Preferably the cafe should sell very little in wrappers.

Fab idea. Even though we back onto the park, often one of us needs the loo, a snack or drink before the others are ready to go home. Will be so much easier to just stay in park especially with another baby on the way and 2 active 5 and 7 yr old boys!

This would be a great addition to the park and make it a place to have a day out with children rather than a couple of hours.

it should be marketed as a destination - it could house art for the local art trail, bike groups could meet there, art groups could paint there

This could be a fab hub of the community it just needs to be sold to the council correctly. Also the plan needs to be long term so it's sustainable...oh and selling appropriate bird food to educate idiots that feed the birds bread!!! Also maybe an educational wildlife hub could be a council box ticket for people to appreciate the environment together??? Sorry ranting now!! Good luck I think this is a fab idea

As I've stated before as a resident who will be affected by such a cafe, especially with outside seating. The cafe will cause constant noise from the kitchen, staff and patrons. There will be inconvenience of stock deliveries at all time of day - where will these vehicles park. All spaces at the entrance near Tamworth Ave are always taken by residents cars who work from home, there is therefore the worry of the delivery drivers double parking and constant smell of food cooking are all negatives that the cafe will bring to our daily lives. My parents owned and run a restaurant for 34 years of my life so I know first hand the daily activities, noise and smell from such establishments. That's why I'm so against it so close to residents homes.

A cafe and toilets would be great for young families and also people walking for exercise etc

The park is a community facility paid for by all of us. It is not simply a local park like Vincent Rd, and that must be born in mind. Those of us in the south of HP have a 15-20 minute walk to get to the lake or park and a drink / sit down / toilet would often be welcome, especially after a walk around the lake.

Extremely excited about the idea. This side of Highams park needs some options like this

a cafe might bring more people to the park from further away and therefore increased traffic and parking needs might be an issue. A cafe is a very good idea because I usually choose a park to go to because it has a cafe. Also the Highams park can be quite lonely out of peak visiting times, so it would feel a bit 'safer' with a staffed cafe.

Please don't make it too expensive!

I live in Tamworth Avenue and I think the cafe will be a bad idea. There is not enough parking space as there is, litter, noise and deliveries are also a concern of mine.

Anything of this nature will generate litter. How do we account for that? Any other plans to reduce litter in HP?

No because of the litter problem already that no one seems to care about, the yearly egg hunt and picnics leave mountains of junk behind - everybody is for having these things but no body cleans up, the more things added to the natural park will make it into a fake looking tourist attraction

Please make this happen.



The security would have to be very stringent, as there are certain people who do not respect our beautiful park. Litter is also another aspect which should be addressed
I can't emphasise enough how needed this is! It would go down so well, it's exactly what's needed in the area as long as it's done right and the people that run the café are passionate about making good food.
It would be a fantastic asset to the area. We have to use Ray lodge if we want a full day out, but love Highams Park so much more, it would be fabulous to spend the whole day there!
This is a wonderful idea and would make the park more user-friendly to parents with young children and help build more of a community in Highams Park. One only needs to look at Lloyd Park in Walthamstow. We lived in the area as the park regeneration was completed. The coffee shop and the toilets made such a huge difference to the park and how much it is used. If you go there any day of the week, come rain or sunshine, the park is in use and enjoyed by so many more than before.
1. cost-the upkeep of toilets is huge. they get vandalised on regular basis. this is why councils have closed them all. 2. It provides somewhere for drug addicts to shoot up. I have dealt with drains blocked by syringes in toilet in park in Enfield. 3. Youths hanging about after the café has closed. noise and nuisance.
Items sold should be reasonably priced and not extortionate
Amazing idea Just what the park needs Need to make sure litter is considered as it's such a tidy park as it is
I think it would be a good idea to have large notice board on display on which could be affixed posters/leaflets advertising all kinds of events happening within the local community. There are many more things going on in Highams Park these days - and it would be good to let people know just what is happening and when
I think it is an excellent idea and will encourage people to use the park more.
Would it make sense to offer the running/food and beverage provision as a franchise?
We go to Lloyd Park because the cafe and play area is good, but we live in Highams Park! As the play area is being renovated, it seems like a great time to have a cafe and community space in the park, it would make all the difference and keep people in the local area, rather than heading to other places that have better provision (e.g. Lloyd park or the Butlers in Chingford). I love the park and lake in itself but at the moment (with our young daughter) we use it as a walk through, rather than a destination.
When your with young children and there is no toilet it's a nightmare! Would be lovely to spend more time at the park without this worry and meet friends for lunch.
assume the café would be run on a rota basis by the residents if so I would be willing to volunteer
Need toilets more than anything. then people would be able to stay longer
Keep Dogs on leads
Serious reservations. Litter already a massive problem. Our road generally used as dumping ground. More people would surely make this worse. No point providing more bins as people choose not to use them. Parking ditto.
Suggest you consult with Friends of Epping Forest, if you have not done so, and the Scout users of the Mallinson Centre and the boat sheds. There are a number of cafes in parks which are part of the Capital Ring and the London Loop orbital walks; it may be possible to visit some for ideas and to make connections - walkers from other areas are more likely to use the café in the Highams Park than local walkers?
There are at least three life cycle periods when local residents may be interested in visiting the proposed café as a weekly attraction - parent/carers with young children to get out of the house/flat and have a place to play, young teenagers who are allowed to travel to places near home but not further afield, and those at a stage of growing old / retirement when travelling further may no longer be an option. There are several places to have a coffee / tea in the centre of Highams Park, and to compete in the long term the café in the Park would need to have 'added value' (e.g. bird-feeding and watching, games, newspapers, sessions for craft, reminiscing - conversation perhaps, or higher quality refreshments?) in addition to the park itself.
I think a café with toilets and disabled provision would enable more people to use the park and to stay for longer.
The cafes at Ridgeway and Ray Lodge provide small play areaa for toddlers. This is something us parents of small children really appreciate in the bad weather as finding places to meet gets harder. Even a little table with pens and

paper and a little box of toys (people would donate I'm sure) would be great. Could even do a storytime.
A great idea! cant wait to see it happen.
I think the idea is great as long as everyone uses it at some point...so it becomes a lovely meeting point for people...could maybe be hired out for children's parties..and other things...
The main reason we don't use the park as often as we would like is the presence of uncontrolled dogs. Would you be able to guarantee that if we were sitting outside of the cafe, we would be protected from someones dog approaching? Fencing for example?
I do not think the proposals are practical. Previous buildings in the park - the toilet block were vandalised and then demolished for public safety. The proposed Cafe building would be very vunerable when not staffed. I do not believe the proposal to be financially viable if the Local Authority cannot provide support towards running costs/ staff costs.
I cannot stress how fantastic this would be for the community. I know I would visit the park more. Maybe the exterior design could be kept a little more in keeping with the original? Can you fund some more benches around the park too?!!
Brilliant idea. Having toilets will make it easier to spend more time in the park, especially with kids who can't hold it until we get home
A cafe would definitely attract more people to use the park and create a great community meeting place.
Cooperative approach to staffing & owning, local produce being sold. Displays of local crafts/art.
A play area with a selection of children's book and toys would be well received by parent and grand parents as well as the children themselves. A healthy children's menu would also be beneficial.
I the biggest problem to overcome will be vandalism. Knowing the sort of society we now live in!!!! Other than that it's a great idea and hopefully gets the go ahead.
Get it licensed for performances - music, poetry, art displays etc. Make it a cultural hub
My husband and I are expecting our first baby in a months time and improved facilities in the park will be great for us. Having toilets in the park is definitely something that's missing now and I'm sure impacts on the length of time people spend in the park, as is having somewhere to grab a drink and something to eat. Lloyd park in Walthamstow has a great cafe that is always busy and attracts people all the time. Likewise Clissold and Victoria Parks in Hackney have cafés and again they are always busy. I think a cafe in Highams Park will be a real addition and definitely a benefit to the area.
Be nice if there were opportunities for volunteers with additional needs to do some volunteering in the cafe. The toilets should be accessible even when the cafe isnt open
This would enable greater use of the park and involve different generations within a family.
My only reservation is litter affecting wildlife and making sure that it would be done in a way that would not spoil the peacefulness or natural surroundings of the park.
Need to cater for all groups in the park-kids, adults, dog walkers, joggers, runners, cyclists, people who go to relax and those who go to meet people
I think the café is a great idea as a regular visitor to the park it will be handy for parents and a nice treat for the children. I think it is a great bonding opportunity for parents and children and a nice way of meeting the whole community.
It could be run as a cooperative to share the burden !?!??
Plant sloe bushes around it
It would be nice to have a bigger cafe than the current footprint.
Public toilets (even without the cafe) would bring more life to the park as people wouldn't need to leave just because "nature calls".
A Cafe with toilet facilities would definitely attract more visitors, some of whom might consider other voluntary

work in the community

A great idea. It is not near any shops so if you don't bring drinks with you at the moment you can't stay long. I live in Walthamstow but like to visit HP as it is one of the nicest parks in the borough

I think it's a great idea, we sometimes end up in the cafe by tesco if we want to do lunch & park but a cafe in the park would be fab, I for one would be a customer there!

A cafe is MUST for this area. Myself and many friends drive to Ray Lodge park in woodford rather than use Hiahams Park as there are no facilities. Lack of facilities makes visiting with children very tricky and unpleasant. This has the potential (with proper planning) to be an amazing space. You have so many options eg a nature trail / Gruffalo trail / easter Egg hunt / Santa's Grotto by the lake etc etc (with maps being sold from the shop). PLEASE use some imagination and transform this open space into an area that Highams Park can be proud of

I would be more than happy to help. I imagine that my input would be most helpful on food and drink ideas but also on design. Good luck!

I think its a great idea and I would plan on supporting it as much as possible

To take off it needs opening events, publisising etc, so people know its there. Also a Spring/Summer opening or it will fail before it starts. Very importantly it needs to suit dog walkers stopping off there mid walk. Perhaps a way to order through a hatch/opening as well as going in? Or failing that somewhere to tie a dog or two up that is visible from inside counter. I wouldn't go in if it meant loosing sight of my dogs or kids. But I'd love to be able to watch them while drinking a coffee and having a snack.

I think it will be a wonderful addition to the park and stop people having to leave when their children need the loo.

Would this be staffed by paid staff or volunteers, or a mixture of the two?

I use the park daily walking my dog. To use the cafe we would need an area where we could tether dogs while going inside to purchase drinks or use the toilet. Also provision for water trough for the dogs to drink from would be an advantage. Being dog friendly my not be popular with everyone but as dog walkers are the main users of the park during the day they will be the main source of customers.

Moved here from central London 15years ago and had this idea .Good luck and well done for actually making things happen .

Toilets should be open to the public not just to cafe users. Baby changing facilities should be accessible to both men andwomen.

Please keep the design of the building so that it is not visually intrusive, respects the peaceful ambience of the park, and minimises the impact on nearby residents.

If the food is good quality and the interior is attractive not sterile and boring then it could become a destination cafe and bring kits more people. A qiosk type cafe will not attract people.

I would be worried about rats in the cafe, there are so many in bushes/forest/lake/river, how would you keep them out of the cafe and chewing their way through the wood? They managed to get through brick in our house!

Yes I agree 100% More people will visit the park stay longer order more food arrange to meet friends

I do not believe it would be a viable proposition, it is not adjacent to any road for passing trade, and parking would become contentious. I also believe It would forever be vandalised and It would almost certainly mean restrictions put on regular park users.

It would be a great addition to the park, I think it would be likely to encourage people (particularly mums) to use the park from slightly further afield (i.e. Chingford, Walthamstow).

I think it's a great idea. Being a local it has missed something like this. Would be perfect for young families. Can see it being really busy in the summer months as well other times. Will be really good for the area. Hope you get it.

I live in Tamworth Avenue and the road will get too busy and I won't be able to park outside my house. I don't want deliveries down my road. It will create rubbish in and around the park as more people will visit. It will be noisy

As a parent of a 12 yr old who likes to go to the park with her friends the addition of a cafe makes the park a safer place.

think the only issue for me would be car parking. If the café attracts more visitors from a bit farther afield we have lost the small car park already so would this be a problem for local houses? Not everyone ( in a wheelchair or with a pushchair/pram)can walk to the park - some people will need to come in a car - that is something I think needs to be considered. Perhaps there needs to be some sort of disable parking or mother and baby parking nearby?

The provision of a cafe in what is a beautiful park puts it on slippery slope to a full blown commercial restaurant, burger bar, ice cream parlour car parking AND THIS WILL DESTROY THIS BEAUTIFUL PLACE

A large part of what makes the park so pleasant is the fact that it is so serene and open. it has existed very well without a cafe up to this point and there is no logical reason why that should change. Indeed, a cafe is only going to cause larger crowds, noise, pollution, encourage litter and encourage big crowds to stay for longer which is not what the park was intended for. Cafes in parks are a relatively new concept. But people's enjoyment of green open spaces should not need commercial or even convenience outlets - this defeats the whole point!

How is the cafe to be staffed. Will it be the responsibility of the community?

Looking at the before and after image you included, I would be more inclined to keep white and black exterior, rather than wooden. Maintain original

I think the park is underused. Parks I have been to that offer a better place for parents to sit whilst kids are playing are busier. It's a beautiful park and this will make it more of a destination

i hope the project will go ahead

Thus would be a very popular addition to the h park community . I feel many more people would use the park and add to the well being of the village generally

I think this is a fantastic idea. It is such a beautiful park but I have also said that it is a shame about the lack of facilities. At the moment, it is impossible to stay for a long period without the children having to use the bushes as a toilet or having to go home

I think that this is something that is overdue.It would need to be secure out of hours but would, I am sure, be welcome by people using the park. The only downside is that there is no car park - a real shame

Would need to consider night time security

Although I don't live in the immediate area, Highams Park is the nicest space to visit in my locality

Pls have baby change in the toilets. I think a cafe in the park is a fantastic idea - a good place to meet, make new friends, get a hot drink whilst the children play, have an impromptu lunch out. There's a very small cafe in Wanstead park but it sells icecream, coffee, seed for the ducks and is a lovely meeting point

Could this be a venue for art exhibitions, installations and other cultural pop up experiences.

Poor access for deliveries Need a lot of patronage to be financially viable Prefer to see some outdoor tables and chairs close to the swings. Therefore park users can have a picnic. If closed over winter, will the toilets still be available? Risk of litter and vandalism

Security may be a problem. Shutters over any glass and doors would need to be provided and fire-proofing would be wise

Even though we call it the Park it is actually an Open Space. I do not wish to see it change to a park because with that comes restrictions to its use, If residents choose to picnic here they would bring their own refreshments, is that not what picnics are, I feel it will cause more litter. Attract more people from out of the area and there is not the facilities to accommodate extra parking. It would nice for the hut to be done up, I would rather see it used for children' s activities a sort of play center especially in the miserable wet days when they can't get out.

Please can the use of disposable containers and the like be discouraged . To prevent littering in the park and area

I actually think it will make the park much busier and spoil a tranquil place. I would just prefer the park to stay as it is but understand that lots of others would feel very differently. This is purely my opinion

Can I just ask how the cafe would be staffed and funded? Perhaps the council could make a grant instead of printing expensive consultation documents for projects we don't want.

The scenery is wonderful and I suggest to hire the café for weddings/parties as welland during winter time also.

Can the cafe be staffed by local people who have been unemployed and/or people with a learning disability so that it provides an opportunity for disadvantaged people. If the park cafe positions itself as fresh, community focuses, and with an emphasis on its existence providing additional social and community links for the area whilst offering local knowledge and it being a meeting point hub and a location where local groups can meet, it should be tremendous.

I can remember this being open. The council men who stored their stuff in the there would let us shelter from the rain

**Please submit this questionnaire by Sunday 1st November, 2015.**

Responses over time

