

3. HP Plan Pre-submission Comments & Responses – Annexe 1

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1	Yes	1		<p>I should like to see the Ching Path developed as a major project, providing a quiet, green corridor diagonally across the whole HP area eventually. Initially starting from Winchester Road, the Beech Hall Crescent section to Hale End Road could be improved to allow access for buggies and a view of the river. From Hale End Road a gated entrance, with a notice board, could be formed by the existing garages. A new fence would be required to secure a length of the Hollywood Way allotments (perhaps Lottery funding??) and the present impassable section could be opened up with view to Vincent Green.</p> <p>From Brookfield Path the present lovely area could include river views, maybe to the path by the school fencing.</p> <p>From the end of Alders Avenue a short walk along the Armstrong Avenue green and past Mill Brook Mews takes one directly into the forest and the lake, and The Highams Park is very close.</p> <p>Eventually, the SW length of the Ching could be added so the path and forest continue right across the HP Plan area!</p>	<p>This pathway is touched on in Recommendations in Support of Policies CPD1, CPD2 and CPD3 on page 3-4 and on page 7 under projects. We will add some more detail to make the extent of the aspiration clearer</p>
2	Yes	1		<p>Recommendation GNE1: flowers in tubs on rails in station car park.</p> <p>Recommendation BED iii: signage to navigate to library, parks, toilets. Also map of local area with cafes, etc marked. Also mark pop up shop locations and store on social media (vii)</p>	<p>We shall add these suggestions to the document. Apart from adjacent to the pedestrian crossing where flowers may obscure driving lines?</p>
3	Yes	1	All	<p>In the light of the suggested vision statement, the question needs to be asked regarding all the recommendations as to whether they match the vision. It seems that is the case but the vision must always be borne in mind for future project development</p>	<p>Noted – this is a good guiding principle.</p>
4	Yes	1	GNE	<p>Point 2ii 'Regeneration of The Highams Park ... should provide parking for visitors'. I strongly object to any parking being installed at The Highams Park. No green space of the park should be given over to parking. This contravenes the plan's commitment to preserve green spaces.</p>	<p>It was not intended for additional car parking to be included in The Highams Park but possibly in front of the Mallison Scout Hut if this area is remodelled at some point. We shall reword this section to make it clearer.</p>
5	Yes	2	TPR Policies	<p>In addition to the recommendations of projects in support of TPR policies, I would like to propose the following. The pathways through the Highams Park Lake, Highams park, Epping forest and Walthamstow forest areas provide valuable traffic free walking and cycling links to Chingford and Walthamstow. I would propose that these are improved by 1.) providing raised speed table 'Toucan' type crossings for pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists where permissive bridleways cross the major roads, particularly Oak Hill, 2) provide</p>	<p>An improved crossing point is going to be implemented in Chingford Lane. We shall add the other crossing points to the list.</p> <p>The improvement of footpaths and signage, and integration with national walking routes, is already included in Annexe 1 on page 7.</p>

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				<p>clear blue signage showing destination and distances to these locations at road crossing points 3) integrating these with the local/regional national cycle network and walking routes 4) upgrading track surfaces of the major tracks to 'multi use' finish, or in some areas 'shared use metalled surface' suitable for horse riding, walking, buggy pushing, disabled access, cycling for most bike types, in particular the crossings (bridge/tunnel) over the A406</p> <p>I strongly support the reintroduction of the abandoned rail link now Stratford has become an important regional and international hub, and the introduction of a new station at Hatch end to promote more metro style train usage in the area over cars.</p> <p>Further improvement of local cycle routes should continue making best use of traffic free routes and quiet roads over busy major highways. I remain a supporter of an improved cycle/pedestrian crossing at the end of Beech Hall road leading to Handsworth Avenue, particularly as this provides cycle access to these local schools.</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>The Council has introduced a safer cycling route in Highams Park as part of the Mini Holland project. The proposal for the crossing point at Beech Hall/Hale End Road/Handsworth put forward by the Council's was rejected by local residents. We understand that the Council is considering alternative options but have not been made aware of the details as yet.</p>
6	Yes	2	TRP	No cycling projects in the documents as far as I can see (only 10 minutes perusal). Need to develop Vincent Road to Gordon Road link - widen for separate walking/cycling use.	Refer page 2 Recommendations (2) for cycling projects. Vincent Road route was rejected by LBWF in favour of the Beech Hall Road/Handsworth Avenue/Nightingale Avenue safer cycling route.
7	Yes	2	Recommendations (2)	I would like to see more encouragement of cycling in public service areas: outside Handsworth Medical Practice Primary Schools for parents picking up children e.g Handsworth Primary School	Noted. This is consistent with the LBWF's safer cycling route up Handsworth Avenue (see 6 above)
8	Yes	2		Stratford Train Link and new Station at the Hatch Are great ways to improve the current train links and need to be pushed hard. A station at the Hatch should also be sold on not only improving the links for residents in that area that fall between Chingford and HP but importantly it can play a significant role to keep commuter traffic from outside the area parking and riding outside of HP town centre and in an area with better flowing road links and in an area with more room for growth.	Noted with thanks.
9	Yes	2		The recommendations in support of transport policies in Annex 1: I suggest 'Transport infrastructure would be improved' rather than 'could'.	Noted – this amendment will be made.

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10	Yes	3	CPD 1, 2, 3	It is important that where pathways are wide enough, they should be designated 'shared use, pedestrian priority' pathways for traffic free pedestrian and cycle access, as has been achieved at the pathway beneath the railway under the Mini-Holland scheme. In particular the Brookfield area, as this has the potential to provide traffic free safe cycle access to Oak Hill School, from the village centre.	This suggestion was put to the Council by the Plan's transport group but was rejected on the grounds that the paths were too narrow and too remote/unsafe.
11	Yes	3		Page 3 vi - Pathways must be maintained more regularly in order to feel safe to use - both litter clearance and cutting back of overhanging shrubs, undergrowth, etc. Urban pathways must be adequately lit.	Agreed. Annexure 1 includes a recommendation on page 4 that "These routes should be well maintained, well lit and safe and secure..." ,
12	Yes	6		I am curious to know why the regeneration of the Regal Cinema has not been included as a priority.	The Regal is covered in on page 17 of the main plan document and on page 35 under Potential Sites for Development Site 6. The poor condition of this site has been raised by many people during our consultations over the past three years, so we agree with your comment and will give regeneration of this site more prominence in the main Plan document.
13	Yes	6	Projects	<p>"I am in support of the improvements proposed in Highams Park, particularly the Café, toilet and community space proposed and better use of the old Boathouse.</p> <p>I am also in support of the re-modelling of the Highams park station area into some form of public square, with integrated bus, pedestrian and cycling facilities. Removing roadside parking in front of the shops would assist with this, with limited, co-ordinated car club/disabled parking for the entire square/station area in its place. Perhaps a large 'multi use' space akin to exhibition road in London might work best to promote safe pedestrian/traffic interaction in this location."</p>	<p>Noted with thanks.</p> <p>Removal of short stay parking in front of the shops in HPDC was not supported by HPPG's parking survey so this will not be proposed in the Plan.</p> <p>Shared Space similar to that in Exhibition Road was sent to the Council as a suggestion for Mini Holland but was rejected.</p> <p>This does not mean that it should have not been included as an aspiration in Annexe 1, so we will include this as an aspiration.</p>
14	Yes	6		Page 6 - strongly support customer toilets at the station	Noted with thanks.

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15	Yes	7		Nature Trails - trails based on children's books, eg 'Gruffalo trail' - books such as Stick Man or Into the Woods by Anthony Brown	We will pass this suggestion on to the Greenspace Group for consideration when the project for nature trails is implemented.
16	Yes	7		Page 7 - Community use of the scouts' boathouse sounds attractive, but unsure how it would work? Maybe a private company could hire boats, as on Hollow Ponds, or a HP Canoe Club could be established with its own boathouse.	Noted: We have held discussions with the scouts and when they renewed their lease with the City Corporation a clause was included allowing the scouts to share use of the building with the community. The building has not been put back into full use as yet. When it is, we shall resume discussions with the scouts as to how this may work.
17	Yes	7	Projects	I object to a community hub with refreshment facilities and toilets in The Highams Park. This will spoil the natural ambience of the park, cause noise, litter and parking problems for residents and commercialise what is now a free activity.	A café and toilets in the park was requested by many people during the initial consultations for the HP Plan. Before including this project in Annexe 1 we undertook four surveys. Two of the surveys were directed at houses backing on to the park; both surveys showed over 60% of respondents in favour of a café and toilets. Two larger surveys were taken across the wider HP Plan area and both surveys showed over 90% of respondents in favour. We are aware of the concerns of some local people of the potential impact of a cafe being introduced into the park. If the project goes ahead we will do our best to address these concerns so as to produce the best outcome for everyone.
18	Yes	8		Heritage Project: reinstate a tree surrounded by a bench at the Broadway - this used to be the centre of Highams Park and a meeting place for all residents.	This has also been raised verbally by a number of residents and will be added to the list of Public Realm Projects in Annexe 1.