

Results of Issues & Options Questionnaire Number 1: Natural Environment

ISSUE 1: OUR GREEN SPACES SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT			
Agree	287	96.96%	
Disagree	5	1.69%	
No strong opinion	4	1.35%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 1:			
Option 1:	9	3.09%	No additional controls needed in the plan. Allow existing Council procedures to continue.
Option 2:	272	93.47%	The plan should identify sites that would benefit from additional protection.
Option 3:	10	3.44%	Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	291	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 1: OUR GREEN SPACES SHOULD BE PROTECTED FROM DEVELOPMENT		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	All sites which are protected should be clearly articulated. Other areas which would benefit from protection (but are not yet under that protection) should also be listed. The council should be held accountable for decisions affecting these areas and the tendering process for any development open to external (ie public scrutiny and challenge).	Sites for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Agree	I am not sure what the existing procedures are so I'm afraid can't answer this one.	Clarity will be provided in the Plan
Agree	Highams Park Forum should implicitly support and actively promote the full protection of all present green spaces - they are largely what makes Highams Park what it is today and hopefully will be improved upon (raising the profile yet futher) in the future.	Sites for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Agree	sites should be identified that need additional protection AND any new development, be it domestic, business or industry should have to have plans that enhance the local biodiversity - this should be mandatory. this does not always seem to be happening as obvious at the new storage development (where Focus was)	Sites needing additional protection will be identified in the Plan. Enhancement of local biodiversity is covered in Issue 2.
Agree	there is no green space in the centre of highams park. All green space should be fiercely protected. we could do with more soft landscaping in the centre - or community herb gardens	Noted

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Agree	<p>a/ option 2</p> <p>b/ height restrictions and distance from the road should be controlled. Follow Baron Hausmann's rule for Paris - the higher that you want to build, the further from the road the front of your building must be.</p> <p>c/ all architects plans and specifications should ensure that the building will look good, and for for a long time, without major works or costs. By this I mean materials that will not stain / fade or discolour due to sun, rain or reasonable usage. As far as possible materials should also be vandal proof and easy to remove graffiti from.</p>	
Agree	We are only custodians of the area we inhabit. I'd like all the trees of Larkshall Road especially to be protected as too many are felled for new building works	Noted
Agree	Plan may also indicate sites where development would be welcome e.g. run-down corners in residential or retail estates, neglected sites, etc.	Noted
Agree	Sites where additional green space could be opened up should also be identified.	Noted
Agree	<p>Do not even consider the possibility of doing anything on the holly crescent green other than pruning.</p> <p>Whilst I understand that "technically" this green is not protected and remote suggestion of this being used as a potential site would lower house prices, cause health problems to due stress and anxiety, incur legal battles, generally would ruin the lives of the residents of holly crescent. The council would need to be of the scale stupid, inconsiderate and ill informed if they even thought about this location for housing.</p>	The Plan will include protection for identified green spaces not currently designated in Council lists
Agree	These should be listed (both by Corporation of London and Waltham Forest Council) as 'Do Not Develop' sites. In addition, additional areas should be identified (perhaps as a mini-Holland Scheme) to be set aside and developed as additional greenspaces - particularly on the southwest side of Highams Park (LAWES (Lyndhurst, Alma, Wickham, Evanston, Swanage) and Selwyn areas).	Noted
Agree	It is important that Highams Park park remains as open space. I can remember the prefabs that were there and I'm keen that no development takes place.	Sites for protection, including The Highams Park, will be listed in the Plan
Agree	The council does not do enough to look after and protect small sites that are key to quality of life in the area. It needs to tend flower beds and cut grass more regularly as well as having a litter / dog poo warden visible. Putting up the flower boxes in Highams Park was a lovely idea. Failing to water the plants in them made that look like a waste of money.	Noted. The Council's neighbourhood officer can be can be approached for liaison with appropriate Council departments
Agree	In the event that a future person within the Council should ride rough shod over the residents wishes, no "carte blanche" should be permitted	The Plan will have legal authority for 15 years
Agree	Many places need better access - these should be identified and a process of gradual improvement should be negotiated with the title holders.	Noted

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ISSUE 2: DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY OF OUR GREEN SPACES			
Agree	283	95.61%	
Disagree	2	0.68%	
No strong opinion	11	3.72%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 2:			
Option 1:	14	4.76%	No additional controls needed in the plan. Allow existing Council procedures to continue.
Option 2:	265	90.14%	The plan should identify areas where biodiversity should be protected and/or enhanced and development should contribute to this unless exceptional circumstances apply.
Option 3:	15	5.10%	Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	294	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 2: DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE BIODIVERSITY OF OUR GREEN SPACES		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	A new tree and planting strategy for the area is needed. The standard of plantsmanship appears to be very low, if indeed, it exists at all. Whose idea is it to chop trees down leaving half the trunk in the ground for example? Has anyone heard of weeding in the council plants department? Why do residents have to nag for things to be done instead of the council being proactive?	Noted. The Council's tree strategy addresses these issues and is available to read on their website.
Agree	a/ option 2, without being stupid about it. b/ plantings should be attractive but not messy like some of the fruiting but inedible trees that have been planted around the area. c/ attention should be paid to the long term growth of plants / trees selected to ensure that they will not cause problems in the future by making lumps in the pavement / blocking drains with their roots or causing obstructions to motorists and pedestrians from epicormic growths.	Noted. The Council's tree strategy recognises these issues and is available to read on their website.
Agree	Additional controls may be needed but unsure that these are part of 'development'?	The Plan can set standards in its policies
Agree	Also, I wonder if there's scope to think beyond the smaller identified areas, to putting something in place for the area as a whole. For example, something like cutting existing verges later, after wildflowers have flowered & seeded, which would help the bees and biodiversity. (Maybe this isn't in the scope of the Plan, and is more of a Project, like Bee Trails)	Noted. The Council's neighbourhood officer can be approached for liaison with appropriate Council departments

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Agree	As per previous question - I don't know what the existing procedures are.	The Plan will provide clarification
Agree	Development should always protect and enhance biodiversity as a priority to housing and development .	Noted
Agree	Existing Green open spaces should be protected in the same way as Green belt is protected	Sites for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Agree	I believe that the council should undertake a cross party policy committment to the effect that all green spaces shall be protected in perpetuity.	The Plan's policies will apply for the next 15 years
Agree	I do not really have an opinion as I do not really know the existing council procedures in detail	The Plan will provide clarification
Agree	I do not think development should take place in areas rich in plant or animal life as it puts too much pressure on these and the two are rarely compatible. There are enough brown-field sites to build on.	The Plan will identify the green spaces that should be protected
Agree	I don't trust the Council procedures as they appear to change them on a whim. They need to be outlined in bids and written into contracts and overseen by independent auditors. So, additional controls under Option 2, but written in stone.	Consideration for Policy drafting
Agree	I feel that in our area our Green Areas should be protected as so much building is going on everywhere before long we will be living in a concrete jungle, and when it rains the water has nowhere to escape causing flooding.	Noted
Agree	Option 2 is not strong enough and opens the door to abuse of our environment..	Consideration for Policy drafting
No strong opinion	Present controls are sufficient but council should enforce them with more vigour	An issue for the Council Enforcement Officer
Agree	Prevent any development that would alter the existing biodiversity.	Noted
Agree	Stay away from Holly Crescent green. Even a 3 year old can tell you of the environmental disaster of losing such long established trees.	The Plan will include protection for identified green spaces not currently designated in Council lists
Agree	We should insist that the council has a policy of planting a wide range of British trees that support a wide variety of wildlife. The policy of planting trees like ornamental cherry because they do not drop nuts/acorns etc harms the insect and bird life in the borough. Also I would like the council to set aside some road side verges and roundabouts for wild flower planting, instead of cutting the grass every couple of weeks so that it goes brown as soon as the sun shines for more than a week.	Noted. The Council's tree strategy addresses conflicts of interest in public tree planting and is available to read on their website. The Council's neighbourhood officer can be can be approached for liaison with appropriate Council departments with regard to grass cutting.

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Agree	While agreeing with Option 2 in principle, it is important to consider too the needs of residents. EG: If planting close to buildings is too large or rampant it can block light, make burglars less visible etc. Some plants useful for biodiversity are rampant weeds when they seed into gardens, others have roots that affect drains, drives etc or features that make a mess, smell dreadful or are otherwise a nuisance. Use of spaces by local residents may also need to be considered eg where gardens are small, an open space for children to play without travelling to a park may be more important.	The Council's tree strategy and parks and open spaces strategy address this and are available to read on their website.
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ISSUE 3: NEW DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR GREEN CORRIDORS AND/OR SMALL POCKETS OF GREEN SPACE			
Agree	288	97.30%	
Disagree	2	0.68%	
No strong opinion	6	2.03%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 3:			
Option 1:	7	2.38%	Allow developers to make their own decisions about the inclusion of green corridors or spaces in new developments, subject to Council planning controls.
Option 2:	273	92.86%	
Option 3:	14	4.76%	Option 3: Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	294	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 3: NEW DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR GREEN CORRIDORS AND/OR SMALL POCKETS OF GREEN SPACE		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	a/ option 2 b/ ensure that the corridors / spaces are planted with a mix of species that will support the local wildlife through the year, not just look pretty.	Noted
Agree	Always ask local	The plan will recommend better pre-consultation with local people.
Agree	And / or to indicate adjacent areas of green space; if the development is adjacent to a park, say, it may not be necessary to incorporate its own green space.	Noted
No strong opinion	Don't know enough to answer	Noted
Agree	Every new development should incorporate green space of a meaningful size as well as green corridors	Consideration for Policy drafting
Agree	Find a brown field site and allow pockets of green.	Noted

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Agree	I don't want any green land to be built on in our area we have enough concrete developments going up, also we are having more flats being built higher, which I feel is not good for peoples inhabitants, ie, if flats are so high, such as the Walthamstow Dogs development, if children want to play anywhere how will their parents be able to keep an eye on them , where will they play.	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified. Building design is addressed in Issue 1 of the Housing questionnaire
Agree	I submit that a public consultation should precede any planning permission be granted. And to agree the inclusion of green space before any developments go ahead.	Planning permission already requires public consultation. The inclusion of green space in developments is a consideration for Policy drafting in the Plan
Agree	New developments such as Tesco's should be over seen by the council or local forums. I have heard because there was limited parking facilities flat owners are parking in adjacent roads. This should have been foreseen when the flats were planned.	Parking in new developments is addressed in Issue 6 of the Housing Questionnaire
Agree	Option 2. But for other species " corridors AND green spaces".	Noted
Agree	Option2 plus specifying who will maintain it	Consideration for policy drafting
Agree	People inhabiting within a half mile radius of any new development should be consulted and the results clearly taken into account of any new development.	Consideration for policy drafting
Agree	Prefer no further development, but if it cannot be stopped then measures should be taken to ensure any such development must create/maintain existing green space no matter how small.	Noted
Agree	Require developers to incorporate green corridors and green spaces but this should be with the agreement/sign off of an environmental expert.	Consideration for policy drafting
Agree	Require new development to incorporate smart green spaces e.g. on the roof of new buildings.	This is addressed in Issue 1 of the Sustainability Questionnaire
Agree	Require... and allow it for access to all users, not just residents!	Access on private land is beyond the scope of the Plan
Agree	Small open spaces should be protected from Council planning and no building should be allowed on them	Sites for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Agree	This needs to be mandated, otherwise developers will try an squeeze more accommodation in to sell. we need more trees and more mature ones rather than the cheap ones the council are adding.	Noted. The Council's tree strategy explains the rationale behind public tree planting and is available to read on their website.
Agree	This ought to be considered on a case-by-case basis. It may not be relevant to all developments. However, the decision about relevance ought to be subject to additional safeguards.	Noted

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ISSUE 4: DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES AND LANDSCAPING			
Agree	295	99.66%	
Disagree	1	0.34%	
No strong opinion	0	0.00%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 4:			
Option 1:	9	3.05%	No additional controls needed in the plan. Allow existing Council procedures to continue.
Option 2:	280	94.92%	The plan should set criteria for the planting of trees and landscaping in developments as a condition of approval.
Option 3:	6	2.03%	Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	295	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 4: DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROVIDE FOR THE PLANTING OF TREES AND LANDSCAPING		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	a/ option 2. b/ see comments in previous sections. c/ landscaping should take into account that people like to walk in more or less straight lines, pave the direct routes to avoid bare muddy tracks across grassed and planted areas.	Noted
Agree	Any such criteria should be compulsory and as extensive as possible, but again prefer no further development.	Noted
Agree	as previous - trees are essential	Noted
Agree	Cannot really comment as I do not know enough about existing council procedures	Clarification will be provided in the Plan
Agree	Criteria needs to be outlined in order to have good, responsible planting that encourages biodiversity, bees, etc. and also does not grow out of hand quickly (a slow-growing tree is better than a short-rooted and short-lived but exceedingly tall and ugly Leylandii).	Noted
Agree	Find sites which will not ruin residents lives and allow for pockets of green	Noted
Agree	I could not agree more . . . we need trees simply to breathe (but they're beautiful too)	Noted

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Agree	Important to ensure a criteria and include a species list. We should be encouraging species that are found in our local area and those that will encourage and benefit wildlife	Consideration for policy drafting. The Council tree strategy includes recommendations for appropriate tree species on private land
Agree	Open green spaces should be protected and not built upon so the council should be planting additional trees and landscaping to enhance these open spaces.	The Council tree strategy is available to be read on their website
Agree	The landscaping could include parking.	Noted
Agree	The Plan needs to be more specific regarding the type trees and landscaping this is to be provided. The temptation will be for developers to plant low maintenance trees and shrubs. What is required are the types of trees and shrubs that can support the full range of insects and bird life throughout the whole year. ie nectar rich in spring summer, berries and nut rich in autumn and winter.	Consideration for policy drafting. The Council tree strategy includes recommendations for appropriate tree species on private land
Agree	The Plan should set 'minimum' criteria	Consideration for Policy drafting

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ISSUE 5: WHERE LANDSCAPING IS PROVIDED ON PRIVATE LAND, TREES AND OTHER PLANTING ARE NOT ALWAYS WELL MAINTAINED			
Agree	181	61.15%	
Disagree	8	2.70%	
No strong opinion	107	36.15%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 5:			
Option 1:	20	6.94%	No additional controls needed in the plan. Allow existing Council procedures to continue.
Option 2:	258	89.58%	Where landscaping is provided as part of a development, conditions should be imposed that require on-going maintenance of that landscaping, including the replacement of any plants, shrubs or trees which fail.
Option 3:	10	3.47%	Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	288	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 5: WHERE LANDSCAPING IS PROVIDED ON PRIVATE LAND, TREES AND OTHER PLANTING ARE NOT ALWAYS WELL MAINTAINED		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	a/ option 2. b/ this should also apply to council developments, some of them look awful!	b is addressed in Issue 6
Agree	Agree with option, however to clarify - well maintained should be replace dead trees with new ones but I would not want to see severely manicured hedgerows, they need to be allowed to grow a dense canopy where possible.	Noted
No strong opinion	Cannot really comment as I do not know enough about existing council procedures	Clarification will be provided in the Plan
No strong opinion	Encourage the establishment of voluntary estate gardening projects to assist on-going maintenance.	Noted
Agree	especially forest bit in chingford lane when coming right out of the turning towards crossing, overgrown you cannot see traffic coming along road. crossing needs to be more lit up.	Issues for the Council
Agree	Landlords who have properties with hedges overgrowing onto / intruding over public footpaths should be required to trim such hedges to the boundary of their property. In Winchester Road, some hedges extend onto the pavement by at least 1ft or more, and with pavement parking, this reduces the pedestrian area considerably.	An issue for the Council

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No strong opinion	Natural Environment... So why maintain?	Noted
Agree	needs management	Noted
No strong opinion	New developments have shown an urbanization of land, detrimental to our close proximity to open land in playing fields and Epping Forest.	Noted
No strong opinion	Ongoing maintenance is a good idea and would be beneficial to the general appearance of the area but might be difficult to enforce.	Noted
Agree	Strict criteria should be set and adjusted seasonally to limit overgrowth of foliage.	Consideration for policy drafting
Agree	The council is not very good at maintaining landscaping. An example is Riverside walk (off of Beech Hall Rd), this gets scalped occasionally but the rubbish is not always removed & the weeds are left to grow. The 'walk' looks very seedy.	Landscaping on Council land is addressed in Issue 6

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ISSUE 6: WHERE LANDSCAPING IS PROVIDED ON PUBLIC LAND, TREES AND OTHER PLANTING ARE NOT ALWAYS WELL MAINTAINED			
Agree	194	65.54%	
Disagree	22	7.43%	
No strong opinion	80	27.03%	
Total	296	100.00%	
OPTIONS FOR ISSUE 6:			
Option 1:	22	8.03%	No additional controls needed in the plan. Allow existing Council procedures to continue.
Option 2:	240	87.59%	For landscaping & tree planting on public land, an appropriate upfront sum should be paid to the Council to provide for maintenance of that landscaping and, where any plants, shrubs or trees fail during five years from first planting, the developer should replace them at their own cost.
Option 3:	12	4.38%	Other (Please give details of your alternative suggestion in the box below):
Total	274	100.00%	

Respondents Comments on ISSUE 6: WHERE LANDSCAPING IS PROVIDED ON PUBLIC LAND, TREES AND OTHER PLANTING ARE NOT ALWAYS WELL MAINTAINED		
Response	Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
Agree	a/ option 2. b/ this should include any vandalised trees and plants. If they can be destroyed easily then they were either the wrong plants or not protected properly.	Noted
Agree	Agree with Option 2, but also can be written into planning consent where the planting is on private land too.	Consideration for policy drafting
No strong opinion	As before	Noted
No strong opinion	I don't understand this question - I thought issue six was about land owned and managed by the council so I am not clear in option two who would be paying the money to the council?	
Agree	I feel that developers will not maintain the landscaping and tree planting, etc, who will keep an eye on these developers, they need to be properly supervised and checked on to make sure these public places will be maintained. I feel that the area is looked after quite well, Woodford Green is a very green area, but the Highams Park Lake was very neglected, Thanks to Highams Park Planning the lake has been rejuvenated. I still feel that there should be more islands for the ducks, and swans to retreat too, for nesting etc.	The Council is the enforcement agent for developers. Residents can alert them to infringements. Highams Park lake is managed by the City of London Corporation and is outside the scope of the Plan

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Agree	In effect the reverse should happen - any funds should be given to the community - who will collect additional funds, using voluntary labour - stored within a community fund/bank account (transparent records, etc).This would improve effectiveness, efficiency, take a little of the strain of council provision and save money through volunteerism and more precise targetting. However, council should offer (gratis on the community and the taxpayer) specialised advice unless this can be found within the community).	Consider as project
Agree	It would depend on how money is allocated and how it is managed.	Noted
Agree	more controls in park picnickers leaving rubbish,even saw a large tent erected in top end of park with people sleeping, but don't know if stayed overnight.	Issues for the Council
Agree	Potentially 2, but not sure the council would necessarily ring fence the money for maintainance	Consideration for policy drafting
Agree	Same as option 2. In addition, I'd like to see the Council put more trees and landscaping along the roads, such as on Winchester between the the Methodist church and the shops, parts of Hale End Rd., Cavendish Rd near Selwyn School, etc. We need trees!! I'd also like to see more 'boxed out' trees so that we can plant them. On Lyndhurst, the asphalt goes up to the base of some of the trees which is unhealthy for them and looks messy. It'd be nice to plant flowers there (either council funded or stealth planted by a resident).	The Council tree strategy includes information about required sizes of planting pits and can be read on their website. Residents can adopt a tree or flower bed.
Agree	Something like option 2, but the money should not be given to the council, as they are not always trustworthy with the monies, Instead, small committees like the HP planning group should be allocated budget to manage landscaping.	Consider as project
Disagree	To encourage the opening up of the Ching path where this is possible and close cooperation with the Friends of The Highams Park and the City of London Corporation to preserve and maintain and where possible develop the natural habitat and environment for the local community and visitors including a cafe/toilets in the HP.	Potential projects
Agree	Unfortunately, in Gordon Avenue, much as the area is delightful, the London Plane Trees shed so many leaves frequently, that a couple of years ago, the drains overflowed. An additional drain on the opposite side of the road HAS made a difference. However, the clearing of the leaves has needed my input to the Council, (and Local Councillor) to ensure that a more frequent sweeping and clearing of the leaves is carried out.	Issues for the Council

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General Comments regarding Natural Environment

Comments:	HPPG Remarks/Action
The cutting back of encroaching brambles around the lake is excellent work and the result needs to be monitored in order to ensure follow up maintenance whenever necessary.	Volunteers expect to continue this process
A large amount of green space in the borough is being lost through the paving over of front gardens. This is known also to contribute to flooding. It would be great to have some incentive to only partially pave enough area for parking but to leave the rest lawn or flower beds: many companies seem to encourage the paving of the whole garden. Is there room for some kind of campaign to raise awareness of the flood risk and illustrate more environmentally friendly alternatives that still allow car parking if that is the issue?	Noted. Sustainability is addressed in the Sustainability Questionnaire.
All areas of green space (no upper or lower size limit) should be protected; they enhance mental wellbeing, air quality (in an area recently highlighted as very low air quality due to proximity to A406) and overall quality of life and wellbeing.	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Although I fully agree that green spaces within our area should be protected, there are occasions where caution and careful planning are required. Sometimes to improve a road layout, sometimes not to place trees where they restrict parking on local roads. The green space opposite Holly Crescent has been mentioned. There is a traffic problem in Oak Hill alongside the green, where it is impossible for cars to move both ways at the same time due to parked cars and the narrowness of the road. This in turn sends an almost constant stream of cars and vans down both ways of Hollywood Way as a short cut to Hale End Road or Oak Hill respectively. This is greatly endangering residents and pedestrians including children and pets, and causing a lot of unwanted noise. If some of the green was used to widen the road in Oak Hill the situation would be greatly improved.	Noted
although not really the correct area to specify this, the area outside of Handsworth Doctors Surgery is a disgrace and has been for years, this really needs to be a priority for development. Years ago the beds were full of rose bushes, too dangerous with the mass of school pupils and trampled over we now have mud and poor grass. Any planting there will be trampled on so plants are out but could we not pave the area and plant a few ornamental trees, where pupils could pick apples or cherries and bees and butterflies could flourish. it looks a dreadful state.	Ownership of the land needs to be determined. Some works have been done to improve this area over the past year.
Any way of developing footpath along the Ching so you can walk from the park to playing fields? Would make a lovely green corridor	Potential project
Area's of natural beauty should be identified and protected. Area's of natural beauty which have been neglected should be improved, for example the river ching and brook field path.	Noted
Brownfield sites should be identified by the community.	Consideration for policy drafting
Careful consideration should be given to the addition of play parks, cafe's etc. in areas such as The field of Highams Park, to ensure the natural landscape isn't spoilt. There are many sites where these man made additions wouldn't look out of place and would still be easily accessible to young families.	Noted
Could the council work more closely with the City and corporation of London to stop littering and dumping in the oak hill area. It is a great natural amenity that is constantly threatened and abused. There is a real problem with parakeets,	Noted

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pigeons and foxes in the area. There should be a cull of these species. They are wiping out small native bird species and mammals.	
Don't build on green areas full stop!	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Giving car less and more to people	Noted
Greater allotment and/or garden space for new dwellings to be able to grow their own food, reducing their carbon footprint. There is research that shows that more trees increase house prices and reduce mental health problems so tree planting and maintenance is important.	Noted
Highams Park is a beautiful area that needs to be protected by all the agencies involved as well as the community. We can not sit back and let it decline.	Noted
Highams Park is a lovely place to live in, partly as it is a green and spacious place where wildlife is obvious - this enhances peoples' wellbeing and should be maintained at all costs.	Noted
I am not sure if it is appropriate here, but litter and dog mess also a problem in natural environment, could bins on public frontage be a feature of planning.	Consideration for policy drafting
I feel that Highams Park is quite unique, with the Lake and the Park area, I hope that the area will stay as it is apart from what the Highams Park Planning Group hope to achieve and there will not be too much building in the area to alter it.	Noted
I have great regard for the street/pavement planters which are maintained in the area. The planting is of a high quality and greatly enhance the area. This is a council service which does improve the environment	Noted
I know that the council hire subcontractors to maintain large areas- the Town Hall, schools. They are a very experienced and professional grounds maintenance firm. They do a very good job. Could they be involved in some of the more natural areas around the borough?	Noted
I think it should acknowledge the corporation of London's role in maintaining some of the natural spaces in the area and define some sort of relationship with the corporation even if this can't be as formal as the way in which waltham forest council have to recognise the plan.	Outside the scope of the Plan but informal liaison is already increasing. We have set up a volunteer group and five team leaders have been trained by the CoL.
I think that more trees should be planted in streets .Also, more care taken to replace trees where they are lost in streets particularly where people have curb lowering which necessitates the cutting down of trees. I also think that more can be done to maintain green areas using Volunteer groups and these doing Community Service. Some sort of campaign	The Council tree strategy includes information on planting and replacing street trees and can be read on their website. Other points are potential projects

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would be a good, to encourage people to just make a difference outside their own homes, rather than just leaving it to the Council. Obviously just small things like tidying up.	
I would be interested to know exactly how many aborists the council employs. I spoke with an aborist a couple of years ago who told me that the council originally directly employed only two and that the other person that left was not replaced. Also, that he would be leaving in a few months, after which the council would contract out the work to a third party. Namely, a contractor. Is this a satisfactory alternative I wonder for a borough with so many trees!	The Council has a Tree Protection Officer, Arboreal works have been contracted out to Gristwood and Toms.
I would enjoy a walk around the Highams Park lake if there is a good footpath and if the dog owners take care of their dogs.	Noted
I'd like to see HP contributing to conservation allied to a re-flourishing of traditional crafts and skills. There are many tasks which are quality of life activities but generating a groundswell of interest requires positive engagement strategies and vision. Such activities would add enormously to the character of the area.	Potential projects
Importance for both public and private areas of green spaces to build in requirement to keep them clean from dog mess and litter.	Noted
In the main I have "agreed" with all the questions and also selected "Option2". I have taken this latter route on the basis that LBWF Planning Committee(s) do not always get development plans considered in the light of the local enviroment. Thus with the H.Pk. Planning Group it has the ability to liaise with the Council to ensure that the overall strategic design and plans are completely relevent to the locality and without "over developement" and loss of habitat.	Noted
Introduction of Barn Owl nest boxes.	Potential project
It is imperative that no Epping Forest land should be built on! No new access is granted unto Epping Forest land for development.	This is already enshrined in law
It is important that we maintain and enhance our natural environment and I think it is right that this is highlighted within our local plans and planning arrangements. I do think it is right to highlight the issue of 'green corridors' (not just pockets of green space), as these are important to supporting our local wildlife and eco-diversity. There is an issue about litter, dumping, and maintaining the local green space to a high standard - some of which is being tackled by the Council, but some of which is not. (I'm thinking particularly of the 'River Walk' area alongside the Ching, which is dirty, badly maintained and often used for dumping - and yet such an important place for local wildlife, being beside water, and is well used by local people.)	Both noted
It is vital to protect and enhance the natural environment. Highams Park has some incredible natural assets and we need to ensure they are there for generations to come. It must be a careful balance of enhancing the green spaces for public enjoyment against protecting them to ensure biodiversity and a safe haven for wildlife.	Noted
It would be good if the local shopkeepers were encouraged to help water the plant boxes at Higham Park junction. A couple of weeks ago the plants were dying off particularly those in front of the hairdresser on the corner.	Noted

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<p>Larkswood and ainslie wood should be protected, as should existing grass verges. There has been a lot of housing development in the last 3-4 years which has increased housing density in HP. Further developments should be elsewhere in the borough</p>	<p>Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan.</p>
<p>more protection for existing trees to prevent the council cutting them down and sticking in very young saplings! simply due to a resident or too complaining that the roots are too big e.g loads of mature trees being cut down on Beech hall and replaced with small new trees - changing the whole feel of the road.</p>	<p>The Council tree strategy includes their criteria for removing street trees and can be read on their website.</p>
<p>More trees in the Avenue please</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Natural spaces like The Highams Park should be maintained as such where people can exercise, relax and get away from the hustle and bustle of modern life. Commercial enterprises like cafes should not be allowed in the park.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>New developments should maintain where possible existing trees. It is a false economy and a travesty to cut down existing trees to replant with alternative usually smaller trees. There is then a loss of established wildlife population of birds insects and small mammals. Tesco and Shurgard are a case in point. Beautiful established trees were needlessly cut down and replaced with smaller trees.</p>	<p>Consideration for policy drafting</p>
<p>Not sure if it comes under this but the planters on Winchester road look awful as not maintained and the shrubs by the new flats round the station are also not maintained . I am also not sure how the council decides where to put new trees.... I do not see the logic of planting new trees under very mature ones next to larks wood on lark shall road, surely roads with hardly any trees would benefit more or round the centre e.g by indulge or outside the old budgens to enhance the town centre</p>	<p>Noted. . The Council's neighbourhood officer can be can be approached for liaison with appropriate Council departments with regard to lack of maintenance. The Council tree strategy can be read on their website</p>
<p>Our natural environment is vulnerable to new pressures as a result of climate change. Any new landscaping associated with development should be designed to be resilient to the predicted future climate. This could be through the use of plants which can tolerate a wider range of conditions such as flooding, drought and higher temperature ranges.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Planning should include that car parking spaces are reduced and green areas increased within the plan. Permission should not be given to create parking spaces in front gardens and this should be enforced by the council</p>	<p>Outside the scope of the plan. An issue for the Council.</p>
<p>planting of trees right by road edge is a health hazard, and dangerous, maybe shrubs be better, so not to grow outwards.</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Please consider incorporating permaculture into the development and maintenance of green spaces (no matter how small). Hawkwood Nursery (based in Chingford) run very good courses - http://www.organiclea.org.uk/ and https://www.permaculture.org.uk/people-projects-places/project/organic-lea-hawkwood-nursery-project)</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>Protection of the Rolls Park Sports Ground from development.</p>	<p>Green spaces for protection, including those not currently</p>

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	designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified.
Provision should be made for CCTV in areas where the dumping of waste is occurring. This is especially important in green areas like Brookfield Path and the Bridle Path. These areas do not have houses overlooking them, so not only are they at risk from dumping but also for car vandalism and possible theft! The corner of The Bridle Path and Oak (coming down from Woodford High Road need to be cust back as when tou turn right into the Bridle Path your view is obscured from vehicles travelling down the Bridle Path	Noted
Recent news states we are facing an unprecedented level of extinction. ANY development on green areas will only add to this.	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan
Residents who are fortunate enough to have front garden footage should be strongly encouraged and even rewarded to leave areas green and plant shrubs and hedges for wildlife so that the view along roads and streets is greener. Many people have ignored this and a variety of paving and tarmacking surfaces have turned some roads into grey, untidy inner city views rather than the pleasant green urban vistas which pleased the birds, pedestrians and produced more oxygen. Some of the trimming of street trees has been poorly done in recent years. Examples - the ruining of the shape of the beautiful Catalpa in the council flats' garden on corner of Hollywood Way/Hale End Road - no understanding of its natural form, and the Plane and Lime trees in The Avenue, which have been cut to sprout profusely at too high a level, causing too many leaves on the twigs which catch high winds. These areas could do with protection: a small paddock near Skypeals Road between the houses; the Wadham playing fields and the Rolls recreation area (near Larkshall Road); Jubilee Sports Ground, off The Avenue, and the area of Epping Forest between The Sale and Forest Glade, which is owned by the householders and is sometimes used to dump their garden waste. This is a narrow strip of land with public access, bordering Highams Park lake and should be preserved as a visual extension of the forest land.	The Council tree strategy includes information on the rationale for pruning street trees and can be read on their website. Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan and protection levels identified. Paving over of front garden is outside the scope of the Plan and is an issue for the Council.
Rubbish;l beer bottles, take away packets and chicken bones discarded in green areas, play areas and generally, spoil Highams Park	Noted
Stay away from Holly Crescent green. Even the presence of this q+a is giving me serious cause for concern and worry. Would someone please email me to put my mind at rest?	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan.
Thank you for this. My additional concern is the rubbish/litter that continues to fill our woods and green spaces. Not enough bins are nearby and more education needed re littering in forests and the potential for fires etc. the pathways in the forest in articulate Larks Wood entrance from Larkshall Road is often a muddy path. It is well used by commuters and well as walkers and therefore needs to be repaired.	Noted
The existing green spaces should be fully protected there are sufficient brown field sites available for development & the infrastructure for transport and health are already suffering without the addition of more dwellings	Noted
The 'natural' environment is not separate from us, we are part of it. We are damaged by the damage we do. When planning projects are undertaken, the consideration of the surroundings we live in should not be an add on, it is fundamental for our own mental and physical health as well as that of all living things.	Noted

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The new Storage Warehouse in Larkshall Rd is an eyesore. Why was the development allowed without the planting of mature trees/shrubs to screen the site?	Planting was required. An issue for the Council
the plan should try and influence council to enforce existing regulations more vigorously	Noted
The prospect of development on land which us currently used by multiple sports clubs and schools is a huge concern. Higham park is a unique place to live and the recent development have pushed our infrastructure and amenities to breaking point - surely there has to be a point this has to curtail?	Green spaces for protection, including those not currently designated, will be listed in the Plan
The provision of bird and bat boxes should also be included in new housing and building developments. Green roofing (living plants) should also be a condition of gaining planning permission.	Consideration for policy drafting in the sustainability section
The term 'Development' is not defined anywhere. It is often meant in planning terms to include the development of soft landscaping as well as the development of a site for buildings. Presumably the term dense development on page 1 means large buildings.	Noted
The trend to pave front gardens so they can be used to park cars has led to thr loss of many trees,srubs and hedges. It would be good if highams park could gaon thr staus of a consetvation area to prevent the loss of more trees and hedges which are so detrimental to wildlife. I think there is also an isdue with utban foxes. They are all mangy and hungry. It upsets me to see them this way.	Noted. Conservation status is outside the scope of the Plan
There are some trees in the area that have a protection notice on them which prevents any collaring by the owner unless they have council consent. This leads to overgrown trees blocking light, or growing far too tall.	An issue for the Council. The Council's tree strategy covers maintenance of protected trees and can be read on their website
To encourage the opening up of the Ching path where this is possible and close cooperation with the Friends of The Highams Park and the City of London Corporation to preserve and maintain and where possible develop the natural habitat and environment for the local community and visitors including a cafe/toilets in the HP.	Potential projects
Traffic/speed too high in Highams Park	This is being addressed with the 20 mph speed zones
Use the banks of the Station as natural reservations . . . get Network Rail to clean it up as it's owned by them, then use these spaces to give wildlife a chance without infringing upon anyone else	Noted
we are lucky to have the forest, canal and highams park. I think that more trees,flowers, shrubs, herbs are good for the town.	Noted
We are very fortunate to have both Epping forest and small greens on our doorstep and it is vital that these spaces should remain and not be developed in an already overdeveloped capital city. One of the main assets of London compared to other international cities is the Green open spaces which improve air quality and encourage natural biodiversity.	Noted
We should try to work with council to educate home owners that throwing any waste over their fence onto public land is considered 'fly tipping'. If necessary gather evidence to enable council to act.	Noted

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While appreciating the benefits of our existing street planting I am also aware of a number of places where planting is actually causing problems in the urban environment, largely due to inappropriate choice of trees for the position. Is there any possibility of including the replacement of those that cause the greatest nuisance with something more appropriate for the positions?

The Council tree strategy includes their criteria for pruning or removing street trees and can be read on their website.