

## Highams Park Community Plan – Ideas List

### Greenspace (GRS)

Description	Comments
<b>Greenspaces overall</b>	
Identify USPs/roles for each greenspace & develop strategy for greenspaces	All spaces are different and cannot all supply same opportunity. A strategy will steer action.
Ensure all spaces are named and significant components within spaces are named (could be included in strategy, so there are agreed names for spaces and key compartments in spaces)	Highams Park woods –The wood around the lake is currently unnamed (e.g. could be called “Highams Park Wood”)
	The wood south of the lake is unnamed – e.g. could be “The Sale” historic name
	Agree name of lake – “fish pond”/ “boating lake” – make link to Humphrey Repton’s plans, as long as it makes sense today
	Confusion over name “The Highams Park” – it is the place, is it only LBWF land, new and (some old) people don’t recognise the name as identifying the LBWF park.
Monitor implementation of Highams Park Lake dam works, to ensure all facilities are put back up after lake works are done	To protect amenity
<b>Access &amp; accessibility</b>	
Highams Park Lake path – improve accessibility	Like Connaught Waters easy access trail? Or just do part of it?
Larks Wood -Access to and around Larks Wood, especially entrances	Entrances muddy and paths not well defined in Larks Wood. Nature trail signs damaged
Signage/interpretation - some sites are poorly signed ( e.g. entrance signs to some sites need new replacing, as info is out of date or sign is in poor condition) and some sites would benefit from new signs ( e.g. entrance & interpretation signs)	Individual sites need a signage plan
	New historical/nature information boards - Current nature information is misleading/wrong (not clear where this relates to)
	Signage and interpretation strategy needed
Add new Nature trails /heritage trails and upgrade any in poor condition- to engage people with the value of the space	Include any SSSIs in this programme
No Walks/Nature trail app for smart phones at present	Would be a new project- good interpretation helps people to understand and

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	value the space
Make sure that Highams Park is integrated with recognised national/regional walk systems (could this be merged as a project on accessing nature – include trails, apps, signage etc.?).	Is already part of the Epping Forest Centenary Walk. Important to Include adjacent “The Sale” and Mallinson Park Plans Also may need to improve network of access to green spaces
Improve access to the River Ching.	Construct Footpaths at various locations along its length
Access for cars to Highams Park Lake is limited – explore parking for cars and access by other modes of transport	An access strategy for Highams Park could be useful.
Green corridors between greenspaces for people and wildlife are important	Recognise importance of HP green spaces as part of a North South green corridor (much of which is Epping Forest).
No access to some public land, including Mallinson Wood	Work with LBWF to secure greater access
Cycling in The Highams Park – review present situation. i.e. some want ban and others want cycle restriction removed	Review of current strategy –also links to activities
Further benches by lake (and possibility in the Park)- amenity	Involve AHP in branding
Remove fence between Park and the lake area & manage woodland between lake and Park, opening up views to the lake	To improve amenity and access, open up views and help to interpret the original Highams Park (would be part of the Conservation Management Plan for Highams Park) ; would improve biodiversity
Explore returning lake /Park to nearer its original design	This would be part of the Conservation Management Plan, being produced by City of London.
<b>Facilities</b>	
Explore potential, feasibility and desirability of a café and toilets located in the Park or at the lake - to consider building (existing building or new), where on the site, how managed (e.g. local person?), style of offer ( e.g. child & adult friendly, like Springfield Park or Thames Barrier Park), litter management, capital and	A feasibility study needed
	Could provide business for local person and fun in summer?

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revenue implications	
Explore increasing access to water based activities through the Boathouse/new boathouse (f required)	Champion and Business case needed
Build a viewing platform at high point on The Highams Park	It could enhance views or can these be obtained from top of The Highams Park, with improved management
Community log pile	To keep it out of the waste stream
More benches in Greenspaces	
<b>Activities</b>	
Develop an activities programme for all utilising Forest and lake more	
<b>Wildlife and the environment</b>	
Protecting the environment HPL	More areas to be unmown in The Highams Park for wildlife
	Leave lake/park as it is, quiet and unspoilt
	Keep park as a pretty green space (village atmosphere)
	Lake is SSSI – retain wildlife value
Protect playing fields and parks, surrounding North South green corridor ( i.e. Epping Forest)	Creates buffer zone for wildlife between Forest and housing Scope to enhance biodiversity of fields and parks
Local allotments	Seek opportunities to enhance biodiversity
New trees, including street trees	Replace promptly, when damaged; build in maintenance plan

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Review grass cutting regimes to maximize public amenity and biodiversity ( & ensure there is no indiscriminate cutting by LBWF)	
Tree roots buckling pavement	Need more soil around roots
Encourage residents to nurture the young trees	Install watering tube with a sign “please water me”
<b>Maintenance &amp; Cleanliness –Public Amenity</b>	
Reduce rubbish in Highams Park Lake area, as litter is increasing	Would more litter bins help, would take your litter home campaign, help, etc.
Clean up bottom end of lake & de-silt lake	Use community service – this work is likely to be part of the dam project
Problem of fly tipping in Forest and green spaces	
Drainage – Mountain bike areas get boggy in periods of heavy rain	
<b>Dogs issues</b>	
Issue : dog fouling in woods	Woods are now dog toilet;
Issue: dog fouling in Park, danger to children	maybe reinstate poo bins in Park and Forest; maybe separate dog areas
Issue: Stop free running dogs in Park	More dog patrols, using Byelaws, license and chip dogs and take dog’s DNA
Dog agility facilities ??	