

Name of site	Name of Site	Question 2 meets needs?	Question 3 barriers?	Question 4 feeling safe?	Question 5 Quality of life?
Friends of Brockley and Ladywell Cemetery	Brockley & Ladywell Cemetery Hilly Fields and Ladywell Fields	Yes - walks and work days- wide age range of group	Poor quality pathways present difficulties for people with a mobility disability and parents with buggies. However cemeteries are not parks and rough, but safe, paths can be acceptable. Unleashed dogs	Cemeteries only open during daylight hours and do feel safe. The attitude of some dog owners can lead to apprehension. (use of Ladywell Fields - northern feels safe up to 9pm middle and southern only during daylight)	Cemeteries haven for wildlife, quiet walking and contemplation. Works to Ladywell Fields have increased the number of people using the area for recreation and sitting and for young families to discover water creatures.
Blackheath Society	Blackheath	The heath caters for all age groups	There are no barriers to accessing the Heath	The Society have no particular security issues on the Heath. The heath is very well lit at night	Many members have chosen to live near Blackheath because its environment greatly enriches their lives. Its wide open spaces provides a natural green environment which gives a welcome contrast to normal urban life; a space for exercise, games or simple quiet contemplation.
Friends of Greenwich Park	Blackheath	Blackheath meets our needs for open spaces - when taken in conjunction with other facilities in the area such as Greenwich Park. We enjoy the fireworks, fun fairs and London Marathon	Main barriers are muddy puddles where vehicles illegally park on the heath. The use of bunds is welcome shelter from the dense traffic on A2. Dogs are not a problem with owners generally behaving in a civilised manner	Yes we feel generally safe, but some people are nervous of crossing the heath at night, no reason in fact just an active imagination.	The Heath allows you to get away from urban life - gives an impression of open skies and fresh air. These areas should be kept free of motorised traffic.
Greenwich Society	Blackheath	The Heath caters for all age groups	No barriers to note	Always people about so Heath feels unthreatening but after dark ladies do feel a little uneasy when crossing the Heath "off piste".	The Heath is a fantastic open space, its size, the open skies, the ponds with their bird life all add up to "life enhancement" but if not maintained and nurtured it would quickly look neglected and become depressing.

Westcombe Society	Blackheath	Support the fireworks and London marathon but oppose noisy commercial events. Heath meets needs but would like to see more bunds and drinking fountains	The A2 is a significant physical barrier. Bunds would make the fields safer. Low pavements should be raised to stop cars parking. Fencing at some events causes artificial barriers	We feel safe during the daytime. Safety at night is an issue. Increased lighting on footpaths is a mixed blessing as too much light spoils the atmosphere of the heath. However some would welcome lighting on unlit paths (Vanbrugh terrace to POW rd.	Blackheath definitely improves the quality of life for those who live around it and those who use it. The only time it doesn't is when there is amplified noise. Poor quality open space would affect the area adversely.
Manor House Gardens User Group- chair	Manor House Gardens	meets needs	No barriers to note	Feel safe the park is locked at night	it is the quality of open space, the fresh air, the trees and the plants and flowers and the sight of people enjoying themselves.
Mayow Park friends	Mayow Park	meets needs, attend events in the park	concern about dog faeces, and intimidating dogs	prefer using park in broad daylight, concerned about occasional groups hanging about. Having Grow Mayow has helped, Park keeper makes me feel safer.	There is a sense of community at the park at a time when I feel there is less community feeling in the wider community. If an open space is well maintained people are more likely to look after it. Parks are vital as open spaces that improve the locality.
Sydenham Wells improvement Group	Sydenham Wells Park	The playground needs updating	No barriers - dogs welcomed with responsible owners	There have been reports of unsocial behaviour	Yes going for a walk or taking exercise or doing some sport is extremely important, meeting friends and just general being social. Taking the dog out is vital.
Northbrook Park Community Group - Chair	Northbrook Park	Not enough for older children or adult keep fit. I attend events and activities	Lack of toilets is a barrier. A kiosk would encourage more use. Dogs do have a bearing on use of the park dependant upon what type of dog it is and the attitude of the owner. Dog fouling can be a barrier to use.	Not in all parks. People with aggressive dogs can put me off entering the park	Being able to relax in the fresh air in an open space and meet with others from the community doing the same thing and the children can mingle with their friends while playing too. By improving Northbrook Park we have created a while different atmosphere in the park and around the park, it has brought the community together.
Manor Park user Group - member	Manor Park, Lee Manor Community Garden, Hither Green Triangle, QWAG	Yes but would like to see more allotments and orchards. Need to be more proactive for climate change, promote community energy projects based in green spaces	No barriers but many people afraid of dogs off leads. Would like more fenced dog exercise areas. However would like fewer railings that warn of unlikely or unnecessary 'dangers'	Dogs can be a concern. Lack of staff in parks can deter people	Green space in the city increases the sense of well-being. Good quality spaces improves the local area, MPUG have been involved with improvements to park

Friends of Chinbrook Meadows	Chinbrook Meadows	Yes	Restrictions for wheelchair users through amblecote Road gates. Some users afraid of dogs off leads	Evening drinkers in the summer have been an occasional problem, also large groups of teenagers can be intimidating	Parks do improve our quality of life, they offer opportunity to exercise, a social place to meet friends, a green and beautiful environment, and a quiet space away from city bustle
Brockley Community Garden	Brockley Community Garden, Ladywell Fields , Beckenham Place Park	Yes, particularly Ladywell Fields now that it has been made more interesting for walkers with the opening up of the river	Dogs off their leads is an issue for joggers and runners	Ladywell Fields after dark, paths are not well enough lit and I feel anxious	Definitely make one feel good
Hither Green Community Association	HGCA, Mountsfield, Manor House Gardens	Generally yes, the parks cater for all ages	No specific barriers however dogs off leads can be a problem	Safe during the day, some residents don't feel safe in late afternoons or when gangs of youths or people drinking are present	A park allows you to walk freely away from traffic, gives you space to think, experience nature, meet people and de-stress, see nature and relax. A good quality park is a must for a neighbourhood - a poor quality park would encourage crime in the area
Lewisham Biodiversity Partnership	All open spaces	parks meet collective needs, Ladywell Fields is particularly fantastic and enhancing the rivers really help us appreciate nature and wildlife. There is an opportunity to provide more outdoor classroom seating opportunities to encourage schools to use open space as part of their learning resource	Dogs off their leads is an issue	We generally feel safe	They make a considerable difference, there are studies to show that recovery time is lessened by a view of open green space as is provide by University hospital Lewisham. There are fantastic views of London. Green space is provision is great in Lewisham if you consider places like Islington where one feels oppressed by the lack of nature

Question 6	Question 7	Question 8	Question 9	Question 10	Quotes
<p>Improving health & well being</p> <p>Natures Gym welcomed, personal jogging welcomed but not mass 'runs'. Cemeteries not suitable for community gardening. Hilly Fields and Ladywell Fields promote health and well being. Outdoor gym equipment could be installed at Ladywell by skate park</p>	<p>Natural environment</p> <p>Ladywell and Hilly Fields - contractor to be better briefed on how to deal with wild flower meadow. Locked nature reserves should be valued, maintained and encouraged.</p>	<p>Protection</p> <p>It would be irresponsible to build on open space. Planning arrangements cannot compensate adequately for any loss of open space.</p>	<p>Active involvement</p> <p>Sensitive work days take place in the cemeteries. Active involvement with both Ladywell Fields friends and Hilly Fields - members regard their involvement as important in the "oversight" of the local open spaces.</p>	<p>Cuts</p> <p>Loss or reduction of park keeper leads to toilets not being opened. Litter begets litter. Floral displays are welcomed if the town hall can have then so should the parks. Longer grass can be welcomed but still require shorter amenity/recreation grass for games. Concerns about reduced level of infrastructure maintenance. Concerns that loss of council staff would lead to loss of volunteering sessions.</p>	<p>"The opportunity to study the flora and birds is not to be underestimated". "The expertise of relevant council officers is indispensable".</p>
<p>The changing rooms and toilets for organised football need to be improved. The heath is not suitable for community gardening. The Society was supportive of the Bike and Kite festival.</p>	<p>The Society would like to see more of the heath allowed to return to its more natural state in order to improve the wildlife and its appearance.</p>	<p>It would never be acceptable to sell off or build on the heath. However the Society would not object to the partial sale and development of the Talbot Place changing rooms site if the receipt could be used to replace the existing facilities.</p>	<p>The Society is fully committed to working with and supporting the BJWP, which in many ways acts as a "friends" group. Its role could be extended to encourage more residents to become involve...for instance, centered around one or more of the ponds, however this would require organising and guidance.</p>	<p>Litter must be a priority and the cleansing regime should not be reduced. More of the heath could be allowed to become natural grassland with just one annual cut and collect. On amenity grass areas a 2/3m border of grassland could be left uncut and this would greatly improve the general appearance of the heath. The Society feels that the number of commercial events should not be further increased. However there is scope for increasing the use of the heath for small scale community events such as Bike and Kite and for sports and similar physical activities</p>	<p>"Many members have chosen to live near Blackheath because its environment greatly enriches their lives".</p>
<p>Natural surroundings are very important so aids to physical exercise should be limited and unobtrusive. Overuse of areas can cause damage to the grasslands. Public spaces such as parks need not be used for community gardening</p>	<p>First priority should be to limit human population growth!</p>	<p>If open space is "sold off" then the financial benefits should be applied to establishing and maintaining equivalently accessible open spaces.</p>	<p>The friends do get involved but it should be the Council's responsibility to maintain public spaces and residents pay for this to be done to a reasonable standard.</p>	<p>The grass could be let to grow longer. More remote areas of the heath could be litter picked less frequently. Not happy with more commercial events</p>	
<p>Let's avoid 'nanny state-ism' and leave the heath as an unstructured area offering scope for running/walking/playing. If people want to use gym equipment let them go to the gym. Don't allow too many organised physical fitness groups. Community gardening not appropriate on the heath.</p>	<p>Allowing some areas to remain as nature intended is acceptable if carefully managed but not as an excuse to mow less or leave nature to take over.</p>	<p>It is difficult to envisage a case for selling off certain open spaces.</p>	<p>Volunteers are useful when properly managed. A lot of bureaucratic red-tape/H&S issues often deter the desire to help.</p>	<p>Any reduction in open spaces maintenance/services should be the result of careful consideration: instituting better working practices, shared responsibilities etc (with Greenwich) and not just a wholesale drive to save money. Commercial exploitation is a Pandora's box - Lewisham could easily kill off the goose.</p>	<p>"A lot of bureaucratic red-tape/H&S issues often deter the desire to help" "Never underestimate the need and benefit provided by quiet open spaces".</p>

We approve of football, kite flying, keep fit and children's sports.	We would like to see less mowing so that the grass and wild flowers can grow naturally. Need to control ragwort and barley grass growing in low pH 'acid' soils.	In an ever expanding city like London it is important that all open green spaces are protected from building and never sold off.	We are represented on the BJWP but feel that local people might well become more involved if asked. Those who manage Blackheath take more notice of the BJWP. More cross borough communication particularly with consultation. We consider it acceptable for community volunteer groups to help maintain their local open space.	Suggest saving money by mowing parts of the Heath less frequently. We oppose any more commercial events to raise funds and disagree with incentives for commercialisation forming part of management contracts.	"In an ever expanding city like London it is important that all open green spaces are protected from building and never sold off".
Generally against organised fitness arrangements, people can run and jog themselves if they wish	More natural habitats need careful management which may be as costly as traditional. Not in favour of locked nature areas	Not at the moment we need to maintain London's 'Lungs'	It is right that the public help maintain their open space. There are no barriers at MHG	Cleansing could be reduced if local people would contribute assistance. The loss of the park keeper would have a big impact as would the loss of the café and toilets. The loss of volunteering opportunities would impact.	"a poor quality park attracts the wrong element and detracts from quality of life".
General need for all age groups to have an open space where they can be active. Open up access to the bowls club - wider membership. I believe there should be a place in Lewisham's parks for wide range of activities but not all spaces are suitable for every activity.	Agree with limited access to nature reserves to encourage wildlife to flourish. Wildflower meadows in parks are great spaces "a sense of countryside in an urban space"	Must be protected, there is never enough green space in urban environments.	It is a fundamental provision by local council's to provide and maintain parks and open spaces for local people. There should be opportunities for volunteers and 'friends' groups to contribute. Barriers to getting involved can be because people lack confidence/ don't know who to ask/ or feel that they have no say in what happens in	Must not lose the park keeper. The park needs a café and good toilets - could be independently -run. Footpaths should be made safe. Nature reserves require active friends groups. Difficult choices to make, should protect children's play.	"park keeper makes me feel safer and he interacts with other users, a positive". "There is a sense of community at the park at a time when I feel there is less community feeling in the wider community".
Yes they should be left for people to visit	They should be protected				
Yes definitely not only to keep fit but also an outlet for people to get out of the house and to meet other people. Community garden space is good as long as it can be protected in some way from vandalism	Nature reserves should be sign posted and the community should know why they are there and what for. Locke nature reserves are great.	All open spaces should be protected, and should not be sold off	I think users of open space should contribute to keeping it nice. The Council could offer a 'park team' pack to people who are willing to help, this could include a litter picker/broom/ etc. This could be kept in a lock-up on site for people in the 'park-team' to use. the biggest barrier for me is the amount of time	We don't have a keeper but would like to have one (same for café and toilets). Groups could apply for funds for their own events. closure of nature reserves and locked sites would not affect me but would affect schools and other organisations use.	"By improving Northbrook Park we have created a while different atmosphere in the park and around the park, it has brought the community together".
Yes adult style fitness and keep fit sessions would be good. Would approve of orchards and veg plots	Yes and closed habitats are important and should be left undisturbed.	Protect all open spaces, they are the "lungs of London", develop brown field sites	I am happy to volunteer and there is enough opportunities available	Park keepers should be protected, as should retention of toilets and cafes. Important to offer facilitated volunteering sessions	"Protect all open spaces, they are the "lungs of London", develop brown field sites"

Yes we should offer fitness facilities. Don't agree with community gardens in public parks	Generally yes, majority uncertain of the value of locked nature reserves	Do not sell off open space		Park keepers should be protected.	
I would like to see more space for community gardens. I feel there are unnecessary obstructions put in the way of residents trying to apply for funding to improve these areas, particularly for unconstituted groups.	Natural areas should not impinge of feeling of safety, should open-up closed nature reserves	There is no place for selling off open spaces	I am involved with the community garden at Brockley station I feel there are unnecessary obstructions put in the way of residents trying to apply for funding to improve these areas, particularly for unconstituted groups.	Would accept less frequent cleansing, allowing the grass to grow longer, reduction of events, and opening up closed nature reserves, protect park keepers	
Yes there should be facilities and activities but they shouldn't take over the space. Yes to community gardens but must be a balance.	Park could be allowed to grow more naturally but needs proper maintenance and be monitored. Concern that locked nature reserves can encourage fly tipping and rubbish.	All open spaces should be protected, and should not be sold off	It is good for the public to be involved - sense of ownership, meet other people, learn new skills. However public volunteers should not be expected to take too much responsibility or cover for reduced Council services/budgets. There are barriers to volunteering particularly time, resources, information and support	Any cuts should be avoided however if no option then reduction in cleansing, floral displays and grass cutting could be looked at.	"A good quality park is a must for a neighbourhood"
More well-sighted naturalistic gym style equipment or trim trails. More interpretation encouraging more use and understanding would encourage more use. Community garden space in parks should be done sensitively as there is a risk they become fenced off and exclusive.	Support more natural habitats and relaxed mowing regimes. More interpretation/information needed. Some locked nature reserves, with limited access, are important for the protection and conservation of wildlife.	All spaces should be absolutely protected and there should be a desire to increase the open space provision. They should not be sacrificed for revenue. This kind of trade-off is unsustainable and wrong in principle.	We are very active and recognise that much is already being done to engage and support various groups.	We feel that all cuts would impact on our enjoyment of open space.	"Lewisham is extremely lucky that we have the rivers that can be enjoyed. Unlike other inner London boroughs in Lewisham's parks and open spaces one feels that one might encounter some new wildlife, there is a randomness and the unexpected wildlife encounter is possible."