

## **Question 6 - What do you value about the area?**

### **Historic buildings**

There has been so much destruction of old Lewisham that I feel it vital that good quality property is conserved - from both an aesthetic and historic perspective.

I have owned a property in Lewisham for many years and have always valued this fine stretch of the High Street, the commanding presence of the three landmark towers in their landscaped setting, the park itself and the fine Victorian and Edwardian houses on its south and eastern sides. This very distinctive neighbourhood certainly merits conservation area status as I believe the heritage assets on the west side of the High Street do too.

I value the area for its historic value, an environment which has been conserved by previous generations of residents and Lewisham Council. It contains properties of quality which demonstrate the optimism of previous generations from the Victorian and Edwardian periods to the 20th. century. It has also the park which is the focus of the area. It was developed as a "Town Garden" and is different to other parks in Lewisham, it is smaller, it has a greater density of trees and ornamental beds of shrubs and trees. It is well used by local residents, parents with young children, the local muslim primary school and dog owners. It is well maintained by Glendale Services who respond well to the suggestions of the residents' association.

The houses are early Edwardian and have a style of elegance not often seen today in town centres which are predominately concrete and glass.

"The preservation of the Victorian and Edwardian buildings is of great importance, not just because they look impressive, but they also link the present with the past history of Lewisham.

I live nearby on Thornford Road. This area is a good example of high quality architecture and planning which has been significantly altered and damaged in a large portion of the area. I am keen to see it protected.

The area is unique to Lewisham and possibly much of the country. In particular the Victorian Villa's and Edwardian houses are externally largely unchanged from the time they were built. There is no infill and they form a fantastic facade around the park. The park itself is unique laid out with ornamental planting and tree. The avenue of cherry tree has to be seen in early spring. It is simply a great advert for living in Lewisham.

"The fact that the Edwardian and Victorian properties remain largely as they were when originally built. This contributes greatly to making the area unique and should be preserved for future generations.

Fantastic green oasis with characterful buildings. Strong feelings heritage.

The regency style of the park. I think the park is unique in the borough of Lewisham and should be cherished.

The calm beautiful park and the period features of the remaining architecture! We need to stop large corporations like L&Q from ruining the features and encourage them to restore and keep in with the classic features

the serene nature of the park and surrounding quiet, peaceful buildings and people is fantastic. I also have an interest in architecture and there are some fantastic houses and buildings within the proposed conservation area that need protecting.

The architecture of the Edwardian and Victorian houses - the large gardens and the lovely park.

Increase in property prices

The consistency of architecture, protection of garden space and trees, and unwanted development.

### **Green spaces and trees**

Lewisham's abundant green spaces are deeply appreciated by all its residents and contribute greatly to their physical and mental well-being.

Trees, nature, peacefulness, family homes, and a sense of community both around the park and for others coming to the park. Also it connects us with Lewisham's Past.

Sylvan character with beautiful architecture makes for a really unique feel for such a central London location. It gives a solid connection with the past.

I value the Park for its trees and green space. I think we should have to get permission before we build or demolish anything around the Park. We need to consider decisions carefully before we make them otherwise they may be the wrong decision. With so much pollution in London we need to save the trees we can. From the size of some here, they are over 100 years old. Giving the go ahead to a construction company to cut them down is damaging to the environment, hurts the property value of surrounding houses and destroys the peaceful bubble here."

It is a quiet and leafy area away from the bustle of the Lewisham Centre.

The park in the centre of this area is a green tranquil retreat which many people enjoy. Today on my way back from shopping I walked through the park and I could hear many birds singing high up in the mature trees.

The park itself is a peaceful oasis and offers a great public amenity to local residents.

The green space is an asset, as are the many trees which have survived. Are they all protected by TPOs?

The park is a wonderful green space and is beautifully planted and maintained. It is a really lovely place for my son to play.

I appreciate the peace that is apparent around the park. The quality of the buildings and the amazing trees.

A green oasis and an historic area with a really distinct character

Park and gardens provide an incredible green space that should be protected and houses should be preserved. Importantly it helps prevent inappropriate build such as one that LPRAs have been fighting.

Increases amenity value and protection of area which makes walking more attractive and pleasant both on footways as well as park.

## **Social and Community**

Living in one of these houses is an enormous privilege. The park is a treasured amenity. A social and economic mix of residents is essential for a healthy city, and is present in this part of Lewisham.

I live in one of the Victorian houses and really value the building and preservation of the gardens, park which contribute to a great community feel

Fantastic local community

Lewisham has a shortage of family housing and this will help secure the existing ones. Also the park is wonderful but the trees need support!

The park, trees and tranquility; in addition, the Edwardian and Victorian villas provide valuable family homes.

I hope many people will have the opportunity to live here in the future and enjoy it as much as I have.

The park. The heritage buildings. The mix of people who live here. The community feel; friendly neighbours.

It feels like a village, not like London and I like the escapism from the hectic busy race outside. By conserving the area, not only does it maintain the historical value, but also the quietness and aesthetics.

I think it is quite a unique and peaceful part of Lewisham with a beautifully planted park. The park itself is the best place in LEWisham to relax in peaceful surroundings.