

## **Evelyn Assembly: Section 106 Project Proposal: Play Evelyn**

### ***Name of Proposer: Play Evelyn***

#### **1. *Please provide a brief description of the project:***

High quality playgrounds and spaces for cradle to grave play and mobility in Glendale managed parks in the Evelyn Ward. Free to use, open to all. Reinstatement of equipment for children with SEND removed by Lewisham Council in 2015. This is Part 1 of a complete play strategy. Part 2 of the project will focus on Lewisham Homes Estate Playgrounds. The parks have the largest play spaces and are not currently delivering high quality play in the Evelyn Ward. The project will support physical mobility, public health, LBL obesity strategy, mental health, community cohesion, early intervention and, most importantly children's inalienable right to play.

Park user group DeptfordFolk surveyed park users in 2016 and the playground in Folkestone Gardens was the number 1 priority<sup>1</sup>. DeptfordFolk had hoped Lewisham Council would fulfil the council's commitment to provide a new playground alongside the £250k skatepark<sup>2</sup>. DeptfordFolk held a playground co-design workshop with children from Sir Francis Drake School in 2017<sup>3</sup> and submitted a form similar to this to apply for S106/CIL/NCIL. There was no response from Lewisham Council. In 2018 DeptfordFolk chair was assured the council would look at S106 funding for play<sup>4</sup>. There has been no update.

In 2017 Lewisham Council's Ward Assembly programme asked residents to contribute their ideas to improve the area. Again, play and activities for children were the number one priority. There was an emphasis on these activities being "free of charge", unsurprising in an area where 49% of children live in poverty.

In 2019 Lewisham Council invited residents across the borough to submit their ideas for NCIL funded projects on the commonplace platform. Boroughwide parks and greenspaces were Lewisham Residents top priority. In the Evelyn Ward playgrounds were the most requested improvement<sup>5</sup>.

DeptfordFolk & the Friends of Sayes Court Park have separately met with playground designers to look at Folkestone Gardens and Sayes Court park playgrounds. Both of these playgrounds need to be completely renovated. The Folkestone Gardens plan would include the dilapidated MUGA area at Berwick Gardens<sup>6</sup>. The Friends of Sayes Court Park have conducted a similar exercise<sup>7</sup>.

Available Evelyn NCIL amounted to £575k in 2019. This is only 25% of the total amount of CIL available for the Evelyn Ward which amounts to £2,300,000.

In addition to CIL/NCIL the breakdown of £7,337,389 Evelyn Ward S106 available (in 2017) includes:

<sup>1</sup> DeptfordFolk Park User Survey 2016

<sup>2</sup> Lewisham Council Skate & Play Consultation

<sup>3</sup> Folkestone Gardens Playground Progress Report 2017

<sup>4</sup> Question to Council 2018

<sup>5</sup> Lewisham Council Commonplace Data 2019

<sup>6</sup> Folkestone Gardens Initial Assessment

<sup>7</sup> Sayes Court Ideas

£202,031 for open space/play space  
£1,119,032 for Community & Leisure  
£1,025,392 Transport  
**Total: £2,346,455**

The applicable CIL & S106 amounts to **£4,646,455** which can be used to improve play provision across the Evelyn Ward. This **Play Evelyn** proposed project would cost far less than the amount available. It would have a significant and long lasting impact on everyone, especially children and young people.

DeptfordFolk submitted an application to the London Marathon Trust for £150k in 2019 and has successfully moved through the process to secure this external funding. The application was supported by Cllr Joe Dromey<sup>8</sup> in adjacent New Cross Ward where Berwick Gardens lies and Lewisham Council Greenscene<sup>9</sup>. DeptfordFolk await commitment from Lewisham Council to access this funding which would amount to 25% of the cost of the Folkestone Gardens element of the project. This demonstrates the commitment from **Play Evelyn's** local partner organisations to using S106 to leverage external funding.

#### **Folkestone Gardens Playground:**

Installation of a new playground & landscaping

- as promised in LBL's 2015 Skate & Play consultation
- as applied for via this process and the ward assembly in 2017
- Redevelopment of MUGA at Berwick Gardens (Lewisham Homes)
- Reroute Quietway 1 via Rolt Street
- Cycle Sheffield stands
- Parkour trail
- Suggested theme Deptford's Industrial Heritage
- See suggested plan from DeptfordFolk

#### **Sayes Court Park Playground:**

Installation of a new playground & landscaping

- Incorporate the Green area with oval path
- Cycle Sheffield Stands
- Suggested theme Deptford's 16<sup>th</sup> Century Dockyard & Evelyn's Garden
- See suggested plan from 'Friends of Sayes Court Park'

#### **Deptford Park Playground:**

Renovation and new equipment including water play area

- Discussion about the objective of the Table Tennis Table & basketball hoop
- Discussion about the objective of the Willow Maze
- Topsoil and repair of all landscaping
- Water play in adjacent circle area
- Agility course around inside perimeter
- Maintain existing overall theme

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<sup>8</sup> Letter of Support from Cllr Joe Dromey

<sup>9</sup> Letter of Support from Lewisham Council Greenscene

**Pepys Park Upper Playground:**

Additional equipment and repairs and minor landscaping

**Pepys Park Lower Playground:**

Additional equipment and repairs

**Surrey Canal Linear Park/ Pepys Central Area**

Additional Equipment

**Incidental Play**

Opportunities between parks and play areas to connect

**2. Briefly outline the benefits to the community:**

Lewisham Council's **Parks & Open Spaces Strategy 2020-2025** states that respondents to the council's consultation highly value "*good play provision for children*". The stated policy ambition is that children should be within 15 minutes' walk of "*a stimulating landscape that encourages play [and] that includes play equipment with some equipment for teenagers*". The poor state of playgrounds in some of the parks and dilapidation of others means this objective is not currently being met by existing play provision in the Evelyn Ward. The report recognises that "*Providing facilities for children and young people is important because it offers opportunities for play and physical activity and this helps with the development of movement and social skills.*"

The Evelyn Ward lies in the Northern Area which the Parks & Open Spaces Strategy describes as "*an area of deficit to Local Areas for Play*" and "*deficiency in access to natural greenspace*". The report acknowledges that "*the Council is currently working with park user groups and other key stakeholders to improve a number of Local Parks within the area with a 'fair' rating, including Folkestone Gardens and Sayes Court Park*". The report confirms that this area "*already has a much higher density than the southern, western and eastern sub-areas and given that a large proportion of the housing in the northern sub-area is flatted and without private gardens which means that often residents are dependent on parks and opens spaces for external amenity space and access to nature*". It is now time to deliver the change we need for our children's health and wellbeing.

The playground promised to accompany the skate park in Folkestone Gardens never materialised. Without the presence of children and their parents park users have seen increased ASB including graffiti, drug taking, drug dealing, inappropriate public behaviour (urination) and an adverse impact on the local café. The Parks & Open Spaces Strategy states that the council will "*target and deliver investment for parks, pocket parks and small open spaces that are classified as fair or poor in the Open Space Assessment (OSA) 2019*". This includes Folkestone Gardens. The council also committed to delivering "*new greening areas on Rolt Street*".

Sayes Court Park is dilapidated and has a persistent problem with ASB related to alcohol and drug use. Deptford Park is heavily used as a result. This has meant Deptford Park has been overused and depreciated rapidly over the last few years. This was compounded over the last 6 months by the extended closure of Lewisham Homes estate playgrounds since March 2020. Pepys upper and lower parks and Surrey Canal Linear park need additional equipment.

Lewisham Council's "**Working Together to Tackle Poverty in Lewisham**" report recommends '*strengthening support within communities*'. It states that: "*increasing community resilience and strong social networks can play an important role in helping to protect people against poverty and deprivation and to mitigate against its effects*". Playgrounds, like school gates, are an important space that support these informal networks. The report states that people in connected communities "*are also better able to access opportunities to develop their skills, find work and to feel connected to and invested in a place*".

Our MP Vicky Foxcroft established the **Youth Violence Commission** in 2016 after seeing several young people from the Lewisham Deptford constituency lose their lives to youth violence. Many of these young people were from North Deptford. The commission's 2020 report states "*The early years of a child's life can have significant, long-lasting effects on their life-course trajectory, affecting everything from physical and mental health to skills development. Many of the witnesses to the Commission emphasised the vital importance of these years and advocated strongly for early intervention*". Playgrounds that give children access to high quality play opportunities are essential early intervention in a whole systems approach and long-term strategy to tackle serious youth violence.

Bringing a range of families and children together in these spaces will make it safer and less attractive to those wishing to be disruptive or engage in criminal activity. A radical rebalancing of the visual ecosystem with a natural wooden and tree lined playgrounds to counter the densely urban environment is required. A large proportion of families in Evelyn and New Cross live in flats and many of those have no balcony/outdoor space. Shared facilities like parks and playgrounds are the back gardens of many families. In addition to living in Lewisham's highest density area, 49% of children in Evelyn live in poverty.

The **Mayor of London's Greenspace Commission**, which included the chair of one of our partner organisations: DeptfordFolk published a report which states that the Covid crisis has "*shown beyond doubt the fundamental contribution parks and green spaces make to the physical health and mental wellbeing of Londoners, especially those without their own outdoor space*". This is certainly true for children in the Evelyn Ward where our parks are well used and a lifeline for many.

Children have fewer health risks from Covid-19 and yet they have suffered disproportionately from the nation's efforts to contain the virus. Children's lives have been disproportionately impacted as a result of the Covid-19 crisis. As Anne Longfield, Children's Commissioner, says in her recent report (**Childhood in the time of Covid, published September 2020**): "*it is likely that children's physical fitness has significantly deteriorated during this period*". She goes on to say: "*The true measure of a society is in how it treats its most vulnerable members. During a time of continued national emergency, now is the time for us to step up and put our children first*".

**Play Evelyn** agree wholly with this statement. As individuals, parents and leaders in local institutions and organisations we have seen and experienced first-hand the impact poor play provision has on the most disadvantaged children. Those whose parents do not have the resources, whether financial or physical, to access better provision elsewhere are stuck with the same poor play opportunities. Those with special educational needs and/or disabilities have watched equipment intended for their use deteriorate and then systematically removed from former inclusive play spaces. This is not good enough for our children and the health of our communities.

**It is time to step up.**

**3. Who, i.e. which organisation, will deliver the project:**

**Play Evelyn** would like to use Timberplay (who designed Mountsfield Park Playground and others across London) or equivalent standard. **Play Evelyn** have spoken to Timberplay. Timberplay can quote and design before Christmas 2020. They can build over spring 2021 and deliver late spring/early summer 2021.

We are willing to work with other suppliers but the playgrounds must be natural with opportunities for open ended play opportunities.

Members of **Play Evelyn** must be present at all discussions, site visits, design meetings related to this project to ensure high quality play is delivered in Evelyn.

**4. Approximate cost and match funding source(s) if required:**

**Play Evelyn** are not playground designers or engineers. The lack of investment over many years means we do not know what is under the soil or what issues might be uncovered. This is reflected in our budget range for the project.

Folkestone Gardens £600k - £700k

Sayes Court Park £300k - £400k

Deptford Park £150k - £250k

Pepys Park Upper £80k - £180k

Pepys Park Lower £50k - £150k

Surrey Canal Linear Park/Pepys Central Area £50k - £150k

Incidental Play £100k - £200k

**Total: £1,330,000 - £2,030,000**

**Play Evelyn** partners DeptfordFolk secured **£150k from London Marathon Trust** for Folkestone Gardens but the council have not taken action to avail of this funding as yet. We are willing to use funding allocated from the council to leverage further third-party funding.

**Play Evelyn** suggested the Council work with Hutchinson Whampoa to bring forward funding from the £560k allocated to Sayes Court Park from Convoys Wharf S106 in phase 3 of the development.

S106 funding (as outlined earlier in this document) is attached to the following developments to support parks, play, greenspace and leisure projects. These developments have and will continue to have a huge impact on the area as more families are welcomed into our communities. Our children want to play together.

- Lendlease Timberyard/Deptford Wharves
- Marine Wharf East
- Marine Wharf West
- Greenland Place

- Cannon Wharf
- Yeoman Street
- Anthology Deptford
- Trundleys Road
- Neptune Wharf
- Pocket Living Arklow Road
- Convoys Wharf
- Trundleys Road Small Site
- Anayah Apartments Trundleys Road

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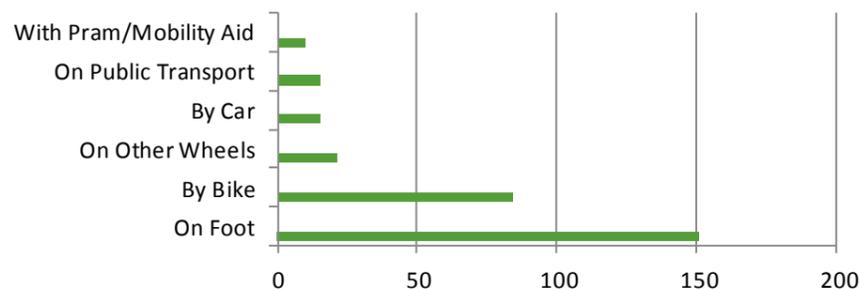
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## How do you travel to the Parks?

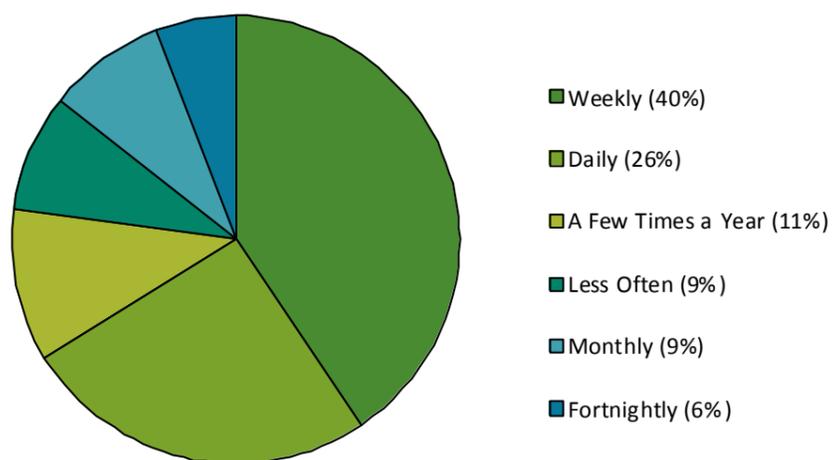


Most park users get to Deptford Park and Folkestone gardens on foot or by bike. Most users are local from the Deptford area. DeptfordFolk's future plans will reflect the need to address local need as we continue to engage with park users and local organisations.

*"I use a buggy to get to the park so it would be good if the footpaths could be improved especially in Deptford Park."*

*"The new quietway is great but there are still problems with the junction on Surrey Canal Road."*

## How often do you visit the Parks?



Most park users (72%) visit a least once a fortnight with the vast majority (81%) visiting at least monthly. When DeptfordFolk discuss our strategies and ideas we have an understanding of impact across the year and seasons.

*"The new café is great. Folkestone Gardens has now become a destination when I used to just cycle through."*

*"I visit Playclub a few times a week and come to the events. The volunteers are brilliant. Thanks."*



## Park User Survey 2016-2017

### What We Learned

The last year of DeptfordFolk events has shown us that there is an appetite for further activities in the parks. There is also much scope for improvements and the survey we have been running all year has given greater insight into how we can prioritise projects in our strategy for the next few years.

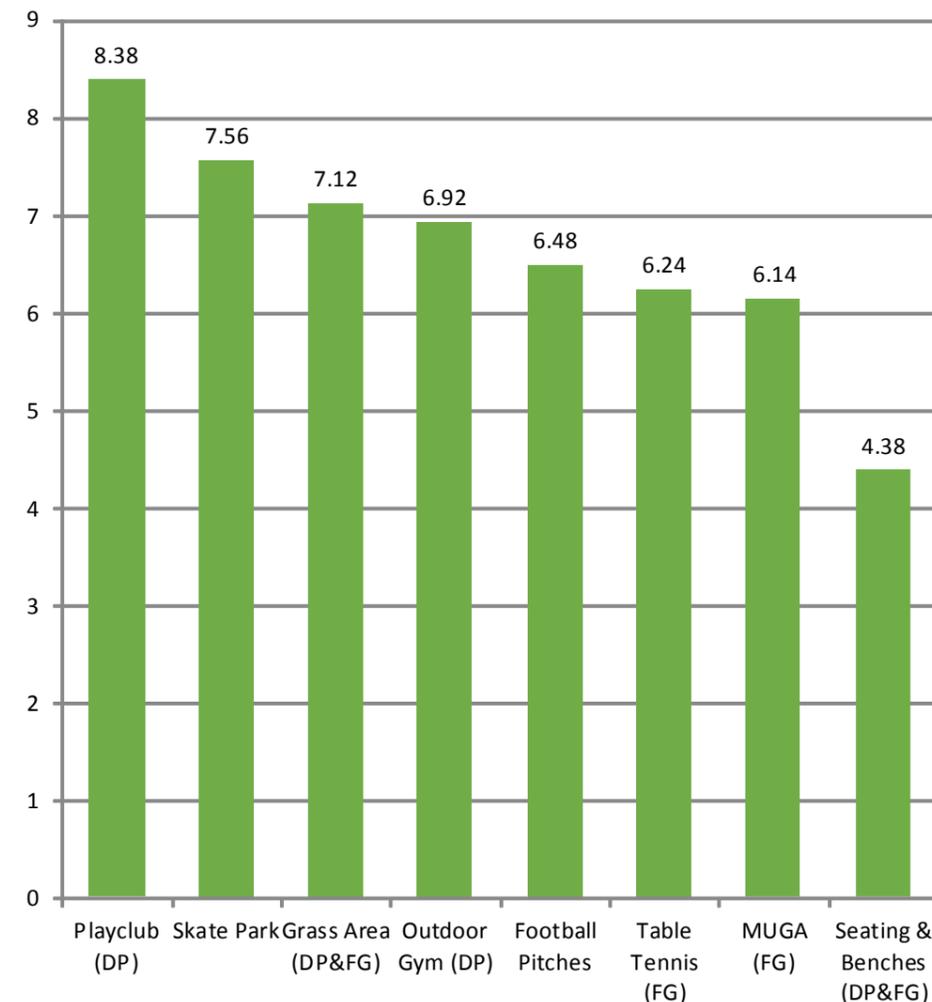
The results of the survey will enable us to revisit the 2008 Deptford Park master-plan. We will incorporate improvements to Folkestone Gardens into DeptfordFolk's new 2018 master-plan for Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens.

**Deptford Park**  
7.95/10

**Folkestone G.**  
2.5/10

**Rate the Playgrounds**  
on scale of 1 to 10

## How would you rate the current facilities?



Deptford Park Playclub run by volunteers and Evelyn Parents Forum scored highly with park users. The lack of seating was an issue for most park users.

*"Please replace all the missing benches in Folkestone Gardens and get some new ones for Deptford Park."*

## How would you rate the Playgrounds?

Folkestone Gardens was rated poorly and there were many comments about the failure to build the playground alongside the skate park. Deptford Park playground scored well and, while it needed a little attention, it was well used by park users.

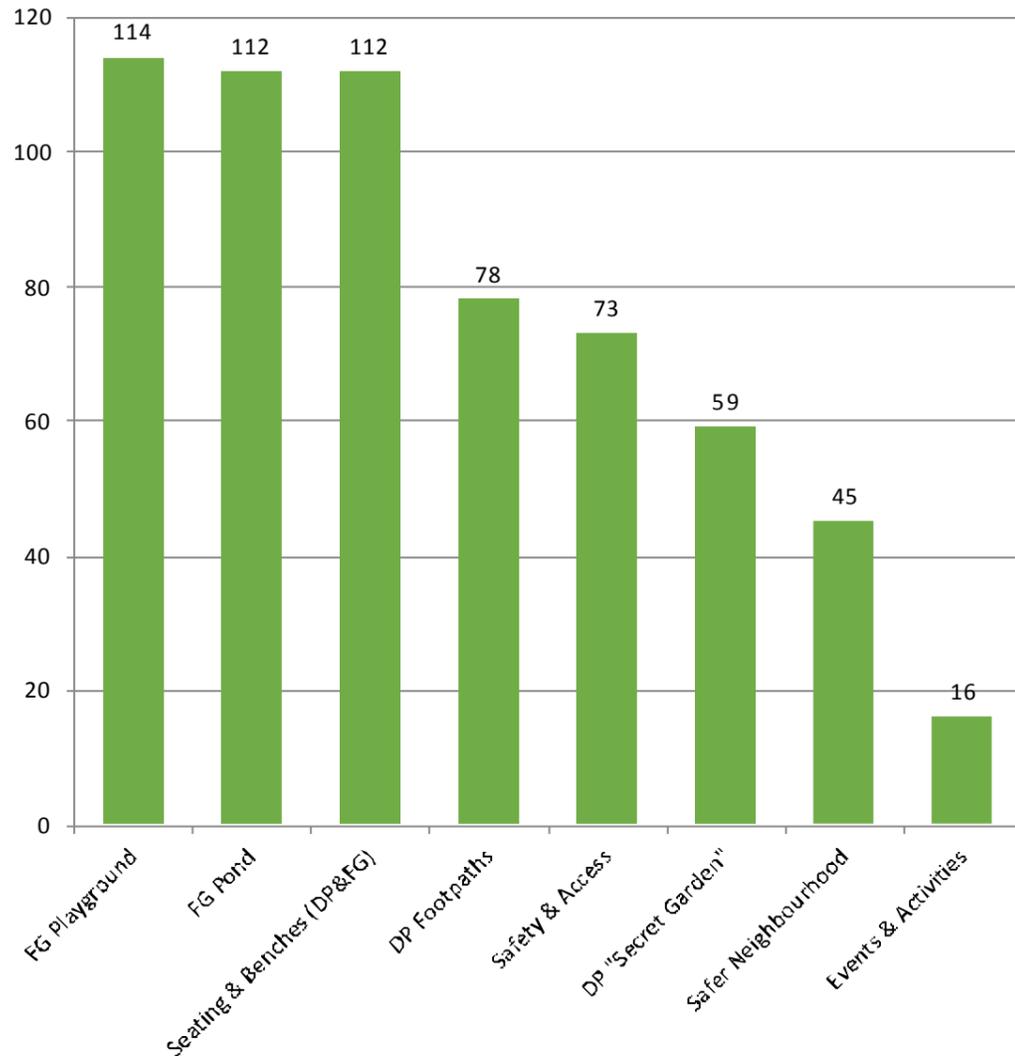
*"We need a new playground for Folkestone gardens."*

*"Children enjoy Deptford Park playground but it needs to be fixed up a bit".*

## DeptfordFolk Priorities

DeptfordFolk asked park users to identify the most urgent improvements that need to be made. We will focus our efforts on addressing these improvements through consultation with park users and local residents.

DeptfordFolk has developed good relationships with Lewisham Council officers and Glendale, the park management. We will work in partnership with all stakeholders to consult, fund and contract improvements to Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens for all park users.



"Really enjoying the DeptfordFolk and Playclub events. Keep up the good work."

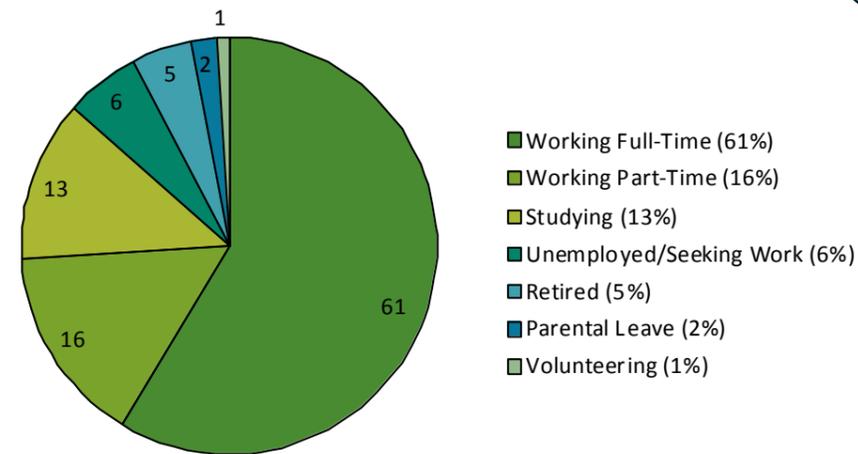
"These parks have been neglected for years. Glad something might actually get done."

"NO more building on the park. We need to keep our green spaces green. No more concrete."

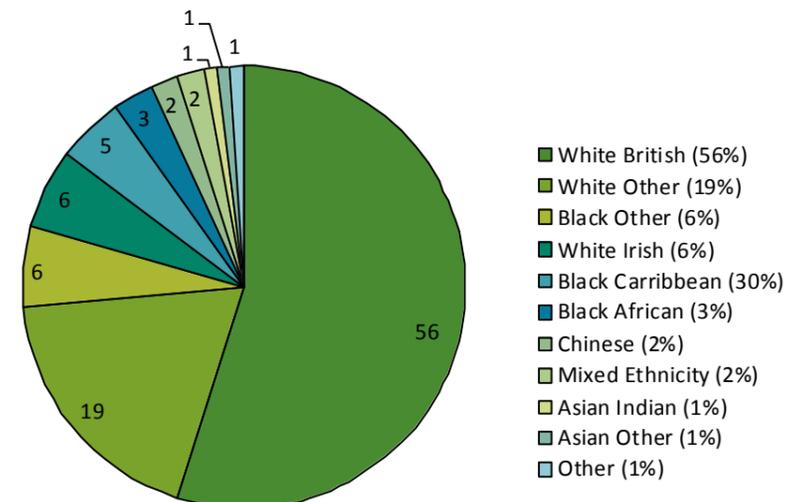
"I really like the pond. With a bit of work it could be amazing."



## Work/Study



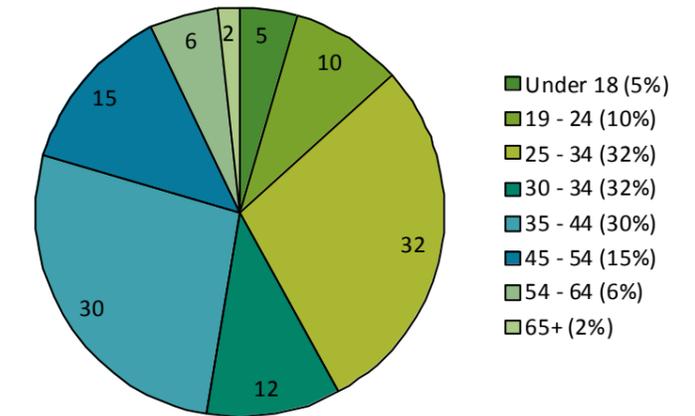
## Ethnicity



## Monitoring Data

DeptfordFolk surveyed 211 people using the parks to understand how our organisation might make improvements and support engagement with Deptford Park & Folkestone Gardens. The parks are well used by a range of people. The information below shows the wide range of people we engaged with the DeptfordFolk Park Survey 2016-2017.

## Age Group



**52% Male**  
**48% Female**

## Monitoring Framework

DeptfordFolk used the same monitoring framework as Lewisham Council in order to make our data sets comparable with other data sets across the borough.

## Evelyn Ward

The ward where Deptford Park and Folkestone Gardens is located has a child poverty rate of 37% (against a borough average of 24%) and is the most deprived area in Lewisham. 10,000 new homes will be built in the ward over the next decade which will lead to a rapidly changing demographic and population numbers.

DeptfordFolk aims to ensure our green spaces and the routes by which they are accessed are protected and improved.

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## Wider Context

The London Borough of Lewisham has been working to develop a strategy for improved walking and cycling links across the north of the borough. The key aspects that have influenced the prioritisation of these links are:

- the needs of local people
- strategic needs of Greater London
- major development proposals in the borough

### Local needs

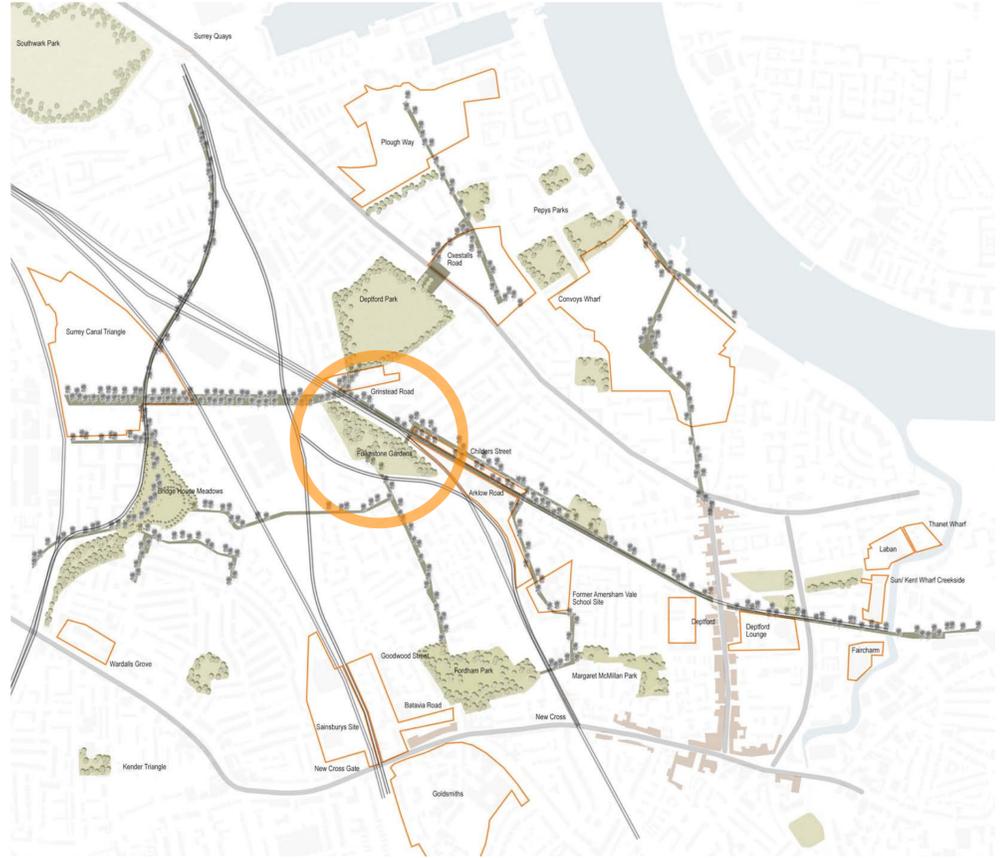
North Lewisham is crisscrossed by railway infrastructure that has the effect of dividing communities by creating barriers to movement. The strategy attempts to reconnect these communities by proposing improvements to key connections (e.g. new pavements, open sight lines, new signage and improved lighting) so that local people feel safer as they move through the area.

### Strategic needs

To address longer distance walking and cycling connections between central London and the inner boroughs has been a key priority of the London Mayor, as outlined in the London Plan. The strategy addresses these concerns by identifying the longer distance routes and suggesting key points along the route that require improvement.

### Major developments

New developments are happening in Lewisham and many are planned for development over the next decade. These developments will not only provide opportunities for new homes, shops, offices and cafes, but will also provide funding to upgrade surrounding public spaces. The strategy looks at ways how available funds can be spent effectively to address local and strategic needs.



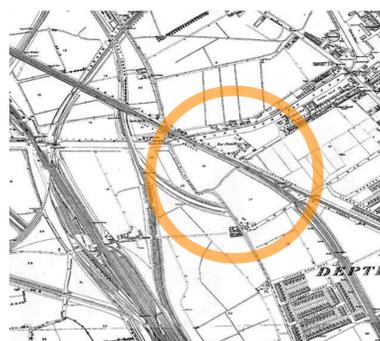
## Quietway 2 - Waterloo to Greenwich



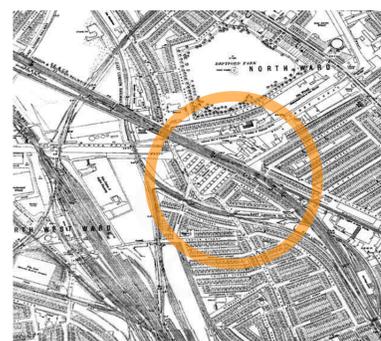
The Mayor of London has made a commitment to improve facilities for cyclists across Greater London. Part of this commitment is to provide a network of quiet cycle routes for less confident cyclists to commute into and out of London as part of a strategy to relieve congestion on the tube and bus networks. The Waterloo to Greenwich Quietway (also known as Q2) is one of two pilot projects funded by the Mayor's office that, if successful, will be rolled out across the city over the next ten years. The proposed route for Q2 makes use of quiet streets and passes through car free areas that includes a number of parks and open spaces. Folkestone Gardens is one of the parks on the Quietway 2. Funding from the Mayor's office for improved crossings, entrances and routes for cycling will be combined with funding from a number of other sources to make other park improvements at Folkestone Gardens.

## Site History

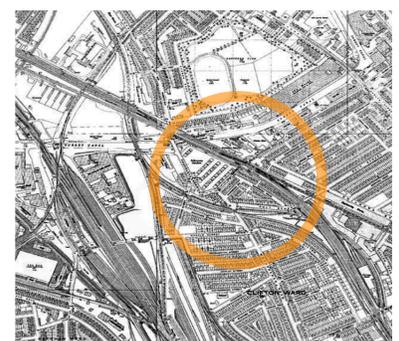
Folkestone Gardens is a small local park (2.7 Ha) to the north-west of Deptford. The park was created in the 1970s after the demolition of an area of terraced housing that had been seriously damaged by a V-2 rocket during WWII. The park was named after the street where the V-2 rocket hit and a pond with a heart-shaped island was created at its crater. The rubble of the houses was kept on site to create the undulating mounds that form the park. The park is situated alongside the viaduct of the first elevated passenger railway in London.



1870



1910



1950

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## Issues



junction with Surrey Canal Road is confusing

large grass mounds interrupt sightlines

entrances are unwelcoming

excessive railings constrain the site

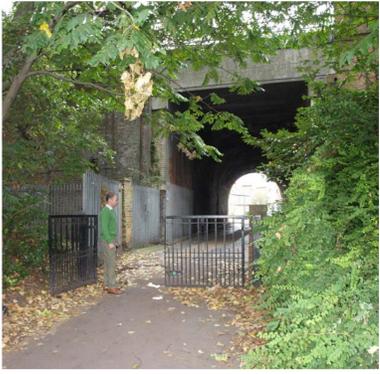


overgrown vegetation blocks sight lines

play ground feels separate to the park

underpasses are dark and feel unsafe

boarded up toilet block gives a sense of dereliction



## Constraints & Opportunities



### Constraints

- Entrances are currently unwelcoming and constrained
- Overgrown vegetation and oversized mounds block views and interrupt sight lines
- The play area feels distinctly separate to the park and lacks character and a sense of place
- Excessive fencing and railings around the play area and road edges constrains the space
- Poor lighting creates dark areas at night that feel unsafe
- Former boarded-up public toilet block adds to an overall sense of dereliction
- Most park edges are formed by railway lines and not naturally surveyed

### Opportunities

- New open and welcoming park entrances
- Wider and more flowing routes
- New play and skate facilities
- Integration of the two separate parts of the park, to create 'one park'
- An inviting and safe underpass as one of the park entrances
- New lighting along main routes
- A setting for a new café facility (converted toilet block)

## Design Approach



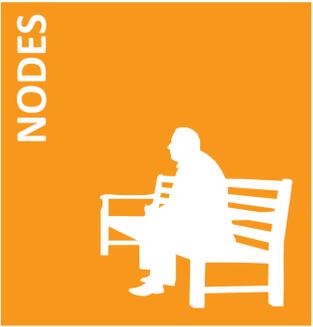
It is the aspiration of the London Borough of Lewisham to provide a revitalised play area in Folkestone Gardens focussed around a new state of the art skate facility that is well integrated into the undulating topography of the park. The design of the new play area seeks to reintegrate the undulating character of Folkestone Gardens into the existing flat and austere character of the current play area, as well as to create new welcoming entrances, reduced and reshaped grass mounds, new footpaths, and an improved setting for a future café.

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## Concept



part funded by the London Marathon Charitable Trust



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## YOUR COMMENTS HERE....

What do you **like** about the initial play and skate park ideas?

What do you **dislike** like about the initial play and skate park ideas?

## We welcome your feedback

- What elements of the design do you like?
- What elements of the design do you not like?
- Would the proposals change the way you feel about the park?
- Any other comments?

## What happens next?

After this exhibition, comments recorded will be reviewed and a final design developed which takes account of comments. The play area and skate park will be implemented next year.

Please e-mail any further comments to [Greenscene@lewisham.gov.uk](mailto:Greenscene@lewisham.gov.uk)



# A Playground Folkestone Gardens

Folkestone Gardens is a small park located in Deptford SE8. This part of the London Borough of Lewisham has a child poverty rate of 37% against a borough average of 24%. The former playground in Folkestone Gardens had a limited amount of sturdy equipment and some SEN equipment. There was a small skate area used by local children on scooters, skates, skateboards and bikes.

In 2016 residents learned that Lewisham council was to install a Skatepark in Folkestone Gardens at the expense of the playground. There was no consultation but a new playground in the remaining area was promised. Appeals to elected representatives, who thought this was a “good idea”, to halt the process and consult on where to locate the new skatepark were dismissed. No time was taken to understand the sanitation and drinking water requirements of the people who would be now attracted to this sub-regional asset. No time was taken to consult on the proposed new playground.

A quarter of a million pounds (250k) of Section 106 money (funding provided by developers to mitigate the costs of a development on local infrastructure) was allocated to this project. A “new” playground never materialised. Instead the old equipment was relocated. The playground is not used much anymore. Balls from the MUGA come straight into the play space; Gates are missing causing safety issues and the SEN equipment is gone. There is an unacceptable level of ASB on the skatepark including drug use and dealing, public urination and an increased level of graffiti in the area. DeptfordFolk have embarked on a project to find solutions to the problems in this area.





Folkestone Gardens was once an area of Victorian Terraces and mansion Blocks on Oarborough Road, Deptford



On 7th March 1945 a V2 bomb landed on Oarborough road killing 53, destroying homes and making other buildings unsafe. Prefabs were erected on site to address post war housing issues.



Like many bomb sites in London the rubble in Oarborough Road became a playground for local children.



In the 1970's the area was developed into a park and named after one of the former mansion blocks: Folkestone Gardens.

DeptfordFolk was formed in 2015 in response to a number of attempts to remove green space from our local parks and make costly changes without consultation.

DeptfordFolk's approach is to consult with all interested parties (or stakeholders). When we work together and share ideas, projected problems and solutions we can enhance our parks to best respond to the needs of the local community who make up the vast majority of park users (see DeptfordFolk survey data 2017)

There are some key issues facing children in the play area of Folkestone Gardens:

- **Poor Quality equipment**
- **Anti-Social Behaviour**
- **Personal Safety**
- **Road and access Safety**
- **Poor quality Environment**
- **Access to sanitation and drinking water**

Our aim is to address these issues through community consultation and Collaborative Design

In order to keep children safe and promote play in a clean healthy environment DeptfordFolk are campaigning for...



... improved pavement maintenance and removal of scrap cars from the roads around the playground. This is a school route.

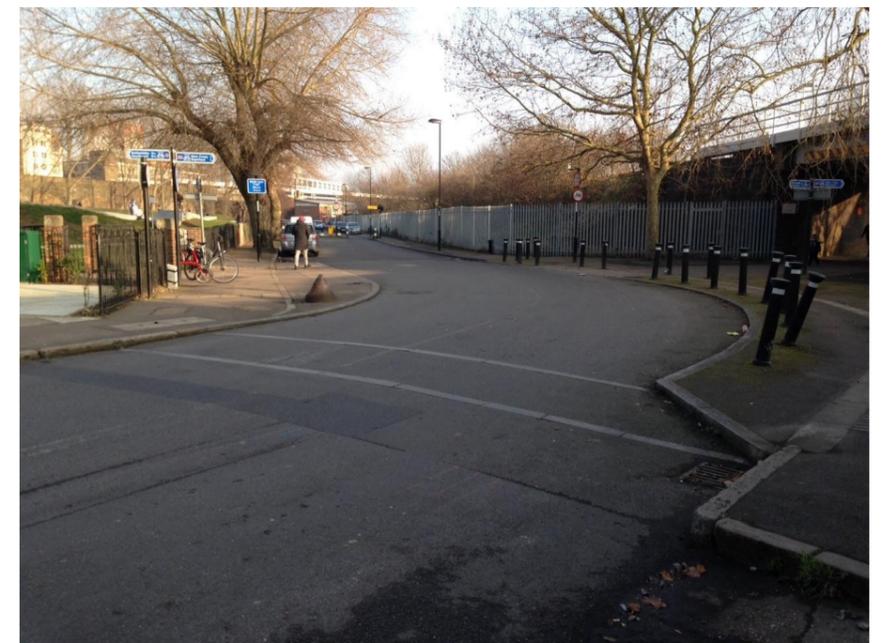
... a water fountain in the new play space.

... a solution from Lewisham Council to address the sanitation issues. It is not acceptable to pass this responsibility to the Café.

... a strategy to monitor the area from the local Safer Neighbourhood team



... a new playground with high quality equipment addressing the needs of all age groups and abilities



... a safe crossing and pedestrian priority on Rolt Street connecting Woodpecker Road to Folkestone Gardens.



## Let's Get a New Playground!

DeptfordFolk have started work to realise the potential of this vast unused playground space. In June 2017 we ran a consultation and design workshop with the very people who will be using the space: children at Sir Francis Drake Primary School.

DeptfordFolk teamed up with Sir Francis Drake School. We were joined by local developers Anthology, who will offer us some technical support for the project. Dream Network, a non-profit playground design organisation headed by a former aerospace engineer turned playground designer came too.

The children had great ideas and considered children of all ages and abilities. The next step will be to secure funding, build the playground and reclaim the space for local children and their families.



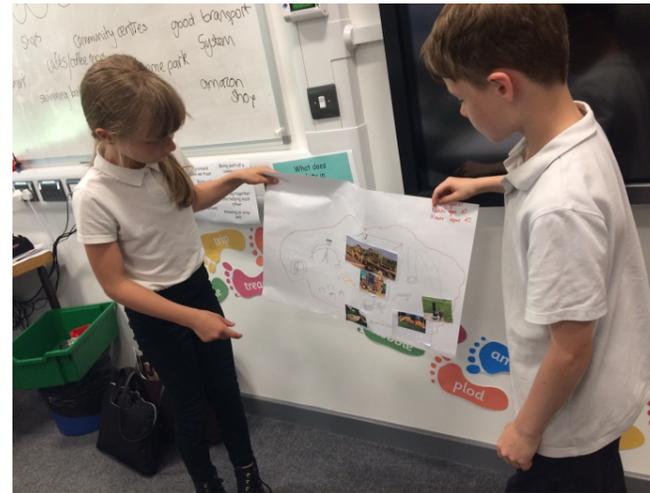
*"We can't go there now because men are on the skatepark and it's not safe".*



*"A splash park with a slide and sandpit".*



*"When will we get a playground that one is rubbish".*



The children confidently explained their plans explaining how different equipment would address the needs of all park users. Picnic areas, areas for younger children, drinking fountains with a dog bowl and tree cover for shade and nature.

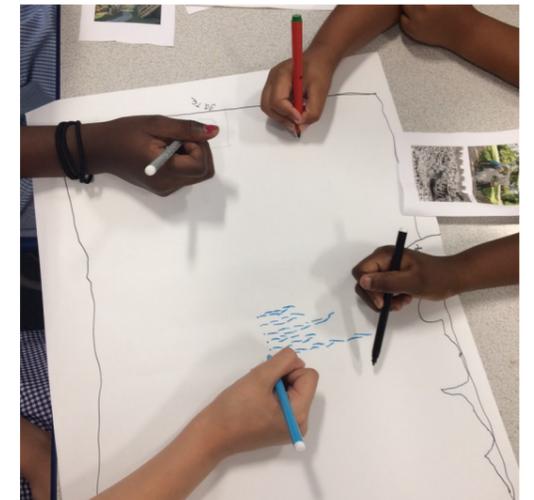
Children would like to use the skatepark but the current situation makes it difficult at times.



*"We can have a track to ride our bikes on".*



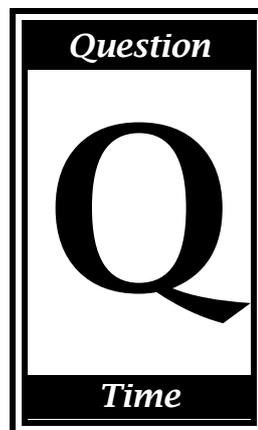
*"There should be a separate space for small kids to play".*



the grass was laid on a concrete base and has now died (3) a strip of land planted with wild flowers is now dry and looks very neglected. Will the Council commit to maintaining/watering the newly planted trees regularly and help residents to rectify the poor planting on this road?

**Reply**

The land in question is owned by the Council. The landscaping referred to was paid for and carried out in connection with an adjoining private residential development scheme. The trees were not planted by Lewisham Homes therefore I have asked officers from the Councils Open Space Management team to inspect the site, assess the condition of the trees and arrange for any necessary maintenance.



**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 33**

**Priority 2**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**18 JULY 2018**

Question asked by: Trina Lynskey

Member to reply: The Mayor

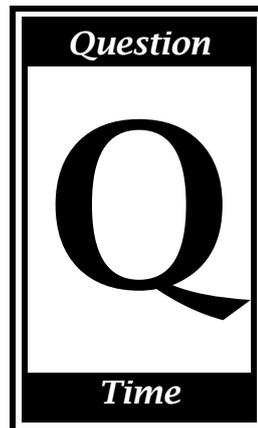
**Question**

Will Lewisham Council commit to allocating £300k this summer to improving Folkestone Gardens, Sayes Court Park and Silwood play spaces for universal benefit to all children and support Early Years education and health outcomes?

**Reply**

The only potential funds which are available to support large scale landscape and play spaces improvements are Section 106 receipts. Access to Section 106 funding is strictly controlled with processes in place to ensure the monies held are spent appropriately and in accordance with the terms of the legal agreements which have been signed with developers.

While the Council cannot therefore commit to allocating this money until the proper processes have been followed, I will ask the appropriate officers to look into the availability of any unallocated Section 106 funds.



**PUBLIC QUESTION NO. 34**

**Priority 3**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF LEWISHAM**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**18 JULY 2018**

Question asked by: Carole Hope

Member to reply: Councillors McGeevor

**Question**

| Location                    | Do you have any specific suggestions for what these funds should be spent on?   | Agreements |
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| Playground in Deptford Park | Upgrade and maintain the playground in Deptford Park. This space needs urgent investment to bring it up to a good standard.   | 5          |
| deptford park               | Activities are required to both activate and supervise use of the new cricket pitch in Deptford park. The pitch is very close to pathways and other recreational spaces in the park so the more support for groups who can ensure the pitch is used responsibly, the better. It would be excellent if this activity engaged children living in the local neighbourhood as antisocial behaviour, youth gangs and drug use are most noticeable in the summer months.  | 1          |
| Deptford Park               | Please can we encourage the wildlife, a permanent meadow, bird boxes etc. This park is not just for people, we should be sharing it with wildlife.  | 4          |
| Deptford Park               | Please keep this a nature park and not a sports ground, weekends are unbearable with all the football games   | 1          |
| Deptford Park               | Build an enclosed dog park with dog agility features. This will give dogs a safe space to socialise and exercise.   | 2          |
| Deptford Park               | Development of Youth Cricket  | 3          |
| Deptford Park               | Maintenance work and new equipment  | 5          |
| Deptford Park               | I would like to suggest a water jet play area to enhance the playground at Deptford Park, as these are low maintenance, fun things to allow families to visit and their children to cool off, in today's hotter Summers. These water areas --such as the one at More ondon by City Hall-- are real social honeypots, where people can bring the kids for hours! It would really enhance the experience of the thousands of local people who visit the park.<br><br>I would also like to suggest public art to create focal points in the park. Could be combined with horticultural improvements to give new floral colour and vibrance to this fantastic park. | 0          |
| Deptford park               | Playground improvements   | 15         |
| Deptford Park               | A new piece of equipment in place of the ping pong table would benefit the majority of playground users. Another spot for the ping pong could be found. The enclosure needs repair. Overall playground looks shabby and could be much improved with a bit of investment and sprucing up.  | 12         |
| Deptford Park               | S106 on making dog areas next to the fencing all around the park with dog infrastructure - currently dogs own this park and their toileting are random across playing fields and in the childrens playground - Separate dogs from public at large especially children   | 1          |

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|                                | by providing nice doggy infrastructure around the edge of the park   |   |
| Deptford Park                  | Health & Safety nightmare - new bins and seating good but the essence of purpose of park for exercise and well being has not been prioritised. This Park is shockingly falling apart is dangerous all the fencing has rotted away- pieces of fencing have been removed and not replaced -so it has dogs accessing children's play area hourly - The wooden climbing stumps, seating stumps, all rotted some removed by slide some not and disintegrating daily - equipment here is broken damaged and dangerous - metal play items have been recycled and now layer of rust and paint red blue yellow are all showing up the years of repainting- play safety matting exposed on every play item local children have been injured by it - pathways pot holed from vehicle access - playing fields need leveling out football and other sports plus Sports Days for three local Primary schools take place here on dangerous undulating ground not visible to sight - other parks will benefit from S106 from developments coming next to them that this park will not benefit from, S106 from Marine Wharf East ,West monies should be spent here as vicinity priority - This is highly used park in an area of high density and deprivation it is used by Marine Wharf residents as well as Social housing Pepys estate residents - This park had minimal investment 2008 and is now not fit for purpose - local consultations show this is the most used park in the area - 275K S106 was put into Folkestone Gardens quite recently it will benenefit from Trundleys Road S106 Deptford Park can't wait health & Safety nightmare | 4 |
| Deptford Park - Football Pitch | Resurface both pitches with top soil. Add goal posts for football and rugby.<br>Have a clear maintenance plan.   | 1 |
| Deptford Park Play Club        | S106 monies needed for Upgrade to the Play Club as requested since 2015 - Outdoor soft ground needs replacing and purpose built bespoke canopy provided for to the Evelyn Assembly 2015 2016 2017 and 2018. Upgrade of the public toilet and changing room facilities baby change facilities needed and manning of the park for access to the public facilities  | 1 |

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| Deptford Park playground          | <p>Deptford playground is in very much need of repair and upgrading. Very old broken and uninspiring play equipment is in place. Swings are at a bare minimum, spinner is broken, climbing frame is with pain chipping off everywhere, climbing wooden blocks all broken, external swim broken and at bare minimum. Picnic tables in park rather old and uninviting. The external planting to the playground is also poor with entire flower beds left with no planting. The fence around the park and main gate are all with old chipped paint.</p> <p>Deptford Park is the main park in the Evelyn Ward and it should have state of the art equipment.</p> <p>Given that the vast majority of the NCIL funds offered are from new housing developments near the park this money should go to regenerate Deptfor park playground and its surrounding area.</p> | 5 |
| Deptford Park Playground          | <p>Since some investment a few years ago, Deptford Park playground hasn't received more than basic maintenance. Play equipment is worn and squeaky; the willow maze fell into disrepair until a few of us from the neighbourhood pruned it and had a go at tying it into some kind of shape again. Please can we have some really good play equipment in the park to attract children to come and meet / play with each other?</p>  | 1 |
| Deptford Park playground          | <p>Deptford Park playground is in desperate need of repair. Most of the equipment is old or broken. This is the most used park in the ward and with Timberyard set to be completed soon, this will become even busier with kids and families. It is shameful how it has been left to degrade</p>  | 0 |
| Deptford Park playground          | <p>A number of pieces of playground equipment require maintenance or replacement.</p>   | 9 |
| Deptford park/Scawen Road         | <p>Install bike hangar here</p>   | 3 |
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| Entrance to Deptford park (all 4) | <p>Please provide double yellow lines or No parking sign at all entrances to Deptford park. Cars and vans routinely park there making it unsafe for people to get in and out especially whilst pushing a peak or when kids scoot and cycle.</p>   | 0 |

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| <p>Filter Alloa/Scawen Roads. BusGate Trundleys Road</p> | <p>Modal Filter Scawen Road/Evelyn Street<br/>         Modal Filter Alloa Road/Evelyn Street<br/>         Modal Filter Scawen Road/Grinsted Road (Outside School)<br/>         Modal Filter Bus Gate on Junction of Trundleys Road/Grinsted Road<br/>         No Parking at anytime around the perimeter of Deptford Park<br/>         Plant street trees.<br/>         After Rotherhithe Movement Plan drivers can access vis North End of Trundleys Road which will be 2-way.<br/>         So EASY to make this whole section liveable, less polluted, safer, healthier and attractive.</p> | <p>4</p> |
| <p>grinstead road outside entrance to Deptford Park</p>  | <p>please put a zebra crossing in here!</p>   | <p>3</p> |

| Location   | Do you have any specific suggestions for what these funds should be spent on?  | Agreements |
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| Quietway 1 Folkestone gardens                                      | re- route cycling to back of park lots of near misses on this pathway through the park this is school route to Sir Francis Drake and many accidents occuring from cyclists coming down the hill here   | 3          |
| IMPROVE ON STREET PARKING FOR RESIDENTS WITH LOW EMISSION VEHICLES | Introduce a controlled parking zone along Childers/Rolt/Etta/Gosterwood/Alverton Streets. Encourage residents to purchase low emission vehicles by making the zone free to such vehicles. Allow residents to charge electric vehicles in dedicated bays with charge points. Non-residents would have to pay extra & the money used towards improving Folkstone Gardens play area. Influx of new residents & workmen at the new developments is causing problems due to an excessive number of cars & vans. | 9          |
| Folkestone Garden Park playground                                  | The playground equipment is in a state of disrepair. Please redesign and replace equipment so young families are encouraged to use this park more.   | 7          |
| Folkestone Gardens   | Folkestone Gardens requires better lighting. In winter some of the pathways are pitch black at 4.30pm and there are a lot of dog walkers, children and a high number of cycling commuters. It would also provide a safety element to the children's play areas and skate park  | 0          |
| Folkestone gardens   | The park area beside the wonderful skate park needs an overhaul. Put in some activities for older teens and adults, e.g green gym please. Put in a water fountain so people can refill their bottles without bothering our fab cafe owner! How about fruit trees, bat boxes and nesting boxes?   | 0          |
| Folkestone Gardens   | Kids play facilities   | 2          |
| Folkestone Gardens   | Upgrade playground   | 4          |
| Folkestone Gardens   | Playspace is AWFUL. Just terrible. Too much concrete. Just dig it up and install an AMAZING playground.  | 1          |
| Folkestone Gardens   | Installation of calisthenics park and outdoor gym equipment, providing the opportunity to improve health without expensive gym memberships.  | 2          |

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| Folkestone Gardens           | Need a better playground. Upgrade  | 2 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | Playarea   | 3 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | New playground equipment and sports pitches  | 2 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | The children's play-park needs a major revamp. All other parts of the park are now being very well used - the cafe, the skateboard park, the Q1 cycleway. The cinderella of all these facilities is the play-park. We need to encourage parents and their children to join the other park users. | 7 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | make a better play area for the local children, a space that is fun and will be used like the play area in Goose Green   | 4 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | Top Class Playground   | 4 |
| folkestone gardens           | top class playground for folkestone gardens  | 8 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | improved playground required   | 3 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | The playground needs updating. Lighting should be improved for safety.   | 5 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | A new high quality playground.   | 9 |
| Folkestone Gardens           | Please redesign and update the tired and dated playground area in Folkestone Gardens. It would encourage more local people to use this precious green space.   | 4 |
| Folkestone Gardens east end  | New playground   | 4 |
| Folkestone gardens play area | Please provide a new play area. As childhood poverty increases in the area, so must funding to support these kids have a good start in life.   | 7 |
| Folkestone Gardens Play area | The whole playground is a very sad use of quite a big space. The toddlers area in particular could really do with a bigger climbing frame, better swings, maybe a roundabout, some outdoor puzzles etc   | 2 |

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| Folkestone gardens playground | There needs to be more equipment for children to play on, there needs to be equipment for disabled children and fences with gates added to separate the playground from the skate park because it is a hazard for small children. The whole playground needs to be enclosed as the cycle route (which runs next to it) is a hazard to small children. Some of the funding should go towards engaging the local youth into using the skate park, maybe to engage some of the adult skaters who spend most of their days there into offering lessons etc. | 2 |
| Folkestone Gardens Playground | The skatepark at Folkestone Gardens is pretty good, but the playground next to it is a shambles. Over time much of the equipment has been removed and remaining equipment is miles apart and in poor condition. No proper segregation is installed between BMX / skaters and toddlers playing around the equipment  | 1 |
| Folkestone Gardens Playground | The current playground and skatepark area are very well used but suffering from under funding. Poor quality play features and surfaced and weak planning & design for the space as a whole means that there is over segregation and a lack of interest in high quality features for children and teenagers to enjoy. This can be easily improved and a rethink of the entire play/skate activity area would produce a more coherent plan which ties into the Liveable Neighbourhoods scheme.  | 0 |
| Folkestone Gardens Playground | New and updated childrens' play area.   | 9 |
| Folkestone Gardens Playground | Play equipment as we were promised as stage two of the installation of the skate park. Where is it? 49% child poverty. Invest in our children.  | 6 |

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| Folkestone Gardens Playground and skateboard area      | The Folkestone gardens playground was built in the 1970's and always featured a huge, very boring area of tarmac, plus play equipment. In my view, the playground needs a redesign, making it greener and more interesting , but definitely introducing a range of play equipment that children really like, such as rotating features you can lie or stand on, traditional but modern roundabouts (with flush platform for wheelchair users to enjoy side by side with their able bodied friends), swings-- big, medium and cradle seats, climbers --it's amazing how small children love to run around on low platforms , plus funky slides tall and twisty, double width so 2 can slide together, basket swings , and tall towers with multiple access and escape feratures, nets, big logs, climbing boulders, and --waterplay jets. I visited one with my grandchildren last summer--it was fanstastic fun for them, while adults sat around supervising and chatting. Please don't forget the 10 plus and young teenagers. They enjoy some active play items, especially items that double up as hang-out locations. It is so important to encourage them to stay in and use the parks , where they can socialise, be seen and be safe, with friends and sometimes with family, not tucked away indoors or back alleys. With regard to skateboarding facilities, skaters like a range of surprisingly small items like grind rails etc .. not just big quarter and half pipes . Peckham Rye park has such simple and surprisingly cheap items installed at request of the teenage and 20-something users Please involve the young people in decision making . | 0 |
| Folkestone gardens playground                          | The playground facilities at Folkstone gardens are very old, outdated and uninspiring. Please provide new top quality playground facilities for the local children.   | 4 |
| Folkestone Gardens, Surrey Canal Road, Woodpecker area | Air quality in Lewisham is, famously, among the worst in the country. I would like a proportion of CIL funding to be spent on planting trees. Also, the playground in Folkestone Gardens is old and unattractive and so is shamefully underused. This precious space ought to be modernised and updated by building a new playground.   | 1 |
| Folkstone Gardens                                      | Playground that has been promised for ages. For younger and older kids.   | 1 |
| Folkstone Gardens                                      | An improved playground as the one in Folkstone is quite small, so add to what's already there   | 3 |

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| Folkstone gardens  | Top class playground with splash park   | 0  |
| Folkstone gardens  | Playground  | 14 |
| Folkstone gardens  | Playground  | 1  |
| Improve entrance to Folkestone Gardens, including a new sign with the name | Need some sort of signage identifying Folkstone Gardens - maybe use local artists. The entrance to Nunhead station and Francis Drake school are good examples.  | 3  |
| Playground and closure of Rolt Street Folkestone Gardens                   | Spend NCIL on infrastructure that benefits the single largest demographic in Deptford; young people. They deserve better opportunities to play. This matters here because 49% of children in Evelyn live in poverty. Playgrounds help our children and young people play together. This builds community cohesion and helps children integrate and learn to communicate. If we are serious about fighting youth violence we need some serious playgrounds. If we are serious about giving children excellent opportunities the we need excellent playgrounds. If we are serious about supporting young families we need playgrounds that support childhood for all. | 4  |
| Playground for Folkestone Gardens  | The 2016 DeptfordFolk Park User Survey identified Folkestone Gardens Playground as a key priority.<br>( <a href="https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/089283_611c51e519a94c6c83bb7c527cf8f710.pdf">https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/089283_611c51e519a94c6c83bb7c527cf8f710.pdf</a> )<br><br>This park needs a top class destination playground like what has been built at the Olympic Park, Peckham Rye and Greenwich. 49% of children in this ward live in poverty. This is a key infrastructure requirement.  | 5  |
| Playground in Folkestone Gardens   | Put in a new children's playground in Folkestone Gardens. The children living on Woodpecker estate, Evelyn estate and the surrounding streets are amongst the most deprived in the UK. They deserve the best possible play spaces. This should be a priority given the bleak state of the southern end of this park.  | 2  |

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| Playground in Folkestone Gardens                                  | Replace the tired playground in Folkestone Gardens with a state of the art play area. This will give children from Woodpecker estate, Evelyn estate and the surrounding streets the play equipment they deserve. It will also enhance the safety of the park in general by bringing younger families in. The skatepark is dominated by men in their 20s and children feel shut out of their own play space. | 0 |
| Playground in Folkstone gardens                                   | New playground in Folkstone gardens. All the equipment is old, broken and tired. Climbing frame, zip wire, wooden castle, climbing wall.  | 3 |
| Playground, Folkestone Gardens                                    | New playground equipment  | 2 |
| Playground, Folkstone Gardens                                     | Improve children's learning playground  | 4 |
| New Playground and Close Trundleys Road around Folkestone Gardens | Close the road and let children breathe. This is a dangerous rat run. he DPLN project should restrict all traffic. NCIL can be used to build a top class new playground incorporating the road for folkestone gardens.  | 8 |

And the offline comments:

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| Folkestone Gardens | Folkestone Gardens Playground            |
| Folkestone Gardens | Improving Folkestone Gardens Park        |
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| Folkestone Gardens | Playground Folkestone Gardens            |
| Folkestone Gardens | Playgrounds in all the areas in Deptford |

| Location  | Do you have any specific suggestions for what these funds should be spent on?  | Agreements |
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| New Playground for Sayes Court Park               | This park needs a top class destination playground like what has been built at the Olympic Park, Peckham Rye and Greenwich. 49% of children in this ward live in poverty. This is a key infrastructure requirement.  | 9          |
| Open up Fenced Green Space on Sayes Court Estate. | Open the fenced off green spaces on the sayes court estate. Create tree lined routes with polinators and journeys away from busy Evelyn street. A good example of this is the route on the south side of Mile End Road near Stepney green station. completed about 10years ago. Walls/fences came down and a peaceful healthier route created for everyone. it's currently green space wasted.   | 6          |
| Playground for Sayes Court Park                   | Spend NCIL on infrastructure that benefits the single largest demographic in Deptford; young people. They deserve better opportunities to play. This matters here because 49% of children in Evelyn live in poverty. Playgrounds help our children and young people play together. This builds community cohesion and helps children integrate and learn to communicate. If we are serious about fighting youth violence we need some serious playgrounds. If we are serious about giving children excellent opportunities then we need excellent playgrounds. If we are serious about supporting young families we need playgrounds that support childhood for all. | 5          |
| Playground in Sayes Court Park                    | Put in a new playground with landscaping. The existing equipment is bleak and uninviting. Upgrading the playground will bring more families into this lovely little park and make it a more sociable place.  | 3          |
| Sayes Court                                       | It is a disgrace that this factually inaccurate rock was installed in our park. Get rid of it.   | 2          |
| Sayes Court                                       | Get rid of the gaudy rock dumped on the root structure of an ancient tree by a bunch of Russian spies from the London embassy. Supported by our ex-mayor and ex-MP. What a disgrace.   | 2          |
| Sayes Court                                       | The kids playground is unacceptable. I've named it the worst playground in London. Check out Peckham Rye and recreate it here please. It would also be nice to clear out the alcoholics and drug users who sit at the tables. Suggestion - make it similar to Peckham Rye  | 3          |
| Sayes Court                                       | Grassed communal areas under around blocksIntroduce more trees in this open grass space. There should be better use made of the empty green spaces.  | 3          |
| Sayes Court                                       |  | 2          |
| Sayes Court                                       | The rock implanted into the roots of the ancient Mulberry Tree needs to be removed. It is ugly, inaccurate and not in keeping with a local park.   | 2          |
| Sayes Court                                       | This playground is in terrible condition and is rarely used. It's a big space and could provide a great constructive outdoor space for children next to the park, especially those on low income families  | 4          |

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| Sayes Court Garden | <p>Revitalise the children's Playground area</p> <p>Improve the pathways</p> <p>Make a beautiful entranceway into Convoys Wharf</p>   | 2 |
| Sayes Court Park   | central area of Sayes Court Park Get rid of the tired rose bushes and put new planters in this area with more seating too - make it a space you'd want to stop and have a sit down surrounded by nice planting rather than an empty paved space surrounded by sad rose bushes.  | 2 |
| Sayes Court Park   | This playground needs improvement! All the structures are broken. There are no trees in it to offset the air quality or to allow for shade on hot days. There are no water fountains. No places for parents/carers to sit and watch children play. It needs a garden. Right now it's broken toys on asphalt and it's a disgrace.  | 1 |
| Sayes Court Park   | Upgrading the children's playground, making it safe. incorporating the so called 'play area' which is currently not used by children, into the main park. the whole park, children's playground, play area and green space, needs a redesign and some cash to make it the glorious place it could be.   | 4 |
| Sayes Court Park   | <p>Repair and replace benches and bins. This is a beautiful and historic park with several important trees, and could be a vital resource for people like me living on Trinity Estate and Sayes Court Estate, as well an attraction for visitors interested in its history.</p> <p>The playground is also knackered and possibly unsafe - children on my estate play instead in carparks, where there is no apparatus and adjacent to a road. This could change with a proper playground.</p> | 7 |
| Sayes Court Park   | Top Class Playground  | 5 |
| Sayes court park   | Top class playground  | 0 |
| Sayes Court Park   | Top class playground  | 2 |

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| Seyes Court Park            | <p>Hello,</p> <p>1) The Sayes Court St entrance path next to the children's play area is considerably constricted by tree roots (to the width of less than a metre) pushing the path up and buttresses for the old fence impeding the path and creating multiple trip hazards.</p> <p>N.B. I know of at least one local resident who cannot navigate the path on their mobility scooter because of this situation.</p> <p>2) The children's play area has a badly worn out ground surface which is full of trip hazards. Furthermore the play equipment is badly rusted and consequently hazardous.</p> <p>I believe the funds should be used to create a first class playground, replacement of the fence and a re-directing of the path straight into the park (to create desire lines).</p> <p>Many thanks,</p> <p>Oliver Evelyn-Rahr</p> <p>Acting chair of The Friends of Sayes Court Park</p>   | 5 |
| Seyes Court park play area  | <p>The play area at Sayes Court Park is depressing, in a bad state of disrepair, bleak and in some places dangerous. Needs a total overhaul - there is so much space here that is poorly used - it could be a bustling and busy, well-used community resource for children, young people and mothers with very young babies and children. Needs seating for the adults supervising play, and exciting, engaging well-designed play equipment and spaces. Inspiration could come from the new playground in Greenwich Park - another historic green space (though on a different scale!) which should be a community asset. There is hardly any provision like this in the area in spite of it being much needed and densely populated.</p> <p>The playground area should also have more planting in it to screen away from the road and back of the shops where rubbish is kept which is unsightly.</p> <p>At the moment it's miserable and un-used because it's bare, full of rubbish and falling apart. So sad.</p> | 0 |
| Seyes Court Park playground | This playground desperately needs replacing! It's such a big space with so much potential.  | 5 |
| Seyes Court Park Playground | The playground here is awful. Needs investment in to our young people. 49% child poverty means that children and play needs investment. Children learn through play.  | 4 |
| Seyes Court Playground      | The playground is in need of a dire upgrade as children in this area deserve the best!  | 2 |

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| Sayes Court Street       | Close this street. It is a rat run.   | 8  |
| Sayes Park               | New play equipment which is safe and inviting for babies +<br>Currently it's uninviting and doesn't appear to be safe, I walk through and always look at the lack of play equipment   | 3  |
| Says Court Park          | This site is desperately worn out and unattractive. My young children bypass it. Please upgrade.  | 11 |
| Says Court Park          | General overhaul of the playground area is needed. There is no good alternative to Sayes Court Park for children in the local area, therefore, an investment is needed to improve the park. So much can be done to make the park a more pleasant place for everyone.    | 11 |
| Upgrade Sayes Court Park | Top class new playground<br>New paving<br>Realign Path<br>Move gates to the junction of Says Court Street.<br>Close Street (as it is supposed to be) behind chester house.<br>Make sure the Section 106 funding is spent on this park when it comes from convoys wharf. | 13 |

# Folkestone Gardens

Preliminary analysis



Approximate pink area suitable for play:  
2,800sqm

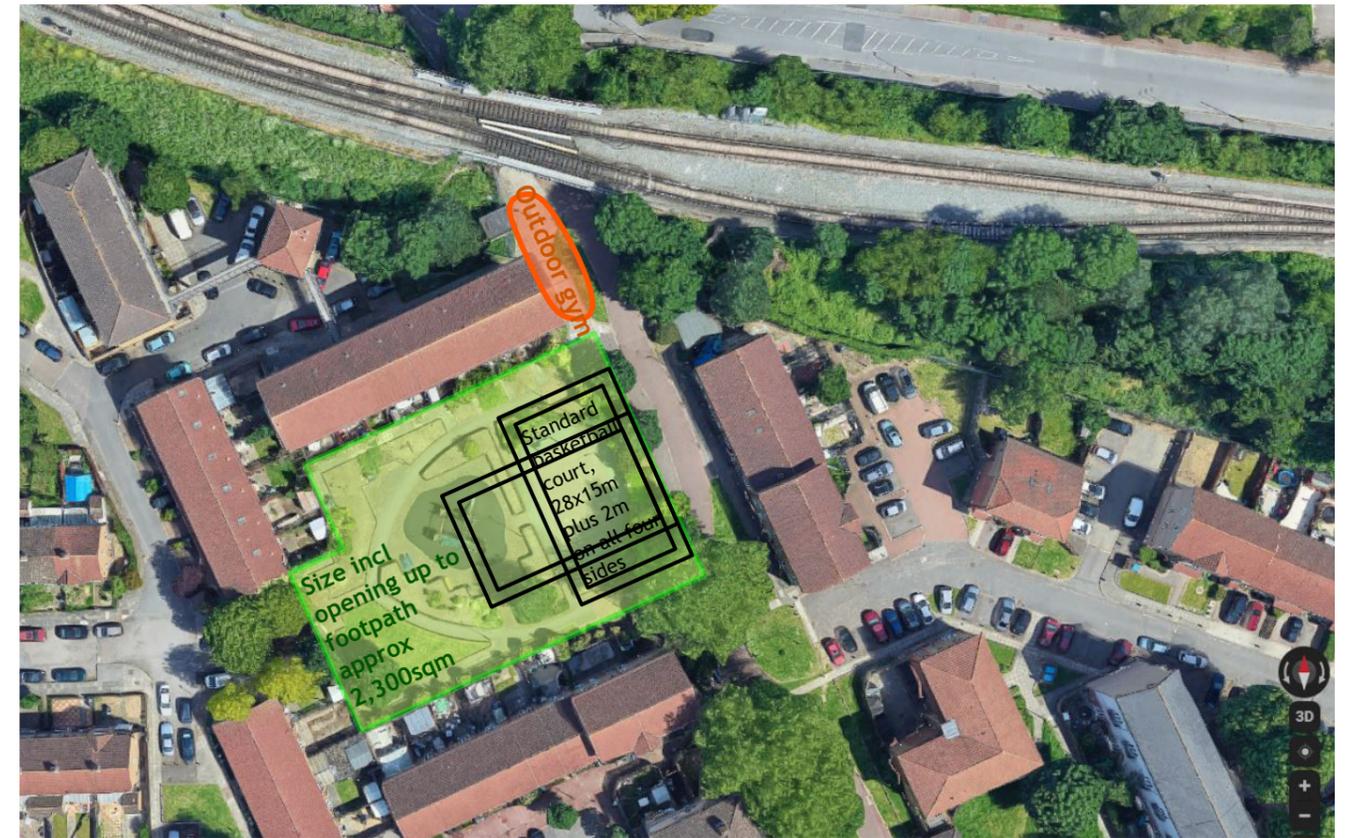
Approximate square meter rate for good  
quality playground: £250/sqm

Desirable construction cost: approx  
£600,000 plus fees and expenses, inflation  
allowance and VAT (if applicable).



# Berwick Gardens

Preliminary analysis



Approximate garden size: 2,300sqm  
including new tarmac basket ball court  
max 32x19m or smaller

Plus external gym, approx 150sqm



# Holland Park Playground

## Quantitative case study

Holland Park Playground is the largest park in Kensington and Chelsea with large areas of woodland abundant with wildlife. Contained within the park is Kyoto Garden donated by the Chamber of Commerce of Kyoto in 1991.

The design is inspired by two principles of Japanese garden theory: Dry Mountain Water and Borrowing-View. It borrows from the character of the surrounding mature woodlands and maximises the interest and play value of the existing topography.

Together with Robert Bray Associates we explored the use of sustainable drainage to create a playground that comes alive, when it rains. Water is channelled from high level retention basins towards a play valley in the centre of the site.

Erect Architecture designed two signature play structures for the site:

The Hillcoaster which snakes and winds around an between existing trees and the Fishermen's Towers located the start of the play valley which provide a vantage point over the site.

## Key data

Client: Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea  
Location: Holland Park  
Completion: July 2019

### Design team

Erect Architecture: Lead consultant, Play designer, Principal Designer  
Robert Bray Associates: Sustainable drainage and soft landscape  
Entuitive: Structural Engineers  
Huntley Cartwright: Quantity Surveyor  
Children's Play Advisory Service: Play Safety Inspector

Main contractor: Idverde

## Quantities and costs

Playground area: 4,100sqm  
Total construction cost: £1,100,000  
Cost per sqm: £270/sqm

### SURFACING

Impact absorbent surfacing: 1,200sqm  
\* Rubber crumb and Tigermulch

### Hard surfacing

\* Main pathway resin bound gravel: 480sqm  
\* Secondary areas CEDEC compacted gravel: 200sqm  
\* Textured concrete playbank with integrated slides, water fountains, water channels: 250sqm £64,000

### SOFT LANDSCAPE

Soft landscape/ planting: 800sqm  
Sustainable drainage, wetlands, basins: 650sqm  
Area with minimal or no intervention: 500sqm

### PLAY STRUCTURES

Hill coaster: £130,000  
Type: Large bespoke timber structure

Fishermen's towers with earth domes: £135,000  
Type: Large bespoke timber structure

Standing see saw: £7,200  
Accessible roundabout: £7,000  
Cableway: £6,500  
Tarzanswing: £5,400  
Ropeswinger: £9,400  
Double basket swing: £8,500  
Oval play village: £52,000  
Forest platform: £20,000  
Inground trampoline: £4,700  
Various balancing and stepping logs

### OTHER STRUCTURES

Boardwalk with benches and handrails: 93sqm  
Bespoke benches

### MAINTENANCE COSTS

Maintenance cost for first year: approx £6,500 (main contractor's tender submission)



**1. Entrance Court:**

Open up area with new stepped bank with informal seating and new entrance to playground. Inset area behind gates, could have large recycling bins or bike racks. ideas: industrial steel, chunky dock edging, opening between paths could include seating area, shade planting incorporated to take surface run off.



corrugated container panels with timber edging



chunky edging, built with reclaimed dock timbers (as below)



swale for drainage from new paving



**2. Toddler swings (suggesting four)**

- 3. Robust boundary planting against existing wall. (Cornus or willow for winter stems?)
- 4. Look out tower or helter-skelter slide?
- 5. Chunky dock timbers for balance and seating



**SAYES COURT PLAYGROUND: SKETCH IDEAS** for discussion only.

The layout references Evelyn's historic garden, with fragments of the parterres picked out with timber walls, and the circular motif in the centre. This creates a meeting point from the newly positioned entrance and the link from the garden, where you enter under a playful pergola which can include sensory elements. Robust planting to the boundary and feature trees within bring nature closer to the play. A giant wheelbarrow breaches the two areas maybe designed for a slide or large climbing steps. The play equipment includes masts and nets referencing the neighbouring docks. The bespoke equipment and seating can include salvaged dock timbers.



6. Ramped and tapered walk



7. see-saw or springy/balance



8. Bespoke timber masts, crow's nest and climbing nets



9. Wheelbarrow slide or 'style' between garden and play with timber ivy feature boundary?



10. Central mound: maybe incorporate sand pit with pulley and plimsol line, imprinted paving with local themes and planting?



11. Pergola entrance linking areas, could have sensory features.



12. Dragon swing



13. Posts with rope route

14. Springers

15. Hexagon swing



16. Huts, climbing slide, pole hammock and monkey bars



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To whom it may concern,

**Re: DeptfordFolk application for new play facilities in Folkstone Gardens**

As one of the Councillors for New Cross Ward in Deptford, I wanted to write to support DeptfordFolk's efforts to secure funding for improvements to the play facilities in Folkestone Gardens and the surrounding area.

Folkstone Gardens is in Evelyn Ward, but DeptfordFolk's plans cover both Evelyn and my ward of New Cross.

New Cross and Evelyn are amongst the most deprived wards in London, and sadly they have seen high levels of crime in recent years. Having high quality parks and green spaces has a huge impact for our communities, improving our area as a place to live.

DeptfordFolk have made a huge difference to greenspaces in the area through a collaborative approach with both residents and Lewisham Council. DeptfordFolk were awarded the Mayor of Lewisham's award in 2017 and went on to win the Mayor of London's Tree and Woodland award in 2019.

As a Councillor I fully support DeptfordFolk's work, and I would urge you to support this application.

Yours sincerely

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To Whom It May Concern

**Re: Funding Application – Folkestone Gardens, Deptford, SE8.**

I am writing to confirm that Lewisham Parks and Open Spaces Department are pleased to support DeptfordFolk in their aim to improve play facilities in Folkestone Gardens.

As the council department responsible for all Lewisham Parks we have enjoyed a positive and collaborative partnership with DeptfordFolk. Together we have delivered new bins, benches, notice boards, planted hundreds of trees and are currently in the process of scheduling restoration work on Folkestone Gardens pond.

We look forward to continuing this work and making further improvements should DeptfordFolk be successful in securing funding for play facilities.

Should you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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