

Queen's Park (Altash Gardens, Coldharbour -non GLL) and Queens Gardens Management Plan 2008



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PART I: WHERE WE ARE NOW

INTRODUCTION:

What is a Park Management Plan?

Management Plans are an important aid to the efficient and effective management of any site. A Plan forms part of a process for evaluating performance, consulting and involving people, strategic planning and providing continuity. Individual plans will be specific to each park and will deliver aims and objectives specific to the needs of the local community who will be directly involved in its formulation.

A Park Management Plan also provides an excellent opportunity to collate a wealth of information relating to the park that the management authority possesses, into a single comprehensive document.

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This park is allocated a technical officer who can be contacted for any further information (using the contact details provided above).

What is the purpose of this management Plan?

As well as developing a Green Space Strategy, the production of individual management plans for each park is good practice and was one of the Action Points from the Green Space Strategy.

This Management Plan is intended to provide a vital resource for parks staff in maintaining and developing Altash Gardens, Coldharbour (*non GLL*) and Queens Gardens as a resource for the community and will be under constant informal review, with an annual review of progress (of the action plan) and a 5 year comprehensive review in 2012.

Full details of the public consultation used to create this plan can be found in Appendix x (ONCE UNDERTAKEN) of this plan.

It is expected that the plan will provide a framework within which any future decisions concerning this site will be taken and that the rolling reviews will inform future strategic and management planning. In addition, it is hoped that the management plan for Altash Gardens, Coldharbour (*non*

GLL) and Queens Gardens will assist with allocating existing and securing additional resources for developments on this site that this management plan specifies.

Future actions/priorities for this site are identified in the action plan to this document. This management plan therefore provides a benchmark against which future progress can be measured.

Name of Sites described in this plan:

1. Altash Gardens
2. Un leased/non GLL section of Coldharbour playing fields
3. Queens Gardens

Addresses:

1. Altash Gardens, Altash Way, London SE3
2. Coldharbour Playing Fields, Chapel Farm Road, London, SE9 3LX
3. Queens Gardens, William Barefoot Drive, London SE9.

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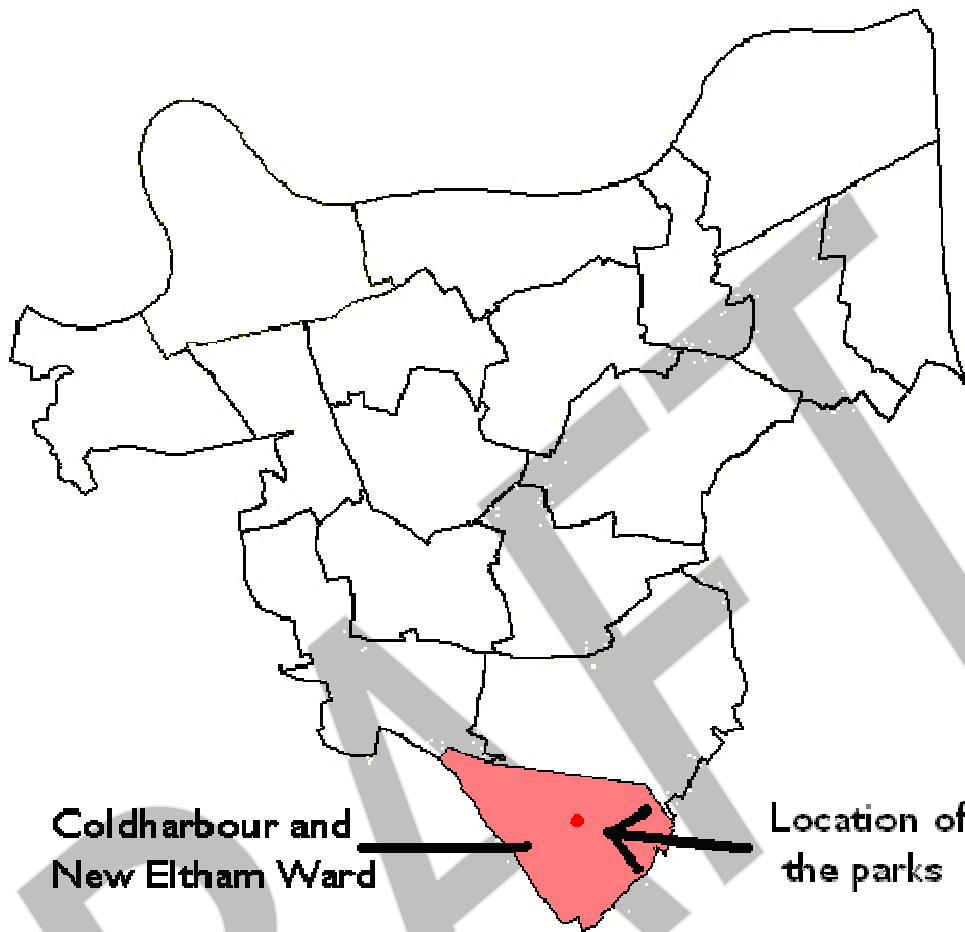
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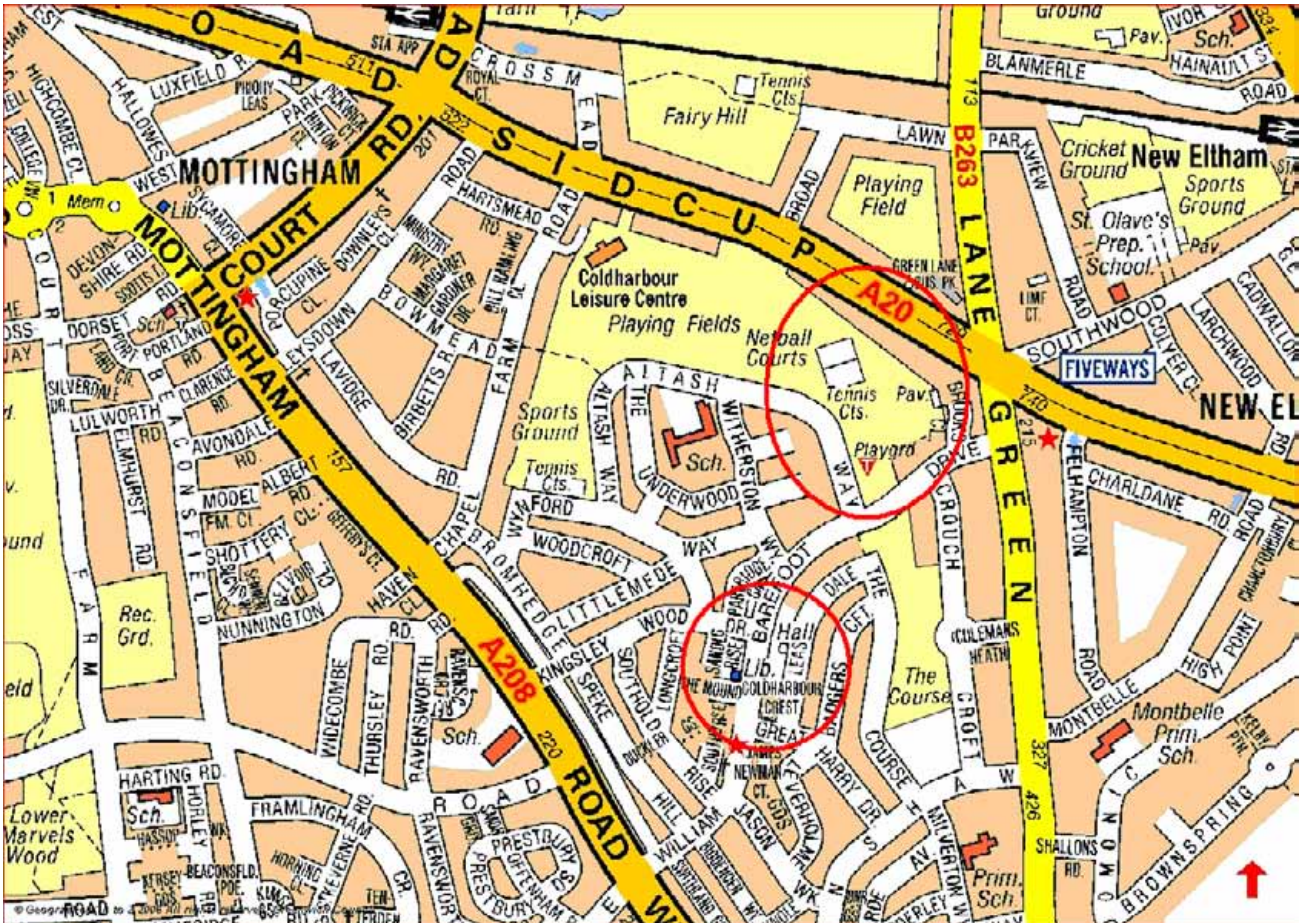
Brief description of the parks.



Altash Gardens, Coldharbour (non GLL) and Queens Gardens are a group of parks located in the Coldharbour and New Eltham Ward of Greenwich (as shown above). The parks are found at around 35 metres above mean sea level and are owned by the London Borough of Greenwich, with Coldharbour Playing fields being leased to the Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL). Maintenance of all of the sites, including the leased area remains the responsibility of the Greenwich Council Parks and Open Spaces Department.

The geology underlying the parks is London Clay, which results in poorly drained boggy ground unless slopes or manmade improvements allow adequate drainage.

Altash Gardens, Coldharbour (non GLL), Queens Park, when classified under the Greenwich Council Green Space Strategy have a primary purpose classification of “Local Park”. Wynford Way, when classified under the same strategy, has a classification of “Other”.



SITE DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION BASE

Altash Gardens

Altash Gardens is a small park of 0.76 hectares which has a gently sloping northerly aspect, bordering William Barefoot Drive on its south side, Coldharbour (Public) on its northern side, Altash Way on its western side and medium density housing on its eastern side.

Biology

Altash gardens are mostly made up of areas of amenity grassed areas scattered with planted trees. Tree species planted include Birch (*Betula spp*), flowering cherry (*Prunus serrulata*), Hawthorn (*Crateagus spp*), Willow (*Salix spp*) and others.

Access

Altash Gardens has excellent access, with ample well maintained footpaths within the park. The park slopes gently down to the north, but in general, the slope is around 1 in 14, meaning it would be considered accessible to wheelchair users.

Fences, Furniture and signage

Altash Garden is fenced on all sides. It is separated from the roads on its south and western sides by a 1.3 metre railing, Coldharbour (Public) on its northern side currently by a 3 metre chain link fence and residential property on its eastern side by a closeboard fence. The fencing surrounding the road also extends to surround the playground in the northwest corner of the park.

Furniture in Altash Gardens is limited to several park benches, litter bins, dog bins and the playground equipment.

There is only one sign within the park and that is in the playground. It includes the name of the park and the Parks and Open Spaces emergency contact details.

Playground

As mentioned, the Playground is fenced with a 1.3 meter railing. It contains a range of play equipment suited for the 3-13 age range.

The play equipment conforms to European Union standards EN1176 and EN1177 in regard to installation and surfacing. The equipment is visually inspected on a daily basis, with a more detailed inspection undertaken on a bi-monthly basis and an independent inspection on an annual basis.

Coldharbour

Coldharbour is a large area of former ILEA sports ground of open parkland character that is divided into three areas, one of which is leased to Greenwich Leisure Limited (GLL), another of which is used under agreement by GLL and another that is held directly by the Council. Information provided here will mostly relate to this area of Coldharbour.

Coldharbour (non-GLL) is a large area of 4.10 hectares which is fenced on all sides, sloping gently to the southwest. It borders onto residential property along all of its northeast, residential property along half of its southeast side and Altash Gardens along the rest of its southeast side and GLL Coldharbour to the northwest.

The area has been used by Coldharbour GLL in the past when all their football pitches are in use.

Biology

The park area is mostly amenity grassed area, with several trees around the edge of the open space. There is a variety of tree species planted here including chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum* and *Castanea spp*), Birch (*Betula spp*) and others.

Access

Currently, the park is fenced on all sides with no open gates, thus closed to the public

Fences, furniture and signage

Where Coldharbour (non GLL) borders the Altash Way and Altash Gardens, it is fenced with a 3 meter chain link fence. Where it borders residential property it is fenced with a 1.6 meter closeboard fence. On its northwest side where it borders GLL Coldharbour, it is fenced with a 3 meter narrow mesh fence.

The only other fence within the park is a 4 meter chain link fence around the tennis courts. This fence is in poor condition and would benefit from replacement/refurbishment. The tarmac of the tennis courts is becoming cracked and it too would benefit from removal or refurbishment. At the time of writing, the tennis courts are scheduled to be refurbished by Neighbourhood Renewal.

Within the sports area are two multi-purpose goals.

There are no signs, litter bins, seats or any other park furniture within this area at present.

Buildings

Currently, there are no buildings or structures on site. Historically, there was a keeper's house, a sports pavilion and a tool shed in the eastern corner of the site.

Antisocial Behaviour

As the park is an attractive open space, but is closed to the public and fenced off at present, this may encourage illicit use of the park and discourage legitimate use. In the past, illicit motorcycle users have created large holes in the fences where the park borders onto Altash Way and Altash Gardens.

Queens Park

Following an initiative by the Lead Member for Culture & Olympics, it is intended to link Altash Gardens with the adjacent Coldharbour (non GLL) as a new site, to be known as 'Queens Park'.

Queens Gardens

Queens Gardens is a small rectangular park of 0.41 hectares. The park is gently sloping and has a westerly aspect. It is bordered on its north and south sides by residential property and on its east (William Barefoot Drive) and west (Lease dale) sides by roads.

Access

The park has a railing that separates it from the properties and roads on all sides. There are gates in the northeast and southwest corners, with a pathway running directly between the two. This pathway is under 1 in 14 slope and is therefore considered to be accessible for wheelchair users.

Biology

The main feature of this park is the large number of trees lining the park and forming an avenue on each side of the pathway crossing the park. The trees lining the pathway are mature weeping willows (*Salix x sepulcralis* 'Chrysocoma'). The trees lining the park are all mature Horse Chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*)

Buildings

There is a public toilet in the south-west corner. It is a small single storey brick structure with a clock facing the road.

Wider Policy Context

The Management Plan has been written within the context of a wide framework of national, regional and local policy statements and strategies.

A number of strategies have been considered in the production of this document to ensure that the priorities identified in this plan deliver and compliment the appropriate aims and objectives identified in them.

The most important facets of legislation and policy impacting on the development of this plan are listed in [Appendix I](#)

Public Transport Information

The nearest rail stations to the parks are either New Eltham or Mottingham National Rail Stations which are both on the Dartford loop line.

Bus routes 314, 160 and 162 run from Eltham Train Station to William Barefoot Drive.

Who uses the site, where they come from, patterns of use and behaviour

Ward Information

The information shown here relates to Coldharbour and New Eltham as a whole and not specifically to the area surrounding the parks described in this plan.

The resident population of the Coldharbour and New Eltham Ward, as measured in the 2001 Census was 12425, of which 48% were male and 52% were female.

The 2001 Census indicated that the majority of people living in this Ward were white. People in the 30 – 39 Y.O. age bracket represented the highest proportion of the Ward population, the average age being 40.6 years. 18.8% of the Ward's population were under the age of 16 years.

The level of employment was 2.4% above the Greenwich average but just below the national average. 26.5% of the population have access to 2 or more cars or vans whilst 27.4% of the Ward's population have no access at all to a car or van

Stakeholders

Greenwich Council

- Culture & Community Services (P&OS)
- Strategic Planning (property Services, planning control, Green Chain Walk)
- Chief Executives (Communications, Events)
- Neighbourhood Services (Neighbourhood Panels/Representatives)
- Children's Services

Community

- Friends of group (Friends of Queen's Park)
- Parks Users

Businesses

- GLL (Coldharbour)

Politicians

Ward Members
Eltham MP

Agencies

- Police, Fire & Rescue Service,

Management

Management Structure

The management of the parks described in this plan is the responsibility of the Parks & Open Spaces Department within Greenwich Council.

The Parks and Open Spaces Department is located within the Directorate of Culture and Community Services. The Parks and Open Spaces Assistant Managers (Operations & Technical) are accountable for the overall management responsibility of the Service.

Individual management functions are devolved and key functions are identified as follows:

- Horticultural Maintenance
- Park Keepers, Rangers and Parks Security
- Parks Development
- Fixed Equipment Playgrounds
- Ecology & conservation
- Tree & Woodland maintenance
- Administration – Sports lettings, complaints monitoring

Staff Presence

Grounds maintenance in Greenwich Council's parks is provided by the Council's own workforce. The District Manager responsible for the grounds maintenance staff initially inspects standards.

A further check is carried out by Quality Control Officers, who are centrally based staff, reporting to the Assistant Technical Manager. Senior management also carry out random checks.

See Appendix II for the Parks and Open Spaces Management structure described above.

The Council's horticultural grounds maintenance in most cases is carried out by a number of "mobile teams", each of which is allocated a specific group of parks. The number of staff comprising each mobile team can vary at any time, depending on workload. Individual supervisors have the discretion to transfer staff between mobile teams according to anticipated and actual workload.

Budget Information

The budgets used to maintain parks and open spaces are currently split into two areas, Horticulture Operations and Property Services.

Horticulture operations

Currently it is not possible to identify expenditure specifically related to the parks described in this plan, as finance generally comes from a central fund.

Property Services

The corporate budgets for both planned and responsive maintenance of the Council's property infrastructure are held by Greenwich Property Services in the Directorate of Strategic Planning. Planned works are carried out on a strict basis of corporate priorities and, as a consequence, P&OS has to compete against other service departments for a share of the limited funds available. Responsive repairs are carried out for minor items as and when they arise.

Sustainability

The Greenwich Council Parks and Open Spaces section has an environmental management system (EMS) which is externally audited and certified against the internationally respected ISO 14001 environmental standard series.

Greenwich Council's Environmental Management System (EMS) is in 11 parts, the following sections are relevant to horticultural grounds people and operational control

EP6 - Operational Control

- Noisy work
- General waste
- Dog waste
- Collection of discarded material and skips

EP7 - Emergency preparedness and response

- Fire
- Flood
- Injury
- Illness
- Theft
- Vehicle accidents
- Fuel and oil spills
- Pesticide spills and other spills

EP8 - Monitoring and Measurement

- Monitoring Pesticide usage (where, how much, who) with the specific aim of reducing use.
- Fuel reports (how much, where it gets used)
- Waste transfer notes (where, how much, who- license)
- Noise monitoring reports (e.g. mowing etc - using modern, serviced equipment at the correct times and place - Decibel levels)
- Insurance info (damage to property, private and public) also theft

EPI0 - Internal Audit

- Self-Checking, plus independent verification by BSI

Environmental Policy

In line with the Greenwich Council's aim of protecting the environment, the directorate has adopted an environmental policy which aims to ensure that service is delivered in an environmentally friendly manner. In line with the Environmental policy, the directorate has also adopted the peat use policy, pesticide use policy, and contains initiatives to minimise fuel and energy usage. The following sections are brief descriptions of each policy.

Energy usage

Greenwich Council Parks and Open Spaces aims to minimise energy usage in delivering the Service. Maintenance equipment is serviced regularly to ensure that fuel consumption of mechanical equipment is maximised.

Recycling

The Parks and Open Spaces department recycles as much of its green waste as possible. Unfortunately due to space constraints, it is not possible to recycle green waste within the bounds of Queen's Park and Queens Gardens.

Marketing

Marketing of the park is currently limited and is mainly in the local area. However, there is some information regarding the parks on the internet.

PART II: WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET TO

VISION

The vision for the parks within this plan should be to continue to provide a quality local park, and to support and be led by the friends of group/local community. Consultation with the Friends of group will be on-going.

General Objectives

- To reduce Anti Social Behaviour
- To improve the health and well being of visitors and residents by offering a well maintained and quality park for active recreation and/ or relaxation
- To protect our biological assets and increase biodiversity
- To realize the potential of the park as a cultural and historical place to visit through a programme of publicity, information and events
- To work with the local community in identifying local priorities for funding of the park
- To ensure that the activities and events in our parks celebrate and promote the borough's rich diversity and that our parks are accessible to everyone

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

As previously mentioned, it has been proposed that the fence presently dividing the unused non-GLL Coldharbour (public) east field and the lower section of Altash Gardens be partially or completely removed to enable the two spaces to be combined in order to substantially enhance the offer of the open space. At the time of writing, it is anticipated that these improvements will be funded by Neighbourhood Renewal.

Queens Gardens

Queen's Garden is too small to be used for activities, but still presents an aesthetically pleasing open space.

The toilet in the south west corner of the park is currently closed.

Arboriculture Survey

No arboriculture survey on any of these sites has been undertaken thus far.

Further arboricultural management of these parks should aim to -

- Comply with the overall management plan for these parks
- Undertake the work identified within the most current tree survey
- To preserve and enhance the existing landscape by replacing a tree when removed and reviewing capacity for additional planting.

STRENGTHS

Altash Gardens

- Has a Friends of group

- Well maintained and used playground

Queens Gardens

- Aesthetically pleasing open space, adding to the leafy character of this estate area

CHALLENGES

- Signage is minimal
- Furniture on site is a mixture of designs

Altash Gardens

- Vandalism/ASB within the site – mainly damage to the fences and graffiti on the play equipment
- Used as an access to Coldharbour (non-GLL) for illicit motorcycling and dog walkers

Coldharbour (non GLL)

- poorly drained open area
- vandalism/ASB within the site – damage to fences, motorcycling

Queen's Gardens

- Antisocial Behaviour around the public toilet
- Small site – limited possibility for active recreation

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Undertake consultation with stakeholders to identify priorities for improvement
- To formalise current proposals to link Coldharbour (non GLL) and Altash Gardens as 'Queen's Park'
- To seek Inward Investment as appropriate
- To reduce ASB at all of the sites
- To improve awareness/use of site by all sections of the community

Altash Gardens

- Oversee the linking of Altash Gardens with Coldharbour (non GLL) funded by Neighbourhood Renewal.

Queen's Gardens

- Identify the future of the public toilet

PART III: HOW WILL WE GET THERE

Action Plan

Timescales as given in this document are as following;

- Short Term – Within one year from adoption of this plan
- Medium Term – Within three years from the adoption of this plan
- Long Term – Five years and more from the adoption of this plan

Recommendation	Action	Timescale (Long/Medium/Short Term)	Responsibility	Reviewed
Undertake consultation with stakeholders to identify priorities for improvement	Contact Chair of Friends of group Feed results of consultation into document and share draft plan with group Review/amend plan where appropriate	Ongoing		
To seek Inward Investment as appropriate	Work with Friends of Queens Park to identify priorities for inward investment Undertake work to secure new funding streams as appropriate	Ongoing		
To reduce ASB at the sites	Investigate ways of addressing ASB in the park. Liaise with local Police where appropriate. Undertake works as appropriate	Ongoing		

To improve awareness/use of site by all sections of the community	Review how site is currently marketed. Investigate ways of improving marketing of site (through the use of different mediums etc) and through improvements to current marketing material	Medium Term		
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Coldharbour (non GLL)

Oversee the linking of Altash Gardens with Coldharbour (non GLL) funded by Neighbourhood Renewal	Investigate feasibility of removing the chain link fence around the park and replacing with bollards or railings	Short Term		
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Altash Gardens

Improve access to Coldharbour	See recommendation above	Short Term		
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Queen's Park

Move towards formalisation of combination of Coldharbour (non GLL) and Altash Gardens as 'Queen's Park'	Report to Members	Short Term		
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Queens Gardens

Identify future of the public toilet

Long term

PART IV: HOW WILL WE KNOW WHEN WE'VE ARRIVED

MONITORING AND REVIEW

The Altash Gardens, Coldharbour (non GLL) and Queens Garden Management Plan will be fully reviewed and updated in 2012 by Parks Management Staff responsible for the site.

A working document copy of the Management Plan will be kept within the parks office so that issues and changes that arise can be documented. The action plan will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated accordingly.

APPENDIX I: Policies and Legislation affecting Park Management

As highlighted earlier in the plan, Greenwich Council's Parks & Open Spaces department operates within a wide framework of national, regional and local policy statements and strategies. The main documents impacting on the development of this plan are listed below.

Greenwich Strategies

The Greenwich Strategy

The Greenwich Strategy sets out the vision for Greenwich Borough as being the place to live, work, learn and visit. This vision underpins all of the strategies produced by Greenwich Council and directly impacts on all service plans and service delivery.

The Cultural Strategy

Parks & Open Spaces is one of six 'areas' considered by the Cultural Strategy. The Strategy has five over-arching themes: - Equality and Access, Sustainability, the Cultural Economy, Achievement and Excellence and Partnerships. All of these aims are relevant to this management plan and have been considered in developing the opportunities and priorities for this site.

Green Space Strategy

The Green Spaces Strategy sets out the Council's strategic intentions for its green assets and its vision of the positive contribution that Greenwich's open networks make to our lives.

The thematic objectives (community safety, biodiversity, education and culture, culture & events, tackling inequality, sport, health & well being) are all relevant to this management plan.

Parks & Open Spaces Service Plan 2006-7

The Parks & Open Spaces department aims to develop, manage, ensure accessibility and maintain to a high standard the borough's Parks, Open Spaces, Woodlands, Tree Stock, Cemeteries, Playgrounds, Sports Pitches, Allotments and other outdoor facilities. To meet the needs of the community and deliver the Council's core objectives where applicable to the service, and specifically regarding the provision of a clean and well cared for environment and supporting Health and Quality of Life for the local community.

ISO 9002:2000 – Quality Management System

Quality Management System ISO 9001: 200 is used by organisations to manage their activities and resources to guarantee a quality service. This management system is based on eight quality management principles:

- Customer Focus
- Leadership
- Involving People
- Process Approach
- System Approach to management
- Continual Improvement
- Factual Approach to decision making

- Supplier relationship, which benefit both sides.

At the time of writing, the Parks & Open Spaces department is currently ISO 9002 accredited, and aims to maintain that accreditation indefinitely.

Unitary Development Plan

Local Councils have a duty to prepare a Development Plan by law. The Greenwich Unitary Development Plan (UDP) sets out the vision for use of the land in the Borough, and provides the main guidance for making decisions on individual planning proposals. The document is intended to cover the period 2001 – 2011 (or 2016 in some instances) it is a legal document with the following purposes

- To provide a framework of acceptable uses within the Borough, defining areas where development is not desired or where it needs to be carefully directed and;
- To provide a detailed basis for the control of development

Altash Gardens and Coldharbour (non GLL) both share the same designations in the Greenwich UDP 2006, those designations being

- **Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)**
- **Green Chain**

Queens Gardens only designation in the UDP is as Community Open Space.

The UDP may be viewed at the Directorate of Strategic Planning, Planning Department, Peggy Middleton House, Woolwich, SE18, or alternatively at a local library.

Metropolitan Open Land

The UDP designates Altash Gardens, Queens Gardens and Coldharbour (non GLL) as **Metropolitan Open Land (MOL)**. Policy references **O1**, **O2**, **O3** and **O4** under the section 'Protecting Open Land' set out what the acceptable land uses and allowable developments are within areas designated as MOL. These policy references are too lengthy to reproduce here. The policies are broadly meant to control development or alterations to existing land that would be inappropriate to MOL and have an adverse affect on the character and usage of the open space.

Green Chain

The UDP also designates the park as **Green Chain**. Policy reference **O5** under the section 'Protecting Open Land' sets out what the objectives of this designation are. The objectives are as follows

To improve and encourage the provision of suitable recreational facilities, with an emphasis on those serving a wide area of South East London and/or requiring open land.

To safeguard the open land from development. Maintain its positive contribution in providing a visual and physical break in the built-up area of London.

To conserve and enhance the visual amenity and ecological aspects of the landscape.

To improve public access throughout the area.

To promote an overall identity for the area in order to increase public awareness of the available recreational facilities.

To encourage the collaboration and co-operation of the various public and private agencies, owners, organisations and clubs, etc. in the area to achieve the above objectives.

For the extent of the Green Chain Area, refer to the UDP proposals map and second draft alterations maps.

Community Benefits

- O10 The Council will seek to secure improvement and enhancement of existing parks and public open spaces, where major development places increased demand on existing areas, and, where appropriate, the creation of new parks and public open spaces in line with Policies O9 and C3, through planning obligations and conditions on planning permissions in line with Policy SC2.

Park Facilities

- O12 The Council will seek to enhance open space by the provision and encouragement of appropriate park facilities (e.g. seating, children's play equipment, refreshment facilities, outdoor tennis courts, pitch and putt, sports pitches and changing facilities and Arts, Culture and Entertainment facilities, such as open air performance spaces, sculpture and visual imagery and areas for cultural exhibition and study) within suitable parks and public open spaces. Facilities should be of a high standard of design and quality and respect local nature conservation interests. Such facilities should be safe to use and accessible to all. (See Policies D5, D6 and D7).**

Draft Biodiversity Action plan

The Greenwich Biodiversity Action Plan will be the first co-ordinated approach to conserving Greenwich's biodiversity. The aim of the plan is:

'To ensure the conservation, enhancement and public appreciation of the biodiversity of the London Borough of Greenwich'.

The Biodiversity Action Plan focuses on locally important habitats and species and has actions drafted to ensure that they cover all relevant habitats and species. Initially actions may be focussed on those under the most pressure or where most advantage can be gained. However, it allows for all important habitats and species to be covered.

The Biodiversity Action Plan has been developed in partnership with local and regional groups and organisations and is currently in a draft stage. Once the final draft is agreed it will be released for wider consultation before a final plan is adopted.

Issue 02

Issue Date 02/05

Environmental Policy

Culture & Community Services recognises that environmental issues are of fundamental importance to our customers, and to our business success.

Culture & Community Services aims to work towards the achievement of sustainable development and continual improvement.

Culture & Community Services strives to:

- Promote the principles of Greenwich Agenda 21
- Promote sustainability and the use of sustainable resources
- Promote conservation and environmental awareness
- Promote activities which enhance the environment
- Achieve continual improvements in environmental performance
- Minimise the release of waste, noise, pollution and emissions
- Minimise activities which have a negative effect on the environment
- Ensure that all working activities comply with environmental legislation
- Work in partnership with other organisations in environmental management
- Set environmental targets built into the day to day running of the business
- Use products which have a minimum impact on the environment
- Provide training for employees in environmental issues
- Communicate and review the Environmental Policy

Legislation

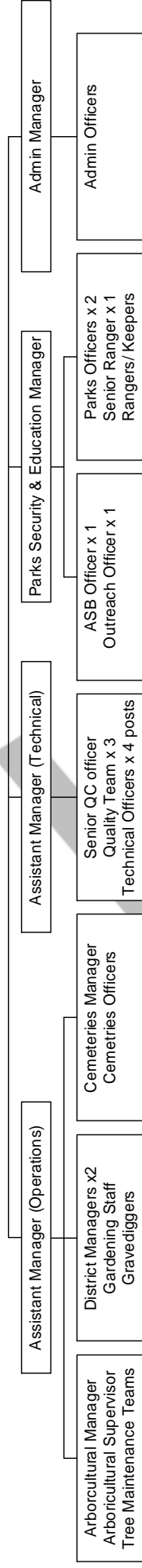
The Parks & Open Spaces department operates within the frameworks set out by the following legislation, and therefore, the legislation may impact upon the delivery of service of the Parks and Open Spaces department both financially, through planning and human resources. This is not a comprehensive list but is indicative of key pieces of legislation relating to P&OS.

- Alcohol Consumption in Public Places Order 2003
- Clean Neighbourhoods Act 2004
- Control of Pesticide Protection Act 1986
- Country Code 1981
- Country side and Rights of Way Act 2000 and increments
- Countryside & Right of Way Act 2000
- Disability Discrimination Act 1998
- Health & Safety at Work Act 1998
- Litter Act 1983
- Ministry of Housing and Local Government Provisional Order Confirmation (Greater London Parks & Open Spaces Act)1967
- Occupiers Liability Act 1957
- Road Traffic Act 1988 (as amended 1991)
- The 2004 Country Code
- The Anti Social Behaviour Act 2003
- The Dangerous Dogs Act 1991 & Dogs Act 1871??
- The National Parks & Access to the Countryside Act 1949
- The Weeds Act 1959
- The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981

In addition there are numerous bye-laws that relate to specific parks.

APPENDIX II: Management structure

Table showing Higher management of Greenwich Council Parks and Open Spaces



APPENDIX III: Historic Context

The Parks within this management plan would all have been part of Eltham Palace estate. Eltham Palace had three wooded deer parks, these being; the Great Park, Middle Park and Horn Park. After the ravages of the Civil War, Eltham Palace was used as a farm and the Great Hall became a barn. The palace's three parks were stripped of their timber for shipbuilding in around 1660 by Sir Thomas Walsingham.

For much of the time since the dissolution of Eltham Palace Estate, the land was used as farmland, most of which was taken up by Coldharbour Farm.

The Coldharbour Estate (total area 155 acres) was purchased by the council from the Crown Commissioners in 1946. The surrounding Coldharbour Housing Estate was completed in 1959 and was opened by HM QEQM.

“Social amenities” such as a community hall library and cinema were mentioned in the estate plan and summary, however, parks, gardens allotments and general open spaces are not mentioned in any historical documents in regards to local assets features or amenities other than wide roads and open spaces.

APPENDIX IV

Leased area of Coldharbour

The western two thirds of Coldharbour are leased to GLL.

The Leased area consists of two separate leased areas, east and west. The western area contains the Coldharbour Leisure Centre, several football pitches including an artificial turf pitch, several tennis courts and a children's playground. The total area of this section is 4.79 hectares.

The eastern leased section consists of a flat open area that can accommodate 3 full sized football pitches and 3 half size pitches. This area is approximately 4.92 hectares in size. There are no permanent features in this section except for the fencing surrounding the area.

The leased area is fenced off from the public in order to aid in the effective management of the sports pitches.

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Total area of the leased section of Coldharbour is 9.71 hectares.