

# Southwood Road Park 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 a 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).

The park has a dedicated Friends group who can be contacted for any further information:  
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**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 arising from the Green Space Strategy.

The new Management Plan will provide a vital resource for parks staff in maintaining and developing Southwood Road Park as a resource for the community and visitors to the area and as such will be under constant informal review, with an annual review of progress and continuing management prescription and a 5 year comprehensive review in 2012.

It is intended that this plan will help to encourage relationships between the Council and the community and provide access to information on the management approach to this site. In addition, it is envisaged that the plan will provide a framework around which any future decisions concerning this site will be taken and that it 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.

**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.

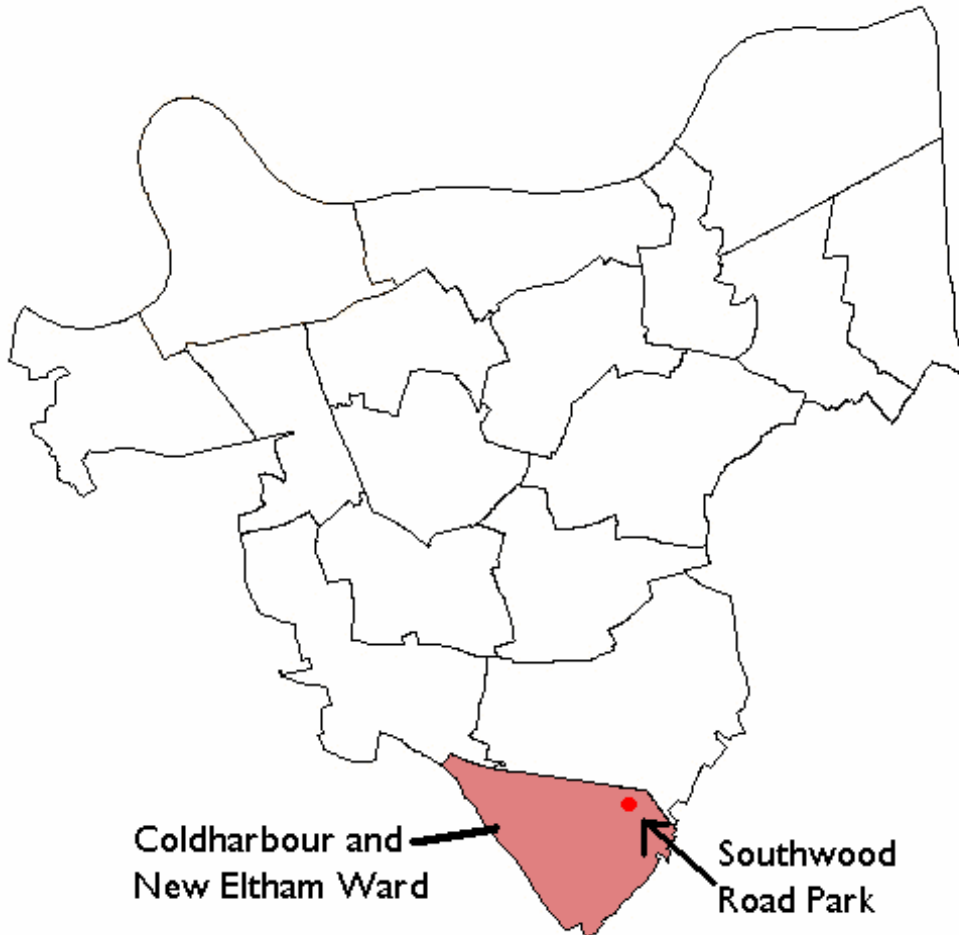
A number of strategies have been considered in the production of this document to ensure that the priorities identified in this plan deliver and compliment the appropriate aims and objectives identified in them.

The main documents impacting on the development of this plan are listed in [Appendix II](#).

## *SITE DESCRIPTION AND INFORMATION BASE*

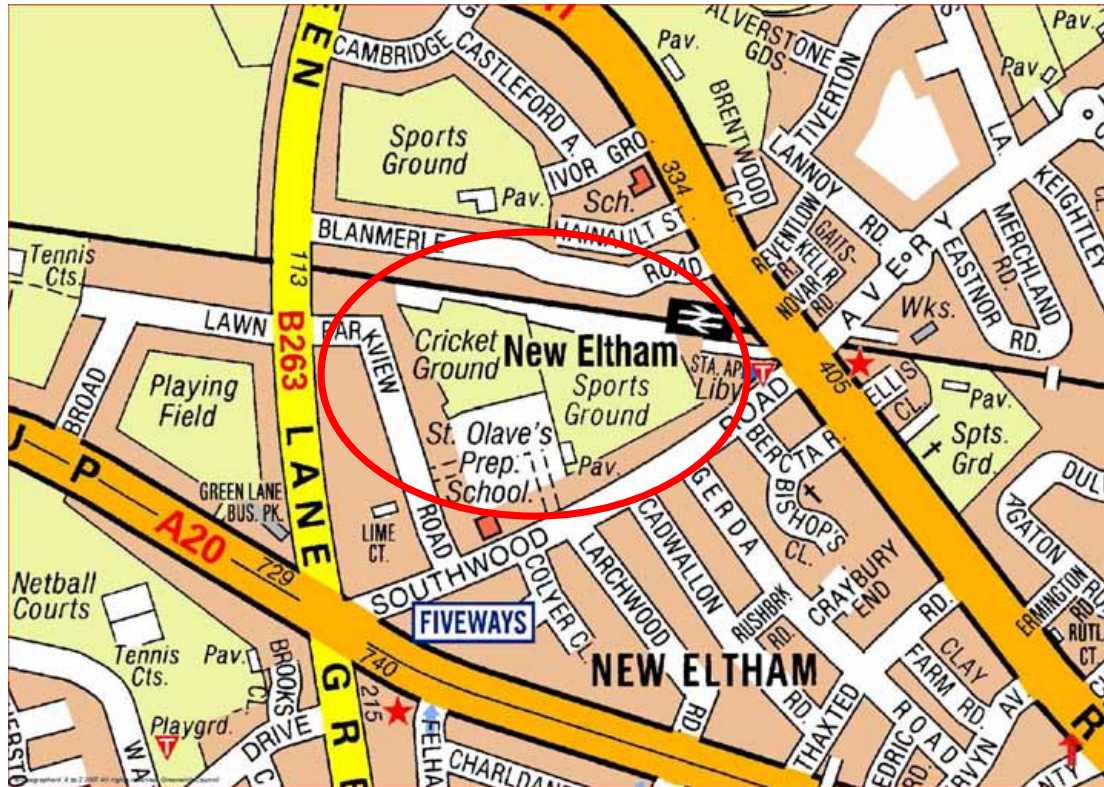
### **Description of the Park**

Southwood Road Park is a park in the Coldharbour and New Eltham Ward of Greenwich. It is located approximately 3 miles southeast of Eltham town Centre and is adjacent to the New Eltham library.



Location of the park within the Greenwich Borough

The park is owned and operated by Greenwich Council. It is bordered on its southern side by Southwood Road residences, on its western side by Parkview Road residences and on its northern side by the Dartford Loop railway line. In its south-western corner, there is a small allotment garden, although it is not strictly part of the park.



Immediate Surrounds of Southwood Road Park

The Park occupies a flat area of land of 3.06 hectares in size, at around 47 metres above sea level and is enclosed on all sides. There are two entrances to the park, both of which are accessed via Southwood Road.

The park was historically in two sections, the east and western parts. Until approximately 2003, the western part of the park was owned by the Bromley Borough Council.

This western side of the park is bordered by dense vegetation, which separates the football pitch from the residential land and the eastern side of the site. Access is via a small pathway from the eastern half of the park.

The geology underlying the park is defined by the Council GIS as London Clay. It is classified in the Greenwich Council 2006 Green space Strategy, Southwood Road Park is designated as a Local Park.

At the time of writing, Greenwich Council owns the entire site. Both the open grassed areas and the buildings are currently leased (tenancy) to the London Girls Football Club.

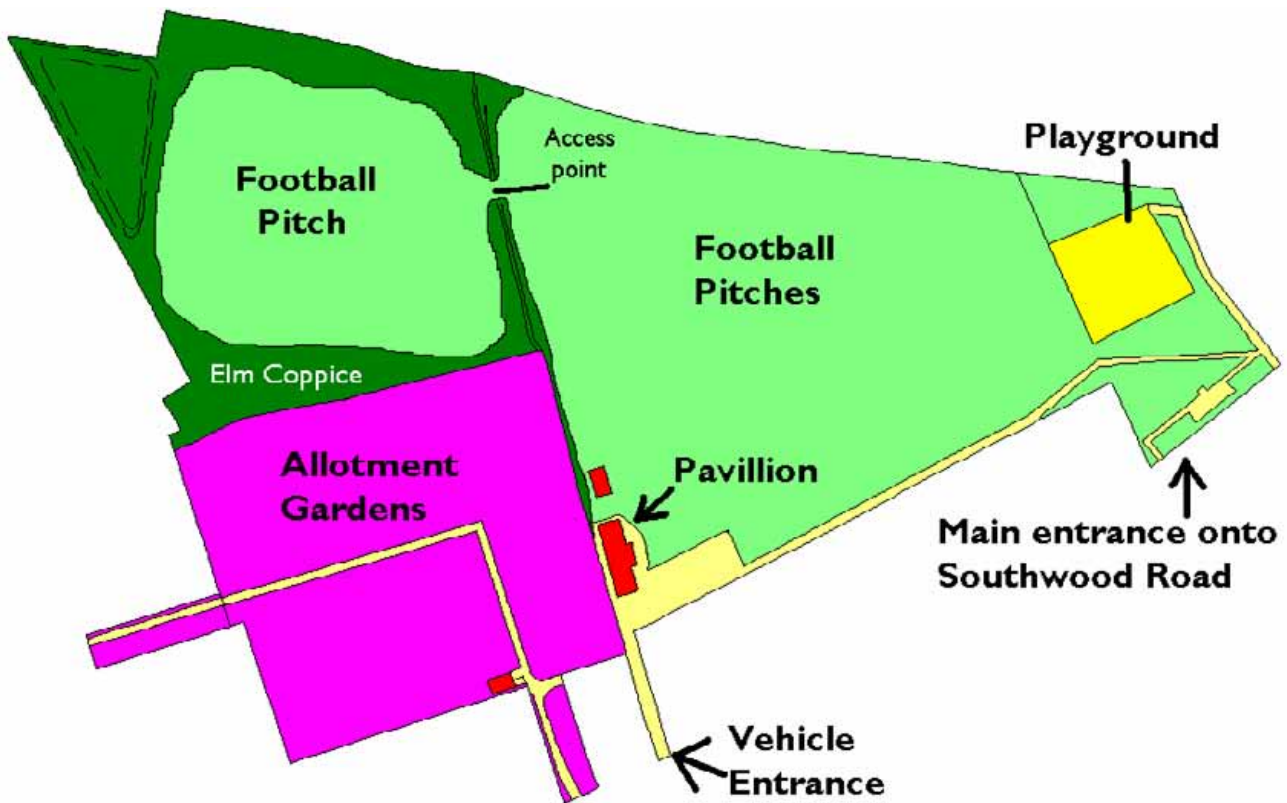
London Girls Football Club contact details.

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Tel: 020 8244 4306.

mail: [wjgshaw@hotmail.com](mailto:wjgshaw@hotmail.com)

Southwood Road Park is open from 09.00am, with a seasonably variable closing time.



Plan of Southwood Road Park

### **Heritage and History**

A summary of Southwood Road Park's heritage and History is given in Appendix III

### **Biological**

#### **Plantings (eastern sports area)**

Southwood Road Park is used as a sports ground with all of the trees on the site located around the perimeter of the sports areas.

The eastern sports area has a number of trees that have been formally planted. Tree species planted include; Poplar (*Populus* spp), Birch (*Betula* spp), London Plane (*Platanus x hispanica*, syn *acerifolia*) and several types of conifers.

#### **Semi-Natural (western sports area)**

The area surrounding the western field has become a semi-natural area with lots of English Elm (*Ulmus procera*) coppice surrounding the playing field. Over the years, other species have been introduced into this area including ivy and bramble. The plan shown on the previous page shows the area around the western field and the elm coppiced area.

Currently, Elm suckers grow until they are around 10 to 12 years old and then succumb to Dutch Elm Disease and die off. This has resulted in many small trees of the same size, interspersed with small dead trees. The dead trees are all left for wildlife habitat. Work has been undertaken to remove some of the undergrowth and brambles (English ivy (*Hedera helix*) and bramble (*Rubus* spp)).

This area has the potential to become a small but valuable natural area.

### **Arboricultural Survey**

An arboricultural survey of Southwood Road Park would be of benefit.

### **Infrastructure**

#### **Buildings**

Currently, there are two buildings on the site within the park boundary, the pavilion and the storage shed.

The Pavilion is a medium sized single storey building that is used exclusively by the London Girls Football Club under the agreed terms and conditions of their lease.

The Storage shed on the site is also used exclusively by the London Girls Football Club.

A World War II bunker (situated within the curtilage of the library) borders the park. It is currently sealed-off to the public and attracts some ASB.

#### **Playground**

The Playground is situated to the east of the main football pitch. It was last refurbished in 2004 and at time of writing is in good condition. This playground was designed to cater for the 1-13 age range. There is seating and litter bins for parents while supervising children playing.

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.

#### **Furniture, Fences and signage.**

The only fences affecting this park are the boundary fences and the playground fence. The fence separating the park from the railway is a 3 meter galvanised palisade fence. The fence separating the eastern sports area from the residential properties is a 5 meter chain link fence which has a thin hedge of varying height immediately against it.

Furniture in the park consists of litter bins, dog bins and park benches scattered around the outside of the sports areas

The only signage indicating the name of the park is at the playground. This sign displays the emergency contact details.

#### **Sports Facilities**

The only sports facilities at Southwood Road Park are the Football Pitches. The size and configuration of the site allows it to be set up with one full size pitch and a one half sized pitch on the eastern half of the park in a north/south orientation and one half sized pitch in an east/west orientation in the western area of the park.

#### **Access**

Southwood Road Park is almost perfectly flat, so disability access is not a problem, unless the ground is saturated.

Existing pathways in the park are generally in reasonable condition and could be used by wheelchair users.

The Green Chain Walk runs through the park, running around the eastern sports field, although there is no pathway following this route. The green chain maps as well as the Greenwich Council UDP maps all show the Green Chain Walk as being routed straight through the middle of the eastern sports ground. *Insert diagram*

The Friends of Southwood Road Park have indicated that they would like a footpath beside the Library to the New Eltham Station.

Dog walkers in the local area regularly use the site to exercise their dogs while matches are being played, which has allegedly caused conflict on occasions in the past. This could be explored further through consultation. Dog faeces on the pitch are sometimes a problem.

### **Park User Information**

The Friends of Southwood Road Park is an active community group who hold/organise small community events within the park.

### **Demographics of the Coldharbour & New Eltham Ward**

The Demographic information contained in this section is gathered from a variety of sources, including the 2001 Census and the Neighbourhood Statistics website, but summarised on the Greenwich 2002 Ward profiles of the Council's Intranet site.

The information relates to Coldharbour and New Eltham as a whole and not specifically to the area surrounding Southwood Road Park.

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. This data suggests that many residents in this ward either have a preference for private transport, or do not have ready access to public transport.

### **Stakeholders associated with the site**

Greenwich Council

- Culture & Community Services (P&OS, library)
- Strategic Planning (property Services, planning control)
- Chief Executives (Communications)
- Neighbourhood Services (Neighbourhood Panels/Representatives)
- Young People's Services

Community

-Friends of Southwood Road Park

Agencies

-Police, Fire & Rescue Service)

-Green Chain Walk

-New Eltham Library

Business

-London Girl's Football Club

Politicians

-local MP

-Ward Members

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## **Management of the site**

### **Management Structure**

The management of the park described in this management plan is the responsibility of the Parks & Open Spaces service within Greenwich Council. This is shown in Appendix II

The Parks and Open Spaces Service is located within the Directorate of Culture and Community Services. The Parks and Open Spaces Operations Manager is 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

### **Maintenance**

Horticulture and Sports pitch maintenance 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 Operations Manager. Senior management also carries out random checks.

Scheduled/planned maintenance takes place at different times throughout the year. Un-programmed and corrective maintenance takes place on an ad hoc basis according to need and within constraints of budget.

The Parks and Open Spaces gardening staff are not based in Southwood Road Park. The mobile Park Keeping staff carry out routine litter clearance on a regular basis and the Parks Security (Based at Well Hall Pleasaunce) carries out periodic monitoring of the site.

In addition, litter picking is also undertaken by volunteers from the local community on a voluntary basis.

### **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 Southwood Road Park, as finances generally come from a central fund.

#### Property Services

The Property Services division are responsible for the budget for buildings, fencing and footpaths. 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.

#### Marketing

Marketing of the park is currently limited to the information held on the Greenwich Council Website.

## **PART II: WHERE DO WE WANT TO GET TO**

### **VISION**

The vision for Southwood Road Park is to continue to provide a quality local park and to seek and acquire funding to regenerate the park to meet the needs and aspirations of the local community, with a focus on continuous improvements and events within the park.

### **General Objectives (DRAFT)**

To reduce Anti Social Behaviour in the park

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 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

To ensure that the activities and events in the park celebrate and promote the borough's rich diversity and that it is accessible to everyone

## ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

### **Ecology**

The Park is fortunate in having a reasonably large space on its western half where wildlife has been allowed to flourish uninterrupted. Recent weed clearance (of brambles & ivy) has enhanced this area.

The park would benefit from having an ecology assessment which should be considered in the context of the Council's draft Bio-diversity Action Plan once adopted and in consultation with local community groups (e.g. GWAG). There may be the potential to increase bio-diversity of the site in the future.

It may be possible to involve local schools in the ecology of the park. This could be explored further through consultation with the local schools.

### **Sport & Recreation**

The park's largest space is dominated by the football pitch.

As the park is situated on London Clay, the pitches are prone to becoming boggy if overused. The pitches were mole ploughed in approximately 2002, but a more permanent solution is required if the pitches are to be permanently improved.

Early consultation with the Friends of Group has also indicated a need for improved pitch maintenance.

Scope for development of the main pitch may require a resolution to pitch trespassing during matches and training to be resolved (to be explored further through consultation with the community).

In addition to this passive recreation is well catered for as well as the playground for 3-13 year olds.

The possibility of local schools using the site for recreational purposes could be explored further through consultation.

There is scope for sport/rec development which can be explored further through consultation.

**Landscape**

The landscape within the park provides an important variety of uses within the area.

**Visitor & Community Needs**

The park benefits from having a Friends of group who have indicated that their main focus for are:-

- Improvements
- Events
- Management

The Friends of Southwood Road Park have indicated that they would like to see more community events taking place within the park, the water fountain in the front of the park replaced for park users and their dogs, and clear signage indicating opening/closing times for the park.

The results of the consultation are detailed in (once undertaken)

**ASB**

The site suffers from graffiti.

The Friends of Southwood Road Park have indicated that they would like to see the formation of an anti-graffiti squad to tackle graffiti within the park.

## STRENGTHS

- There is an active friends group at this site
- Level gradient makes sight reasonable amenable.
- Relatively secluded spot yet near a main street providing a balance for location and exposure atmosphere.
- The park is part of the green chain walk
- The park has a picturesque semi wild area that provides a valuable semi-natural green space
- Provision of football pitch and potential for further sport development at the site
- Potential for community events (e.g. fun day within the park)

## CHALLENGES

- The sports pitches are poorly drained
- Parking infrastructure on site would benefit from improvements (for example, re-surfacing, water fountain not currently in use)
- Ongoing ASB including graffiti (particularly on playground equipment and on bunker just outside of park but visible within the park)
- There are no interpretation plaques/signs other than one small green chain sign on a secondary vehicle entrance and no signage indicating opening/closing times
- Possible conflict between differing user groups especially right of way and football pitch.
- The furniture on site is a mixture of designs
- No tree survey at present

## RECOMMENDATIONS

- Undertake consultation (to include exploring the issue of conflict between users of the park and users of the football pitch) and feed the results into the Management Plan
- Investigate feasibility of the opening of a footpath beside the Library to the New Eltham Station
- To support/assist the Friends of Group in their aspiration of forming a graffiti squad

- To support/assist the Friends of Group in their aspiration to replace/repair/refurbish the water-fountain in the front of the park
- To support the Friends of Southwood Road Park in organising a fun day in the park
- To explore possibility of signage indicating opening/closing time of the park
- Investigate feasibility of improving parking facilities on site (for example, paving the car Park and entrance to the football)
- Investigate improving signage at the site (based on consultation findings)
- Investigate increasing the ecological integrity and biodiversity of the park (away from the sports areas)
- Undertake a tree survey
- Work towards the provision of furniture of complimentary designs in the future (and ensure that location is ideal through consultation)
- To reduce ASB in the park
- To seek Inward Investment as appropriate
- To improve awareness/use of site by all sections of the community

### Part III: HOW WILL WE GET THERE

Timescales as given in this document are as following;

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

Timescale to be confirmed after consultation with stakeholders/community to identify priorities

#### Action Plan

Action required	Detail of Specific action	Timescale (Long/Medium/Short Term)	Responsibility	Status of Work
Undertake consultation (with key stakeholders followed by wider community) and incorporate into plan	Share draft plan with key stakeholders Incorporate comments into the plan Carry out consultation with wider community	Short Term		
Investigate feasibility of the opening of a footpath beside the Library to the New Eltham Station				
To support the Friends of				

Southwood Park in their aspiration to form a graffiti squad				
To assist the Friends of Group in seeking funds to refurbish/repair/replace the water-fountain in the front of the park				
To support the Friends of Southwood Road Park in their aspiration of organising a fun day in the park				
Investigate feasibility of signage indicating opening/closing times of the park				
Investigate improving signage at the site (based on consultation findings)				
Investigate possibility of increasing bio-diversity within the semi-natural area in the western side of the park and investigate			Undertake an ecological assessment Investigate possibility of additional planting	POS

increasing the ecological integrity and biodiversity of the park (away from the sports areas)				
Undertake tree survey	To be investigated/scheduled by P&OS Tree Arboriculturalist	Medium Term	POS	
Work toward the provision of furniture of matching designs in future	As furniture is replaced, ensure complimentary design (and that location is correct, through consultation)	Ongoing		
Reduce ASB	Carry out full assessment of ASB at site in consultation with local users of the site Liaise with Police and other agencies as appropriate Develop action plan specific to Southwood Road Park to address issues identified in assessment	Ongoing		
To seek Inward Investment as appropriate	Work with community to identify priorities for inward investment Undertake work to secure new funding streams as appropriate	Long Term		
To improve awareness/use of site by all sections of the community	Investigate any potential barriers to use of site by (any 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	Long Term		

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

### *MONITORING AND REVIEW*

The Southwood Road Park Management Plan will be fully reviewed and updated every five years and the action plan reviewed annually, by Parks Management Staff responsible for Southwood Road Park.

There will also be a need to keep a working document copy of the Management Plan within the parks office so that issues and changes that arise as well as new information can be documented, and the action plan can be regularly reviewed and completed works documented within it as part of the Parks Service business planning process.

Upon review, the new management plan will make note of the works performed and review the success of those works.

## **APPENDIX I. History of Southwood Road Park**

The area that Southwood Road Park occupies was once 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, the palace was used as a farm and the Great Hall was used as a barn. The palace's three parks were stripped of their timber for shipbuilding in around 1660 by Sir Thomas Walsingham.

The area on which the park stands was used until just after the Second World War as farmland, then developed into housing after the war.

During the Second World War, the park had a Civil Defence bunker built on it. This is still standing and could potentially be used as an interpretation or history education centre.

After the war, Southwood Road Park was developed as a park in order to provide amenity value to the newly built housing of the New Eltham Estate.

As previously mentioned in the plan, the western sports field of Southwood Rd Park was owned by the Bromley Council, and was transferred to the Greenwich Council several years ago (approximately 2003).

## **APPENDIX II. Legislation, policies and strategies 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.

### **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. One of the Action Points arising from the Green Space Strategy was the development of plans for individual sites.

### **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.

### **SO 9001:2000 – Quality Management System**

Quality Management System ISO 9001: 2000 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.

The Parks & Open Spaces department is currently ISO 9000 accredited.

## **Unitary Development Plan**

Local Councils are required by law to produce a Unitary Development Plan (UDP), which provide the land use and transportation planning policy framework for the control of development across the entire Borough

Eltham Estate is designated by the UDP as being: -

Metropolitan Open Land

Green Chain Park

Green Chain Walk

Site of Nature Conservation Importance (SNCI – Zone nc I I)

Capital Ring Walk

Area of Special Character of Metropolitan Importance

Conservation Area

### Metropolitan Open Land

The UDP designates Southwood Road Park as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL). Policy references O1, O2 and O3 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 has an adverse affect on the character and usage of the open space.

### Green Chain Park

The UDP also designates Southwood Road Park as Green Chain. Policy reference O4 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 built development and 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 to and through the area.
- To promote an overall identity for the area in order to increase public awareness of available recreational facilities.
- To encourage the collaboration and co-operation of the various public and private agencies, owners, organisations, clubs, etc. in the area to achieve the above objectives.

### Green Chain Walk

The Green Chain Walk is a trail that stretches across the entire extent of the southeast London Green Chain of parks and passes through the boroughs of Lewisham, Greenwich and Bexley. The UDP Maps show that the Green Chain Walk passes through Southwood Road Park. The UDP identifies the Green Chain Walk and sets out the following policy which includes the Green Chain Walk.

O14 existing footpaths will be safeguarded and new footpaths created to and through open spaces and places of interest, where they do not adversely affect nature conservation. The Council will endeavour to create a signposted network of continuous and circular routes. In particular the 'Green Chain Walk' footpath network will be improved and extended and new links created wherever possible.

The UDP then says that the Mayor's Transport strategy has identified the Green Chain Walk as being one of six strategic walks in London

#### Areas of Special Character

The Greenwich UDP in part 2.6 designates Southwood Road Park as part of a larger area designated as Special Character Of local Character.

D28 Within Areas of Special Character defined on the Proposals Map, special consideration will be given to the safeguarding, restoration and enhancement of character, scale and quality of open spaces and associated buildings. Skylines and distant views both to and from the Areas of Special Character will be protected.

#### Conservation Area

Southwood Road Park is part of a wider area designated as a Conservation Area. Section 2.6 of the UDP sets out the policies relating to Conservation areas and is too lengthy to reproduce in this document, but the main thrust of the policies is to conserve and enhance historic landscapes by use of Urban Design Principles, Design Statements and ecological surveys to assess and approve any developments.

Please see the UDP part 2.6 for comprehensive details.

#### Green Corridor

The railway line that backs onto the park is considered to be a Green Corridor and is listed as an SNCI site, listed as a site of Borough importance, Grade II, designated NC39.

O20 The network of main Green Corridors will be protected and enhanced. Development will not normally be permitted where it would damage the continuity of wildlife habitat within the corridor.

#### **The DRAFT Bio Diversity 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.

## 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 Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006
- The Weeds Act 1959
- The Wildlife & Countryside Act 1981
- The Cleaner Neighbourhoods Act 2005

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

### APPENDIX III: Parks and Open Spaces management structure

