

GREEN CHAIN Joint Officer Working Party

Aims, Terms of Reference and Membership

Aims

The aim of the Joint Officer Working Party is to achieve and promote the objectives and policies set out in the Green Chain Policy document. The Main policy objectives are:

1. 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.
2. To safeguard the open land from built development and maintain its structural contribution in providing a visual break in the built up area of London.
3. To conserve and enhance the visual amenity and ecological aspects of the landscape.
4. To improve public access to and through the area.
5. To promote an overall identity for the area in order to increase public awareness of available recreational facilities.
6. To encourage collaboration and co-operation of the various public and private agencies, owners, organisations, clubs etc., in the area to achieve the above objectives.

Terms of Reference

1. To monitor and give direction to the work of the Green Chain Project Officer and assist the Officer in responding to Planning applications that are on a Green Chain site or are deemed to have a potential impact on the Green Chain.
2. To comment, suggest and endorse on matters of policy implementation and revision.
3. To recommend an annual budget for expenditure relating to the achievements of Green Chain Policy objectives.
4. Where decisions on any of the above are deemed strategic (affect more than one Borough), Borough representatives should take the Joint Officer Group's decision back to be endorsed by their individual Borough's Member process.
5. Where decision on items above affects only one Partner Borough, it is up to that Borough's representatives to decide what, if any, further endorsement/permissions are required from their Authority.

Membership

Two Officers from each of the constituent local authorities. Membership should collectively comprise representatives from Planning, Highways and Parks/Recreation.

Frequency of Meetings and Election of Chair

The Joint Officer Working Party shall meet quarterly to agree strategic direction of the partnership and recommend the annual budget. The Chair and Vice-Chair should be elected from amongst the membership on an annual basis.