

Response from the Director of Environment to matters raised at the LJCC Meeting on February 23rd 2017 relating to the Parks Contract Plans:

Regarding the question raised at last night's Joint Consultative Committee meeting re: Parks Plans:

Appendix B in the Council's report to Environment PDS Committee in January was simply a chart abstracted from the preliminary contract documentation between the parties. As such, a parks strategy, biodiversity plan, fundraising plan and events strategy were produced. However, subsequent direction from the Member led Parks, Countryside and Greenspace Panel in early 2016, resolved that efforts going forward (subsequently agreed by the Client and the Contractor) were to be based on the creation of an over-arching Action Plan; that would be constructed by *idverde* covering all aspects of work. This is publically visible, from the green link at the base of our bespoke [website](http://bromleyparks.co.uk/about/) for the Authority <http://bromleyparks.co.uk/about/> which sets out a 12 month window of activity that's about to undergo its scheduled update. This is explained in some detail in paragraph 4.5 within the report.

In addition, the Appendix within that document entitled '*Summary of strategies, policies and initiatives undertaken by idverde since June 2015*', under the 'Play and Hard landscape' paragraph – outlines the extensive work carried out by *idverde* in producing the first comprehensive Asset Condition Survey of all play and hard surfaced areas; which informs the correct prioritisation of risks and ongoing repair/development works.

In closing, having spoken to Patrick Phillips of *idverde* he has no recollection of entering into this conversation that is alleged to have taken place on such a singularly detailed subject focus. If it did actually occur, he states he would certainly have explained how such matters were being dealt with as summarised above – simply because he was the designer and author of the plan.