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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 REPORT CONTEXT

- 1.1.1 Tetra Tech was commissioned by *idverde* to produce a report presenting the results of the Park User Satisfaction Survey conducted by *idverde* on behalf of the London Borough of Bromley.
- 1.1.2 In previous years both a postal survey and on-street survey have been conducted and the results combined to give an overall perspective on the satisfaction with grounds maintenance in LB Bromley. In 2022 it was decided not to conduct an on-street survey but instead to do a larger scale postal survey of 3,000 addresses in LB Bromley.
- 1.1.3 In 2023 the survey was conducted solely by *idverde* and LB Bromley without the input of Tetra Tech. Data was supplied to Tetra Tech to enable us to produce a report comparing 2023 results with previous years where possible (i.e., where similar comparable questions were asked).

2.0 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1.1 An online survey using SurveyMonkey was used making it open to all residents instead of randomly selecting addresses for a postal survey, the survey ran until the end of July 2023. For residents that preferred not to provide their feedback online, paper copies of the survey were available in the borough's libraries.
- 2.1.2 The online survey was made available on the council website with advertising on social media accounts and JC Decaux boards.
- 2.1.3 Collated data was supplied to Tetra Tech in the form of a PowerPoint presentation as well as an Excel spreadsheet with the raw data.
- 2.1.4 The survey consisted of several mandatory to complete questions with multiple choice answers surrounding satisfaction with parks and open spaces in LB Bromley, activities parks used for and frequency of visitation. Following these respondents were given the option to complete equality questions surrounding their age, gender, ethnicity and disability status. Respondents were also given a box to provide free text (unlimited) surrounding anything else they would like to mention about satisfaction levels within parks and open spaces.
- 2.1.5 Analysis was made of the responses to each question and the results are shown in Section 3.

3.0 RESULTS

The following graphs and figures provide a visual representation of the 2023 survey results, where possible comparisons with previous years surveys have also been made. Please note that due to the way Microsoft Excel deals with rounding some of the graphs may not total 100%, some may total 99% while others 101%.

Using Question 2 on main activities that Parks are used for as an example; Table 1 below shows how when formatted to two decimal places and one decimal place the total percentage is 100%. However, when formatted to a whole number Excel rounds the Organised Events result down to 1% thus the total now only equals 99% even though none of the actual figures / results have changed.

Table 1 - Excel rounding example

2. What is the main activity that you use the parks for in LB Bromley	Dog Walking	Exercise	Activities with Children	Relaxation	Organised events	Total
to 2 Decimal Place	22.85%	26.37%	25.98%	23.34%	1.46%	100.00%
to 1 Decimal Place	22.9%	26.4%	26.0%	23.3%	1.5%	100.0%
Rounded	23%	26%	26%	23%	1%	99%

3.1 RESPONSES

2023 is the first year that the survey has been conducted online and more proactively advertised which has resulted in a significant increase in respondents. Table 2 below shows the survey year, survey method and number of responses received. It is worth noting in 2020 due to covid the on-street survey was severely restricted, and it was extremely difficult to get members of the public to want to complete a face-to-face survey. The postal survey in 2020 was also only to 1000 household where as in 2021 and 2022 the postal survey was to 3000 households.

Table 2 – Comparison of Respondent numbers

Survey Year	Survey Method	Number of Responses
2023	online	1024
2022	Postal	399
2021	Postal	508
2020	Postal & On-Street	356

3.2 SATISFACTION

3.2.1 Figure 1 shows the breakdown of responses to each of the satisfaction questions (Q3, Q4 and Q5) in the survey. The key to the colour coding in all subsequent graphs and tables is shown below. Favourable responses are classified as ‘Very/Fairly Satisfied’ and these cells are shaded in green; ‘Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied’ responses are shaded in yellow, ‘Fairly Dissatisfied’ responses are shaded orange and the least favourable responses (‘Very Dissatisfied’) are shaded red.

Key

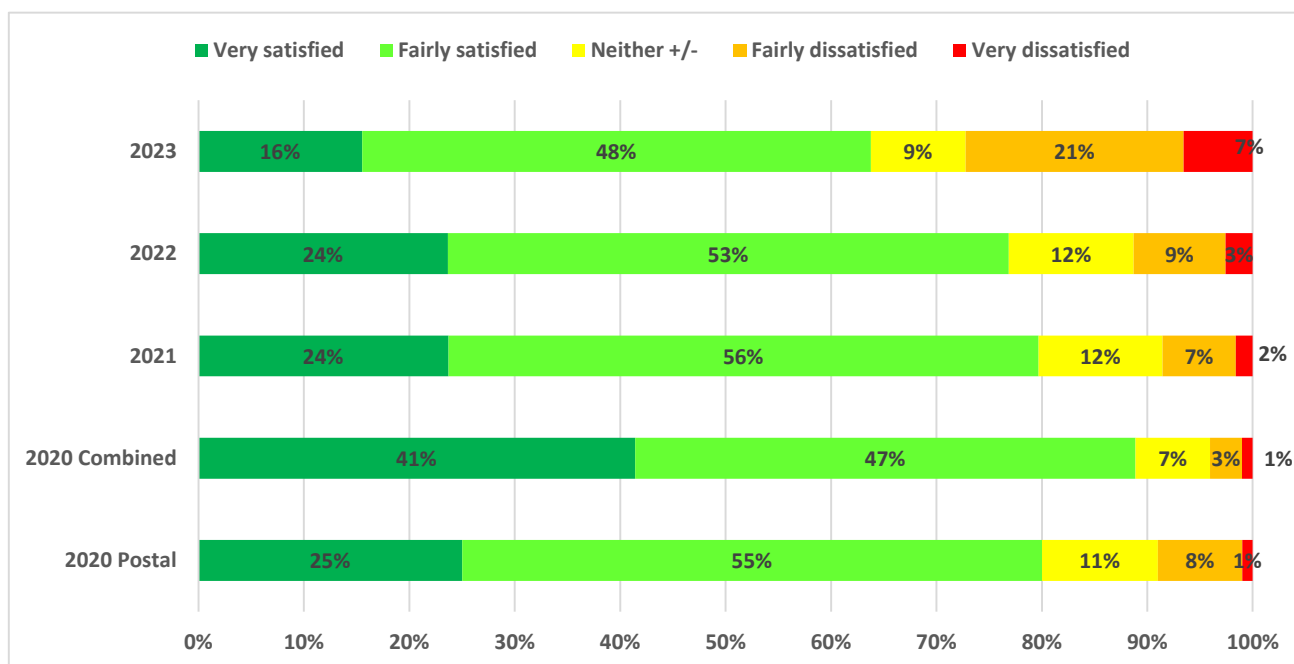
Favourable		Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	Not Favourable	
Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied		Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied

3.2.2 Figure 1 and Table 2 below show a comparison between the overall satisfaction with Bromley’s parks and open spaces in the current survey against the previous survey’s conducted in 2022, 2021 and 2020. It is important to note the 2022 and 2021 surveys were postal only whereas the 2020 survey was a combined postal and face to face survey.

3.2.3 The 2020 combined survey results have a higher level of satisfaction at 88%, the use of face-to-face surveys often produces more favourable results than anonymous surveys, as such we have also compared the results for the 2020 postal survey the results of which are much more similar to the results of the 2021 and 2022 surveys.

3.2.4 The overall level of satisfaction with parks and open spaces in the 2023 is slightly lower than previous years at 64% however fairly satisfied continues to be the most common category. It is our belief that this is likely attributed to the use of an anonymous online survey which tends to result in more negative responses rather than a sudden drop in public satisfaction.

Figure 1 – Comparison of Overall Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces



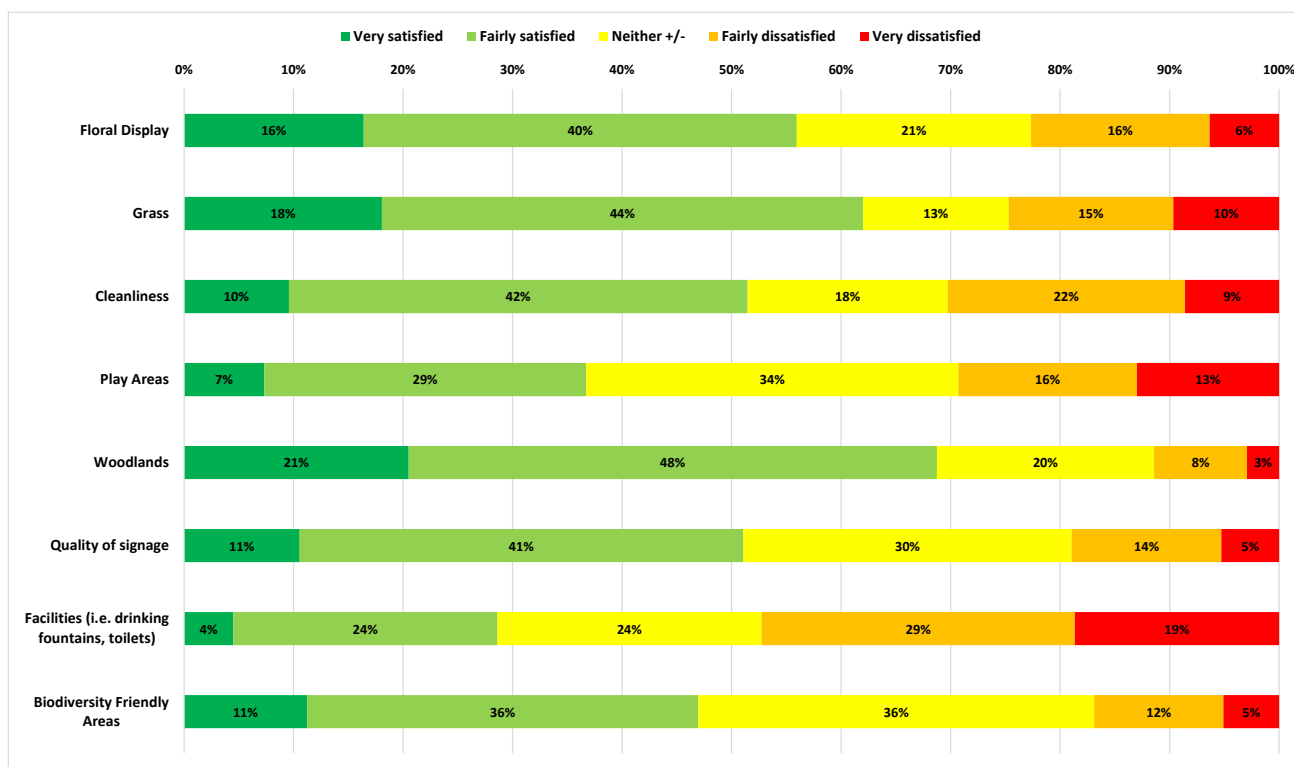
3.2.5 Table 3 provides further detail on the responses to questions 4 in the 2023 survey compared with previous years. It shows the percentage of responses that are favourable, the most frequent response and the percentage for each response. Cells are shaded according to the key above, with stronger shading indicating higher values within that classification.

Table 3 - Comparison of Overall Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces

Year	% Satisfied	Most Common Category	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither +/-	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
2023	64%	Fairly satisfied	16%	48%	9%	21%	7%
2022	77%	Fairly satisfied	24%	53%	12%	9%	3%
2021	80%	Fairly satisfied	24%	56%	12%	7%	2%
2020 Combined	88%	Fairly satisfied	41%	47%	7%	3%	1%
2020 Postal Only	80%	Fairly satisfied	25%	55%	11%	8%	1%

3.2.6 Figure 2 shows the overall satisfaction with the eight identified features in Parks and Open Spaces.

Figure 2 - Survey Responses to Satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces Features



3.2.7 Table 4 provides further detail on the responses to questions 5 in the survey. It shows the percentage of responses that are favourable, the most frequent response and the percentage for each response. Cells are shaded according to the key above, with stronger shading indicating higher values within that classification.

- Satisfaction with individual features varied greatly ranging from 29% satisfaction for ‘Facilities’ at the lower end of the spectrum up to 69% satisfaction for ‘Woodlands’; and
- The highest level of dissatisfaction (combined fairly and very dissatisfied) for individual features was recorded for ‘Facilities’ at 47%, while lower levels of dissatisfaction were recorded for all other features with ‘Cleanliness’ recording the second highest dissatisfaction at 30%.

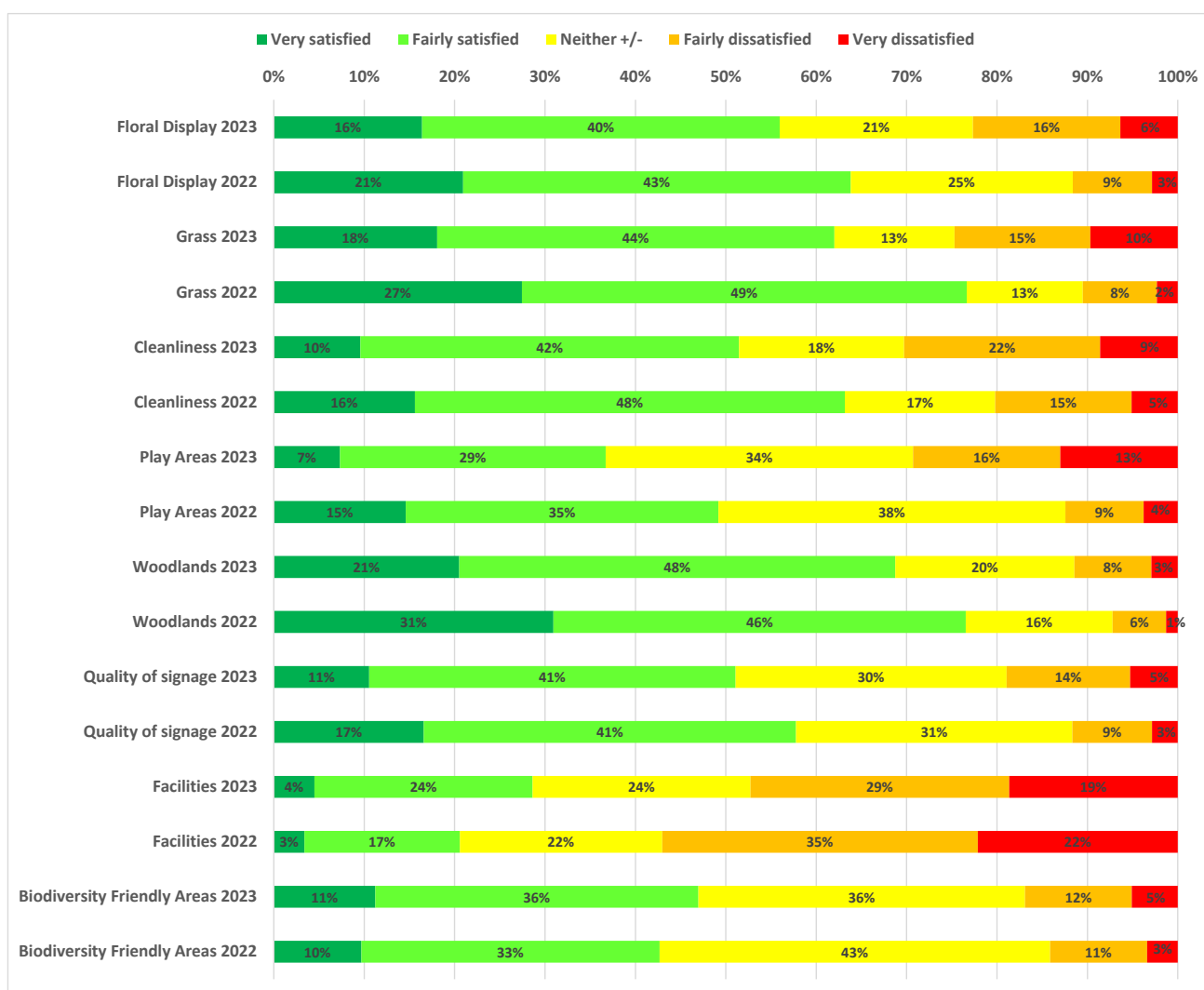
Table 4- Survey Responses to Features Satisfaction Questions

Feature	% Satisfied	Most Common Category	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither +/-	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Floral Display	56%	Fairly satisfied	16%	40%	21%	16%	6%
Grass	62%	Fairly satisfied	18%	44%	13%	15%	10%
Cleanliness	51%	Fairly satisfied	10%	42%	18%	22%	9%
Play Areas	37%	Neither +/-	7%	29%	34%	16%	13%

Woodlands	69%	Fairly satisfied	21%	48%	20%	8%	3%
Quality of signage	51%	Fairly satisfied	11%	41%	30%	14%	5%
Facilities (i.e. drinking fountains, toilets)	29%	Fairly dissatisfied	4%	24%	24%	29%	19%
Biodiversity Friendly Areas	47%	Neither +/-	11%	36%	36%	12%	5%

3.2.8 Figure 3 shows the comparison of satisfaction with Parks and Open Spaces Features in 2023 with the results from the 2022 survey. Levels of overall satisfaction (Very satisfied and Fairly satisfied combined) are lower in 2023 than 2022 for all features apart from Facilities and Biodiversity Friendly Areas where satisfaction levels are higher.

Figure 3 – Comparison of satisfaction with features in 2023 and 2022



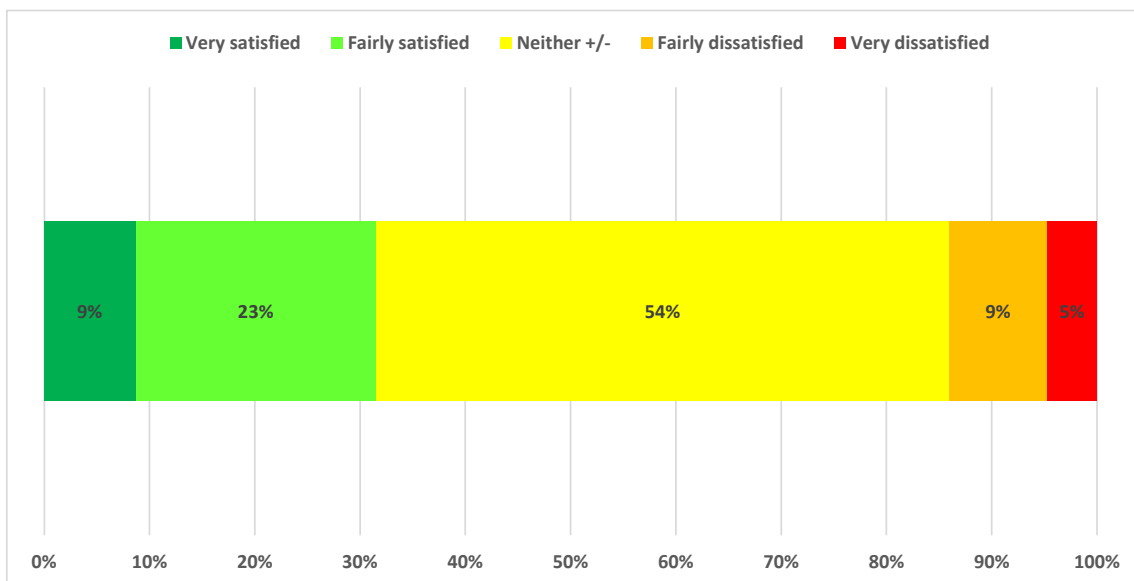
3.2.9 Table 5 provides the breakdown of satisfaction results for 2023 compared with 2022. Differences in satisfaction range from a reduction of 15% in satisfaction with Grass to an 8% increase in satisfaction with Facilities. However, all the most commonly selected categories remain the same.

Table 5- Comparison of satisfaction with features in 2023 and 2022

	Feature	% Satisfied	Most Common Category	Very satisfied	Fairly satisfied	Neither +/-	Fairly dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied
Floral Display	2023	56%	Fairly satisfied	16%	40%	21%	16%	6%
	2022	64%	Fairly satisfied	21%	43%	25%	9%	3%
Grass	2023	62%	Fairly satisfied	18%	44%	13%	15%	10%
	2022	77%	Fairly satisfied	27%	49%	13%	8%	2%
Cleanliness	2023	51%	Fairly satisfied	10%	42%	18%	22%	9%
	2022	63%	Fairly satisfied	16%	48%	17%	15%	5%
Play Areas	2023	37%	Neither +/-	7%	29%	34%	16%	13%
	2022	49%	Neither +/-	15%	35%	38%	9%	4%
Woodlands	2023	69%	Fairly satisfied	21%	48%	20%	8%	3%
	2022	77%	Fairly satisfied	31%	46%	16%	6%	1%
Quality of signage	2023	51%	Fairly satisfied	11%	41%	30%	14%	5%
	2022	58%	Fairly satisfied	17%	41%	31%	9%	3%
Facilities	2023	29%	Fairly dissatisfied	4%	24%	24%	29%	19%
	2022	21%	Fairly dissatisfied	3%	17%	22%	35%	22%
Biodiversity Friendly Areas	2023	47%	Neither +/-	11%	35.74%	36.13%	12%	5%
	2022	43%	Neither +/-	10%	33%	43%	11%	3%

3.2.10 Figure 4 shows the responses to question 3 concerning how satisfied respondents are with the Platinum Jubilee Parks Fund and the projects it enables, 32% of respondents were satisfied. However over 50% (54%) of respondents were neither +/- suggesting that perhaps the majority of respondents were not familiar with the fund or the projects it supports. This question is a new question asked to respondent this year thus no comparison with previous years is possible.

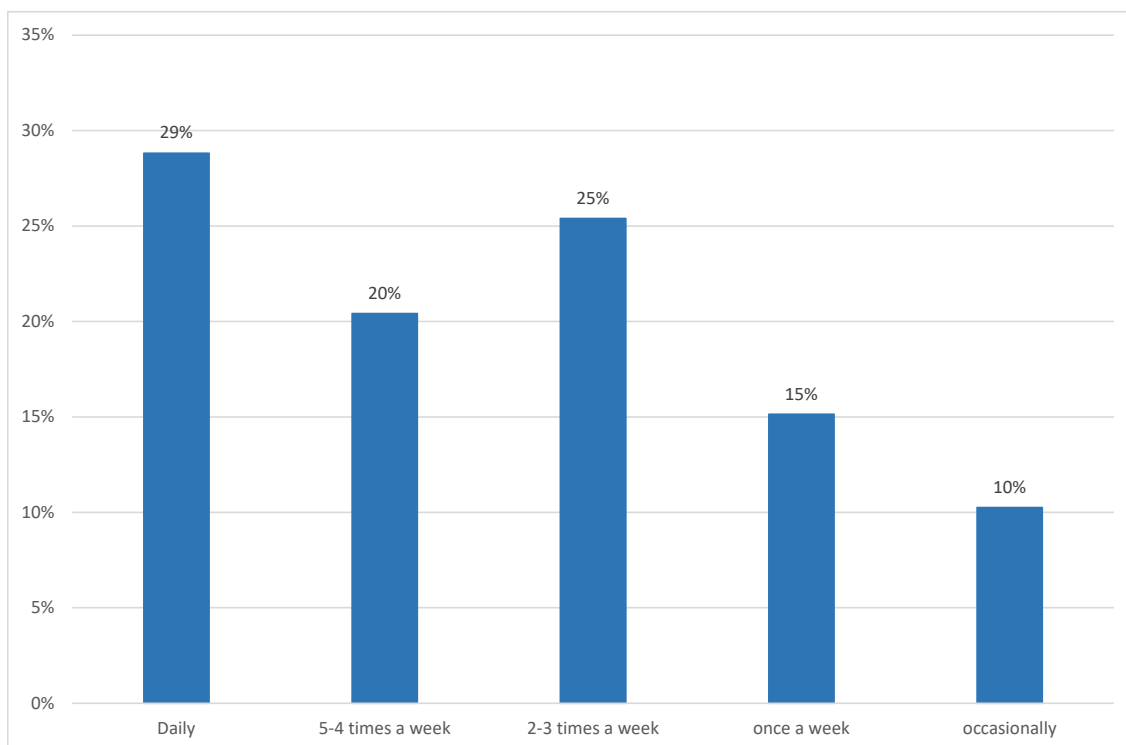
Figure 4 – Satisfaction with the Platinum Jubilee Parks Fund



3.3 VISITING FREQUENCY

3.3.1 Question 1 required respondents to select how often they visit parks in LB Bromley. Figure 5 shows the percentage of respondents that selected each option. The largest majority (29%) selected Daily followed by 2-3 times a week. The 2023 survey question on visiting parks asked respondents different frequencies to the 2022 thus no comparison with previous years is possible.

Figure 5 - Frequency of visits to LB Bromley’s parks in 2023

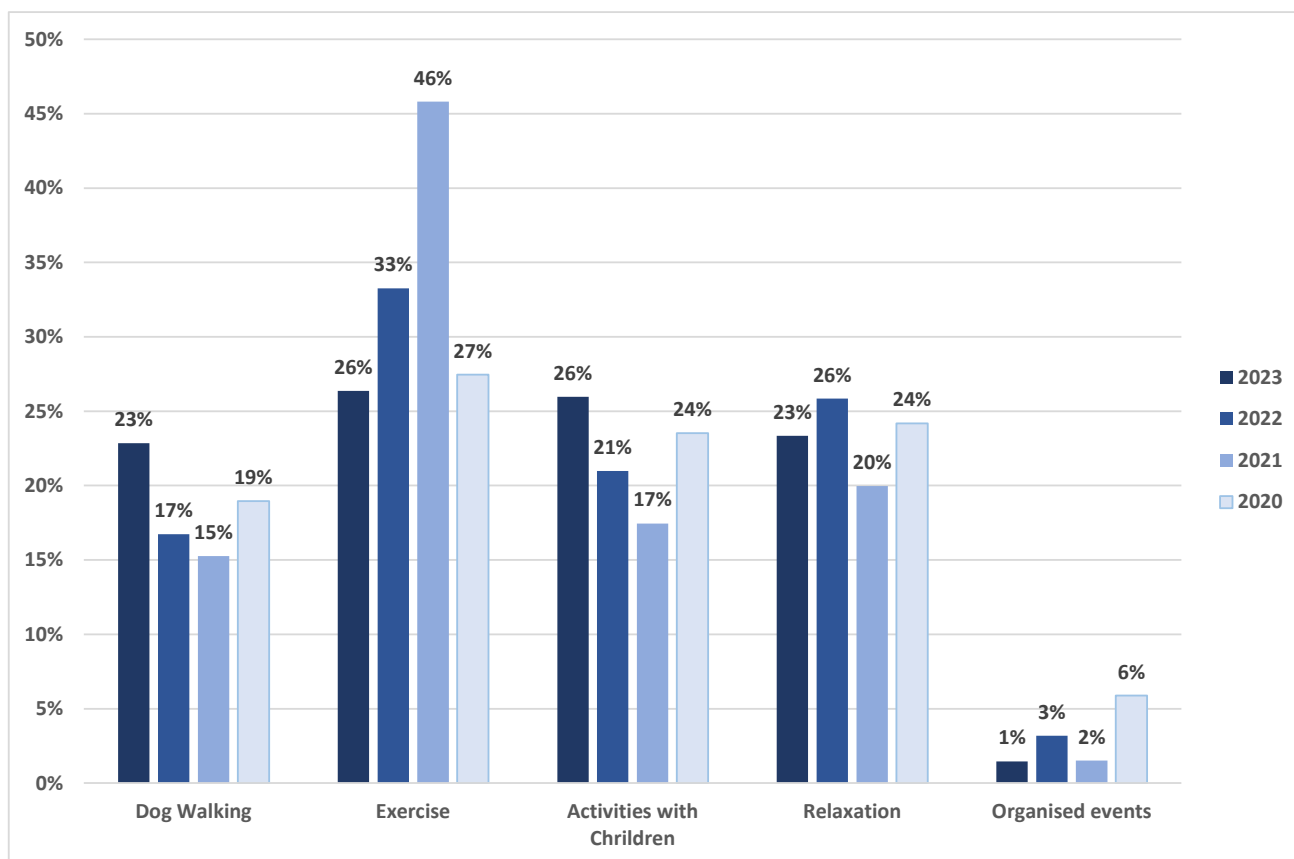


3.4 REASONS FOR VISITING PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

- 3.4.1 In question 2 of the survey respondents were asked to choose from a list the main activity they use the park is in LB Bromley for.
- 3.4.2 Figure 6 shows the respondents main reason for visiting LB Bromley’s parks and open spaces in 2023 compared with the results from the 2022, 2021 and 2020 survey.
- 3.4.3 In all four surveys ‘Exercise’ was the main reason for visiting at 26% in 2023, 33% in 2022, 46% and 27% in 2021 and 2020, respectively. The results in 2023 were much closer than in previous years with Activities with children also at 26% (but slightly lower to one decimal place 26.4% exercise and 26.0% Activities with Children) and closely followed by Relaxation and Dog Walking both at 23% (23.3% and 22.9% respectively).

This would suggest that Parks and Open Spaces are now being used for a wider variety of activities, although the percentage of respondents selecting Organised Events still remains very low.

Figure 6 - Main reason for visiting parks and open spaces (2023, 2022, 2021 & 2020)

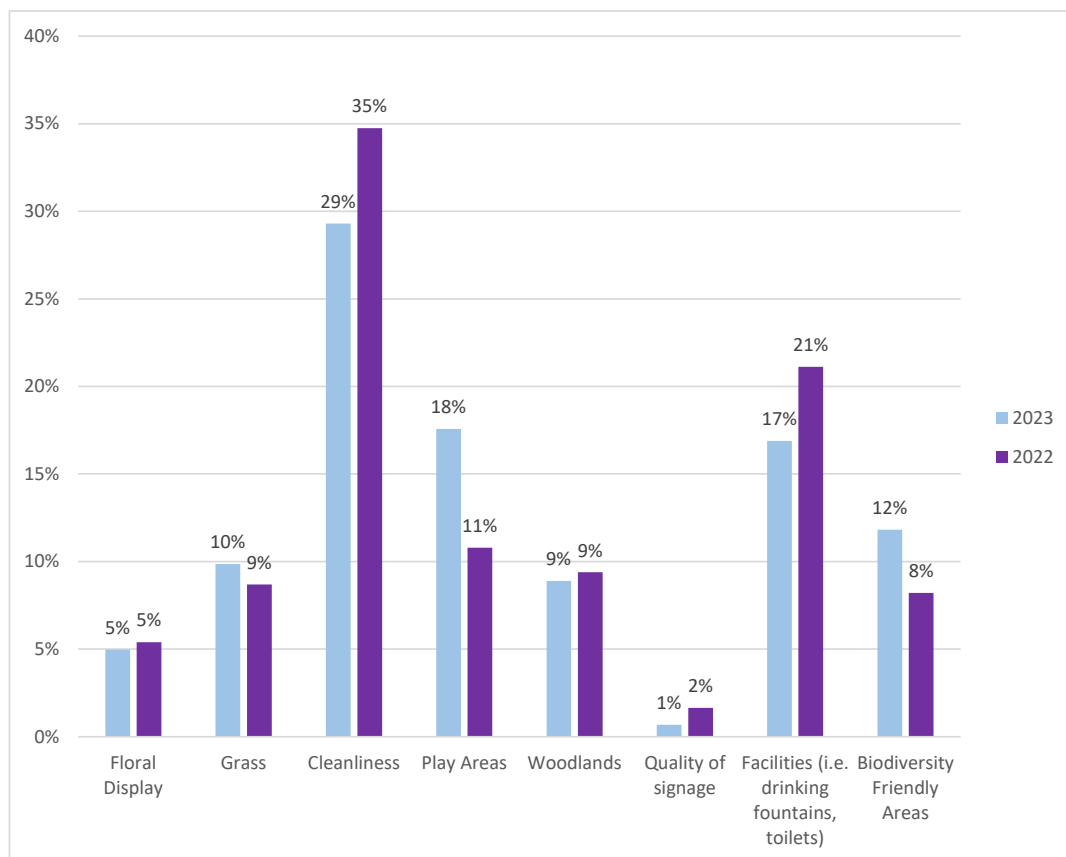


3.5 KEY PRIORITIES

- 3.5.1 In question 6 respondents were required to tick what they considered to be the number one priority for Bromley’s parks from the list of features. Figure 5 shows the percentage of respondents that selected each feature they considered to be the number one priority compared with the results from 2022.

3.5.2 In Both 2023 and 2022 Cleanliness was the most selected priority (29% and 35% respectively). In 2022 this was followed by facilities (21%) and Play areas (11%). In 2023 however there has been a significant increase in respondent selecting Play Areas as a priority making it the second most selected with 18% closely followed by Facilities with 17%. In both 2023 and 2022 Quality of Signage was the least selected priority with only 1% and 2% of respondents selected it, respectively.

Figure 7 - Key Priorities for LB Bromley’s Parks and Open Spaces

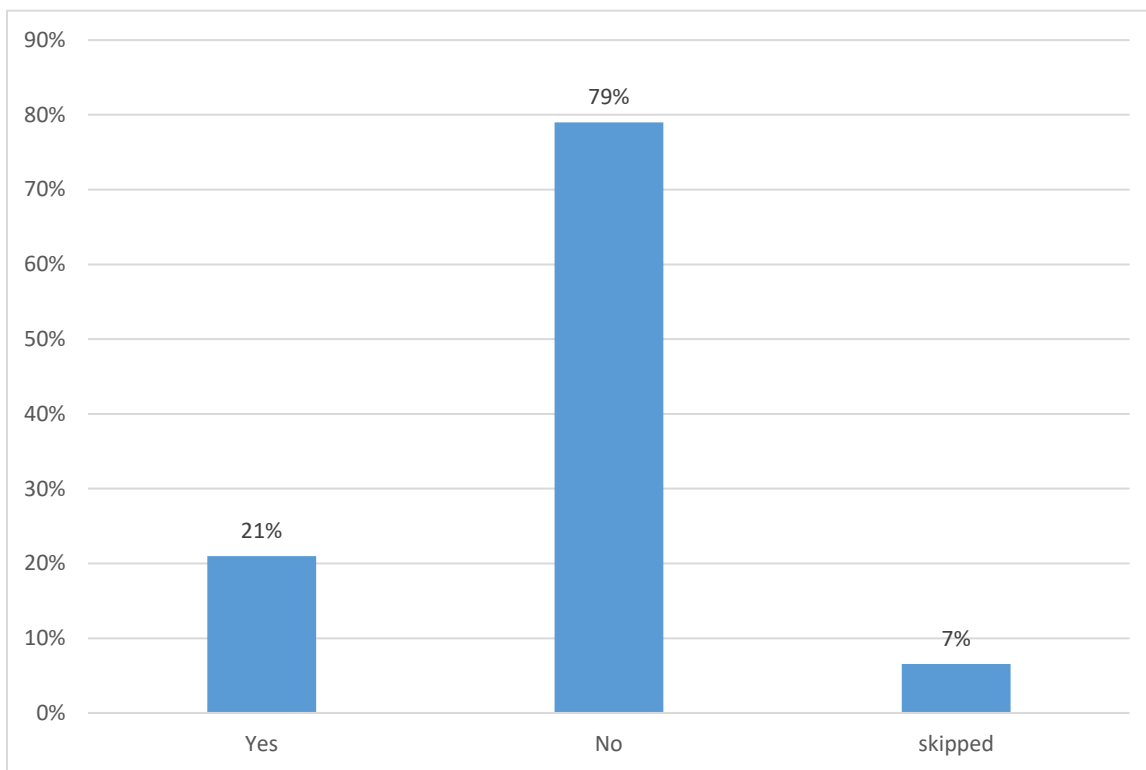


3.6 GENERAL SURVEY QUESTIONS

3.6.1 Respondents were asked several general survey questions the results of which are displayed below.

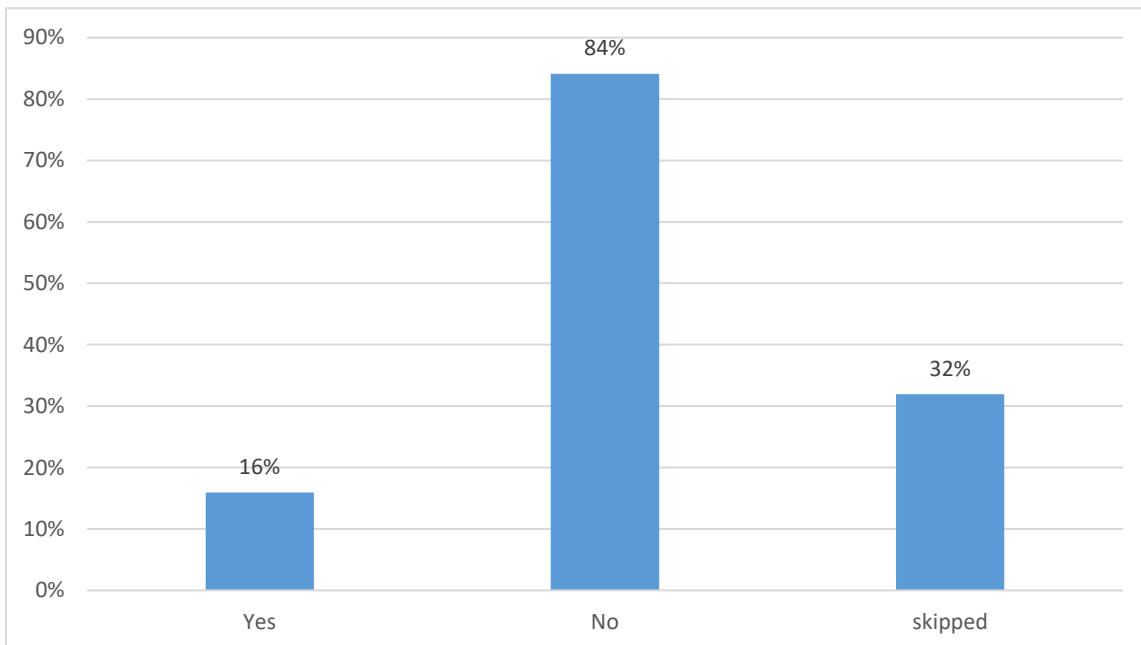
3.6.2 Question 8 asked respondents if they are a member of a local Parks Friends Group. Figure 8 shows of the respondents who answered the question 79% are not, while 21% are. Of the total respondents 7% skipped the question.

Figure 8 - Are you a member of friends group?



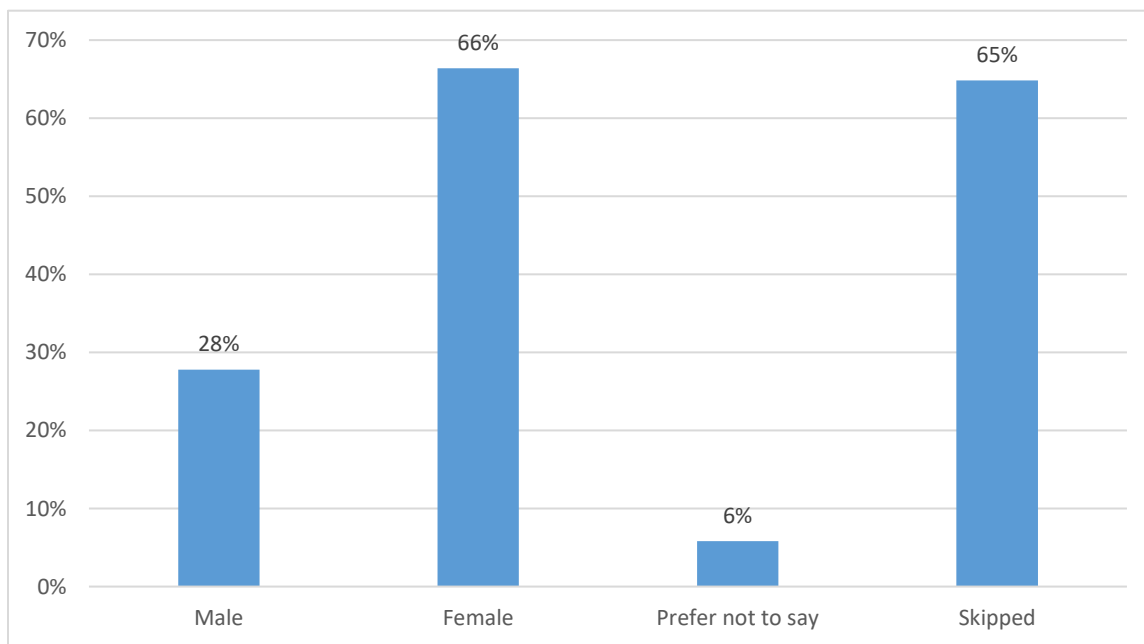
3.6.3 Question 10 was aimed at respondents who were not already a member of a Local Parks Friends Group asking if they would like to be involved. Figure 9 shows of the respondents who answered the question 84% said No while 16% said yes. Of the total respondents 32% skipped the question.

Figure 9 - If no, would you like to be involved in your local Parks Friends group?



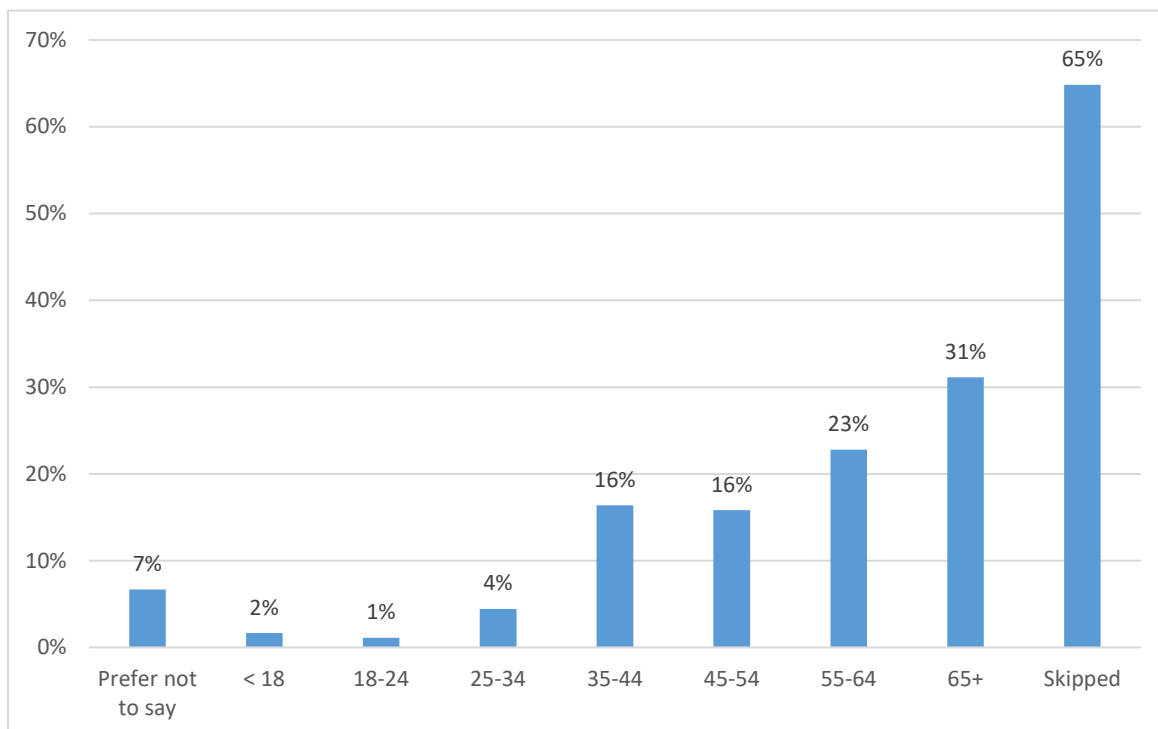
3.6.4 Question 14 asked respondents to specify what gender they identify as. Figure 10 shows of the respondents who answered the question 66% identified as female, 28% identified as male and 6% preferred not to say. Of the total respondents 65% skipped the question.

Figure 10 – What do you identify your gender as?



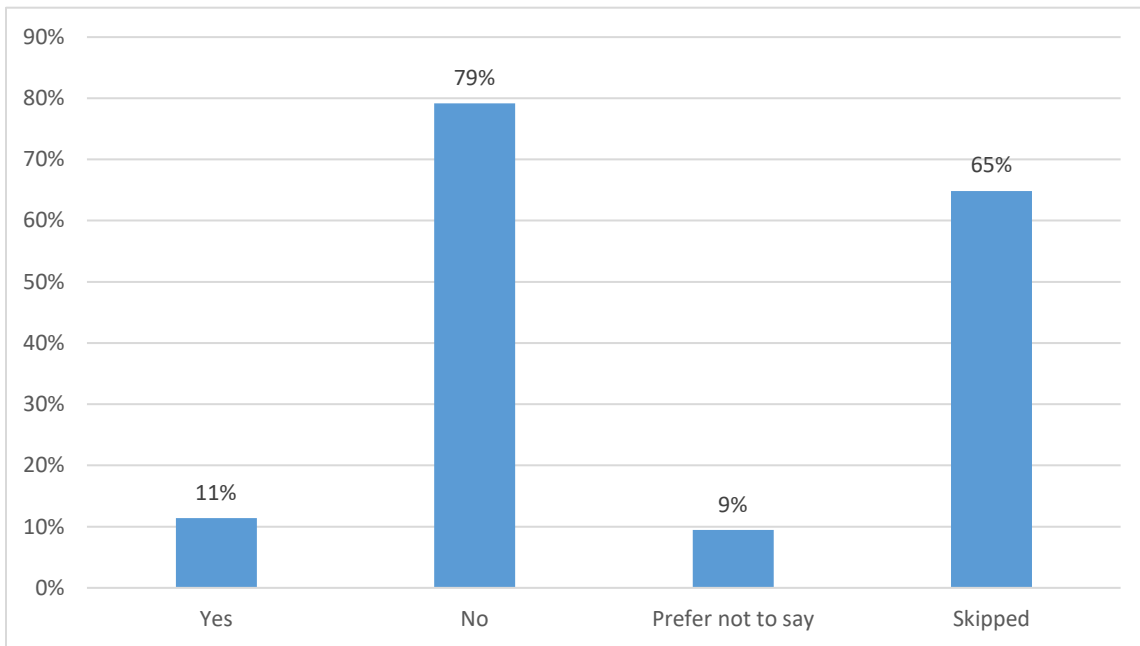
3.6.5 Question 15 asked respondents to select what age range they fall into from a predefined list. Figure 11 shows the majority of those who did respond were in the older age range categories with 31% aged 65+ and 23% aged 55-64, only 7% of respondents were aged 34 or under. 7% preferred not to say and 65% skipped the question.

Figure 11 – What age range are you?



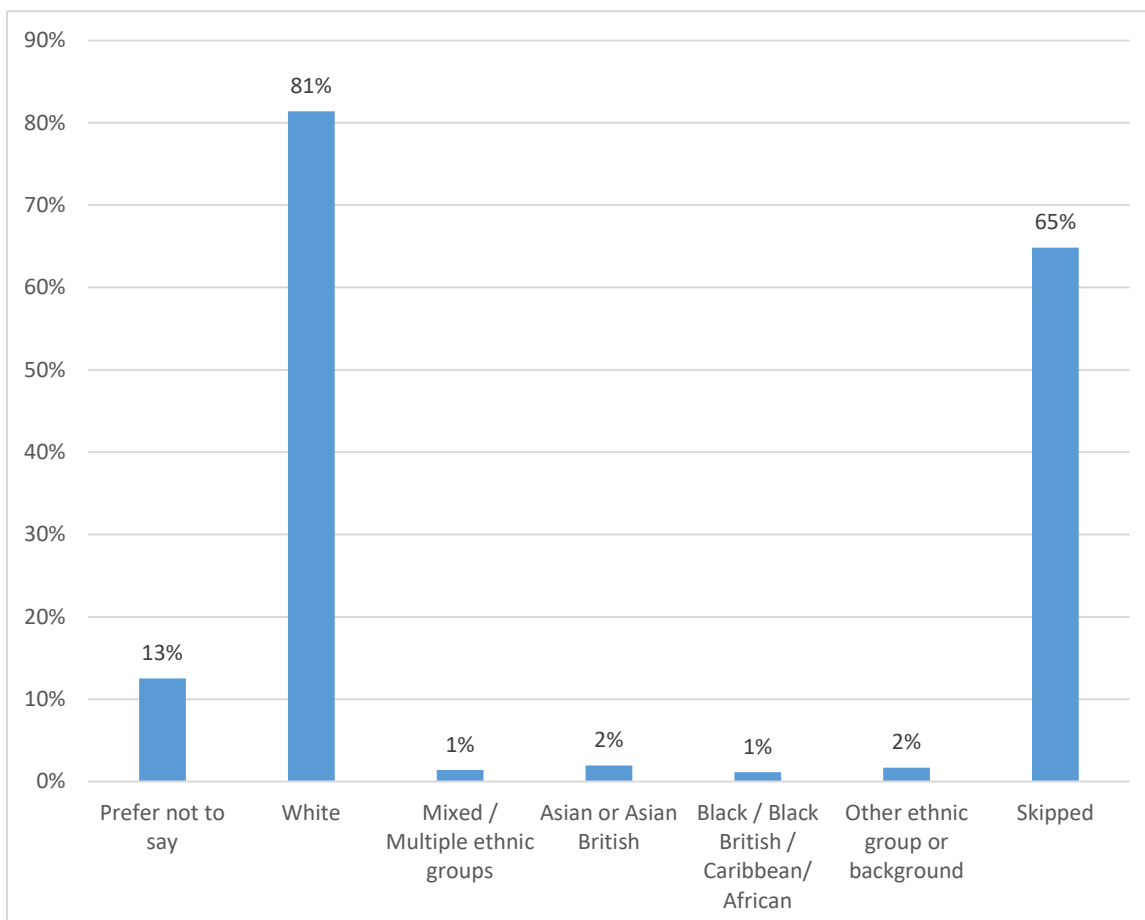
3.6.6 Question 16 asked respondents if they considered themselves to have a disability. Figure 12 shows 79% said no, 11% said yes while 9% preferred not to say and 65% skipped the question.

Figure 12 – Do you consider yourself to have a disability?



3.6.7 Question 17 asked respondents to indicate their ethnic background. Figure 13 shows 81% selected white, only 6% selected any other ethnicity while 13% preferred not to say and 65% skipped the question.

Figure 13 - Please indicate your ethnic background



- 3.6.8 Due to the lack of diversity in respondents described above it was deemed non-beneficial to carry out further analysis on levels of satisfaction for particular demographics. For example, looking at age as the demographic only 7% (26 respondents) were under the age of 34 and only four were aged between 18-24, the views of four respondents won't be representative of the Bromley aged 18-24 population as a whole. The same can be said for ethnicity, disability status and gender.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1.1 Overall, responses are positive with 64% of respondents indicating that they are satisfied with LB Bromley's parks and open spaces, however this result is a 13% decrease compared to the 2022 survey although fairly satisfied continues to be the most common category. It is our belief that this is likely attributed to the use of an online survey where the anonymity tends to result in more negative responses rather than a sudden drop in public satisfaction.
- 4.1.2 Satisfaction with individual features varied greatly ranging from 29% satisfaction for 'Facilities' at the lower end of the spectrum up to 69% satisfaction for 'Woodlands'.
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- 4.1.5 32% of respondents were satisfied with Platinum Jubilee Parks Fund and the projects it enables. However over 50% (54%) of respondents were neither +/- suggesting that perhaps the majority of respondents were not familiar with the fund or the projects it supports.
- 4.1.6 The largest majority of respondents (29%) visit LB Bromley's Parks and Open Spaces daily.
- 4.1.7 'Exercise' was the main reason for visiting LB Bromley's Parks and Open Spaces in 2023, 2022, 2021 and 2020. The results in 2023 were much closer than in previous years with Exercise and Activities with children both at 26% (26.4% exercise and 26.0% Activities with Children) and closely followed by Relaxation and Dog Walking both at 23% (23.3% and 22.9% respectively).
- 4.1.8 This would suggest that Parks and Open Spaces are now being used for a wider variety of activities, although the percentage of respondents selecting Organised Events still remains very low.
- 4.1.9 In both 2023 and 2022 Cleanliness was the most selected priority (29% and 35% respectively). In 2023 there has been a significant increase in respondent selecting Play Areas as a priority making it the second most selected with 18% closely followed by Facilities with 17%. Quality of Signage was the least selected priority with only 1% of respondents selected it as a priority.
- 4.1.10 65% of respondents did not complete the equality questions, however of those that did its evident the respondents were not very diverse. The majority fell into the older age range categories with only 7% of respondents aged 34 or under, most also identified as female (66%), white (81%) and did not consider themselves to have a disability (79%). Although we do not know the details of the 65% who did not answer potentially the responses are not that representative of LB Bromley Parks and Open Spaces users as a whole.
- 4.1.11 Residents were also given the opportunity to provide free text comments which can be viewed in Appendix A. On reviewing these the trends appear quite incident specific or park specific, with particular mention to dissatisfaction with Kelsey Park (particularly bridge repairs), Playground

equipment needing updating, toilets (condition of and not enough of) and finally grass either not being cut often enough but these will be counteracted by respondents asking for more biodiversity / wild areas and grass cuttings being left behind.

- 4.1.12 It is apparent that the different survey methods used has a significant effect on the results produced particularly on the levels of satisfaction. For example, if you compare the results from 2022 and 2021 which were postal surveys with the postal survey results from 2020 the levels of overall Satisfaction were very similar (77% 80% and 80% respectively). However, if you include the results from the 2020 face-to-face surveys where respondents tend to be more positive the satisfaction increases to 88%.
- 4.1.13 In our experience the use of an anonymous online survey will often lead to more negative responses as people tend to be more negative when they feel they can't be identified. The postal surveys offer some anonymity but as its addressed to the respondents house it doesn't offer total anonymity so whilst responses tend to be more negative than the face-to-face, they tend to be more positive than the anonymous online surveys.
- 4.1.14 It is also worth taking into account that many people will only take the time to complete an online or postal survey if a negative experience has triggered them to do so. For example, if a member of the public visits a play area and the equipment is broken, they are much more likely to go home and complete the survey to raise the issue than if they went to the play area and everything worked fine.

APPENDIX A – RESPONDENTS COMMENTS

At Beckenham ground at croydon road and village way. People are messy with heavy take away food and packaging. Lids and bins would help prevent foxes.
Kelsey park is rundown with two bridges over the lake out of action and no information about when repairs will be completed. Also, near the lower lake the previously, grass is completely overgrown.
It would be great if the floral displays could be biodiverse and friendly.
Toilets in Bromley park need improving. Rest of Entry illegible.
Kelsey park is a disgrace. Rest of Entry illegible.
Toilet facilities in parks would be a great addition. Rest of Entry illegible.
Kelsey park is very sadly neglected.
I would like to see repairs done to structures in the parks and bridges.
Keep family friendly environment.
Kelsey park needs updating. Playground areas. Rest of Entry illegible.
Vehicle damage the path edges.
The play parks need updating. Croydon and Lewisham. Rest of Entry illegible.
Playground equipment is poor. Crystal Palace.
Better play equipment, toilets and cafe. Rest of Entry illegible.
The bridges in Kelsey park are still not open. Rest of Entry illegible.
More play areas and toilets.
I don't think you should stop cutting the grass in play areas (Pickhurst park) it is difficult to pick up dog waste in long grass. Rest of Entry illegible.
Kelsey park. Unrepaired bridges, lake requires cleaning. Collapsed trees removed.
Need toilets.
Grass needs to be cut more regularly. More events to make use of the small parks for local residents.
If Bromley is focused on creating biodiversity areas or pollinator friendly spaces - they need to sow wildflowers and pollinator - friendly plants. Rest of Entry illegible.
Knoll park. Between Pickhurst lane and Ridgeway needs maintaining. Rest of Entry illegible.
Cupola Woods and Pickhurst Park. Grass needs cutting. Cut the play area.
Norman park needs updating and cleaning.
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Bromley parks need to be kept to a higher standard. Bromley town centre, bins overflowing, litter everywhere. There also needs to be a bigger police presence.
There needs to be more public toilets and rubbish needs to be collected more often.
Library toilets needs cleaning, rubbish everywhere.
Pre- school in Bromley needs cleaning.
High Elms - Toilet facilities.
Much better sign posting. Rest of Entry illegible.
Whitehall Rec park. I like the tarmac path.
Parks need to be cleaned regularly.
Whitehall Rec needs updating. Rubbish everywhere.
Chattertan is a lovely park. Very popular. Zipwire has broken.
More action against anti-social behaviour.
Woodland needs updating. Plantation.

Need more events or facilities for teens.
Kings Meadow needs maintaining.
More dog free grass areas.
Kings meadow park needs improving.
Toilets for kids and more bins.
Kings Meadow needs cleaning up.
St Pauls Cray Recreation needs updating. Rest of Entry illegible.
The play areas are boring compared to other boroughs.
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Jubilee park near Petts wood end needs updating. Benches, picnic benches. Rest of Entry illegible.
Childrens swing park at Bigging Hill recreation ground needs updating.
Grass cutting needs to happen regularly.
Kings road park play area needs updating. More grass cutting needed.
Oaklands school playground should not be available to use as a park. Biggin Hill rec ground needs updating.
Make facilities more accessible.
All local parks need updating.
Lack of cycle paths, Bromley parks needs updating.
Coney Hall park - no toilets, grass section needs improving and no keep fit equipment.
The parks need maintaining, cutting grass, dog mess needs clearing up. Coney hall park needs updating and cleaning.
E-scooters and bikes are a danger to pedestrians.
I love the local flower displays. Children play areas needs a check.
Entry illegible.
Churchill gardens has been left to ruin. Needs maintenance and updating.
Croydon Rec. Needs maintaining. Benches and floral displays.
West Wickham - No Shelter, poorly maintained, litter, grass left, toilets poorly maintained.
Kelsey Park - Thanks for repairing climbing frame. Corkscrew hill - needs maintaining.
Biodiversity in Coney hall park. Signage needed, toilet facilities. Floral displays, planting.
Chislehurst Rec needs maintaining and cleaning. Library path is grubby with dog mess.
Having park gardens would be a great help, lots of anti-social behaviour, litter and dog mess.
Public facilities needs updating and natural areas. Floral displays and cleaning of paths.
Lack of mowing, so wild flowers can grow. Need more signage. People leaving dog poo bags.
I would appreciate a replay to my letter of 13th June, regarding Tree felling, public seats and toilets. Also, why can steps not be taken to pressure the grass by taking water from the stream.
Bromley Library flower bed. Rest of entry illegible.
Bromley Library. More park friendly, family areas. Rest of entry illegible.
Kelsey Park, play area, climbing frames and swings etc needs updating. Rest of entry illegible.
Kelsey park play equipment needs updating and repairing. The facility is well used, lots of families will not be having a holiday. Important for mental health. Rest of entry illegible.
Kelsey park. Continuing to wait for too long for bridge repairs. Rest of entry illegible.
Toilet facilities would be appreciated. Queensmead Rec. Play facilities. Behind churchill theatre.
Queensmead the playground is unsafe for children especially toddlers. Uneven surfaces are not suitable for children to play safely.

Jubilee Park - The paths are well maintained. Priory Gardens - loved the floral displays magpie hall - It would be good if the path made a complete circuit. At present there are a couple of gaps. Great places for relaxation + good for mental health.
I visit Priory Gardens, Orpington daily with my dogs. It is a place to relax. It is a wonderful place for the wildfoul and all wildlife. If it was to be taken away from us it would be dreadful. We don't have enough green space as it is. Please don't build on this site. Many people visit for sanctuary and reflection. Also all the wildlife needs to be taken into consideration. Orpington is getting far to built up. Homefield Rise.
There is often obvious drug takin, drug dealing and anti-socail drinking in Orpington gardens. I would like to see more policies there.
Bromley park church theatre there is lots of crime and dangerous people there.
Not happy with untrained dogs jumping up at you + charging towards you uncontrollably, very often walking to shopping centres with clean clothes + ending up with a muddy outfit. Get dog owners to train dogs!
Empty refuse bins more often. Check for dog mess especially in woodland areas and dogs off leads! No wild areas of grassland - please keep grassed areas mowed. Thank you.
Prioritise cleaning of children's play spaces. For example, the skateboard park in Bromley is unsafe. We had to sweep glass and litter from the area before our children could skateboard. The graffiti needs removing. It's not nice to explain to eight year olds why people draw phallic pictures and write swear words on the equipment and ground.
Lack of seating in play areas. Grass left uncut in Parkfield Rec's play area. Local residents sorted this.
We are lucky to have some beautiful parks, woodlands and open spaces in Bromley and there is great potential to make them even better. We believe more could be done to improve the facilities and experiences for disabled children and adults and people with sensory needs. Crystal Palace and Kelsey Park seem like great opportunities in the west; Bromley Town and Norman Park in the centre; High Elms and Priory Gardens in the East and Biggin Hill in the south of the borough. There is very little that disabled people can do in our parks and playgrounds. Enhancing sensory experiences (including movement) would benefit many. Even something as simple and cheap as pictorial signs on a board would help some non-verbal children and adults communicate where they would like to go in the park. Swanley Park is the best local example of an accessible park with a wheelchair accessible swing, inclusive roundabout, a splash pool with wheelchair access, a Changing Places facility, smooth paths (mainly), watching and feeding the ducks, etc. Children have options of things to do. Some neurodivergent children interact with playground equipment differently from their neurotypical peers. Introducing new, robust equipment where there are no expectations of how it should be used may help with inclusion and people feeling more welcome in parks. From a maintenance and wheelchair perspective it would be good to have more work done on maintaining the paths so that people in wheelchairs can enjoy a smoother ride, particularly after periods of heavy rain and dry periods which make paths rutted and inaccessible. No kissing gates though please. Thank you for investing in our parks.
Keep the car parks open. Get rid of barbed wire next to pathways in jubilee Park and high elms. The wild grass areas have been left much too long this year in Darrick wood fields. Can't find the dogs poo to pick up!
We are always concerned about how overrun with birds, squirrels and rats etc when we visit kelsey Park. There just not enough room for so many animals and people, especially children who play among animal excrement. Ducks are often seen being fed white bread by well meaning visitors. I'm pretty sure the public feeding has raised the animal population and therefore, I think it should be regulated. The bridge in the park has been shut down for years. Would be great to see it reopened. It's a really lovely space and be a nicer space to visit.
The car parks were locked too many times this year supposedly due to traveller activity . I'm not sure what the point of the metal and concrete post are if not to stop cars gaining access to the parks ! Jubilee (how were travellers going to get down the narrow paths !!) and Shepperton Rec suffered greatly causing parking issues and safety concerns in adjoining streets

<p>The friends of Cator and Alexandra parks are excellent and without them doubt our parks would be as good as they put in hours of work. Generally the play areas in Bromley parks and the toilets are a bit dated and need investment - other boroughs invest more in more imaginative equipment. Better nature areas are needed too where grass is kept longer and wild flowers are grown etc are needed and consistently protected - sometimes they are started and then the contractors forget and cut them! Some places like High Elms have really poor toilet facilities that are even shut some days and times when there are a lot of people there who need them. Overall Bromley has a lot of parks and green spaces but they are vital to quality of life for people of all ages so they should be seen as an asset to be managed and enhanced by the council and partners, not a burden to be managed</p>
<p>Poverest park</p>
<p>Parkfield Rec children's park - no benches, lack of play equipment suitable for younger children, no toilets. The grass isn't cut regularly and the grass cuttings are not cleared up when it is cut. It looks neglected despite the paint job done. Some investment into new facilities would be good.</p>
<p>Money spent on the parks is money well spent.</p>
<p>Kersey Park looked very untidy and overgrown since I last went there</p>
<p>The toilets in Croydon Rec and Kelsey Park are disgraceful - please can something be done with these</p>
<p>I use Cator Park and Royston Field a lot to walk my dogs in. Royston Field in particular is always littered, there are two bins, quite close together. Another the other side of the seats might encourage people to use it. The bins are often used for domestic refuse. The litter seems to be regularly cleared, but whether by other members of the public or idverde employees I don't know. If is the latter, why are the streets around the parks area never cleaned? In Cator park, not enough grassland is left to grow to encourage insect life. When the weather is good, there is always more litter and the bins are overflowing, but it can take days for them to be emptied. There is no sense that the council is aware and reactive to this obvious fact.</p>
<p>None of the parks look like they are cared for. How can it take years to replace a bridge in Kelsey Park, why do the playgrounds in Penge look like no one has done any maintenance for years, will a slide ever return to Crystal Palace Park, does Betts Park flower beds ever get weeds removed, nevermind some actual flowers.</p>
<p>The toilet facilities in Kelsey Park and Beckenham recreation park definitely need some attention. Unfit for purpose</p>
<p>Bins need emptied more often The quality of the play ground areas is shocking. Generally aimed at under 5s and all metal based with peeking6psint etc. Need more wooden framed play areas esp in Norman Park and perhaps something in the Hayes area?</p>
<p>Seating and toilet facilities. Norman park.</p>
<p>Kelsey park play area, cafe and toilets are incredibly busy yet, do not reflect the residential area, and are in a very poor state. The cafe is a visual mess, with the temporary eating area, requiring a modern refreshment with a permanent setup. The play equipment is dated, broken, and needs a complete overhaul. The toilets are a health hazard. Given the amount of users of the cafe, that rent, along with the mini golf should be used to re-do the area.</p>
<p>There are hardly any parks in Bromley with toilet facilities. I am a disabled mother and toilets are know they are very much needed. All parks need a cafe or kiosk. Children's play areas could be massively improved. Corkscrew Hill park play areas are incredibly poor and need a lot more added. This year there has been a minimal amount of gardening carried out in all parks. I agree SOME areas should be left to grow wild, but this has included grass that has not been cut all 2023 in the children's play area in Corkscrew Hill park. Long grass attracts ticks which could leave a child with a long term illness-this is not an acceptable risk. Also, signs are needed to remind dog owners to clean up after their dog.</p>
<p>Toilets: there need to be some in Bromley's parks</p>
<p>Dog poo bins need to be replaced and new bins so that household rubbish cannot be put in and fixes cannot get rubbish out</p>

Lack of clean and pleasant toilets is a huge problem in Bromley parks. No toilets at Harvington estate, Blake's Park, Norman Park, Sparrow's Den and toilets at Kelsey Park are in a very poor state.
Please grow wildflower meadows and allow the grass to grow.
Kersey Park toilets are a disgrace!
Ive never heard of the PJF and would like to know how resources are being used. Bridges in Kelsey Park must be repaired.
Kelsey Park toilets are a disgrace
Generally love our parks. Just wish there were fewer dogs. Couple of play are upgrades due. But very lucky to have so many green spaces.
I haven't seen any improvements to parks in my local area
Bromley lagging behind other boroughs who are providing wild flower meadows and wildlife friendly areas for our diminishing biodiversity.
You provide no means of access to families to access these spaces, other than by car. There isn't one single bike lane that you could confidently let your kids use.
Toilets are a disgrace - especially in Crystal Palace Park and Kelsey park
Why has it taken so long to fix the bridge in Kersey Park?
bridge in kelsey park not being attended to or repaired properly .
Repair the broken bridge in Kelsey park
Bromley parks are in terrible condition compared to neighbouring London boroughs. Visiting Beckenham Place Park is far more pleasant than Crystal Palace Park and provides a model for what Bromley could aspire to
Play areas are a disgrace across the borough
The toilet facilities at Kelsey Park are very poor especially for baby changing!
Priory Park went for far too long this year without a grass cut. There was litter everywhere but more importantly, grass seeds growing in the dog walking area which was extremely dangerous for any dogs walking in them. I had to keep my dog on the path, on a lead. Furthermore, litter bins are not being emptied quickly enough. Chislehurst Forest was covered in litter last week due to overflowing bins.
The toilets in Kelsey Park are a disgrace, they are dirty, need refurbishing and are a health hazard. The park is used by many children and older people who need toilets. Clean, usable toilets should take priority over floral displays etc.
The lack of toilets at Norman Park and the atrocious state of the toilets at Kelsey Park are unacceptable. Both are used by families with children that need clean, fit for purpose facilities. It is a failure of the council not to provide these.
Toilets (particularly Kelsey Park) are disgusting. Also in Kelsey Park, bridges are terrible, and there are loads of rays by the water.
Kelsey Park, once the jewel of the borough has been terribly neglected. Overrun with rats, the river needs dredging and the playground urgently in need of a revamp. When compared to the recent investment to Beckenham Place Park it really is pretty disgraceful. Very disappointed indeed.
Why are there no park gym facilities in any LBB parks?
More toilets are needed in the parks.
Child play areas lack shade for extreme heat or rain. Lack of toilet facilities in some
There is an enormous amount of dog fouling not picked up by owners, strewn across pathways - must be very horrible for people with children and buggies and cyclists - it's horrible for me!
Not enough seating, poorly maintained foot paths. Low hanging branches blocking paths
Invest in them

<p>Football clubs in Alexandra Rec: Very frustrating for dog walkers/ park users because it is an open space but for the last year I have found footballers and those supporting them (coaches, parents of footballers, line-men who mark-up the grass) to make others feel unwelcome. Green space is not just for football teams. The open space is for all the public. Also, leaving the general public with unkempt areas of wild-grass, where there is clearly water logging (in the middle of the field) does not give footballer's priority to take ownership of 80% of the park as they see fit and the remaining 20% is the tarmac paved area (we exclude the beautiful wild-life for biodiversity projects and such). I also question the toxicity of paint used in the line-marking of the decided football areas. My dog got covered in blue paint once and I was made to feel the culprit. These areas are clearly visible to the public and almost a "no go" area: I have concerns for dog/ animal welfare and have my personal suspicions. I recently discovered from another Facebook network that poisonous meat (rat poison I would guess, though do not know - hope I never do!) is deliberately being left in the grass: low and behold I already mentioned the unkempt areas. This is awful. Finally, it is a lovely hidden treasure Alexandra Rec, to have open and green space helps me as a cancer sufferer and when I walk my dogs - the only way I can keep fit physically as well as mentally. I do not think football on a weekend is fair on all the public as the majority of the public would like to use the green space freely and with pride in Bromley too.</p>
<p>Cator Park - playground needs some new equipment as lots of children use the park and often have to wait. Some more natural/wooden play equipment would be well-received.</p>
<p>I regularly go to Hobblingwell Recreation. It is a beautiful park with great facilities, it hosts park run, it has a Bike track and a good sized playground as well as providing exercise classes on Saturday mornings. It is very well maintained by a group of people who really care and this makes all the difference.</p>
<p>Grass cutting could be better. Sometimes it's quite tricky walking on grass that needs cut.</p>
<p>Our Parks In bronley are shockingly embarrassing if you go to poorer boroughs they have stunning Paris facilities, such a shame! Bringing kids up where the parks and grounds are very poor we never go to Norman park anymore the kids playground needs replacing it could be a better park fir kids it's huge, if you look at Bermondsey Lewisham and Deptford they have stunning new areas</p>
<p>The parks such as whitehall rec needs to be improvef. Cafe trailer / toilet ala dulwich park. More and better play equipment</p>
<p>Whitehall Rec needs a more dynamic play area for children. The equipment is old and run down. An improved area for older children would also be beneficial</p>
<p>Croydon Rec cafe and toilets are terrible. We need a proper cafe, that opens at regular times and maintained, clean toilets please.</p>
<p>my local space is Goddington Park, mostly in its natural state and I find it becoming more popular each year. Long may it continue.</p>
<p>Generally poor maintenance & lack of facilities</p>
<p>Bromley seems to be the only borough in London that doesn't provide and prioritise play areas for children. The current play areas are old, not maintained, limited variation of play equipment, boring. The borough is clearly run by someone who doesn't have or care for the well being of children and young people. We often travel out of the borough for play parks to areas such as Dulwich (Southwark), Lambeth and Lewisham. All of which have excellent play areas for children.</p>
<p>Goddington park - larger playground at the top of the park. Open access to the playground from the car park - a child can run off and get run over/snatched , a vehicle can enter the playground. Extremely dangerous! There is an old pole so it looks like there was some sort of a gate,but not any more.</p>
<p>Poverest park needs a revamp. But I love the woodland bit. We don't have floral display in the park or any facilities. A cafe with a public toilet would be nice.</p>
<p>1) Church House Gardens: needs extensive cleaning, there is rubbish in the lake permanently, with rats all around the park (close to children's playground as well); would benefit from more benches. 2) Whitehall Recreation Ground: lovely park, would benefit from more benches all around.</p>

We need more public toilets in parks which are not near a high street eg Poverest Park. Otherwise children just urinate in the park. It is too far to get them to the nearest public toilets. A cafe there might well pay for itself and upkeep of the toilets
Better signage about no dogs / cycling seen plenty of dogs loose in the parks chasing wildlife and owners when challenged aggressive. Cycling the same
Love all our open spaces
Number one priority is a safe outdoor space for kids to play. We have young children and none of our local parks have cafes or community toilets, Jubilee country, Norman, Whitehall rec, southborough rec or Richmal crompton. We have to drive to a park with facilities. High elms is great but needs more parking as there are too few spaces.
It's time to fix the Kelsey Park bridges, ban ice cream vans pumping diesel and improve the quality of the food offer at the cafe.
Open the toilets
Was in Churchill Gardens yesterday and was horrified to see the state of the play area. Equipment WELL past its best and needing maintenance. And the "lawn" areas were running with big fat brown rats
I mean Churchill park pond needs some serious TDL
More poo bins or empty then more frequently
Churchill gardens (park area by the theatre and pond) is badly neglected.
I am a volunteer working in both Alexandra & Cator park. I'm extremely disappointed that id Verde don't clear the newly mown grass, that piles of weeds, pruned branches, raked grass that we leave to be collected are left for weeks on end.
My two closest green spaces are Stanhope Grove and Harvington field. Both of these have declined and suffered neglect over the last 16 years that I have lived here. They need better maintenance and care by the local council. could be used by all ages in groups in the community for activities. Very happy to see less grass mowing as better for biodiversity. I fear that the neglect is so that over the years it can be demonstrated that the areas are under used and then the land used for commercial purposes instead
Stanhope park needs attention.
Stanhope Grove park
Dogs are let to roam free chasing children. There need to be stricter rules on having dogs on a leash
Play facilities are woefully inadequate in Beckenham in particular. Crease park and Croydon rec require modernisation and Stanhope grove rec would greatly benefit from a fenced of play area. The park is a good size, in the hub of a local community yet is only used by dog walkers and occasional football games. The vast area that houses the basketball net, could and should be re thought. Regards
Stanhope Rec is a dump and needs some investment
Stanhope rec has issues with irregular grass cutting and badly cut when done. Also pavilion and basketball court need improving and maintaining so can be used . Communication is lacking on biodiversity areas and more seating needed.
No Mow May needs to be reconsidered. Parks in a terrible way this year. If this policy to continue, should consider cutting mid-end of April and at the beginning of June. Some wild areas too large for a lot of park spaces. Should have consulted with users. The Friends of Stanhope Rec will be raising these issues with LBB.
Blake's Recreation Ground, West Wickham. play area looks overgrown and tatty
Bridges in Kelsey Park should be repaired sooner rather than later. Benches are dilapidated. Flower beds look neglected and bike riders common as well as dogs in no dog area. No one to keep control of park.
Holydale park has been overlooked for years. Recently the kids play area seems to have been a dumping area for the grass cuttings for the rest of the park.
Whitehall recreation ground is my local park, it's not being looked after by the "friends of Whitehall rec" there needs to be toilets, updated play equipment most is outdated and broken.

To have public toilets open, where can you 'go' in the woods or in the gutter, in everyone's view.
I use Cator and Alexandra Parks regularly. I have never see any evidence of idverde working in the parks except to occasionally cut the grass (leaving all the grass cuttings strewn across the fields). The cutting is very irregular often clumps of missed grass left in the middle of fields. The friends work incredibly hard to try and weed and plant borders with no help from idverde. Recently piles of weeds have been left uncollected despite notification to idverde. I would be keen to know how the delivery on the contract with idverde is monitored and managed as I don't believe we are getting value for our council tax.
Some parks e.g. Cator Park need a rethink as to layout i.e. the routes people take around the park don't always correspond to the laid pathways. At Kelsey Park, the bridges need fixing ASAP. Also, dog walking area is next to play area and picnic area on other side of lake. I have never understood the logic in that. I am interested in parks as a visitor but don't garden and have bad hay fever so I cannot be a park friend.
Whitehall park needs public toilets , there are so many children and old generation citizens using the park every day, toilets are really needed there
Mottingham playing field has had ridiculous fences put up instead of investment in play area or biodiversity.
Safety
We are lucky to have so many parks in the borough. Whitehall Recreation Ground is my lovely local park, but could do with improved drainage to stop the paths flooding in winter. Would also be improved by more flowers/plants.
The parks in Bromley are beyond a joke. The children's areas have been left to rot and ruin. Crystal palace park was run into the ground by the council and all the other parks are going the same way. Lack of care, funding in the correct places and money grabbing events with money not put back into actual infrastructure (toilets and playgrounds).
Very nice local parks . Well maintained and clean . Shame about the number of people who use such spaces to smoke Marjuanna in public .
Bromley has some great little local parks, but for a town of its size the childrens play area in the Churchill gardens is poor quality, dirty and unappealing. It's such a shame, I find myself driving to beckenham most weekends to use Kelsey or Beckenham place park.
Dog walkers to clean after their dogs!!!
More dog poo bins across all the parks Better signage about dog walking etiquette and keeping dogs under control.
Cleanliness for Whitehall Rec and more seating on pathway for Havelock. Would like to know more about the other parks and access in the aelrea.
Whitehall Rec is user friendly but I find the rubbish bins not emptied enough in summer when everyone is using them
The toilets at Norman park that are used after parkrun are disgusting. Does anyone ever clean them?
More public toilets, which are appropriately cleaned and looked after, are required.
The paths and grass need to be the top priority in my opinion, to make it easily accessible for as many people as possible. Many people I knoe struggle to walk across many grass areas if they are too uneven. I know grass cannot be perfectly flat but it can be gently leveled with extra soil. The brickfields off Homesdale road, Havelock etc is a great example. Almost impossible not to lose your balance... And the access alleys are awful, especially from Walwyn avenue. Just some simple levelling and cutting back of thorns would be a good start.

<p>The situation at Alexandra recreation ground is very disappointing at the moment. The broken pipe leaking water has left much of it as an unusable bog all summer. Around this, the grass has been left uncut in seemingly random patterns for long periods of time. The old children's play pool is derelict and a pointless use of space. The path around the ground is uneven, cracked and desperately in need of repaving. The area is pitch-black at night; even just one or two lamps would make the area safer for those passing through in the dark. This could be a really nice space, but it really needs some attention. The pipe/bog situation in particular urgently needs to be sorted out: most of the green is unusable for recreation at the moment.</p>
<p>A massive mud pit has emerged in the middle of Alexandra Park and my dog drank some of the water in there and was sick for two days. It needs to be sorted out of fenced off. The paths at Alexandra Park are also in terrible condition, I tripped on the path when out on a run on the very uneven part halfway up on the right near the Studland Road entrance and had a very nasty fall. Alexandra park could also do with a few lights for those of us wanting to run through it at night.</p>
<p>I love seeing all the young people/teams playing sports in the Alexandra Recreation area 🏀</p>
<p>The bridge at Kelsey park has been left closed for too long.</p>
<p>Unfortunately, people leave litter lying around, or else maybe it blows out of bins. No mow May is a good initiative but maybe keep some of the grass longer (Norman Park) on the fringes for longer as it's great to have more biodiversity.</p>
<p>Grass cutting after no mow May has been appalling in Alex Rec. It was left over six weeks AFTER the end of May in some areas, then cut and left, but was so long it killed the grass underneath. I saw volunteers trying to rake it up by hand to stop it looking so dreadful..why didn't the contractors do the job we pay them for? The Bowls Club hedge is a mess..again, left uncut for too long. Come on Bromley...keep idverde meeting their KPIs or don't pay them!</p>
<p>Crystal Palace park playground is awful! If you compare to other boroughs like Greenwich or Brockwell park it's a disgrace and urgently needs upgrading</p>
<p>Mow the parks properly. biodiversity is for small areas in the parks and the countryside. the parks are for people. this 'no mow' nonsense has killed off many parks</p>
<p>There is a huge drug issue in the road. The park is used by people having parties that then use the area as a toilet. The road is over run with people parking.</p>
<p>Please can the paddling pool in Alex rec be brought back to life!</p>
<p>I really value the encouragement of biodiversity and long grass areas on Alexandra Recreation Ground and in other parks by measures introduced by Park maintenance and local Friends of Park groups. My children particularly enjoy learning and playing in these spaces, paying respect to the measures. However, I have found that dog poo is a particular problem. On Alexandra Recreation Ground there has been a mound of bark in one corner, near trees planted by the Friends group as well as the wildlife hotels and grass left to grow long. This has created an amazing space for children to explore, but equally a space where dog walkers feel that it is ok not to pick up their dog's mess. A particular hazard for children. These areas would benefit from signage to warn dog walkers to pick up poo, particularly given the nature installations encourage use by children.</p>
<p>Please bring back the PADDLING POOL in Alexandra recreation ground. We do not need another play area.... everyone wants the pool back even those without kids</p>
<p>Woodland husbandry seems to be non-existent. Several trees look dangerously in need of attention in woodland areas.</p>
<p>Crystal Palace Park has the most unsatisfactory play area. It could be wonderful with some investment. It also needs better toilets.</p>
<p>Protect Biodiversity wildlife by protecting ponds & waterways and trees.</p>
<p>Grass cuttings in cator park make my dog sneeze and water pipe in park for dogs and river smells terrible needs a clean</p>
<p>Avoiding dogs is a problem.</p>

<p>I am so happy that Betts Park playground has been updated and given a new lease of life. The issue with many parks in Bromley is the lack of toilets, such a problem with young children. Kelsey park is the only reliable park to spend a day in.</p>
<p>Crystal palace parks playground is very disappointing. The sand area is good but overall the rest of the play area is in a sorry state. It could really use some climbing frames, slides, seesaw, and water play. I hope the park trust will be able to improve this now it is running the park. Alexandra Rec playground is the best one around Penge. Helped hugely by the variety of equipment, the tree cover and the use of bark on the ground rather than rubber. It feels much more natural and enjoyable for the kids.</p>
<p>Please do something about Crystal Palace park play area and make sure there are CLEAN toilets available in the parks</p>
<p>Lack of play facilities for older children in the Penge area (Croydon Rec and Kelsey in Beckenham have large slides - but Penge playgrounds mainly aimed at under 6s. Crystal Palace Park in particular has an urgent need for a decent playground to match the scale of the park.</p>
<p>IDVerde have been behind on mowing despite chasing. Don't pick up cuttings. Toilet provision dreadful esp CP park and Croydon Rd rec - disgusting! Play equipment took a bashing during covid and so much has been taken out and not replaced eg Kelsey, Cp etc</p>
<p>Great work by the friends of cator and Alexandra park who have done a huge amount to improve these parks and to encourage local activities</p>
<p>It would be good to have fenced off-lead dog areas as you are making it lead only in some parks and areas</p>
<p>All parks need to have a wide range of play equipment for all ages. Finding not a lot for 10 yr old! Equipment needs repairing. Zip wire in Whitehall rec. Need to stop teenagers from taking over equipment/ areas</p>
<p>I mostly visit Cator, Betts and Crystal Palace Parks but have also frequented Churchfields Rec and Alexandra Rec. The friends groups there are amazing but I feel they would really benefit from further investment and energy from the council. The parks are often under-utilised and I think that if they were more cared for and seemed to have more going on then more people would take advantage and get involved with their upkeep. This would improve wellbeing through access to nature across generations. Toilet facilities, drinking water fountains, biodiversity projects, Tiny Forests and community allotments/community-owned gardens would be amazing.</p>
<p>Betts Park has helped preserve my sanity over the past 3 years. The Friends of Betts Park have also made a difference and encouraged me to engage in community activities when I was very lonely after being widowed.</p>
<p>Love Bromley parks, thank you. BPP is brilliant, most others have too much grass. Be good to see more woodland and biodiversity areas.</p>
<p>The play areas in Alexandra Rec, Penge Rec, Cator Park, Crystal Palace Park, Kelsey Park and Churchill Bromley have had very little investment. The equipment is dated (installation plaques tell us when it was installed!), in many cases neglected and sometimes unsafe. How often is play equipment serviced? Are ropes inspected? Chain on swings tested? Broken parts safely replaced? In schools we have our outdoor play equipment and PE equipment safety tested at least annually, I see no evidence in our local parks. I have contacted our mp regarding the state of our Bromley play areas and the response she had wasn't satisfactory. No dates for works were given even though there are funds. It's disappointing that the summer holidays are here and many of us with young families rely on the parks as safe, outdoor places to play. Really disappointing Bromley!</p>
<p>Alexandra park, is full of foxes going through rubbish left after people use the park, dogs in playgrounds, people using trees as toilets, grass not regularly cut, dogs not on leads, drug use, trees not cut and a playground falling apart.</p>
<p>Grass goes months without being cut (and then is done badly - particularly Alexandra Rec). Facilities in CP terrible. Floral displays embarrassing - why replant multiple times each year instead of planting beds properly? Children's play areas are for the most part too small and poorly looked after. Even the park</p>

<p>layouts are poorly thought through - entering CP Park from Penge gate, the footpath just finishes and forces children onto a road - is that seriously okay with everyone?</p>
<p>The contractor that cuts the grass needs to go. Appalling. Never cut the grass and when they do it's patchy and they drive over the middle or edges of the parks in their vans which leaves awful track marks.</p>
<p>The failure to mow the grass in our local area Alexandra park has made the grass areas in usable including the play area which is the only dog free zone. Now it has been mowed it was not raked up so a real mess and the condition of the grass is very poor</p>
<p>Cator Park is really busy and used by lots of families and would really benefit from new play equipment</p>
<p>Too much dog poo</p>
<p>Cator park - I understand that parks are for everyone but cyclists are using the cycle land signage as an excuse to go much too fast, especially near the nursery. Plus the signs to show where cycling is not allowed aren't visible enough so people cycle on those paths too. In Cator Park, leaving the grass cuttings on the grass when it was finally cut in May meant that the new grass underneath was smothered. Cuttings should be picked up when mowing, especially when the grass was long before being cut.</p>
<p>Alexandra rec is very run down, the play equipment is tired and unsafe. Dogs are being taken into restricted areas. Grass is being left to grow too long and rubbish is all over the area as the foxes pull the bins out. People have huge parties and there are no facilities to accommodate this. Bins overflow and as no toilets children and adults think it's OK to use the bushes.</p>
<p>Keeping the long grass under the banner of biodiversity isn't really satisfactory. The long grass doesn't help the bees, the wildflowers do. The long grass creates a nightmare for dogs and foxes with grass seeds which can lead to serious injury. When you eventually cut the grass it gets left behind which isn't nice for the greens as you can't sit properly on old grass and a friend of mine recently twisted her ankle severely because cut grass was covering a giant hole in Cator park. Cator Park - the illegal cutting down of the oak trees was disgraceful I hope something is actually done about that. Crystal Palace park - still waiting on the toilets to be renovated. The water tap outside the toilets to be fixed (years later)! The concrete stairs by the sports centre to be made safe as they're crumbling away. Why do we not have water fountains in the parks for people and dogs to use? Not having these creates more disposable Plastic use. Recycling bins in the parks for plastic and cans please!! Let's create a sustainable park environment.</p>
<p>Cator Park: wonderful space and amazing work by volunteers. Tragic ecocide in the TPO protected space: crowd funded compulsory purchase needed.</p>
<p>Too reliant on Friends Groups to maintain parks which they need to be fundraising for. Reinstate toilets at Alexandra Recreational Ground. Help find solutions for water sources to keep plantings alive at Alexandra Recreations Ground and Cator Park.</p>
<p>The idea of no mow may was not well executed and was used instead as an excuse to do bugger all and save some money. A better idea is to create designated bio diversity sites next to maintained areas, that way everyone can benefit</p>
<p>Several of the parks need decent toilets and improved play areas</p>
<p>Some spaces are great such as Beckenham Place Park. I use Cator Park a lot but its playground needs updating. I would like to see more tree planting and meaningful sustained biodiversity projects.</p>
<p>The grass need to be cut more frequently and the cuttings taken away. Small dogs have difficulty moving around in long grass. Care for the parks should not be left to the "friends of" parks to maintain. Without those volunteers parks would be overgrown, an eyesore and an unsafe place for children and adults to enjoy.</p>
<p>Public toilets are needed in parks. Especially needed by elderly, pregnant women and children. Most people will be prepared to pay for good, well maintained facilities. Cashless payment options are now available.</p>
<p>Lack of toilets makes spending longer times in the parks difficult for many people.</p>

<p>So important to have parks that encourage being outside. Important to have toilet access and safe play areas.</p>
<p>No Mow May is a farce. Large areas of grass are left uncut for a month, only to be cut in June when insects and butterflies are still looking for habitats and wild flowers haven't even had a chance to emerge. Moreover, the grass cuttings are left to choke new grass which causes bald patches well into the summer. Best example of this is Cator and Alexandra Parks where the grass struggles to recover from its early season choking. It's only beginning to come back now the cuttings have been removed. If you want to do something for biodiversity, you're better off leaving margins and borders uncut for months. That way, wild grasses and wild flowers really can thrive</p>
<p>Re Alexandra Rec and cator Park. I feel we desperately need new fox proof bins. The old open top ones are useless at keeping the parks tidy. The grass cutting this year was terrible leaving our parks looking neglected and unloved. The grass, once it was finally cut was left with piles of the cut grass behind so people could not comfortably sit in these areas and it left dogs and people susceptible to ticks. I would love more trees planted In both parks.</p>
<p>More sealed bins (do wildlife can't get in s as nd throw the rubbish everywhere) and more very strict signs telling people that to leave rubbish or not pick up after their dog is prohibited.</p>
<p>I am dissatisfied with the maintenance of Cator Park which I have been using every other week to walk my dog. The grass is kept long for far too long and it is during these periods that I don't walk my dog in this park because I fear that she will get hurt by the grass seed darts. I hear that many dogs have had to go to the local vets to remove grass darts from their dog's ears. There are also holes in the bottom of the fence around the playground area allowing for dogs to access this part. There are not enough pick up your dog's poo fine signs and there are no free poo bags in the dispenser. The park could also do with a drinking fountain and toilets which most parks seem to have nowadays. People come to the park to relax with family and friends and inevitably a child or adult will need to go to the toilet. If there isn't one in the park, then where do you think the child /adult will go to toilet?!</p>
<p>The play areas in Bromley's parks are very unexciting and fairly boring for children especially Crystal Palace park which which makes Bromley council looks so bad as it's appalling. Greenwich council has far better play areas and is much better maintained in general. Any toilets the parks have are in such a bad state, but worse are the many parks that have nothing, such as Cator park!</p>
<p>Children's play areas are disappointing in their relatively few different activities offered, compared to local rival boroughs</p>
<p>Our park (cator park) relies heavily on the labour of the Friends of Cator Park and Alexandra Rec, with support and resourcing from the council. This works well as the Friends are well placed to see what is needed and have a good relationship with the council, as long as good, open communication is maintained</p>
<p>I understand the need to not cut the grass in certain areas and how necessary this is for biodiversity and wildlife, but in no mow May it was every area and this is no good for dogs or children wanting to play in the main areas. Please don't do this again.</p>
<p>Toilets are never clean - no toilet roll or soap</p>
<p>Most of the parks in Bromley are pretty good but the toilet facilities especially in Kelsey Park are absolutely disgusting. To have to take children in there is nothing but appalling . I'd rather go without the repair to the bridge and the floral display and invest the money in putting in decent toilets instead.</p>

I remain unsatisfied with the park care in BR3 and SE20 areas. We have a good relationship with idverde but they do not appear to have enough staff / facilities to cover basic maintenance functions routinely
Poor grass management - left far too long and not raked for past 2 years (Cator, Alex RH, Rosyton field) - the dog walkers make multiple complaints because of the seeds risk to the dogs which causes dreadful pain to dogs. The no mow areas have expanded beyond what we agreed -in cator and ARG and need to have a path made through them, and then cut back once per year and the area managed for brambles etc. Cator and Alex RG areas are largely maintained by the volunteers- given the size of the contract we would assume there would be more grounds maintenance hours for these parks- yet we rarely see contractors except the waste bin management and grass cutters. Once every three years Holly hedge cut which is adequate. Here are some examples. the majority of the edging of the paths are done by volunteers - idverde made a start in cator park this year but didn't finish it off), the bench maintenance is undertaken by volunteers- when graffiti is reported they are painted over with brown paint rather than being cleaned off- so we no longer report it and volunteers clean the graffiti off. the shrub / flower beds are managed by the volunteers- there is no work undertaken by the contractors unless it's an organised community impact day (which has taken place once in 7 years in these parks) several items put on fix my street are left- marked as being managed and then not done- a rusty bin in Cator was logged on 24th March, but wasn't replaced until it had fallen over on 16th July. The railings are left unpainted for Cator and Alex RG. Fencing round play areas are in poor repair - holes are temporarily fixed repeatedly- they really need replacing. The children's play areas are becoming shabby in both cator and Alex RG parks - we will need to have some investment here soon. The paddling pool site has been left uncut encouraging litter and drinking in the evenings - - the platinum jubilee money has been put to this but the cost to repaint the area into a playground feature became more expensive so no other features now coming to the area until we can raise more funds - The grass and thistles were left until it was so high it was adult waist height or higher - it's meant to be a picnic area so should never have been a no mow area - it's now been cut in mid July but all grass and thistle left so it's not able to be sat on and the grass is dying underneath the clumps of cuttings The hedge around the bowls area in ARG has not been cut for two years There is no electricity or water point in cator park making it very difficult to run any events that could be used as fund raisers to pay for children's play equipment replacement - if we could have a locked but accessible supply we could access as there is in Penge Rec and Royston field The lack of basic services is impeding the use of the park and they need investment if we are to move towards them being places of healing and well being No toilets and no water fountains make the parks use limited to short visits and children and adults using hedges / trees to urinary and even to defecate It also prevents us from having volunteers from organised groups such as the Princes Trust. And rehabilitation programmes- it's also challenging for the Friends volunteer group too. The Friends struggle to do more than we do now because we do not have the facilities to grow our own plants, or access water and electricity- in Cator park there is a piece of land and a building adjacent to the old Cypher's land which we could put to good use as a community hub for volunteers and help us better manage the park we undertake Finally the state of the pavilion in Alex Rec is slowly falling into disrepair - we need to have this on the agenda soon too.

McAndrew Park on Corkscrew Hill the play area for children is so old and does not have good equipment for babies and toddlers. Just all looks grotty it hasn't been replaced since the late 90's. Would be good to see this improved.

I have frequented Beckenham Rec for over 30years and it has over the years felt very negated You never see anybody clean or tend flower beds there is always people drinking alcohol permanently sitting on benches More and more there are pop festival s or big fireworks display s which are unaproiate i only assume this is because it brings in revenue for someone These Parks are for everyone in the community and most people want there park to be just that a park

So important for children to have facilities which encourage them to be active. No of parks ive visited need play facilities updating and repairing. Specifically Goddington Park -paint in entrance fence/gate is flaking away and some equipment damaged. Park on charterhouse road is in awful state - dangerous and not clean.

<p>Kelsey Park toilets are a disgrace! My husband and I have been going to this park since we were 15 years old. We have taken our own children there and now our grandchildren and the toilets have ALWAYS BEEN DISGUSTING! Why have they never been looked at. I dare any member of the council to actually use them let alone take a child in to change a nappy etc!!!! Take a leaf out of Crystal Palace park cafe's and toilets books, Or Dulwich park cafe and toilets, in fact anywhere else in the area.</p>
<p>I was really pleased to see the unknown areas of grass in Croydon Road Recreation Ground, think the Nature Friendly verges are a great advance. It's important to have some mown areas for play, and some mown paths around / through the more nature-friendly areas, so that people can see they're intentional and so people can still use these areas. I was pleased to see that happening. A good balance has been achieved as far as I can see. I wanted to suggest / request perennial planting in the bedding areas, but I see that is already planned, which is brilliant. However, I think it's important to recognise that these areas are not cost-free once planted - they still need maintenance and it's important that they are established for aesthetics and sustainability, not solely as a cost-cutting exercise and an excuse for neglect. I think that if they are well-designed for year-round interest, including bulbs, shrubs, grasses, evergreen and herbaceous material, well-planted and well-maintained they will be accepted and welcomed by far more people. They will also need protection as they get established. But I can't wait to see them! Good to see work on the bandstand beginning and I hope that opportunities for sustainable and nature-friendly planting will be taken in that area too once work is complete.</p>
<p>The toilets in most parks could do with being cleaned and looked after a bit more often within a day</p>
<p>I think maintenance is key, some parks are great for rewilding, some are not! Kelsey Park looks pretty awful compared to what it used to be. Cator park looks good, but the Friends of Cator Park do lots. Croydon rec toilets are just vile and a health hazard!</p>
<p>Toilets are dirty in kelsey Park need sorting</p>
<p>Kelsey park toilets need doing dirty unhygienic</p>
<p>Bromley parks are amazing, varied and a huge asset to us all. Keep up the great work & keep on improving! Some parks such as Beck Rec would however benefit from the toilets being redecorated, play equipment being upgraded or replaced, more signs encouraging residents to water new trees planted to help establish them, signs explaining why grass is not cut in the growing season to increase understanding on why you've changed approach. If you are responsible for verges and street trees, please ensure chemicals are not used. All the grass and plants around the base of trees in Beckenham died suddenly this spring before the dry weather came, which makes me suspicious that poisonous chemicals were used. Surely this damages the trees, insects, birds, the water they and we drink. Thank you</p>
<p>More biodiversity friendly planting, wild areas, no mow may areas, wild flowers, natural play areas, adult exercise machines/exercise stations would be good in N or around the Harvington Estate, more cycle ways and storage and paths would make a huge difference....</p>
<p>Seasonal and formal planting creates huge financial and planting waste. Please stop this and plant native perennial plants that are good for pollinators and other wildlife, and come back at different times of the year over and over again. Please put in secure cycle storage. Please put in more biodiversity friendly planting, long grasses and wild flowers, native shrubs and leave more dead wood.</p>
<p>Playground for little children at the bottom of goddington park needs an urgent upgrade. Equipment that broke was removed and never replaced. The ground is very uneven. No benches to sit on. No bins. The playground on top of goddington park - the zipeline very dangerous - should be fenced off so children can't run in the way of someone sliding down. Injuries resulting from collision could be Very serious. The roundabout/Orbit is broken. It was fenced off for refurbishment previously, but it looks like it is broken again. Thank you</p>
<p>Norman Park really needs to have the public toilets reopened. The facilities are there but to have them locked is awful.</p>
<p>Toilets are much needed and more regular bin collection/recycling facilities. Please make areas for biodiversity more clearly marked to ensure people know they are deliberate, and consider educational signage by them. We need many more but most people don't know what you're trying to do. Make it visible!</p>

<p>I have lived in Bromley with my children for 7 years. If we wish to visit a play park we have to travel out of the borough to visit a decent and well maintained area. Other boroughs eg Greenwich or Surrey offer much better play equipment. Kelsey play park is a wasted opportunity. It used to be a destination and now looks tired with things not working. Look at Reigate park or Greenwich park for inspiration. Even Norman park could have had more equipment given the space and popularity. It's a thumbs down from me.</p>
<p>Parks maintenance is inconsistent and patchy. Certain areas are looked after well, but others are somewhat neglected.</p>
<p>I love the increasing focus on biodiversity. I value that as much as I value the good play areas. It's very important that we link these together for children I would like to see war of the type of projects that support wildlife corridors and pollinator support. I think it would be lovely to develop wildlife areas in the park with log piles and other areas which are more clearly marked or have better signage explaining what is going on in the park. The signage around things like the bridge that is closed Kelsey are really poor and could be much better managed in terms of communicating with the population. The main issue with some of the play equipment is it's quite tired especially in places like Harvington and Kelsey which are very high use areas. It would also be great if there was slightly bigger focus on facilities. Lots of the park loos are very old and many of them don't even have basic things like locking doors. It would also be lovely to see more accessible play areas for children and families with disabilities. I would also love it if the calfe at Croydon rec could be reliably open. I'm sure trade there is not good but it's because nine times out of 10 when you go there it's not open.</p>
<p>In Kelsey Park large areas of grass are bare or compacted around trees because leaf fall is left in place instead of being harvested for mulch. There are numerous trees in very poor condition as a result of compaction around roots. There are areas of brambles and non bio-diverse scrub which are not conducive to improve the health of the areas of the park near its borders or wooded areas. These provide many opportunities for sheltered feral rat population living off visitor food excess and bird eggs in season. The lake is in very poor condition and needs to have its steep concrete banks softened by reed bundles and planting to improve bird safety and food sources. The flow rate has dropped in recent years and silt has accumulated which does not support water plants and marginal pond biology which is a vital food source for wild birds. A bird eco system has developed with predatory crows and feral rats at the top of a poorly base-supported and nutrient-poor bird pyramid which is not reproducing well as young are preyed upon and few reach maturity. The regular attendance of freeflying Harris Hawks under pest controllers would perhaps address the issue somewhat, although providing the sources of natural aquatic foods for birds by marginal planting and landscaping would improve the lake habitat massively. Nearby examples of Norwood Lake and Beckenham Place Park, both mainly non- Bromley parks are good examples of all the above.</p>
<p>You've left Crystal Palace park to rot and likewise Kelsey park is rapidly disintegrating. Compared to Beckenham Place Park in Lewisham (but used by Bromley residents) your parks are very poor and massively under invested.</p>
<p>Areas in Norman Park, Church House Gardens/Bromley Park & Martin's Hill are in poor condition in the name of biodiversity. This limits the grass areas for children to play on and results in growth & thorny plants encroaching onto walking areas</p>
<p>Lack of recreation and events in parks. Other parks in London are much more vibrant and inclusive. Most parks in Bromley are very one-dimensional and don't attract younger generations.</p>
<p>Shrubs in Church Gardens area engulfed with weeds. Regular pruning of trees both in woodland areas eg Martins Hill and lining roads eg Queens Mead Road overdue. Work on renovation of Glassmill Pond suspended - why?</p>
<p>Too much dog muck, not enough bins. Child steps in dog muck everytime we go to any of the Bromley parks. Play areas in poor condition and dangerous. £500k for the Kelsey bridge is insane, is it golden? Spend it on the loos as they're awful</p>

<p>Kelsey Park has really gone down hill since it was outsourced! Everything is badly managed and the bridges have been shut for years with no sign of any work taking place. Rats abound and the bridge near the High Street has also been now shut for years and was always open when I used to visit over 60 years ago even though it was far more rickety! The park needs far more careful management and more money spent on it including upgrading the toilet facilities as quickly as possible.</p>
<p>The playgrounds are very inadequate and I have witnessed broken equipment which presents a danger to children I.E in Croydon Road Park. Dogs take over the parks and too many are allowed off their leashes. There could be more signage about this. The Public conveniences are either non- existent or badly maintained. The bridge about to be repaired or replaced in Kelsey Park has been broken for at least three years and the other bridge needs restoring too.</p>
<p>Simple public exercise/workout equipment in Norman Park and other parks would be great. Consider updating/replacing old, unreadable signage. Making sure walking routes (London loop, 3 commons, etc) are well signposted. Encouraging/seeding with local/endemic wildflowers instead of simply leaving biodiversity areas to grow weeds/grasses.</p>
<p>The pathway in Norman Park is poor and has trip hazards. No toilets for general use.</p>
<p>I undertake we have limited park funds for all green spaces in Bromley. I would like to see quarterly meetings for green spaces per Ward to review priorities for repairs, maintenance and ways volunteers can support park improvements by working with Idverde.</p>
<p>Lack of funding to maintain proper up-to-date facilities eg toilet blocks.</p>
<p>Poor investment. Toilets are closed. Signs are not thought out to avoid constant updating. More gym sites needed.</p>
<p>Priory garden, Orpington. Ponds, play area, floral displays in poor state. Not enough benches to sit on and enjoy the park.</p>
<p>Beckenham Place Park (Lewisham) is the ideal park. Use that as inspiration</p>
<p>All dogs should be on leads</p>
<p>Please put a bin at the St David's close entrance to High Broom wood to encourage people not to drop litter</p>
<p>Who has statutory responsibility for the upkeep of parks etc. What is the Council expenditure budget for parks/open spaces What is % of expenditure spent on parks/open spaces compared with 20 and 40 years ago? (Have I ask this earlier?) And the reasons for the variances. What role do voluntary "Friends" groups have? What money are they given? What work is done by Council staff?</p>
<p>This survey is too generic. Eg facilities in Chislehurst rec are excellent thanks to friends and football club but poor in Belmont Open Space. Would be better to ask respondents to evaluate their chosen park to be more meaningful.</p>
<p>I find the very high number of dogs off leads and not under owners' control very offputting. Dogs (unleashed) approach my young children and as a jogger, dogs can be aggressive towards me. Not enough consideration is shown towards people who don't like dogs. Also lots of dog poo everywhere - especially parks like Queensmead. It has put me off allowing my children play there.</p>
<p>I feel Belmont Open Space in Chislehurst is the forgotten park. It never gets properly cared for in grass cutting, hedge cutting, woodland maintenance, ie cutting back over grown weeds, nettles on the public paths. No flowers, no facilities for bike riders. No upkeep of the little river. There's a massive underground leak so the grass is all sodden. The park could be bigger for the amount of children that live around Edgebury.</p>
<p>The parks do not seem to have any or very little maintenance. Buildings within them are run down toilets are disgusting and there are weeds and overgrown shrubs everywhere</p>
<p>The parks all seem to forbid cycling which is crazy and they can be used as a safe route for cyclists and one of the few places for children to ride. Tugmutton for example could be used safely by children to cycle to and from the various Darrick wood schools.</p>
<p>Generally they are lovely and really make Bromley feel like a better place to live!</p>
<p>Extremely overgrown with huge numbers of nettles. Trees are not cared for either.</p>

<p>I use parks regularly. I am vety happy to have three local parks where I regularly walk. These parks and open spaces are maintained to an average standard the same cannot be said for the playgrounds in the borough. The equipment is old and unloved. If a piece of equipment is removed it is hardly ever replaced. The soft surfaces are very patchy with broken areas and surfaces which are lifted which can be a trip hazard. Equipment is not painted nor surrounding fences. Looks neglected, unloved and very unimaginative. There is no provision for outdoor playground play in climate change. Quite often I take my grandchildren out of borough for more imaginative and better maintained play areas. Greenwich Park, Brockwell Park, Dulwich Park, Mote Park are great examples. I think we should be investing in our children - right now I feel they are very neglected. They are our future.</p>
<p>Toilets are in terrible condition in navy parks</p>
<p>Here are pictures taken 01/07/2023. Can we sit down on the poorly maintained benches? No, there are weeds growing all through them and they are shabby. The council is hiding its self behind biodiversity re-Wilding. This includes maintenance of the children's playground rides. When they break down, you simply remove them and do not replace them or renew with some other excitement for the children.</p>
<p>Churchfields Recreation ground</p>
<p>The two open spaces in Mottingham, the King George V field and the sports ground are both very uninteresting and with so few benches.</p>
<p>I think the parks in Bromley are fantastic and enjoy going to the park especially over lockdown. The only thing that lets the parks down in the toilets. at Kelsey park are not very nice and would be great to have toilets at Norman Park</p>
<p>Unfortunately people are rude and enter with dogs in the areas specifically for children, I have found poop several times and there should be a punishment for these people. Teenagers also enter these places, preventing children from playing and leaving everything dirty. There should be cameras in these areas to punish those people who don't respect the rules.</p>
<p>Litter needs to be collected frequently and not allowed to build up. Also dogs to be kept under control.</p>
<p>Havelock Park needs some investment. It has a lot of opportunity but yet sees no improvement</p>
<p>This relates to the priory in Orpington</p>
<p>The public toilets in Kelsey Park are in a disgusting state. They need updating urgently, and cleaning too. They are absolutely filthy.</p>
<p>The grass needs to be cut, especially in children's play areas and playing fields. It negates the point of having them when they're unusable. Cut the grass down the alleyways, these are public access areas unlike verges and need to be maintained. Restore the dog poo-bins if you want people to dispose of dog poo responsibly.</p>
<p>The frequency of grass cutting should be increased at the start of the season, every year the parks are always look unsightly with the grass overgrown which makes it difficult to walk through.</p>
<p>This survey does not give enough thought about why people select various responses. I would like a safer park where there is zero drug dealing and where bins are emptied more frequently. I would like to say that there is not enough woodland in the north end of Bromley. I would like to see increased biodiversity and more trees. I would like to see public toilet facilities in each Bromley park or town (as I know that many other people would too). These things really matter to me.</p>
<p>- Parks in Bromley are generally unkempt and full of vermin with Kelsey Park a particularly bad example - Over the last 5 years there has been a sense of managed decline of the parks in Bromley with less and less upkeep and maintenance being performed. - This is a stark contrast to neighbouring boroughs eg Lewisham where money and time is invested into the green spaces - There seems to be a lack of any coherent strategy to encourage people to use green spaces which is particularly surprising given the proven benefits spending time in the outdoors has to peoples physical and emotional health - Lack of any community events in the park organised by the council, again, compare and contrast with Lewisham and the great work they do with their community days - The parks are an embarrassment and I am ashamed</p>

to take visitors there. - It's particularly galling to see the council boasting about how big their financial reserves are but at the same time starving our green spaces of maintenance and investment

The quality of the parks in Bromley Borough are pretty appalling compared to neighbouring councils. I live in BR3 and prefer to visit Lewisham parks due to the quality of the facilities, beautiful gardens, events and cleanliness of Beckenham Place Park. I feel the residents of Bromley Borough benefit significantly from the amount of care Lewisham puts into tending to its park, yet Bromley Council have had no contribution to its success. Toilets in Kelsey, Churchill Gardens and Crystal Palace Park are disgraceful and I would actively try to avoid visiting such facilities. Basic facilities such as benches, fences and paths are unkempt and require significant TLC (before you even start to consider community events which are currently non-existent without our local businesses funding and supporting our BID e.g. Screen on the Green in Beckenham). It is appalling to hear Bromley Council boasting about their sizable reserves if they can't keep our public spaces in order. It is rare to visit a Bromley Borough park without seeing rats running around undeterred. I would not bring any visitors to Bromley parks and will continue to visit the much better cared for, Lewisham Parks instead. The worst example is Kelsey Park where the bridge had been shut for well over a year with absolutely no progress in sight. On the other hand, Lewisham Council have secured additional funding for the whole regeneration for the other side of Beckenham Place Park. With the world of working from home becoming a common place in Bromley after COVID-19 and I can't understand why Bromley Council are not investing more significantly to provide quality green spaces for their residents.

It is absolutely ridiculous that we are a wealthy area with so much green space and the council doesn't do anything with it. I feel sad every time I walk around Norman Park for example. Every time I go somewhere else I find fantastic parks. The play areas in most of our parks have been left to rot. Let's not even talk about the wasted space behind the library that you could be making money out of by hosting events. It's sad and embarrassing.

Bromley Council are being outplayed by other neighbouring councils for their playgrounds. Sevenoaks is an area I frequently visit over Bromley for their playgrounds which are better equipped with cleaner facilities and non-obstructive parking.

The above relates to Kelsey Park which looks neglected and uninviting to me (especially compared with the wonderful floral displays in Beckenham Place Park) in many areas since COVID with overgrown plants and dirty paths due to too many geese. The lack of bridges for such a long time does not help at all.

The play areas in most parks I visit are in desperate need of some upgrades. In Kelsey Park there are various swings and equipment missing and the plastic baby swings are splitting underneath. The toilets there are truly awful and rarely have any soap for hand washing. Beckenham Rec has one of the only paddling pools in the local area and the kids LOVE it on a sunny day but I don't think it has been updated since I was a child. It would be such a shame for it to be left until it is irreparable like Alexandra Rec. The nearest park to my house (BR4 9NH) is McAndrews Rec which is in quite a sorry state, with the majority of the equipment being very old and uninspiring. Keston Park is of a similar standard but benefits from some extra equipment. I will say that Pickhurst Park has had some upgrades in recent years and my 3-year-old niece particularly enjoys the pirate area with the treasure chest as it creates a nice space for imaginative play. I often visit parks in other boroughs as they seem to invest a lot more into their play parks than Bromley Borough seem to..! I think outdoor play should be encouraged as much as possible to keep our local kids active and using their imagination but you can't get excited by a dreary, old-fashioned, paint-flaked-off park I'm afraid.

It hardly to see any pull up bar or street gym facilities, some simple pull up bar would be very helpful for exercise. Thank you
The Bromley parks are average compared to what is offered in other locations.... Have you thought of an enclosed dog exercise area?
Kelsey Park needs an injection of cash to fix its bridges. Its a very popular park and the bridges help make it more accessible and enjoyable. So sad to see them as they are.
Toilet facilities in Kesley n Beck Rec need a total refurbishment. Kesley parks Grass areas need more love care n nurturing
Huge missed opportunities for good play areas and other facilities such as cafes. Particularly Norman Park which is really lacking. We need much more investment in our green space. Churchill Gardens is also really unclean, scruffy and in need of investment
Please open and maintain toilets at Norman Park. Go visit on a weekend and see how busy it is. We need public toilets and the buildings are there and could provide it.
Hobblinwell needs some outdoor exercise equipment, a lot of older children use this space and therefore would benefit them
Play areas and things to do as families are very much in decline Other Boroughs have much better facilities.
Husseywell open space in Hayes. I'm a bit concerned with the algae on the water. It's been there a long time.
All the play and exercise facilities are very poor
Kelsay Park bridges!!! When are they going to be fixed. All play areas should have equipment wheelchair users can use and the disabled toilets need maintaining and cleaning regularly
Love the Priory Gardens Orpington, the park is kept in very good order on the whole and always looks beautiful, a place to go to relax and enjoy
The standard of the toilet facilities in most Bromley parks are disgusting and need to be improved immediately!
It would be good if the bridge in Kelsey park was replaced
Norman Park needs toilet facilities by the MenCap building near the Hook Farm Rd entrance
Crystal palace park needs more bins especially in summer. The toilet facilities are abysmal and need updating urgently
Toilets facilities could be improved in most parks. The Bec Rec paddling pool could be renovated to remove the dangerous slippery floor. There is also an issue with the water supply, considering the pool was filled on several consecutive days over Easter when it was rainy and 10°C. Most parks are littered and unclean. We do litter picking with the children but this should be better. No mow may and leaving tall grass around the base of tree is an improvement but there could be more done for biodiversity
Very disappointed with the continuing neglect of Kelsey Park
Hayes parks are still abysmal. Too much pressure on citizens to do the jubilee funds - it should be council workers doing this. Not enough facilities for older children anywhere in Hayes. Even Kelsey park toilets and facilities for Elder children need an upgrade. Not many parks with toilet facilities, coffee places. I visit other boroughs for play parks and facilities as so much better than Bromley.
Recent changes to parking deter users. Need to consider parking options at non-council areas too, e.g. ridiculous lunchtime restriction in the unadopted part of Gosshill Rd by NT Hawkwood.
Please complete the perimeter fence for Hobblingwell Recreation Ground.
The playground on Churchfields Road needs attention. Most of the equipment is dated or broken. A lot of children from the local school and community use it - please spend some money on it to make it safe.

<p>Dogs all over the place out of control is my number 1 issue. If any of my kids were sniffing around and jumping up/biting people, I'm not convinced it would go down well. The dog community seem to think parks are for dogs and anyone who doesn't love every facet of dog behavior has something wrong with them. I wish everyone was just a bit more considerate, and didn't hate on runners/cyclists/kids. Clearly no one is perfect but still the starting position against bikes, in particular, seems disproportionate... btw I love dogs... Just not being chased and bitten by people's out of control pooches. This applies to every park in the borough and those out of it. BPP, Cator, Alexandra Rec, Kelsey etc etc. here's an idea ... instead of no bike areas. Why not just have signs which say Considerate Cycling only please. ;-)) and separately not mowing the grass is a terrible idea... we'd be better off getting rid of gas guzzling lorries/buses etc than not cutting the grass. Might save the council a few Pennies but seriously.</p>
<p>Facilities in our parks are lacking, Kelsey park need improvement and the toilets are awful, hussywell park needs a revamp, as the play area at Norman park - for an example and aspiration take a visit to Egerton Park in Bexhill</p>
<p>The toilets in Kelsey park and the Croydon recreation ground are both terrible. Really need investing in to make them useable and increase enjoyment of using the parks. I think the playgrounds could also be improved with some new equipment.</p>
<p>Kings Meadow is used by many every day. I know that the areas outside of the path are left uncut for wild flowers, but the main field needs cutting more often. The grass is so long that dog owners cannot find their dog poo which is then a hazard to children playing. It is ridiculously long at the moment.</p>
<p>Kelsey park, pickhurst park and Blake's park playgrounds are all in various states of decay/lack of investment. Some of the flooring is worn away and dangerous to the children.</p>
<p>Play areas and facilities feel very run down. Kelsey, Croydon rec, etc.</p>
<p>When using the parks local to us, I have to say I am very disappointed with the play areas, especially our local park, Churchfields</p>
<p>Hobblingwell; encouraged to see investment into facilities, bio-diversity efforts and encouragement of use of the park for all with the bike park. Including the plans for fence to be placed .</p>
<p>It is a great pity that more attention is not paid to the trees and shrubs in Church Gardens. Weeds abound and ivy is wrapping around the tree trunks. Pruning of dead/diseased branches and to maintain space between trees seems never to take place.</p>
<p>Parks are unkempt with grass un-cut and looking untidy and neglected. This is also reflected in a lot of roadside verges. Are the groundkeepers on strike?</p>
<p>Kelsey Park and Croydon Road recreational ground, Beckenham: the state of the toilets is abominable. They haven't been replaced or maintained since I was a teenager, over 20 years ago. They are broken, mostly unusable, and completely unhygienic. The soap dispensers don't work for people to wash their hands. It's a disgrace and an embarrassment for any visitors to the parks. These need to be completely refurbished and maintained properly. Priory Gardens, Orpington: Very concerned about the wildlife abuse going on in this park. Apparently there people attacking the birds and squirrels with catapults on a regular basis. Can nothing be done about this- eg CCTV, increased security? It's really unacceptable.</p>
<p>Priory Gardens as I live in the area. Super preservation of the gardens and a lot of bird life on the ponds. Also I was worried by the state of the most historically interesting building in the Borough but now pleased that the Priory building is now being restored.</p>

<p>Lack of enforcement of dogs in areas they shouldn't be, lack of signage for different areas within a park ie dogs and cycling, lack of public toilets, lack of litter picking, and ponds cleared of litter. Lack of patrols in parks, lack of any CCTV, lack of closing of parks before dark, lack of presence of anyone in authority to stop antisocial behaviour, parks had park keepers years ago and stopped all this. Now it's out of hand get back to park keepers, litter picking, they are around to report issues broken fencing etc, antisocial behaviour, opening and locking parks up. Cleaning signs, seeing to events on the day are run smoothly the list is endless parks are not safe now. The current ward security cannot be in all places at once, do not get to parks in time when incidents get reported. Time and time again people dont bother reporting as it's to late by the time security arrives. If anything is reported to 101 again this puts strain on police resources if they are dispatched. Al the reports that are given a CAD number whats the point if nothing changes the system doesn't work it needs changing!</p>
<p>The Priory Gardens play area could do with a spruce up, it's getting old. Also there is very little provision in any parks in Orpington for younger children. A toddler playground or section would be ideal because you get some very rough older kids in the other parks.</p>
<p>Love the wildlife and ponds as increases well-being</p>
<p>Re Orpington Priory Gardens I mainly exercise in this park as I love to see the varied wildlife. The pond's however could be managed better</p>
<p>I visit Priory gardens the most, to watch the waterfowl and ponds. So many people ignore the no dog zone, i was there for a short time and 15 dogs were in the no dog area and off lead, chasing the wild fowl, even leaping in the water after them, running in the kids playarea and even biting the birds. It's not acceptable to allow owners to ignore the no dog zone and let them harass the wildlife. Signage is also small so they could claim not to notice. It needs clearer signs they can't miss. Im a dog owner myself and choose not to take my dogs for the sake of the birds so this really upsets me to see other owners allowing their dogs to be a pest. Also teens and adults i often see attacking the birds with catapults and bricks. Ive had to rescue a few now that have had appalling injures as a result of this and the people turn on you and threaten you if you ask them to stop or try an help the birds. Ive been there with my children and they shot a bird next to the playground and left it flapping in the water which was so distressing for the bird and the kids playing. The ones that shot it thought it was hysterical! My daughter was crying for me to help it. Poor thing was such a mess - shot in the head and still alive but no eyes left. We had to take it by bus to be euthanized. It's a constant and serious problem at priory and urgently needs addressing as these people do threaten adults and children verbally and also threatened to shoot them too or get their parents down to beat them up. It needs to stop before the summer holidays as it will be everyday then. The park is a real gem of a place to visit and the gardens are lovely (weekends we easily pick 4 bags of litter out the water so obviously well used!) but it needs some serious work on the antisocial side of things. Either regular patrols, cctv or both because someone will get seriously hurt. Because that really let's the park down and if people dont feel safe they will stop going and there will be more antisocial behaviour..</p>
<p>Orpington Park - Priory Gardens This is an absolutely wonderful park and appreciate the hard work it takes to keep it so lovely. I visit everyday, and love the community feel it gives the residents. Priory Gardens Facebook updates are well informed and really keep the community together especially those that appreciate all the wildlife. Thanks to everyone who plays a part to keeping this a great space for families and residents to enjoy. The cafe is also gaining popularity now ;-)</p>
<p>I value being able to use beckenham place park without time restrictions</p>
<p>Child with autism who will run out of the play areas...Gates that are harder for children to open to leave would be advantageous for parents with children with disabilities in order to provide a safer play space.</p>
<p>Mainly use priory gardens orpington which is very nice but sometimes think its floral displays could be a little better. Also use goddington park which is a great open space but not a floral area.</p>
<p>Concerts in Beckenham Place Park and Crystal Palace should be banned. You never consulted, notified and totally ignore residents affected by the noise. I hate you</p>

<p>Kelsey park has a number of trees that have fallen into the lake at points. This is hindering water flow resulting in a foul odour in places. The footbridges are no longer in working order and this has been the case for a number of years now. When trees are felled they are not replaced. In short, the maintenance of the park is currently very poor, in my view.</p>
<p>Toilets in Kelsey and Croydon Road shocking. Lakes in Kelsey dirty. Bridges still broken. Bins need to be covered to stop foxes. The gazebo thing in Kelsey is an eyesore.</p>
<p>I do not feel safe walking in the parks (and along streets) where dogs are NOT kept on leads, I feel vulnerable that if dogs approach and jump at me it could cause me to fall over and suffer injury.</p>
<p>Signs for toilets in parks would be useful. The toilets at Willet rec are hidden behind nurseys and signs on display boards would be useful.</p>
<p>There are not enough dog-free areas ie there are too many dogs running wild/not on leads and scaring people</p>
<p>Dog walkers with multiple dogs off leads, eg more than 4 dogs, like dogs but when there are several together then can be intimidating especially when others dogs off leads go up to them. This is really aimed at owners/walkers with poor dog control</p>
<p>Please cut some of the grass at Croydon road rec so it's nice to sit on. Kelsey park is blighted by the Canada geese. What's the plan for managing them, including their poo? Generally all the parks I use look tired and underinvested - broken fences, no management of bushes, trees etc, nothing has been painted for ages, many of the benches are falling apart and in need of some love. The paddling pool in Croydon road rec, clearly needs to be updated too. Generally I feel the offering is poor which can only be blamed on the Tory cuts to local government over the last 13 years.</p>
<p>Toilets need to be plentiful, accessible and welcoming. Huge barrier to participation otherwise.</p>
<p>Bromley is generally Green area, but there is barely anything engaging for children.</p>
<p>I live in Bromley close to the Lewisham boundary and use parks in both boroughs. The quality of Lewisham parks is far higher than Bromley, with inspiring and well maintained play areas and management for biodiversity. In general, Lewisham seems more ambitious, more creative and more willing to invest in parks than Bromley. Some aspects of Bromley parks are extremely poor due to lack of care and investment. Of particular interest to me is the playground in Queensmead Rec in Shortlands, which is falling to pieces.</p>
<p>More trees less concrete</p>
<p>We mostly use Kelsey Park which is maintained to a high level but which is also very heavily used. We used to use the park at Biggin Hill (behind the leisure centre) a lot when our daughter was younger. This was often covered in rubbish but the Friends of Biggin Hill were very responsive if problems with equipment were reported. We now use the Recreation Road playing fields in Shortlands weekly for girls' football. Of these three, only Kelsey Park has toilets available (and those aren't in a great state). This is discouraging for those looking after young children and anyone who needs regular access to a toilet. The play equipment is generally lacking in anything challenging for over 10s and the needs of boys are prioritised over girls. You could consult this campaign - they know their stuff: https://www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk/</p>
<p>Lemington Rec br6 The play equipment is poor and needs replacing/ added to Football goals have gone and were regularly used , the park is kept clean but is lacking something</p>
<p>Croydon Rec - not kept up very well these days. Work needed on maintaining benches , signs, old buildings, shrubs, Rose beds and verges. There is always litter along by the fence in Village Way. Situation is not helped by having huge, noisy festivals in the park. Kelsey - the rats are not an attractive feature although I realize they are difficult to get rid of. The litter should be removed in the evening before the park is closed.</p>
<p>Everywhere you go the grass has been left long. This is a nightmare for scooping up dog poo</p>

<p>I can only speak about Kelsey Park as that's where I walk. Despite signs at the entrances I still see people cycling through the park & as there is no such thing as a park keeper, the offenders are getting away with it. Phoning Ward security is no good as by the time they respond (if at all) the cyclist/scooter rider has long gone. The park needs a visible presence in the form of a resident park keeper/security patrol.</p>
<p>My family and I use coney hall rec ground regularly. It has a very good playground and green space and kidd enjoy tennis. Would appreciate toilet facilities though, as some of park is used as open toilet due to lack of these. Community toilets not always open to use. A cafe on site would be a good addition too, as many families use this green space</p>
<p>Need more toilets</p>
<p>More bins for rubbish and bins for dog waste</p>
<p>Very surprised at the state of the grass in Croydon Rec today. Families could not sit on the grass as it was too high. Mowed around edges but not the whole area ridiculous</p>
<p>Improving the bottom park at Goddington Park for children to use</p>
<p>Many parks have no toilets or toilets in very poor condition. I am also concerned about safety in some parks, particularly for women and girls.</p>
<p>My main park is Norman Park. The children's play area is woefully inadequate and has been neglected for years. The toilets should be opened and manned. The car parking at the Hayes Lane end is a nightmare on Saturday mornings when the park run is on and now the sports club has opened the parking is a nightmare all weekend. The lines need to be repainted and if you sent parking enforcement people you would rake in plenty of money as people park on the double yellow lines and verges and block the road up from the gates. There should be more benches on the wooded side of the park.</p>
<p>The parks are woefully neglected. The flower beds in the town centre spend weeks looking bare and empty (Church House Gardens, Queens Gardens). The perennial plantings are full of bramble (eg Church House Gardens). The rockery in Church House Gardens is full of ivy not plants, and special trees that are dying because weed trees are overshadowing them. The broom on Martins Hill is overwhelmed by bramble, and Idverde sit on their ivy tower and say they won't spray anything - fine, but you don't actually dig the bramble out either, as it's too much effort. The fish pond in Church House gardens is silted up and smelly - it needs dredging. It's got lots of litter in it.</p>
<p>Where toilets exist they should always be open and maintained.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park looks more neglected every time I visit. The place is full of nettles and brambles. Apart from the border on the main lawn none of the other beds are tended in any way and are all overgrown Some of the benches are unusable due to nettles</p>
<p>Grass cutting has been a bit poor this year- most parks in my area (Alex Rec, Cator (not so bad), Kings Hall) have grass so long you can't actually go in to the areas, play on them etc.</p>
<p>I use Bromley's parks regularly, for dog walking and exercise, and have never seen them look so shabby and uncared for. Grass remains uncut in Pickhurst Recreation Ground, in some places it is now 3-4 foot tall. It's now the start of June. The car parks and access roads to Norman Park remain strewn with pot holes which are never repaired. Litter permeates the grass and undergrowth around the perimeter of the Hayes Lane car park at Norman Park, trying to get it cleared is like pulling teeth. The signage in Norman park is shabby and out of date. The paths and weeds are never cleared, fences are in a semi-state of dilapidation in numerous places. Dog poo bins are often left overflowing. If you visit other parks such as Beckenham Place Park, Dulwich Park, Peckham Common they look more cared for – Bromley's Parks just look downbeat and neglected in comparison.</p>
<p>The grassed areas and road verges are so long with all sorts of rubbish in them, hidden dog excrement which people don't pick up plus pavements have so much sap on them your shoes get stuck. Never seen it looking so poor in all the years I've lived here.</p>
<p>The gates to the car parks in notably Eynsford Rec and Jubilee Park Petts Wood have frequently been locked this year . This is very unsatisfactory and especially when football matches were on made the</p>

<p>surrounding roads dangerous with the extra cars parking in them . Also my disabled mother was unable to go the park and sit on the bench as she can only walk short distances</p>
<p>too much biodiversity areas in parks tall uncut grass looks horrible</p>
<p>Quality of parks really varies. Find that those in wealthier parts of the borough are more heavily invested in than those in 'perceived' to be poorer areas. The park that I use on a daily basis - Poverest Park has no evidence of investment in recent years (other than some playground equipment - which was appreciated when my kids were younger) and the replacement recently of a bench which is only used by people smoking illicit substances (they have named it the weed bench by scratching it into it) so it would have been better to have got rid of it altogether. The tennis court is now just rundown fenced off area and since Covid the Basketball court is used on a daily basis but it's not really the best facility for the kids that use it. The park is unfortunately subject to antisocial behaviour from time to time but no doubt lots of other parks are. It would be helpful if something could be done about this though. When I visit parks in Petts Wood I'm greeted with well maintained tennis courts, and Chislehurst carved bears and woodland trails. It's a very different experience. However my local park is easily accessible on foot. I am really appreciating the longer grass in areas of the borough to increase biodiversity, however it would be helpful if this wasn't next to entrances to woodland, playground, the general park entrances and next to pathways. It's been reported that more dogs are getting ticks from the long grass. I worry not just about the dogs but humans also getting them. I appreciate it's a hard balance, but the risks to health (ie Lyme disease that can be caught from ticks) could be worth considering in such a public area.</p>
<p>Grass is not cut regularly enough and no facilities for disabled children (ones that can't get out of wheelchair) it is terrible there is not one wheelchair swing in the borough</p>
<p>Its disgusting that our parks are overgrown unkept dirty unsafe god knows what happens in hot weather and fires - where are the guys cutting the grass and verges - its dangerous and accident waiting to happen</p>
<p>The ponds at priory gardens need to be maintained better, the weather is causing algae to form in large amounts and needs to be cleaned more frequently rather than repotting on fix my street this also applies to the inlet pipe that gets blocked up with rubbish and blanket weed this pipe supplies the small pond from the large pond</p>
<p>The amount of dog muck in the park is awful. Kids cannot step on the grass. Even paths are cover in dog muck... With small children I have to constantly clean the buggy, their clothes and shoes. If you could improve monitoring of this issue, it would be great...</p>
<p>Goddington Park facilities are appalling, childrens play areas almost non existent on the small area and the larger one isn't much better. There are no toilet facilities and a little cafe/refreshment area would be nice.</p>
<p>It would be great if you improved play areas in all parks for the kids. If you did that it would encourage everyone to be out using them and that would help reduce obesity and health issues. Poor parks means kids don't want to use them and don't want to be encouraged to keep fit. So wish Bromley would invest for their future by helping the kids keep fit.</p>
<p>It would be nice to have some enclosed spaces for dogs to be able to run safely off lead. Also keep up with maintenance on children's play equipment. It's shame when a lovely play area is built (ie in at Paul's cray by Homebase) and then bits break and are not fixed or replaced. More cafes in the smaller parks - even only if open an hour or so a day. Would be nice to sit and have a coffee while walking the dog or watching the kids play.</p>
<p>Parks need more monitoring to deter anti social behaviour</p>
<p>Having moved from Lewisham recently i find the play areas very disappointing - metal structures, not very welcoming, and dirty (church gardens particularly). I'd love to see investment in better play spaces for children using wood structured, more fun opportunities for outdoor play and more availability for playgrounds including adding a play space in South Hill woods</p>
<p>The grass in the all the parks have not been mows for weeks. It looks very bad and is a pain to walk though + rubbish is starting to collect as it can't be seen.</p>

As a Dog Walker, the whole borough, including parks needs more waste bins. For the few bins that do exist in the borough, they are normally full with litter and dog poo bags scattered around the bin. This is extremely unhygienic and encourages vermin.
Maybe more benches in Chislehurst Recreation ground and the park at the top.
The main park I visit is Poverest Park in Orpington. Although play equipment like the zipline has been out of action for months and yobbos keep knocking the fences down so dogs are getting into the playground it is pretty well maintained. The Park Friends and council are doing a good job of cleaning up bottles, gas canisters, and drug paraphernalia that keeps appearing. Unfortunately the amount of dog mess on the paths and in the playground is getting worse, which isn't the council's fault.
Alexander Park, Kelsey Park both not being looked after
Grass is being left too long before being cut. It's too long for anyone to walk in. We can't see dog poo or rubbish in it. After it's been cut the clippings are a mess so the grassy areas are still not usable as children/adults/dogs can't wade through it! Grassy areas aren't usable due to this practice. Most of the parks with grassy areas don't have the right type of native grass to be beneficial to wildlife anyway.
The new improvements such as the BMX track over Hoblingwell is great but is no consolation for the years of neglect to the playground and Pavillion, both of which are in desperate need of improvement and upgrade from both a safety aspect and play value for children. This playground is unsuitable for a large age range and has had equipment removed yet not replaced. Given that it has a large car park and flat surfacing it could easily be made one of the most accessible parks in Bromley with a focus of play for additional abled children, especially since it is close to many schools for children with additional needs (such a park is lacking in Bromley). It's a huge shame that it is being let down through lack of attention when it has so much potential. This area so desperately needs further attention.
Children's play areas can be better in most parks. I would also be interested in keeping the parks more cleaner. There are lots of volunteers currently looking after our parks and that's great to see! But the borough should do better to keep the parks maintained better
It would be great to have more picnic tables in Jubilee Park in the sunnier spots.
Control of E scooters and bikes in the parks
Poverest Park - The amount of litter left around the bins has resulted in rats in the area which run across the footpath. Even with people walking on the footpath rats still run along it.
Walden Road Recreation Ground- more benches would be very welcome and picnic benches/ benches in an enclosed area in which dogs are not allowed.
There just does not seem enough people employed to maintain parks anymore. Are the council and Idverde paying enough to attract enough people, it's got worse and worse in the last 5 years and seems like maintenance is just about getting done and when it is, it's very bad quality
facilities for teenage children ,skateboarding ,bikes
Playparks are generally not well maintained- with Pparatus being removed in favour of repair. Also need more apparauts
The grass isn't cut regularly in the Southborough recreation ground. The grass is often so long especially within the playground. It has just been mowed and the outcome is unsatisfactory. The ground has become very patchy. Lots of long grass left all over the field. The fence of the playground needs to be changed. It is a very old fashioned metal fence. Children often would climb and jump over it. The design of the metal fence has mental bars sticking out, that has caused accidents before. One of the rocking train/car was broken and removed. It should be replaced. A few more benches should be installed within the play area. It only has one very old bench there. It's a popular playground for children after school. It definitely needs updating!
Please keep Bromley's parks dog friendly and keep the parks open longer.

As an older resident with mobility issues, going to parks and open spaces is a distant memory. Some more convenient parking for blue badge holders would really help as would far more seating provided for the elderly and those with mobility issues.
Whilst on the whole they are very good - a little more tlc and attentiveness to minor details would make them remarkable spaces
Public toilets would be nice
ALL dogs should be on leads. This is not just for safety, it stops the dogs running off to do there business and the owner NOT picking it up as they haven't seen them do it
I run bootcamps in Goddington Park and the grass is always overgrown. And when it is cut all of the grass cuttings are just left on the ground. Very unpleasant for my clients and unacceptable as I have to pay a tidy sum for my license to train people there
Entries to Gentrammon Park are dirty and overgrown. The grass needs cutting and the paths and steps cleaned.
Parks such as Normans Park need toilet facilities
More loos in the big parks - Norman park for example. Keep the wildlife friendly areas, long grass verges and woodland as much as possible
Priory Gardens in Orpington is a huge asset to the borough. Grade II listed gardens, alongside the oldest building in the borough, in the heart of the town, should be seen as a jewel in the crown for Bromley and treated as such. They present an unrivalled opportunity for first class floral displays and beautiful planting all year round. The ponds are generally well kept, but an increase in the variety of species of duck would be welcome. The addition of the feeding machine and deterring residents from throwing round mouldy bread is a good idea. I'm not sure why the barriers were added at the bridge over the ponds. Seems to me to be an unnecessary waste of money - just makes it difficult for prams and those with mobility issues. The mix here of play area, ponds, walled garden, flower beds, and open spaces suitable for playing or holding events is to be cherished.
Kelsey Park has never looked so awful.
I would enjoy more time in them if there were toilets
Eynsford park in petts wood could really benefit from a cafe in the pavilion like the one at chislehurst rec
Given the increase of violent crimes taking place within the borough of Bromley and the areas that surround it, I believe that work needs to be done to ensure that parks and green spaces are safe to use for people of all ages.
I am sad at the general decline in maintenance In Kelsey Park (although it has improved somewhat very recently) - I don't believe rewinding means letting brambles and nettles grow through all the borders - that is not biodiversity, it is lack of maintenance. Also, as there are no park personnel anymore, it is becoming increasingly common for large gatherings with loud music to occur, which is sad for everyone else trying to enjoy a peaceful park. Kelsey Park is a jewel in Bromley parks and I wish it could be cherished as it used to be.
'No Mow May' - not impressed at all. Green spaces look an absolute mess. As an example the public footpath in Oakley Road between the entrance to Bromley Common Cricket Club and Bromley Common is totally overgrown with stinging nettles from the uncut verge. Norman Park was totally overgrown with long grass. Does not get my vote.
I know it's difficult to maintain but clean toilets are hard to find
My favourite park is Kelsey Park followed by High Elms Country Park.
Kelsey Park, which is one of the jewels in Bromley's open space crown, is overgrown, unkempt, and dirty. Walking around it does not feel in anyway like a park but an unloved woodland area.
Standards have been falling after years of minimal maintenance.
They are dirty and unkept apart from some high traffic floral displays. Play equipment broken/not maintained, bins and dog poo bins overflowing and benches broken... esp Churchill Gardens which is unsafe and a shadow of its former glory

<p>Poverest Park and Priory Gardens are often left with litter, dog poop and general disrepair. The woods around Poverest Park are a dog toilet and often full of litter. I joined a local litter clean up there with Perry Hall School and the volume of dumped rubbish was phenomenal. No one else ever seems to bother cleaning it up. Poverest Park has old, dilapidated playground equipment which often breaks and can take a year to replace. The fencing and gates are almost always broken so dogs get in and cause further mess. Priory gardens waterways are often full of rubbish. There are no public toilets so kids squat behind trees or go in the grass even within the play area. We take our kids to the Poverest Park playground on Fridays after school throughout spring, summer and autumn. It's depressing that this community resource has been largely neglected for the entire decade we've lived in the area.</p>
<p>Poor toilet facilities</p>
<p>There is a lack of civic pride apparent in Bromley's parks which reflects the toxic politics of its leadership. It is notable that Bromley's desperation to spend as little money as possible is not replicated in other more civically-minded but also Conservative administrations such as Tonbridge & Malling.</p>
<p>The privatisation of Crystal Palace Park is a disgrace. This is a public park, yet the huge number of events that now take place make large areas of the park inaccessible for weeks on end and cause damage to the park that takes the rest of the year to fix, only for the cycle to start again. The Trust refuses to engage with the community and as a result there is no transparency about how the park is being managed. The Trust should respond to questions and have regular dialogue with the community. Parks are incredibly important, and Bromley council washing its hands of its responsibilities by handing the park to the Trust is a terrible outcome.</p>
<p>More seats - and these should be of a height that makes it easy for the elderly to stand up- the current model is both uncomfortable and difficult to rise from! (esp Cator Park)</p>
<p>keep the edges and borders of parks wild and encourage wild-flowers for insects</p>
<p>I am so shocked to see the uncut grass in Croydon Road Recreation Ground and the state of the green area outside of the park which leads to Burrow Row. Because the grass is so long I've noticed lots of dog mess as dog owners clearly can't see it amongst the long grass. Has the Council decided to stop cutting long grass areas now?</p>
<p>Biggin Recreation Ground and Woodland. It's very near to me, good for walking and plenty of seating. Beautiful Sensory Garden secluded from dogs where I can sit and reflect. It's superbly maintained and very restful to sit and relax, especially like me who is grieving at this time. It is kept throughout the Rec. very clean and tidy. I have somewhere to take a walk away from traffic etc. I Love it there.</p>
<p>Play equipment in some parks is old (Kelsey/harvington), all verges should be left to grow for biodiversity</p>
<p>I do think all parks need facilities for toilets. Also all parks should have disabled access and disabled swings etc, as there is nothing in London borough of Bromley.</p>
<p>Bromley Park users need public water fountains please. It would reduce plastic bottle usage greatly and be hugely appreciated by all those passing through the parks whilst exercising during the warmer months. Bromley is now out of step with our neighbours in Greenwich, Lewisham & Bexley by not having public water fountains in our parks.</p>
<p>I don't understand why the planted areas in Whitehall rec are being gradually reduced in size. The quality of planting is poor. Also isn't it time the council fully upgraded the children playarea in Whitehall rec and Norman park? Same equipment 20years ago!!! It's not good enough expecting the friends of parks to fundraise for this, and they clearly can't raise sufficient funds either. Also the closure of Norman park earlier this year for filming was a disgrace. It's a public park!!!</p>
<p>Play areas in the Croydon Rd Rec and Kelsey Park are pretty dire. Facilities are also not great in either along with large amounts of litter.</p>
<p>Condition of pathways at Norman park unsatisfactory</p>
<p>Coney Hall Park - The mowing regime agreed with The Friends of the Park and Each is not always adhered to, ? because of failure of communication between idverde and the mowing team. This is improving now.</p>

<p>Access to a water tap for drinking water and watering young trees in the community orchard would be a useful facility.</p>
<p>Bromley Council do not do enough to prevent trash from building up amongst underbrush areas. Biggin Hill Valley (nameably the area just outside the 320's termination point near Raj Gowry & Biggin Hill Valley Co-Op) has much of it just underneath bushes that has been there for months, untouched by the council's cleaners who either ignore, or don't notice it. A more thorough inspection of areas in this area, by the cleaners, is needed to improve the area and community morale (it's depressing to look at every day). Also, please sweep up the numerous cigarette butts that seem to accumulate over months..</p>
<p>Glentrammon Park has a very tired and worn looking play area. Some exercise equipment would also be a good addition. Green Street Green Green could do with some outdoor exercise equipment and even a small play area.</p>
<p>The remote control car track needs to have some funding to help keep things safe and secure for users and to deter vandals!</p>
<p>Kelsey Park - both bridges now closed and in state of disrepair. Playground outdated and some rides not in good working order.</p>
<p>Need more dog litter bins. Everywhere.</p>
<p>I am appalled and exasperated that every year annual bedding plants are used and then left to die. Get wise; it is easy to plant beds with a range of shrubs and plants that don't need constant attention - adopting this practice would enhance your green credentials.</p>
<p>Stanhope recreation ground needs to be better maintained resurface basketball court, maybe add some other play area and keep grass cut to an acceptable level.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park. Still no bridges repaired. Play areas worn out. Lake nit dredged.</p>
<p>I think there has been too much of Hoblingwell Park and surrounding areas given over to so-called 'wilding' areas. Yes some would have been nice and somewhat necessary for wildlife, bees etc. But far too much looks simply untidy and as if no-one cares for the area. People are using it as an excuse to leave their dog mess and poo bags thrown and often rubbish as well. A reason for more dog mess bins do you think? In our parks as well as in the streets?</p>
<p>Toilet facilities, even payed to be available in every bigger park. Beckenham Place Park has only one and considering its size there should be at least one more. Kelsey Park has none at all.</p>
<p>Cator Park - huge support from friends group who have added biodiversity features and run events. Thank you for support from council too. Kelsey Park - need to prioritise getting the bridge fixed as it keeps getting promised but never delivered. In all parks promote and encourage donations for benches or equipment this has proved to be a slow and frustrating experience getting them installed. I think it a great legacy for people to leave in their wills Thank you for committing to open space in the borough.</p>
<p>Friends of Cator & Alexandra Rec do an amazing job.</p>
<p>I walk through Churchill Gardens at least once a day. It is mostly very pleasant but the bins need emptying more regularly, they are often overflowing and the rubbish can end up in the pond .</p>
<p>Difficult to complete the survey as only visit a few parks to play bowls - Willet Recreation Ground being our home club. I think you should include security as one of your options.</p>
<p>I live in the Crofton Area of the borough, and the parks close to me have some children's activities, but these haven't changed since Covid. In Poverest park, the swings which were removed haven't been replaced, and some of the play furniture looks tired. It would be great for the Friends of Parks groups to get involved i.e. Kids park clubs, walking through the woods with kiddies and other such sessions. You could improve the park by adding in more benches and picnic benches. This would help to include breastfeeding mothers and elderly grandparents in enjoying watching their cared for child play or start a conversations. There could be the possibility of recycled tyre tiles of different colours, shapes etc put onto the floor to help imaginative play amongst children who cant use some of the furniture. What I have mentioned above</p>

<p>is the same for Willet Recreation ground in Petts Wood and Eynsford Play ground in Petts Wood Recreation Ground also.</p>
<p>I have lived within a few yards of Kelsey Park for over 50 years. The maintenance standards have been deteriorating in recent years are now at rock bottom. Grass on lawns badly mowed , borders full of weeds, shrubs neglected, (the one feature which is well maintained is the herbaceous border at the back of the houses bordering Manor Way, but that is still maintained by the parks contractor who preceded id Verde in overall responsibility for the park)</p>
<p>Cudham Rec play area is almost unusable, such a shame with such a wonderful surrounding area</p>
<p>I would say that I am pleased that I live in a Borough where I have a choice of open spaces. My children are older now, so I now use the park for different things e.g. exercise (cycling/running).</p>
<p>Sparrows Den has numerous large holes (normally caused by irresponsible dog owners) that when left unfilled and grass left long is a serious health hazard to both humans and animals!</p>
<p>Biggin Hill Recreation Ground is a disgrace. The maintenance allegedly provided by idVerde is a complete shambles and a total waste of money. A van load of workers turn up on a daily basis, check swings for safety and then spend hours sitting in their vehicle reading papers, drinking coffee & smoking. They are not providing value for money. They require proper supervision to ensure that they're doing the work for which they are paid. Our Children's Play Area is a complete mess and totally inadequate for the needs of local children. The equipment is 'tired' and needs supplementing or updating. Attempts to do this on a Community Basis have come to nought due to the Council's policies and the proviso that installation & maintenance must be undertaken at vast expense by the nominated contractor. As regards to day-to-day maintenance, if it wasn't for the efforts of Friends of The Park the facility would resemble more of an inner city slum than a place of relaxation and recreation. I had always thought that as a tax payer I already paid for the use of this facility, not so! The ever-open hand of our local authority and their agents is always there to take more! I make no apology for this diatribe. It's time that those in the ivory towers of administration took an interest in other parts of their realm and did something for a long suffering and fiscally neglected part of their realm. Wake up and smell the coffee!!!</p>
<p>As everything in LBB, they look run down with mostly poor facilities - B Hill needs significant investment.</p>
<p>I've lived in Watermens Square for 12yrs. We used to be proud to live here. We love our home but Bromley take no pride or care in the upkeep of this heritage listed green space. Gardeners used to tend the gardens here fortnightly. We go months and months without seeing anyone and when people do come, they do the bare minimum- mow the lawn carelessly and leave the mulch to rot and look unsightly. The hedges and shrubs are overgrown, paths all but disappearing, weeds taller than my head and paved areas covered in weeds and left completely. I've started weeding a large area at the side of my home, (surrounding the historic water pump) because I am so embarrassed to live in this unsightly mess. We have emailed repeatedly & reported in fox my street about all of this and more. Not to mention the ongoing (over 1.5yrs) water leak issue damaging the grounds and likely buildings too. Clean up your act ID VERDE!!!! This is a historic site, promoted in local tourism and it looks like a dump. There's only so much residents can do and these communal gardens are YOUR responsibility. What's going on?</p>
<p>I Verde have visited the park I live in once in 18 months it is a disgrace and a scandal. You should be ashamed</p>

<p>Watermen's Square is in absolutely appalling condition--what once used to be a beautifully landscaped and well-maintained historic park space has become overgrown, neglected, and indeed dangerous, with a massive flood only recently fixed after several months of fighting with the Council and Thames Water and now a large dead tree that should be removed (and a new one planted). What was once the jewel of Penge is now in dire condition. What a shame.</p>
<p>I hope you will continue, or even extend, the 'no to mow' to allow our verges to continue to flourish into biodiverse little meadows. Please don't mow until after seeding</p>
<p>For people who cannot walk too far, a number of benches well spaced out would be a number 1 facility.</p>
<p>Love Bromley parks, main reason to live in the Borough. Thank you for all you do. Cator Park still has too few trees, but I see some have been planted. Beckenham Place Park is fantastic, can't wait for the eastern side to be sorted and more varied. We have enough flat grass areas so bring on the bio diversity! Thank you.</p>
<p>The Nature Friendly verges for the most part are a good idea and certainly look very colourful when the wild flowers are out. However, they need to be cut at the corners of road exits as some are so high and thick it is difficult to see round them to see the oncoming traffic.</p>
<p>I have no idea whether or not I am on a route/path/trail most of the time. I frequently lose track of whether or not I am on a given walk - I rarely see any signage, and when I do, it is too small and unclear</p>
<p>Rubbish bins in Brook Park SPCray need to be emptied before the weekend to avoid overflowing and dumping of rubbish. They also need to have lids that prevent their use for dumping bags of household waste, the practice of which should be investigated and prosecuted</p>
<p>Biggin Hill children's playground. Needs updating with better flooring</p>
<p>The bridges in Kelsey Park have been unusable for over two years. Your ridiculously expensive plan to fix them appears to be going nowhere. After 13 years in government and decades in control of the council I don't trust the Tories with our essential public spaces. They prioritise cost over everything else, the results are plain to see, managed decline, reminiscent of the mid 1990's.</p>
<p>Walden Recreation Ground and Chislehurst Recreation Ground- dog fouling is terrible, including on football pitches. Littering and lots of nitrous canisters (no longer small capsules, now large size). When events happen (e.g. recent car show), additional refuse containers need to be provided as bins are overflowing.</p>
<p>I have not visited all parks in LB Bromley but Crystal Palace Park & Betts park are fine until after dark - when there are not 'pay to attend' events going on. Bromley Palace Park is tatty neglected and utilitarian - paths, bins, and benches and a nice backdrop for wedding and celebration photos to be taken would be helpful. I'm sure its a good circuit for a lazy dog walker but it definitely needs more dog poo bins and some spring/wildflower perennials to lift it. Also LBB need to act to stop the lake going eutrophic every summer. Both Queens and Churchill Gardens are utility spaces in town so not the best for trying to get diversity other than squirrels and birds - but they could be a lot prettier. Need to re-open the WCs in Churchill gardens into the late evening as the moped delivery drivers are relieving themselves on Tetty Way and Churchill Way to the chagrin of business owners, as are many patrons of the night time economy at weekends. All the parks need to consider residents needs to ensure they can be enjoyed by the whole community from toddlers & baby changing facilities to pushchairs/wheelchair access, to facilities for teens to skate/throw hoops/ play in football cages - and nice benches with pretty flower displays for workers to sit and eat their lunch/read a book in summer.</p>
<p>Grass should neat and tidy so it's easy to run and walk through. It will also discourage owners from letting their dogs defecate. This is quite a simple responsibility.</p>
<p>The park at 249 S Eden Park Rd, Beckenham BR3 3JN, needs a refresh and the playground equipment looks old</p>

<p>The two bridges in Kelsey Park have been out of use for years now. They look a mess and one at least is a critical part of the routes through the park. If they need to be repaired it should be done without further delay. The lakes are unkempt and in places smelly. The stream between the larger bridge and the Stone Park Avenue entrance is a muddy mess, not because it is a natural feature but because it is not properly maintained.</p>
<p>The general maintenance of Kelsey Park needs to be improved. Paths need resurfacing, the grass needs better maintaining, the play area needs upgrading, and the toilets need to be completely renovated/rebuilt.</p>
<p>Kings Rd. Biggin Hill. Grass not cut enough. Cut back of shrubs not done correctly - just gone over with hedge trimmer creating flat upper surfaces.</p>
<p>Public toilets needed in all parks. More work on safety in Warren Avenue playing fields.</p>
<p>It is a pity that toilet facilities are not available in local parks & local areas. It would encourage more people to use our open spaces!</p>
<p>We really appreciate having such great parks in Bromley, and the amazing efforts of the Friends of Cator and Alexandra who have transformed those spaces working with the Council. Cator playground is so well used but really old and tired now - our children deserve an upgrade of it. Toilets in those parks would be transformative in making them accessible and welcoming for all.</p>
<p>Please keep planting trees. Biodiversity isn't just not mowing in May, there needs to be a variety of species for pollinators, not just tall grass and dandelions! These areas need improvement and the clippings should be removed or your just adding nitrogen back to the grass.</p>
<p>Pembroke Park playground is very dated. Some equipment has been broken and not repaired for years same with climbing frame in Queens garden playground.</p>
<p>Whitehall rec. I don't think enough is spent on play areas or facilities. If it wasn't for the Friends groups fundraising and volunteering I think they would be in a poorer state. I think since the council outsourced the management of the parks it is not as efficient or effective. I understand that the pond was paid for by money raised by the friends group and the pond is faulty and due to the convoluted system nobody at the council has taken ownership or admitted fault and it sits empty and all the wildlife gone which is a real shame.</p>
<p>Very big fan of No Mow May in Alexandra Rec - more please! Please consider enforcement of dogs under control policies in parks. Lots of poorly trained off-lead dogs in Alexandra Rec hassling on-lead dogs and people sitting in the park, owners unable to recall. Significantly impacts my enjoyment of the park</p>
<p>Who is being held responsible for the shocking state of the open spaces? Example, Kelsey Park, which was an award winning 'flagship' park, tragically looks like its been in open battle, its disgusting, overgrown, rundown, 1000s £ of flowers planted by the blind, then left to dry out and die! part of their contract is to water, who is paying for this loss? TAXPAYERS MONEY!! Gypsies would keep the park tidier. 'Ecology areas' which are clearly areas being left to rot in order to save money. There are no skilled staff or even enough staff, disgraceful. Bridges rotting away, lakes filled with waste and undredged. 600k to repair! Someone is 'earning' out of that should that go ahead. Where and who is responsible for checking the standard of work? Please give me their email address. They are failing in their role, failing the residents in Bromley which must be unethical at minimum and claiming a salary under false pretenses possibly? Enough is enough! The gradual demise of the park is almost complete. WHEN will local residents be apologised to for having tax pounds squandered at minimum. When will IDVERED be held to account, or moreso kicked out the Borough. Bromley borough should hang your heads in shame.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park is getting more and more neglected. The flowerbeds are choked with perennial weeds and fallen trees are left in the ponds. The upper pond, the silt trap, is urgently in need of dredging. And don't get me started on how long it has taken to not replace the bridges.</p>
<p>Love the wild verges and think more areas could be left to grow. Give contractor more discretion as to when grass needs cutting in parks and open spaces, and to just cut paths where people actually walk.</p>

<p>Seems a waste of time blowing grass cuttings from one area to another rather than collecting it. Concerned at the amount of litter especially large nitrous oxide cylinders, vapes cans and bottles.</p>
<p>Stanhope is a wonderful safe, place to walk with your dog.</p>
<p>We've got fantastic green spaces in Bromley. But they're kept to the bare minimum with too much reliance on volunteers to deliver projects. Local councillors try to take credit for the work of volunteers in the parks doing very little themselves and if their approach to ULEZ is anything to go by they and Bromley council have little genuine regard for improving the borough with too much focus on cars and their owners. Car parking for cars at parks takes priority over sustainable forms of transport.</p>
<p>Norman Park is a great open space, that could be enhanced by having more refreshment areas and cafes. The athletic cafe is okay, but it does not allow dogs and is upstairs. A pretty cafe in the middle of the park, serving breakfast, lunch and afternoon tea would make a big difference. I High elms cafe is a good example, high quality simple food, sourced locally, with reasonable prices, keeps the crowds coming back time after time. Last years attempt at having street food vendors failed, due to limited under cover eating, limited seats and very limited choice.</p>
<p>Cudham rec children's area is old and dangerous. Needs urgent refurb.</p>
<p>Cudham recreation ground playground is in a very bad stated and the local children need a good facility to use. this needs upgrading ASAP.</p>
<p>The parks are shabby and unkempt compared to neighbouring Lewisham. There is a lack of toddler friendly spaces. Many parks in Lewisham have tge swings gated away from the main play area, without this it's impossible to let a toddler play freely in a playground. Useless! My local child's play area at Tillingbourne Green has not been mown inside making it hard to see trash in the grass, dog mess and to push the pram on. You parks all need looking at the protective play coverings on the floor are always busted and need replacing.</p>
<p>The toilets in the parks are appalling. Especially Kelsey Park. A very populate park with toilets that are disgusting.</p>
<p>Darrick & Newstead Woods... The cutting of the grass paths in the meadows and fields has been virtually non existent over the last few years. Lots of good positive work by the ranger and his team but I feel like the basics are being neglected. Paths have vegetation overhanging and the benches have weeds and grass growing through them.</p>
<p>Far too many people walking far too many dogs in Poverest Park. Sometimes difficult to walk along paths because of groups of people with many dogs standing around nattering. Also liable to have annoying little dogs barking and jumping up.</p>
<p>More investment in Crystal Palace park, desperately needs new toilets!</p>
<p>We need more bird houses ans less fireworks</p>
<p>South Hill Wood</p>
<p>The surface in the play area in Tugmutton Common is very poor and it could do with additional equipment for school age equipment. The Council's decision to mow the grass less frequently across the open space bar the cricket pitch means that informal football matches / kick around are now happening on the cricket pitch outfield rather than elsewhere. The council should increase the area of grass that it mows regularly to provide space for informal ball games other than on the cricket outfield. Lastly some of the footpaths are becoming very overgrown and the vegetation needs to be cut back</p>
<p>More poop bins in Biggin hill parks</p>
<p>Yes I can no longer relax or sit down in parks due to the influx of dog ownership amd owner irresponsibility. Everything I sit down I get jumped on trampled on pissed on or barked at. No one is recalling dogs. Mainly small ones. Need lead only on parks or dog enclosed areas for off lead. More benches in Orpington parks so you can relax without someone allowing their dog to jump on you. No apology from owners. I get told I should sit down in a dog park. But it's not a dog park they just think they have right to the whole park.</p>

<p>The park I use most regularly is Willett Recreation Ground in Petts Wood. It is very nicely kept and maintained and has a nice balance of sporting and recreational facilities (Tennis courts, cricket pitches and children's play area). The enclosed area behind the pavilion / bowls club is really good for letting our dog off the lead and for running around. A general comment is where the grass verges have been allowed to grow does look very untidy. I do understand the reasons why but in some roads the grass etc is very high and looks unsightly.</p>
<p>Bromley parks, in the main, are grossly lacking in trees and hedges where birds can nest. And given the criminal Tory government has allowed the use of neonicotinoides that kills bees it's a matter of urgency that Bromley introduce more plants and wildflowers that attract bees and butterflies.</p>
<p>I really appreciate the investment into our precious local green spaces, and want to say thank you as it's not been easy to keep greenery and trees / shrubs alive during the last string of very dry years - let alone plant new ones and water them in... These spaces are crucial for the wellbeing and mental health of all generations of residents.</p>
<p>How our parks and green spaces have gone downhill - grass not cut, litter, bins not emptied, poor maintenance, car parks riddled with pot holes, playgrounds not invested in or maintained, infrastructure in dire state generally. IdVerde need removing.</p>
<p>Toilets at Bec Rec are disgusting. Plus, why spend money on digging up bulbs and chucking them away? Monies could be better spent on fixing pot holes.</p>
<p>We are lucky in Bromley to have so much green space. I volunteer at darrick woods. we have a good iverde ranger. great space with woods, grass, biodiversity areas, ponds, kids playground .. we won a green flag unfortunately this has still not had a flagpole installed despite efforts from FODW iverde and the council ..to fly it from 🚩.. water fountains would be a good addition .. I use other woods in the borough for walks ... Jubilee funds are good idea but need to be more user friendly for the volunteer groups to apply for.</p>
<p>Chislehurst Rec. we signed a petition in November lat year. Heard through the grapevine that we had been allocated Jubilee funding. But nothing my has happened.</p>
<p>The lack of toilet facilities means I'm unable to enjoy many of the parks especially as car parks have been closed locally</p>
<p>Improve the toilet facilities in kelsry park.</p>
<p>Please keep them and don't give them over to regeneration. Priory Gardens are lovely and great for my mental health. Also don't blitz the view with tower blocks.</p>
<p>The park I visit is well kept but is also used by large groups which can mean that it isn't sometimes as clean as it could be and that it can sometimes feel a bit unsafe.</p>
<p>Pleased to hear the bridge in Kelsey Park is to be renewed</p>
<p>Benches are broken in Kelsey park, bridge is broken in Kelsey Park, cyclists and e-scooters speeding through Kelsey Park</p>
<p>In Crystal Palace park there has been long term lack of investment in the water features that mean de-silting is now extremely overdue.</p>
<p>Gardens, i.e. not parks, like Winsford Gardens in SE20, the far corner of the borough, should only allow dogs, and on a short lead. We have seen volunteers in the garden picking up dog excrement and walking into it as well. This is a garden, not a vast space as in a park, and the height of trees should be controlled, there could be so many more flower beds but the trees are taking over with their shade.</p>
<p>Look at the new play area in Central Park Dartford Danson Park has a good play area and water features. Bromley playgrounds in comparison are rubbish. Crystal Palace Park hardly has any play equipment. Bromley do not care about facilities for children.</p>
<p>Tugmutton</p>
<p>Hayes Common is a wonderfully relaxing place and well looked after by volunteers and IdVerde</p>

<p>It would be great to have a map outlining where the spaces are and what facilities are there. E.g. play area, toilets, etc. when I moved to the area a few years ago I emailed to ask for one, hard copy or online. I was pointed to the council web pages. But this was no great help. Areas were listed by name and address but as someone completely new to the area I had no idea about names of places and where they were. I had to go through every address and put it into Google maps. This was really poor quality of service. How can you encourage people to use and care for the local spaces if they have no idea where they are?. But I was lucky that my first language was English and had the resources to do the searching.</p>
<p>I'd love to see the building in the park near the Shortlands Tavern and Valley Primary School actually used! A coffee shop would do very well there.</p>
<p>No alcohol seller,night open ,noisy coffee shop in the public park ! Crystal Palace Park</p>
<p>The open air Fitness facilities require regular maintenance !</p>
<p>Kelsey Park is stunning. Also love Hayes and Keston commons and Coney Hall. More public toilets are needed in all public areas</p>
<p>Some of Downe's playground equipment is extremely old and unsafe with rusty metal cars. Please consider replacing these before an accident happens. Although a small village, the playground is used extensively by hundreds of families visiting Christmas Tree Farm</p>
<p>Improve cafe at Croydon recreation ground and toilets</p>
<p>Lovely places to go.. no cars, no pollution, no rat race to contend with! 😊</p>
<p>The only park I use is Kings Meadow off Burnt Ash Lane. The play facilities have been greatly improved but this is due to the Friends efforts.</p>
<p>Cudham Rec. Grass being left too long and then not picked up leaving huge clots of grass that kills what is growing underneath Awful condition of children's play area. Dreadful state of toilets.</p>
<p>High Elms - the maintenance of the garden borders is very poor. The cafe is good but parking is difficult and the loos shut too early. Cudham Rec, Downe rec& Goddington park - when the grass is mown the clippings are left all over the grass - this is not good for the health of the grass, it looks unsightly and not great to walk through either. Cudham rec- the play equipment is very poor.</p>
<p>There is no attempt to remove brambles, stinging nettles, ivy from tree trunks and thistles. The use of large vehicles in the parks is causing damage to the foot paths and grass verges. Having lived in Beckenham for the last 80 years I have watched the general deterioration of the borough's parks since outsourcing the maintenance.</p>
<p>I constantly have to put "grass cutting" on Fix My Street for Downe Recreation Ground - this should be attended to more frequently and without my prompting !</p>
<p>Ban cycling on footpaths, more litter and dog waste bins. Better woods management, better enforcement of bylaws.</p>
<p>More bins needed</p>
<p>Rats seen regularly in Husseywell Park and Kelsey Park. Nowhere near as nice as they used to be.</p>
<p>Parks are in a poor state, many bald areas of grass and ground as a result of no proper maintenance over many years. Grass needs reseeding, Iverde vans need to keep to the paths and not create mud and ruts. Trees and shrubs need a long-term plan of maintenance and grass cutting needs to be more often as the current regime weakens the grass and encourages weeds.</p>
<p>The priory gardens in Orpington require some tree conservation work to be carried out, I. E. removal of dead trees and new trees to be planted. Also the ponds need to be cleared of some rubbish/dead wood etc.</p>

<p>Please plant trees which support the greatest biodiversity. Ginkgo Biloba a tree that has not developed in Europe, does not support biodiversity. Oak and willow support far more than ash does, for example. If a small tree is required for the roadside can rowan, or hawthorn be used? Rowan feeds the redwings which come in Winter, to Crofton area. I love the development of wild spaces. I have heard some peculiar comments from neighbours complaining about how high the grass has grown as if that is an alarming factor. The cow parsley thickets are simply beautiful. Build more wildlife areas. Please remove the laurel thickets from Crofton Woods. The laurel is taking over in so many places - some years there are hundreds of laurel seedlings around the mature laurel. Laurel seedlings turn up within the bluebell areas. Please remove all Spanish bluebells from the edges of Crofton Woods to prevent the hybridisation of the non-scripta in the woods. I have to be honest - I have seen a clear hybrid bluebell in the depths of the bluebell thicket in the woods.</p>
<p>Please consider spreading the money being spent into smaller parks & not just on larger ones. Farnborough village park would really appreciate some updating & making the floor safer as well as the fencing which has been fixed but not in its entirety.</p>
<p>Please don't get rid of our open spaces . WE NEED THEM</p>
<p>Southbrough lane recreation field needs more trees planted as losing quite a few and never replaced would be lovely to see it with more trees and shrubs woodland like as birds here are declining due to lack of trees and foliage and bees are in decline</p>
<p>Cut the grass more often</p>
<p>One of the great attractions of living in Bromley is the large number of green spaces. For families, young people, the senior generation getting outside is extremely important for their mental health and overall well-being.</p>
<p>Husseywell park Hayes - improved play area utilising existing space no need to extend into other park area Kelsey park play area - awful really poorly maintained, toilets are awful. Went to a play area in Croydon much better playground facilities for children</p>
<p>Rats are so numerous in some of the parks eg in Orpington, they put me off going there.</p>
<p>Concern re new dog rules as to whether can use parks to exercise dog. The dog consultation is poorly written and it implies that places like Harvington/Blake's Park you will not be able to exercise your dog off the lead</p>
<p>There needs to be more acceptance of dogs off-lead. They need places to exercise and your recent proposals to restrict walkers will create more problems than it solves. How about dedicating some areas for dog walkers and dogs. They are the main users of parks, every day of the year.</p>
<p>We have such lovely parks that are normally so well taken care of but unfortunately it is just in recent times (the last month) the grass is just so long that parts are not walkable especially with dogs and the fear that people will not have picked up the dog poo in the long grass.</p>
<p>Love Priory Gardens, Orpington. Great to have cafe. Need to stop water extraction. Maybe wardens needed to stop anti-socials.</p>
<p>I am delighted that you are increasing the number of biodiversity friendly areas and putting up notices explaining why you are leaving some verges and open spaces unmown - hopefully you will feel able to continue to increase the number of these areas - so upsetting to see wonderful verges full of wild flowers mown down</p>
<p>After the grass is cut it is left which makes the park look messy, increases the number of flies as it rots and makes it very hard for hayfever sufferers to walk without continuous allergic reaction. It needs to be collected and disposed of when the mowing occurs.</p>
<p>Well maintained, clean toilets should be available in all parks</p>
<p>It would be good to see more areas left without mowing, to help biodiversity</p>
<p>We are very fortunate to have key access to Kelsey Park which is now just covered with weeds, brambles, unkept flower beds. Trees have fallen down, breaking fences. Fallen trees still there, fences still broken. Bring back the maintenance of ALL our parks and open spaces in house and get rid of Idverde who are taking a huge amount of blue money to do the bare minimum in our parks.</p>

<p>Local playgrounds would need a fair bit of refurbishment (e.g. playground in front of Poverest Primary school or playground at Poverest Park) They both need a bit of love... And some play structures for under 3s... Those spaces would also benefit from more trees and flowers.</p>
<p>Absolutely beautiful long, uncut grass at the moment, loads of wild flowers which in turn has led to a noticeable increase in birds- more insects to eat! It will be very sad if they all get cut short again, which is far less beautiful and with much less plant, insect and bird diversity. Also, some parks could do with more encouragement for wild flower areas including at Crease, Kelsey and Harvington. Some playgrounds need improvement - Crease and Churchfields. Some of the rivers have become polluted over the last two years- making my dog sick- and signage needs to be put around and the water tested regularly as young children play in the water as well as animals and they could get very sick.</p>
<p>Re South Hill Wood, the performance of idverde is extremely poor in relation to the management plan. For example, areas which should be box cut have not been cut at all this year, or late last season, and the grass is as unkempt meadow; and, the small flower bed is hopelessly overgrown. LBB needs to enforce the contract with idverde or appoint another contractor who will provide the necessary resources against the ongoing natural annual cycles. Kelsey Park is in a shameful, rundown, state, which would not be tolerated in any other Northern European State.</p>
<p>We have waited years for the bridge at Kelsey Park to be repaired. The play area for kids is tired and worn. Why is this Council so poor in maintaining a resource used by so many families?</p>
<p>You do not really invest in the parks in. For example, Croydon Road Rec - the toilets are appalling, no money has been invested in the play area for many years. The catering facilities are very basic and seasonal. Only the plants and grass are well maintained.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park - the dog free section is an oasis especially the fenced off area where families with small children can play and picnic safely. It's a wonderful park, well maintained with friendly and very knowledgeable gardeners who are always happy to chat and answer questions. Kelsey Park is definitely a feather in Bromley's cap.</p>
<p>Whilst I enjoy the flowerbeds, it seems weeds are not extracted therefrom which spoils the overall look of a display</p>
<p>I find most Bromley park areas that I visit are unkept, dirty and requiring TLC. Rewinding appears to be just an excuse to save money on maintenance. Not sure sure who you are trying to kid. I rarely see any maintenance staff in parks which leads to vandalism and antisocial behaviour which puts residents off using the facilities.</p>
<p>Parks are underinvested. I regularly use Croydon Road Rec and Stanhope Recreational Ground. Croydon Road is in a terrible state and poorly tended to. The railings are in need of paint, the pathways are poor. There is some nice floral areas on Croydon road side but this is offset by the poor state of the shubbery around the park and the constant rubbish problems. Benches are also in a poor state across the park. When the park is closed off for music festivals, nothing visible is reinvested. Stanhope Recreational Ground is like a forgotten park. Indeed, it seems Bromley actually thought it was in Penge. Trees that fell in Feb 2022 are still there, railings are collapsing, railings need painting, the two benches look ready to disintegrate, signage is so old it's got extinct phone numbers, grass is never cut and it's not a biodiversity initiative from what I can see, basketball court is in bits, flytipped items are there a year later, old changing room are in an awful state. It's been completely neglected.</p>
<p>I wish the pond in the Library Gardens could be kept clean and clear of rubbish. There was a much more diverse range of water fowl when the reeds at the end were clear of rubbish</p>
<p>Please can we have exercise equipment in Beckenham Rec or Crease Park ??</p>
<p>Please have more green spaces that are dog free zones like Kelsey Park. Some of us are scared of dogs and can't enjoy the green spaces.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park used to be a real joy to walk through. Now, it's a complete shambles. The bridges have been unusable for years. The only flower display is at the 'posh' end, and isn't it time there were some decent toilets?</p>

<p>Please stop random non grass cutting it is not environmentally friendly in the way your rspb branded signage implies. Tiny parks used by thousands need areas of cut grass.</p>
<p>St Pauls Cray Recreation Ground (Brook Park), St Pauls Cray Ward. This park has no signage apart from a single rustic community notice board. The play area matting is in a terrible state and needs replacing. The pathways need to be resurfaced to create convex surfaces to prevent large puddling over the large areas of the paths during wet weather and also to provide smooth surfaces for wheelchair users. The park is lacking in facilities for people with disabilities in general, especially wheelchair users. The ornamental garden needs more regular tendering by contractors to keep on top of the visual appearance. The three open top waste bins need replacing with closed top as wildlife spreads rubbish around the bins which takes considerable time to pick up. Apart from the above points, the park is generally well kept and also tended and kept clear of litter by the volunteers of the Friends Of Brook Park weekly which helps greatly.</p>
<p>I feel the toilets in all the parks should be replaced . They are absolutely filthy. I don't know who cleans them however I have never visited them and found them clean. After the COVID-19 epidemic I would have thought this would have improved. Croydon recreation is disgusting.</p>
<p>You now leave too much in too many parks of overgrowth. These aren't just biodiverse areas but limit playable or leisure areas and often block paths. Presumably it is a response to budget constraints dressed up as biodiversity</p>
<p>We have no facilities at Poverest Park which is a shame as I feel a coffee house or truck would be great. The fencing around the playground is always broken (currently got some metal fencing around it which has only just been sorted, they were down for quite some time). It is a shame that Sweat Your Assets bootcamp was refused permission to use the grass in the park for his workout sessions. He is an incredibly responsible and respectable business owner.</p>
<p>South Hill Woods return of coffee shop and toilets</p>
<p>There are not enough parks in central Bromley where we can walk a dog, even on a lead which is perfectly acceptable. Churchill Gardens, Queens Gardens and the Civic Centre all ban dogs. This leaves a huge number of central Bromley residents having to get into their cars, contributing to pollution and global warming to walk their dogs. We pay our local taxes but are excluded from using this service. This is not acceptable.</p>
<p>Employ dog wardens to control the amount of dogs walkers not abiding by the laws with not picking up their mess or walking more than the allocated dogs without a license</p>
<p>Kelsey Park is full of mice. Horrible for small children walking. Teenagers smoking marihuana in the park behind the library. Terrible state the playground here as well, sandpit and below. It could be resorted to its former glory even with water but no. All left unkept.</p>
<p>Would like to see more proper notice boards, more signs for no dog areas and enforcement when rules broken. More litter bins and regular maintenance of ponds and inlet, outlet clearing. More regular police patrols for ASB as don't feel safe On my own . Priory gardens.</p>
<p>With regard to Poverest park there remains a lack of open and available toilets & cafes, there has been constant car park closures, poor tennis and basketball surfaces and a lack of a dedicated covered or indoor exercise area/pavilion/hall. Improvements in all of these areas would be greatly appreciated</p>
<p>Cannot simply remove parks for dog walkers!</p>
<p>Very little appears to happen in the London end of the Borough. There is zero visible and zero mentioned of the Jubilee Funding here. In fact, the best I can suggest is that woodland, biodiversity, facilities, etc. have survived despite interventions, not as a result of those interventions.</p>
<p>Willet Park, Petts Wood The children's play area is in dire need of refurbishment. Have tried to report broken/ unsafe childrens baby swings and climbing frame broken footholds but this has not been fixed. The children's area is well used because of the nursery within the park and should justify some refurbishment. The footpath across the park should be widened so that at least two people could walk side by side, or a double buggy can negotiate the path - especially in the winter when the grass can be very muddy</p>

Thank you for maintaining our wonderful green spaces.
Kelsy Park toilets need renewing. Decision to use Jubilee funds for dog exercise equipment in Cator park was decided by Friends of Cator without local residents input & only serves dog owners..there are already too many dogs in the parks & money would be better spent on outdoor gym equipment that people can use.
Keep the green areas, it helps provide the oxygen we breath. Please tell the company who wants the land to go fourth and multiply, it's ours, tell them to build in their own back garden.
No tall buildings to stop the open space feel that we all need in our towns. Upkeep and cleanliness of litter etc especially around paths.
The playpark in crystal palace is awful. It is a major park and yet the kids hardly have anything to play with
We need clean useable toilets in all parks!
On the whole I am quite pleased with the quality of open spaces in Bromley and the variety of parkland.
Scadbury is our main area and it is very important to me
Maintained floral displays would be lovely for the parks in Bromley - I have only noticed this done in Bromley town centre. Community events in parks would also be a lovely use for them e.g. Easter egg hunt, summer fete (like Sidcup does). Also certain parks could have farmers markets set up in them like the park in Locksbottom along Crofton Road/Starts Hill Road. This park has a lot of potential to be used more & have some floral displays incorporated into it. The park is frequently used by PRUH patients so it would be nice for them also.
The children's play area in Newstead/Darrick park (Tubbenden Lane) is over 50 years old and really needs upgrading for the local community. Glentrammon park is a good example. Also, riding a cycle for the under 16's should be permitted in the park - it's the only safe place to practice for local children.
Crystal Palace Park
So much work is being undertaken in Scadbury Park Nature Reserve it is really enhancing the experience of walking around. Thank you to all the volunteers
Overall the parks are well cared for. We really appreciate the walking trails which are available online for the woods. Family days out to the park would be easier if there were public toilets, particularly at Tugmutton Common, Petts Wood Rec and Willet Rec. The outdoor gym spaces should have a streetlamp so that they can be used safely in the evenings. It would be good if Petts Wood Rec had a section of proper path joining the existing two so that people with wheelchairs and prams can walk all the way round.
Would be good to have some toilet facilities
The gates need to be opened at the Priory in the mornings
There should be adequate signage for no dog areas, regular patrols and enforcement for dogs off leads around wildlife, and crimes against wildlife (specifically Priory Gardens and other parks with wildlife) and stiffer penalties for such crimes.
Parks should have toilet facilities that are fully maintained and possibly supervised to avoid unlawful use.
More bins for rubbish and dog bags.
Crofton Woods and Jubilee Park. Friends Groups are doing a great job. Council needs to support them with more litter bins, repair and maintenance of bridges and other infrastructure. Excluding and enforcement off road motor bikes using the woods/park. Also anti-social behaviour. It is shameful and mismanagement that the council allowed the Kelsey Park Bridge to fall into such bad repair.
Priory Gardens should have more suitable seating near the pond. A lot of seating needs replacing
Make sure parks are accessible for disabled people
Duck mess on pathways in Kelsey Park and litter in churchill Gardens unsatisfactory - could do better.
I think the friends groups work very hard, especially in Cator and Alexandra... it's volunteers like these that keep the parks clean and welcoming.
You need to reopen the car parks

Investment in play areas is extremely poor! Compare to neighbouring areas. Cudham, Green St Green, Farnborough and Crofton rarely see any investment. Chislehurst have excellent facilities. Why? Jubilee funding was hard to achieve and idverde/council were devious in the maintenance contract of new equipment.
Provide more poo bins don't restrict dog walkers
Kelsey Park is very run-down
Grass cutting has been abysmal as it is year on year
Cafes and toilets need to be much better, need to be cleaned regularly and have soap. Food needs to be reasonably priced and cafes need to be opened daily.
Being a dog walker in the woods, it would be helpful if more bins were provided on the trails
The play area in Harvington Park is in desperate need of attention. The play equipment needs maintaining and the fencing is broken.
The pond/ lake in the library gardens is a disgrace when I went to the outdoor theatre last summer I could not believe the poor state it was in it needs a major clean up and the water levels need to be monitored and it tipped up when needed the wildlife it is home to deserve better than this ... if council can't keep it up to standard it might be a idea to sign up friends of I am sure there are people in area who would be willing to help with upkeep under supervision of parks dept this I feel is a major black mark on the councils record in a clean and Green Bromley and should be tackled as a matter of urgency before the hot weather sees a repeat of last years disgrace
The toilet facilities in both Croydon rec and Kelsey park are disgusting, and unhealthy, and unhygienic. Also the play areas are tired, and could do we updates and repairs.
Play facilities and facilities are severely lacking in the borough. These create a huge draw and should receive more investment
My second most important would be play areas but all are very important.
Kelsey Park: toilets- lack of toilet paper, liquid soap and functioning taps. Couple of missing pieces of play equipment that haven't been there for the 3 years I've been using the park - will they be replaced? Croydon Rec: open toilets would be good. Queensmead: playground is tired and uninspiring.
The picnic benches and grill area in Beckenham Place park is great, we love it .. Would be great if there were more tables, though, a water pump to clean and also please could you implement seating that doesn't require people needing to climb over as some of us have serious injuries and hidden disabilities... These picnic tables and seatings in all Bromley parks would be amazing and help create more community 😊🙏 Thanks for listening and your consideration
The big park next to the Churchill theatre is so run down. Rubbish everywhere, the poor ducks swim around in rubbish and the play equipment is so old. It could and should be so much better with minimal investment. It could be a real gem.
Tugmutton Common. A pleasure to walk through
Kelsey Park could be so much nicer if it had a remotely decent cafe like Beckenham Place Park etc
I'm a daily user of Havelock rec for dog walking. It would be great to use the sign board (which needs replacing) to communicate to residents when the grass is going to get cut. I've seen a number of dog walkers suddenly run to get their dogs due to them not noticing the tractor pull up and suddenly start cutting.
Kelsey Park could be the jewel of the borough but overgrown bushes/trees are a hazard for small children and the play area is sad and needs an major uplift
Alexander Park- bring the old paddling pool space back into use eg outdoor gym facility
Parks are for people - not dogs!
Kelsey Park has 2 bridges out of use!! Is the money allocated for the repair of both??
Ban Dogs
Disabled access could be improved. Better toilet facilities

Leave open spaces, no building or development, maintain biodiversity for the future.
it seems that irresponsible dog owners are happy for large dogs to be encouraged to charge around unsupervised in Winsford Gardens,Penge ..often causing anxiety in family groups with toddlers ..and some dog owners still fail to clean-up after their dogs.
More and improved public toilets - the toilets at Kelsey park are disgusting. Would also prefer more dog-free areas and dogs on leads in all areas
Kelsey Park, pride of the borough..however, stinging nettles almost everywhere including, embarrassingly, the otherwise excellent play area. Contact me and I'll take you on a tour. Bob 07836 649036
I feel bromley parks (specifically playgrounds) really are quite poor in terms of play equipment and needs to be updated to match neighbouring boroughs and counties.
I would like to see more dog free areas where people can walk, and information on the LBB website as to where these are
Bins !!! All dog walking areas need more bins. Like High Elm or any open space. Also don't let dogs run around in all areas of lead. All dogs should be kept on leads. It's unpopular, but non dog people can be scared of dogs. Also where they poop ! Even if you pick it up , it can leave parasites like Giardia. Humans can pick that up. Areas should be cordoned off and kept separate for dogs and family's in ALL open spaces of parks.
I would like to see more restoration of woodland areas, which seem to be left until a tree dies before a sapling which will take 20-40 years is planted to replace it. We are at risk of losing many of our large and ancient trees in the next 10- 20 years.
The parks are relatively good, my family enjoy them. Other green spaces are somewhat lacking, the reservoir off Glassmill Lane is in dire need of work.
Burned out mopeds in Beckenham Place Park and Goan Fields are a constant
My regular visits to Kelsey Park have been so disappointing with the mess from the geese on pathways, the once lovely floral display reduced to weeds and general air of no one caring or looking after it. The flower beds around the Borough are in a similar state . What happened to Bromley Clean and Green!
Stop pretending that Bromley is the best run council in London.
It's nice to be given the opportunity to provide feedback - Parks and Open Green Spaces are very important.
Enforce the law in terms of bad behaviour
Accessible toilets would be nice.
Well satisfied with the areas I know of in the Borough. I thank God and council for our many green spaces in particular Kelsey park, Croydon Recreation Ground, Southill Woods Beckenham Place Park if this is still part of Bromley and Biggin Hill Recreation.
Prevent cyclists and electric scooters using them

<p>This survey has a 'leading introduction' and highly constrained topic areas and choice options. I do not consider it very good or worthwhile. I would like to comment on paths, benches, woodwork and painting poor maintenance, toilet closures, disposal of Crystal Palace Park to an unelected private Trust, building of 210 flats in blocks on CPP, extensive proposed tree felling, greenery and habit removal in CPP, plus noisy events eg Wireless Festival in CPP and others in Beckenham Rec. I know nothing about the Jubilee fund for parks but could not state that in the survey. I would like more Park keeper security. Kelsey Park and CPP have poor entry signage. I hear the CPP cafe only accepts bank cards, what about children? Maintenance seems poor eg. rotting benches needing painting, paths cracking up. Appalled at removal of all vegetation by lowest waterfall in Kelsey Park and spread of pampas-like tough grass bushes. Failure to maintain Lottery repaired assets like CPP dinosaur statues, lost paint and algae grown unremoved. Charges for community and non profit groups. General lack of toilets and drinking water. I disagree with flower beds and roadside verges being left unkempt, like neglect, or prairie grass replacing floral displays. Kelsey Park wooden bridge closed for far too long. Beckenham Rec bandstand should be kept cheerful white, not painted brown, nor flowers removed from around it. No toilets in park by Central Library, Cator Park, one closed in Kelsey Park. Object to other building / hiving off land in CPP to Capel Manor College Ltd. I noticed grass cut but the clippings just left there in a Bromley riverside park. Why no hopper on the mower? Despite these complaints, I do enjoy Bromley parks for relaxation, exercise, sociability, fresh air, contact with nature, historic continuity etc.</p>
<p>I love living in Bromley and am very grateful for our green spaces. Frequently rubbish bins are old and poorly designed allowed foxes etc. to scatter rubbish around.</p>
<p>Poverest Park. Access needs cleaning up/ cutting back. Dog walkers who do not clean up need to be prosecuted. Dogs need to be on leads. We desperately need toilet facilities in Poverest Park. Priory gardens needs cleaning. And to feel safer.</p>
<p>Some sort of concession in Tugmutton. People don't stay there long as there is nowhere to buy a drink or use the toilet.</p>
<p>Kelsey Park playground needs some new equipment for 3-8 year olds. Not been updated for years. Crazy golf never seems to be open</p>
<p>I would like to see more security in the parks. The population of the area increases steadily and the volumes of people using the parks has grown.</p>
<p>I feel that more investment needs to be made in children/young people's play facilities, Norman Park being a prime example of a lack of investment over many years, with the same lackluster equipment and damaged wet pour surfacing. Very uninspiring given the wealth of the Borough. Is there no capital renewals scheme in place for such play areas? There are plenty of positives on sites like High Elms and jubilee country park which I regularly enjoy for its biodiversity and its fauna & flora.</p>
<p>We love Bromley Parks but Croydon Road Rec is disappointing - waterlogged for much of this winter, full of food rubbish. Cator Park and Kelsey Park are brilliant.</p>
<p>Parks in Bromley need investment to keep them appealing for all children and they need some consideration on how to attract older children to feel safe enough to use them independently to remain active / outdoors.</p>
<p>Is poor, teams don't treat the parks with respect and drive over grass, even when wet, to leave them boggy and unusable</p>
<p>Toilets! All parks should have toilet facilities and the ones which already have them should keep them clean. Kelsey park toilets are disgusting and need a deep clean</p>
<p>Jubilee Park Reduce number of very muddy areas in the winter</p>
<p>No toilets anywhere</p>
<p>The grass is not cut. Dogs are suffering with ticks. Children can not play football. Dog poo is not being pick up. Litter can not be seen by the Friends so not picked up. Just get the grass cut</p>
<p>Hayes Common is a beautiful asset with lovely woods and glades.</p>

Friends groups are an integral part of improving our parks. Maintenance eg grass cutting, clearing leaves could be improved by idverde
Love the table tennis and coffee shop in chislehurst rec. Scadbury and Whitehall rec lack toilet facilities.
You have stopped cutting the grass which has made it impossible to pick dog poo up and walking through the long grass has made it a cess pit for ticks. It's absolutely ridiculous that you have chosen biodiversity over safety!
Too many dog walkers with packs of dogs in Beckenham place park
WC in crystal palace is awful.
The play area at Betts Park is incredibly popular and spacious but lacks enough play equipment. I often see the two swings occupied.
Penge recreation ground needs more bins near benches... people just leave their rubbish by them every day because no bins next to them. Play area also has not been refurbished as promised and CP play areas has nothing !!!! Swings and sand !!!!
Specifically relating to Priory Gardens, I would like more support and care for the water birds and the areas they inhabit. Patrols would be good.
Cator park needs a toilet !
All parks need a drinking water fountain, toilet facilities, children's play area upgrade programme, more items for the teenager/ young adults, bench maintenance programme and an outdoor gym - plus an enclosed dog park space. This will reduce the constant clash between people who do not like dogs and dogs whom aren't brilliant at recall when off leash
Not enough play equipment at Betts park.
Bromley play areas are incredibly poor compared to other areas. Indeed, disadvantaged areas seem to have the worst play equipment. This is quite frankly shocking
The grass is not cut enough, when it is the cuttings are left which is a mess & far too much left uncut. Looks dreadful. Dogs get ticks from long uncut grasses /weeds. And can be difficult to find dog poo in there.
Please upgrade the play areas for young and add some bits for teens too
Better lighting
The limitation of access to dog walking in areas because of non-existent floral areas is pathetic. There aren't any proper such areas any more. Mow the grass properly, a 6 week cycle is just not gardening and inhibits play. It also makes cleaning up after dogs very difficult and walking. Stop bicycles using pedestrian areas.
Betts Park has the saddest playground with worn out fencing, skate par area and verges. The friends of Betts Park have made a difference, but Bromley needs to step up and provide funding.
The maintenance of the floral displays, shrubs & grass cutting in Croydon Road recreation ground in Beckenham is disgraceful. The floral areas are regularly full of weeds, the shrubs are mostly intermingled with many brambles & never appear to be trimmed & the grass is not cut as regularly or as well in the summer as it needs to be. Someone needs to take a close look at the park & take the time to look after it as it should be.