

# **FEEDBACK REPORT: 2022-23**

Name of Site	Priory Park
Managing Organisation	Haringey
Date of Assessment	Click or tap here to enter text

OVERALL RESULT	Pass		Fail	
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### **NOTES ABOUT THIS REPORT**

Strengths and recommendations are provided for each criteria.

Photographs are included, where appropriate, to support the feedback from the judge(s) in relation to both strengths and recommendations.

Please refer to the Raising the Standard guidance manual <u>here</u> for further information on the criteria.

## **DESK ASSESSMENT**

(Management plan and supporting documentation)

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
Presentation		
	Good background information but some of the plan felt very generic at times	Would be really helpful to upfront identify what the park is for e.g. is it very local, borough wide facility or a major attraction for the whole of London.
		Mentions typology of the
		park in 4.3.1. this could be used to clearly identify the

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
		function early in the document.
Health, Safety & Security	Clear schedules	
Maintenance of Equipment, Buildings & Landscape	Lot of useful information on the landscape history and thinking of the landscape importance.	
Litter, Cleanliness, Vandalism	Procedures and work with PCSO's seems clear and close	
Environmental Management	Reduction in herbicides. How is that going? Advantages and disadvantages.  Good to see the review. How is this going?	
Biodiversity, Landscape & Heritage	Clear plan for biodiversity management in the park.	Trees – timescale for the inspection programme

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	Philosophers garden cultural link very positive	
Community Involvement	Good to see the community engagement Officer recruitment and now in in post	
Marketing & Communication	Web site and Facebook. Active friends of page which has regular posts	
Overall Management	There is a clear plan for the maintenance of the park	Personally would have liked to see an upfront vision about the primary role of this park to help focus priorities

# **FIELD ASSESSMENT**

Criteria	Strengths	Recommendations
A Welcoming Place	Main entrance wide and pleasant.  Others maybe a little tired but OK and being maintained	Path surfaces in some places in poor state and require attention .due to tree root damage and crumbling surface. They require a long term programme of repair / upgrading
Healthy, Safe & Secure	Felt like a safe place to visit	The wildlife Pond had been fenced off for safety  See paths above and trees below as issues.
Well Maintained & Clean	Excellent facilities with a popular paddling pool, café and play facilities.  I enjoyed the zip wire  Philosophers are was pleasant for picnics  Hard games area which was the top of the water storage area a useful facility for a variety of activities but does seem a bit stark at the moment and edge walls have coping stones missing	One dead and several trees looking in poor condition require urgent attention.  One bench slats broken. Awaiting permission from the memorial seat sponsor. This is reasonable but could have taped off to show aware and action to be taken.  Supermaket trolly in the woodlands on the day  Do need to work with the water company so the use of this area can be improved.

Strengths	Recommendations
	Maybe even just marking out types of courts may be enough.  A longer term solution to the issue of the coping
	stones being damaged stolen needs to be identified. Re grading slope, different retaining material perhaps
Use of own design dual bins with a section for recycling impressive. Design being adapted to improve performance is impressive	
A good range of habitats	Wildlife Pond in the philosophers area needs clearing and managing lots of wood in there and covered in pond weed.
	Also the sides looked very steep. One side at least should be re profiled when possible to form shallow entry point. The liner was visible all the way round and looked as though it was beginning to perish in at least one place
Enthusiastic volunteers, actively supporting and making a difference to this place	Parks team should try to make contact with the new owners of the steam fair. It would be such a pity to lose this tradition for the park without even trying
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Marketing and Communication	Active facebook page regularly updated for the friends of group	Feel there could be more to keep people update actually on site.  For example the closed bowling green will have a petanque club could have had a sign on the fence to say this was happening.  One or two laminated A4's good.
Management	There are some issues in the park but the management team are aware and working on them.	

### **Summary and additional comments:**

(Highlighting the result, and the main areas of strength and recommendation)

Priory Park is a much loved green space which offers a valuable service to the community. In a densely populated area of London there are inevitably management issues and these are being dealt with well on the whole and opportunities are being taken to refurbish and renew where possible. However there several tree and other management issues that need to be addressed urgently.

The river Mosselle links Priory Park, Coldfall Woods and Lordship Recreation ground. Although in Priory Park it is not visible and many of the management issues of each park are related to the river. Has there been look at building a partnership project with Thames water, EA Haringey and the other partners such as the local community.

These things are never straightforward to set up but a larger partnership project around the river may be able to release wider funding.