Little Wormwood Scrubs – What people told us

In September this year, the Council sent a leaflet and questionnaire to everyone who lives near Little Wormwood Scrubs, asking what people thought about its ideas for improving the park.

185 people returned the questionnaire to us by the closing date. This leaflet tells you what they said.



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The results

All the ideas in the leaflet got more support than opposition. The most popular ideas were:

- Improve the buildings for play services and environmental education
- Move all the play equipment to the same area, and put in new equipment
- Manage the woodland and scrub areas and remove some of the undergrowth
- Put in information boards to tell people about the park and its wildlife
- Improve and widen the path to make it suitable for walking and running.

The table opposite shows how many people supported or opposed each of the Council's ideas.

The request was – "Please tell us whether you think the Council should do each of the following things below, by ticking on 'Yes' or 'No' for each one".

	Yes	No	No Reply
Manage the woodland and scrub areas, and remove some of the undergrowth	77%	15%	8%
Put in information boards to tell people about the park and its wildlife	77%	15%	7%
Make the large grass area into an informal recreation area	67%	22%	11%
Organise community sports activities (eg football training) in the park	56%	37%	7%
Put in picnic benches near the entrance to the Dalgarno estate	59%	31%	11%
Put in picnic benches along the edge of the large grass area	61%	25%	14%
Put in more benches around the edge of the path	75%	16%	9%
Get rid of the dog pen	48%	38 %	15%
Create a 'dog free' garden area	75%	12%	13%
Put in public toilets	61%	31%	8%
Improve the buildings for play services and environmental education	80%	10%	10%
Move all the play equipment to the same area, and put in new equipment	77%	12%	10%
Put in outdoor gym equipment (eg monkey bars)	57%	31%	13%
Improve and widen the path and make it suitable for walking and running	76 %	16%	7%
Put in floor level lighting between the play huts and the Dalgarno Gardens gate	70%	22%	8%

What will happen next?

The Council would like to carry out all these improvements over the next three years, subject to funding which will be confirmed early next year.

We will continue to work with local groups and residents on how the park should be managed, and involve people in new designs for play areas.

You can keep up to date with plans by looking at our website – http://www.rbkc.gov.uk/littlewormwoodscrubs or email leisure.services@rbkc.gov.uk

Vote for your local Park

The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson, has launched a campaign giving residents across London the opportunity to vote for ten parks to receive £400,000 from him to make them safer, cleaner and a nicer place to visit.

Little Wormwood Scrubs is one of the shortlisted parks, the only one in Kensington and Chelsea. And it needs your vote to help it win the funding.

Anyone, of any age, has one vote they can cast in the ballot. If you would like to help a park used by lots of Royal Borough residents please vote for Little Wormwood Scrubs on the Mayor's website www.london.gov.uk/parksvote

If you are unable to access the web, you can call the Mayor of London's Public Liaison Unit on **020 7983 4100** and ask for a postal vote. Or you can text **PARKS** followed by your full **POSTCODE** to **62967** to vote for the nearest park to your home (in your borough).

There are 47 parks in London on the shortlist, so make your vote count as the competition will be fierce. Please help your local park!