

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT – ITEM 4
PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE A OF 9th May 2017

Proposed Development At: Barnard Park, Copenhagen Street, London, N1 0NL	LBI Application Ref: P2016/1109/FUL
Proposal	Refurbishment of east side of Barnard Park including improvements to football pitch, planting, turfed areas and re-design and layout of pathways.

Further consultation responses received following the drafting of the Committee Report

1. Since the drafting of the committee report, which was later published online on the 27th April 2016; an additional 4 letters of objection from members of the public have been received since the writing of the original report however they raise no new issues to those already addressed in the main body of the committee report.
2. An additional 35 letters of support have been received, including representations made by the Crime Prevention Officer (Met Police), Friends of Barnard Park, the Barnsbury Ward Councillors and BELMO (Tenant Management Organisation). The comments can be summarised as follows:
3. **Crime Prevention Officer:**
 - Design for the park is sensible and good from a security / safety perspective;
 - Position and orientation of sports pitches seems sensible; and
 - The design allows for straight and clear sight lines.
4. **Friends of Barnard Park:**
 - The design reflects the views and various needs of the local community recognises the need for provision of formal sports space;
 - The proposed recreation space shown in the present design is equivalent in functionality and is of better quality to that which presently exists. It meets the needs of all the local population;
 - The design creates an inclusive environment for all with nature areas preserved;
 - The design provides space available for community events;
 - Better disabled access via level access; and
 - Design caters for runners and walkers on all-weather paths.

5. **Barnsbury Ward Councillors:**

- **Local area:** Residents have little access to outdoor space and the park is currently under-used. The proposal makes the park more accessible and attractive for the local community;
- **Green Space:** The scheme opens up the park and encourages more residents into the park which is vital for their mental and physical wellbeing;
- **Sports Pitch:** The existing Redgra area is underused for organised sports and generally empty for informal activities. The 7 a –side pitch will provide a valuable community resource which is well located within the park. The retention, improvement and intensive use of an 11 a-side pitch may change the nature of the park, from that of a local park to a sporting venue.
- **Grassed Area:** Most of the activities that take place on the redgra area, including football and training, can be accommodated on the new flat-grass area. The recent upgrading of the surface to sports standard will enable greater use, as will the addition of a fence around it. It will also be good for events and for local residents to use for recreation.
- **Paths:** Increased numbers and upgraded paths will enable movement around the whole park. The position of the redgra area currently makes this impossible. The new arrangement will make the park more accessible for people with mobility difficulties.

6. **BELMO (Tenant Management Organisation):**

-The application improves the park's appeal for all users, allowing a better integrated community.

Updated Consultation Conclusion:

7. Therefore to conclude, officers can confirm that as of today the 9th of May 2017 the council has received 295 responses in total to the current application of which 231 are in support, 60 are objections to the scheme and 4 letters provide comments but did not raise an objection against the application.