

Shepherds Bush Common 2

Tell us what you think about the various design aspects for Shepherds Bush Common.

Overview

From **12/06/2008** to **25/06/2008**, London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham ran a consultation entitled '*Shepherds Bush Common 2*'. This report covers the online element of the consultation process, which was run from <http://www.citizenspace.com/local/lbhf/Shepherds>

Topic 1: About the improvement proposals

Q1: Hard landscaping

Materials proposed for surfacing footways and cycle paths		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	3	18%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%
	0	0%

Extent and type of paving for eastern plaza		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	2	12%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	2	12%
Don't Know	0	0%
	0	0%

Setting of the war memorial		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	12	75%
Good	0	0%
Neutral	2	12%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%
	0	0%

Q2: Do you have any comments about the hard landscaping proposals?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q3: Soft Landscaping

Type of tree species proposed and numbers		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	3	18%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

Extent of grass areas		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	3	18%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

Position and extent of ground cover planting/wildflower grassland		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	2	12%
Neutral	2	12%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

Q4: Do you have any comments about the soft landscaping proposals?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q5: Play Areas

Design of the young children's play area and facilities		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	10	62%
Good	3	18%

Neutral	3	18%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%

Design of the older children's play facilities		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	9	56%
Good	2	12%
Neutral	3	18%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

Q6: Do you have any comments about the play facilities?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q7: Furniture

Design and positions of seating		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	3	18%
Neutral	2	12%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%

Design of light columns		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	1	6%
Neutral	3	18%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%

Number and position of litter bins and dog waste bins		
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Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	0	0%
Neutral	4	25%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%

Q8: Do you have any comments about the furniture?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q9: Cafe

Overall design and appearance of the building		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	13	81%
Good	1	6%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

The range of facilities provided in the building		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	2	12%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	0	0%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	1	6%

Q10: Do you have any comments about the building and the facilities proposed inside it?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q11: CCTV

Position of CCTV cameras		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	14	87%
Good	0	0%
Neutral	0	0%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	1	6%
Don't Know	0	0%

Q12: Do you have any comments about the CCTV proposals?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q13: Overall

What do you think about the scheme overall?		
Rating	Value	Percentage
Very Good	11	68%
Good	3	18%
Neutral	1	6%
Poor	1	6%
Very Poor	0	0%
Don't Know	0	0%

Q14: How do you think the scheme will enhance Shepherds Bush?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Q15: Are there any other comments that you wish to add?

There are 12 responses to this question. Please see Appendix A for the text of these responses.

Appendix A

Do you have any comments about the hard landscaping proposals?

1. no
2. Not too much of it

Do you have any comments about the soft landscaping proposals?

1. no
2. Concerned about up keep - how will this be managed.
3. Difficult to see on the plans

Do you have any comments about the play facilities?

1. no
2. What happened to the tennis courts? I don't see why there should be a skate park which to be honest caters for a small number of people. There are many people in Shepherd's Bush that play tennis, and it caters for both older children and adults alike. Currently there are no high quality tennis courts in Shepherd's Bush and the current courts in the green are in such a bad state that they are avoided, I know I certainly do. Please don't be another project which focus on trying to 'take kids off the street' and forgets that there are so many people in Shepherd's Bush that need to be catered for. There aren't even many skaters in Shepherd's Bush! Have you not checked out the ethnic groups in the area? This area is mostly Australian / New Zealand / Irish / West Indian. I think you'll find that most skaters are white middles class.
3. I do think it's a pity the tennis courts have been taken away. They were used regularly. The nearest tennis courts are Turnham Green.
4. I am surprised by the location of the play facilities. They are quite close to a very busy road. While I understand that there is a desire to keep large green areas open for various recreational activities I suspect as a parent sitting at the play area it will not be very pleasant. It might make sense to situate the cafe and play area close to each other allowing parents to grab a coffee without taking their eye off their child for very much time.

Do you have any comments about the furniture?

1. no
2. Can't see where they are

Do you have any comments about the building and the facilities proposed inside it?

1. no

Do you have any comments about the CCTV proposals?

1. no
2. Ditto - where are they?

How do you think the scheme will enhance Shepherds Bush?

1. cause prices to rise
2. Yes - must be better than what is currently available.
3. It's going to be a fantastic change and I can't wait to see it carried out!
4. I think this will be the final piece in the jigsaw that has been the gradual cleaning up of Shepherd's Bush Green. I think it's great and is going to be so much better than what it was before.
5. Only if you sort out the groups of our alcoholic friends who will still occupy your nice new seating, and use your nice new park as a toilet - or are you proposing a harsh police presence? H'mmm

Are there any other comments that you wish to add?

1. no
2. I think it's disgusting that you are taking away the dog area. It's a well known fact that the number of dog owners has risen over the last couple of years and owners have the right to ensure they provide their dog with adequate exercise. Having a separate fenced off dog area means that dogs can socialise with other dogs and can be let off the lead to run freely without their owners having to worry that they're going to run off. If these proposals go ahead dogs will have to be kept on leads and walked around the green amongst children and adults. You will find that people will let their dog run around the park off lead and this may frighten adults and children that are also in the park. It could result in a number of attacks by dogs and is a very irresponsible proposal. There are a large number of local residents who have dogs and no garden and the dog area on the green is the only place that they can take their dog for their daily exercise. Elderly and disabled people will not be able to walk to other parks that have fenced off dog areas. To take away the separate dog area is unfair and makes no sense.
3. Please include tennis courts in your plan.
4. It is a bit of a shame that dog walking facilities are being taken away. There are dog areas in virtually all other LBH&F parks, why not here?
5. There is a need to strike a balance between smartening up the Green, and simply turning it into a hard surface extension of the new vast ghastly Westfields shopping centre. I hate the idea of how the proposed war memorial end looks. Keep the tennis courts - improve them! Extend them! Please! Keep a dog exercise area - very important for local residents.