

Haringey Friends of Parks Forum

General Meeting, 3rd July (on Zoom).

Present: Reps from the following Friends of Parks groups: Christine – Bluebell Wood; Joyce Rosser – Priory Common; Cathy Meeus – Parkland Walk; Gordon Hutchinson – Alexandra Park; John Miles – Parkside Malvern RA and Haringey Rivers Forum; Klaus Kuerner – Bruce Castle; Phil Chinn – Wolves Lane; Martin Ball – Down Lane; Rachel Annandale – Belmont Rec; Pamela Harling – Meadow Orchard; Glenys – CREOS; Ceri Williams – Chestnuts; Joan Curtis [Minutes] – Lordship Rec; Dave Morris [Chair] – Lordship Rec. **From Council (for Part 2):** Cllr Mike Hakata, deputy leader of the Council and Cabinet member for parks, Simon Farrow – Head of Parks and Leisure; Sahina Choudhury - Assist Head of Parks Operations **Apologies:** Layla Laksari – LUOS Down Lane; Quentin Given – the Paddock and the BG Cloud Garden; Kate Swade – Tower Gardens; Liz Gray – St Ann’s GS; Joanna Yeung – Weir Hall; Laura Harrison – Tottenham Green; Lucy Root – Queen’s Wood; Claire Parry – Downhills; Vicky Midwinter – Coldfall Wood and MH Playing Fields; David W – Parkland Walk; Matt and Helena – TCV, **Apols from Council:** Paul Ely – Open Space Strategy; Annabel Foskett – Conservation Officer.

1. **Minutes of last meeting** agreed and Phil’s corrections were put into the report.

2. Open Spaces Strategy

Written update for the Forum was submitted by Paul Ely and circulated to the Forum list by Dave on the night before the meeting. Phil noted that not much had changed since the last meeting but Dave suggested that a lot of work had been going on behind the scenes – officers working on draft documents ready for consultation before the forthcoming Cabinet meeting. Paul said, in response to a Forum request, he would organise 3 special meetings (inclusion, climate change and sustainability, improving service quality) with the Forum before the Cabinet meeting after which the strategy will go forward to the wider public for consultation.

Cathy: Timescale for latest involvement seems very curtailed. Need to get actual dates for these 3 meetings now as holiday period is looming. Does not leave much time before Cabinet. Hoped our input would be properly taken on board. Phil and Klaus agreed and expressed disappointment that not as much progress as hoped has been made.

Dave said he always sends on any documents to the Forum immediately he receives them from Council. He agreed to pass on the Forum’s disappointment about lateness and need for meeting dates to be given very soon. Dave said that the key thing is that the Forum will receive the key background draft policy documents in next 8 weeks for those 3 meetings.

Martin said that the process started under the previous council cabinet and needs to be delayed in order to have a proper debate now with the new council. Paul’s report did not confirm the documents would be available before Cabinet and we need to be able to see as much as possible to make our input.

John asked what was the status of the strategy document in the wider Council. We need to support it against other departments like planning etc. who have more power in the borough than Parks. The Parks Department will need support from the Forum.

3. Conservation Officer Report

Annabel has done a report for the Forum that Dave has sent round to the list. A review is being carried out of all 59 **sites of importance for nature conservation** (SINCs).

Conservation Action Plans are to be created for all relevant local sites. Helena from TCV should be working with all the sites’ friends groups to identify key issues for biodiversity and is asking for photographs of sites to be put in the plan. Cathy stated that Parkland walk has not yet had a visit

or been consulted on a proposed site action plan. The report should be setting priorities. There should be no action plan without a meeting with the Friends group concerned.

The Forum and Annabel have agreed there's a need for a **special meeting about working together** but no date for this has been confirmed yet. It is very urgent, especially with Annabel struggling to attend our meetings on Saturday mornings.

Small Parks Grants

The Council has reopened the parks small grant process under the name People Need Parks. Cathy asked if the grant covered conservation activities as well as community events in parks. (Yes).

Development issues affecting green space

New Road Park has been earmarked as a potential site for future council housing by Homes for Haringey. The new friends group has been very active in opposing this with local residents. The Forum called for this proposal to be cancelled. **Elizabeth Place** 100 people turned out to protest at the boarding off of the longstanding playground to use as a site office/storage by Paul Simon developers. The Council have made it clear that no permissions were given to the developer, for this and have written a letter to that effect. Martin said there needs to be an organised Council procedure and policy for dealing with development issues. **Crouch End Ramsey Court** Loss of green space by a road for future housing. Local residents have organised a petition. **Bull Lane** After 35 years of campaigning has at last been identified as sports activity area.

Privatisation of park facilities and developer encroachments

Martin is angry that facilities like tennis courts and MUGA that have been campaigned and fought for by local people in Down Lane Park and other parks are now restricted for casual use by local park users at certain times because they have been hired by commercial organisations where people have to pay to use the facilities.

He also pointed out that there had been other encroachments by developers like Argent and Newlon who think they can take over public areas for Works Depots. There does not seem to be any "in principle" position by the Council to control this annexation issue.

Martin asked that the Forum should take a position on keeping such park facilities free in parks and stopping the developing increase in commercialisation of tennis courts and MUGAs. Klaus responded that Friends of Bruce Castle had asked the Council Sport and Physical Activity Officer what the Council policy actually is on this question but has not yet had a reply. Ceri said the Friends of Chestnuts are monitoring tennis in Chestnuts Park.

Glyphosate

Cathy - Glyphosate is a known carcinogen for those for people who need to work with it. Plugs have been put in tree stumps at a level where children could reach in and fiddle with them. Need to know the actual Council policy on this.

London updates

Go Parks London is inviting/urging every Friends Group in London to add their details (activities, website etc). Please check out the Haringey page with details of every site:

<https://www.goparks.london/boroughs/haringey/>

AOB

New Groups

Welcome to Friends of Bluebell Wood. Also we're waiting to hear if Friends of Russell Park has been re-launched.

PART 2

The Council representatives entered the meeting and it was voted to put the issue of developer threats to green spaces on the agenda before our usual local reports.

Threats to Green Spaces

New Road – we are demanding that the proposed housing site be removed from consideration. Ramsey Court roadside space is an area of concern. Elizabeth Place – need to reverse the annexation of playground by Paul Simon as a site works depot – there needs to be clear Council policy against this kind of thing.

Cllr Hakata – The use of the playground was never included in the construction management plan. Under s106 mitigation of negative development, Paul Simon will have to improve park and work in agreement with the management plan. A very stern warning was given by the council to reverse the action immediately He note the latest Government Planning white paper proposal to get rid of s106 which is a serious threat to green spaces where these development issues arise. Simon Farrow – 2 pieces of permission would have been needed to annexe the playground and neither was given. Developers have been told to remove hoarding and put the park back to its original condition. Need to look at what powers the council has if they refuse.

Cllr Hakata – we have to flag up these issues. We should be using small plots of green space for local people which is just as important as the need for housing. Need stricter guidelines.

Dave- asked Cllr Hakata if he could categorically state that no housing will be built on New Road Park? Cllr Hakata replied he was not in a position to state categorically but will attend a meeting with the Friends Group and with council officers.

Martin - thanked Cllr Hakata for his frankness. Spoke of the ambitions of the regeneration team to use public green spaces as sweeteners to developers which they have already done. A principled stand needed to protect public land.

LOCAL REPORTS:

Emailed reports from various attending groups and those who were unable to attend were circulated to our list. Thanks to those groups who did so!

Alexandra Palace Park – Gordon

Friends have resumed butterfly and wildflower walks. Still helping with litter picking and hoping to open up the visitor centre soon.

CREOS – Glenys

Continuing normal battle over footpaths, flooding etc. Small parks grant applied for to cover paths with hoggin rather than woodchip. Had meeting with Annabel and other council officers and shared ideas re management plan. Questions of ownership, education own some of it and some is unallocated but nothing heard back yet. Starting wildflower walks again.

Parkland walk – Cathy

In discussions re replacement of bridge and new accessible entrance. Recent furore over vegetation removal around the bridge works. There has been no meeting yet with TCV re action plan, and expecting to discuss new Management Plan. There needs to be proper guidance notes for management and maintenance works – better supervision needed. Parkland walk has suffered encroachment from developments and local residents for some time, and enforcement action is very slow. Litterpicking group very active. Wildlife trail very popular, including recent children's event.

Bluebell Wood – Christine

Bluebell wood is a fragment of ancient woodland. It has been very overused in last 18 months. Need to sort out access to Winton Avenue where there is a drain issue which has caused water damage. Emergency work has been done on trampled plants. There was a launch meeting for the group, with Helena from TCV in May. 26 enthusiastic people attended the meeting. The space has been looked after by local residents in the past.

Parkside/Malvern open spaces – John

Have done gardening and planting in 10 spaces by roads and have a memorandum of understanding with Regeneration as the official group managing these spaces.

Haringey Rivers Forum – John

Met with Cllr Hakata to discuss the continuing level of pollution entering the river Moselle from Queens Wood onwards, and decided this issue needs to be looked into in more depth. The Hornsey Wetlands Action Group could be an exciting development (filter beds, reservoirs, Thames water and railways).

Tottenham Green – Laura

Volunteering sessions not yet resumed. Looking at micro level biodiversity in places not seen as a park. Working with OrganicLea to engage local tenants to devise a local nature trail. New Night Market planned for the Green.

Meadow Orchard Project – Pamela

Open on Saturdays for volunteering but need to register to control numbers.

Bruce Castle Park – Klaus

A theatre event, Treasure Island Theatre, is happening on July 31st. Are doing litter picking but have not had any response from Council on who will pick up the bags. Also awaiting information about tree works in the park from Alex Fraser. Took 3 weeks to organise a walk about with a council officer and the person did not turn up on the day. Big problem of gates never being locked. Cars are often in the park. Council lorries drive across the grass. General issue of lack of communication with council. Have spent 2 years trying to get contact with Alex Fraser re trees.

Wolves Lane – Phil

No answers have been forthcoming about the Tenancy at Will signed with the Consortium. The Consortium are not conforming to agreements but are continuing to do work. One of the fish ponds has been empty for over a year. A means of correction was put forward to them but the consortium said there was no finance available.

Down Lane Park – Martin

Wants to be given precise dates and times for when longstanding things will be fixed in the park. The lights have been broken for 18 months and this is a public safeguarding issue and a manhole cover is still to be fixed.

Chestnuts Park – Ceri

Park has been heavily used. Grass cutting has not been done according to the plan put forward and requested by the friends. Alastair, the Project Officer, has been really supportive to the park but he is unfortunately leaving and will be missed. Ambitious leadership needed to connect with other council departments – proactive management, linking up with ASB enforcement, Police, Flood management, sports development etc. Derelict sports site is being used for noisy, messy parties which are upsetting to local residents on the perimeter of the park. Need a partner to work with – a champion - to develop solutions which the Friends do have. Parks should be managed much more collaboratively with more joined up thinking across Council Departments

Lordship Rec – Dave

Continued individual volunteering during pandemic. Held a volunteer picnic in National Volunteers Week. A very enjoyable People Need Parks launch festival (2000 attended?) was held on June 26th which also coincided with the 20th Anniversary of the Friends of Lordship Rec. Friends laid on activities and stall, did a history exhibition and special document/flyer. FLR reps met on site with Helena (TCV) and Annabel (LBH) to look at raising the status of Lordship Rec as a site of Borough wide importance for nature conservation following years of efforts by the Friends. Operations lorries parking and riding on the grass areas making holes and ruts. Continue to meet regularly with the Council in the Lordship Rec Users Forum where good communications have been

developed. Very active sub-groups including litterpickers, and for orchard and woodland. Lordship Hub re-launched.

Downhills (in writing)

Note improvement to maintenance recently. Met with TCV and talked with Council re improvements to the pond area. Litter remains problematic. Outdoor performance of Adventures of Peter Rabbit planned, 29th August. Issues with charging for tennis.

Coldfall Wood and Muswell Hill Playing Fields (in writing)

Recently organised 'Beat The Bounds' event, and noted residents' encroachments. Working with Council planning a raised drain to preserve wetland but prevent flooding. Aiming to create a wildflower meadow with TCV. Awaiting engineers visit and update following their campaign to save 7 trees threatened with removal due to alleged 'subsidence' to local homes.

Queens Wood (in writing)

Resumed volunteer groups. TCV have helped with dead-hedging, paths and de-compaction. Group are protecting ancient woodland flora. Publicity stall held, bat walk and autumn guided walk planned. Hundreds objected to the Haringey Highways flood scheme proposals. Met with Cllr Hakata to do walkabout.

Tower Gardens (in writing)

Working to revive the group. Did residents survey. Developing action plan with TCV, plus volunteer days and publicity flyers. Council pruning trees leaning into gardens. Group installed a DIY litter picker box, which has been used!

Belmont Rec (in writing)

New group. Engaging with Council. Talking with TCV re volunteer sessions and new wildflower meadow.

St Ann's Green Spaces (in writing)

Planning 2 holiday sessions, for 5-10yr olds, and for people with mental health issues. Making a nature trail. In discussion with developers and with stakeholders. Want to meet Annabel the LBH Conservation Officer re SINC and tree preservation issues. Welcome new subscribers to their Newsletter.

Council Responses

CREOS – Council not the owner at CREOS but are involved in terms of Biodiversity.

Parkland Walk – New ecological management plan to be developed for Nature Reserves in partnership with friends. Will make sure there is contact with the Friends re management plan

Queen's Wood – Flood risk maintenance – have done site visits with Thames 21 – Highways will not be able to go ahead if Parks are not convinced that the project is the right one.

Bruce Castle Park - Sorry for lack of communication. Chris Patterson has been off sick, better to contact Sahina who also deals with Bruce Castle Park. A meeting with Bruce Castle Park Friends will definitely be organised.

Wolves Lane – Consortium are working on 2 large funding bids. Active discussion with them about the boundary of their lease. Have installed electric based heating system. Will make sure there is a meeting with the Friends of Wolves Lane to address any ongoing issues.

Down Lane Park - Manhole cover was supposed to have been fixed and will find out why not. Will also check up what is being done about faulty lighting. Simon said he would go away and try to get a date.

Chestnuts Park – Council share sadness at loss of Alistair which means that the dept will be left short. Will pick up problem of grass cutting regime and agreed it was not really good enough that the Friends requests were not adhered to.

Lordship Rec – Good video of June 26th People Need Parks Launch Festival in Lordship Rec. SINC review will consider the status and condition of 59 sites across the borough. Looking at narrower vehicles that will allow vehicles to ride on paths and not go on grass. Sahina has told operatives not to ride or park on grass.

Blue Bell Wood – Simon did not have information on the drain problem and will go away and find out what is happening and report back.

Alexandra Palace Park asked if the biodiversity plans would include areas not owned by the Council like Alexandra Palace Park where up to 50% of all the butterflies species in the UK have been identified and Simon stated that all green spaces in Haringey would be included whether owned by the Council or not.

Small Grants - are not just limited to park events and can be used for conservation projects in nature reserves and parks as well. There are also now Micro grants (£250) that can be taken up by individuals to make improvements to green space in Haringey.

Relations with Friends Groups Simon reported that there have been 2 new positions created in parks dept.: **Community Engagement/partnership Officer and Volunteer Co-ordinator** which could make communications better in the future. Reorganisation of the service has not been finalised yet until staff have been consulted and then it will be shared with the Friends. On the question of communications, Cllr Hakata said that, in defence of parks teams, there has been a move to reach out to groups and there is a plan to develop more community engagement and invest in a dedicated resource to answer questions with a more co-productive approach across Council Departments. Dave commented that the parks service needs to be properly resourced. He pointed out that we are partners in management of parks and need to be taken seriously as such.

TCV report has been appended below.

Open Spaces Consultation – Members of the Forum expressed disappointment at the pace of the Consultation. The Forum wants and needs firm dates as soon as possible for 3 meetings re strategy and also need the final documents in draft form so that the discussions can be more informed and Friends have a chance to think about the issues beforehand.

Fields in Trust – how is the idea progressing to include all Haringey Parks in Fields in Trust legal protection? Simon reported that the Council is committed to this, that staff at Fields in Trust were still on furlough and the New officer will pick this up again soon.

Policy on Public Sports Facilities - Simon

Re 'Is there a defined policy on free use of Tennis and MUGA facilities?' There has always been a mix of both and this will continue. MUGAs have always been a free facility. MUGA's are used to organise summer holiday special schemes and Disability projects. Martin said that free/commercial use of public facilities was a political decision and that there needs to be a policy in writing so that Friends and the public could question it.

Management Plans – it is crucial that Friends are involved in development of conservation action plans and management plans at the earliest possible point.

Glyphosate use

Council view is that discussions are ongoing about alternatives and a paper will be drafted on how they compare to current glyphosate use in terms of benefits and costs. All options will be evaluated and reported on by end of next year. Glyphosate will always be needed for extremes, eg invasive species. Serious discussions are ongoing and being accelerated.

NEXT FORUM GENERAL MEETING

Saturday September 4th The question was raised about possibility of meeting in person for next HFoPF meeting at Bruce Castle Museum. Also it was suggested that we investigate the possibility of finding a different venue sometimes that might be easier for everyone to get to.

APPENDIX 1 – JOAN'S PRESENTATION TO THE FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Our Secretary, Joan, was asked to make a speech to the Full Council meeting on Monday 19th July, on the issue of 'Co-production' (working in partnership to help manage Council services) - about the Friends of Lordship Rec and Friends of Parks Groups generally.

It can be watched here - from around 30mins onwards. With about 30-45mins of Cllrs' debate following..
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This is what she said:

“ Friends Groups do a huge amount of work in the borough, putting in thousands of hours of volunteer time to look after parks and developing maintenance and management plans for our parks and green spaces

We raise external funds for improvements, planting trees and bulbs, creating play areas and providing seating and other facilities

We conduct regular walkabouts and produce maintenance updates

We organise events and activities that encourage local residents to safely use their local open spaces.

We work against inappropriate development in parks and campaign for more resources for parks at a local and national level.

We hold the Council to account in relation to our hopes for our parks

We promote the park and its history and heritage.

We are basically the active eyes and ears for the Council and park users on the ground in parks and probably know more about our parks than anyone.

The Friends of Lordship Rec, started in 2001 when Lordship Recreation Ground was hardly used and had been left neglected and was in total disrepair. A group of local residents and parents got together with the aim of bringing it back to the popular space it had once been from the 1930s to 1980s where large community events took place on the main field, dances and concerts were held in the Shell outdoor theatre and bikes and play cars were rented out on the nationally famous and unique model traffic area.

We set about trying to encourage people back to the park and make them feel safe. We organised small community events and raised funds to improve various areas of the park like the lake and the woodland area which soon became really popular venues. Our innovative approach worked and people began to see what possibilities there were. We organised a local forum, the Lordship Rec Users Forum to bring together all those with an interest in the park locally and this Forum still operates today and meets monthly, chaired by the Friends of Lordship Rec and attended by officers from the parks department. Together we look at maintenance issues and develop plans together on how best to look after and develop the park. The Friends have developed small groups who concentrate on specific areas in the park whether it be the meadows, the lake, the orchard, the woodland, the river or the bike track. These groups organise volunteering and input into action plans and the overall management plan for the park. Probably around 30+ volunteers are regularly active in the Rec every week. We also have a contract with Trees for Cities to provide volunteering opportunities for 100s of corporate volunteers.

The huge community involvement in the park enabled the success of the Council Heritage Lottery Bid obtained in 2012 to totally refurbish and transform the park and on our request bring the Moselle back to the surface in a beautiful channel. We were fully embedded in the restoration process and ultimately created the Lordship Hub Cooperative to run the new building as a community run centre and café for the use of park users and the local community.

Our form of co-management with the Council is nationally recognised at government level and has been exported as a model of good practice across the country. Nowadays borough wide forums of friends groups are the norm and they act powerfully in support of local authorities struggling to maintain parks in what is a very difficult economic and political situation.

APPENDIX 2 – TCV UPDATE

“Hello Friends of Parks Forum,

Apologies from TCV that we were unable to attend the meeting on Saturday. Here is a brief update from Helena and Mat on TCV Haringey.

The Conservation Volunteers have been very busy over the last couple of months! Clare, Anna, and Cassandra have been hosting events at the Paddock including Bat and Bird box building, wildlife surveying and guest speaker events.

Helena and Jon hosted an arts and crafts stool at The People Need Parks event on the 26th June at Lordship Rec, and thoroughly enjoyed chatting to the people of Haringey, TCV volunteers and friends’ groups.

Primary school sessions are now well under-way again at Railway Fields. TCV Haringey’s schools project officer, Holly, has been busy running activities for school groups Monday-Wednesday. It’s great to see school children back at Railway Fields, enjoying nature and exploring.

Helena has been out meeting friends’ groups and working closely with Annabel Foskett on Conservation Action Plan progress. Following a meeting with Dave Morris in early June, we discussed developing a separate meeting outside the forum exclusively to talk about ‘all matters’ biodiversity. Annabel and Dave will be finalising the details shortly.

TCV Haringey’s citizen science project on the iNaturalist app is now really taking shape. The project is called “Haringey (London) Wildlife Project”. There are now 8 sites using the project, all of whom are engaging with their local community to encourage them to observe and identify species when they are out in their local green space. You can find the Haringey project here: [Haringey \(London\) Wildlife Project · iNaturalist](#)

If you would like more information about the project or would like your site to be a part of it, please contact Helena directly: helena.taylor@tcv.org.uk

Midweek volunteer sessions are running as usual on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday and then our weekend session on Sunday.

If you would like to sign up to our volunteer practical sessions in July, please click on this link: [Want to volunteer in July? Please add your name \(and email if you are new\) against the appropriate date/s \(list-manage.com\)](#)

If you would like to view our July 2021 newsletter for more information on events, please click on this link: [July 2021 newsletter.01.pdf \(mcusercontent.com\)](#)

Find us on social media: @TCVHaringey

Best wishes from Helena, Mat and the TCV Haringey team.”

APPENDIX 3 – CONSERVATION OFFICER REPORT

Sent to Forum list on 2nd July as a pdf

APPENDIX 4 – OPEN SPACES STRATEGY UPDATE

Haringey Parks and Green Spaces Strategy Update to the Haringey Friends Forum on 3rd July 2021

Introduction

The Parks and Green Spaces Strategy will set out a Vision and Key Aims for the future of Haringey Parks for 15 years covering 2022 to 2036.

There will be an overarching Strategy document and a number of plans and policies that inform and support the Strategy.

These plans and policies include:

- Volunteering and Community Engagement Plan
- The Sport and Physical Activity Strategy (already adopted and now incorporated)
- A range of new policies including for dogs and dog walkers, barbecues, alcohol, smoking and vaping, vehicles, lighting, CCTV, Enforcement, amplified music, rough sleeping, toilets, fees and charges, chemicals and pesticides and invasive non-native species
- Standards
- Asset Management Plan
- Biodiversity Action Plan
- Trees and Woodlands Plan
- Watercourses and Flood Management in Parks

The Council have now completed the draft Strategy and are working on finalising the plans and policies.

The Strategy includes a summary of the individual plans, policies and standards including identifying all the objectives they are seeking to achieve and highlighting a small number of the key issues and challenges and main actions being proposed.

What will happen now?

We would like to meet with the Friends over the next 8 weeks before the end of August to share the headline content of documents.

These meetings will likely need to be via Zoom.

We are proposing three meetings and that these meetings are themed around what will be presented to Cabinet as the three overarching Strategy Aims of:

- ***Inclusion***
- ***Climate Change and Sustainability***
- ***Improving Service Quality***

Through these meetings, we propose to share and discuss:

- The overall Vision and Aims
- The identified key issues and challenges for the individual plans.
- The main proposed actions for the individual plans
- The approach being recommended withing the policies
- The proposed standards
- Key proposed changes in the workforce

We will provide more detail about the content of meetings early next week but broadly expect the meetings to include:

For the meeting on the Inclusion Aim

- The identified key issues and challenges in the main Strategy and the Actions being proposed to address them
- The Community Engagement and Volunteering Plan objectives, issues and recommended actions
- The headline details of what is being proposed for the new draft policies

For the meeting on the Climate Change and Sustainability Aim

- The identified key issues and challenges in the main Strategy and the Actions being proposed to address them
- The Trees and Woodlands Plan
- The Biodiversity Action Plan
- The Watercourses and Flood Management Plan
- Additional policies e.g., invasive non-nativespecies and use of chemicals and pesticides

For the meeting about the Improving service quality Aim

- The identified key issues and challenges in the main Strategy and the Actions being proposed to address them
- The Asset Management Plan
- Proposed standards
- Funding

The Strategy and all the supporting documents will be submitted to the Council's Cabinet on 14th September as 'draft' documents and approval will be sought to consult on the draft documents. The consultation period will be for 8 weeks between 27th September to 19th November.

The consultation will include:

- All the documents being made available on-line
- A Consultation document that will contain a range of key questions to help inform the Strategy and individual documents
- Meetings with Friends and other stakeholders

Input to and feedback from the consultation will be brought together and will both be reported to Cabinet and could inform the final documents.

All the final documents are scheduled to be presented to cabinet on 22nd February for formal approval.