



APSE Southern Region Parks & Open Spaces Seminar

24 November 2022

Welcome to Lambeth



Kennington Park
Flower Garden

Harleyford Road Community Garden



Bonnington Square / Pleasure Gardens



Lambeth Parks Service

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- Insourced 2016
 - 117 open spaces; 41 verge areas
 - 800 acres
 - Staffing: 71 posts + summer weekend provision
 - Approx. 150 Listed structures; 15 Locally Listed buildings; 6 Historic Parks; 16 Locally Listed Spaces; 12 Protected London Squares
 - Tree Maintenance insourced 2019
 - Housing GM 2021 – 220 estates; 30 staff

Improving Service Delivery

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- Outsourcing everything
 - New equipment and vehicles
 - Working hard at relationships
 - Harnessing volunteers
 - Winning awards as staff motivator
 - Making staff feel accountable
 - Capital investment

Lighting Review and Safety

- SSF3 – Clapham Common almost complete
- SSF3 – Rush Common
- 14 other projects at various stages



2021 Satisfaction Surveys

- Residents survey – parks top choice under ‘best thing about living in Lambeth’
- User survey:
 - 1,542 responses, 159 were F2F
 - 46 parks & open spaces referenced
 - 70% visit to walk; 60% to enjoy green space; 38% to meet friends
 - 87% satisfaction



User Survey 2021

- What could we do better?
- 1,149 comments, many positive, e.g.:
 - *Your parks are really great. You allow nature to thrive and also understand that children really need them for both structured and unstructured play. Brockwell Park in particular is an amazing place if you have a child. Well done.*
 - *You have done an amazing job at keeping the parks open, beautiful and available to all despite limited resources. We think that adding more wild areas and more wildlife would be wonderful and allow for variety within the parks, while still allowing everyone to use the parks for all the things they are used for. We would welcome more council funding for our parks.*



User Survey 2021 – Norwood Park

Shame water play isn't maintained	Improve shrub maintenance
Better toilets	Car park required
Collect litter more often	Fix the water leaks
Cut grass more often	Improve toilets & playground
Encourage people to get involved	Get proper staff
Better lighting	Playground in poor condition
Expand nature areas – add signs	New play area
Focus on biodiversity	Volunteer litter picks
Keep some wild areas	Dog warden
Cut the hedges	Maintain toilets properly

Sustainability



- 34% of fleet electric and hybrid, rest Euro6
- All diesel is HVO, which reduces net CO₂ by up to 90%
- FORS Bronze since 2021, working towards Silver
- Logistics UK Van Excellence for several years
- All vehicles monitored with telematics
- 40% handheld equipment is electric
- Looking to purchase electric ride-ons
- Over 20% of Brockwell Park and Clapham Common are no-mow
- Leaves mulched in-situ on all larger sites
- Electric golf buggies on larger open spaces

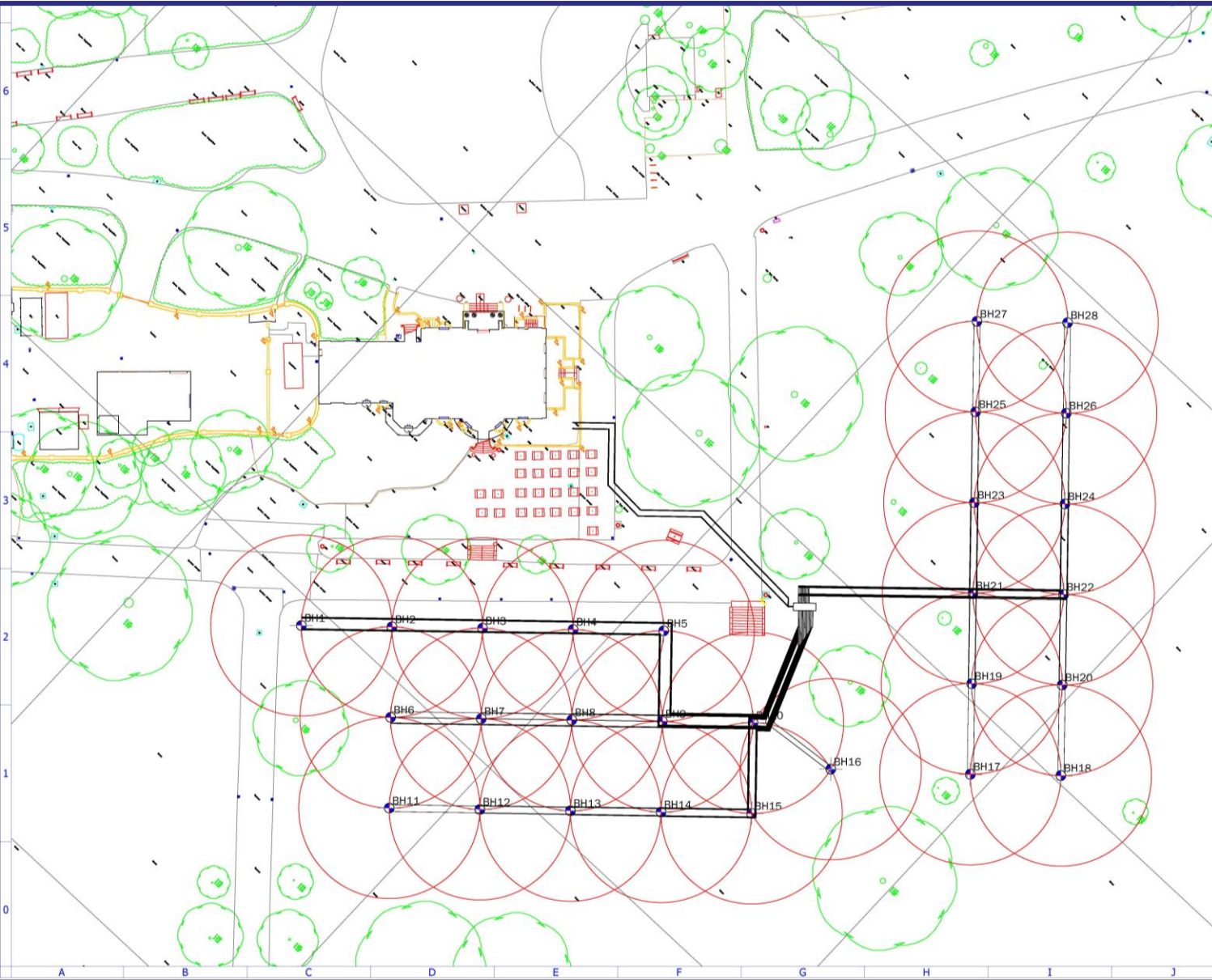
Ground Source Heat Pump, Brockwell Park



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BROCKWELL-HALL
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- NOTES
1. GROUND COLLECTOR TO CONSIST OF 28No. 125m VERTICAL BOREHOLES HEAT EXCHANGERS WITH 12m SEPARATIONS
 2. GROUND CIRCUIT DOSING BY G CORE
 3. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM DOSING BY OTHERS
 4. MANIFOLD LOCATION AND HEADER ROUTE BACK TO PLANT ROOM 15 INDICATIVE AND SUBJECT TO CO-ORDINATION WITH OTHER SERVICES AND SITE



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ALL DIMENSIONS IN MM
IF IN DOUBT ASK - EARLY NOTIFICATION OF
QUERIES OR AMENDMENTS IS ESSENTIAL

Biodiversity Issues

- Biodiversity Forum
 - Lambeth Bee Roads
 - 25 SINCs
 - Local Nature Reserves
 - Management plans
 - Manifesto commitments (trees & kerbside)
 - 30% target – managed for nature (at 27%)
 - Integrated Pest Management Policy
 - Pollinator Action Plan
 - Transforming Housing land
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- A close-up photograph of a bumblebee on a lavender flower. The bee is positioned in the center-right of the frame, facing left. It has a black and yellow striped body and is surrounded by the small, purple, tubular flowers of the lavender. The background is a soft-focus field of green leaves and more lavender flowers, creating a natural and vibrant setting.

Accreditation – Green Flag

- 22 sites currently have Green Flags
- Brockwell and Kennington - Heritage Flags
- 15 more sites will be entered 2023-26
- More Heritage applications in pipeline and will be more emphasis on community entries



Accreditation – London in Bloom

- 2017 – 8 Silver Gilt and 2 Silver
- 2022 – 17 Gold and 11 Silver Gilt; Category Winner for Large City and Small Park of the Year
- Increase driven by capital investment, huge volunteer effort and improvements in sustainability and biodiversity initiatives



Capital investment

- First Plan 2014-19; 72 projects; £9.7m (£2.4m was external)
- S106 / DIFS / NCIL
- Funding Officer
- Second Plan 2020-25, links to corporate 5-year capital programme; £29m estimated cost
- More equitable distribution, allows us to dictate priorities
- Delivery by different teams depending on value

2020-25 Parks Capital Investment Plan

- 121 projects in total across 70 locations, not all affordable
- £12.6m Lambeth funding
- Expect to secure at least £8m in external funding
- 38 schemes in progress at present



Stockwell Skatepark

£0.5m full re-build by
Betongpark, opened
August



Brockwell Hall £7m NLHF restoration



New event space



Vauxhall Park - £3m full rejuvenation





Clapham Common - £700k splashpad



Emma Cons Gardens, Waterloo

£1m full re-design, developer funded



Wyck Gardens



Community Involvement

- Co-operative Parks programme withdrawn 2017, but seeds sown...
- Legacy from programme, moving to financially sustainable community-managed parks



SCCoop – The Rookery

London in Bloom 2022 (Small Park)
Gold and Category Winner





Other Lambeth parks managed externally

- **Bernie Spain Gardens** – Coin Street
- **Bonnington Square Pleasure Garden** – Bonnington Square Garden Association
- **Brixton Orchard** – Brixton BID
- **Clapham Polygon** – Clapham BID
- **Eythorne Park, Dan Leno Gardens & Peregrine Park** – PFIs
- **Harleyford Road Community Garden** – Bonnington Square Garden Association
- **St Mary-at-Lambeth Gardens** – Garden Museum
- **Streatham Vale Park** – Streatham Youth and Community Trust



Community Collaboration

- Parks Forum
- 32 Friends groups
- Strategic Partnership Boards
- Management Advisory Committees

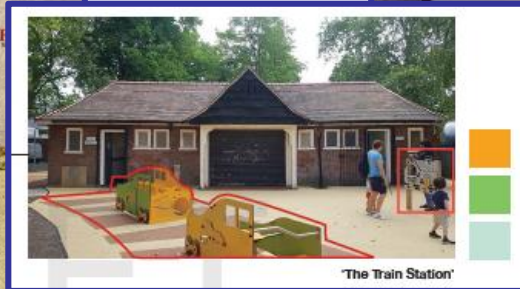


Income Generation – Property Leases

- Most important income source to date
- Parks only service retaining rental income
- £0.5m per year from 25 leases
- 7 additional buildings at various stages of renovation



Moving into direct management



Income – sports

- Insourced booking service April 2022
- Was generating £200,000 a year from GLL
- Expect growth to at least £800,000 in 2 years
- Capital investment
- Increasing fees and reducing historic discounts
- Clubspark gates & coach licensing
- New 3G pitches





Brockwell Park

Income – Trading Concessions





Vauxhall Park

Other income sources

- Parks Investment Levy – fixed % from all events (£134,000 this year)
- Fishing licences on Clapham Common
- Table & Chairs licences
- Temporary use agreements, e.g. builders
- Commercial dog-walking licences
- Personal training licences

