

Appendix 2; Table of all comments returned to the consultation

Collated grouped comments	Number	Response
Fencing and access: Proposed 1.2 metre fence is too low and won't stop people getting into the park at night	17	This is considered in the main report.
Ball-court: Needs two football goals	12	This is considered in the main report.
Seating: There are no toilets proposed, and people already use bushes for this too often. Concerned raised that more picnic benches & encouraging longer visits will increase this	8	This is considered in the main report.
Fencing and access: Proposed 1.2 metre fence is too low and needs to be 2 metre minimum	7	This is considered in the main report.
Landscape: Please consult with friends on locations of trees and planting in park	7	This is considered in the main report.
Fencing and access: keep entrance on Victory place, less traffic and chance of children running into road	6	This is considered in the main report.
Playground: talk to the parents and children about design.	6	This is considered in the main report.
Landscape: Request to consult with the Friends Group on plans for the World Border	6	This is considered in the main report.
Seating: Picnic tables are too close to the playground	6	This is considered in the main report.
Seating: Agree with having more picnic tables but prefer if they were separated out, to avoid big groups congregating	6	This is considered in the main report.
Landscape: Request to consult with the Friends Group on plans for the nature garden	5	This is considered in the main report.
Ball-court: Basketball is played more often in the summer and football in the winter	4	Our observation surveys have not supported this. Summer use is found to be higher, which supports a focus on basketball.
Ball-court: Concerns that balls will go in the road from ground-level ball-court	4	Fencing around the ball-court will reduce the risk of balls going into the road.
Designs General: I support this design	4	Thank you for your comment
Landscape: The east side of nature garden is not good for a new entrance due to copse of trees and insect habitat	4	We will not proceed with this entrance and will focus on a new entrance from the lawn to the north side of the nature area.
Landscape: The new flat lawn area would be a good location for picnic tables	4	Agreed and we will look to relocate a picnic bench to this lawn.
Playground: I like the circular seating in the play area	4	This seating area takes up a large area in the centre of the play area which could be used for play equipment. Also the seating all faces away from each other and is not social.

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Landscape: No trees should be felled. There are lots of rare trees in the park	4	3 trees will be felled none of which are rare and new trees will be planted, so there will be 6 more trees in the park
Ball-Court: The table tennis area is a good idea	3	Thank you for your comment
Ball-Court: No shade in the table tennis & seating area	3	New trees will be planted near this area which in time will provide shade
Fencing and Access: I like the paths linking with Elephant Park and the Lend-lease development	3	Thank you for your comment
Fencing and Access: I like the low fence, or would prefer no fence	3	We have proposed a slight increase in height to around 1.4 metres, as a number of people have asked for a higher fence.
Landscape: New top soil is needed for the World Border. The Friends Group have continually asked but never received	3	We will work with the Friends group and will provide new top soil where required.
Landscape: Concerned about the loss of trees due to the new path	3	Trees will be relocated or replaced with the project providing 6 more trees in total than there are now. 3 trees will be removed with 9 new trees to be planted
Playground: Needs a zipwire	3	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design but unfortunately we do not think there will be enough space.
Playground: Needs more swings	3	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design.
Ball-Court: Agree with infilling ball court to raise it to ground level, and increased accessibility for people with disabilities	3	Thank you for your comment
Fencing and Access: Leave Balfour street and Victory Place entrances as they are.	2	Creating a single entrance will create extra space inside the park, a wider pavement outside the entrance, and a more welcoming entrance.
Fencing and Access: Prefer old design 2 which didn't have as many fences	2	Thank you for your comment
Fencing and Access: Entrances need drop kerbs	2	We agree and this will be reviewed and introduced where possible.
Fencing and Access: Entrances need to be wide enough to allow vehicle access for maintenance	2	We will ensure the grounds maintenance team have required access.
Fencing and Access: There has never been any images of the fencing so we don't know what it will look like	2	The design is still to be decided but an image of similar fencing is shown in the main report.
Landscape: Elba place land (old pub) should be opened and contribute to the park.	2	This area is private land and not owned by the council.

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Landscape: Keep the small hills in the park, good to run over	2	Some of these will be kept while some will be removed to allow better access and views.
Landscape: Accessible access can be created into the nature garden by Elba Place entrance.	2	We agree, and a new entrance to the nature area will be included.
Management: Park should stay locked at night	2	The locking of the park is not being changed as part of this project.
Management: No bikes or scooters as they speed and are dangerous. Skateboards and roller skates ok.	2	Thank you for your comment
Playground: Use natural colours, bright colours in dickens field detracts from beauty of rest of park.	2	We will explore this in the next stage of the play area design
Playground: More trampolines	2	We will explore this in the next stage of the play area design
Project: Appreciate councils work on this	2	Thank you for your comment
Management: People weeing in the bushes all the time and don't like it	2	Thank you for your comment
Seating: Bins by the picnic tables	2	Bins will be located close to each picnic table, but not too close as this can be unpleasant
Ball-court: Disagree with filling in ball-court. Sunken contains noise and stops ball going in the road. Plus too expensive and waste of money.	2	Infilling of the ball-court makes the area accessible for people with mobility disabilities.
Fencing and Access: Shocking that park will still be locked	2	The locking of the park is not being changed as part of this project.
Area Wide: Bench on corner of Victory and Balfour streets attracts Anti-Social-Behaviour. IF it stays it needs to be under a street light.	1	Adding lights can sometimes make antisocial behaviour worse by encouraging use of an area at night. Removal of this bench is in the design.
Area Wide: Design team need to liaise with the highways, traffic too fast on Munton rd. Needs speedbumps.	1	Thank you for your comment. This has been passed onto the team who oversee the local road layout.
Area Wide: Lads congregate at Balfour Street / New Kent Rd end and should be in the park	1	Unfortunately busy inner city areas can suffer antisocial behaviour at times.
Area Wide: New planting beds should be placed on the triangle area each side of the bench	1	This suggestion will be considered.
Area Wide: People peeing behind the bin shed outside the park.	1	Unfortunately busy inner city areas can suffer antisocial behaviour at times.
Area Wide: Problem with littering from the Lebanese take away on Balfour Street. If people can get into park easily that litter will be in the park.	1	Unfortunately busy inner city areas can suffer antisocial behaviour at times. Bins will be provided
Ball-court: Don't mind the ball-court raised up and glad its same size	1	Thank you for your comment

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Ball-court: Slope is used by skateboarders	1	Skateboarders will still be able to use the ball-court should they wish. A large new skate park is planned for nearby Burgess Park – see www.southwark.gov.uk/skatepark .
Ball-court: Please include more trees around the table tennis	1	There are already a small number of trees proposed in this area. Trees need space for their canopies to grow
Ball-court: Is there space for two table tennis tables?	1	We have checked the required space needed, and two table tennis tables can be provided.
Landscape: Large tree proposed in the middle of the world border looks too big.	1	This will be reviewed at detailed design stage with the Friends group and no changes will be made to the World Border without their agreement.
Ball-court: The area around the table tennis and seating all looks confined and cramped. Lots of people will be walking through the park	1	The park is small and narrow, making it difficult to space facilities far apart. This area will be a busy part of the park but Designers have ensured there is space for all to move freely and comfortably.
Ball-court: Don't like nature garden fenced off if the whole park is fenced. Nature garden should be part of the park and the park will feel larger and more appealing	1	Removing the fence from the nature area was suggested previously and opposed by the group who currently maintain it
Ball-court: Fence next to playground needs to be higher to stop balls going over from table tennis area as well.	1	Table tennis balls are small and light so they do not travel far. Therefore they are unlikely to end up in the play area.
Ball-court: Full ball-court is badly shaped for the space available and detracts from the park	1	The ball-court has been designed to be as close to recommended NBA (National Basketball Association) size as possible. The small size of the park means that the full recommended width cannot be achieved.
Ball-court: I prefer the previous design for sports with half court panna and gym. I've never seen a full court basketball game happening.	1	Advice from the young people who use the court advised us that a full length ball-court is preferable.
Ball-court: Table tennis would be better without the long seating which is too close and doesn't allow space for games	1	We have checked the required space needed for table tennis tables and this has been provided
Project: It looks good/great	1	Thank you for your comment
Project: It looks ok	1	Thank you for your comment

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Facilities: As well as toilets, changing areas where parents can change and toilet their toddlers safely and hygienically	1	Unfortunately the park is too small to accommodate toilets and a changing area. Public toilets are a 12 minute walk away, at the Castle Leisure Centre
Fencing and Access: Prefer no fence at all. Anti-social behaviour avoided by having an open and bright design like Dickens Field.	1	This is considered in the main report.
Fencing and Access: Proposed 1.2 metre fence is too low and should be 3.0 metre minimum	1	This is considered in the main report.
Fencing and Access: Proposed 1.2 metre fence is too low and should be 2.5 metre minimum	1	This is considered in the main report.
Fencing and Access: Proposed fencing could be a wall with a fence on top	1	Fencing allows views into the park which is great for safety and to make the park feel welcoming
Fencing and Access: Please keep the existing gate on Munton Rd opposite school entrance which people use to walk to the school	1	There will be one central entrance on Munton Road instead of the current 2 entrances. The new entrance on the corner of Munton Rd and Rodney Place will provide convenient access and will maintain the route through the park to reach the school.
Fencing and Access: The 2 fenced areas (ball-court and garden) within the park detract from design. There's too much fencing. Could have been so much more coherent.	1	Opinions on fencing are split and so we are retaining fencing in this design
Fencing and Access: Think it is wasted opportunity keeping high fence to nature garden. Tremendous success opening up dickens sq.	1	Opinions on fencing are split and so we are retaining fencing in this design
Landscape: Don't like the flat lawn area	1	The flat lawn area will be great for picnics, informal football and other activities
Landscape: Please reduce the crown of the ash tree in the world border	1	Our trees experts will assesses whether the tree canopies need to be reduced
Landscape: Can we have a wildflower meadow in the park?	1	We are exploring this along with other opportunities to increase biodiversity in the final design
Landscape: Please increase the biodiversity planting near the Rodney Place end of the park	1	We are exploring this along with other opportunities to increase biodiversity in the final design
Landscape: Please ensure that new trees have good soil and are watered properly	1	Trees will be watered for three years after they have been planted, until they have established
Landscape: Like one pedestrian gate into the nature garden from lawn area	1	Thank you for your comment
Landscape: Need to select native hedging plants that don't sucker	1	We are exploring this along with other opportunities to increase biodiversity in the final design

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Landscape: The world border needs to keep the knee rail	1	The knee rail will not be removed
Landscape: Balls will also go into the road from the flat grass area if that is used for football	1	Park fencing will help contain footballs during play
Landscape: I support the previous design which created a raised walkway alongside Munton Rd NOT infill	1	Infilling the ball-court will allow it to be used by people with mobility disabilities
Landscape: Any new planting needs to be biodiverse and drought tolerant	1	We are exploring all opportunities to increase biodiversity in the final design
Landscape: New area of flat grass needs more trees and benches, wasted just as grass.	1	The open lawn area will be suitable for picnics, football and other activities
Landscape: Please note the rare tree species within the park including the white mulberry, pin oak and hungarian oak	1	Thank you for your comment. This has been noted
Landscape: New trees will need watering often to survive	1	Trees will be watered for three years after they have been planted, until they have established
Landscape: Don't like new path & gate created on Rodney Place. It's for lend-lease who have done nothing for the area	1	The path is for people to walk a pleasant route through Victory Park and Elephant Park
Landscape: Don't like the nature garden. No access it should be normal park.	1	The nature garden is important for wildlife, and we are improving access and awareness with a new gate
Landscape: I'm supportive of the high priority for biodiversity	1	We are exploring all opportunities to increase biodiversity in the final design
Landscape: Pleased that the bridge is removed	1	The bridge will be removed
Management: Can you have dog poo bag dispensers	1	Unfortunately we don't have the resources to refill dog waste bag dispensers Dog waste bags can be collected for free from park offices in Southwark, including at nearby Burgess Park
Management: I would like access for scooters and bikes	1	As a sustainable mode of transport, responsible cyclists are welcome in our parks. Pedestrians always have priority in parks. Non-motorised scooters are also welcome but must be used responsibly
Playground: I would like (my) dogs allowed in playground	1	Dogs are not permitted in play areas as this can lead to dog fouling issues

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Playground: Needs monkey bars	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Needs a slide	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Needs climbing frame	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Please don't remove the trees and shrubs from around the play area, these are used for play.	1	These will not be removed
Playground: Needs a see-saw	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Design looks like for older children, mostly younger children use the playground	1	There will be a range of play equipment for toddlers and younger children. Further consultation will be undertaken on the play area design
Playground: Please use grass matta safety surfacing rather than wetpour shown in the designs = more natural	1	Rubber matting is unsuccessful in our parks, due to the high use which leads to grass wearing away and the rubber matting sinking in the mud
Playground: Needs rope course	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Rockers/bouncing	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Design doesn't need two slides	1	We will explore this during the next stage of play area design
Playground: Like the use of natural materials which should be new as the playground is run down	1	Thank you for your comment
Project: Good council has responded to previous consultations	1	Thank you for your comment
Project: Can we have a memorial for Tommy Walsh volunteer who looked after park and built brick seats proposed to be removed	1	Memorials can be arranged. We will provide new benches as part of the project. The costs of the plaque will need to be met by the person proposing the memorial.
Project: How does this project react to the London Borough of Southwark climate change strategy?	1	The project includes increasing green space, planting trees, shrubs and flowers
Project: Good that council has responded to previous consultations on ball-court.	1	Thank you for your comment
Project: You should get on ASAP and open for next summer	1	As planning permission is required, unfortunately the project will not be ready for summer 2022.
Seating: People on picnic tables smoking next to playground bad idea	1	Smoking is not permitted inside the play area
Seating: More seating needed in the park	1	We are adding more seating
Seating: Picnic tables in the play area would be a good idea	1	One picnic table will be located in the play area

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Sport: Need chin up bars for keep fit	1	As the park is small, unfortunately there is not enough space to include outdoor gym equipment
Sport: I would like a place to practice my skateboarding	1	Skateboarders will still be able to use the tarmac in the ball-court and a large new skate park is planned for Burgess Park. Visit www.southwark.gov.uk/skatepark for more information