



RESULTS OF THE FIRST CONSULTATION SESSION

How did we publicise our first meeting?

1. Delivering leaflets. We delivered over 1000 leaflets ourselves and the council also delivered around 500. Some were left in local business places where they were happy to accept them.
- 2 Posters were placed on the railings of the rec., and in Tudor Library,
- 3 It was advertised by TARAK, and The North Kingston Forum in their newsletters
- 4 An email was sent to local residents by our MP
- 5 An advertisement was placed in local school newsletters.
- 6 Word of Mouth

The first consultation session

We had our first consultation session on 30th November at 7.30pm in Latchmere School. 58 people attended. We had 9 tables, each with a committee member whose purpose was to facilitate the conversation between people, aiming to get as many views as possible. Forms were completed and people were asked to state their 1st 2nd and 3rd priority of what they liked and didn't like as well as set out other ideas they had for the rec. The results are outlined below.

What is your favourite thing about Latchmere Rec?

People described their favourite thing about the rec. They overwhelmingly valued it as a green open space with trees that is easily accessible where people can meet and socialise, children can play in the playground, it is not too busy and it is open all the time to everyone. Children can play football and people can watch them and there is a great community spirit. It is valued by dog walkers as a place where dogs get good exercise and owners can socialise.

What is your least favourite thing about Latchmere Rec?

The least favourite things about the rec were the toilet block, appearance of the portacabins and dog mess. Lack of self closing gates featured a few times as did dreariness and lack of colourful

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planting, football taking a lot of space, lack of a pavilion, dogs interfering with children's play, poor maintenance and teenagers on summer evenings.

Ideas for Improvement (completed after brainstorming session)

Firstly a cafe and then secondly a pavilion, were most often put as a priority

Other suggestions were more diverse and grouped under the following headings: Planting and ecology; Cafe and Pavilion; Activities and events; General landscape and maintenance.

***It is probably worth emphasizing that these are thoughts that individuals have had and are by no means plans.**

ECOLOGY AND HORTICULTURE

Stream to be uncovered

Pond

No pond because it will attract mosquitoes

Health and safety considerations on open water

Water feature with benches and planting

Fountain near seated area

Plant 100 new trees

Plant trees round perimeter

Flower beds

Sensory garden

Raised beds

Recover bulb planting round the edge

Green space for well-being

Grasses and wildflowers to attract insects and then birds.

Wild flowers

Ecology

Nature trail

Nature area

Environmental area to north

Bug hotel...built with children

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Insects beetles bats and bird feeders

Planting for bees and butterflies

Wooded area

Bird feeders

Tree maintenance and replacement ...some are dying.

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CAFÉ AND PAVILLION

Work space in cafe
Disables access and participation
Changing rooms
No cafe, plenty available locally
Room for badminton and yoga
A room that can be let out to earn money for maintenance
Solar panels on the roof of building
Cafe small not commercial
Lockers
Replace toilets
A cafe would negatively affect nearby cafes of which there are plenty
Consider waste and pollution
Liaise with KLL as they have plans for a pavilion
Chess in cafe
Monopoly in cafe
? enable volunteers (eg Parents referred from Welcare wanting to build confidence to work supported in the cafe?)

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Water in sand pit for children play (like Petersham playground)
Boules
Trim trail
Tennis wall
Sports equipment
Balls to borrow at cafe
Basketball
Permanent goal post for younger children (football)
free up one football pitch by making better use of Dinton Rec
All weather pitches
Cricket nets

Playground for older children
Cricket back stop
Skateboard park
Adult football
5 -a-side pitch
More imaginative play facilities than in playground
Yoga
Dog agility training

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More for teenagers
Netball practice posts
Team sport for girls
Back stop for cricket
Integration of children/ adults with disability
2K run for children on Sundays
Sports day
Family fun day, picnic and games
Gardening with children
'School ecology stars' scheme to encourage 'litter picking'
Include local nature groups to do "show and tell" e.g. Richmond Park Beetle Group"
Community gardening

GATES AND GROUNDS

Picnic tables
More benches
Path around the rec for runners etc. (white lines would do!)
Covered seating
Drinking fountain for children adults and dogs
Rubberised path across the rec
Tarmac path across rec
Bike and scooter storage
Sculpture near cafe or quiet wooded area
Lighting
Better signing
Notice board
Dog bags
Recycling
Recycling bins
Litter picking
Litter patrol
Toilets tidied

Paint fences
More bins
New dog bins
Get rid of railings and have it open
Have a fence with crenellations for adults children to sit on
Keep simplicity and openness
Not too attractive or it will get very busy
Noise consideration
No change

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Call it a park instead of a rec.

Change name to Latchmere Park

No need for change

A dog free area or dog on lead area so children can play with balls

Limit groups using rec to one group at a time

Keep grass in better condition. often not cut for long periods

Cut grass and remove stinging nettles

No alcohol license to be given to cafe

Children to be encouraged to respect referees

Caretaker on site

Value of open space

Tidy the toilets

What we learnt about organising a consultation from this session

The format worked well. People kept to the subject in hand and were full of ideas. The leadership provided by having facilitators agreed in advance, both saved time and did help the process.

It was most valuable to get peoples ideas at his point rather than ask them to set priorities as that will come later. It made the data harder to analyse.

We should ask people what they thought of the process on the form next time but we could welcome feedback on our process of consultation on our Facebook page

We need to have a consultation during the day for people who can't come to evening sessions.

Conversations start but are not finished. Hopefully we can continue some of them on Facebook...and at our next event.