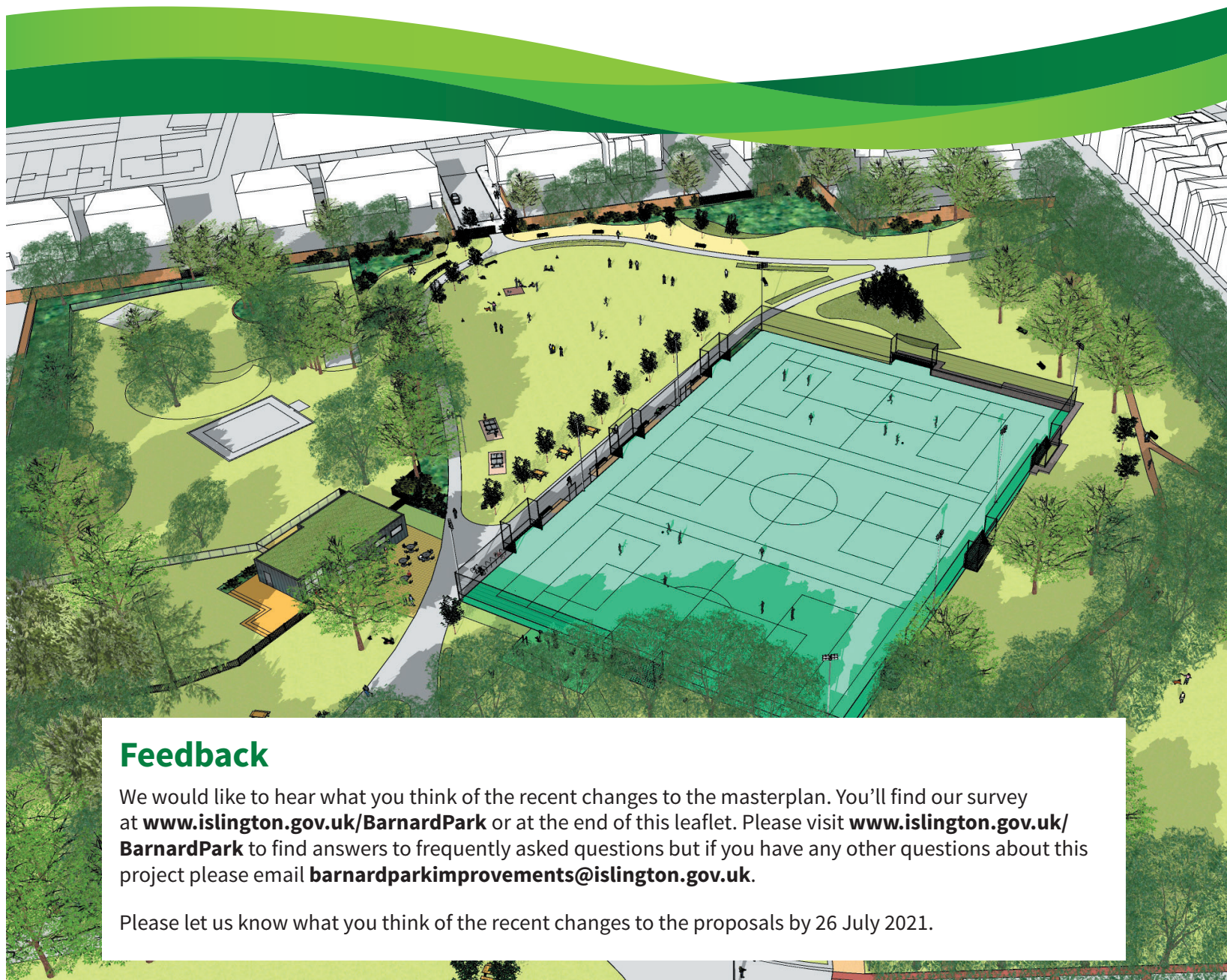


Barnard Park improvements

Please read this leaflet on proposals to improve Barnard Park and how you can tell us what you think of the recent changes to the design.

Consultation closes: 26 July 2021



Feedback

We would like to hear what you think of the recent changes to the masterplan. You'll find our survey at www.islington.gov.uk/BarnardPark or at the end of this leaflet. Please visit www.islington.gov.uk/BarnardPark to find answers to frequently asked questions but if you have any other questions about this project please email barnardparkimprovements@islington.gov.uk.

Please let us know what you think of the recent changes to the proposals by 26 July 2021.

The hub building's external appearance may change.
This is an artist's impression of how the park might look.

Tell us what you think about improvements to the Barnard Park Masterplan

Rebuilding a fairer Islington in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic by investing in more green projects and tackling the climate emergency is at the heart of Islington Council's investment plans. To create a greener, healthier borough, we're spending £6.9 million over the next 2 years to improve our parks by installing new facilities and features for the whole community to use. This includes £2m funding (£106 and capital which local Councillors have allocated) to redevelop Barnard Park.

The Barnard Park Masterplan

We would like to share the latest masterplan and visuals for Barnard Park and hear what you think about the recent changes to the masterplan. We have already consulted previously with the public and extensively with various stakeholders and user groups on the masterplan and other elements of the design including the sports pitch and hub building. We are not consulting on these parts of the masterplan.

Proposed improvements

We are making major improvements to Barnard Park to create a more useable, greener and attractive space for local people. The new park will have many new ecological improvements including a traditional orchard, native hedgerows and wildflower meadow areas which will provide 52% more wildlife habitats for the park.

There will be improved pathways to make it easier to move around and clearer routes through the park. Fitness equipment, marked running routes and more seating for families will make the park more appealing for local people. A large, flat grass area will provide a new space for leisure activities and informal sport. There will be a new 3G sports pitch for both football and rugby and where 9v9 matches, 5 a side and training sessions can take place.

At the centre of the park there will also be a new community hub building with a multi-use space which will provide for the existing One o'clock club.



View looking east toward Barnsbury Road. A new large flat area of grass will be created for leisure activities and informal sport. New trees will be planted and there will be new seating. The new entrance at Sheen Grove can be seen to the left of the image.



How the new proposed entrance at Sheen Grove could look with a simple level entrance and improved sightlines into the park and the large area of grass.

The new building will have accessible changing rooms and toilets, and the park keeper's office.

The hub building will have a biodiverse green roof and an air source heat pump to heat the building and reduce its carbon footprint. There will be lots of outdoor seating around the building to let local people stop and enjoy the surroundings.

Whilst 13 trees will need to be removed to allow us to create the new layout of the park, we will be planting 51 new carefully selected trees as part of the design. These trees, along with new areas of planting and other ecological enhancements such as a wildlife pond, community sensory planting, log piles and bird and bat boxes, will improve biodiversity and considerably increase the park's ecological value. These additional features will encourage wildlife and help with the fight against climate change.

Changes to the park masterplan have been made in response to advice from the council's planning team as part of the formal pre-application process in preparation for submitting the final planning application for the scheme. We would like to know your thoughts on the recent proposed changes below. We are only consulting on these changes.

The recent changes:

Improved biodiversity and ecology

- Remove areas of unnecessary hard surface such as concrete and replace it with plants that encourage wildlife
- Paths will be made permeable where possible to help drainage
- Closed entrances will be planted with biodiverse planting

Improved pathways and circulation

- Simplify the path network to make it easier to move around the park
- Give better access to entrances
- Create larger open spaces

Improved entrances and accessibility

- Close the entrance at Boxworth Grove
- Create a new entrance at Sheen Grove with level access and better sightlines
- The entrance at number 24 on the masterplan will be closed and transformed into a planted wildlife area.

Barnard Park Improvement Proposals - Mas



Masterplan



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- 1 New 9-a-side 3G football pitch
- 2 Circular footpath route
- 3 Path down a slope from Barnsbury Rd entrance
- 4 Existing park building removed. Replaced with green space
- 5 Outdoor gym equipment
- 6 New retaining walls to corner of ball court
- 7 Main entrance with clearer links to main paths
- 8 New Community Hub building
- 9 Central level green area
- 10 Cafe Seating/ Sport viewing area
- 11 New permeable surfaced paths
- 12 Existing North - South footpath realigned
- 13 Signage & information boards
- 14 One O' Clock Club Enclosed Area: fence relocated
- 15 Grove of Silver Birch trees
- 16 Community planting areas
- 17 Existing fence boundary to One O' Clock club removed
- 18 Thicket planting. Native shrub and tree species
- 18a Long grass/wildflower meadow
- 19 Improved Entrance to Hemingford Road
- 20 Improved Primary Entrance to Charlotte Terrace
- 21 Improved Entrances to Barnsbury Road
- 22 Boxworth Grove. Park entrance closed to public
- 23 New Park Entrance from Sheen Grove
- 24 Copenhagen Street. Park entrance closed to public
- 25 Alma Grove. Lower end of cobbled street removed

What next?

When we have completed talking to key stakeholders and the public to get feedback on the changes we will consider the feedback and update our plans. We will submit the plans for planning approval in late summer 2021 with works starting in spring 2022.



Looking north toward the new 3G 9 v 9 football pitch with the Community Hub Building and an area for outdoor fitness. Bulb planting and wildflower planting will add colour and interest.



Improved surfacing and bike parking with a new levelled grass area and south facing seating, creating a meeting area.

Feedback

We would like to have your comments on the proposed changes to the design that have been made over the last year in response to advice from the Planning team as part of the formal Pre-application process.

About you

The information you provide us with will only be used by the council to improve our services and ensure that we have a range of responses from across our communities. This information will be kept in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1988 and used for monitoring purposes only.

What best describes your gender:

Female Male Non-binary Other Prefer not to say

What age are you?

12-17 18-24 25-44 45-64 65+

Do you consider yourself to have a long term illness, impairment or a disability that limits your day-to-day activity?

No Prefer not to say Yes, my disability is...

Ethnicity:

Asian/British Asian Black /African/Caribbean/British British White
 Other Please specify:

Do you visit this park?

No Yes Postcode:



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