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Strategy and Report**
**Wormwood Scrubs
Ecological Mitigation
Masterplan**

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Project

Wormwood Scrubs Ecological Mitigation

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1. Background

LUC were appointed by London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to produce a strategic masterplan for Wormwood Scrubs to suggest ecological enhancements, habitat creation and long term management proposals for the site.

The site is included within the Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation (OPDC) Regeneration Area. The regeneration of the Old Oak site to the north of the Scrubs will see the development of a minimum of 25,500 homes and 65,000 jobs and is one of the UK's largest regeneration projects. The site makes a significant contribution to local open space provision and there will be a need to accommodate new visitors and residents accessing the site for recreation and wildlife opportunities.

Without an overarching masterplan and strategic investment this potentially poses a risk of unacceptable pressure on existing habitats and recreational facilities. One facet of the masterplan includes an 'early activation project' for OPDC: improvements to the north eastern entrance to The Scrubs in order to improve connectivity to the site from the OPDC development area.

Wormwood Scrubs (Henceforth 'the scrubs' or 'the site')

comprises 80 hectares (200 acres) of open space located in the northern section of the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham. The site is the largest open space in Hammersmith and Fulham and has been protected for public use since the commencement of the Wormwood Scrubs Act 1879.

The eastern section of the Scrubs is largely mown grassland with sports pitches set out. Several areas of the site are designated as a Local Nature Reserve and a large proportion of the western side of the site is identified as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), comprising long grassland and scrub.

2. Consultation Approach & Community Engagement Strategy

Aims and Objectives

At Wormwood Scrubs community engagement is a critical tool for obtaining knowledge and opinion. There is a lot of qualitative information such as oral histories and local opinions which is vital to gaining a holistic understanding of the site.

Many local groups including the Friends, the Trust, birdwatchers and dog walkers hold valuable quantitative and empirical data which can be extracted and brought into the evidence base.

By talking to people we aimed to find out about issues that may not have been apparent at that time, for example areas of the site that flood and locations that have suffered from anti-social behaviour.

For this project the aim was to understand the profile of existing park users and their priorities. The emphasis is on existing park users, as the brief for the project is to improve the site for wildlife and not to attract new footfall.

Who are the existing site users?

- Local residents
- Dog walkers
- Sports pitch users
- School groups
- Model aircraft users
- Wildlife enthusiasts

Methodology

Critical to the community engagement strategy for Wormwood Scrubs is partnership working between HS2, Hammersmith and Fulham Council and Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation. Using the wide networks of these organisations will ensure the project is advertised to as many interested local people as possible.

The strategy had 3 key phases throughout the life-cycle of the project: 'Visioning', 'Designing' and 'Building'.

'Visioning'

A park user survey was decided as an effective measure to consult with a representative sample of typical users of The Scrubs. This was accompanied by a public workshop that was advertised through eventbrite, by OPDC, HS2 and Hammersmith and Fulham Council.

It was determined that the Friends of Wormwood Scrubs and the Charitable Trust are integral to the success of the project, so a separate meeting with the committee of the Friends Group was also booked in.

This initial stage of meetings, surveys and workshops acted as the blank page 'visioning' stage of the community engagement process, where the local community could give their views and opinions before any designs have been formulated.

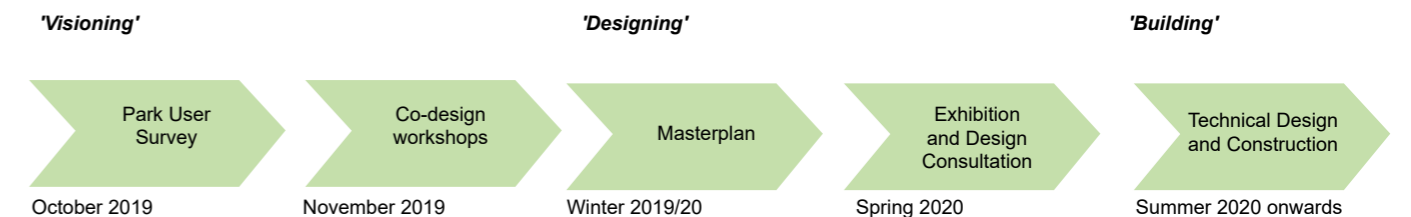
'Designing'

The second stage of the community engagement strategy is the 'designing' stage. At this point we held co-design workshop events to help shape the masterplan. This was followed by a public exhibition of the proposals with a chance for local people to give feedback and comments, which were then taken on board by the design team.

'Building'

The third stage of community engagement will be in the construction phase of the project. Local people will be invited to monitor the construction process and assist with tree planting or other aspects of construction that might be accessible to the general public. Regular updates will ensure interested local people will be kept up to date with the site operations throughout the construction phase.

A final opening event will also help to build community engagement with the scheme.



3. Summary of Results - Stage 1

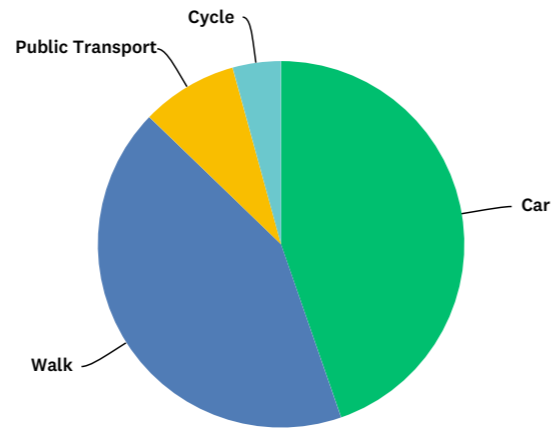
This section summaries the results from the surveys, workshops and consultation events. Further detail is given in the appendix.

3.1 Park User Survey

A park user survey was carried out at the Scrubs to ascertain the typical profile of the existing users of the greenspace, and gauge their opinions about potential improvements to the Scrubs. The surveys were carried out over one weekday and one weekend day in October 2019, to attempt to obtain a sample of users of the site across the week and weekend. 2-3 surveyors attended site and circulated the site intercepting visitors between 9am and 6pm. In total, 48 people were surveyed, and the results are assimilated below.

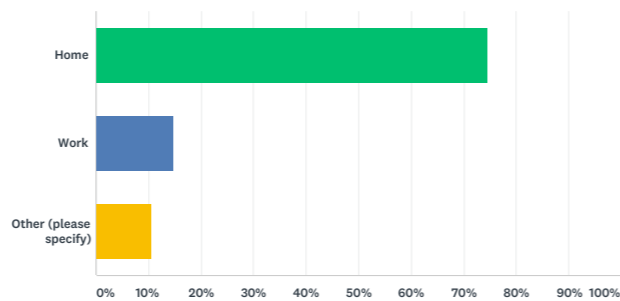
How did you get to the Scrubs today?

Nearly half of visitors to the scrubs came by car (45%). Furthermore, in speaking to visitors during the park survey many of the visitors accessed the site from the southern side, either using the car park at the south eastern corner, or the primary car park adjacent to the Linford Christie Centre. 43% of visitors walked to the site. The graph indicates that few people use public transport (8%) to get to the site, and even fewer visitors reach the site by bicycle (4%).



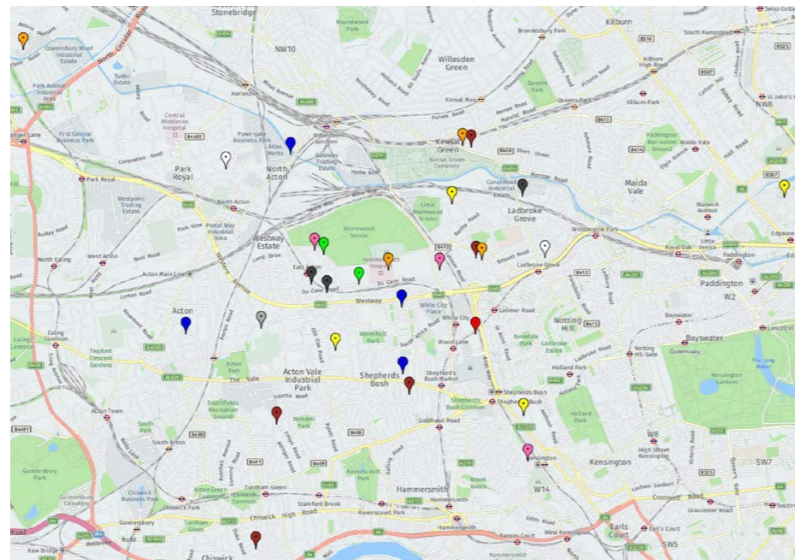
Where did you come from?

The majority of visitors are arriving to The Scrubs from home (75%). This indicates that The Scrubs serves users who are making a specific journey out to visit the site, not necessarily associated with another trip. 15% of respondents reported that they came from work, and 11% came from somewhere else.



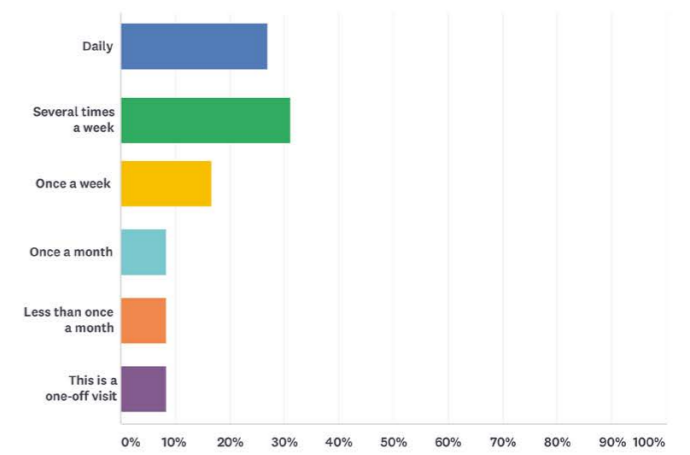
What is the postcode there?

The map opposite indicates the postcodes of the survey respondents. The map indicates that primarily visitors to the site come from London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham, but there is a considerable share of visitors from Kensington and Chelsea and Ealing Boroughs. As anticipated, fewer visitors come from north of the site, which is dominated currently by industrial land use.



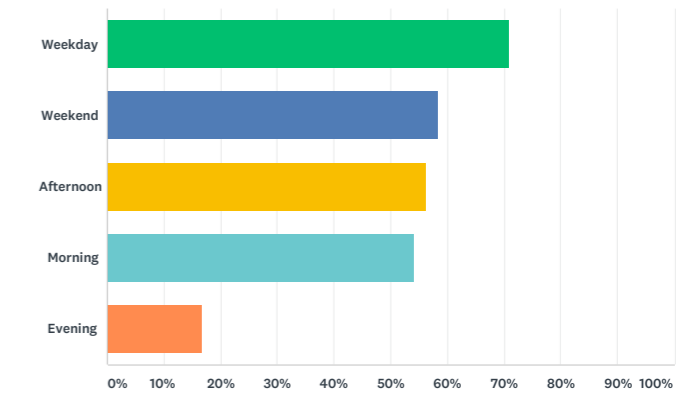
How often do you visit?

31% of visitors come to the Scrubs regularly and visit several times a week. This was particularly noticeable in visitors who were visiting the site on weekdays, who typically attended regularly. Visitors at the weekend visited more occasionally. 75% of respondents came to Wormwood Scrubs at least once a week, and only 8% of respondents were visiting the site as a one-off visit.



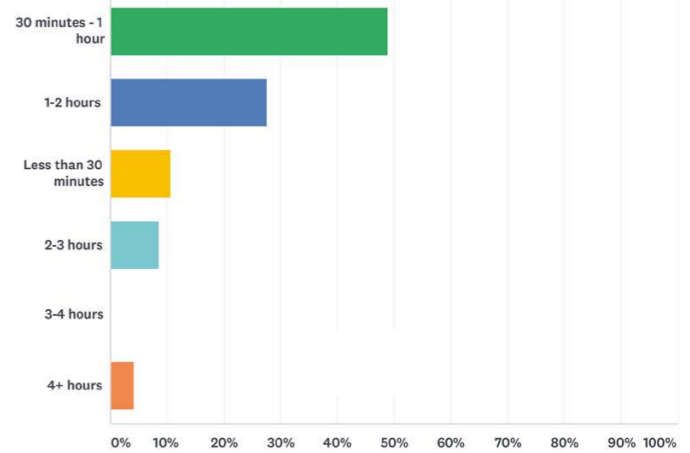
When do you usually visit?

The survey recorded 25 respondents on the weekday, and 23 respondents on the weekend survey. The majority of respondents are visiting the site in the weekday and weekend mornings. The Scrubs are not locked at night, but still respondents did not identify using the site frequently in the evening.



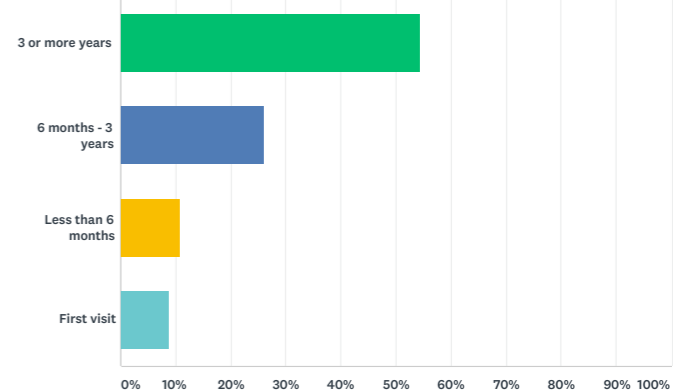
How long have you spent / do you plan to spend here?

Most respondents (49%) spent 30 minutes to 1 hour at Wormwood Scrubs. This represents the time it would take to do a loop or figure of eight around The Scrubs. 88% of respondents spent under 2 hours at the site. Eight respondents spent more than 4 hours at the Scrubs in one visit.



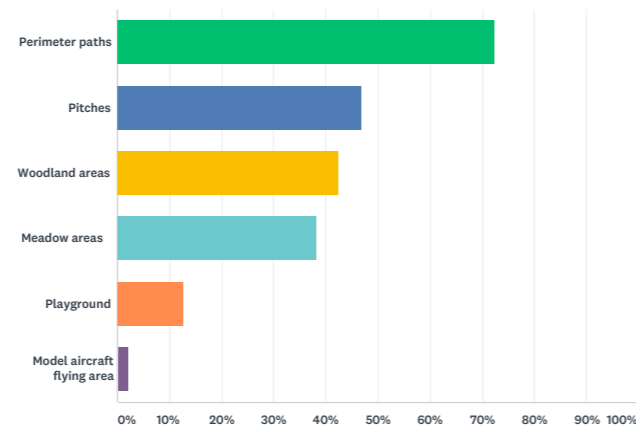
How long have you been visiting Wormwood Scrubs?

The people using The Scrubs have typically been visiting the site for a long time, and many respondents commented that they have been visiting for over 30 years. 54% of respondents have been visiting the site for more than 3 years.



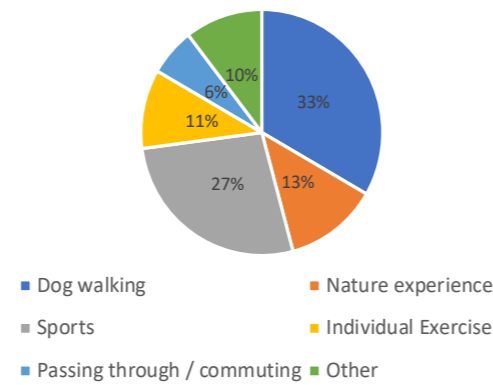
Which parts of the site are you visiting today?

72% of respondents reported that they were visiting the perimeter paths. This was a more popular response with weekday visitors, whereas at the weekend it was noticeable that more people were visiting to use the pitches. This highlights how people generally prefer to keep to established routes and footpaths. Only 1 respondent was encountered who was visiting the model aircraft flying zone.



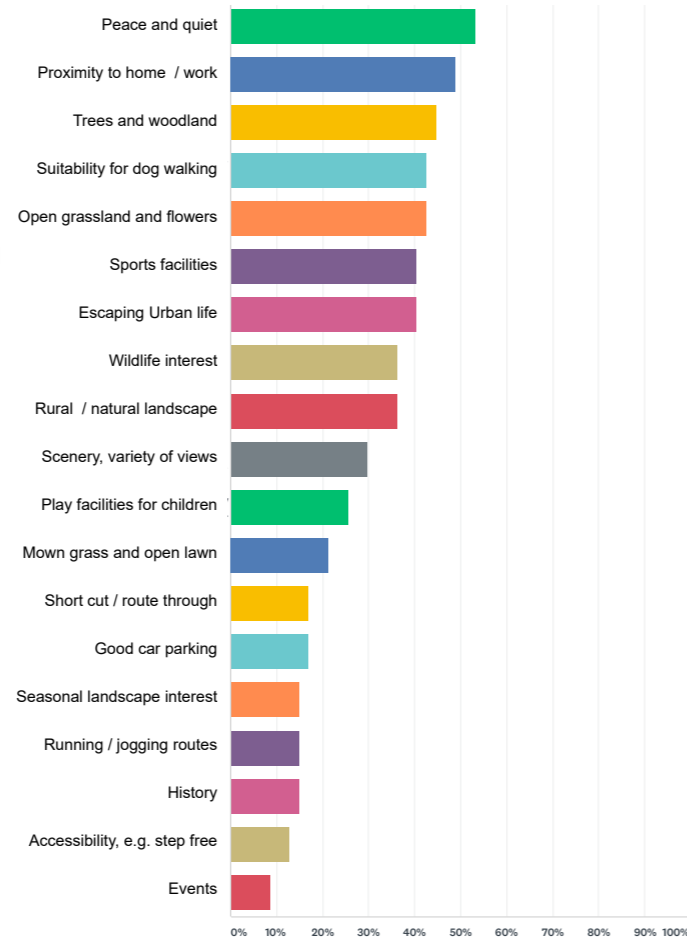
Why did you visit these parts of the site?

The site is primarily used for dog walking, closely followed by sports use. The next most popular response was 'nature experience'. It was noticeable that dog walkers tended to visit on weekdays, whereas sports users were more prevalent at the weekend.



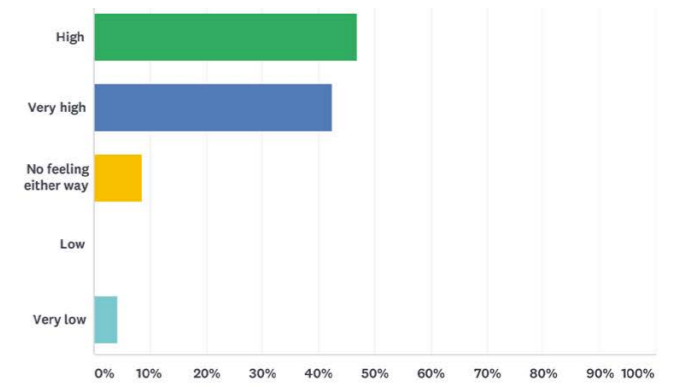
What is most important to you about The Scrubs?

For this question, respondents could select as many answers as they wanted. It is clear from the responses that the priorities for Wormwood Scrubs are split between wildlife and nature interest, and convenience of the site. Answers such as 'Peace and Quiet', 'Trees and Woodland' and 'Open Grassland and Flowers' scored highly, along with 'Escaping Urban Life', 'Scenery' and 'wildlife interest'. This was balanced with respondents citing the importance of locality and convenience, choosing answers such as 'suitability for dog walking', 'good car parking' and 'proximity to home / work'. Considering this together with the data regarding where people are coming from suggests that the green space is being used by local people but the appeal is largely the naturalistic features and contrast to urban life. This supports the masterplan's aspirations to improve the site for biodiversity.



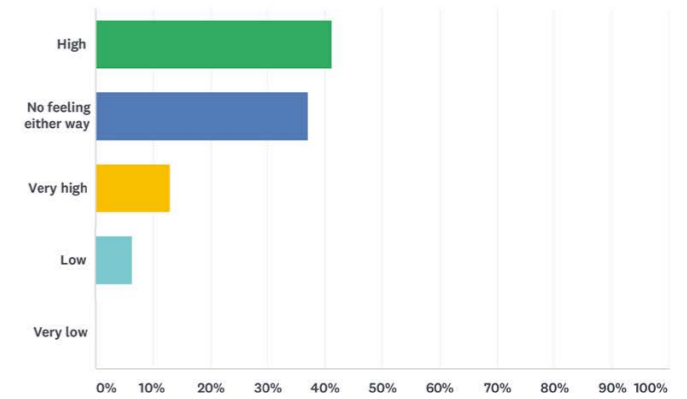
How do you rate the scrubs?

90% of respondents rated the Scrubs very highly or highly. Less than 5% considered the scrubs to be low and very low quality.



How do you rate the scrubs for wildlife?

54% of respondents thought The Scrubs had a very high or high value for wildlife. Combining this with the previous question suggests that the wildlife value of the site could be improved, however most respondents recognised the inherent value the site already has for wildlife.

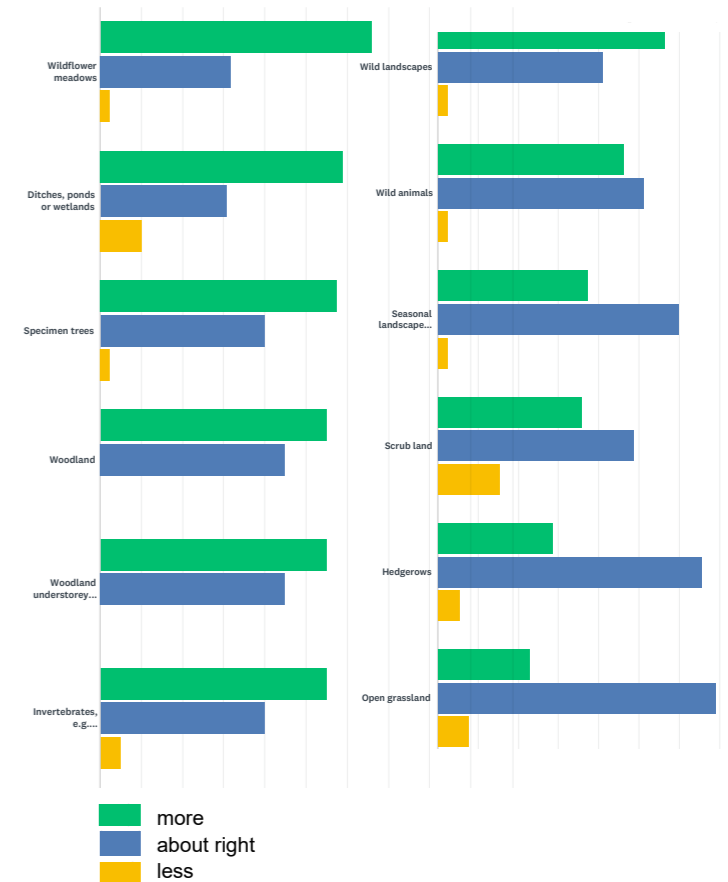


Would you like to see more or less of the following?

The most commonly identified feature that respondents were interested to see more of was wildflower meadow. This was closely followed by ditches, ponds or wetlands, as well as specimen trees, woodland and woodland understorey.

The features that respondents highlighted as wanting to see less of was the scrub land, ditches ponds and wetlands and open grassland.

When examining which features seemed 'about right' the level of open grassland, seasonal hedgerow and open grassland were also seen by the most people as 'about right'. The open grassland can be interpreted as the close mown grass associated with the pitches.



Do you have any ideas for biodiversity improvements at the Scrubs?

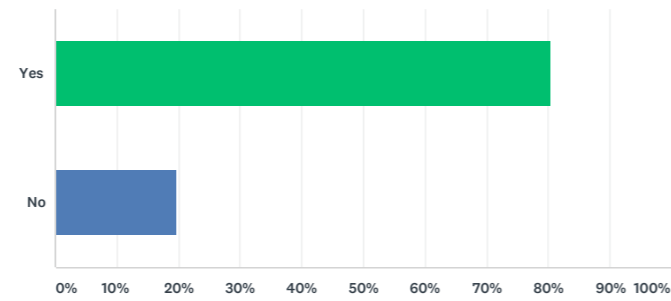
This was an open text question. Generally respondents were happy with the existing state of the Scrubs. Some concern was voiced regarding the reduction of wildlife, particularly birds seen on the site in recent years. Several respondents highlighted how bramble and invasive weeds were outcompeting more interesting species and prevent biodiversity, and felt that the Scrubs needs more management to ensure these species were kept under control. A couple of respondents suggested tree planting as a biodiversity improvement. Full responses can be seen in the appendices.

Do you think that the Scrubs are well maintained?

20% of respondents felt that the Scrubs was not well maintained.

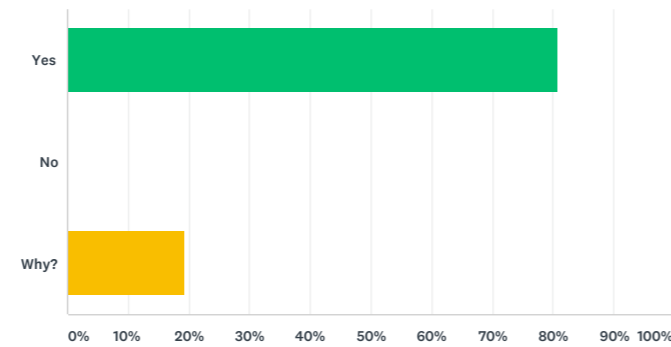
Are there any changes you could suggest to improve the management of the scrubs?

Responses to this question followed on from the previous ideas about biodiversity improvement. There were generic concerns about litter and dog waste, but also specific suggestions about managing bramble, maintaining the paths and managing the professional dog walkers on site. Woodland management was suggested by some respondents. All responses can be seen in the appendices.



Do you feel safe at Wormwood Scrubs?

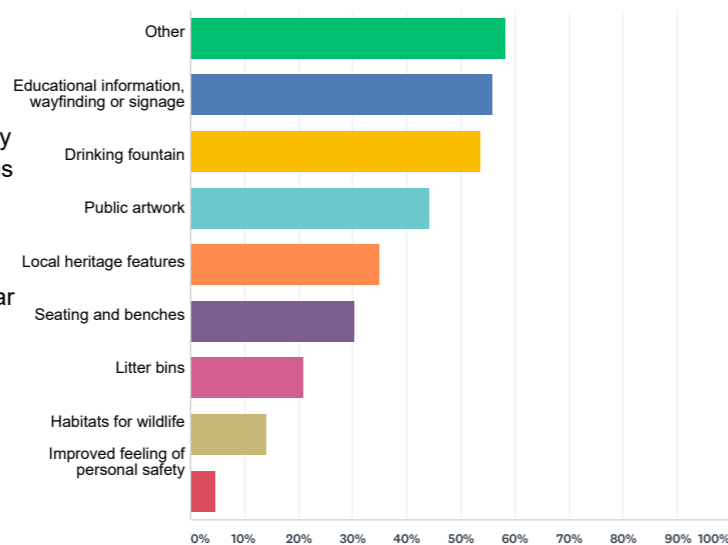
81% of respondents felt safe when visiting The Scrubs. Several respondents identified the issue of public sex in the northern perimeter woodlands resulting in them avoiding this part of the site. Another respondent identified the threat they felt from large groups of dogs.



What would you like to see improved around the entrances to the scrubs? in particular the Scrubs Lane entrance?

This question aimed to target people's attention around the OPDC's funding to improve access to The Scrubs, particularly from their development to the north. The two key interventions that were most frequently cited were educational information including wayfinding and signage as well as a drinking fountain. People also used the other category to request 'signs'. The idea of a drinking fountain was particularly popular with dog walkers. People did not identify issues of safety preventing them from visiting the site, nor feel that habitat creation was of great importance at the entrances.

Other ideas for improvement included Toilets, car park, and cafe.

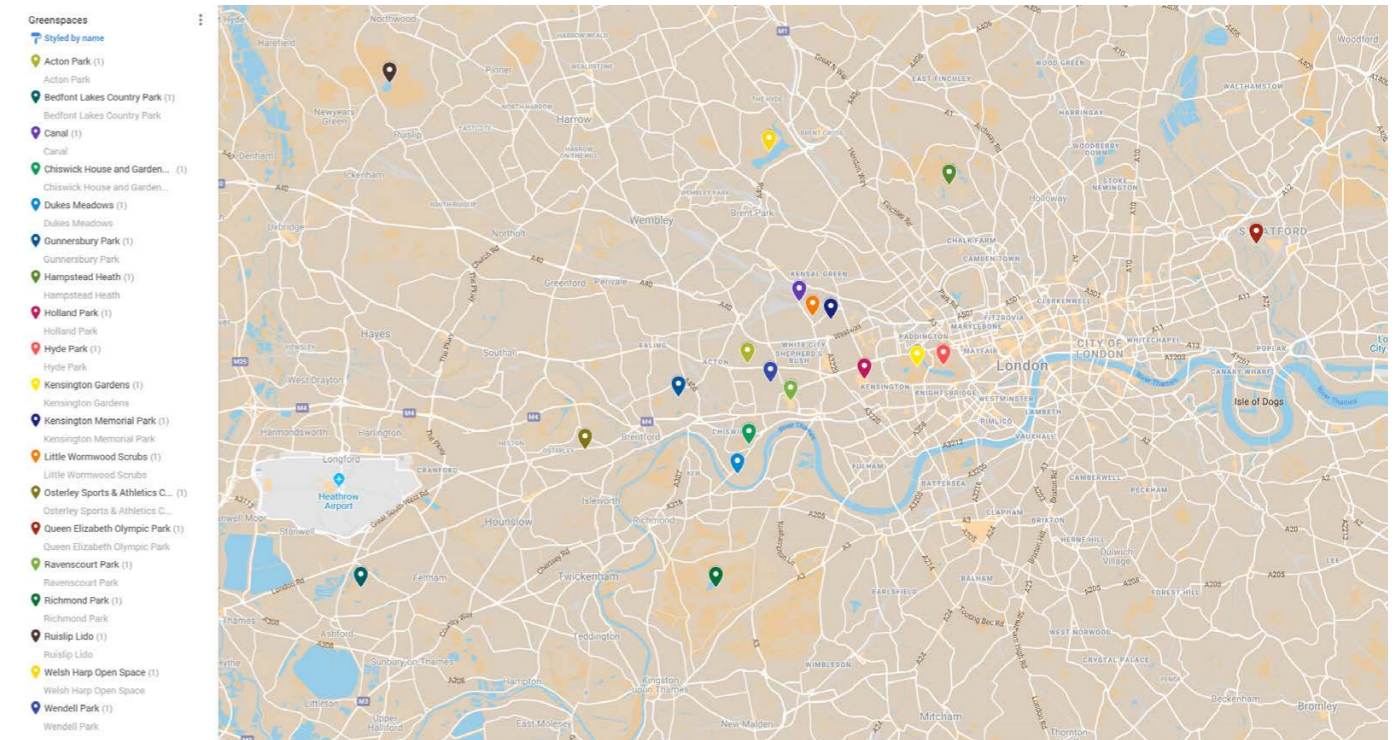


Do you have any other ideas for improving Wormwood Scrubs for visitors?

In this open question, one third of respondents felt that the site was adequate for visitors as it is. Several respondents identified the need for shelter at the site. A few visitors highlighted that the paths and site gets muddy, although they didn't feel that this was a high priority to improve, as they like the site as a natural site without paved footpaths.

If you weren't visiting Wormwood Scrubs, which green spaces would you visit?

31% of respondents suggested that there were no comparable greenspaces that they would visit as a substitute for Wormwood Scrubs. The below map shows that people travel quite far to find a comparable greenspace. Wormwood Scrubs is providing a facility that people are finding in more formal gardens elsewhere, such as Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens and Chiswick House and Garden. Dog walkers noted that the Scrubs is better suited to dog walking than Kensington Gardens for example.



3.2 Co-design workshop

On 29th October 2019 a public workshop was held to collect ideas and hear community views on any proposals for Wormwood Scrubs. The event was publicly advertised on Eventbrite, as well as advertised to respondents to the park user survey who had given their email address as part of the survey. The Wormwood Scrubs Trust and Friends Group members were also invited and the event was advertised on London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham's website, as well as through OPDC and HS2 mailouts.

Format

- 17:00 Arrivals and Introductions
- 17:10 Project overview Richard Gill (LBHF)
- 17:15 OPDC role and Early Activation projects introduction
- 17:20 Presentation and analysis of work to date by Ben & Liz
- 17:30 Workshops

Workshop Part 1

Each table to come up with ideas following the below themes, 10 mins per theme, then move to next table:

- Access and entrances
- Pitches and Recreation
- Scrubland, Woodland and Wetland

Workshop Part 2

Everybody gets 3 stickers and stick these next to their top 3 project ideas on the flipcharts

- 18:45 Feedback / general discussion and questions
- 19:00 Close

The format of the evening was designed to balance lively discussion with gathering targeted ideas for improving the Scrubs in accordance with the project brief.



Results

The following lists compile the noted down responses to the topics for discussion. The consultation related to the adjacent redevelopment of Linford Christie Stadium was topical for some attendees, so focus had to be drawn away from this, as well as from the issues related to wider HS2 and OPDC development. The below lists were voted on in the second workshop and the numbers against the items highlight the most popular proposals and the issues that attendees saw as the most important.

General Comments

- We should have minimal infrastructure, this will required less maintenance
- We should have minimal signage, as then this requires lower maintenance
- Need to spend 5 years observing the Scrubs before we do any interventions
- A good goal could be to work towards protection of wildlife for the future, and in the end work towards an SSSI designation
- It is vital to think about change now before an additional population outvotes the existing residents. We need to show best practice and best examples now, so there will be less that needs to change in the future
- Do as little as possible. Improve maintenance now and see what really us in Scrubs. Then work out how to support existing biodiversity – it will improve if habitat is correct. Minimal new paths so as not to encourage traffic
- Don't give away any of the Scrubs site over to any development or other uses - it's impossible to get it back later
- There are rare plant species, i.e. marshmallow, that are routinely cut down by the council, the scrubs needs better management

Scrub, Woodland, and Wetlands

This group came up with a range of ideas and comments related to the topic of 'Scrub, woodland and wetlands'. Climate resilience was a key theme that attendees thought was important, along with keeping regular ecology surveys, and edible, herb species were seen as a valuable future contribution to the site. Educational information and increased interpretation was a high priority amongst attendees.

- No wetlands should be installed (they are bad for hedgehogs)
- Need to manage extends of existing scrubland
- Could we have grazing with sheep? – but we would need fencing
- A playable water feature would be good close to the play area, suitable for children – 1
- Need to consider impact of increased visitors – 2
- There are too many brambles, they need to be managed – 3
- Nice to see vetch in some places, but currently it can't compete with other more virulent species, the site needs careful management
- Need more wildflowers
- Professional dog walkers are ruining scrub area
- Could we lay hedges to prevent dogs accessing scrub land
- Could be good to limit access to important habitats - 1
- 3 dogs or more is too many for one walker
- Perimeter tree/woodland is the best bit of the Scrubs – 1
- Central copse is full of birdsong – 2
- Signage about trees is very nice to have
- Some natural history interpretation is good – as long as it is sensitive to natural setting – 1
- Woodchip trail and logs by playground is nice – 2
- Would be good to have educational signage
- Litter is a problem (left by footballers)
- More oak trees please (2)
- NE corner – lack of management is a problem – being suffocated by brambles
- Management is required – volunteering opportunities would be really nice to get involved with natural environmental management
- 'Martin Bell's Wood' – nice to see biodiversity here - 1
- Need a 100-year management plan for the Scrubs
- Low maintenance interventions required
- Mowing can be great to promote biodiversity – 2
- There must be areas that remain undisturbed – including large areas of bramble
- Do not destroy all old, diseased trees - they offer very valuable habitat and resource for many species
- Need to educate users about the importance of nature
- 'Species identification' signage stressing the sensitive areas is required
- Humans need to realise that we share the planet with

millions of other species and areas like the scrubs are not just for our pleasure and enjoyment

- New planting needs to be climate resilient – 5
- Boggy area of NW – should be managed as boggy areas
- Carr at SE corner – nice to preserve
- Can we connect to wider ecology like the canal?
- Nice to have full belt of woodland around the shrubs – 1
- Increased footfall from NW needs to be considered in the masterplan
- Anything to increase biodiversity in the area will be good
- Edible plants and herbs are nice to have – 3
- Should not be a park, it should be a wild space – 2
- More hedgerows would be good
- No new wetlands
- Keep it natural! – 2
- No ornamental planting
- Need to remember 1879 act and remember scrubs is for local people
- Would prefer it to be more wild than tamed – 4
- Wildflowers are good, as long as fitting to site
- Need better management with knowledgeable workers
- Bees would be nice to see – 1
- Masterplan should plan for climate emergency – 1
- Nest boxes would be good
- Open views are important
- Nice to be enclosed by wildlife/hedges – 2
- Regular ecological surveys are important – 3
- Tree trail would be nice – could be an app?
- Sustainable drainage should be considered – wetlands could be useful for this – e.g. the old route of Stamford Brook
- Better connections for pedestrians to the Scrubs
- Would be good to introduce greenery to adjacent residential areas
- Project needs to be supported with community support in order to be inclusive – 1
- Proposals should be inclusive and accessible to all – 1
- Climate change information should be shown on signage
- Nature education opportunities
- No lighting should be installed
- Could replace some pitches at the east with woodland – 1



Sports, Pitches and Recreation

This table was a forum for discussion around recreational issues at the Scrubs. Although the project focusses on biodiversity improvements, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham are keen to balance the needs of the different site users and understand priorities with regards to recreation, particularly the sports and pitch facilities for which Wormwood Scrubs is well known. The below lists is the verbatim write up of the round table discussion on Sports, Pitches and Recreation. As well as using this group to voice concerns about the Linford Christie Stadium development, another popular idea was to promote outdoor gym and play for wider age groups. The group also strongly supported the relocation of the Gaelic football pitches out of the SINC designated land.

- Issue with use of pony walking – conflicts with dogs
- Worried at negative impacts of Linford Christie stadium development – 17
- The sports pitch usage should be reviewed so we can understand what the requirements are
- The Gaelic football pitches should be relocated away from the nature SINC designation – 6
- Outdoor gym and children's playground is excellent but need something for younger children or those with limited mobility – 5
- More seating in sunny locations is required
- Better distribution of litter bins is needed – 1
- Dog walkers should be controlled with permits – 3
- Habitats should be protected from recreational users i.e. dog walkers
- Signage – education on importance of habitats – 7
- Sensitive enhancement of paths to reduce damage to adjacent habitats – 1
- No new cycle paths within the scrubs – 4
- Should advertise features e.g. BMX track
- Control of rubbish left by sports teams – 1
- Would like segregation of cycling and walking
- Ban electric scooters – 1
- Water play areas at children's playground
- Model aircraft / drones should only be used within designated area – 1
- Control of 'trotter' horse and cart

Access and Entrances

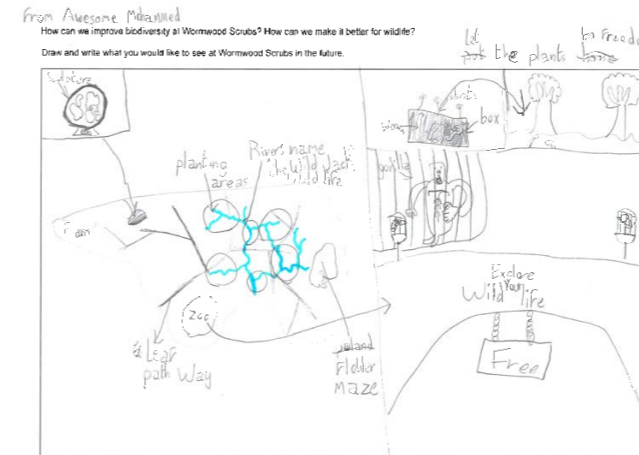
The third round table discussion focussed on issues of access and entrances, particularly in relation to the OPDC funded project to improve connectivity to OPDC development to the north. The following ideas were generated. Improving signage, education and heritage was the most popular idea in the category.

- Coffee cart would be good
- Trails through woods would be nice– 3
- Putting a gate at the entrance would be good
- Interpretation boards – 1
- Signage / education / heritage – 3
- Access to the playground from old oak estate could be improved, especially footpaths here that don't reach the playground
- At the western end of the site the entrance could be better
- The pathway within the wood camp could be improved
- Greening on prison wall could be a nice feature
- The Linford Christie car park entrance is the most popular
- Old Oak Lane entrance could be significantly improved
- Need education and signage in order to reduce littering
- A drinking fountain would be good– 2
- An information centre related to biodiversity and heritage would be valuable– 2
- Community Centre on the south side needs better signage, its close to the central line
- Entrance signage needs to be for all users, i.e. dog-walkers, sports enthusiasts, nature lovers, parents with children accessing the play area, and teachers with pupils studying ecology. FOWWS have a lot of knowledge to share
- Braybrook Street is the most popular entrance, as it has good parking
- I would say that the entrance on the corner of Old Oak Common Lane and Braybrook St is slightly less used and also the one directly onto Old Oak Common Lane.
- West side of Wormwood Scrubs (i.e. Tent City area) should be smartened up and made more attractive for use (e.g. the picnic area there) this is Ealing so residents may not be consulted about The Scrubs.
- Not all investment should be concentrated entirely at the Scrubs Lane end



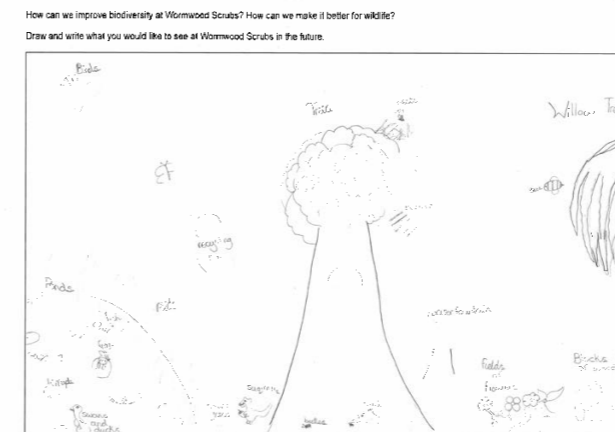
3.3 Primary School workshop

On 11th November 2019 LUC held a design session with Old Oak Primary School, which is the primary school closest to Wormwood Scrubs. The aim of the workshop was to introduce the young people to the masterplan project and engage them with issues of improving biodiversity at the scrubs. A 45 minute session was held with 11 students from the school council, who



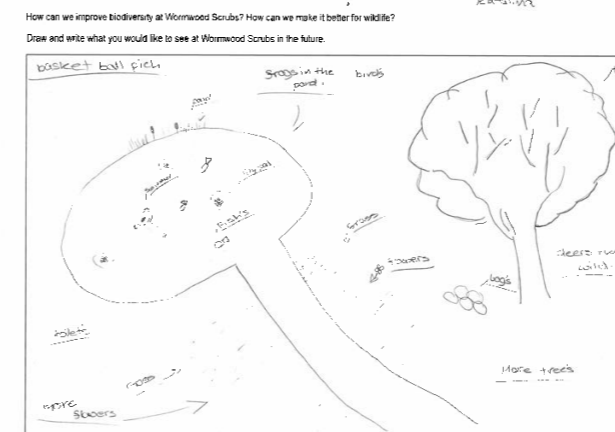
This plans shows :

- educational sculptures and signage to help local people engage and understand biodiversity
- A network of rivers and planting areas are shown cutting across the site
- A zoo and farm are also proposed with leaf paths connecting the different features of the site



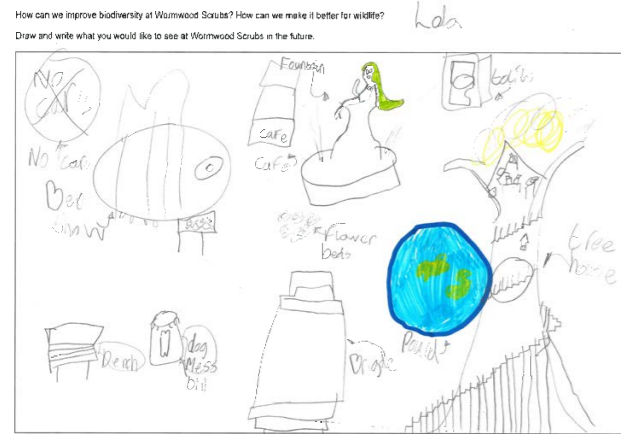
This plans shows:

- log piles and blocks of wood as well as fields of flowers
- a water fountain
- willow trees as well other species
- Birds, bees and butterflies
- A wildlife pond with reeds and lily pads.
- A recycling bin feature



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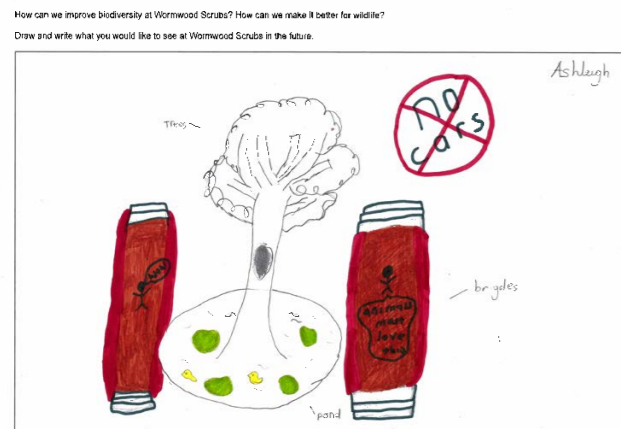
- 'Deers running wild'
- More trees, flowers and grass
- A mown path leading to a pond with frogs and wild swimming
- A basket ball pitch
- Toilets on site



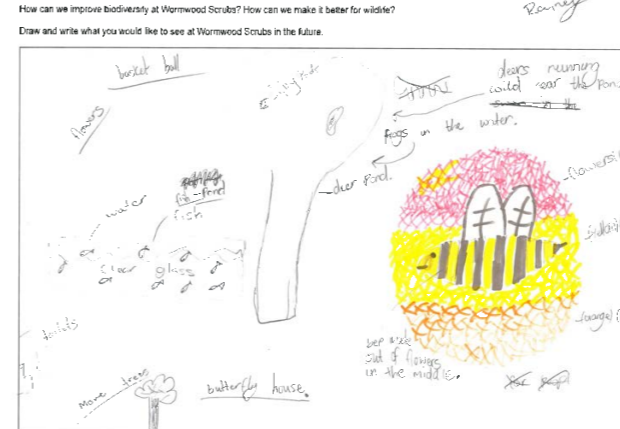
- This plan shows:
- A car ban
 - A bridge
 - Fountain with a mermaid sculpture
 - A network of rivers and planting areas are shown cutting across the site
 - Benches and dog mess bins are also identified as important



- This plan shows:
- A large tree with hedgehogs, bees and tortoises living on it
 - People enjoying being by the tree



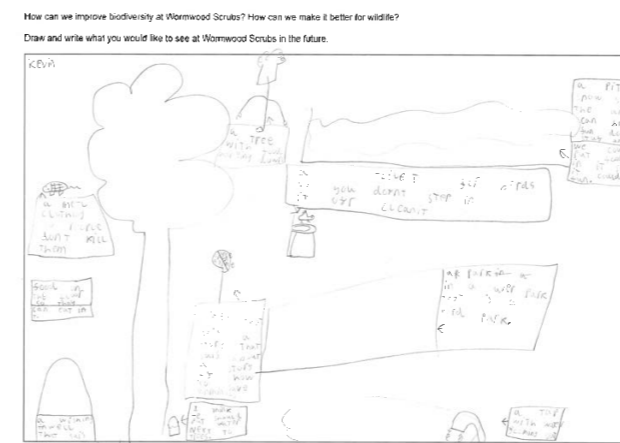
- This plan shows:
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 - Two bridges
 - A tree with a woodpecker hole surrounded by a duck pond



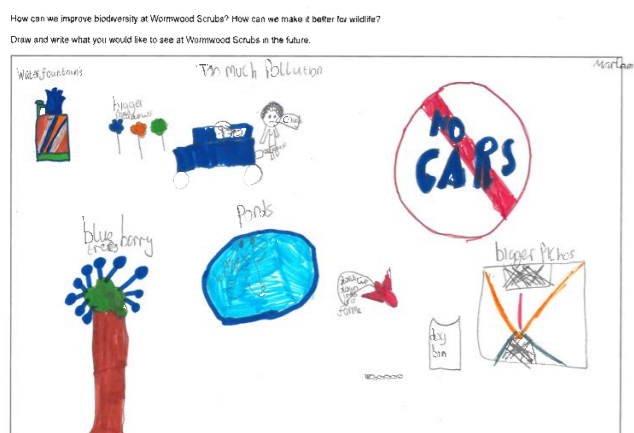
- This plan shows:
- A sculptural feature created in seasonal, colourful meadow flowers with a large bee made out of flowers in the middle
 - Deer running wild near a pond
 - Pond with lily pads and frogs
 - Another pond for fish
 - A butterfly house
 - Basketball and toilets



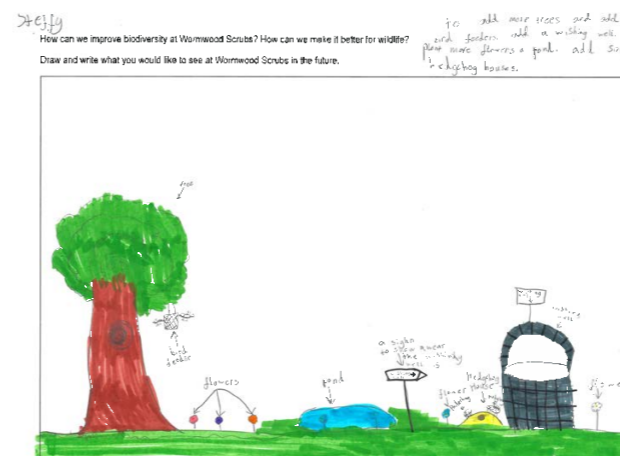
- This plan shows:
- No dogs allowed
 - A treehouse
 - Frogs in a pond with reeds
 - Bees buzzing around the site
 - Nest box for birds in a tree



- This plan shows:
- A pit for animals to be fed in and have fun
 - A tree with food hanging down
 - A bird park
 - Signs that tell you a story of how to save animals
 - Water next to trees
 - A tap with water coming out



- This plan shows:
- A car ban
 - Bigger sports pitches
 - A dog bin
 - Blueberry trees
 - 'Too much pollution'
 - Bigger meadows
 - Water fountain
 - Pond



- This plan shows:
- A large tree with woodpecker hole
 - Flowers
 - Bird feeder
 - Wishing well, along with sign showing location of wishing well
 - Hedgehog house



Workshop underway

3.4 Initial Conclusions

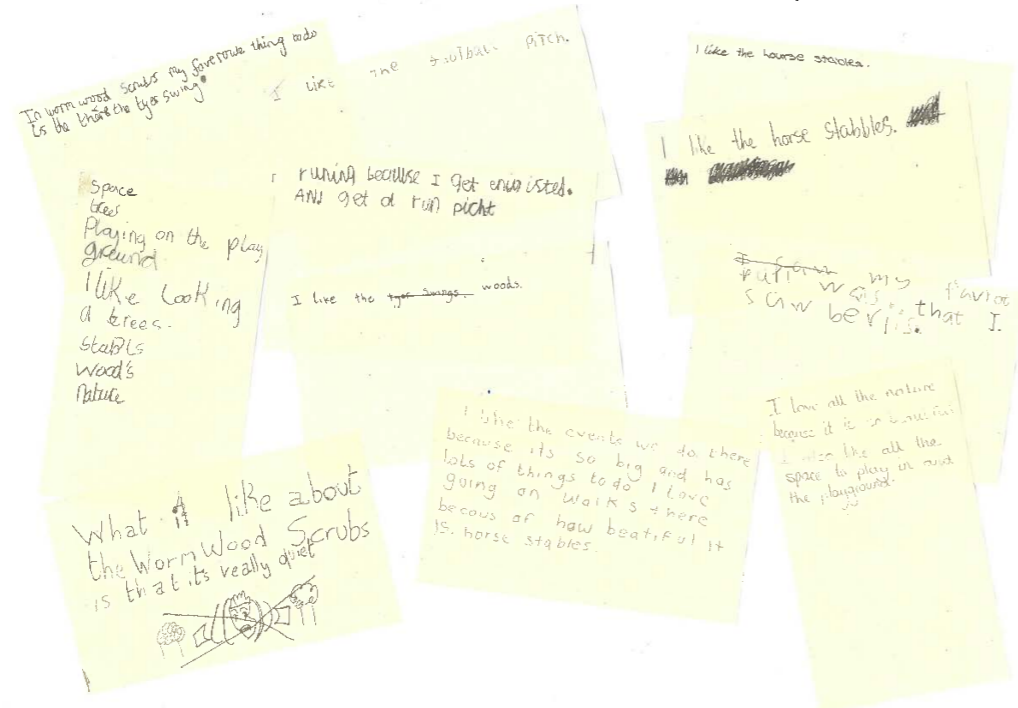
Implications for Design

The consultation to date has revealed useful information about firstly how people use the site (primarily using the Park User Survey) and also been useful to glean peoples opinions, preferences and passions about Wormwood Scrubs (via the co-design event). It was also valuable to meet members of the local community in order to publicise the upcoming masterplan and promote the future investment in the green space.

Some key ideas that will be taken forward to the masterplan include:

- Access improvements - there was a strong consensus that multiple entrance could benefit from improvement and not just the scrubs lane entrance. Particularly the western entrance on Old Oak Common Lane was identified as weak currently.
- Gaelic football - many participants identified that the Gaelic football pitches were wrongly located in the SINC and felt strongly that the sports infrastructure should be provided outside of the SINC
- There was strong opinion that the current maintenance and management of The Scrubs is inadequate, and not appropriate for the site. For example, the primary skills of the current maintenance and management crew seem to be constrained to recreation ground management and that they were not respecting the wildlife value of the site, for example by cutting back more unusual species and not preventing certain species from dominating.
- There was a general interest in ecological surveys and building an evidence base regarding biodiversity at The Scrubs, and basing the masterplan on survey data.
- Many individuals identified the value of standing water on site to improve the wildlife value of The Scrubs, but it was felt that wetland / water interventions should be targeted and considered in specific areas.
- Across all forums, including the school workshop, a need was identified for interpretation and signage related to natural heritage of the site, to help educate and inform visitors of the wildlife value and need for protection.
- There was a concern for development and change in the vicinity of the site threatening the integrity and value of the site, and in the workshop particularly many participants used the forum to voice concerns about potential change arising at the Linford Christie Stadium and OPDC/ HS2 projects.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WORMWOOD SCRUBS ?



"What is your favourite thing about Wormwood Scrubs?" The children were asked to identify their favourite features of the green space. Wildlife featured highly

4 Summary of Results - Stage 2

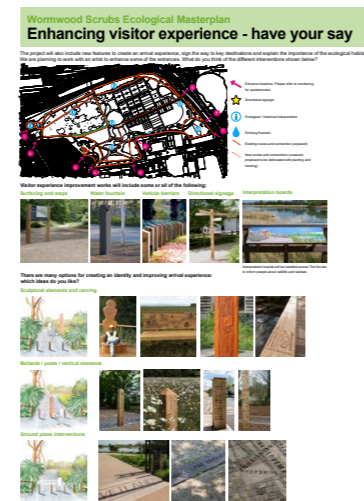
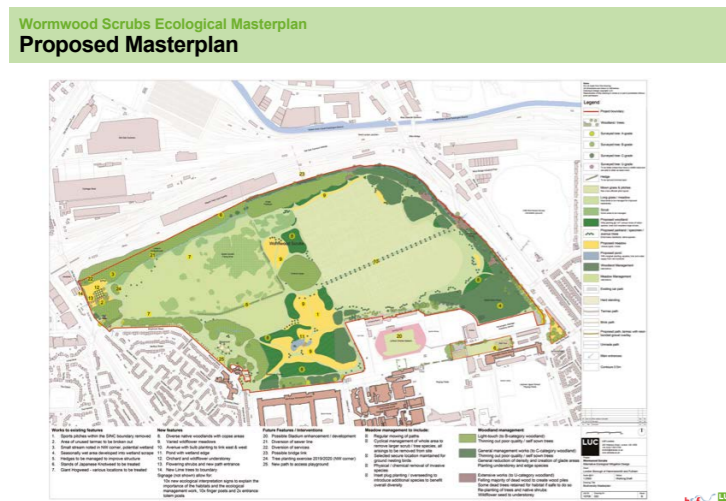
Following the first stage of the consultation the results were analysed alongside our site surveys and other research to inform the design of the masterplan. The history of the site and the proposals were described on A1 boards to commence Stage 2 of the consultation process.

4.1 Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust Meeting

On Wednesday 29th January LUC attended the Wormwood Scrubs Charitable Trust meeting at the Kathy Dolan Centre. The draft consultation boards (shown below) were presented and the strategy for the next stage of consultation was discussed.

The main outcomes from this meetings were:

- A general appreciation for the proposed ecological enhancements and agreement that these proposals should be taken forward to public consultation.
- A request for the consultation to occur on a weekday and a weekend day to increase the opportunities for people to attend.
- A suggestion that this is put back a couple of weeks to ensure time for organising and advertising and that the consultation boards are then available online for those who were not able to attend physically.
- Minor changes to the proposals for the entrances and signage.



4.2 Public Consultation Events

Two consultation events were held at the Community Room at Linford Christie Stadium. These were advertised locally and online via the LBHF and OPDC websites / mailing lists. People who had attended previous events and those from local groups were also invited. The poster for the events is shown below and Eventbrite was used to collate bookings and further advertise the events.

In total there were over 600 views of the Eventbrite page and 70 'tickets' were allocated.

The events were held on Saturday 22nd February (10:00-16:00) and Tuesday 25th February (16:00-19:00) with about 30 attendees at each event - some of whom had not booked but just turned up on the day.

The events were run by LUC with 2 members of the project team available to answer queries along with support from OPDC staff.

Two sets of the consultation boards were on display, allowing the public to view these on the wall or at table height. The boards are shown appendix for reference.

A SurveyMonkey questionnaire was available for people to complete on tablets at the events to collect responses to the proposals. 18 attendees completed the questionnaire in person while others requested a link so that they could complete it at home.

Following the physical consultation events the proposals boards were uploaded onto the LBHF website complete with an introduction to the project and a link to the SurveyMonkey questionnaire.

Everyone who had been invited to the consultation events were also invited to view the consultation online. The page was viewed by XXX people and 65 people completed the questionnaire.

Wormwood Scrubs Biodiversity & Connectivity Masterplan

Have Your Say

Land Use Consultants (LUC) have been appointed by the London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham to look at enhancing the biodiversity of Wormwood Scrubs to create an improved environment and additional habitats for wildlife, along with enhancements to improve access and connectivity to and within the Scrubs.

We would like to invite you to a drop-in session to see how your comments have informed our draft proposals. During the drop-in events you will have the opportunity to view the plans and provide feedback, which will help to finalise our proposals.

The events are free to attend but require booking, please see full details at [Eventbrite.co.uk](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk) searching for Wormwood Scrubs.

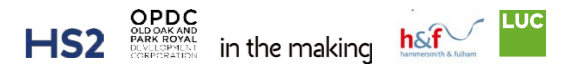


Dates: Saturday 22nd February, 10:00 - 16:00
Tuesday 25th February, 16:00 - 19:00

Location: Linford Christie Stadium Community Room,
Linford Christie Rd, London W12 0DF

Access: The nearest tube is East Acton Station, car parks are located on Scrubs Lane and off Artillery Lane

We hope to see you there



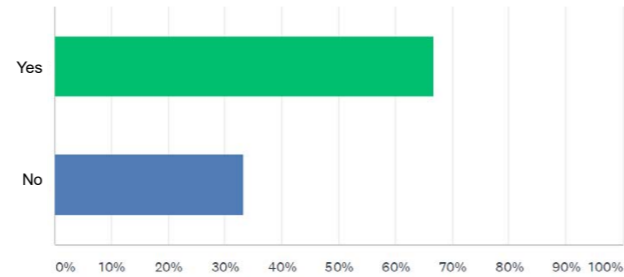
4.3 Summary of Results and Comments

SurveyMonkey Questionnaire

The questionnaire was completed by people attending the event at the Linford Christie Stadium and by those viewing the consultation boards online. It was set up to understand the opinion of the existing users of the greenspace and measure their views on the proposed improvements to the Scrubs. In total, 83 people were surveyed. The results are described below.

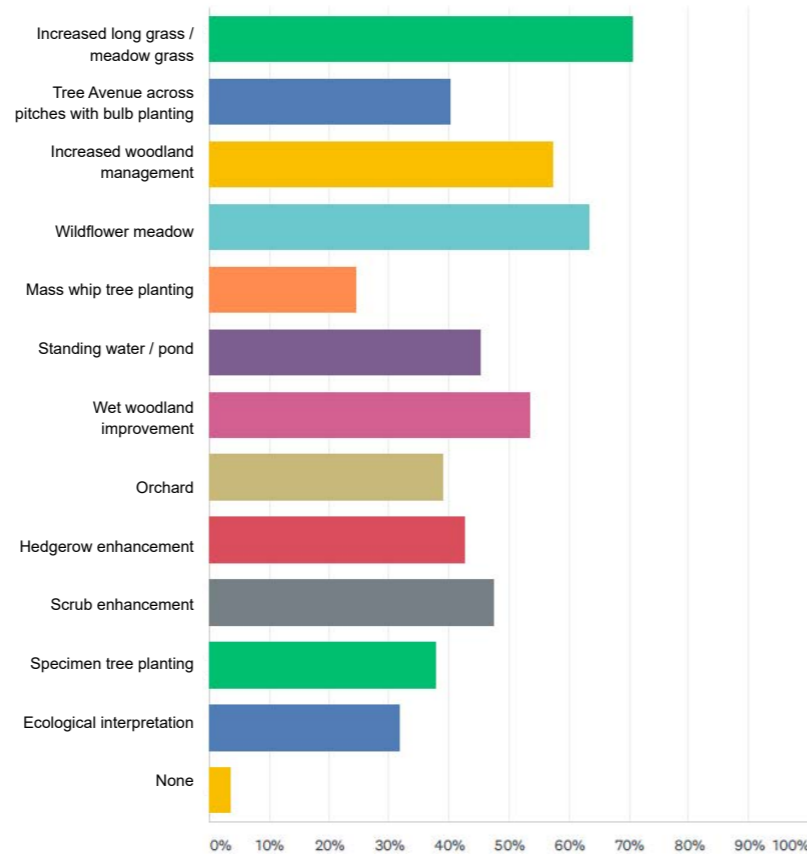
Do you support the biodiversity improvements proposed to The Scrubs?

Nearly 70% of the respondents supported the proposal, whereas 33% supported some or none of the proposed improvements.



Which aspects of the proposals shown on enhancing ecology and biodiversity, do you prefer/support?

For this question, respondents could select any number of their top choices. The most commonly identified aspect that respondents were interested to support was the 'increased long grass and meadow grass' (70%), closely followed by 'wildflower meadow' with 63%, 'wet woodland improvement' (57%), 'woodland management' (53%), Scrub enhancement (47%) and Standing water / pond with 45%.



The pond idea was well received by many, although, on a following open text question, 7 respondents expressed their concerns about the pond becoming a place for 'dumping rubbish' and a possible safety hazard. Some of the people in this group approved the idea but agreed that its success will depend on long-term management and maintenance.

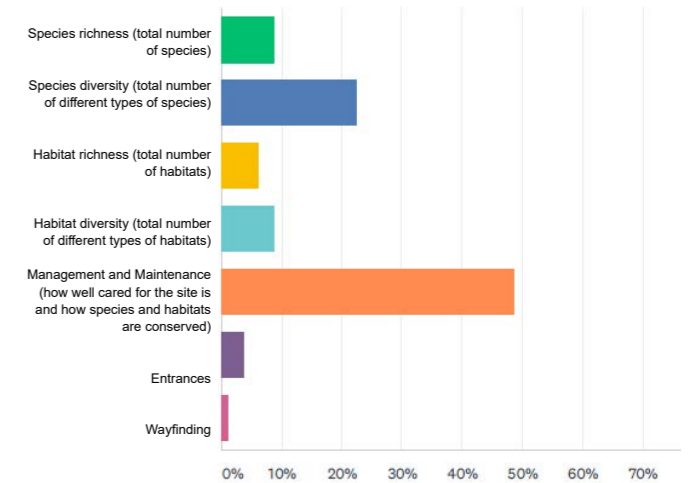
One person would like to see the pond with an area graded for kids to have access to the water, another respondent commented that the pond should be on another location and other 2 people would like it to be bigger than the size proposed. 2 people strongly disapproved the pond idea and considering it to be artificial and too 'man made' for the Scrubs

40% of respondents favour the Tree Avenue and tree planting ideas. Although 2 people further commented on concerns that the planting of new trees would interrupt views, divide the scrubs into two halves and potentially become a 'mud route'. Another 2 people considered that the intervention was too 'park like', in disagreement with the wild character of the Scrubs and should not be implemented.

One person would like to know the type of tree that would be planted on the Tree Ave and 2 other respondents were highly supportive of the orchard and would like to see more fruit trees planted in other areas of the green space.

What do you think is the most important thing to be improved within the green space?

The survey recorded 'Management and Maintenance' as the most important aspect to be improved - favoured by nearly 50% of the respondents, followed far behind by 'Species diversity' with 22% of the people selecting it. 'Species richness' and 'Habitat diversity' shared a 3rd place in the responses with 9% each.



Management and Maintenance and the distinctive wild character of the Scrubs. Respondent comments.

On open text comments 15 people expressed their worries about keeping the wild character of the Scrubs. 6 of the respondents in this group considered some of the proposals inappropriate and too 'man-made' for the Scrubs. The Scrubs should be 'kept more wild than tamed and not 'park-like' a respondent stated

4 of the respondents considered that management should be minimal or non-existent to allow nature do its job as interference might be harmful to the ecosystems and the wild character of the Scrubs. One of them thinks that the efforts should only be aimed at raising awareness of the Scrubs' natural importance

One person wrote that there should be an on-site or dedicated ecological manager for the Scrubs. Another respondent considered that the contractor doing the management is the vital importance to the success of the improvements – it should be a highly experienced company and people should be informed about who should take this role and what its maintenance/management plan would be.

One respondent expressed her concern about having the blackberries entirely removed as they were 'very popular with families during the summer'. Another respondent commented on the importance of leaving certain areas within the grassland low to encourage Meadow Pipits to continue breeding

2 people commented on the importance of removing brambles and much of the blackthorn to improve biodiversity

2 people believe that litter is the bigger problem on the Scrubs

3 people would like to see a more detailed management plan and more information on the current biodiversity survey

Looking at enhancing visitor experience, which 3 entrances do you think require improvement the most?

Entrances 1 and 3 closely followed by entrance 2 were favourites for improvements. People preferences were probably related to the entrances they use the most.

When asked about specific interventions people would like to see on their preferred entrances, 3 respondents commented on the urgency to remove the fencing in poor condition on entrances 1 and 2; another participant stressed the need to fix the brick paths and another commented on having more bins and dog bins around the entrances. 2 other people recorded that they would like to have signage showing access to the playground on entrance 3.

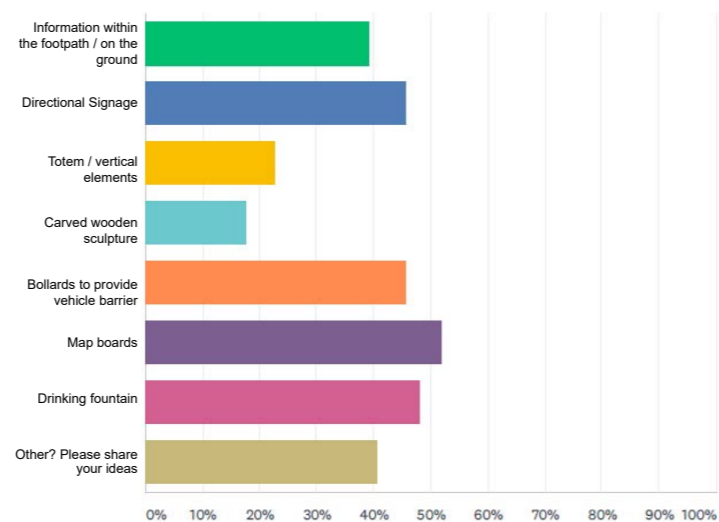
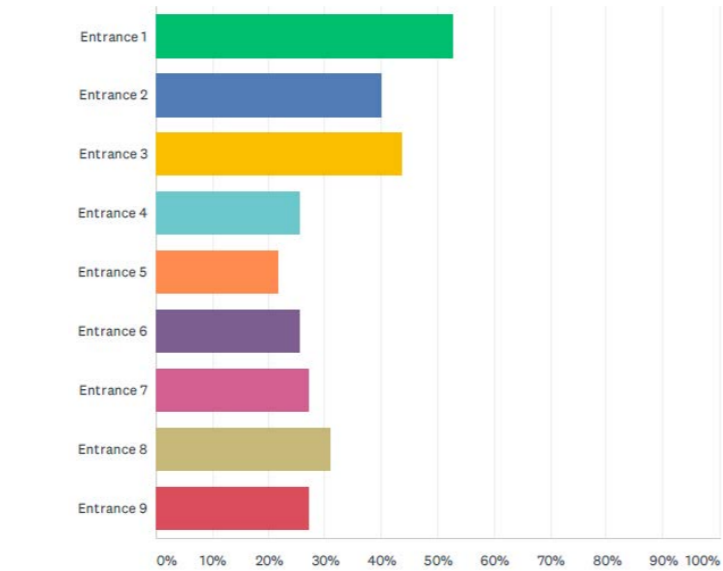
6 respondents further commented on the importance of adding welcoming and informative boards to the entrances. 2 people on this group considered making the entrances welcoming key in 'place making'

3 people would like to see more barriers/bollards in some of the entrances to prevent the access of motorbikes and vehicles. 'Entrance 7 is currently accessed by drivers and coaches - bollards should be in place to avoid this', wrote one person on this group

2 people cited the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act in relation to the destruction/disturbance of nesting birds and would like to see 'ground nesting birds' signage also displayed on the entrances to the Scrubs.

Which type of intervention do you favour at the entrances?

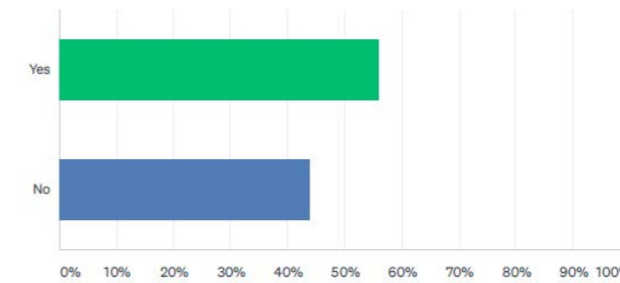
On this question respondents could select as many interventions as they considered appropriate. 41 people would like to see map boards on entrances, closely followed by 'Drinking fountains' chosen by 38 respondents and 'Bollards' and 'Directional signage' with 36 votes each. The least chosen were 'Carved wooden sculpture' (14 people) and 'Vertical elements /Totem' (18 people). 'Information on the ground' and 'other ideas' were selected by 31 and 32 people respectively.



We are proposing to introduce boards related to wildlife and ecology. Would you like to see any additional interpretation boards related to heritage and social history at The Scrubs?

46 people would like to see interpretation boards related to heritage and social history, whereas 36 of the responders prefer not to have additional boards with some in this group strongly disagreeing the idea

5 respondents further commented that they would like to see historic/heritage boards close to the subjects listed and in the entrances. One person would like one of the boards to be relating to 'aviation and the war'



Do you have any other suggestions regarding interpretation boards and where you would like them to be placed?

On this open text question 6 people considered that the boards should be placed at the entrances and inside the Scrubs close to the subject listed. One person from this group wrote that the ecology boards should be located by habitats.

13 people further commented that they would like the boards and signage to be as 'low key' and discrete as possible, 3 of them although not opposed, would prefer not to have any at all

11 people would like to have boards only at the entrances or outside and not inside the Scrubs

3 people expressed concern about vandalism and maintenance, one of them suggested that the boards be washable and 'graffiti proof'

Other themes on the respondents comments

Park Run courses

9 of the people who commented on open text questions were very concerned about the impact the proposed improvements would have on the Cross Country and Park Run courses and the disappearance of the walking trails. One of them expressed that the Scrubs' principal purpose is the support of exercise and outdoor activity and 2 people cited, in defence of the park runners and sports, The Wormwood Scrubs Act of 1879 where the place is given to local people to use for exercise and recreation.

One of these 9 people is the Chairman of the Thames Valley Harriers Athletic Club who has offered to supply the course maps

Pathways

Many people commented on the paths. 6 people expressed concern and dislike about the mud and state of the paths during winter and would like to see the situation improved.

6 people proposed different kinds of materials for the pathways: Breed and gravel, natural bark chipping, wood chips, 'grasscrete', wooden walk ways over muddy areas at the entrances and Hoggin with timber kerbs.

Opinions on the paths were generally divided in two groups. One group of respondents would like the paths to remain untouched and natural; some in this group considered that paths made of hoggin and self-binding materials were to prominent for the Scrubs and proposed more 'natural' materials. Another group was in favour of hard walking routes that would manage the mud, can be used all year around and allow access to wheelchairs and the elderly.

Model aircraft club

2 people were concerned that the runaway for the model aircraft club would have to be made elsewhere further damaging the Scrubs and another person was concerned that the club has not been consulted in the making of the proposals

Bins

7 people commented on the need for placing more bins around the Scrubs. From this group, 3 people stressed the importance of having more dog bins and one person would like to see more of these along Braybrook St as there are none at the moment.

Lighting

3 respondents would like to see low level lighting in and around the entrances. One of them commented that this measure would make women feel safer

Emails responses received directly

In some cases people wanted to provide additional information / feedback on the proposals. These were submitted directly to LUC via email. They and have been pasted from emails received but have been categorised and abridged with duplications removed where possible.

General Comments

- The official designation of Wormwood Scrubs is that it is 'more wild than tamed'. This should be the unchangeable basis for all proposals, and many of those in this masterplan absolutely do not meet this test.
- We believe the current use of the Scrubs is very well balanced - dog walkers, sports, model aircraft, bird/wildlife watchers, joggers etc., not to mention the most important inhabitants - the flora & fauna. We all generally, use the Scrubs in harmony. Any additions or changes to the design or layout will disrupt this dynamic.
- Wormwood Scrubs is protected in law by the Wormwood Scrubs Act 1879 which states the land could be given over to "the perpetual use thereof by the inhabitants of the metropolis for exercise and recreation".
- The proposals considerably reduce the area that we use for recreational amenity contrary to the spirit of the Wormwood Scrubs act 1879 and seriously impact on Parkrun and other users. (see plan attached)
- We would also like to explore the relationship between the ecological plans and the major redevelopment proposals for Linford Christie Stadium, which are also the subject of a parallel consultation, each of which will impact the other.

Management & Maintenance

- I would like to see pretty much all of the money going into long term slow maintenance / improvements (in some form of trust perhaps) to provide a long term support / maintenance plan.
- Overall we are concerned that there appears to be an element of 'there's money available, let's spend it'; the most important single factor for the Scrubs is sufficient financial and human resources for maintenance; the suggestion that a sum might be set aside for ten years' maintenance of the proposed improvements is not at all enough. Much of the present Scrubs, if more properly maintained, would achieve much greater ecological benefit and enable many species to prosper. Proper control of brambles, proper management of the 'wilderness' area, proper management and maintenance of paths – thereby encouraging people to avoid walking elsewhere other than on open land.
- We are worried about the use of chemicals for the removal of Hogweed. This is worrying. We know this maybe the most effective treatment of eradicating Japanese Knotweed, but we are extremely concerned of the widespread chemical use on the Scrubs at all. I dare say chemicals pose a higher risk to humans (& wildlife) than the Giant Hogweed itself. Why must all the Hogweed be removed anyway?
- We also are very concerned that the proposals include the removal of dead trees from [the woodlands]. As you'll no doubt be aware, dead trees offer tremendous benefit to a whole host of species and create their very own, previous ecosystems. There are already log piles set to attract Stag Beetles etc, which is highly commended, but to use the creation of more as mitigation against removing dead trees is not acceptable and rather dubious.
- Dead trees in this area should remain and be absorbed into their environment.
- We are vehemently opposed to the Scrubland area (so called meadow on the proposal) being cleared of shrubs, trees and scrub. This area is the true Scrubs and offers fabulous habitat to some incredible species - birds, reptiles, mammals and insects. You will know that Meadow Pipits nested here a few years back. The BTO, whilst carrying out a nest survey in the Scrubs, informed us that it was perfect habitat for them - blackthorn, hawthorn etc included! The only threat to their nesting site is human encroachment in the area. Therefore the only proposal we would welcome in this area, is some kind of strategy to prevent human/dog access and disturbance - perhaps an impenetrable hedgerow.
- We are interested to know the plans for the sustainable annual maintenance of the new ecological plans, how this will be carried out, by whom and how this will be funded – and how this might impact on funds available from the Council for the essential maintenance of Linford Christie Stadium.

Current biodiversity

- The current biodiversity of Wormwood Scrubs does not appear to have been assessed as no evidence has been provided of this.
- There is no real science behind the claims that the proposed measures will increase the current levels of biodiversity or by how much.
- There is no consideration of the negative impact of the proposed works on the current biodiversity and the loss of public amenity during implementation.

Woodland planting

- I am worried re forced planting of trees and wildflower meadows etc that maybe out of place and will again need maintenance. So, encourage and let nature and biodiversity return slowly and naturally ensuring correct species flourish.
- Planting of trees both to the left and right of the central copse will block views from the NW corner of scrubs at the confluence of paths from where you can see views out to East London, including the London Eye and the Shard. Will most likely block the sunset views that currently people can enjoy from the eastern boundary. In general we do not favour planting of trees on any currently open areas. It is well recognised that open grassland areas provide better carbon absorption than trees.

Avenue of trees

- Please no avenue across the current sports pitches. One of the beauties and characteristics of the Scrubs is the wide open space and vistas - views to the city, beautiful sunsets (I've never seen a sunrise yet!) etc. These views are already being severely reduced and spoiled by the high rise buildings mushrooming nearby as I am sure you have seen and any more intrusions, such as an avenue of trees, will only make things worse. Why an avenue anyway?
- The tree lined central avenue through the middle of the open expanse of grass should be resisted as:
- This area has had many uses over the last 150 years. The introduction of the avenue reduces the flexibility of how the area is used in the next 150 years. The plans show many football pitches crammed together which in reality would be impractical. The area is not drained – it is simply a grass area marked out for pitches and other uses. The position of goal mouths etc sometimes need changing to avoid areas being overly damaged through intensive use. In any event who knows how the area might be used in the future.
- The scrubs is frequently waterlogged. Any central path would inevitably become a quagmire and eventually be paved over. It would a great shame to introduce a permanent scar across a previously open vista.
- We do not welcome this avenue of trees and bulbs. This would change the nature of the Scrubs beyond recognition and once again that wonderful, open expanse would be lost - this cannot be allowed to happen. This proposal is very much moving into the realms once again, of a park.

Specimen tree planting

- Will these and any other tree plantings be planted as mature specimens? We hope so as do not wish to have swathes of saplings, that struggle to survive in their early years and will take years to offer any true benefit to wildlife.

Hedges

- Although we appreciate that hedges can benefit from sensitive management, we are concerned that a 'neat and tidy' approach will be taken as is often the case in parks both urban and country. This will be in total contrast to the natural form they currently take and which attracts numerous species of birds.

Meadow

- Varied wildflower meadows. Wildflower meadows are generally welcome but we consider the area proposed is too extensive and inconsistent with “more wild than tamed”
- Area 8 & 9 - We feel this whole area should not be changed from it's current state. It contributes greatly to what can only be described as the 'carving up' of the Scrubs. Whilst we all welcome woodlands and wildflower in theory, these are not in keeping in this site. This area is a gateway to the open skies and a woodland is not conducive to this.
- We have great concerns for the corvids that live here, in particular the carrion crows that have made this expanse of open grassland their territory for decades, maybe centuries. They are an iconic Scrubs inhabitant and their habitat is as important as any.
- The proposed meadows are far too extensive and organised and take away from that wide open scrubland feel. Another great concern is that the wildflower species planted will be of the brightly coloured kind - a la Olympic Park (red, blues & yellows). Whilst of course they have their place, we don't believe the Scrubs needs these as, as we see annually, it throws up it's own wondrous wild flowers when the grass is left un-mown - Champion, Toadflax, Cow Parsley, Yarrow and many more. These are natural to the area and if anything, should be allowed to self seed freely.

Orchard & shrubs

- The Orchard, wildflower and Flowering shrubs - these too are in the NW corner which we consider should remain undisturbed, particularly in light of proposed HS2 works along Old Oak Common Lane.
- As mentioned previously, the NW corner must be left undisturbed. It is a fabulous habitat, attracting a great number of species. Leaving this area alone is all the more vital as the HS2 works along Old Oak Common Lane will cause much destruction to local wildlife and so this undisturbed patch may offer some sanctuary and solace.
- Suffice to say, we do not welcome a new path or entrance here. It's appeal is the extremely rustic feel.
- We do not feel that an orchard is appropriate or indeed any shrub planting here, and wonder if it's only been proposed in order to justify the 'master plan' expenditure.

Bulb Planting

- The Spring bulb planting to Braybrook Street boundary - if this means replacing the existing wildflower mound along the verge, we oppose it.
- We absolutely do not want the current wildflower mound that runs along the length of Braybrook Street to be replaced by bulbs. This verge throughout the year and particularly in late Spring & Sum-mer, is a sight to behold. It was only planted about 10 years ago and is now wonderfully established and informal. It attracts an abundance of pollinators and also birds all year round, feeding on the seed heads in winter.
- The verge is truly wild and completely softens the roadside. It is one of the many jewels in the Scrubs's crown.
- Spring, or any other bulb planting is totally inappropriate for this area. Once again, we must implore you to stay away from a parkified feel that formal bulb planing would create.

The Pond

- We do not favour the pond. It represents an unacceptable 'parkification' of the Scrubs and the bridge is wholly inappropriate to a 'more wild than tamed' area. The pond will attract rubbish and debris, and therefore rats. It will also represent a potential hazard for children, accompanied or unaccompanied. We oppose the pond.

- The pond proposal is totally undesirable and wholly inappropriate - we do not want it. It goes against all that the Scrubs is - and that is NOT a park!!
- In addition, it would unfortunately become a dumping ground and would be a magnet for anti social behaviour. This proposal should not get off the ground.

Wet woodland

- The proposed creation of more wetland in the south east copse (known as Martin Bell's Wood) is not supported. We recognise that parts of this copse is wet, but much of it is hard surface, and following the recent clearing of undergrowth is an attractive amenity which should not be 'wettered' and therefore removed from walkability.
- Proposals 3 Small stream. We are unaware of this “stream” but oppose creation of wetland. The NW corner is a rich habitat which should be left undisturbed
- There is not, and never has been (since the 1950s at least) a stream in NW corner! Heavy rainfall may cause a temporary run off but soon dries out after a few dry days. The Scrubs is a natural sponge and this should. It be tampered with in any way. We strongly oppose the creation of a wetland here. The NW is an undisturbed area and therefore is arguably the Scrubs' most richest habitats. There must remain numerous undisturbed sites and this area is one.
- Similarly, we object to a wetland area in Martin Bell Wood (no4). This is totally inappropriate. There has been some invaluable work carried out here by volunteers which has encouraged many species of butterfly, some of which are quite rare and red listed - White Letter Hairstreak, Dingy Skipper & Brown Argus, to name a few. We oppose any proposals planned here.

Entrances / signage / visitor infrastructure

- I am really against one-off improvements such as wooden structures at entrances or bridges over ponds that will deteriorate and eventually be abandoned unless expensively replaced as who will pay for it after the initial rush of funding.
- Signage should be simpler and maybe more discreet. It should be about the provision of information. The proposed totem poles are a wholly inappropriate Disneyfication of the Scrubs.
- Entrances do not need 'enhancements'. The existing natural entrances are all part of the appeal and prevent the Scrubs from being treated and considered a park.
- The totem pole proposals and ground signs are totally out of keeping and give the impression of entering some kind of theme park! The current arrival experience of being met by nature is all that we or anybody should desire. No further hard paving should be permitted.

Paths

- Paths - whilst they do need to be better maintained, the proposed paths will be much too prominent in the self-binding gravel or 'hoggin'. There are other materials which can help maintain the grassy path, such as the generous use of wood chippings ahead of anticipated wet seasons.

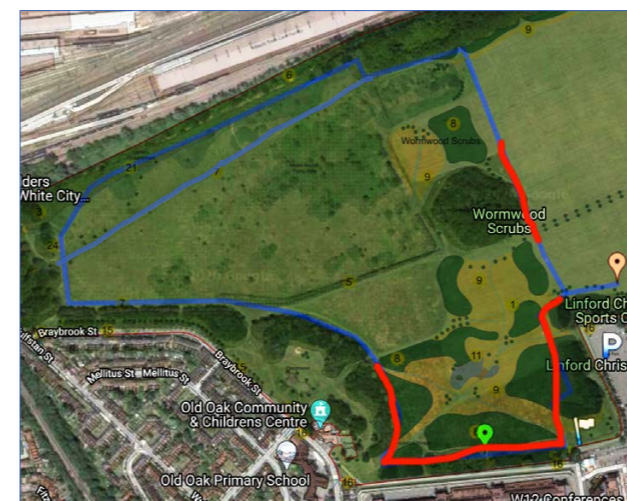
Tarmac area

- The Tarmac referred to has been in situ for many decades, and although it maybe unused, it's removal would significantly disturb the habitats where it is situated. In particular the North West corner. The tarmac is not detrimental to the Scrubs in any way.

Space for ParkRun and Thames Valley Harriers Athletics Club

- We request that suitable consideration is given to the current users of Wormwood Scrubs and the current regular exercise and recreational activities that are undertaken there on a regular basis, the current proposals do not reflect this and no evidence has been provided to suggest that this has been researched properly. The current running routes are clearly visible on satellite images such as those available for free from Google Maps.
- Relaxing the mowing regimes around the edges of the woodland specifically around the perimeter reduces the amenity for exercise and recreational use, contrary to the spirit of the 1879 Act as it reduces the paths to run and walk on, the perimeter is of particular importance to runners, walkers, pet owners to maximise the running or walking distance achievable without repeating the same stretches multiple times.
- The perimeter routes are key elements of the routes used weekly by the Parkrun and form part of the cross country courses that have been run for many years by Thames Valley Harriers Athletics Club (TVH).
- The plans appear to propose the loss of the perimeter routes along the south-west of the park and also by the eastern side of the central copse as the pitches are moved further west, the tree avenue also appears to interfere with the current routes along the western end of the proposed tree avenue.
- The plans could easily be amended to retain the relevant mowing regimes and paths along perimeter and those by the central copse to retain the current support for the Parkrun and the TVH cross-country races without impacting biodiversity.
- It would not be right if this attempt to offset the environmental damage created by the HS2 project resulted in a negative impact to Wormwood Scrubs amenity for exercise and recreational purposes and would be contravention of the spirit of the Wormwood Scrubs Act 1879 and could result in a legal challenge to the proposals by the current community of users of Wormwood Scrubs.
- On average these proposals will affect over a hundred parkrunners weekly, not only was the scrubs one of the first adopters of this worldwide phenomenon but most importantly parkrun is all about inclusiveness and wellbeing. It allows people from every walk of life to feel part of a real local community without prejudice. Friendship, community, cohesion, mutual support, access to open space and fresh air, skill development and personal and professional empowerment are just some of the reasons why participation in parkrun can lead to improved mental and physical health and happiness in the true spirit of the Wormwood Scrubs act of 1870
- Our simple motivation is the preservation of the well-established and existing cross-country routes on Wormwood Scrubs, which are used on multiple occasions throughout the cross-country season, with over 1,200 runners in the larger fixtures.
- The Scrubs hosted six cross-country races since last October, four on Saturdays and two schools and university events on Wednesdays. In addition, we helped Hammersmith & Fulham Council host their trial races for the London Youth Games cross-country and held a primary school relay event supported by 30 schools. In total, these races attracted 3,500 competitors, of whom 2,800 were under 20 years old and 320 from Thames Valley Harriers, showing the club's integral and essential role in the success of these events.
- You will find attached a map, which covers the existing cross-country course that Thames Valley Harriers and the many runners from other athletics clubs for whom we host events would like to see preserved.
- Overlaying our course map on the proposals, we have circled out the issues:
 1. Start and finish - Too many trees there makes the course de facto impossible to use, as start lines are where the course needs to be widest.
 2. South part of the course - In the plans, the southern part of the course disappears, as no paths are in the proposals.
 3. Along the hedge next to football pitches - We are already racing very close to football pitches. The addition of many trees there would prevent the course using this space.
 4. The signage location is not shown on the proposals - We would like to ensure that this is positioned to provide for the

needs of visitors, whilst not creating unnecessary obstacles for runners. Other expensive obstacles devised merely to be a picture in Crossrail's booklets should certainly not see budget devoted to them, especially when it is likely to create obstacles for racers.



MIDDLESEX ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION COUNTY CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS – WORMWOOD SCRUBS, SAT 4th JANUARY 2020



Race 7	12.25	U17 Women / U20 Women approx 6km - Long lap (Red) followed by Short lap (Yellow)
Race 8	12.55	U17 Men / U20 Men approx 6km - Long lap (Red) followed by Short lap (Yellow)



Use of Gaelic Football Pitches

- We do not feel it is acceptable or fair to remove the Gaelic sports pitches. They are an integral part of site. They also offer feeding ground for the Carrion Crows amongst numerous other species.
- Gaelic is a summer sport not winter (April – October). Leaving gaelic posts up on new locations would mean we could not hold our major baseball and 5 – a – side competitions over the summer, having detrimental effect on income.
- Current gaelic pitches match the main winds and currents as championship ground at Ruislip – very important apparently.
- Drainage is superb where current gaelic pitches are -- not so on main pitch area.
- Currently 2 x 60 m grids in use at Scrubs not 1 as on new lay out.
- Possibility of only one gaelic pitch needed - there were only 4 days last season where both pitches were used on the same day. The other clubs who play up there are [negative feedback]. We could therefore just go down to one pitch if it suited our needs.

Sports Pitches generally

- We are also concerned that the expansion of formal sports pitches on the open space in the eastern part of the Scrubs will restrict the spring and summer use by very large numbers supporting London Sports weekend baseball activities. It will also potentially eliminate the possible use for commercially attractive open space short-term events, required to enable the charity's finances to remain stable and sustainable. Some expenditure on drainage of this entire area might be beneficial in improving the sports pitches. Proper management of the users of sports pitches is also required (an on-going cost, not an up-front one-off) to prevent the users, whether authorised or unauthorised, from leaving behind quantities of plastic bottles and other litter.

Model aircraft area

- Currently the model aircraft people use the area to the north of the central copse for 'runaway' and are permitted to fly their aircraft over the 'wilderness' scrub to its west. We are not sure if the proposals will carve out another space for them, but strongly feel that the present provision is sufficient and appropriate.

4.4 Responses to Results and Comments

General Comments

The vast majority of respondents supported the proposals to improve the biodiversity of Wormwood Scrubs. Even those who answered no for the first question then went on to respond positively to some of the aspects offered in question two.

It is agreed that the balance of users and nature has to be carefully considered. But the introduction of additional habitats will increase the number of potential 'routes' and will create more attractive 'pocket' areas where activities (eg picnics, informal games) can take place. This will increase the capacity and of Wormwood Scrubs and the potential time that visitors may spend there.

The 'More Wild Than Tamed' moto will be respected. The intention is certainly not to turn The Scrubs into a formal public park.

Management & Maintenance

We agree that management and maintenance are critical to the success of this project. There is a clear need for this at Wormwood Scrubs and it has always been the intention to carefully manage existing habitats to reduce the invasion of unwanted species and to ensure each area can thrive and provide enhanced levels of biodiversity. Improve management and maintenance also scored most highly in the questionnaire.

Current biodiversity

An extended Phase 1 biodiversity survey, a tree survey to the BS5837 standard and reviews of existing habitat condition have been carried out. Further surveys will be conducted while progressing the detailed design layouts and proposals.

Woodland planting

We note that there are selected areas where the open views are most appreciated and will review the proposals accordingly. However, 25% of respondents wanted to see more woodland planting and there is a need for further woodlands to serve future generations. There is also a case for investigating other types of 'wild' planting such as gorse and low species typically found on commons.

Avenue of trees

This proposal has had a mixed reception. It is acknowledged that it would have a visual impact on the immediate landscape but we believe that this would be a positive change and that when viewed from the south of The Scrubs it would help to mitigate the additional building work in the Old Oak area.

Specimen tree planting

The request for mature specimens is supported. Individual trees would be planted as 'extra heavy standards' or 'semi-mature', to aid establishment in open areas. Watering would be included as part of the establishment maintenance.

Hedges

Hedges are an important habitat, eg for nesting birds. Without maintenance all hedges turn into a dense line of trees that would reduce views over this area of The Scrubs. Simple / traditional management is required on a cyclical basis to maintain them and this will be detailed in the Management Plan.

Meadow

The suggestion to avoid 'garish colour schemes' has been noted and any mixes will be carefully selected to ensure the most wild, native and natural appearance. In some areas existing grass will be left to grow longer, allowing species in the seed bank to establish. As above, the creation of meadow areas will increase the potential for walking routes around the Scrubs as well as smaller areas for informal activities.

Orchard & Shrubs

There has been a mixed response to the orchard, in general people have been supportive of this as an additional resource and habitat type for Wormwood Scrubs. The blossom will be particularly good and attractive.

Bulb Planting

Opposition to bulb planting along the Braybrook Street boundary is noted and will be removed from the proposals. An alternative location for spring flowering bulbs will be investigated as these bring important benefits to pollinators before other plants are flowering.

The Pond

A pond is one of the most important ways to enhance the biodiversity of Wormwood Scrubs, providing a new habitat that will bring in many additional species and provide an improved ecosystem balance. It will be carefully designed to ensure it does not look like a feature that one would find in a park, but a pond that would be found in nature.

Wet woodland

The proposals for this area will be refined, the intention is to ensure that the planting in this location is suitable for the soil conditions. We will work with the volunteers and their extensive knowledge to enhance this area.

Entrances / visitor infrastructure

Proposals for the entrances will be minimalist and carefully designed to provide the required information and simple place creation. Although the entrances to the west of Wormwood Scrubs are currently used the most frequently this is likely to change over time as the Old Oak area is developed so it is suggested that minor work is carried out to all entrances to improve accessibility and legibility.

Paths

Winter 2019/20 was particularly wet, leading to extensive flooding all over the UK. Wormwood Scrubs also suffered from reduced accessibility due to the wet and muddy conditions underfoot. There were various requests for improvements to the path network but also an indication that certain materials were not supported.

Note that woodchip is not a suitable material for 'enhancing' paths – it just soaks up water and rots down, increasing the amount of organic matter, which is not a hard-wearing surface. If areas were to be enhanced the correct material to use would be Breedon gravel, a natural, self-binding material that provides a hard-wearing surface.

Requests for improved paths will be noted, however, the money from HS2 is not intended to cover path works.

Tarmac area

The majority of consultees supported the removal of the old area of tarmac to the west of the Scrubs. However it is noted that this can provide an additional habitat type so we will look at retaining small areas of tarmac.

Space for ParkRun

It is accepted that the Masterplan did not show the ParkRun or Thames Harriers Cross Country Routes. These will be added to the next iteration of the proposals and if any of the proposed habitats are located along these route the alignments will be reviewed. In creating new habitats it is advantageous to extend an existing one but in some cases a path could be retained between the existing and proposed habitats.

Note that a 'relaxed mowing regime' does not remove an existing path from use. Most of the paths around The Scrubs are not currently mown regularly but regular use keeps the length of grass down.

Use of Gaelic Football Pitches

It is noted that only one Gaelic Football pitch is required but that it would be preferred to have the orientation changed – the layout of the pitches will be updated to accommodate this

Sports Pitches generally

The number and types of pitches have been set out according the LBHF requirements. The masterplan indicates a possible winter layout which takes up more space than the summer layout, however the latter will also be modelled for approval.

Model aircraft area

We agree that further work needs to happen in this area to resolve the requirements for people with model aircraft. It is the intention to retain this facility at Wormwood Scrubs but the existing setup may be refined as required.

Masterplan updates

The masterplan has been updated as per the above comments and once it has been signed off by Wormwood Scrubs Trust the proposals will be detailed and planting can begin, potentially late in 2020.

We will keep everyone informed as the process progresses.

Appendix 1

Park User Survey

LUC
Wormwood Scrubs park user survey

LUC CONSULTATION PRIVACY STATEMENT
 This privacy statement sets out the basis on which Land Use Consultants Limited ("LUC") may use your personal data in respect of this survey. You acknowledge that:

- your personal data submitted or collected under or in connection with this consultation ("Personal Data") will be processed pursuant to this statement;
- the Personal Data might include your name, address, IP address, contact details (including email address) and any opinions that you include in response to the survey;
- once you have provided your Personal Data to LUC, LUC have a legitimate interest in utilising that Personal Data to review, analyse and produce reports in respect of the survey;

LUC will use your Personal Data solely for the purpose of the survey and for no other purpose;

- LUC may share the Personal Data with select third parties involved with the survey (such as LUC's clients involved in the consultation);
- LUC will store, process and retain your Personal Data only for as long as is necessary, and otherwise in accordance with data protection law;
- LUC will only retain your personal data for as long as necessary to fulfil the purposes we collected it for (i.e. the length of the project)

You have legal rights regarding the Personal Data (including the right to request access to, or the correction of, your personal data) if you have any questions, or if you wish to exercise your rights over your Personal Data, you may contact LUC at 250 Waterloo Road, London SE1 8PD or database@landuse.co.uk.

*** 1. I acknowledge and agree to the above terms**

Yes

2. How did you get to the Scrubs today?

Walk
 Cycle
 Public Transport
 Car
 Other (please specify)

3. Where did you come from?

Home
 Work
 Other (please specify)

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4. What is the postcode there?

5. How often do you visit?

Daily
 Several times a week
 Once a week
 Once a month
 Less than once a month
 This is a one-off visit

6. When do you usually visit? (Tick all that apply)

Weekday
 Weekend
 Morning
 Afternoon
 Evening

7. How long have you spent / do you plan to spend here?

Less than 30 minutes
 30 minutes - 1 hour
 1-2 hours
 2-3 hours
 3-4 hours
 4+ hours

8. How long have you been visiting Wormwood Scrubs?

First Visit
 Less than 6 months
 6 months - 3 years
 3 or more years

9. Which parts of the site are you visiting today? (Tick all that apply)

Pitches
 Playground
 Woodland areas
 Meadow areas
 Model aircraft flying area
 Perimeter paths
 Other (please specify)

10. Why did you visit this part/ these parts of the site?

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11. What is most important to you at Wormwood Scrubs? (Tick all that apply)

Wildlife interest
 Escaping urban life
 Trees and woodland
 Running / jogging routes
 Play facilities for children
 Mown grass and open lawn areas
 Suitability for dog walking
 Events
 Convenience as a short cut / route though to somewhere
 History of Wormwood Scrubs
 Open grassland and flowers
 Scenery / variety of views
 Peace and quiet
 Accessibility (e.g. step free access / quality of footpaths)
 Sports facilities
 Good car parking
 Seasonal landscape interest
 Rural / natural landscape
 Proximity to home / work

12. How do you rate the Scrubs?

Very high
 High
 No feeling either way
 Low
 Very low

Why?

Hammersmith & Fulham Council is investing in biodiversity improvements at Wormwood Scrubs and is interested to hear your views on what changes you would like to see.

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13. How do you rate the Scrubs for Wildlife?

Very high
 High
 No feeling either way
 Low
 Very low

Why?

14. Would you like to see more or less of the following:

	More	About right	Less
Woodland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Scrub land	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Woodland understorey planting / diversity	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wildflower meadows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Hedgerows	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Ditches, ponds or wetlands	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Open grassland	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Specimen trees	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Invertebrates, e.g. butterflies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wild animals	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seasonal landscape interest	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wild landscapes	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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15. Do you have any other ideas for biodiversity improvements at Wormwood Scrubs?

16. Do you think that the Scrubs are well maintained?
 Yes
 No

17. Are there any changes you could suggest to improve the management of the Scrubs?

Old Oak and Park Royal Development Corporation is planning to invest in the entrance to Wormwood Scrubs at Scrubs Lane. They are interested to hear your views on how access could be more inviting.

18. Do you feel safe at Wormwood Scrubs?
 Yes
 No
 Why?

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19. What would you like to see improved around the entrances to the Scrubs, in particular the Scrubs Lane entrance?
 Educational information, wayfinding or signage
 Improved feeling of personal safety
 Public artwork
 Local heritage features
 Habitats for wildlife
 Seating and benches
 Litter bins
 Drinking Fountain
 Other (please specify)

20. Do you have any other ideas for improving Wormwood Scrubs for visitors?

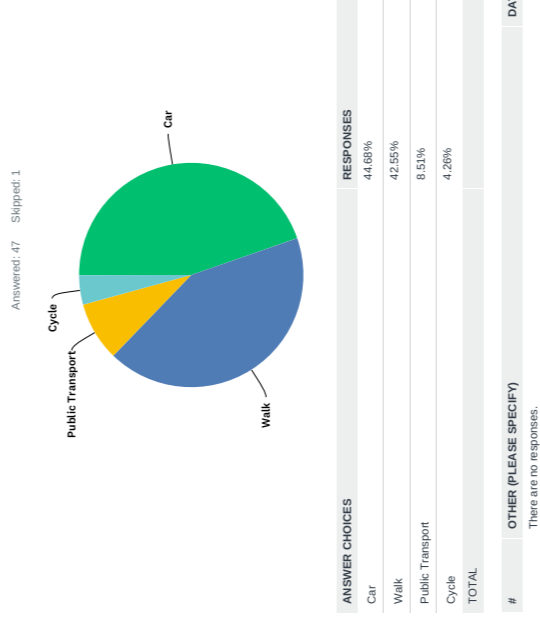
21. If you weren't visiting Wormwood Scrubs, which green spaces would you visit?

22. Please give us your email address if you are interested in hearing more about the improvement projects at the Scrubs and potentially attending a design workshop
 Email Address

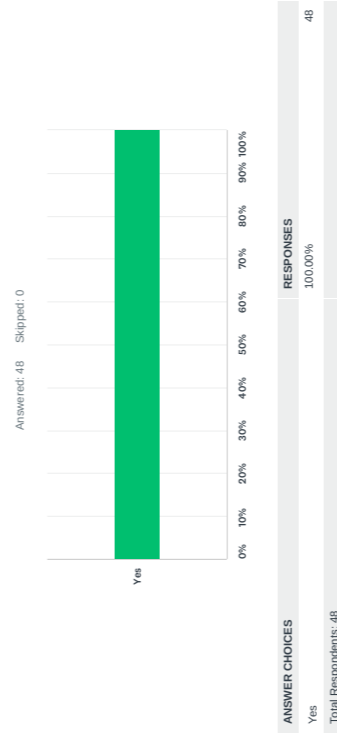
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Appendix 2 Park User Survey Results

Q2 How did you get to the Scrubs today?



Q1 I acknowledge and agree to the above terms



Q3 Where did you come from?



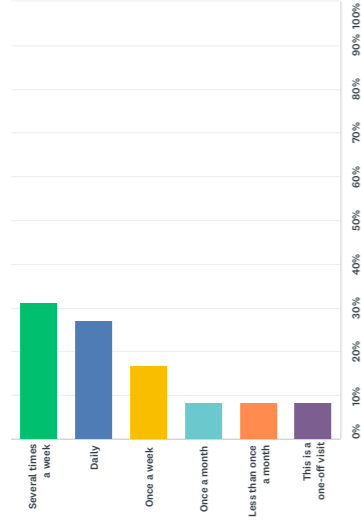
Q4 What is the postcode there?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	W12 0bd	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	W2 Esp	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	W12 8pb	10/12/2019 2:25 PM
4	E10 6rg	10/12/2019 2:18 PM
5	W14	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
6	W10 6ls	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
7	W12 0he	10/12/2019 12:58 PM
8	Nw10 2su	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
9	W12 0rh	10/12/2019 11:11 AM
10	W12 0be	10/12/2019 10:52 AM
11	W12 7z	10/12/2019 10:50 AM
12	W4 2by	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
13	W12 0AL	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
14	W10 3eb	10/12/2019 10:14 AM
15	HA0	10/12/2019 10:13 AM
16	W14 8bg	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
17	W10 5ud	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
18	W14 0ns	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
19	Nw10 5gb	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
20	W10 5ae	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
21	Nw10 6fb	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
22	W12 9ul	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
23	W120uq	10/9/2019 8:51 PM
24	W3 7hy	10/9/2019 8:37 PM
25	W12 0nn	10/9/2019 8:22 PM
26	W12 0as	10/9/2019 8:26 PM
27	Nw10	10/9/2019 8:04 PM
28	W10	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
29	W1200s	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
30	TW7 6lu	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
31	Prison	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
32	Nw10 5d	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
33	W12	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
34	Nw10	10/9/2019 11:06 AM
35	S16	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
36	Wq20x	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
37	Nw6 8ru	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
38	W106pt	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
39	W12 7bd	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
40	W10 6qa	10/9/2019 8:19 AM
41	Sr658w	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

Q5 How often do you visit?

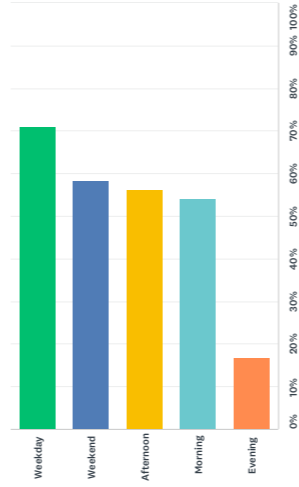
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Several times a week	31.25%
Daily	27.08%
Once a week	16.67%
Once a month	8.33%
Less than once a month	8.33%
This is a one-off visit	8.33%
TOTAL	48

Q6 When do you usually visit? (Tick all that apply)

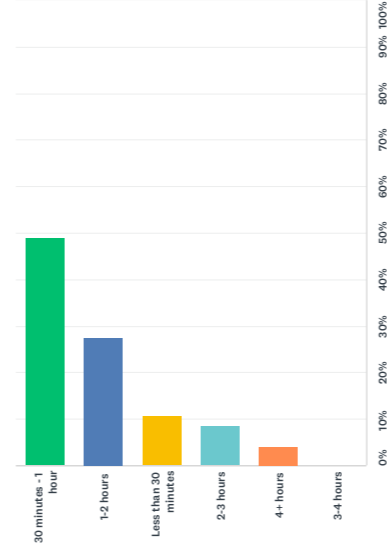
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Weekday	34
Weekend	28
Afternoon	27
Morning	26
Evening	8
Total Respondents: 48	8

Q7 How long have you spent / do you plan to spend here?

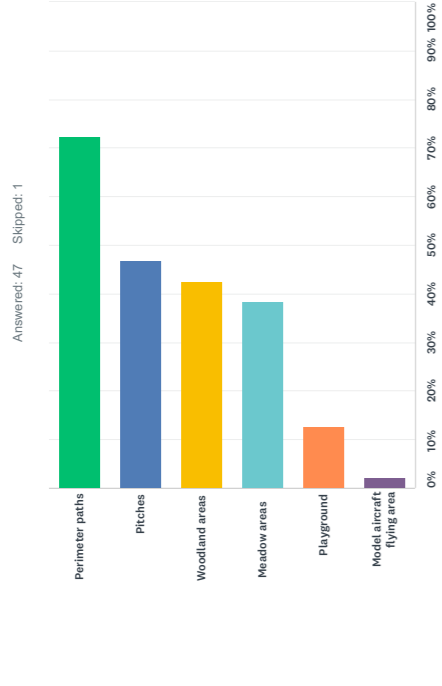
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
30 minutes - 1 hour	23
1-2 hours	13
Less than 30 minutes	5
2-3 hours	4
4+ hours	2
3-4 hours	0
TOTAL	47

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Q9 Which parts of the site are you visiting today? (Tick all that apply)

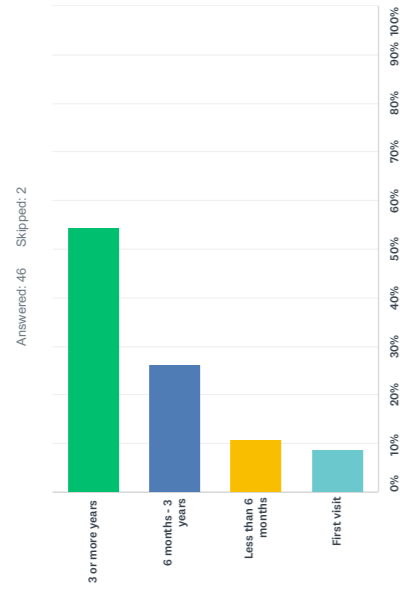


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Perimeter paths	34
Pitches	22
Woodland areas	20
Meadow areas	18
Playground	6
Model aircraft flying area	1
Total Respondents: 47	

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Wormwood Scrubs park user survey

Q8 How long have you been visiting Wormwood Scrubs?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
3 or more years	25
6 months - 3 years	12
Less than 6 months	5
First visit	4
TOTAL	46

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Wormwood Scrubs park user survey

Q10 Why did you visit this part/ these parts of the site?

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I follow the dog	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	Dd	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	Dd	10/12/2019 2:25 PM
4	To watch shirty	10/12/2019 2:18 PM
5	Dog walking or running	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
6	Dog walking	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
7	Dog walking	10/12/2019 1:25 PM
8	Cycling home	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
9	For my son to play football	10/12/2019 11:11 AM
10	Hang with friends	10/12/2019 10:52 AM
11	Sports	10/12/2019 10:50 AM
12	Thames Valley barriers	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
13	Walking and running	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
14	Training under 13s	10/12/2019 10:14 AM
15	Hospital visit	10/12/2019 10:13 AM
16	Dog walking	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
17	Running	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
18	Football match	10/12/2019 9:38 AM
19	Dog walking	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
20	Dog and football	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
21	Football	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
22	Park run or running	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
23	Play football	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
24	Alter work walk	10/9/2019 3:51 PM
25	Organising running events	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
26	Likes the quiet untouched nature	10/9/2019 3:30 PM
27	Nice walk after work, nice countryside feel and atmosphere	10/9/2019 3:22 PM
28	Passing through	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
29	Dog walking	10/9/2019 3:07 PM
30	Pick up son from school, education about nature, berry picking	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
31	Local park, good for dogs and kids	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
32	Like parks	10/9/2019 2:04 PM
33	Space for dogs	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
34	This is the only area you can fly aircraft legally Planning to have racing events, and would be good to have storage space	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
35	Dog walking	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
36	Laying out relay races for children	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
37	Exercise	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
38	Dog walking	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
39	Fresh air exercise	10/9/2019 11:19 AM
40	To explore and see what's going on	10/9/2019 11:06 AM
41	Visiting	10/9/2019 11:05 AM
42	Appointment	10/9/2019 11:01 AM

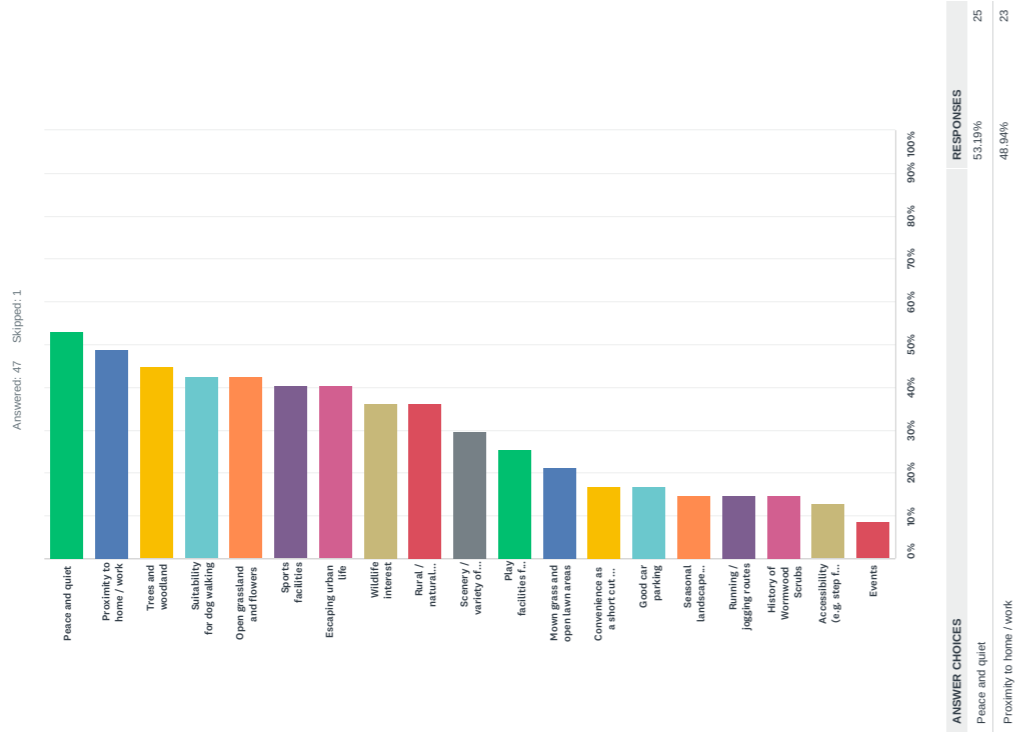
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43	Work - dog walking	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
44	Dog walking and character of site , seeing g the sky is nice	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
45	Dog walking and pony centre twice a week as volunteer	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
46	Wildlife interest and variety	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
47	Survey	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

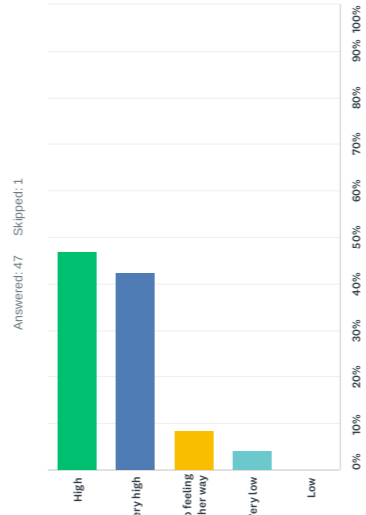
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Q11 What is most important to you at Wormwood Scrubs? (Tick all that apply)



Trees and woodland	44.68%	21
Suitability for dog walking	42.55%	20
Open grassland and flowers	40.43%	19
Sports facilities	40.43%	19
Escaping urban life	36.17%	17
Wildlife interest	36.17%	17
Rural / natural landscape	29.79%	14
Scenery / variety of views	25.53%	12
Play facilities for children	21.28%	10
Mown grass and open lawn areas	17.02%	8
Convenience as a short cut / route though to somewhere	17.02%	8
Good car parking	14.89%	7
Seasonal landscape interest	14.89%	7
Running / jogging routes	14.89%	7
History of Wormwood Scrubs	14.89%	7
Accessibility (e.g. step free access / quality of footpaths)	12.77%	6
Events	8.51%	4
Total Respondents: 47		

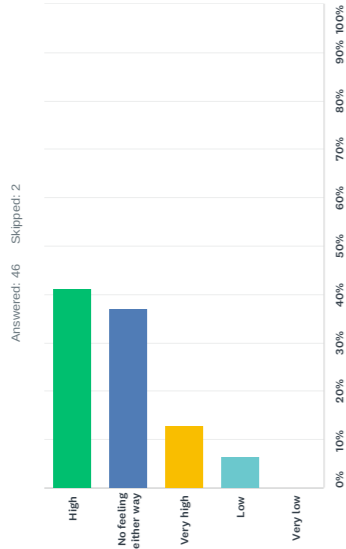
Q12 How do you rate the Scrubs?



22	Nice natural space for london	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
23	Could be good to have events maybe using headphones silent disco - could have more going on that happens at the moment	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
24	Recent Longer grass means less of the scrubs is usable for people	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
25	For races it is better to have open grasslands where we can place gates and setup courses. at the moment it can be hard to retrieve the planes for the a rub. it would also be great to have a storage place on site for this infrastructure. Flat area better	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
26	Convenient for the clubhouse	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
27	In london	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
28	I love it and very beautiful to see wildlife and birds and butterflies	10/9/2019 11:39 AM
29	Needed	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
30	Low the atmosphere	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
31	Lungs of city, experience of ruralness	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
32	Big open space	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

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Q13 How do you rate the Scrubs for Wildlife?

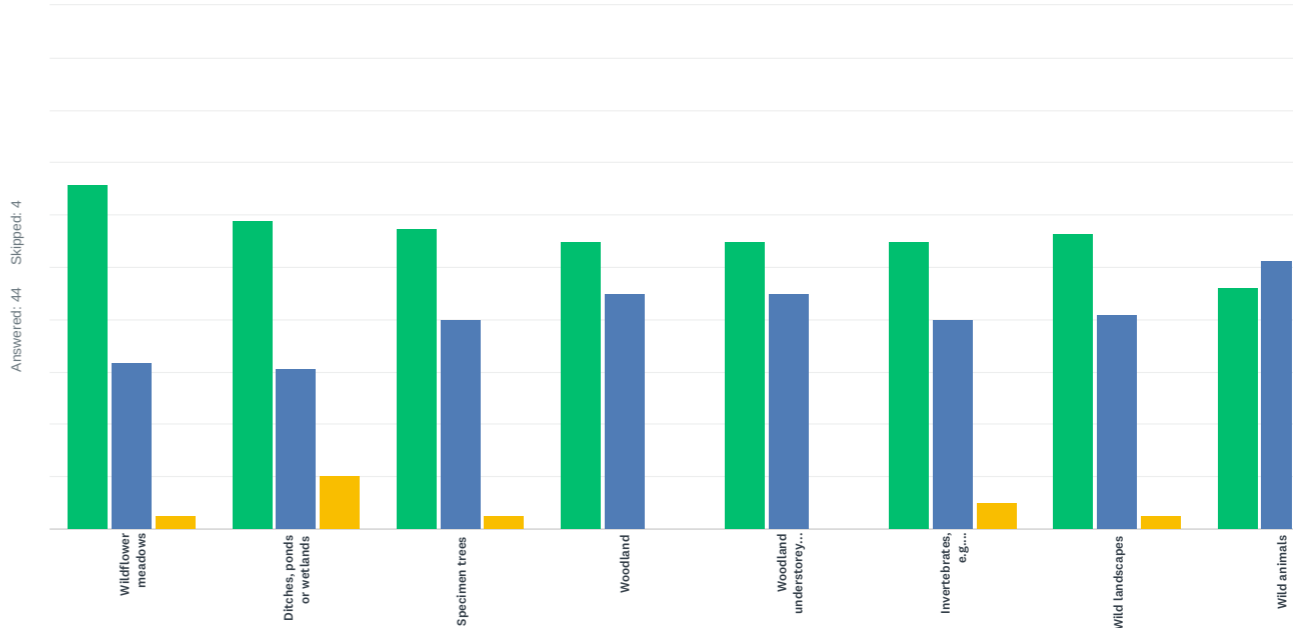


#	WHY?	DATE
1	Good for birds	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	Mixed habitat	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
3	Wouldnt expect it to be	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
4	Variety of habitats	10/12/2019 12:58 PM
5	Seems ok for wildlife but often a bit dead	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
6	Nice	10/12/2019 1:05:2 AM
7	Trees and flora	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
8	You always see something	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
9	Just running	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
10	Flowers	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
11	Dont see it	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
12	Parrots	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
13	No engagement	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
14	Nor	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
15	Despite having good habitats you don't see much wildlife	10/9/2019 3:51 PM
16	Good habitats, like the new trees at the east of the site	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
17	Dont see much. Only couple of robins. Would be better if there was more	10/9/2019 3:22 PM
18	Some birds but mainly urban wildlife not proper wildlife just grass mainly	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
19	See lots of paraquets good to show kids wildlife	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
20	Dont see but important	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
21	I see no wildlife here apart from normal crows and dogs	10/9/2019 1:33 PM

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Q14 Would you like to see more or less of the following:



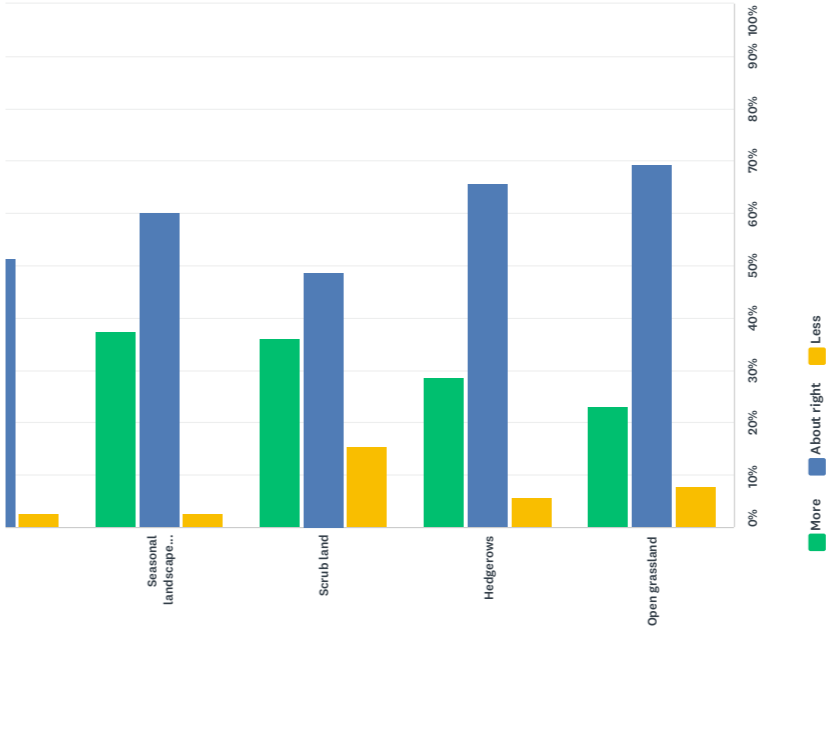
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22	Lots of birds here it will be interesting to see damage from h2 at the northern edge	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
23	Un touched areas	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
24	Lizards bees signe bird boxes	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
25	Dont see much wildlife	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
26	See alot of birds but also a lot of rats	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
27	Shame to cut down the trees.	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
28	Dont see wildlife of the past - fewer birds than in the past - too many crows Professional dogwalkers go into the bird areas and this should be protected	10/9/2019 8:33 AM
29	But could be better, openness is good and less hogweed and scrub	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
30	Seen birds and dogs	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

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Q15 Do you have any other ideas for biodiversity improvements at Wormwood Scrubs?

Answered: 34 Skipped: 14

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Nest boxes	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	OK	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	Don't like change	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
4	Less dogs	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
5	No	10/12/2019 10:52 AM
6	Mowing regimes and less chemicals	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
7	Wa	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
8	No	10/12/2019 9:38 AM
9	No fwork	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
10	Wildlife walk and tree planting for climate change	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
11	No	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
12	Remove brambles at the north	10/9/2019 3:31 PM
13	No	10/9/2019 3:27 PM
14	Really likes the idea of ponds and wetflowers	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
15	As above, wetlands sounds good. Used to see goldenches but now you don't see them	10/9/2019 3:02 PM
16	Good to have open grass to cycle on that better than scrub	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
17	Need more housing maybe we could build houses on parts of the scrubs for local people	10/9/2019 2:38 PM
18	Need more by teenagers and children to do. Could be good to create bike track near tent city	10/9/2019 2:28 PM
19	More research	10/9/2019 2:04 PM
20	Good as is and well maintained	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
21	No	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
22	No	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
23	Fewer dogs with only 1 person. limit should be 4	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
24	No	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
25	Maintained the wildness	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
26	No but worried about hsz and extended stadium so protecting	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
27	No	10/9/2019 11:06 AM
28	Ponds	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
29	No	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
30	Fewer rats, problem with littering, people lying in the park	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
31	No paved paths at all, no cycle routes	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
32	Dual ledges to protect bird nesting areas Prevent development of stadium	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
33	Rough mown fields is good but need no hogweed, thistles or brambles should be kept. Jays and oaks could be increased at the scrubs	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
34	Trees	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

Q16 Do you think that the Scrubs are well maintained?

Answered: 46 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	37
No	9
TOTAL	46

Q17 Are there any changes you could suggest to improve the management of the Scrubs?

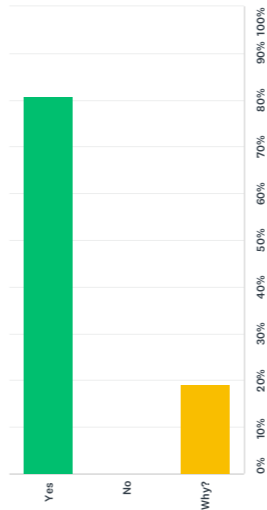
Answered: 38 Skipped: 10

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Fill in the uneven ground	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	Path	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	Motor bike	10/12/2019 2:25 PM
4	Grass needs cutting	10/12/2019 2:18 PM
5	Too muddy	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
6	Football's mess	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
7	Woodland management	10/12/2019 12:58 PM
8	Make it a bit tidier	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
9	Improve facilities like the stadium	10/12/2019 10:14 AM
10	The stadium	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
11	Better than it was	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
12	Pitch lines for matches	10/12/2019 9:38 AM
13	Wood is overgrown	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
14	Muddy area in West	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
15	No idea	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
16	Some paths overgrown	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
17	More benches	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
18	Bramble is encroaching	10/9/2019 3:51 PM
19	Car parking, needs to be free from 5pm	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
20	No	10/9/2019 3:22 PM
21	Seems good dont see much dog poo or rubbish so seems good	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
22	Better paths so easily to get through for those whom find it difficult to walk and when it's muddy	10/9/2019 3:07 PM
23	As above	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
24	Reduce long grass and cut back scrub. Install scrambler track to give kids something to do	10/9/2019 2:25 PM
25	No	10/9/2019 2:04 PM
26	Is good	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
27	No	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
28	More patrols by Parks police - yesterday I saw a motorbike I get park	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
29	No	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
30	Littering at weekends by sports activities need to enforce people cleaning up their litter with lines, organisers should be accountable	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
31	No	10/9/2019 11:06 AM
32	Water feature	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
33	Picnic areas near hospital	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
34	Liter needs to be collectex	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
35	Footballers need to clean up rubbish - littering bad at the weekend	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
36	Management of professional, dog walkers	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
37	Removing blackberries and overgrown areas to support diverse species and fewer foxes. Need more considered and informed management. Too many foxes is decreasing pippets and rabbits. There used to be a selection of fruit trees and non natives that were removed but they had good landscape value	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
38	Fewer pitches	10/9/2019 8:45 AM

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Q18 Do you feel safe at Wormwood Scrubs?

Answered: 47 Skipped: 1



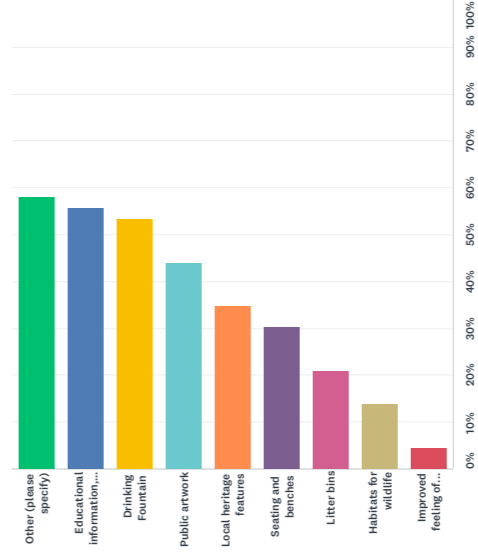
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	38
No	0
Why?	9
TOTAL	47

#	WHY?	DATE
1	Yes but wife doesn't especially when getting dark and sees cats getting broken into. Park area near community centre/preauers has young people hanging around so speeds up but never been troubled	10/9/2019 3:30 PM
2	But wouldn't come alone - too big to feel safe alone	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
3	Stories of peopleE being attacked	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
4	Some history of crazy people hiding in the woods	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
5	Company of dogs helps	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
6	As long as you know which parts to avoid you are fine	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
7	Wouldn't visit at night, had experience of flasher in woods and there is dog fighting at night	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
8	Depends on time of day - public sex is issue in NE. Sexual assaults reported too	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
9	Nice and open	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

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Q19 What would you like to see improved around the entrances to the Scrubs, in particular the Scrubs Lane entrance?

Answered: 43 Skipped: 5



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Other (please specify)	25
Educational information, wayfinding or signage	24
Drinking Fountain	23
Public artwork	19
Local heritage features	15
Seating and benches	13
Litter bins	9
Habitats for wildlife	6
Improved feeling of personal safety	2
Total Respondents: 43	

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	None	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
2	Cycle parking	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
3	Only come by car	10/12/2019 10:50 AM
4	More parking	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
5	Brighten up	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
6	Cafe	10/12/2019 9:39 AM
7	Car park	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
8	Toilets	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
9	Signs	10/12/2019 8:53 AM

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10	Come through the hospital	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
11	Gates to be opened at the correct time Need benches in the middle of the slab	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
12	Better lit	10/9/2019 3:30 PM
13	More footpaths Drinking fountain needed at playground	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
14	Need more bins at both west side	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
15	Like it as is	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
16	More required at the western end of the park	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
17	Ways to prevent dogs escaping	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
18	Particularly near the stadium more signage is required	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
19	This is a park, leave it natural	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
20	From road have a sign reared to Rd lights might detract	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
21	Signage from the streets needs improving Entrance by hospital could do with some signage	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
22	Could be	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
23	Gates to the road to keep dogs off road	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
24	Litter bins and seats together	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
25	Car access along footpaths - shouldn't be used by cars Would support toilets and fountains if they could be maintained - fountain by gym?	10/9/2019 9:19 AM

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Q20 Do you have any other ideas for improving Wormwood Scrubs for visitors?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 15

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Shelter from the rain	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	Beter distribution of bins	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	Improved cycle routes	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
4	More seating by the pitches	10/12/2019 11:11 AM
5	More events	10/12/2019 10:52 AM
6	No	10/12/2019 10:50 AM
7	Less man made stuff	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
8	Improved paved routes	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
9	Cafe	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
10	Free parking	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
11	Like it wild	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
12	Advertising	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
13	Signs	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
14	Shelter and cafe	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
15	More signposts. I think new people might struggle to find the site from the hospital if they didn't know it was there	10/9/2019 3:51 PM
16	More seating	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
17	No	10/9/2019 3:22 PM
18	Smaller scale places for exploration particularly for younger children. Would be good to have picnic benches	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
19	Events on site could be good	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
20	More stuff for kids Motorbike crime is a bit of a problem. could address this with scrambler track	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
21	No	10/9/2019 2:04 PM
22	Drainage near rd	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
23	See above. More lighting to use the park at night	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
24	No	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
25	Not really	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
26	Gates a bit muddy but this is what you expect in a park. Fountain would be useful. I hope adjacent development doesnt run site	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
27	Maintain	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
28	No	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
29	Toilets would be good	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
30	No it's good as it is. Don't go to northern areas in the afternoons - public sex happens. Entrances get very muddy, chipping could help muddiness	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
31	Dogs chase ponies from pony centre d so need to be controlled.	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
32	As above	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
33	No	10/9/2019 8:46 AM

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Q21 If you weren't visiting Wormwood Scrubs, which green spaces would you visit?

Answered: 42 Skipped: 6

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	This is the only close park	10/12/2019 3:13 PM
2	Gunnersbury	10/12/2019 2:55 PM
3	Ravenscourt park	10/12/2019 2:25 PM
4	Olympic park	10/12/2019 2:18 PM
5	Holland park, dukess meadow	10/12/2019 2:07 PM
6	Nothing as good as this for dogs	10/12/2019 1:20 PM
7	Varies depending on where I am	10/12/2019 12:58 PM
8	Varies	10/12/2019 11:51 AM
9	Acton park	10/12/2019 11:11 AM
10	Osterly track	10/12/2019 10:50 AM
11	Chiswick house	10/12/2019 10:45 AM
12	Only this one near by	10/12/2019 10:36 AM
13	Little wormwood scrubs	10/12/2019 10:14 AM
14	Hyde park	10/12/2019 9:53 AM
15	Canal	10/12/2019 9:40 AM
16	Hyde park	10/12/2019 9:23 AM
17	Kensington Gardens	10/12/2019 9:11 AM
18	Kensington memorial park	10/12/2019 9:05 AM
19	Richmond park	10/12/2019 8:53 AM
20	Wendle park or play football at white city	10/12/2019 8:40 AM
21	None like it	10/9/2019 3:51 PM
22	Gunnersbury park.	10/9/2019 3:37 PM
23	Holland park, but not as wild and natural. Has nice trees but not as open which is what is nice here	10/9/2019 3:22 PM
24	Hyde park	10/9/2019 3:10 PM
25	NorthHall hills	10/9/2019 2:36 PM
26	Little wormwood scrubs	10/9/2019 2:26 PM
27	Hamster heath wetland centre roundwold	10/9/2019 2:04 PM
28	Ravens court park, kensington gardens	10/9/2019 1:42 PM
29	No other sites	10/9/2019 1:33 PM
30	Acton park	10/9/2019 1:23 PM
31	Only here	10/9/2019 11:42 AM
32	Bedfont lakes	10/9/2019 11:40 AM
33	Hampstead, Welsh harps kingsbury	10/9/2019 11:30 AM
34	Ealing common, Ruslip lido	10/9/2019 11:18 AM
35	No	10/9/2019 11:06 AM
36	Maldenhead	10/9/2019 11:01 AM
37	Nowhere	10/9/2019 10:48 AM
38	We have to come to wormwood for work i.e. walking the dogs but otherwise we would go to a park with more ame niles	10/9/2019 10:41 AM
39	None comparable	10/9/2019 9:51 AM
40	None comparable	10/9/2019 9:33 AM
41	Holland park	10/9/2019 9:19 AM
42	None	10/9/2019 8:46 AM