

APPENDIX 1

PARKS IMPROVEMENT PRIORITIES - GMH Operational Area (Walworth and Borough Bankside Community Councils)

Park Name	Park Type	Site Analysis	Issues	Spend Priorities	Cost Breakdown	Current funding Sources	Major Scheme Required
Christ Church Gardens	Churchyard	Small church yard with the church building at the centre. A planted border at the rear lies being row of aged benches. Open entrance at the front onto Blackfriars Road a major thoroughfare. The rear gate leads into small barrier controlled cul de sac.	The churchyard provides a fairly popular cut through route from residential streets to Blackfriars Road. Whilst there is potential for the churchyard to be used otherwise, the poor condition and layout of the seating, uninteresting planting offers little incentive to stop and enjoy the space.	1 Improve front entrance (re-plant beds to add colour/diversity) 2. Make rear entrance more visually appealing - relocate bin, repaint gate. 3 - Replace benches and redesign layout around the planted borders and garden beds 4 - Install interpretation sign and improve general signage 5 - Install water hydrants either side of Church. 6 - Introduce a payable feature. 7 Develop beehive in Church roof.	1 - £3,000 2 - £2,000 3 - £6000 4 - £3000 5 - £4000 6 - £2000 7 - £1000	S106	No
Nelson Square	Square	Large residential square divided into two sections. The tarmaced area on the east of the park includes at one end a partially fenced five a side football pitch and fully fenced toddler play area and at the other end an basketball post. At the centre is a large seemingly unused space flagged at each end with picnic benches. At the western end of the site is a raised garden area containing two square turfed areas with central rose beds. A planted shrub bed runs along the retaining wall dividing the garden from the tarmaced section and is maintained by a community gardening project.	Given its size and location the full potential of the site has not been maximised. In general the park would benefit from the creation of distinguishable spaces within it, building on the facilities it already offers. The football pitch and toddler play areas are well used, but the layout of play & sports facilities appears ad hoc. The large tarmaced area makes the park appears overly harsh which could be softened with the introduction of a section of turf. This presents the opportunity to create a new space for informal formal use and picnicing. There is a need to create coherence by having more uniform boundary planting and fencing.	1 Plant a native hedgerow along the perimeter fencing. 2 Replace / repaint incongruous fencing to ensure style and colour is consistent along the site boundary and internal fences. 3 Support community gardening club to re-design and replenish shrub bed. 4 Redesign tarmaced area to create defined spaces for a) ball games c) toddler play c) picnic / family / informal play. 5 Introduce an area of amenity grass to soften the visual impact of the tarmaced area. 6 Review and upgrade park entrances	1 - £5,000 2 - £10,000 3 - £2,000 4 - £8000 5 - £20,000 6 - £	S106	Yes
Mint St	Local Park	This medium size park features a raised central grass area with exaggerated stepped elevation adjacent to prominent footpath connecting Ayers St to Mint St. Ground level intersecting secondary paths dissect the raised grass spaces. At the southern boundary lies the gated Mint Street Adventure Playground (managed by LBS Play Services) and a fenced ball court. The park houses a performance stage, green gym equipment and community planted shrub beds.	Mint Street Park the largest local park in the Bankside area. Office and Housing development has put increased pressure on open spaces locally. Whilst Mint Street Park is well used by residents and office workers, there has been a prevalence of street drinkers, and a number of serious incidents of crime in recent years. It is expected that local demand on this open space will grow as future development in Bankside advances.	1 Close hammer heads and integrate into the park 2 Implement comprehensive pest control measures to eradicate rat presence 3 Relocate Green Gym. 4 Remove recycling bins. 5 Improve condition, re-direct and narrow pathways.	1 - £40,000 2 - £2,000 3 - £3,000 4 - £00.00 5 - £20,000	S106	No
Little Dorrit Park	Local Park	A children's playground catering for children aged 2-8 years old dominates this park. Surrounding the playground are picnic tables and park benches. A pedestrianised road with gates and fences on each side, divides the playground from a small peace garden. This space provides quiet seating around an old paddling pool filled with mosaic art. At the Borough High Street entrance is a small front garden with an imposing gate separating it from the playground area.	Little Dorrit is located in close proximity to two primary schools and the playground is therefore well used by local families in the summer, after school and during school holidays. The park is also used in the day time as a through route to Borough High Street as an alternative to the dark narrow corridor that runs outside of the northern perimeter of the park to Little Dorrit Court. However the Borough High Street entrance is set at an angle and barely visible from this busy thoroughfare. The front garden appears to be a redundant space and would benefit from being incorporated into the main body of the park. There is no sense of connection between the playground and peace garden.	1. Redesign Borough High Street entrance to improve its visual impact and appeal. 2 Remove dividing wall / gates from Borough High Street entrance to improve safety and visibility at this entrance. 3 Undertake tree works to raise canopy of mature trees along the boundary fence along Little Dorrit Court footpath 4 Replace unsightly fencing along Little Dorrit Court to match with newer fencing. 5 Create better connection and encourage movement through spine of park by introducing design features/ paving/ planting that creates continuity between playground and peace garden. 6 Promote as site for mobile catering concession.	1 - £10,000 2 - £5,000 3 1500 4 3000 5 4000 6 500	None available	No
Faraday Gardens	Local Park	This park features at its eastern entrance from Portland Street a large tarmaced space with a fenced ball court at the centre. In the middle of the park is a mounded amenity grass area with an under 5's playground to the south and a small woodland area to the north. Paths run from the east to west, circling a rose garden and up to St Peter's Churchyard in the west, and north - south between entrances at Liverpool Grove and Date Street.	One of cluster of local parks in East Walworth that lie between Burgess Park and Elephant & Castle. The ball court and play areas are popular with children from the surrounding neighbourhood including St Peter's School. Circulation around the park is however restricted by incomplete poorly connected pathways. Access from St Peter's Churchyard is severely impeded by a steep slope and narrow gateway. There are strong desire lines within the woodland area where a formal footpath is interrupted.	1 Improve and extend the woodland area at the North west boundary. 2 Create woodland path. 3 Rationalise formal footpaths to encourage better circulation around the park. 4 Install shrub border at western boundary. 5 Re-design gate between St Peters Churchyard.	1 1,500 2 £2,000 3 £5,000 4 £1,000 5 £8,000	None available	No
Paragon Gardens	Garden	This tree-lined linear park runs either side of Paragon Mews along the A2 at New Kent Road. The intrusion of the side street creates two distinct open spaces. The smaller section features.... And the large space has Both have a primary path that runs parallel to the main road and extensive railings along front separating the park from pavement.	High railings and dense tree cover mean that this park appears inaccessible, dark and unwelcoming to pedestrians using the busy New Kent Road. Entrance to the space is limited and only found along the northern boundary. Residential dwellings to the south back on to the park. The planting in the gardens lack colour / diversity and seating and other furniture is in poor condition adding to the sense that this is a neglected and unsafe space.	1 Remove entire front wall and relocate boundary planting to allow green space to become part of the New Kent Road streetscape. 2 Create areas of planting through out the length of the gardens. 3 Install seating and places of at intervals along the primary path facing onto the main road and a seating hub near bus stop.	1 £20,000 2 £2,000 3 £6,000	None available	Yes
Pelier Park	Local Park	Located in a neighbourhood of mixed high density residential dwellings and industrial workshops, this small park has a central seating area, ball court, fenced dog walking area and children's playground. There is significant mounding throughout with rudimentary foot paths.	Considering its location this park is very under used. The fairly steep earth mounds reduce visibility around the park and create blind spots. Access is severely restricted by a mature tree at the north entrance at Fielding St and fencing along one side of the path leading south to the Hillingdon St creates a tunneling effect with the raised level of the grass mound opposite. The park is mostly used as a through route to Walworth Road but generally feels unsafe and unwelcoming. A recent structural survey identified lighting columns in need of repair/ replacement.	The park would benefit from a complete re-design which should include: 1. Repair / replace lighting columns 2 Relocation of existing entrance on Fielding Street to create a primary entrance 3 Upgrade playground, using existing mounding to create play features. 4 Introduce boundary planting to screen the park from the noise and dirt of the car workshops under the railway arches. 5 Removal of unnecessary fencing throughout - particularly from the southern entrance. 6 Reduction of earth mounds to improve sight lines.	1 £80,000 2 £15,000 3 £30,000 4 £3,0000 5 £2,500 6 £30,000	S106	Yes

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Dickens Square Park	Local Park	A community centre and enclosed adventure playground managed by a local play provider Rockingham Estate Play Association (REPA) occupies a prominent location at the north west boundary of the park. Adjacent is a central area of open space, containing several grassed earth mounds, groups of maturing trees and some wildlife planting. There are no formal pathways, has fencing on 3 sides with an unfenced area north of Dickens Square cul-de-sac leading to Butterfly Walk. Access is from Falmouth Road, Brockham Street, via Dickens' Square and directly from Harper Road.	Dickens Square Park and the neighbouring Butterfly Walk are designated Sites for Nature Conservation (SINCs). The density of the mature tree cover in the woodland area creates a sense of quiet seclusion and is valued habitat to a rich variety of birds. The woodland contains mainly non native trees and evergreens there is an absence of English oak and ash trees. Sunken areas around the eastern perimeter provide further wildlife habitats. The absence of formal foot paths, makes walking around the park unappealing. High fencing around the adventure playground obscures the park from the west and the design of the gate access from Harper Road make it barely visible. Recycle bins	Deliver all or part of the Dickens Square Open Spaces Masterplan to: 1 Create, new entrances at Harper Road and Falmouth Road. 2 Transform Dickens Square Road (currently a public highway) into a pedestrianised green space to extend the park and connect it to Butterfly Walk. 3 Relocate the adventure playground to the northern boundary allowing greater visibility into the park from the main road. 4 Implement horticultural improvements that enhance the ecological value of the park and Butterfly Walk. 5 Introduce natural play features and a trim trail to improve recreational opportunities. 6 Create network of primary and secondary foot path.	1 £50,000 2 £50,000 3 £100,000 4 £60,000 5 £100,000 6, £40,000 Total scheme: £400k Butterfly walk improvements: £60K	S106	Yes
Geraldine Mary Harmsworth Park	Local Park	A year round destination park due to the location of the Imperial War Museum in the centre of the park. The size of GMH means that it comfortably accommodates a sports pavilion servicing four tennis/ badminton courts, three multi use games areas, a 1 o'clock club, children's playground, multi-cultural gardens, a peace garden and a refreshment kiosk, whilst still retaining large expanses of amenity grass.	Whilst the park has several unique features and is well used by local families, schools, visitors to the borough and tourists throughout the year, its many assets are blighted by a deteriorating infrastructure. This includes the generally poor condition of footpaths, inconsistent fencing, several pieces of redundant furniture, poor signage, unattractive temporary buildings and storage containers.	1 Remove all redundant fencing and unused temporary buildings and relandscape these vacated spaces. 2 Renew path network to create consistency of material and install additional paths where there are clear desire lines. 3 Refurbish the ranger gardener offices to create an information / visitors centre and workshop space. 4 Upgrade gate entrances at the north west boundary on Lambeth Road & Brook Drive.	1 £5,000 2 £30,000 3 £250,000 4 £20,000	HLF	No
Kennington Open Space	Local Park	A flat expanse of grass land overlooked by several high rise tower blocks on housing estates at the east and west boundaries. A tiled, concrete mound with steps to the top is all that remains of an old playground. Two aging wooden benches are located along each main foot path.	The open space was previously annexed to Kennington Park and was managed by Lambeth Council. Borough boundary changes have meant that this green is divided along its central foot path into two separately managed spaces - Lambeth's Kennington Park and Southwark's Kennington Open Spaces. Lambeth has a master plan encompassing both sites. The space is almost exclusively used as a through route. A recent structural survey of lighting columns at the site concluded they require urgent repair / replacement.	1 Repair / replace defective light columns . 2 Install new foot path following the desire line east to west from Brandon Estate towards Camberwell New Road and improve condition of existing paths. 3 Replace dilapidated benches with standard park seating and increase number to 8. 4 Remove redundant brick mound and create new childrens playground at the site of the old playground on the east side of the park.	1 £130,000 2 £20,000 3 £3,000 4 £30,000	S106	No
Sutherland Square	Square	An unusually small oval - shaped patch of green enclosed by a simple shrub border and standard fencing. Benches and bins sited at each end of park, a shrub bed are the only added features.	Encircled by houses, Sutherland Square is kept permanently locked at the request of residents. Lack of public access to the park means that currently it is used solely for infrequent neighbourhood events.	Investment in this space is not recommended at present due the limited public use. 1 Explore options for transferring management of the park to local residents. 2 Investigate feasibility of re-opening the space.	1 Nil 2 Nil	Non required	No
St May's Churchyard	Churchyard	Newly designed as part of the redevelopment of Elephant and Castle this former churchyard now features a children's playground divided into age specific areas; decorative plant beds; a high visibility circular foot path; a grassed picnic area containing a cluster of cement boulders and a timber decked walkway and seating area on the north east boundary.	The high visibility and central location of St Mary's means that it is a popular picnic space, particularly at lunchtimes and weekends during the summer. Demand on the park is likely to increase as new office/residential buildings in the surrounding area are occupied. Surfaces surrounding the concrete boulders are compacted earth mounds where turf has failed to establish there. The seating area has become an unintended venue for skateboarding. Recently the park has begun to be used regularly for football practice by teams displaced by housing development at Elephant Road park. Continued use of this kind is likely to cause damage and patching of the grass area.	1 Install additional cement boulders to restrict the size of open play space and discourage formal football. 2 Resurface area around boulders with 'wet pour' to replicate mounds in the play area. 3 Weather treat timber decking and furniture and where necessary adapt surfaces for improved slip resistance. 4 Repair lighting. 5 Introduce measures to improve safety around seating area. 6 Replenish plant beds.	1 £1,500 2 £1,000 3 £2,000 4 £500 5 £5,000	S106	No
Addington Square	Square	Annexed to Burgess Park is this quiet residential square. Low level fencing covers the entire boundary and divides it from the main park. The square contains five seasonal beds, a fairly prominent sculpture, a spring flower meadow and a wooden picnic bench.	This attractive space is poorly accessed and under utilised. Entrance to the square is via a single gate entrance on the eastern boundary. Adding to the restricted access is an adjacent fence and gate from Burgess park into the square which creates an awkward pedestrian route around the space. The bedding & meadow areas provide some colour but a single dilapidated bench and old paving where benches have been removed spoil the aesthetic appeal. The poor seating discourages quiet enjoyment of the space.	1 Create additional gate access on the western boundary and repair threshold at gate on the east. 2 Replace paved patches with turf 3 Install new picnic benches 4 Create new semi - circular path in bench area between two entrances.	1 £1,500 2 £1,000 3 £2,500 4 £3,000	Possible part of HLF bid	No
Summer Park	Local Park/Square	This ornamental garden was created during the redevelopment of North Peckham estate in the late 1990's. A planted willow border lines the perimeter fence with the circular paved footpath providing a route from each of the four gated entrances. The park features a poorly equipped toddler play area, raised timber walkway from east to west and two designer picnic benches along with a central turfed space. Several varieties of pampous grass, bamboo, cordaline tress are prominent in the planted areas	The park is overlooked on all four sides by two & three bedroom family houses. Lying just behind Peckham Square and the Central Library, the park is a popular meeting spot for boistrous school children & teenagers at lunch times and after school. Residents complain of noisy gatherings in the park during the summer evenings and the rapid growth of the willow hedge during the season reduces the opportunity for natural surveillance of the park from surrounding properties. Patchy turfing in places, unused wetpour where play equipment has been removed and gaps in planted areas throughout the park suggest the park is in need of attention.	1 Augment the toddler play area with new equipment and reinstate play features for 5+ on redundant wet pour space. 2 Clean / repair tiled paths & restore and treat timber on boardwalk. 3 Increase and add diversity of colour to existing planting & re-seed / turf grass patches. 4 Add seating around play areas	1 £3,000 2 £2,000 3 £1,000 4 £1,500	None known	No

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Victory Community Park	Local Park	Stretching east to west from Rodney Place to Balfour Street, this L shaped park includes a fenced nature area with a pond. Facilities in the main park include a childrens' play area with equipment suitable for primary school aged children, a tarmac playground with marked football pitch and a basketball hoop.	A distinctive feature is the sunken playground which stretches across the entire width of the park effectively dissecting east from west. A footbridge along the southern boundary now connects the banks at either side of this playground and runs adjacent to Victory School. The Victory Community Park Committee plant & maintain well presented multi-cultural border and manages the nature area as an educational resource for local children.	1. Resurface & mark out deteriorating tarmac in playground. 2 Repair and repaint northern boundary wall. 3 Redesign entrances at Balfour Street and Victory Place to combine them and correct the park boundary 4 Re- lay worn footpaths with resin bound surface	1 £1,500 2 £1,000 3 £2,000 4 £5,000	Pocket park	No
Nursery Row Park	Local Park	An urban park nestled in amongst high density housing estates, a busy street market and public car park. A fenced childrens play area with a selection of standard play equipment, lies adjacent to a woodland area with newly installed natural play features. The central mound, with its industrial styled sculpture at the summit, is partial covered by a wild flower meadow.	The park's location next to East Street market means that its northern boundary suffers from litter and overspill from traders stalls. The concrete planters near this entrance are used for seating but failed/ insufficient planting means that they have also become litter traps. The soil in the woodland play area is heavily compacted and full of stones / rubble. This along with extensive tree cover has severely effected grass growth. The park is a regular haunt for street drinkers and well used by dog walkers from local residences.	1. Stone pick aerate soil and fully turf the woodland play area & replace tarmac patches with turf. 2 Unify inconsistent pathway styles. 3 Introduce new planting in beds around Brandon Street entrance	1 £2,500 2 £1,500 3 £1,000	None known	No
Salisbury Row Park	Local Park	At the eastern point of this triangular open space lies small fenced nature area. Several community planted beds are installed along the central footpath which runs North to South across the park. A well equipped childrens' play area, an amenity grass area with football goal posts and a youth shelter are located in the main body of the park.	The park benefits from shared management with the Salisbury Row Parks Committee, who maintain the planted beds and nature area. Its location within a neighbourhood that has regular community led events means the park is a well used, cherished space where there is a great sense of local ownership. Minor infrastructural works would improve its visual appeal.	1 Formalise desire line at Hemp Walk / Hillery Close corner. 2 Seed around patches in turf around benches and goal posts	1. £1,000 2 £500	Not known	No
David Copperfield Gardens	Garden	Located on the busy A2 (New Kent Road), this linear park occupies the block between Harper Road and Falmouth Road. A meandering pathway along the length of the garden provides an alternative walking route to the harsh pavement on the main road. Large boulders at the boundary, a few shrub beds along the footpath and several cherry trees are the main features of this simple park	The garden's main value is to soften the starkness of its immediate environment. It provides a resting spot for pedestrians and is particularly used after school by children from the local secondary school and bus travellers waiting at the nearby bus stop. The boulders double as seating.	1 Power wash boulders	£Nil	Non Required	No
Pasely Park	Local Park	Formerly known as Surrey Gardens this park occupies land that was previously part of the historic Surrey Gardens Zoo. It now has a central grass football pitch with goal posts, that is surrounded by a circular footpath leading to the four entrances. There are two fairly large fenced dog walking areas at each end of the park containing a significant number trees. On a raised mound at the west boundary sits a children's playground.	Whilst there are four entrances to this park, only the access from Stopford Road provides an inviting gateway to the space. The footpaths are in need of resurfacing due to extensive tree damage. The dog exercise areas appear to be disproportionate in scale for the park. One area for dog exercise is sufficient for a park this size. Visibility around the park is poor due to significant mounding meaning that views across the park are not readily available, particularly from from Chapter Road. The children's playground carries standard play equipment.	1 Entrance Improvements 2 Resurfacing entire path network 3 Remove 1 no dog exercise area to bring back into general park use. 4 Relandscape and reduce the size of remaining dog exercise area. 5 Upgrade childrens playground to created added appeal for children of wider age range.	1 £20,000 2 150,000 3 £20,000 4 £60,000 5 £100,000	S106	Yes - Masterplan in place