

**Copy Emails
Green Space Strategy**

(Appendix 13b-25 July 2024)

Steve, we are perfectly happy to receive proposed additions. These can be provided to myself, Becky and Eleanor by Ward Members, collectively or individually, and we are more than happy for you to engage the Parish Council in this process. Officers can then add to the draft Strategy document, in order to reflect local ambition, before it is then placed before the Community and Environment Board for its consideration.

Best regards.

Simon



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Subject: Re: Draft Green Space Strategy

Dear Simon

Thank you so much for your email and tenacity in ensuring that there has been enough engagement on this matter.

I'd like to see that there is some expansion in relation to the priorities for Water Orton, possibly raising this at Parish Council on 25th July. It looks quite light at the moment and certainly doesn't reflect the level of ambition which we have in this area.

Are additions to the report easy to facilitate?

Regards

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Subject: FW: Draft Green Space Strategy

Councillors, for perfectly understandable reasons (I have no doubt that you were all heavily engaged in matters associated with the recent General Election), we have received a very limited response to the request for help associated with the email below, which concerned a review of the externally-produced draft Green Space Strategy. The period for comment on the attached draft Green Space Strategy, therefore, has been extended until 11 August.

I appreciate that everyone is busy and that we are entering the summer holiday period, but if you were able to look at and comment upon the draft Strategy (and its Area Priorities in particular) by 11 August, that would be greatly appreciated. If you could forward any comments to both myself and Becky Evans that, too, would be very helpful.

Best regards.

Simon

From: Simon Powell
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Subject: Draft Green Space Strategy

Councillors, please find attached a copy of the recently received draft Green Space Strategy (GSS), which has been produced (in most part) by external consultants. I say "in most part", as all but one of the references to Biodiversity Net Gain (upon which subject there is more to be added) have been inserted by Officers. My own view is that the manner in which the consultants dealt with (or not) BNG was disappointing.

The draft Strategy largely sticks to the format of the current GSS, which is recognised and agreed by the Community and Environment (C&E) Board. Officers have cross-referenced the draft document

with the current Strategy and the external audit of open space and there are no obvious omissions from that point of view. That said, the Area Priorities look somewhat “thin”.

I have shared the draft Strategy with Councillor Bell, in her capacity as Chair of the C&E Board, and she has asked that it be sent to all Borough Councillors, that your attention be drawn to the section where individual Wards are mentioned (the Area Priorities) and that you be asked for your comment / input on any matters of strategic relevance to green space in your Ward.

We would, of course, also welcome any observations that you have on any aspect of the draft Strategy, good or otherwise. By way of example, we have received comments on the need to improve access to green space, the need for observations on how to improve connectivity between green spaces and the need to establish how our blue corridors (canals and rivers) could be used to enhance opportunities within our open spaces. After reading the draft Strategy, which benefits from not being too long, you may have other thoughts.

I appreciate that everyone is busy, but if you were able to look at and comment upon the draft Strategy (and its Area Priorities in particular) by the end of June, that would be greatly appreciated. If you could forward any comments to both myself and Becky Evans that, too, would be very helpful.

Best regards.

Simon

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