

# Parkland Walk Proposed Improvements – Consultation Analysis October 2023

## 1. Purpose of this consultation

The Council, through the Haringey Deal, have committed to more actively involving the community in shaping local areas through the process of co-design.

To this end, this consultation is the start of a co-design process, with the aim of understanding the desires, concerns and aspirations of the community for the Parkland Walk. The questions were designed to understand:

- 1) How the Parkland Walk is currently used and who by
- 2) If there are challenges to accessibility on the walk and what these are
- 3) What aspirations there are for changes to improve accessibility
- 4) What concerns there are about potential future changes

As this is the start of a process of co-design (with future design workshops and further public consultation and drop-in sessions planned) no proposals have yet been developed as this first stage of engagement was information gathering.

There are three absolute fundamentals which underpin this project:

- The aim is to improve the accessibility of the Walk and to agree upon an appropriate surfacing material.
- The final outcome will NOT be the creation of a cycle superhighway.
- Absolutely no decisions have been made beyond that. This consultation process will guide the scope and approach of the project.

## 2. Introduction

The consultation ran from 24<sup>th</sup> July till 17<sup>th</sup> September. Large banners were installed directing people to the on-line questionnaire at each entrance to the Parkland Walk. The Friends of Parkland Walk distributed leaflets to local residents and information was shared with various stakeholders

It should be noted that some mis-information was attached to some of the promotional banners (see images below). This poster has had the effect of suggesting that Haringey has objectives to improve access for cyclists on Parkland Walk by introducing a tarmac or concrete surface. No such suggestions or proposals have been identified nor was this set out in the consultation document.

Given that no mention of tarmac surfacing or cycling was made in the information shared with the community it is highly unusual to have 725 consultation responses raising concerns about encouragement of cyclists and e-bike users and equally unexpected to have a further 1033 respondents under the impression that the council is proposing measures which will have a negative impact on biodiversity, see page 7.

Some example comments are listed below:

- *It should not be made more attractive to cyclists. If anything, it should be cycle-free.*
- *It shouldn't become a rat run for cyclists to commute (and I say this as a cyclist who commutes)*
- *It is very clear that current cyclist use is almost only by people who want to make a fast and safe (no cars) shortcut. None of the cyclists I encounter appear interested in the environment, as they are hurtling down the walk.*
- *Tarmac will reduce water absorption into the ground and add to surface water flooding.*
- *Tarmac would be an awful surface and stop the place feeling like an escape into nature. I fear it will also become more of a bike commute shortcut and make it less accessible to families*
- *Sounds like you wanna make the sedate walk into a motorway....*
- *The beauty of the parkland walk is its nature and mature trees. Putting down tarmac for bikes would turn it into a cycle lane. ....The felling of a 500 year old tree for a ramp should be a crime. The council's treatment of Finsbury Park turning it into revenue generating large events at the cost of the local residents and wildlife is similarly an abuse of power and not in the public interest. Please leave nature how it is for us to enjoy. Cyclists can use roads and there are plenty of other parks that are accessible.*
- *The changes are too vague to achieve meaningful consultation feedback.....A hard surface will encourage cycling at speed by lycra-clad idiots who think they are in a tour de France style race, affecting everyone else's enjoyment of Parkland Walk.*
- *The changes will encourage more e-bikes and e-scooters to use the path, which poses a danger especially to those users with disabilities, wheelchairs, pushchairs, children and dogs*
- *The changes will lead to more cyclists , cycling at greater speeds which will put pedestrians at greater risk of harm unless there are dedicated cycle lanes which cyclists have to use. And escooters and scooters whjch are also more likely to use it for commuting purposes*
- *The changes will make parkland walk loose its natural feel and impact biodiversity. Cycling and electric scooters will go faster and take over.*
- *The changes would change the whole feel of Parkland Walk. It functions well for buggies etc as it is now.*
- *The changes would increase number of cyclist which we don't want and reduce natural habitat*
- *The harder surface will lead to more runners injuring themselves.*
- *The idea of changing the surface of the parkland walk is completely awful. The whole beauty of it is that it feels like you're actually out in nature, not in London. Access issues are important, of course, but they come nowhere near to outweighing the importance of maintaining the natural beauty of such a genuinely important green space. I'm horrified to think it could become some paved walkway.*
- *The idea of paving the route makes me very sad. The whole point of using the parkland walk is that it feels like you are in a wood. That's the experience wheelchair users ought to be able to have as well, so it would be much better to spend the money on all-terrain wheelchairs and helpers to assist people onto the walk from time to time. I also find it a little difficult to accept that, in a borough that is 99.9% paved, we should be upset that one tiny sliver of it is not paved.*

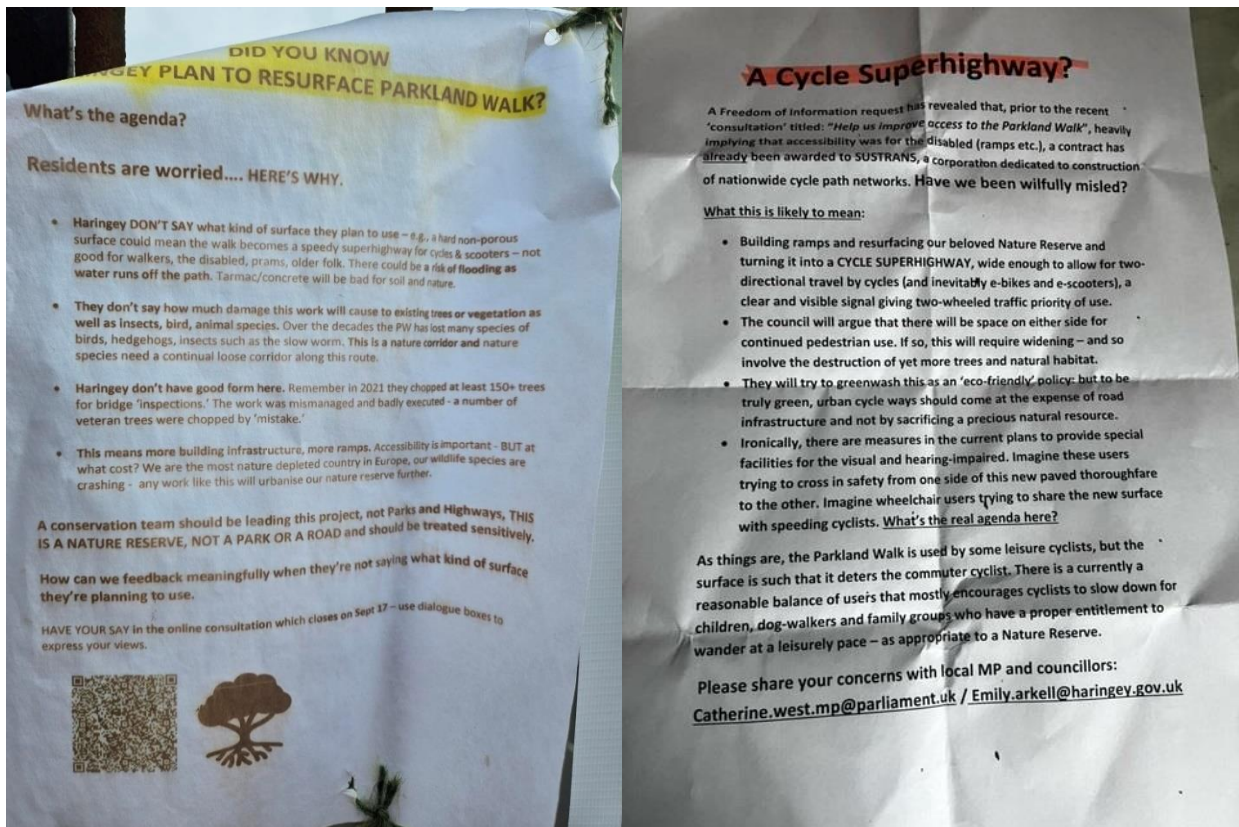


Image showing non-council posters.

There was an apparent technical issue with the question that asked respondents to rank any concerns from 1 – 4 in order of priority. Many respondents commented that the online form did not allow them to rank their concerns. When we received the data download it was therefore not possible to accurately quantify concerns in order of priority, as the table listed all the concerns in a range of different orders.

As a result, the comments section for this question has instead been used to quantify respondents' concerns and then the data manually adjusted to provide accurate results.

One concern widely held by respondents is that the consultation has not included clear details about the resurfacing measures proposed for Parkland Walk. However this seems to have been initiated by the posters that were distributed by others and which failed to understand the co-design process that the Council is conducting with stakeholders and the wider community, with this data-gathering questionnaire being only the start of the process. Our co-design approach was understood by some stakeholders, such as the Friends of Parkland Walk who promoted the questionnaire on their website with the introduction

“Haringey Council has launched a consultation on works to resurface the path and improve accessibility of the Parkland Walk Local Nature Reserve. The process is open to the public to make their views known via an online questionnaire focusing on what your priorities might be when the council begins the development of specific proposals in the coming months – a process in which we, and other stakeholders, will be involved. Here are some thoughts that the Friends of the Parkland Walk hope you will consider in your response.....”

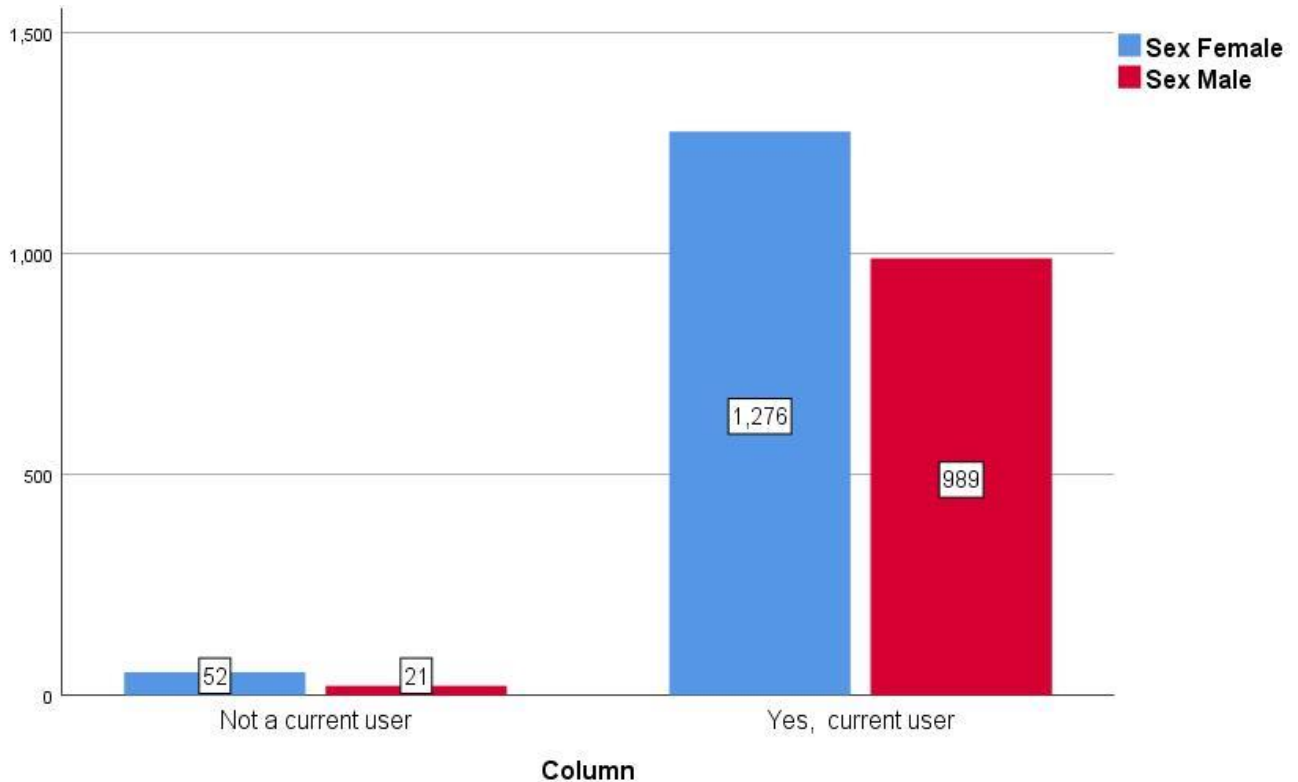
Another general concern is that a majority of respondents do not consider that the Council has explained why it has carried out the consultation. There is a widespread view that this is a supplier-driven initiative rather than one based on demand from residents. Again it is anticipated that this view was perpetuated by those who did not understand the process. The consultation introduction clearly stated

“The Council is committed to making all our parks, green spaces and nature reserves accessible and inclusive to as many people as possible whilst maintaining and enhancing the beauty, biodiversity and environmental value of these spaces.

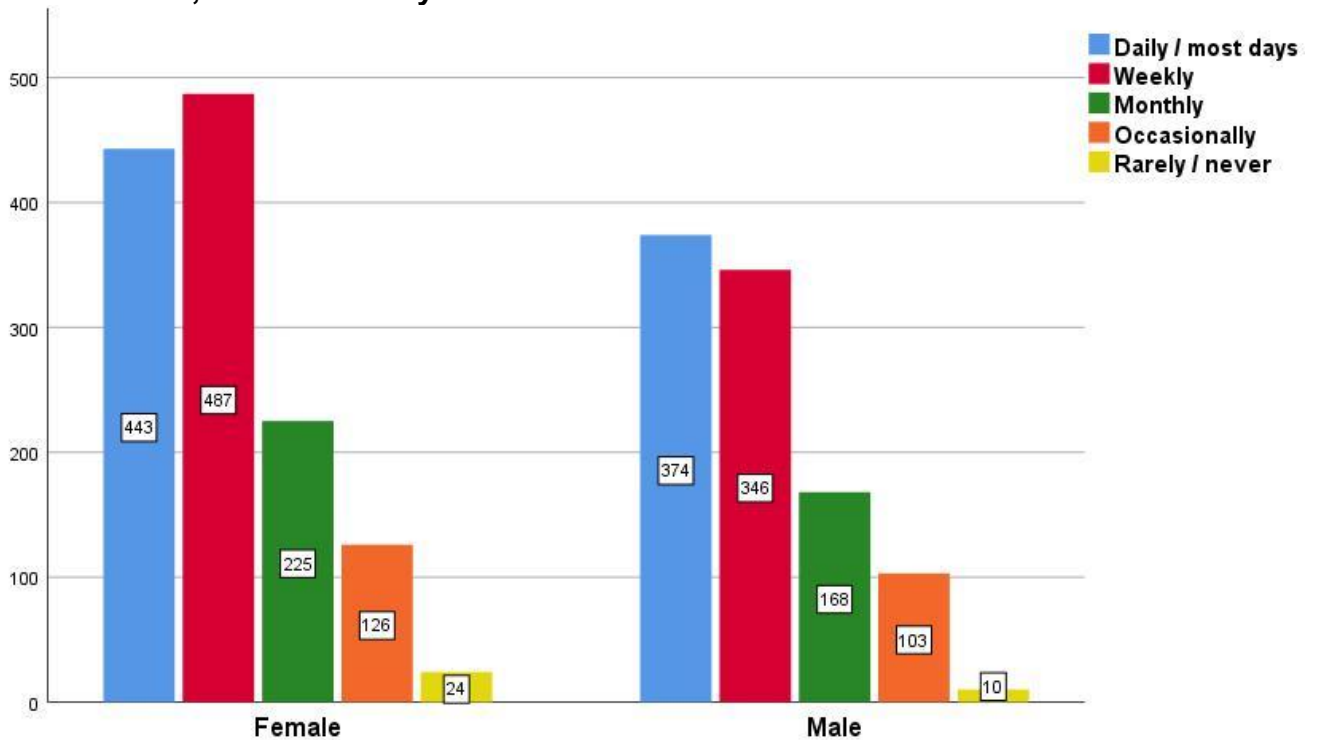
We are starting to look at how we can make the Parkland Walk Nature Reserve more accessible and inclusive for those with limited mobility, disabilities and physical restrictions, whilst maintaining provision for walkers and cyclists. “

### 3. DATA ANALYSIS

Do you currently use the Parkland Walk?

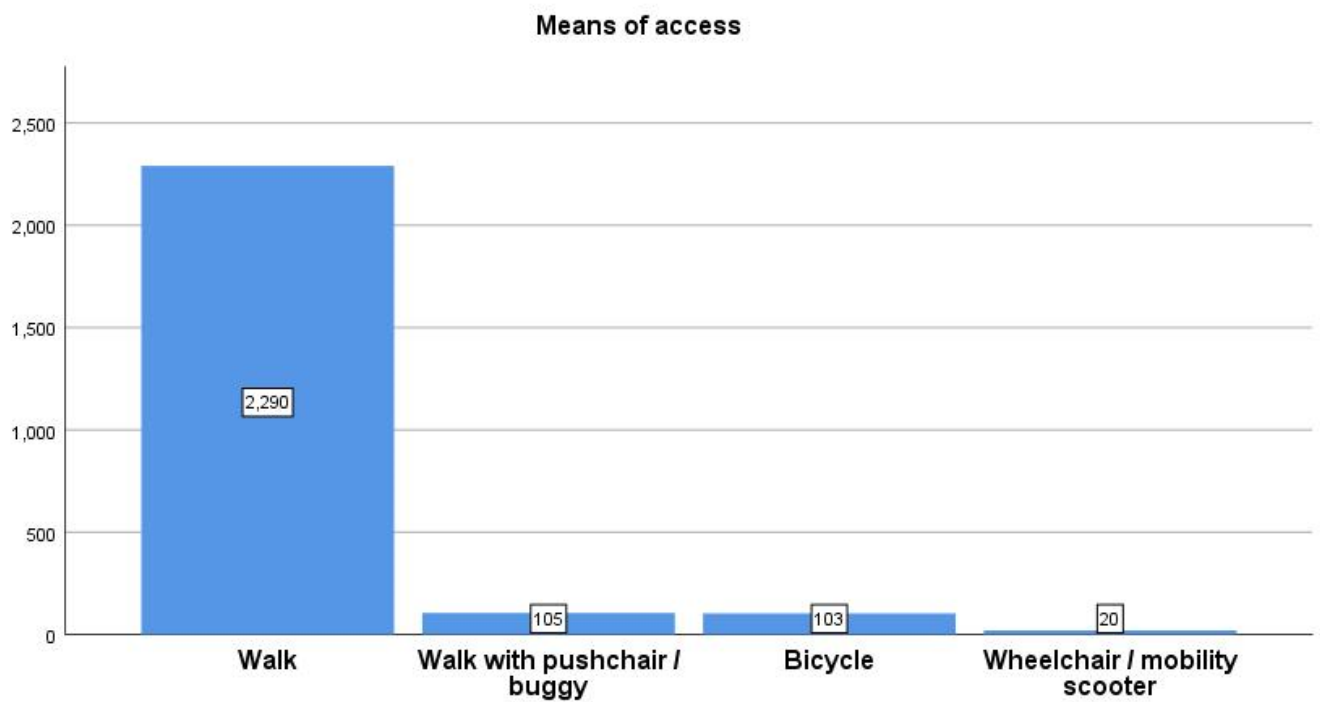


If you are a user, how often do you use it?



		Sex					
		Female		Male		No response	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
How often used?	Not stated	119	9%	48	5%	16	2%
	Monthly	225	17%	167	17%	113	14%
	Weekly	443	33%	329	33%	289	35%
	Daily / most days	394	30%	353	35%	311	37%
	Rarely / never	19	1%	9	1%	13	2%
	Occasionally	128	10%	104	10%	93	11%
	Total	1328	100%	1010	100%	835	100%

### How do you usually access the Parkland Walk?



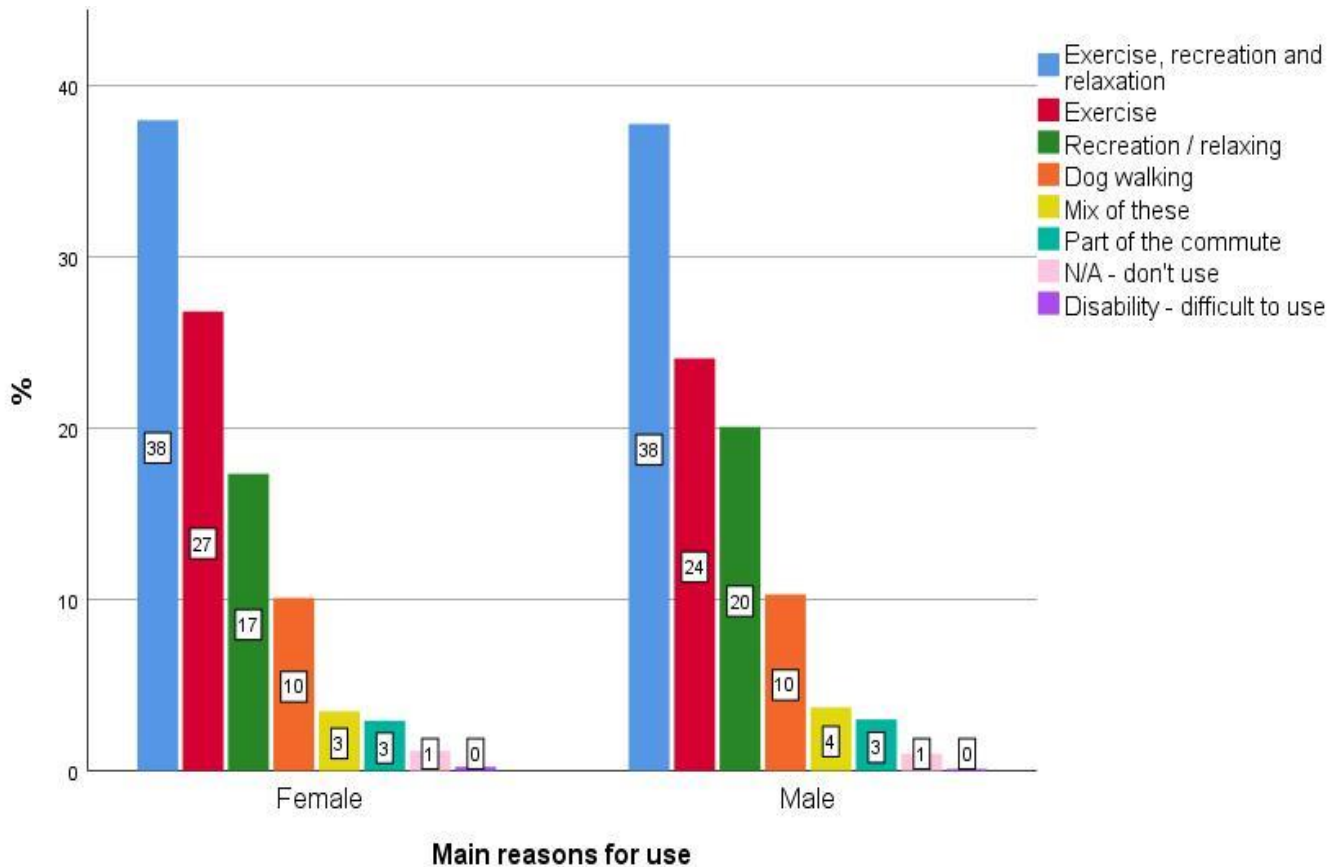
		Count	%
How access?	Walk	2290	91%
	Walk with pushchair / buggy	105	4%
	Bicycle	103	4%
	Wheelchair / mobility scooter	20	1%
	Total	2518	100%

[N.B. The pattern of access does not show significant differences by sex or age group].

**What are the main reasons you use the Parkland Walk? Tick all that apply.**

A substantial proportion of respondents comment that it is the natural look and feel of the walk, combined with its biodiversity that appeals to them and this is why they enjoy using it. Percentage data is used in the chart below, so it shows the proportions of respondents. E.g. 8% of women use the walk specifically for exercise. For men the figure is 13%

		Sex			
		Female		Male	
		Count	%	Count	%
Main reasons for use	Exercise, recreation and relaxation	399	30%	324	32%
	N/A - don't use	406	31%	202	20%
	Recreation / relaxing	211	16%	190	19%
	Exercise	110	8%	133	13%
	Dog walking	131	10%	103	10%
	Mix of these	30	2%	27	3%
	Part of the commute	38	3%	30	3%
	Disability - difficult to use	3	0%	1	0%
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1328</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1010</b>	<b>100%</b>



**If you do not currently use the Parkland Walk, why not?**

		Count	%
Why don't you use it?	I use other spaces	18	1%
	Don't feel safe	23	1%
	Poor path surface makes it difficult	26	1%
	Not easy to get to	19	1%
	N/A - I use it	3087	97%
	Total	3173	100%

**Some example comments are listed below:**

- I prefer open spaces
- It does not feel as nature friendly as it used to since paths have been widened and trees felled and bushes cleared
- I don't have enough time
- I don't find the path surface easy to use , It is not easy for me to get to
- I don't find the path surface easy to use , I find it difficult to get the pushchair on and off the walk
- I don't find the path surface easy to use , I don't feel safe there
- I don't find it easy to access with gated entrances
- I do use it less often than before covid as it is so busy now and not as peaceful as it used to be
- I don't feel safe there, broken glass on path, dark at night with drug dealers/users, cyclists at rush hour

**Main concerns about the Council's suggestions for wider accessibility.**

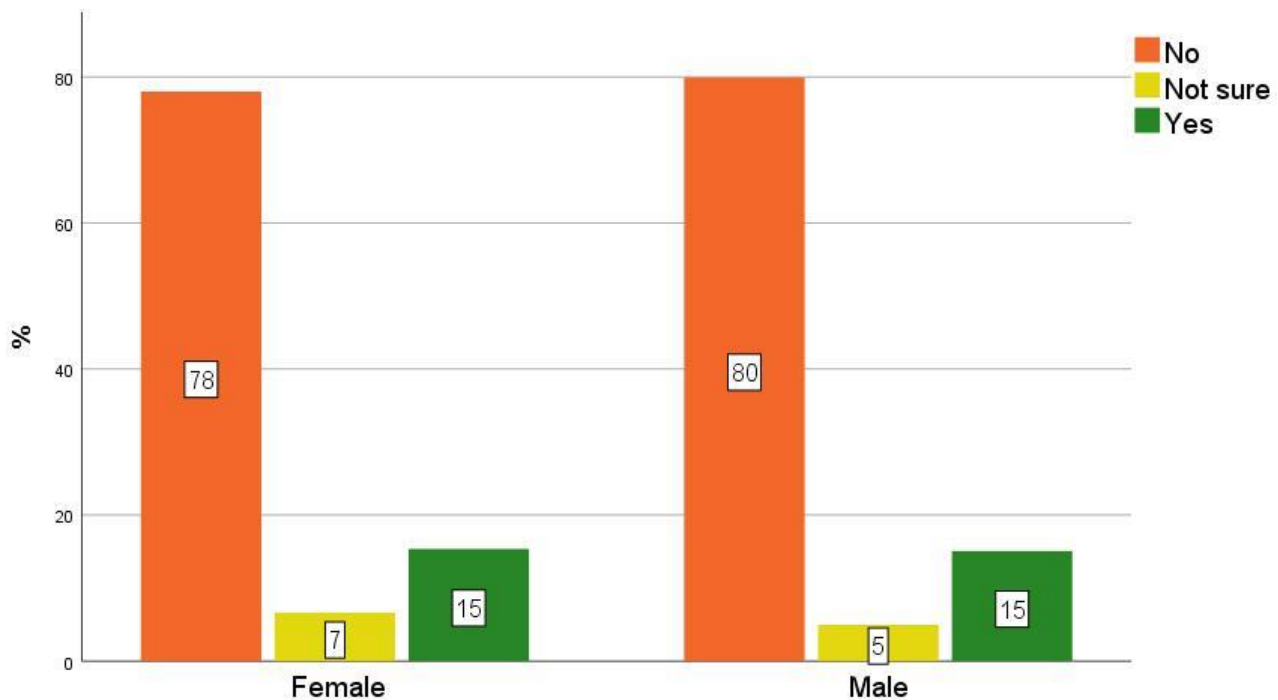
		Count	%
Which are your main concerns?	Concerned that this will damage natural habitat / biodiversity	1035	33%
	No response	764	24%
	This could encourage and increase speeding cycles & e-bikes	725	23%
	Will make Parkland Walk look less natural and attractive	599	19%
	Not needed - money can better be spent elsewhere	50	2%

**If accessibility were improved would it encourage or enable you to use the Parkland Walk more?**

		Age_group									
		Under 25		25-44		45-64		65+		Not stated	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
No response		8	17%	202	23%	246	25%	124	30%	287	35%
No		32	67%	545	61%	631	63%	222	54%	410	50%
Not sure		2	4%	43	5%	39	4%	8	2%	39	5%
Yes, definitely		3	6%	51	6%	40	4%	21	5%	40	5%
Yes, possibly		3	6%	55	6%	47	5%	34	8%	41	5%
Total		48	100%	896	100%	1003	100%	409	100%	817	100%

There is little difference between young, and older respondents to this question. It might be expected that the 65+ age cohort would be encouraged to use the Walk if accessibility was improved; but the data gives no confirmation of this.

**Would improved accessibility encourage you to use Parkland Walk more – by Sex (data shown as percentages)**



15% of users report that they would use Parkland Walk more if accessibility was improved. However a large majority would not, primarily because they tell us they like the current natural look and feel of the area.

**Suggested locations for access improvements**

Those respondents who do consider a need for access improvements have come up with the following suggestions:

07 suggestions: Northwood Road.

10 suggestions: Stanhope Road

30 suggestions: Stapleton Hall Road - practically inaccessible for buggies and wheelchairs

07 suggestions: Stroud Green is quite difficult, as both accesses are really steep



## Main Concerns regarding access improvements – by Sex, Age group, and Disability

### Concerns by Sex.

	Sex					
	Female		Male		Total	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
No response	362	27%	221	22%	583	25%
This could encourage and increase speeding cycles & e-bikes	289	22%	250	25%	539	23%
Will make Parkland Walk look less natural and attractive	196	15%	250	25%	446	19%
Not needed - money can better be spent elsewhere	12	1%	21	2%	33	1%
Concerned that this will damage natural habitat / biodiversity	469	35%	268	27%	737	32%

### Concerns – by Age group

	Age_group									
	Under 25		25-44		45-64		65+		Not stated	
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
No response	8	17%	154	17%	245	24%	142	35%	215	26%
This could encourage and increase speeding cycles & e-bikes	7	15%	216	24%	227	23%	114	28%	161	20%
Will make Parkland Walk look less natural and attractive	7	15%	211	24%	201	20%	50	12%	130	16%
Not needed - money can better be spent elsewhere	3	6%	9	1%	16	2%	7	2%	15	2%
Concerned that this will damage natural habitat / biodiversity	23	48%	306	34%	314	31%	96	23%	296	36%
Total	48	100%	896	100%	1003	100%	409	100%	817	100%

It is clear that amongst the older age ranges, concern about speeding cyclists and e-scooters is higher than amongst younger age ranges. Conversely, the younger age groups are proportionately more concerned about the risk to the natural habitat that could result from measures introduced by the Council in order to improve accessibility.

### Concerns – by Disability

	Do you have a disability?			
	No		Yes	
	Count	%	Count	%
Concerned that this will damage natural habitat / biodiversity	850	32%	176	35%
No response	637	24%	112	22%
This could encourage and increase speeding cycles & e-bikes	594	23%	125	25%
Will make Parkland Walk look less natural and attractive	517	20%	78	16%
Not needed - money can better be spent elsewhere	38	1%	9	2%
Total	2636	100%	500	100%

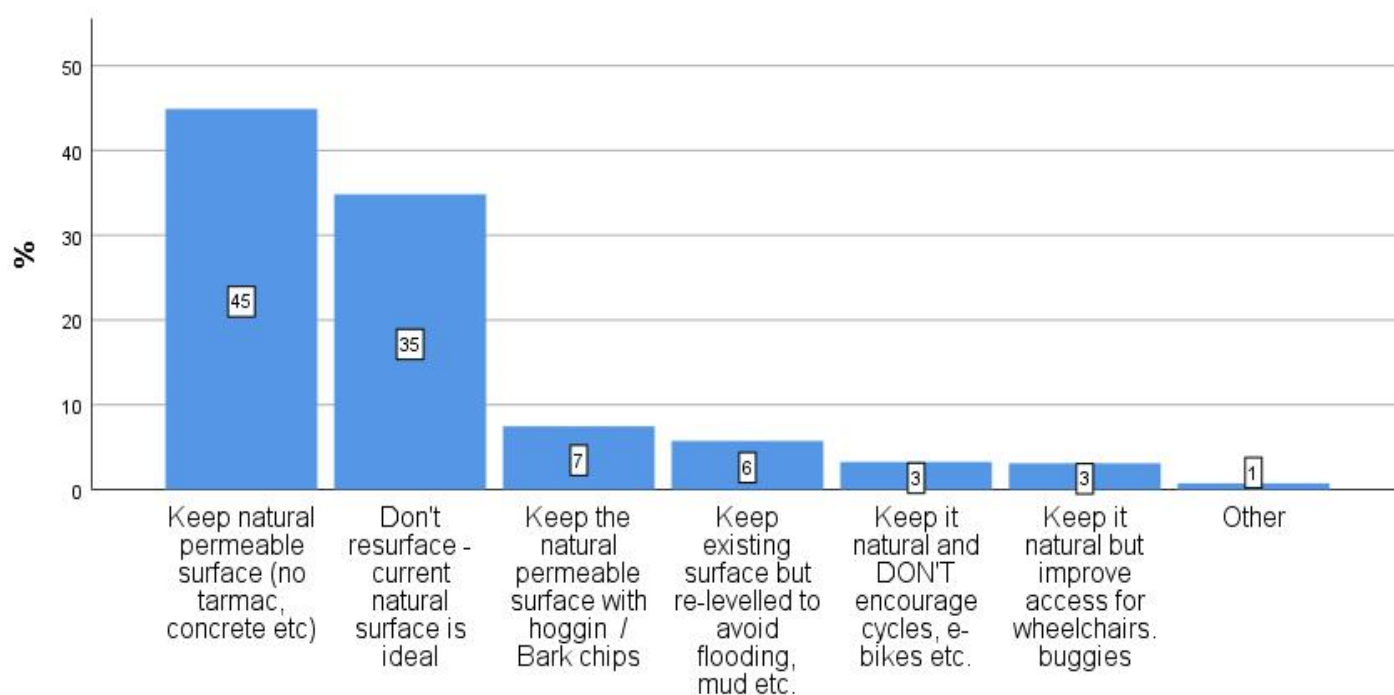
## Nature of disabilities reported by Respondents.

		Count	%
Nature of disability	No disability or impairment	2838	89%
	Physical Impairment	95	3%
	Long term health condition/hidden impairment	61	2%
	Mental health/Mental distress issues	59	2%
	Neurodiverse	53	2%
	Hearing impairment	23	1%
	Visual impairment	20	1%
	Learning difficulties	16	1%
	Deaf/BSL User	8	0%
	Total	3173	100%

## What should we focus on when considering accessibility improvements?

	Count	%
Keep the natural permeable surface for bio-diversity and natural feel - no tarmac or concrete.	829	39%
No need for resurfacing - current natural surface is ideal and discourages speeding cyclists & e-bikes.	515	24%
Keep the natural permeable surface e.g. fine gravel /pebbles & wood chips	275	13%
No need for resurfacing, leave it as it is.	252	12%
Keep as it is but re-levelled to avoid flooding & mud patches - and easier for wheelchairs & buggies .	217	10%
Other view	19	1%
Total	2107	100%

Data shown as Percentages



## Are there specific surfaces you'd like to see used?

		Count	%
Surface type	Keep the natural permeable surface - no tarmac or concrete as we don't want speeding cycles / e-bikes etc.	963	46%
	No need for resurfacing - current natural surface is ideal	718	34%
	Keep as it is but re-levelled to avoid flooding & mud patches - and easier for wheelchairs & buggies .	237	11%
	Keep the natural permeable surface with e.g. hoggin / Bark chips	164	8%
	Other	16	1%
	Total	2098	100%

## Would you welcome additional directional signage along the walk?

		Count	%
Would you like more directional signage along the walk?	No comment	412	13%
	No	2165	68%
	Yes	596	19%
	Total	3173	100%

## If signage is not needed; why not?

		Count	%
If not, why not?	Additional signage would detract from the natural character of the space	1051	37%
	Signage is fine as it is	996	35%
	No comment	639	23%
	Not required in the era of smartphones and GPS. Unnecessary use of money.	126	4%
	Total	2812	100%

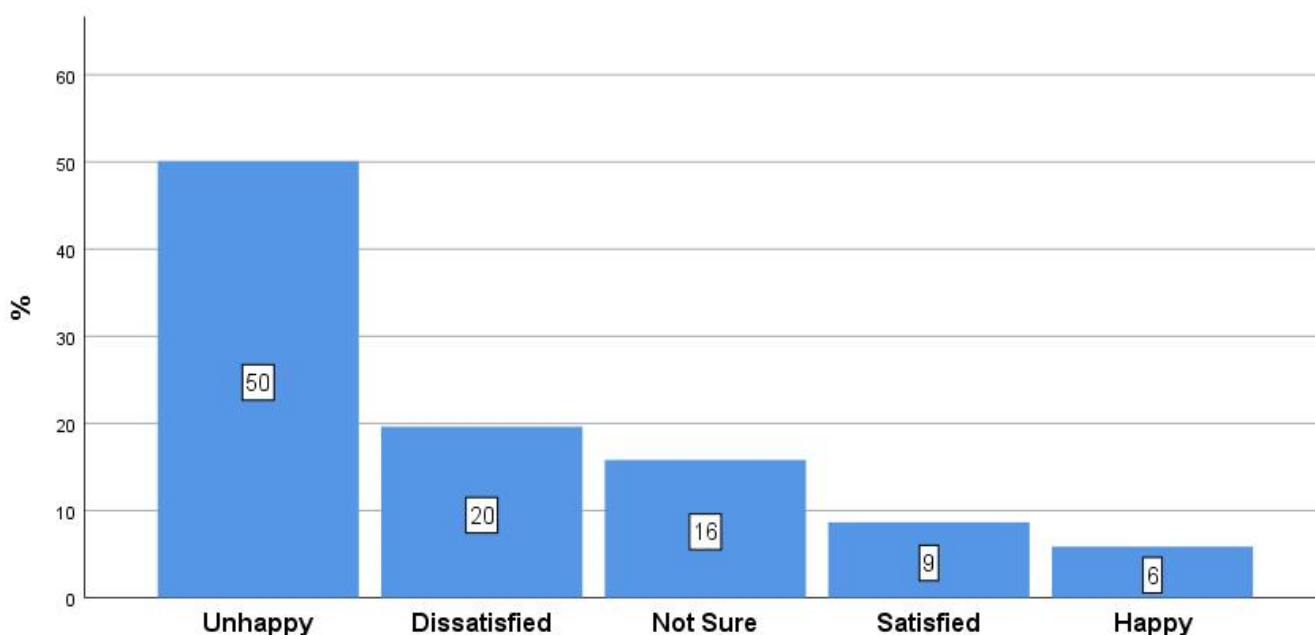
## Example comments of those suggesting having more signage:

- Where exit routes take you.
- Stop nannying everyone people can work out which direction the route to follow!! It already says Finsbury Park one end and Highgate the other.
- Viewpoints; points of interest; but above all else, remove the graffiti that makes it impossible to read.
- To the nearest cafe and toilet, to public transport.
- To Finsbury Park with a list of all the park's attractions. To nearby hostelries and places of refreshment. E.g. The Nicholas Nickleby and the Goods Office at the Stapleton Hall Road junction. To public lavatories. To nearby destinations, with distances and walking times, e.g. Green Lanes, Railway Fields, the overground, Archway, Crouch End, etc.
- There is no signage needed. This is London on a large wood in nowhere. If you get onto the walk then you know where you want to get. Signage would just clutter the place and make it

look less nature reserve and more like city. After all people use the walk to get into a space of nature not into a street. This is very important for mental health as well.

- This is a place for escapism and enjoyment, not Piccadilly Circus.
- There is a pressing need for signs clarifying the rules for cyclists: the current signs are few and completely inadequate. Signs making clear that motorised vehicles and prohibited would also be extremely beneficial.
- Please please leave let us rest our eyes and minds from signage. This is what a nature trail is for; our peace and sanity - not messages or instructions.
- Obvious ones are Finsbury park / Highgate, but additionally it should have Crouch end / Archway / Harringay station / Crouch Hill station.
- I think most people now have mobile phones and can use these if necessary. I'm also against the use of more street furniture as a concept. We already have too much.

**Overall support for the scheme (this was represented as facial expressions ie smiley face)**



		Count	%
Your view of the proposed changes	Dissatisfied	603	20%
	Happy	180	6%
	Not Sure	486	16%
	Satisfied	266	9%
	Unhappy	1540	50%
	Total	3075	100%

**4. CONCLUSION**

There is currently a general lack of support for changes to the surfacing of Parkland Walk or creation of additional accessible access points. This may be, in part, due to the mis-information and scaremongering that was undertaken by some during the consultation and also because

we are following a co-design process and as such there are currently no definitive plans to be shared with the community so it may feel difficult to agree to a principle without having greater detail.

This consultation has however identified the importance of any new surface material being as natural as possible, supporting bio-diversity, addressing the issue of ponding and pooling on the walk and the need for the designs to minimise the risk of speeding cyclists and e-scooters.

## **5. NEXT STEPS**

The important requirements highlighted by this consultation will feed into the project development as the scheme is taken forward.

Selected stakeholders have been invited to attend a series of workshops with the design team to develop this project as part of a co-design process. Once options have been developed they will be brought back to the wider community (hopefully by the end of 2023) in the form of another consultation and drop-in sessions for those who expressed a desire to be more involved in the project/ kept up to date with the project.

Please refer back to the [project page](#) for updates on this project.

## APPENDIX 1 – Equality Data

### Gender

		Count	%
Sex	Female	1328	57%
	Male	1010	43%
	Total	2338	100%

### Religion

		Count	%
Faith	No religion	1223	39%
	Christian	313	10%
	Buddhist	30	1%
	Hindu	7	0%
	Muslim	11	0%
	Jewish	62	2%
	Sikh	1	0%
	Other	4	0%
	Not stated / no data	1522	48%
	Total	3173	100%

### Age group

		Count	%
Age_group	Under 25	48	2%
	25-44	896	28%
	45-64	1003	32%
	65+	409	13%
	Not stated	817	26%
	Total	3173	100%

### Disability

		Count	%
Do you have a disability?	No	2636	84%
	Yes	500	16%
	Total	3136	100%
Nature of disability	Deaf/BSL User	8	0%
	Hearing impairment	23	1%
	Learning difficulties	16	1%
	Long term health condition/hidden impairment	61	2%
	Mental health/Mental distress issues	59	2%
	Neurodiverse	53	2%
	No disability or impairment	2838	89%
	Physical Impairment	95	3%
	Visual impairment	20	1%
	Total	3173	100%

### Ethnicity

		Count	%
Ethnicity	White British	1007	32%
	White Other	340	11%
	Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups	56	2%
	Asian / Asian British	62	2%
	African / Caribbean / Black British	22	1%
	Other ethnic group	0	0%
	Not stated / no data	1686	53%
	Total	3173	100%

## APPENDIX 2 - Comments (Q13: Any other comments on the project?)

- "If it ain't broke, don't fix it"
- I reiterate - it is a nature reserve, please keep it that way. 2. I understand a very large sum is available to Haringey - it would be far better spent in making real improvements to Finsbury Park, and to restoring much of the tree and other species loss on Parkland Walk that has occurred in recent years.
- Please make sure that the Nature reserve team in Haringey Council are centrally involved 2. DO NOT chop down a single further tree in the proposed work! 3. If there are ANY plans to tar over the Parkland Walk itself, we will organise a protest to stop it immediately.
- A balance had to be struck between making the parkland walk more accessible to people with disabilities and cyclists going too fast along the path. I say this as someone who frequently walks and cycles along the Parkland Walk. When I have cycled, I don't go too fast and am very considerate of walkers. But I have seen cyclists who are not and try to go too fast despite the rough surfaces.
- A BIG concern is Haringey's commitment to nature. The walk feels increasingly less managed for nature which detracts from it's core purpose, of being a nature reserve. We want to make this an accessible nature reserve, that welcomes those with limited mobility and children in buggies. Smoother pathways will help. With the extra ramp at Stanhope road, there is plenty of ramped access. My main concern is to avoid surfacing the walk in such a way as to make it a cycle superhighway of speeding e-scooters and e-bikes, as this will make the walk significantly less accessible to me with limited mobility, and also less natural.
- A hard surface would ruin the app. Walk & could create flooding. It could also mean people slip/fall due to the fact they cannot grip?
- A lot of trees and bushes have already been destroyed to make repairs/improvements. Haringay does not have a good track record in this area. The words 'design process' are not reassuring. A 'proper' surface will not drain properly
- A smooth surface such as tarmac would be a disaster for the Parkland Walk. It would encourage a lot more non-recreational cyclists and e-scooters too, and would be at odds with being a nature reserve. Access for the less able can be improved without such a surface which would be great. The Parkland Walk is currently a successful nature reserve and one that is regularly enjoyed by a lot of people - any improvements should build on this success, not undermine it.
- A sun it's supposed to be a nature reserve. It needs to be managed by people who have the best of nature in mind
- A Tarmac hard surface won't last and will end up costing more to maintain
- A tarmac path will become a superhighway for bikes making it dangerous for other users. Leave it alone!
- A terrible idea all round. Zero point in doing this and a complete waste of council money. Why not use it to improve lighting and safety inside Finsbury park instead
- A total waste of time and money which will ruin what now is one of the few natural areas in the borough
- Absolute waste of money
- Access yes, resurfacing would be a medium to short term liability
- Accessibility in most area and in particular for streets and shops are hugely important. However the nature of this site makes the changes required to great to make without ruining the integrity of the space
- Accessibility is a very important issue but the measures that are being taken now (from Stanhope Road for example) should be judged after a period of time before additional measures are taken. The idea of a 'ramp' to access the walk is potentially dangerous and counterproductive - for every wheelchair user that might find it useful there'll be fifty cyclists using it to speed up their access/departure at some risk to walkers and of course to wheelchair users
- Accessibility is equally important to nature and wildlife preservation. Perhaps some pockets of wildlife alongside Parkland Walk could be identified and protected from human access.

- Accessibility is important, but must be sensible and balanced. This plan is neither; it is ill-conceived. There are several accessible places to enjoy nature in the locale; Cherry Tree Woods, Highgate Woods, Alexander Palace park AND there are already several ramps providing access to the Parkland Walk. 1. The number (and speed) of cyclists is currently manageable and keeps the Parkland walk safe and enjoyable for all; it's used by families with small kids in buggies and small bikes; dog walkers; wheelchair users; old people and everyone else. This proposal will ruin it for our community. 2. Hard surfaces will encourage electric scooters, electric bikes, more traffic. This will result in making the walk unsafe for toddlers, the disabled, old and infirm. 3. The above will lead to more litter, as well as the growing eyesore of ugly electric bikes that already litter the environment elsewhere. 4. Electric bikes and scooters left on Parkland walk will undoubtedly end up being thrown in the bushes, or possibly over bridges. Please, let's use our common sense. This proposal will ruin a precious bit of wild nature beloved by local people and turn it into a cycle track. Please, please don't. Why not spend the money to improve the environment in Muswell Hill and make that more inclusive? Eg. A) Widen more pavements with cafes. There are several cafes and restaurants, but not many are accessible and very few have usable outdoor seating. (Seating with a bus roaring 4 feet from the table doesn't encourage people to sit outdoors). B) Plant trees on the paved area around Planet Organic. Replace the ugly, uncomfortable benches with wooden ones. Removing that side road was a fantastic initiative, but it's very hard and bare. (So is the Barbican, but the planting transforms it into a welcoming environment). The stone benches are not only ugly, cold and uncomfortable to sit on, they're used by skateboarders and ruined the first day (as these were. Chipped in their first hour). C) Do something to encourage business in the large empty space that was previously Bill's. Eg a community cafe. There is a precious outside seating area that could be enjoyed by all, but is currently just deteriorating as the building sits empty. D) Help fund businesses and provide rules and support to transform Avenue Mews into cafes and restaurants with outdoor seating. Shop deliveries could be made in the mornings, transforming it into social community space from lunchtime to evening. Not everyone can afford restaurants, there should be places people can enjoy a coffee or a beer outside. That would benefit the entire community without ruining treasured green space.
- Accessibility shouldn't trump the primary function of this space - as a nature reserve. If changes are to be made to make it more accessible they should be informed by best practice in this area (looking to other nature reserves and natural spaces, not roads and highways), and the final plan for the changes should be opened for public consultation.
- Actually to listen to your residents. Too often lately my council seems to act against us or our interests
- Add mirrors in areas where bikes might speed pass or round corners. Add a bike section to the path.
- Add more natural habitat, not human intervention. London wildlife is already suffering from too many of us humans. There is 4% wildlife left in the uk compared to people.
- Add recycle bins
- Add some jasmine and lilac along the St James's Lane overpass.
- Adding park-like surfaces and signage is a bad idea and would utterly spoil the parkland walk. Why not just pave over all our woodland to make it accessible?! Very BAD idea
- Adding ramps for accessibility is a good idea but changing the surface is extensive work that would likely close off access for a significant amount of time for minimal benefit (given the surface is generally flat on the path) and attract more cyclists. People already cycle too fast down the existing track.
- After COVID the Parkland Walk has been discovered by far more people and so should cater for increased numbers of people
- again, please LEAVE PARKLAND WALK ALONE - YOU'VE ALREADY DONE ENOUGH DAMAGE! your 'improvements' are DESTRUCTION! furthermore, your invitation at the bottom of this page suggests that you are intending to implement your destructive 'improvements' whatever I say. So what is the real purpose of this consultation?
- All that is needed here is maintenance of the hand rails and more regular emptying of the bins.
- Allowing better access for wheelchairs would be good, but not a smooth tarmac surface to the route, because of the danger of speeding bikes, especially now ebikes go so fast.



- Although I understand the need to make as many spaces as possible accessible, the uniqueness and joy of parkland walk is that it feels like an oasis of untouched nature, and by paving it with another material it would negate the natural aspect of the walk.
- Although I use the PW about once a month, I used to use it much more frequently. Now it has been so widened and tree cover removed, I find it depressing to use when I compare it to its more natural state pre-Covid. I think the council is thoughtful about human needs, but doesn't 'feel' the biodiversity crisis, and the need to leave some areas alone or to support nature as a priority in what is now nominally a 'reserve'.
- Although very well used by the locals, Parkland walk has a hidden/undiscovered feel which is all its charm. It would be desperately sad to lose this.
- Am interested in why this is a council priority when money is so short
- am worried that the proposed changes may lead to unintended consequences. Specifically, the introduction of a smooth surface could encourage fast cyclists and e-bikes on the paths, potentially jeopardizing the safety of vulnerable groups such as parents with young children, elderly people, and pedestrians who frequent the Parkland Walk. Furthermore, I believe that the trade-offs involved in the resurfacing may be at the expense of the biodiversity of this beloved nature reserve. The Parkland Walk is a vital ecosystem and a haven for local flora and fauna. Any changes to its natural environment must be carefully considered, taking into account the potential impact on wildlife. In lieu of the proposed changes, I suggest considering alternative approaches that maintain the character and integrity of the Parkland Walk while still promoting accessibility. For instance, organizing volunteers to assist disabled individuals on specific days could provide the necessary support without altering the physical landscape of the Parkland Walk. I urge the council to reconsider the current proposal and explore alternative solutions that prioritize both accessibility and the preservation of the nature reserve. It is essential that the Parkland Walk remains a "park," retaining its natural beauty and continuing to serve as a safe space for all members of our community.
- Another waste of time and resources by Haringey Council.
- Any changes made should aim to maintain or enhance the natural character of the parkland walk. Adding manmade surfaces and signage would urbanize it. The walk is a natural refuge for most, please don't erode this.
- Any changes must safeguard the character of the parkland walk.
- Any changes should be carried out to cause as little disruption to animals and plants as possible.
- Any changes should give priority to pedestrian safety and pedestrian and cyclists interests should be assessed separately with priority being given to pedestrian safety if there is a conflict of interest.
- Any focus should be on crime reduction initiatives whilst trying to maintain the PW as natural as possible
- Any improvements should prioritise and protect the interests of pedestrians on the Walk.
- Any improvements will cause disruption, in terms of nature, especially trees being affected. I am generally not in favour of any different surface. I am concerned that a smoother surface will make way for speeding bicycles, motorcycles, mopeds and e scooters, thus disrupting the quiet nature of the walk. Who will police dangerous wheeled vehicles such as the ones mentioned. Many children and pets may be adversely affected or even injured. I sympathise with wheelchair users, however, I do believe that the parkland walk needs to retain its character.
- Any paving on the walk will change the character and ruin the atmosphere. If absolutely necessary, perhaps a couple of short sections could be partially tarmac covered (just a strip at one side) for disabled users
- Any tarmac or other similar surface would completely ruin the appeal of the Parkland Walk. Improving accessibility for bikes would make pedestrian use difficult as there is limited space and it would feel dangerous with bikes going fast down it.
- Anyone taking decisions on substantial changes to the Parkland Walk should first have regularly used it for at least several months. Only then will one be able to truly appreciate what is at stake here.
- Apart from improved accessibility, I do not believe that the Parkland Walk needs other changes. The money could more usefully be spent elsewhere.

- Apart from improving some of the entrances to the Parkland Walk, please do not contemplate laying down a new surface. The present hogsback surface is fully adequate for all users of the P.W. Please do not undertake any works on the P.W. which would have negative effects on its flora and fauna. Please don't forget that the Parkland Walk is a NATURE RESERVE. Please don't transform it into a dangerous speedway which would limit its use and enjoyment by the general public.
- Apart from potentially improving access, the rest of the project sounds like a waste of money. Detrimental in several ways, with no upside. Bad for the natural character. Bad for biodiversity. Bad because cyclists would speed.
- As a dog owner who walks daily on the PW, I'm worried that any changes that allow cyclists to ride even faster than they do now (some already much too fast) will put my dog's welfare at serious risk.
- As a dog walker I feel some of the accesses to the road (at bridges) could be more restrictive (say, with a kissing gate)
- As a local resident - living in high levels of pollution, who hasn't lived in a property with a garden for over 14 years, the parkland walk is quite literally the freshest air I am able to breathe. What makes it a great place to walk (both mentally and physically) is the fact that it looks like a woodland trail. You'll basically have ruined the thing that makes it so special as soon as you remove the woodland floor surfacing. Accessibility is about reasonable adjustments - not about entirely re-landscaping a rare piece of habitat. In reality, more cyclists than disabled people will benefit from this scheme. I imagine no amount of local protest is going to prevent this scheme - you are basically going to destroy the parkland walk.
- As a local resident I hugely object
- As a pram user and cyclist I fully support accessibility improvements in the main - but not everywhere can and should be paved over. There are limits. By making the Parkland Walk "accessible" to some you will remove accessibility to others, particularly to children for whom it is no longer a safe place to play and explore, whilst completely changing the character of the route. It's a cherished piece of wild habitat - please, please just leave it alone.
- As above - really support the goal of accessibility but it would be heartbreaking to lose the natural character of the space. Also please try to do the works in a way which allows continued use while they are ongoing
- As above, you need to inform and ask better to get some meaningful answers.
- As before, runners are a huge problem now; no one slows down, they force their way through groups, dogs, kids.
- As I said previously, there are too many vagueries around this project. It assumes I already think there needs to be resurfacing of the walk. I can't give input regarding what sort of surface should be used if I don't agree with resurfacing in the first place. We generally don't have expertise on surfacing materials. What if every correspondent suggests we used Italian Marble? I doubt the Council will agree. A better, non-leading consultation is needed with better information as to what the council wants to do. Ultimately, I do not want one of my favourite spots in London ruined.
- As it is supposed to be a nature reserve consider tarmac an inappropriate material
- As it's an abandoned railway line, some acknowledgement of that by info boards or similar.
- As mentioned previously, I am sure there will be a way to both improve the walk's usability as a walkway and cycleway while still also enhancing it as a natural habitat for flora and fauna. The benefits of doing both will be seen in reduced traffic on surrounding roads and increased physical activity by those living near it. However, achieving this 'best of both' is not likely to be cheap - the borough should allow a sufficient budget that allows the job to be done properly, rather than a piecemeal tinkering that yields few long-term improvements.
- As mentioned, please don't spend huge money trying to change this much-loved walk, which would cause widespread protest.
- As previously stated don't turn this into a cycle superhighway, any resurfacing should avoid encouraging speeding bikes and e bikes. It's a place for walking, a place to enjoy nature at a slow pace, not a way for people to get from A to B as fast as possible

- As said, more benches at regular intervals, plotted on the map. Use the money for a pilot of loaned mobility scooters all terrain as in National Parks (see above). Make this a true consultation , not a Labour-whipped block vote ignoring majority of local voices. Lock away your engineers.
- As your consultation questions seem to indicate, there are complex balances to be struck here but I am all in favour of making sure that all our public open space is as accessible as possible to the maximum number of people. I would not like the walk to become manicured but plainly neither do you. I don't know what kind of partnerships are in existence but I think one of the missed opportunities in projects of this kind can be drawing on the enthusiasm and energy of local community groups. The Council doesn't have to do it all. If the goal is to ensure that an area of local nature is optimally used and managed - the physical access is just one part of that.
- Avoid removing mature trees as much as possible.
- Bad idea, I stead you should focus on planting more trees and making the borough greener. Leave the park ad it is, it is ready endangered enough!
- Bad idea. The council should do something more worthwhile like repairing all the potholes on the roads
- Ban bicycles would be a good. When wanting a stress-free relaxing walk, cyclists coming up behind & squeezing past is a stressor. I have MS & am aged 66. I am strong enough on my feet to walk the whole length of the walk but not steady enough to comfortably dodge/make way for cyclists
- Ban dogs on the walk since people don't seem to be able to pick up after them or train them to not harass people
- Based on my experience with the Council I'm fully aware that any suggestions which do not align with their plans are ignored but still I would like to make a few comments. I wasn't aware that the Council runs a surplus and Parkland Walk improvements is the most important task for the community. If the project involves tree cutting and paving of the current path it will irreversibly change the character of the Parkland Walk. Is there any demand to improve the place or is it an idea invented by the Council in its wisdom? When the place is easy accessible by cyclist would it improve life of other Parkland Walk visitors? When it is inclusively paved, trimmed and accessible would anyone want to access it at all? Would it matter?
- Be clear about your proposals. It's clear from earlier responses that there is a lack of trust regarding Haringey's intentions.
- Be inclusive but be sensitive. Don't cut down trees if possible
- Be very gentle with this project. We are loosing so much of London's green spaces to paving and asphalt. The track record with this resource does not install much confidence that it's natural/wild significance will be protected. Also please invest money in keeping the area litter free- this is also key to improving access and the quality of experience on the walk.
- Better / more numerous bins
- Better lighting along route
- Better lighting for runner at dusk under the bridges etc. Clean up the entrance at the Finsbury Park end which is currently used by drug users and is full of litter constantly.
- Better use the money to add more bird boxes or similar.
- Bicycles are a hazard to children animals and disabled people on the park and walk and this is what should be challenged not accessibility
- Bicycles are a problem for pedestrians, going too fast, not using a bell when coming up behind pedestrians and generally disregarding the safety of vulnerable pedestrians
- Bicycles will, and should, continue to use the Parkland Walk. It was after all, originally a transport link and not a park. However, pedestrians and bicycles do not mix! If a decision in principle has already been taken to pave the Parkland Walk, then there should be segregated paving: one for pedestrians and wheelchairs only and the other only for bicycles. There is plenty of width for two paths; a single, "shared" paved path will be contentious and lead to accidents.
- Bikes are already endangering walkers And especially dogs. Restrict bike use more.
- Bring a Londoner I know the uniqueness of parkland walk and the need to maintain it. It should always be focused on nature, community and users on foot. Community based events and spaces should be encouraged there
- By all means improve some of the ramped access but please do not use hard surfaces along the route. They would turn it into a high speed cycle lane, ruin it's woodland character and increase

injuries. It is woodland. You would not not start putting hard surfaces down in Highgate wood, why do it here? Leave our precious pocket of nature alone please.

- Can cyclists be made more aware that pedestrians have right of way? Some travel at dangerous speeds.
- Can we avoid having electric bikes scooters etc as these make it less accessible and safe for small children, those who are disabled and the elderly?
- Can we keep this area as it is, we don't need artificial paths everywhere. We shouldn't have to travel out of London to have access to natural paths without signs everywhere.
- Can you really afford to waste all this money on something that is loved for its unique quirkiness? Leave it alone. Nobody wants this!
- Commuting cyclists and scooters are already a growing issue on the walk. With more and more commuters using electrical bikes and scooters, the are frequent moments of real danger to walkers, children and dogs. Families and dog walkers cannot use the space in the same way if those incidents grow in frequency, which they are bound to.
- Complete waste of time and money to change what already works.
- Concentrate on access to wheelchairs only
- Concern is that walkers' experience will be spoiled if it becomes a rat run for cyclists
- Concerns about loss of mature trees, biodiversity and habitats. Concerns about disruption to wildlife, disturbance of their natural behaviour eg removal of essential green corridors. Parkland Walk is primarily a nature reserve in the heart of an urban built up area. As such it is fragile and preserving and protecting it should be the main priority.
- Consider adding lighting along some of the dark parts of the walk. It can get really dark in the winter.
- Considering the councils track record I think it's genuinely laughable that you think the information and transparency offered so far is 'enough' for this project. Trust is low and you won't say what you want to do.
- Contact \*\*\*\*\* for landscape consulting- voluntary, as a local he will do it for free (my husband).
- Could cycling along parkland walk be banned at weekends? It's pretty narrow and full of walkers at the weekends
- Could we have more benches and seating areas along the route? Also would be great to green the street areas around the entrances, eg planting around trees on streets
- Council need to specify type(s) of hard surfacing options being considered to facilitate meaningful pub consultation feedback.
- Currently i have no confidence in the council to carry out this work in sensitive way taking care to improve and not further reduce the nature and biodiversity of the parkland walk nature reserve. This project should be headed by a conservation and wildlife team not highways and parks as this is not a park.
- Cyclists, when polite are lovely. Aggressive bell ringing and expecting walkers to stop and step off the path isn't acceptable.
- Dangerous proposals which will damage this nature walk. It is a nature corridor, not a park.
- Decomposing poop bags, and more bin provided by the area would be greater
- Delighted you are thinking how to improve this fabulous area but please pedestrians over cyclists .. both may co exist in this area ,but pedestrians first please .
- Disagree with interventions. It would spoil the space and be a large waste of public money at a time of severe cut backs and rising costs. The plans do not serve the best interests of local people
- Do not do it. Spend more money in schools on inclusion- it's desperate in this sector!
- Do not encourage fast and furious cycling by improving the surface. This would also encourage more cyclists to use Parkland Walk. There are enough already. Just fill in large holes which fill with rainwater puddles using natural looking material. Also sort out areas that become very muddy.
- Do not ever resurface any parts of the walk. This would be devastating.
- Do not let it go forward. It is unnecessary, work on helping maintain it's beauty and as is.
- Do not proceed with it. The public do not want it. Haringey Council have no mandate to ruin this special place.
- Do not ruin the Parkland Walk
- Do not spend money on something that doesn't need touching or improving.

- Do not spoil the nature of the PW – it's a special place and a fresh air lung for people and wildlife
- Do not tarmac the surface. It is a nature reserve, a walk way, not a c6cle superhighway.
- Do not use tarmac or concrete. It would look awful and create terrible drainage. I would suggest a surface which slows down bicycles.
- Do we really have to make these changes?
- Dog fouling is a serious problem which deters me using Parkland Walk with my toddler
- Dog poo on the paths! Some of these dog owners aren't bothering to scoop it up and take them away because they know nobody's looking! Not just on the Parkland but in all the parks, it's infuriating that it's never enforced.
- Don't destroy this walk.
- Don't do anything to Parkland Walk, it's perfect as it is...
- Don't do it. the sort of things that should be more accessible are things like station access, use your money helping that to happen not on ruining Parkland Walk.
- Don't feel that anything needs to change. Would suggest that it would be better to install gates at each entrance and security cameras
- Don't lose the natural aspect but accessibility is key so all peoples can enjoy it
- Don't make it somewhere where young people can gather late at night.. we can hear all the things that happen on our section of the Walk late at night.. don't light it.. it needs to stay a natural walkway for day use and not for post dusk usage.
- Don't ruin the Parkland walk by paving over a natural area and turning into yet another part of the concrete jungle. The Parkland walk is unique and pleasant as it is.
- Don't ruin this beautiful place. Make sure contractors understand it's significance as a nature reserve. Don't skimp on costs. Use sustainable materials.
- Don't spoil the charm
- Don't waste the money resurfacing please. Provide some additional lights(restricted hours) and if still money left then make the transition around the bridges easier for wheelchair users. You can then think about additional ramp access. No one will use the ramp if the path isn't safe to use at night.
- Don't turn it into any concrete pathway and ruin a lovely walk in a urban environment.
- Don't underestimate the local love for this green space. Improved security could help make it more accessible, regular police officers visible to deter the drug users.
- Don't do it
- Don't do it
- Don't ruin the natural environment, that is what makes it attractive. Cheap hard tarmac is a no.
- drainage and mud was a major problem, now improved. Am against major resurfacing but uneven surface may be a problem to some for access reasons
- Due to the atrocious previous damage done to Parkland Walk by Haringey council, I hope they are voted out.
- During any changes the walk should remain open
- During Covid lockdown it became a thoroughfare which changed the whole essence and appeal of the walk. Cyclists don't obey rules and there is no one to enforce them, increase people brings increase crime, loss of biodiversity and de-values property of the whole area.
- Efforts should be made to accommodate cyclists while ensuring the message about prioritising walkers and taking care when cycling around them is clearly made.
- Employ a park keeper specifically for the parkland walk to help with any questions, make people feel safer and well looked after. Signs and technology can't replace people. Give people someone or two people even to talk to and make people feel useful.
- Ensure cycling, off lead dog walking and trails to either side of the walk are maintained.
- Ensure ecologically friendly materials are used for these works.
- Environment comes first. The Uk is one of the most nature-deprived countries IN THE WORLD. With so many people living in cities, it's vital that people learn that human wants and needs cannot always come first - not every place can or should be super accessible. Personally, I would ban dogs from all nature reserves - they are highly damaging and frighten off precious wildlife. We

must rebalance our modus operandi in cities more towards nature, and invest in education and signage to ensure future generations have more respect for nature than our forbears.

- Every change that causes tree loss, changes the wild shape of the walk and makes even easier the access to random uncontrolled bikers and runners is going to destroy the walk.
- Every time improvements are made to this Parkland Walk it gets worse. Please leave it alone aside from general tree and shrub maintenance. It's a lovely green quiet space in which people should be able to enjoy peace and greenery and not annoy the wildlife.
- Extensive damage has already been done to the natural environment in the section we use with over-zealous tree felling and low growth clearance. Please save us from more. Hard paving would damage bio-diversity and pollination which the Borough should be encouraging.
- Feels like a bit of waste of money to be honest. It's so well used and liked that I think you have to be very careful about changing it too much.
- Feels like a strange use of resources, the walk seems in a good state already and is mostly well kept and well used and loved by everyone who I know who uses it
- First and foremost the parkland walk is a nature trail and anything detracting from this shouldn't take place
- Focus groups
- Focus on fixing actual issues
- Focus on other projects that need attention in Haringey
- Focus on the roads and actual parks leave the nature reserve alone
- For sure, the council has better use of its money to help the community. A nature reserve (as its name indicates it) has to stay natural! This is madness to consider enlarging it and resurfacing it.
- For the sake of all that is good, please don't do this. There are options for wheelchair users at Ally Pally.
- Frankly the money would be better spent policing the parkland walk so lone females feel able to use it safely. Currently it is v hostile feeling and there are frequent incidents of men misbehaving
- From my experience as a cyclist, most speed reduction measures for cyclists aren't particularly effective. For example, along the canals staggered gates have been installed the barely make a difference only cause all round congestion. The most effective way to slow a cyclist down is the fear of bursting a tire. As Parkland walk stands it feels like a nature reserve and an escape from the streets however, due to its initial design it's a very efficient way to travel from Highgate to Finsbury Park. Using google maps cycling directions I've been recommended to use but don't due to my road bike not being able to handle the surface. Increasing accessibility to cyclists, it will become a commuter route and unsafe to walk down.
- Fully support principle of promoting exercise in older people and those with disabilities. New surfaces and ramps on Parkland Walk north will make things WORSE. The multiuse principle is already severely tested. We walk daily and tangles and trips over dogs and near misses with speeding bicycles and joggers are already common occurrences. Not safe now for ambulant people with hearing, visual, balance or co-ordination disorders or learning disabilities and add in more bicycles, buggies and mobility scooters and you simply destroy the resource for everyone. So first step is to manage the current chaos and THEN build in accessibility for elderly and disabled.....
- Generally, a good idea if done discretely
- Get me involved. It's always been a part of my life.
- Get some landscape architects involved if you haven't already ;) It's great you're seeing this as a valuable resource. But a light touch is needed. Ramp access down from the high roads/bridges would be handy. One is a timber structure I think which blends in well with the natural feel. However as it is a railway track then something like C10 or Victorian engineered (bolts) could be fitting. The bowline by Rankin Fraser in Bowling, Scotland went down well. (Much more designed than is suitable here I expect, but a good reference).
- Give nature a break!
- Given that Haringey is cash strapped I fail to understand the need for any work to be carried out at present. The Council has a lamentable record in the area of conservation and of being tin eared to public opinion.
- Given that Haringey is currently cash strapped and cutting staff. The money earmarked should be directed to projects that will have greater impact.

- Given that we're in a climate emergency and the UK has a shockingly low amount of unpolluted open space, I would prefer the council to be focusing their efforts on preserving rather than developing our precious open spaces. The Friends of the Parkland walk run by volunteers do a great job supported by Haringey council of maintaining this precious space, no further intervention is needed.
- Given the length of the parkland walk some of what is being proposed sounds like it would cost significant sums and it does wonder how much it would increase its use/how desirable increasing its use is particularly if it encourages significant bike and scooter use along the path.
- Given the recent news stories about restoring the railway, which I presume is a non-starter, the terrible public handling of the hairy oak and the overall low quality of Haringey council's public consultation work, I am pleased to see this approach but feel that the community needs to be more fully involved in the process
- Given what things I have witnessed across the borough, I am really very sceptical about Haringey Council's maintenance of this treasured nature reserve. How come Parks and Highways are the people in charge? This in itself says a lot. It should be under the supervision of ecology/biodiversity department. I have heard there are millions to spend. I can't see how it needs so much spent on it. Please don't ruin it for us all, including people who you want to gain easier access.
- Good idea, just please make sure work is done around Stapleton Hall Road/Ferme Park Road. It is a real opportunity to help the local residents get better access to Parkland Walk and also get the users of Parkland Walk to use the local shops and amenities, thereby helping local businesses.
- Good luck with the work
- Good luck, great you are doing this. Thanks for making the path wider by getting rid of excess vegetation.
- Good to know there are plans for this .
- gravel is very bumpy on a bicycle
- Great care needs to be taken not to destroy the existing character of the parkland walk. I support making it available to everyone but we need to be very careful about how that is achieved.
- Great concern over the proposals
- Greater clarity over the proposed surfacing would assuage fears. Additionally, giving information behind the need for greater accessibility (eg groups or people who aren't able to use it telling their stories) would help with empathy for others needs. Currently it is well used by a range of different people - please help me understand why accessibility, not climate impact, is the driving rationale behind this consultation.
- Hand-rails at ramp areas
- Hands off this beautiful natural space. It's essential for people's physical and mental health.
- Happy to see you improve access to the walk but please don't resurface it. Most of it is already negotiable by sturdy pushchairs/wheelchairs. I would suggest your focus would be better aimed at improving the drainage and muddy sections along the walk
- Haringey and Islington benefit from wonderful parks with great accessibility already. In that context, I don't believe that resurfacing the parkland walk represents a sensible use of council money. The Parkland Walk is also a unique space and the proposed resurfacing is likely to detract from the natural environment whilst also impacting on the many wonderful mature trees that line the route (I imagine the machinery required to resurface the route will do a lot of damage)
- Haringey council does not have a good track record of managing the parkland walk or the natural environment. Stop. Give some critical thought. Don't be bulldozed into spoiling this special place for many in a foolish exercise to improve accessibility.
- Haringey doesn't have a good track record. They cut down 150 plus trees in 2021 - many they later admitted were a mistake. They left a terrible mess.
- Haringey has a unique and beautiful nature trail which should be preserved.
- Haringey has little money so don't spend it on fixing something that isn't broken. If you get harangued for the Parkland Walk not being accessible explain that to make it a hard surfaced walk would detract from your sustainability program and use borough money in a less than targeted fashion. Refer to Plantlife UK and various other nature bodies who are screaming out for Councils to take on board the need for wild and natural areas to be left untouched, especially in London. Then apologise to those on wheels who can't access the Parkland Walk and be proactive about

demonstrating where they can access nature such as Finsbury Park, Weston Park, Priory Park, Chestnut Park etc.

- Haringey has plenty of ornamental parks with excellent and easy access for everyone- the Parkland Walk is unique as a slight walk on the wild side - leave it alone and don't over manage the space
- Haringey shouldn't be even considering changing Parkland Walk. Spend money where it is needed rather than ruining something that is perfect as it is. Cyclists and runners are already an issue for pedestrians on the path, and making surfaces smoother will make the path un-usable and unsafe for pedestrians.
- Haringey as a borough is well served by open spaces, therefore keep The Parkland Walk as it is. I see that Sustrans, a cycle lobby is highlighted on public display boards. If they are contributing financially to this project, this needs to be made clear.
- Having a hard surface will make the parkland walk more attractive to cyclists, and increase their speed. This will make the parkland walk more dangerous and stressful for other users and have a detrimental effect on its unique ambience and character.
- Horrible project, I do not understand why these areas are constantly under attack from the council, e.g. cutting down old, unreplaceable trees unnecessarily (as happened several times in the last years) and trying to turn a protected area into something else. You should aim to protect it as much as possible and use the money to take care of plants, birds, insects and other animals. Awful suggestions, who comes up with these ideas?
- How about developing a space and letting a concession for a small coffee van near the benches and the view?
- How are the needs of nature being taken into consideration with this project? Seems we are continuing to prioritise people over our environment. What makes the parkland walk special and cherished is the nature and that should be the priority here.
- How are you affording it? Maintaining parks is an option for local authorities, so, given the financial crisis, which of the mandatory services is not being done, or is being done less well, to pay for this?
- How can this be priority spend.. there are so many more basic resources that need funds
- I think changing the surface would be a waste of time and spoil the natural quality of the parkland walk encouraging more bikes plus electric bikes which would undermine the environment for wild life as well as being a risk for people walking as electric bikes go fast and can hurt people in accidents- let these vehicles use the existing roads rather than trying to change a walk into a road
- I absolutely understand about accessibility but I cannot support anything which would stop this becoming a nature reserve. I'm sure there are imaginative designers out there who could tick both boxes given the different types of surfaces available. But if it ends up being concrete or asphalt that would be a disaster on all counts.
- I agree that access to green space is important, and most of us are privileged to be able to walk where we want and enjoy these spaces without thinking. However, if done without proper consultation we risk damaging and destroying the very thing we want people to see. If this is going ahead, please make it an open and informed project. Don't just bulldoze and build, speak to local/national nature and woodland charities and groups
- I agree that there is scope for improvement in access points to make them more disability accessible. However I am robustly opposed to any new resurfacing
- I am a keen cyclist and use my bike to get everywhere, and even I do not think the walk should be resurfaced to become a cycle path. There are plenty of alternative ways to get between Finsbury Park and Highgate and the Walk should be saved as a quiet and peaceful natural space
- I am absolutely 100% against this and the majority will be. This is an absolute gem of a nature place and you are proposing to destroy it and the wildlife. How does this align with our green space and commitments to clean air and not having scooters running everywhere over. It will become a cut through for commuting, drug pushers on bikes from Finsbury Park etc
- I am against gentrifying this area
- I am against resurfacing in any material that would look unnatural and/or require a lot of maintenance. E.g., tarmac or asphalt would be completely inappropriate. I feel that if made smooth, cycling will increase to the detriment of pedestrians. That would be a very bad outcome, since it is much valued for recreation.



- I am concerned about the engineering challenges and consequent disruption in creating wheelchair access points where there is a considerable disparity between road level and Parkland Walk level, Stanhope Road being a good example.
- I am concerned about the increased number of people gathering in the section above the arches on Saint James's Lane. Most of them are just enjoying the great views that the area provides, but an increasing number use it for drug taking, gathering late at night, etc.. This causes distress to the residents of Muswell Hill Place, who have to put up with the noise and litter sometimes thrown at their gardens from the parkland walk in an extremely dangerous way.
- I am concerned that changing the surface of the Parkland walk will not only mean that more cyclists will use the WALK as a regular means eg getting between A and B quickly but will also have an adverse effect on trees, vegetation and moving creatures.
- I am concerned that cyclists will be encouraged to speed in the Parkland Walk which at the moment is a peaceful place . If changes have to be made , any adaptations should be made of natural materials. And measure should also be installed to deter cyclists.
- I am concerned that it will become a bike superhighway, even though I am in support of ensuring access is as broad as possible (buggies/disability etc).
- I am concerned the council don't seem to have considered the crime implications of these changes. It is not even on the multiple choice list of concerns.
- I am deeply concerned that an extraordinary natural asset is threatened by the urge to turn it onto an artificial walkway.
- I am deeply concerned that the changes being suggested will actually destroy the very thing we are desperately trying to preserve. What point is there helping wheelchair users to access a space with is no different from the local park with the added danger of fast cycle use by commuters. The Walk is a precious wild space for recreation and environment. If it wouldn't be impossible, cyclists should actually be banned. Please don't ruin it.
- I am disappointed at the very manipulative consultation title. You are basically asking 'do you care about disabled people or not?' The title is very leading and biased. Far more bad will come from resurfacing park walk than any good that will come by increasing access.
- I am extremely concerned trees may be lost
- I am happy to see improvements which will encourage me to use it more.
- I am impressed by the amount of effort that has gone into the consultation. But I get the impression from the questions that Haringey has a favoured set of solutions.
- I am in favour of some 'tidying up' of areas affected by excessive ivy, nettles, brambles and other weeds. some pruning of old trees also necessary
- I am nervous about the possibility of making the paths more like roads so detracting from the natural enjoyment and encouraging speeding of bikes down the parkland walk.
- I am not against increased accessibility for people with disabilities, far from it, though I know my comments can be seen that way. The enormous amount of physical changes required to make the Parkland Walk accessible will change the Walk into something else, and something precious will be lost.
- I am not sure who we are making it accessible for. I was down there today and saw wheelchairs, prams, road bikes, e-bikes and people with walking sticks.
- I am really at a loss to understand why the Council wants to resurface a natural area. It feels like environmental vandalism. Look at flooding in man made surfaces.
- I am shocked by the recent developments on the parkland walk. Please hand over current and future works to a team of people who are invested in the creation of biodiversity and the genuine wellbeing of the community. I am a local artist and designer, and I am only interested in a design process if it prioritises the above, (over ticking boxes etc). So my answer to the below is NO.
- I am slightly surprised that this particular question is a priority for the council given other pressures on local green spaces. If there is a budget allocated, it might be more useful to spend it on increasing the number of park rangers to improve the safety of all users
- I am so worried about it. I worry that you will sacrifice the well-being of the fauna and flora in favour of yet another misguided anthropocentric project.
- I am sorry to see so much opposition to this project. Resurfacing the route does not mean destroying nature, but would hugely increase access to a much needed green space

- I am supportive of some more step free access points. I am against hard surfacing: it's fine as it is even for my elderly mum on a disability tricycle. Also better for runners as it is. I'm a keen cyclist and dog walker and oppose developing it as a commuter cycle route. Too many mature trees lost - can you protect the ones that are left and prioritize wildlife now? It's already too wide and too much vegetation cleared. I think it's good with its current low key natural look and would be a shame to make it more managed.
- I am sure there are things that would help disabled people more than resurfacing the Parkland Walk.
- I am very concerned that increased use of the path by cyclists and scooters would make it less accessible to people on their own feet and those in wheelchairs which is already impacted by the inconsiderate behaviour of such vehicles. Is there nowhere safe for people to walk?
- I am very concerned that the implied resurfacing will destroy the whole nature of the walk. City dwellers need more - not less - experience of the natural world around them. It's depressing to learn that Haringey Council is even considering this change.
- I am very strongly opposed to any resurfacing of the path.
- I am very supportive of increasing access for people using wheelchairs etc. I think it's totally fine for buggies but I'm very concerned about increased use of cyclists - many of whom cycle way too fast already and do not give right of way to walkers
- I am worried at the idea of resurfacing as currently it has a lovely wooded/natural feel which I love
- I appreciate accessibility improvements are important but please consider doing very very minimal changes to the environment and use natural materials that don't take away from the beauty, desirability and wildness of the place
- I appreciate that the council is investing in this much-loved space. As the Friends of the Parkland walk have said: "The Walk is both an Open Space for the public and a Local Nature Reserve. Balancing these sometimes conflicting priorities is not easy. " For me, the priority should be this as a nature reserve. As I've said, this should be the sort of space that prioritises biodiversity over human convenience – access is important, but at what (environmental) cost? Thank you for listening!
- I appreciate the natural beauty and atmosphere of the walk. It's wonderful that here in the middle of London we have this rustic space. It helps with the sense of community, people's MHealth and meeting others.
- I appreciate the need for accessibility and I am very aware that there are parts of the walk that require work but I am just concerned about the sensitivity in which these works will be done
- I appreciate the wish to improve the access up to the Walk, but the walk itself does not need significant change in surface. I'm very worried that it will stop becoming a park walk and turn into a through route for people simply wanting to get somewhere more quickly.
- I believe that this is complete madness There are heroin addicts roaming the streets , no local police , and many many ways that this money could be used far more usefully There is nothing wrong with the parkland walk as it is , and unfortunately there are places where wheel chairs Connor access easily , shall we tarmac all of Hampstead Heath ? I realise this is over dramatic but I think the point stands Also speeding bikes will be even more dangerous and will cause trouble Please leave it alone and do something useful \*\*\*\*\*
- I believe you should decide what the 'Walk' is for. Are certain changes compatible with this? Alternatively do we need (as was once proposed for it) another transport link?
- I can understand the need to repair the existing surface, but that introducing a more urban surface would be a mistake. In any case, over time tarmac or other non natural surfaces break up fairly quickly in nature reserves and the path would likely soon become more uneven than now and be more difficult to maintain
- I can't think that this is the best solution for wheelchair users due to the slopes onto or off parkland walk, rather it might be better to improve facilities in other parks. please ban electric bikes.
- I can't believe this is a priority project when the pavements and roads are in such poor condition and traffic calming underinvested.
- I couldn't find how to rate things one to four on this website, nor could I find anywhere the deadline for this survey, so I am a bit pissed off with it to be honest

- I cycle to work every day and am happy with how accessible the parkland walk is. It's a good balance between cyclists and walkers. If paved over it would look less natural and increase speed and number of cyclists, making it more difficult for walkers to navigate and less inclusive
- I didn't like the resurfacing part of the project. The current natural version gives the appeal of the woodland and natural reserve.
- I do not feel that there is any need for this project and I think that resources can be put to better use.
- I do not understand why money is being spent on supposedly improving the Parkland walk - it is lovely and well populated already!
- I do not want to see the path resurfaced. Though, ramps are a good idea.
- I do think it's important to make public spaces accessible to all but would like the peaceful, woodland nature of the walk retained in the final design.
- I do think this is a waste of money.
- I don't think resurfacing the walk and creating a ramp should be priorities right now. A lot of trees have been removed over the last few years which has damaged the charm of Parkland walk. Many sections of the walk are now visible from the outside. New trees should be planted to get it back to how it was, a closed in natural space where you can completely forget you are in a city. The other priority should be to replace/repair the two bridges along the walk which are held up by scaffolding that you have to walk under. This scaffolding has been there for years and doesn't look like the safest protection if the bridges were to collapse. The scaffolding is an eyesore and walking through it you can barely see anything. This is what really makes the walk less accessible for people using wheelchairs, buggies and older people. So replace those bridges and maybe introduce some solar lighting inside them. Work has been in the past few years that has made the Parkland walk worse. Instead of spending more money to damage it even further why not invest in making Queen's Wood a destination in the same way as Highgate Wood and Parkland walk are instead of letting it decay.
- I don't trust the council to do the right thing when it comes to biodiversity and ecosystem preservation. I think this exercise is just an excuse to push in improvements to benefit cycle commuters under the guise of accessibility.
- I don't understand why you are doing it. I think the Parkland Walk is fine as it is. It's a nature reserve and is meant as an escape from the city. Why turn it into another place just like the rest of Finsbury Park? Why encourage more cyclists and vehicles on it? It's value and beauty lies in the fact that it's a respite, it's not like streets or the rest of the area. I understand that you might want more wheelchair users and buggies on the walk, but it's a natural, imperfect habitat. It's never going to be ideal for people with accessibility issues. I don't see how you can make it useful to everyone without destroying its essential character.
- I don't understand why you think putting concrete or anything down will help. There are so many people who push their prams on the walk so why it wouldn't be suitable for wheelchairs is beyond me. A ramp to get to it is all that is needed.
- I don't welcome surface changes, we have roads and parks surfaced, people love the parkland because it is beautiful and different, you feel on a countryside walk. Road surfacing would just turn the walk into a cycling highway and frankly make it more dangerous to less able people.
- I don't think adding bicycles to parkland walk would be a good idea. It should be a walking route where people can feel relaxed, calm and safe from crazy or fast bike riders. There is a lot of stress already from cars, bikes and bicycles. We should keep that like a countryside route for walking but in London. A real gem and treasure for us to enjoy.
- I don't think the surface needs resurfacing, it ruins the whole point of this natural space
- I don't trust that you will do the right thing. Doing something does not necessarily mean improvement - it means jobs for the boys and contracts paid out. Paving paradise and putting up a parking lot does no one any good. Convenience at the cost of the earth. There are already many parks with asphalt that are wheel chair accessible - Waterlow Finsbury, much of the Heath, and Highgate Woods. Parkland walk is a narrow corridor with a very wild feel despite its width. Changes to this will have a major impact on this special location, and should be undertaken with extreme caution.
- I don't want to see the parkland walk resurfaced. It is a natural space and should remain as natural as possible
- I don't want to see this go the way of the 'Highline' in New York.

- I favour improvements.
- I feel like I'm arguing against my own interests here as I love the Parkland Walk and would like it to remain as natural as possible. But as a disabled person I also agree it should be more accessible.
- I feel like it could be a bit of a waste of money and potentially just negatively affect the biodiversity and nature of the area
- I feel like there is already way too much signage and general interference on parkland walk. I see it as a small slice of countryside in an otherwise concrete heavy neighbourhood. As much as I appreciate that disabled people want access to areas of natural beauty I don't see that removing the beauty to make it more accessible is a good idea.
- I feel passionately that the Parkland walk has a unique design that should not be constantly lost through more urbanisation of the pathway. Recognising that plenty of standard parks exist, and that the Parkland Walk is different is essential. I feel so upset about the unwelcome changes that have been made to the Parkland Walk in recent years and desperately unhappy about the idea of it being tarmac-ed or some similar smooth surface being added. I also think that cycles should be banned from the walk. Bikes do not coexist easily with walkers - they often creating a stressful experience for walkers.
- I feel strongly that the decisions on use should be made by the users of the PW
- I feel that the Parkland Walk is well managed as it is. The space is shared by walkers, joggers, cyclists - and everyone is generally respectful and considerate. There are occasional narrow areas, or "pinch points" where it can briefly become congested, but regular management of bushes and undergrowth can help ease this.
- I feel that you should be consulting experts on the matter, or follow some national standards or guidance from the right authorities, rather than the general public who wouldn't necessarily be well-informed on the types of surface that would be suitable for both the wildlife and wheelchair users.
- I feel the project should be managed entirely by an independent entity as Haringey Council has an appalling record in tree protection and conservation.
- I feel there are many more important projects where money could be spent, I'm not sure why this takes priority? Can this be clarified?
- I find it hard to see how the parkland walk could be a parkland walk if it was tarmac'ed.
- I find it very concerning. For all our well-being the world needs more spaces like this to be left untouched and free from human "improvements". Nature needs to be protected from us humans, not improved upon.
- I get very concerned that sometimes money is just spent for the sake of it. There is no point 'improving' access if you destroyed what people are trying to access!
- I grew up in Haringey and used the path and adventure playground as a child, I think even slightly before it was officially designated the Parkland Walk. It became my favourite walk during the Covid lockdown, and I appreciated then the current tranquil atmosphere when I took a phone call on the Walk in 2020 to learn of a sudden family bereavement. I appreciate that areas of recreation and exercise should be as widely accessible as possible, but feel strongly that changing the surface of the walk would simply encourage an unpleasant cycle track. Something special would be lost.
- I have 2 points - whilst I am disabled and believe that accessibility is important, there is also a balance to be made with nature reserves. This is not a normal urban street and should not be treated as such. I believe funds would be better used to improve the paths around Haringey, as there is no use improving the surface of the parkland walk if mobility impaired users cannot even make it to the entrance due to the route from their house being impassable. I also think that this questionnaire is biased - several answers include more positive answers than negative answers, and answering negatively forces the user to seem anti-accessibility. A consultation should be fair and impartial.
- I have been upset by the recent clearing as it made the parkland walk more exposed and less woody/natural. Building work would cause harm while it is done, cost lots and not add significant value to the parkland walk. It is heavily used and increasing foot/people traffic is not needed. I am concerned that work is already agreed given the next question. I want to be involved as I want as little work to be done as possible and more money spent on bringing amenities back to full use that are used by a majority of people.

- I have been using the Parkland Walk for more than 35 years and I'm worried that, if it is resurfaced, it will become increasingly dangerous for children and elderly people who will be put at risk from cyclists and others using it as a convenient cut through from Muswell Hill and Crouch End. It doesn't need to be "improved" as this may change its character.
- I have concern over the resurfacing and the damage it will cause.
- I have lived in Finsbury Park for over 30 years and the Parkland Walk has been my salvation - access to a little peace and nature in this densely populated urban area. Walking there is my main form of exercise (I use it several times a week in all seasons). There is a lot of research now into the physical and mental health benefits of the natural environment as well as the enormous importance of bio-diversity. PLEASE do not ruin this local treasure with a scheme that would benefit speed cyclists far more than people with access needs. I am actually very much in favour of cycling, but cyclists already use the Parkland walk and do not need it to become a cycling super-highway that would make it dangerous to all other users. Make entry points more accessible, fine. Change the surface - No!
- I have loved Parkland walk for 30 years
- I have no view on signage, (this was not an option on the survey...)
- I have read that the improvements are being led by some infrastructure team in Haringey, not the conservation team. It correct, this seems to be short-sighted. The conservation team is best-placed to consider both the environmental and the accessibility and inclusion aspects of this plan. It's also disappointing that Haringey is not telling us what improvements to the surface (or where) it is considering. If it did this, the consultation would be more focused and useful to all.
- I have seen that a community group has been saying the majority of users are concerned about people cycling. I don't think they speak for the majority of users, only their own members. This is a very important link for people cycling especially older people as the roads in the area are hilly and congested.
- I have used the walk for 40 years, I live opposite it and I fought in 1989 to protect it. I have run, pushed buggies, taken my children to school, helped plant trees studied bats and flora, picked up rubbish and walked my dog and much more. It is a very precious nature reserve. Already trees have been cleared for no reason and it is becoming a route for e-bikes and scooters. Bikers go too fast and think they have priority. It must be kept as a haven for wildlife - a pathway for children to learn about nature and an escape from urban routes. The change needed is for more protection and more planting. I would like to know how many on the committee have daily lived experience of the parkland walk. I use it every day in every season. Absolute NO to tarmac or anything that increase speed for wheeled vehicles .
- I hope it does not happen as I don't know why it is being proposed. It isn't an underused area that needs improving -people use it and enjoy it the way it is. The proposals seem to be trying to solve a non existent problem. A complete waste of time and money.
- I hope that everyone's opinion is considered in this consultation for this important local facility . If more people have objected to this project than supported it democracy can occur and that these proposals are scrapped.
- I hope that this consultation / feedback is taken on board.
- I hope this does not go ahead
- I hope this is only being done because of genuine demand from people who face accessibility issues. If there isn't demand, I'm worried this is a waste of money. Please also reduce pollution in the surrounding area.
- I hope this project is being brought to the attention of those who live close to the Walk by other means. I only came across this by chance. I hope The Friends of Parkland Walk have been included in the planning due to their in depth knowledge of the Walk, its history, wildlife and users.
- I hope this time this is a genuine consultation and engagement with those who use the Parkland Walk rather than simply a PR exercise. I have observed and spoken with several people who have read the information about the proposals on the Walk and have met no-one who is in favour of yet more 'improvements' .
- I hope you actually listen to the views expressed in the consultation
- I like that the council is reviewing how to improve the Parkland Walk. Due does need to be given to safety for women using the area. It can often feel intimidating using the area alone. Measures need

to be put in place to ensure people can be seen easily from the main walkway and deterrents to stop people hanging around intimidating parkland Walk runners, walkers and cyclists.

- I love parkland walk !
- I love parkland walk as it is I fear changes would make it busier / less attractive : more like a street
- I love Parkland Walk. I no longer live in the area but try to go to the Walk whenever I am nearby.
- I love the parkland walk - respect the need for increasing accessibility but please don't ruin it!
- I love the Parkland walk and hope these improvements will benefit everyone including the wildlife and biodiversity on my doorstep which is invaluable in London.
- I love the Parkland Walk and would like to see it protected for those on foot or paw.
- I love the walk: thank you for working on it for us and future generations.
- I love this nature reserve.
- I personally think the management of the trees is important . This is not a wood so lobbing is important
- I rather like the Parkland Walk as it is since it provides a natural respite from the urban environment. Improving access to the path makes sense but I don't think that the entire walk should be converted into yet another urban park.
- I realise you have targets and aims, but this is not the place to be ticking boxes over.
- I really support work to improve accessibility. This can be done in a sympathetic way, but even if less natural materials are needed this is valuable and important. Obviously biodiversity and nature are important but not at the cost of having people of all abilities on the parkland walk. Clear, solid, and stable paths to allow all people to enjoy this unique linear park should be a priority
- I really think this is not a worthwhile project. It would be hugely disruptive to residents, users and wildlife during works and the outcome is not needed and would have a huge impact on biodiversity and how the walk is used. I use the PW twice a day with my pushchair and the accessibility is fine. The odd extra ramp from street to PW would be a nice to have but there are enough as is. The surface is absolutely sufficient
- I really wish nothing is done at all. Any so-called improvements will only detract from the very reason that people visit the Walk: to be in nature & look at the view.
- I regularly cycle in north London and would very much welcome improved cycling infrastructure. Repurposing the little existing green spaces that exist towards that is however not the way to go - instead cycle traffic, like all other traffic, should go on roads, which are already suitably paved, and green spaces should be preserved where they still exist.
- I regularly used to use parkland walk with my daughter in her wheelchair. We never had problems getting on or off and it was one of the few places in the borough that she felt she could see nature without having to be on tarmac paths which ruins the feeling. By all means review access arrangements for how wheelchairs can get on or off the walk but please don't resurface the walk itself as you will change the essence of the place itself. The varied nature of the surface adds to the character
- I say again, the cost versus benefit. I positively supported (and indeed was a proposer of) the improvement of the New River Path between Finsbury park and Seven Sisters Rd. The position here is so, so different.
- I sincerely hope that accessibility and inclusivity will be prioritised over the natural fundamentalist approach. Disabled researchers have coined the term 'eco-ableism' to describe those people who want the environment prioritised over people with accessibility requirements. This doesn't make sense given the demographics of an aging population and the fact that many residents are low income and more prone to poor health. What's the point of an area looking utterly natural and unspoiled if many of us can't access it? Try to find a balance acceptable to all but the radical outliers.
- I sincerely hope that environmental and ecological considerations are given serious weight as part of this process. I also think the nature of the parkland walk should be taken into account - eg a more wild, uncultivated space in London, not a manicured park with perfect paths
- I strongly believe that changing the surface of the Walk will fundamentally change its nature to the detriment of the environment. Anything that would increase the number and speed of bikes should be resisted. I used the parklands walk for over ten years with a variety of pushchairs and never found it problematic.

- I strongly disagree with paving the path. It is a bad use of public money which could be used to fund the more needy in the borough, it will ruin the natural habitat and diversity, and will hugely increase the numbers of disruptive and dangerous cyclists on the route. It is one of the last truly wild areas in north London and should be preserved.
- I strongly support the idea of making the walk more accessible to people with disabilities. I strongly argue against the idea of making the walk more accessible to cyclists. There has always been an issue with a large percentage of cyclists ignoring the signage to keep speed down and give walkers priority. In the last couple of years, with the emergence of e-bikes, electric motorbikes, many of which are either illegal in public space, or illegally unrestricted and bike based delivery companies, there are increasing numbers of commercial cyclists travelling at 20mph plus on the walk. I predict serious accidents to walkers and pets if this isn't addressed in some way.
- I support accessibility but worry about negative impacts on the PW environment. I'd suggest that some access points should be made more accessible, but not all of them. And perhaps a smoother surface could be created in one part of the walk - at one or other end- not the whole walk.
- I support the Council's objectives and proposals to improve accessibility for all.
- I think a lot of this sounds unnecessary or for small benefit. I think there is a very real risk of ruining what makes parkland walk a nice destination
- I think bikes and buggies can access and use the walk as it currently is (I have done this with 2 small children who now bike to school). I appreciate those with wheelchairs would have difficulty though. The key thing for me would be to keep the walk as natural looking as possible
- I think haringey staff do a great job on keeping it tidy. You need to employ more staff because the general public are on the whole filthy and drop litter everywhere no matter how much you educate them. I think the volunteers have also done a great job
- I think if gravel was used to make some sections less lumpy and ramps put in that's good. I think a smooth artificial surface would be too much of a retraction from nature and also encourage fast cycling. Maybe put in regular mitigation measures for bikes like wooden posts?
- I think if you make the parkland walk larger everyone would be much better off
- I think including ramps to access the walk itself is a great idea but I do not think the surface of the walk itself should be changed. And any building work should be done in a way which limits any closing of the walk.
- I think it also needs to be safer there are several incidents of attacks on this path and it has put me off using it due to that - people in wheelchairs will be even more vulnerable
- I think it is largely unnecessary and costly to resurface the whole walk
- I think it is the worst thing that could be done to the park land walk and would totally ruin the walk I use it regularly multiple times a day and if a re-surfacing was to happen I would never use it again
- I think it must be accepted that natural habitats may in some instances be by their very nature inaccessible to some forms of locomotion and that in the specific instance of the Parkland Walk "nature" should be prioritised over access. For this reason I think this consultation should be led by environmental services rather than planning, roads and transport or disability services.
- I think it should not go ahead - money should be spent on furthering reservation - not public leisure-
- I think it would be a dire mistake to resurface the walk, completely removing the character of the space and harming biodiversity.
- I think it would be a terrible idea. It would reduce natural habitat that is there already and cause ebikes to speed and be a danger to small children and dogs.
- I think it would be helpful to have cycle path markings to separate from pedestrians
- I think it would destroy the sense of the Parkland Walk (natural habitat, reserve, quiet and relaxing place). Accessibility is not the best but perfectly doable with pushchair if someone is very keen to access (tested). Thinking about how many wheelchaired people have I seen in Finsbury Park over the last 11 years, although it is perfectly accessible, resurfacing Parkland Walk seems totally insane.
- I think it's a great idea. I used to be able to do the walk on foot, but I haven't managed it since 2018.
- I think it's important that you are seeking to make it more inclusive for all.
- I think it's really disappointing to make changes to this walk. It one of few that feels safe to walk with my dog. I will avoid it if they resurface as it will attract bikes and scooters and become unsafe

- I think levelling the path and including sloping access is a good idea. There are in fact a number of sloping access points already
- I think London's natural spaces, or spaces that nature has reclaimed, should be left alone as much as possible. I recognise they need managing but I don't think they should be overly urbanised. Urbanising these lovely spaces, kills them.
- I think other elements can improve on the walk between Highgate and Ally Pally - the point where you see the city is very run down and you could show what you see from there. The tunnels are not great. The entrance to Ally Pally from there smells and it is run down
- I think Parkland Walk is and needs to remain a natural reserve. Having a nature reserve in this increasingly urbanised part of the city is much more important than improving accessibility. There are ways to access some routes in an accessible way and parks provide accessible recreational space for those who need it. This project is not only a waste of money but is a threat to vegetation and wild life.
- I think Parkland Walk should stay as it is, having a bit of a bumpy path is all part of the experience
- I think preservation of the natural unspoilt character of the walk is the most important
- I think really need to reconsider what is the meaning of existence with Parkland Walk. Then accordingly concept of improvement need to be readdressed. In my opinion it is not just for human accessibility. It is ok to leave nature as it is in part of our society and actually that is very important.
- I think resurfacing Parkland Walk would be detrimental to the natural experience and would definitely encourage high speed bicycle and electric bike users, which would be a risk especially for children and dogs.
- I think retaining the natural environment, biodiversity and wild nature in this site should take precedence though I also think drainage on Parkland Walk south could be improved to give a better walking surface
- I think safety should be considered I feel unsafe walking there after dark
- I think that it's really important that the Parkland Walk is not turned into a cycle lane
- I think that SOME of the entrances/exits should be made fully accessible: eg At Finsbury Park, Blythwood Road & Holmesdale Road. It's not necessary to make all the entrances and exits accessible. I
- I think that the Parkland Walk is one of the rare parts of natural beauty in the borough. Please don't change it any more.
- I think that the Parkland Walk should be conserved in as natural state as possible. Having said that, I do think the trees need pruning in some places, especially where they have got so large they keep light out of people's homes and gardens.
- I think the changes would be a real negative for what is a natural environment that contributes enormously to mental health and relaxation. Given there are ramps at both ends of the walk and it is a flat path, I do not think changes are needed.
- I think the council should leave the Parkland Walk as it is and expend the money in other priorities like health and housing.
- I think the council's approach to this consultation has been shockingly poor. The approach appears - from the council's own website and signage - to be 'we have made a decision to make certain changes, so we better ask people about those changes' rather than what it should be, which is 'are any changes necessary'. What is more, the advertisements to participate in the consultation are angled in a misleading way: they are framed and presented as the council taking steps to make the walk more inclusive and accessible (generally a good thing, without context) without mentioning all of the reasons on the other side of the argument as to why changing the path surface is a terrible idea. In other words, the council appears to be seeking to influence the public's view on whether changing the path surface is a good or bad thing by emphasising accessibility issues and minimising (or, in fact, entirely ignoring) the other reasons (biodiversity, encouraging nature, preserving the natural habitat and the nature of the walk). There should be a serious review of how consultations are delivered. It is primary school material to undertake questionnaires and understand how the way that a question is framed can seriously and fatally influence the results that you receive. Haringey council has failed its residents. It should be deeply embarrassed.
- I think the current surface is accessible already and it would be detrimental to nature, experience of the walk and encourage dangerous high speed cycling if it was tarmac. please just maintain the



current surface to make it more level for accessibility and i do think ramps for access would be beneficial

- I think the design is important. It has the ability to transform the area. Other projects that could be used as examples are: - The High Line, New York
- I think the idea of making spaces accessible is nice but not all spaces need to be the same. There can be diversity in spaces, leaving one of the few safe, natural paths alone is important.
- I think the money could be better spent on improving other walks like the New River walk and making that more accessible.
- I think the money could be better spent on protecting biodiversity and the natural environment from the increasing encroachment of human footprint.
- I think the money would be better spent on other issues - e.g. housing
- I think the most important aspect of the Parkland Walk is that it is a nature reserve, and this should be preserved and enhanced above all else. It is not a park, and I would hate to see it start to resemble one. Much as I like and use local parks (Finsbury, Elthorne etc.), the Parkland Walk's status as a nature reserve sets it apart and makes it special and I think it would be a terrible shame (a crime even!) to jeopardise this.
- I think the parkland walk is mostly great as it is and I can't see that spending loads of money on it is going to improve it when there are many other underfunded things in Haringey.
- I think the parkland walk should be a space that lots of people have access to, but it is also a nature reserve and as such should be protected and cared for. Access for people is not more important than conserving nature. Furthermore, as a user of the parkland walk who has young children, having a smooth, tarmaced surface will be detrimental to the safety of users. It will be slippery when wet, hard to fall on and cyclists will be able to speed up and down even faster than they already do making it a very stressful and dangerous environment for other users.
- I think the parkland walk should be for everyone, whether they walk cycle or run, with suitable access points,
- I think the walk is perfect as it is. The tree numbers has already been reduced due to structural concerns for bridges, but do not tamper with the rest as a place that thousands of walkers and runners use each day will become overrun with bikes.
- I think the walk should remain principally as a recreational route and nature reserve. a smoother surface would detract from the naturalness and promote use as a transit route, which would conflict with peace and recreation. safe cycle route between finsbury park and highgate should be implemented at the expense of motorised traffic, not recreational walkers.
- I think there a lot more to improve and/or change in Haringey, we shouldn't interfere with Parkland walk, it is beautifully natural. Please leave it as it is. For cycling you should improve bike lanes on the roads and not ruin the natural walks (I'm cycling to commute so I'm not talking against cyclists but for them.)
- I think there are other priorities other projects that would make a better impact in community at moment
- I think there are so many other projects that the council could be investing in - such as better lighting on our streets, dealing with litter, potholes on roads, the safety and security of our public spaces. I definitely can see a case for providing better access up on to the parkland walk as the steps make it tricky but I really don't see the need to resurface the footpath itself. It is already used by many people with pushchairs etc and is flat and easy to navigate. I've always hoped that the number of cyclists could be reduced - I've had many collisions with them over the years as they speed round the corner (worst spot being by the bridge underneath Muswell Hill Road / corner of Cranley Gardens) Paving over the surface will encourage even more and it will become a cycle track not a 'walk'.
- I think there could be better accessibility in Crouch End, Muswell Hill full stop, and that the parkland is not the focus for this. So few spaces remain for true exploration and relaxation without modern interruptions. Likewise, changing the surface could be detrimental to walkers and runners over time. If it goes ahead, which I don't think it should (except at entry points) it needs years of correct planning.
- I think there is a tension between bicycles, e scooters and e-bikes and walkers. There are already a lot of these wizzing along. It is starting to feel dangerous for walking. A surface that make walkers

feel less safe is a bad idea. I think it important to protect the older trees. It has been disappointing to see so many removed. It would be bad for the environment if more went

- I think there is a tension between making this space into a "park" and keeping it as a parkland walk that combines the function of a nature reserve with a range of other uses. Given the perilous state of our declining environment as a result of lost biodiversity, pollution and climate problems, I think that the nature reserve element should take priority.
- I think this is a biased questionnaire with a hidden agenda.
- I think this is a good idea. I would use the parkland walk much more often if it was easy to access. If it wasn't so bumpy I would also try cycling on it. I would feel comfortable cycling with my kids as there are no cars. I would also enjoy walking there much more if the paths were smoother and better. Pushing the buggy would be much easier with better access and paths. My only concern is separation of bikes and scooters from pedestrians. E bikes and scooters go so fast and some people ride their bikes very fast. This needs thought as there could be serious accidents. There could also be misuse by scooters so that needs thinking about.
- I think this is an utterly needless potential waste of money and time that could be better directed elsewhere, such as improving accessibility for parks that are not currently important biodiverse habitats.
- I think using cut down trees as natural speed humps would be good. The speed most cyclists go on the "walk " is dangerous to people and animals alike
- I think you should keep the parkland walk as wild and natural as it is today. The only improvements that I think could be made are to some of the entrance/exits along the way. The steps up to Crouch End can feel a bit treacherous at times, and the Stapleton Hall Road entrance/exit could do with a bit of attention.
- I think you should leave it alone
- I think you should leave Parkland Walk alone. By all means make sure it's clear of litter. Other than that, leave it be.
- I understand how hard it must be to balance the needs of all residents and agree that accessibility and access is a high priority, but I think the proposals will be catastrophically self-defeating. The proposals will destroy not only the aesthetics of PW, but will turn almost all users away other than those seeking to use it for high-speed bike use. It would be a travesty if this were to happen in one of London's most uniquely prized wild and natural spaces.
- I understand Parkland Walk is not easily accessible to all but it is a natural environment like Highgate Woods. Please leave it that way.
- I understand pressures on Councils to improve accessibility and that is of course very important. But this cannot apply to all spaces. The changes made to make parkland walk fully wheelchair accessible would absolutely ruin one of the few wild-ish places left in central London.
- I understand the concern some people may have regarding making the space more accessible to bike as this may take away from this beautiful park. Especially considering there are no high quality protected bike lane in the area. I think that if the parkland walk will become very busy with bike commuting this will damage the area. Can we instead proposing a protected bike lane that run alongside ( but outside) the walk?
- I understand the need for accessibility for wheelchair users, but the Parkland walk is primarily a nature reserve, and not a recreation area. My concern is that improvements will also increase accessibility to bicycles (including electric), which is a hazard to pedestrians. Also, a flat non permeable surface impedes drainage and flora.
- I understand the need to balance accessibility and character/habitat. Generally I think the best approach would be to make certain points of ingress to the walk more accessible. At either end, and perhaps somewhere along the midpoint. The surfacing needs work but should stay as natural materials if possible - having anything close to tarmac would be a real shame.
- I urge Haringey and its partners to remember that, despite its name, Parkland Walk is a Nature Reserve not a park. Retaining the Walk as an environmentally diverse green space for the benefit of nature first and of people second is crucial.
- I urge you to reconsider your proposal. There are a lot of parks that are inclusive and accessible. This is not a park. It is a nature reserve and should be kept as it is for people to enjoy and wildlife to

flourish. It will harm the wildlife, lose its charm, and make it less safe for people to walk as tarmac will attract e-bikes and scooters to use PW as a shortcut.

- I use it on a daily basis and if this work goes ahead it will mean months to years of resurfacing and disruption.
- I use the Parkland Walk almost everyday to walk. It is extremely important to me and I would resent it if this proposal would make it inaccessible for walkers because it prioritizes bikes, ebikes and scooters.
- I use the Parkland Walk every day, at all times of day. I want to see it more accessible. But i want us all to maintain access to the natural, peaceful, slightly wild environment it provides. Pave it over and I, for one, will lose access.
- I use the walk as a relaxed way to get to my friend's house. It is a great walk to stroll with a friend. bikes etc are a nuisance
- I use this space three times a day everyday and have for the last seven years. Natural spaces are unique in London do not spoil this by using tarmac or concrete making this a cycle super highway
- I used to live by the parkland walk in Stroud green and after the accessibility there was improved we had a lot of problems with young lads stealing mopeds and driving them up and down the parkland walk. How would we prevent this happening? Also now that lots of people have electric scooters and bikes they often shoot through local parks to avoid traffic. If the new path is too smooth and accessible this may increase.
- I vote against it.
- I want to see least destruction of the habitat - plants and creatures.
- I was born and brought up in Haringey, now live in Islington and am old enough to remember using steam trains from Muswell Hill Station when I was a child. The Parkland Walk that I like now is a semi-wild space and I don't think a major project will improve it. If there's any spare cash, I'd rather see an effort to reproduce a walk along the missing section on the edge of Highgate Wood, to fill in the gap before the restart at the top of Cranley Gardens. If the old track is not available (it looks as if it is not) then a signposted path round the edge of Highgate Wood along the perimeter fence would be a substitute for walking the old track.
- I was encouraged to complete this form after seeing a poster in the local area. I would say do not underestimate local people's ability to hold a grudge, in the event that you all screw it up.
- I welcome making the walk more accessible for disabled people but not if it means more people will use it as a bike lane
- I welcome the idea of resurfacing, preferably to improve drainage and eliminate mud and rough pebbly terrain.
- I will be deeply disappointed if this proposal is passed, as it shows a complete lack of consideration for the wildlife residing in the parkland walk. Accessibility is important, but should not be prioritised over ecology.
- I will be honest. I have little to zero faith in Haringey council. They contracted out tree cutting, to a company with no knowledge, for a needless project. Honestly I have little faith they will do anything other than harm the Parkland Walk, even though there is the very important issue of accessibility.
- I worry that making the park accessible to all will ruin the integrity of the nature reserve. It feels impractical to add access points etc, as well as trying to make a flat surface, which will increase the speed of cyclists. (I am a cyclist and always drives me mad having to go slowly on it but I do so for the common good)
- I would approve of making ramps etc wider to allow them to be used by buggies/wheelchairs but please please do not change the surfacing. It will ruin the character of the parkland walk
- I would be concerned about the trees suffering from compacted soil. You have nationally important trees such as Wych Elm and Ash on the walk which you have a responsibility to protect.
- I would be happy for natural materials such as gravel to be used like in Highgate Wood the other year. No concrete and no man made materials. It's a nature reserve after all!
- I would be really concerned if this turned into a cycle path - and any evening out of the surface is likely to lead to that. And it would ruin the feel of it and make it feel like just another human-made park.
- I would be seriously upset to find out Haringay council was wasting council money on destroying green natural assets and I would protest vigorously

- I would be upset if the Parkland Walk is resurfaced in tarmac as this would encourage fast bikes, scooters etc which would put me off using the walk as it would become dangerous for me as it would be for small children.
- I would imagine this project will be extremely expensive and think the money could be better used towards for example crouch hill station to ensure disable accessibility
- I would like to be able to drive to an entrance , park safely and have loan of a mobility scooter or electric trike in order to be able to enjoy the walk.
- I would like to have more full detail of your plans. I would like to know how much money you are thinking of spending on this.
- I would like to know how much this project costs and explore whether that money would be better spent elsewhere that would actually make an impact to ALL people who have a disability rather than a few who would use this.
- I would like to know what prompted this project.
- I would like to know what prompted you to consider these changes. We see a number of cyclists on the Walk and mobility scooters too.
- I would like to see the design of any resurfacing undertaking on the basis of recommendations by environmental consultants
- I would like to see the natural character of the Parkland Walk remain intact. I do not want it redeveloped or made into something it is not. I would be passionately against changes trying to be pushed through if they are not necessary, and against the wishes of most people.
- I would like to see the research or surveys which suggest there is a need identified by the public/ residents/ users of the Walk to make it more accessible. Where is this information?
- I would like to think it was possible to provide greater accessibility whilst retaining the natural habitat together with the biodiversity.
- I would like to think that the Council would actually listen to the opinions of the public and act upon them The blunt approach to the removal of saplings along the walk angered a lot of people but could have been handled a lot better if saplings had been removed as part of annual maintenance rather than in one big fell.
- I would like to use the parkland walk more, it is an important local resource, the steep access is often a problem though.
- I would love to have more benches or chairs along the Parkland walk, so you can stop for some rest during the walk.
- I would love to keep It natural as It is. It has helped me personally in my own health.
- I would love to see some natural styled play areas for kids along the walk, in areas where it's wider, for example across from Coleridge Primary.
- I would love to use it more as my cycling commute route. However many month a year it's dirty and not lid. I'm not sure if this can be easily change and I would much rather have more cycling infrastructure in harringey along the major roads.
- I would not be happy if the walk was closed for an extended period of time
- I would not use the parkland walk for recreation purposes if the changes were made.
- I would prefer the funds to be used on housing and education.
- I would rather it left as it is as I don't think you can be trusted to do it right
- I would rather that money was spent improving pavement and kerbs and controlling e hire bikes for general accessibility on the streets rather than the Parkland walk.
- I would rather you spent the money on replanting the trees that were killed during Covid and working on biodiversity and reducing littering. Lots is left to the Friends of Parkland Walk and it should be a council responsibility.
- I would really like to see other deterrents put in place to stop speedy cyclists - particularly at commuter times. I love that people can cycle on the parkland walk - it's a great place for kids to learn to cycle safely, but it's becoming far less safe and not relaxing when you constantly have to listen and watch out for inconsiderate e-bike users going at 20mph.
- I would really like to see the full consideration of this decision made public and potentially even put to a public vote. It is an incredibly precious natural habit and one of the last places in London to enjoy as such. It was be a terrible shame to see it covered in concrete, sterilised, and made the same as every other soul-less walk. Please reconsider.

- I would spend the councils money on improving the pavements and roads in the borough which are an embarrassment. The parkland walk isn't broken, and your target group are unlikely to be able to easily access the walk due to the steep inclines around the walk and the nature of its increasing incline towards Highgate and further towards Alexandra Palace. Retain it as a natural ecological gem that the locals use for exercise and escape from the city, don't bring the city in, in a mistaken goal for inclusion that will not work. Spend money on roads, pavements, schools and hospitals that actually help people live their everyday lives in comfort and safety.
- I would worry that increasing accessibility for bikes would make parkland walk less pleasant for me with my dog and baby as I would worry about their safety
- I wouldn't say that this should be a top priority. Would rather council was focused on service delivery (e.g. waste services, social care, housing, schools). Think lots of need to make these services easier to access and more supportive. But Parkland Walk is good as is. A few more translated signs would be fine but doesn't need significant additional resources.
- I'd like to know if this project is being led by conservationists - as a non-urgent project, I'd rather it cost more over a longer time than be cheap, quick, and awful.
- I'll just repeat this one more time: it is a beautiful, open air, natural space. Changing the surface will bring wheeled traffic. The benefits to those with access issues are not served by making changes to what is there.
- I'm absolutely aghast at the idea of the walk being resurfaced, littered with signs, linked to ground level every few metres by ramps etc. Its a horrendous idea - the whole point of the walk is that it's a genuine green space, wild and pure and as it should be. There is no justification for ruining it in the name of "access". It would be a disaster.
- I'm all for improving access, but changing the natural nature of the the whole parkland walk experience would be detrimental overall. I'd be happier if you spent the money on other things by the way. Finsbury Park is the borough's greatest asset but cant be used in the afternoon/evening for half the year. Please improve the lighting. please think about reintroducing at night there for safety of sports participants.
- I'm all in favour of changes to the Parkland Walk to make it more accessible and useable- safety for women is a massive issue for me and that doesn't seem to be part of these plans so I hope that is something you might think about in future...
- I'm concerned at how disruptive such a project will be and how much damage could be inflicted onto this narrow strip of nature in London.
- I'm doubtful that the project will deliver value for money, and maybe of negative value unless only very limited changes are made.
- I'm extremely concerned that this isn't led by a Conservation team, and that the Haringey Council definition of 'accessible' may lead to destruction of the very thing that makes Parkland Walk (and the woods and the heath) so special - it is the countryside at the heart of the city. City of London appear to understand this and act as expert custodians; they also have deep pockets - I would prefer Parkland Walk to be managed by them. Given constraints on council funds for adult social care, child services etc I do not think meddling with Parkland Walk should be your priority! It must not be done 'on the cheap', and so better not to do anything at all. If you must do something, upgrade the signage to the standard of Highgate Woods, Hampstead Heath, Queens Wood and Waterlow Park
- I'm for improving accessibility of the ramps and entrances to Parkland Walk but please keep the overall wild feeling of the route. It's the closest space to my house where I can feel something other than tarmac and pavement underfoot, I would really miss that if it was paved over.
- I'm horrified that any changes are being considered. The Parkland Walk is fine as it is. Any changes would destroy the very character of this wonderful space.
- I'm in favour of cost effective changes that do not result in more cycle, moped or motorcycle use. I am in favour of allowing dog walking to continue.
- I'm not sure where the sudden rush to get this done has come from. You give us a limited window to put objections forward, don't give us details of what your actual intentions are, and the effects of a new surface are likely to be detrimental so I'm not quite sure what you're up to.
- I'm really glad that you are considering this! I need to use this path to get to school, there and back. It would make a world of difference if there were ramps and a nice, cyclable surface on the path, as

well as the benefits to less mobile people. I feel like elderly people could more easily use the path if it had a better surface. It also is liable to get slightly muddy and dangerous when wet - ideally this redevelopment would help with that too.

- I'm so grateful people would like to improve the Parkland Walk, but please don't include resurfacing as part of any development.
- I'm surprised the Council regards this as a priority given budgets are constrained and given the risk to the natural character of the space. I worry this is similar to "access" to Finsbury Park by concerts and sporting events, that it will add to the commercialisation of the area rather than reflecting local residents' wishes.
- I'm torn about the surface. Initially I thought no to tarmac, but in France I recently went on an amazing bike ride on an old railway that used tarmac and it was great and didn't detract from the wonderful countryside and nature. I ride a bike for pleasure, but I'm also a childminder and take small children who have only just learnt to walk or are in a buggy, up to the Parkland walk. The surface actually isn't great for any of these activities. My main concern I think is better surface = more faster bikes. How about a bike path to keep walkers safe and a keep left system.
- I'm very concerned about the potential surface material of the parkland walk changing. A lot of trees have already been cut, can we just keep the parkland walk as it is without further reducing its natural character? At the moment it feels like a natural oasis in the middle of the city, it would be a shame to have it paved.
- I'm very concerned this project is going to turn Parkland walk into a cyclist highway. There are already a number of cyclists who speed down the path as it is now, posing a risk to children and dogs and that number would surely increase.
- I've never had a problem using the walk with a pushchair. Not sure what the problem is.
- I'd hope the cost - benefit is considered amongst all the other priorities in the borough.
- I'd like there to be better entrances and exits but I don't want it all tarmaced. The whole point is I'd it's a foot path and a bit more natural. You can still push a buggy down it on a good day as it is.
- I'm concerned that work could encourage more cyclists, increase the speed of cyclists and encourage more groups of cyclists - this could make it more dangerous for children and people with mobility issues. There are already people cycling too fast and without consideration for walkers.
- I'm delighted to see the council investigating this.
- I'm not sure where demand for these changes is coming from.
- I'm really concerned about this project
- I'm very concerned that the character of the walk will be lost if the route is paved or tarmaced. Also the inevitable loss of biodiversity from attempts to landscape the route
- I'm very happy that Haringey wants to maintain the walk and is prepared to invest in this project. I am concerned that unless carefully handled the result may be to exclude more people who currently use the resource than are recruited by the modification
- I'm very nervous about more infrastructure defeating the charm and obscurity of the path
- I'm very worried that the area will be sanitised and wildlife will not be considered
- I've always felt that the highline in New York is a great example of what can be achieved - with these spaces but I know it would never happen. Personally I'd like to see art installations, street food installations, cafes, as well as maintaining large sections of the nature reserve. Perhaps a private investor one day will be allowed to come in.
- I've avoided using the walk since having a buggy as it's so bumpy so a new surface would be welcomed!
- I've never heard anything as absurd as this proposal, except potentially Brexit or Donald Trump being the president of anything other than a McDonald's franchise.
- If access to natural spaces is the issue, focus on Parks and leave PW alone
- If any resurfacing is pursued, please consider only carrying this out on a portion of the entire reserve. It is so rare to have a natural reserve like this in London and so important to keep it in tact as much as possible. The desire to increase access for those with limited mobility is very worthy and there are no easy answers here. But a partial surfacing would at least be a compromise and also reduce the odds of the park becoming overrun with cyclists.

- If changes are made they should not damage nature. This is of huge importance to many people in the area who do not have outdoor space and rely on areas like this to feel like they are in nature and can get some peace and quiet for a while. This is important to physical and mental health
- If changes are made to the material of the flooring, please choose an option that minimises the time that the path will be inaccessible whilst the works are being done
- If Haringey council treats the parkland walk with the same disdain and abdication of responsibility as it has used to treat Finsbury park and the events it's agreed to have take place there, they will ruin something precious, rare, and beautiful in this part of London. If you do not have the skills to take care of something then find someone who can to oversee the project.
- If it ain't broke don't fix it
- If it becomes a cycling path for commuters then we will be disrupting nature and we will have lost a really special place which already very widely used by local people If it's not broken don't fix it!
- If it isn't broken there is nothing to fix, so don't try...
- if re surfacing goes ahead it should be combined with measures to reduce use by fast bikes. This should include pinch points and barriers which can be navigated by wheelchairs and buggies but not taken at a tilt by pedal bikes and electric bikes
- if surroundings properties are affected due to any unnecessary work undertaken, eg. they are flooded due to poor fake 'floor' causing run off of water and natural absorption, you will be heavily sued
- If the new surface prevents large puddles from growing in the middle of the path, I shall be happy
- If the objective is to create a cycle super highway then this would remove the point of this being a Parkland Walk. It is a delight to the majority of the community as a safe interesting parkland vista.
- If the path could meander and have built out planters that would allow wheelchairs and buggies but discourage fast cycling. Expenditure on this path should be paired with cycle routes on roads to make sure cyclists are adequately accommodated elsewhere. A few additional benches along the route would be nice. Preferably located somewhere with shade.
- If there was a way to increase access for wheelchairs and buggies, without encouraging disrespectful cyclists, I would wholeheartedly agree - providing wildlife was not compromised
- If we want to make the resurfacing wheel chair friendly then we need to stop cycling. I would support wheelchair friendly
- If you do go ahead, in spite of some of us saying we're not in favour, it would be very helpful to know what the results of this consultation were and how they factored into your decision making.
- if you do resurface please interfere minimally with the natural habitat and keep it natural and breathable.
- If you put in manmade pathways throughout and add more signs you will completely destroy the feel of the place. It's so important to keep it as natural as possible and not replace it with something that feels like a woodland theme park. I can't stress enough how important it is that the right decisions are made so as not to cause immense damage to the bio- diversity of woodland walk. Those of us with mental health issues really rely on places where we can feel closer to nature than most urban parks afford.
- If you resurface the parkland walk it will become a racing track for cyclists, and even worse be used by e-scooters and motorbikes. How will you regulate the usage? This outcome would be very dangerous for pedestrians.
- If you want to increase accessibility then dedicated cycle lanes on the roads would be better. Please don't pour tarmac onto a nature space to tick an inclusivity box. The parkland walk doesn't need improving. It's fine as it is.
- If you wish to have be considered for re-election please direct the council budget to where it's actually needed like housing, education , mental health and health. Please don't waste the budget on un required and unhelpful white elephant type projects
- If you're going to spend any money on parkland walk, lighting at night would make the space truly accessible, as after dark it's not a safe place to be
- I'm pleased the council is concerned about the walk which is a major local asset.
- Imp to keep natural wildlife feel.
- Improve access points, leave the surface alone
- Improved accessibility must not dilute or damage the truly natural character of the Parkland Walk

- Improved seating areas along the path would be especially beneficial for those that need to take mobility breaks and for those that want to forest/ tree bathe for wellbeing. Generally pregnant/ new mothers and elderly persons would also benefit.
- Improving access is a good idea. I see lots of people with buggies happily using the existing path. I suspect it would be ok for someone in a wheelchair - have you actually tested / checked that?
- Improving access is admirable but this feels like a publicity stunt to distract from your actions in FP..... why aren't you addressing the obvious... the pavements are so bad, people will struggle to get to your new access points
- Improving the biodiversity would be welcome, however long term and expensive to achieve.
- In addition to the comments made above: I realise that the needs of different user groups needs to be balanced but there are already many open spaces nearby which are accessible. The Parkland Walk is different in that it is a nature reserve and I believe that justifies treating it differently from an urban park, or urban/managed woodland (where you might have some paved paths and others unpaved so people can choose). If Haringey Council has a large budget to spend on accessibility could it spend it elsewhere e.g. Crouch Hill station which is completely inaccessible to people who can't use stairs. I have seen the photos used on the 'have your say' banners along the Parkland Walk. It seems strange that you have used photos which show the walk without people on it as it is usually busy with walkers and runners during daylight hours. I can only assume this is a deliberate attempt to make the Parkland Walk looked underused (thereby supporting your case that it needs to be made more accessible) when in fact this is not the case at all. I really hope the project does not go ahead which is why I've answered 'no' to participating in the design process. However, I care deeply about the Parkland Walk and so would like to be kept informed about developments.
- In an ideal world, it would be reopened as a railway or tram route, but we do not have that kind of money. In a secondary ideal world, there would be some kind of lifts to get up the steep ascent to join it around Stroud Green. If it must be for cycling (why must everything be for promoting cycling???) There are LTNs are cycle lanes all around so cyclists are hardly short of options in this area) then another option is to partition it into a cycle side and a flower bed in the middle and a more rustic pedestrian path - so cycles don't whizz and run over people.
- In autumn and winter the path becomes very muddy and wet
- In favour of increasing off road access to cyclists, poor provision on many local roads particularly for people with disabilities, older people and children.
- In London we are already short of natural, green spaces as it is. Please protect our natural environment rather than paving over it just in the name of accessibility.
- In trying to make everything okay for everyone, means nothing is good for anyone. The one place you can walk on an unpaved surface anywhere near North London and we are talking about taking it away.
- In view of the extensive harm done to the Walk recently, it is important that lessons are learned - this should be a genuine 'Co-production' incorporating the views of the Friends of the Parkland Walk, Haringey Tree Protectors, local residents, etc. The Conservation officer must play an active role and it should be overseen by the Parks department, not Highways.
- Increasing accessibility is going to mean more motorbikes/electric scooters using the route as a getaway from police cars
- Initial questions says resurfacing entry and exit points. However the middle section of these questions indicate the whole surface could change. This is confusing.
- Installation of a pathway to facilitate high-speed cycling is not compatible in my view with the sense of wandering through the countryside which is the way many users seek to enjoy on the Parkland Walk. Also many users will feel vulnerable to injury if high-speed cycling is allowed, and may in fact sustain such injury.
- Instead of resurfacing and ruining the environment put in some benches and plant more trees.
- Investing in making the existing fully accessible parks in the borough would be preferable to altering the character of Parkland Walk
- Is there a way of providing access, including with limited paving, without completely resurfacing the walk? The solution must be proportionate to proven needs
- Is this really the best use of public funds? I'd rather have more street trees, saving the existing trees, increasing the biodiversity within parks, new green spaces.



- Is this the most important priority? There are other green spaces closer to less privileged communities which would benefit more from some investment.
- It breaks my heart that you are even considering a loss of biodiversity in this precious wild area when wildlife is in crisis nationwide
- It dismays me that council busybodies cannot leave the Parkland Walk alone. I believe that many places should be accessible to the disabled, but not necessarily every inch of nature. Why not level the sides of the parkland walk and cut down the trees, so people can get their wheelchairs through? If you want to improve cycling in London, fix the roads first, which are too dangerous to cycle on. If you want to help the area, the council should start with the basics and much more obvious things, like the vast amount of litter and weeds strewn on the pavement, and the dire state of housing and mental health support. Areas where they are failing miserably. Leave our few natural spaces in London unspoilt. You've already resurfaced it once, and significantly destroyed much of the natural character of the place, as well as cutting down many trees that should not have been cut down. I suspect this plan is just to make some people feel important, tick a few boxes, and to line the pockets of others.
- It does not need changing
- It feels like a solution in search of a problem. There is access to Parkland Walk a couple of exits down at the end which could be made wheelchair accessible quite easily
- It feels like it's come from nowhere and is a solution in search of a problem. The parkland walk is a walk, not a park or a cycle route or indeed intended for wheeled access of any kind. It's clear from signage that pedestrians have priority. Pavement surfaces and potholes are 100x more dangerous and problematic for the day to day lives of residents. Sort them first please.
- It feels like you're in the countryside – you're in nature. If you start resurfacing it you'll change that feeling. You may have good intentions but in implementing them, you're breaking the essence of what makes it great. Use the money on something that needs it.
- It has already been widened too much. No further modification should take place
- It is a fine balance that I know is hard but just tarmacking something is not a solution. There has to be more options. The electric bikes and scooters make it really dangerous especially with dogs and it will not be nice for anyone.
- It is a nature reserve...so leave it alone. Considerable damage to habitat has already occurred during/since COVID with removal of trees, shrubs etc. Haringey already have a shocking record of tree removal including those with TPCs...the Happy Man Tree for example so stop doing more damage. The area has plenty of access points and signage. The money for this project could be better spent looking after what is already in place.
- It is a rare experience of natural beautiful space and should be maintained as such. It doesn't need to be anything else.
- It is a shame that accessing the Parkland Walk and the proposed resurfacing have been linked so closely in this survey. I am happy for access onto the walk to be changed if that would widen access but am not happy with the suggestion that the whole walk itself should be resurfaced.
- It is a thoroughly dangerous idea and you are at risk of ruining an amazing resource.
- It is a total waste of money. Once again, ignoring the real issues in Haringey.
- It is a vital habitat and a place -or places -for people to stop and look or to talk to someone, which a tarmac surface would endanger by encouraging faster movement, particularly bikes
- It is alarming and will be a route to further changes
- It is an example of unnecessary waste and interference.
- It is appalling that the council doesn't have any other priority to work on as opposed to destroy the nature we have left, let alone the problem of drainage and consequent risk of flooding in the area.
- It is critical to balance the need of the multiple users of the space. Over the past two decades the numbers of cyclists using the Parkland Walk has dramatically increased. I understand this is positive in one way, but many cyclists are not considerate about other users. Resurfacing the path would exacerbate the problem of dual-speed conflicts of interest
- it is essential to protect this natural oasis for our community and for the creatures that inhabit it
- It is natural and good as it is. Already by Cole and push chairs and wheelchairs can use it. It must stay natural environment no asphalt and not urbanised

- It is not a good idea. Spend the money on other accessibility projects such as improving pavements and making them less of a trip hazard
- IT IS NOT A GOOD PROJECT AND SHOULD NOT GO AHEAD!
- It is not a park. It is a nature reserve that humans can walk through. We need to prioritise biodiversity and the natural character of the reserve.
- It is not for humans to be constantly adapting areas to suit themselves. Leave it as it is. Leave the trees/plants/animals in peace. The pleasure of the parkland walk will be destroyed if you resurface with anything like stones/concrete. Leave the soil/pebbles pathway. No one wants an endless pathway of concrete You'll be resurfacing queens wood and Highgate next.
- It is of course important for people with disabilities to have access. Pushchairs and bikes are already able to use the route and changing the natural feel or the walk to accommodate even more would make the walk unusable. It feels like it is already at a maximum now so don't understand why you would want to encourage more people to come, apart from disabled who are currently excluded.
- It is optimised as is, any changes would be to the detriment of some, and benefits of others. I do not think this should turn into a commuter route. There are enough roads.
- It is possible to provide accessibility without damaging trees or biodiversity. Please ensure that these factors are given proper weight.
- It is rare to have a space in the city that feels like nature - please protect it and avoid it turning into another park.
- It is so important to preserve the precious natural habitat especially in these times of growing dangers to wildlife. Access is easy from Highgate and from Finsbury Park. It is a delicate balance and important not to inadvertently destroy it because you want to change it.
- It is unfortunate that people with mobility issues cannot easily access a nature reserve of this sort - but destroying the unique character and environment in the name of inclusivity is simply wrong. This is the tyranny of the minority at work again.
- It is unnecessary and a waste of time.
- It is unnecessary and risks undermining the character of an important and unique feature of the borough.
- It is vital that the Parkland Walk's status as a nature reserve is at the heart of any infrastructure works. Only construction that is necessary for safety and basic access should be permitted. This is not an urban leisure facility but a precious green haven for both humans and wildlife.
- It is well used by walkers and families. A harder surface would increase run-off and young children would be more vulnerable as more cyclists and electric scooters etc would likely use it
- It makes me really upset to imagine the parkland walk changing from the place of nature that it currently is where children, adults, dogs get to experience what it's like to walk on soil, in mud. This is an important life experience and its natural pathways are an important part of this experience.
- It needs to be developed with sensitivity so it's sympathetic to the many walkers and runners as well as wheelchairs and cyclists.
- It reminds me of the American general in Vietnam saying in order to save the village it was necessary to destroy it
- It seems a strange priority - planting and keeping it free from litter would be a better use of money. Also a better use of funds would be to find a sustainable way of linking the Finsbury Park end of parkland walk to the Highgate: Muswell Hill end - with a safe cycling path so the whole route can be completed away from cars and buses
- It seems like surfacing work has already started, so maybe it's too late to voice my concerns. Wheelchair access could be done with a ramp that curls, making the process for delivery bikes slightly annoying and perhaps less inviting as a short cut. Have wheelchair users been asked to comment on this plan?
- It seems unnecessary – it's a beautiful outside space. If it is to be done, it should be lead by a conservationist.
- It should always be remembered that it is the Parkland Walk, not the Parkland cycle path priority should always be those walking or using facilities for the disabled
- It should be managed by a conservation group rather than by Haringey roads and highways department. They can't even manage triaging the street I line in. Who are the specialists involved?
- It shouldn't be done

- It strikes as being another horrific attempt to ruin this borough in favour of cyclists and to the detriment of everyone else.
- It will be a sad day if anything is done to this wonderful place to detract from the wildlife and wonder of the space, which provides people of all walks of life, including those with disabilities using it and enjoying it for all that it is. Nothing more, nothing less. This must be left alone.
- It won't be a parkland walk if you pave it over, it will just be another street. Ridiculous idea.
- It would be a great benefit to the area to have this walk upgraded.
- It would be a great shame to put any material that is not natural on parkland walk. There are so many tarmacked roads and pavements full of potholes around Haringey already. Spend the money on other road repairs instead. Let parkland walk be natural. That's what brings us there. A tiny sliver of something that resembles wilderness for us that can't easily access the country side.
- It would be a real shame to make it look less natural. I myself am a very keen cyclist and bike to work, but there are plenty of routes that aren't on the Parkland walk and I feel very strongly that any changes shouldn't enable more adult cyclists!
- It would be a real shame to take away the natural beauty of the Parkland Walk - it would be better to design better accessibility to bigger green spaces eg Highgate Wood or Ally Pally.
- It would be a shame to lose any more of the surrounding greenery and forestry. It's lovely when it feels like you've stepped into the countryside just behind your home. I feel like the pathway is already wide enough it just needs better edging, a more appropriate surface and clear pedestrian cycle boundaries.
- It would be a travesty to go ahead with this project. Please drop it
- It would be good to include in the consultation consideration of whether it will be possible to ban all electric vehicles ie bikes and scooters, from the walk to ensure the safety of other users.
- It would be great if the two parts of parkland walk could be better linked through Highgate.
- It would be great if we could make this natural habitat more accessible for people on bikes, pushchairs, and wheelchairs.
- It would be great to see hedging planted across the St James bridge, hiding the metal frame and creating additional wildlife habitat.
- It would be great to widen the bridge from Finsbury Park - though I understand that's a big ask.
- It would be nice to see the bridge repairs complete that have been sitting with scaffolding for years rather than this.
- It would be really sad if the special character of the Parkland Walk was killed by this project to resurface it.
- It would be such a shame to lose the only natural oasis in the local area. I feel the value of parkland walk as a protected natural area is what makes it so special. Paving or resurfacing it in any way would diminish its value to those who use it most and the wildlife which thrives there
- It would be such a waste of the nature we are entrusted to protect and of money.
- It would be very sad to destroy a nature reserve. And it wouldn't be a nature reserve anymore.
- It would be wonderful to have improved accessibility between Street and walk suitable for wheelchairs, walkers, mobility scooters ie not steps. A firm level pathway would be so helpful.
- It would be wonderful to improve access and use for both cyclists and people with disabilities, but I fear that the needs of each group rather conflict, and I don't have any good ideas to resolve this. Whatever you do, the Parkland Walk should remain wildlife-friendly and be a place of biodiversity.
- It's a great idea to broaden access for more users.
- It's a nature reserve. Please stop damaging it.
- It's a needless waste of money and time which will only lead to worsening biodiversity and a proliferation of e bikes, e scooters and other disruptive forms of transport on a route which should be, as indicated by its name, designed for walkers.
- It's a precious place, it means a lot to me, and I'm sure to others. Please treat its character sensitively
- It's a really nice place as it is and doesn't need any changes
- It's a terrible idea, will, based on previous changes, further deplete the existing natural environment with further unnecessary cleanse of trees and flora. Don't ruin the loveliness of the existing space.

- It's a waste of money. That could be used in so many better ways - Bins once a week perhaps - increasing wages of staff, and council workers....
- It's absolutely atrocious. I live just into Islington and nothing has come house to house to notify users of the consultation. The whole project is vandalism of the first order focused on the wrong objectives.
- It's an important nature ling so please keep retaining that as a priority.
- It's beautiful, improve but don't spoil it. Please.
- It's beyond the scope of the project but lights at night would give the walk so much more opportunity for use, especially during the winter months. I understand this could disturb wildlife but it could be dim lights, not big white lights
- It's fine as it is, leave it alone
- It's great to see efforts to improve accessibility of the walk. It's not very pram friendly now. These efforts just need to be balanced with the character of the walk as a nature reserve and with sensitivity to the environment of the local area.
- It's so in sensible, trying to look inclusive by killing don't know with nature
- It's a beautiful and peaceful place that transports you from central London and as it is a major asset to the local area that attracts people because of its tranquility into the area that can still help grow the local economy.
- It's a beautiful haven and making it more accessible to wheelchairs would be great. I have used a buggy for my child there with no problem. It'd be a real shame for it to be tarmaced and I worry about the disruption to the wildlife and its use if it were to be insensitively resurfaced.
- It's a bit absurd. We have some lovely nature from an old railway. Please don't spoil it.
- It's a natural habitat - please don't turn it into a high speed cycle track for the sake of access for a tiny minority of reduced accessibility users who have a multitude of other accessible green spaces nearby.
- It's a natural reserve. Leave it alone.
- It's a nature reserve therefore human intervention should be minimal
- It's a nice idea, badly thought out. Because you're not considering what will actually happen as a result of human nature. It will become more not less dangerous and thus less accessible for everyone
- It's a treasured nature reserve, offering an oasis away from grey and concrete, so think it should be kept that way
- It's a unique walk. Please don't ruin it by turning it into a commuter highway
- It's a waste of ratepayers money & seems like wilful vandalism
- It's called the Parkland Walk pls remember that!
- It's heartbreaking that it's even being proposed.
- It's so clearly a bad idea and a waste of money
- It's very unfortunate that you have not specified the sort of surfaces under consideration. People are very concerned that you are wanting to concrete it and you're only making this fear worse.
- It's wonderful as it is! I've lived in the neighbourhood for 10 years and live Parkland Walk. A little bit of nature in a very urban part of London. Please don't introduce pavement.
- Its a terrible idea
- Its a waste of money – it's fine as it is. You wouldn't put tarmac in a woodland or signage - there are plenty of accessible spaces in the borough already
- Its good as it is...
- Joggers constitute after walkers the second largest user group. You should not ignore them in favour of a small number of other users with other needs. Yes, please consider that joggers need the most specialised and suitable surface. If that is provided, the walk would become a London-wide destination for cross-country jogging due to its long distance and level nature. A jogging surface would also fit the nature reserve character and is suitable for walkers, so the largest user groups would benefit from such a surface. given the importance of the course to cross country jogging, sports funding should be accessed to provide finance. The suggest surface (pebbles/sand/barks) is used successfully on the continent for bike trails, so is suitable for bikes +

buggies too. On the flip side, if you create a hard surface you effectively destroy the best long distance running track in London. That would be madness.

- Just ban cyclists, even if only between 9.30 and 3pm
- Just do not turn it into a paved highway covered in signs. It's unique and it's character deserves to be preserved.
- Just don't do it. Please. I know no-one who thinks this is a good idea. Please spend the money on something the borough actually needs.
- Just don't. Money could go towards helping the several homeless people in this borough
- Just feeling v grateful to have the walk, we lucked out getting it as our school commute! A group of us visit the nature area near the Boogaloo after school everyday and it's been wonderful over the summer. Better buggy access would be great. Thanks for your work on it.
- Just leave it alone.
- Just leave things alone please - you don't even probably know John Fry who saved this space for everyone, he's my friend aged 80 and messaging me now.
- Just let it be
- just please, do. not make it easier for cyclists until their illegal activities and abuse of pedestrians abates
- Just stop messing around here. It's a beautiful space we should protect and treasure and not interfere with. Why do humans always feel the need to improve, make better leave it alone! Protests will be made and time wasted and no doubt money as usual. Just stop it.
- Just stop taking down more trees. We used to hear owls every night, but after excessive tree cuttings, nothing more and even the birds are less around.
- Just that I would like to see the proposals being worked on with wildlife specialists for the best result for all.
- Just to reiterate - the Parkland Walk is a natural urban oasis and paving it over is a terrible idea.
- Just to reiterate that I agree there is a risk of creating a cycling or scooter rat run, and would encourage the council to retain the current "walk in the woods" feel which is a North London treasure. Also it may be worth asking rail preservation societies for help dressing the platforms in a way that brings them to life without being detrimental to the natural feel and biodiversity of the walk.
- Just to reiterate that parkland walk must remain a nature walk and not a cycle/e-scooter route. It's one of the hidden gems of North London and should be preserved
- Just to say I don't use it everyday but I do use it multiple times a week. There should have been another option between everyday and once a week. I understand inclusion. When I had little kids in prams I took them to the play parks. When they could walk they graduated to the parkland walk. The parkland walk can't be all things to all people.
- Keep as it is. The changing seasons demand different use and shouldn't be paved over. It should not become a race track for cyclists.
- Keep cyclists away
- Keep everything natural
- Keep it
- Keep it as it is
- Keep it as it is!!
- Keep it as natural as possible. The loss of the trees was disastrous. Surely in these times of climate changing times we could do with less paving prone to melting and buckling
- Keep it clean, safe and trying to enhance nature vs human
- Keep it more or less as it is. It's much loved, widely used and appreciated.
- Keep it natural it will end up a cut through for bikes and scooters
- Keep it natural, keep it green, keep it real - not heavy-handed concrete jungle!!
- Keep it natural, no racetrack please
- Keep it natural! Thanks
- Keep the north london the greenest area and Haringey
- Keep the path natural, don't concrete over everything. There are already fast moving cyclists on the route and no more are needed on what should primarily be a footpath. Some cyclists are fine but if the path is turned into a flat pavement it will be used like a road.

- Keep the public updated on this
- keep the space as natural as possible, impede fast travel along the route so that cyclists don't ruin it for all.
- Keep the walk as natural as possible, please do not allow too many bikes to use this path and endanger us regular users. Keep it safe for us elder folks and younger kids please.
- Keep the Walk as unspoilt as it is so in another 40 years my great grandchildren can be appreciating the biodiversity in our city!
- KEEP THIS AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO WHAT IT IS, KEEP IT NATURAL AND WILDLIFE FRIENDLY, DON'T TURN THIS INTO A TOURIST SPOT, KEEP CYCLISTS OUT
- keep this vital little corridor peaceful
- LBH have plenty of other areas requiring its attention and money, even if funding is coming from elsewhere, spent the funding where needed not destroying The PW
- Leave it alone. It has survived this long without the need for what you are proposing. There is a lot better things to spend council money on
- Leave it as is. It's a relic of London and most of its charm is it's simply just being there
- Leave it as it is
- Leave it as it is
- Leave it as it is and stop removing the old precious irreplaceable trees. Stop easy money and use the money for greater causes like Haringey housing problems
- Leave it as it is NATURAL!!!! Please
- Leave it as it is, we love the parkland walk!!!
- Leave it natural / as it is! It's a useful urban cut through between Highgate and Finsbury Park and a walk among nature, instead of along roads. Resources could be better spent on numerous other things needing attention in Haringey.
- Leave parkland as it is
- Leave Parkland Walk alone
- Leave parkland walk alone, hundreds of people, wheelchairs dogs use it with no problems at all.
- leave Parkland Walk as it is, it is a special place
- Leave parkland walk as it is!
- Leave somewhere for nature to do it's own thing. All the parks have been used for public events and invasion by people.
- Leave the existing pathway surface as it is. It does not need improvement. It is a natural area and the mild ruggedness of the path is part of the attraction. The money could be better spent on other things.
- Leave the nature reserve alone
- Leave the parkland walk alone and spend the money more responsibly on services and food banks etc.
- Leave this natural space
- Leave well enough alone (well-you could remove the graffiti to start!)
- leave wild spaces wild
- Less felling of trees and cutting back apart from maintenance of track
- less is more. Please do not widen existing paths. Save vegetation as is. More natural play stations for kids welcome!
- Less is more.
- Let conservationists deal with issues like this than parks and highways
- Lighting along path would make it usable through the year.
- Lighting underneath road bridges would be appreciated as even on a bright day, it is hard to adjust to the darkness under the bridges.
- Likely to waste huge amounts of money to No good purpose
- Listen to the community. Listen to friends of parkland. Listen and do as they direct you. Listen to us and do not do what you have already planned.
- listen to the people, and respect the nature
- Lived in Devon many years. Finding a natural "travel" space here really valuable. Please don't turn it effectively into a road.

- Local residents are already frustrated by some of the recent work done along the walk. It feels like the environment may not be prioritised in what is a unique and important habitat. It's vital any further work is environmentally-led with detailed information provided and after meaningful consultation. Accessibility is undeniably important, but it can be done environmentally and innovatively. Keeping the Parkland Walk as unique, interesting and wild as it is doesn't need to be compromised in order to make it more accessible.
- Local residents are angry. We feel very close to the Parkland Walk and are desperate to protect it from the Council's useless officers.
- London has few places that feel like nature itself and whole parts of the PW feel like this. Access should be improved for those with disabilities but as ever there is a danger of cyclists making this a superhighway which they already do with the current surface. There are plenty of quiet roads the cyclists can take to the two endpoints. If we are going ahead for disabled access then cyclists should be obliged to use other routes.
- London has lots of different types of spaces. They are not all the same or need to be. Nature has to be the priority and ensuring natural spaces are protected.
- London is in desperate need of more facilities like the parkland walk. To improve accessibility you should dig up some roads (or narrow and remove some parking) to link the parkland walk to other paths. It would be great to improve access for those with disabilities, but there needs to be a clear commitment to retaining a rare and precious pathway.
- Love cycling but parkland walk is a space for gentle recreation and works best for on foot - otherwise stressful as on regents a canal where you have lots of cyclists and people walking.
- Love the parkland walk, living 15 minutes walk away for 23 years but didn't know of it's existence until 5 years ago- that is a shame, maybe indicative of lack of promotion locally. It is a glorious place of real benefit to the mental and physical well-being of all who use it so must be preserved as the natural oasis it is.
- Love the walk, please do your best. for it
- Love the walk, do what you must but really it ain't broken so why fix it.
- Love this walk, a great asset to the community. Thank you for maintaining and working to make it accessible to even more people.
- Loved Ben Wilson's art trail - more hidden art projects please
- Main concern is fast bikes making the walk feel less safe and relaxing
- Maintaining the PW as it is should be the priority. Any alterations should not be used as an excuse for further tree-felling.
- Maintenance of steps to walk could be improved. Areas which become very boggy could perhaps benefit with some sort of treatment - eg approaching the bridges at Crouch Hill and parallel
- Making it safe is important too.
- Making the Parkland walk accessible for buggies/wheelchair users would be great. I used to use it before I had my son but accessing it with a buggy is too difficult so I can't enjoy it as much now. Knowing that it could be made more accessible would be fantastic.
- Making things accessible is a good principal but how much demand is there for this seeing as there is Finsbury Park nearby which is fully accessible and nearer public transport. I'm surprised that there aren't other accessibility projects in the borough that would have more demand and benefit.
- Making this a smooth surface would make it more accessible BUT making it a cycle path would make walking along there unbearable!! Stressful for walkers especially elderly one and people with dogs as cyclists do not slow down when dogs are close and as we know, dogs don't understand the concept of moving out of the way!
- Manage the ecology well.
- Maybe increase the number of litter and dog-poo bins to encourage users to keep the Walk tidy - though I think users are pretty good about that.
- Maybe some lights at night for safety
- Maybe the money could be spent on some seating areas along the route
- Maybe you could spend some money on removing the hoarding around the bridge that's been there for years now?
- Methods to slow down cyclists would be welcome.

- Modernisation is almost always good (ULEZ good! LTN good! Please build more homes!) but unfortunately this project is one of very few examples of it being ill-conceived. Several of the problems identified are just... not problems. Buggies, bikes and mildly disabled walkers all access the Walk already; I have never met anyone who was lost or confused (it's a straight line!). The one valid item is access for very disabled people and here we must balance their real needs with the greater good. There are some surface options that would somewhat preserve the natural feel of the Walk but even this comes at cost - and most options will be a disaster. Please don't tarmac the place.
- money should not be wasted on this project but spent on improving biodiversity by removing sycamores
- More attention to being Green and add in BUG HOTELS to ALL of our Parks.
- more benches
- More benches along the path would also make the path more accessible as people then have more places that they can rest.
- More benches along the walk would be great.
- More benches for us oldies, but not formal ones as per Ally Pally but split trees are fitting.
- More benches please. For those of us who can walk, but have energy limiting conditions, or mobility challenges (using crutches, having arthritis etc), the lack of benches can mean the walk is impossible to attempt. I can sit on the ground, but my mum would only manage a bench. I believe there should be some access additions, like ramps to the walk, but not necessarily ground changes.
- More controls to stop speeding cyclists would be very welcome.
- More investment in parkland walk. Work with Islington council and the ecology centre there, they do this work well
- More seating would be useful - ideally where the path is wide and it wouldn't create a blockage. For us it would be particularly useful next to access steps that might be shallow enough to access (provided there's a hand-rail on both sides of the steps). We do need to drive to the Walk, so we do need to have parking that can be used with the Blue Badge. Finally, we'd like to stress that what we love about Parkland Walk is that it is a little strip of nature - please don't spoil the atmosphere.
- Much more detailed proposal should have been available before consultation
- My 85 year old mother uses the parkland walk. If the cycling traffic increases and or the speed of cyclist increases she will stop using it. Such a move will decrease accessibility for the elderly. And people with pushchairs or wheelchairs.
- My concerns clear I hope. Apart from easier access, it ain't broke enough to need more than minimal surface repair here and there.
- My main concern is the ability for cyclists to co-exist with pedestrians. By resurfacing the surface their speed may increase substantially making Parkland Walk much more dangerous for elderly, kids and dogs. Introducing more ramps is for pushchairs / wheelchairs is less of a concern
- My only comment is that tarmac the walk it will lose it's character and become more dangerous as cyclists will increase and fly down the walk. I run every day and I think increase changes on top of the widening of the walk have no benefit to the community it serves.
- My two priorities for the route would be covering muddy or less stable sections with natural non hard surfaces Secondly I would like the council to consider whether lighting improvements could be made in a way that would be friendly to residents eg sensor activated lighting, low lumen lighting or floor based lighting to improve safety at night and in the winter I would like the capacity for the route to be improved to handle bicycles as much as possible while maintaining the character of the route. That might mean making the route better for gravel bikes. It would be nice if the route could be cycleable but not at a high speed. It would be particularly good if the route could improve cycle use in the sections where road cycling is currently particularly unsafe or challenging eg closer to the Highgate end or at areas lacking in Tube connectivity
- My wife and her family when they visit take a walk up there. And when friends visit, and want a walk I send them to parkland as it's so interesting. I have been up, but it's a challenge because of uneven surfaces and you get really dirty from the wheels transferring to trousers and hands. I've done a couple of half marathons in a manual chair before, but to train for those I went to Hyde park, to get a decent distance of smooth paving uninterrupted by broken pavements, dropped curbs etc. if parkland walk were smooth paved I'd use it most days for exercise



- My worry is how fast bikes come from behind with no warning- few use bells
- no - test
- No changes should be made to Parkland Walkway as it'll only cause more harm than good for the wildlife, who should have priority over anything else. Lots of nature is already lost and we don't need to lose more.
- No changes!
- NO felling of mature trees No hard, impervious surfaces Improved access at suitable location without felling of mature trees NO widening of existing pathway
- NO FOOTPATH LIGHTS, not now, not ever.
- No HARD paving - this will destroy the woodland charm of the Parkland Walk. We love the puddles from the rain and natural bumps created by the nearby trees. A uniform path is definitely not desirable.
- no i think, it should stay as it is, people with push chairs are fine as older people, they like it as it is. please stop 'over improving' wild spaces, it will impact the biodiversity, cyclists will be too fast, it will lose a lot of it's qualities. We go walk there because it's still a bit wild, don't change that please. redoing bridges and stairs are disrupting enough.
- no just a plea to pause and consider. We should be doing everything we can to protect these spaces.
- No lighting please!
- No more trees should be felled. Too many have gone already. Putting ramps along the walk with ruin the natural feel. Level access is available at either end and in Blythwood road already
- NO MORE TREES to be cut down!
- no other comments
- No parkland walk tampering!!
- No reasonable person is against making public green spaces more accessible but this MUST be done in a way that PRESERVES the green-ness of the space and the very essence of what it is and what it provides to the community. Otherwise what is the point? You would be destroying it and nobody - with special needs or no - would be able to access or enjoy it. As a long time home owner in the area raising my kids here I strongly believe your efforts and funds would be better spend fixing the playground at Finsbury Park and sorting out the annual mess caused by events.
- No tarmac!
- No to bikes and bike surfaces. They are dangerous and will lead to antisocial behaviour and muggings. We need safe and relaxing vehicle-free outdoor spaces.
- No to hard surfacing
- No to hard surfacing. Keep that money to fixing the parks that are already hard surfaced.
- No, but thank you for opening a consultation on the matter!
- No.
- no. just leave this beautiful nature reserve as it is.
- No. Please don't take away the tiny bits of forest that we have. Too many people will be negatively affected as will the wildlife.
- Nobody I have spoken to wants this. I would like to know why it is happening and whose interests it serves. Certainly not local people.
- none
- None
- None - apart from the fact there is little to go on - given that Haringey has provided little information on its intentions
- None- resurfacing - not a good idea in summary apart from Some adjustment re few places that aren't too even or there is too much gravel which is not easiest with bikes when kids are learning
- not at the moment until any options become clearer
- Not essential for cyclists to use the walk. Better for runners, strollers, wheelchair users, creative types (graffiti) and those just to sit and enjoy a quiet smoke or beverage.
- Not needed. Renovate/retain/preserve what is currently there. Do not tarmac the walk.
- Not really, a lovely walk. I particularly enjoy the ever changing graffiti, some of it is truly stunning.
- Not really.

- Not really. On balance I think cyclists are fairly well behaved but I would be concerned if better surfacing encouraged boy and girl racers. wouldn't want to segregate the path though.
- numbers of people accessing the walk have greatly increased, which is great. however, many are not respectful of the environment - more education needed? despite signage, many cyclists insist on priority and are aggressive/abusive. current users like myself are not always able to dodge them swiftly.
- Of all the things that Haringey can spend money and effort on (eg improving/ restoring parks), this really is not something you should be doing. PW is specifically a nature reserve. Everything you are proposing to do here will make it less of a nature reserve, and more like all the other outdoor spaces we already have. It is unnecessary and misguided.
- Of course, although a disused railroad, the Parkland Walk to me is a natural pathway and with some historical importance. I would not wish to see it be made into a more 'urban' environment. Despite my earlier comments about using it once a month we use the Muswell Hill end of the walk weekly and it is important to us.
- On every level and for every group of Parkland Walk users, changing the surface of the path would be a deeply problematic idea. The potential risks are very high, and it would be a huge waste of time and money.
- One of the beauties of the walk is the gentle, quiet nature of the space. It is a haven in a busy inner city area. Flattening the space will lead it to becoming more a bike and scooter highway which makes the space potentially more dangerous, and certainly less enjoyable, for walkers and runners
- Only strictly necessary change please
- Only that if a hard surface is used, it will encourage fast cyclists, e-bikes, scooters and possibly motorbikes (that shouldn't be there). Accidents might occur due to the increased speed and people, children, pets might be injured or even killed. I am a cyclist, yet do not wish for a hard surface.
- Only that the Parkland Walk should be kept as natural as possible
- Only to re-iterate the importance of keeping some of our cities as natural as possible for now and future generations
- Other than the prejudiced signs against runners, it is fine as is
- Overall most people are very respectful and use the parkland walk in a good way, it's just a few cyclists who don't. I have challenged them and referred them to the signs saying walkers have priority, maybe more if the signs like the one at the Highgate entrance are needed.
- Parkland Walk does not require any improvement , currently it's serving well for walkers, runners, cyclists and the pushchairs. As it is a nature reserve, it should be left as it is in the current state.
- Parkland walk in its current form gives me great joy and is good for mental health. Also, leaving it unpaved is healthier for the joints of walkers and runners.
- Parkland walk is a beautiful natural space and we are lucky to have it. I would consider resurfacing it, especially with a man-made surface, tantamount to an act of cultural and ecological vandalism.
- Parkland walk is a breath of fresh air in this city. There are already some entrances/exits giving easy access to wheels. Turning it into a cycle lane will destroy it
- Parkland walk is a great asset to the community. It is widely used. It would be a shame to make it too neat and tidy.
- Parkland Walk is a joy to use - a natural habitat for lots of insects, small animals and birds and an escape from cars and noise for people living in the area, who spend a lot of their time working in crowded, noisy places. It would be a terrible shame if the council's changes led it to becoming a highway for fast bikes, e-bikes and scooters.
- Parkland Walk is a much loved natural space and a haven for wildlife. It is good if it can be as accessible as possible. But its role in addressing the climate and biodiversity crisis is valuable in and of itself, and benefits us all regardless of how many people use it.
- Parkland Walk is a nature reserve, and should be preserved as such as first priority
- Parkland Walk is a real gem and has become a lot more popular since Covid. It's important to retain the natural re-wilded look and feel as that's what everyone loves about it. Dedicated surfaces for graffiti artists to use without penalty would be good as that's part of the character of the walk.
- Parkland walk is a treasured area for people in Crouch end and we feel the less it is metal with an updated surface the better it is to protect the animals and wildlife in the air

- Parkland walk is a valuable and unique space for peace and quiet enjoyment. It is not a park or cycle track
- Parkland Walk is a vital local resource and should be accessible to all.
- Parkland Walk is an amazing natural resource that supports plant and animal life in north London and is well used by runners, walkers and respectful cyclists. Resurfacing seems unnecessary and could encourage fast cyclists on ebikes or scooters taking over and destroying the tranquillity. The work would also disrupt the habitat for wildlife
- Parkland Walk is an important NATURE RESERVE that should be prioritised over 'all' user's.
- Parkland Walk is beautiful and unique, it would be a poor decision to interfere with the habitat.
- Parkland walk is fine as it is. I have used a buggy on the surface for years. Please don't waste money making things worse. Why not build some cycle lanes on Freen Lanes instead?
- Parkland Walk is not accessible for people in wheelchairs because it's a forest and has a forest floor. To change that would be at the detriment of everybody else. Please do not do this.
- Parkland Walk is one of the few spaces that look fairly natural. Please leave as it is
- Parkland walk is one of very few wild spaces in Haringey. Above all else this project should ensure that levels of biodiversity and nature preservation are increased and improved in the parkland walk. Any changes should reflect its status as a nature reserve, and access improvements should be done in a considerate manner which has no negative effect on the natural environment. This is both possible and desirable, they are not opposing aims. If Haringey need to make significant changes in the form of ramps etc., this should be done on adjacent non-wild spaces such as the adjoining roads.
- Parkland Walk is used by many members of the local community to get outside, walk with friends, children and dogs, and enjoy nature. Please don't turn it into a racetrack for cyclists and runners.
- Parkland walk is very special and unique. From the quiet in the mornings, to the bustling on a weekend to the dappled light with the singing birds in the evening. Creating a uniform surface would ruin that environment and result in excessive speeds on bikes / e bikes with no way to police it by the council. Instead the focus of this proposal should be on access points onto the walk, fixing drainage where mud creates existing access issues and increasing the biodiversity through more planting of plants and trees.
- Parkland Walkway should remain as it is and if changes, more trees, bushes and or flowers should be planted to enhance the wildlife and for people to respect and enjoy the nature.
- Parkland, like Highgate Woods, is a place of natural beauty - I am concerned when accessibility works requires trees and bushes to be cut down.
- Particularly concerned that this will detract from the character of the space, and how it is currently used. Already had loss of trees around bridges and some access spaces. The work and ongoing maintenance will be disruptive and poor value for money.
- Paving it would just turn it into another bland, concrete "park". London has plenty of those, so no need to add another. It would also mean that it will immediately be used by delivery drivers - on illegally tuned e-bikes and actual mopeds like you see in some parks like Hackney Marshes.
- Paving the Parkland Walk would destroy it. Leave it how it is. It's a nature reserve.
- Perhaps improving where the old station is with more maintenance and making some areas such as where the graffiti is less tatty looking
- Personally I do not believe this project is necessary at all, and the budget should be used for better infrastructure in the area not paving an already well used and maintained path.
- Personally I would discourage bike use. Cyclists never use a bell to warn pedestrians and often go dangerously fast.
- Personally, I would keep the Parkland Walk exactly as it is (that is, in August 2023).
- Please take the declining ecology of Parkland Walk into account in this project rather than spend loads of money on "improvements". Without the ecology Parkland Walk is nothing - and maintaining it keeps it a beautiful place for everyone.
- Please be sure to work closely with the Friends.
- Please change as little as possible - the natural feel of parkland walk is incredibly important to local people, especially those without gardens. It is our escape from the man-made environment we live in.
- Please communicate plans to local residents and actually listen to us too.

- Please conserve the character, make it accessible for people with disabilities, retain family- and dog-friendliness, and for heaven's sake please don't pave it the entire way.
- Please consider safety. Parkland walk is already often too dangerous with fast cyclists to let me dog off the lead or my toddler out of their buggy.
- please consider that this is nature reserve & that this area has high crime levels already which could be massively exacerbated by your suggested changes.
- Please consider the majority view and do not override / ignore legitimate concerns by using the excuse of "improving accessibility". We have friends in wheelchairs and with walking impairments who use Parkland Walk regularly. We have discussed with them and they prefer the surface as is because the feeling of a natural environment for them significantly outweighs the extra care needed in navigating the less-than-smooth surface. Commuters should use the roads, not Parkland Walk.
- Please consider this a parks project not a roads and travel one: the Parkland walk is almost an extension of Finsbury Park and so should be considered as changes to a natural area.
- please consider very strongly if you really need to resurface the walk. The approaches / access sure but not the route itself. It will destroy the tranquility and feeling of nature, escapism from London's hustle for ALL users if it is tarmac or hardcore. IMO the route itself is already accessible, evidenced by the wheelchairs / disability scooters I already see, although I concede I am not a chair user myself, so it is my opinion only.
- Please consider whether there are more cost effective ways of using the large sums required by this project for the benefit of those with impaired mobility, or other equally deserving groups. Although you have not disclosed the likely cost or the expected benefits, the cost/benefit case in a time of financial strictures looks very questionable at a superficial level (which for the reason stated above is the only level available to me ).
- Please consult with residents, especially on surfacing material. Some areas (IE access points) are used as hiding spots for drinking (or drugs taking?), Could be better designed or bushes cleared.
- Please continue to consult with local stakeholders including residents, and make sure that all the resident inputs/concerns are taken into account.
- Please don't make this more bike friendly than it is. It is already. Hard enough and with more electric and food bikes using it there will be a huge loss of wildlife and character of the place changing forever
- Please do it quickly and don't shut it while works in place
- Please do not change Parkland Walk, there are so few truly natural places left, we have enough tarmac. If cycling is a priority - please make it safer for cyclists to use the road.
- Please do not damage the current walk
- Please do not destroy the character of the Parkland Walk. People love it the way it is. There is nothing else like it and it is the closeness to nature people seek and value. We have enough paved roads and paths everywhere around us.
- Please do not detract from the special atmosphere of the Parkland Walk. My household walks, jogs and cycles along the Parkland Walk and feeling each season change is so valuable - even down to how muddy it is underfoot! Many people who may need wheelchair or other mobility aids should be able to access it as it is with correct tyres etc. Observing the trees come into leaf, or the blackberries ripening, or in the depths of winter seeing inquisitive robins hopping about would feel completely different if it felt like traversing a pavement.
- Please do not go ahead with this idea
- Please do not install hard surfacing and don't change things that don't need to be changed.
- Please do not over-clear foliage and tree-growth
- Please do not pave it! That is a horrible idea. It is bad for runners knees and it is hard to find unpaved roads in the city center. I love this place just as it is.
- Please do not pave the the parkland walk. It will ruin the lovely space and be a complete waste of money
- Please do not raise the existing height of the bridge over Stanhope road. Local resident did not realise this when the plans for a new bridge were granted planning permission . The increase in height will allow tall noisy vehicles to use this wholly residential road and the existing low height prevents this.

- Please do not remove mature trees because this is bad for the climate and for biodiversity, and reduces protection from the weather. I couldn't answer an earlier question properly because it elided two different issues - installing a ramp might be fine, but not resurfacing. This path is primarily for walkers, but if it had a smooth surface, it would get taken over by bikes, ebikes, scooters, skateboards, which are all very much faster than walkers. It is inappropriate and unsafe to include walkers and the rest on the same narrow path. This also goes for many other paths which are used by many pedestrians that Haringey council want to make into cycle routes but which are not wide enough for both.
- Please do not resurface
- Please do not resurface. Plant trees and clean the area. Add info boards outlining trees & history.
- Please do not ruin parkland walk by turning it into a concrete monstrosity. It's a big part of our community. There are so many other areas in Haringey where public money could be better utilised.
- Please do not ruin the Parkland Walk and turn it into a superhighway with easier access for bikes, scooters etc. It should be left as it is as a Nature reserve
- Please do not spoil this beautiful walk. There are lots of access points to choose from - the cyclists who already use it, often cycle too fast, it would be detrimental to do anything that increases the number of cyclists on the walk ( especially those using electric bikes) We are surrounded in London by pavements & tarmaced paths it feels far more natural to walk on soil/ ston s.
- Please do NOT tarmac the PW. The council would quickly come to regret it. also risk of a potential increase in crime as people could quickly escape on a hard surface
- Please do not turn Parkland walk into a highway for cyclists! Cyclists need properly segregated lanes on the roads with other vehicles.
- Please do read my previous comments. I hope you've received a lot of similar ones. I think it would be extremely harmful for you to start resurfacing the walk without having first done a consultation where you've disclosed the material you're going to use. I also think you shouldn't do any resurfacing without first producing some kind of report to the public about the potential environmental risks. I would protest against paving over the walk with tarmac!
- Please don't break the elements of Parkland Walk that don't need fixing. Improving accessibility shouldn't trump the fact Parkland Walk should remain, as the name suggests, a parkland for walkers - and other leisure and recreational users.
- Please don't change it
- Please don't change it.
- Please don't change this beautiful outside space
- Please don't destroy a beautiful natural resource by turning it into just another pavement or road with a hard surface. The beauty of the Parkland Walk is that it feels natural and organic. Natural surfaces are also better for the environment and for mitigating the effects of climate change.
- Please don't destroy the beauty and appeal of the Parkland Walk.
- Please don't destroy the parkland walk. If you resurface it, you will destroy it.
- Please don't do anything to the Parkland Walk.
- Please don't do it. Money could be better spent on upgrading park playgrounds. Statuoners park and priory park both need attention
- Please don't do this, you'll ruin what makes it great
- Please don't do this!
- Please don't put any concrete/ asphalt on it or cut down any of the trees.
- Please don't put more concrete in a city that is full of it. Save the few green spaces that are left.
- Please don't resurface - especially not on the Ally Pally to Highgate Woods section.
- Please don't ruin it
- Please don't ruin it by cutting down loads of trees as before or by laying an inappropriate surface that we'll all have to put with for decades.
- Please don't ruin our important space
- Please don't ruin the area. Any changes will lead to a worsening situation It is a beautiful walk and cycle ride and area for runners. Too much traffic will spoil it.
- Please don't ruin the charm of this walk, it's one of my favourite places
- Please don't ruin the unique character of this beautiful walk.

- Please don't spoil it, preserve it. Allow people access to spend time here, but not to travel at speed and disrupt this space.
- Please don't spoil the beautiful nature walk of Parkland Walk. If you put a tarmac or similar path, not only would it create drainage problems when it rains but it would no longer be a natural path full of wildlife. There are so many other things Haringey could spend money on to improve disability access for various more important things but this would be a waste of money and spoiling the walk at the same time.
- Please don't tarmac the parkland walk. It will make it less accessible not more so.
- Please don't turn it into a racetrack
- Please don't wreck a beautiful and valued local nature sanctuary. I'm particularly against resurfacing. If some more details of numbers of local residents who've requested this / will benefit could be provided that would help with understanding this, as also wouldn't want to block a genuine need if there is evidence it exists.
- Please don't allow this to become a race track for cyclists, scooters etc
- Please don't change anything about the park land walk it is exactly perfect how it is. Any change would not be beneficial but harmful.
- Please don't change it. Is used by cyclists now but not too many. It will become unsafe for pedestrians and dogs if it becomes a cycle path.
- Please don't change the walk. Spend the money on Finsbury Park. The park needs more toilets and facilities for homeless people.
- Please don't destroy the unique nature of this walk. I agree that Accessibility can be improved with ramps in some locations but the surface is fine for wheelchairs/ mobility scooters
- Please don't destroy this path
- Please don't destroy this walk, which is used and enjoyed by thousands
- Please don't do anything to encourage cyclists. This is a wonderful place at the moment.
- Please don't do it.
- Please don't do it.
- Please don't do more damage to the local environment, I think it's good to keep the walk maintained but you've done a lot of damage in the past to trees on the walk.
- Please don't let cyclists dominate the path
- Please don't make big changes. Parkland Walk is a place to stroll not just to get from A to B. It works well as it is with many different users - families, kids learning to ride bikes, older people walking their dog, locals meeting for a chat. Lovely the way it is!
- Please don't make the changes to the surfacing. We need green spaces and this is very important to lots of people the biodiversity
- Please don't mess about with this walk ! It is peaceful and quiet right now. It is also a very useful direct route that links Highgate and Finsbury Park. Spend money elsewhere if you have some to spare.
- Please don't pave over the whole walk! The nature and wilderness would be harmed!!
- Please don't proceed with it.
- Please don't resurface the parkland walk it takes away from its charm and beauty
- Please don't ruin one of Londons best kept secrets!
- Please don't ruin the Parkland Walk
- Please don't ruin the parkland walk! It is such a beautiful space and would be so sad to be ruined by paving, e-scooters and unnecessary signage. I understand it is inaccessible for some but there are plenty of spaces in London and nearby which are very accessible, and not everything can be perfect for everyone! The parkland walk is such a unique part of our area and community, almost a hidden gem and it should stay that way please.
- Please don't sacrifice another green space in London
- Please don't spoil the beauty of this area with any alterations that are't necessary. For those of us who have don't gardens, parkland walk provides an essential place to relax and enjoy nature. I'm not against accessibility in the case of wheelchairs/mobility aids, but if the walk is resurfaced, I sincerely hope E-scooters and other types of transport that could be hazardous, would be banned.

- Please don't tarmac it's also part of history to see bits of the old railway grooves and there is so little green space in Islington to lose more nature is devastating
- Please don't tarmac over Parkland Walk it would destroy what has become a haven for a family that grew to include a boisterous dog when my daughter developed mental health problems during the pandemic. For us, it is a lifeline. Not only would tarmac kill much of its charm as a beautiful ribbon of countryside running through a densely populated city, but it would very quickly become a hazard for walkers and wheelchair users, and ultimately even runners. Already e-bikes are a common sight on Parkland Walk with one or two nutters treating it like a race track a tarmac surface would soon turn it into Brands Hatch, extending to delivery riders on heavy, fast e-bikes, and even (only very occasionally so far) motorbikes. Some cyclists and runners already behave as though they're above walkers on the food chain, demanding dogs be kept on leads, but they're a minority, and it all pretty much works. Everyone mostly gets on really well - in fact Parkland Walk not only provides a lung for north London, it's also an amazing melting-pot, providing a wonderful community function. Please don't ruin it!
- Please don't tarmac the whole thing
- Please don't turn it into another paved footpath there are plenty of those and it'll ruin the feel. Surely there are better things to spend our money on,
- Please don't use tarmac
- Please don't waste money- parkland walk is a haven and it helps towards so many peoples' mental well being to have it there. There is already an uproar about the amount of trees that have been cut down. It is a nature reserve!!
- Please don't wreck the natural feel of the parkland walks
- Please don't spoil this amazing walk.
- Please ensure there is environmental/conservation input into any work and not just highways/streetscape
- Please ensures any change focuses on leisure and pleasure and natural habitat for wildlife, not for cyclists and scooters and forms of transport. There is a road system for that already.
- Please find something else to fix, resurfacing would be a crime to nature of which enough has been committed.
- Please for the love of God don't mess with the Parkland Walk. There are hungry families and homeless people in the area and the proposed changes are a waste of time and valuable resources
- Please give real evidence or investigation from people with disability.
- Please give the residents adjacent to the Parkland Walk ample time to engage with any planned changes. We had no notice to the removal of greenery and felling of trees across the wall a few years back which has continued to negatively impact us
- Please help keep us safe and discourage anything that increases speed of those on wheels.
- Please incorporate a conservationist group with expertise in these kinds of projects.
- Please just don't do it...it sounds like a cycle track. I appreciate the need for accessibility but some places need to be left in their natural state....it'll cause more harm than good.
- Please just keep it natural, slow & relaxing. it is the safest and best running & walking route in all of North London. Maybe even London.
- Please just keep works to the bare minimum. It's a nature reserve not a road.
- Please just leave it alone
- Please just leave it alone and spend the money on services and help for homeless, poor etc etc. Why can you find money for this but not for vital services needed.
- Please just leave it alone. Friends of the Parkand manage it well.
- Please just leave it as it is. You will ruin one of the best things in north London by tarmacing it
- Please just leave this little haven as it is, don't make it a commuter highway
- Please keep as it is!
- Please keep as much of the natural vegetation as possible whilst the work is carried out. Please do not remove any established trees and shrubs for convenience. Parkland Walk is a treasure of the Borough and should be treated as such. Thank you.
- Please keep everyone informed, I walk there daily and there are hundreds, possibly thousands, who use and enjoy it daily as I do.

- Please keep in mind that some cyclist already use the Parkland Walk in a rude and dangerous manner. If the surface is smoother and the access easier the amount of cyclists will increase. Then it will no longer a safe space for elderly people or families with young children
- Please keep it as a nature reserve
- Please keep Parkland as a diverse and natural trail. Limit access for bikes and scooters. There are now LTNs all over London where people can cycle safely with children and with little traffic. Let's have just one place that prioritised pedestrians and a true trail experience
- Please keep parkland walk as it is - resurfacing it will ruin it
- Please keep the natural space natural!
- Please keep the parkland walk as wild as possible. I love walking and running on a soft surface as it feels and is better for you. I live feeling that I am in real nature with wild animals and trees.
- Please keep the place safe and eco friendly for all of the natural inhabitants and wildlife
- Please keep the walk as natural as possible
- Please keep the wonderfully special original natural parkland walk whilst making it easier for those with diminished abilities to enjoy it
- Please keep this beautiful space wild. The most magical thing is the sounds of the parklands walk - insulated from cars, humming with bird life. It is such a boost to my mental health.
- Please keep this precious space preserved as a nature reserve and make sure any changes have an effect to increase plants, nature and biodiversity not areas of hard standing.
- Please leave it alone
- Please leave it alone
- Please leave it alone. It's beautiful and natural and should be let as is.
- Please leave it as a natural space. We have plenty of other parks in the area that are fully accessible.
- Please leave it as is and stop cutting down trees etc and interfering with the wildlife and the natural character of this space.
- Please leave it as is, it's perfect. I take my dog there and he can run through the woods and come back out to the path. When it's wet, the mud is glorious!
- Please leave it as it is.
- Please leave it as it is. Any resurfacing would ruin what is a important local resource and so be a complete waste of money
- Please leave it. We should be able to accommodate for a bit of mature in Londo . There is a wide choice of Londo parks with concrete accesses (Parliament Hill, Regent's Park etc.) no need to alter this one.
- Please leave Parkland Walk alone, respect nature, and work with true environmentalists instead of your current team, who don't seem to grasp the importance of encouraging, expanding and protecting nature rather than making things convenient for humans.
- Please leave parkland walk alone! I
- PLease leave Parkland Walk as it is. It is now Nature and wonky, but this is the best way.
- Please leave the area as wild as possible.
- Please leave the existing trees - Please do not remove any more of them. Too many trees are being removed by Harringay council.
- Please leave the natural state for the parkland walk, it's already flat enough, and spend the money elsewhere that would really benefit.
- Please leave the Parkland Path alone, or it will lose all character and Haringey will lose a real gem.
- Please leave the Parkland Walk alone and spend our money where it is needed and wanted.
- Please leave the Parkland Walk alone. I understand that you think you are doing the right thing but by sealing the surface of the footpath and concreting over large parts to build ramps you are going to ruin one of the charms of Haringey.
- Please leave the Parkland Walk alone. It doesn't need improving in my opinion. It does need to recover from all the works that have taken place recently. It's already suffered a lot.
- Please leave the Parkland Walk alone. Resurfacing is totally unnecessary - it would be destructive to the environment and only encourage its use as a bike and scooter lane... this is not a park or a cut-through for vehicles. It is a very precious nature reserve. it would also be an also a truly



disgusting waste of our money. Haringey should be protecting our precious nature reserve, not dismantling it.

- Please leave the parkland walk as it is!
- Please leave the place as it is - it is magical and can easily become much less attractive if you intervene. I will join neighborhood protests if you plan on changing
- Please leave the space alone!
- Please leave the walk alone. This is complete Madness. Buggies can be carried or bumped up and down to the walk. It will cost lots of money and destroy the wildlife
- Please leave the walk unpaved
- Please leave this area as it is and has been appreciated for many decades.
- Please leave well alone. Thanks.
- Please leave well alone.. You've done enough damage already.
- Please let the swing in the tree remain!
- Please listen to residents who love and care for this space and keep it natural
- Please listen to the people
- Please manage the trees better. Deal with the ones that are leaning/dying and stop them falling into the path and the houses on either side.
- Please move slowly and considerately
- Please NO MORE tree removal or large clearance of vegetation!!! It has to be possible to do necessary works without this.
- Please do not ruin the Parkland Walk
- Please no tarmac and please don't use Conway to complete the job
- Please please do not use any unnatural materials to resurface the Parkland Walk, such as concrete. It is such a natural paradise in London and so close to the hearts to the people that use it, it would be completely spoiled if unnatural elements were added to it.
- Please please don't tarmac this place or turn it into a bike highway
- Please please ensure any work done has a minimal impact. It's the only area near me I can walk round without feeling like I'm in London and I'd hate for it to be damaged in anyway. Biodiversity struggles enough in London so please be careful.
- Please please keep it natural.
- Please please leave the parkland walk as it is and as close to nature as possible. I absolutely love walking on the rustic 'muddy' terrain in all weathers, I manage it perfectly fine with a pushchair. Please add step free access at Crouch Hill overground and Haringey train station.
- Please please please DO NOT resurface the nature path. There's nothing wrong with mud or dirt or puddles. Change it & the path loses its very soul
- Please please please ensure that nature comes first. So much of the borough is man made, this rare piece of nature should be preserved at all costs. Humans need to learn its not all about us.
- Please please please listen to local opinion on this. We are an inherently inclusive community and increased access is fundamental. However, it would be completely undermined if the end result was a concrete highway with cyclists whizzing up and down. Small children walk there, dogs and humans walk and jog. It's between 2 schools and needs to be retained in all its beauty and health-giving benefits to the air around the school and ecosystem on which it relies.
- Please please please take the time to read the submissions given to this survey. I know everyone's stretched for time, but the parkland walk is a hugely special and widely loved part of the local community, and I know many of us feel very strongly that it needs to be protected. Thank you.
- Please please preserve the wild natural character
- Please prioritise biodiversity and nature, and balance this with the needs of vulnerable user groups. I feel that enabling a smooth path will encourage cyclists to cycle even faster than they currently do. As a cyclist myself, I understand this impulse, but I feel that vulnerable users of Parkland Walk should be prioritised.
- Please prioritise preserving the biodiversity of our nature reserve, this is vitally important.
- Please provide bins with separate compartments for mixed dry recyclables, compostables, and residual waste

- Please provide further information about exactly what is being planned/considered, so that responses can be more specific
- Please put nature first. The less disturbance and the wilder the area the better it is for our ever depleting wildlife.
- Please redirect money to mending pavements . As a disabled woman I think this is a far more serious issue. The parkland Walk is great as is . I don't want it turned into a busy cycle path as this would put me off using it . It has a lovely natural feel as it is ..
- Please remember Parkland Walk is a nature reserve and protecting / enhancing its wildlife should be the priority while improving access, not secondary
- Please remember that cyclists are not the same as the other groups of users of parkland walk who want or need to move more slowly and pause for rest. I would like the council to place more benches along the side of the walk. At the bridges to ensure high visibility and security. And commit to maintaining the integrity of the path so it isn't a quagmire churned up by bike wheels for eight months a year and useable to those who walk or push bikes or use walking sticks or other mobility aids. I think a speed limit for bikes would be really helpful too so please could you consult on that. I would say the signage on the path should say, eg Cyclists please don't speed on this path- you can use roads instead but pedestrians can't. I think doing those things would really support people with access needs.
- Please remove the RUNNERS signs. I, as a runner, was so offended when these went up during Covid. It was frequently the pedestrians that wouldn't move aside, proceeding towards me in lines of 3 or 4 across the path, and thereby pushing me into the hedges to avoid them.
- Please respect this natural space.
- Please retain the nature of the Parkland walk the way it is.
- Please retain this unique resource without changing it too much. I am a regular cyclist but do not cycle on the route because of the surface. But this is fine by me because when I am walking down it I do not want cyclist speeding past me, especially with the proliferation of electric cycles and scooters, and the conduct of many other cyclists. It would be disastrous.
- Please seriously consider the necessity first and how local users feel about it. It's such an important place for nature and for us. And we share the space now. Why change something so special. If something must change consider a section only. And please ban electric bikes (but this would not be adhered to).
- Please spend our hard earned council tax money on something that is useful/needed. There are so many basic to urgent things that need fixing/improving in Haringey. Being inclusive means genuinely caring about people's well-being.
- Please spend the money and resources assigned for this project to improve the biodiversity and beauty of the Parkland Walk rather than building new structures that will degrade it further.
- Please spend the money on improving facilities for disabled people in parks where they can do so much more.
- Please spend your money on improving the lives of the most disadvantaged in your borough. Education, housing, health care. This is a beautiful space that is free to use, please don't ruin it.
- Please start considering Parkland Walk as the nature reserve it is rather than a road. It is not a road. There are plenty of roads in Haringey, many of which could do with the time and money Haringey seems intent on spending by turning Parkland Walk into one.
- Please stop cutting down trees
- Please stop electric bikes before someone is seriously hurt or killed.
- Please stop interfering with natural world. Its so easy ti destroy the things we love with human interference. As I am not living locally I only visit occasionally I offer my opinion, but I don't think it right to get involved in the design of it
- PLEASE stop messing around with this semi-wild space. It is a haven for the local community as well as an important local habitat for plants and animals
- Please stop trying to do this, people love it as it is, improve the enterance points and use money on something else!
- please stop trying to make it look neat. It looks less wild and more manicured which is awful
- Please stop wasting council tax payers money. If you have spare cash please mend some potholes.

- Please take care of this precious resource. Haringey have already cut down far too many trees, some unnecessarily, and have spoilt sections of the Walk.
- Please take on board the views of local people who use this space daily.
- Please think carefully about this. This space should be about recreation, green space, and the environment, not inadvertently or deliberately creating a new cycle route.
- Please try to keep as much of what parkland walk is now
- Please try to keep parkland walk as a nature reserve. Making it too like a public park or recreation area will affect precious wildlife
- please try to keep Parkland Walk as natural as possible.
- Please, please , please do not be persuaded that making the Wak accessible will affect biodiversity. It does not with careful consideration and management. Parkland walk I vital for all to use especially for those with a disability or a difference!
- Please, please do not resurface the whole parkland walk - it would be an act of vandalism.
- Please, please don't destroy the character of the parkland walk in the name of accessibility. We have enough concrete and tarmac around us in this city and the walk is a welcome piece of wilderness and nature. Every effort should be put towards creating a sustainable space and improving biodiversity first and foremost.
- Please, please don't do this and please don't have this project go ahead. So much of the area has been concreted, tarmaced, resurfaced, made less green in the past 20-plus years – it's too much. Please don't do more. Please save this precious space.
- Please, please, listen to the people living there and loving the area! This is a nature reserve in a heritage protected area - it is not a park, a skatepark, a cycle route or a modern promenade! People come here to see their long loved trees changing colours of their leaves (not to find it violently chopped down), to take a meditative walk on their way to work, to teach children about the nature and the world around them! We live here because we love it here and it hurts to see it being destroyed before our own eyes despite active attempts to explain that we do not want this to be turned into another dusty plain London neighbourhood that has no air to breathe and nowhere to take a walk in. Trees and all the vegetation there must be protected, it is a rare and fragile oasis in the big dirt around us, and too much of it has already been killed, effects of which are very real and are felt daily.
- Please, please, please don't change it
- Please, please, please, do NOT encroach further upon nature. It's precious and increasingly rare. Of course I care for people with disabilities, but to pave over the wilderness for the sake of a small minority of people is a disproportionate remedy,
- Pls don't listen to those who will wail about any changes and bang on about it being a natural park etc. it's an urban area and at the moment is badly failing the equalities act which has to trump notions of a rural feel
- Pointless - give a break to nature there are enough tar road already
- Possibly make one lane accessible for bikes wheelchairs scooters buggies
- Preferably, I would leave the walk exactly as it is. I have been using it regularly since 1996 and it has improved considerably. However, I know that the council will go ahead whatever the local community says. I am very worried that the surfacing will create flooding, encourage speeding cyclists (who should use cycleways on roads), encourage crime, destroy even more trees and plants, further threaten wildlife (which has reduced considerably recently), and encourage more flytipping and threatening behaviour. The walk is a real treasure; not an ideological football.
- Preserve areas. If you must make improvements for those with pushchairs / wheelchairs, please ban cyclists.
- Preserving the natural character of parkland walk is important, but nature isn't just for able bodied people! There are already so many barriers that prevent wheelchair users or people with limited mobility from accessing nature. Making parkland walk more accessible is definitely a good thing. My dad is a wheelchair user and I would love to be able to invite him over knowing we could access parkland walk together.
- Prioritise safety of the route before accessibility. Poorly lit at night would discourage many.
- Protect ALL TREES & ALL CREATURES please! Also It's our only corner of nature & we want it to stay that way

- Protect environment
- Protect the Parkland Walk from Land Encroachment, Flytipping and the mutilation of trees by the untrained maintenance team.
- Protecting biodiversity has to be more important than individual access. The walk was created out of a bad decision to scrap the Northern Heights scheme. Let's not have another bad decision that would change take away such a valuable asset in the middle of London
- Protecting park walks natural habitat and unique character is more important than increasing accessibility. I am really saddened to think this may go ahead and hope it does not.
- Protecting the natural oasis is of utmost importance It is a truly special place and unlike anywhere else in London
- Protection of our most vulnerable members of society should be first priority - the space needs to be safe for children and dogs. We do not want the Parkland walk to turn into a highway for bicycles and e-scooters. We also want this space to continue to feel like an oasis of natural calm despite being in a densely populated city.
- Providing toilet facilities would help a wide range of people. Many people have needs for such facilities on a frequent basis and are prevented from using the Parkland Walk Some even use the bushes, which is it hygienic. Perhaps somewhere in or near The Grove would be possible?
- Pruning trees and bushes but not cutting them down
- Put up "dogs on leads only" signs and enforce. Out of control dogs are a nuisance to walkers as well as the wildlife as they run all the way down on both sides behind back fences of houses on Florence and Lancaster Road scaring foxes and other wildlife that Parkland Walk is a home to. Ban bikes and scooters Leave the Parkland Walk for walkers
- Putting down tarmac or concrete on the Parkland Walk would encourage even more cyclists charging past. As it is, it has become a much less pleasant walk with endless bikes and runners forcing people out of the way.
- PW is an amazing place it's important it's not lost.
- Question whether this is really the first place the council should be spending money - would rather it went to prosecuting fly tippers and people who don't clear up after their dogs around the borough
- Quote from Joni Mitchell "Big Yellow Taxi": "Don't it always seem to go that you don't know what you've got till it's gone, they've paved paradise, put up a parking lot" Parkland Walk is a NATURE RESERVE, leave it alone.
- Ramp for disable people are a good idea. Just hoping it doesn't allow more cyclists or for them to be faster.
- Ramps could be acceptable, but resurfacing is criminal
- Ramps for access could work fine but resurfacing isn't necessary. The only time there are issues with the surface is when it rains but then it's just best to avoid the walk and wait to let it dry naturally.
- Really hope the council listen to residents. And Don't try and use disabled people as a reason to destroy a wonderful walk.
- Really don't think it's necessary. And by accommodating a minority you risk ruining it for everyone including that minority. Not everything has to be available to everyone
- Recent removal of trees seemed excessive and unnecessary
- Recent work has negatively impacted the biodiversity and natural appearance of the walk. I am concerned this project could be further detrimental when the Council should be working to enhance rather than damage biodiversity and natural spaces
- Reduce how busy the roads are with cars and cyclists can use them instead. These natural spaces are all surrounded by loud, ugly, polluted roads.
- Regarding the next question if this proposal goes forward, i will only be participating in any opposition and protest against it. Lip service 'involvement' in a bad plan simply condones it. I sincerely hope that there will ve a majority in favour of no change and that you will respect that, not come up with some precooked fudge.
- Regular patrol by a community officer would be welcomed to prevent and tackle antisocial behaviour
- Remember this is a nature reserve, not a public highway.
- Rendering the walk surface would completely destroy the nature reserve that is PLW, both in its biodiversity and it's natural walk aspect. Accessibility shouldn't be at the cost of nature and there are plenty of other accessible spaces available. The PLW is about enjoying that rough off

road/nature walk. If accessibility is the concern That money should be put towards offering all terrain/off road mobility aids/scooters to the people in the community that need it.

- Resurfacing could have the unintended consequence of making the parkland walk less accessible by encouraging people to speed on bikes or scooters and making it more difficult for less mobile users.
- Resurfacing will be at a phenomenal cost for minimal benefit. I have yet to hear complaints from people who need to go on the parkland walk but cannot. Are there any? What would be the cost/benefit ratio to increasing "accessibility"? The beauty of the parkland walk is that is unsealed, a little wild and off the main streets and safe for pedestrians and pets with minimal cyclists , scooters etc. What I and others like is that the Parkland walk is .....a WALK.
- Resurfacing will ruin this place. This is a beautiful natural resource.
- Risk of the Walk being turned into a racetrack for bikes
- Ruining the Parkland Walk in order to make it more accessible would be an exercise in box-ticking, an utter tragedy and a waste of limited money
- Safety from gangs of men and drug takers hasn't been considered. Preventions of cyclists taking over the route doesn't seem to have been considered.
- Save your money
- Scarce resources better spent elsewhere
- Scrap it! Leave parkland walk alone. Do not sanitise and pave this beautiful space. Let people enjoy and discover what's already there.
- See above
- See previous general comments. Leave the place alone. It works because it's a bit wild and unkempt. The council should have the sense to see that and step back. Less is more.
- Seems like a waste of money when so many other things councils need to offer that are higher priority
- Seems misdirected and not correct area to improve inclusivity or accessibility. Crouch Hill overground station can benefit with a lift. Parkland Walk surface should remain fundamentally soil and only touched up in high erosion areas with gravel or wood chips
- Shouldn't this survey have been done years ago when first proposed?
- Signage could work for children as well as adults. Keep the information simple and accessible for all.
- So above
- SO happy for the path to be made more accessible for wheel chair users but I really really don't want bikes/groups of bikes/racing along the path as this will totally change the safety of the path for all users.
- So much depends on the type of resurfacing. Compacted ballast would eliminate the muddy areas in autumn/winter months and also improve the access for pushchairs and wheelchairs. My concern is that if the Walk becomes a Road then it will be a high speed cycle track with inevitable safety problems
- Some benches along the way would be helpful for some. Everyone should take their own waste with them so nobody has to take the burden and cost of clearing and cleaning rubbish left in bins. Clear information about how to look after the area in schools and community places. Maps for access, use, disposal of waste and getting to know the walk.
- Some changes to the surface of the pathway of the walk , including some widening would be good.
- Spend the money creating a new accessible park or walkway elsewhere
- Spend the money on improving housing or if it has to go on parks better play provision for children.
- Spend the money on increasing habitats and biodiversity first.....there is an environmental crisis going on
- Spend the money on something else instead
- Spend the money on something else.
- Spend the money on supply local food banks
- Spend your funding elsewhere in the community. We have a cost of living crisis, give this surplus funding to children and families in need.

- stay focused on the point of natural spaces i.e. nature. do not try to change what is already working so well. we literally use these space to escape concrete.
- Stop cutting down the trees.
- Stop cutting down trees
- Stop ruining a nature reserve and community space.
- Stop the charges
- Stop wasting money and fixing things that don't need fixing.
- Stop wasting your time on it and do something useful
- Such a tremendous asset to area, please proceed in widening access so more can benefit
- Support modernisation. Surprised lighting isn't part of it. It would be disastrous if it became too cycle heavy and stopped being a place to walk with children and dogs. Is there scope for doing something to make side hills safer, which are used for drug dealers
- Surely there are more important things on which the council should be focusing
- Surprise that the council want to waste money in an area it isn't really needed when so many other services are lacking
- surprised that this project is taking place if i'm honest. parkland walk is a gem and pretty much perfect as it is. i would much prefer haringey council to focus more on road safety and active travel improvements. speeding and aggressive motorists, modified exhausts and ridiculously inappropriate SUVs are a blight on the borough and make it less pleasant to live in.
- Tarmac will ruin it for the thousands of people who use parkland walk today, it will make it too dangerous due to fast cyclists/ebikes/scooters, and make it unusable for the rest of us. Please keep it as the beautiful natural safe place that people can walk dogs/children etc! We love parkland walk so much, please don't ruin it.
- Tarmacing the surface would RUIN this asset and local gem. We should be aiming to preserve nature in its most natural form rather than put mankind mark all over it. All it will do is increase cyclists which will scare off birds and other nature.
- Terrible idea. Waste of money. Will cause huge disruption. This is supposed to be a nature reserve, not a cycle superhighway.
- test
- Thank you for listening to the community rather than taking a top-down approach.
- Thanks for the opportunity to consult
- That a proper and lawful consultation process is followed. I have used the Parkland walk as both an able bodied and less able bodied person - there is nothing about it's present form that was/is a barrier to usage.
- The amount of ebikes is already making dangerous at times
- The best job you could do is to do nothing at all. Please stop and think if this is an actual benefit that gives something new. Seems we already have a lot of accessible parks and spaces in the area. The walk is unique and fills a different gap in being a completely natural escape from the city
- The best thing about parkland walk is its natural state and surface. Why can't this be preserved?
- The changes need to be suitable for all, and if the surface is improved then it needs to be made clear that the parkland walk is for many types of user - children/parents, those with a disability, dog walkers, runners, cyclists
- The Council has a very poor record on biodiversity and enhancing the environment in our area especially in Finsbury Park and by felling trees on the Parkland Walk - please do not make this even worse by destroying more nature.
- The Council has limited resources and should not be prioritising urbanising a nature reserve.
- The council is attempting to kill one of the last remaining inner city walkway for the sake of ticking boxes.
- The council made several grave mistakes around the upkeep of the Parkland Walk in recent years - removing far more trees than were necessary, as the council themselves acknowledged, including mature oaks. And the design for Stanhope is totally inappropriate to its environment. Cllr Hakata acknowledged this too and promised to explore greener options, but it was too late - the money had been spent on the design.

- The Council needs to be aware this is a space of nature and promote its ecology, encouraging flora, fauna and pedestrian useage.
- The Council needs to think again and more imaginatively about how to make the Parkland walk more accessible. The current proposal would destroy the walk as a nature reserve and would be counterproductive in any case, making it hazardous for pedestrians and wheelchair users and people with disabilities. We have seen how cyclists dominate and harass pedestrians on canal towpaths in London. This would be similar but far worse. It would deteriorate as a nature reserve and simply become a road with some trees.
- The council should continue consulting the users of the parkland walk as these ideas develop.
- The Council's proposals have created a lot of concern in the communities using the parkland walk about it destroying the current character and usage of the parkland walk. Given the Council's actions over the other recent tree clearance works etc, and the very strong feeling that the views of the many, many people who signed the petitions were ignored, the Council has a lot of trust to rebuild. There is grave concern that this consultation is not sincere and that the Council it has already decided what it's going to do.
- The current surface is fine, it just needs to be better maintained. Rather than spending a fortune on a brand new horrible surface. Keeping an annual budget for maintaining a similar surface to the present one would make more sense. Making it easier for wheelchairs/buggies to get on to the walk has to be a good thing, but during the winter currently there are frequent huge puddles that prevent access & reduce enjoyment for all users.
- The existing surface is very nice for walking and running on - better for the joints than pavement/tarmac etc. That is a big reason people go there. Also it is narrow in places and having a lot of cyclists, wheelchairs, scooters etc is just not practical.
- The Friends of the Parkland Walk do a great job of looking after this wonderful nature reserve. I am worried that Haringey will put down the cheapest possible surface. I am not impressed by the number of trees which have been taken down and do not feel the Council has any expertise in this area.
- The future of the parklands walk will be in jeopardy if this resurfacing project is taken forward. The increased traffic of e-scooters and other similar vehicles will immediately deter regular parkland walk users due to an increase in anti social behaviour, dangerous driving and decreased natural beauty of the parkland walk.
- The general look of the walk is mostly user friendly
- The graffiti painting is unpleasant - there are often toxic fumes as you walk under the bridge
- The ground material should be kept as is or only improved with more natural components
- The impacts of this project on users of the Parkland Walk should be minimised, never preventing use of any stretch for any extended period of time. Surfacing works should be light touch and access points should be maintained whenever possible. The Parkland Walk is a vital resource and cannot be taken out of action while extensive works are undertaken.
- The information as regards detail - and cost - of the work is inadequate, and should be subject to public exhibition
- the intent to make the walk more accessible is a great idea however, taking into consideration all types of users that would have access: those with scooters and cyclists might be those who end up become more privileged than those intended and would be money thrown out the windows as those on foot, with children. and mobility issues might desert the walk - which would be a huge shame
- The less that is done to improve the PW the better. Access for less "able" means there will be no places or locations that differ from the normal. Planning proposals need to be viewed. I am suprized that additional money is to be spent in giving access to the "less able" when some of the original structures require maintenace.
- The main goal should be to to prseve and enhance the biodiversity of the park.
- The major charm of this area is it is a wild green space. There is not a lot of this in london and I believe it provides significant amenity and headspace to locals. I have a young child and one on the way and would preference the natural feel and lack of buckles over better buggy access. Current cyclist are dangerous in speed, particularly e-bikes and for small children.

- The money being spent on the constant changes to the Parkland Walk would be much better spent elsewhere. The Parkland Walk is such a nice space currently and this feels totally unnecessary. I'd much rather see these resources put into litter collection on the surrounding streets for example.
- The money could be better spent elsewhere.
- The money could be far better used in other green spaces, the works needed at sunnyside community gardens, for example.
- The natural appearance must be maintained and it must become a cycle super highway. If anything cycling should be discouraged and the WALK
- The natural environment should not be extensively changed to protect and preserve the flora, fauna and natural habitat of the trees and animals living in the Parkland Walkway
- The natural reserve status of this area is crucial. We must protect natural spaces and let them flourish. This area cannot be covered in concrete
- The nearest this stays to its natural state the more joy it will bring. It's the closest thing we have to the countryside
- The only problem with the parkland walk is it's danger to people, especially lone females and children, and especially out of busy hours. There is no cctv or security cameras anywhere and it is the perfect crime spot. There has been rapes before but no change to security. It is also a drug dealers dream. Drug users sleep along it and Defecate faeces containing drugs which almost killed by dog who are a bit. This is what you should be addressing as a priority.
- The only way that a paved surface would work, is to ban cyclists (excluding children aged under 14). Otherwise, it will turn into a cycle commuter route with high speed cyclists crashing into children and dogs.
- The park already benefits thousands and thousands of local residents on a daily basis. There are people with special needs that use the park also on a daily basis as a continual user. I have been witness to those people I do recognise that the park has a bumpy floor, but it is not worth the cost ecologically an environmentally Nor financially to pave one of the few green pieces of London that already benefits so many thousands of residents.
- The parkland beauty is based on how natural it is. Changing the way it is will ruin the feeling of being in nature and make it more urban.
- The parkland walk is a vital community resource.
- The Parkland walk and the natural environment in general is something many people hold dear.
- The parkland walk can get crowded, with pedestrians, dogs, bicycles, runners, family groups. Cyclists frequently travel at injurious speeds. To encourage greater use and a smoother surface would exacerbate these problems, considerably reduce the natural ambience and further endanger and reduce biodiversity and habitat. Older and more vulnerable people, mothers with children and babies, may not find the experience as relaxing as they hoped.
- The parkland walk could be a vital safe active transport and walking link between finsbury park and highgate for all users. The surface currently restricts many people from using it.
- The Parkland walk has already suffered by attempts to improve the path and replacing a bridge with a concrete structure that is entirely inappropriate. I am very concerned that any future changes resulting from this project will further damage the Parkland walk through a lack of care for the natural environment, and the desire to render the path accessible to mobility scooters. I appreciate the need to enable people with mobility issues to access the Parkland walk, but that should not be to the detriment of the environment and natural habitats.
- The parkland walk has been protected from interference of plans to build a road and houses many times. Because of work by volunteers it is the beautiful space it is now and loved by many. The council have allowed trees to be taken down by mistake. It does not need unnecessary access to be improved. Money could be spent on more important works. It is a unique and lovely space which needs protecting as an area of natural beauty. It is not a park where many paths are and it is not a transport route.
- The parkland walk has evolved into a green Oasis, it is not a municipal park and should not be treated as such. It requires minimal management or intervention unless for safety reasons such as dangerous trees or rotting steps.



- The Parkland walk has the aspect of a Wildlife Sanctuary & this should be preserved. Please do not take down any more trees. We do not need it to look like a London park - it is a forest walk & should be maintained like this
- The parkland walk is a calming and serene place which could be ruined by aggressive cyclists who generally have little regard for other users of the walkway.
- The Parkland walk is a great natural resource to have access to for exercise ( I spot many runners daily), dog walkers and other. I often think it would be great to see wheelchair users enjoy the same access and recreational benefits so I am all for this project!
- The Parkland walk is a great, green, natural space and I'm keen to ensure it remains as a green and safe space to use, away from mopeds/e-bikes etc.
- The Parkland Walk is a haven and a daily joy for so many of us who live in this area. In the middle of a large and busy city, I truly treasure the connection to nature and the seasons that I get when I walk and run on it, as I have done almost daily for the 14 years I have lived near it. The Parkland Walk is not broken and does not need fixing. The insensitive way the Council has handled recent tree- and vegetation-clearing on the Parkland Walk makes me very concerned that this resurfacing project may be done in a way that damages the thing I treasure about the Walk -- the feeling it provides of being in an oasis of nature. That is something different than what most urban parks offer, and it is what makes the Parkland Walk so very special. I urge you please not to take this project forward. The Parkland Walk is wonderful the way it is, and it does not need resurfacing. With so many pressing needs in our borough right now, I am sure there are far better places to spend the money.
- The parkland walk is a natural habitat to wildlife, it is a green lung of North London so please keep it this way.
- The parkland walk is a natural oasis and there is a danger it will become a cycle thoroughfare
- The Parkland Walk is a Nature Reserve and the priority in its management needs to be the protection and preservation of the wildlife that inhabit it. We are in a biodiversity crisis. Nature is not a luxury, especially not in the city. We depend on it and all our decisions need to reflect the need to protect the biodiverse ecosystems which are currently collapsing.
- The parkland walk is a nature reserve it is an important habitat for birds, insects, foxes, etc. Please try and keep this amazing walkway natural rather than a manicured human habitat.
- The Parkland Walk is a precious place that is unique in the area, and greatly improves the neighbourhood as well as locals well-being. It is greatly beneficial to my mental and physical health and this is because of how it is an oasis of nature in the city. Natural wildlife habitat and greater biodiversity is declining everywhere and I think it is essential that the Parkland Walk can remain a nature reserve. I believe this is the most important aspect of the walk, and this should inform any decision made about it.
- The Parkland Walk is a really unusual and special space in London. Very few people have access to a relatively untouched piece of nature and concreting the space would take away this. In this time of Climate Crisis, it's essential to preserve as many plants, birds, and insects as possible. It should be preserved as a nature reserve as much as possible. The works are estimated to take 10 years, which would be extremely detrimental to the area. Not only would it take many years for the wildlife to recover (if at all), but it would be disruptive, noisy, and even less accessible during the period of work. Haringey is an extremely stretched and poor borough, and it seems misplaced to spend such a large sum of money on improving the accessibility of an area in Haringey that connects relatively affluent area. Should the priority not be to make spaces in less affluent areas enjoyable for all? Or improve some of the terrible pavements on actual roads that are virtually inaccessible via wheelchair. Finsbury Park has had a number of issues as a result of Haringey council hiring it out for events such as Tough Mudder. Perhaps money could be spent on making Finsbury Park a nicer space. Accessibility is a really important topic, however, this survey is written in a biased way, and doesn't include much information on the works planned and the potential impact of them. It would be great if Haringey council could provide more detail so that residents can make an informed decision on the project.
- The Parkland Walk is a unique nature trail and should be left as such. Haringey has many parks with tarmac paths. The hogging path is accessible to wheelchair users

- The parkland Walk is a wonderful resource. Please do not desecrate it or harm any trees or nature eg by using tarmac which would be awful. Its a really special path that so many of us enjoy. its perfectly possible to get along on a buggy.
- The parkland walk is accessible already, it has slopes both ends for wheelchairs
- The parkland walk is already a busy path, enjoyed by different types of users (walkers, runners, cyclists) co-existing. Its slightly wild character is part of its attraction and also provides important habitats for plants and animals. It would be a great shame to overly engineer it or introduce artificial design features.
- The parkland walk is already heavily used. This strikes me as a woeful use of valuable funds. You may attract some new users and lose current ones... For a net gain of zero.
- The parkland walk is already well used and loved by a diverse range of the community. The proposal feels unnecessary and will lead to loss of natural habitat, which has already be altered significantly by the council with repeated chopping down of trees and vegetation.
- The Parkland Walk is an incredibly special place that everyone should be able to access, no matter their accessibility needs. It would be a huge shame if the important efforts made to make the Parkland Walk more accessible take away from the beauty of the space. Why should people who couldn't access it before not be able to see it at its best? Please protect the beauty of this space.
- The parkland walk is an inspiring industrial-cum-natural space. Its development model can inform other projects eg the Bankside Low Line, Bermondsey arches etc... Great to see a green corridor promoting active transport and linking people, places and sustainable local businesses.
- The Parkland walk is an urban park as well as part of an active transport network. It is not a nature reserve. Of course it's lovely to see wild flowers, trees and shrubs but not if their preservation means people are excluded from the Parkland Walk experience.
- The parkland walk is beautiful because it's green and wild. Resurfacing it would mean free access to vehicles which is the last thing you want in a park
- The Parkland Walk is both a nature reserve and a park. The track itself is from a derelict brownfield site. As such there is no way of making it truly 'natural' without demolishing it. I would like to challenge both Haringey and the nature purists to think about how thoughtful design and the avoidance of entrenched positions might make the Parkland Walk better in all the important ways.
- The Parkland walk is enjoyed by thousands of people, from diverse backgrounds and ages from dawn till dark . I think it should be wider and have a designated cycle path and foot path. I fully support your efforts to make it safer and more accessible.
- The parkland walk is extremely important to local residents for its beauty and access to nature. I am concerned that trees are fully conserved and a resurfacing does not lead to damage to the environment or creates a faster highway for bikes and scooters. It is the only place for many where relative peace and privacy in nature can be found in this area. I also do not want to see it shutdown for the works or any noise pollution in this so called 'improvement'. I do agree that it should be made accessible, but this needs to be done with sensitivity to the environment and its continued use by residents
- The Parkland Walk is fine as it is. Leave it alone!
- The parkland walk is genuinely such an important place to myself and my family, taking away the natural experience of the area would not only be detrimental to wildlife, but to the local community, and I really hope that this is take into consideration if planning any resurfacing
- The parkland walk is heavily used and much cherished. Very minor, inexpensive improvements could make it even more accessible (including clear signage to slow down cyclists!), I do not think this is the time to invest a lot of money for potentially damaging interventions
- The Parkland Walk is my favourite place in London and it is so important it remains wild. You wouldn't pave over Hampstead Heath so please don't here.
- The Parkland Walk is one of Londons true unspoilt gems. In a busy, bustling city, to have a place that feels natural and untouched is important to both mind and body. Imposing man made materials in there will destroy that special place. I also strongly feel that in borough where homes and businesses are being flooded in heavy rains this should be lower down the priorities list.
- The parkland walk is primarily a nature reserve. In the last 25 years I have lived backing on to it, I have seen the rustic, magical, overgrown and natural environment reduced as the surface has been widened. I used to take my small children to play there as if it were a natural park but that

would no longer be safe as the ever wider and smoother surface has encouraged faster and faster bicycles.

- The parkland walk is such a special place, unique in so many ways, and I would hate to see it lose its magic through efforts to improve it. I hope wildlife is given first priority, as this has not been the case in so many places. I hope the council is transparent and honest about all plans, and is open to adapting plans based on consultation with the community.
- The parkland walk is the only natural feeling green space for miles. It is a haven in a very built up area. Please preserve it primarily as a green habitat that people have access to.
- The parkland walk is very beautiful and loved by many. Please don't ruin it with modern surfaces! Also such a waste of council money that could go elsewhere.
- The parkland walk is very important and useful. It would be wonderful if similar pathways could be organised, creating a network of wild passageways through North London.
- The parkland walk isn't the highline (in NYC). It is a natural space and given the importance of rewilding, we should be looking at making it more natural, not less. Any loss of biodiversity is unjustified and unnecessary. There are accessible entrances at the start and end of the trails. That's enough and means the whole trail can be enjoyed by everyone. The section that has been paved really detracts from the feel of the walk. You remember you're in London again.
- The Parkland Walk just needs low-level, gentle care, not the incredibly invasive and heavy-handed approach taken in recent years.
- The Parkland Walk should not be stripped of its biodiversity.
- The parkland walk should not become a bike track as cyclists are currently not taking any notice of pedestrians nor their dogs and travel far too fast. It is only a matter of time before someone is badly injured.
- The Parkland Walk should remain as much like a natural habitat as possible. It is special because it looks and feels natural. The less human intervention, the better. If you tarmac the surface, you will remove the entire reason I use the Parkland Walk.
- The Parkland Walk was drastically cut back and widened during Covid by Haringey Council with many trees cut down and undergrowth removed. It is only just starting to recover as a haven for wildlife. Introducing hard surfaces will cause major building disruption with vehicle access and risk again damaging a very precious urban nature reserve.
- The Parkland Walk's current path is in keeping with the fact that it is a woodland walk. I do not think that resurfacing it is a good idea.
- The Parkland walks need proper maintenance by the conservation department. It should be retained as a local, loved facility. Many of us don't have gardens and this is a vital facility for our physical and mental health. We love the trees and the birds and the wild flowers and the brambles. Some of us love the puddles in the Autumn and don our wellies to deal with them with a smile on our faces.
- The Parkland Walk needs less "works" and more "rewilding" If you over develop it, you will destroy its beauty.
- The parkway walk is great just as it is. Spend any money you have on youth or elderly programs instead of this.
- The path is more than adequate for walkers. It is not wide enough for many more bicycles do this should not be increased
- The people who use it most (like myself) should have the biggest say
- The poor surface leads to conflicts as people bottleneck towards the parts that are nice to walk or ride on. An improved surface would improve this.
- The priority should be to make the path surface as suitable as possible for wheelchair users, as these people are currently not getting the benefit of the Walk. Any project to install wheelchair access should be limited to the entrances to the Walk most likely to be used. I realise this may be difficult to determine, but clearly vegetation should not be torn down and a concrete slope at every single entry point. I'm not a surfacing expert, but feel the overall aim should be to make the path as pleasant as possible in all seasons. In other words, identify the muddy parts during the winter and treat them accordingly. Although cycling is allowed, no special measures should be taken to enhance the interests of cyclists. The Walk is already well used by considerate cyclists, and any enhancement of the path surface in their favour would attract not only less considerate cyclists but

also joyriders. As to flora and fauna, again I am not an expert. But it seems to me that to concentrate on the path and leave everything else well alone is the best way to protect a nature reserve.

- The project has very little information to make an informed choice. Any move to take one of the few natural spaces and make it paved would be a disaster.
- The project seems to be a huge waste of money, with the aim to destroy a parts of a natural heritage site to make it accessible for people who already use the path without issue.
- The project should be managed by a conservation team, not by parks and highways - it is neither of those things.
- The proposal is yet another sad example of a potential urban planning failure, driven by highly misguided intentions of promoting interests of one small group of residents at the expense of a vast majority of others. The potential costs (funded at least in part by local taxpayers) could be allocated to other important projects, including improving access to existing public green spaces, enhancing security of their visitors, upgrading facilities (and potentially providing for longer opening hours). Please leave the Walk as it is this would serve generations of future residents much better than any ill-conceived efforts to upgrade it (and potentially ruin its unique nature during the process).
- The proposal seems to be missing the point - any artificial surface will completely change the character of Parkland Walk from being a natural environment to a managed urban space. I do understand the issue of accessibility, but it is easily accessible at the Oxford Road end and Highgate end.
- The proposed changes will change the walk from Parkland to a skate park. This will be wonderful for teenagers but a tragic loss for everyone else.
- The proposed ramp would improve access, but I do not want to see it turned into another River Lea racetrack.
- The real motivation behind it is not clear.
- The route is fine as it is. Please leave the vegetation to grow back where it has been hacked back. You have removed swathes of butterfly and bird friendly plants. If anything, widening the path removes the reason for people to be polite and courteous and give way to each other and those who are using walking aids/wheelchairs. Like building more roads leads to more cars and not less, so widening the path will lead to more people and less habitat and wildlife. Cycles should be prohibited. No lighting along dark routes.
- The rugged, natural path is one of the attractions of parkland walk, there are very few places with that wild(ish) feeling in London but many places with tarmac for cyclists. The path also already has natural smooth areas for buggies and cycling if required, especially when it's dry, the problems with accessibility come when the path gets muddy. Better drainage could improve the accessibility of the parkland without detracting from it's character. Alternatively, it would be preferable to spend the money extending Parkland Walk, for example out to Hampstead Heath, or along the Capital Ring.
- The rural character is perfect. The uneven surface prevents speeding in cycles.
- The scaffolding beneath the bridge at mount view road should be removed before other work is done. It's been there for ages and is very shabby
- The status of the parkland walk should be maintained as a nature reserve and not treated as a highway or road. It should be left in its natural state without any paving or signage.
- The surface needs to porous to allow rain and water through and insect and wildlife, soil and tree ecology to remain protected. The appearance needs to be as sensitive as possible as this is a nature reserve rather than a park. The surface is sufficient for wheels of all kinds for wheel chairs and bikes. I have used it with great ease for nearly 2 decades. A concern of changing the surface to a harder one will have potential to attract CYCLE/SCOOTERS making it less safe for all users and then the knock on effect of needing to draw lines for lanes. To date wheel and pedestrian users have had respect for each other There could also be FLOODING IMPLICATIONS for houses along the walk - if surface used is not permeable. -damage will be caused to the ecology of the nature corridor - it could break up the continuity of the path for nature as has been done on Tollington Park and will be done at Stanhope Road Bridge. Please keep things as NATURAL as possible
- The surface north of Crouch End hill is particularly bad.

- The surface of path is the most important as it's very difficult to walk along in wet weather with all the mud and puddles. Overhanging vegetation could be cut back to allow more light as it can be very dark and dingy in winter
- The time it will take to complete the project, it's impacts on wildlife and unnecessary cost outweigh any benefit. There are many accessible parks in the surrounding area.
- The tunnel under Muswell Hill isn't a desirable area and could be improved. Can it be widened and then have improved lighting.
- The unique trees already destroyed cannot be replaced. The council seem to want the entire thing to be a concrete ramp filled with graffiti. May as well bring back the railroad.
- The value of the walk in relation to it's human users is to do with its natural/wild qualities. Significant alterations that reduce these qualities e.g. the building of concrete ramps over existing natural habitats or tarmacking of the walkways will negatively impact the experience of the walk for all its users.
- The walk already feels at capacity with cyclists. It's called a walk and so being shouted at from behind to make way and having cycle bells rung at you as you walk feels like walkers are a nuisance to the cyclists
- The Walk has already been manicured over last 3-15 years that much ecological value to plants and wildlife is eroded and will require double the amount of time to recover. Balanced human use is required and improving already-good access, paving any part of Walk, further widening by further cutting of vegetation is fundamentally against nature reserve ethos
- The walk is a local nature reserve and a Site of Metropolitan Importance for Nature Conservation. It was declared a local nature reserve in 1990 and is London's longest such reserve.
- The walk is a massive dog toilet. Children can't run off the path because of the tons of poo. There needs to be serious enforcement with dog owners. At times whole areas smell of poo.
- The walk is unnecessarily wide toward the top
- The walk needs more plants and trees. Not more resurfacing.
- The walk was a lovely lovely space which is fast becoming ruined by the councils interventions
- The walkway is well used. Not sure why money is going to be spent on this when other green spaces are not so well used, or so inviting and could do with the investment
- The whole approach needs careful consideration with the priority being that this is a nature reserve beloved for its rural character. An urban-style bound path surface would detract from this and encourage dangerous fast cycling. And it would be totally destructive to the environment (in conflict with the council's biodiversity commitments) to create separate paths. Please repair and maintain the path surface we already have, which is perfectly usable by wheelchairs and buggies when properly maintained.
- There are a number people doing drugs near the school
- There are better uses for this funding
- There are competing needs. Cyclists should be limited as they can be dangerous. No other users run people down or cause accidents.
- There are entrances along the walk that are easily available for wheel chair users and I think it will be a great shame if the path is re-surfaced, presumably with tarmac as this is the easiest most cost effective surface. It will completely change the pleasure and wildness of the Parkland Walk
- There are huge health benefits to being in a natural environment, especially for mental health. With the Parkland Walk, we have an exceptional experience of nature within an urban environment. It takes moments to enter it, and leave. I think it would be a great loss to tame it by adding paving, cutting back more trees. We would lose a unique landscape.
- There are legitimate reasons for improving accessibility to the path as apart from at either end there are not that many step free ways of accessing it, although this does not currently appear to be much of a barrier to those with pushchairs accessing it. The appeal of parkland walk comes from the fact that it feels like a slice of genuine nature within London (in addition to its importance as a nature reserve). I don't see what changes could be made to the current surface of the path to make it significantly more accessible that would not risk severely altering that character by turning it into a smooth surface with tarmac or similar. There are already plenty of cyclists on parkland walk and it does seem credible that a significantly more accessible path (presumably one that is less rocky/muddy) would lead to a lot more cyclists going at faster speeds. This would probably make

things more dangerous for the kinds of groups that would benefit from greater accessibility. While I am in favour of Parkland Walk being open to all this should not be at the expense of its role as a nature corridor and if that means that not everyone can access it as easily as others than that is unfortunate but cannot always be helped.

- There are many better ways this money could be spent to help the disabled or those with children.
- There are mature trees here and opportunities to increase biodiversity that have not been taken. There are already several parks available nearby for those who seek a park experience--Highgate Wood, Finsbury Park and Queens Wood. There are few natural spaces and the small area at the Highgate end of the Parkland Walk south is seldom even open.
- There are much More important things you should be worried about. Leave the parkland walk alone.
- There are pinch points along the walk that should be addressed before any more cyclists are encouraged to use the path. There are at times a dangerous number of cyclists already - add to this the speed of those on electric bikes and the walk would become inhospitable to pedestrians and wheelchair users.
- There are plenty of good accessible routes for people with buggies to walk along and the parkland walk should be maintained as natural as possible, any sort of heavily maintained gravel walk would ruin the natural feel of it
- There are plenty of green spaces in Haringey. Each of which serves a different purpose. My answers are not meant to exclude people who struggle accessing Parkland walk, they are to prioritise the biodiversity of the area.
- There are plenty of other green spaces in the vicinity that are or could be made accessible such as Finsbury Park, Highgate Wood, Queens Wood, Alexandra Palace, Priory Park and probably others that money could be spent on to make accessible or improve accessibility. I understand the need for places to be accessible to all potential users and if the Parkland walk was the only green space in the area it I could understand the requirement, but it is not. The reason it is so popular is because of its wildness and taking that away would be a big mistake.
- There are so many better ways for money to be spent in the community.
- There are so many more important projects in the area, the park walk is beautiful as it is. And tarmac would invite to more speeding when it would be nice to have a place where one can walk without having to jump aside every 5 minutes.
- There are too many people using the parkland walk that haven't paid council tax in Haringey. They should be banned.
- There are very natural reserves like parkland walk and it would loss part of that natural appeal and increase temperature overall when hot.
- There is a fair amount of trash on the route in bushes, ivy etc. And the graffiti and aging plastic near the exits around Muswell Hill are unsightly. I was nervous to walk down it at first.
- There is a house along the Muswell hill stretch of the walk that has extended its private fenced garden onto the Parkland Walk route. This land grab needs to be taken back for the nature reserve. Why has this been allowed to happen in the first place?
- There is a huge risk that a hard surface would change the character and use of the Parkland Walk forever. It would become a route rather than a path; it would lose its placid, 'country-walk' feel, which is surely unique in such an urban environment, and is the thing every visitor I introduce to it comments on; it would erode the nature reserve aspect of its nature. The excellent current path simply requires a level of repair and maintenance it is currently lacking.
- There is a reason why the parkland walk is so popular with animals, birds and humans. It is pleasant place to exist in. A pleasant place to travel through. By making any further alterations (defined here as improvements, you remove the very reason why it is so popular as it exists now.
- There is excellent, peer-reviewed research on the importance of wild urban nature to wellbeing, cultural diversity, youth, ecology, and mental health in the city, as well as to rare forms of biodiversity. This scholarship, which includes research in North East London, should be considered within this consultation. Some of these peer-reviewed articles are below: Dobson, Julian, et al. "The magic of the mundane: The vulnerable web of connections between urban nature and wellbeing." *Cities* 108 (2021): 102989. Cheesbrough, Alison E., Theresa Garvin, and Candace IJ Nykiforuk. "Everyday wild: Urban natural areas, health, and well-being." *Health & place* 56 (2019): 43-52. Birch, Jo, Clare Rishbeth, and Sarah R. Payne. "Nature doesn't judge you" how urban nature

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- There is no need to resurface the parkland walk to make it more accessible. Given the literal thousands of other improvements that could be made to the council and given that many pushchairs, wheelchairs and people with mobility issues can be seen regularly on the walk it's hard to see the pay off in ruining an otherwise unique natural asset.
- There is nothing wrong with the walkway as it is. Use the money to improve some of the canals around Finsbury Park instead.
- There needs to be a lot more sensitivity in maintaining this as a parkland nature walk, with more respect given to the flora and fauna.
- There needs to be open and transparent consultation with Haringey residents. It would also be prudent for the Council to seek guidance from The Woodland Trust on how to protect the Parkland Walk during renovations to the paths.
- There should be more park benches for people to rest
- There used to be a dedicated Park Ranger many years ago. Would there be a financial and/or environmental benefit for Haringey's Parks Department to reinstate that post? Problems of trees, other wild growth, animals and birds could be reported and addressed more regularly preventing years of neglect and major works like tree-felling to be required.
- There was a resurfacing some years ago which was natural and fine. Concrete would be terrible. However trying to out ramps up very steep steps is really extreme. That would lead to major work and disturb lots of wildlife.
- there were quite unfortunate consequences when tree removals were undertaken a couple of years ago and on balance I would venture to suggest leaving things as they are
- There will always be a rope swing, why not make some play provisions in that area for kids. Also some picnic tables
- There will be a lot of opposition to this and I strongly urge the council to focus on important issues, of which there are many.
- There's a delicate ecological balance even in human behaviour. Encouraging cyclists may make Parkland Walk less welcoming to dog-owners, some of whom are a menace of a different kind. Take your pick!
- There's a huge danger that the nature aspect of this site is forgotten in favour of it becoming another parks amenity. There are already dozens of parks in Haringey but there are precious few nature reserves, and every effort should be made to improve the ecology so that it is a vibrant habitat. The Parkland Walk must not be distorted by stealth and poor management into becoming merely a tree lined walk. The UK has one of the worst ratings for species decline in the world and this site should be invested in to reverse that trend. Arguably, as in other nature reserves, cycling should be prohibited. Cyclists are already a major source of conflict, and the rapid adoption of electric bikes is making things much worse. I'd like to see some parts of the path returning to being narrow and large areas fenced off for periods of 10 years as the Corporation of London does in Highgate Wood. Whatever is spent on this exercise, there should be a proportionate amount allocated to habitat recovery.
- Think it's a waste of money. Prefer streets around parkland walk to be cleaned properly. And youth clubs to be funded so kids/teens are kept busy.
- Think it's a waste of money, could the money not help people with disabilities more directly
- Think the money would be better spent elsewhere. There are plenty of local areas for wheelchair users and cyclists.
- This a beautiful oasis in a built up area of North London where you can believe you are in the country , which is calming and restorative for your mental health .It is enjoyed by hundreds of people everyday and it doesn't need changing . My main concern that with a new surface this would become more attractive to cyclists and would make it less attractive to pedestrians and wheel chair users as cyclists are fast moving and expect others to move out of the way , this shouldn't become a cycle path .We are so lucky to have this beautiful nature reserve on our doorstep and it would be awful if it was made unusable for walkers , dogs , children and wheelchair users because of an increase in speeding cycle traffic using the parkland WALK as a rat run.

- this area is a nature reserve and should stay as one- a complete waste of time and money
- This area of natural beauty and biodiversity is significant and must be protected in its natural form
- This area was devastated by the works done by the council that included chopping down mature trees to supposedly preserve a bridge. This cannot be repeated.
- This consultation form is inadequate. You need to carry out much more open consultation once you have developed initial proposals for materials, design, layout and locations for eg access and interpretation etc.
- This council has repeatedly demonstrated a shortsighted approach in its capacity as stewards of beloved green spaces and nature. The suggested benefits of irrevocably altering the Parkland Walk are far outweighed by the multiple risks of damage to its natural character.
- This doesn't seem like a good use of resources and sounds like it may ruin a lovely part of the area.
- This is a badly thought out project with negative repercussions for the character of the walk and for walkers peace and safety, while using the nature reserve
- This is a complete waste of time and money, the parkland walk used to be a railway so why cover it up? Also a great thing about the walkway is how natural it is, plasticing it would completely ruin it
- This is a conservation area and damage will be caused to the ecology of the nature corridor - it could break up the continuity of the path for nature as well and could create flooding also. I failed to see the good in this project and a completed waste of money best spent in more urgent needs in the Borough.
- This is a difficult issue to resolve- how to make the walk more accessible without encouraging speeding cyclists and motorbikes (and I cycle sometimes- the rough surfaces slow me down)! I do not know the answer!
- This is a disaster and shows Haringey only pay lip service to climate issues. Parkland walk is increasingly known as one of the few natural areas within urban London, a 'surprising oasis' . There are plenty of areas that are wheelchair accessible you don't need to destroy the environment to create more. You are spending money to make things worse
- This is a haven for me and for so many. It makes city life bearable. Please treat it and the wildlife there with care and do the minimum you must. I think adding the ramps from ate level makes sense.
- This is a highly risky project and I hope the Council realises that it has the power to ruin a unique, shared and democratic resource if they get this wrong and turn the Walk into a bike friendly road.
- This is a lovely, unique space that we are incredibly lucky to have. Surfacing feels like a terrible idea. It will become a cycle highway causing risk to all pedestrian users as they already travel pretty quickly. Giving cyclists another route (Vs the road) but this one won't require Highway Code. PLEASE DON'T do this!
- This is a misguided concept, fundamentally flawed in its aims and which would undermine the benefits of the walk for the vast majority of the local population and destroy a vital site of vital biodiversity in a built up area.
- This is a natural space that is already quite busy with people and cyclists. I don't believe resurfacing is going to increase the use by people with disabilities. Instead it threatens to damage the natural appearance and habitat for wildlife. It increases the access to cyclists which makes it harder for walkers and children as their speed will be increased. I want conservationists to advise in this project and for their advice to be listened to. I don't think the surface is a big problem and I wish the money would instead be used in improving youth services in the area - especially for teens.
- This is a nature reserve , it is sensitive, how about finding out who would like to use this space who can't before messing around with it and changing it into a controlled park. We have do many green spaces in Haringey , leave this to the wildlife.
- This is a nature walk not a bike lane
- This is a peaceful walk through an urban area. Please leave it that way.
- This is a precious space , already used and accessible to many. Improved access via very carefully designed ramps near Crouch end Hill for example would be good. But the essential "wild and natural character of the walk MUST be preserved to ensure it does not become a space that is used by fast motorised vehicles . This needs to remain a walking , and gently wheeling , track to serve the well-being and access of residents and connect to the green spaces in the borough .
- This is a unique green space. Many trees have already been felled and chopped down and this is a disaster. Over the decades the PW has lost many species of birds, hedgehogs and insects. This is a



nature corridor for bats, birds and owls and needs to be left undisturbed as much as possible. We are the most nature-depleted country in Europe, our wildlife species are crashing - any work risks URBANISING our nature reserve further. Finsbury Park is already in the area and accessible, paved and provides what the parkland walk has been deemed as missing.

- This is a unique nature preservation spot running through number of neighbourhoods and it would be a huge loss and detrimental to those that use the path to enjoy nature to manage their own mental health if it were changed to a featureless concrete path when there are plenty of these running through all the parks in the area.
- This is a uniquely natural environment there are plenty of other areas that are paved and this should be kept as is
- This is a very clear case of a bogus consultation intended to provide cover for decisions that the Council has probably already taken. There is no problem that needs fixing and the path should be left as it is.
- This is a waste of time and money. Perhaps invest in making schools warm and safe and accessible, or tube stations, which, are, are a nightmare to navigate if you have mobility issues.
- This is a wonderful nature reserve. Please don't put a strip of asphalt along it!
- This is an essential wildlife corridor. It is the only local place where you can still hear song thrush. Well, I commend the councils wish to improve access to green spaces for those for whom this is difficult, I don't think this is a good place to do this. I imagine if it is resurfaced, that won't be many wheelchair users, but there will be a great number of high-speed cyclists, to the detriment of everybody else, and the wildlife. Money would be better. Spent enhancing the habitats for a hard pressed local wildlife. As an occasional cyclist on Parkland walk, I know how the current surface slows down cyclists. Most cyclists, if they are able to go more quickly will. If it is faster, it will become a preferred route for more commuting cyclists. Many will be considerate. Some won't. There will inevitably be an increase in the number and severity of accidents between cyclists and pedestrians. Wheelchair users will be put off visiting because of the hazard of high-speed bikes, E bikes and scooters. So it will achieve, precisely none of your aims. That is without beginning to consider the long term impact on wildlife. This is a crazy idea and a waste of money.
- This is an important space and should be left alone as much as possible
- This is another waste of money, designed to virtue signal. Can't the council spend money on real social problems, of which there are an enormous number?
- This is not a cycle lane. It is a nature conversation area
- This is not a good use of our council tax
- This is not good use of money.
- This is such a precious rare resource Please don't ruin the habitat
- This is total waste of time and is corporate destruction of wild habitat. Focus on the the roads and improving crime
- This is totally unnecessary our money needs to be focussing on other problems in the borough such as crime, homelessness, litter, drug use openly in public and near schools. Not signs and a nature walk that is already fine as it is.
- This is unnecessary and disruptive to wildlife and the people who use the paths. Increasing the gravel on path is a good middle ground that makes it accessible without harming wildlife. The entrance ramps absolutely need redoing as they are extremely muddy when wet, which is often.
- This looks like an unnecessary extravagance when council taxes are rising and council budgets are squeezed.
- This looks like Haringey Council making a massive mistake. Given the wretched state the Tories are leaving us in, Parkland Walk should be the last of your concerns. Yes, make it more accessible through minor improvements from the streets and by levelling the ground but for heavens sake leave it untouched and natural
- This nature reserve is rare and precious. Please don't urbanise it in any way. Thousands of people use it every month.
- This needs sensitive, nuanced engagement with many more people and the Friends Groups. Consultancies tend to set limited rhetorical boundaries to get the answers they want. Locals and communities were rightly outraged by lots of fellings and cut backs on the walk - two 150 year old trees - at least one an oak were mistakenly felled at the Muswell Hill end - folks don't want to see a

repeat of shoddy mismanagement here - a sea change is needed with genuine input from specialist ecologists and nature reserve experts - not Haringey's normal way of buying in views to suit their agendas. This is a unique place and anything done here should be approached with special care.

- This needs to be done in conjunction with Islington council to ensure a single co-ordinated strategy and plan for the parkland.
- This project constitutes a threat to biodiversity and ecology of Parkland Walk.
- This project has little to recommend it. It is not clear what the rationale is for engaging in this consultation ie what are the drivers and who has requested it? There is no information on the likely budget for consultation process or works and what the priority is in context of a council budget which is likely to be overspent.
- This project has the potential to completely change the nature of Parkland Walk. It is not a space for cyclists/mopeds etc to dash along. It is for people to enjoy nature and be immersed in green.
- This project is an outrage and breaks my heart. Haringey Council seem hell bent on forcing something through that nobody actually wants to meet its cycle way targets, and in doing so ruining a unique and special part of London forever. We want a relaxing, magical nature reserve, not a cycle highway. Its akin to paving over Highgate Wood and Queens Wood. It's totally inappropriate and its wrong.
- This project is another fine example of Haringey not listening to the public, spending money where it is not needed, and just simply doing exactly as they please without care for others or their surroundings.
- This project is not needed and would be a net negative for the community as the parkland walk would become less safe due to high speed ebike and scooter usage. Invest in other facilities for people with impaired mobility
- This project is paradoxical and deeply flawed. The opposite types of interventions are needed to what is being looked for. Given that strictly no motorised vehicles other than the Council's are allowed on the Parkland Walk but empirically increasingly all sorts of other motorised items are creeping in, the Council should be looking to nip the problem in the bud. E-bikes, electric wheelchairs, electric scooters, electric skateboards etc., some of which are speedy, are worsening the health and safety situation. It would be best to look at reducing access and slowing things down. Any design interventions should therefore be to make the Parkland Walk less accessible to any motorised vehicles.
- This project seems like a continuation of the destruction of Parkland Walk we have witnessed since covid. Could you please finally understand that it is a NATURAL RESERVE, it cannot and should not fit all possible communal purposes.
- This project should be led by a Conservation Team, but more importantly it really should be scrapped.
- This project should not be allowed to commence.
- This project should not go ahead.
- This project would be a complete waste of money and ruin the walk for its current users.
- This project, with the lack of details of the work to be done and the surfacing to be used, should not proceed.
- This proposal has caused a great deal of alarm - I entreat to the council not to change the surface as it will turn the parkland walk into a cycling speed way. The cyclists who will do this will happily carry their bike up steps to reach the parkland walk - accessibility is not an issue for them. Please do not ruin what I regard our best local asset.
- This route is one of the few very natural feeling environments in London and it feels like it is very important to put this at the centre of any changes. Changes that significantly shift the usage of this walk (i.e as a transport cut through as opposed to a natural wildlife environment) would be a great shame. Would be great to try and improve accessibility without in doing so compromising the character of the Parkland walk
- This seems a wrongheaded approach. For wheelchair users the state of Haringey pavements and dropped kerbs is a far more urgent issue. I have spend the last year pushing an aging parent around and so know.

- This should be protected as one of the last remaining natural walks , loved by many.. Cycling is a menace to those who walk. Mainly because it is still completely unregulated. It's now quite usual to have to dodge bikes on the pavement, and they constantly ride in areas that they are not meant to.
- This sounds utterly misguided.
- This survey does not work on some phones and iPads so impossible to order preferences. You purposefully merged questions so as not to differentiate improved access from creating a bike superhighway. Will you actually listen to this feedback - there is much scepticism that you will.
- This will be hugely damaging to the wildlife and environment, and will ruin Parkland walk for the vast majority of people who use and enjoy it now, to benefit a tiny number of potential users. It will waste a lot of money you would be better off spending on the streets people actually use daily. You could be making the streets and pavements safer and easier for people who need help with access - look at the local pavements and overgrown hedges etc all around the borough which are actively dangerous for wheelchair users.
- This would be a complete waste of money and detract from the natural beauty of Parkland Walk. More accessibility and resurfacing would also encourage more cyclists - who already pose a danger to dogs on this walk.
- This would be a stupid pet-project of Haringey council that would do more harm than good whilst wasting lots of money, time and resources. It's just another thing to allow them to say that they are increasing accessibility throughout the borough when, in reality, they are achieving nothing! It would also cause damage to the natural space. Inevitably, the cheapest, most harmful solution would be chosen by the council, so this **MUST BE AVOIDED AT ALL COSTS!**
- This would inevitably be something that goes over budget and takes way longer than planned if it does go ahead. Yes accessibility is important but there are already numerous access points on the walk (and yes one or two extra might be good) but the surface just needs maintaining as it is not completely changed to ruin the look and feel of the walk.
- To be honest I think the money would be better spent on making sure Islington / Haringey pavements are better maintained and accessible. In addition to tackling the discarded e-bikes which are highly hazardous to anyone with visual impairment or using mobility aids
- to have a consultation on the concept of resurfacing without giving consultees any kind of indication of what surface might be used is disappointing and irresponsible. it has left me feeling uninformed about the proposal, and has left this consultation process seeming more of a tick box exercise than a form of meaningful engagement. People need environmental and biodiversity routes to benefit the quality of their lives. Turning a natural woodland walk into something akin to a hard-standing cycle route would be a disappointing way forward for the management of the Parkland Walk
- To resurface the Parkland Walk will take away everything the name Promises, And be of no advantage to users other than inconsiderate cyclists.
- Too many bikes already. It's treacherous as they speed so fast and many have little consideration for pedestrians.
- Too many trees were already cut down previously not without controversy - people are losing faith in the council's ability to make good decisions. Please ensure adequate consultation processes are in place, including consulting professional environmental scientists and ecologists.
- Totally unnecessary
- Treat the Parkland Walk as if it was 'listed' and retain its natural beauty and charm.
- Trees on private garden borders should be better maintained eg pruned.
- Truly a waste of money. There are children in your borough that are starving. Spend this money on feeding and supporting them.
- Unnecessary
- Use funds more wisely. This project has the potential to wreck this valuable resource.
- Use the council budget for something more pressing like social housing!
- Users of the walk need to understand that this is a Local Nature Reserve with a Green Flag - and nature has priority (legally as well). eg picking Bluebells is a crime but I am aware of an area on the path that has been used to pick bluebells. Also seen people picking wild strawberries which are for insects and birds. Parents allowing their children to climb into already signed areas by the pond on the Wildlife trail
- Using finding for re-wilding projects and plants to promote biodiversity

- Using the Parkland walk I see all the groups that you are trying to target. Making changes to access points in a sensitive way seems OK but the changing the pathway would change the space.
- Very against resurfacing the entire surface for wheelchairs etc. though a narrow path is fine. More would completely change the character of the woodland walk. Very concerned about making it too easy and attractive to motor bikes which would make it dangerous to walk along and mean I felt less safe. I would not use it as much. My partially sighted brother would not use it at all because if there were more bikes and any motorised vehicles, especially electric ones which he can't hear.
- Very concerned about the council turning the walk into a road by resurfacing. The walk is a unique and unusual space which needs to be treated thoughtfully. It is not a park. It is a walk and resurfacing will turn it into a road and destroy accessibility for all as it will simply become a rat run for e-bikes, e-scooters, even mopeds.
- Very concerned that even if well intentioned, this plan will be to the detriment of the current pleasant/natural/calm nature of the walk. Not every location needs to be accessible to everyone. The main result of this will be large numbers of cyclists/electric bikes and scooters travelling at speed which will be dangerous for walkers and in particular for the pushchair users and mobility impaired people you say this idea is intended to benefit. I think it is likely that this would become an escape route for youths on electric bikes and scooters wishing to avoid e.g. police. The net result will be that the walk becomes a less safe area and its charming character will be lost. I urge you to proceed very cautiously
- Very poor communication and launch - it leads to the concern that Haringey (famous for it over 39 years is consulting to 'tick a box' and will go ahead with what it intends anyway despite what respondents say. A MORI Survey found this trend decades ago and there is a concern the culture is unchanged.
- Walking along Parkland Walk feels like a walk in the countryside. Please don't do anything to lessen this.
- Waste of money. More important things to worry about
- Waste of money. This will change everything that is amazing about the Parkland Walk. Its beauty is its character and biodiversity. Can't money be spent actually improving the real roads around it!?
- Waste of money. Use the money to fill in the pot holes. Repair the pavements. Make the streets safe
- Waste of tax payers money, the walk is fine as is
- Waste of time and money
- waste of time, leave it, unless maybe a very small adjustment here and there. more signs to tell cyclists to SLOW down.
- We are facing a climate crisis. Changes to natural spaces, like the Parkland Walk pose significant risks to local wildlife and rain water runoff. Leave the Parkland Walk as it is.
- We are in climate crisis . WAKE UP.
- We are in the midst of a climate crisis. Any work on this nature reserve should be led by conservation officers and council members charged with climate responsibility. NOT by parks and highways which is entirely inappropriate for the location.
- We do not have many nature reserve style of green spaces in the area. This feels made by nature not man-made. It is really important for mental health to walk on soil between trees
- We don't personally need accessibility enhancements but we think it's a great idea to enable more people to use it - we love the parkland walk and get a sense of well-being from it
- We don't want more bikes on walk. It would create danger for children and dogs
- We have a lot of paved paths in London but barely any walks like this one
- We implore Haringey Council not to ruin the Parkland Walk any further!
- We must not remove the essence of Parkland Walk. It is a popular place for a good reason, and the possibility of replacing its surface for an unnatural one would be devastating to the people and wildlife of the area. There are improvements that can be made certainly, but investment should be made to enhance its reputation as a natural haven rather than reduce it.
- We need this special trail to be left as it is please
- We should be looking to conserve and preserve this environment. It is popular because of how it is today. We should not be trying to transform it, I don't believe there is demand for this from residents

- We use the Parkland Walk nearly every day as it is one of the rare places in London where we can get away from tarmac and traffic. Please do not distract from 'our walk in the country'.
- Well it is a space that could be used by more people and improve mobility if redesigned.
- Well maybe dogs should be banned because their dog walkers or owners don't pick up the poops and also they are not being put on leash scaring kids and people who are afraid of dogs.
- We are very excited that improvement works are planned.
- What a waste of money and resource! Spend it on helping out community centres who really need it and filling in the potholes that plague our horror! Get your priorities right, council!
- What evidence is there for the need for change?
- What is the driver behind this project? Have there been many complaints? I understood services in Haringey are under pressure, so why is there priority on this?
- What is the purpose of resurfacing? Must not negatively detract from the natural setting
- What is the time frame for works? When are weeds like nettles being tidied up?
- What is your vision for this project? Imagine how you want to be remembered - as the generation that retained a beautiful shared nature reserve or the one that destroyed it
- What the hell is wrong with the council? Are they not aware of climate change? Isn't nature being eroded enough? This is a beautiful natural space in the heart of a city. Just leave it alone to thrive, and let us enjoy nature as nature wants to be.
- When I first walked this route I felt like I had found somewhere special. Tarmac-ing it and putting in a cycle route will add to the stress of walking there.
- When it comes to accessibility, a better focus would be the streets around Parkland Walk where bins outside properties regularly prevent wheelchair users, buggies etc being able to use the pavements. Absurd to spend money on accessibility for Parkland Walk when people are unable to access ordinary pavements.
- When it rains heavily, several parts get flooded and route is cut off for those on foot and for children. Would be good to check for deeper holes and fill those up. Thank you.
- When resurfacing, please think about runners as I feel like we are the most prolific users of the walk
- When there are so many demands on our local resources, I cannot see good reasons to try to fix something that ain't broke. Parkland Walk is a fabulous resource.
- While I agree that the parkland walk should be available to as many people as possible including people with disabilities it is a nature reserve and any improvements in access should not damage the wildlife nor reduce the sense of being in the countryside. The widening of the path to about 5 meters really did reduce the sense of being in nature. I would like to see the width of the path reduced to about 3 meters in all places. I do not think you should tarmac the path since this will transform it into a much more urban space. The surrounding streets are very urban or suburban and I want to keep the parkland walk as natural as possible.
- While I appreciate the intention to increase inclusivity, I think it will make the Parkland WALKWAY (my emphasis) more like a street, or back lane. It will detract from its present relaxing (mostly) route where you can stop and look over London, show the views to children. I would be a loss were this to occur. It is an alternative route. (With regard to the next question, I see no point in being involved, as I am concerned that it may be a means of justifying a pre-existing plan. Nor does it seem to be a priority given financial demands upon local authorities.)
- While I do understand the importance of accessibility, I think the secretive nature of parkland walk is a major part of its charm. During lockdown when it was inundated by runners, I avoided it at busy times and I worry that the proposed changes would make it much busier and most worryingly make it more attractive to cyclists. I personally cycle but avoid parkland walk as it just doesn't feel appropriate to cycle there and I dislike cycling alongside pedestrians. The canal is more accessible for cyclists, wheelchair users etc and I find it less pleasant to walk along than the parkland walk partly for this reason. Not only this but I expect this improvement would be very costly. I think it could cause a lot of resentment among local residents while making them feel vaguely guilty because wanting to keep it the same is arguably ableist and selfish. But I would prefer it to be as close to what it is currently like as possible
- While I wholeheartedly support the aim of making Parkland Walk accessible to all, I am worried that the proposed changes may lead to unintended consequences. Specifically, the introduction of a smooth surface could encourage fast cyclists and e-bikes on the paths, potentially jeopardizing the

safety of vulnerable groups such as parents with young children, elderly people, and pedestrians who frequent the Parkland Walk. Furthermore, I believe that the trade-offs involved in the resurfacing may be at the expense of the biodiversity of this beloved nature reserve. The Parkland Walk is a vital ecosystem and a haven for local flora and fauna. Any changes to its natural environment must be carefully considered, taking into account the potential impact on wildlife. In lieu of the proposed changes, I suggest considering alternative approaches that maintain the character and integrity of the Parkland Walk while still promoting accessibility. For instance, organizing volunteers to assist disabled individuals on specific days could provide the necessary support without altering the physical landscape of the Parkland Walk. I urge the council to reconsider the current proposal and explore alternative solutions that prioritize both accessibility and the preservation of the nature reserve. It is essential that the Parkland Walk remains a "park," retaining its natural beauty and continuing to serve as a safe space for all members of our community.

- While I'm sure the one person in Archway who uses a wheelchair will be grateful for the increase in accessibility, the vast increase in stolen Lime bikes and e-scooters will ruin the parkland walk for everyone else. It will just become another road.
- While the Walk should be made accessible for all, a big concern is about the improvement in surfacing leading to even faster cyclists. This is already a problem and could lead to more accidents and conflict between different users .
- While this is a welcome project, I don't consider this a particularly high priority compared to other improvements to walking and cycling provision in the borough.
- Whilst accessibility is important, there are so little natural spaces in this area. Smoothing out the current ground would be an option, but building or laying concrete or other unnatural substances will really make this space so much less inviting and will damage wildlife
- Whilst I understand there is a desire to increase accessibility to the walk, in the current climate I feel the funds for it could be used better elsewhere. There are already access ramps to the walk, and the most recent design proposal is both hideous and would require the removal of several mature trees along the pathway, which is a totally unnecessary decimation of the local natural habitat.
- Whilst its important to give access to all; wildlife needs to be take. Into consideration. Apparently, currently already, it's not doing well. Doing major works would drive away birds and animals. Please be considerate when designing the project.
- Whilst recognising the needs of disabled people for access both ends of the walk have good level access. The status of the walk as a nature reserve would be better served by dogs being kept on leads.
- Why are you doing this ?? Leave it alone, it is fine !!!
- Why are you spending money on this, and on this consultation? See question below... What design process? Why consult when you've clearly made up your mind.
- Why are you suddenly wanting to interfere with Parkland Walk. After all these years. Where it has been left and maintained naturally. Just leave it alone!
- Why are you trying to encourage E-bikes and other fast bikes using the path as this will ruin it for walkers as happens on canals in Islington? I am a cyclist btw so I'm in no way against cycling but it should not be on a nature path like this that is already narrow.
- Why are you wasting tax payers money on this ?
- Why change a beautiful and natural and unique space
- Why change something that works and is enjoyable. London's canal walks are v precarious because of focussed cyclist. By all means aid pushchair access but no mire
- Why is the council spending money on things that don't need doing whilst ignoring things that are more important? Someone with proper credentials should be looking at this project- someone who is concerned with the nature side.
- Why not focus on making transport within Harringey accessible instead. Most of the tube/train stations are inaccessible. It's only Finsbury Park that is accessible. This is a much bigger problem than paving one of a v few unpaved spaces.
- Why not spend the money on improving other open spaces in the borough
- widen out bits that are narrow - eg: Crouch End station platforms, bit near Mount Pleasant Villas - a second bridge into Finsbury Park would be really beneficial and widen Stanhope Road bridge

- With all the major challenges facing Haringey residents, why is time and money being wasted on trying to improve something that works fine as it is! Parkland Walk is a success story- well but not over used. Natural but accessible to many. Bikes can use it, but have difficulty going fast. These proposals are not needed and will tip the balance toward less natural, less good for diverse wildlife, attracting more high speed bicycles, mopeds, e-bikes, scooters, so less safe for walkers and those with strollers, children etc. Please drop this ill conceived idea and leave the parkland walk alone.
- With the steps we take towards battling climate change it is so important to remain connected with the natural ground. Please do take care in making the entrances more accessible but I fear by the vague nature of this survey that one day I will go on parkland walk to see tarmac and concrete. Please focus on making the steps better or safer / add ramps as your main priority and protect the wildlife.
- Would be good to sort out the stream that comes down the Highgate end in wet weather. Would also be good to reduce the impact on any trees when creating the ramps but don't give overdue emphasis to views of such as Haringey Tree Protectors or Friends of Parkland Walk who aren't necessarily representative of the views of users of the Walk or of the diversity of the local population.
- Would be great to have more transparency on the plans for parkland walk. In the past lots of trees were chopped up with no notice. Use the resurfacing money to plant trees instead.
- Would be keen not to change the unique and natural character of Parkland Walk. Concerned at anything that might encourage cyclists and scooters etc to go faster.
- Would love more info on how to get involved with the upkeep of parkland walk. More info about the community caring for it.. e.g. one sign at the start to show that. Wild flowers encouraged. No clearing etc. Thank you
- Would the council consider handing over management to a wildlife charity such as the London Wildlife Trust? The council has never demonstrated any ability or competence in running nature reserves, quite the opposite. The council has demonstrated negligence and incompetence at every step. Handing to a competent wildlife charity could also lower the financial burden on the council, and mean we would have a better run nature reserve.
- Would very much value the addition of more benches on the route. When I've had back pain and/or needed stops for breastfeeding, I've found it difficult not to have many places to stop. I imagine others would find places to sit would improve their ability to use the path too
- Wouldn't want cyclists and scooters to be able to go quicker. Think hard new path would have an effect on the ecology.
- Yeah - use the money on something productive and stop wasting it and killing natural wildlife
- Yes - it feels unnecessarily interventionist and I'm certain there are higher ROI routes to spend council funds for social cohesion across board.
- yes - please leave the Parkland Walk alone
- Yes - this is a solution looking for a problem. The parkland walk does not need improving
- yes - widen the route where you can in places - stop cyclists going very fast
- Yes I sincerely hope the ramps do not go ahead. It would destroy trees and wildlife and be a waste of money.
- Yes I would like it to link better into and out of Finsbury and Highgate wood there is also scope for more access. It is important that it is accessible but would not want to see paved roads and Cycling has other routes that are suitable.
- Yes, abandon it. It is not wanted or needed.
- yes, ban cyclists and enforce dogs on leads plus litter enforcement and stop your further destruction of this natural asset. I don't visit anymore as its too painful to contemplate the degradation haringey has wrought.
- Yes, I'd like to preserve the habitat as it is
- Yes, if the Council is interested in making improvements to the area it can consider improving the surfacing of Hornsey Road. As a commuting cyclist, this stretch of road is treacherous. Please improve existing hard surfaces before creating new ones.
- Yes, there are several questions, particularly about resurfacing, where I would need much more details about what is being considered. Only then can informed opinions and decisions be made.

- Yes, this project sounds like a nightmare and that there are too many people in the council with nothing better to do – Improve first accessibility to Finsbury park, the road, the pavement, access to the children's playground, it is definitively not wheelchair user friendly
- Yes, today there were areas where there seemed to have been wanton damage to the undergrowth, I hope this was not the council getting ahead of itself.
- Yes, we need more trash bins along the walk and at the entrances, otherwise people leave trash on the ground.
- Yes, what I previously said about not destroying the walk in the name of 'improving' it. Not everything can be made 100% accessible to everyone. Nor should it be.
- Yes, would it be possible to eliminate the nettle that is on both sides from the metro cafe entrance to FP? My son loves to run around there, and I am always concerned he gets into the nettles.
- Yes. I am concerned that a road-like or tarmac surface to the parkland walk will destroy the natural quality of the Parkland and encourage bikes, scooters and motorized vehicles to travel too fast along the path, endangering pedestrians, dogs and people using the path for quiet walks. I think wheelchair users would also be endangered by faster travelling bikes and scooters. The Parkland Walk is a nature reserve and a road running through it would endanger wildlife and destroy the natural habitat it provides.
- Yes. If there is money to spend on improvement, a priority should be linking the Parkland Walk North and South segments so that users aren't forced onto the roads between the two.
- Yes. It's one of the few real wild spaces. All of your proposal for signs and pavements and reducing vegetation will negatively impact the area. The idea you're considering the extend of these plans genuinely makes me really angry.
- Yes. Parkland Walk should not be resurfaced. It does not need to be. It has already been widened recently. A key attraction is that it feels as if it is in the countryside, and the birds and wildlife are what makes it so special. The path is already completely usable in its current form. There is ready access to Grove Park and Highgate Wood, for example, on the roads.
- Yes. Please please try and understand the simple pleasure of scrunching along between some trees and grass and stuff just chatting or just thinking. You don't need to make it an "experience". You have no role to play other than discrete maintenance. get out of our hair. Accept it for what it is.
- Yes. The path needs to be kept as wide as possible. There are some terrible tight almost single file sections. A lot of these sections were cleared during the lockdown peak use period but the vegetation is creeping back. The Highgate section has a nice wide path and is the most photographed. The high open section near Finsbury Park is also a good spot. Also there are too many sycamores. I would like to see all but the most mature removed. They smother everything. There seems to be some misguided idea that a nature reserve means that nothing is cut down. It must be left natural. So there is too much sycamore. Ash. Briar and ivy.
- You are obsessed with the buzz words 'accessible and inclusive' but if anything is made 100% accessible and inclusive then it is ruined for 99.99% of people. Should you make it for the terminally ill on full life support? Why not? Are you prejudice against the most vulnerable?
- You could add chicanes to slow cyclists down. Please do not make the mistake of inadvertently creating a cycle superhighway. This would be devastating for local nature.
- You don't need signage. It is a straight line! People have Google maps these days. You don't need signs.
- You don't need to conflate access ramps with a new surface. This is a semi rural type of environment that has great diversity of plants and animals. Let's keep that feel and the biodiversity.
- You need to give people more time to respond to this than 17th September and to link-up with local schools and Residents Associations.
- You should be explaining exactly what your plans are and asking residents to comment on them. This vague consultation feels like a tick box exercise rather than really caring what we think.
- You should not resurface or change the parkland walk. It is beautiful as it is and any change will only detract from this.
- you should renovate the train station and the cement which has pot-holes
- You'll ruin the space for everyone if you tarmac it. The beauty of the walk is its rural character. Tarmac and ramps will benefit a very small minority of disabled users whilst detracting significantly from the unique character that everyone enjoys. Please don't spoil this lovely space with a



petrochemical based unsustainable surface that will damage wildlife. Currently the surface is self maintaining largely. You will waste ratepayers money on something that will also require additional cost ongoing to maintain. And let's be honest: you'll probably not maintain it, and have you worked out how many wheelchair users will actually go on it? Very few so its not a proportionate use of cash.