

Dear Local Resident,

I am managing a project to improve Dog Kennel Hill open space, which is the small park located between Champion Hill Estate and Sainsbury's. The views of local residents are very important so please fill in the enclosed questionnaire to let me know what kind of improvements you would like to see.

If you have an idea that is not listed, please write it in the space for suggestions at the end, or you can email your ideas to me at pippa.krishnan@southwark.gov.uk or phone me on 020 7525 5133. **Please reply by the deadline of Monday 16 May 2011.**

Here is some more information about the improvements that have been suggested

Improve boundary fencing

The boundary between the park and Champion Hill Estate has a chain link fence but it does not secure the area because there is a gap where people can walk through the park to Sainsburys, and it does not reach all the way to the main road.

We would like to remove the fence and replace it with a wooden kick rail and a native hedge, which is great for wildlife.

Please let us know if there is other fencing that you think should be replaced.



Install play equipment

Depending on what the residents want, we would probably be looking at installing "natural play" equipment for younger children than those who use the Adventure Playground next door.

The equipment would fit the look of the area, possibly made of carved wood like in the example photo of the small natural play area that is located at Halliwell Court in Dulwich.



Create an outdoor classroom with raised planting beds

This small educational facility would be available to local schools and the community. Raised planting beds would help people learn to grow their own food, and have been a success in other local parks and Estates in Southwark.



Plant a wildflower meadow

Wildflower meadow seeds have been sown around the fruit trees, next to the woodland. The flowers are great for butterflies and other insects, and look beautiful.

Shall we plant some more around the edges of the park?

Is there another location where you would like to see wild flowers?



Plant native hedgerows

This relates to the first suggestion of improving the boundary fencing, and replacing some of it with native hedgerows.

Hedgerows can be fruiting, and spiky hedges are good for security.

Where in the park would you like to see hedgerows planted?



Improve lighting and make it better for bats

Modern LED lighting is directional, and is much better for bats as light does not leak upwards, where the bats like to fly at night.

Please do not walk through the park at night, as it can be dangerous. Making the park better lit is not guaranteed to make it safer at night.



Install a noticeboard

The park has many visitors because walking through it is a useful short cut for local residents.

A community noticeboard would be great for spreading the word about events, services or any news that is relevant to local people. It would not be used for commercial advertising.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views with us. Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Pippa Krishnan'.

Pippa Krishnan, Project Manager

