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Park & Spaces Assessment ID 104

Open Space Name Victoria Park, Trafford

Open Space Application GSA004723

Managing Organisation CIV000565 Trafford Council
Pass

Desk Assessment Band Width 25-30

Field Assessment Band Width 55-59

Overall score Bandwidth 80+

Green Flag Award feedback report

Strengths

Presentation Strengths Good – not over long. Well illustrated

Health, Safety & Security Strengths Dealt with as required by law, regulations, etc

Maintenance of equipment, b... Strengths Main aspects identified, such as DDA

Litter, cleanliness, vandalism Strengths Litter and vandalism are dealt with as required, but it would appear that this is not a great problem in this park

Environmental Sustainability Strengths The subtle and obvious approaches to environmental sustainability have been capitalised on, not just the obvious composting issues, education, environmental art, etc

Conservation of heritage & ... Strengths Priorities identified

Community Involvement dESK ASSE Strengths Extensive and impressive

Marketing Strategy Strengths Some information available on the Trafford website. Friends website is far more informative

Overall management Strengths Wholly appropriate to the park and its situation

A Welcoming Place Strengths Feeling of private and yet public open space – an extension to private gardens, with the atmosphere of deep local interest

Healthy, Safe and Secure Strengths Not on a busy thoroughfare, overlooked by adjacent housing giving natural surveillance

Clean & Well Maintained Strengths The park is generally very well maintained

Sustainability Strengths Composting facilities working effectively. Old trees turned into artworks – very effectively

Conservation & Heritage Strengths Existing historic features, such as the entrance gates are important elements of the park

Community Involvement - Strengths Incredible community involvement, which the park greatly benefits from

Marketing Strengths Useful park leaflet with good general information about the park, supported by two up to date notice boards, also containing current and applicable information about the park and events

Management Strengths Working with the Friends group is providing a sustained programme of developments in the park

Recommendations

Presentation Recommendations Maintain concise approach in future updates

Health, Safety & Security Recommendations Continue to ensure the safety of all involved through a common sense approach

Maintenance of equipment... Recommendations Ensure the specific maintenance of infrastructure items such as fencing, street furniture and paving is clearly programmed

Litter, cleanliness, ... Recommendations Maintain your current approach to removing any signs of disruption as soon as they occur

Environmental Sustainability... Recommendations Continue to look for opportunities, such as recycling and the potential for initiatives like SUDS, etc

Conservation of heritage... Recommendations Maintain the quest for HLF or other funding for the entrance restoration, etc

Community Involvement DA - Recommend You are lucky to have such good local support. The park will benefit as long as this continues, which hopefully will be for a long time to come

Marketing Strategy DA Recommendations Trafford website navigation could be improved slightly - to enable easier access to information. The park page suffers from lack of any illustrative. A few images of the park, straight out of your Management Plan would be very welcome, and would not have to rely on the Friends website for initial impact

Overall management Recommendations Continue as you have proposed

A Welcoming Place Recommendations Maintain this balanced community interest and use

Healthy, Safe and Secure Recommendations Ensuring any vandalism, fouling, etc is dealt with immediately will maintain the current feeling of safety

Clean & Well Maintained Recommendations The main aspects requiring attention are poor paving (bitmac) on some of the main paths, and some dilapidated fencing/railings.

Both these have been identified for improvement

Sustainability Recommendations Look into providing small sized recycling facilities for park users i.e. bottles, paper, etc

Conservation & Heritage Recommendations Continue your quest to restore the gate railings to bring them up to the standard of the supporting stonework

Community Involvement FA - Recommendation Continue the community lead drive to develop the park further in the future

Marketing Recommendations Put park leaflet on the website

Management Recommendations Take every opportunity to continue your drive for improvements

Additional Comments The Friends group have many potential development ideas in the pipeline, and the park would benefit immensely from the realisation of these projects. Together Becky, Neil and the Friends group are responsible for providing a park that all local residents and schools should be pleased to use and greatly benefit from. The park is very welcoming and commendable to all involved for its current success – well done

