



Monday May 11, from 7pm to 8pm, Friends of South Park OPEN MEETING at Thomas's School on Hugon Road

We invite everyone (Friend or potential Friend) to share your views on how South Park should be developed by joining this open meeting. The Friends Committee met last week to formulate a list of concepts drawn from the previous public consultation and more recent comments received from Friends and park users. Once agreed this list will then form the basis of the Friends submission to the wider Consultation taking place in May and June, and other Representations.

Here are the key elements that we feel represent the sentiments of our members:

- Retain the calm, open and peaceful nature of South Park
- Maintain and do not increase the current entry points
- Retain as many of the historical buildings and features as is feasible but ensure the buildings can be and are put to full use for the benefit of park users
- Establish an up-market, quality cafe with adjacent toilet facilities
- Retain and improve the open sports fields (with the primarily high impact activities and football fields in the south and low impact cricket pitch and informal activities in the north)
- Provide at least 6 or even 8 quality tennis courts in the middle of the park
- Improve the booking system for all sports facilities
- Provide good public changing rooms
- Retain the enclosed children's playground areas but improve play facilities for all ages, particularly for children 5 and older
- Retain the dog run but with quality fencing, waste disposal and practical entry points
- Improve the planting and horticulture throughout the park
- Appropriately and imaginatively develop the three main underused areas the south east corner, the "rose garden" on the west side and area around the North Lodge
- Ensure any perimeter activities do not harm the rights of adjacent house owners to quiet enjoyment of their properties
- Introduce appropriate security measures (particularly on the perimeter walls that border private homes) and park management with preferably

If you are unable to attend the open meeting please email your thoughts to info@friendsofsouthpark.org.co.uk.



Background to the Public Consultation Process for the South Park Master Plan

The Council has contracted with Churchman Landscape Architects to draw up three initial visions on how to develop our park. To ensure that neighbours are involved, the firm is conducting several public consultations. The process they are using is:

(1) circulating a questionnaire in the very near future to all homes within the radius of the park; you can return the survey in a pre-paid envelope or fill it in online

(2) conducting two in-person focus groups on Saturday, May 16 from 10:30am to 3:00pm and on Thursday, May 21 from 5:30pm to 9:00pm (both at Hurlingham & Chelsea School)-you must register

(3) holding an open day for all residents to see the results of the two earlier meetings and vote on three possible visions for the park in Fun Day on Saturday, June 6 from 12:00pm to 5:00pm

Visit the website for more information at www.southparkmasterplan.co.uk or contact us at info@friendsofsouthpark.org.uk.

We would be happy to help facilitate your participation. Whether or not you are unable to participate in one or all of these activities, please consider joining the Friends of South Park open meeting on May 11 from 7:00pm to 8:00pm.

We look forward to your reactions or additional thoughts at the May 11 open meeting or via email.