

## Report – Part B

### 1. Sustainability Impact Appraisal

#### 1.1 Equalities/Diversity implications

- 1.1.1 The project will take full account of equalities issues and through consultation will address the diverse needs of the local community. Full reference will be made to the Parks Capital Programme Equalities Impact Assessment which has identified the following key issues:

Sectors of the community feel excluded from decision making on new park facilities

Seek quality & sustainable design

Seek responsible dog walking/exercising

Youth intimidation of other park users - e.g. loitering in groups at children's play areas, toilets, specific benches. Associated perception of ASB/Crime - drugs, drink, petty vandalism

New facilities, buildings or structures may attract graffiti or vandalism

#### 1.2 Protecting Children

- 1.2.1 The project will address issues of inequality in access to high quality play provision, improving parks as places to play and have fun, and thereby improving the wellbeing of children in the borough.

#### 1.3 Human Rights

- 1.3.1 Not applicable

#### 1.4 Climate Change implications and the effect on the Carbon footprint

- 1.4.1 Parks and open spaces will play an ever more important role in mitigating the effects of climate change. The proposals will enhance this role through initiatives including increased tree planting and the use of sustainable, drought tolerant planting schemes. The refurbishment of parks buildings will address issues of sustainability and energy efficiency.

#### 1.5 Crime and Disorder

- 1.5.1 The project will help to create a safer environment and combat anti-social behaviour. The Parks & Open Spaces Design Guide includes input from the borough's Crime Prevention Officer with regard to 'designing-out' crime and anti-social behaviour and will be fully referenced in the development of the design proposals.

#### 1.6 Economic Impact/Community Benefit

- 1.6.1 The economic benefits of good parks and open spaces are now widely acknowledged. A high quality public environment can have a significant impact on the economic life of urban centres. Well designed and well managed parks and open spaces can add value to surrounding property, both commercial and residential, consequently increasing tax yield to maintain public services. They contribute to attracting tourists, encourage employment and inward investment to the area and help to

create a favourable image of a place, thereby encouraging people to stay in an area or relocate to it.

May need to talk this section through with procurement

<b>COMMUNITY BENEFIT OUTCOMES</b>				
	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Indicate whether included</b>	<b>Description of Target/Requirement</b>	<b>When considered and not incorporated provide explanation as to why</b>
1	Local Job Opportunities	No		The number of landscape architecture practices with the knowledge and experience required are limited. However, there will be opportunities should the project reach construction phase
2	Local training opportunities	No		As above
3	Sub contracting opportunities	No	Specify potential number of local i.e. Newham companies able to support delivery of this contract through a sub contracting arrangement	As above
4	Contracting Opportunities	No	Specify potential number of local i.e. Newham companies able to deliver this contract and how the contract as a whole could possibly be split so to invite bids from a broader supply base.	As above
5	Apprenticeships	No	Specify sector and possible providers	As above

### **3. Comments of the Head of Property**

3.1 The project proposes significant improvement to the landscape, buildings and infrastructure of Plashet Park. It will complement the corporate asset management plan objectives for the corporate portfolio.

### **4. Consultation**

4.1 The Lead Member for Manor House Community Forum area and all ward Councillors have been consulted and involved in the development of improvement proposals for Plashet Park.

Public and stakeholder consultation events took place in 2010 which actively involved local Councillors in developing the proposals. Councillors continue to be directly involved in the project through face to face meetings and are being updated by monthly report.

This consultation found a general support for a balance between sports, heritage and natural features of the park. While the park is used heavily for sport at the weekend residents don't want this to be the overriding character of the park. Residents also called for increased play provision, Anti-social behaviour was also a concern.

The initial masterplan responded to this feedback by providing a balance of characters and uses for Plashet Park. It redesigned existing problem areas for anti-social behaviour increased play for all ages.

4.4 The community Lead Councillor for Manor Park, and local ward councillors have been consulted on this report.

Councillor Scoresby responded as follows "I have read through and agree with all the officers suggestions and actions. I fully support the use of the grant to support the development of the park and I'm really pleased that they have successfully secured this funding for Plashet Park. It's a pity in this time of cuts that we can't spend the money on capital items or real development for the park, but the grant does not allow for this."

Councillor Alexander responded as follows; "I am fully supporting Plashet Park project. I am very glad to know that project has been passed through the first stage. The local community requires good quality facilities and support for the young and older generations within the community. I would like to propose a brand new 100 metres training track facility which could be provided within the Plashet Park project. I hope to see consultation will take place with local residents to support this project."