
TAKING Highbury Fields INTO THE FUTURE



Islington Council are considering combining the Under-Fives Drop-In Club 'bandstand' and the café into a new building on Highbury Fields.

This multi-use structure will need to meet the needs of all users of the park, while also having a significant impact on our open parkland.

Friends of Highbury Fields are a local community group who have been looking closely at this proposal. We are interested to hear any ideas you may have before the Council proposals are finalised. This is about to happen, so timing is critical!

JOIN US AT A PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS THE COUNCIL PLANS

CHRIST CHURCH, Highbury, Highbury Barn N5
MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER AT 7:30PM

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CREATING A PARKLAND FOR ALL: OUR VISION FOR Highbury Fields

London's parks have long been described as 'the lungs of London'. Nowhere is this more relevant than our precious Highbury Fields in the borough that has the second lowest amount of open space of any Local Authority in the country.

WHAT WE ARE TRYING TO ACHIEVE

Friends of Highbury Fields have had their thinking caps on for some time. We want to take the ideas outlined and agreed in the Council's 2007 strategy 'A Vision for Highbury Fields' one step further.

1. Rediscovering a forgotten corner of Highbury Fields: Making the Fields more accessible to all

Seizing the opportunity: We see the Council's plans for a new building as an opportunity, perhaps once in a lifetime, to take a holistic view of the Fields and bring parkland areas which are chronically underused back into use for the benefit of all.

2. Recognising and valuing the features of the landscape architecture

Protecting the special character: We are looking to draw on and enhance the heritage landscape features of the Fields, the open grassland, the interlocking network of avenues and the mature plane trees.

3. Making sure the new building can sit comfortably in its location and serve its users well

Ensuring there is sufficient space for the building and the site to work together: The proposed new building will be expected to serve a number of uses, not least the need for a space for under-fives, a café and public toilets. We are concerned that the new building could seriously reduce the play area and not provide sufficient space to simply sit and enjoy a cuppa in a generous, open parkland setting.

THESE ARE OUR IDEAS. WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOURS!

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