

Herne Hill Regeneration Project

Herne Hill Junction Proposals and their impact on the Park

The Brockwell Park Management Advisory Committee's constitution states that our primary aim is to preserve, maintain, enhance and promote the Park.

The BPMAC has recognised the severe congestion near the Herne Hill Gate particularly for traffic bearing left from Norwood Road into Dulwich Road and has always been prepared to concede a small amount of Park to ease this congestion.

We regret that this concession has been mistakenly interpreted as support for the particular proposals currently being considered by the Council.

We therefore wish to make it clear that we do not support these proposals as we consider the amount to be taken from the Park (more than 1000 square metres) completely out of proportion to the benefit it will give.

Brockwell Park is public open space and designated Metropolitan Open Land. If the Park was private land (and the boundary of the Park a building), this proposal would not even be considered. As users and lovers of the Park we reject the idea that public open space is somehow less worthy of regard than privately owned land.

It appears that other options that take less of the Park have not been properly modelled so there can be no objective justification for an option which takes the most land and demolishes the public toilets. Currently, the transport budget for the scheme does not include any provision for the reinstatement of the toilets.

As the Brockwell Park Management Advisory Committee we stand by the objectives stated above. The junction proposals do not "preserve, maintain, enhance or promote the Park" indeed they do the opposite.

Resolution:

In view of the proposed loss of park land and the loss of the public toilets, we the Brockwell Park Management Advisory Committee urge the Council not to proceed with this particular aspect of the Herne Hill Regeneration proposals.