

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT:

Provision of management and maintenance of Myatt's Fields Park

The London Borough of Lambeth is seeking expressions of interest from organisations to undertake the day-to-day management and maintenance of Myatt's Fields Park through a Service Level Agreement. The initial expected duration will be for a minimum of 5 years, with the option to extend for a further 2 years after. It is anticipated that the management fee value will be approximately £15k per year reducing to £9k over time.

We are seeking an organisation with links to the local community and some experience in managing a similar sized park/operations.

The successful organisation will be expected to undertake the following:

1. All aspects of horticulture
2. Grass cutting throughout the site
3. Management of sports facilities – tennis courts and all-weather pitch
4. Adhoc repairs at the site
5. Management and facilitation of events
6. Hedge cutting on the interior of the site
7. General monitoring of the site and usage
8. Any other duties to improve the site

The council will continue to:

1. Undertake cleansing and bin emptying (including disposal)
2. Management and monitoring of the site's tree stock
3. Management and maintenance of the site's playground and splashpad
4. Site security – locking and unlocking
5. Management and maintenance of the on-site toilet facilities
6. Planned maintenance of the buildings

The list above is not exhaustive and is subject to negotiation between parties.

Introduction to Myatt's Fields Park

Myatt's Fields Park is a medium-sized Victorian-era park located between Camberwell and Brixton. With looping paths and tree-lined avenues, Myatt's Fields Park still embodies much of its original Victorian layout. It was designed by Fanny Rollo

Wilkinson, one of the few women designing new parks in the 19th Century, and first opened to the public in 1889. It still contains much of its original features including a small bandstand, roundhouse and refreshment kiosk.

However, it has evolved to meet the changing needs of its users with a café, toilets, community greenhouse, playground and wet play area, a children's one o'clock nursery building, along with an artificial grass football pitch and tennis courts.

Myatt's Fields Park has a strong commitment to biodiversity, with a nature garden, areas of native bulb and hedge planting, naturalised grasslands and herbaceous borders or planted beds abundant in pollinator-friendly species.

The park is currently directly managed by the Myatt's Fields Park Project, a charity led by local people. Their executive committee is made up of local residents and park users. Their goals are to ensure the park meets the needs of local communities and that decision making is effective and inclusive. They also manage bookings for the park buildings and sports facilities, and support an extensive network of volunteers, including running events or maintaining the park's horticultural and wildlife features.

Local volunteers play an important role in the community greenhouses, not just in maintaining them but also in growing and distributing vegetables, fruit and other plants for other people to enjoy.

Myatt's Fields Park is also a Local Site of Importance for Nature Conservation, in recognition of its importance not just for wildlife, but also for people living in both Lambeth and London to enjoy access to nature.

Myatt's Fields Park is one of Lambeth's Green Flag Award-winning parks, as well as a winner of the London in Bloom award. These awards recognise the achievements made to provide visitors to and residents of Lambeth with a clean, safe, welcoming and popular open space.

Shortlisted interested parties will be required to demonstrate how they will manage Myatt's Fields Park to ensure that the local community's needs remain at the heart of how the park is managed.

How to submit an expressions of interest

Parties interested in submitting an expressions of interest should do so by providing the following information by 19th June 2023 at 5pm.

If you wish to obtain more information on this opportunity please contact Angela Li at ali@lambeth.gov.uk