

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SOUGHT:**

### **Provision of management and maintenance of The Rookery**

The London Borough of Lambeth is seeking expressions of interest from organisations to undertake the day-to-day management and maintenance of The Rookery through a contract. 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 £60k per year.

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. Cleansing and bin emptying
4. Engagement and management of community volunteers
5. Adhoc repairs at the site
6. Management and facilitation of events
7. Hedge cutting on the interior of the site
8. General monitoring of the site and usage
9. Site security – locking and unlocking
10. Management and maintenance of the on-site toilet facilities
11. Any other duties to improve the site

The council will continue to:

1. Dispose of rubbish collected
2. Management and monitoring of the site's tree stock
3. Planned maintenance of the buildings

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

### **Introduction to The Rookery**

The Rookery is a medium-sized formal garden located between Streatham, Norbury and West Norwood. It is a Grade II Listed Historic Garden and originally formed the landscaped gardens of a large private house called 'The Rookery' but was bought by public subscription and laid out as a formal open space, first opening to the general public in 1913.

The Rookery is rich in wildlife as well as history, especially its wooded edges, hedges, ponds and orchard, which is why part of the Rookery was declared a Local Nature Reserve (LNR) in 2013 along with Streatham Common.

The Rookery, along with Streatham Common, is a Borough "[Site of Importance for Nature Conservation](#)" (or SINC) for the London Borough of Lambeth, in recognition of its importance not just for wildlife, but also for people living in both Lambeth and London to enjoy access to nature.

The Rookery is currently directly managed by Streatham Common Cooperative (SCCoop), a local community-led enterprise led by a board made up from local volunteers. They employ staff and recruit/support volunteers to maintain its many horticultural, landscape, heritage, and wildlife features. Other key partners also play a role in how The Rookery is managed and used, including the Friends of Streatham Common, local businesses and residents.

The Rookery is one of Lambeth's Green Flag Award-winning parks, as well as a holder of 'Park of the Year' award from London In Bloom. These awards recognise the achievements made to provide visitors to and residents of Lambeth with a clean, safe, welcoming and popular open space they can all be proud of.

Shortlisted interested parties will be required to demonstrate how they will manage The Rookery 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 this opportunity should send an email confirming their expressions of interest to Angela Li email: [ali@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:ali@lambeth.gov.uk) by Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July at midday.