



Safer Parks Questionnaire

Background

This questionnaire was completed by children and young people in the following forums and groups;

Mark's Gate Juniors and Infants School – 25th June 2009

5-12 Children's Forum – 30th June 2009

Northbury Junior School – 7th July 2009

Sydney Russell Secondary School

Robert Clack Secondary School – 7th July 2009

All Saints Secondary School – Year 8

Warren Comprehensive – 14th July 2009

On-line through www.lbbd.gov.uk/youth4us

A total of 428 questionnaires were completed.

- 1) **What parks do you use in Barking and Dagenham?**
(Please tick all the parks you use)

Parks	Votes
Parsloes	207
Valence	144
Mayesbrook	144
Central	142
Barking	118
Old Dagenham Park	111
St. Chads	19
Greatfields	28
Pondfield (Dagenham)	15
Goodmayes	10
Goresbrook	8

None	5
Chase	4
Heath	4
Green Lane	3

2) What time of the day do you use them?

Time	Votes
Weekends	310
After school	309
Evenings	192
School holidays	26
Before school	8

3) How often do you use the parks?

Frequency of use	Votes
1 – 2 times a week	162
3 – 4 times a week	111
I rarely use the parks	68
Everyday	46
Monthly	30
Fortnightly	26

4) What do you like about the parks?

Likes	Votes
Space to play sport	80
Hang out with friends	74
Wide open space	68
Play equipment	47
Swings	38
Wildlife	17
Opportunity to ride my bike	12
The Ducks	11
Opportunity to skateboard	5
Climbing trees	2
Funfairs	1
No cost	1
They are clean	1
Boating in Barking Park	1

5) What do you dislike about the parks? (Please give details)

Issues	Votes
Gangs	106
Litter/rubbish	65
Dog mess	56
Dogs	27
Smoking and drugs	25
Lack of facilities	22
Graffiti	20
Equipment such as swings keep breaking	20

Vandalism	18
Adults drinking	15
Poor lighting	7
Mopeds	4
Not enough benches	3
Needles	3
Lack of police presence	2

How would you improve them?

Ideas	Votes
More play equipment	49
More police	44
Security camera's/CCTV	27
Make them cleaner	25
More sports facilities	25
More bins	21
More activities	15
Dog free parks	15
Prohibiting dogs in play areas	11
More lighting	11
More seating	9
Dedicated skatepark area	7
More shops/cafes	6
Remove graffiti quicker	5
Young people only park	5
More gates	4
Financial penalties for not clearing up dog mess	4
More activities for older people	4
Net's on goals	3
Ban alcohol	3
Regular funfair	2
Dirt tracks	2
Cut grass more regularly	2
More play equipment for under 5s	1
More activities for teenagers	1
More family friendly	1
Park ranger	1
Graffiti Wall	1
Promote more useage	1

7) Do you feel safe in the parks?

Yes - 259

No - 142

Sometimes - 27

If you have answered No, why do you feel unsafe?

Friends have been mugged X2

Poor lighting

Gangs X38

Dogs X4

Fear of knife crime X15

Lack of police

Drugs/Drinking X4