



# MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL

## Fletcher Moss Park

### Park Plan

2023



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## 1.0 Park Summary Information

<b>Park Name</b>	Fletcher Moss Gardens and Park
<b>Ownership</b>	Manchester City Council
<b>Designation</b>	N/A
<b>Covenants</b>	The Croft Building and surrounding 4.5 acres
<b>Area</b>	37 hectares
<b>Category</b>	Destination Park
<b>Current Partners</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Friends of Fletcher Moss Park and Parsonage Gardens</li> <li>• Alpine Tea Room</li> <li>• Environment Agency</li> <li>• Manchester City Council</li> <li>• Neighbourhood Team – Didsbury East</li> <li>• Lawn Tennis Association and MCRactive</li> <li>• RSPB</li> <li>• RHS – they donated money to the WBG</li> <li>• Emily Williams Statue Campaign</li> <li>• Parkrun</li> <li>• Broad Oak School</li> <li>• Mitie</li> </ul>
<b>Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis Courts</li> <li>• Rockery</li> <li>• Visitor Centre</li> <li>• Café (Alpine Tea Rooms)</li> <li>• Public Toilets</li> <li>• WellBEEing Garden</li> <li>• Bird Garden</li> <li>• Pergola Garden</li> <li>• Network of paths</li> <li>• Raised boardwalk over wetland – an area of special biological importance</li> <li>• Woodlands</li> <li>• Meadow</li> </ul>

## **2.0 Introduction and Background**

### **2.1 Manchester's Park Strategy 2017 – 2027**

Manchester's Park Strategy has been developed to "guide the investment and upkeep of Manchester's parks<sup>1</sup>", the vision for the strategy is:

*"Together, we want our parks and green spaces to be the soul, lungs and heart of Manchester by providing the conditions for our people, our environment and our city to flourish"*

This vision is supported by four strategic themes:

- Parks at the Heart of Neighbourhoods looks at the physical role of parks in neighbourhoods across the city, as well as their size, accessibility and character.
- Vibrant Parks, Vibrant Communities considers the use and activities that take place in parks to ensure they are a focus of community life, providing opportunities for exercise and sport, and a wide variety of events that can generate additional income for the benefit of parks.
- A Manchester Quality Standard sets out a good-quality standard for managing and maintaining parks.
- Productive Parks in Partnership describes ways to deliver park services in a more collaborative and fruitful manner with communities and local organisations, not just the Council.

Whatever its site, location or typology each park across the city has a role to play in achieving this vision. To support the delivery of this aspirations, over the ten-year life of the strategy a park plan will be developed for every park in the City.

### **2.2 Why We're Writing a Park Plan**

A Park Plan for Fletcher Moss Park will support the Manchester's Park Strategy and enable us to:

- Strategically develop and enhance the park for the benefit of its local community and visitors.
- Make sure we're making the best use of our available resources including funding and staff.
- Build & enhance activities & events to reflect the needs of the local community.
- Build the sustainability of the park's groups.
- Be sustainable and attract wildlife.
- Enable us to monitor the development & use of the park against a shared vision.
- Build partnership with stakeholders so that we can work together.

### **2.3 How We Developed This Plan**

The development of this plan was led by the Park Ranger in partnership with a steering group of stakeholders: the Councillors for Didsbury East, the Friends of Fletcher Moss Park and the Neighbourhood Officer.

Public feedback was sought through a three-stage consultation:

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<sup>1</sup> Manchester's Park Strategy 2017 - 2027

1. A survey hosted via Microsoft Teams: which received 200 responses. This survey asked a series of qualitative and quantitative questions aligned to the Spaceshaper Criteria. A highlight report was then produced from the results.
2. SWOT analysis: our steering group and local residents met in Fletcher Moss Gardens and used the survey highlight report to conduct a SWOT analysis. The results of the SWOT analysis were then used to form the action plan within this document
3. Final review of the action plan by the steering group to confirm it is representative of the public view.

A significant proportion of this plan has also been heavily informed by the Friends of Fletcher Moss Park's Vision document.



### **3.0 Where Are We Now?**

#### **3.1 What the site has**

Fletcher Moss is a “Much Loved” park (Fields in Trust 2019), extensively used by the local community. Because of its lovely and diverse gardens, café, and opportunities for both short and more extensive walks through meadows, woodland and along the Mersey, it is also a “Destination Park” with people coming from across Greater Manchester, Cheshire and beyond. It also attracts visitors from overseas who are visiting Manchester. It enjoys highly recommended status, rated 4.6 out of 5 on Tripadvisor.

The park is a haven for wildlife, with many species of plants and animals benefitting from the protected environment and range of habitats it offers. Some areas are recognised as having special status. ( Area of Special Biological Importance –SBI)It contributes to people’s health, well-being and education about nature, the environment and the past.

#### **3.2 Who uses the site**

As a Destination Park, Fletcher Moss Gardens is used for a wide range of activity: existing activities include walking, playing tennis, running, cycling. There are organized walks attracting around 70 people each week and frequent activities centered on bird and wildlife. Because of its nature, there is a limited number of small and discrete events during the year, for example the Guitar Trail. Its value to the community is shown by the large numbers of people who wish to donate in memory of family or friends.

School groups will regularly be seen benefitting from various areas of the park for outdoor learning and families take advantage of the ‘natural play’ opportunities.

#### **3.3 Who looks after the site**

The Park is managed by the South Area Parks Team within the Neighbourhoods Service. MCC Grounds Maintenance Team undertake regular maintenance tasks such as grass cutting and waste management. The Parks Team work with approved council contractors to rectify defects within the park, when funding allows.

The Friends group work closely with the parks team to carry out park improvements and host community events. The Friends Group also lead their own practical volunteering sessions where they focus on horticultural improvements. In light of Council cuts, the Rockery, rose garden, and many flower beds/bulb areas have survived thanks to hours of volunteer labour organised by the Friends. Their achievements have been recognised through multiple awards, including the Dena Murphy Award for Sustainability at the North West RHS awards ceremony, 2022

### 3.4 Site Assessment

Table 1. Site Assessment

Spaceshaper Criteria	Assessment	Identified Issues	Proposed Actions
<p><b>Access</b> - finding your way and getting about including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Park Entrances</li> <li>• Pathways</li> <li>• How visitors move around the site</li> <li>• Park boundaries</li> <li>• Park furniture, seating, signage and bins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Chalk/shale paths.</li> <li>• Four main entrances: Wilmslow Road, Millgate Lane Car Park, Millgate Lane (wetland boardwalk entrance), Stenner Lane.</li> <li>• Steel gates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Access by wheelchair, or with a buggy, is restricted by the poor quality of the paths. Damage from flooding has compounded this.</li> <li>• Some visitors find navigating around the site challenging. However, there was not a consensus view that additional signage or maps would be in keeping with the natural space.</li> <li>• The deterioration of the entrance to boardwalk causes access issues – sinking earth has created a lip up onto the boardwalk.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lay a hard core slope and top soil slope up to the boardwalk. Seek funding for a more permanent repair, potentially from the EA.</li> <li>• Seek sources of potential funding for extensive path repairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Repairs to several of the paths in the rockery which have loose and uneven stones and can be quite dangerous</li> <li>➤ Repair/re-surfacing of the path from the Wilmslow Road entrance to the café area</li> <li>➤ Completion of the path from the dipping pond to the bird garden – only half of it is hard surface which is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Consider adding additional signage + site maps at entrances other than Millgate.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Use</b> - what activities and opportunities the space has to offer including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children’s Play Areas</li> <li>• Sports Facilities</li> <li>• Events and activities spaces</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The majority of visitors use the park for walking, socialising and for seeking peace and quiet.</li> <li>• Very few residents reported using the space for informal sport despite there being tennis courts and</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The prospect of play equipment for children was raised by 1/10 respondents but not all comments were in support.</li> <li>• The public toilets need refurbishing.</li> <li>• Preferred use for the old tennis court would be space for play equipment or as a controlled zone for dogs.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of public toilets through social value.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor and treat moss growth on the tennis courts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide suggested routes and distance of walks e.g. nature trails, “Discovery” walks with information online</li> </ul> </li> <li>• identify opportunities, eg, quiet areas for reflection and appreciation in nature</li> </ul>

	<p>a rugby pitch/ plenty of green space for Parkrun and informal running.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tennis courts in reasonable condition.</li> <li>• Café</li> <li>• Woodland routes, Wellbeing Garden, Pergola Garden, Rockery, Bird Garden.</li> <li>• The Croft, Visitors Centre.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possible walking routes and areas of the park could be made clearer.</li> <li>• While schools make extensive use of the park, there is no established Council educational offering.</li> <li>• There is no warm sheltered space on site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Demarcate specific areas, identify their characteristics and set out aspirations for these areas + accessible information on each distinct area of the park.</li> <li>• Work with local schools to devise a self-led programme for the dipping area at the pond.</li> <li>• Continue to work with the RSPB running events and highlighting the historic links to Emily Williamson.</li> <li>• Future development of the Croft to provide a warm sheltered space – through the café?</li> </ul>
<b>Spaceshaper Criteria</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Identified Issues</b>	<b>Proposed Actions</b>
<p><b>Other people</b> - how the space caters for different needs including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Does the park cater for people with additional needs?</li> <li>• Does the park have age friendly elements?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Step free access from Wilmslow Road entrance to the café.</li> <li>• Poor access from the Café to lower parts of the Park.</li> <li>• Step free access to majority of the park from Stenner Lane entrance.</li> <li>• WellBEEing Garden for those with mobility issues unable to enter the Rockery.</li> <li>• Frequent access to benches due to historic memorial donations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• While the majority of respondents reported that the site is relatively accessible, the condition of some of the paths detracts from this.</li> <li>• Heritage cobbled slope next to the croft is poor for wheelchair access.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seek sources of potential funding for extensive path repairs.</li> <li>• Introduce disabled parking spaces on Stenner Lane.</li> </ul>



<p><b>Maintenance</b> - how clean and cared for the space is including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Is the site clean and well maintained?</li> <li>• Are there litter and / or fly tipping hot spots?</li> <li>• Are there areas of the park that would benefit for different or additional maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is significant gratitude towards the volunteers who maintain the park, as well as some concern about the dependence on unpaid labour.</li> <li>• Standard Grounds Maintenance specification for this site, with additional work provided by operative frequently on site.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Short term clearance of the gullies doesn't take place which leads to flooding. Failure of routine maintenance causes larger problems.</li> <li>• Litter spreading from bins by animals.</li> <li>• Damage to some of the paving stones down to the rockery.</li> <li>• Serious concerns regarding the quality of ground water towards the southwest of the site. Sewage from the Mersey is carried onto site during controlled flooding and this is a risk to children/animals.</li> <li>• Litter collects near the croft.</li> <li>• Such an extensive site is difficult to maintain on majority volunteer labour.</li> <li>• Rockery Pond and Dipping Pond need annual cleaning where budget allows.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Add regular clearance of the gullies to a new annual maintenance schedule.</li> <li>• Secure quotes for repair of the paving stones down to the rockery.</li> <li>• Introduce signage in flood zone to warn about the water quality.</li> <li>• Café to introduce recycling bins for cups.</li> <li>• Develop a annual programme of corporate/community volunteering days to undertake mass maintenance.</li> <li>• Bin lids.</li> </ul>
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Spaceshaper Criteria	Assessment	Identified Issues	Proposed Actions
<p><b>Environment</b> - how safe and comfortable the space is including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landscape and horticulture</li> <li>• Does the park feel safe?</li> </ul> <p>Are there specific areas or issues with ASB?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents feel less safe at night.</li> <li>• There is a noted presence of young people in the park at night, although this doesn't appear to cause any significant issues.</li> <li>• Some professional dog walkers exceed the four-dog limit and there are problems with plastic poo bags being left in inappropriate places.</li> <li>• Variety of plants has diminished over time.</li> <li>• Tree replacement along Stenner Lane entrance not fulfilled?</li> <li>• Balsam!</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased lighting might help park users feel safer after dusk.</li> <li>• Find a way to monitor professional dog walkers?</li> <li>• Liaise with Arbor for replacement trees that can survive boggy conditions. Or direct tree donation offers to FoFMP.</li> <li>• Continue to organise the balsam bash.</li> <li>• Find ways to emphasise that young people are welcome – assess bike parking on site and seek funding for new/replacement.</li> <li>• Conclude Environment Agency pledge for 500 trees or equivalent.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Design and appearance - what the space looks like and what it's made from including</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are there any areas of the space that feel tired, or would benefit from redesign and / or development?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is significant support for leaving large areas of the site unmanicured and 'wild', especially to support biodiversity.</li> <li>• Pathways from Wilmslow Road to Croft and Croft towards Boardwalk are unsightly with trip hazards.</li> <li>• Old grass tennis courts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Man-made infrastructure, such as the pergola garden, is in need of more financial investment and maintenance.</li> <li>• Removal of dead trees in the Rockery. These have been identified on a site visit with Arbor/Friends</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of rotting wood in the pergola. Continue to assess long-term measures to prevent further rot (EA flood zone)</li> <li>• Arbor to remove dead trees and prune as appropriate in the Rockery</li> </ul>
<b>Spaceshaper Criteria</b>	<b>Assessment</b>	<b>Identified Issues</b>	<b>Proposed Actions</b>

<p><b>Community</b> - how important the space is to local people including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What evidence of community involvement is there in the space e.g. signage and promotion?</li> <li>• Is there any evidence of barriers or issues that limit or could limit community engagement?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is incredibly important for physical and mental health.</li> <li>• The park is used for a wide breadth of activity by visitors, for example Broadoak Primary School and Parkrun.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitor centre only open when volunteers or staff are on site, which limits use.</li> <li>• Website out of date and limits the ability of the Friends Group to communicate with the public/recruit volunteers. Web designers are too expensive.</li> <li>• The site is incredibly large for a small group of volunteers to manage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parks staff and Friends group to establish a booking system for the visitor centre.</li> <li>• Friends to create new website</li> </ul>
<p><b>You</b> - how the space makes you feel including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How does the space make stakeholders feel?</li> <li>• Consider your individual perspective and also other visitors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The park is a calm space that has a positive impact on visitors.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• N/A</li> </ul>

## 4.0 Where Do We Want To Be?

### 4.1 Thinking About The Future

The following Green Flag Award Criteria<sup>2</sup> have been used to inform a SWOT analysis (strengths, weaknesses opportunities and threats) of the park:

**A WELCOMING PLACE.** First impressions are important, and the site should look inviting. Issues that must be considered are: good and safe access, welcome signage and equal access for all. The site should be freely accessible to the public. However, we are fully aware that sites may well have to be locked at night for security reasons or that access to the site may be restricted to regular, advertised open days, with a designated member being the key holder.

**HEALTHY, SAFE AND SECURE.** It is of paramount importance that the site is safe. Issues such as personal security, safe equipment and facilities, appropriate level of facilities and control of dogs, and dog fouling must be considered. Sites should encourage people to live healthy lifestyles through the facilities, activities and events provided.

**WELL MAINTAINED AND CLEAN.** There should be an appropriate standard of maintenance throughout the site and effective management skills to combat issues including: litter, fouling and waste management, as well as graffiti and vandalism.

**ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT.** Judges will examine environmental issues such as peat and pesticide use, sustainable material use, waste and its minimisation.

**BIODIVERSITY, LANDSCAPE AND HERITAGE.** Each green space is unique and has its own character. The judges will be looking at how the natural and historic features are identified on site, and what measures have been taken to enhance them where appropriate.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT.** This is a key criterion for the Green Flag Community Award as it looks to how well the site relates to and encompasses the local and wider community.

**MANAGEMENT/ACHIEVEMENTS.** Here judges will be looking at what you have achieved, not only in terms of managing the green space, but also what funding and resources you have secured and how you have used them. How creative and innovative you have been with projects on your site will also be of interest.

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<sup>2</sup> <http://www.greenflagaward.org.uk/how-it-works/judging-criteria/green-flag-community-award/>

Table 2. SWOT Analysis

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### Fletcher Moss Park SWOT Analysis

Please use the following themes for the SWOT analysis: a welcoming place, healthy, safe and secure, well maintained and clean, environmental management, biodiversity, landscape and heritage, community involvement, management/achievement

STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
<b>Initiatives by Broad Oak school</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>The cafe is a draw but the litter is not cleared away from the Croft</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Accessible parking on Stenner Lane</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Prevention of deteriorating paths + repair</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Volunteers are a great strength</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Trees removed to widen the levee have not been replaced?</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Getting help further away from the croft gates</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Not recruiting more volunteers</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Balsam bashing was a great initiative</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>More maintenance of tree and branches hanging off for long periods.</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Water meadows, wildflowers, orchards - good for some wildlife diversity</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Culvert needs clearing every 3 months to prevent flooding</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>The cafe is a great asset.</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Bike racks - more and better quality needed</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Warm space when near the cafe/shelter</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>St. James Church above FMP - sewage? Needs resolving.</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Wildflowers</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Prompt removal of fallen trees</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Cafe to have recycling bins for cups</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Culvert blocked</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Variety of birds, plants, trees... Kingfisher</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Signage around the park (lack of it)</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>More about the RSPB and wildlife</b> Information about the founding of the RSPB ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Sewage released into Mersey puts children and dogs at risk.</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Impact on mental health</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Quality of water sewage from the river mersey during floods.</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>More information and signs at other entrances of the park, like Millgate</b> RSPB, volunteers etc. ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Monitoring of professional dog walkers</b> Number of dogs and the quantity of dog bags left in inappropriate places. plastic poo bags are a threat to wildlife. ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
<b>Excellent for wildlife</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>No playground</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Recycling bins for tins and glass</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Paths are a threat to accessibility</b> e.g. the main path from Wilmslow Road and Stenner Lane ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
		<b>Bins with lids</b> Stop wildlife foraging. ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	<b>Himalayan Balsam</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment
		<b>Teenagers - area for bikes</b> ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	
		<b>The park should be accessible to all</b> Including Teenagers at night!!!! ☆ Rate <input type="text"/> 0 Add comment	

## 4.2 Aims and Objectives

### Action Plan:

#### Timescales

Quick – Quick Wins

Short Term – 1 to 2 years

Medium Term – 2 to 3 years

Long Term – 4 + years

Objective	Project/s	Timescales	Resources	Est. Cost	Lead	Partners	Completed	Strategic Project (Y/N)
<b>1. Be accessible:</b> a place where there is something for everyone to enjoy, with a wide range of areas accessible to people of all ages and abilities.	a) Seek sources of potential funding for extensive path repairs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Repairs to several of the paths in the rockery which have loose and uneven stones and can be quite dangerous.</li> <li>➤ Repair/re-surfacing of the path from the Wilmslow Road entrance to the café area.</li> <li>➤ Completion of the path from the dipping pond to the bird garden – only half of it is hard surface which is suitable for pushchairs and wheelchairs.</li> </ul>	Long Term			Friends Group and Parks Team			
	b) Consider adding additional signage/site maps at entrances other than Millgate.	Medium Term			Friends Group and Parks Team			
	c) Explore introduction of disabled parking spaces on Stenner Lane	Medium Term				Highways		
	d) Assess bike parking on site and seek funding for new/replacement units.	Short Term						
<b>2. Be sustainable, safe, and well maintained:</b> a safe and healthy place, with clean air, clean water, and environment so that people, plants and animals can thrive. Retain status as a Site of Biological Interest (SBI)	a) Refurbishment of public toilets.	Quick	Social value funding through The Christie		Area Lead			
	b) Continue to monitor and treat moss growth on the tennis courts.	Short Term +	MCR Active		Sports Strategy Officer	MCR Active		
	c) Add regular clearance of the gullies to a new annual maintenance schedule.	Quick			Parks Team			
	d) Develop an annual programme of corporate/community volunteering days to undertake mass maintenance from 2023.	Short Term						
	e) Introduce signage in flood zone to warn about the water quality.	Short Term						

	f) Explore viability of recycling bins for café cups.	Medium Term						
	g) Explore possibility of bespoke bin lids to prevent litter spread.	Medium Term						
	h) Work with Arbor to remove dead trees and replace with trees that can survive boggy conditions along the Stenner Lane entrance.	Long Term			Parks Team & Arbor	MCC Arbor		
	i) Continue to organise the balsam bash.	Quick			Friends Group			
	j) Repair of rotting wood in the pergola. Continue to assess long-term measures to prevent further deterioration (EA flood zone).	Short Term			Parks Team			
	k) Replacement of trees near the boardwalk that were removed as part of the EA flood mitigation	Short Term			Parks Team	Environment Agency		
<b>3. Be an attractive, educational and inspirational place:</b> where the diversity of nature can be enjoyed, with opportunities to learn more about all aspects of the park, both formally planted areas and the woodlands and river. With areas to play and explore, areas for quiet enjoyment and relaxation, and opportunities for exercise and for learning.	a) Develop suggested routes and distance walks e.g. nature trails, "Discovery" walks with information online.	Medium Term			Friends Group and Park Ranger			
	b) Identify opportunities for quiet areas for reflection and appreciation in nature	Short Term			Friends Group			
	c) Demarcate specific areas, identify their characteristics and set out accessible information on each distinct area of the park.	Medium Term			Friends Group			
	d) Work with local schools to explore the potential of a self-led programme for the dipping area at the pond.	Medium Term			Friends Group and Park Ranger			
<b>4. Acknowledge and celebrate people both past and present whose generosity, ideas and work have provided, and continue to enhance, this beautiful space.</b>	a) Continue to work with the RSPB running events and highlighting the historic links to Emily Williamson.	Quick			Friends Group and Park Ranger			
	b) Parks staff and Friends group to establish a booking system for the visitor centre.	Short Term			Friends Group and Park Ranger			



## **5.0 How Are We Going to Get There?**

### **5.1 A Vision for the Park**

The Friends of Fletcher Moss Park are keen to see the park develop further and to enhance the experience of everyone who visits. The Friends have identified key principles in the vision that they hold for the park.

The park should:

1. Be a place where there is something for everyone to enjoy, with a wide range of areas accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
2. Be a safe and healthy place, with clean air, clean water, and environment so that people, plants and animals can thrive. To become the most wildlife friendly park in Manchester.
3. Be a place where the diversity of nature can be enjoyed, with opportunities to learn more about all aspects of the park, both formally planted areas and the woodlands and river.
4. Be a place where there are areas to play and explore, areas for quiet enjoyment and relaxation, and opportunities for exercise.
5. Acknowledge and celebrate the generosity, ideas and work of people past and present in providing, maintaining and enhancing this beautiful space.

### **5.2 Marketing and Communication**

Manchester City Council aims to make sure people and visitors can easily find out about our parks and the events and activities that take place in them. All communications and marketing is managed by our marketing team, who make sure that the image people of Manchester, and visitors have of Manchester City Council, including Fletcher Moss Park, is reflecting what we do and what we stand for. We ensure the information and vision presented is appropriate and regularly reviewed and updated.

The marketing team and press office work in partnership with our parks to ensure information is communicated for maximum impact. To promote Fletcher Moss Park we will:

- Celebrate the Friends Group's successes, activities/events and upcoming projects on the central parks social media accounts when requested.
- Update Manchester City Council's website as required.
- Participate in Ward Meetings and other initiatives where the status of the park is discussed.
- Attend Friends of the Park meetings.
- Share information about activities/events to be displayed on the Loads to Do website when requested.

- Provide support recruiting volunteers through the MCR VIP website when requested.

## **6.0 How Will We Know When We've Arrived?**

The success of this plan is not just about achieving the action plan, it is also about how the plan, park and the team can support the aspirations of the Parks Strategy. Progress on the action plan will be monitored through:

- **Regular Park Inspections**
- **Friends Group Meetings**
- **Park Strategy Reviews**
- **Visitors' surveys and informal feedback**

The Parks Team will coordinate the monitoring, evaluation and review of the management plan. Alterations and amendments will be the result of a collective decision between key stakeholders, the Friends group and Council Officers.

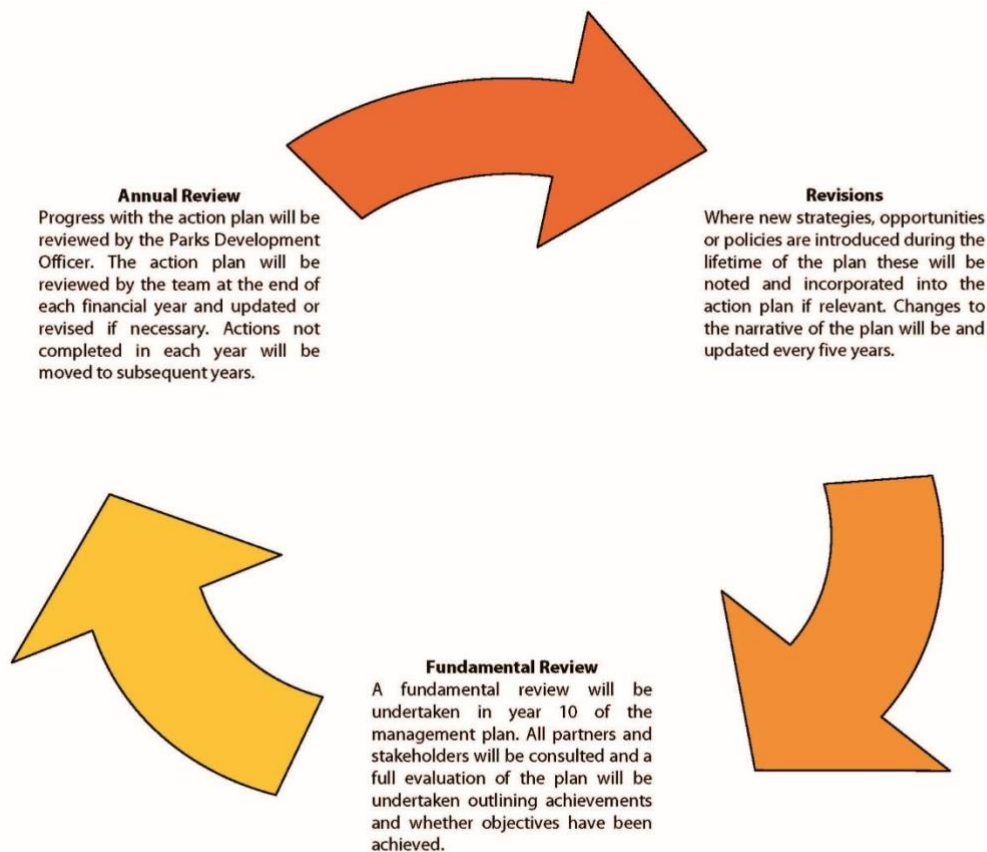
## 6.1 Analysis of Monitoring

The Parks Team will coordinate the monitoring, evaluation and review of the management plan. Alternations and amendments will be the result of a collective decision between key stakeholders, the Friends of Fletcher Moss Park, the community and Council Officers.

Control of finances will rest with the South Parks Team, with support from Manchester City Council's Finance Department. Control of other resources and personnel will, in the first instance, be the responsibility of the Friends of Fletcher Moss Park. Referrals for additional resources, capital investment and unresolved personnel issues will be made to the Area Parks Lead (South).

Review, update and amendment of the management and maintenance plan will a continually process based on the following process.

Figure 1. Evaluation and Feedback System



## 7.0 Appendices

### 7.1 Manchester Parks Strategy Key Themes

- 7.1.1 Parks at the Heart of Neighbourhoods looks at the physical role of parks in neighbourhoods across the city, as well as their size, accessibility and character.
- 7.1.2 Vibrant Parks, Vibrant Communities considers the use and activities that take place in parks to ensure they are a focus of community life, providing opportunities for exercise and sport, and a wide variety of events that can generate additional income for the benefit of parks.
- 7.1.3 A Manchester Quality Standard sets out a good-quality standard for managing and maintaining parks.
- 7.1.4 Productive Parks in Partnership describes ways to deliver park services in a more collaborative and fruitful manner with communities and local organisations, not just the Council.

### 7.2 Grounds Maintenance Schedule

Feature/Facility	Tasks	Timing	Frequency	Comments
<b>GRASS MAINTENANCE</b>	AMENITY & VOLUME GRASS - MOWING	March - Oct	Every 3 Weeks	
	AMENITY & VOLUME GRASS - EDGE WEED CONTROL	March - Oct	2 / Year	Additional measures as required
	ALL GRASS AREAS - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	
<b>SHRUB NATURALISED MAINTENANCE</b>	SHRUB NATURALISED - MAINTENANCE	On Request	Winter programme	
	SHRUB NATURALISED - WEED CONTROL	On Request	Winter programme	
	SHRUB NATURALISED - PRUNE	On Request	Winter programme	Additional works where obstruction or nuisance has been identified
	SHRUB NATURALISED - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	
<b>HEDGE MAINTENANCE</b>	HEDGE - CLIP	Oct - Feb	1 / Year	Additional works where obstruction or nuisance has been identified
	HEDGE BASE - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	

<b>PATHS / ROADS / &amp; CAR PARK MAINTENANCE</b>	HARD SURFACE, ROADS, PATHS AND CAR PARKS - MECHANICAL SWEEP/BLOW	All Year Round	4 / times per year	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
	HARD SURFACE - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	
	HARD SURFACE - WEED CONTROL	March - Oct	2 / Year	
	PLAY AREA - EDGE OFF/ WEED CONTROL	March - Nov	2 / Year	
	PLAY AREA SURFACE - MATS - CARPET - RUBBER & TARMAC .- CLEAR - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	
<b>MULTI USE GAMES AREA [MUGA]</b> <i>[Includes.- Football - Tennis - Basketball - Skate/BMX Facilities]</i>	MULTI COURT - HARD SURFACES - COLLECT LITTER	All Year Round	Regularly	
	MULTI COURT FENCE LINE - WEED CONTROL	March - Oct	2 / Year	
<b>LEAF CLEARANCE</b>	ALL AREAS - SEASONAL LEAF CLEARANCE	Sept - Jan	Regularly	Placed/blown into shrubbery and/or mulched onto grassland no removal from site
<b>LITTER BIN &amp; DOG BIN COLLECTIONS</b>	LITTER BINS	All Year Round	Regularly	Annual schedule to be determined using historical information. Dog waste bins to be phased out. Litter bins are mixed waste bins.
	DOG WASTE BINS	All Year Round	Regularly	
<b>TIPPING &amp; SKIPS</b>	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	All Year Round	Regularly	Tipping and/or skip provision at strategic locations for park generated arisings and waste supplied by Parks.

<b>FLY TIPPING [INCLUDES WATER COURSES]</b>	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	All Year Round	CRM Request	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
<b>SHARPS &amp; HAZARDOUS WASTE</b>	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	All Year Round	CRM Request	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
<b>DOG FAECES</b>	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	All Year Round	CRM Request	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
<b>GRAFFITI</b>	REMOVAL	All Year Round	CRM Request	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
<b>DEAD ANIMALS</b>	REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL	All Year Round	CRM Request	Responsibility of waste Contractor Biffa
<b>PLAY</b>	INSPECTION	All Year Round	CRM Request	Weekly Parks Team / Quarterly Play Team / Annually RoSPA