

Principle Design Decisions.....



Increase overall lighting provision

A variety of lighting types are proposed including; standard column lighting along main paths, feature pole lighting in feature nodes, tree lighting, flood lighting illuminating the games court and special feature lighting located in the parks along the Strand.



Decrease dog mess within the spaces

Provide dog bins throughout the spaces and increase owner awareness through signage.



Remove all railings within and surrounding redesigned spaces (excluding Admiralty Square where the railing will be retained).

Remove the railings within and surrounding the spaces to open up the parks, increasing pedestrian permeability at the periphery of the spaces, and helping integrate the parks into the surrounding public realm.



Provide more trees and sensory planting

Species selection will take into consideration plant size, colour, seasonal variation, maintenance, texture and smell, to create areas of strong sensory stimulation. These areas of planting will be located around and within the play areas in Upper and Lower Pepys Parks, and in pockets in Aragon Gardens, Admiralty Square and Grove Square Gardens.



Provide stimulating and imaginative play environments for all ages.

Combine natural elements, such as stepping stones, boulders, vegetation, fallen trees and landform with more formal play elements such as climbing frames, slides, swings and springers. Use a variety of surface treatments such as grass, mulch and a small amount of safe rubber surfacing.



Robust and practical design using natural materials in an aesthetic and creative manner.

The proposed materials and furniture are to be robust and of natural materials, such as concrete, timber, stone and steel. The design aims to facilitate the maintenance and management strategy for the area.



Ensure clear sight lines are provided through the spaces.

Low planting and areas of open space aim to create clear sightlines through the parks, facilitating passive surveillance in and through the spaces and therefore resulting in safer spaces.



Provide an area for the youth to gather.

Provision of a multi use games area, informal hardstand space, seating and youth shelter create a hub in Lower Pepys park for active and passive gatherings.



Formalise football field in Lower Pepys Park

Provide a formal football field meeting official football associations sizing. Field size 68.25x42m classified as a formal Under 11-12 football field.



Toilets and changing rooms are not proposed within the designs.

Due to maintenance issues, potential vandalism, general safety issues and the close proximity of facilities in Deptford park changing room and toilets are not proposed.

Provide a raised hardstand area in Aragon gardens

A 500mm raised hardstand area in Aragon gardens provides views of the river. Seating and lighting are located within and around the space with access provided via a footpath.