Installation of lighting in Southfield Recreation Ground

Disadvantages of lighting in parks

- Parks and open spaces are a habitat for the wildlife that lives in the borough and artificial light pollution has a proven negative effect on many species.
- Lighting in parks encourages use of the spaces at night and can lead to antisocial behaviour and crime in parks, being relatively unsupervised spaces.

Advantages of lighting in parks

- Street lighting encourages walking, cycling and the use of public transport as alternatives to private car travel.
- Improved lighting can prevent night-time crime by improving visibility and increasing the perceived risk for perpetrators of antisocial behaviour and crime of being caught.
- Lighting in parks and open spaces can encourage extended use of facilities, such as the football grounds and tennis courts. Providing more natural surveillance.
Southfield Recreation Ground

Proposal
Following discussions at the Southfield Ward Forum, it has been recommended that a consultation be conducted to gain the views of residents living around the vicinity of Southfield Recreation Ground with regard to lighting in the park.

The proposals are to install new streetlights to illuminate some, or all of the five pathways through the park or to keep Southfield Recreation Ground as it is with no lighting. The five pathways are as shown on the enclosed map of Southfield Recreation Ground. Please review the map before completing the questionnaire.

Your Views
The responses to the questionnaire and any comments received will be analysed and will contribute towards whether your ward forum recommends to Ealing Council to light the pathways in the park or not.

What Happens Next
Please note that depending on the results of this consultation, a recommendation will be made on how to progress by your Ward Councillors at the next Southfield Ward Forum on 8 February 2012, 7.30pm-9.30pm, Acton Green Church, Cunnington Street, Acton Green W4 5ER.

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The closing date for this consultation is 27 January 2012

Please return your completed questionnaire using the envelope provided or, if you would prefer, this consultation can be completed online at www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations following links for ‘Current consultations’ and clicking on the proposed scheme name.
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Public Consultation Questionnaire
Southfield Recreation Ground

Please complete this questionnaire and return it in the enclosed reply paid envelope to reach us by 27 January 2012. For further information, please call Ealing Council on 020 8825 5853.

Name: 
Address: 
Post Code: 

Please tick the appropriate box

1. How often do you use the recreation ground? (select one answer only)
   - [ ] Every day
   - [ ] Several times a week
   - [ ] Once a week
   - [ ] Once every few weeks, or less
   - [ ] Do not use at all
   - [ ] Don’t know

2. What time of day do you usually use the recreation ground? (select all answers that apply)
   - [ ] Early mornings
   - [ ] Daytime
   - [ ] Evenings
   - [ ] Not at all

3. What do you usually use the recreation ground for? (select all answers that apply)
   - [ ] Walking
   - [ ] Cycling
   - [ ] Playing tennis
   - [ ] Playing football or other sport on the grass
   - [ ] Using the playground
   - [ ] Other

4. Which pathways do you usually use? (select all answers that apply)
   - [ ] Blue
   - [ ] Green
   - [ ] Red
   - [ ] Pink
   - [ ] Orange

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5. Does the lack of light in the recreation ground affect your usage of the area?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don’t know

6. Would you use the recreation ground more often during the hours of darkness if we installed lighting?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Don’t know

7. The Southfield Safer Neighbourhoods Police Team have suggested that a CCTV camera could be installed in the recreation area. Are you in favour of this?
   - Yes
   - No
   - No opinion

Do you have any other comments about Southfield Recreation Ground in general or regarding the lack of lighting there?

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Thank you for taking the time to complete this questionnaire. If English is not your first language and you require a translation of this leaflet, please telephone Ealing Council on 020 8825 5479.