

Theme of comments	Action/Outcome
<i>General support:</i> General support for changing the grass cutting regime where appropriate to include more diversity for insects. Particularly interest in allowing grass to grow in Northern Parkland where there is some existing floral diversity. General appreciation for being involved in the process and living close to this beautiful greenspace.	None
<i>Cycling and walking:</i> Cycling infrastructure could be improved through the green space with a desire to have a gravel path connecting the site. General confusion about the running route (marked with white lines) is for and if it will be made into a surfaced route and if it should be promoted and marked as a 5km length track. Some comments about looking into improving cycling network.	• Cycling access through the park to be considered as part of a wider improvement in cycling infrastructure beyond the park. • The marked 5km grass running route was a trial and distance marking signage will be installed to map out the route out.
<i>Access and facilities:</i> The pinch-point near Apsley Close was mentioned by several people as it becomes very muddy in the winter. This pinch point is currently just a grass path. The bridges over watercourse near to Lower Park Crescent need some maintenance. Also access points should be reviewed so that they can be made suitable for all site users.	• Ways to improve the pinch-point near Apsley Close which becomes very muddy during the winter will be considered over the course of this GAP. An alternative route for park users does exist through the woodland parallel to Thornbera Road. • The Bridges over the watercourse near to Lower Park Crescent have been assessed and will be replaced over the course of this GAP.
<i>Benches:</i> Bench provision around the whole site is limited and discussion around commemorative benches.	• The location of new benches will be considered across the entire site. • Also, if required hard surface beneath new and existing benches will be considered.
<i>General maintenance:</i> The surfaced footpaths around site are uneven in places and need maintenance. The use of herbicides on site for controlling weeds on path edges, around bins and at entrances to the site .	• Footpaths are assessed for their condition and any issues will be highlighted. • To maintain the safe access around the site a licenced herbicide is used to control weed growth in paths and at entrances to the site.
<i>Habitat management:</i> Suggestion of a site where a pond could be created in Northern Parkland near to St James Way.	• Pond creation has been assessed but isn't suitable in this location.
<i>Signage/interpretation:</i> Comments about how signage at entrances need to be updated.	• Signage and interpretation is to be assessed and new interpretation produced over the course of this GAP

<i>Community involvement:</i> Several people suggested that they would like to be involved in the site, possibly in a future Friends Group. Others would like to see more youth involvement with the site. Some comments about possibly holding an annual community event like at Southern Country Park.	• We will be working to set up a Friends Group for the site over the course of this GAP and this will hopefully lead to more community involvement and possibly events.
<i>Anti-social behaviour:</i> Comments about people smoking cannabis and also those using the site to ride motorbikes and e-scooters.	• East Herts Council work closely with The Police on anti-social behaviour and will continue to do so over the course of this GAP.
<i>Wildflowers:</i> Various comments about need for more areas that are to be sown with wildflowers. These areas would help bees and butterflies. Also mown paths through these areas would allow access and help to keep the look of a well-maintained area. Can we have any wildflower seeding in Northern Parkland?	• Some areas will be seeded with wildflowers over the course of this GAP with further consultation on the location. • The grassland in Northern Parkland already reasonably divers it just needs to be allowed to grow where suitable and for wildflower seed to spread and set seed. So, initially changing the grass cutting regime is all that is planned to enhance the biodiversity, seeding may be considered in future if needed.
<i>Play areas:</i> Some comments that there are now enough play areas across the site. Some comments about the play area close to Thornberra road needing some TLC.	• There are no current plans to install anymore play equipment/areas. • Play areas are monitored and maintained regularly but if there are particular problems please pass those onto East Herts Council.
<i>Community orchard:</i> Future maintenance of the orchard should be via community involvement.	• Volunteers are to carry out future maintenance of the trees in the community orchard led by Bishops Stortford's Community Orchards Group.
<i>Ditches:</i> Maintenance of the ditches around the site should be improved going forwards.	• Recent maintenance of ditches around the site has improved them and will be continued over the course of this GAP.
<i>Littering/bins:</i> Several comments about a greater number of rubbish bins needed across the greenspace. Other comments about the need for more dog waste bins around the site. Is additional signage needed to stop people dropping litter?	• Rubbish bin provision around the site will be considered over the course of this GAP. As bins are replaced, they will be replaced with combined general and dog waste bins. • Where required a firm standing area will be installed around bins to prevent those areas becoming muddy. • East Herts Council are working to combat litter where it is a problem, this may include communication with visitors to try to stop them dropping litter.