

Feedback by theme	Feedback summary	Response
<p>Playground</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Has concrete floor – need softer floor – daughter fell over and hit her head and got glass in it -Broken glass found in park - Glass at play area and around pavilion always an issue, could surface be soft to prevent broken bottles -Improve fence and gate system in park -Get a better playground - Improve fence and gate system in park <p>-The playground has been identified in the past as substandard. Also the ground is uneven, the rubber under a few items is severely worn and the kit itself is old and needs updating. This needs focus as it is used by the community.</p> <p>- I feel that the play park needs updated so it is an inclusive park for all. There is nothing in this park for any disabled child to play on/with. The children need more than just the usual apparatus. The park is do small it used to be much bigger. I know this as I was born in Parkgrove Road lived there until I got married and now live in Parkgrove Terrace. Please take these points into consideration.</p> <p>Ground: Changing concrete surface to softer one, which doesn't break glass as easily - broken glass on ground is common place in this park. Glass and hard ground isn't ideal for children taking first steps or running/playing around.</p> <p>Recent Swings "Upgrade"/Replacing Items: In recent years the main swings were changed in the park. This process took an <u>extremely</u> long time with a below standard end result!</p>	<p>The playground is in dire need of upgrading and replacing. Most of the equipment is very old and currently it seems to pose a safety hazard including broken equipment, a concrete floor which children have fallen on and injured themselves and broken glass.</p> <p>The current playground should be expanded and another playground for a different age range installed, ensuring there is equipment suitable for children of all abilities.</p> <p>The fence and gate system around the play park needs improving.</p>	<p>A proposal is being drawn up for a new play area with careful consideration given to suggestions received through the consultation, including the possibility of additional play/sports areas. Once finalised, funding opportunities will be identified to try and take it forward.</p> <p>Note that due to funding, it cannot be guaranteed that this work will be carried out within the life of the 2020/2021 Improvement Plan. It will therefore be mentioned as future ambitions in the plan, but a date for completion or guarantee of it taking place cannot be provided.</p> <p>Inform Park Rangers of any litter or dangerous items which they'll organise to be cleaned up. Forming a good relationship with a Friends group would help such matters.</p>

- * The old swings were removed - no swings for many months.*
- * My partner called council after this time and informed new ones would be fitted in next few weeks before summer.*
- * Few months more passed (end of summer) and swings were delivered and sat in park behind tall fences for many months before finally installed.*
- * When installed ground work very bumpy, uneven and not well finished.*

Similarly, I recall a few years ago a child was using a swinging/bouncy "boingdy" seat and it snapped off and the child injured themselves falling backwards. Again, this item took an age to fix, and was clearly in need of replacement before incident took place.

-I am concerned that any future improvements would be carried out at this level and speed.

-I would like to suggest improvements to play park m. Perhaps even doubling the size. The play park is dated and in poor condition. Often broken glass within the play park. Many many families live within walking distance but would travel by car to get to a better park like Saughton or Corstorphine.

- The play park looks unloved and is not somewhere I would opt to take my son despite it literally being on my doorstep. The equipment may have changed but the layout of the park has been exactly the same since I was a child growing up in Clermiston - 20+ years ago! I would also personally like to see some investment in the play park - I think the nearby buttercup park is a lovely example of how a small space can be made fun for young and slightly older children.

<p>Sports facilities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Install tennis court -Install outdoor gym -Install outdoor gym -Re-paint netball/basketball area <p>Nearby Play Area: Next to the park there is a mini Football Court which again is regularly used but in dire need of upgrading and/or TLC. There is a weird Basketball Court which was rubble ground when I moved to the area years ago. Recently rubble removed and grassed over, now a bit of a grassy wasteland yet the two plain metal hoops remain at each end of pitch. Again, doesn't look good and sets a poor tone for the park area. There is a Green Hut, regularly used by football groups. The groundwork around this hut is reminiscent of a building site. Lots of uneven, bumpy brickwork.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -They note the tennis court was never used even in early days -They think skate and scooter ramp would be good for youngsters who currently don't have activities available, could go at unused tennis court area. 	<p>The current grassed over basketball court could be turned into a tennis court or other sports facility.</p> <p>All sports equipment needs upgrading.</p> <p>Install a skate park.</p> <p>Install an outdoor gym.</p>	<p>If funding can be secured, these ideas could be feasible. However, realistically the grassed over basketball court would be made into EITHER tennis or a skateboard park due to construction and maintenance costs.</p> <p>Some outdoor gym equipment is possible, but the Workshops must be consulted to ensure capacity for future maintenance.</p> <p>Note that due to funding, it cannot be guaranteed that this work will be carried out within the life of the 2020/2021 Improvement Plan. It will therefore be mentioned as future ambitions in the plan, but a date for completion or guarantee of it taking place cannot be provided.</p>
<p>Football</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Football is taking over -Parking when football is on is problem – need double yellow lines -Problems parking when football on -Need double yellow lines around park to help prevent parking when football on -Double yellow lines on road around park -Car park made on park -Make sure things are well dispersed in park – don't have concentrated in one area because of football 	<p>Although understand football is an important resource for children, it is felt the football club is taking over the park. This needs to be rectified.</p> <p>The football causes major traffic and parking issues, with cars parking/driving onto the park and all along the roads surrounding the park, creating major parking issues for locals.</p>	<p>There is a new lease for the football club which has yet to be signed for which the Council will pursue. Once signed, this will hopefully help with some issues.</p> <p>The football club will be addressed for issues of littering and boot cleaning outside the pavilion as well as general courtesy to other park users.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Split football off from rest of park by bulb planting or benches for example -Football on all year round and almost everyday -Football taking over – make room for other things -Tam (Hutchison Vale football) needs to sign new lease -Original football pitch was at Drumbrae Park -Reduce number of football pitches -Have playpark over football section -Give pavilion back to community -Traffic issues, too many cars, cars parking across driveways, on park etc -Litter left behind after matches -Cleaning muddy boots outside people’s gateway so it ends up in their driveway. Walking it in the house -Police presence at matches -Main point was that until football problem of dominating park, antisocial behaviour and parking and creating litter is addressed people don’t feel like they want to use park -New fence has pushed football parking to opposite corner of park –western side. Someone had a punch up as a result of antisocial football parking there. 	<p>The football matches also cause problems with litter.</p>	<p>The Council also recognises however, that football is an integral part of the space and the level of youth engagement is important.</p> <p>The Council would not facilitate parking space for football traffic within the park.</p> <p>Double yellows take around 18 months for approval and the application is not always successful. They are also only effective if cars are parked on the street, and not the grass. It would be preferable to wait for the Roads Scotland Act to include pavement parking which should occur from sometime next year. This policy may mean that cars with two or more wheels on the pavement can be ticketed.</p>
<p>Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Ensure to have good guards for additional trees as have been vandalised in the past -Don’t extend copses – safety issues, fly tipping and blocks views -More trees – dangerous – makes park darker – will encourage crime -Agrees trees are important -Replace lost cherry trees (gaps on periphery of park) -Need more maintenance of trees – prune fruit trees for example 	<p>Do not extend trees as will create safety issues; it’ll make the park darker and create more opportunity for anti-social behaviour. It will also block views and create more areas for litter to congregate.</p> <p>It is recognised that trees are important and perhaps a compromise would be to plant more trees along the periphery of the park.</p>	<p>Due to concerns the copses will not be extended. Instead, additional/replacement trees will be planted around the periphery of the park where there are gaps – see updated map.</p> <p>Hazzard tree assessments will be carried out every five years, not annually.</p>

<p>-There's just one point I would like to make – in s4.1.2 you suggest “A hazard tree assessment in line with Council policy should be carried out annually”. However, current Council tree surveying policy is that a site of this nature would receive a tree survey once every five years. A higher inspection frequency than this is only applied by the Council on very high use sites i.e. major roads and events parks. In keeping with this policy, any management plan for the park should commit to tree hazard surveys once every five years, and any additional reactive individual tree inspections as required (e.g. where a tree with a defect is reported by a member of the public).</p> <p>- Didn't like trees and bramble. - Like blossom trees on boundary - Don't like views being obstructed by trees as has happened, were promised thinning. - She wouldn't like to see trees joining up areas completely as youths can gather unseen behind. Would like gaps left reasonably open. - Her sister lives on west side of park and gets flooding issues when really wet and water runs off park. She thinks tree planting on that side may help with this as will soak up some water.</p>	<p>Hazard tree assessment should be carried out every five years, not annually.</p> <p>There's too much scrub in the current copses.</p>	<p>Scrub will be cleared on a more regular basis in the copses.</p>
<p>Hedging and fencing</p> <p>- There's a metal fence by the hedge which is at an angle - Don't want more hedges – look untidy as not maintained, collect rubbish - Cut hedge to lower height and width - New hedge will block view - Ongoing issue with current fence – blocks view - If a new hedge goes in then people will walk through it unless a fence goes in as well - Would only like a hedge if it is a neat one not a wildlife one.</p>	<p>Metal fence sticking out in hedge is dangerous.</p> <p>Current hedge isn't maintained well and creates a hazard. It also collects rubbish.</p> <p>Creating a new hedge is not a good idea as the current one isn't being maintained, so there is worry a new one won't be either. It will also block people's view, make it harder for dogs</p>	<p>The hedge will not be extended, but instead the existing hedge's species diversity will be increased and the Council will ensure it is better maintained.</p>

<p>-They feel the hedge provides some protection from antisocial behaviour in park, stops it spilling out on to road and their car getting damaged.</p> <p>-Noted problem with desire lines and hedge getting gappy when people have their route blocked by hedge – would need to have fence there to prevent this. Don't want to see gappy hedge.</p> <p>- As a resident of Clermiston Gardens, I am somewhat concerned about the proposed extension of hedging. I feel that the hedge that currently exists on that side of the park is not cut often enough meaning that this side of the road is unusable for pedestrians. Being visually impaired, I have walked into and been scratched by overhang. This is a popular walkway and I am concerned that further hedging will add to this issue. I would be in favour of hedging if this issue was properly addressed.</p> <p>- I would also add that I think it would be important to maintain spaces in the hedge in keeping with the current fence. Dog walkers in particular use these access points to enter the park and I think it would be sad to lose this access.</p> <p>- The Hedging that runs in front of the park on Clermiston Gardens is frequently unkempt. During summer months people often have to walk on the road if two directions are in use - due to branches sticking out. Considering there is a park next to this as well as sheltered housing for vulnerable elderly people I think the council need to make more effort in keeping this area tidy than cutting once per year. There is also mangled up rusty metal wire fencing sticking out into the pathway and into the grass area between the path and park. Again, this needs to be removed. This was attempted to be removed by council workers at one end years ago and they apparently gave up after 1 metre and left the fence even more mangled (at the North East end of hedging)</p>	<p>and other park users to enter the park in that area, become 'gappy' if people force their way through, collect rubbish and create protection for anti-social behaviour.</p>	
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<p>Maintenance</p> <p>-I feel that the hedge that currently exists on that side of the park is not cut often enough meaning that this side of the road is unusable for pedestrians. Being visually impaired, I have walked into and been scratched by overhang.</p> <p>- The Hedging that runs in front of the park on Clermiston Gardens is frequently unkempt. During summer months people often have to walk on the road if two directions are in use - due to branches sticking out. Considering there is a park next to this as well as sheltered housing for vulnerable elderly people I think the council need to make more effort in keeping this area tidy than cutting once per year. There is also mangled up rusty metal wire fencing sticking out into the pathway and into the grass area between the path and park. Again, this needs to be removed. This was attempted to be removed by council workers at one end years ago and they apparently gave up after 1 metre and left the fence even more mangled (at the North East end of hedging)</p> <p>- Need better maintenance of the park</p> <p>-Problems with maintenance of park – hedges and copses not managed frequently enough, lots of rubbish etc.</p> <p>-Schools did bulb planting, but the council didn't maintain it and has now disappeared</p> <p>-Ongoing maintenance after work from this project is carried out will be needed!</p> <p>-Seen lots of things start then get left, worry about this happening.</p> <p>-Currently hedge doesn't get maintained properly and rose etc grows out into path and catches on people.</p>	<p>In general, the park needs to be better maintained, including hedge and scrub maintenance as well as increased litter picking.</p>	<p>Hedge Park Rangers will help Grounds Maintenance keep on top of hedge growth by cutting it more frequently.</p> <p>Fence The old metal fence will be removed when new hedge species are planted.</p> <p>Litter Inform the Park Rangers if litter needs picking. If a Friends group is established this is something they could help with.</p>
<p>Wildflowers and bulb planting</p> <p>-Did like wildflowers at bus stop up hill toward Corstorphine Hill but then they weren't maintained and subsequently looked bad.</p> <p>-Agrees wildflower meadow is a good idea</p>	<p>Previous bulb planting hasn't been looked after properly.</p>	<p>More bulb planting will be carried out but only in areas that get cut in winter to avoid overgrowth, and in areas which can be maintained.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Schools did bulb planting, but the council didn't maintain it and has now disappeared -Do bulb planting in north end of park -Plant bulbs rather than create meadows -Split football off from rest of park by bulb planting or benches for example - Boarder path with plants 	<p>More bulb planting and wildflower meadow creation welcome.</p>	
<p>Path creation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Need a path through the park -Have a running track -Put in paths across park to walk across plus reduce football -Put in path from hub to top and sides of park – Parkgrove Road - My other request for consideration relates to access. The park gets VERY wet and muddy and so it would be fantastic if there were a couple more paths. As was pointed out, many people use the park to reach the bus stops (saving several minutes). A path between the football pitches, across the centre of the park towards Parkgrove Road would be my suggestion and perhaps some to reach benches inside the park. - I think more people would visit the park if there was an inner path within the park so kids can use their bikes or scooters or people can walk without having to go on the grass - much like the path around Saughton park. -Would like to see paths across the park so elderly can cross with shopping and pass others to meet and chat, more sociable sit on benches and generally use the park rather than always having to walk around it on the pavement as crossing park would be muddy and or football being played so can't cross it. -Would like paths to cross the park with benches too so people don't circumnavigate the space. 	<p>Create a new path system through the park linking up key entrance/exit points.</p>	<p>Constructing a path network within the park will be prioritised and funding options investigated. See map for suggested path locations.</p>

<p>Lighting/anti-social behaviour</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need lighting at swings to reduce anti-social behaviour – however, was pointed out this has made situation worse in other places - Have lights for security and safety -Anti-social behaviour at benches, in particular one on east side by copse – have path and lights by it - Lack of lighting at night on park makes it a no-go zone. <p><u>Lighting:</u> I feel that lighting at night would help kids use the park when it becomes darker, and even later at night hopefully put off unwanted individuals congregating to smash bottles, drink etc. The park currently has no lighting.</p> <p>-One of the biggest issues with Clermiston Park is antisocial behaviour from young people in the summer months. With underage drinking, littering and damage made to the play park. This is very unfortunate. However I do not know how park developments could adequately alleviate this. I know this is also an ongoing issue around the drum brae hub, specifically in the school holidays and summer months.</p>	<p>More lighting is needed to help prevent anti-social behaviour and increase ability to use the park at night.</p>	<p>Once the path is in place lighting will be investigated.</p>
<p>Bins/dog fouling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Need more bins -Need more bins and dog bins -Dog fouling is a problem - I would like to suggest many more dog fouling bins, as it is used by a large number of dog walkers/owners and right now, they would need to walk a long distance to find a place to put the waste. I think this could discourage them from throwing the bags into the wooded areas or tying them to trees (I know it sounds unbelievable but it is a regular sighting). 	<p>More bins and dog waste bins are needed.</p>	<p>At present more bins are not going to be possible due to the affordability of emptying them.</p> <p>Park Rangers are limited in what they can do, but a community litter pick would be achievable. If there was an active Friends group litter is something they could help with.</p>

		Local schools could design anti dog fouling and litter signs
<p>Community engagement and events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -More events needed for teenagers -Advertise events at churches, schools, after school clubs and library -Ensure plan fits with youth engagement -Speak to localities team and David Johnson from council -Re-set up Friends group -Go to schools and ask for their opinion on plans -There is a brownies -Create a Friends of Clermiston and Drumbrae Park -Youth engagement partnership – have a plastic pitch to play five-a-side – they want to put on more events -Jo Kane (works at library) – runs young groups in the library – talk to him about what he thinks should be in the park -Likes the idea of all the community events -If understory was cleared of bramble they would like to see wooded area used by Forest Schools so then local groups who might currently get bused elsewhere would be able to walk from nursery/school to park to have outdoor lessons. -Think park would be ideal for groups from Drum Brae Library Hub to cross road and use. Whatever is preventing them from doing so we should address this. -Would like to see it used more by local groups and children -She said if we ever need to do a consultation in this area again then the no. 68 bus is where it's at! Its where you get the word out and get all your local gossip! 	<p>More community engagement and events are needed for all ages, but in particular young children at school and teenagers.</p> <p>Re-instating a Friends group would benefit the park and community.</p>	<p>Community events for all ages, including young children at school and teenagers, are included in the Improvement Plan and will be carried out over the next year with the hope of them continuing.</p> <p>Further advice and engagement with groups at the Drumbrae Library will be carried out.</p> <p>The Park Rangers can help a Friends of Clermiston and Drumbrae Park form and provide support.</p>
<p>Benches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Agrees more benches are needed -Split football off from rest of park by bulb planting or benches for example 	<p>More benches put in the right place are needed.</p> <p>Some anti-social behaviour by some benches.</p>	<p>Additional benches were included in the Improvement Plan and will be installed soon.</p>

<p>-Anti-social behaviour at benches, in particular one on east side by copse – have path and lights by it</p> <p>-My husband has a disability and we often walk around the park so park benches where he can rest and enjoy the great views would be most welcome.</p> <p>-Would like to see paths across the park so elderly can cross with shopping and pass others to meet and chat, more sociable sit on benches and generally use the park rather than always having to walk around it on the pavement as crossing park would be muddy and or football being played so can't cross it.</p> <p>-Would like paths to cross the park with benches too so people don't circumnavigate the space.</p>		<p>Once a path is constructed lighting may then be installed which could help with ant-social behaviour at benches.</p>
<p>Other comments</p> <p>-Residents feel they have been forgotten – other parks in nice areas get far more attention</p> <p>-FYI some bird boxes have already been put up in norther end of park</p> <p>- As well as the butterfly count I suggest a broader biological survey within the park. Last summer I was able to find and record several pine specialist species of ladybird within the park. There has been considerable natural succession since the creation of the Millennium Community Woodlands here and by Drumbrae Leisure Centre.</p> <p>Quality: It is obvious from walking around the park that many of the items within it are in need of replacement or TLC. In comparison to other parks within Edinburgh which I have frequently visited with my child and other friends this park is certainly sitting right near the bottom in terms of quality, cleanliness... basically every aspect. Very disappointing and annoying for a park that is in an area highly populated by children and used every day.</p>		<p>A Bioblitz event will be added to the Improvement Plan.</p> <p>The Council and ELGT will do their utmost to improve Clermiston Park and ensure it is maintained as much as possible in line with other parks in Edinburgh.</p>