

Mitcham Common Management Plan Consultation

Paragraph ref / Aim	Comments/suggestions
1. Introduction	The quoted area of 455 acres is not the same as the 460 acres in Eric Montague's book from where the quote is stated to be from.
11.19	While it is accepted that the number of benches at Seven Islands Pond has a limit, when a bench has to be removed, a replacement should be permitted.
20.7 and 27.4c	Arthurs pond is probably the oldest pond on the common dating from the 18th Century and over the last years has been allowed to become overgrown and disappear from view. The pond was an area of amphibian breeding and multiple species of bird and mammal activity. The area has degraded to an area of drug dealing, fly-tipping and lewd behaviour because the hiding places afforded by the overgrown vegetation. Last week Merton Council's Anti-Social Behaviour officer and the police discussed the area and the safety of residents using the area owing to the overgrown vegetation blocking the line of sight. The police recommendation is that the vegetation was cut down, enhanced lighting and a camera installed on the lamppost opposite the pond. The pond was previously open, photos are available, and should be returned to its previous condition for the sake of residents, wildlife and safety. The concrete blocks that ASB perpetrators use for seating into the early hours at Watney's barrier should also be removed. The removal of these blocks will not allow unauthorised access to Watneys Road.
27.4b	Involve the public in fish population monitoring as a Citizen Science project.
5.1.1	182 hectares is 450 acres, not 455 acres.
5.3.6	The Kings Piece should read Three Kings Piece
5.3.11	The map shown in this paragraph shows that the wooded area in Wingate Crescent is not part of the Common. This statement is false, as Magpie Newsletter 25, May 1993, said that the Wingate Crescent plot had been added to the Common in exchange for Common land which had been given up for the Cedars Avenue roundabout.
27.1	182 hectares is 450 acres, not 455 acres.
Aim 3 / Roadside boundary targets	Work with the local authorities could include roadside 'no littering' signage, aimed at passing occupants of vehicles. This should focus on, but not limited to, Cedars Avenue and Beddington Lane.
Aim 4 / Realising income potential of the Common	There should be no large events, of up to 5,000 people, on the site between Windmill Road and Watneys Road, due to impact on wildlife of increased littering and lack of parking. The latter leads to off road parking, as is evident near the Ravensbury Arms.
Appendix 1 / Bidder's sub-site	"New Zealand pigmywort" should read "New Zealand pigmyweed"
Appendix 1/ One Island Pond	To 'Annual' add a second option of 'during long dry periods when pond water levels are low and pond edges have receded'
page 43	'Once' Island should read 'One' Island