

## TEDDINGTON AND HAMPTON WICK



### Description

A relatively dense area of housing, relieved by the River Thames and large open spaces including Bushy and Home Parks. In addition there are a number of other open spaces which are not formally public open space, but perform that function.

This area should be considered with the Hampton and Twickenham areas and Royal Borough of Kingston.

### Characteristics - Facts and Figures

- Population 20910
- Open space 424.88 hectares
- Bounded by the Thames to the east

## Maps

The accompanying area maps show analysis of:

- Hierarchy – the location of open spaces categorised according to the London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) size based hierarchy.
- Function – the main functions or types of open space e.g. parks and gardens; recreation ground; cemetery; allotment etc.
- Quality – an assessment of the overall quality of the open space, considering landscape quality, condition etc.
- Opportunities – identifies opportunities to improve access to open space, restore views, remove barriers to access etc.

## Audit of Current Provision

NAME	AREA	FUNCTION	LPAC	PRIORITY
ALPHA ROAD OPEN SPACE	0.25	Open Space	S	48
BUCKLANDS OPEN SPACE	0.12	Open Space	S	36
CHURCH ROAD PLAYGROUND	0.06	Open Space	S	72
MANOR ROAD RECREATION GROUND	0.44	Open Space	S	21
UDNEY HALL GARDENS	0.99	Open Space	S	27
KING'S FIELD	4.10	Recreation Ground	L	66
WADES LANE RECREATION GROUND	0.38	Recreation Ground	S	77
BUSHY PARK	154.87	Semi-natural	Met	
HOME PARK (PART OF BUSHY PARK)	262.35	Semi-natural	Met	
BROOM ROAD RECREATION GROUND	7.04	Sports Ground	LOC	70
BROOM ROAD PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	90
CHURCH ROAD PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	72
KINGSFIELD PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	45

NAME	AREA	FUNCTION	LPAC	PRIORITY
WADES LANE PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	77
TEDDINGTON CEMETERY	5.53	Cemetery	Not LPAC	21
TEDDINGTON POOL	0.30	Pool	S	72
TEDDINGTON LIBRARY	0.08	Library	S	28
BUSHY PARK	5.73	Allotment	Not LPAC	42
SHACKLEGATE LANE	1.22	Allotment	Not LPAC	90

### Analysis of access to parks and open spaces

- 100% of the area is within 3.2 km of a metropolitan/regional park, Richmond Park.
- 98% of the area is within 1.2 km of a district open space.
- 93% of the area is within 400m of a local open space
- 79% of the area is within 400 metres of an equipped playground
- 74% of the area is within 500 metres of an area of nature conservation interest

Note this analysis does not take into account GLA advice, which recommends that a 10-minute rail journey or 15 minute bus journey can also increase the catchment area of larger parks.

### Commentary

The Teddington and Hampton Wick area boasts a 98% coverage of District Open Space through the existence of three large open spaces - Bushy and Home Parks and Hampton Court . Only 7% of the Teddington and Hampton Wick area is not beyond 400 metres of an open space, however almost all of the 7% is within the 1.2km District Open Space catchment.

Though not as well serviced by rail as other UDP areas the area is reasonably well serviced by several bus routes.

Barriers to access are marked on the area plan. These include:

- Hampton Court Road, railway lines, A316
- Lack of river crossings and Longford Rivers
- Access into and around sites and buildings for disabled people/people using buggies and prams.

## **Local Considerations and Issues**

- Open space issues centre on the need to ensure that local open spaces are well managed and linked together, the whole area being within easy reach of either Bushy or Home Parks.
- The need to address concern about anti-social behaviour.

## **Recommendations/Priorities for Teddington and Hampton Wick**

Following analysis the following sites/priorities have been identified:

- Work with Youth Services and Policing Agencies to develop events and activities for young people focused around Kingsfield Skatepark. Consider this as a base for an outreach worker and develop disused pavilion into a café.
- Consider other facilities for teenagers in other parks.
- Market Normansfield open space and new playground as part of local Public Open Space provision once development is completed.
- Staff Kingsfield as a Key Park (achieved)
- Carry out priority improvements identified by the Disability Access Audit.
- If physical access is not possible, explore opportunities to improve views into the sites or 'visual access' as has recently been achieved with the replacement of close-boarded fencing with railings opposite Udney Hall Gardens e.g into Bushy and Home Parks.
- Create pleasant walking and cycling routes between sites – as proposed on the plan.
- Explore opportunities to gain access to areas, which are currently restricted open spaces. E.g. Imperial College sports ground.
- Market Teddington Cemetery as freely accessible open space during opening hours
- Negotiate part time community access to local schools
- Develop a series of improvements to the riverside parks and gardens along the Thames as part of the Thames Landscape Strategy
- Investigate opportunities to create views and vistas into Home and Bushy Parks through vegetation clearance
- Negotiate access along the Longford River.