

## WHITTON AND HEATHFIELD



### Description

Whitton and Heathfield are at the western end of the Borough, bordering London Borough of Hounslow. This is a densely populated area with a relatively small amount of local open space. However Hounslow Heath is just across the border.

### Characteristics - Facts and Figures

- Population 25,600
- Open space 36.62 hectares
- Bounded by London Borough of Hounslow.
- Socio-demographic – the Edgar Road Estate has been identified as a Social Exclusion Priority Area.

## 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
COURT CLOSE (Highways)	0.17	Open Space	S	42
HOUNSLOW HEATH	2.33	Open Space	LOC	99
HEATHFIELD RECREATION GROUND	4.64	Recreation Ground	L	100
CRANE PARK (CHERTSEY RD TO HNWTH)	16.90	Semi-natural	S/Linear	32
CRANE PARK (HSPTL BRD TO CHTSEY RD)	0.52	Semi-natural	S	28
CRANE PARK (MEADWAY TO HSPTL BRD)	17.97	Semi-natural	L	28
MURRAY PARK	2.36	Sports Ground	L	120
HEATHFIELD PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	100
HOUNSLOW HEATH PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	81
MURRAY PARK PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	80
HEATHFIELD LIBRARY/COMMUNITY CENTRE	0.18	Library	S	28
WHITTON LIBRARY	0.01	Library	S	35

### **Analysis of access to parks and open spaces**

- 79% of the area is within 3.2 km of a metropolitan/regional park, Richmond Park.
- 86% of the area is within 1.2 km of a district open space.
- 68% of the area is within 400m of a local open space
- 42% of the area is within 400 metres of an equipped playground

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 - Local Considerations and Issues**

This area is relatively less well provided for in terms of local open space, playground access than the rest of the Borough. It is also identified as an area of social need.

### **Opportunities to address issues.**

- Create additional playgrounds
- Negotiate access to spaces which can be used out of hours by the community e.g. school sites

### **Recommendations/Priorities for Whitton and Heathfield**

Following analysis the following sites/priorities have been identified:

- Staff and upgrade sports facilities in Murray Park (depends on additional funding) as a Key Park in order to partially compensate for lack of a District Park in this areas
- If physical access is not possible, explore opportunities to improve views 'visual access' into Kneller Hall Grounds.
- Improve access to Hounslow Heath
- Market Twickenham Cemetery as open space
- Negotiate part time community access to local schools e.g. St Edmonds
- Improve marketing and development of entrances to the River Crane to increase usage and awareness of open space