

Q7 Are there any other improvements you'd like to see at Kensington Gardens?

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#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	More planting and the boating lake having islands and pedalos for hire.	5/14/2022 4:42 PM
2	Japanese Garden more Japanese features and waterfall working. Polite signs reminding people not walk/climb on the flower beds. Childrens seating/picnic area with maybe a wooden wigwam/playhouse.	5/12/2022 5:30 PM
3	Better lighting to give a safer feel to the gardens, shrubs, trees	5/12/2022 4:57 PM
4	Bring back the bird cages.	5/12/2022 6:58 AM
5	Better public toilets	5/12/2022 6:30 AM
6	Yes, bring back the electric boats that I loved as a boy	5/11/2022 6:28 PM
7	More activity for kids instead of being bored and leading to vandalism	5/11/2022 5:50 PM
8	adding some butterfly houses would be a cute addition and inviting to kids	5/11/2022 12:27 PM
9	It would look lovely but unnecessary spend	5/11/2022 10:31 AM
10	Plants can add colour	5/11/2022 7:28 AM
11	There are some lovely ideas and spaces in the park. However, I find the large circular pond very sparse. It would benefit from a sculptural piece, fountain or vegetation.	5/10/2022 11:04 PM
12	a park keeper	5/10/2022 7:16 PM
13	I personally do not like the addition of glitter and fairy doors on trees and would prefer them to be left natural.	5/10/2022 5:38 PM
14	Money would be best spent elsewhere , the gardens are tired , lack visual attractiveness - more facilities would be better - such as an outdoor gym or nature trail perhaps	5/10/2022 3:36 PM
15	I like the arch, but I feel there are other areas that need attention before this... the old tennis courts near sparrows nest for example. And keeping the cafe open longer will keep the area less deserted!	5/10/2022 3:21 PM
16	More support for the gardening group who do so much of the work	5/10/2022 1:09 PM
17	Tennis court entrance needs doing	5/10/2022 12:55 PM
18	CCTV as it's a hive of drug dealing and drug use at night	5/10/2022 12:09 PM
19	Some sort of camera to stop vandalism	5/10/2022 11:56 AM
20	How about some more benches in the 'long border' area parallel to the sea front? Many local folk like to sponsor a bench in memory of deceased loved ones	5/10/2022 10:44 AM
21	There's an old kiosk next to the lake. It would be good to see that opened or repurposed in some way, and the lake used and taken care of. It looks a little derelict around that area, and could use an injection of life.	5/10/2022 9:14 AM
22	More flowers or flowering shrubs	5/10/2022 8:55 AM
23	Opening the building near the water to make a larger tea room . Afternoon teas served in an old fashioned style would be quaint . The couple of times I have visited the existing cafe they have had virtually no food to choose , which I why I opt for the Thatch for food. Tourists would benefit from another food option . Maybe a small playground area added would also be good	5/10/2022 8:06 AM
24	Invest in what is there, before adding new.	5/10/2022 7:34 AM
25	Exercise machines for all round fitness, like the machines in Kessingland	5/10/2022 7:04 AM
26	Information on the history of Kensington Gardens. Info on the plants and wildlife. Something	5/10/2022 6:02 AM

	to highlight the input by locals to encourage support and hopefully lessen vandalism.	
27	A vantage point / elevated platform where you can look out to sea	5/10/2022 1:40 AM
28	Planting of forna and trees and bring it back to how it used to be. Make it a beautiful place to be, let's put some paddle boats back in the lake for the childrens interest aswell.	5/10/2022 12:47 AM
29	More use of the pool	5/9/2022 11:57 PM
30	More structured planting, removing the benches underneath the trees which are covered in seagull mess, jet washing the pavement around the boating lake to remove the seagull mess. Removing the park waste near the entrance which continues to grow and should be taken away and disposed off. I don't see how the arch will contribute towards improving the park.	5/9/2022 11:16 PM
31	Restoration of the sunken garden which is now so bare as to what it was.	5/9/2022 11:14 PM
32	There needs to be maintance work done to the park. Relay bowing greens. Repairs to flower beds ect	5/9/2022 11:08 PM
33	Cleaning of the column memorial and making that a more visual feature. Bring the cafe back into use and some form of boating lake use whether that is model boat club or something different.	5/9/2022 10:45 PM
34	No. But there are plenty of REPAIRS necessary elsewhere. Why haven't your fixed the wall and gateways at the Denes Oval??	5/9/2022 10:27 PM
35	Better maintenance of the tennis courts. Plus easier access for wheelchairs to the Japanese gardens.	5/9/2022 10:16 PM
36	Clean the benches and waking areas of bird muck more often.	5/9/2022 10:16 PM
37	The tennis courts need to be kept in a better state	5/9/2022 10:16 PM
38	I think it would be good to see one of the bowls greens used for something else, like a play ground for kids or outdoor gym? We live very close to Kensington Gardens and it's not very often both greens are being used for bowls, even Just putting some football goals on one would possibly attract more families? I think the gardens itself is amazing and very well kept. Just a thought anyway	5/9/2022 10:12 PM
39	Tennis courts cleaned and maintained more regularly and better pushchair access through the lower garden around the pond area.	5/9/2022 10:10 PM
40	Do something with the round lake that use to be used for boats. Maybe get romote control boats for it or make it into a splash pool for kids like in Oulton Broad	5/9/2022 9:56 PM
41	Re open the boat lake and ice cream kiosk and help expand the existing cafe to have more outdoor seating	5/9/2022 9:54 PM
42	Better use of the boating lake and a cafe upgrade	5/9/2022 9:52 PM
43	Mulching manure twice a year rather than digging up like a ploughed field! With no watering system its becoming a dust bowl and plants are failing!	5/9/2022 9:46 PM
44	Boating lake cleaned up and to look more inviting Ramp access to the lower pond area Toilets updated	5/9/2022 9:36 PM
45	Toilet rip them out and start again. Disgusting the male toilet. No toilet seat... Never been replaced from a past broken one.. Writing on doors..	5/9/2022 9:31 PM
46	The picture at the top is not the Kensington Road entrance, it is the entrance next to St Marys Roman Catholic Primary School. There are 4 entrances to Kensington Gardens why pick on one. I would think the entrance from the promenade is the most important. There is no mention of cost for this how can people make a decision without an estimated cost.	5/9/2022 9:25 PM
47	This description is confusing. Which entrance does it apply to? Picture is one entrance, description is another. Cctv, security would be advisable as frequent drug deals take place at night and sometimes damage occurs.	5/9/2022 9:21 PM
48	More slopes installed as it can be hard with a buggy to get from the lower part up to the boating lake. Also to reopen the shop on the lake	5/9/2022 9:20 PM
49	More bushes and plants to make it more like it use to be years ago would be money well spent	5/9/2022 9:14 PM
50	No	5/9/2022 9:06 PM

51	Total waste of money, Why not repair the buildings in this town which are falling apart like the entrance to the Denes oval! Remember its our money and not yours to waste on these pointless projects!	5/9/2022 9:03 PM
52	A small play area on the area near the school. Swings, slide and climbing frame. Adult fitness equipment on the raised area looking out over the sea.	5/9/2022 8:17 PM
53	As a child I lived opposite Kensington Gardens and have fond memories playing there and park keeper walking around in peaked cap and carry a cane sadly to say often chased out by him for turning the fountain on tap used to be behind stone in rockery Love what friends of Kensington Gardens do every Thursday Would love to see childrens boats back	5/9/2022 8:09 PM
54	Sadly the volunteer group at the gardens can be quite nasty. I don't think they are a good addition to a community park if they are unkind. It was a happier better place before them.	5/9/2022 8:08 PM
55	No.	5/9/2022 8:02 PM
56	Boating lake back	5/9/2022 7:54 PM
57	Lots of volunteers keep Kensington Gardens clean, tidy, beautiful and loved. Maybe employ more people, even part time?	5/9/2022 7:37 PM
58	Bring back the flower borders, aviaries and boating lake!	5/9/2022 7:37 PM
59	More care in the planting,I know budget is constrained but it's always looked good on a low budget	5/9/2022 7:34 PM
60	Yes new boats please... As I am the lease holder.. Loving my new venture and happy to work with the council. Heritage, the gardening group and the public. I'm a lowestoftian. Also very proud to be one. As a civil servant working at cefas we also fully support first light and for those who've met me I did the trashion event.. Making clothes out of marine litter to highlight the problem.. Keep going let's get our dear lowestoft back on the map xx	5/9/2022 7:27 PM
61	Improvement to the boating lake and boats again and a bandstand for music in the summer	5/9/2022 7:19 PM
62	reinstate electric boats as attraction	5/9/2022 7:13 PM
63	No. The café is lovely. The volunteers keep the grounds beautiful.	5/9/2022 7:00 PM
64	The road side toilets are overdue a renovation.	5/9/2022 6:59 PM
65	Perhaps the entrance from the promenade should be identified as that is the way most visitors to the town probably approach the gardens	5/9/2022 6:58 PM
66	More planting at the entrance points. Somewhere for families to use, like picnic benches. Some way of disuading the children from the neighbouring school from trampling through planting beds as they leave school - thorny bushes might do the trick.	5/9/2022 6:53 PM
67	I don't like the mock up, it should be in keeping with the period and style of the rest of the park.	5/9/2022 6:28 PM
68	following from question 6 (no) it would just benefit with some clean up paint work maybe some signs	5/9/2022 6:24 PM
69	General tidyness, public toilet improvements	5/9/2022 6:22 PM
70	Please Keep the pond. Please don't ever fill it in. More flowering flowers would be nice.	5/9/2022 6:21 PM
71	It's lovely as it is	5/9/2022 6:02 PM
72	The volunteers do a great job but more plants and shrubs are needed, there used to be a seat surrounded by strong smelling plants for blind people	5/9/2022 5:59 PM
73	Use of the boating pond again	5/9/2022 5:57 PM
74	Gates shut at night might help with vandalism	5/9/2022 5:55 PM
75	More flower beds .	5/9/2022 5:54 PM
76	Interactive app, with info.	5/9/2022 5:42 PM
77	More assertive patrols to keep the gardens safe and plants safe. More lighting around the park	5/9/2022 5:39 PM
78	no a open space to sit and enjoy the pice and relax	5/9/2022 5:30 PM
79	More flowered that are maintained with plants & flowers	5/9/2022 5:30 PM

80	No, and if this arch does go ahead please remember salt air and corrosion, this was obviously forgotten on the new play park near ness point	5/9/2022 5:29 PM
81	Maybe gardens closed up at night to prevent vandalism	5/9/2022 5:24 PM
82	I'd like to see better use of the water. Some activity, boats or similar. It would attract more people than an archway !	5/9/2022 5:23 PM
83	The boating hut looking nicer.	5/9/2022 5:18 PM
84	Just keep up the good work	5/9/2022 5:08 PM
85	Cafe to take card payment	5/9/2022 5:08 PM
86	Always open to suggestions. Are the tennis courts always free? If not, that would be one.	5/9/2022 4:56 PM
87	The arch should be replicated at the promenade entrance.	5/9/2022 4:49 PM
88	Despite numerous requests over the years the windows and sills at the pavilion are rotten and dangerous and are in desperate need of replacement	5/9/2022 4:46 PM
89	Yes boating lake could be made more use of then just left as it is	5/9/2022 4:41 PM
90	Better utilisation of the free tennis courts by way of advertising on the main road perhaps?	5/9/2022 4:39 PM
91	French boule pitch. Easy and cheap to install and will add to the garden's recreational facilities	5/9/2022 4:29 PM
92	No. I would rather see the money used on other projects to attract more people to area and to expand the dying town culture.	5/9/2022 4:27 PM
93	Something done to utilise the previous boating area.	5/9/2022 4:27 PM
94	For the other kiosk to open by the pond and activities in the pond so it's not a waste and and I think the arch should be at all the entrances and more activities and a little play park for the little kids	5/9/2022 4:24 PM
95	Signs to explain its history and the wildlife etc that's there	5/9/2022 4:17 PM
96	Get the boating lake up and running again and the kiosk (shop) ☺. Never seen it open. In all the time I have been there and lived there over 10 years.	5/9/2022 4:06 PM
97	Please support the people who work hard to keep the garden maintained and attractive for all. This could be by putting up signs reminding people not to trample over the flower beds and to respect the hard work done by others. Lobby th police to make walk and maybe instal effective clear CCTV to catch those that do wrong so they can be named and shamed.	5/9/2022 4:01 PM
98	More community events - more opportunities for local people to benefit Gentle fitness class, walking group, gardening for people with mental health etc etc	5/9/2022 3:49 PM
99	It is important that the arch is in keeping with the entrance on the other side of the park for continuity and to represent the historical aspect of the gardens. It would be nice to improve the gardens by allocating a budget for an information display to educate visitors on the history of the Gardens as well as naming/ showing the plants and wildlife that are present within the Gardens. Plaques advertising good visiting etiquette and respect for the wildlife and plants on the entrances as their are a number of age groups who think trampoline on the plants and flowers, and general disrespectful behaviour of the contents within the Gardens is an OK thing. Educate now for the future visits.	5/9/2022 3:49 PM
100	removal of bird poo near cafe	5/9/2022 3:47 PM
101	Screen off the green bins, they're such an eyesore	5/9/2022 3:41 PM
102	Signage on the seaward side of the gardens would be nice along with new signage at other entrance's	5/9/2022 3:39 PM
103	I think it always looks very nice and people work hard to keep it that way.	5/9/2022 3:37 PM
104	No it's perfect how it is. If it ain't broke don't fix it.	5/9/2022 3:36 PM
105	CCTV cameras	5/9/2022 3:34 PM
106	It is a beautiful park that is well kept and well used. I would like to see the boating lake back in use in the summer months with the icecream kiosk. It was lovely when this was operated again for the First Light Festival in 2019.	5/9/2022 3:33 PM
107	Artistic Ironwork....Shaun Warnes is a gifted blacksmith and tradesman. I would not hesitate	5/9/2022 3:28 PM

	to recommend him to you.	
108	There are many improvements needed all over the town but I feel we need to maintain and upkeep what we have first before spending money we do not have. For example, Bridge from the park to North Parade, Denes oval, scores etc. Weeds and shrubs are out of hand, pathways down from Gunton cliff / north parade to the back of the cricket pitch are dangerous and in disrepair. The Wall surrounding the cricket pitch has been in disrepair for many years. Many things I have reported for many years. It doesn't make sense, commercially or for the people of Lowestoft. I don't understand why money would be spent on something like the arch when something as simple as the weeds either side of the gateway in the picture cant be maintained. Cut back the weeds, sweep the area and add a nice flower planter either side and its sorted. Not 2 years of consultations and people taking about it whilst everything else around it is left to rot.	5/9/2022 3:22 PM
109	Turn the pond into a splash area for the local kids to play in, model boating club is not beneficial and more can be done for the local children where there is minimal effort being done for those.	5/9/2022 3:15 PM
110	Improvement to nearby toilet facilities.	5/9/2022 3:14 PM
111	Less garish tennis courts. Boats back In the pond	5/9/2022 2:59 PM
112	Yes, let me offer a design of the archway for your consideration. andielines@gmail.com	5/9/2022 2:48 PM
113	No	5/9/2022 2:40 PM
114	Seems a waste of money when people are struggling to put food on the table and pay the energy prices	5/9/2022 2:38 PM