

Public comment regarding item 8

My thoughts are the same as before that if no proper survey has been carried out with park users as to their enthusiasm or not for an adult gym, then this costly item should not be pursued until and if such information is made available to the committee

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Public comment regarding item 10

Might I comment that in addition to considering requests for memorial benches, the committee also consider the possibility of memorial statues and sun dials etc. I was thinking that if say for example Kensington gardens became awash with requests for memorial benches it might be an idea to have a list of other things such as statues or sun dials that the public could also consider as an alternative to benches if they so wished. The council could perhaps compile over time (with the assistance of Friends groups) an acceptable "shopping list" of suitable items together with possible locations where they could be sited.

Just to clarify slightly, when I mentioned "statues" in my comments, I wasn't referring to large statues but rather objects like sundials or stone urns or small sculptures. Sort of tasteful objects that might befit certain areas of public gardens.

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Public comment regarding item 12

Just to point out that grasses are as important as wildflowers in parks and open spaces. It looks good as well.

We realise that there is some opposition to 'wild' areas because people think they look untidy. We are trying to get people to notice how they can look quite good as well as being beneficial to wildlife. This has been particularly important with the recent dry weather (something we might expect more often with climate change) when compared to short cut grass.

Is there any way we could do more to inform the public - perhaps get some funding for a display explaining the different plants/animals and their benefits.

Anyway it looks very good - well done the council.

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