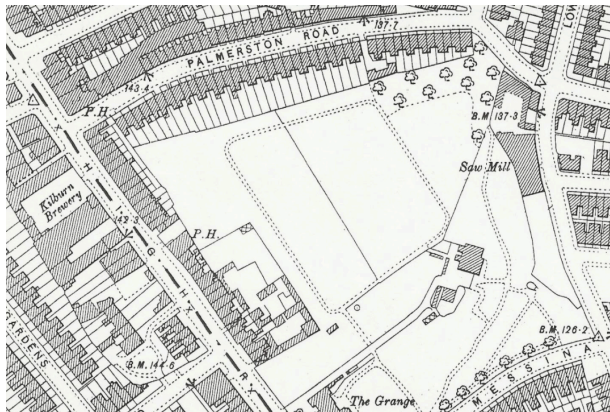


Management Statement – (Rear garden area) Kilburn Grange Park



Kilburn and the Grange Park in 1893



Kilburn and the Grange Park in 1935

Kilburn Grange Park serves as an important asset for our community, enjoying an open space otherwise referenced as 'Kilburn's Green Lung'. Qalam Education Resource Centre aspires to maintain and manage this particular area of the park, landlocked and located at the rear end of its premises on 292 – 294 Kilburn High Road, NW6 2DB.

This management plan is based on an idea of becoming proactive in our community and taking a step into being responsible to the wellbeing of our locality. We intend to impact those around us with the standards set, the effort made and certainly from the questions asked. Are the green spaces clean? Has the grass been maintained? Are the plants well-kept and what are we doing for our environment?

Upon our arrival as the new management of Qalam Education Resource Centre we found the rear end park space to be in a unkept state. As members of the community we feel the responsibility of maintaining our locality is a shared one and believe that proposing such a concept to Camden council will allow us all to play a part in fulfilling this role.

Working with our local communities to deliver the highest quality of service is a major priority of our new management and it is hoped that this can be exemplified through this document. It will be an honour to maintain this site appropriately and the local community will feel a significant contribution in the advancement to the facilities and infrastructure of Kilburn.

In addition to the prospects of maintaining this land, we believe this to be a perfect opportunity to provide a guideline for continuing and improving dialogue with key members of our community.

Vision

Access to our community to a clean, safe and well maintained greenspace area, with a mixture of an open area with trees, plants, water and life, which visitors find attractive and stimulating for informal recreation. Including designated and suitably surfaced areas to walk, stroll, contemplate; incorporating areas where maintenance is minimal so as to encourage wildlife and biodiversity



Ariel view of Kilburn Grange Park, with the rear garden area marked in a red.



A close up ariel view of the landlocked area referred to in this management statement, found at the rear of 292 – 294 Kilburn High Road, NW6 2DB.

Social needs and importance

Whilst government policies are committed to focus on additional houses in existing cities and towns, there is an importance in preserving park spaces/ open spaces even if these spaces are in poor condition. This is why we feel that any idea proposed will be central to keeping this space a place of greenery, high quality, well managed and attractive to its users.

It is recognised that the provision of attractive facilities promote healthy living as a place for people to alleviate their minds, destress and encourages a healthier lifestyle.

Along with these essential points more benefits of this potentially accessible space to our community can be summarised below:

- Positive experience to community
- Upgrading existing and providing a new facility to our visitors
- Providing educational opportunities
- Preserving historical aspects to Kilburn Grange Park
- Increase in community participation
- Innovative ideas which enhances community activity
- Empowering wellbeing of residents and visitors
- Promote trees and landscaping appropriate to this area
- Promote new and refurbished spaces that are suitable for people of different ages, gender, race and mobility
- Encourage community involvement in improvement to spaces

We have also identified a very much need to encourage our visitors and residents surrounding environmental protection and climate related matters. Maintaining this area will be an integral means to environmental education and its relation to allow individuals to explore environmental issues, engage in problem solving and take actions to improve the

environment. We anticipate an increase in awareness and a deeper understanding with skills to make responsible decisions.

Prospects of managing the park space will play an important part in establishing a green and environmentally friendly centre with environmental protection, recycling and environmental education amongst its core values.

Accessibility and types of use

We are aware of the importance of preserving Kilburn Grange Park and what this means for its history dating as far back to its resistance to development on its land. Our strategic visions are central to creating a sustainable legacy for future generations. As a means to ensure its quality remains at a high level, we have developed ideas by which the park space can be used:

Access to Elderly

- Book clubs
- Coffee morning
- Sewing and knitting club
- Friends network
- Community interaction to support elderly

Access to Youth

- Workshop space including challenging gang, knife and gun crime.
- Involvement in environmental changes within community
- Opportunity to make a difference to local community
- Networking scope with various support agencies and initiatives
- Utilisation of park space to be involved in sports and physical activities

Social and mental awareness

- Combatting depression and mental health through sight, sound and contemplation
- Horticulture and volunteer access to be involved in community projects
- Connecting at a time when it is most needed - Digital era and addressing decline of physical interaction

Environmental Education

- Workshop in Wildlife: Butterflies, Trees, Bees, Variety of plants, Birds and Insects
- Our own beehive addressing decline of worlds bee population and increase in localised honey - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IrDK777k1Es>
- Awareness in environmental issues through education
- Source of water to Birds and Insects
- Participation in community initiatives i.e. London in Bloom, Royal Horticulture Society *Its your neighbourhood* and Woodland Trust



Image of rear end park space locked in between boundary and sports pitch

Our management team aims to give value to a space which appeared to be inaccessible to the public and not maintained. By maintaining this land we aim to affect the need and perception of our visitors in a positive light. If an area is of poor quality with no access, this may not meet the objectives of our local needs. Enhancing this area will most definitely drive up the quality of Kilburn Grange Park which already exists.

Please find below a further description of the values we aim to instil in this space:

1. Creating a suitable greenspace or facility to meet the needs of societal challenges and inclusivity in a space otherwise inaccessible and almost irrelevant to potential users.
2. Although the visual impact of a poorly used greenspace can be significant, a well-used space and facility will always be of higher value. This can be understood in light of a richer and higher level use both by people and wildlife
3. Granting access for maintenance and management, wider benefits can be generated for people, biodiversity and the wider environment

Further to our ambitions of maintaining this park space, we believe Kilburn Grange Park will be a means to reach a wider vision for our visitors too. By liaising with our local council and all relevant personal, we see a great scope to encourage our community in living a healthy life, exercising regularly by walking, cycling and jogging. The great open space found in Kilburn Grange Park will also prove to be an amazing space to encourage participation in community and charity events that exist in North West London.

Management, Access & Security

Whilst we understand guidelines and principles in management to be discussed in further detail, the vision and objectives outlined above can be aided with the addition of the following factors:

- Doors accessing the site from our premises will always remain locked and accessed *only* by management team
- Privacy glass installed to maintain privacy
- Rear park space essential as part of Fire exit strategy and a means of escape
- Safe usage of rear park space

Summary

We aim to maintain the site to a high standard and will work closely with Camden Council and the Parks Team to bring a positive change to our community. Despite the great ambitions proposed in this management plan, we welcome communication with relevant staff of the local authority to exchange views and come to an agreed vision with full guideline and frameworks in place.