ECrystal Palace Park A New Future

Have your say on ideas for the park & sports centre

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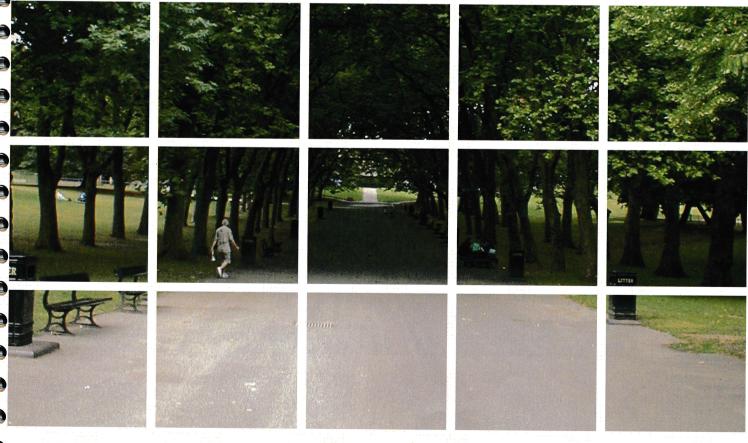
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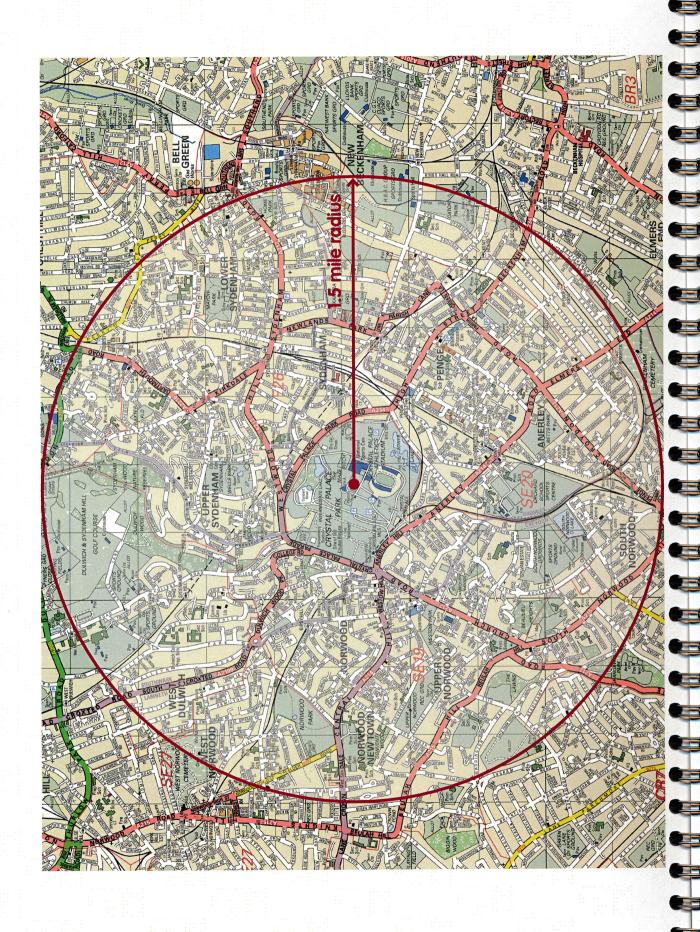
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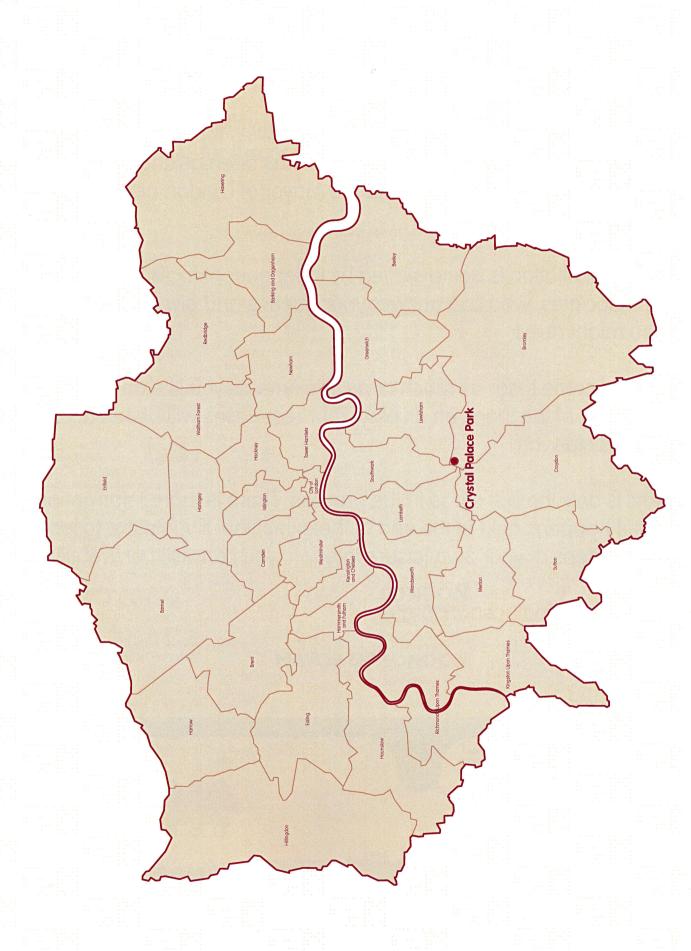
Penge entrance, Thicket Road

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Welcome

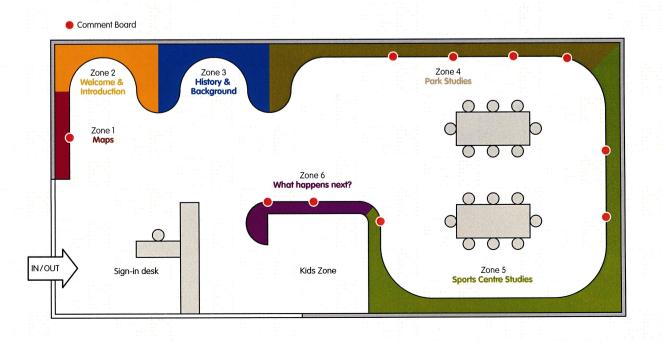
This exhibition shows some of the possibilities for the future of Crystal Palace Park and the National Sports Centre. It has been arranged by the London Development Agency (LDA) and the Mayor of London and offers you a chance to have your say.

The consultation is being staffed by independent facilitators, Nigel Westaway & Associates, who can answer your queries and give you any other help you might need.

Please come in for as much or as little time as you like and let us know what you think of the ideas on display. Your responses will be used to help plan the way forward.

This is only the first stage in the process. There is more information about what happens next at the end of the exhibition. If you'd like to look at the ideas at your own leisure later on, you can visit our website:

www.crystalpalacepark.org.uk



Why the Mayor and the LDA are involved

The LDA will take responsibility for the sports centre in 2006 and, potentially, for the park as a whole by 2009.

Crystal Palace Park has long been a major part of London life. It's been home to FA Cup Finals, motor races and, of course, the magnificent Crystal Palace that gave it its name. And it's still home to the International Athletics Grand Prix, concerts and a 150-year-old dinosaur park. The National Sports Centre receives nearly a million visits a year and is the focus for many London and national sports hodies.

But parts of the park are not as good as they could be and the sports centre will need major works within the next few years if it is to keep running.

That's why Mayor of London Ken Livingstone and the LDA have stepped in to help secure the future of the sports facilities and to see how the park can be rejuvenated and made an even more vibrant place than it is today. We want to help the park fulfil its founding principles of being a place for education and recreation and for promoting commerce, industry and the arts. We want to do this in a way that not only has local backing, but will also benefit communities around the park.

We're committed to providing top quality sports and leisure facilities in the capital – and we know how much this can do to boost health and regenerate neighbouring areas. It's this same commitment and knowledge that has us working hard to help London win the bid to host the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Now we want to hear what you think

We have spent a lot of time finding out about local conditions, the ecology, history and archaeology of the park. The panels in this exhibition show a range of possibilities which are intended to spark debate on how to improve Crystal Palace Park and to develop a vision for what it could be. You may have some thoughts of your own or have seen other ideas that grabbed your attention – if so, we would like to hear them.

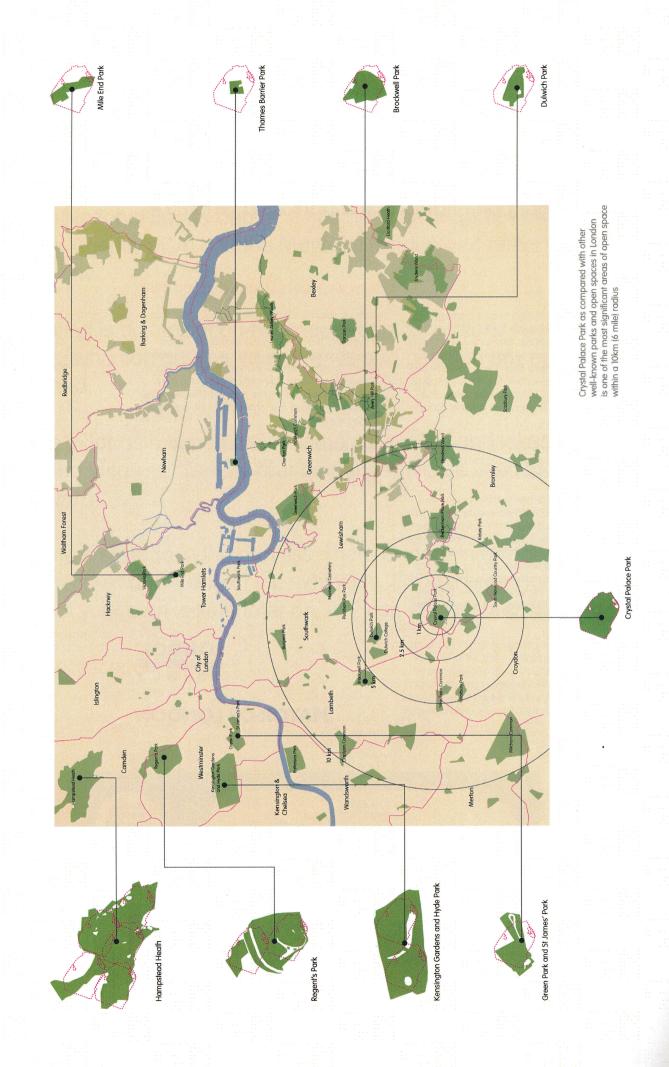
Issues like cost, design and management will be key as we develop detailed proposals. For now, though, we'd like to know what you think...



MAYOR OF LONDON



The size and scale of the park



Planning context

Whichever ideas eventually go forward into the planning framework, there are some restrictions on what can be done in the park.

The National Sports Centre is a Grade II* listed building. This means that its future has to be considered carefully in relation to its planning and heritage contexts. Alteration would ultimately require permission from the Secretary of State, acting on the advice of English Heritage. This may require a public inquiry.

What can be done in the park is governed not only by the planning process but also by three Acts of Parliament. There are other listed structures in and near the park such as

- The Upper and Lower Terraces
- The prehistoric monsters (dinosaurs)
- The subway to the High Level Station
- Bust of Sir Joseph Paxton

The Park itself is listed as being of Grade II* importance in English Heritage's Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

The park is designated as Metropolitan Open Land (MOL), although the NSC area is a 'Major Developed Site within MOL'. Any development should be in keeping with the MOL designations.

