

Plans for the trees in the regeneration of Beckenham Place Park

Transforming the park will involve tree management works.

New planting

- Around 15,000 trees will be planted as part of the plans to transform the park through the Parks for People scheme. Most of these trees will be planted on the edge of the ancient woodland. A further area of former woodland will be left to regenerate naturally.
- 125 more mature parkland trees will also be planted.
- All new trees planted in the parkland, woodland and orchard will be native species. Some non-native species will be used in the gardens to maximise all year round colour and interest.

Tree removal

- Tree removal will only be undertaken where there are clear reasons to do so and the benefits of removal outweigh the loss.
- The vast majority of trees being removed will be small and relatively young.
- No ancient trees will be removed unless they are deemed to be dangerous.

Removing dead and diseased trees

In public parks tree surveys are required to ensure trees are in good condition. Around 70 trees will be removed because they are dead or diseased.

Restoring views and removing inappropriate planting

Many of the trees in the parkland/golf course area today were planted in the 1990s, to separate fairways or screen other parts of the park from golf balls. Fast growing species were used, such as birch and conifers, which do not have high ecological value.

Up to 250 trees will be removed from the golf course planting which will restore views within the parkland, break up the linear fairway planting and enhance sight lines, helping park users to feel safe.

Preserving and celebrating veteran trees

Around 100 smaller trees within larger clumps of vegetation will be thinned out to allow the most mature or healthiest trees to flourish. None of the healthy ancient oaks (or other species), which formed part of the eighteenth century landscape, will be removed.

Memorial trees

All trees planted in memory of a loved one will be kept within the park.

For more information go to www.lewisham.gov.uk/beckenhamplacepark



These trees are now preventing views – across the park, of the mansion, and from the homesteads



Aerial view of the golf course 1994, showing much less vegetation between fairways



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