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Comments about the way this park or open space is managed or maintained, the facilities that are available, or the activities that take place.

Sure Start activities need better advertising. Tennis instructors needed. Young people would like a go at bowls.
finding a way that lots of groups win
better maintenance
conservation areas, nature, education, work in green spaces, shouldn't look back, not so much emphasis on Heritage
alright park but need more for teenagers
it is OK
don't spoil it by over-design, keep it natural and keep current balance
more things for young people - more events, facilities better for teenagers and young people
Don't feel activities or attractions are required. Visitors especially want to sit in peaceful, attractive surroundings with colourful flower beds/shrubs to admire wild life enjoying safe and secure feeding, plenty of seats to choose from. Parks should be peaceful.
very unsafe at dusk and at night. anti-social behaviour and under age drinking
I believe the park currently provides the right mix of activities for adults and children and is a well managed open space offering relaxing areas as well. I would be disappointed to see any dramatic change in the mix of facilities offered as I believe it currently is enjoyed by many age groups.
Dog mess all over the place. Cull of pigeons and seagulls. If warden was on site they would prevent vandalism. Currently there is no mechanism for getting a response to vandalism/misuse seen by the public, police can't/won't respond. Not safe. Bye laws say that Park is closed at dusk but it isn't physically shut. If it is to stay open after dark it needs to be lit.
better tennis facilities
cleanliness of lakes is an issue
Very high salt spray area therefore needs proper windbreaks to protect the plants. Sensory garden should have more plants in it.
Maybe a warden or something to keep an eye on the youngsters.
Young people congregating in supposedly quiet corner - a bit intimidating. Secluded places have safety issues. Perhaps needs a bit of supervision.
Should be decent toilets. Want a bandstand.
Better to employ a warden to prevent vandalism.
More gardeners, better long term maintenance.
Would like to be consulted on or have input into park management.
Enforcement of park laws e.g. dos on lead. Security cameras.
Disabled access, facilities for disabled children. More benches and tables.
Boating lake; expensive - is it used much? Parking is poor around Park.
I disagree with the idea of dogs having to be kept on leads and cannot see it being enforced as it is impossible to deter real crime let alone bye laws
The park has always been well cared for by the local Council and I can see no major benefit from changing this arrangement.
Frost damage to the pathways and sunken drains by the tennis courts are dangerous. My wife sprained her ankle.
Special events for all ages.

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Where money needs to be spent is on the provision of a permanently employed, high profile, old fashioned park keeper (preferably in recognisable uniform). Such a person was always respected in the past and was a necessary deterrent to trouble makers. Also a small cafe would be a definite advantage.
I know I have gone on about it, but please consider restrictions on dogs. There is absolutely nowhere to go that isn't overrun by dogs. At least make owners keep them on leads. Not everyone likes dogs, and many children are terrified and no matter how hard you try to encourage a child to like dogs, it just takes one to come up and bark in their face, to cause them to be terrified. Please seriously consider some kind of restriction.
Continue the installation of metal fencing, replacing vandalised wooden fencing/chainlink fencing. Installation of basketball practice area.
Bring in some more special events. The sculpture exhibition of a couple of years ago was great.
The area near the museum needs better protection and organisation to discourage yobs and vandals after dark. More events please.
The Park is always maintained very well. However, I wish there could be a park keeper as in the old days.
I love opposite the park and am concerned about the security/vandalism in the park especially at night. The park is a meeting area for youngsters in evenings. Generally they are fine but a small minority do vandalised plants etc.
A Park Keeper who ensures the public including the drunks and children behave.
As stated, but definitely more visible management and locked at night with regular police bicycle patrols.
The fear of walking in the park during the hours of darkness and the vandalism. Can this be addressed more vigorously?
Need for some supervision of young people (not heavy handed) - Park Warden! Volunteers.
I think the park authorities do a really good job in the face of endemic vandalism.
More surveillance to prevent vandalism, perhaps CCTV cameras to identify culprits.
Some pathways need maintenance. Is "David Macbeths" shelter ever open for use?
Fun facts on wildlife for kids. More modern art.
It should be more than an open space - an Edwardian theme would make it distinctive for the town.
Any regeneration of the park will be vulnerable to vandalism. Some security provision, as a minimum from 9.00 pm to 2.30 am on Friday, Saturday and Sunday would be advisable.
Gates put on the two entrances.
See previous comments. More entertainment and events for families.
Worried about proposals to make changes love the park as it is!
A warden or two (in uniform) would upgrade the place.
As before - enlargement of model boat lake.
a Park Keeper.
More checking of use in summer evenings because drinking and drug abuse takes place.
I don't know where activities are announced.
Cafe facilities
Dog poo is rampant - ban dogs from the park.
I like it as it is don't spoil it just for the sake of change - but maybe cafe facilities could be considered and as much anti vandal protection as possible.

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Please do not make it elitist as the DLWP. Remember the ordinary citizens.
Steps Egerton/Park flower beds - suggest cactus or prickly euphorbia, not sappy begonias, so that dogs let off at the top of the steps get to think twice before lifting a leg etc.
No more erosion of park by buildings, concrete, tarmac or furniture.
Rowdy at night. Vandalism at night Please don't allow any more buildings to encroach on park.
Security needs to be improved - i.e.. an old fashioned park keeper, gates locked at night to keep out hooligans and higher perimeter fences.
A warden, as I witnessed 2 young youths climbing on the island near children's play area and damaging small wooden bridge. One threw wood onto island and the other collected broken bits of wood and chucked them under bushes nr play area.
I feel the park as a whole is kept very well, with beautiful flower beds in the summer. The area I feel could be improved is the children's play park, some of the equipment is old and needs updating. Bring back the 'horses'.
Larger pond area rather dismal Could be brightened up with wooden or plastic large garden ornaments.
Teenagers gathering round shelters, skateboarding on seats and walls, dog mess on grass, old fashioned boating lake - all not liked.
Pond taken more care of leaves and debris removed.
I think the park should be locked up at night to stop the vandalism that takes place. this, of course, would involve better fencing and gates.
Generally lovely, could be enjoyed more by making a "fitness trail" for all ages.
I understand that a new order will shortly require dogs to be permanently on leads. This will effectively prevent our future use of a facility that we have enjoyed for 20 years.
The first priority should be to make it vandal proof and to make it secure at night. Bylaws are useless unless there is someone on site to enforce them.
Better control of dogs and their owners.
It would be nice if something could be done to prevent cats going on the island killing the ducklings. They climb along the fence that separates the boating lake.
Stop vandalism - more patrols. Better toilets. More sports facilities for teenagers. More facilities - refreshments perhaps.
No toilets
Somewhere for young people would help - they only have skate park or Galley Hill - not close to town centre. An outdoor swimming pool, a cafe would be marvellous (I have childhood memories of the old pool, which we all loved).
More security at night to prevent the destruction of areas of the park.
Beautiful, well maintained park, gets too busy in play area in holidays so avoid area with younger children.
1. Provision of a dog only area where dogs could be off their lead without endangering other people or the swans. 2. Provision of something for teenagers maybe skateboard/bike ramps. 3. Something other parks have is a small circuit for people to work-out to improve their fitness with bars etc.
I think a warden in the evenings would be good it may help to stop damage everywhere
Security needs to be increased as vandalism has become worse.
Discourage bird feeding except in designated areas. Throwing bread etc. all over shrub areas attracts vermin.
Both ponds need a good clean

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It is managed? Who by? As regard security I mean.
Zero tolerance of bad behaviour CCTV? Suggest part is 'locked' up at night.
The building by the boating lake is shabby which is a shame but we appreciate serious money is required.
I regularly observe the hard work that goes into the gardening and appreciate the results. I choose to walk through the park to work whenever possible, crossing the grassed area with enjoyment, when its not flooded or sodden. I know it has drainage and understand the reason.
See end comments
You need to have a visible and pro-active park keeper presence to have some control of the behaviour in the park.
Improve cleanliness to include ponds. A major project would be to reinstate a bandstand in an Edwardian style. This could be an interesting feature and used in conjunction with special activities.
Will benefit greatly from return of cafe in the museum building.
More patrols to stop vandals and skateboarders - perhaps lock the park at night.
I enjoyed the open air sculpture exhibition and would like to see more.
I think the staff take a great interest in keeping the park a pleasure to walk through
See 10 please
Security at night - very loud noise from youth partying and mucking around - CCTV would be good.
The park does not feel safe, no lights or gates shut at end of the day. As a resource for Bexhill it is being wasted. It reflects the attitude of aging doom! Like a memorial garden but worse.
I am very concerned about the safety angle and would like to see children and young adults forbidden to play football on the putting green as I have seen their balls land in the children's play area and in the tennis courts and could cause a serious injury especially to the very young in the playground
Pour dog control. Dogs mess still around and I have seen swans attacked in the summer. Lock park when dark to prevent damage to plants, building and general vandalism.
Difficult but more effort to decrease graffiti and damage.
The entrances - especially the one at Egerton Road East are not inviting. The rockeries which used to be so colourful have disappeared and replaced by very boring planting.
Dogs sometime allowed to stray.
There is a 'Friends of the Park' association. It is to be hoped that their worthy intent and opinions will be given appropriate consideration in any proposals for the parks development and funding.
Some Ranger of staff in sight every day -I have had to ask parents to stop their children chasing the swans. I know an angry swan can attach and cause injury.
Could it be lit at night? Or definitely locked. There are by-laws forbidding entry after dark - couldn't this law be enforced otherwise why have it?
Cafe provision. Safety.
Address the problem of dogs. Late night revellers which spoil it for all the people who take care of their dogs and parents who are responsible for their children.

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It would also be nice to see area used for fairs/festivals and have a bit more life going on. Having an area with hot drinks/snacks would also be lovely throughout the year. A lot of young people also spend time there in evenings - is there something for them? - evening coffee shop as it can be an area for drinking + sometimes vandalism. Lighting in the evenings + use of unused areas.
I am worried about attacks on youth recently in park.
Toilets need to be properly maintained (problems with vandalism). Needs to be refreshments available - proper cafe not just ice cream van!
Please clean the ponds more often of algae
install one or more rangers/wardens to police the way people use/abuse the park and its facilities e.g. litter droppers. Obtain further funds from the national lottery. For visitors to Bexhill - give better/more interesting/informative signposting to the park and its features/attractions. ditto for museum.
We like visiting the park, but feel it needs a bit of a tidy up and play area needs complete re-vamp.
Football should not be played in open space between tennis courts and playground area/ Large groups of teenagers gather here and cause disruption.
The flower beds are very attractive and well maintained/
Very disturbed by night time activities and youth disturbances/injuries. Big gates and high railings needed? Gives negative impression of park.
Why is the green space next to the playground used for football and not the mini golf? It is most annoying to have the ball banging against the netting of the tennis courts.
It would be good to integrate the new museum building into the park e.g. veranda, balcony windows, stairs etc.
How can we reduce the noise/drinking/disturbance of young people in the park at night?
Don't fix what not broken. Don't do things now that spoil it for the future.
Vital to control the wilful vandalism
In my opinion I consider Egerton Park is fine as it is. I would not approve of major changes that would cost increased maintenance costs the council cannot afford.
Just that there is oversight to the area.
I do not want any more buildings erected in the park.
Better lighting at night.
Evidence that the water is kept up to standard and wild life encouragements i.e. bird, bat, owl boxes.
St. Mary's school really appreciate the park and facilities.
More control of dogs and dog mess
We request that the park can be locked securely when closed to deter misuse.
The park gates should be locked at night as they used to be. Staff would be valuable in the park to deter vandalism.
Insist dogs are kept on leads.
Toilets are tired