



Morningside Park Management Plan 2017 - 2022

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Overview map of the Morningside Park and Cemetery



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Summary Information

Park Name: Morningside Park

Address: Morningside Drive / Balcarres Street, EH10 5JP

National Grid reference: NT2470

Size of Site: 1.215 ha / 3 Acres

Telephone Number: 0131 529 5126
Email: southparks@edinburgh.gov.uk

Ownership: The City of Edinburgh Council – The Common Good Account

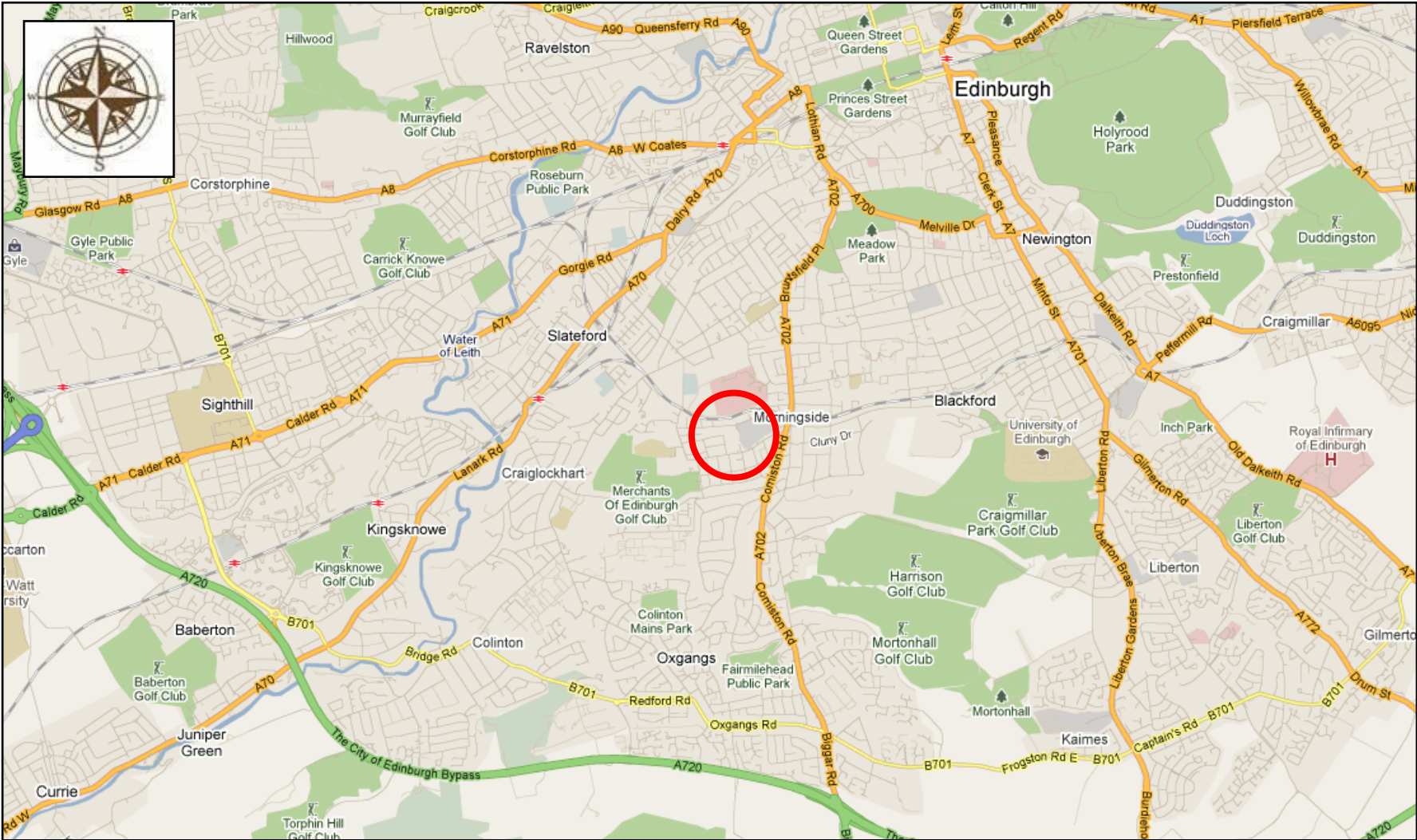
Area Designation: South Neighbourhood

Classification: Community Park

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Partners: Local Community
Community Councils (Morningside and Merchiston)
Friends of the Morningside Park and Cemetery
Schools (South Morningside PS)
Head Start Nursery
Local shops and businesses

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Location Map

Morningside Park in regard to it's location within Edinburgh.

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Overview Photo of Morningside Park



1 Introduction

1.0 Location

Morningside Park with an area of 1.21 hectares is one of the city's long established parks, once part of the old Plewlands Farm, which was a link with olden times. The ruins of Plewlands were still on the site until the 1920s when the park came into Council control from the Scottish Provident Property Co Ltd in 1913.

Morningside Park is a small, pleasant, elongated park area with tennis court, multi-sport area, safe play facility, grass areas and tarred pathways that makes the Park an attractive facility for children, young people, adults and senior citizens who come to play, walk or watch the activities from a nearby bench.

The park provides an essential greenspace in the heart of Morningside with a design which lends itself to a range of leisure activities and ad-hoc sports. The layout of the park provides healthy and safe routes between linked road networks along tree lined and lit paths for residents of Morningside and visitors alike. The design provides large open spaces which can accommodate activities including kick-about sport, play and leisure activities. There are a number of stakeholders who can be associated with the park and provide a good cross section of public and limited commercial use. These are as follows;

- Local community
- Community Councils (Morningside and Merchiston)
- Friends of the Morningside Park and Cemetery
- Schools (South Morningside Primary School, St Peter's Primary School)
- Head Start Childrens Nursery

Members of the public use the park for many things, however it is used in general for play, leisure walks, dog walking, and picnicking. The park is a fantastic attraction all year round for this purpose but more so when the weather is good. This attracts a great number of people with very few grass spaces being available when we are enjoying a warm sun.

The park also lends itself to a high number of informal activities, mainly enjoyed by the local children and youths it not unusual to see football, basketball and tennis matches being played in the fenced area with football sometimes played on the grass with jackets as goalposts!

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One of the greatest attractions in the park is the children's play areas and in particular the fairly well stocked play area in the south of the park where the equipment caters for children of ages ranging from 3 – 14yrs. The tennis and basketball/football area also provides a great attraction which enhances the health of many young people who play here.

A limited number of organised events are held in the park for community and charity use.

The cultural, aesthetic and recreational value of the park for the citizens of Edinburgh is immense. Morningside Park is specially valued by those living in the adjacent Community Councils areas of Morningside and Merchiston. There are two main entrances to the park and it has four main boundaries with local roads bounding the park giving it an enclosed feel.

In general, the park is surrounded by a wall; the west side of the park is graced by some fine mature silver birch trees as well as cherry, holly, yew, rowan and laurel. The frontage of roses at the Balcarres Street entrance was replaced by three flower beds in 2008 and a grove of mature lime trees enhance this park further.

At the Morningside Drive end a number of cedars create impact and interest. The park takes a northern slope, but enough room has been created for a grassed area where older children – and sometimes their parents – can play ball games or merely enjoy the fresh air.

Morningside Park has a welcoming atmosphere and is well used by the whole neighbourhood.

The park is well serviced by public transport bus routes, No's 23, 36, 38 & 41 and has good off site parking facilities; consideration is within the Development Plan to consider disabled parking facilities.

1.1 Management Plan Framework

This Management Plan sets out the future management, maintenance and development of the Morningside Park and has been produced by the City of Edinburgh Council and representatives from the Friends of Morningside Park and Cemetery and the Merchiston and Morningside Community Councils, to provide not only a long-term vision but also details on both developmental and operational duties required to achieve that vision.

The plan is set out in sections covering the eight key criteria as set out in the Green Flag Award Guidance Manual – Raising the Standard.

The management plan covers the period 2017 to 2022 and has a detailed plan of works for that period. This plan's target audience is elected members, the local community and council officers and its style and content should ensure continuity of

purpose and consistency in service delivery. It is intended to be a flexible, working document that will be reviewed and updated annually.

Like any management plan its purpose is to:

“Provide a framework within which all future management is carried out. The plan enables any person involved to understand how and why decisions are taken, and the reasoning behind the policies and proposals for action.”

1.2 Edinburgh Parks & Gardens Framework

Edinburgh values its reputation as one of the most beautiful cities in Europe, renowned for its setting, history and built heritage. Parks and greenspaces are integral to this. They serve as a stage for our public lives and are settings where celebrations are held, where social exchanges take place, where friends mix, where cultures run into each other, where nature thrives, and where people revive themselves from the stresses of urban living.

The Parks and Greenspace Service is committed to providing quality parks for residents and visitors alike. There are five qualities that make a park great, and that drive the work of the Parks and Greenspace Service: They must be full of activity and invite affection. They must also be visible and accessible as well as being comfortable and safe. They also need to be places you can count on, no matter if you visit the park every day or once a year.

Using the Green Flag judging criteria all of Edinburgh’s 144 parks are assessed on an annual basis and a Parks Quality Score is produced for each site. These scores are compared to the Edinburgh Minimum Standard which has been developed to benchmark our parks and record how they are improving.

In Edinburgh the involvement of local residents through a network of Friends groups is well established. Depending on their capacity, sites host both major and local events and activities, offering a wide range of attractions to families and individuals from a diverse community.

The Parks and Greenspace Service ensures that Edinburgh’s parks and greenspaces are clean, safe, colourful and diverse; they will be the setting for activities and celebrations; be well-known for their features, history and “happenings”; and be locally valued and used.

1.3 Green Flag Award Scheme



The Green Flag Award Scheme is a national standard for quality in greenspace management in England and Wales. Edinburgh has been involved in the pilot scheme using the Green Flag criteria as a measure and methodology for benchmarking the quality of parks and green spaces in Scotland and has been involved in this project since 2007 in conjunction with Greenspace Scotland in partnership with The Civic Trust in England.

This criterion as stated previously, is used in carrying out our annual Parks Quality Assessments and gives the Council Officers and friends groups up to date information and a measure standard of the park at that time.

Following Green Flag success with other parks in Edinburgh and the South Neighbourhood, it was decided that Morningside Park would apply for Green Flag status in 2011 following our improvement strategy for the park, which we now consider worthy of the green flag standard.

2 Vision and Aims

2.0 Introduction

This section sets out a new vision for the park and a series of new objectives that are developed into actions later in the plan.

2.1 Vision

The Council adopted its Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy in March 2006. The strategy sets out a vision for its parks that states:

“A quality parks system worthy of international comparison, accessible, diverse and environmentally rich; which fulfils the cultural, social and recreational needs of the people”. (Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy, 2006, p49)

The Parks and Greenspace and Neighbourhood Service ensures that Edinburgh’s parks and greenspaces are clean, safe, colourful and diverse; they will be the setting for activities and celebrations; be well-known for their features, history and “happenings”; and be locally valued and used.

In developing this management plan for the Morningside Park, our vision is:

“To look after the Morningside Park for the benefit of citizens and visitors alike, both now and for the future. This will ensure that the Morningside Park continue to be the distinctive and attractive place of grass, floral displays, trees and paths, safe for all who frequent the area, for relaxation and recreation”.

2.2 Aims

Beneath the vision lie a series of aims that have been linked to the Green Flag Award Scheme criteria.

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a) Conservation

To increase the biodiversity value of the site

b) Landscape

To enhance the existing levels of landscape value and amenity value

c) Recreation

To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment

To enhance the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors through active outdoor activity

d) Community Involvement

To engage with the local community and users groups

To encourage their active participation in decision making and practical activities

To use the park as a recreational resource

e) Cultural

To investigate and action ways of protecting and conserving all features of cultural significance and heritage value

f) Sustainability

To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles

g) Legal

To ensure the site management works comply with legal obligations

h) Maintenance

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To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations

i) Safety

To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site

j) Marketing

To actively promote the appropriate use of the park to all potential users

The aims are set out in the table below. Each of these aims is further developed into targets, measures and timescales.

The following list of aims has been developed in line with the Green Flag criteria, which form the basis of the assessment and analysis of the Morningside Park.

Criteria	Aim
A Welcoming Place	b) To enhance the existing levels of landscape value and amenity value c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment and enhancing the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors through active outdoor activity i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site
Healthy, Safe and Secure	c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment and enhancing the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors through active outdoor activity g) To ensure the site management works comply with legal obligations i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site
Clean and Well	h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations

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Maintained	
Sustainability	f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles
Conservation and Heritage	a) To increase the biodiversity value of the site e) To investigate and action ways of protecting and conserving all features of cultural significance and heritage value
Community Involvement	d) To engage with the local community and users groups encouraging active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource
Marketing	j) To actively promote the appropriate use of the park to all potential users
Management	f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations d) To engage with the local community and users groups encouraging active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource

3 Survey, Historic Features and Park Governance

3.0 Introduction

This section looks at the historic features of the park and also examines the legal situation with respect to ownership and designations that apply to the park, as well as confirming the strategic significance in the Local Plan. It pulls together recent surveys that have been undertaken to update the baseline data about the park and finally considers the involvement of the community through the Friends group and events.

3.1 Historic Features of the Park

Relatively speaking this park has been developed in modern times, with the exception of the Old Cemetery gates at the North end; the park does not lend itself to retaining many historic features. However, through the development of the park there are many new additions that will in time become the features of this park. E.g. the Susie Wong Memorial Sensory Garden.

3.2 Strategic Significance of the Park

A number of Edinburgh's corporate strategies and policies apply to the parks and greenspaces in the city, aiming to deliver safety and equality of provision, safeguard and enhance local environments and neighbourhoods, and ultimately improve the quality of life for Edinburgh's communities, enabling residents to participate fully in the City's park life.

These policies set the overall context within which parks are managed and developed, and although it is the green space policies, which have primary impact, the other more general policies also have a direct or indirect effect in varying degrees.

A list of these policies are given below. A brief précis of each is provided in **(Appendix 1)**. Copies of these are available on request. Many can also be accessed via the Council website (www.edinburgh.gov.uk).

Corporate Strategies and Policies

- Corporate Plan 2007 – 2011
- Single Outcome Agreement 2009 - 2012
- The Community Plan for Edinburgh 2008 - 2011
- Development Plan
- Capitalising on Access: an Access Strategy for Edinburgh

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- Climate Change Framework
- Energy Policy
- Sustainable Development Strategy (in development)
- Play Strategy (in development)

Park and Environmental Policies

- Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy (2006)
- Open Space Strategy
- Edinburgh Open Space Strategy (draft)
- Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan 2016 - 2018

Local Drivers

- South Central Local Community Plan
- Neighbourhood Partnership
- Friends of Morningside Park and Cemetery (FOMPC)
- Local Environment Forums

3.3 Management Rules

A revision of current Park Management Rules, which were due to be reviewed in 2013, is currently being undertaken. This review aims to provide rules which encourage responsible use in line with the ethos of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

An Appendix is attached which show the proposed 'Caring for Parks Guidelines' Draft ([Appendix 2](#)).

3.4 Park Classification

The Morningside Park is classified within the Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy as a "Community Park".

Community Parks are defined in the Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy, 2006 as, "Parks serving chiefly the people of a defined local area. These are generally smaller in area and the facilities provided are likely to be relatively simple. Functions should be determined as a far as possible by consultation with users and potential users. Access to these parks will be mainly on foot or by cycle."

3.5 Community Involvement

The Friends of the Morningside Park and Cemetery was set up in 2009 with the encouragement of Morningside Community Council and the Local Councillor.

Its main purpose is to co-operate with the Council who hold the land in trust for the people, and with the Parks Department in particular, and to promote good stewardship of Morningside Park.

Current paid-up membership is around 10, but many others show a great interest in the green space and look upon this as their front garden. The group are still establishing themselves and the Council work closely with them in attempting to increase their numbers.

The main activities of the Friends group are open meetings throughout the year, generally on current issues relating to the Morningside Park.

The friends highlight a number of issues relating to the park. They organise clean-up events and encourage responsible behaviour in the park for those who use it.

They are currently undertaking grant applications to obtain funding for additional seats, wild flower and bird boxes.

The Friends group provide an excellent link with other interest groups and the Council.

3.6 Surveys and Assessments Undertaken

Asset Management GIS Survey

The Council has recently introduced a new asset management system which has been undertaken following a full survey of each park in the City. This is now linked to GIS so that site location, condition and photographic information can be studied from the office base. This information will be used to assess replacement or repair of the infrastructure within the park.

It is in it's infancy at present, however we feel that much benefit can be gained from logging this information and will enhance the management of the infrastructure needs for the park.

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Tree Survey

The Council's Arboricultural section produced a Tree Survey with a comprehensive tree species list indicating the current condition of the tree stock. Recommendations from this survey will be used to shape the future development of the landscape features of the park and will be reflected in future in this management plan ([Appendix 4](#)).

Parks and Greenspace User Survey

The Council's website gives users and visitors to the park an opportunity to register their comments on any park within the City. The information highlighted below indicates that 100% of users felt satisfied with Morningside Park. However, the information provided in the text of the survey information is vital to the group agreeing areas that require further scrutiny and attention for improvement. The results, although slightly subjective, are encouraging and certainly show that the park has areas that are greatly enjoyed and also areas in which it can improve. A copy of the 2016 information is provided in the appendices ([Appendix 5](#)).

Biodiversity Survey

In February 2011, officers of the Council carried out a survey of the park and have made recommendations for consideration in an attempt to increase the bio-diversity within the park. We have included a copy of the report in the appendices for consideration in this application.

We have also included in this appendix the Biodiversity Options for Parks and Greenspaces – A Guide for Managers which is used universally to develop bio-diversity within all parks within the City. It was with use of this document that some bio-diversity features were implemented in the park ([Appendix 6](#)).

4 Analysis

4.0 Introduction

This Section follows the criteria headings within the 'Raising the Standard – The Green Flag Award Guidance Manual' (2004) and highlights how the park ties in to the Green Flag Award Standard.

4.1 A Welcoming Place

- b) To enhance the existing levels of landscape value and amenity value
- c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment and enhancing the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors through active outdoor activity
- i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site

Morningside Park is a welcoming place and is a very well used site; social access is excellent with local people from within the southern aspect of the city who take part in a variety of formal and informal activities.

There are two principle access points to the north and south of the park. Information boards are located at both of the park entrances, which highlight points of local interest. In addition there is an interpretation panel representing the sensory garden.

There are good public bus routes close-by which allows access to the park, the main pathway allows for disabled access and cycling to be undertaken within the park. The park is bound by a mixture of stone wall, metal railings and local resident fences.

The majority of park users come from the southern part of City of Edinburgh; however, there is great local use by residents who tend to use the park for a number of uses, including play activity, walking, cycling and general relaxation. There are good on-street parking facilities at both the North and South ends of the park.

4.2 Healthy, Safe & Secure

- c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment and enhancing the health and wellbeing of local residents and visitors through active outdoor activity
- g) To ensure the site management works comply with legal obligations
- i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site

Morningside Park is well used throughout the year for formal and informal sport and other physically active activities.

The park contains one well equipped and popular play area and has a tennis/basketball/football fenced area which is well used by the many visitors to the park. The park is well equipped with park benches and litter bins. There are four designated picnic tables/areas located throughout the park and prove very popular with users.

The amount of users of the park support good levels of personal security and this is supported by excellent lighting (nine main lamp standards) along the main path which enhances safe access through the park in the evening.

There is a local public convenience within the local shopping area in Morningside however; there are a number of local businesses which allow public access for toilet provision.

Park Ranger service visits the park weekly as part of their park and garden inspection route. They will log incidents and report these to the Community Parks Officer for resolution.

The Community Police Officer walks through the park and liaises with the department on incidents of issues for resolution. Environmental Wardens are also available for enforcement of dog fouling, disposal of litter legislation and graffiti and fly-posting issues however, there are few incidences requiring their input.

The City of Edinburgh Council uses branding on vehicles and machinery and ensures that all staff wear clothing showing the council logo on, to ensure they are readily identifiable to the public. Wherever possible and safe to do so, the public are encouraged to engage with the grounds maintenance staff to discuss issues with the park, its maintenance or management. Their friendly demeanour allows for a helpful first point of contact for park users.

The Park Rangers and Community Parks Officer are keen to involve children in activities in the park, such as bulb planting. Adults are encouraged to accompany their children to the park and throughout their children's activity to promote child safety.

All City of Edinburgh Council Play Areas are designed in house to meet BS EN 1176 Parts 1 – 11. Prior to 1998 all play areas were designed to meet BS 5696. All play areas are held on a data base called Playsafe produced by Public Sector Software Ltd. This system holds information on all City of Edinburgh Council play areas, including; type of equipment, installation date, and type of surface, fences and bins.

Informal inspections are carried out by council employees who enter the play areas as part of their daily duties (Park Rangers, Playgrounds Maintenance Officer, Community Parks Officer and Task Force staff). They report obvious hazards to the Councils workshop engineers. In-house ROSPA trained staff inspect the equipment on a monthly basis. Any defects identified are either repaired immediately or isolated and made safe, for repair at a later date. Written records of inspections and works undertaken are held with the Workshops at Inverleith Park. Annual inspections and risk assessments, conforming with RPII, are carried out on all the playgrounds by an independent Playground Inspector.

Accidents are reported to the Health and Safety Officer and recorded centrally.

4.3 Clean & Well Maintained

h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations

The park has a maintenance programme, which establishes standards of cleanliness, infrastructure and ground maintenance.

Information gathered from the public and Parks quality surveys indicate that the standard of maintenance is considered to be of a good to high standard, the schedule of maintenance is highlighted within the maintenance plan ([Appendix 3](#)).

There is good provision of litter receptacles and these are maintained on a regular basis. There are localised staff members whose

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responsibility is to ensure that the park is kept litter free. Dog fouling in the park is generally not a problem and this is due to responsible dog owners and supported by 'caring for parks' notices. Although this is proving successful we will still continue to have our local Environmental Wardens visit the site to ensure good practice is in place. In line with City wide practice the litter receptacles within the park are for joint use of disposal both for litter and dog fouling bags.

The grounds maintenance within the park is undertaken by a mobile team. The Community Park Officer oversees the grounds maintenance regime to ensure that standards are maintained. The main flower beds within the park are planted and maintained by the local mobile team and supported by the friends for general maintenance purposes.

The infrastructure is regularly checked and maintained by the City's ROSPA trained engineering team, to ensure that the play area equipment is safe and secure. The surfaces of the play areas are checked regularly by both the Park Rangers and the local task force teams to ensure that there are no dangerous objects within the area.

Although not a regular problem, graffiti is removed by the city wide specialist services team and aided by local volunteers.

A reactive maintenance programme is in place for the maintenance of the infrastructure on site in respect of painting and security. This infrastructure is regularly inspected by the Community Parks Officer and any repairs are carried out, in general, by our in-house service teams.

4.4 Sustainability

f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles

The only use of peat by the Parks and Greenspace Service is in the production of bedding plants at the Council's Inch Nursery. Since 2004 the nursery has reduced its consumption of peat by 50% and continues to aim towards meeting the national targets of 90%. A number of alternatives to peat have been incorporated into the growing mixes for plant production at the nursery, including; compost derived from the Council green waste collections, the nursery own compost, worm cast, fine bark, vermiculite and sand. Trials have been run since 2007 to assess the best mix to support seedling and plant growth.

The only herbicides currently used in Morningside Park is glyphosate, but this is being phased out in favour of safer and more natural alternatives. Herbicide application is only used when cultural practises will not provide adequate control, e.g. around bases of trees. Only affected areas are treated and only then using strategies that are sensitive to the needs of the public and the environment. All operatives are trained to the approved certification level for the application of chemicals. The applications of herbicides are normally scheduled during off-peak times of park use and signs are posted to indicate the re-entry time period if appropriate.

In order to reduce land filled waste, the City of Edinburgh Council is working to develop and extend initiatives to prevent, minimise, reuse and recycle not only the city's but also its own waste. The park is fortunate to have a large on street recycling centre less than 30 metres from it's northern access point where users can dispose of their recyclable material. We encourage the use of this facility by installing signage encouraging the use of this site. The Council is actively collaborating with other local councils in progressing the Lothian & Borders Area Waste Plan. Litter is disposed of appropriately to a licensed waste disposal area.

The Parks and Greenspace section are currently investigating more sustainable methods of dealing with green waste e.g. satellite composting sites. The park, in conjunction with the friends group has recently installed a compost bin area within the park to allow for green waste material.

Green waste (e.g. grass clippings, weeds, seasonal bedding) is taken to Braehead Recycling Centre where it is composted by Forth Resource Management. Tree limbs are chipped and used as mulch on site. Larger limbs and trunks are sold. Compost generated from this process is used by the Parks and Greenspace Service as a soil conditioner in seasonal bedding.

There is occasional use of water within the park, for irrigation of newly planted flower beds and trees during early establishment and drought conditions. Bark mulch has been extensively used throughout the park in order to preserve moisture and provide a cool root run for plants. Ground cover shrubs have been widely planted to suppress weeds and prevent loss of moisture from the soil through evaporation.

The Council's Inch Nursery has introduced a rain water recycling system for plant irrigation. The rain water system is used until the tank is empty and then the system switches back to mains water. Once there is sufficient rain water in the tank the system switches back

The Council negotiates their energy supplier and considers use of alternative technologies in providing energy. Lights used in the park are supplied with low energy bulbs.

4.5 Conservation & Heritage

- a) To increase the biodiversity value of the site
- e) To investigate and action ways of protecting and conserving all features of cultural significance and heritage value

The design and layout of the Morningside Park provides a protected and local heritage, though it may be considered that the area provides limited opportunities to promote biodiversity. However, it is hoped that a number of the recommendations of a biodiversity assessment can be taken forward in the future.

One of the main strengths of the Morningside Park is its popularity with local people with user numbers increasing over a number of years.

The park is enhanced by a number of large mature trees and it is intended to conserve as many of these aspects as possible, mature Beech, Firs, Pine, Poplar are in number within park and every effort will be made to ensure their lifespan is maximised as part of our management plan.

Hedgehogs have been observed in the park during the autumn months and it is certain that they hibernate in the park. Pipistrelle bats are known to hunt over the park in the late summer.

On occasion butterflies, including orange tip in May, the whites and the odd peacock and tortoiseshell can be observed amongst the parks varied plants and shrubs and this year painted ladies were seen!

Resident species include robin, wren and dunnock, great tit, blue tit, blackbird, wood pigeon and collared dove, and sometimes song thrush. Finches are plentiful with greenfinch and chaffinch being the most common, and bullfinch and goldfinch also visit. All these species 'sing' in the park and many will also breed in the park or close by. Occasional visitors include grey wagtail and pied wagtail. Also house sparrow and magpie are resident. During the autumn and winter months mistle thrush, jackdaw, redwing, carrion crow and the energetic parties of long-tailed tits. Starlings visit the lawn area.

4.6 Community Involvement

d) To engage with the local community and users groups encouraging active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource

As part of our community engagement processes we undertook a number of meetings with local groups in an effort to establish a friends of Morningside Park and Cemetery Group. This group finally came together and was constituted in 2009. One of the main items undertaken in attempts to gather the group was an open consultative day within the park whereby local people could offer their comments and aspirations for the park.

From this a major capital programme was put in place to meet the local aspirations and a great number of these have now been completed. This project has taken over £30k to complete and we continue to attempt to resource further changes within the park through this method.

More recently the local friends group have undertaken community clean-up days which includes litter picking, weeding, small graffiti removal, painting and general tidying of the park, this work enhances the maintenance programmes already in place within the park and provides good communication and contact between the group and the Council.

With £5460 of funding collected from various sources a Sensory Garden was established and opened on 27 August 2010 in memoriam for one of the community's local volunteers who gave great periods of her time and life to establishing local priorities which included the Park in which she overlooked from her home. This Sensory garden has been a great addition to what is an established park and enhances the type of user group for which it was intended.



4.7 Marketing

j) To actively promote the appropriate use of the park to all potential users

Information relating to Morningside Park is available via Community Council and City of Edinburgh Council website and available via Smartphone app 'Edinburgh Outdoors'. A direct link QR (**Appendix 8**) code links you directly to Edinburgh Outdoors Page for Morningside Park, the site specific code is located in each of the notice boards. The Council website also offers a good source of information about the park and its available infrastructure.

Edinburgh Outdoors: <https://www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk/featureDetails.php?id=91>

The new crowd funding website, 'My Park Scotland': <http://www.mypark.scot/parks/morningside-park-edinburgh/>

Public information is regularly posted in the two notice boards at both entrances to the park along with local information from the Community Councils and the Friends group.

Within the notice boards local events are advertised and this works well to promote various events, such as Friends meetings and clean-up and local events. Promotion of such events is vital in attracting and inviting members of the public to participate and ensures the success of the event.

It is intended to use the notice boards this year to provide regular information on maintenance, events, and works within the park.

There is a booklet by Ian Nimmo, called Edinburgh's Green Heritage, where information is available on Morningside Park.

4.8 Management

- f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles
- h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations
- d) To engage with the local community and users groups encouraging active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource

Morningside Park is managed by Service for Communities, which is structured to deliver services for the needs and priorities of local communities in each of the twelve Neighbourhood Partnerships within the six neighbourhood areas. The park lies within the South Neighbourhood Area.

Management and development of the park is undertaken locally by the Neighbourhood team in conjunction with the local community through the Friends Group and the adjoining Community Council's with the strategic issues dealt with via the central Parks and Greenspace Team.

The recently formed Friends of Morningside Park and Cemetery Group work closely with the local management teams to ensure that the park progresses in line with the Management Plan.

Operational management of the park is undertaken by the Neighbourhood Task Force team. This team consists of a grounds maintenance and street cleaning teams, who are responsible for the day to day maintenance of the grass, flower beds and shrub areas, the servicing of the bins and litter collection throughout the park. This work is supported by the Community Parks Officer who undertakes small items of work to ensure standards are maintained.

Maintenance schedules indicating frequency and type of work carried out within the park can be found in the appendices of the management plan ([Appendix 3](#)).

Additional teams from the central council services are also deployed to ensure the park is maintained to a high standard. This includes the removal of large items of graffiti, forestry maintenance, playground maintenance, roads and pathway maintenance, lighting maintenance and sports area maintenance.

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The community groups assist the council with members undertaking removal of small graffiti items, mainly from bins, seats and lamp standards, litter picking of small areas and generally highlighting defects for repair. Through the Friends Group it is intended to attempt to increase the public participation in voluntary work within the park, this might include the painting of railings, litter picking, graffiti removal etc.

Given the current financial climate faced by local authorities it is important that the council continue to encourage this volunteer strategy by ensuring that the community have the necessary equipment to carry out the work.

The Park Rangers also patrol the park to ensure that safety is maintained, they regularly make safe various small faults within the park e.g. a broken seat, faulty play equipment which allows for them to be speedily repaired by the local maintenance teams where appropriate. The Park Rangers also patrol the park to ensure that members of the public use the park in line with the management rules.

The Council's annually assess each park with Edinburgh which results in Parks Quality Assessments being produced. These assessments offer good information that is used to improve and develop the park; extractions of the report can be found in the appendices of the management plan ([Appendix 7](#)). These assessments are used to determine further potential capital improvements and form the basis of the South Neighbourhood Park Improvement plan on an annual basis. Morningside Park has benefited from this system with many improvements made from feedback comments in the assessments

5 Development Action Plan

The objectives described in this section are developed from the results of the assessment and analysis section and are directly linked to the criteria aims described in the previous section.

Note: All costs are approximate.

Key:

LEM	Local Environment Manager	CPO	Community Parks Officer
PGM	Parks & Greenspace Management	PR	Park Rangers
FOMP&C	Friends of Morningside Park and Cemetery	ARM	Neighbourhood Area Roads Manager
SLM	Street Lighting Manager	SEW	Senior Environmental Warden
TFM	Task Force Manager	FM	Forestry Manager
CM	Cemetery Manager	PRO	Professional Roads Officer

Aim 1: A Welcoming place

b) To enhance the existing levels of landscape value and amenity value

c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment

i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
1.1 Provide and improve disabled parking near or within park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consult with Roads Officers in regard to feasibility 	2017	LEM CPO PRO	£400

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Aim 2: Healthy, Safe and Secure

c) To provide a place to enjoy formal and informal recreation in an attractive safe and secure environment

g) To ensure the site management works comply with legal obligations

i) To ensure the safety of user groups and staff working on site

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
2.1 To develop a responsible dog owner campaign	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with environmental wardens and other appropriate CEC staff to develop and implement campaign 	2017-22	CPO SEW	£2K
2.2 To improve and maintain lighting on main paths	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Carry out an assessment of existing lighting on main paths which will include the quality of lighting and existing system for repairs and faults ▪ Secure support of relevant CEC departments and funding to carry out replacement programme 	2017-18	LEM CPO SLM	£400/lamp

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Aim 3: Clean and Well Maintained				
h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations				
Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
3.1 To review the capacity, design, and style of litter receptacles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review options and agree programme 	2018	LEM	£500/bin
3.2 To Improve Autumn leaf collection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current procedures and seek volunteer provision 	2017	LEM TFM	£5k
3.3 To provide a cycle rack within the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Locate appropriate site 	2018	LEM CPO	£500
3.4 Encourage community repairs and maintenance of seating within park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consult with local friends, scout, guide groups Assess work type, painting fences, litter picking etc 	2017-18	CPO FOMP&C Local Groups	£200

Aim 4: Sustainability				
f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles				
Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
4.1 Minimize green waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All green waste produced on site to be composted on site or used to produce habitat 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£0
4.2 Reduce use of pesticides	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use natural woodchip mulch, using this on flower beds and round trees Reduce weed growth round signs etc. 	Ongoing	PR	£0
4.3 To design and implement a tree management programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Formalise information from CEC city-wide tree survey and prepare management plan for Morningside Park 	Ongoing	PGM FM	£3k
4.4 Use Autumn leaf fall from park and surrounding parks to mulch the Shrub beds within the park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use maintenance teams to shred leaves and mulch beds 	Ongoing	CPO TFM	£3k

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Aim 5: Conservation and Heritage

a) To increase the biodiversity value of the site

e) To investigate and action ways of protecting and conserving all features of cultural significance and heritage value

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
5.1 Refresh the current wildflower garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of improved wild flower area and biodiversity area within the park 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£400
5.2 Provide Bird Boxes to encourage greater bird numbers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install additional bird boxes 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£350
5.3 Provide additional plants to herbaceous border	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plant mixed herbaceous plants in existing bed 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£300
5.4 Planting of perennial wildflower plugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Within natural bulb planting area Invite school children and Friends Group 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£1000
5.5 Create compost area/bin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install new compost bins at North end of the park within the sloped grass area 	Completed	CPO FOMP&C	£150
5.3 Install 'Beepol' Bee hive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install bee hive to encourage greater bio-diversity 	2017-22	CPO	£200
5.4 Create 'Bug Hotels' within park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Several within woodland area 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£0

Aim 6: Community Involvement

d) To engage with the local community and users groups; to encourage their active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
6.2 To encourage Community led clear-ups and greater involvement in the management and maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be organised in conjunction with the FOMP&C 	2018	CPO FOMP&C	£3k

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6.5 Continue to seek opportunities for grant funding by Friends Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ For projects and improvements 	Ongoing	CPO PR	
6.7 To involve local school children in various park projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Liaise with local schools 	2017-2022	PR	£0

Aim 7: Marketing

j) To actively promote the appropriate use of the park to all potential users

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
7.1 To provide regular information on maintenance, events and works within park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use all relevant information and modern publicity opportunities 	2017-22	LEM CPO FOMP&C	£500
7.2 Create and introduce a QR code specific to the Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Use of ICT department ▪ Linked to the Edinburgh Outdoors site 	Completed 2015	CPO PR	£50
7.3 Update content specific to the Park within Edinburgh Outdoors website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Add new information and photographs specific to site 	Ongoing	CPO PR	£50
7.4 Update content for MyParkScot website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Linked to Edinburgh Outdoors site ▪ Friends Group have a registered page 	Ongoing	PR	£0

Aim 8: Management

f) To ensure policies, management practices and operations accord with sustainable principles

h) To ensure that the maintenance programme is in place to reinforce the aims of the park and meet the visitor expectations

d) To engage with the local community and users groups; to encourage their active participation in decision making and practical activities within the site and to use the park as a recreational resource

Objective	Where and/or How	Year	Lead	Cost
8.1 To develop a volunteer programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work closely with volunteer/friends group to establish list of volunteers 	2017-22	CPO LEM	Look to Grant

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish links with local schools and link into Eco Schools Programme ▪ Establish links with local youth groups, Guides, Scouts etc, linking into badge programme 		<p>CPO PR</p>	<p>Funding up to £5k</p>
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6 Finance

Revenue Funding

The provision of revenue funding for the park consists of work undertaken at present by the local Grounds Maintenance Task Force. The current maintenance schedule is based in part on the old Grounds Maintenance Contract that now serves as a guide to what should be undertaken, although many tasks outside of this guide are undertaken to ensure the quality of the park. The table provided below indicates the annual costs of the general maintenance items within the park, which gives some indication of the revenue spend on these maintenance items.

Item	Annual Cost (£)
Grass Maintenance	5641.14
Flowers, shrubs and hedges	8253.67
Litter removal	4867.86
Play Area Maintenance	1522.52
Maintenance of sports facilities	999.06
Tree Maintenance	1320.00 approx.
Total	22604.26

In addition, the Local Environment Manager has a budget for parks development and small scale repairs and maintenance improvements on facilities and infrastructure. However, the budget held relates to the whole of the South Neighbourhood and any development or repairs are determined on a priority basis, using parks quality assessment information and level of repair and maintenance required.

Capital Funding

The capital budget is administrated by the Parks and Greenspace Service. The budget is generally allocated in advance and the role of the developing management plans is for better planning of financial resources required so that they can be included in future bids. Most recently a capital application was made for Park improvement based on ideas that came forward from a Morningside Park open day this application provided £15k of funding to improve seating, bin provision, picnic tables, notice boards, improvements to the path network and play area upgrade.

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Grants

Friends groups can apply to the local Neighbourhood Partnership for funds up to £5k from the Community Grants Fund. The Council's Parks & Greenspace team have a small grants fund that applications are invited for, this is for small items or to assist in developing their group or the sites they have adopted.

7 Monitoring and Reviewing

The Parks Quality assessment framework is used to provide annual assessment of each park and will provide a report for the Morningside Park that can be used to support the monitoring process. These assessments will have been carried out by staff and friends members and are in general carried out by individuals who have no direct association with the park.

In conjunction to this the Parks User Survey results and comments assist with the monitoring of the park and are taken into consideration by the Council and the Friends group when annual reviews of the management plan are undertaken.

A review of this management plan shall take place in February 2017 in readiness for the next application process for the Green Flag awards. This will be carried out by the Council Officers, the Friends group and individual members of the local Community Council's where we will undertake to consider all recommendations in regard to the Green Flag Assessment and also our internal Parks Quality Assessment.

8 Appendices

Appendix One - Policies

Corporate Strategies & Policies

Corporate Plan 2007 – 2011

The plan shows how the Council is tackling the strategic issues that matter to the public, improving performance and working with partners to improve services. The plan outlines priorities for the next four years, identifies what the Council will be doing to contribute to Edinburgh's City Vision, and provides strategic direction for the Council and all those working within the organisation.

Single Outcome Agreement 2009 – 2012

The Single Outcome Agreement contains an integrated area profile of Edinburgh, providing context for the current issues facing the city, which include demographic changes and the impact of global economic downturn. It sets out the Edinburgh Partnership's local outcomes aligned to each of the 15 National Outcomes agreed in the concordat.

The Community Plan for Edinburgh 2008 – 2011

The Community Plan for Edinburgh sets out the Edinburgh Partnership's priorities for the city:

- sustainable economic growth
- maximisation of land use and affordable housing
- investment in prevention and care service, health improvement and social inclusion
- environmental sustainability and climate change

The Action Plan shows the Edinburgh Partnership's joint commitments to 2011. In implementing this plan, partners will make a significant contribution to the quality of life and wellbeing of the city. Each year the Partnership will measure and report its progress in meeting the Community Plan targets.

Development Plan

The Development Plan for the City comprises the Edinburgh & Lothian's Structure Plan and a number of Local Plans. These documents provide the statutory planning framework for the Council's policies and proposals towards the protection and use of the city's open spaces. The Edinburgh and the Lothians Structure Plan was prepared jointly by the City Council with the councils for East, Mid- and West Lothian. It was approved by the Scottish Ministers in 2007. The Edinburgh City Local Plan was prepared in

2007, but has not yet been adopted. A public local inquiry was held towards the end of 2008 to deal with objections made to the Plan as it stands and to modifications which the Council has proposed making to the Plan. The Edinburgh City Local Plan page will keep you up-to-date with progress towards its adoption, which should be early in 2010. The Rural West Edinburgh Local Plan was adopted by the Council in 2006. An Alteration is in preparation, dealing with the airport's growth plans amongst other matters. You can view the Alteration proposals and track progress by clicking on Alteration.

Open Space Framework

The Framework acknowledges the ongoing work of both the Council and its stakeholders to improve open space across the city. There is also an appreciation of the increasing pressures and changing attitudes to open space. The Framework considers the different types of open space that the city has and should offer, looking at not just green but also civic spaces and considers how the overall protection, enhancement, provision, promotion of open spaces can be achieved and sets out a series of aims to do this.

Capitalising on Access: an Access Strategy for Edinburgh

The Access Strategy sets out a framework for developing opportunities for walking, cycling and horseriding in Edinburgh, and covers five access themes; sustainable transport, an attractive and enjoyable network, encouraging healthier lifestyles, an inclusive and accessible network and safety and security. For each theme, the Strategy sets out objectives, recommendations for action and identifies the key partners from Council departments and external organisations to take this work forward.

Climate Change Framework

The Climate Change Framework sets out a draft framework for the Council's own activities, identifying key areas for action, to mitigate carbon emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Some actions relate specifically to the Council's own environmental performance, such as its energy use or fleet management. Other actions will require the co-operation and collaboration of the Council's partners across the city.

Energy Policy

The Council's current energy policy has targets to reduce energy consumption by 15% and reduce our CO2 emissions by 30% based on 1990 levels. This policy is mainly focussed on buildings. The policy is currently being revised to take account of the other Council areas that impact on energy usage. These are namely procurement, fleet services, street and stair lighting and design services. The Sustainable Development Unit in Corporate Services is the lead on this area of work.

- Sustainable Development Strategy – in development
- Play Strategy (draft) – in development

Park and Environmental Policies

Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy (2006)

The sets out realistic aspirations for Edinburgh's park and greenspace system, and shows the way forward to achieving them. The strategy also provides a policy framework for the preparation of more detailed Management Plans for individual parks and gardens.

Edinburgh Open Space Strategy

The strategy is being developed following a comprehensive audit of open space in the city and information gathered through public consultation. It will ensure that a coordinated approach is taken to protecting and developing the city's network of open space. It is accompanied by 12 action plans, one for each Neighbourhood Partnership area, setting out site-specific proposals for change in open spaces. There are a number of main strategic issues that it will consider, many which will relate to the Green Flag Scheme, including parks and gardens, sports pitches, play, allotment and community gardens. The details of these are not yet available. It will be launched in May 2010

Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan 2016-2018

The Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan is an initiative to conserve and enhance the Capital's natural heritage. The term "biodiversity" encapsulates all that we mean by the health of our natural environment and ultimately the quality of our lives. To this end, the Action Plan puts forward an ambitious programme of carefully targeted actions to enrich the living habitats of Edinburgh and address the welfare of key plant and animal species. There are Habitat Actions Plans for coastal & marine, rock faces, uplands, wetland and watercourses, farmland, semi-natural grassland, urban habitats and woodland. There are Species Action Plans for water vole, badger, otter, daubenton's bat & pipistrelle bats, seed eating birds, roseate tern & common tern, swift, great crested newt, small pearl-bordered fritillary, juniper, maiden pink, rock white beam, sticky catchfly, adders tongue and waxcap fungi.

Appendix Two – Management Rules

‘Caring for Parks Guidelines’

Undesirable behaviour in parks is managed through education, persuasion and regulation.

Education, at the proactive, preventative end of the spectrum is provided for parks by a number of agencies. Education Officers in Local Community Planning provide a comprehensive environmental information and education service to the Edinburgh community. The team works with schools, colleges and universities, voluntary organisations, special needs groups and the business community to provide programmes, including litter and waste.

The Countryside ranger service runs environmental education programmes for schools and a range of park issues such as litter, dog fouling, camping, fires and cycling, are often discussed. Countryside Rangers are also charged with the promotion of ‘responsible behaviour’ as defined in the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, the guidance on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003. Talks to community groups, games and activities at events and special events such as ‘Super Dog’ and ‘Dr Bike’ are geared to communicating responsible behaviour in parks and greenspace.

The Park Ranger’s role in providing an education service is developing through their work with local schools and providing walks for community groups. Park rangers can be effective in dealing with undesirable behaviours by targeting education on local issues at local people. This involves raising awareness of an issue through the neighbourhood media, contact with the community, signage and providing events and activities designed to draw in the target groups, persuade them to stop and prevent the undesirable behaviours.

Persuasion

Parks Rangers, Countryside Ranger and Volunteer Rangers are the principle people dealing with undesirable behaviour in parks. They have no powers to apprehend, fine or prosecute offenders and are often working on their own. They must therefore rely on gentle, friendly persuasion. This, for most behaviour, can be very effective but requires a good deal of skill. Training for rangers on how to deal effectively and safely with the public is therefore on-going. It is intended that this training will be extended to gardeners.

Signs, such as the ‘caring for Edinburgh’s Parks’, are designed to persuade people by explaining the effect of certain behaviours. These signs are permanent in all parks. Temporary signage can deal with local issues and again they are prepared in an informative and persuasive style as is shown on the next page.

Management Rules for Public Parks and Greenspace

The City of Edinburgh Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 hereby make the following Management Rules for the Council's Parks, Gardens and open spaces:

Interpretation

In these management Rules the following words have the meanings given to them:
 "Council" means The City of Edinburgh Council;
 "Park" means any land provided, owned, leased, occupied or managed by the Council within the City of Edinburgh and used as a recreation ground, public playground, public open space, public walk, walkway, woodland, ornamental or pleasure ground or gardens and all buildings and works connected therewith;
 "Council Official" means an employee of the Council or of Edinburgh Leisure, or any person authorised by the Council to enforce these rules;
 "Code" means the Scottish Outdoor Access Code, the guidance on the Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2003.

Summary

Any person who appears to be breaking, has broken or is about to break any of the following rules may be asked by a Council Official to leave the Park. Any person refusing to leave will be guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding level one on the standard scale.

- No person shall in any park wilfully obstruct, interrupt, verbally insult or annoy employees or agents of the Council in carrying out their duties.

- Any written permission required by these rules must be shown on request to a Council Official.
- The Council may decide to waive any particular Rule at any time.

General

The following acts are prohibited:

- Behaviour which causes (or in the opinion of a Council Official is likely to cause) annoyance, offence, alarm or distress to any other park user.
- Any wilful or careless act which damages or removes any artefact, plant, tree, shrub, building, structure, equipment, furniture or fitting.
- Depositing litter except in litter bins provided for the purpose.
- Pursuing any activity which endangers (or in the opinion of a Council Official is likely to endanger) any person or property.
- Ball games in Princes Street Gardens and Saughton Walled Gardens.
- Fishing in any water course without permit.
- Depositing or leaving any substance or article which is likely (in the opinion of a Council Official) to cause injury or damage to any person or property.

- Metal detecting in any park without the written permission of the Scottish Detector Club, subject to an agreement between the Council and the Scottish Detector Club being valid.

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- Entering into or wilfully remaining in a Park when it is closed to the public.
- Selling, hiring or offering for sale or hire any items or goods or services.
- Displaying or handing out advertisements, conducting surveys or giving any displays or performances.
- Begging or busking.
- Engaging in any commercial activity whatsoever (including, without limitation, dog walking services, photography, filming and fitness training services).

Dogs and Horses

The following acts are prohibited:

- Allowing a dog to enter in or on a children's play area or area of the Park that is designated as a 'dog free area.'
- Allowing dogs to foul in a public Park unless the person in charge of the dog immediately removes the fouling (within the provisions of the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003).
- Failing to keep a dog under close control in any Park.

- Failing to keep a dog under close control, at heel or on a short lead when near young farm animals and at nesting time (April – July) in woodlands, grasslands, moorland and at the seashore.
- Allowing a dog to run onto sports pitches when these are in use.
- Leading, riding, training or exercising a horse in a manner which falls short of the responsibilities in the Code.

BBQs, Fire and Camping

The following acts are prohibited:

- Lighting barbecues outwith designated barbecue sites, where these are provided, or in areas or in a manner likely to burn or scorch the ground or cause danger or nuisance to other Park users or neighbouring residents.
- Failing to remove litter associated with BBQs and picnics.

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- Lighting an open fire in any Park.
- Camping within one mile of a public road.

Cycling

The following acts are prohibited:

- Cycling in a manner which falls short of the responsibilities in the Code.
- Cycling off the paths in woodland and other areas sensitive to environmental damage.

Motor Vehicles

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- Driving or using or leaving any car, motorbike, quad bike, mini molo, or other vehicle, or parking a caravan, except on roads and in car parks provided by the Council for cars and vehicles, unless the Council's permission has been obtained first. This rule does not apply to prams and wheelchairs used for carrying children or people with a disability.

The following acts are prohibited:

- Operating any motorised or mechanically propelled toy or model vehicle, aircraft or boat so as to disturb wildlife, endanger or give annoyance to other people or if asked by a Council Official not to do so.

Events and Other Activities

The following acts are prohibited unless the Council's written permission has been obtained first:

- Holding an event, performance, ceremony in any Park, or a demonstration or public meeting in any Park except East Meadows, Calton Hill or Leith Links.
- Carrying, or discharging any fireworks or firearm.
- Playing any organised game or sport on pitches provided by the Council.

Short Hole Golf Courses

The following acts are prohibited for those not engaged in the game of golf:

- Going onto playing surfaces when these are in use and onto greens at all times.



Expulsion and Exclusion from Parks

- Where a Council Official has reasonable grounds for believing that a person has contravened, or is about to contravene any of these Management Rules, they may expel that person from the Park.
- Where a Council Official has reasonable grounds for believing that a person is about to contravene any of these Management Rules, they may exclude that person from the Park.
- Where a person has persistently contravened or attempted to contravene these Management Rules and in the Council's opinion is likely to contravene them again, the Council may decide to make that person subject to an exclusion order for a specified period of up to one year.
- An exclusion order made under Rule 11.3 shall take effect on such date as the Council may decide, being not less than 14 days after the decision to make that person subject to an exclusion order. A person who has been made subject to an exclusion order:
 - shall be entitled to written notice of the decision to make the exclusion order, containing a statement of the reasons for that decision, and
 - shall be entitled to make written or oral representations to the Council at any time up to the time that the order would have taken effect but for the representation being made.



These rules, due to come into force in February 2013, are now presented for public inspection. Any objections to the rules should be made in writing before 3 December 2012 to: Duncan Monteith, Parks and Greenspace, The City of Edinburgh Council, C3 Waverley Court, 4 East Market Street, Edinburgh, EH8 8BG. duncan.monteith@edinburgh.gov.uk Please include your contact details so we can acknowledge and process your objection.



Regulation

When gentle persuasion fails, Council officers and rangers can resort to regulation, using Management Rules, Environmental Wardens and the Police. Management Rules, made under section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1989, allow Council officers and rangers to expel and exclude people from parks for minor offences. If the offending person does not leave they are committing a criminal offence. The threat of the offence is often enough to persuade people to stop. If they persist then it is a matter for the police.

The current Management Rules for Public Parks expire in 2013. A review of the rules is therefore under way and this will bring the rules in-line with the Scottish Outdoor Access Code. The new Rules will also address current issues in parks and attempt to provide a clearer interpretation to the public of the behaviours which are not allowed.

For people who will not be persuaded and for more serious behaviours in parks then Park officers and ranger and the public are encouraged to call the police. The police will respond in a time that resources and priorities allow. When campaigns are being run in parks to address certain issues then Environmental Wardens are often asked to assist. Wardens can help stop and persuade people and for issues of dog fouling and litter can issue fixed penalties. The key tools for dealing with undesirable behaviour in parks are education, the promotion of responsible behaviour, persuasion and as a last resort, regulation.

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Appendix Three – Maintenance Plan

Morningside Park Maintenance Plan																		
						Occasions												
Description	Action/Works	Who	M	M ²	No.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	General Frequency
Grass Maintenance																		
Bulb Planted Areas	Cutting			400								2	2	2	2	2		Fortnightly (Sum)
General Areas	Cutting			6639				2	2	3	2	3	2	3	2			Fortnightly (Sum)
Edge Trees & Post	Cutting		488		116		1							1				Bi-Annual
Edge Hard Surface	Cutting		1430				1											Annual
Channel Maintenance				2349			1							1				Bi-Annual
Flower Bed Maintenance																		
Spring & Summer Bedding	Planting			60	7					1					1			Bi-Annual
	Watering				7					1	1	1	1	1	1			Monthly (Sum)
	Weeding				7					1	1	1	1	1	1			Monthly (Sum)
Shrub bed maintenance	Pruning			1681		1												Annually
	Litter Collection																	
Hedge & Tree Maintenance																		
Hedge	Cutting			1398						1			1		1			Quarterly
Tree	Pruning				50	1												
Roads & Pathway Maintenance																		
Roads/paths & Cycleway	Engineer Inspection			1000	1			1										Annual
	Ranger Inspection			1000	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Fortnightly

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Description	Action/Works	Who	M	M ²	No.	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	General Frequency	
Play Area Maintenance																			
Engineer Maintenance	Engineer Inspection				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Monthly
Equipment Maintenance	Manager Inspection				1			1							1				Bi-Annual
	Ranger Inspection				1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Fortnightly
Surfaces – Rubber	Sweeping			60	1	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	Weekly
Surfaces – Hard Standing	Sweeping			950	1	4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	Weekly
Ball Area Maintenance	Ranger Inspection				1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	Weekly
Ball Area Surfaces	Sweeping			1610															
Leaf Collection																			
	Collection			16318		4										4	4	4	Weekly (Wint)
Street Cleansing Maintenance																			
Bin	Emptying				9	31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	31	Daily
Litter	Collection			16318		31	28	31	30	31	30	31	31	30	31	30	31	31	Daily
Mechanical Sweeping	Collection			2000		4	4	5	4	4	5	4	5	4	4	5	4	4	Weekly
Graffiti removal	Offensive																		Within 24 hrs
	Non-Offensive																		Within 72hrs

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Appendix Four – Tree Survey

Tree Details - by Location/Site

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Meadows/Morningside

Morningside Park

Type/Seq	Hse/Loc	Common na	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition	Comments
Sgl/206	b16155	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/207	b16156	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/208	b16157	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	9 to 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Poor	ganoderma adspersum fruiting bodies at base
								Picus indicates 10% decay in south eastern quadrant around fruiting body - monitor
Sgl/209	b16159	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/210	b16158	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/211	b16160	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	decay on upperside of limb over path at 2m
Sgl/212	b16161	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/213	b16162	Apple spp	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/214	b16167	Deodar Cedar	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/215	b16166	Purple Beech	10 to 15 meters	Over 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/216	b16165	Deodar Cedar	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/217	b16164	Cedar of Lebanon	5 to 10 meters	Over 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/219	b16171	Elm spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Fair	
Sgl/220	b16170	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	decay - possible small split in branch at 4m
Sgl/221	b16169	Chery spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/222	b16172	Silver Birch	15 to 20 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/223	b16173	Silver Birch	15 to 20 meters	6 to 9 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	substation
Sgl/226	b16176	Common Laurel	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/227	b16177	Common Laurel	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/228	b16178	Common Laurel	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/229	b16179	Common Laurel	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/230	b16181	Apple spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/231	b16182	Chery spp	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/232	b16183	Apple spp	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/233	b16184	Rowan	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Good	
Sgl/234	b16185	Rowan	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Fair	
Sgl/235	b16186	Rowan	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Good	

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Type/Seq	Hse/Loc	Common na	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition	Comments
Sgl/236	b16187	Rowan	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Good	
Sgl/237	b16188	Rowan	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Juvenile	Good	
Sgl/238	b16189	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Good	
Sgl/239	b16190	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/240	b16191	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/241	b16192	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/242	b16193	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Good	
Sgl/243	b16194	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/244	b16195	Common Elder	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/245	b16199	Silver Birch	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/246	b16198	Silver Birch	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/247	b16197	Rowan	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/248	b16196	Pear spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/249	b16200	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/250	b16201	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/251	b16202	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/252	b16203	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/253	b16204	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/254	b16213	Common Yew	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/255	b16212	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/256	b16205	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/257	b16206	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/258	b16207	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/259	b16208	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/260	b16209	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/261	b16210	Silver Birch	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/262	b16211	Silver Birch	Up to 5 meters	9 to 12 meters	10 - 20	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/263	b16214	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/264	b16215	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/265	b16216	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/267	b16217	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Early Inspectio	piptoporus betulinus fruiting body on deadwood in crown
Sgl/268	b16218	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/269	b16219	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/270	b16220	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/271	b16222	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/272	b16221	Birch spp	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/273	b16223	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	

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Type/Seq	Hse/Loc	Common na	Height	Spread	Trunk	Age	Condition	Comments
Sgl/274	b16224	Birch spp	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/275	b16225	Birch spp	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/276	b16226	Birch spp	10 to 15 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/277	b16227	Birch spp	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	40 - 50	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/278	b16228	Common Lime	20 to 25 meters	Over 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/279	b16229	Common Yew	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	20 - 30	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/280	b16230	Small-leaved Li	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/281	no tag	Small-leaved Li	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/282	b16232	Small-leaved Li	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/283	b16233	Small-leaved Li	15 to 20 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/284	b16234	Small-leaved Li	15 to 20 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/285	b16235	Common Yew	Up to 5 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/286	b16238	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	Over 12 meters	80 - 90	Mature	Fair	decay on upper side of scaffold - low target potential
Sgl/287	b16250	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/288	b16249	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	40 - 50	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/289	b16248	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/290	b16247	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/291	b16246	Rowan	5 to 10 meters	3 to 6 meters	10 - 20	Semi-mature	Fair	
Sgl/292	b16240	Red Chestnut	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Poor	
Sgl/293	b16241	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/294	b16242	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/295	b16243	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	
Sgl/296	b16239	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	Over 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/297	b16244	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	6 to 9 meters	30 - 40	Middle Aged	Fair	ganoderma spp fruiting bodt at base - no external evidence of significant decay bleeding canker
Sgl/298	b16245	Red Chestnut	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	70 - 80	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/299	b16231	Poplar spp	20 to 25 meters	Over 12 meters	90 +	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/300	b16237	Small-leaved Li	20 to 25 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/301	b16236	Small-leaved Li	15 to 20 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/302	b16163	Cherry spp	5 to 10 meters	9 to 12 meters	60 - 70	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/303	b16252	Silver Birch	10 to 15 meters	3 to 6 meters	30 - 40	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/304	b16251	Small-leaved Li	10 to 15 meters	9 to 12 meters	50 - 60	Mature	Fair	
Sgl/305	no tag	Silver Birch	Up to 5 meters	Up to 3 meters	10 - 20	Middle Aged	Dead	

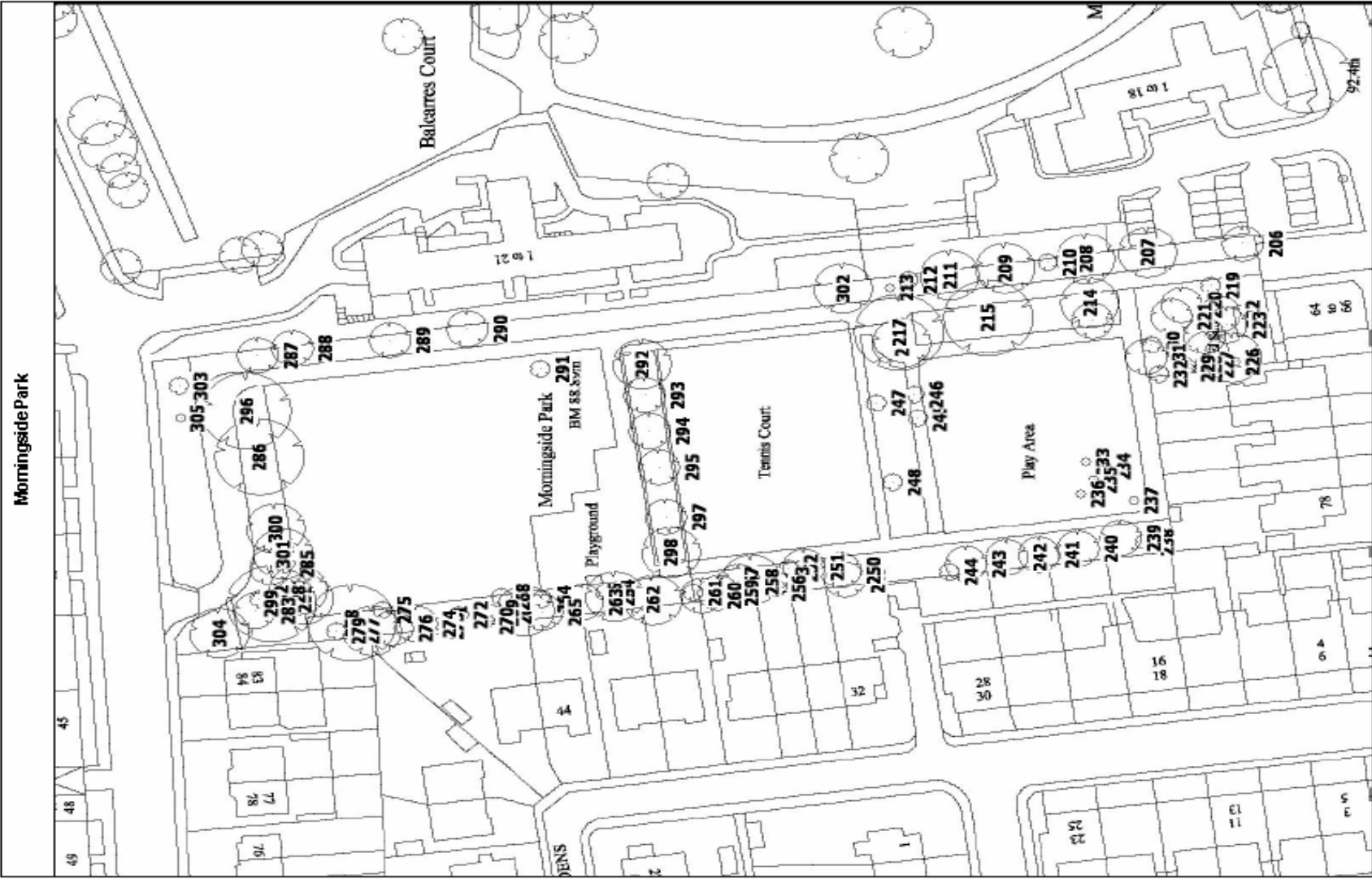
Sub-total: 96 trees

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Total: 96 trees

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Appendix Five – Park User Surveys

Parks and Greenspace User Survey Information

Information to be provided at later date



Appendix Six – Biodiversity Assessment

Site Visit Date: February 2016

A lot of changes have already been implemented within Morningside Park which will improve it for biodiversity, for example:

- Putting up bird boxes on many of the mature trees
- Planting two new wildflower areas by the North entrance – and adding deadwood once the wildflowers have established
- Composting and mulching with materials from the park
- Diversifying the shrub borders – removing laurel and replacing with a range of shrubs and small trees (holly, dogwood, skimmia etc) – also underplanting these borders with bulbs

Listed below are a few more suggestions from the biodiversity options document that may be considered when planning more improvements for biodiversity, however it is identified that biodiversity work is already ongoing with a number of good projects being undertaken within Morningside Park:

Amenity Grass

A round flower bed with formal planting has been installed – consideration should be given to adding a matching one that's planted up with pictorial meadow / wildflowers. There are bulbs around some of the edges of the grass although not visible on the visit which is encouraging and consideration should be given to installing a really colourful bulb area by adding some native spring-flowering bulbs.

Shrub beds

Underplant with a range of woodland wildflowers to add colour and diversity early in the season. Leave woody cuttings in safe places in the shrub beds to create deadwood habitat.

Single trees

Morningside Park has some fantastic big mature trees, many of them have bare soil underneath this might be hard to remedy but consideration should be given to introducing shade-loving grasses or wildflowers.

Play areas

The sports area is surrounded by a high fence, consider planting some flowering climbers at points around the fence. Maybe planting at the corners so you can still see right through the park.

Appendix Seven – Park Quality Assessment



**THE CITY OF EDINBURGH COUNCIL
PARKS & GREENSPACE**



Green Flag Park Quality Assessment Scores 2016

Morningside Park

Classification: Community Park

PQS: 75% Bandwidth: Excellent

Criteria Score Key 0 = N/A; 1 = Very Poor; 2-4 = Poor; 5-6 = Fair; 7 = Good; 8 = Very Good; 9 = Excellent; 10 = Exceptional

A Welcoming Place

	<u>Criteria Score</u>	<u>Strengths</u>	<u>Weaknesses</u>
Welcoming	8	South tree lined entrance very inviting, with splashes of colour down the path. North entrance very colourful and nice gated entrance with ample signage.	Some planters need attention
Good Safe Access	8	Good path network within the park, on street parking, access from two sides	
Signage	8	Lot of signage, notice boards and information	Some of the signage needs replacing especially the history sign at the north entrance.
Equal Access	8	Wide and good paths , access from both sides	

Healthy, Safe & Secure

Safe Equipment & Facilities	7	All equipment etc looked safe	Only concern was broken branches in trees that overhang main path
Personal Security in Park	9	Very busy, overlooked and lighting in the park	
Dog Fouling	9	None seen, signage and information in notice boards	
Appropriate Provision of Facilities	9	Lots of facilities on offer within the park	
Quality of Facilities	7	All the quality seems good.	

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Clean & Well Maintained

Litter & Waste Management

9	Very clean, bins on site	
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Grounds Maintenance

7	Grass within LQS, lots of colour and interesting planting within the park	Planters are a little weedy especially at North entrances, some beds need attention and mulch required in places. Wildflower meadow does look a little unsightly although to be expected at this time of year. Monitor use of herbicide to ensure that its use is appropriate. Dumped branches at North side. Consideration should be given to any further development to ensure standards are maintained
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Building & Infrastructure Maint.

7	Paths all were fine, fences and walls in good condition. Tennis courts and ball area in good condition	Paths need swept to remove detritus
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Equipment Maintenance

6		Play equipment needs attention with regards to repainting or renewing play equipment, safety surfaces beginning to show wear and tear, mushrooms???
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Sustainability

Environmental Sustainability

6	All current Council policies regarding environmental sustainability are being adhered to in the park.	
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Pesticides

6	We have cut back nearly all chemical use in the park, but still need to spot treat some sections, use bark mulch to minimise use of chemical.	
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Peat Use

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Waste Minimisation

7	35 % of all the litter lifted or emptied from the parks litter bins is now recycled as part of the councils recycling policy, we also use on site bark mulch around trees and shrubs and also recycle the parks leaves to reduce waste, we also have on site two compost bins in the fenced off section at Balcares st entrance and use the compost made on site in the park.	
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Woodland Management

7	Lots of good variety of trees, trees tagged and	However some trees have broken branches lodged in
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	marked for removal where necessary	canopy that need removed
<u>Conservation & Heritage</u>		
Conservation Fauna & Flora	8	Lots of different planting, bulbs and wildflower meadow. Trees and bird boxes
Conservation Landscape	0	
Conservation Buildings	0	
<u>Community Involvement</u>		
Community Involvement	5	
Community Provision	6	The park has on site play area , football area , basket ball court , tennis courts , seats , picnic tables and well as sensory garden , wildflower area and feel this all serves the community very well for a small park and suggest a score of 7 would be a fair score for this .
<u>Marketing & Promotion</u>		
Marketing & Promotion	9	QR codes in notice board which gives park direct link to Edinburgh outdoors web site, with photos and information also allowing the public to comment or report any concerns regarding the park direct with their smart phone. The site also benefits from additional marketing as a Green Flag Award site
Information Provision	8	Lots of information available in two notice boards and signage
Educ. & Interpretative Provision	8	Interpretation provided on wildlife, sensory garden and WW! Garden
<u>Management</u>		
Management Plan Implementation	0	
<u>OverallComments</u>	A very attractive park with lots of facilities, diverse planting and features	
<u>Recommendations:</u>	Review the maintenance regime to ensure capacity is not overreached	
	Carry out an inspection of the tree stock and remove dead wood	
	Consider repainting the play area.	

Appendix Eight – QR Code

Morningside Park

QR Code

Scan this code using your smartphone to find out about your local park or report a concern
www.edinburghoutdoors.org.uk



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