

CLAPHAM COMMON

The London Borough of Lambeth has applied to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for consent under article 12 of the Greater London Parks and Open Spaces Order 1967 to carry out restricted works on Clapham Common. The Planning Inspectorate will decide the application on behalf of the Secretary of State.

The proposed works are to install a new waterplay 'splashpad' feature of no less than 500sqm in the centre of the existing 1,630sqm paddling pool area also known as the Cock Pond, located in the northernmost part of the Common by the Holy Trinity Church. The 'splashpad' would be fitted with around 30 water jets, sprays and misters not exceeding 3m in height. Within the designated 'splashpad' area a new safety surface would be installed that will drain to water treatment tanks below. The surface of the 'splashpad' would be finished in blue/green with browns and yellows. This may incorporate graphics to emphasise certain equipment or ways to play. The jet/nozzle equipment would be colourful and sculptural.

It is proposed that the existing paddling pool surface around the new 'splashpad' be made good, its paint finish fully refurbished, and that the edge of the paddling pool be re-profiled to meet the top of the surrounding kerb, either throughout or locally to each entrance to ensure the 'splashpad' is accessible to all. The tarmac apron is to be refurbished with a new colour (blue/green) tarmac wearing course.

The provision of the 'splashpad' system would necessitate installation of a new, prefabricated plant room, approximately 12m long, 2.5m wide and 2.6m high. In addition, a new prefabricated, accessible WC block, approximately 6m long, 2.5m wide and 2.6m high will be provided for users of the facility. These two new structures are proposed to be located either side of the relocated entrance to the site. It is proposed that both prefabricated buildings be finished with additional fire-retardant treated vertical timber board and topped with additional extensive green roofing.

The entrance would be moved from its current location in the west corner to the south apex of the boundary. Works proposed to relocate the entrance would include installation of a new tarmac path at the south entrance together with a 'grasscrete' margin to allow for service vehicles.

The existing kiosk and adjacent path at the existing entrance would be removed and replaced with additional grass planting, as would the existing adjacent path where the existing tarmac path is to be permanently removed from around the large tree. The demolition and adjustment of the existing paths would result in a net gain of 42sqm of green space on the Common.

The existing metal fencing around the perimeter of the current paddling pool will be retained.

A copy of the application form and accompanying documents can be inspected at Clapham Common Parks Team Depot, 8A Windmill Drive, London SW4 9DE during normal office hours until **17 October 2022**. A copy of the application form and accompanying documents may also be obtained by contacting:

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Any representations should be sent in writing ON or BEFORE that date to:

The Planning Inspectorate

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Dated this sixteenth day of September 2022

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