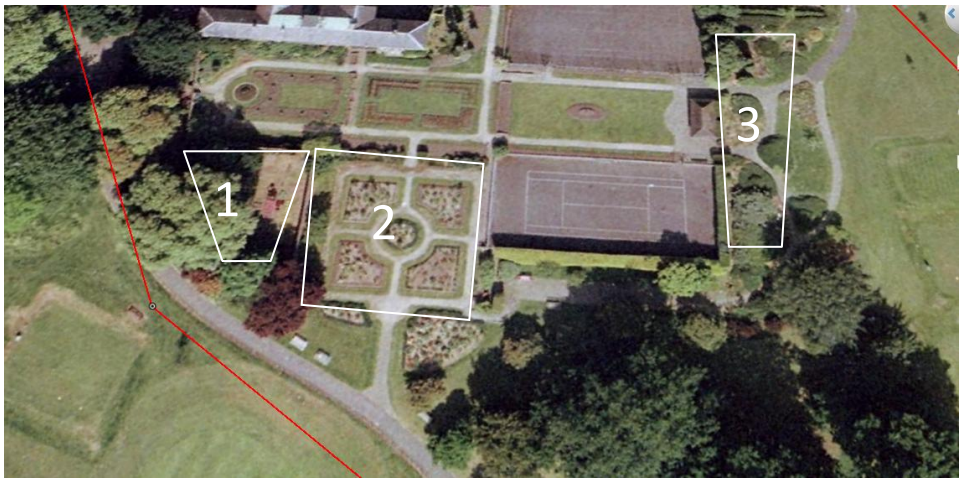
Consultation for a Sensory Garden in Beckenham Place Park

We have the opportunity of attracting some funding £10,000 - £25,000 for the addition of a sensory garden in the park. This would be an enhancement which would appeal to the whole community.

- The sensory garden would include a wide range of plants with scent, colour, berries and fruit, and texture to the touch. There would be an element to the garden which would improve its value to wildlife (birds, butterflies etc. such as bird nest boxes, feeders, bath).
- It would include raised beds or planters of different materials and textures, accessible to touch/smell by anyone of any ability. Include a range of plants that would have some attraction throughout the year e.g. shape/texture/colour of stems or flowers.
- We have identified three possible areas and some reasons why or why not they might be suitable.



- Site 1: 'Secret Garden' this area is currently used for maintenance and storage functions. It is secluded, lockable, access can be controlled. This would be an addition to the existing features in the gardens and give access to more of the walled garden area.
- Site 2: 'Rose Garden' currently mainly roses and lavender with some shrubs and benches. Open, views over park, vandalism potential. This area could be improved by this scheme as it has a narrow range of planting and looks bare particularly in winter. It does have an established pattern which needs repair.
- Site 3: 'Rockery' adjacent to Golf course, existing path uneven and slippery when wet, limited access to view or touch plants. Currently bare of plants. Only suitable for limited range of plants. Would require major remodelling and removal of rockery.

(Please tick or circle - return to The Secretary, 18 Greycot Road, BR3 1TA or the visitor centre on Sunday 1.30-3.30pm asap)

A sensory garden would be a valuable addition to the park:

Strongly Agree **Agree** **Disagree**

My preference is for site

1	☐
2	☐
3	☐
No preference	☐
No Change	☐

Name:
Address:

Postcode:
Phone:
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My Reasons are:

a, ……

b, ……

c, ……

e.g. Access to more of park area, Don't want to change Rose Garden, Want to improve Rose Garden, More people will be attracted to the park, Other site(s) dangerous or insecure, educational resource.