

## **LiveShare Toolkit – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

### **Parks and Open Green Spaces: Keeping Our Air Clean in a Post-Covid Era**

<https://crossriverpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Parks-and-Open-Spaces-presentation.pdf>

Cross River Partnership was joined by [Parks for London](#) and [Global Urban Design](#) for an insightful discussion on the importance of parks and open green spaces in keeping our air clean in a post-Covid era.

The session offered insight into the mental and physical health benefits of parks and open green spaces, looking at international, national and city-level examples, and analysed the role of green spaces for placemaking in urban design through green infrastructure, particularly important when creating a green recovery from COVID-19 and the lockdown. This was also an opportunity to launch Cross River Partnership's latest guidance document, [Creating Parklets for Community and Business Resilience](#), to support partners with implementing parklets as part of the Healthy Streets Everyday programme. For the full recording of the LiveShare, please see [here](#).



#### **Useful resources for re-opening safely and sustainably:**

Please see these useful resources for information and guidance on how to build back better, safely and sustainably through parks and open spaces.



#### **Guidance documents**

- Greater London Authority (GLA) Natural Capital Accounting Report:  
<https://bit.ly/2CCXYmr>
- Imperial College London's report on air quality safety: <https://bit.ly/3h2i5cG>
- Landscape Institute journal – Bringing Nature into the City:  
<https://bit.ly/30upRFN>
- London's Environment strategy (GLA):  
<https://bit.ly/3eydMnK>

- GLAs Green Infrastructure and Air Pollution report: <https://bit.ly/2CIOWpD>
- Greenkeeper report on building back better through green infrastructure: <https://bit.ly/390HfFP>
- Good Parks for London, 2019 report: <https://bit.ly/2WmYCLK>
- The Future of Parking by Centre for London: <https://bit.ly/2ZyUYRe>
- Living Streets Parklets toolkit: <https://bit.ly/391VikM>
- Hackney Council parklets guidance: <https://hackney.gov.uk/parklets>
- CRP Sustainable Urban Markets Action Plan: <https://bit.ly/3if7SLz>
- CRP's COVID-19 support page: <https://crossriverpartnership.org/covid19/>
- CRP's newsletter: <https://crossriverpartnership.org/newsletter/>
- CRP's website, LinkedIn and Twitter pages
- CRP CAV3 project: <https://bit.ly/3exISMG>
- CRP Green Capitals video: <https://vimeo.com/188308733>
- CRP Marylebone Low Emissions Neighbourhood Summary Report: <https://bit.ly/2OrOkWB>



### **Cross River Partnership (CRP) project materials and guidance**

- CRP project guide: Creating Parklets for Community and Business resilience: <https://bit.ly/32sTOs4>
- CRP Click Collect Clean Air tool: <https://clickcollect.london/>
- CRP Green Capitals report: <https://bit.ly/30f2DmJ>
- CRP Healthy Streets Everyday page: <https://crossriverpartnership.org/projects/healthy-streets-everyday/>
- CRP Healthy Greening in Central London Report: <https://bit.ly/3dL4ch7>



### **Legislation changes and funding opportunities**

- TfL's Streetspace plans and guidance: <https://bit.ly/3ezswCW>
- GLA Culture at Risk resources: <https://bit.ly/2YMbAED>
- Good to Go: <https://bit.ly/2NHFkw9>
- Government outlines support for pubs, cafes and restaurants: <https://bit.ly/31wkh7E>
- TfL's Healthy Streets approach: <https://bit.ly/32mMVZx>

- Healthy Streets:  
<https://healthystreets.com/>
- London's National Park City initiative:  
<https://nationalparkcity.london/>
- Future Parks Accelerator Programme:  
<http://www.futureparks.org/toolkit/future-parks-accelerator>



### **Inspiring Case Studies**

- Crown Estate's Wild West End initiative:  
<http://www.wildwestend.london/about>
- Greenkeeper tool:  
<http://www.greenkeeperuk.co.uk/>
- Health Parks:  
<https://www.healthparks.co.uk/>
- Hammersmith BID's award winning parklets in Hammersmith Grove:  
<https://bit.ly/3ezHo4n>
- The CityMaking!Wien tool used in Vienna to encourage parklets:  
<https://citymaking.wien/en/>
- CAV2 best practice case studies: <https://bit.ly/2XwedJT>



### **Local Authority Support**

- Camden Council's Climate Action Plan:  
<https://bit.ly/2BZCWOt>
- City of London City Parks and Green Spaces COVID guidance: <https://bit.ly/2CFsH2p>
- Islington Council Parks page:  
<https://bit.ly/30iRd18>
- RBKC Parks and Open Spaces strategy 2016-2025: <https://bit.ly/3h4jmQn>
- LBHF Parks Guidance COVID-19:  
<https://bit.ly/393GDPz>
- LB Lambeth Biodiversity Action Plan: <https://bit.ly/3j88Ut5>
- LB Lewisham Climate Action Plan:  
<https://bit.ly/2B2SK2U>
- LB Merton, Parks COVID-19 Guidance: <https://bit.ly/2Wn5CZm>
- LB Wandsworth Climate Action Plan from 2019-2030: <https://bit.ly/2CjHXSx>
- LB Richmond Parks and Open Spaces page: <https://bit.ly/3ezl8qb>

- Haringey Open Space Strategy:  
<https://bit.ly/3ewCa9d>
- Westminster City Council mapping tool on facilities in parks in the borough:  
<https://bit.ly/3fA90HO>



### Useful News Articles and Other Resources

- Queen Elizabeth Park "Go Green for Parks" survey: <https://bit.ly/2WpolDE>
- World Wildlife Federation – Pollution page and impacts on wildlife and biodiversity:  
<https://www.worldwildlife.org/threats/pollution>
- Research showing the impact of air and noise pollution mitigated by an urban park: <https://bit.ly/3jaXp3V>
- 'Coronavirus: we're in a real-time laboratory of a more sustainable urban future', Environmental Journal: <https://bit.ly/2NGLjRI>
- Dramatic improvements in air quality on London's roads due to COVID-19:  
<https://bit.ly/2ZB6XOd>
- Green city infrastructure as Waltham Forest installs two permanent CityTrees:  
<https://bit.ly/2OuUIBM>
- First UK parklet installed by Cyclehoop in Hackney: <https://bit.ly/3eyUVZR>

- Creating a National Park for the West Midlands, by Professor Kathryn Moore  
<https://bit.ly/32Aqbp9>
- Perth in Western Australia's parklet trial success: <https://bit.ly/3fFOs0l>
- Google Community Mobility Reports:  
<https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/>
- High Line: The Inside Story of New York City's Park in the Sky, by Joshua David and Robert Hammond
- Centre for London's data on the changing travel habits during lockdown: [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)



### Further Information

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