

PARKS AND OPEN GREEN SPACES: KEEPING OUR AIR CLEAN IN A POST-COVID ERA



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[Cross River Partnership](#) (CRP) 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 Live Share, please see [here](#). For presentation slides, please see [here](#).

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“Grey space being greened will be key, particularly in terms of levelling up on the inequality of access to green space.” – Tony Leach, Parks for London

USEFUL RESOURCES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: KEEPING OUR AIR CLEAN IN A POST-COVID ERA

Please see these useful resources for information and guidance on parks and open spaces.

GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS

[Greater London Authority \(GLA\) Natural Capital Accounting Report](#)

[Imperial College London's report on air quality safety](#)

[Landscape Institute journal – Bringing Nature into the City](#)

[London's Environment strategy \(GLA\)](#)

[GLAs Green Infrastructure and Air Pollution report](#)

[Greenkeeper report on building back better through green infrastructure](#)

[Good Parks for London, 2019 report](#)

CROSS RIVER PARTNERSHIP PROJECT MATERIALS AND GUIDANCE

[CRP project guide: Creating Parklets for Community and Business resilience](#)

[CRP Click Collect Clean Air tool](#)

[CRP Green Capitals report](#)

[CRP Healthy Streets Everyday page](#)

[CRP Healthy Greening in Central London Report](#)

[CRP Sustainable Urban Markets Action Plan](#)

[CRP's COVID-19 support page](#)

[CRP's newsletter](#)

CRP's [website](#), [LinkedIn](#) and [Twitter](#) pages

[CRP CAV3 project](#)

[CRP Green Capitals video](#)

[CRP Marylebone Low Emissions Neighbourhood Summary Report](#)

LEGISLATION CHANGES AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

[TFL's Streetspace plans and guidance](#)

[GLA Culture at Risk resources](#)

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[Good to Go](#)

[TfL's Healthy Streets approach](#)

[Healthy Streets](#)

[London's National Park City initiative](#)

[Future Parks Accelerator Programme](#)

INSPIRING CASE STUDIES

[Crown Estate's Wild West End initiative](#)

[Greenkeeper tool](#)

[Health Parks](#)

[Hammersmith BID's award winning parklets in Hammersmith Grove](#)

[The CityMaking!Wien tool used in Vienna to encourage parklets](#)

[CAV2 best practice case studies](#)

LOCAL AUTHORITY SUPPORT

[Camden Council's Climate Action Plan](#)

[City of London City Parks and Green Spaces COVID-19 guidance](#)

[Islington Council Parks page](#)

[RBKC Parks and Open Spaces strategy 2016-2025](#)

[LBHF Parks Guidance COVID-19](#)

[LB Lambeth Biodiversity Action Plan](#)

[LB Lewisham Climate Action Plan](#)

[LB Merton, Parks COVID-19 Guidance](#)

[LB Wandsworth Climate Action Plan from 2019-2030](#)

[LB Richmond Parks and Open Spaces page](#)

USEFUL NEWS ARTICLES AND OTHER RESOURCES

[Queen Elizabeth Park "Go Green for Parks" survey](#)

[World Wildlife Federation – Pollution page and impacts on wildlife and biodiversity](#)

[Research showing the impact of air and noise pollution mitigated by an urban park](#)

[Coronavirus: we're in a real-time laboratory of a more sustainable urban future', Environmental Journal](#)

FURTHER INFORMATION

This toolkit was created by Cross River Partnership - a non-profit and impartial partnership organisation that has been delivering positive change for London's residents, businesses and visitors for over 25 years.

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 [Cross River Partnership YouTube](#)

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