
SPECIAL MOTION NO. 3 – CELEBRATING H&F's AWARD-WINNING PARKS AND COMMITMENT TO GREEN SPACES

Standing in the names of:

- (i) Councillor Florian Chevoppe-Verdier
- (ii) Councillor Nicole Trehy

This Council notes that the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham has been awarded four new Green Flag Awards by *Keep Britain Tidy*, recognising excellence in the management, safety, and community value of local parks and open spaces. The newly awarded sites are:

- Eel Brook Common
- Marcus Garvey Park
- St Paul's Church and Open Space
- Vicarage Gardens

The Green Flag Award is an independently assessed, nationally recognised standard that celebrates parks which are safe, welcoming, well-maintained, environmentally responsible, and inclusive.

The Council believes this achievement is a testament to the hard work of our parks staff, gardeners, volunteers, the Law Enforcement Team and Friends groups, who deserve public recognition for their contributions. Recognising this, the Council has launched a new H&F Parks Forum to further strengthen community involvement, offering residents and local groups the opportunity to help shape the future of our borough's open spaces.

The Council notes that new investment has also played an important role in park improvements, with over £3.5 million spent in recent years and a further £1.1 million planned between 2025 and 2027, supporting new planting, improved lighting, pathways, signage, and community facilities.

The Council notes that the new awards bring the total number of Green Flag-accredited parks in H&F to 25. In 2014, under the last Conservative administration, the borough had only 11 Green Flag-accredited parks. At that time, parks were threatened with privatisation, such as through plans for a longer-term 35 lease of much of Hammersmith Park to a private company.