

Attachment D: ENGLISH GREAT PARKS

London has a number of Great Parks including the Royal Parks such as Regents Park, Richmond Park, Kensington Gardens, Greenwich and Bushy Parks.

The parks are unique but have similar characteristics which are relevant Green Road Park, they are all large parks with mature trees and memorable landscapes. The parks offer a wide range of sport and recreation opportunities including busy active spaces and quiet natural spaces.

Most of the Royal Parks in London were former hunting grounds and some still have livestock. Bushy Park and Richmond Park have herds of wild red and fallow deer. Green Park is grazed by sheep and other Great Parks are home to rare breeds of sheep and cattle.



Figure 1 Deer and cyclist in Richmond Park, London. Source www.cyclingtorque.com

The parks accommodate a wide range of organised sports and include sportsfields, courts and indoor recreation facilities. Regents Park sportsfields are the largest sportsfields in Central London.

The landscape character of each of the parks is unique but generally consists of formal and informal spaces, mature trees, meadows and buildings of high architectural quality.

The parks have a network of very wide shared paths that cater for a variety of users including walking, running, cycling and horses.



Figure 1 wide paths in Hyde Park, London. Source <http://londonphotos.sweb.cz>