

## Appendix 5: Green Flag Analysis

	<b>Green Flag Award Criteria</b>	<b>Analysis of existing situation/ or issues</b>	<b>Action Plan / Recommendations</b>
1	A Welcoming Place	<p>No welcoming signage at any of the park entrances</p> <p>Park Avenue severs the park in two with no crossing points</p> <p>No crossing points at any of the park entrances</p> <p>Poor access for disabled people in the north and west entrances</p> <p>Main entrance off Fore Street and east entrances from Stoke heavily overgrown and intimidating to users</p>	<p>A comprehensive signage programme should be implemented for Devonport Park</p> <p>Road safety measures should be implemented to include a crossing point on Fore Street and Park Avenue with dropped kerbs at all entrances</p> <p>A comprehensive tree management plan should be implemented to remove recently planted trees and shrubs to open up the key entrances and viewpoints</p>
2	Healthy, Safe and Secure	<p>Most people, particularly young people, the elderly and disabled people feel unsafe using Devonport Park due to lack of onsite presence and overgrown shrub beds at main path intersections</p> <p>There is currently no helpline number in the park in case of an emergency and whilst there are 4 CCTV cameras, their range is limited and the method for reporting incidents is not clear</p> <p>The play area is in a poor condition with missing pieces of equipment and an access point crosses the play ground site making it difficult to exclude dogs</p> <p>The tennis courts have recently been refurbished to a high standard</p> <p>There are no changing facilities for the football or tennis courts and no toilet or refreshment facilities available on site</p>	<p>Security needs to be improved through re-introduction of a resident Park Warden, shrub bed management and effective placing of notice boards with a helpline number to reassure users</p> <p>There needs to be a better system for liason between the Friends, the City Council's operational team for CCTV monitoring and the Police that is effectively marketed on site</p> <p>The play area needs total renewal with a re-worked access from Durrant Close</p> <p>The park needs a central café, toilet and changing facility</p>
3	Well Maintained and Clean	<p>The park is relatively clean and well maintained given the poor condition of the infrastructure and landscape and the limited resources now available to Parks Services</p>	<p>The maintenance budget needs to be enhanced to include for an onsite Park Keeper with local ownership and an increased budget to allow for repair and</p>

		<p>Some bedding displays on the main entrance off Fore Street</p> <p>Some evidence of dog fouling and limited signage advising of penalties of allowing dog fouling</p> <p>Significant vandalism and graffiti to vacant Gas Cleaning Centre and damage to many of the memorials and the bowling pavilion</p> <p>Insufficient litterbins</p>	<p>maintenance of the infrastructure and memorials</p> <p>The park requires comprehensive renewal of its paths and shrub beds</p> <p>New signage needs to advise of behaviour that is expected in the park particularly regarding dog fouling and access to play area and tennis courts by dogs and bikes</p> <p>The redundant Gas Cleaning Centre needs to be occupied and vegetation cleared around it to improve safety and reduce a tempting target for vandalism and graffiti</p> <p>A comprehensive replacement of park litterbins is required</p>
4	Sustainability	<p>Some pesticide use on paths and shrub beds to control weeds owing to poor condition, although City Council does have an environmental statement for parks</p> <p>Arisings from Devonport Park are recycled and re-used on site as mulch</p> <p>Peat is used to grow bedding plants</p>	<p>With shrub bed and path renewal, pesticides will not have to be used</p> <p>With the restoration of the Lodge as a Park Keeper's accommodation, consideration should be given to an on-site composting facility jointly with the PLUSS Training Centre</p> <p>Peat use should be avoided in the future growth of bedding plants</p> <p>Drought tolerant plants should be considered in some locations to reduce water use in displays</p> <p>Rainwater storage and recycling of water should be considered for the new Park Pavilion</p> <p>The new Park Pavilion should be designed to high environmental standards</p> <p>Recycled materials should be considered for all new park furniture and items of construction</p>
5	Conservation and heritage	The park's historic landscape	The park should be restored

		<p>and memorials have deteriorated due to an absence of resources to maintain them adequately and sporadic tree planting in recent years</p> <p>There is however now a comprehensive Conservation Management Plan identifying the basis of the park</p> <p>There are large areas of featureless amenity grassland especially at the Pottery Quay end of the park</p>	<p>consistent with the Conservation Management Plan</p> <p>Opportunities need to be explored for improving biodiversity in the park involving the Friends and local schools</p>
6	Community Involvement	<p>A Friends Group has been successfully established with effective support from the City Council and has already organised its first event</p> <p>There has been significant and meaningful consultation done by the City Council on the new Conservation Management Plan working closely with the new Friends Group and other local groups and stakeholders also including work with non users such as the elderly and ethnic minorities</p> <p>There is appropriate recreation provision for the community, although the play area and football pitches require investment to broaden their use and appeal</p> <p>Despite Devonport Park's historic legacy there is no use of this by local schools, which solely use the park for sports</p>	<p>The good work with the local community needs to be capitalised upon by further supporting the Friends to hold regular events and activities in the park and to support the efforts to restore the park</p> <p>The play area requires renewal to cater for a wider range of ages</p> <p>The Friends Group could be developed to include a Youth Forum and involvement by ethnic minorities to ensure effective involvement by all sections of the community in the restoration of Devonport Park</p> <p>The historic landscape and history of Devonport Park is of huge benefit at Key Stages 1-3 and this should be capitalised upon by its restoration with direct involvement with the local secondary and primary schools in how this can be made more accessible</p>
7	Marketing	<p>On and off-site signage is largely non-existent</p> <p>There is no park leaflet</p> <p>A Friends Noticeboard has been ordered but has not yet been erected and the first one was vandalised</p> <p>The Friends Group have</p>	<p>Devonport Park needs effective marketing on site and off site with a dedicated leaflet outlining its proud history and linking this with other aspects of Devonport's heritage</p> <p>The Friends Group needs to</p>

		<p>begun to develop a website There is no interpretation of the history of Devonport Park and the memorials. One memorial, the Galatea, is almost hidden by recently planted trees The Friends have produced their first of a series of regular newsletters for local distribution The recent work to refurbish the Tennis Courts, complete the Conservation Management Plan and establish the Friends Group has been positively promoted in the local press and radio and television</p>	<p>be marketed more effectively on site and on the internet The restoration of Devonport Park should be effectively and systematically marketed in the local press, radio and on television with regular events and activities to change perceptions of the park as "The People's Park"</p>
8	Management	<p>The Conservation Management Plan outlines our existing management plan and suggests an outline 10-year Management and Maintenance Plan for Devonport Park with comparative levels of funding</p>	<p>The Conservation Management Plan should be further developed further during the Development Stage to include the results of further visitor surveys, future management and maintenance structures, methods and staffing reflecting detailed design as well as formal approval of the increased cost and commitment to Plymouth City Council of the 10 –year Management and Maintenance Plan</p>

This analysis reveals that Devonport Park does not currently meet Green Flag Award criteria, however, with the proposed actions, the park would reach the required standard.