

Developments

At GreenAcres Kemnal Park
and Eternal Gardens



Introduction

Everyone deserves their wishes to be met when their time comes. This final journey, alongside a safe and secure resting place is important to all concerned. This may take many different forms, dependent on the individual's spiritual, religious, or ethnic background. There's no right or wrong, yet choice can be hard to find in some geographical areas.

The sad fact is that there is a shortage of appropriate space for those communities who choose burials. It is for this reason that GreenAcres Kemnal Park is developing the park to accommodate more choice for more communities.

As privately owned property, GreenAcres has secured the planning permission to use the land for the purpose of a cemetery, funeral services, and provide space for burial and ash interments. Catering for the diverse needs of the South London, Kent and Essex community requires significant research and preparation. Hence, you will not be surprised that this project commenced several years ago and is the result of a team of experts collaborating across their professional fields.

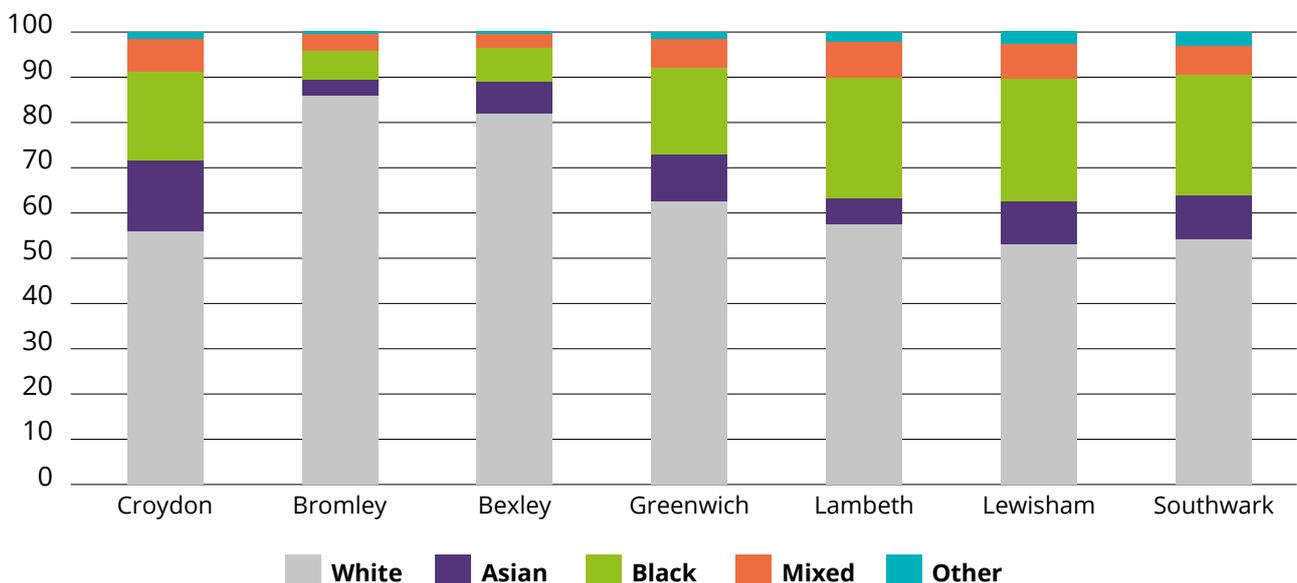


It is important that meeting the needs of the community is balanced with that of the environment. The GreenAcres Group take the environmental agenda seriously, we aim to reduce waste, reduce the use of plastic, access more sustainable energy resources, reduce the carbon emissions, whilst continuing to manage more than 200 acres of sustainable landscapes for generations to come. GreenAcres continues to strive to be a sustainable business.

Connected Communities

We aim to create a distinctive place for people to connect through life and loss. Understanding the different requirements of people across age, cultures, gender, and race is important for us to provide the essential services required. We are privileged to serve a diverse community at Kemnal Park.

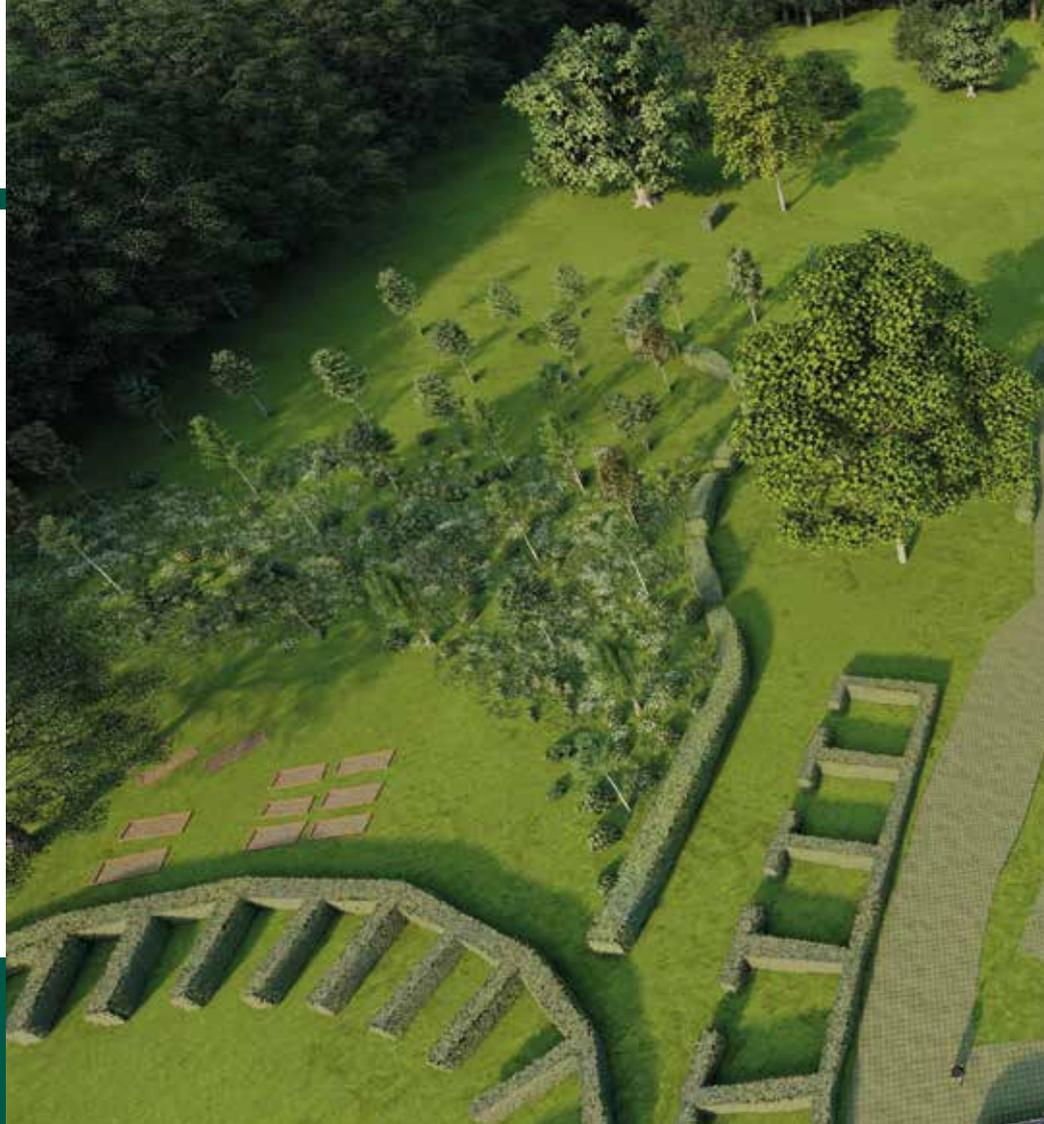
% of Ethnic Diversity - Source 2011 Census



Planning our Park design

We are delighted to share our plans for the park. In redesigning specific areas some trees are required to be felled, and some new trees will be planted.

Please be assured that all plans are fully approved, these changes are agreed by an arborist from Bromley Council, who have been involved with these development plans since their inception in 2016.



West Park area (Zone 3)

Work started on the approved scheme with some necessary clearance through the winter months of 2020/21. Events of the year caused some delays at which point further options were developed to ensure the new area is more sympathetic to the needs of the community as well as providing longer term sustainability.

Hard landscaping (paving, roadways) has been minimised and creative surface solutions proposed for access routes to accommodate vehicles such as a hearse. Whilst, at the same time ensuring a green open space and woodland areas for families to enjoy.



These images give an impression of the new development areas. All images are graphic interpretation, exact park layout may vary.



In all areas of the Park plants and trees are selected carefully, informed by local conditions in specific areas. Many factors influence the survival and successful growth of trees and plants, including the soil character, water, shade, heat, wind, and overall aspect.

Our landscape designers are proposing planting solutions that are not only viable for the situation, but will contribute aesthetic and ecological improvements to the site.

East Park area (Zone 2)

Landscaping to improve the facilities continues in the East of the Park, with the aim to provide more variety and choice for people looking for something unique and different. This beautiful area will include manicured lawns, terraces and hedged gardens and attractive organic shaped planted areas.



Planning the space to offer variety and choice for diverse communities

Woodland Glade (1) - Bordered by a low wall created by natural wooden logs, a Woodland Glade offers a unique and dedicated place for you to connect with your loved one for many years to come. The discrete Lawn Grave (2) comes with a simple headstone placed within our manicured lawns. Each burial plot is suitable for two people, providing space for loved ones to remain connected. Simple Islamic burial grave (3) facing Mecca provides a dignified place for the Muslim burial. A Leaf Ash Vault (4) provides a dignified, contemporary, and graceful monument for your loved one. Made from stone and located along the walkways or drives of manicured areas, providing easy access for visitors to the Park. Each vault houses two sets of ashes.



Stages of change

This outline demonstrates the process for the development work. As many of you will be aware the combination of external factors over these past couple of years has presented some interesting challenges. Gradual development of these areas of West and East Park will continue through 2022.

Approved works commence

Protection of retained trees

Weed clearance and ground levelling

Planning approval for the new design

Setting out the new design



Delivering what's important

Over the course of the last six months, our plans have been refined and improved to ensure high quality, distinctive end of life facilities are provided for the people of London and the local area. These include:

- Provision of variety and choice for our different communities
- Retention and care of many established and protected trees
- Planting almost 40 new trees, including oaks
- Carefully selected plant palette that will cope with conditions on the site
- Safe, aesthetically pleasing road and path network
- Convenience facilities for visitors to the Park
- Well-designed landscaping to provide a green Parkland
- Improved drainage throughout the site to ensure all areas remain accessible in all weathers

Installing
new drainage
system

Install new
paths, hearse
route and
parking area

Plant new
oak trees

Sow new
grass seed

Opening
of new
cemetery
area

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