

SLAE Written Representation Submission for Deadline 10 - Wigmore Valley Park Jinx

SLAE Response

Have Luton Rising and Luton Borough Council jinxed Wigmore Valley Park?

Why do the council keep ignoring Wigmore Vally Park? Plenty of evidence has been submitted during this examination to back up this view.

Is it to reduce any value that Luton Rising might need to pay to own, lease or licence the park?

Is it to erase the existence of the park to residents of Luton?

Recent examples include the dismantling of the children's play equipment with no plans to replace <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1923418344558679> (accessed 04/02/2024)



Stockwood Park to host Radio 1's Big Weekend.

<https://m> The flagship BBC Radio 1's Big Weekend music event will be held in Luton's Stockwood Park during the second May bank holiday weekend in 2024 (24 to 26 May). (accessed 04/02/2024)

This is one of the UK's most popular music festivals, attracting top artists, with thousands in attendance and millions watching on television. The event is set to give a massive boost to Luton's economy and reputation, and will provide a number of opportunities for local people and businesses.

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It is surprising that Stockwood park has been chosen as Wigmore Valley Park is ideal as it's due to be destroyed by the airport expansion if it goes ahead whereas Stockwood Park will need recovery following the event, is by the side of the airport, making it easy for the artists flying in and out of Luton Airport to access the site. Can be served by the DART (earning revenue for LLAOL) and the mainline rail services, thus helping to reduce vehicle access from the north and south using the M1.

The airport flight path goes over Stockwood Park causing noise disturbance to the music, whilst Wigmore Valley Park is to the side of any flight path (unless the flight path is diverted and if this is the case, then this can be made permanently).

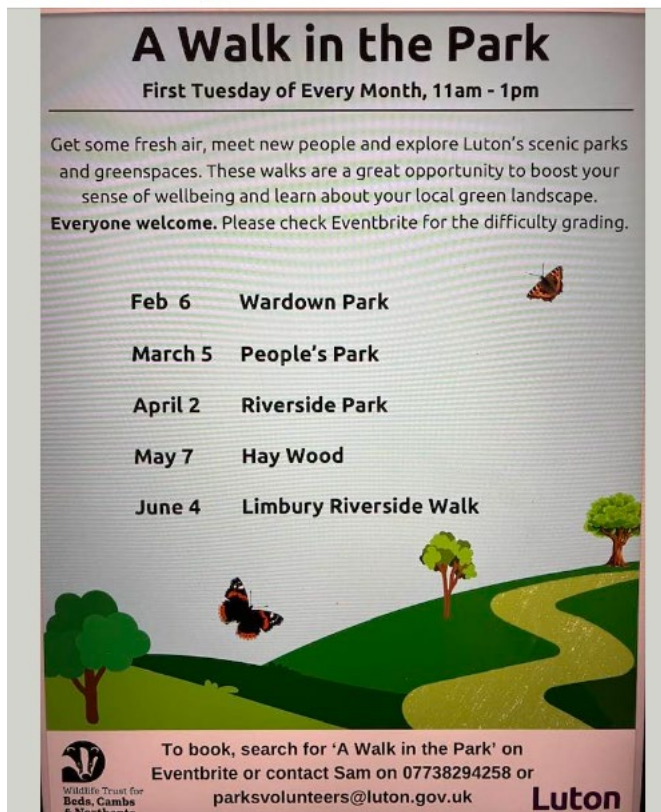
A walk in the Park

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1923418344558679/search/?q=walks> (accessed 04/02/2024)

Wigmore Valley Park along with others is missing



Walks in Luton Parks coming up...



A Walk in the Park
First Tuesday of Every Month, 11am - 1pm

Get some fresh air, meet new people and explore Luton's scenic parks and greenspaces. These walks are a great opportunity to boost your sense of wellbeing and learn about your local green landscape.
Everyone welcome. Please check Eventbrite for the difficulty grading.

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| Feb 6 | Wardown Park |
| March 5 | People's Park |
| April 2 | Riverside Park |
| May 7 | Hay Wood |
| June 4 | Limbury Riverside Walk |

To book, search for 'A Walk in the Park' on Eventbrite or contact Sam on 07738294258 or parksvolunteers@luton.gov.uk

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