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Dear Friend,

idverde continue to manage Borough's parks and greenspaces

As a valued partner and part of our Friends of Parks network, I am pleased to confirm that *idverde* have been re-appointed to manage the Borough's parks. The new contract commences from April 2019 and follows a tendering process, with *idverde* being awarded an 8 year contract, continuing to give this important service area longer term certainty to all concerned.

You may well see the official announcement about the series of Environment related contracts that are being agreed but in light of our close working relationship with you, we wanted to make you personally aware of the appointment of *idverde*.

The feedback of the Friends Forum was helpful and ultimately formed part of the decision to appoint *idverde*, who successfully tendered for this contract on their own merit. I do not expect that you or park users will particularly notice changes to the service in April as the new contract essentially requires the existing services to continue.

I am pleased that we are able to maintain the existing levels of service, with the requirements of the new contract very much on an 'as is' basis. We will be working with *idverde* to make sure that you are kept apprised of service developments as they continue to evolve over time. There will be an initial opportunity to answer questions Friends might have at the Forum Executive meeting next week with *idverde*. I am pleased to confirm that John Bosley, the Council's Assistant Director for Environment will be attending this meeting as indeed I will too.

Finally, thank you so much for everything you do for your park and for your support for the Borough's greenspaces more generally. I believe we have something quite unique in Bromley in the way that we manage our parks and your hard work and support is a key part of this and both the Council and *idverde* look forward to working with you in 2019 and in the years ahead.

Happy New Year.

Yours faithfully



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