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## Popular West Norwood green space officially named 'Peregrine Park' by young competition winner

- **Lambeth unveils official signs naming the green space and playground next to West Norwood Health and Leisure Centre "Peregrine Park"**

A popular green space and playground area next to West Norwood Health and Leisure Centre was officially named 'Peregrine Park' on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July by local resident, 8-year-old Sophia Wells, following a naming competition among local children.

Lambeth Council and healthcare investor Fulcrum have helped to create a well-loved playground and green spaces around West Norwood Health and Leisure centre. The space has been popular with residents and families but had no name before the 'Friends of West Norwood Health and Leisure Centre' community group agreed a shortlist of the top 10 from 100s of naming suggestions from local children. The winner was then chosen by public vote among all Lambeth residents.

The winning name was selected as '**Peregrine Park**' – an entry submitted by local school student Sophia Wells who wanted to name the park after the peregrine falcons that can be seen [in and around West Norwood](#) and nearby St Luke's Church.

Official signage with the new name 'Peregrine Park' was unveiled on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July by Sophia, her parents and representatives of Lambeth Council and healthcare investor Fulcrum.

### **Competition winner Sophia Wells said:**

*"I really like the park because the peregrine falcons have made nests in the church near there and sometimes you can hear them. I'm really glad the park is going to be named after the falcons and I was ecstatic just to get into the final round of the competition, let alone win. Whenever we have spare time we go to Peregrine Park and I've made a lot of memories there. I hope lots of other children will make special memories in Peregrine Park too."*

### **Cllr Donatus Anyanwu, Lambeth's Cabinet Member for Stronger Communities, Leisure and Sports, said:**

*"We're delighted that Sophia chose a name for this place that's based on nature and wildlife, that the friends community group put it on the shortlists, and that the people of Lambeth recognised it as the best choice of a name to really get this space on the map. We look forward to seeing more environmental and biodiversity improvements here, and to seeing families go on enjoying using Peregrine Park for their health and wellbeing for years to come."*

### **Andrew Rowlands, Fulcrum General Manager, said:**

*"The green space around the health and leisure centre has become a thriving place for residents and families, so it is fantastic that we now have a fitting name to be used by the local community for many years to come. Huge congratulations to Sophia whose winning name of Peregrine Park will now become a new landmark for West Norwood."*

Please see below and attached for a series of photos of the unveiling.

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