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What is your message regarding? A public water fountain on the site of the Beulah Spa

Your message

Dear Sadiq Khan

I've read about you campaigning for more water fountains in public parks.

I come from Croydon and grew up on Spa Hill in the north of the borough. This is the site of a once famous 'Royal Beulah Spa'. A natural saline spring opened between 1831-1856. Purer than the waters of Bath and Wells (analysed by M Faraday) carrying more salts than the waters of Cheltenham. It was visited by Queen Victoria four times and also frequented by Charles Dickens, Thackeray and many other prominent Victorians. It hosted grand fetes and galas, balloon ascents, tightrope walking, military bands, archery, a camera obscura, an octagonal reading room, gypsy fortune telling and a singing minstrel, the Beulah Spa reigned in Upper Norwood for over twenty years before the arrival of the Crystal Palace.

The well was filled in in the 1960s with rubble from the new children's playground. It now lies unmarked under a grassy lawn.

Where better than to pinpoint your campaign for water for the public in parks - the site of the famous Beulah Spa. You could erect a drinking fountain on the very spot of the spa well so Londoners can once again drink water from the Beulah Spa Well. You could mark it with a historical plaque and an important London site can be remembered, as currently it is long forgotten.

Otherwise it is just a grassy field next to a public basketball court and kids climbing frames with no water available for anyone so a pile up of plastic bottles.

Please consider this suggestion.

Thanks

Kind regards

Chris Shields

Author of 'The Beulah Spa 1831-1856 A New History' published 2017

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