

to revitalise the park, they added that clearer information from the council was required regarding the details of plans.

Cllr Barrie Hargrove, the Cabinet member for Transport, Environment and Recycling, said: "The plans were widely supported by the community,

cent by 2025, as per the London climate change adaptation strategy.

"The council has planted more than 1,500 trees since 2008, with an additional 200 being planted this year, and it is simply not true that we are carrying out large scale destruction of trees in the borough."

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## 9/11 statue shelved

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**CONTROVERSIAL PLANS** to erect a memorial to the 9/11 terrorist attacks in the US have been shelved, after widespread opposition from victim's families and locals.

The sculpture, described by organisers as 'artwork,' was to be built from steel girders recovered from the wreckage of the Twin Towers and unveiled in Potters' Fields Park on the tenth anniversary of the atrocity.

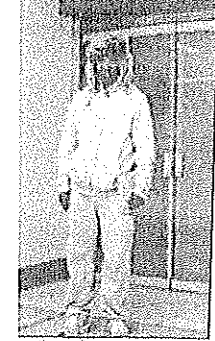
Despite having planning permission from Southwark Council, the 9/11 Project, which submitted the plans, has now backtracked, saying more consultation is needed. A spokesperson from the trustees of the 9/11 Project said: "In response to the concerns that have been expressed, and in order to ensure that nothing threatens the impact or effectiveness of the launch and development of the edu-

cation programme, we have decided to extend the consultation period regarding the artwork."

No decision on the sculpture is now expected until after September.

Jilly Frisch, a resident and member of the Potters Fields Management Trust, said: "The strength of feeling of local residents and the families of those that lost their lives on 9/11 was clear at the meeting last month – grown men were actually reduced to tears after listening to some of the objections to the erection of those horrific steel girders."

"Anyway, we are glad the 9/11 project has now taken this sensible decision. We are wondering though, what they might hope to achieve by consulting more on the structure – if they had really listened to local people on February 21, they surely have their answer – our park is too small to have such an overpowering and violent structure on it, and we want to protect our green space."



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