

# Addiscombe Railway Park history

The Addiscombe Railway line was closed in May 1997 due to the construction of the Tramlink light railway system. The disused railway station on the former South Eastern & Chatham Railway branch line became isolated and various options for the site were discussed with the planning department. Addiscombe ward was identified as being deficient in public open space and the idea for a linear park was born.

Outline planning permission was granted to Railtrack and Bellway Homes later purchased the site and were subsequently granted full planning consent for a new housing development and a public park.

The park site came over to Croydon Council from Bellway Homes in 2003 as part of the planning agreement. The housing estate on the former station site was completed in summer 2003 and the new road was named East India Way.