

The Plan

The Park Development Framework sets out the Park Authority's aspirations for the Parks development and management.

This leaflet presents a summary of one of the eight Area Proposals for a section of the Park which lies between Town Mead and Waltham Abbey in the south and Broxbourne and Nazeing in the north.

There is also a range of other documents that provide additional information to support the core documents identified above.

For more information please refer to our web site and the Park Development Scheme at

www.leevalleypark.org.uk/areaproposals

Open up for Area 6 summary

There are a number of core documents that make up the Park Development Framework:

1 Vision, Aims and Principles (adopted July 2010)

Objectives and proposals which will be produced in two complementary documents. These focus on:

2 Thematic Proposals (adopted January 2011)

setting out our proposals throughout the Park for each of our six aims - Visitors, Sport and Recreation, Biodiversity, Community, Landscape and Heritage, Environment.

Area Proposals

setting out our proposals for the Park on a more detailed location basis.

The Park
The Lee Valley Regional Park is a fantastic mix of world class sport and leisure venues, heritage sites, gardens, nature reserves and riverside trails.

1 As owner and manager of land and facilities within the Park
Created in 1967 through an Act of Parliament, the Lee Valley Regional Park Act 1966, the Park includes 10,000 acres (4,000ha) and winds its way 26 miles along the banks of the River Lee from Ware in Hertfordshire, down through Essex, North London and through the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to East India Dock Basin on the River Thames.

2 As a champion, leader, facilitator and coordinator of other landowners within the Park
The Park Act places a duty on the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority to develop, improve, preserve and manage the Park, either directly or through others as a place for

3 As a statutory planning consultee
" [...] the occupation of leisure, recreation, sport, games or amusements or any similar activity, for the provision of nature reserves and for the provision and enjoyment of entertainments of any kind."

Lee Valley Regional Park Authority

The River Lee Country Park

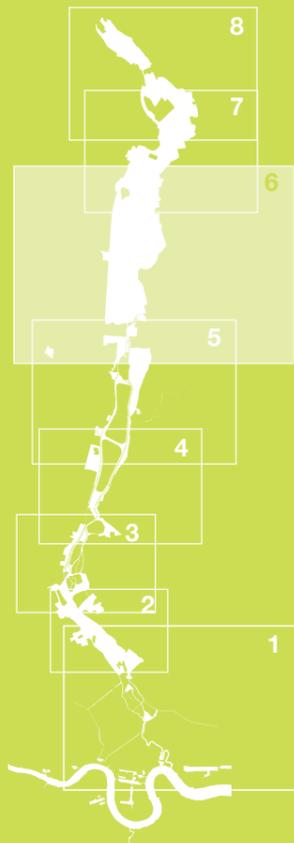
Summary of Park Development Framework Area 6 Proposals

About this Document

The Authority is producing Area Proposals to provide greater detail on how it intends the whole Park should be developed.

The Park has been divided into eight areas based on its current and potential visitor offer, the contribution that key resources such as open space, ecology and water make in creating leisure opportunities and the range of sporting and community activity that currently takes place within the Park. The Proposals also take account of the potential impact on the Park of major new development and infrastructure.

This leaflet covers Area 6 which lies between Town Mead and Waltham Abbey in the south and Broxbourne and Nazeing in the north. This document is a summary of the Authority's adopted Proposals set out in Area Proposals Area 6 The River Lee Country Park (April 2019) (available at www.leevalleypark.org.uk/areaproposals). It should be read alongside the Authority's Vision Aims Principles document and the Adopted Thematic Proposals both of which relate to the whole Regional Park area and which set the framework for the more detailed proposals presented here.



The Proposals

Summary of Area 6 Proposals

The River Lee Country Park

6.A.1

Town Mead and Waterways

- Support ongoing development and enhancement of sports and leisure facilities at the Town Mead Leisure Park.
- Protect the waterways as an important ecological corridor connecting habitats within River Lee Country Park with Rammeley Marsh to the south.

6.A.2

Royal Gunpowder Mills

- Explore options to create new pedestrian and cycle links into Royal Gunpowder Mills to help integrate the site with the surrounding River Lee Country Park and Lee Valley White Water Centre.
- Work with Royal Gunpowder Mills and other stakeholders to promote and create new opportunities for informal recreation and natural play, opening up a wider area within the site, to the public.
- Support management of the Waltham Abbey SSSI contained within the Royal Gunpowder Mills site, to improve its status as required by Natural England.
- Work with Royal Gunpowder Mills to promote and support events, re-enactment, science demonstrations and historical activities on site as part of the visitor attraction and heritage interest of the site.
- Support the ongoing work of Royal Gunpowder Mills and other stakeholders to restore, enhance and interpret the many heritage features. Support the sensitive conversion of heritage buildings into leisure, education and visitor related uses to diversify the existing visitor offer.

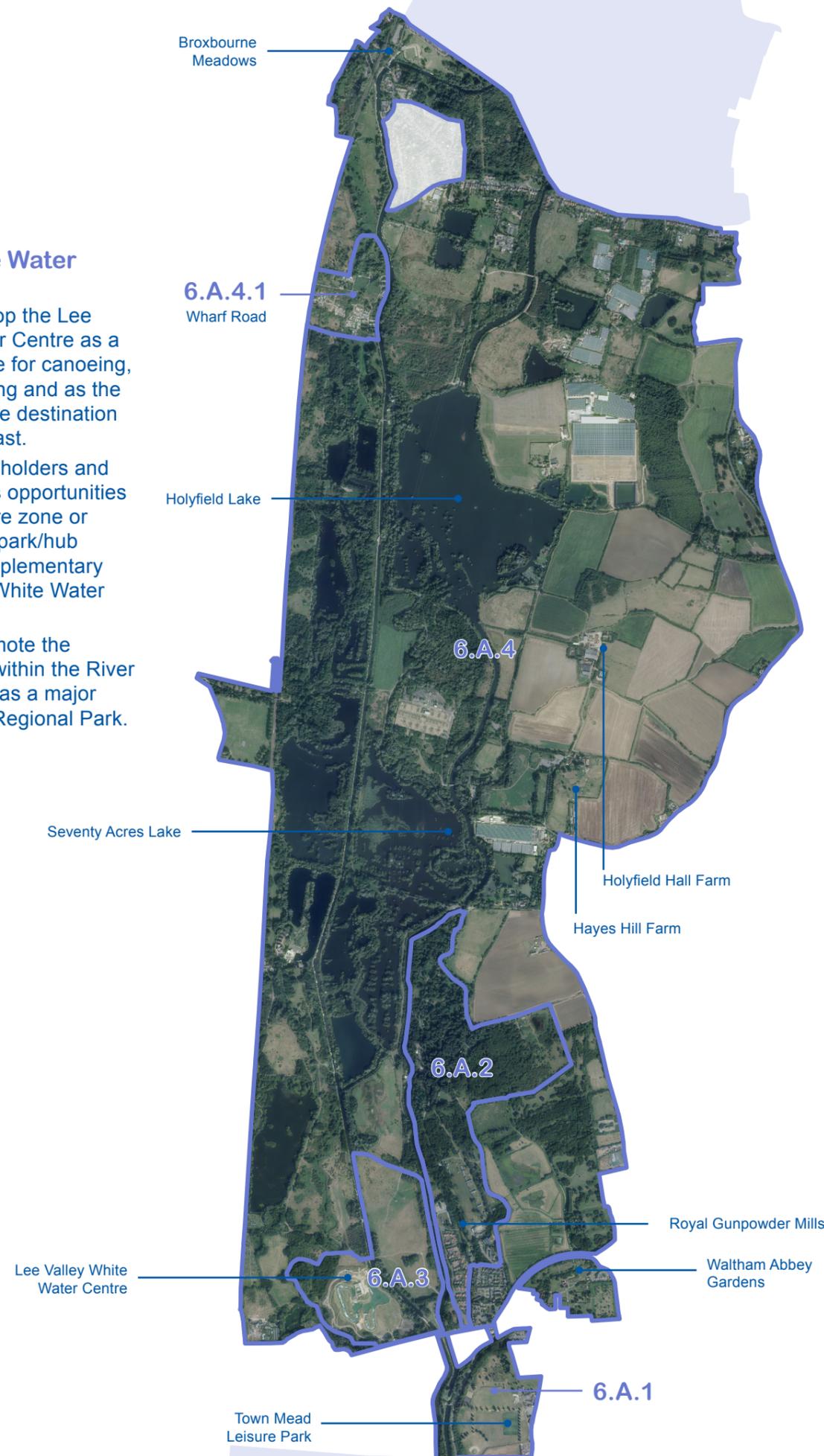
6.A.3

Lee Valley White Water Centre

- Continue to develop the Lee Valley White Water Centre as a World Class venue for canoeing, kayaking and rafting and as the major family leisure destination within the south east.
- Explore with stakeholders and private developers opportunities for an active leisure zone or adrenaline sports park/hub adjoining and complementary to the Lee Valley White Water Centre.
- Enhance and promote the Showground site within the River Lee Country Park as a major event site for the Regional Park.

6.A.4.1

Wharf Road



6.A.4

River Lee Country Park

- Work with partners to improve access and establish a primary gateway into the Park for all visitors from Windmill Lane and Cheshunt Station.
- Fishers Green Visitor Hub - development of a new Bittern Information Point as the new educational hub for nature close to Seventy Acres Lake.
- Develop the Lee Valley Park Hayes Hill and Holyfield Hall Farms as an all year round family focused visitor facility.
- Establish Broxbourne as a visitor hub and primary gateway into the River Lee Country Park from the north, incorporating existing visitor facilities at Broxbourne Riverside, Old Mill and Meadows and the site of the former Leisure Pool.
- Support outdoor adventure activities and water based sports and training courses at the Herts Young Mariners Base.
- Protect, manage and continue to improve the fisheries within the River Lee Country Park as regional leisure and sporting venues for a diverse range of specimen coarse angling.
- Support improvement of and investment in sailing and boating facilities at Holyfield Lake.
- Protect, enhance and manage the mosaic of open water, scrapes, meadows, floodplain grassland and farmland habitats within the River Lee Country Park to improve its ecological value and species diversity.
- Protect Turnford and Cheshunt Pits SSSI as an internationally important wetland and the Cornmill Stream and Old River Lea (Cornmill Meadows) SSSI as a freshwater habitat with one of the most diverse invertebrate faunas in Essex.

- Work with stakeholders to continue to develop, promote and deliver a range of Park and community led events and arts activities within Waltham Abbey Gardens.
- At Holyfield Hall Farm continue to develop facilities to support educational visits focussed on the farming operation and business. Agricultural use to contribute positively to the open landscape character, biodiversity and educational experience of the Park.
- Protect, enhance and manage the landscape as set out in the Landscape Strategy Guidelines, and invest in landscape improvements at key entrances to the Park.
- At Waltham Abbey Gardens work with stakeholders to protect, preserve, restore, and interpret the many elements of heritage interest to establish the site as a major heritage attraction.

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Wharf Road Inset

- Protect and maintain the area as a tranquil space for informal recreation, walking and cycling forming part of the wider River Lee Country Park.
- Promote the site as an access to nature area. Extend the ecological qualities of Silvermeade to the north eastern part of the site and along the Broxbourne Ditch to encourage species such as Water Vole.
- Extend the positive landscape character of surrounding areas to the south and north into the site and strengthen existing landscape features including the Broxbourne ditch and the river edge.
- Work with Broxbourne Council and other stakeholders to develop a long term strategy of removing illegal, non-conforming and non Park compatible uses within the area.