

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 stretches between Broxbourne and Lower Nazeing in the south and Glen Faba and Roydon to 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

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

Vision, Aims and Principles (adopted July 2010)

Objectives and Proposals

which will be produced in two complementary documents.

These focus on:

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 Wetland Park Spitalbrook to Roydon

Summary of Park Development Framework Area 7 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 7 which stretches between Broxbourne and Lower Nazeing in the south and Glen Faba and Roydon to the north. This document is a summary of the Authority's adopted Proposals set out in Area Proposals Area 7 The Wetland Park: Spitalbrook to Roydon (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 Lee Valley Regional Park is a fantastic mix of world class sport and leisure venues, heritage sites, gardens, nature reserves and riverside trails.

We are working towards delivering this duty in three key ways:

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

"[...] 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."

3 As a statutory planning consultee

The Proposals

Summary of Area 7 Proposals

The Wetland Park: Spitalbrook to Roydon

7.A.1

Wetland Park West: Spitalbrook, Dobbs Weir and Admiral's Walk Lake

- Work with partners to establish a primary gateway into the Wetland Park at Spitalbrook from Broxbourne Station and Nazeing New Road and improve connectivity between Admiral's Walk Lake, Spitalbrook and Dobbs Weir.
- Establish a recreational route for pedestrians and cyclists through Spitalbrook along the line of the original haul route linking with Dobbs Weir. This will form the first phase of works to open up this area for informal recreation and as an access to nature site with another phase linked to reprofiling the River Lynch.
- Work with stakeholders to ensure the designated County Wildlife Sites Admiral's Walk Lake, River Lea, Lee Navigation and the lakes within the Carthagenia Fishery are brought into positive conservation management status.
- Continue to manage Admiral's Walk Lake for both nature conservation and angling, enhancing the site for key species such as wetland mammals, bats and dragonflies/damselflies.
- Work with Broxbourne Council and other stakeholders to restore, manage and protect habitats at Spitalbrook as a site of special biodiversity interest with visitor access and as a venue for learning activities.
- The eastern part of Spitalbrook to be restored, managed and protected as an access to nature site showcasing natural colonisation and successional vegetation together with a focus on creating areas and habitats for reptiles.

7.A.2

Wetland Park Central and East: Nazeing Meads and Carthagenia

- Work with stakeholders to enhance the safety of pedestrian and cycle access and movement along Nazeing Road and Dobbs Weir Road.
- Visitor access into Carthagenia to be improved through selective management of existing overgrown vegetation south of Meadgate Road, to form a series of interconnecting rides and glades.
- Nazeing Central lagoon to remain as the base for the ESSA Water Activities Centre in the medium term. In the long term the Authority's aim is to develop this lake as a Centre for Angling with new swims and a replacement lakeside building serving both Anglers and visitors. Further studies will be required as will engagement with ESSA and all interested parties and users before this proposal proceeds.
- Angling to continue to be improved as a core activity on the Nazeing Southern Lagoon and existing swims refurbished. Both angling and sailing to continue on the North Lagoon
- Enhance and develop Carthagenia as an area for informal waterside recreation and natural play.
- Protect, enhance and manage the landscape as set out in the Landscape Strategy Guidelines for Character Area: A3 Glen Faba and Nazeing Meads.
- The expansion of existing or development of new glasshouse sites within and adjacent to the Park within Area 7.A.2 and 7.A.3 will be considered in relation to

how the development impacts upon the openness of the Regional Park, the quality of its landscape character and visitor enjoyment. Cumulative impacts of this form of development will be a factor where large scale expansion has already taken place.

7.A.3

Wetland Park Central and North: Glen Faba and Roydon

- Promote Roydon Station as a secondary gateway into the Regional Park.
- Work with the Canal & River Trust to maintain the River Lee Navigation and River Stort towpaths as strategic routes that link the Park into the wider Hertfordshire and Essex regions.
- Protect, enhance and promote the Wetland Park north for informal recreation, angling, walking and cycling, based on the enjoyment of the waterside environment, open farmland and wildlife.
- Undertake restoration work and wetland enhancement at Glen Faba Local Wildlife site.
- Establish and maintain a circular route around Glen Faba Lake and along the River Stort to enable people to enjoy the wildlife and get close to nature.
- Protect the open views northwards from Dobbs Weir Road including those to the distinctive Netherhall Tower.
- Work with stakeholders to protect and preserve the distinctive heritage assets in the area including medieval sites such as Netherhall and features associated with the Navigation, such as Roydon Locks.

- Support the continued agricultural use of land within the Park and work with landowners to maintain public rights of way and improve ecological value of the land.
- Work with the Environment Agency to ensure any new development incorporates measures that mitigate and reduce flood risk whilst also delivering wider sustainability benefits to biodiversity, water quality and recreational amenity.

