

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

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 Plan

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

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 2013)

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

Open up for Area 4 summary

This leaflet presents a summary of one of the eight Area Proposals for a section of the Park which lies between Banbury Reservoir in the south and the Lea Valley Road 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/parkframework/home/



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 4 stretching between Banbury Reservoir in the south and the Lea Valley Road in the north. This document is a summary of the Authority's adopted Proposals set out in Area Proposals Area 4 The Waterlands: Banbury Reservoir to Pickett's Lock (April 2013) (available at www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework/). It should be read alongside the Authority's Vision, Aims and 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 Waterlands: Banbury Reservoir to Pickett's Lock

Summary of Park Development Framework Area 4 Proposals

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The Waterlands: Banbury Reservoir to Pickett's Lock

4.A.1 Banbury Reservoir and Folly Lane Triangle

- Develop a linear waterside park around Banbury Reservoir, this should include land within Meridian Water and Folly Lane and a link through to Tottenham Marshes.
- Explore with Thames Water and other stakeholders the use of Banbury Reservoir for watersports; options to include sailing and paddle boarding.
- Work with stakeholders to protect and enhance sporting and outdoor recreational use of land east of Folly Lane.
- Protect the existing ecological value of Banbury Reservoir and land adjoining.

4.A.2 Land adjoining the North Circular & the Lee Navigation

- Improve the environment and attractiveness of pedestrian and cycle routes that pass under the North Circular and existing east/west footpaths.
- Establish a route for the Lee Valley Pathway on the eastern side of the site.
- Enhance the River Lee Navigation as a key public waterside route and wildlife corridor linking Tottenham Marshes with the Park area south of William Girling Reservoir.
- Work with Thames Water and other stakeholders to open up land either side of the North Circular for public leisure, sport and recreation.
- Work with stakeholders to secure provision for the flat water canoe trail.
- Create new wildlife habitat on land between the North Circular and William Girling Reservoir to secure public access with provision of boardwalks and a bird hide offering views over the reservoir.
- Work with Thames Water and other stakeholders to restore an area of poor landscape quality.
- Remove existing temporary non Park related uses from land north of the North Circular and undertake mitigation to remediate past use.
- Protect existing buildings of heritage interest.
- Develop flood mitigation measures, integrated with habitat creation and public access on land lying between the North Circular and William Girling Reservoir.

4.A.3 William Girling and eastern lands

- Work in partnership to deliver a pedestrian and cycle route through land to the east of William Girling and the River Lee Diversion, to form part of the Lee Valley Pathway and National Cycle Network Route 1.
- Protect and enhance William Girling Reservoir as a nationally important open water wildlife habitat.
- Improve the appearance and amenity value of the eastern corridor of waterways, open spaces and areas of vacant land in order to open up the corridor and provide a series of linked open spaces.
- Support Thames Water and the Environment Agency in work to maintain and improve water quality to enhance both ecological values and recreational amenity.

4.A.4 Pickett's Lock and Lee Park Way

- Develop Pickett's Lock as a strategic leisure destination with a focus in the medium term on securing new golf facilities, an hotel, spa and conference and commercial leisure facilities e.g. 5-A-side football.
- Improve the environment of pedestrian routes through to Pickett's Lock from Ponders End Station and surrounding communities.
- Improve pedestrian connections from the towpath via a new pedestrian and cycle bridge.
- Continue to develop and operate Lee Valley Athletics Centre as a regional centre of excellence for sport providing world class facilities for users of all abilities.
- Expand existing training events, schools and club sports programmes and develop new sports provision e.g. 'Parkour' training and Lee Valley Duathlon events.
- Improve the ecological interest of land around Ponders End Lake through fringe habitat and reedbed enhancement.
- Protect and enhance the ecological value of the Lee Park Way and the Lee Navigation as a wildlife corridor.

