

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
3
As a statutory planning consultee

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.”

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 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.

Open up for Area 3 summary

www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework/home/

This leaflet presents a summary of one of the eight Area Proposals for a section of the Park which lies between Coppermill Lane in the south and Tottenham Marshes in the north.

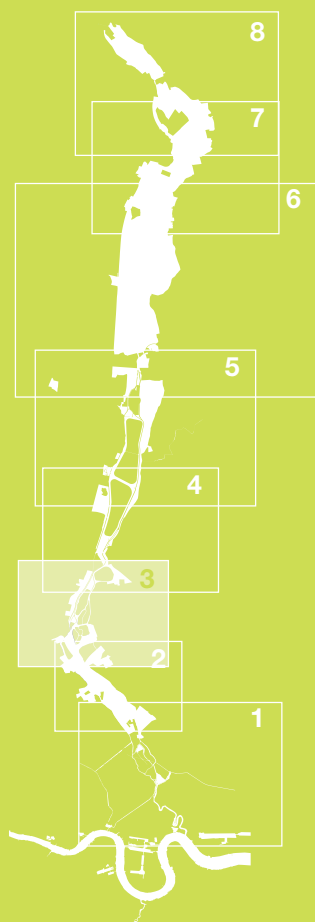
There is also a range of other documents that provide additional information to support the core documents identified above. For more information please refer to our web site and the Park Development Scheme at www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework/home/

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 3 stretching between Coppermill Lane in the south and Tottenham Marshes in the north. This document is a summary of the Authority's adopted Proposals set out in Area Proposals Area 3 The Waterlands: Walthamstow Wetlands to Tottenham Marshes (April 2013) (available at www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework/). 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.



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Summary of Park Development Framework Area 3 Proposals

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3. A.1 Walthamstow Wetlands

- Create an urban wetland nature reserve at Walthamstow Reservoirs.
- Refurbish the Thames Water Marine Engine House off Forest Road to create a visitor centre and an education resource.
- Provide a cycle and pedestrian route linking through to Forest Road and Coppermill Lane as a continuation of the Lee Valley Pathway.
- Protect the Walthamstow Reservoirs as an open water wildlife habitat of key national and international importance.
- Enhance the existing landscape character and protect views into and across the site, particularly from Ferry Lane/Forest Road.
- Enhance and bring heritage assets such as the Marine Engine House and the Grade II listed Old Coppermill building back into public use.

3.A.2 Markfield

- Support the ongoing enhancement of visitor facilities and heritage resources at Markfield Park and the Markfield Beam Engine and Museum.
- Improve pedestrian and cycle links between the site and adjoining areas of the Regional Park, including Walthamstow Wetlands.

3.A.3 Douglas Eyre

- Explore options with landowners and the London Borough of Waltham Forest for the provision of a pedestrian/cycle route alongside the western boundary of playing fields, to form part of the Lee Valley Pathway
- Develop synergies between the sport, training and coach education programmes provided at Douglas Eyre and elsewhere in the Park e.g. Lee Valley Athletics Centre.
- Improve biodiversity along the margins of the site, for example by relaxing the mowing regime along the edges of the pitches.
- Support the Environment Agency and other stakeholders in measures to improve water quality and biodiversity in the Dagenham Brook.



3.A.4 Tottenham Marshes, Hale Wharf & the Paddock

Stonebridge Lock

- Develop Stonebridge Lock as a visitor node with a café, improved public realm and cycle hire facilities
- Enhance pedestrian and cycle routes into Tottenham Marshes from the adjoining communities to the west
- Work with TfL and other stakeholders to improve access from Tottenham Hale Station and bus interchange and Hale Village into the Park via an attractive, safe and well signed route.

Hale Wharf

- Identify options for development on Hale Wharf that will bring this site into a Park compatible leisure use.
- Development would need to be consistent with the sites location in the heart of the Park adjacent to internationally and nationally important biodiversity sites and its waterside environment.
- Work with the Canal and River Trust to ensure existing moorings along the Lee Navigation, especially between Stonebridge Lock and Ferry Lane are rationalized and associated structures removed
- Support increased recreational use of the waterways including the reinstatement of canoe/kayak hire facilities at Stonebridge Lock and development of a flat water canoe trail.

- Protect Tottenham Marshes as an important urban wildlife habitat and nature reserve; further work to be undertaken to improve biodiversity and enrich wildlife value.
- Safeguard the Paddock Community Nature Park as a local access to nature site.
- Explore opportunities to create a new controlled pedestrian bridge link as part of a nature trail, between The Paddock and Walthamstow Wetlands.
- Safeguard views out across the Regional Park.

3.R.1 Ferry Lane & Forest Road

Improve the quality of Ferry Lane and Forest Road as a focus for entry to the Park by:

- Reducing the impact of the road on the openness of the Park
- Improving its public realm
- Creation of a new pedestrian crossing to provide safe access into the Walthamstow Wetlands
- Enhancing existing pedestrian and cycle routes adjacent to the road
- Improving bus services including new bus stops/shelters close to Park entrances.