

DAGENHAM WASHLANDS

ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES



11) The Leys

- Bleak playing fields would benefit from woodland structure planting and better links with open space.
- New path connections to open space.
- Better use of non-sports pitch areas for natural grassland and woodland improving character.
- Using spoil to create a gentle landform.

6) Ballards Road Entrance

- 1 hectare enhanced Neighbourhood Park.
- Enhanced floodplain designed for public access and education.
- 0.25 hectares reedbed and 2 ponds.
- Capacity to use spoil on margins and improve boundaries with planting.

4) River Beam Floodplain Enhancements

- 3 hectares of wet woodland and wet fen mosaic.
- 0.75 hectares of riverine reedbed contributing to 1 kilometre of restored river.
- 800 metres of new footpath/cycleway along vi.
- Control of Himalayan Balsam.

12) Disused Romford Canal

- Rich existing wetland habitat with Great Crested Newts.
- Conserve wetland pools and scrub with occasional careful management.

8) Site of Dagenham Hospital

1.5 hectares of central space defined by London Planes suitable for:

- Restoration of acid grassland/woodland creation
- Community focused project
- Possible restoration of historic environment
- Artwork/Earth sculpture
- Spoil from floodplain excavation used to create exciting informal play opportunities

10) Oval Road Park

- Old established linear park with play equipment in need of regeneration and re-design.
- Potential site for spoil deposition.

9) Acid Grassland Mosaic

- 10 hectares of open grassland including 4 hectares of acid grassland and valuable scrub.
- Good access all year, numerous desire lines.
- 0.5 hectares of dry woodland/scrub screen planting on boundaries. Creating attractive edge and increasing habitat.
- Occasional burning maintains open character
- Rich invertebrate populations.

2) Wantz Stream Floodplain

- 800 metres of restored stream channel.
- 3.5 hectares of wet fen and 1 hectare of reedbed created.
- 8 new ground-water ponds.
- New footbridge and viewpoint.

1) Oval Road Wetland

- Improved footbridge/viewpoint across Wantz Stream.
- 200 metres realigned Wantz Stream.
- 1.5 hectares of reedbed and fen creation.
- 7 new ground-water ponds within floodplain.
- Designed for safe access and low maintenance.

3) Mardyke Avenue Wetland

- Naturalised floodplain with 2 hectares of wet fen and 4 ponds.
- New footbridge and viewpoint across River Beam.
- New footpaths/cycleway connecting housing to open space.

7) Oval Road Flood Storage Area

- 0.25 hectares of restored acid grassland.
- 1.5 hectares of wet grassland and scrub.
- 3 surface water ponds.

5) Beam Valley South of Sluice

- 1 hectare of dry woodland.
- 200 metres of hedgerow along western bund.
- 400 linear metres of reedbed.
- Regraded east embankment to naturalise character.
- 20km² of spoil deposition.

- PROPOSALS**
- WOODLAND - 3ha dry woodland, 2ha wet woodland } 5ha.
 - SCRUB/HEDGEROW - 1 kilometre.
 - WET FEN - 5.0 hectares
 - REEDBED - 3.5ha.
 - PONDS - ground-water & surface water fed.
 - FOOTPATHS/CYCLEWAYS - 4-5 kilometres
 - RIVER RESTORATION - 2 kilometres
 - NEW FOOTBRIDGES - 3 number

- EXISTING**
- WOODLAND
 - SCRUB/HEDGEROW
 - ACID GRASSLAND

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DAGENHAM WASHLANDS ENHANCEMENTS

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