

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 East India Dock Basin in the south and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park 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 1 summary

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)

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.



Tidal Reaches to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – East India Dock Basin to QEOP

Summary of Park Development Framework Area 1 Proposals



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 Proposals

Summary of Area 1 Proposals

Tidal Reaches to Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park – East India Dock Basin to QEOP

1.A.1 Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park including the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre at Eton Manor and the Greenway

- Support the work of partners to develop the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park as a zone of sporting excellence.
- Develop and manage the Lee Valley Hockey and Tennis Centre as a regional hub for disability tennis.
- Support England Hockey initiatives to encourage more people into the sport with adapted versions of the full game.
- Promote the Lee Valley VeloPark as a world class cycling venue for track, BMX, road and mountain biking.
- Protect, manage and monitor key habitats created within the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the Regional Park.
- Protect the wildlife corridors created by the River Lea and Lee Navigation metropolitan areas of importance for nature conservation and their connectivity with the rest of the Park.
- Promote and enhance opportunities for people to get close to nature within the north of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and alongside the waterways.

- Support a range of events and open air entertainment in the south of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park that cater for local, national and international audiences.
- Expand the Lee Valley Regional Park volunteer programme and support other volunteering activities within the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and the remainder of the Regional Park.
- Maintain and continue to improve the high quality landscape within the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Regional Park.
- Enhance the parkland edge along the boundary of the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park and Regional Park whilst accommodating good access, permeability and views throughout.
- Celebrate and promote the heritage of the area particularly in relation to industrial heritage and the waterways.
- Support improvements to water quality to enhance ecological conditions and recreational use of the water and waterside open space.

1.A.2 Three Mills, Limehouse Cut, Bow Creek Ecology Park and East India Dock Basin

- Deliver a series of access improvements into the Regional Park including:
 - primary gateways/entrances at Three Mills and East India Dock Basin.
 - connecting routes from Canning Town underground and DLR station onto the Leaway, Lee Valley Walk and into Bow Creek Ecology Park.
 - promotion of the inter-connecting routes from the Lee Navigation and Limehouse Cut towpaths.
- Support the development and delivery of the Lea River Park, including the Leaway.
- Continue to work with the River Lea Tidal Mill Trust to create a visitor centre in the House Mill and Millers House.
- Encourage use of the Clock Mill for leisure purposes with visitor access.
- Undertake a feasibility study into the provision of visitor facilities at East India Dock Basin, for example seasonal café/pavilion, cycle hire, guided walks, taking advantage of its waterside location. This will need to consider the sites biodiversity, access to nature and heritage value, its landscape potential and the need to manage silt deposits in the Basin.
- Work with C&RT to create new recreational and visitor moorings and support leisure related boating facilities particularly along the Limehouse Cut and Lee Navigation.
- Protect the ecological value and connectivity of the waterways and waterside spaces along Three Mills Wall River, Prescott Channel, the River Lea and Lee Navigation.
- Safeguard Bow Creek Ecology Park as an Access to Nature Site with an emphasis on educational use.
- Events, exhibitions, performance art, filming and cultural activity to be supported and developed as an integral part of the visitor offer at Three Mills and East India Dock Basin.
- Work with stakeholders to establish Three Mills/Millers House as a base for volunteer and educational activity in the area.
- Landscape and access enhancement work to be undertaken to strengthen physical and visual links between sites and to celebrate the particular character and identity of each site.
- Work with stakeholders to protect the heritage interest and value of built structures such as the Grade I House Mill, the Grade II listed Clock Mill and the waterside spaces within the Three Mills Conservation Area.
- Protect views to the House Mill and Clock House and to the Abbey Mills Pumping Station (Grade II listed) on Mill Meads.
- Protect, enhance and improve the interpretation of listed heritage features and structures at East India Dock Basin as an integral part of its development as a visitor attraction/destination and gateway to the Regional Park. Further feasibility work to identify works to improve and preserve the heritage assets.

