

**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.

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.

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."

- 1** As owner and manager of land and facilities within the Park
- 2** As a champion, leader, facilitator and coordinator of other landowners within the Park
- 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 2011)

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

### Open up for Area 2 summary

This leaflet presents a summary of one of the eight Area Proposals for a section of the Park which lies within the London boroughs of Hackney and Waltham Forest, stretching between Ruckholt Road and Coppermill Lane. 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/](http://www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework/home/)



## The Three Marshes: Walthamstow, Leyton and Hackney

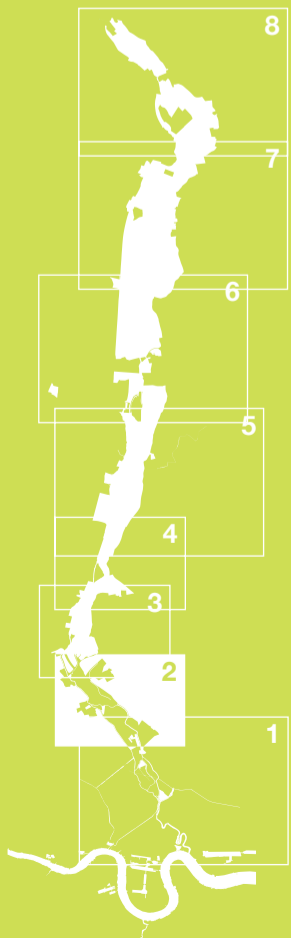
Summary of Park Development Framework Area 2 Proposals

## 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 2 which extends between Ruckholt Road in the south and Coppermill Lane in the north. This document is a summary of the Authority's adopted Proposals set out in Area Proposals Area 2 Ruckholt Road to Coppermill Lane (October 2011) (available at [www.leevalleypark.org.uk/parkframework](http://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.



# The Proposals

## Summary of Area 2 Proposals

### The Three Marshes: Walthamstow, Leyton and Hackney

#### 2.A.1 Springhill and Springfield Park

- Improve the quality of pedestrian and cycle access into the area from the west
- Work with local canoeing and rowing clubs to increase levels of public accessibility and participation
- Protect Springfield Park's ecological value.

#### 2.A.2 Springfield Marina

- Establish a waterside focal point for visitors at Springfield Marina
- Protect and enhance the biodiversity of the waterways and their margins/banks
- Develop this area as a 'gateway' into the Regional Park.

#### 2.A.3 Low Hall and St James's Park

- Develop, new pedestrian and cycle routes through existing industrial areas
- Work in partnership to safeguard existing ecological value of Low Hall Farm Flood Meadow
- Improve the landscape quality of this area
- Explore opportunities to open up pedestrian access alongside the Flood Relief Channel with the Environment Agency.

#### 2.A.4 Walthamstow Marsh and Coppermills Fields

- Maintain the area for informal leisure and enhance existing route networks
- Protect, restore and manage the Walthamstow Marsh Nature Reserve and SSSI
- Protect and promote the history of the Marsh and associated heritage features
- Research options for using the Marshes to help manage flood risk and provide flood storage capacity.

#### 2.A.5 Millfields

- Maintain and improve pedestrian and cycle links into and through the area and connections with adjacent residential areas
- Support work to protect and enhance the ecological value of the area and improve access to nature
- Support events and community use of the open parkland, e.g. community orchard on South Millfields.

#### 2.A.6 Lea Bridge Road area

- Develop the area as a major visitor attraction with new leisure and recreation facilities, including visitor accommodation
- Increase recreational use of the waterways
- Develop the Waterworks Nature Reserve as a regionally significant 'access to nature' destination and base for learning and volunteer activities.

#### 2.R.1 Coppermill Lane

- Improve Coppermill Lane as a secondary entry point to the Park focused on pedestrian and cycle access.

#### 2.R.2 Lea Bridge Road

- Improve the quality of Lea Bridge Road and enhance pedestrian and cycle paths
- Create new crossing points as key features of the 'Park road'
- Support the reopening of Lea Bridge Station.

#### 2.R.3 Homerton Road and Ruckholt Road

- Work to improve both public transport infrastructure along this route to serve Park visitors, and the environment of Ruckholt Road.

#### 2.R.4 Lee Valley Pathway

- Maintain and enhance this strategic cycle and walking route through the Park
- Establish connecting paths from adjoining open spaces, residential and industrial areas.

#### 2.R.5 Black Path

- Entry into the Park along the route of the Black Path to be established.

#### 2.A.6.1 Thames Water Depot site

- Work with Thames Water on options for the future of this site which are consistent with its designation as Metropolitan Open Land.

#### 2.A.7 Hackney Marsh

- Enhance connectivity between Hackney Marshes and the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park
- Support community events and use of the Marshes for informal recreational
- Explore options for the use of land for flood storage and improved habitat.

