

Fishponds Playing Fields Management Plan

Fishponds Playing Fields is a community space that can be shared and enjoyed by all. The open sky and natural habitat offer a range of opportunities for everyone to engage in formal and informal activities, including organised and informal junior and adult sport and fitness, children's play, relaxation or just enjoying being outside in nature.

The vision for Fishponds Playing Fields, which is being shaped jointly by Enable and Forever Fishponds, is to develop it into a flourishing community asset. With the site situated in a densely populated area of the borough with high social needs and little access to open space, Fishponds is a unique green space for residents to engage in activity to support all round individual and community wellbeing. Protecting and enhancing the Fields' natural resources and biodiversity can build shared local stewardship and belonging. While not diminishing Fishponds' role as playing fields, the pattern of use can, with care, balance the priorities of sport, environment, social interaction, play and recreation, reflecting its social value for all the community. Working in partnership with Forever Fishponds, Enable will support and drive increased awareness and use of the site, whilst also striving to reach key community objectives including further measures to boost the site's biodiversity (planting and stewardship), improving facilities (e.g. pitch quality, existing infrastructure), providing consistent access and a good visitor experience (e.g. set opening and closing times). Goals enriching community life will be emphasised, including promoting informal use, encouraging diversity and inclusion through a programme of activities meeting a wide range of needs and hosting community events.

Reflecting the long-standing calls for shared community space and current wishes for the Fields expressed by Forever Fishponds and other community stakeholders, this proposal will provide detail of the means by which Enable in partnership with stakeholders, is looking to achieve the above vision.



Key Action points

These are current priorities for action and will be reviewed annually. The balance of priorities is under constant review and is formally discussed annually with Forever Fishponds.

Park management and contractor activities - Review and improve existing planting schemes at entrance into the site to provide a more welcoming approach whilst creating a delivery bay for materials for pitch improvements. Carry out improvements to pitches .

Biodiversity activities - Recognising the strategic importance of Fishponds as part of a wider local nature network and the views of the Forever Fishponds Vision submitted to WBC, Enable will seek to maintain and enhance connectivity through the creation of permeable habitats at the site boundaries. This includes utilising the expertise of our Parks Biodiversity team to create 100m² of scrub and 1341m² of wildflower grassland, along with 75m² of associated tall herbaceous habitat during 2022/2023. Enable will also look to support volunteer wildlife recorders and deliver conservation management drop-in sessions to continually review habitat establishment and assessing the need to make proposals for any necessary additional habitat creation. Enable believe that this can create additional opportunities for the community to engage with the facility (e.g., nature walks and trails & volunteering) and provide educational value (e.g., through outdoor education such as nature classrooms) that will encourage users to view and respect Fishponds and green spaces across the borough, whilst still maintaining the sites primary usage as playing fields.

Community engagement activities - Since July 2021, Enable has developed a dynamic sports and physical activity programme comprised of organised activity (e.g., with local clubs and schools) and internally funded community classes and sessions. Enable's aim will be to develop use of the site by both new and existing groups, promoting community engagement with the site from without detracting from the quality of pitches or experience of existing groups. Enable will continue to develop and implement a collaborative working agreement with Forever Fishponds and WBC to provide a channel for local people's views, increase awareness of them and provide input into the current operation and future planning for the Fields reflecting community needs and wishes.

Development and funding activities - Devise a programme of investment need in agreement with Forever Fishponds to guide future capital delivery. Pavilion Refurbishments – Refurbishment/redevelopment of the current pavilion will require the greatest amount of investment but would offer a significant improvement to the current standard of the facility. The current building requires upscaling in all areas and a new layout. Enable would incorporate a reception and community area into the building which would allow better monitoring and keeping of the pavilion area, greater front of house interaction with customers, and mitigate against potential issues (e.g., internet connectivity) whilst working remotely in the current reception. Install updatable notice board for programme, events and classes.

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Action Plan

Green Flag Category		What we already have / do	What improvements are needed	Current plans to deliver improvements	Timescale / costs / partners
A Welcoming Place	Welcome	Gates open into the site from Hebdon Road	The field and office can be partly seen from the entrance. The site lines from the entrance however is lacking in focal interest points to entice visitors into the site.	Review and improve existing schemes at entrances into the site to provide a more welcoming approach.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental, Forever Fishponds £xx

	Good and safe access	Access is easy for visitors via the gates. The egress at the entrance is	There is no designated pedestrian route from	Introduce a safer pedestrian route from entrance gate to facilities.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £xx
		maintained to ensure site is safe to users The gates lead onto an access road for service vehicles where there is also limited parking for teams with bookings on first come first serve basis during opening hours. There is cycle parking for 10 bicycles at Fishponds Playing Fields.	entrance gate to facilities. Bike parking is often encroached upon by drivers and bike and there is a perception their location is open to theft.	Consider the need for further bike parking and relocating bike hoops more centrally within the site. Devise and deliver a transport plan for the site to encourage teams to travel by public transport / cycle / on foot	

	Signage, Interpretation and Waymarking	There is effective, standard WBC welcome signage into Fishponds Playing Fields in addition to 2	The welcome sign at site entrances are standard WBC signs that do not provide detail of heritage	Audit of signage to be carried out as a service plan topic followed by discussion with WBC to action	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, £x
		other welcome boards and a notice board and no parking sign	and biodiversity of the playing fields. There is limited waymarking in surrounding area to Fishponds Playing Fields and between Fishponds Playing Fields other local greenspaces	improved signage across all sites. Undertake asset assessment to ensure the signs remain fit for purpose and informative. Improve directional signage in the surrounding neighbourhood to the Playing Fields. Consider interpretation of the biodiversity habitats.	

	Equal access for all	Access into and around the playing field is good for those with good mobility. There is no provision for specific social inclusions	There are no wheelchair accessible picnic benches. The changing rooms and toilets are not wheelchair accessible	Carry out Accessibility Audit for site to ensure all points of the Playing Fields are currently accessible. Introduce wheelchair accessible picnic	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
		however all events and activities are open to all and promoted on local communications channels which are diverse. .	and without disability aids such as handrails.	bench for inclusivity into social opportunities. Install interpretation to encourage site users to learn about the new wildlife area.	

Healthy, Safe and Secure	Appropriate Provision of Quality Facilities and Activities	There is a drinking and bottle filling station A Natural Play Area was installed for primary School Children and younger, in 2019.		Review the needs of sports stakeholder groups and Forever Fishponds and consider inclusions.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, Forever Fishponds £x
	Safe equipment and facilities	Regular routine inspections specifically address whether equipment, and facilities in Fishponds Playing Fields are safe. Playground facilities are visually inspected by Enable's Playground Officer biweekly for			The last playground inspection found all equipment and areas reported as minimal risk.

		damage or vandalism. The playground is also independently inspected 3 times a year.	Enable has committed to funding three additional junior football pitches on site for the 2022/23 season that currently sit outside of contracted works with CLL. This will not only support the P&L through driving usage in currently underutilised areas of the facility but will also provide opportunity for junior sides from the local area and encourage opportunities for throughout from informal activities such as our holiday camps to more formal engagement with physical activity. With two Junior sides now using Fishponds for home fixtures, those regularly engaging with the facility is growing in both numbers and diversity. Enable will also look to continually monitor and improve the quality of essential equipment (e.g., goals, nets, sight screens etc.), the amount of free to use equipment on
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			site (including a range of multisport equipment to support parties, sessions, holiday
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			camps and events), to ensure all who are looking to visit the site enjoy the best possible experience.
	Personal security	Reported issues from Parks and Events Police are regularly reviewed and acted upon. Issues that cause fear for different members of the community – for example, inclusivity, racism, drugs, bullying, vandalism, and vagrancy are regularly reviewed.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Parks Police £x
	Control of dogs/ dog fouling	The playing fields are a dog-free zone and dogs are not permitted on the playing fields at any time.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Parks Police £x
	Control of other “issues”	Fishponds Playing Fields is governed by Wandsworth Borough Council Parks Byelaws Wandsworth Council Parks Bye laws More information can be found Public Spaces Protection Order leaflet (wandsworth.gov.uk)	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Parks Police £x
Well Maintained and Clean	Litter and Waste Management	The litter bins in Fishponds Playing Fields are emptied daily by 10am and are not permitted to remain full for more than 24 hours. Litter picking is also carried out across the playing fields.	Ongoing Continental, Enable Parks Team £x

	Horticultural, Pitch and Biodiversity Maintenance	General horticultural, pitch and biodiversity maintenance duties are carried out by contracted grounds people (Continental Landscapes (CLL) with members of the Parks Team qualified in recognised horticultural skills. The Leisure team will be completing a Football Foundation Pitch Power assessment which will allow us to receive advice about what can be done to improve the standard of the playing surfaces and may allow for funding to help improve the quality of pitches. Grass is cut as required – usually weekly during the growing season Earth-breaking is contracted to 2 x a year between October – March. Overseeding and fertilizer is contracted to 2 x a year, this is usually completed September/October and February/March The fence line hedge is cut 2 x a year to keep under control and away from the pitches where necessary. All pitches are marked weekly throughout the year. Levelling and reseeding as and when pitches are damaged or badly worn. A groundsman has been hired to improve pitch quality and preparation. This will be an ongoing process to ensure pitches are in the best possible condition and	Ongoing with further capital investments of £179,000 over 2023- 2024 Enable Parks Team, Continental, £x
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		compliment the successful capital investment secured by WBC to undertake major pitch improvement works in Winter 2023 and 2024 to support heavier usage throughout the year These capitol bid investments will include secondary drainage either by sand slitting, sand grooving or banding /gravel banding. Verti-draining will take place 3 times each year between October and December 20 tonnes of sand will be spread across each of the 3 pitches twice a year. Mowing will cease in area designated for grassland creation Scrub habitats will be created. Designated grassland will be cut and collected in early spring and scarified and sown with a wildflower mix and grassland seed mix. Conservation management 'Drop in' sessions will be offered as community events to assist with habitat management tasks. Habitat establishment and species presence will be monitored as a community volunteer recording activity Work with community volunteer wildlife	
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		recorders to monitor habitat establishment and species presence and activity Habitat establishment progress will be reviewed and proposals made for any changes or further enhancements.	
	Building and Infrastructure Maintenance	Ad hoc weekly inspections by Enable Parks officers are carried out and vandalism damage reported with repairs actioned. Parks Maintenance Contractors inspect the site on a regular basis reporting defects and undertaking any minor repairs needed to facilitate safety and/or return the equipment or area to use or cordoning off area, if necessary, as a temporary measure to ensure user safety and to discourage vandalism. The entrance path tarmac is in good condition Fencing and gates are in good condition These gates are regularly checked to ensure they are kept in good working order.	Ongoing, Enable Parks & Leisure Teams £x

		There is seating for 8 in Fishponds Playing Fields and seating is currently in good condition.	
Environmental Management	Managing Environmental Impact	A suite of plans, policies and strategies guide our approach to managing our impact on the environment, including the Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy, Enable's sustainable planting plan, the Wandsworth biodiversity strategy, and the Wandsworth tree policy. Additionally, all appointed contractors have agreements in place to ensure that their processes are in accordance with these documents. We constantly review our delivery to ensure it meets these expectations. An organisation wide action plan has also been developed to ensure Enable's operations are in line with Paris Climate Commitments to Net Zero. Using One Planet Living principles developed by WWF and Bioregional, we have set targets, actions and indicators to reduce waste and energy use, improve water and resource efficiency, and work with local communities to reduce the impacts of travel to our sites.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team £x
	Waste Minimisation	All green waste generated on site is taken to Battersea Park Depot where Continental, process the green waste into mulch which is re-used on beds within parks and open spaces across the Borough	Ongoing Continental, Enable Parks Team £x

	Chemical Usage	Unless otherwise specified all weed removal will be performed by manual rather than chemical treatments, e.g., fungicides, herbicides and pesticides must be used strictly in accordance with the manufacturers and Authorised Officer's instructions, and only on specified areas. As part of their commitment to safeguarding the environment, the Parks Team is seeking to reduce the number of chemical treatments used in horticultural operations and contractors will be expected to be sensitive to this aim. In general, no chemical treatments will be allowed in ecological areas.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental £x
	Peat Use	Horticultural waste is composted for use as a replacement for peat-based or commercial products when mulching.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
	Climate Change Adaption Strategies	Implementing planting schemes that support the objectives of the 2021 Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy allow greenspaces to support an increased mix of habitats and species for the longer term and help contribute to the significant environmental challenges we currently face.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team Continental £x
Biodiversity, Landscape and Heritage	Management of Natural Features, Wild Fauna and Flora	All new or replacement planting is designed to provide attractive and appropriate visual character, support biodiversity and be resilient to climate change in line with best practice and in accordance with Wandsworth Environment and Sustainability Strategy Enable's sustainable planting plan, Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy and Wandsworth	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Forever Fishponds, Continental

		Tree Strategy More information can be found Together on nature - Wandsworth Borough Council. A site-specific strategy was written in 2022 (see Appendix1) Fishponds Biodiversity Strategy 2022 includes the following priorities and principals. Maintain and enhance connectivity through creation of permeable habitats at the site boundaries. Retain dark skies to support pollinator life cycles. Improve resilience to climate change by creating and managing habitats that expand the footprint of those at adjoining sites Improve habitats that support species known to occur locally to allow populations to expand their range. • Proposal to create wildflower meadow and scrub planting in area not utilised by sports pitches • Create habitat to benefit pollinators and other invertebrates, birds and bats • Improve aesthetic value of this area of the playing fields for the benefit of all users • Assists with habitat connectivity and corridors through the borough	
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		• Aligns with Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy; Bigger and Connected A 675 square meter wildflower area is currently being introduced around the football pitches. This is the plan. 2022: • Cease mowing in area designated for grassland creation • Plant scrub habitats 2023: • Cut and collect early spring growth in grassland, scarify and sow wildflower grassland seed mix • Work with community volunteer wildlife recorders to monitor habitat establishment and species presence and activity • Deliver volunteer conservation management “drop in” sessions to assist with habitat management tasks 2024: • Continue to work with community volunteer wildlife recorders to monitor habitat establishment and species presence and activity • Deliver volunteer conservation management “drop in” sessions to assist with habitat management tasks • Review habitat establishment and make proposals for any changes or further enhancements An annual cut and collect of the wildflower area will take place each September. An early spring cut may be introduced each year if grasses and coarse weeds predominate in the early years of establishing the wildflower area.	
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		(Further details of this project can found in Appendix 2)		
Community Involvement	Community Involvement in Management and Development	We collaborate with the community in a wide range of ways to ensure we are responsive to local needs. This includes regular work in partnership with identified stakeholder groups; providing opportunities for volunteering; training and supporting local wildlife recorders; engagement activities to encourage stewardship, and environmental education programmes. Fishponds Playing Field sits within a diverse part of the borough and we will seek to communicate and promote in order to reach all sectors of the local community.	We are developing a vision between Enable, Wandsworth Borough Council and Forever Fishponds.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Enable Sports and Leisure Team, Forever Fishponds £x

		We identify stakeholder groups; provide opportunities for volunteering; training and supporting local wildlife recorders; engagement activities to encourage stewardship, and environmental education programmes. On a case by case basis this will require targeting specific sections of the community for specific programmes. Whenever new features or facilities are proposed for significant changes or improvements are needed there will be a programme of structured public consultation to inform these. We will set up an annual review with sports clubs as regular users of the site to understand their needs of the formal playing surfaces. Working		
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		with National Governing Bodies of Sport and recommendations from the Wandsworth Playing Pitch Strategy to improve the Playing Pitch surface and identify recognised method of pitch assessment (Pitch Power) and funding opportunities. The Fishponds action plan from the Playing Pitch Strategy can be seen at wandsworth.gov.uk We are developing an agreement to codify ways of working between Enable, WBC and FFP (Forever Fishponds) The timetable for this will be in Appendix 4 This will include details of an annual review meeting between Enable and Forever Fishponds.		
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	Community Programmes	We continue to collaborate across the community and always in communication with Forever Fishponds to provide a diverse and accessible range of opportunities in sport & physical activity and biodiversity. Utilising the natural environment of the fields and providing opportunities for all to enjoy the space in a formal and informal way. We understand local need from feedback of the existing sessions and develop targeted programmes for specific populations including women's only sessions, junior holiday camps, and referral programmes including social prescribing. We support the ongoing delivery of formal sport opportunities and linking local clubs into the community programmes, providing local residents with options of informal and formal participation. We run a range of low-cost adult fitness classes including Women's Fitness; Legs, bums and tums; Cardio Circuit and Functional Fitness, Yoga and children's multi-sport sessions in term time and during the school holidays. We work in partnership with Forever Fishponds and local community organisations to showcase the fields through regular events, delivered on a partnership basis and promoting regular and ongoing opportunities of physical and mental wellbeing.	Timetables are published annually on notice board at Entrance, onsite and on https://enablelc.org/fishponds
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	Appropriate Provision for Community	Through regular partnership working with Forever Fishponds, we promote and increase the awareness of the playing fields amongst local residents and local groups and organisations, increasing the local partnership of developing Fishponds into an inclusive and inspiring community asset. Encourage long term links with local schools, promoting the open space for curriculum and extracurricular opportunities. Existing groups have included Gatton Ernest Bevin and Alrisalah Secondary Schools, Tooting Primary School, Rutherford House	The changing room building /pavilion is lacking in scope of usage for community	Explore options for capital investment to make pavilion more usable	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Enable Sports and Leisure Team, Forever Fishponds.
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		School, Ravenstone Primary and Olive Tree Nursery. We welcome a diverse range of community groups using the fields to create a holistic space for the whole community, recent engagement has included: Women's only sessions such as Walking Football, Inclusive Sessions for disabled children and adults such as links with Generate and Disability Sports Coaches; Supporting community organisations such as CARAS; Family sessions including Mum and Babies Pilates.			
Marketing and Communication	Marketing and Promotion	Events, news, or activities in our greenspaces are publicised on social media platforms. This is informed by the expertise of our Marketing and Communications team.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Enable Sports and Leisure Team Continental, Forever Fishponds

		We also work with Wandsworth Council to publish information in the quarterly Borough wide newsletter Quarterly Brightside and weekly Borough E-Bulletin, Weekly Brightside as well as ensuring that all relevant information is also advertised on their social platforms. Forever Fishponds also maintain active social media platforms and use these to publicise events and activities.	£x
	Appropriate Information Channels	Fishponds Playing Fields have their own section on our Enable website https://enablelc.org/fishponds Information that is posted about Fishponds Playing Fields is also posted on our Enable Leisure page https://www.instagram.com/enableleisure/ This allows us to engage with the public, and community groups online and to share information that will engage a broader range of green space users. General information about the spaces is also available on Wandsworth Borough Council's website: Wandsworth Borough Council Parks and Open Spaces A range of articles and press releases providing more detailed information about any exciting projects in our green spaces can be found Enable News Forever Fishponds have their own Facebook page	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Sports and Leisure Team, Forever Fishponds £x

	Appropriate Educational and Interpretation Information			Install interpretation to encourage site users to learn about the new wildlife habitats.	Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Continental, Forever Fishponds £xx
Implementation of Management Plan		A community suggestion file is also kept on record and will be fed into the plan when appropriate. Annual Impact reports will be made available each year on our website with the first report due to be published December 2023 informed by and reviewing with Forever Fishponds. Annually Enable parks team and Forever Fishponds will agree priorities for the forthcoming year as detailed in the shared working agreement. This will form an annual working plan.			Ongoing Enable Parks Team, Forever Fishponds £x

Management Plan Details

Site Name:	Fishponds Playing Fields
Plan author and approver:	Alice Henry and Valerie Selby
Previous Plans:	Fishponds Playing Fields Management Plan 2009 to 2014 (Wandsworth Borough Council)
Plan Dates:	Duration of plan – Spring 2023 – Spring 2028
Consultation:	Where Wandsworth Borough Council capital has been invested, WBC processes will be followed. Where other capital is invested WBC processes will also be followed however it is likely amendments may be a requirement to meet individual funder needs.
Aims of the plan:	Enable's vision is to develop Fishponds Playing Fields into a key community asset that can be shared and enjoyed by all. With the site situated in a densely populated area of the borough, green spaces such as Fishponds provide a unique opportunity for residents to engage in both organised and informal activity, and as such, support the communities physical and mental wellbeing. We hope this shared plan will allow us to achieve Green Flag status and London in Bloom awards as recognition of our work with the community to agreed and meet shared priorities
Plan review and Monitoring:	Greenspace management is a continuous process that takes account of issues that arise. This Management and Maintenance Plan is a "live document" which will be updated dynamically throughout the year. As the plan is actively implemented, updates will be systematically reported by the Enable's Parks Team. By constantly reviewing and monitoring, the Parks Team will ensure green spaces remain relevant to users' needs and are cared for and respected by all. An Annual Actions Summary will be produced each year of the plan outlining key achievements in each year of the Plan.

Site Details

Titles, Deeds, Legislations and Destinations:	This site is owned By Wandsworth Borough Council It is in the Tooting Bec Ward. Elected members for this area until May 2026 are: Councillor Sheila Boswell, Annamarie Critchard and Paul White. The site is bounded on the south by Hebdon Road and on the north, by rear gardens of residences of Fishponds Road to the east, by the rear gardens of residences of Broadwater Road to the south and Lambeth Cemetery to the west. The area of the site totals 26872.091 m² (6.640 acres /2.687 ha) The what 3 word location for the main entrance to Fishponds Playing Field is ///impose.luxury.dull Designations: Park & Open Space, Playing Field The council has adopted planning policies which aim to protect and enhance public and private open space and green infrastructure in the borough. These policies are the basis for promoting and controlling development in the borough. The adopted Local Development Plan comprises the Core Strategy (2016), the Development Management Policies Document (2016), the Site-Specific Allocations Document (2016), the Employment and Industry Document (2018), the Policies Map (2016) and the Policies Map Changes Document: Employment and Industry Review (2017). Fishponds has strategic importance for connectivity as part of a wider local nature network. The adjoining Streatham Cemetery is designated wildlife site important for its grassland and birds. There are currently no priority habitats on site at Fishponds. The priority species recently recorded in the locality include hedgehogs, pollinators, and stag beetles.
Site Description:	Fishponds Playing Fields is an enclosed area of grass fields for winter and summer sports. The site can be accessed from Hebdon Road via entrance gates where a tarmac entrance area leads down a light gradient to the compound area the sports field area.

The sports fields are bounded by breeze block and brick-built walls, wire mesh fences and hedgerow between the rear gardens of residences of neighbouring roads and Streatham Cemetery.

There is a free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, first built in the early 2019. It is in the northwest of the playing fields close to the changing room block.

Areas of biodiversity habitat have been created at the boundaries to improve site connectivity for wildlife.

How to find Fishponds Playing Fields

By bus – The closest bus stop is on A24, Broadwater Road stop, it takes 8 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Fishponds Playing Fields. The closest bus stop in Garratt Lane is Fairlight Road. It takes 14 minutes to walk from the bus stop to Fishponds Playing Fields.

By tube- the closest tube station is Tooting Broadway Underground Station, it takes 11 minutes to walk from the station to Fishponds Playing Fields.

By train – the closest train stations are Haydons Road and Balham, it takes 25 minutes to walk from these stations to Fishponds Playing Fields.

By bicycle –The closest TFL bike docking station is on Neville Gill Close, it takes 15 mins to cycle to Fishponds Playing Fields.

By car -Fishponds Playing Fields has limited dedicated car parking on site; teams with bookings are able to park on a first come first serve basis, there is limited pay and display parking available nearby.

Opening Times – Fishponds Playing Fields Opening hours can be found by visiting [Enable Fishponds](#)

If you have any issues gaining access or exiting, please call Parks Police on 07500969442

Current main uses and users:	Fishponds Playing Fields is a popular greenspace with local residents many of whom want to protect and improve the greenspace for their use and those of the wider community. Local people ie those living close to the Fields use and value it for children's play, socialising and personal exercise. A diverse range of community groups are using the fields such as; women's only Walking Football co-ordinated by Forever Fishponds; multisports sessions from Generate and Disability Sports Coaches; Football tournaments with CARAS; Mum and Babies Pilates taught by a local Pilates teacher; junior and adult football and cricket; schools physical education (both primary and secondary, inclusive of a local Islamic school); schools sports days and school sports fixtures The site is also used for multi-sport based holiday camps during Easter, Summer and October half-term. Formal sport is played throughout the year, regular bookings are made by Spencer Cricket Club & Balham & Tooting Cricket Club during the summer and Westminster Wanderers, Egg Fried Reus, Singun Grammarians, Inter County Football Club and Universal Football Club in the winter months.
Playground:	The free to use playground for toddlers and juniors, first built in 2019.
Pavilion/changing room/toilet block	There is a changing room / pavilion which includes toilets and space for 2 teams to change. It has heating and water.
Compound storage area:	There is a welfare unit/office and 3 containers for equipment storage in this area.
Wildflower area:	A 675 square meter wildflower area is currently being introduced around the football pitches. (See Appendix 2) This is for the enjoyment of all who use the Playing Fields and also by the volunteer group who have helped to introduce it and maintain it.







Main Entrance to site



Site approach



Compound area



Pavillion



Pitch maintenance



Football pitch









Responsibilities

Who is involved with looking after this place?

The Enable Parks team is a passionate group of people, who work together to maintain and improve Wandsworth Council's parks, commons, playgrounds, allotments and other greenspaces. Broadly split into three specialist teams: the trees team, the operations team and the parks development team, we work to deliver sustainable planting and urban greening, following both the borough's Biodiversity Strategy and Tree Policy. We are keen to recognise, value, manage and enhance the biodiversity and plant heritage of our landscapes - through these measures, we are contributing to a healthy planet and the wellbeing of our communities.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Fishponds Playing Fields by ensuring the horticultural fabric, heritage, biodiversity and infrastructure of each site are maintained and improved.

The Parks Operations Team look after over 32 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Each greenspace, including Fishponds Playing Fields, is managed according to the action plan within this document and in addition is checked regularly by Enable's Park Officers who report and act upon anything urgent in a timely manner. Please help them by reporting any concerns or suggestions regarding the upkeep of these places including Fishponds Playing Fields by emailing the Enable Parks Administrator parks@enablelc.org or by calling the Enable Parks Office 0203 959 0060

The Parks Team process all enquires relating to Wandsworth's greenspaces monitoring the grounds maintenance, sport pitches and arboriculture contracts providing advice to Wandsworth Council on its responsibilities with respect to legislation relating to biodiversity and on best practice in the ecological maintenance.

The Parks team work also collaboratively with Enable's other areas including Health and Wellbeing, Sports and Leisure, Bereavement, Events, Filming, Putney School of Art and Public Halls.

Enable: look after all Wandsworth's public green spaces including Fishponds Playing Fields by ensuring they remain safe and welcoming places for everyone to visit.

The Enable Leisure team look after the day-to-day operations of the facilities including managing booking requests, liaising with sports partners and opening and closing the facility. The Leisure team have undertaken recent Pitch Maintenance training to assist Continental Landscapes with some of the remedial repair works around the site to help improve the quality of playing surfaces. The Leisure team checks daily to ensure that the site is Health and Safety compliant and ensures that the general appearance of the fields is suitable for the general public. This includes clearing litter, cleaning the changing and toilet facilities and dealing with any site related issues that arise.

The Parks Enable Parks Team have partnered with:

[Continental Landscapes](#) who are contracted and instructed by Enable to undertake horticultural maintenance, a sports pitch booking service, maintenance of buildings furniture, fixtures and fittings, indoor building cleaning duties, litter picking, outside sweeping and clearance duties, ecological maintenance tasks, grounds maintenance and provision of sports facilities, hard surfaces, weed control, care of paths and surfaces, event preparation and staging. They oversee installation of temporary fencing where it may be required for health and safety reasons or when required to protect/recover certain areas from excessive footfall. They also install new planting and restoration schemes managed by the Parks Team.

Please only contact Continental Landscapes for information enquiries regarding sports pitch and sports facilities. 0208 767 830 Wandsworthsports@continentallandscapes.co.uk

All general parks and greenspaces enquiries and feedback is best directed to the Enable Parks.

Enable: look after Wandsworth's public greenspaces by supporting and working closely with local stakeholders, volunteers and 'Friends of' groups who share the same aims of providing and making improvements to high quality, well managed and inclusive greenspaces including Fishponds Playing Fields.

The Enable Parks Team have partnered with: [Forever Fishponds](#) is a Community Interest Company formed of a group of local people committed to developing Fishponds Playing Fields as a flourishing green asset for the whole community. We reach out to local residents and represent their views.

Enable's Parks Team have partnered with:

[The Parks Police](#) whose team routinely patrol these green spaces, enforcing byelaws and overseeing dog control, public spaces protection orders and policing events. The Parks Police provide a service 365 days a year and officers are trained in legal and enforcement processes, conflict resolution, personal safety training and first aid. In total The Parks Police look after over 50 public green spaces in Wandsworth. Please help them by reporting any anti- social behaviour including dog related incidents in Fishponds Playing Fields by emailing parkspolice@richmondandwandsworth.gov.uk or by calling 020 8871 7532, their mobile patrol unit can also be reached by calling 07500 959442.

Call 999 if:

A serious offence is in progress or has just been committed

Someone is in immediate danger or harm

Property is in danger of being damaged

A serious disruption to the public is likely

Other Partnerships All work that does not fall under these contracts or within the remit of the Forever Fishponds group is managed by Enable in partnership with Wandsworth Council and carried out under additional works programmes, by order, with the main contractor outside contractors depending on the scope of the work entailed



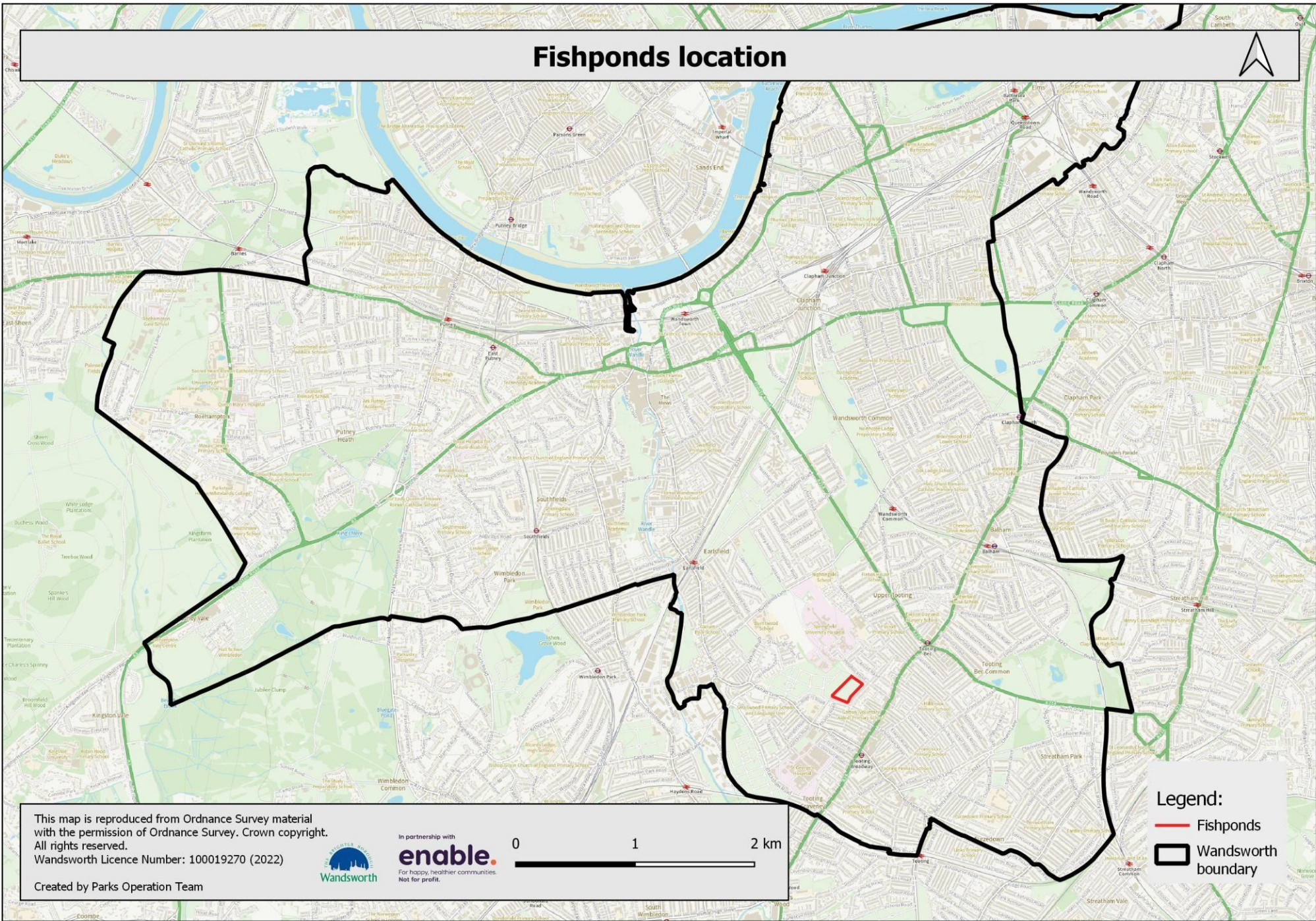


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Fishponds Biodiversity Plan

Reviewed October 2022

Fishponds location



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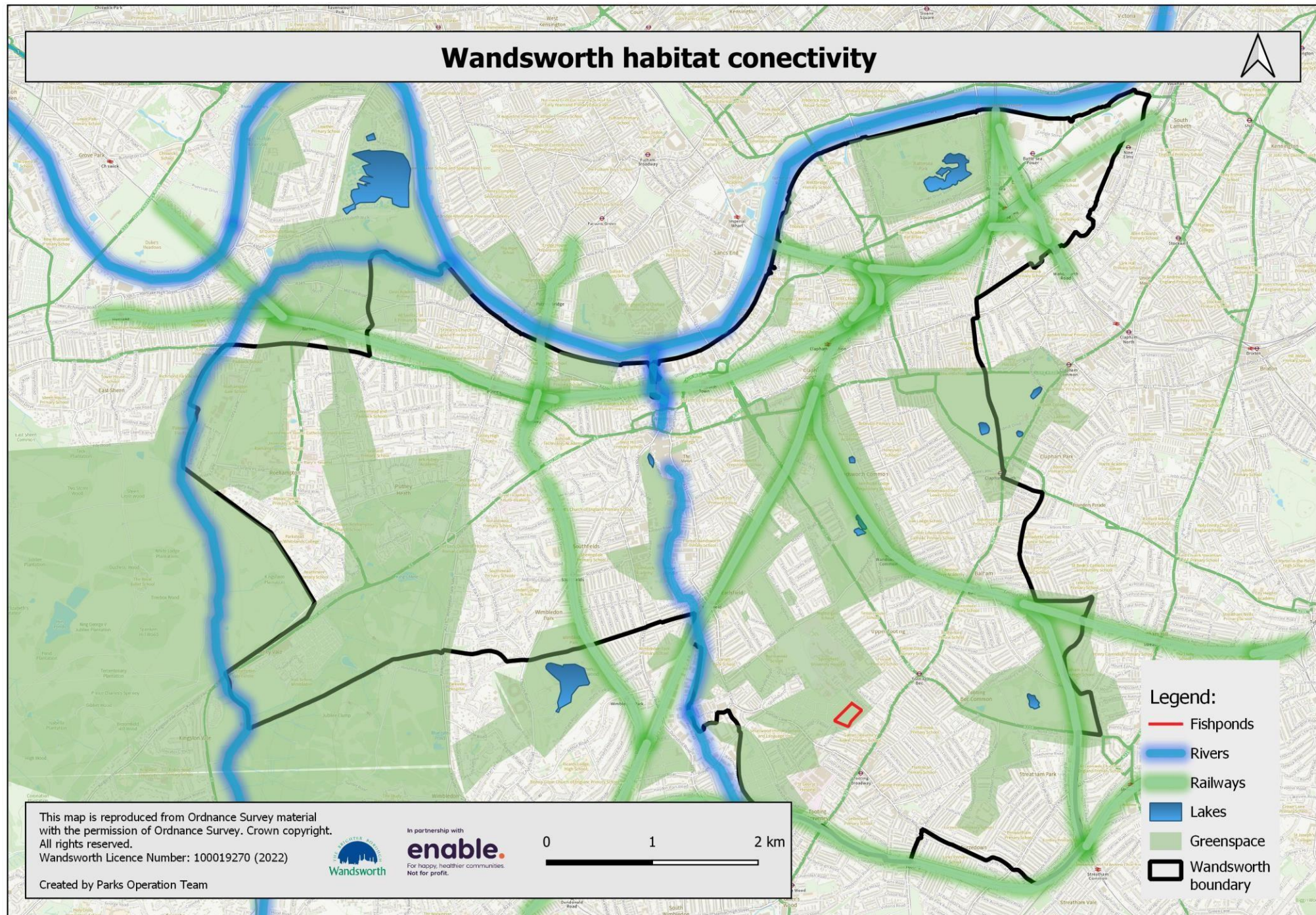
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- Legend:
- Fishponds
 - Wandsworth boundary

Fishponds Aerial View



Wandsworth habitat connectivity



Legend:

- Fishponds
- Rivers
- Railways
- Lakes
- Greenspace
- Wandsworth boundary

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A photograph of a park area. In the foreground, there is a grassy lawn with a small white object (possibly a piece of trash) on it. A black park bench is positioned on a concrete pad next to a dense thicket of bushes and vines. Behind the bushes is a chain-link fence. To the left of the bench, there is a small, dark, rectangular structure, possibly a trash can or a small shed. The background is filled with tall trees and a clear sky.







Current wildlife value 2022

Fishponds has strategic importance for **connectivity** as part of a wider local nature network.

The adjoining Streatham Cemetery is designated wildlife site important for its **grassland** and **birds**.

There are currently no priority habitats on site at Fishponds.

The priority species recently recorded in the locality include **hedgehogs**, **pollinators**, and **stag beetles**.

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Starling



Carrion Crow



stag beetle



House Sparrow



Lesser black backed gull



Herring Gull



Robin



Yarrow



Fox



Hedgehog



Small white



Meadow brown



Large white

Priorities and principles

Maintain and enhance connectivity through creation of permeable habitats at the site boundaries

Retain dark skies to support pollinator life cycles

Improve resilience to climate change by creating and managing habitats that expand the footprint of those at adjoining sites

Improve habitats that support species known to occur locally to allow populations to expand their range

Plans and actions

Objective: create 100m² of scrub, 1341m² of wildflower grassland along with 75m² of associated tall herbaceous habitat to improve habitat resilience, increase connectivity and support priority species populations

2022:

- Cease mowing in area designated for grassland creation
- Plant scrub habitats

2023:

- Cut and collect early spring growth in grassland, scarify and sow wildflower grassland seed mix
- Work with community volunteer wildlife recorders to monitor habitat establishment and species presence and activity • Deliver volunteer conservation management “drop in” sessions to assist with habitat management tasks

2024:

- Continue to work with community volunteer wildlife recorders to monitor habitat establishment and species presence and activity
- Deliver volunteer conservation management “drop in” sessions to assist with habitat management tasks
- Review habitat establishment and make proposals for any changes or further enhancements

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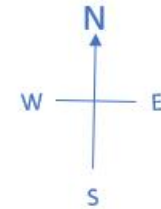
Fishponds Playing Field Proposed Wildflower Project 2023

February 2023

Overview of Project and Objectives

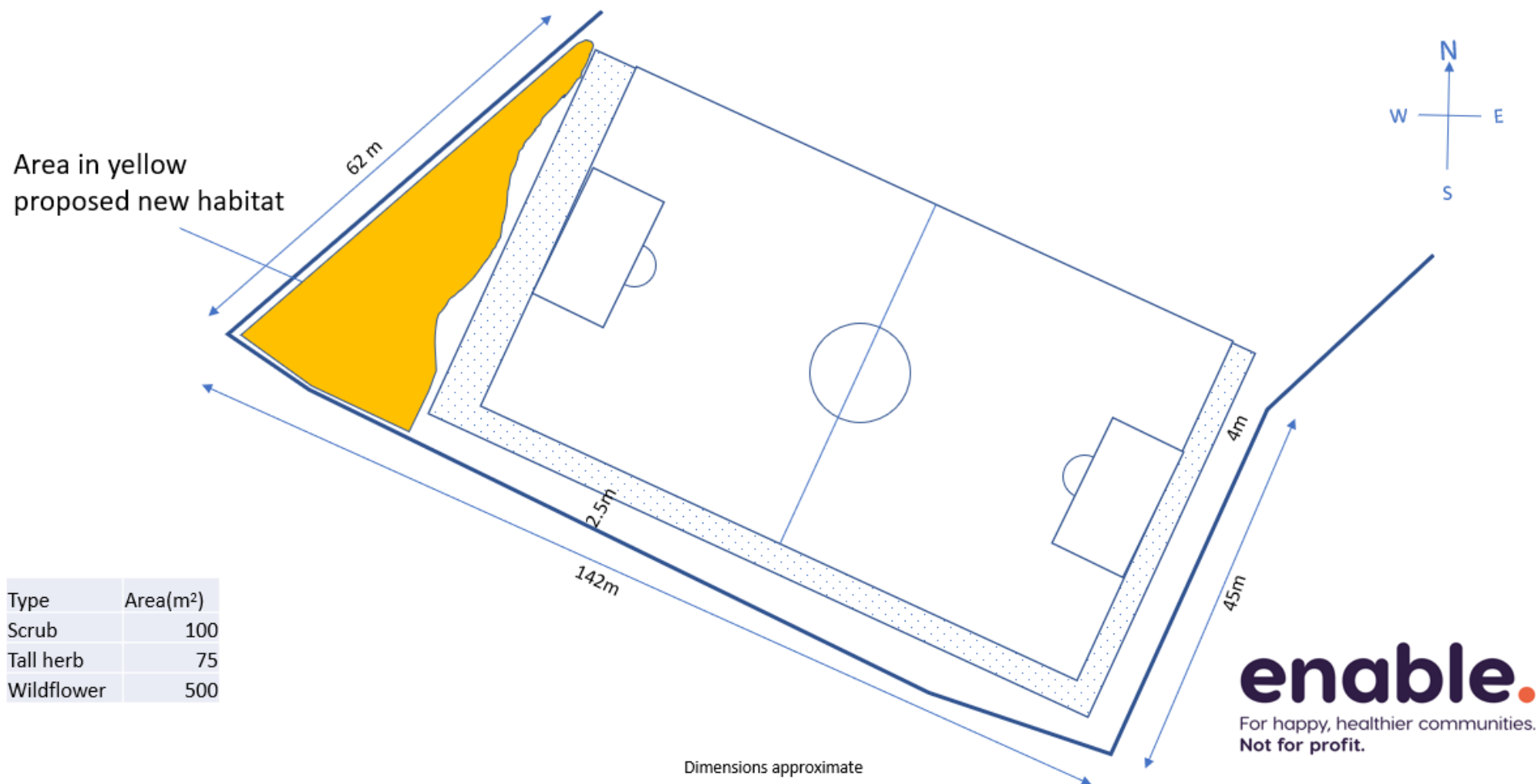


- Proposal to create wildflower meadow and scrub planting in area not utilised by sports pitches
- Create habitat to benefit pollinators and other invertebrates, birds and bats
- Improve aesthetic value of this area of the playing fields for the benefit of all users
- Assists with habitat connectivity and corridors through the borough
- Aligns with Wandsworth Biodiversity Strategy; Bigger and Connected

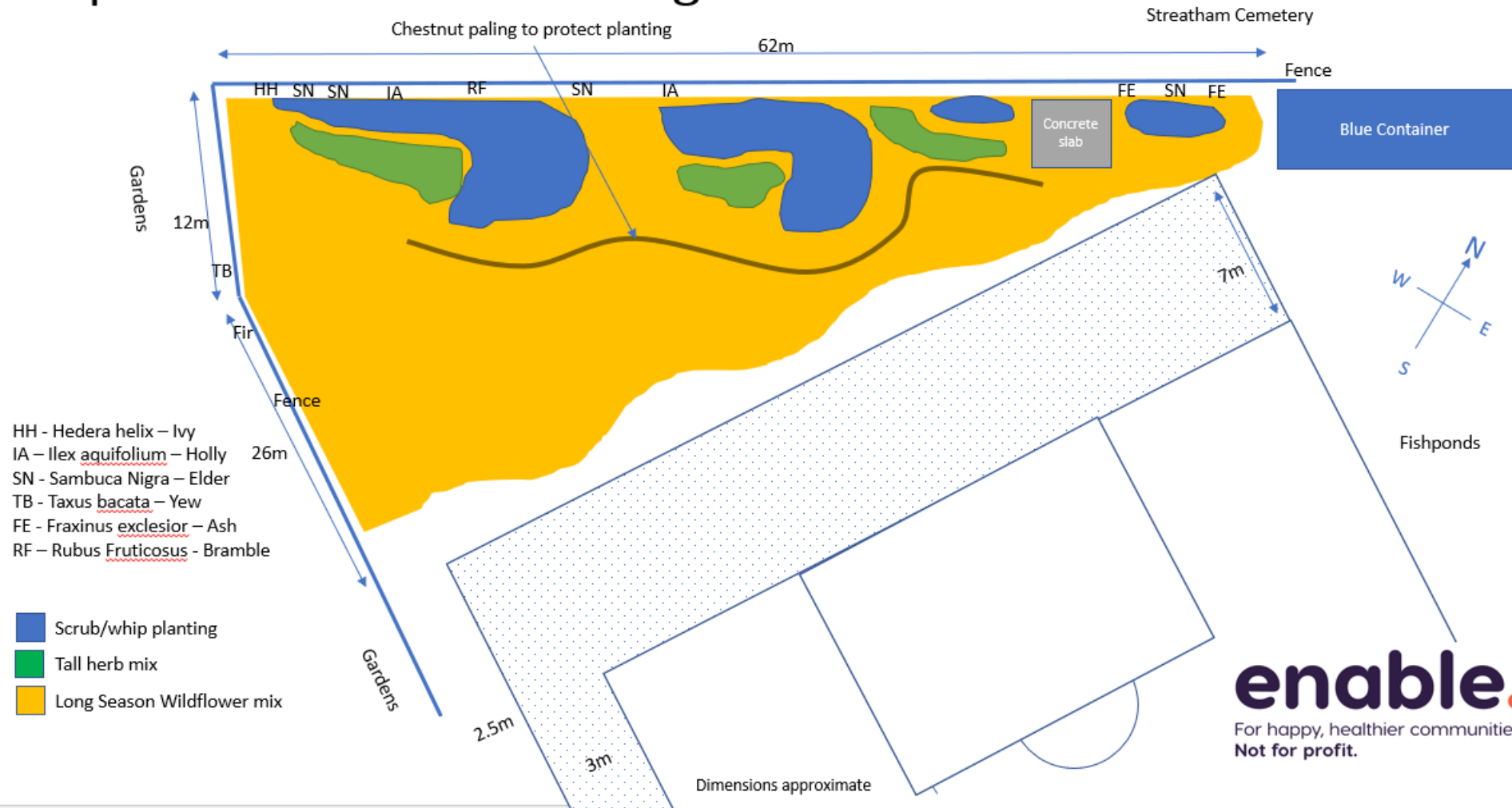


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Overview of proposed wildflower area around football pitch



Fishponds SW Corner Planting Scheme Overview



Proposed Planting and Sowing Scheme

Scrub whip mix	Area	100m2	Tall Herb Mix				
	Density	2/m2					
Common name	Latin name	Qty	English Name	Latin Name	Mix Composition	English Name	Latin Name
Blackthorn	Prunus spinosa	50	Yarrow	Achillea millefolium	4%	Long Season Flower Mix	Achillea millefolium
Bird Cherry	Prunus padus	10	Common Agrimony	Agrimonia eupatoria	5%	Common Knapweed	Centaurea nigra
Field Maple	Acer campestre	20	Common Knapweed	Centaurea nigra	7%	Greater Knapweed	Centaurea scabiosa
Dog Rose	Rosa canina	20	Greater Knapweed	Centaurea scabiosa	3%	Wild Carrot	Daucus carota
Hazel	Corylus avellana	30	Wild Carrot	Daucus carota	6%	Viper's Bugloss	Echium vulgare
Hawthorn	Crataegus monogyna	30	Lady's Bedstraw	Galium verum	6%	Lady's Bedstraw	Galium verum
Purging buckthorn	Rhamnus cathartica	15	Meadow Cranesbill	Geranium pratense	2%	Meadow Cranesbill	Geranium pratense
Alder buckthorn	Frangula alnus	15	Common St. John's Wort	Hypericum perforatum	2%	Common Catsear	Hypochaeris radicata
Crab Apple	Malus sylvestris	5	Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis	6%	Field Scabious	Knautia arvensis
Honeysuckle	Lonicera periclymenum	5	Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare	4%	Meadow Vetchling	Lathyrus pratensis
Total		200	Ragged Robin	Lychnis flos-cuculi	2%	Rough Hawkbit	Leontodon hispidus
			Musk Mallow	Malva moschata	4%	Oxeye Daisy	Leucanthemum vulgare
			Common Mallow	Malva sylvestris	4%	Common Toadflax	Linaria vulgaris
			Ribwort Plantain	Plantago lanceolata	5%	Birdsfoot Trefoil	Lotus corniculatus
			Self Heal	Prunella vulgaris	7%	Musk Mallow	Malva moschata
			Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris	6%	Hoary Plantain	Plantago media
			Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor	5%	Cowslip	Primula veris
			Common Sorrel	Rumex acetosa	3%	Self Heal	Prunella vulgaris
			White Campion	Silene alba	6%	Meadow Buttercup	Ranunculus acris
			Red Campion	Silene dioica	6%	Bulbous Buttercup	Ranunculus bulbosus
			Devilsbit Scabious	Succisa pratensis	2%	Yellow Rattle	Rhinanthus minor
			Dark Mullein	Verbascum nigrum	2%	Common Sorrel	Rumex acetosa
			Tufted Vetch	Vicia Cracca	3%	Small Scabious	Scabiosa columbaria
						Red Campion	Silene dioica
						Betony	Stachys officinalis
						Devilsbit Scabious	Succisa pratensis
						Wild Red Clover	Trifolium pratense
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