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## Development Plan

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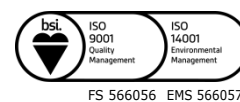


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# 1 Introduction

- 1.1 The London Borough of Sutton Parks and Open Spaces Team have worked with the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust (WVRPT) and a number of partners to deliver £1m of green space improvements as part of the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund project, between January 2014 and April 2015. The project has been funded by a range of organisations, led by the Mayor of London.
- 1.2 Poulter Park covers 19.6 hectares and forms part of this regeneration project. It is a large green space owned by London Borough of Sutton situated in the heart of the Wandle Valley Regional Park. The park includes additional leasehold land owned by John S Deeds and Sons and adjoins the St Helier estate to the west and south, with the Willow Lane business improvement district to the east. The Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club (The Hub) borders the park to the north and Watermeads Nature Reserve owned by the National Trust is situated nearby to the east of the Hub. A small area of land to the south owned by Sutton Housing Partnership is included within the project area, off Maynooth Gardens and Middleton Road.
- 1.3 The site area for the development plan project includes the area of new backwater wetland on the leasehold land adjacent to Poulter Park and the River Wandle. The Park is home to Mitcham Rugby Club with associated pitches to the south of the park. The centre of the park includes the site of the former Bishopsford House, now flats, with remains of a designed landscape as well as a modern play area. Appendix 1 shows the aerial photograph of the site.
- 1.4 Capital works environmental improvements and access works have been delivered on site in 2015, including vegetation management, new and upgraded footpaths, and installation of new entrances and regional park 'gateways'. It is recognised that the improvements represent a first phase of works and further phases of capital improvements need to be planned, designed, and implemented as part of the legacy of the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund Project.
- 1.5 LUC were commissioned by London Borough of Sutton to produce a 'next steps', plan for Poulter Park: the Poulter Park Development Plan.
- 1.6 The aim of the plan was to capture aspirations for further improvements to the park as future phases of capital improvements, including fresh ideas from stakeholders and further consideration of initial proposals which were deferred due to funding shortfall and the need for a need wider plan.
- 1.7 This report contains the development plan proposals, includes the results of the consultation carried out, and recommendations on the way forward with the plan.

## **Status of the Development Plan:**

It is important to note that whilst London Borough of Sutton parks officers have endorsed the Development Plan in principle, the council has not formally committed itself to fund and deliver these improvements in the park.

The timetable in the plan is also indicative and intended to illustrate the improvements that were identified as the priority by the contributing stakeholders, subject to resources being available.

The Development Plan will only be a useful tool in guiding the next phase of park improvements if the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund partner organisations and residents work collaboratively. To this end a proposed Stakeholder Group for Poulter Park will be responsible for overseeing the delivery of the plan and for each of the proposals to proceed, there will need to be a business case made, including identification of how the works will be funded and importantly, how they will be maintained once completed.

## 2 Development Plan Proposals

### Methodology

- 2.1 In order to prepare the development plan the following tasks were carried out;
- 2.2 Preparation of an 'as built' **masterplan** of Poulter Park study area to reflect the capital works that have been implemented as part of the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund project.
- 2.3 Deliver **workshop one** to review the current **issues and opportunities** for the development of the park and to capture the views of a range of stakeholders, targeted local groups and residents, to identify issues and themes and prioritise solutions as appropriate.
- 2.4 Analyse the results of workshop one, update the masterplan to produce a **draft development plan** for Poulter Park.
- 2.5 Feedback to stakeholders on the development plan proposals and priorities at **workshop two** and prepare the **final development plan**.

### Workshops

- 2.6 The workshops were held at Tooting and Mitcham Community Sports Club Hub on 3 March and 21 April 2015. The events were by invitation to a range of stakeholders and people from the following organisations were able to engage in the process:-
  - Sutton Borough Council
  - Living Wandle Landscape Partnership Scheme
  - Safer Parks Team. Met Police
  - Willow Lane BID
  - Wandle Valley Forum
  - Sutton Living Streets
  - Mitcham Rugby Club
  - TM United Ltd
  - Residents of Watermead Lane
  - Residents of Bishopsford House
  - London Wildlife Trust
  - Local cycling representatives
- 2.7 Workshop one consisted of a presentation followed by group exercises to discuss the future improvements to Poulter Park and the prioritisation of the improvements.
- 2.8 The consultation included discussions on both landscape improvements as well as maintenance and management improvements that could be applied to Poulter Park. These proposals were used to prepare the draft development plan.
- 2.9 Workshop two consisted of a presentation explaining the draft development plan proposals and a group discussion to obtain feedback on the landscape and management improvement proposals.
- 2.10 The full account of both workshops can be found in appendix 2.

## Development Plan Proposals

- 2.11 The discussion generated in workshop one concluded that the highest priorities for the development plan should include;
- Improve the cleanliness and tidiness of the Park.  
(litter and dog bins, solve Wandle sewage problem, regular litter pick)
  - Increase biodiversity value and enjoyment of the river environment.  
(management of vegetation and invasive species, benches, boardwalks, interpretation)
  - Increase visitor enjoyment.  
(more parking, benches, paths, improved security, interpretation, access across River)
  - Improve the appearance /identity of the field north of Bishopsford House.  
(tree planting)
  - Form a Friends of Poulter Park group and maximise links/partnerships with users groups, local businesses to become involved in the maintenance and management of the Park
- 2.12 The comments from workshop two showed that overall the stakeholder groups were broadly in favour of the development plan proposals.
- 2.13 The proposals from the workshop have been categorised into short-term(1-3 years), medium term(3-5 years), long term(5-10 years)priorities with suggested responsibility for implementation and an indication of costs where known as per the table below.

### Suggested Future Landscape Improvements

Priority	Proposal	Comments / possible responsibly	Cost range
<b>Short term – 1 to 3 years</b>	Additional dual use bins for dog waste & litter	Sutton Parks	£1,000-5,000
	Formalised parking for the Rugby Club off Peterborough Road – could be used by public at quiet times – including disabled bays	Rugby Club to include in their Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	Additional benches in park and near backwater	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£4,000-10,000
	Natural play area in Woodland	Sutton Parks	£2,000-7,000
	Renovation of play area	Sutton Parks	£100,000-300,000
	New directional/information signage eg For Wandle Trail, entrances at Peterborough Road South and links to Rose Hill & Mitcham stations	Sutton Parks	£3,000-6,000
	Re-establishment of old orchard by rugby club and Bishopsford House	Possibly funded with help from Urban Orchard Project	£2,000-5,000
	Further habitat improvements to backwater area to manage public access and prepare habitat for water vole introduction	Led by London Wildlife Trust with Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship / Friends group	TBC
	Possibility of CCTV along the Park / HUB boundary	Football Club to consider	TBC
	Tree planting to match historic layout	Sutton Parks	£1,000-4,000
	Diversification of old cricket pitches –eg planting of naturalistic	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group –	£5,000-50,000

	woodland & meadow or restoration of cricket pitch	see options on drawing	
	Facilities to allow a pop-up café at busy times – or integration of a public café into the new Rugby Club	Rugby Club to consider including in their Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	Paint the fence at Watermead Lane	Potential 'community payback' project	TBC
	Improved links to the north & west including path to river	New London Rd crossing by TFL & possible ramp to the KNK Hub	TBC
<b>Medium term – 3 to 5 years</b>	Toilets for public use –perhaps in the new Rugby Club pavilion	Rugby Club to consider including on Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	Installation of CCTV – Hub boundary and as part of new Rugby Club pavilion	Rugby Club to consider including in Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	Biodiversity improvements to the bank of River Wandle for Water Voles etc	Environment Agency/Defra	TBC
	Picnic tables	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£3,000-6,000
	Additional facilities for teenagers	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group	£4,000-10,000
	Wildlife / historic (park & house) / City skyline interpretation	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£3,000-6,000
	Use of Rugby / Gaelic Football pitches for Cricket during the summer and consider drainage to pitches	Explore the possibility of this with the clubs	TBC
	Additional paths/entrances for improved access eg new entrance from Hillfield Avenue if feasible	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group	TBC
	Improved links to the south & east from Watermead Lane	Improvements linked to housing estate development	TBC
Establish a naturalistic garden space with lawns around Bishopsford House	Sutton Parks / Bishopsford House	£4,000-6,000	
<b>Long term – 5 to 10 years</b>	Outdoor Gym (aka Trim Trail)	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£4,000-8,000
	Improved links to surrounding areas	Sutton Parks / wider area	TBC
	New bridge across the river Wandle to link to industrial estate	Location tba, regional funding / business sponsorship	TBC

### Suggested Management and Maintenance Improvements

Action	Input from
Form a Poulter Park Stakeholder Group	WVRPT/Sutton Parks
Form a Poulter Park Friends Group	WVRPT/Living Wandle Team
Coordinate fundraising for park improvements	Sutton Parks/Friends/LWT
Train volunteers to assist with maintenance	Sutton Parks/Living Wandle Team
Carry out appropriate maintenance of new backwater meadows, hedgerows & woodland, including coppicing scrub	Sutton Parks/Friends/London Wildlife Trust

beside the river and shared use path	
Co-ordinate maintenance with Sutton Housing Partnership	Sutton Parks
Fix issues with sewerage / drainage	Sutton Parks/Bishopsford House residents
Formalise management and maintenance agreement with the Rugby Club	Sutton Parks/Mitcham RFC
Formalise management and maintenance agreement with TMU Ltd	Sutton Parks/TMU
Build relationships with local businesses to encourage assistance with maintenance	Friends/Willow Lane Business Improvement District
Ensure that all bins are emptied in line with specification	Sutton Parks
Educational and enforcement actions to ensure that all dog owners clear up after their dogs	Safer Parks Police / Friends
More regular monthly litter picking events	Friends
Treat Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species	Sutton Parks/Wandle Trust
Manage antisocial behaviour, use of motorcycles etc	Safer Parks police
Additional police presence	Safer Parks police

- 2.14 The development plan masterplan drawing (drawing number 012) is included in appendix 3, illustrating the location of the priority proposals.
- 2.15 The draft Development Plan was circulated to key stakeholder for comment. These responses are contained in Appendix 5.

## 3 Summary and Next steps

### *Landscape and accessibility*

- 3.1 The Development Plan for Poulter Park incorporates the suggested future landscape, accessibility and management and maintenance improvements for Poulter Park following two workshop events with stakeholders.
- 3.2 Many of the short term (1-3 year) improvements are focused around improvements to the day- to day maintenance of the Park, for example cleanliness and park facilities. Other short term priorities relate to continuing with the improvement works that have begun in the recent capital works, for example further habitat improvements and tree planting. Some of the short-term proposals require further option appraisals and consultation with stakeholders, for example diversification of old cricket pitches and extended security measures.
- 3.3 The short term priorities were seen by the stakeholder groups to have the most benefit and highest impact on the quality and use of Poulter Park. The medium and long term priority proposals although of benefit to the Park and its users, were felt by the stakeholders to have lower impact and involve either further monitoring, consultation and implementation costs.

### *Management and Maintenance*

- 3.4 There was strong interest from the stakeholder participants to continue to be involved in the maintenance and management of Poulter Park and engage with Living Wandle on the formation of a management group- *Poulter Park Stakeholder and Friends Group*.
- 3.5 A maintenance schedule has been prepared for the improvements at Poulter Park as part of the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund project. This is included in appendix 4. It is recommended that Sutton Council review this schedule and incorporate it into existing and /or future maintenance contracts for the Park.
- 3.6 It is recommended that the next steps for the Poulter Park Development Plan should involve WVRPT, Sutton Council and the Living Wandle team to work jointly to establish the Poulter Park Stakeholder and Friends Groups to plan the next stages in the improvements for the Park.



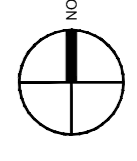
# **Appendix 1**

## Aerial photograph



**Legend**

- Extent of Poulter Park
- Land Leased from John Deeds




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**Appendix 2**

Workshops 1 & 2



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## Stakeholder Workshop 1 Report

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# 1 Introduction

1.1 As part of the consultation to inform the development plan for Poulter Park, a stake holder workshop was held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015. This event was by invitation to existing stakeholders and was attended by 25 people.

1.2 Those in attendance were;

Bill Wyatt	Sutton Borough Council
Rebecca Watts	Living Wandle Landscape Partnerships
Fash Mohammadi	Safer Parks Team. Met Police
Graham Willins	Willow Lane BID
Melanie Nunzet	Wandle Valley Forum
Bruce St Julian Bown	Wandle Valley Forum
Tony Pattison	Sutton Living Streets
Gary Ashburn	Mitcham Rugby Club
Steve Adkins	TM United Ltd
Graham Murray	Resident- Watermead Road
Stephanie Murray	Resident- Watermead Road
Janet Dixon	Resident- Watermead Road
Bill Dixon	Resident- Watermead Road
May Denny	Resident- Watermead Road
Betty Maxwell	Resident- Watermead Road
Linda East	Resident- Watermead Road
Dave Whitman	Resident- Watermead Road
Robert Walker	Local resident
Petra Davies	London Wildlife Trust
Jane Clarke	London Wildlife Trust
Colin Queemby	Residents/cycling representatives
Shirley Queemby	Residents/cycling representatives
Peter Wilkinson	Wandle Valley Regional Parks Trust
Jenny Esdon	LUC
Ben Shakespeare	LUC

1.3 This was the first stakeholder consultation to inform the development plan for Poulter Park. There will be a further second workshop to present the masterplan proposals following the comments received during this first stakeholder workshop.

## 2 Method

- 2.1 The evening consisted of a short presentation followed by group exercises. The presentation included:
- Welcome and introduction to the wider Wandle Valley Big Green Fund Project-Peter Wilkinson, Wandle Valley Park, Project Officer.
  - Introduction to the current landscape improvement works - Ben Shakespeare, Landscape Architect, LUC.
  - Explanation of the format of the stakeholder workshop-Jenny Esdon, Landscape Manager, LUC.
- 2.2 During his introduction Peter Wilkinson explained that there were some initial proposals for park wide improvements, including additional parkland tree planting, which had not been implemented in the first round of improvement works .However it was hoped that these improvements would be included in the development plan going forward.
- 2.3 The workshop also provided an opportunity for a representative of Mitcham Bulls Rugby Club to explain their proposals for a new sports pavilion to the wider group.

### Summary of Exercises

- 2.4 Those present were divided into three smaller groups and participated in two exercises, facilitated by Peter Wilkinson, Jenny Esdon and Ben Shakespeare. The exercises were as recorded below;

#### *Exercise 1: Future improvements to Poulter Park*

- 2.5 Following introductions, the group considered;
- What further improvements could be made to the design of Poulter Park in the future?
  - What improvements are required to the management and maintenance of Poulter Park and how this can be implemented?

#### *Exercise 2: Prioritising the improvements to Poulter Park*

- 2.6 The next exercise allowed participants to prioritise each solution using the categories of High, Medium and Low Impact, deciding how big a difference each solution will make.
- 2.7 After each exercise the facilitators of each group feedback to the whole stakeholder group on the groups ideas coming out of the two exercises.

## 3 Findings

### Peter's Group

#### Improvements

##### *Improvements to design*

Install new paths

Improve lighting

Consider speed bumps to slow cars / motorbikes

Improve or update the existing playground

Consider installing an outdoor gym

Improve safety- install CCTV and/or barriers

Signage needed at access point at Watermead Lane

Low tech gates at Watermead Lane

Paint fence at Watermead Lane

Information panel needed at Peterborough Road south

Create better links to the Arena

Provision of bikes – should this be catered for in or out of the park?

Drain the central area of the park and pitches

##### *Improvements to management and maintenance*

Manage gate at Watermead

Control of flytipping

Coordinate maintenance with Sutton Housing Association

Manage antisocial behaviour

Treat Japanese knotweed and other invasive species

Manage access of motor cycles into the Park

Stacked tree trimmings pose a fire risk

Policing needs to be in place



Priorities		
High	Medium	Low
<i>Improvements</i> New path Lighting Speed bumps CCTV and / or barriers	<i>Improvements</i> Improve/update the playground	<i>Improvements</i> Outdoor Gym
Low tech gates at Watermead Lane	Information panel at Peterborough Road South	Better links to arena
Signs and Watermead Lane access	Drain the central area of the park & pitches	Provide for bikes elsewhere. (the Hub car park?)
Painting of the fence at Watermead Lane		
<i>Management and Maintenance</i> Manage gate at Watermead Lane	<i>Management and Maintenance</i> Coordination of M+M with Sutton Housing Partnership	<i>Management and Maintenance</i>
Fly tipping is getting worse	Antisocial behaviour	
Japanese knotweed treated 2/3 years		
Invasive species –Himalyan balsam		
Control access by motor cycles		
Policing Sutton/Merton		
The large tall tree opposite the bottom of Number 10's garden. If it fell towards the house it would undoubtedly hit the house		
Tree trimmings are a fire risk		

### *Summary of discussion*

- 3.1 The discussions that took place in Peter's group show that participants feel that there are further improvements required around improvements to signposting and controlling access points particularly at Watermead Road. New paths and improvements to lighting were seen as extensions and complementary to the existing works being implemented. There were also discussions around the safety of Park users and the threat of antisocial behaviour. Measures such as CCTV, lighting, better policing and speed bumps were suggested as ways to improve safety at the Park.
- 3.2 Improvements to the tidiness and cleanliness of the Park is a high priority for maintenance and management, as well as the control of invasive weeds.

- 3.3 Capital works improvements such as a new playground and outdoor gyms were included on the improvements list, as medium to low priority. Although drainage was noted as an issue affecting the centre of the Park and the pitches it was regarded as a medium priority for improvement.
- 3.4 The group discussed the opportunity for coordinating the management and maintenance in partnership with Sutton Housing Partnership.

## Jenny's Group

### Improvements

#### *Improvements to design*

- Wheeling gullies for cycles along steps
- Continued management and maintenance of river environment
- More river restoration e.g creating islands
- Ask Environment Agency to remove hard banks (consider use of coir rolls)
- More dog bins
- More parking for rugby club users, plus less able park users
- Control of sewage
- Drainage at the north end of the Park
- More facilities for teenagers
- Install toilets
- Outdoor gym
- Pop up facilities such as café
- Upgrade/replace the playground
- More interpretation on the history of Bishopsford house
- Boardwalk and seating in the back water
- Prevent vehicle access from new paths to pitches

#### *Improvements to management and maintenance*

- Training volunteers in conservation with a Friends Groups
- Partner with businesses – need a crossing over the River
- Regular maintenance of meadows
- Rugby club to provide a caretaker role

Priorities		
High	Medium	Low
<i>Improvements</i> More dog bins	<i>Improvements</i> North end poor drainage	<i>Improvements</i> More for teenagers – a shelter structure?
Parking problems at rugby club	Drainage	
Sewage problems	Café – pop up	
Parking for children with special needs	Toilets	
Playground upgrade / update	Outdoor gym	
More interpretation on heritage of the house		
Raised edge to new path to prevent vehicle access to pitches		
Bring attention to Bishopsford House		
Board walk at backwater (but not near houses)		
Seating at back water tranquil area		
<i>Management and maintenance</i> Form a Poulter Parks friends Group (talk to ward councillor)		

### *Summary of discussion*

- 3.5 The participants in Jenny’s group discussed improvements for varying user groups of the Park; including upgrading the playground, additional parking, interpretation of the house, facilities for teenagers, outdoor gym and facilities such as toilets and cafes.
- 3.6 Further improvements to the area near to the river was seen as a high priority to enhance the visitor enjoyment, including; seating, boardwalks and additional habitat restoration.
- 3.7 There were discussions around improving general maintenance, including litter and dog mess collection; the installation of more bins was seen as a high priority. Finding a solution to the lying sewage problem was also seen as a high priority.
- 3.8 Longer term management issues included dealing with the poor drainage on the pitches and providing some of the facilities such as toilets and a shelter for teenagers in the Park.
- 3.9 Exciting discussions took place around developing maintenance and management partnerships with the rugby club, volunteers and local businesses. The formation of Friends of Poulter Park was seen as a positive way forward in mobilising and connecting interested partners.

## Ben's Group

### Improvements

#### *Improvements to design*

Plant more trees on field area north of Bishopsford House

Install trim trail equipment

Install more benches but make sure they are carefully located

Improve security – consider use of CCTV

Wildlife interpretation

Connectivity of the Park to local rail stations

Connectivity to the cityscape, including maximising views out of the Park

Create easy access to the adjoining business park areas , consider an access bridge over the River

Replace or improve the existing playground

Create a picnic area

More dog bins and litter bins, improve litter clearance

#### *Improvements to management and maintenance*

Develop partnerships with local businesses and the rugby club, and other user groups to maintain the Park

Priorities		
High	Medium	Low
<i>Improvements</i>	<i>Improvements</i>	<i>Improvements</i>
Plant trees on field area	Trim trail equipment	Wildlife interpretation
Benches-carefully located	Security cameras – CCTV	Highlight (Connection) to Rose Hill and Mitcham Junction + Mitcham Station
Access to Willow Lane and estate (via a new bridge)	Replace or improve playground	Connection and appreciation cityscape
Dog bins	Picnic area	
<i>Maintenance and management</i>	<i>Maintenance and management</i>	<i>Maintenance and management</i>
Emptying dog bins and enforcement of owners to clear up after their dogs	Local business and rugby club buy-in / Sponsorship of maintenance	Maintenance of any new furniture or equipment
Improve litter picking		

### *Summary of discussion*

- 3.10 The participants in Ben's group felt improvements to the general cleanliness and maintenance of the Park was a high priority, suggesting more litter and dog bins.
- 3.11 The group wanted more facilities to be included in the Park, seeing benches as a high priority. Improved play area, a trim trail, picnic area were desirable but were a medium priority.
- 3.12 Discussions took place about the use and appearance of the field to the north of Bishopsford House and it was suggested that more tree planting would improve this area. Better wildlife interpretation was also desirable but not a high priority. However, improving access to the Willow Lane estate with a bridge across the River was a high priority.
- 3.13 As with the other two groups the group felt there were opportunities to foster partnerships with other stakeholders including businesses and the rugby club to contribute to the maintenance of the Park.

## 4 Summary and Conclusions

4.1 The discussion generated through the stakeholder workshop can be summarised below;

### *Improvements*

- Dog bins
- Litter bins
- More visitor facilities – parking, benches, toilets
- More amenity features- play area, trim trail ,picnic area, boardwalks
- Wildlife interpretation
- Heritage interpretation
- Access – paths, gates , bridge across river
- Drainage (+sewage !)

### *Maintenance and Management*

- Security and safety- lighting , CCTV, policing, path edging
- Cleanliness
- Control invasive weed
- More meadow areas
- Friends of Poulter Park
- Partnerships with local groups, users, stakeholders, businesses

### *High Priorities for the development plan*

- Improve the cleanliness and tidiness of the Park.  
(litter and dog bins, solve sewage problem, regular litter pick)
- Increase biodiversity value and enjoyment of the river environment.  
(management of vegetation and invasive species, benches, boardwalks, interpretation)
- Increase visitor enjoyment.  
(more parking, benches, paths, improved security, interpretation, access across River)
- Improve the appearance /identity of the field north of Bishopsford House.  
(tree planting)
- Form a Friends of Poulter Park group and maximise links/partnerships with users groups, local businesses to become involved in the maintenance and management of the Park.

### *Medium to Low priorities for the development plan*

- More facilities/features for users groups  
(toilets, play area, trim trial, teenage shelter, picnic area)
- Improvements to drainage



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# 1 Introduction

1.1 In March 2015 a stakeholder workshop (stakeholder workshop one) was held to consult with stakeholders to inform the development plan for Poulter Park. The results of this first workshop were used to prepare masterplan proposals for the development plan, which were presented back to the stakeholder group on April 21<sup>st</sup> 2015 in workshop number two. This event was by invitation to existing stakeholders, including those who had attended workshop one.

1.2 The attendance at workshop two was lower than workshop one and was attended by 17 people. Those in attendance were;

Frank Foreman	Resident-Watermead Lane
Mark Dalzell	Sutton Parks
Sue Morgan	Wandle Valley Regional Parks Trust
Coiln Queemby	Resident/cycling representative
Shirley Queemby	Resident/cycling representative
Gary Ashburn	Mitcham RFC/Surrey RFC
Bill Dixon	Resident-Watermead Lane
Betty Maxwell	Resident- Watermead Lane
Louise Gothall	Living Wandle Team
Tony Pattinson	Sutton Living Streets
Linda Norris	Bishopsford House Residents
Hazel Brookeman	Bishopsford House Residents
Sam Bardwell	Mitcham RFC
Robert Walker	resident
Peter Wilkinson	Wandle Valley Regional Parks Trust
Jenny Esdon	LUC
Ben Shakespeare	LUC

## 2 Method

- 2.1 The evening consisted of a presentation followed by a group discussion. The presentation included:
- Welcome and introduction to the Wandle Valley Big Green Fund, from Peter Wilkinson, including a recap on the workshop one and the progress of the current landscape implementation works at Poulter Park.
  - Explanation by Ben Shakespeare, LUC Landscape Architect and Jenny Esdon, LUC Landscape Manager of the development plan proposals and landscape management considerations. Drawing number 012 shows the development plan proposals.

### Summary of Consultation Discussion

- 2.2 The low number of attendees allowed the discussion to take place as one group, facilitated by Jenny Esdon. The discussion was focused around the following main themes;
- General comments on the development plan proposals; did the group agree with the proposals, were there any further items to be considered?
  - Mitcham Rugby Club proposals for the development of their club house
  - Dual use of the sports pitches
  - Proposals for the use of the open area north of Bishopsford House
  - Thoughts on community involvement in the future maintenance and management
- 2.3 The following comments were received from the stakeholder group;

### *General comments on the development plan proposals*

Request for the painting of Watermead Lane railings to be carried out in year 1 of the development plan.

Should the Environment Agency be dealing with the pollution problems relating to the River.

Queries on the purpose of the Wandle Valley project, suggested that interpretation of the history and intention of the project was required as part of the development plan proposals.

Greater use of Poulter Park would require the provision of toilet facilities within the Park.

Facilities that provide for a wide range of community groups is welcomed.

Control measures to avoid the use of the Park by motorbikes is essential.

Pillars at Peterborough Road will be fitted with gates as part of the landscape improvement works.

Path that has been created from Watermead Lane towards housing association land is to provide access for vegetation management. The wall on the boundary behind the line of vegetation is not being removed as part of this project.

Replacement bollards needed urgently to prevent vehicles accessing the park.

### *Mitcham Rugby Club proposals for the development of their club house*

The rugby club pitches are available for the use of schools.

A new rugby club facility will be available for use by other community activities.

The rugby club proposals will include new parking facilities.

Some concerns over the current parking arrangements for the rugby club and the litter that is generated on training and match days, as well as when a social event is held at the clubhouse.

### *Dual use of the sports pitches*

Mitcham RFC explained that multiuse of the rugby pitches with cricket was not practical due to the clash of seasonal use.

### *Proposals for the use of the open area north of Bishopsford House*

Two main options were discussed including;

-Creation areas of meadow habitat with parkland trees.

-Installation of a cricket pitch to satisfy local demand for Asian youth cricket.

Discussions took place on the character of the area and the park as a whole; to either keep it as a public park(meadow and trees) or develop a sports offer(cricket).

### *Thoughts on community involvement in the future maintenance and management*

Wandle Valley Parks Trust does not have any funds to contribute to the development plans or to the maintenance and management of Poulter Park. However, they would be able to provide staff time and resources to coordinate and lead, with the Living Wandle team, the formation of a group of stakeholders who would be interested in forming a Poulter Park Management Group.

Living Wandle would contact potential stakeholders to include (but not exclusively)

Residents

Mitcham Rugby Club

The Sports Hub

Willow Lane BID

Safer Parks team

Thames Water

Local Pumping station

Sutton Housing Group

Sutton Living Streets

Sutton Parks

Groundwork

London Wildlife Trust

It was suggested that the Living Wandle would look to set up an initial meeting of stakeholders, by the end of July 2015, and then meet every three months.

## 3 Summary and Next Steps

3.1 The discussion generated through the stakeholder workshop can be summarised below;

### *Development Plan Proposals*

3.2 Overall the stakeholder group was in agreement with the Development Plan Proposals with the additional consideration of painting the railings in Watermead Lane, interpretation of the overall history and intention of the Wandle Valley project, and consideration of more park facilities and security (e.g. toilets) as the use of the park increases.

3.3 Urgent action tasks were required as part of the current landscape improvement works, including bollards to prevent vehicle incursions into the Park.

### *Mitcham RFC Proposals*

3.4 Mitcham RFC to carry out a consultation and information event with residents and stakeholders to present its proposals for the development of the clubhouse and parking.

3.5 The opportunity to engage with Mitcham RFC to improve the facilities in the park and for the wider community as well as the maintenance of the Park, was welcomed by the stakeholder group.

### *Additional Sports Provision*

3.6 Provision of cricket pitches would need to investigate in relation to demand from the community and the practical management and maintenance needs. There was a mixed response from the stakeholder group on the potential to expand the offer of sports provision in the park.

### *Options for the plateau field north of Bishopsford House*

3.7 The options include provision of cricket and/or providing meadow areas with parkland trees. The demand for cricket (Asian youth cricket) requires further investigation. The development plan should allow for a meadow area and parkland trees as a preferred initial option, but also show an option that incorporates a cricket pitch.

### *Management and Maintenance*

3.8 There is a strong interest from the stakeholder participants to continue to be involved in the maintenance and management of Poulter Park and engage with Living Wandle on the formation of a management group.

### **Next steps**

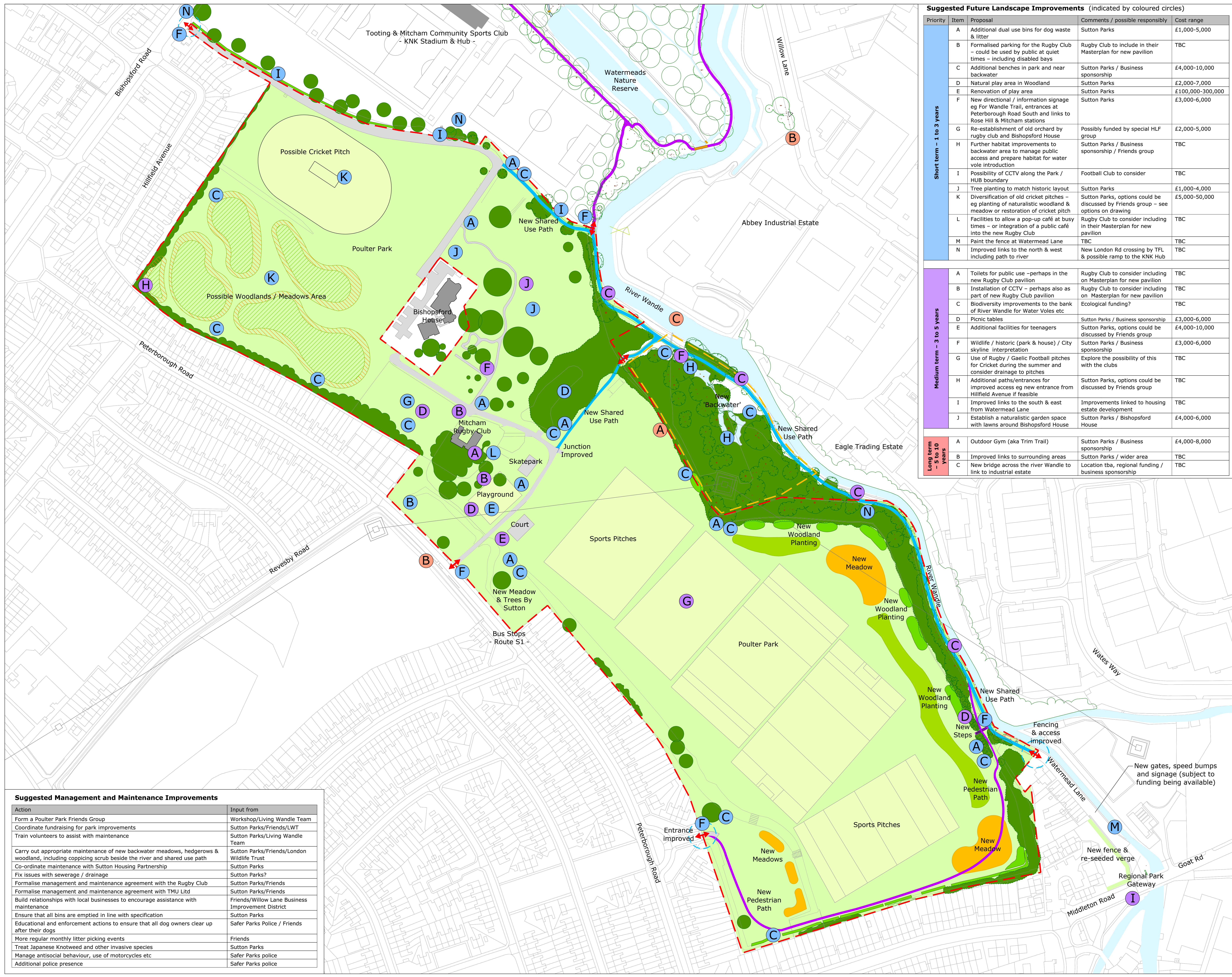
3.9 The results from the two stakeholder workshops, with the development plan proposals to be presented in a short summary report to Sutton Parks by end of May 2015.

3.10 Living Wandle to instigate a stakeholder management group meeting by the end of July 2015.

3.11 Mitcham RFC to prepare redevelopment proposals for the clubhouse and carpark and arrange a consultation event. Date to be confirmed.

**Appendix 3**

Development Plan drawing



**Suggested Future Landscape Improvements** (indicated by coloured circles)

Priority	Item	Proposal	Comments / possible responsibility	Cost range
Short term - 1 to 3 years	A	Additional dual use bins for dog waste & litter	Sutton Parks	£1,000-5,000
	B	Formalised parking for the Rugby Club - could be used by public at quiet times - including disabled bays	Rugby Club to include in their Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	C	Additional benches in park and near backwater	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£4,000-10,000
	D	Natural play area in Woodland	Sutton Parks	£2,000-7,000
	E	Renovation of play area	Sutton Parks	£100,000-300,000
	F	New directional / information signage eg For Wandle Trail, entrances at Peterborough Road South and links to Rose Hill & Mitcham stations	Sutton Parks	£3,000-6,000
	G	Re-establishment of old orchard by rugby club and Bishopford House	Possibly funded by special HLF group	£2,000-5,000
	H	Further habitat improvements to backwater area to manage public access and prepare habitat for water vole introduction	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship / Friends group	TBC
	I	Possibility of CCTV along the Park / HUB boundary	Football Club to consider	TBC
	J	Tree planting to match historic layout	Sutton Parks	£1,000-4,000
	K	Diversification of old cricket pitches - eg planting of naturalistic woodland & meadow or restoration of cricket pitch	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group - see options on drawing	£5,000-50,000
	L	Facilities to allow a pop-up café at busy times - or integration of a public café into the new Rugby Club	Rugby Club to consider including in their Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	M	Paint the fence at Watermead Lane	TBC	TBC
	N	Improved links to the north & west including path to river	New London Rd crossing by TFL & possible ramp to the KNK Hub	TBC
Medium term - 3 to 5 years	A	Toilets for public use - perhaps in the new Rugby Club pavilion	Rugby Club to consider including on Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	B	Installation of CCTV - perhaps also as part of new Rugby Club pavilion	Rugby Club to consider including on Masterplan for new pavilion	TBC
	C	Biodiversity improvements to the bank of River Wandle for Water Voles etc	Ecological funding?	TBC
	D	Picnic tables	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£3,000-6,000
	E	Additional facilities for teenagers	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group	£4,000-10,000
	F	Wildlife / historic (park & house) / City skyline interpretation	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£3,000-6,000
	G	Use of Rugby / Gaelic Football pitches for Cricket during the summer and consider drainage to pitches	Explore the possibility of this with the clubs	TBC
	H	Additional paths/entrances for improved access eg new entrance from Hillfield Avenue if feasible	Sutton Parks, options could be discussed by Friends group	TBC
	I	Improved links to the south & east from Watermead Lane	Improvements linked to housing estate development	TBC
	J	Establish a naturalistic garden space with lawns around Bishopford House	Sutton Parks / Bishopford House	£4,000-6,000
Long term - 5 to 10 years	A	Outdoor Gym (aka Trim Trail)	Sutton Parks / Business sponsorship	£4,000-8,000
	B	Improved links to surrounding areas	Sutton Parks / wider area	TBC
	C	New bridge across the river Wandle to link to industrial estate	Location tba, regional funding / business sponsorship	TBC

**Legend**

- Extent of Poulter Park
- Poulter Park Entrances
- Entrances improved
- Land Leased from John Deeds
- Existing woodland / trees
- Recently planted native trees and shrubs
- Recently planted native hedges
- Recently planted wild flower meadows
- Relaxed mowing regime area
- New footpath with ramp and stairs
- New Shared Use Path along River Wandle with links to Poulter Park

**Suggested Management and Maintenance Improvements**

Action	Input from
Form a Poulter Park Friends Group	Workshop/Living Wandle Team
Coordinate fundraising for park improvements	Sutton Parks/Friends/LWT
Train volunteers to assist with maintenance	Sutton Parks/Living Wandle Team
Carry out appropriate maintenance of new backwater meadows, hedgerows & woodland, including coppicing scrub beside the river and shared use path	Sutton Parks/Friends/London Wildlife Trust
Co-ordinate maintenance with Sutton Housing Partnership	Sutton Parks
Fix issues with sewerage / drainage	Sutton Parks?
Formalise management and maintenance agreement with the Rugby Club	Sutton Parks/Friends
Formalise management and maintenance agreement with TMU Ltd	Sutton Parks/Friends
Build relationships with local businesses to encourage assistance with maintenance	Friends/Willow Lane Business Improvement District
Ensure that all bins are emptied in line with specification	Sutton Parks
Educational and enforcement actions to ensure that all dog owners clear up after their dogs	Safer Parks Police / Friends
More regular monthly litter picking events	Friends
Treat Japanese Knotweed and other invasive species	Sutton Parks
Manage antisocial behaviour, use of motorcycles etc	Safer Parks police
Additional police presence	Safer Parks police

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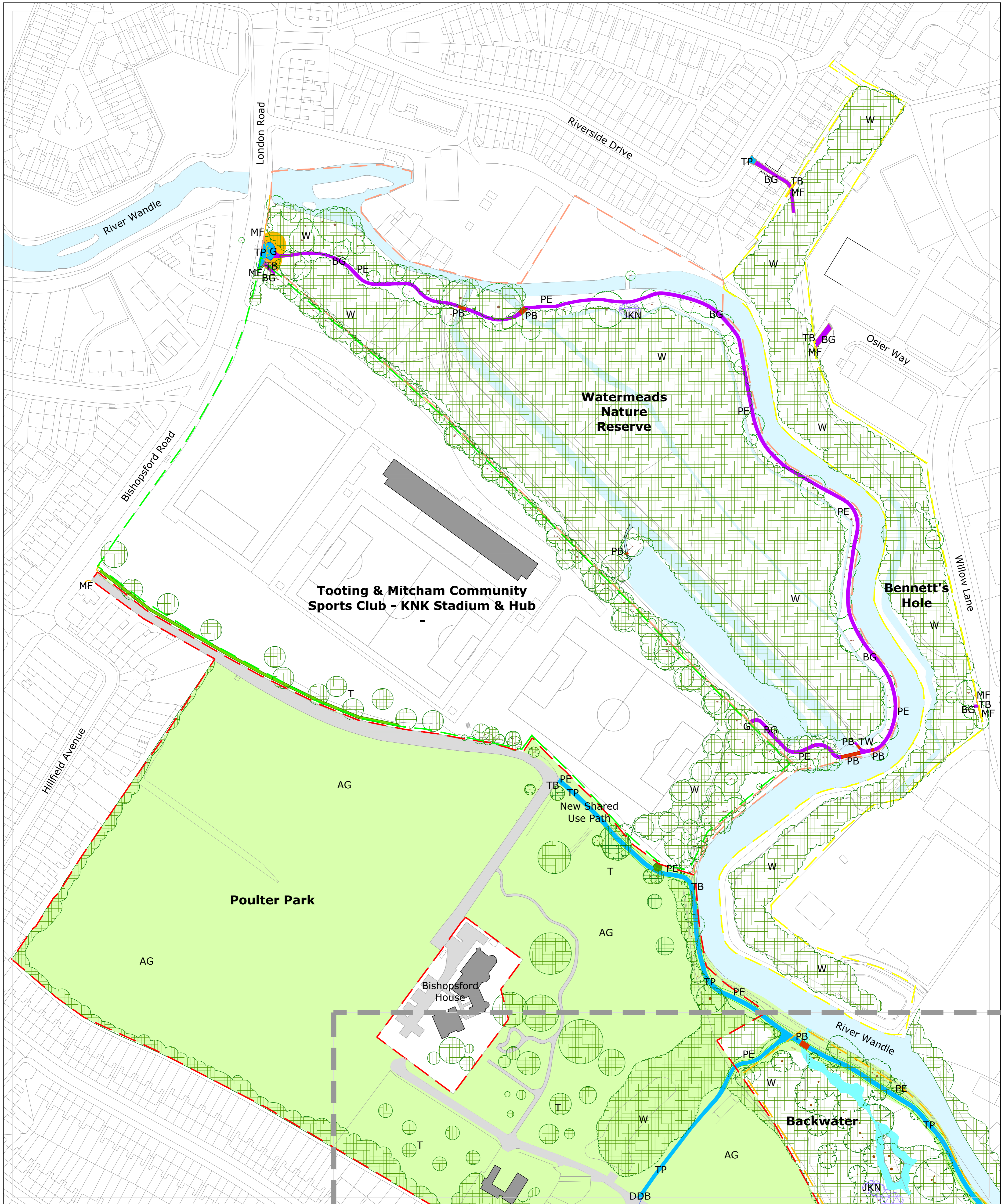
Maintenance schedule and Drawing

## Poulter Park

Symbol	Regime	Aims	Operations	Frequency explanation	Frequency (approx. no. per year)
<b>Grass</b>					
AG	Amenity grass	Short grass suitable for sitting and recreation. Include litter pick prior to grass cut	cut to 50mm, max height 80mm, let arising fly, but disperse clumps.	15 times March to October	15.0
SG	Sports grass	Short grass to enable formal sports activity.	cut to 50mm and a maximum of 75mm during the season. Line marking by MRFC?	15 times March to October	15.0
LG	Long grass (with trees and shrub)	Longer grass between trees and shrubs for relaxed maintenance and to create variation in habitat.	cut to 40 - 75 mm, remove arisings. Cut before mid-March (to avoid nesting period for ground nesting birds), and late Sept.	1x March and 1x September	2.0
M	Meadow	Meadow grass to provide relatively short grass, sparse in part, and flower-rich habitats.	cut to 40 - 75 mm, remove arisings. Cut before mid-March (to avoid nesting period for ground nesting birds), and late Sept.	1x September note in first year of establishment Glendale to cut 3x	1.0
PE	Path edge grass	Amenity function to stop vegetation encroachment and obstruction. Shorter grass will improve sight lines and enhance safety.	strimmer cut to 50mm, max height 80mm, let arising fly, but disperse clumps up to 1m width.	1x March, 1x May, 1x July	3.0
<b>Existing planting</b>					
W	Woodland (existing)	Existing woodland, maintain as mixed age woodland habitat.	Monitor structural stability, health & Safety of trees, with safety in mind where access for public is close to woodlands.	Health and condition survey every four years	
BP	Boundary planting existing	Native trees and shrubs forming a screen to park/residential areas, to provide added diversity and to break up boundary edges. Also provides a useful wildlife corridor.	Monitor structural stability, health and safety of vegetation. Prune to maintain shielding but not to transgress into adjoining properties.	Health and condition survey every four years	
T	Individual trees	Maintain as attractive tree specimens.	Monitor structural stability health of trees, with safety in mind where access for public is close to trees. Carry out surgery/felling to maintain safety	Health and condition survey every four years	
<b>New planting</b>					
WE (in LG areas)	Woodland edge	Newly planted trees and shrubs to provide added diversity/habitat in areas of long grass.	leave a 600mm un-mown area around trees to protect from strimmer damage		
H	Hedge	Hedge, mixed native species.	Maintain to 1.5m high, and clear of litter.	July and September to avoid nesting season	2.0
TO	Trees in open grass (planted by Sutton)	Standard trees in open grass, to provide amenity and habitat interest, but to allow outward views.	Monitor structural stability health of trees, with safety in mind, leave a 600mm un-mown area around trees to protect from strimmer damage. Check stakes and ties.	Health and condition survey every four years	
<b>Hard landscape</b>					
BG	Breedon gravel path	Ensure walking surfaces are stable, level and obstruction free.	Apply total herbicide on hard surfaces, along fence lines and around obstacles using pedestrian operated knapsack sprayer (twice a year). Leaf clearance October-January (1x month). Rake and top up as required.	herbicide early summer and mid summer. 2x year. Clearance 4x year.	4.0
TP	Tar spray and chip path, ramp and steps	Ensure walking surfaces are stable, level and obstruction free.			
CP	Car park	Ensure surfaces are stable, level and obstruction free.		Annual inspection	1.0
	Existing paths, access roads and drives	Ensure surfaces are stable, level and obstruction free.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	1.0
SH	Steps and handrail	Ensure walking surfaces are stable, level and obstruction free.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	1.0
BP	Brick pillars	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	1.0
R	Railings	Ensure in a structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	1.0
MF	Metal fencing and chicane	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	12.0



<b>Site furniture and equipment</b>					
TB	Timber bollards	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain, clean, repair and replace as necessary.	Annual inspection	12.0
DDB	Drop down bollards	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain, clean, repair and replace as necessary.	Annual inspection	12.0
G	Gates	Ensure in a clean, operational and structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain, clean, repair and replace as necessary.	Annual inspection	12.0
TR	Trip rail	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain, clean, repair and replace as necessary.	Annual inspection	12.0
PA	Play area	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition with a visual equipment safety check.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	comply with H&S requirements including ROSPA inspections	12.0
SP	Skate park	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	comply with H&S requirements including ROSPA inspections	12.0
C	Court	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	comply with H&S requirements including ROSPA inspections	12.0
S	Signage . Way markers and directional signage	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Inspect, clean, treat and replace as necessary	Annual inspection	1.0
LB	Litter bins	Ensure in a clean and tidy condition.	Emptying, disposal and keep clean.	Annual inspection	1.0
DB	Dog bins	Ensure in a clean and tidy condition.	Emptying, disposal and keep clean.	Annual inspection	1.0
B	Benches	Ensure in a clean, structurally safe condition.	Repair and annual treatment.	Annual inspection	1.0
<b>Litter</b>					
n/a	Litter pick three times per week	keep park clear of litter	monthly litter pick in grass areas, existing and new planted areas	3 times per week	156.0
n/a	Remove fly tipping as and when required	keep park clear of litter and fly tipping-removing dilapidations and large items of rubbish		As an when required	
<b>Gate at Watermead Lane</b>					
GWL	gate	Ensure in a clean, operational and structurally safe condition.	Inspect, maintain and repair as necessary.	Annual inspection	1.0
<b>Invasive Species</b>					
JKN	Japanese Knotweed	Fence to prevent public access. Eradicate from site through foliar spray depending on nature of growth. Monitor and repeat treatment as necessary.	Treat in early summer, and again in late summer.	2x year	2



**Legend**

Extent of Poulter Park	Japanese Knotweed	Breendon gravel path	Timber bollards
Land Leased from John Deeds (Backwater location)	New woodland edge native trees and shrubs	Tar-spay & chip path	Drop down bollards
Extent of KNK Stadium	New native hedges	Pedestrian bridge	Gates
Extent of Watermeads	Amenity grass	Steps & handrail	Tilting weir
Extent of Bennett's Hole	Sports grass	Brick pillars	
Woodland (existing)	Long grass	Railings	
Boundary planting (existing)	Wild flower meadows	Metal fencing	
Woodland (existing)	Path edge / Grass verge	Timber rail	

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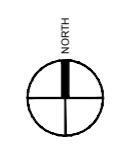
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# Appendix 5

Draft Plan: Stakeholder feedback

### **Tony Pattison: Sutton Living Streets**

It is all looking very good. My only reservation at the planning meeting was that the signposting of the wider walk from Croydon to Wandsworth could have been made a bit more prominent but on the opening day the signs all looked really good. I have found the 2008 artwork for our Sutton Walking map and I will now update it with the Wandle Valley walk and get it up on our website.

### **Tony Burton: Mitcham Cricket Green Community & Heritage**

We have previously corresponded on the impact of the recent investment and the disappointing outcome in terms of the impact of the unnecessarily wide path along the last natural stretch of the Wandle. We welcome many of the other outcomes from the project, including the back water and the replacement of the inappropriate entrance gates. We also appreciate the absence of signs along the Wandle Trail other than at the entrances. The major benefit has been the long overdue opening of Watermeads.

As you have previously acknowledged, the level and quality of community engagement in future plans has been under resourced. This is readily apparent from the small number of residents (<10) attending and the limited discussion of the development plan itself in the recent meeting. It is important to future confidence in the handling of community engagement by Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust that these limitations are fully acknowledged.

We urge that you do not proceed in such definitive terms on the basis of the discussions so far. It is appropriate to present the work as a stimulus to future thinking but not as a development plan to be taken forward by Sutton Council. For our part, we fear there is a risk of introducing too much new infrastructure and clutter and taking an overly formal approach to zoning future use of the area which fails to do justice to its value for informal recreation and discovery and its potential to benefit from a more informal approach.

### **Linda Norris: Bishopsford House Residents Association & Management Committee**

#### **Wandle Valley Regeneration and Legacy with regard to Poulter Park**

#### **The Meadow North of Bishopsford House Regeneration Plans**

Wild flower meadow versus cricket

The cost of regenerating this area so that cricket can be played will be very expensive but suggested by Mark Dalzell Head of Parks at Sutton BC that a rarely used cricket pitch is available now in a park in Cheam. If distance is an issue the amount of coaches and cars used to transport the football and rugby youth to the adjoining grounds suggest that many taking part are not local. Using current facilities will save the public a great deal of money.

The T&M FC during their regeneration removed 90% of the trees and foliage which were replaced by twigs and if they survive will not come to maturity for decades. In doing so the lungs of the park were removed and as we back onto a busy main road if we can establish a wild flower meadow with paths then it will help not only the air quality but create an area of tranquillity which is sadly lacking due to the sports currently taking place 7 days a week.

Not noted in the minutes was that some residents of Bishopsford House would be delighted to help with the expense of creating a wild flower meadow for everyone's use. We are aware that the budgets of Sutton BC Parks Department will go down and not up over the next decade.

The proximity of houses and the open aspect of the gardens of Bishopsford House to a cricket pitch would become dangerous with any boundary balls.

### **Regeneration of the Rugby Club to include Public Toilets**

The new club house will certainly add to the enjoyment of the park but the level of activity at night must be kept to the current bookings as there is no sound barrier between the club and the surrounding houses and currently any noise at night has meant no one gets to sleep until the party goers have left.

We discussed the parking of all the cars within the park and on grass and the behaviour of those spectators with the amount of litter they drop. Parking is free on all streets in the area and should be utilised. Poulter Park is small and if the regenerated area is to be used on a 7 day week basis then it is not practical to park on the grass. When rebuilding enlarge the car parking so that disabled can park with ease everyone else should walk to promote good health.

The public toilets will attract anti social and potentially serious criminal activities unless they are part of the cafe and monitored.

### **Litter**

We need to get volunteer teams and a suggestion would be use the youth that are using the sports faculties which can only enhance their life values. Please remember the police have advised where there is graffiti and litter there is more crime.

To sum up we need to balance the requirements of the entire community and not just those of the young. We have 3 football pitches which are used by all the surrounding Boroughs together with 2 Rugby Pitches. A cycle path has now been created for all ages and walking which is promoted for everyone and a free favourite pastime for the elderly. We need to retain the park atmosphere with more tree and shrub planting so that sport does not overtake what is after all a public park. Please note it is called Poulter Park and not Poulter Sports Park.

### **Steve Adkins: Tooting and Mitcham United Ltd**

So far I have got a statement from the ex-chairman of Carshalton Cricket Club who used to play cricket at Poulter Park and is very excited about reconstituting the club. I have been given links to the NGB Surrey Development Officer (Tom Hilson) also contact with Sport England's Tim Nicholls who is head of facilities nationally. We have also put cricket on our agenda for the high level meeting with Sport England

To summarise our position in advance of a further statement from the NGB, TMU support the cricket plan. The need will be evidenced formally in due course and hopefully there could be some money behind the proposal.

30 June 2015

Peter Wilkinson  
Wandle Valley Trust

Dear Peter

We would like to support the Trust's proposal for a cricket ground on the boundary of our facility

We have support from the ex-chairman of Carshalton Cricket Club, who used to play in this location.

We anticipate we will shortly have letters of support from Tom Hilson Cricket NGB based at the Oval, Sport England, London Sport and the local Ahmadiyyan mosque. Also St George's Cricket Club who are a small local club

As an organisation we would like to offer our full support. Given we are on the borders of Poulter Park and the London Borough of Sutton we would be happy to offer any links or operational assistance that may assist

Kind regards

Steve

STEVE ADKINS  
CHAIRMAN  
TM UNITED

