

Hanworth Park Community Woodland Proposal

Summary of the key aims

- To actively promote cycling in Hounslow through the provision of an all-inclusive cycle hub, associated facilities and teaching spaces.
- To provide a fun, safe space for people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds to learn new green skills, to gain confidence and increase opportunities for socialisation.
- To plant new trees in line with LBH's aim to plant one tree for every child born, to create new woodland and restore orchard areas to support London's cool spaces.
- To influence urban air quality through the planting of new trees and the strategic placement of trees and vegetation to alter the dispersal of pollutants.
- To improve water quality through the creation of ponds, wetlands and swales to control run-off during heavy rain and flooding events, to limit flooding of Longford River.
- To encourage walking and informal recreation by providing an attractive green space with new paths and improved access points using inclusive design principles.
- To increase the ecological value of the site through habitat creation, enhancement and management, including native tree and shrub planting, orchard creation and wildflower grassland establishment.
- To support the role of existing community groups and encourage the creation of new groups, through the provision of purpose-built facilities to cater for local educational and social needs.
- To interpret the heritage of Hanworth Park and encourage visitors to learn about and understand its history.
- To generate revenue that will be used to support future sustainable management of the park.

Why are we proposing this?

The Council is committed to improving the current provisions of Hanworth Park as a priority Green Infrastructure site. A new, green community hub will open up the site for the enjoyment of local residents and park users, promoting exercise uptake, and maximising opportunities for climate and biodiversity resilience.