

Ferry Lane Estate consultation



Document A

This document sets out how the site is currently managed as well as what is being proposed.

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Introduction

Ferry Lane is a green estate, surrounded by many trees which provide a home for birds, butterflies, and other wildlife. Not only does nature provide environmental benefits but it is also good for ones' physical and mental health.

With ample space for residents to live, play, picnic and most importantly, encourage nature, Haringey Council has a legal duty to look after and improve the area for wildlife.

The aim of this consultation is to gather our residents' feedback to ensure we gain the best balance for individuals who live on the estate as well as wildlife.

'Normal mow' is short grass that can be used for games and picnics.

Area 1

Land facing Ferry Lane

At present, the western patch nearer the staircase to the station has been managed to encourage wildflowers.

Proposal: we hope to continue this, with two mows per year. The eastern section towards the traffic lights will receive a normal mow to keep it short whilst avoiding the daffodils in spring.



Area 2

Montrose Walk – footpath between Erskine Crescent and Reedham Close

Majority will be mowed normally, but the two long mounds have been planted for wildflowers and will therefore be mowed just twice a year. Behind the houses on Erskine Crescent, typically the edge would be mowed whereas creating a strip will result in mowing just twice a year to encourage flowers.

Land behind Erskine/Jarrow

Normal mow.

Towpath

Along the towpath, Haringey will mow a 1-metre-wide strip between the flats and the path normally. Where the strip is wider than a metre, some will be left for wildflowers to grow and will therefore be mown less often.

The strip between the towpath and the river is not the responsibility of the council.

The land between Pymmes Brook and the brick garden walls of blocks 1-63 (odd numbers) does not belong to the council.

Land along railway on Jarrow Road:

- this land is owned by Network Rail – they manage the trees as well as the estate. They decided on the planting in consultation with the council
- the Ferry Lane Action Group resident association has been helping to water trees in the summer and trimming back brambles in the bus shelter

Behind the Multi Use Games Area (football pitch) and food growing area

Normal mow across most of the site except a 1-metre-wide strip along fence behind Erskine to encourage wildflowers.

Area around bus terminus

Normal mow.



Area 3

Armada Green

The railway embankment is key for nature conservation as it provides a corridor for bats, hedgehogs, and other wildlife.

It is proposed that there is a focus on Armadale Green to encourage nature conservation. Expert advice on management will be given by the council's conservation team.

The current proposal is to mow most of the area normally, including the long mound adjacent to the path to the play area to ensure child safety.

However, a 2-metre strip along the riverside fence as well as a 3-metre strip along the railway would be managed for wildlife.



Area 4

Land behind Gosport, Runcorn, Queensferry

The railway land here is already a key site of importance for nature conservation because it provides a corridor for bats, hedgehogs and other wildlife.

It is proposed that some of this area is included in the proposed new Armadale Green Site of Importance for Nature Conservation. The council's nature conservation team will give expert advice on management.



The current proposal is to manage this area in 4 sections:

1. Normal mow along the edges nearest to the flats and the pathways through the site
2. Leave three-metre-wide strip along the railway for active wildlife management. This could include clear demarcation e.g., with a low chestnut paling fence, information boards etc.
3. Between these areas, a mix of normal mowing and wildflower mowing (twice a year)
4. Queensferry garden area i.e., within the fence, to be managed as agreed by residents

Area 5

Kessock Close

Proposal: normal mow.

Triangle behind Yarmouth flats (gate 2):

Normal mow.

