

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GREEN BELT FORUM
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 15 JANUARY 2020**

COUNCILLORS

PRESENT Tolga Aramaz, Anne Brown, Dino Lemonides (Chair), Lindsay Rawlings and Alessandro Georgiou

OFFICERS: Sarah Cary, Executive Director, Place
Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy
Neeru Kareer, Planning Consultant
May Hope, Local Plan Lead
Robert Oles, Pollution Control, Planning Enforcement & Appeals Manager
Graham Campbell, Senior Engineer, Place Department
Claire Johnson, Head of Governance & Scrutiny
Stacey Gilmour, Governance & Scrutiny Officer

Also Attending: Matt Parkhill, Associate Director, Landscape Management – LUC Consultancy
Josh Allen, Associate Planner – LUC Consultancy
Stephanie Brewer, Associate Planner – AECOM Planning & Consulting
Simon Allin- Local Democracy Reporter, Barnet, Enfield & Haringey
91 members of the public

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WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Councillor Lemonides welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

AGREED the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th July 2019.

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ENFORCEMENT IN THE GREEN BELT

RECEIVED an update from Robert Oles, Pollution Control, Planning Enforcement & Appeals Manager.

NOTED:

- i) Figures were provided as follows regarding enforcement in the Green Belt:
- 39 investigations as a result of breaches
 - 11 compliances after enforcement intervention

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- 2 direct action approaches
 - 5 planning applications through the Green Belt
 - 9 key locations identified in the Green Belt where enforcement is still required.
- ii) The various breaches that had taken place included unauthorised extensions, changes of use and cutting down of trees.
- iii) In response to a question from a resident Rob advised that his team work closely with the Council's Public Health team as well as the Environment Agency when dealing with pollution and misconceptions.
- iv) Following comments from the audience the Chair advised that it was not appropriate for any individual planning enforcement cases to be discussed in a public forum.
- v) There is currently a second recruitment drive taking place within the Planning Enforcement Team, with short listing taking place next week.

The Chair thanked Robert for his informative update and advised residents to contact officers direct with any individual planning enforcement issues.

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WHITEWEBBS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

RECEIVED an update from Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy.

NOTED:

- i) Enfield Council announced last year that it was looking to lease the 18-hole course and some of the surrounding woodland to a commercial partner to combat a fall in revenues. The marketing exercise to identify potential interest in Whitewebbs had now commenced.
- ii) Previous proposals which had included a 125-year lease had been halted as it was recognised that this was not appropriate.
- iii) There were no proposals to sell off Whitewebbs and any lease would contain strict controls to enable the Council to ensure compliance with the conditions of the lease.
- iv) Whitewebbs Golf Course has been losing money for several years and usage has dropped by 20% in the last two years (this was not exclusive to Whitewebbs, it is the same nationwide). Golf course are expensive to run and with usage falling this is not sustainable, therefore a range of options are being considered that may or may not include golf.
- v) The Council would be seeking proposals that enhance and broaden access to Whitewebbs and promote greater biodiversity, as well as offering improved visitor facilities including refreshments and ongoing community engagement.
- vi) Clear criteria relating to the above had been set and enhanced to include that the highest bidder cannot succeed if it does not meet these set criteria.
- vii) Proposals would not be considered that included land fill, a loss of ancient woodland, housing or large commercial development.

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- viii) It was acknowledged that some of the marketing literature and early communications had not helped with the concerns the public have. The marketing prospectus had now been updated accordingly.
- ix) 18 expressions of interest had been received from experienced leisure and sports providers and trusts and education providers regarding the future management of Whitewebbs Park Golf Course. Detailed information on any of these proposals could not be discussed at this point of the process as the Council is bound by Legal and Procurement rules.
- x) Once all bids are in the Council will engage with public Stakeholder Groups (The Woodland Group had been added to this list and Mark Bradbury encouraged other stakeholder groups to come forward)) to obtain their views and input. Local residents are also encouraged to share what they would like to see at Whitewebbs so that this can inform the decision-making process.
- xi) Once the preferred bidder has been announced a public drop-in event will be organised to make sure that all interested parties can comment before a final decision is made.

Following Mark Bradbury's update the following comments and questions were raised:

Councillor Rawlings said that she was worried about the felling of trees as it is known that this already happens through the need to take enforcement action. It is also known that an organisation has taken over part of the Green Belt and they have not adhered to their original planning application. This is a worry going forward should the same organisation submit a bid for Whitewebbs Park Golf Course.

Mark explained that where the Council do not own the land, enforcement is the only option. However, the Council has much better control of their own land through the conditions of the lease. If the party in question or any other party that has an investment in the borough comes forward with a proposal, their past actions will be considered when making a decision.

Councillor Alessandro Georgiou felt that the council had a very poor record of tendering out leases and asked how contractually, future enforcement will be ensured?

Mark said that this would entail a combination of robust terms of lease, enforcement, a proper landlord and regular inspections. He acknowledged that there had been underinvestment in the Property Team in the past. However, investment is now taking place to provide the team with new resources and skills. He also added that we would ensure that if the lessee is not providing what the council wants it has the appropriate step-in rights to take it back. This was something that had not always happened enough in the past. Enfield Council are continually looking at how it makes its leases more robust and professional. Any proposed business plan will be subject to thorough analysis and scrutiny and internal and external advice will be sought

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where necessary. Careful consideration will also be given to any proposed use and whether this is seen to be viable in the long term.

Councillor Georgiou also asked for clarification regarding any proposed café and whether this would be built on woodland or brown fill land? Mark said that it was very difficult to say as the detail of any proposal is not known at this time. He did add however that any proposal that involved for instance the cutting down of trees, would not be approved.

Councillor Aramaz said that he was excited to see such a great public turnout at the meeting. He asked how likely the Council were to use the sanctions that they already have and felt it was most important to show that it was ready to use its enforcement powers when necessary.

Mark advised that a Strategic Asset Management Plan had been produced to look at how all Council assets are managed. The Council have started to be much more robust with tenants and would continue to do so going forward. The first preference as a rule is not to sell council land as leasing allows for much more power.

Councillor Aramaz asked for timescales for the bidding process and Mark provided details.

Councillor Brown felt that the success of the process very much depended on the Terms of Lease. Mark responded by saying that the Council will be very clear about what can and cannot be done and what the sanctions would be if the stipulations of the lease were not adhered to.

Further comments and questions from residents included the following:

- Why does use of the woodland need to be included in the proposed lease?
- Why is the Council not looking at funding from bodies such as the National Trust to enhance bridal paths etc. to make Whitewebbs a much more attractive place to visit?
- Over 2,500 people have so far signed a petition against these proposals. Will this be considered when making a final decision?
- The golf course to date has suffered from an unmanageable business model as it has had to fund itself on green fees alone. Other golf courses have for instance a bar/function rooms to rent out which make for a much better business venture.
- Councillor Laban asked that, if after the public meeting residents didn't like the proposals will the Council still proceed with its current plan? Will the land be de-classified under the Local Plan?
- Will there be a full and comprehensive traffic plan as part of the proposal as traffic management is very important?
- Concerns were raised regarding the suggested financial losses incurred by the existing golf club as it was felt that these were not

accurate. The Chair, Councillor Lemonides asked that these be checked and clarified.

Action: Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy

- In light of Enfield Council's commitment to the Climate emergency why is the woodland even being offered up as part of the lease?
- How important is biodiversity and the natural/circle of life in the Council's decision-making process?
- The Council refers to a public scoring matrix. Where is this published?
- The marketing criteria is very vague. More specific information is needed regarding the set criteria.
- Information in the published marketing material is contradictory. Can this be looked at?
- It was state that there will be 'no landfill' but this needed clarifying?

Mark responded to the points raised as follows:

- Any proposal that involved an increase in HGV movements will require planning consent and an accompanying transport assessment. All bidders will need to carry out pre-application consultation with the Council's planning department before submitting a bid. Planning comments will therefore be available before any decision is taken on a preferred partner.
- Enfield Council will not enter a lease in advance of a planning consent being granted. This would ensure that there is further public consultation at that stage.
- We would not allow any proposal that involved importing building waste or demolition materials. The only imported material that would be considered would be soil and only if there was a clear leisure purpose for that.
- The set criteria would be republished. However, there will be certain information that is commercially sensitive that cannot be published. Advice would be sort from the Director or Law & Governance regarding this issue.

Action: Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy

- There is no current lease that needs to be renewed neither is there any current lease terms that need to be adhered to. As such no decision has currently been taken to include use of the woodland. The Council had however included the woodlands to try and encourage investment in maintaining biodiversity.
- We are committed to ensuring that the valued green space and ancient woodland are protected and that the proposals deliver enhanced public access and greater biodiversity.
- All marketing material would be reviewed and an up to date statement added to the Council website if necessary.

Action: Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy

The Chair thanked Mark for his interesting update along with residents for their engagement, comments and input. He suggested that if procurement rules allowed, the preferred bidders be asked to present their proposals to the public Stakeholder Groups to allow an informed decision to be made.

Action: Mark Bradbury, Director of Property & Economy.

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ENFIELD CHASE RESTORATION PROJECT - WOODLAND CREATION IN ENFIELD

RECEIVED an update from Graham Campbell, Senior Engineer, Place Department on the Enfield Chase Restoration Project – Woodland Creation in Enfield.

NOTED:

- i) The overall vision was to create a long-term, multi-functional, publicly accessible, sustainable woodland within the rural area of Enfield in order to benefit the local community and improve the environment of Enfield.
- ii) A concept plan will be submitted as part of a Woodland Creation Design Plan by Enfield Council to the Forestry Commission. This is a process which ensures that the woodland is being designed appropriately and meets UK Standards.
- iii) Once this process is complete it is anticipated that the woodland will be delivered in phases over the coming years, with direct funding from the Forestry Commission and the Greater London Authority.
- iv) It was proposed that the project will initially start in the Salmons Brook Valley, however discussions are still ongoing with tenant farmers in this area.
- v) The woodland will be guided by a series of overarching design principles including:
 - Woodland will be composed of mixed native species, predominantly broadleaf with some woody shrub, conifers and riparian species where appropriate. A core of productive species will provide long-term sustainability.
 - Species mix and layout will aim to look and feel natural – for example, by avoiding grid planting and softening edges with mixed species.
 - The open character of the Salmons Brook valley will be retained by incorporating natural flood management features like ponds and wetlands and allocating some areas of natural regeneration.
 - The historic context of the area will be preserved and enhanced, with key views identified and protected.
 - Space for amenity features such as footpaths, glades and picnic areas will be incorporated.
 - Varying planting densities with lower concentrations of planting in the vicinity of footpaths, other amenity spaces and woodland edges.

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- vi) Information was provided on the main features which would include up to 100 hectares of new woodland including planting and natural regeneration, planting design to consider ecology, local history, landscape, drainage and silviculture, improvement of up to 3km of existing footpath along the London Loop to enhance access for walking, running and cycle, features of interest within the design, including a degree of volunteer planting events.

Following Graham's update, the following questions and comments were raised:

Q. Will this proposed project all take place on Council owned land?

A. Yes, this is the plan.

Q. What are the timescales for this project?

A. Discussions have been ongoing for some time and we are currently moving through the process with the Forestry Commission. Once the Concept Plan has been approved and funding is in place work will start fairly quickly and it is envisaged that planting will commence next Winter.

Q. Is this going to be new woodland and how extensive is this in terms of other areas in the borough?

A. The plan that we are speaking about relates to the Salmons Brook Valley, notwithstanding this there will always be opportunities for creation of woodland areas in other parts of the borough.

Q. How many trees are envisaged to be planted as part of this plan?

A. We are aiming to plant 60,000 trees in 60 hectares during the next two planting seasons.

Q. How much of this land is currently productive agriculture land? We have plantations that are ready to be chopped down and turned into timber. Are there plans to replace plantations like Williams Wood with natural species?

A. With regards to Salmons Brook Valley, what we do know is that part of the fields that run down are very wet therefore productivity is quite low. We are currently working with tenant farmers to discuss where it is most appropriate to carry out the planting so that it doesn't affect productivity. Williams Wood would be looked at as a possible option.

Action: Graham Campbell, Senior Engineer

Q. There is a lot of existing woodland in Enfield that isn't being effectively managed. How are you therefore going to manage and sustain new woodland when you don't manage what we have already?

A. We are currently looking at management options and where this will best sit within the council.

Residents raised further comments on various issues including the access path from Botany Bay Farm, more planting at Sloemans Lane and the possibility of planting some fruit trees or giving some more land to farmers for

orchards. Graham agreed to take these comments on board and said that he would be happy to talk to residents at the end of the meeting to discuss any individual issues.

Action: Graham Campbell, Senior Engineer

Councillor Alessandro Georgiou highly recommended that the Council speak to the Friends of Trent Park regarding their 'Volunteer Days' which was a great way of engaging with the public. He also suggested adding Berkley Homes to the stakeholder list due to their experience with Trent Park. Graham agreed to do this.

Action: Graham Campbell, Senior Engineer

Councillor Tolga Aramaz said that he would like to see a strategy to 'green up' residential areas in the borough such as Edmonton, and that it is not just restricted to the Green Belt.

The Chair thanked Graham for his interesting and informative update and looked forward to hearing how the project progresses

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PLANNING POLICY AND THE GREEN BELT

RECEIVED an update from Neeru Kareer, Head of Strategic Planning and Design on Green Belt Policies in the National Planning Policy Framework and draft new London Plan.

NOTED:

- i) Enfield Council is working together with consultants AECOM and Land Use Consultants (LUC) to build a comprehensive evidence base for the Borough's new Local Plan. The aim of this session is to generate some discussion and thoughts on the function of the Borough's Green Belt, how we use it, and how it can be improved.
- ii) Matt Parkhill and Josh Allen from LUC and Stephanie Brewer from AECOM introduced themselves and provided a brief session overview including the purpose of the planned workshop.
- iii) Further information was provided on the Green Belt Policy Context, Enfield Local Plan Context and Borough Context – Enfield's Natural, Built and Historic Environment.
- iv) The evidence base being prepared includes an assessment of the borough's future housing needs to determine how many new homes we need over the next 15 years, an assessment of flood risk and assessing future burial needs which will help write policy and inform our perspective.
- v) Further pieces of work will include a transport study, a townscape and landscape study, an assessment of retail needs and future of town centres and an infrastructure delivery plan. This list is not exhaustive.
- vi) The key stages of the plan will be as follows: Consultation on draft plan 2020, submission to Planning Inspectorate 2021, examination and main modifications 2021, adoption 2022.

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- vii) Residents were advised that the workshop isn't focused on the Local Plan but is about hearing views and input from the audience on how they access, use and value the borough's s Green Belt, and how and where things can be improved.
- viii) The Green Belt in Enfield is full of amazing assets, nature conservation and heritage value.
- ix) The meeting then broke into the workshop session and the audience were asked to consider the following questions and feedback accordingly:
 - How do you access, use and value the Borough's Green Belt?
 - What improvements can be made and how?

Following the workshop session which lasted approximately thirty minutes, the meeting reconvened. Neeru said the session had been most helpful and thanked the audience for their participation. All comments and suggestions had been noted and these would be written up by the Consultants and fed back via the minutes of this meeting.

The audience then made some further comments. These included:

- It was felt that people would treasure the Green Belt if more information was made available locally and in schools. There should be more emphasis on the Green Belt especially in light of the Climate Emergency. It was recognised however that it was a tricky way forward as, although we need to encourage interest in the Green Belt, there needs to be a fine balance so as not to endanger and ruin wildlife.
- There was major concern from residents regarding Green Belt land at Crews Hill which was now essentially an industrial site. Conversations have been ongoing in relation to this problem for two to three years, yet the situation was getting worse. It was felt that this issue should be top of the agenda as Enfield Council needed to get a handle on this. Neeru acknowledged this comment and said that the Council fully accept the issues at Crews Hill. A holistic response is required as Crews Hill is an area that is very much valued.

The Chair thank the Officers and Consultants for their update and the audience for their participation in this item which had proved most helpful. It was agreed that this item would come back to a future meeting of the Green Belt Forum as and when further information became available.

The notes of the workshop are included at the end of the minutes.

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DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

NOTED that the dates of future meetings will be agreed at Annual Council on Wednesday 13 May 2020.

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Residents again requested quarterly meetings of this Forum as had previously been the case and which was also detailed in the Terms of Reference for the Green Belt Forum. It was agreed that this request would be considered when setting the Council Calendar for the forthcoming municipal year.

Action: Stacey Gilmour, Governance & Scrutiny Officer

Memo

Green Belt Forum

Purpose

Green Belt Enhancement Opportunities and Aspirations Workshop

Date/Time

15 January 2020

Notes

Green belt areas used/ visited/ valued

- Families using parks
- Mainly access parks rather than other green belt land
- Forty Hall
- Hilly Fields
- Whitewebbs
- Cycling, walking and horse-riding
- Little parks people often didn't know the names of but which were local to them
- Small urban green spaces in east of borough
- Mostly on weekends
- Walking in following areas: Flash lane and path along river up to lake; Whitewebbs wood; Through Whitewebbs golf course and parallel path (access by Cafe); to Crews Hill (access through Hilly Fields and Strayfield Road); to Forty Hall, Middleton House and Capel Manor (access by Rose & Crown)
- Access and use of the boroughs' green belt mainly via parks, footpaths and other green spaces.
- Trent country park, Lee Valley, Grovelands, Enfield playing fields, Forty Hall, Clay Hill – visit and use all these areas but only accessed by car.
- Use linear B paths to go to work (east of King George's reservoir going S→N)
- Visit and walk in Forty Hall often.
- Use of Forty Hall for dog walking and the farmers market there
- Walks/circular paths at Grovelands Park, Southgate
- Lots of walking at Trent Country Park – deserves a Green Flag status
- Use these areas for walking (Grovelands Park Southgate, Boggy footpaths)

Management, maintenance, security

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- Maintenance of access, footpaths, bridleways
- Need to ensure safe access / that people feel safe once in green spaces
- Enforce No barbeque/fire policy
- Park police
- Trent Park - Maintenance, area SW of park must be kept as meadow
- Enforcement of agricultural ties – Forty Hall farm/area by Elmtree Pet hotel
- Improvements: access, better paths, parking, public transport, meadow as well as trees (Clay hill and Whitewebb lacking meadows due to lack of maintenance).
- Create woodland between Whitewebbs lane and the M25 e.g. at Slowman's Farm
- Security – patrol lanes to prevent antisocial behaviour and drug taking. Prevent motor cycle riding.
- Lack of security at Clay Hill
- Crews Hill has turned into an unauthorised industrial site with inappropriate economic activity and lots of negative impacts on land, air quality, local residents; many uses now there are inappropriate to the GB and not what it is meant to be for; despite active enforcement, problems are worsening. Issues are expanding towards white webbs lane now – council has been unsuccessful to date in getting this under control – this needs a large-scale, holistic response from the council to get under control

Flooding

- Hilly Fields Bridge flooded – drainage needs improving
- Drainage issue (Ferry Hill Farm into Trent Country Park).

Footpaths

- Circular / connecting paths for walkers
- Flooding of footpaths in winter
- Physical accessibility for those less able bodied. Maybe certain footpaths that are less likely to flood and more even surface. Sign-posted for easier use by those with mobility issues/pushchairs
- Shortcut to station across Hilly Fields Park closed
- Closure of cemetery gate at Clay Hill prevents walking to station.
- Confirm existence of footpath from Covert Way Nature Reserve at Hadley wood (Hill avenue) through to Jacks Lake.
- Provide footpath from Botany Bay Farm to the London Loop.
- Provide a pavement along Cattlegate Road to fill a missing link in Enfields footpath network. Half a mile from Crews Hill golf course to the M25 where footpath continues over Cattlegate farm.
- Formalise informal footpath from Ramney Marsh to New Ford Road which goes under M25.

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- Wildlife walk with dogs under M25, fields tend to have sheep in.
- Need to improve the new path from bottom of Forty Hall to Middletown House as regularly flooded (impossible to walk even though boarded).
- Idea to treat the separate paths as an arc of different experiences

Accessibility

- cultural aspects of accessibility of open spaces – if you don't know it's there / if you feel it is not meant for you / if you don't have habits of accessing it, you are less likely to use it
- It is often unclear whether one is allowed on certain green belt land; clear sign-posting and public info of public versus private land, public footpaths etc.
- Access green belt land all over for dog-walking but often feel uncertain about where allowed or not / worried about being chased away from private / farmland.
- Accessibility of spaces by public transport from around the borough (e.g. Forty Hall and many other beautiful spaces are almost impossible to access by public transport from much of the rest of the borough).
- Improve accessibility to green belt at Forty Hall and Whitewebbs for a range of ages, abilities, cycling and pedestrians. Indicated cycle path around golf course at Whitewebbs.
- Lack of public transport to Forty Hall/Whitewebb
- Public transport to green belt hubs – poor access, adequate car parking
- Missing links in footpaths and cycle paths (e.g. footpaths from Crews Hill – please take this info from the last GB forum meeting minutes where it was explained in detail; cycle paths through Whitewebbs / Hilly Fields and Jubilee park don't currently link up together and to Trent Park; same with bridleways)
- People use open spaces regardless of borough boundary (e.g. in Southgate people using open spaces in Barnet)
- Some people felt the green belt basically was the parks / were less aware of land that is not accessible and some felt this land had less value if not accessible by public. Although woodlands, even if not accessible, were seen as important for habitats.
- Access to Crews Hill – access at garden centres, poor bus services with no service on Sundays
- Walking and cycling down Crews Hill, parking and public transport. Crews Hill Residents Association.
- Forty Hall – physical access, cultural access for inner city residents
- No public transport to Whitewebbs or Forty Hall
- Car parking essential for access
- Need Bus route for Crews hill and public access for Whitewebbs
- Clay hill difficult to access as limited parking.

Natural heritage

- Flooding / wetter weather / climate change – ensure species planted are resistant and appropriate
- Supporting local wildlife / biodiversity / habitats
- More ambitious planting schemes
- Planting being native species, not imported and appropriate to support local wildlife/ecology/biodiversity (e.g. birds)
- Invasive species expanding and damaging / displacing local species
- Difficult to balance ensuring access to and success of an open space with the biodiversity agenda as too much access and use can disturb wildlife etc
- Agricultural value, ecological value, wildlife and biodiversity – needs proper management
- RSPB (Bob Husband):
 - Enfield Council are allowing contractor to sever ivy from massive trees. Ivy is a very important food plant and provides shelter for overwintering insects and nesting/rooting for birds.
 - Hedgerows are being mismanaged. They should be cut in section on a 2-3 year cycle so that the berries are available for winter thrushes. Hedgerows should allow trees to mature especially ash and oak.
 - Trent Park is being overused. Dog walks are damaging the very natural areas that they report to love. Areas need to be naturally cordoned off to curtail disturbance to wildlife.

The upper Salmons Brook needs to be opened up with ponds and lakes and the brook be allowed to meander so as to produce a more natural lowland valley environment. Planting should be of alder near the wetland areas and willow/sallow. The south facing side should where possible be free from plantings to avoid excess water into the water bodies.

Transport

- Need stricter controls of and enforcement against transport impacts on green belt, particularly of inappropriate / illegal uses in the green belt (e.g. HGV traffic, scaffolding trucks etc)
- Clay Hill and Crews Hill – lorries garden centre. More access means the more congested they will be – need traffic mitigation. Crews Hill industrialised (not green belt)– not against housing, traffic getting worse, HGVs.
- Clay Hill and lorries/HGVs – problem of pedestrians nearly being run over walking here by HGVs (i.e. when walking home from school). It is narrow and the lorries use the pavement at the bend. Stops children walking to school and being independent.

Cultural heritage

- Celebrating cultural and economic heritage of green belt in borough

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Resurrecting past planting / uses that borough has heritage in (e.g. the old royal chase woodlands, orchards that existed in the borough in past etc) ¹

Education/information

- Education: people would appreciate GB more if there was more education about it to encourage new generations to engage with it; could link up with what school kids are learning about climate change etc
- There used to be funding for school kids to access and learn about GB
- Forty Hall – education, signposts, people would treasure green belt more if there was more education on it, nature reserves 'Wild Walks', striking the balance between access + recreational pressure on wildlife
- Encourage people to use it – introductory walks, signposting of walks, clear maps, information points
- Community facility for activities – talks, school groups
- Improve by changing and placing more importance on protecting biodiversity. Educating visitors about the green belt e.g. nettles are good, Forty Hall meadow is protected (!) so look after it.

Other notes

- Maintain different environments – country house, wild, paved walks
- Toilet facilities and café facilities for all users including muddy boots
- Solar farm has a buffer from the M25. Will enhance green belt to the south
- Traffic humps – uncomfortable to drive over, why not traffic lights?
- Ensure that any brownfield sites are used before any green belt land is used.
- Object to green belt being used for exclusive sport so it isn't open to Spurs.

¹ Note that this is already happening to some extents in terms of vineyard at Forty Hill and new woodland planned around Salmon's brook, but the orchard idea I think is new