



**PUBLICATION OF DECISION LIST NUMBER 5/20-21**

**MUNICIPAL YEAR 2020/2021**

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– Claire Johnson (0208 132 1154)

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### **DECISIONS**

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**LIST REFERENCE: 1/5/20-21**

<b>SUBJECT TITLE OF THE REPORT:</b>							
<b>ENFIELD CHASE RESTORATION PROJECT – WOODLAND CREATION</b>							
<b>Part 1 or 2 (relevant exempt Paragraph)</b>	<b>Wards affected by decision</b>	<b>Decision taken by</b>	<b>Date Decision comes in to effect</b>	<b>Interest declared in respect of the Decision</b>	<b>Category of decision (i.e. Key, Non-Key, Council, Urgent)</b>	<b>Contact Details</b>	<b>Eligible for Call-in &amp; Date to be called in by</b>
Part 1	Chase, Cockfosters and Highlands	Cllr Guney Dogan (Cabinet Member for Environment & Sustainability in consultation with Cllr Mary Maguire (Cabinet Member for Finance & Procurement)	Monday 3 August 2020	None	KD 4980	Graham Campbell 020 8132 0963 <a href="mailto:graham.campbell@enfield.gov.uk">graham.campbell@enfield.gov.uk</a>	Yes Friday 31 July 2020
<b>DECISION</b>							
<p><b>AGREED:</b> that the following decision will come into effect on Monday 3 August 2020, subject to not being called in:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To approve the process of regaining possession of approximately 17.0 hectares from three existing Agricultural Holdings Act tenancies with negotiated compensation payments (allocated from GLA funding agreement) and associated annual rent reductions to reflect the reduction in tenancy area. In order to bring parcels of land back into the direct control of Enfield Council and facilitate the woodland creation project.</li> <li>2. To approve serving part notices to quit across two existing tenancies (one Tenancy at Will and one Farm Business Tenancy) for approximately 47.2 hectares in order to bring parcels of land back into the direct control of Enfield Council and facilitate the woodland creation project.</li> <li>3. To approve the proposed woodland creation and footpath improvements on these parcels of land and submit the detailed funding application to the Forestry Commission under the Woodland Carbon Fund (WCF).</li> <li>4. To delegate authority to the Head of Highway Services to authorise the placing of orders through any of the Council's existing relevant term contracts or to invite and evaluate tenders/quotations and, where suitable tenders/quotations are received, to award contracts for the works as part of the delivery of the first phase of the Enfield Chase Restoration Project in compliance with the Council's procurement rules.</li> </ol>							

**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED:**

Do nothing: This scheme is part of a series of improvements to improve the biodiversity and amenity value of Enfield's rural land. To do nothing will lose an opportunity to attract significant funding to the London Borough of Enfield, improve the environment, for both people and wildlife, and reduce flood risk to local residents and infrastructure. In addition, by not proceeding with this proposal the Council would miss an opportunity to make a positive contribution to reducing borough-wide carbon emissions and addressing the world-wide climate emergency.

**REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. The proposals contribute to mitigating climate change by offsetting carbon emissions, as supported by the emerging Enfield Climate Action Plan. It is estimated that broadleaf woodlands can capture 3.9 tonnes of carbon per hectare per year, 60 hectares of woodland would be expected to capture 234 tonnes per year. Consequently, the scheme has the potential to offset over 20,000 tonnes of carbon emissions over its lifetime.
2. Increased opportunities for recreational activities such as walking and cycling, by improving access to Enfield's Green Belt land, and associated benefits to public health and well-being. As well as providing a focal point for the historical interest of restoring the ancient woodland of Enfield Chase.
3. Improvements to the environment by creating woodland habitat that benefits biodiversity and alleviates flood risk by reducing rainfall runoff from Enfield's rural upland areas.
4. Increased access to nature including creating opportunities for outdoor arts and education in a natural environment.
5. The current proposals for woodland creation will attract estimated funding of £425k from the Forestry Commission.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Please note that a copy of the Part 1 report is available via the Decision list link on the Council's Democracy pages. As the confidential appendix contains exempt information, it will not be available to press or public.