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Thank you for your feedback

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Have your say

We would like your feedback on the scheme proposals. To share your views, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to us by **27 October 2023**. You can do this by tearing off the questionnaire, folding it in half, sealing and posting it, making sure the freepost address is visible.

Alternatively, you can submit your response via our website or by scanning the **QR code** below.

www.walthamforest.gov.uk/stories/chestnuts-field-wetlands

Drop-in sessions



If you have any questions or would like to speak with a member of the project team, please feel free to attend our drop-in event at the following date and location:

Location: The Foyer, Waltham Forest Town Hall,
Fellowship Square, Forest Road, E17 4JF

Date: Monday 16 October 2023

Time: 5pm to 7pm

Get in touch

If you have any further questions about this consultation you can contact us via:



Email:

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CHESTNUTS FIELD WETLANDS SCHEME

Background

One of the key aims of our Climate Action Plan is the transformation of Waltham Forest into a more climate resilient borough. To achieve this goal, we are aiming to create high-quality green spaces for our residents, characterised by clean air and flourishing local wildlife.

Our vision includes the implementation of wetlands projects that include sustainable urban drainage systems with the primary objectives of enhancing water quality, encouraging biodiversity, and preventing flooding. Research shows that wetlands play a key role in mitigating the risk of flooding by absorbing and storing surplus water.

Following the serious flooding in Waltham Forest during summer 2021, we have since undertaken surveys and collected data from the Environment Agency. The data collected illustrates that there would be significant benefits if we install the proposed wetlands scheme and associated highways improvements in and around Chestnuts Field.



Image from the South Chingford flood mitigation and wildlife habitat improvement project

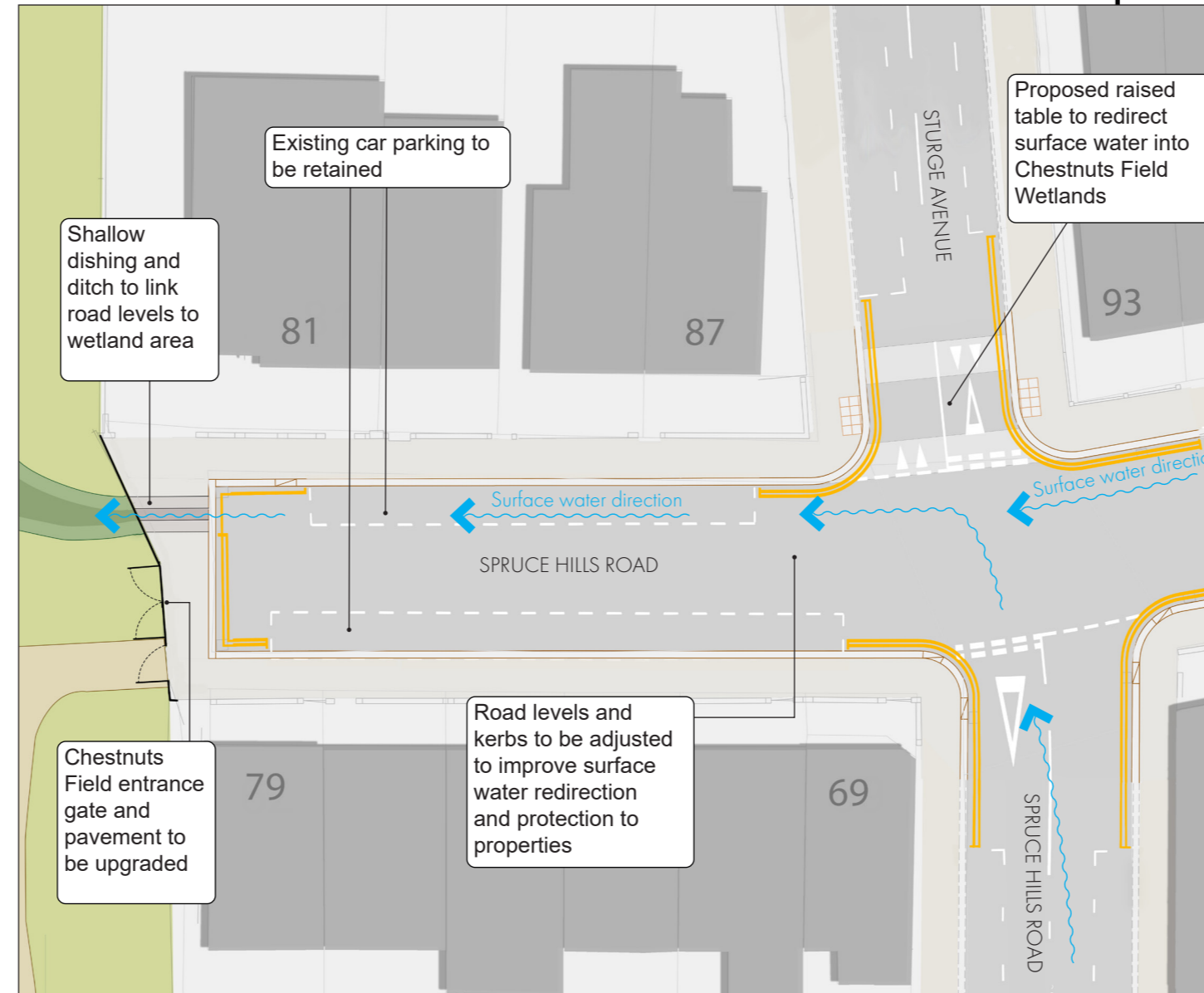
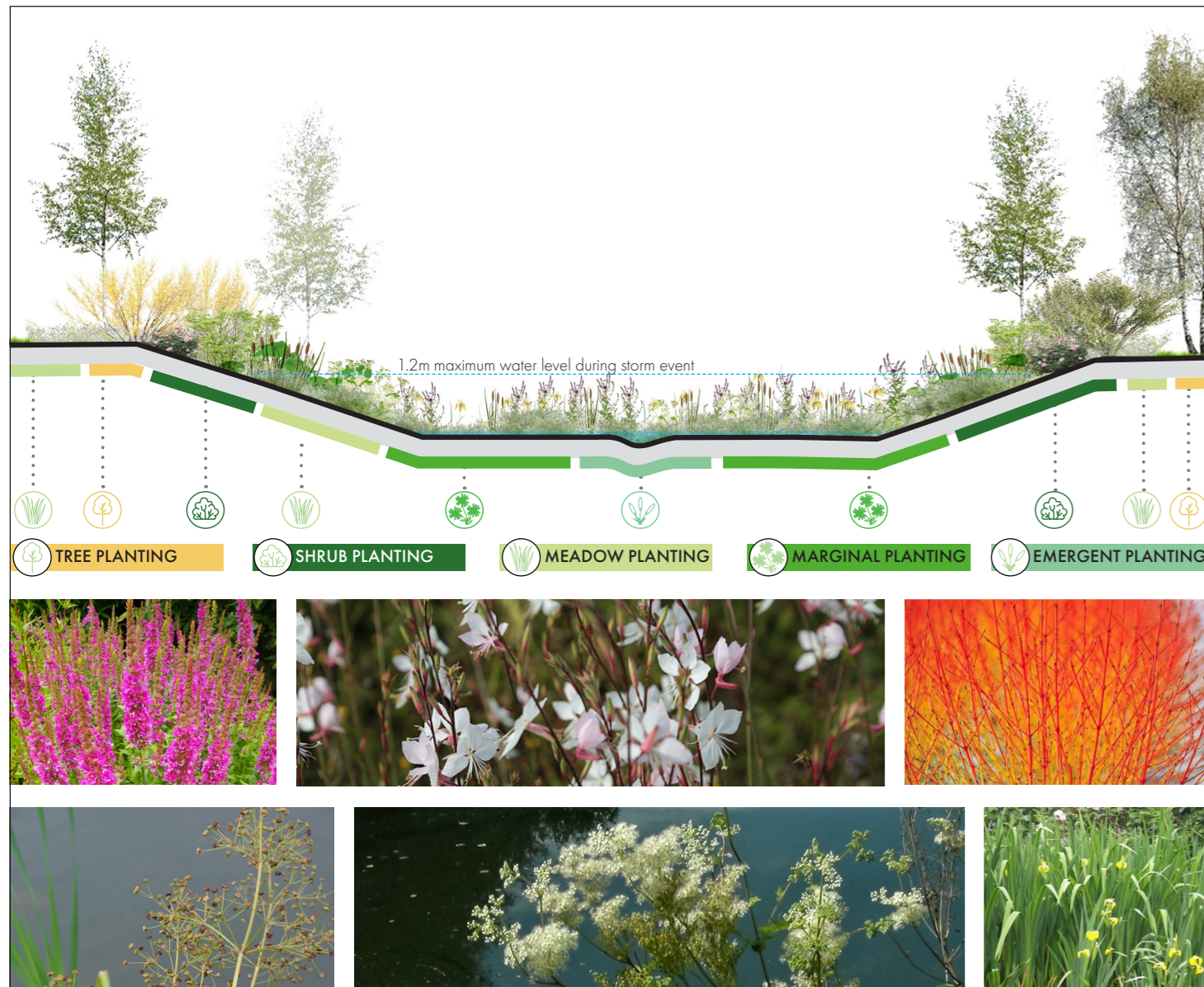
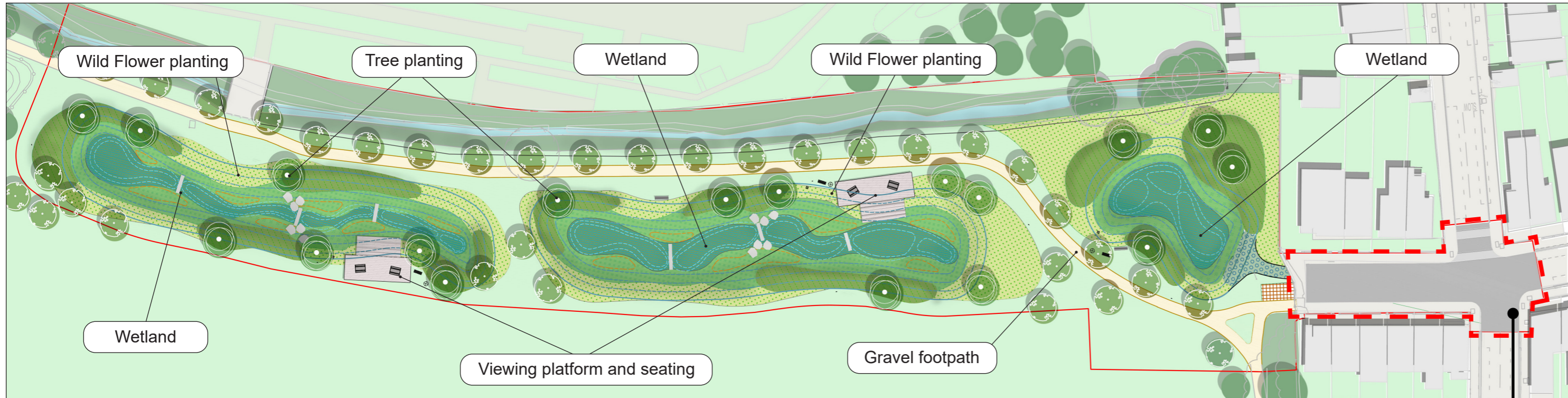
Proposals

The scheme will include the creation of a vibrant wetland ecosystem at the north-eastern corner of Chestnuts Field. This transformative project will involve the planting of a range of new trees, shrubs, and flowering plants within a waterlogged area. We have chosen all of the planting for their unique purpose: to stabilise the bank and stop erosion, reducing water run-off, and attracting an array of wildlife.

By introducing new and different plant species, we are aiming to enhance biodiversity and create fresh havens for local wildlife. There will also be some new insect hotels in the wetlands, providing a welcoming environment for insects and reptiles to establish their habitats. Insects help to maintain healthy soil, recycle nutrients, pollinate flowers, and control pests. The scheme also includes improvements to the public highway on Spruce Hills Road and Sturge Avenue, which will reduce flood risk to local properties by introducing new carriageway levels and a raised junction table that is designed to divert surface water towards the Wetlands.

The proposed Chestnuts Field Wetlands scheme has been thoughtfully designed with the community in mind. It will offer serene relaxing spots for you to enjoy nature, unwind, and engage in educational opportunities. We intend to create a nature trail route within the wetlands where you can learn about the wildlife and new planting. There will also be two new viewing platforms and benches in the wetlands, so you can relax and enjoy the views of the new wetlands.

CHESTNUTS FIELD WETLANDS PLANS



CHESTNUTS FIELD WETLANDS QUESTIONNAIRE

Please complete this questionnaire and return it to us by **27 October 2023**. You can do this by tearing off the questionnaire, folding it in half, sealing and posting it, making sure the freepost address is visible.

About you (required)

- Resident
- Local business owner/employee
- Visitor to the area
- Other (Please Specify) _____

Please provide your home or business address to help us analyse who is responding to the consultation. Respondents who do not leave an address and postcode may not be taken into consideration.

House number _____

Street name _____

Postcode _____

Email _____

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

- Yes No Don't know
- Prefer not to say

What is your ethnic group?

- White (includes British, Northern Irish, Irish, Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or any other white background)
- Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups (Includes white and black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, or any other Mixed or Multiple background)
- Asian or Asian British (Includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background)
- Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African (Includes Black British, Caribbean, African or any other Black background)
- Other (Please specify) _____
- Prefer not to say

Questionnaire

1. Are you in favour of the overall scheme proposals? (Please tick one)
 - Yes No Don't know
2. Are you in favour of the flood risk mitigation proposals on the public highway?
 - Yes No Don't know

3. Are you in favour of the Chestnuts Field Wetlands proposals?

- Yes No Don't know

4. Please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements about the proposals in Chestnuts Field.

(Where 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree. Please select no more than one response in per row.)

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| It would increase my interaction with wildlife | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |
| It would encourage me to spend more time outdoors | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |
| It would encourage me to exercise more | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |
| It would increase the sense of local community | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |
| It would make me feel better (stress relief, relaxation) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |
| It would improve the space for contemplation (spiritual and mindfulness) | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Don't Know |

5. Have you experienced flooding at your property or on your road before?

- Yes No Don't know

6. Would you like to get involved with planting and/or maintaining the Wetlands scheme? (Please leave an email at the beginning)

- Yes No Don't know

7. Do you have any comments or suggestions that you would like to add?

- Yes No Don't know

If yes, please use the space below: