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Thank you for you 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**



TEAR

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:

Date: 5pm to 7pm Time:

# Get in touch

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



#### Email:

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## Monday 16 October 2023





# **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

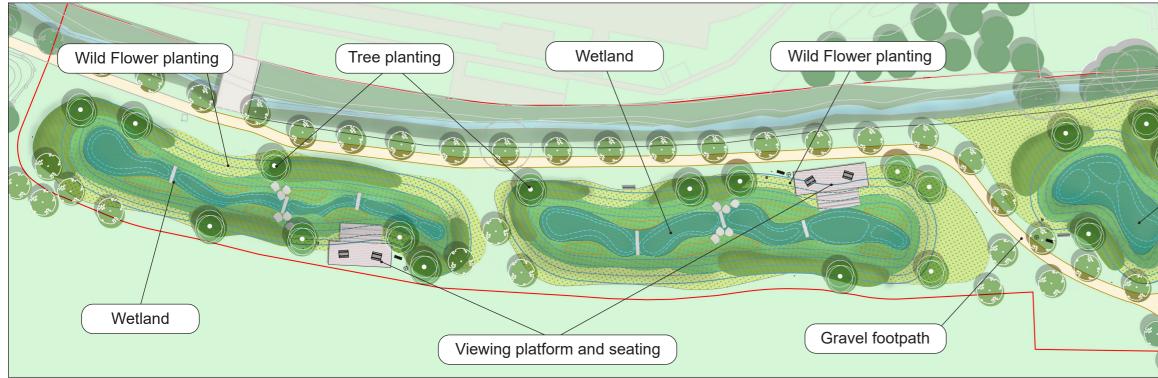
#### **Proposals**

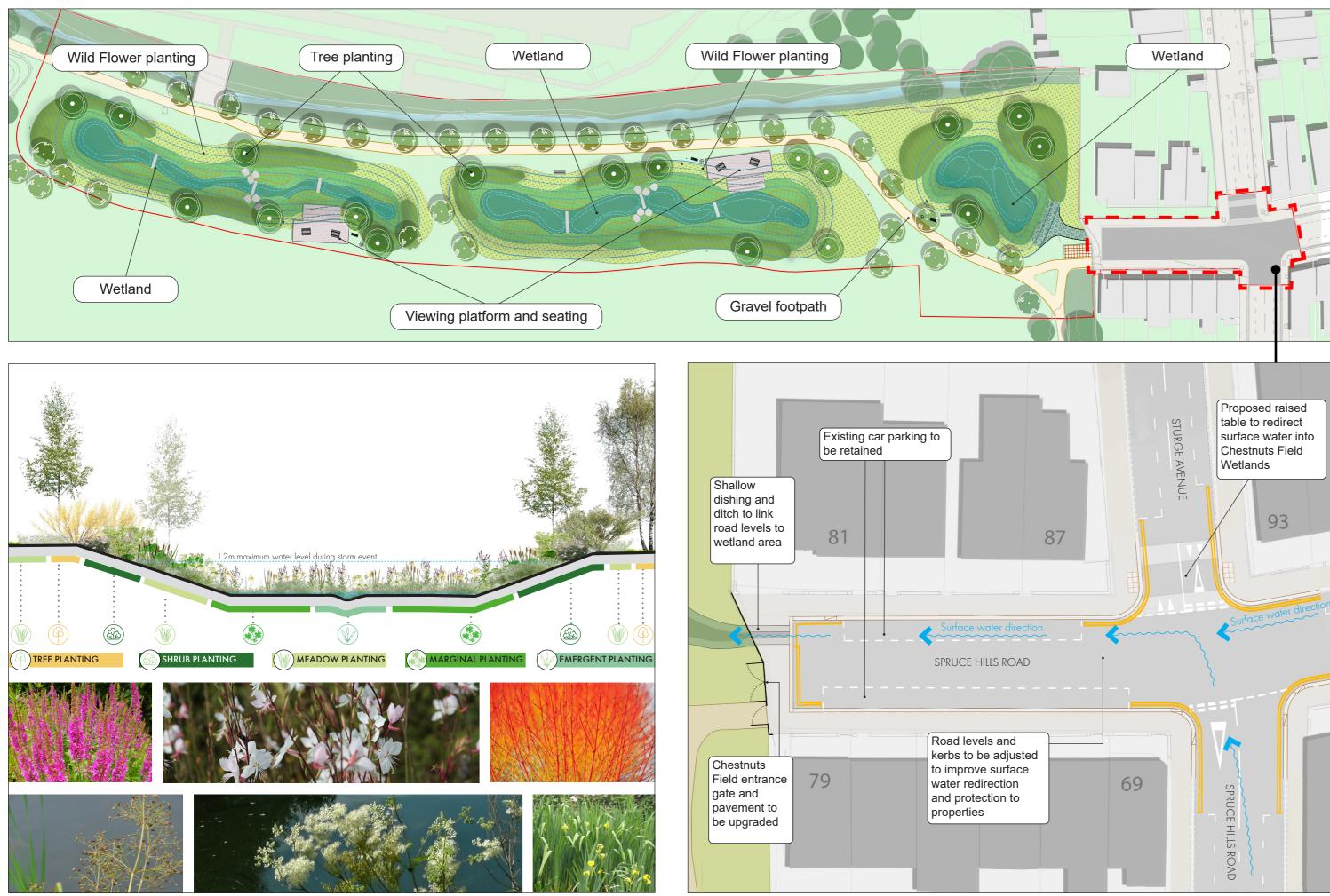
The scheme will include the creation of a vibrant wetland ecosystem at the north-eastern corner of Chestnuts Field. This transformative project will involve the planting of a range of new trees, shrubs, and flowering plants within a waterlogged area. We have chosen all of the planting for their unique 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)	3. Are you in favour of the Chestnuts Field Wetlands proposals?
Resident	Yes No Don't know
Local business owner/employee	4. Please indicate how strongly you agree or
Visitor to the area	<ul> <li>disagree with the following statements about the proposals in Chestnuts Field.</li> <li>(Where 1 being strongly disagree and 5 being strongly agree. Please select no more than one response in per row.)</li> </ul>
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.	It would increase my 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know interaction with wildlife
House number	It would encourage me to 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know spend more time outdoors
Street name	It would encourage me to 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know exercise more
Email	It would increase the sense 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know of local community
Do you consider yourself to have a disability?	It would make me feel 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know better (stress relief, relaxation)
Yes No Don't know Prefer not to say	It would improve the space 1 2 3 4 5 Don't Know for contemplation (spiritual and mindfulness)
What is your ethnic group?	5. Have you experienced flooding at your
White (includes British, Northern Irish, Irish, Gypsy, Irish Traveller, Roma or any other white background	property or on your road before?
Mixed or Multiple ethnic groups (Includes white and black Caribbean, White and Black African, White and Asian, or any other Mixed or Multiple	6. Would you like to get involved with planting and/or maintaining the Wetlands scheme? (Please leave an email at the beginning)
background)	<ul> <li>Yes No Don't know</li> <li>7. Do you have any, comments or suggestions that you would like to add?</li> </ul>
Asian or Asian British (Includes Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese or any other Asian background	
Black, Black British, Caribbean, or African	Yes No Don't know
(Includes Black British, Caribbean, African or any other Black background	If yes, please use the space below:
Other (Please specify)	
Prefer not to say	
Questionnaire	
<ol> <li>Are you in favour of the overall scheme proposals? (Please tick one)</li> </ol>	
Yes No Don't know	
2. Are you in favour of the flood risk mitigation proposals on the public highway?	

