

LONDON BOROUGH OF NEWHAM

CABINET

Report title	Beckton Parks Final Masterplan	
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Key Decision?	Yes	Two or more wards & financial implications
Exempt Information & Grounds	No	N/A
Wards Affected	Beckton and Custom House Wards	
Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appendix 1. Beckton Parks Masterplan Report (section A, B and C)2. Appendix 2. Phased delivery framework3. Appendix 3. Co-design report4. Appendix 4. Operational approaches study	

Lead Member Introduction:

The parks in Beckton are a significant area of open space and provide an important area of green space for the whole borough. The opportunity they present for sport, leisure, play and relaxation is vast; and the Beckton Parks Masterplan has brought together a range of ideas and opportunities that will improve these parks and improve their standards for years to come. It will provide a new blueprint for the area which will bring huge benefits to the borough.

Through wide ranging consultation and discussions with residents, community groups, sports teams, schools and environmental groups we have been able to create a masterplan that will deliver for all the people of Beckton and the wider Newham community. It will deliver new sports facilities, new community spaces and new

opportunities for education and engagement with the environment. It also ensures that families are at the heart of the investment and will bring new facilities for children and young people currently unavailable.

This is a once in a generation opportunity and is an exciting opportunity to deliver a range of benefits across communities and generations. It will also set a standard that will shape future parks and green spaces and is something we are extremely proud to have brought forward and look forward to delivering.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1. Beckton Parks are in a strategically important location in the South of the borough, where significant housing and employment growth is expected in the coming years. The parks will have an important role to play in place-making in the area, as well as improving connectivity between existing and emerging communities.
- 1.2. The Beckton Parks Masterplan presents a strong future vision for Beckton Parks that has been carefully co-designed with local residents. The vision presents a menu of exciting enhancements that will unlock the parks full potential to meet community and environmental needs and that can be delivered over time to develop a destination green space for borough.
- 1.3. The adoption of the Masterplan for Beckton Parks represents a major opportunity to deliver significant benefits to Newham residents; aligned to our Building a Fairer Newham Corporate Plan. The Masterplan contributes to the overall economic development of the area, ensuring that Newham's community has a high-quality green space.
- 1.4. Adoption of the Beckton Parks Masterplan demonstrates our commitment to the long-term development of the parks as a vital community resource and will help unlock opportunities to secure the investment required to deliver the vision. This report is not a request for funding. This paper requests approval for an agreed Masterplan that will be used to unlock external funding and to inform the detail of future capital and/or revenue funding decisions that will be brought through the Councils governance procedures over the coming years for consideration.
- 1.5. The Masterplan proposes a green infrastructure approach to management of the landscape and presents an environmental and inclusivity charter that will ensure all developments are evolved in-line with our commitment to sustainability and inclusivity.

2. Recommendations

2.1. For the reasons set out in the report and its appendices Cabinet is recommended to:

2.1.1. Agree in principle the adoption of the Beckton Parks Masterplan as outlined in this report as per Appendix 1.

2.1.2. Note the proposed delivery framework for the Beckton Parks Masterplan as per Appendix 2.

3. Background

3.1. Beckton Parks are the largest area of local authority managed green space in Newham consisting of a series of interconnected parks and green spaces. The Beckton Parks Masterplan area covers approximately (36 hectares) and two Council wards (Beckton & Custom House). Locations within the scope of the masterplan are Beckton District Park (North and South), New Beckton Park, Beckton Corridor, the former Newham City Farm site and King George V Park. The parks include a variety of leisure and community facilities as well as community growing and designated 'Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation' (SINC¹).

3.2. In September 2021 Cabinet approved the initiation of a project to develop a Masterplan for Beckton Parks that was based on extensive community and resident engagement, including exploring options for the future use of the Newham City Farm site. A further Cabinet Paper was presented in February 2022 which outlined the scope and approach to delivering a resident co-designed Masterplan.

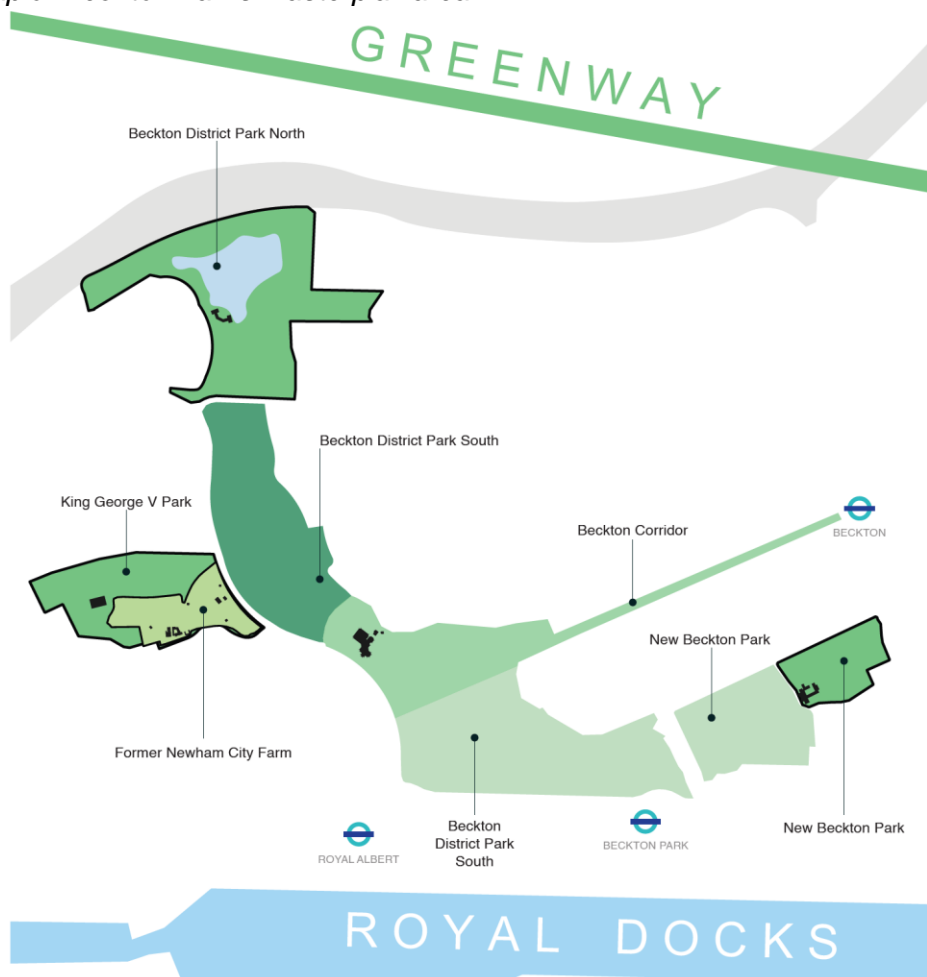
3.3. In July 2022 the completed Community Vision for Beckton Parks was agreed by Cabinet. The vision is the product of extensive engagement and co-design activity and resulted in six key principles that have informed the creation of the final Masterplan and reflect the priorities and aspirations of the local community.

3.4. While Beckton Parks are currently well used by residents and the community, areas of the Parks have been under-utilised and amenities across the Parks require investment and rejuvenation. The Masterplan aims to ensure that the

¹ Site of importance for nature conservation; borough level

Parks fulfil their potential to be a major asset for the borough, used by all residents across the borough as well as visitors to Newham.

Figure 1 - Map of Beckton Parks Masterplan area:



4. Overview of Beckton Parks Masterplan

4.1. Following a competitive procurement process Newham Council commissioned East Architecture Landscape Urban Design to design the Masterplan in partnership with residents. We have also utilised experts in community engagement, biodiversity, design, commercial strategies, and quantity surveying to deliver the proposed Masterplan. Our wider project team has included Greater London Authority appointed experts; with the aim to produce a Masterplan that brings together resident and community perspectives and specialist advice.

- 4.2. Upon completion of the co-design of the Beckton Parks Masterplan the full Masterplan report has been produced containing detailed design interventions and strategies contained in Appendix 1.
- 4.3. Through the co-design process the following key interventions have been designed based upon the principles contained in the community vision. There are a wide variety of proposed improvements and enhancements across the site contained in the detailed report; with the most significant projects and interventions summarised below.
- 4.4. **A new sense of identity and visual connectivity:** For mapping and wayfinding purposes the parks will be referred to collectively as Beckton Parks. Areas of the parks will be identified by their primary feature, for example; the lake, the woodland, the sports hub, and the meadows. This 'country park' approach encourages exploration and connectivity across the whole space which will be managed as one landscape. New entrances, notice boards, wayfinding and furniture will create a visual language that creates a strong connection between the spaces.
- 4.5. **A new Community Farm with Green Skills Hub (Repurposing the former City Farm Site):** The Masterplan proposes that the former Newham City Farm site is redesigned to create a new community farm with green skills hub. This will create opportunities for food growing, employing a Permaculture² design approach which strengthens biodiversity. The Green Skills Hub will create learning opportunities and support a circular economy through zero waste food production. We will deliver an open and competitive tender process to select an organisation to work as a delivery partner. Specific improvements include reconfiguring the sites footprint to improve connectivity with the surrounding parkland, introducing a biodiverse swale system that will direct surface water from Stansfeld Road to the existing ponds, planting food forests and developing managed outdoor learning spaces that support SEND learning provision and a Forest School offer.
- 4.6. **Boat House Café, Ecological Lake and Lido:** The Masterplan proposes significant enhancements to the lake in the North of the parks. This includes redeveloping the existing buildings to create a café, toilets and indoor play space. This will create much needed amenities which will enable residents to

² Approach to land management and settlement design that adopts arrangements observed in flourishing natural ecosystems, encouraging the development of sustainable and self-sufficient agriculture

spend longer in the Parks when they visit. The Lake will be planted and treated to improve water quality and promote biodiversity and authorised fishing areas will be removed. Our longer-term proposal for the lake includes a lido area for wild swimming in alignment with our 'cool spaces' agenda. The wider space will also include a picnic area creating space for residents to bring their own food as well as access the café.

- 4.7. Inclusive Play Park, Play Trail and Adventure Play:** Improving the quality and accessibility of play is a key priority within the Masterplan. We propose a new destination play area in the North of the Parks near the lake, as well as improvements to smaller, localised play areas in the Parks including improved playgrounds in both King George V Park and New Beckton Park. The play spaces will be connected and complemented by a play trail throughout the Parks. The new inclusive playground will be specifically designed for and with children and young people with special educational needs; creating a safe, accessible and engaging place for all children. The play trail will also offer a network of carefully designed cool spaces that incorporate tree planting and seating to improve accessibility and enable access to the parks throughout the year for all residents.
- 4.8. Woodland improvements:** The Parks contain large areas of woodlands that currently support wildlife including a large population of bats. Our proposal is to deliver interventions that improve the management of this important habitat and support biodiversity. We will create glades, improve sightlines by raising the canopy and introduce new pathways through woodland areas to create accessible nature trails complimented by natural play interventions.
- 4.9. Will Thorne Pavilion and Sports Hub:** Will Thorne Pavilion a previously under-utilised building will be refurbished to deliver improved facilities including community halls, accessible toilet facilities and a café. The building will serve as a central hub for the network of parks, positioned along the Capital Ring attracting walkers, cyclists, dog walkers and families following the nature and play trails. There will also be a focus on providing an amenity to residents participating in sports. Several community-led sports teams and groups use the current pitches and a well-established park run also make use of the Pavilion. The building will provide a much-needed space for these groups. The space outside Will Thorne Pavilion will be designated for an enhanced sporting offer, introducing new MUGAs and active play elements such as dance spaces with seating areas, bouldering, pump tracks and informal ball courts. Improvements will be made to the existing football pitches and the 5k Parkrun route will be formalised. New pathways will improve accessibility and planting schemes around facilities will present opportunities for improved biodiversity. Some of

the capital required to deliver this work has already been secured by the Council through its successful bid for Levelling Up funding which was awarded in 2021.

- 4.10. **Events and Culture:** The designs include provision of a managed events space that will enable both small scale local events and large-scale commercial events with a footprint of up to 63,500sqm. The designs also present a community market space that utilises the route through the park along the Beckton Corridor with power supply, vehicle access and turning points in close proximity to the café and toilets at Will Thorne Pavilion. Provision for curation of a sculpture trail that connects the parks and creates a point of cultural interest will attract artists to the parks with opportunities to create and present artworks with and for the community.
- 4.11. **Sports Gardens and Play:** Improvements to the sports offer in the East of the parks will see new tennis courts and cricket nets introduced to complement the existing running track, exercise trail and football pitches. The Stroud Pavilion will house toilet facilities and storage with potential for retrofitting the space to host a seasonal pop-up refreshment offer. The sports offer will become integrated with the fenced area of the park that has a garden square feel to it. The network of pathways that navigate the building and create a disconnect between the 2 sides of this park will be rerouted to improve safety and accessibility, planting schemes and wayfinding will work to enable a more welcoming feeling of connectivity. The former tennis courts will become a dog agility area that will provide an enclosed space for dog owners to exercise their dogs. The existing community orchard will be enhanced to form a forest garden.
- 4.12. **Beckton Meadows:** A new wildflower meadow forming a large new area of pollinating grass and flora will be established to create a species rich habitat that will support the survival of pollinating insects and wildlife. Building on established hedgerow planting and developed in partnership with UEL Sustainability Research, the meadow will see this grassland reach its full potential. The meadow will feature a wildlife garden with educational signage and mown routes will enable playful interaction. A new pathway will be constructed to formalise the exiting desire line across the park from the Beckton Park DLR station to connect with the Capital Ring. This pathway, being constructed in memory of Queen Elizabeth II will be lined with new trees and offer playful alternative routes through the space in addition to an accessible direct route through the meadow.

- 4.13. **Skate hub:** There is currently a closed building in King George V Park (previously a visitors' centre) and a flat tarmac area. This is often used by skaters and has the potential to support a significantly improved skate and urban sports offer. The Masterplan envisages creatively redesigning this area to become a skate and urban sports hub.
- 4.14. **Improved safety, walking and cycling:** Resident engagement strongly highlighted that considerations of safety were a priority for residents. Key routes around the parks will be illuminated and include CCTV. The realignment of the alleyway adjoining King George V Park and Beckton Corridor will significantly improve visibility and access. Improvements to the Beckton Corridor will improve lighting, create a new cycle track and fitness trail. Working closely with Highways we will implement speed reduction interventions along Stansfeld Road including raised pedestrian crossings, traffic calming buildouts with rain gardens and tree planting and a new cycle route that connects to Tollgate Road and the Beckton Corridor. The interventions are designed to transform the road which currently divides the parks into a road that sits within the park.
- 4.15. **Key Connections, Routes and Entrances:** The Parks form part of key North-South and East-West routes used by the local community daily. Entrances, routes, pathways and wayfinding will be improved to become safe, visible and accessible and to support daily commutes, walking or cycling to public transport hubs such as the DLR stations, as well as commercial and community uses located around the parks. In the longer term it is part of the Council's vision to create a new crossing over the A13 for pedestrians and cyclists alike. New pathways will formalise existing desire lines and short cuts to enable further accessibility across all areas of the parks.

Figure 2 – The Beckton Parks Vision:



5. Phased Delivery Framework

5.1. The Phased Delivery Framework presented in Appendix 2 indicates what phased implementation of all elements of the Beckton Parks Masterplan could look like over a 6-year delivery timeline subject to obtaining the necessary capital and revenue investment. Funding for delivery will be sought from various sources including external funding bodies.

5.2. The programme breaks the Masterplan down into a menu of costed interventions prioritised in-line with the expressed needs of the local community. The menu amounts to £66.29 million of improvements that will be delivered on a project-by-project basis, the framework offers a flexible approach designed to unlock investment in phases making the most of targeted funding opportunities and investment made available over time:

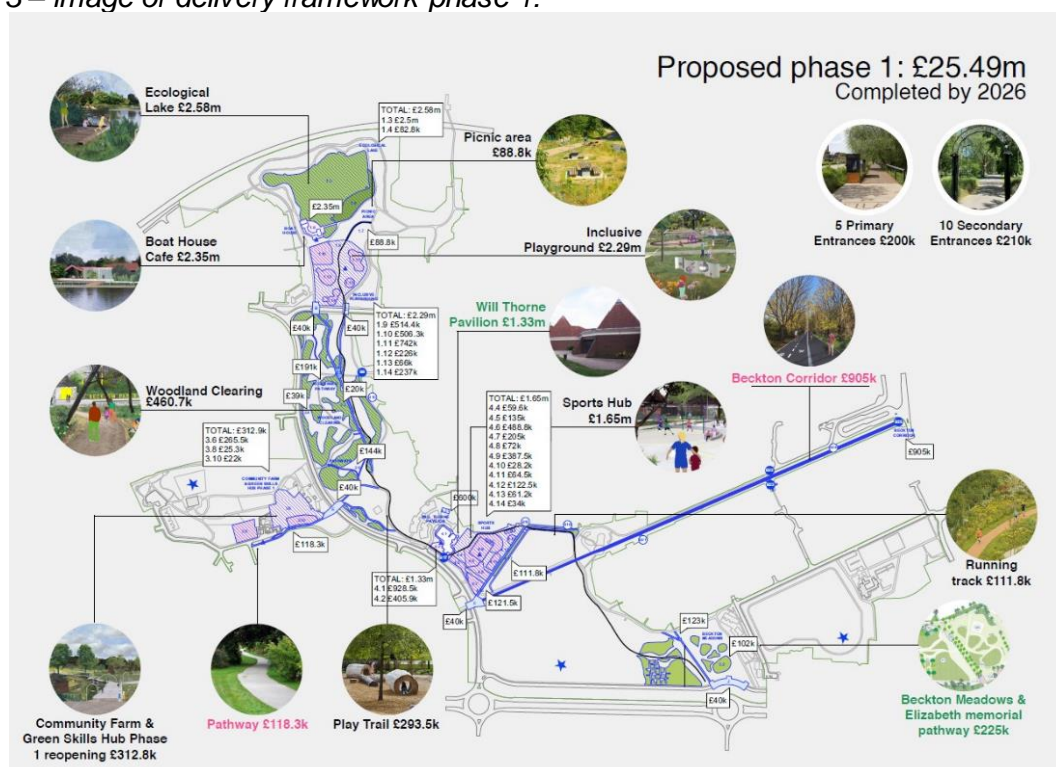
5.3. **Phase 1** requires investment of £25.49 million and focuses on the projects identified by the community as priority features that include:

- The reopening of Will Thorne Pavilion and evolving sports and leisure offer
- Works to reconfigure the community farm site to enable commissioning of an operator and reopening of the site
- Works to drastically improve the ecology of the lake, reopen the community facilities and design and install a fully inclusive playground
- Improvements to the management and accessibility of the woodland areas.

5.4. This phase also includes projects that form the foundation for the next phase including:

- Improvements to the management of the landscape in response to the climate emergency such as installation of a cool spaces play trail
- Improvements to the accessibility and connectivity of the parks including new entrance mats, wayfinding, pathways and furniture

Figure 3 – image of delivery framework phase 1:

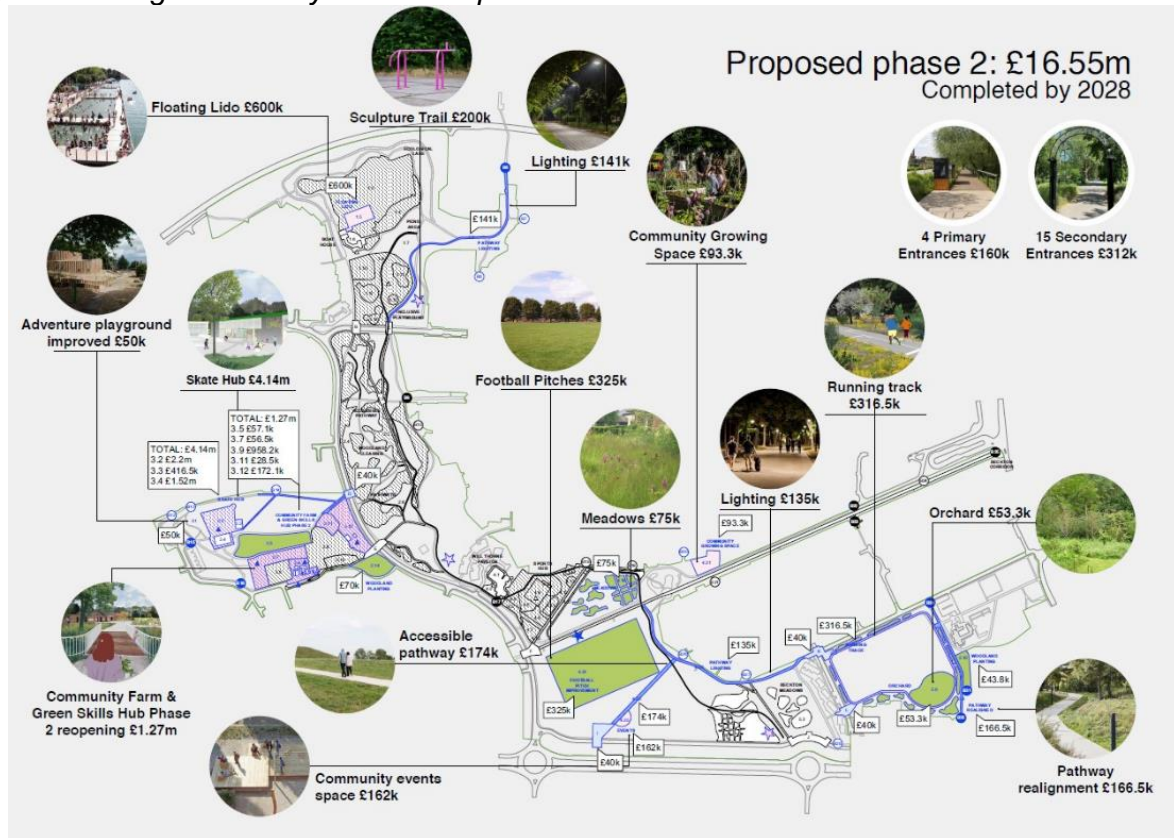


5.5. **Phase 2** requires investment of £16.55 million. This phase includes:

- Completion of the reopening of the Community Farm with Green Skills Hub
- Installation of the Lido
- Delivery of the skate hub and urban sports offer
- Creation of large cultural events space

- Further improvements to accessibility and safety across the parks including lighting, a sculpture trail and new entrances and pathways
- Further improvements to biodiversity and landscape management

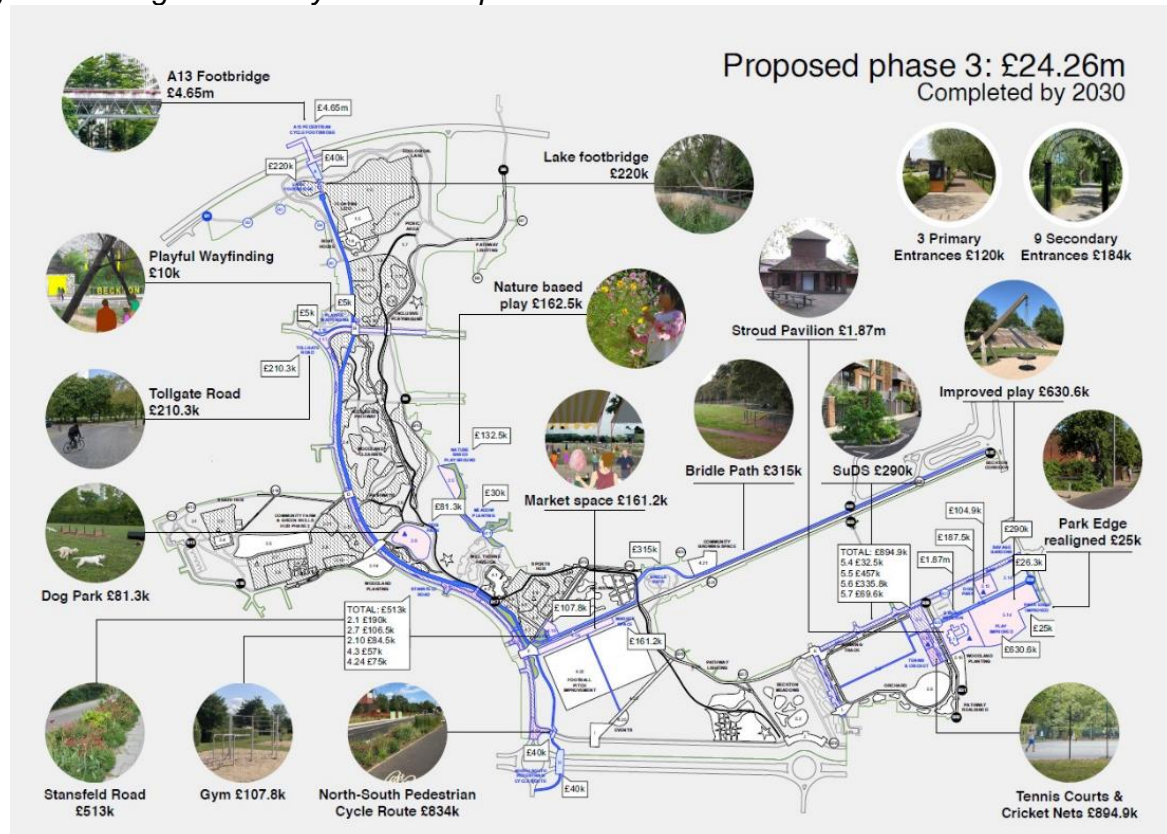
Figure 4 – image of delivery framework phase 2:



5.6. **Phase 3** requires investment of £24.26million. This phase concludes the enhancements and includes:

- Final sports provisions in the south of the park including new tennis courts and cricket nets
- Redesign and opening of Stroud Pavilion and improvements to adjoining adventure play offer
- Completion of new cycle networking including a new bridge over the A13 and safe walking routes
- Final landscaping improvements for climate resilience and nature recovery
- Community Market Space

Figure 5 – image of delivery framework phase 3:



6. Co-design and Community Engagement

6.1. Co-designing the Masterplan: Through a programme of in-depth design workshops led by East Architecture with residents, community organisations and wider stakeholders, a series of design responses were presented, reviewed and refined.

6.2. The Community Co-design report was published in July 2023. The report demonstrates the process and presents the resulting designs. (Appendix 3).

6.3. Community Engagement will continue throughout the implementation of the Masterplan ensuring that the designs continue to draw on the diverse experience, imagination, and creativity of local people of all ages and backgrounds.

Figure 6 - Selection of photos of co-design workshops:



7. Delivering Council Policy and Corporate Priorities

7.1. The delivery of the Beckton Parks Masterplan aligns to our goals and corporate priorities that are shaped through Building a Fairer Newham:

7.2. **A healthier Newham and ageing well.** The Beckton Parks Masterplan presents opportunities for improved social connection and wellbeing: The parks accessibility will be improved with the introduction of new routes and regular shaded seating. The importance of access to quality green space for all ages in relation to supporting mental health is widely recognised and the Masterplan responds to this need. Infrastructure to support community events and cultural celebrations will reinforce community connections.

7.3. **Newham's inclusive economy to support you in these hard times:** The establishment of the Community Farm with Green Skills Hub will present a wealth of opportunities for Newham Residents to access training opportunities and new employment. The site will also provide a base for food production that will contribute towards a circular economy whilst presenting learning opportunities relating to food growing and cookery that will support the food security agenda. Re-opening café / kiosk facilities across the Parks will present

opportunities for local businesses to establish and Will Thorne Pavilion will house a community offer that supports local enterprise. The Sports and Leisure Hub, Sports Gardens, Skate Hub and proposed Lido will present operational opportunities and space for local organisations to grow their services.

- 7.4. Your neighbourhood:** The Beckton Parks Masterplan is a noted commitment in this priority area where we recognise the importance of working closely with residents to improve our green spaces and local environment. The Masterplan delivers on commitments to improve cycling infrastructure and tackle road safety by redesigning Stansfeld Road. Adoption of the Beckton Parks Environmental Charter will ensure sustainable solutions in the face of the climate emergency. The Masterplan will increase levels of satisfaction of residents with their local area as a place to live and increase the proportion of people who feel that public spaces are clean, attractive and overall high quality.
- 7.5. Safer Newham:** The Beckton Parks Masterplan addresses issues of safety by rerouting pedestrian and cycle routes through the parks and improving lighting and CCTV coverage along these routes. Daytime safety will be improved by improving sightlines through wooded areas, moving existing pathways away from buildings and redesigning entrance mats. The design of new play spaces, sport and leisure facilities are to be designed in line with guidance produced by Make Space for Girls and Parks for London relating directly to the safety of women and girls.
- 7.6. Supporting our young people:** Young People will be at the forefront of the design of the new sports and leisure hub and skate hub facilities. The Inclusive Play Park will be designed with children and young people and their families with a SEND focus to enable inclusive and accessible play provision for all. Play trails, seating and active travel routes will also be informed by co-design engagement with young people. The Community Farm with Green Skills Hub will provide educational opportunities for schools, colleges and universities as well as running apprenticeship programmes with routes to employment.
- 7.7. People powered Newham and widening participation:** The Co-design of the Beckton Parks Masterplan has utilised Co-design principles over a phased development process that has involved over 1500 residents in decision making. The final designs represent the community vision and are founded on detailed insights and priorities presented in the Playbook. Community engagement will continue through to design and implementation stages.
- 7.8. Green spaces** are a key feature of Newham's Cultural Strategy and the insights from residents shared in this report demonstrate that our parks are a key cultural asset. The Masterplan presents opportunities for establishing a cultural

events programme and the landscape provides significant opportunity for an array of community led initiatives funded through the People Powered Places project.

8. Alternatives considered

8.1. Do nothing – *not recommended*

8.1.1. Do not adopt the Beckton Parks Masterplan. The area remains underutilised, and we do not fulfil key commitments to residents or our corporate priorities. We are not able to articulate an overarching vision to our partners for a key area of green space in the borough. We are unable to secure funding from external sources.

8.2. Reduced scope of project - *not recommended*

8.2.1. Reduce the vision and ambition of the masterplan i.e., deliver basic improvements to the parks in their current form and purpose. Closed buildings and former Newham City Farm site remain closed. This route creates the risk that improvements to the parks will be uncoordinated and not deliver a destination green space for the borough, failing to deliver on residents' vision for the area. The Masterplan is a key strategic document that will support future external funding bids such as the Rewild London Fund who are currently funding the creation of Beckton Meadow as a first step towards the implementation of the Masterplan. Without providing detailed context and wider vision for nature recovery across the parks this funding may not have been obtained. Not adopting the Masterplan would put future funding bids at risk and create an urgent future need for further work. Overall, not adopting the Beckton Parks Masterplan would leave a significant gap in planning for the area, enabling only limited improvements.

8.3. Adoption of the Beckton Parks Masterplan - *the recommended option*

8.3.1. Adoption of the Beckton Parks Masterplan will bring us a step closer to enabling the delivery of major improvements to Beckton Parks in alignment with wider regeneration and climate action priorities and corporate plan commitments. The adopted Masterplan will attract and unlock investment to enable delivery.

8.3.2. The Masterplan designs directly respond to the needs of the community by improving accessibility, providing dedicated SEND provision, reopening the closed farm site, evolving an urban sports and leisure offer, developing access to learning for all ages, improving biodiversity and nature

exploration, reopening basic facilities and enabling cultural celebration across the parks.

- 8.3.3. Enabling the delivery of these improvements over the coming years will provide sustainable access to a network of destination green spaces that will meet the needs of a growing community for years to come

9. Consultation

- 9.1. Councillor James Asser, Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainable Transport
- 9.2. Councillor Miraj Patel, Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment and Sustainable Transport
- 9.3. Councillor Tonii Wilson Beckton Ward Councillor
- 9.4. Councillor Rohima Rahman Beckton Ward Councillor
- 9.5. Councillor James Beckles Custom House Ward Councillor
- 9.6. Councillor Sarah Ruiz Custom House Ward Councillor
- 9.7. Councillor Thelma Odoi Custom House Ward Councillor

10. Implications

10.1. Financial Implications

- 10.2. The phased delivery framework described in Section 5 (and Appendix 2) demonstrates the capital investment required to deliver the masterplan in full over a minimum 6-year delivery programme. The framework also works to present a menu of projects that can be identified for delivery in gradual stages, this will allow us to utilise external funding opportunities as they are presented across a variety of targeted outcomes whilst enabling strategic capital investments that work together to fulfil the ambition of the full masterplan.
- 10.3. The uplift to the quality of the parks will naturally present revenue implications. The Operational Approaches Study (Appendix 4) conducted by Avison Young highlights our options for delivery of the proposals that carry commercial opportunity with a view that these improvements can

enable income that will support the increase in revenue costs over time.
These are:

- Café
- Sports Pitches
- Community events spaces - Will Thorne Pavilion
- Skate Hub
- Retail kiosks / cafes
- Lido
- Open air commercial events

10.4. The study describes and compares 5 approaches that will be carefully considered when bringing these projects forward into implementation.
These are:

- Approach 1 – Council Operates
- Approach 2 – Direct Letting – Commercial
- Approach 3 – Direct Letting – Curated
- Approach 4 – Single Provider
- Approach 5 – Operational Vehicle

10.5. **Legal Implications**

10.6. The commissioning of external expertise to enable the implementation of the Beckton Parks Masterplan will be undertaken on a project-by-project basis and will be undertaken via an open tender process in accordance with Local Government procurement legislation and following Newham's policies and procedures seeking appropriate approvals where required.

10.7. The Masterplan is not a statutory planning document and will be an advisory document.

10.8. **Equalities Implications**

10.9. The Council must take account of its Equalities Duties under the Equality Act 2010, in particular to:

- 10.9.1. Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by the Act;
- 10.9.2. Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and person who do not share it;

10.9.3. Foster good relations between equalities groups

- 10.10. Sections 20 and 149 of the Equality Act are relevant to these proposals. Section 20 of the Act requires public authorities to take steps to make reasonable adjustments where a physical feature creates a substantial disadvantage to disabled people in comparison with those who are not disabled. The schemes should consider the physical access requirements of disabled residents and visitors and endeavour to advance accessibility.
- 10.11. Section 149 requires public authorities to remove or minimise disadvantages affecting any particular equality group. When required consultants and contractors involved within the design, construction and management of improvements that align with the masterplan will be procured and managed to comply with the Equality Act 2010 and Newham's Equal Opportunities policy which require their Contractors, Sub-contractors and Design Consultants to eliminate any discrimination with regards to all protected characteristics. The Council will use these contracts to create opportunities for local people to develop skills, particularly beneficial for people on lower incomes.
- 10.12. **Beckton Parks Inclusivity Charter:** A direct outcome of the co-design workshops is creation of an Environmental and Inclusivity Charter for Beckton Parks. The co-design workshops provided the opportunity to shape ideas around these charters which will govern Beckton Parks, with the principal aim to be an inclusive, net zero and climate resilient.
- 10.13. The Beckton Parks Inclusivity Charter aims to:
- Establish inclusivity-led design processes for the Beckton Parks Masterplan.
 - Become an inclusive park for all, regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, sexuality and ability.
 - Become a leading SEND park in London
- 10.14. The Beckton Parks Inclusivity Charter Objectives are to:
- Ensure projects identified within the masterplan are developed in consultation with the public and minority groups within the area.
 - Ensure future consultation can be accessed both digitally and in person, as not exclude those without digital access.
 - Ensure there is a range of play equipment for all ages, genders and abilities within the park.
 - Ensure provision of SEND play equipment and a range of calm spaces across the parks.
 - Include disabled access equipment within the new sports provision.

- Any toilets provided to meet disabled toilet design standards as a minimum, with new buildings meeting changing places toilet design standards.
- Ensure all accessible pathways are of a minimum 2m width with a flat surface.
- Ensure all gates have accessible entrance points which do not hinder independent access for wheelchair users
- Provide a range of wheelchair accessible benches across the site and ensure benches are suitably located and comfortable for those with reduced mobility
- Ensure a minimum kerb upstand of 60mm along Raised Tables to create a discernible edge for guide dog users.
- Footways should only be level with the carriageway at raised crossings, identified with visually distinctive tactile pavers.
- Ensure there are spaces for carers and facilitators across the Masterplan alongside the new provision.
- Ensure all spaces are integrated as one, with as little segregation between users as possible.

10.15. **Climate Emergency Implications**

10.16. **Beckton Parks Environmental Charter:** The Masterplan presents considerable opportunities to contribute to Newham's climate mitigation and adaptation efforts. A direct outcome of the co-design workshops is creation of an Environmental and Inclusivity Charter for Beckton Parks. The co-design workshops provided the opportunity to shape ideas around these charters which will govern Beckton Parks, with the principal aim to be an inclusive, net zero and climate resilient. By having the users, businesses and operators adhering to a common set of aims and objectives, Beckton Parks has the potential to become one of the best 'future-proofed' parks of East London and beyond.

10.17. The Beckton Parks Environmental Charter Aims for Beckton Parks to become;

- Net zero parks
- Circular economy parks
- Climate resilient parks
- Nature recovery parks

10.18. The Beckton Parks Environmental Charter Objectives are to:

- Install renewable energy systems in new or refurbished buildings.
- Phase out use of petrol driven vehicles and tools for park maintenance.

- Encourage deliveries to park facilities to be by electric vehicles or cargo bikes.
- Ensure main entrances to Beckton Parks are bike-friendly and are close to or easily reached from public transport nodes.
- Create clear and well-connected active travel routes through the park and beyond the park boundaries
- Re-use and refurbish existing buildings where possible.
- Create forest gardens and community growing spaces.
- Establish rain gardens adjacent to all park buildings.
- Establish composting facilities for green waste and food waste.
- Phase out single-use plastics from all park facilities.
- Phase out annual planting and replace with climate resilient, wildlife friendly perennials.
- Manage woodlands and meadows to optimise their wildlife value.
- As the landscape is enhanced, we will ensure it is increasingly climate resilient with positive impact on air quality and management of flood risk
- All buildings and facilities will be designed sustainably, and we will implement sustainable design practices into all schemes, whilst also carefully considering how to reduce the carbon footprint of the park.
- Create cool spaces by providing shaded areas with seating and access to water (both drinking water and outdoor swimming opportunities)
- Entrances to include bike parking and repair stops

10.19. The environmental charter aligns with The Just Transition Plan with particular alignment to the following futures:

- We prefer to walk, cycle or use public transport and goods are safely moved without polluting our streets
- We increase sharing and reduce waste building a sharing and circular economy
- We eat well and sustainably
- Our neighbourhoods are resilient, connected and green.