Design Approach

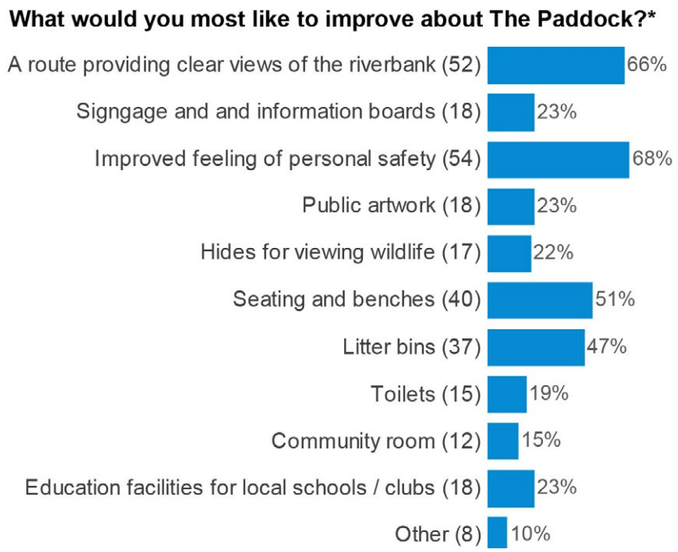
Defining the proposals

Alongside Haringey Council's key objectives, the proposals will be defined by ecology and tree surveys, analysis of the space and user feedback. The user surveys that have been completed to date have provided a useful insight into how people use the site and what they would like to see and do there.

Site issues

There are a number of issues at the Paddock which impact on user experience and the habitats. These include:

- Poor access across the site
- ASB issues making the site an unwelcoming setting
- High levels of litter and detritus
- Japanese knotweed infestation smothering habitats



New Connections

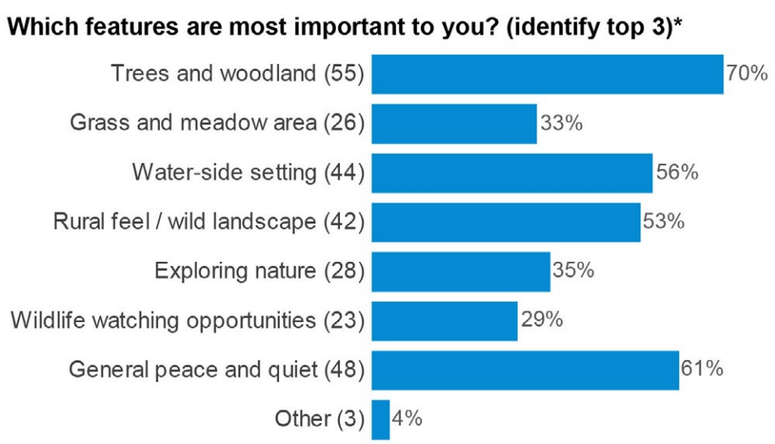
Currently the Paddock is isolated so linking it into the wider network of open spaces is a vital element of the project. This is being achieved through works to transform the southern boundary with Ferry Lane and build a new set of pedestrian bridges from Mill Mead Road to the north east corner of the Paddock.



New Pedestrian Bridge Link from Milmead Road © Lea Valley Estates

Incorporating your feedback

As part of the first round of consultation, participants were asked to prioritise their most important features and also highlight key areas for improvement.



Addressing the issues

The masterplan proposals and management plan aim to address the key issues through specific interventions to ensure habitats are protected and enhanced whilst access to the site is improved.

- Access improvements (see boards 7 and 8) aim to ensure users of all levels of mobility have access across the site. This includes improved access to the water edge.
- Concerns over safety, anti-social behaviour and littering, will largely be addressed through creating clear sight lines, an increase in user numbers and more staff presence on site.
- Japanese Knotweed removal is a significant part of the work - see information board 6.
- The frontage of the site on Ferry Lane has just seen new gates and railing installed along with a swale (shallow ditch) and planting scheme.

Current Management

The Conservation Volunteers (TCV) have taken on the ongoing management and maintenance of the site and alongside this they will provide:

- Staff presence on site
- Volunteering opportunities
- Educational sessions for local schools

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