

Have your say on proposed park and community space at Southall Waterside

A consultation is now underway on proposals for a new 500m-long linear park at Berkeley's Southall Waterside development.

Local residents and stakeholders are being asked about the features they would like to see in this four-acre natural space – roughly equivalent to four football pitches – which is being designed in partnership with London Wildlife Trust.

The proposals for this publicly accessible park include a mix of green open space, children's play areas, nature trails and valuable wildlife habitats, including reed and wetlands planting to attract insects and small birds.

The proposed park would provide a variety of spaces for community activities, including an amphitheatre that has the potential to host events such as an open-air cinema, music and dance performances, fitness and activity trails and spaces for the whole community to enjoy, as well as a water feature which would run the length of the park, with bubblers and jets where children can splash and play.

These varied and engaging parkland proposals aim to draw in people of all ages to rest, play, meet up and enjoy all the benefits of a healthy natural setting.

Berkeley plans to work with local people to curate a programme of arts and cultural events that would be hosted in the park throughout the year, as part of a buzzing new neighbourhood for local residents and the wider Southall community.

Southall Waterside is one of the capital's largest regeneration projects, with brownfield land being transformed into a dynamic new part of West London.

This proposed park would be the first part of a much larger network of green open spaces created across the development. In total, two new parks will be created and 1.2km of frontage along the Grand Union Canal will be opened up.

This welcoming new neighbourhood would include 3,750 mixed tenure homes, a commercial district, community hub and a network of cycling and walking routes, including two new footbridges into the adjacent 90-acre Minet Country Park.

Damian Leydon, Operations Director at Berkeley West Thames, said: "Introducing green space for people to enjoy and wildlife to flourish is central to what we're bringing to Southall Waterside. Located right in the heart of the development, the new linear park would provide children with space to run around and play, as well as places for people to relax and simply enjoy being surrounded by nature.

“This park would be open to everyone. We’d like to receive feedback on our proposals from the local community, so I’d encourage anyone with an interest to respond to the consultation and help shape your new park.”

The concept of the park received outline planning consent in 2016, as part of the Southall Waterside masterplan planning permission. This is a Reserved Matters planning application to confirm the detail of what would be delivered in the park.

To respond to the consultation, visit www.southallwatersidecommunity.co.uk/linear-park where you can access and complete a short questionnaire. Completed questionnaires should be sent to info@southallwatersidecommunity.com by Monday 12 August 2019.

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Notes to editors

Southall Waterside

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The first 304 homes to be delivered at Southall Waterside are all affordable and are being offered to existing Ealing residents under either affordable rent or shared ownership.

Every home at Southall Waterside will be within a five-minute cycle of a station, and the arrival of Crossrail will provide a direct service to Bond Street in 17 minutes and Canary Wharf in 30 minutes. A network of safe cycle paths and walkways will improve connections to the surrounding area and open up access to a 1km waterside trail along the Grand Union Canal.

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