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# Petition Hearing - Cabinet Member for Environment

**Date:** WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2010

**Time:** 7.00 PM

**Venue:** COMMITTEE ROOM 3 -  
CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH  
STREET, UXBRIDGE UB8  
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**Meeting  
Details:** Members of the Public and  
Press are welcome to attend  
this meeting

## Councillor on the Committee

Sandra Jenkins, Cabinet Member for  
Environment

## How the hearing works:

The petition organiser (or his/her  
nominee) can address the Cabinet  
Member for a short time and in turn the  
Cabinet Member may also ask questions.

Local ward councillors are invited to these  
hearings and may also be in attendance  
to support or listen to your views.

After hearing all the views expressed, the  
Cabinet Member will make a formal  
decision. This decision will be published  
and sent to the petition organisers shortly  
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be taken by the Council.

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# Agenda

- 1 PART 1 - MEMBERS, PUBLIC AND PRESS
- 2 To confirm that the business of the meeting will take place in public
- 3 To consider the report of the officer on the following petition received
- 4 RUISLIP LIDO - PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

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# Agenda Item 4

## RUISLIP LIDO - PETITION REGARDING PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Sandra Jenkins
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Environment
<b>Report Author</b>	Lyn Summers, Planning and Community Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix 1, 2 & 3

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Purpose of report</b>	To advise the Cabinet Member that a petition has been received from residents objecting to proposed developments at Ruislip Lido.
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	The proposed improvements to Ruislip Lido are an integral aspect of the Council's HIP Programme and specifically addresses improving the quality of life for all Hillingdon residents.
<b>Financial Cost</b>	There are no direct costs at this stage associated with improvements to Ruislip Lido as potential improvements are just at a draft stage.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services
<b>Ward(s) affected</b>	Northwood Hills/West Ruislip

### RECOMMENDATION

#### That the Cabinet Member:

1. considers the petitioner's concerns
2. subject to the outcome of recommendation 1, considers the adequacy of the proposed public consultation programme
3. reports outcome of recommendation 1 and 2 to the HIP Steering Group

### INFORMATION

#### Reasons for recommendation

The proposed improvements are part of the Council's programme of improving parks and open spaces and will increase opportunities for Hillingdon residents to enjoy the leisure and amenity provision at Ruislip Lido.

## Alternative options considered

None

## Comments of Policy Overview Committee(s)

None at this stage.

## Supporting Information

1. The proposed enhancement of Ruislip Lido is part of the Hillingdon Improvement Programme (HIP) and will be administered as a HIP Project via the HIP Steering Group.
2. As part of the pre-consultation work on this project a meeting was held with the Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010 (at which members of the public attended and questions from the floor were addressed) and a fuller meeting with the MAG Executive on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010. (Attendees shown at Appendix 1). A further meeting with the MAG Executive will be held in June 2010.
3. A petition with 513 signatures has been received from residents and non-residents (at least 20 of which were residents).
4. The first page of the petition states that *'Hillingdon Council is planning a major development of Ruislip Lido. We, the undersigned, believe that these plans will be detrimental to the Lido, adversely affect wildlife and cause further problems for the local residents and regular visitors. We also believe that there has been insufficient public consultation and that no further actions should be made on the part of Hillingdon Council until a thorough survey of public opinion has taken place'*.

The petition goes on to state that *'Petitioners strongly oppose the proposed programme due to the adverse effect on existing and future wildlife which will be caused as a result of:*

- *The provision of a boating area for adults and children over 12*
  - *The introduction of a paddle boating area for children*
  - *The construction of a hard-surfaced area to accommodate an additional 200 cars'*
5. An initial petition with 879 signatures (at least 20 of which were residents) was received by the Council in March 2010 and has been the subject of a Petition Hearing with the Cabinet Member for Environment on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010. As the petition had not indicated what the petitioners were objecting to or supporting, a letter, listing the proposed developments (Appendix 2), was sent to every 10<sup>th</sup> signatory prior to the meeting asking for an indication of whether they were either in favour of, or objecting to the proposals. The feedback from these forms were collated and brought to the Petition Hearing for information.
  6. As part of the pre-consultation work, consultant Engineers have been engaged to carry out a scoping report around Flood Risk in accordance with Environment Agency criteria.
  7. As part of the pre-consultation work, consultant Engineers have been engaged to carry out a screening report around Environmental Impact in accordance with required criteria.
  8. The proposed improvements have been identified in 'Hillingdon People' which has encouraged communication from residents

## **Financial Implications**

As the improvements are only at an early stage the majority of the potential improvements have not yet been fully worked up and costed. Once agreed the proposals will be funded from the Councils capital programme where provision has been made for environmental improvements.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

To confirm the Council's intention to improve the Lido site, outline proposals and consultation process.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

- A Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group meeting was held on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2010, members of the public attended and questions from the floor were addressed.
- A meeting with the Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group (MAG) Executive was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 with the Leader of the Council. (Attendees shown at Appendix 1).
- A further meeting with the Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group (MAG) Executive will be held in June 2010.
- A letter, listing the proposed developments (Appendix 2), was sent to every 10<sup>th</sup> signatory on an initial petition received in March 2010 (87 in total) which asked for indication of whether they were either in favour of, or objecting to the proposals.
- As part of the pre-consultation work, consultant Engineers have been engaged to carry out a scoping report around Flood Risk in accordance with Environment Agency criteria
- As part of the pre-consultation work, consultant Engineers have been engaged to carry out a screening report around Environmental Impact in accordance with required criteria.
- The proposed improvements have been identified in 'Hillingdon People' which has encouraged communication from residents.

Once proposals have been firmed up and costed, Hillingdon residents will be contacted in a variety of ways via Residents Associations, personal contact and through Hillingdon People.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed the report and recommendations and are satisfied that there are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **Legal**

The Council in its capacity as landowner has begun a non-statutory period of consultation. No statutory processes have been initiated, so at this time the Council is not under a statutory obligation to consult. If more detailed proposals are brought forward and these require planning permission, then upon an application for planning permission being made the Council will be

required to adhere to the statutory publicity requirements then in force, which will afford interested persons a full opportunity to make representations.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Ruislip Lido Proposed Improvement Programme Presentation (Appendix 3)



<b>Meeting with Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group (MAG) – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 7.30pm</b>			
			<b>Attending</b>
	<b>Leader of the Council</b>	<b>Cllr Ray Puddifoot</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Chair/Ruislip Residents Association</b>	<b>Peter Lansdown</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Cllr Brian Crowe</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Vice Chair/Ruislip Woods MAG</b>	<b>Colin Bowlt Mark Morgan</b>	<b>Yes Yes</b>
	<b>Waters Edge</b>	<b>Terry Scott Trevor Lunnon</b>	<b>Yes Yes</b>
	<b>Friends of Ruislip Lido</b>	<b>Vicky Brownlee Nicky Sarragosi</b>	<b>Yes Yes</b>
	<b>Northwood Residents Association</b>	<b>Miles Gillman</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Ruislip Lido Railway Association</b>	<b>Roy Shuttleworth Matthew Byatt</b>	<b>Yes Yes</b>
	<b>Eastcote Residents Association</b>	<b>Chris Groome Irene Groome</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>In Attendance</b>		
	<b>Deputy Director, Planning and Community Services</b>	<b>Alan Dalton</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Green Spaces Service Manager</b>	<b>Paul Richards</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Project, Events &amp; Improvement Officer, Planning and Community Services</b>	<b>Lyn Summers</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Apologies</b>		
	<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Cllr Philip Corthorne</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Ward Councillor</b>	<b>Cllr John Riley</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Eastcote Residents Association</b>	<b>Peter Collins</b>	<b>No</b>

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19<sup>th</sup> March 2010

Dear

**Re: Ruislip Lido Petition**

The London Borough of Hillingdon has received the following petition which you have signed.

*'Hillingdon Council is planning a major development of Ruislip Lido. We, the undersigned, believe that these plans will be detrimental to the Lido, adversely affect wildlife and cause further problems for the local residents and regular visitors. We also believe that there has been insufficient public consultation and that no further actions should be made on the part of Hillingdon Council until a thorough survey of public opinion has taken place'.*

Unfortunately, it is not clear from the petition whether those that have added their signatures are opposed to some or all of the proposed improvements. Therefore, so that we can identify your individual concerns, we would appreciate you indicating which items you are either objecting to or are in favour of by marking a cross in the yes (in favour) or no (I object) column on the list below.

<b>Toilets</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
New and much needed beach side toilet facilities will be one of the first improvements at the Lido.		
<b>Changing Room Facilities</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
Beach side changing room facilities for people wishing to use any or all of the water based facilities.		
<b>Improved Catering Facilities</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
Provision of a greater choice of refreshments at the Lido so that there is 'something for everyone'		



<b>Model Railway</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
This is a much enjoyed and valued feature of the Lido and there will be investment in this facility		
<b>Nature Area</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
The proposals for enhancement of this man made feature will still respect and provide quiet natural space for wildlife to flourish. A full independent Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) will be carried out prior to proposals being finalised.		
<b>Beach swimming area</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
Swimming is hoped to be made available from the summer subject to regular water quality testing. Costings are being sought to provide a suitable enclosed area of the lake which will be accessed from the beach.		
<b>Water Level (feasibility study)</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
Subject to a satisfactory recommendation from appropriate consultants, a submission will be made to the Environment Agency to raise the water level. The consultant's report will take account of the implications of a possible rise in water level for the site as a whole and any impact this may have downstream.		
<b>Angling</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
Proposals also include offering angling opportunities in designated areas for a range of age groups.		
<b>Parking proposals</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
The proposed parking area is on the site of the previous overflow car park within the Lido grounds. Arrangements for car parking outside of the site and options for resident parking will also be investigated.		
<b>Children's Paddle Boat Area</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
It is proposed to recreate the enclosed children's boating area within the Lido.		
<b>Boating</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
For families and older children, we are considering the provision of rowing boats. There will be no motor boating permitted		

<b>Woodlands Centre</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
A new Woodlands Centre is planned which will help inform and educate visitors about the flora and fauna of the Lido site.		

<b>Site Security</b>	<b>Yes (in favour)</b>	<b>No (I object)</b>
A full review of all aspects of the security of the site is underway. Council officers and the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team are discussing ways to address any concerns from residents regarding anti social behaviour.		

A stamped addressed envelope has been enclosed to assist you in returning your response which will be used to inform the petition hearing in due course.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance

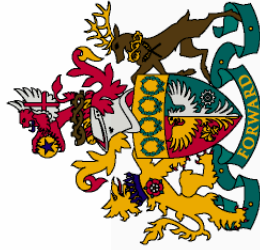
Yours sincerely



Lyn Summers  
**Project, Events and Improvements Officer**

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# Ruislip Lido Improvement Programme



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## Project Team

**Jean Palmer - Director Planning and Community Services**

**Alan Dalton - Deputy Director PCS**

**Sue Drummond - Head of Leisure PCS**

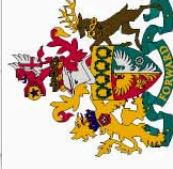
**Mohamed Bhimani - Project Manager, Culture, Sport & Leisure**

**Lyn Summers - Project, Events and Improvement Officer**

**Glenda Greenfield - Project, Events and Improvement Officer**

**Paul Richards - Service Manager Green Spaces**

**Stuart Hunt - Green Spaces Area Manager**



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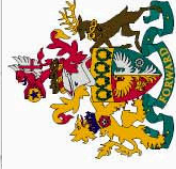




# Background

**This is one aspect of the Council's Civic Pride Programme**

**Over the next two years, the Council will be investing resources to improve and develop facilities at Ruislip Lido.**



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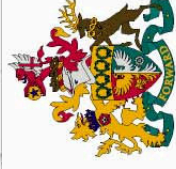
# Objectives

**The Improvement Programme at Ruislip Lido is included in the wider Civic Pride initiative being supported by the Council.**

**The Council will be investing significant resources to help restore Ruislip Lido to its former glory.**

**The project will provide significant improvements to the Lido for residents of all ages and will be in keeping with the local environment.**

**The Council will ensure that while making the improvements it will maintain the ‘look and feel’ of the Lido and preserve the wildlife and the natural environment.**

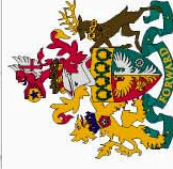
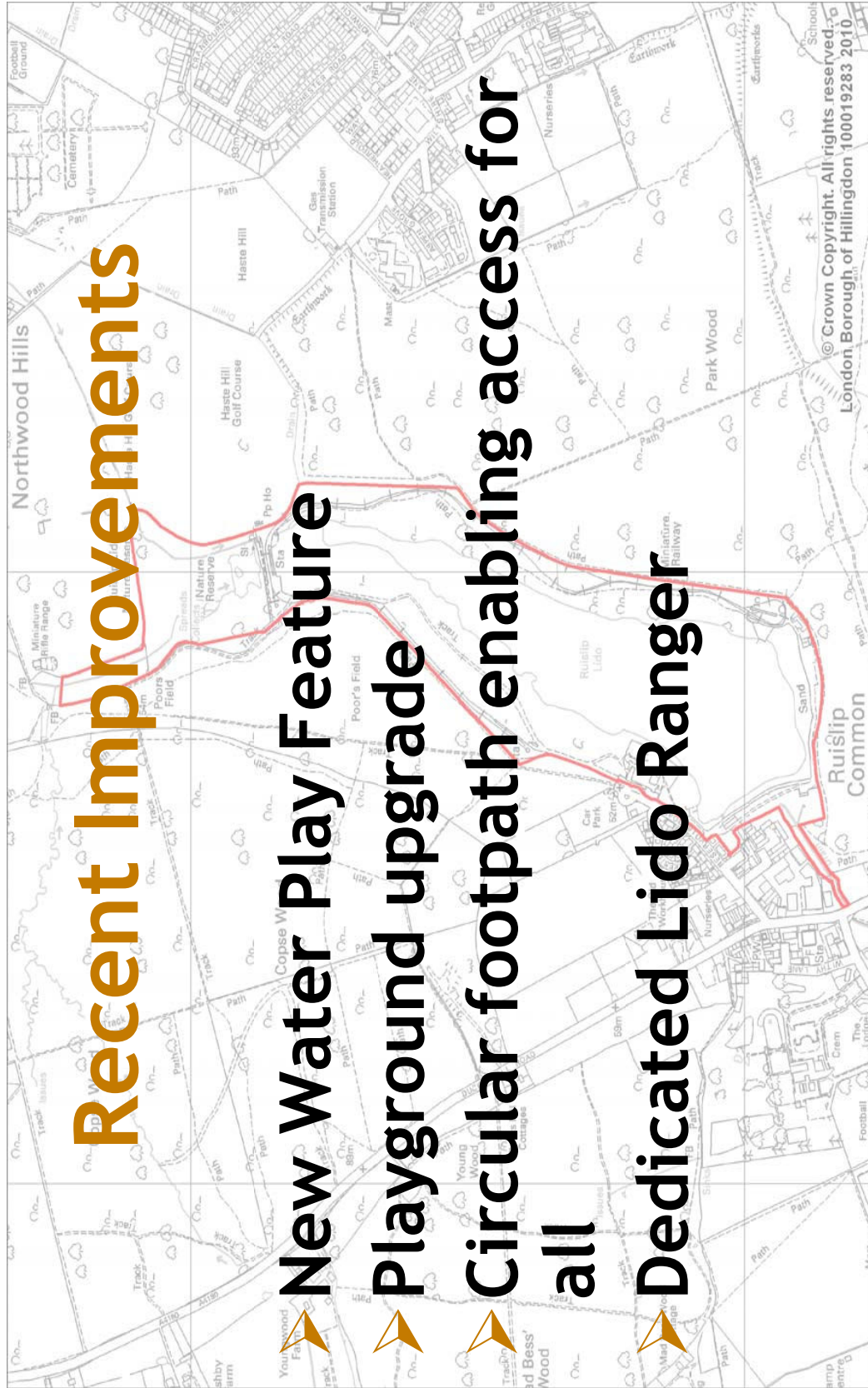


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# Recent Improvements

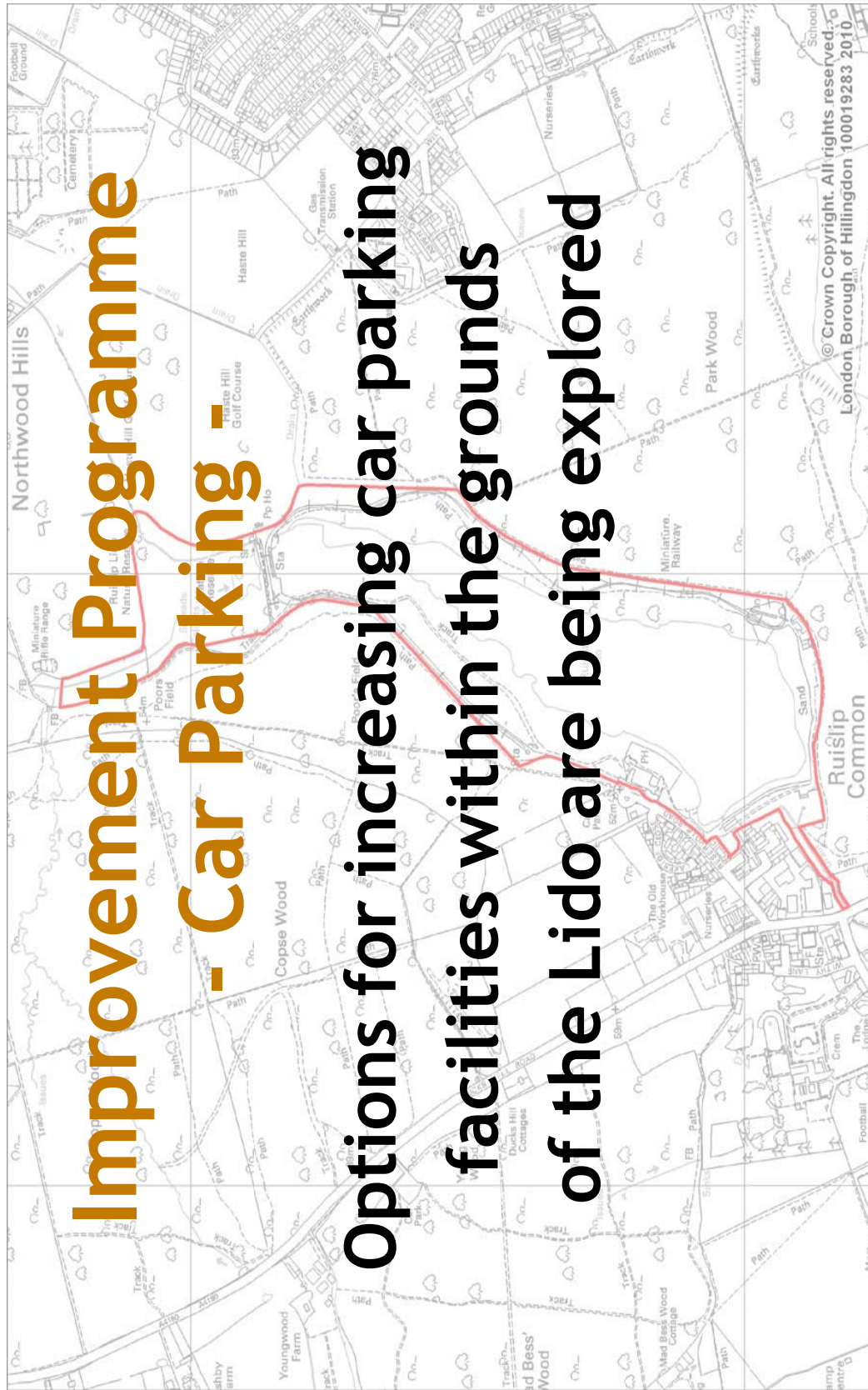
- New Water Play Feature
- Playground upgrade
- Circular footpath enabling access for all
- Dedicated Lido Ranger



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# Improvement Programme - Car Parking -

Options for increasing car parking  
facilities within the grounds  
of the Lido are being explored

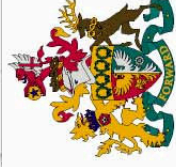


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# Improvement Programme - Water Level -

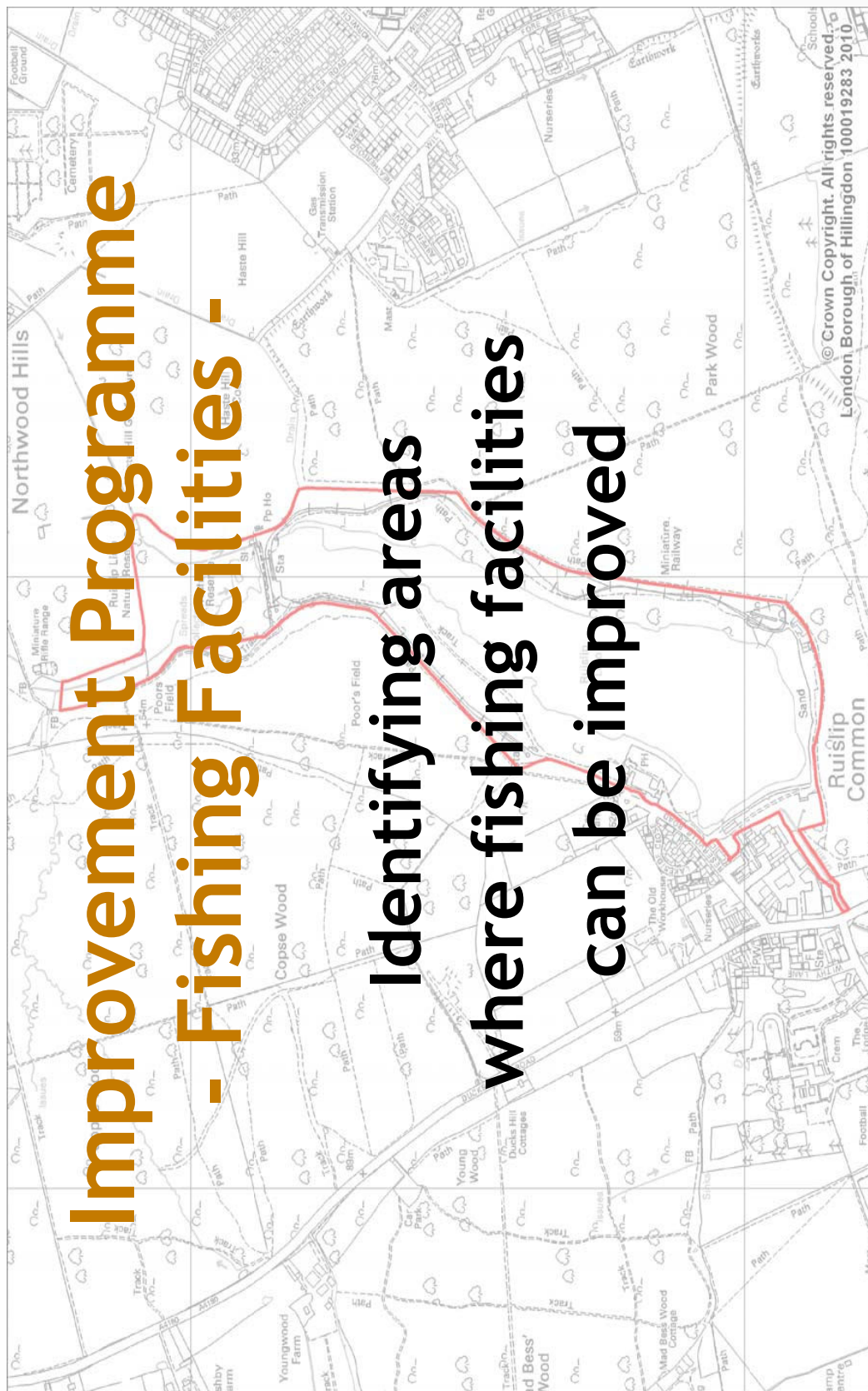
Investigations into  
raising and maintaining the  
water at a higher level than in  
previous years



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# Improvement Programme - Fishing Facilities -

Identifying areas  
where fishing facilities  
can be improved



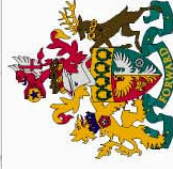
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# Improvement Programme

## - Toilets and Changing Rooms -

Substantial funding has been allocated to provide new/upgraded toilet and changing facilities by the beach area

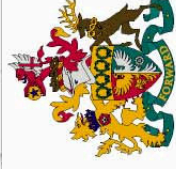


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# Improvement Programme

## - Swimming -

**The water quality at the Lido has improved and investigations are being undertaken to assess the viability of providing an outdoor swimming area**



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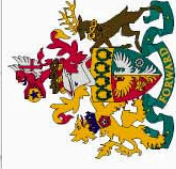
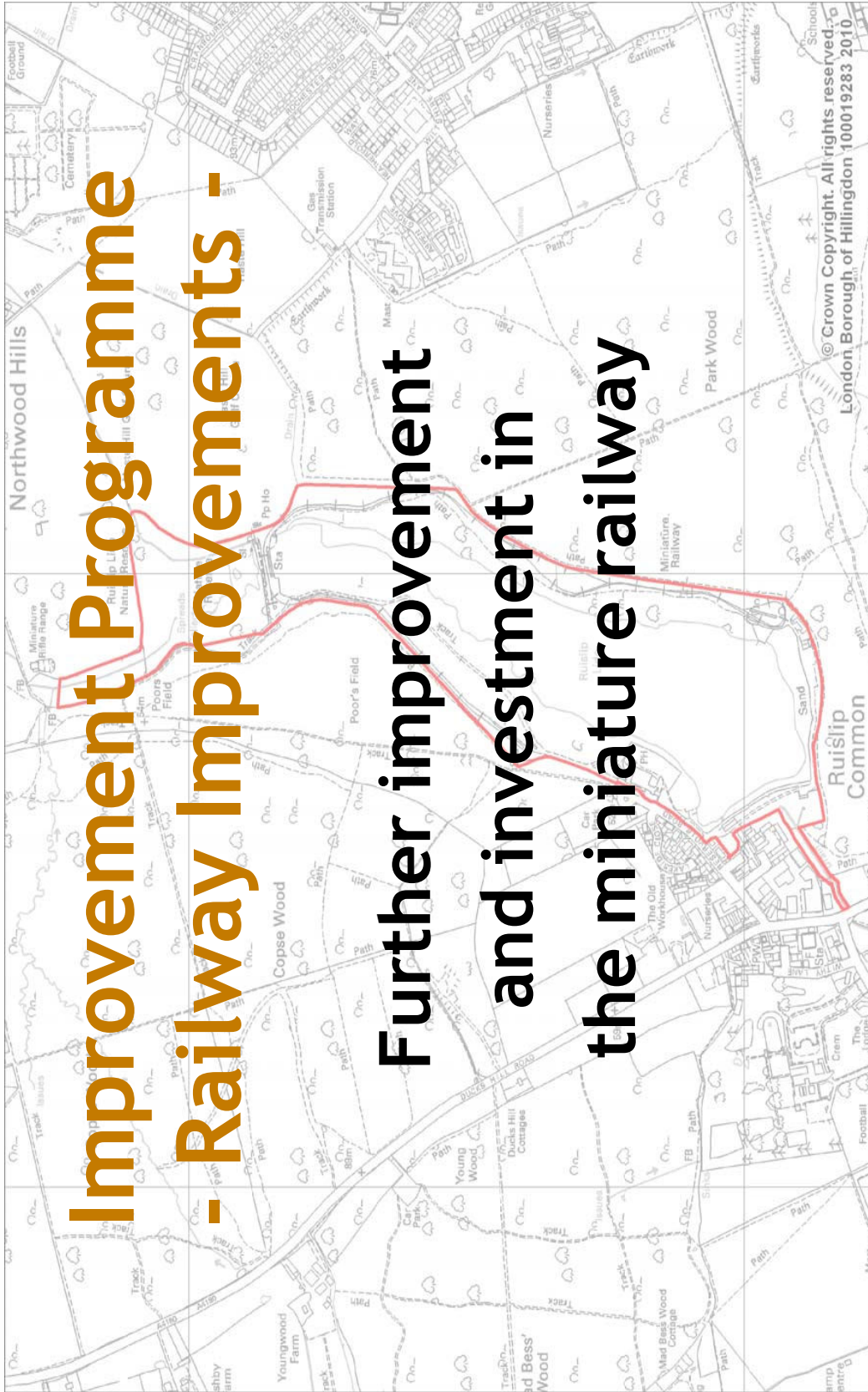
# Adult Boating

# Children's Paddle Boating



# Improvement Programme - Railway Improvements -

## Further improvement and investment in the miniature railway

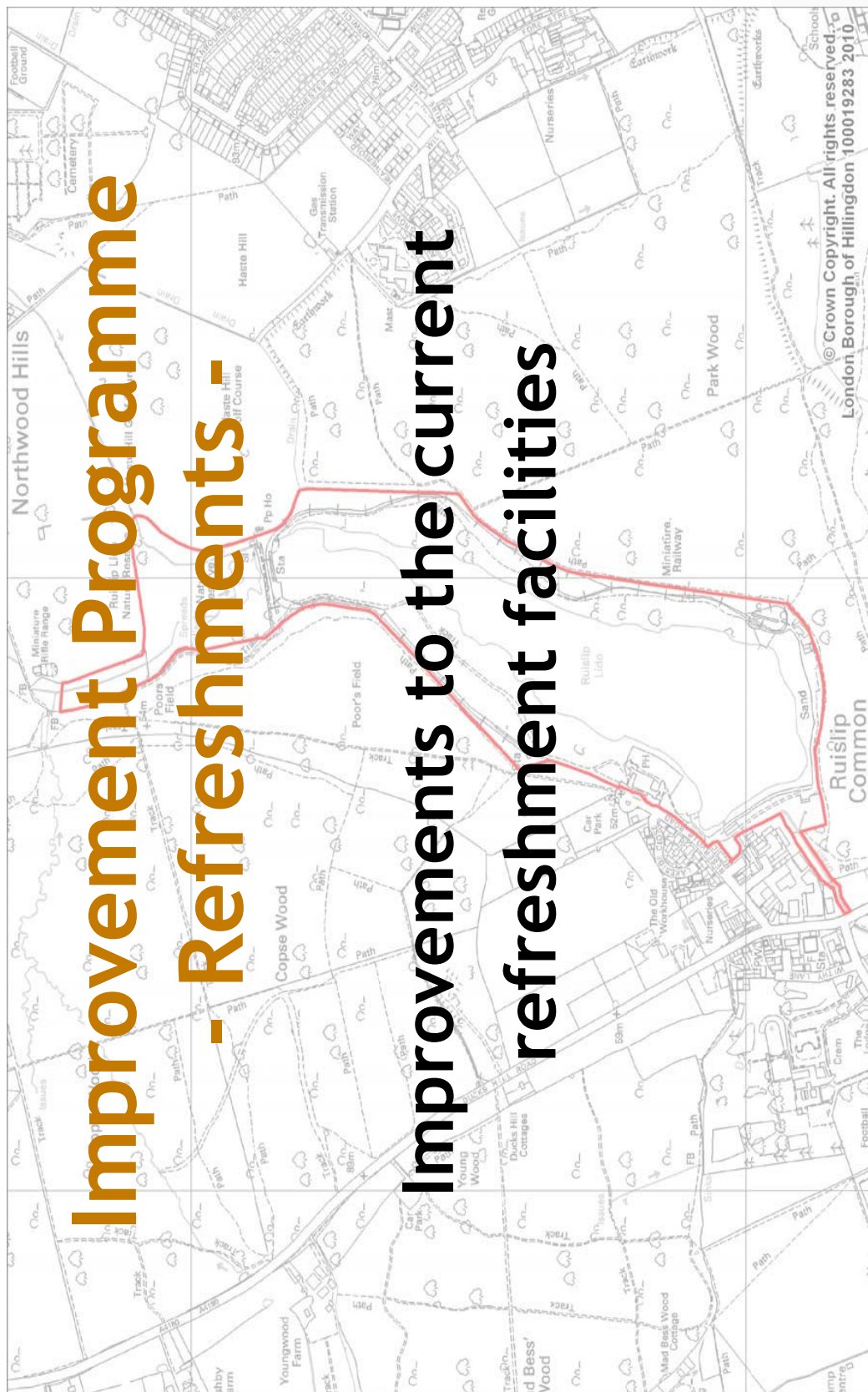


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# Improvement Programme - Refreshments -

## Improvements to the current refreshment facilities

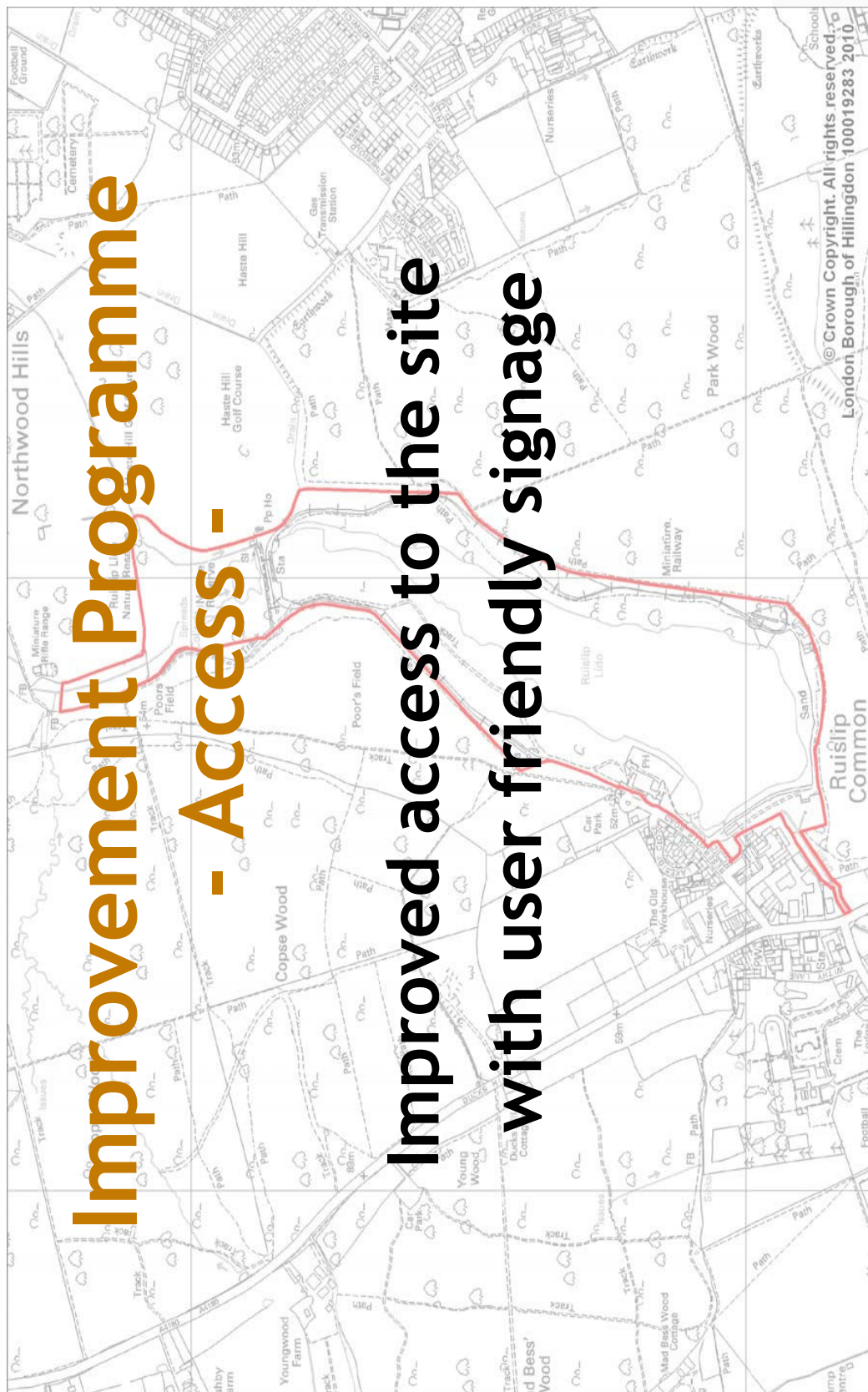


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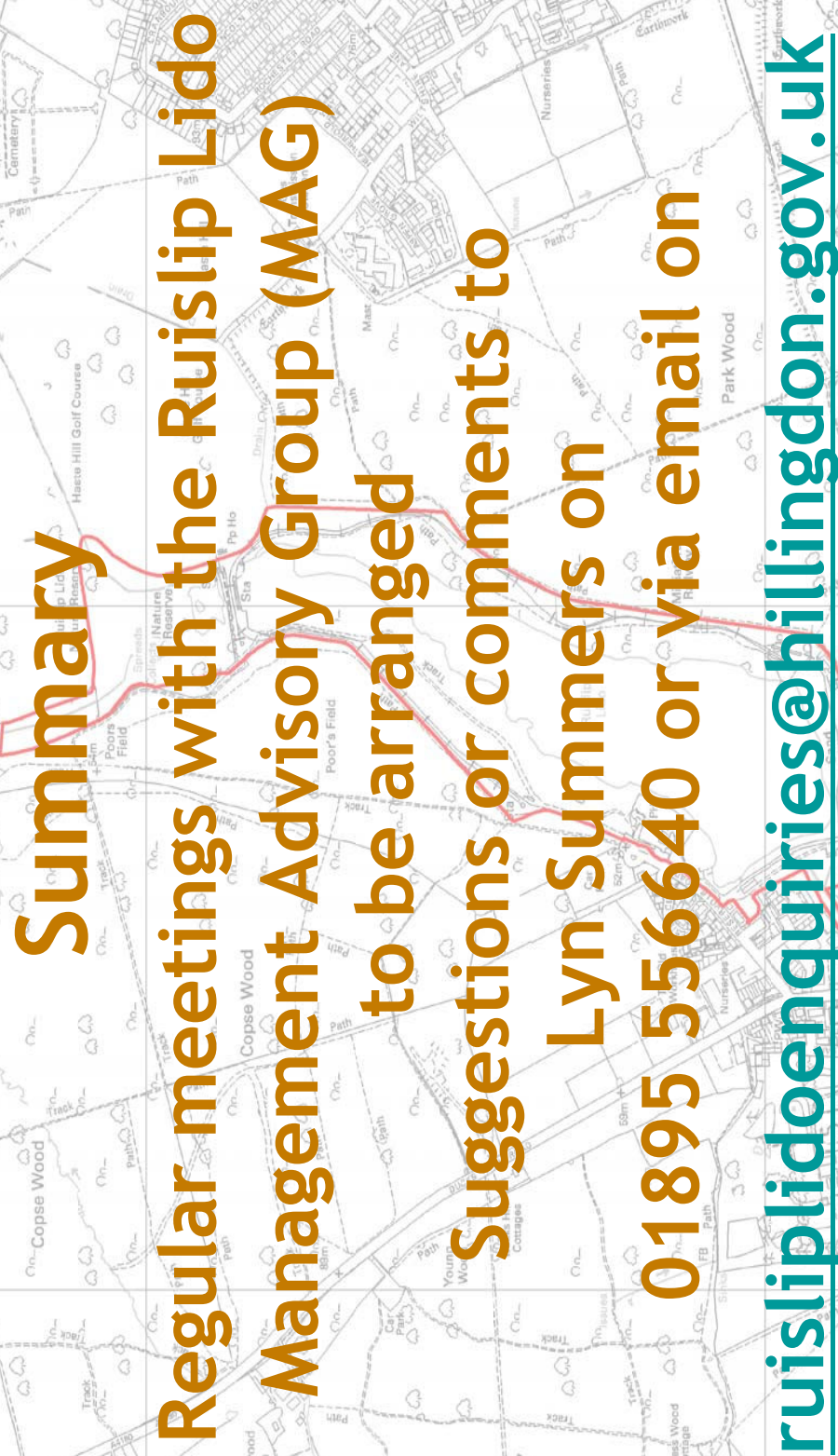
## - Access -

Improved access to the site  
with user friendly signage



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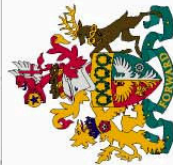


# Summary

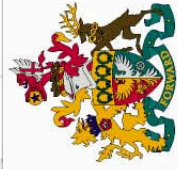
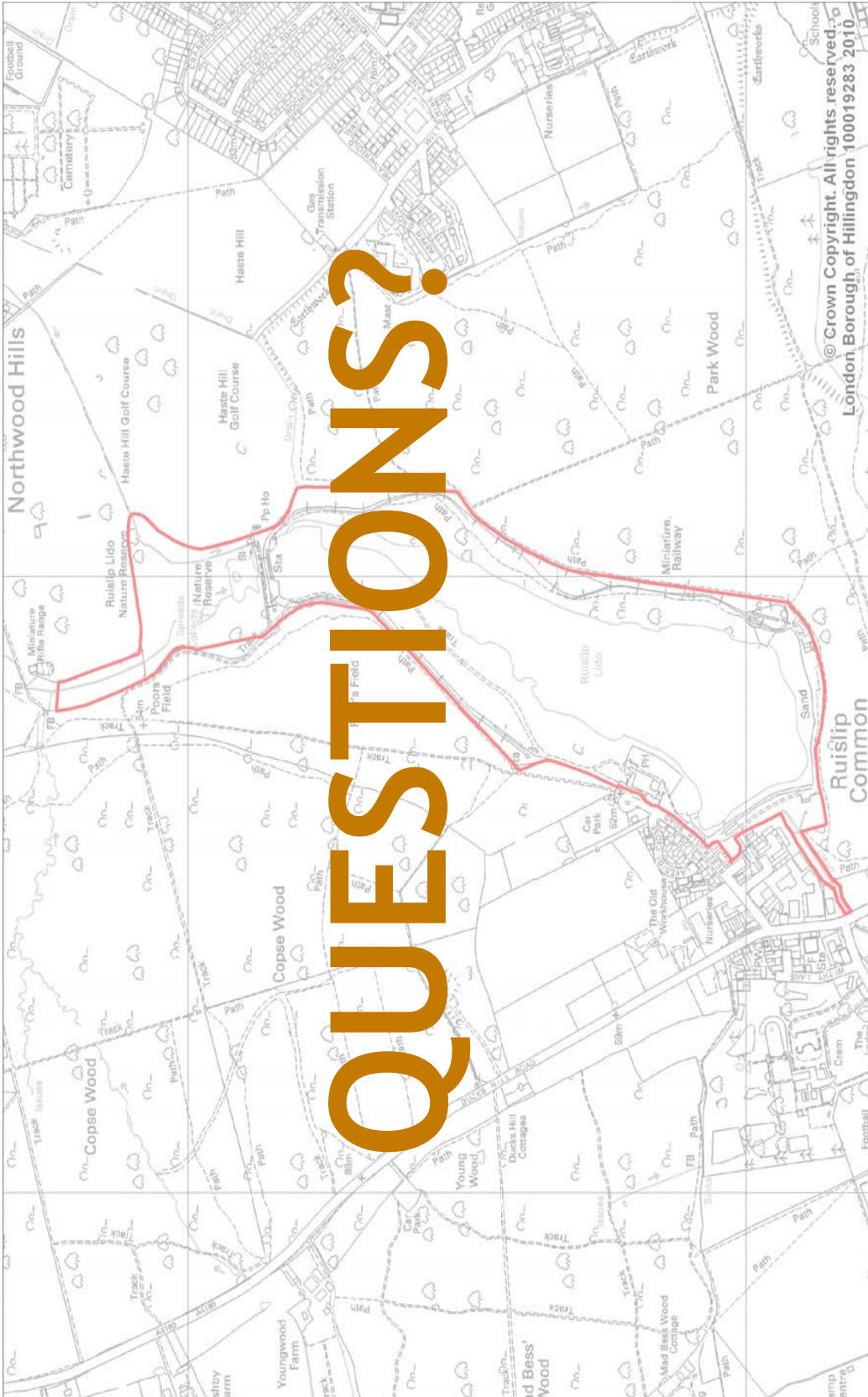
## Regular meetings with the Ruislip Lido Management Advisory Group (MAG)

### to be arranged

### Suggestions or comments to Lyn Summers on 01895 556640 or via email on [ruisliplidoenquiries@hillingdon.gov.uk](mailto:ruisliplidoenquiries@hillingdon.gov.uk)



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