

Woodlands Park, Woodlands Master Plan

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Committee: Development Control

Agenda Item

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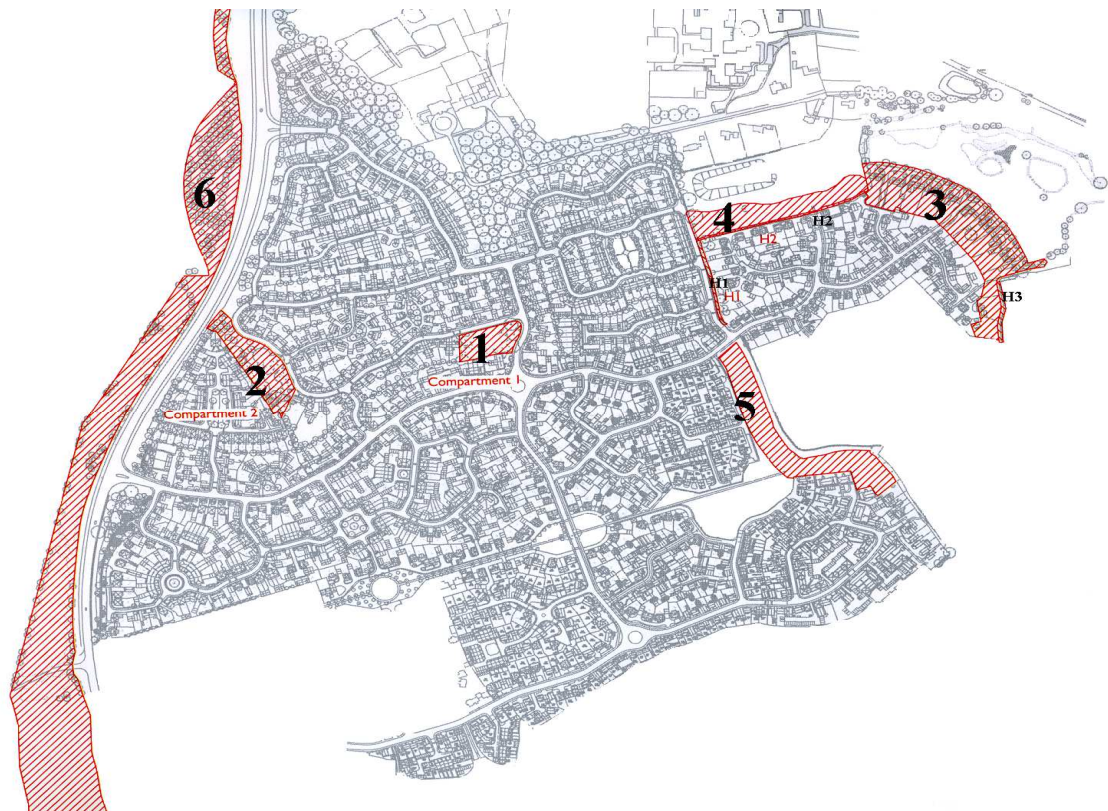
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Item for
decision

Introduction

1. This report seeks Members consideration of revised proposals for replacement planting of Compartments 3 & 4 as set out in the Woodlands Master Plan for the Woodlands Park development at Great Dunmow.



Assessment

2. Following Members' consideration of the planting proposals at their meeting on 22nd February 2006 revised proposals have been submitted for approval.
3. The previously proposed replacement of existing Poplar trees with Birch in Compartment 3 has been replaced with a scheme of mixed native tree planting comprising of English Oak, Common Hornbeam, Field Maple, Grey Alder, Bird Cherry, and Wild Cherry. In addition, new native hedging is proposed comprising of Field Maple, Common Hawthorn and Blackthorn. In total, 84 heavy stock trees are proposed to be planted, together with over 1200 native hedging plants.

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4. The woodland planting proposals for replacing the existing Poplar stand at Compartment 4 have been further developed. The woodland areas are proposed to be planted with a native woodland mixture comprising of Common Hornbeam, Field Maple, Hazel, Blackthorn, Goat Willow, Common Privet, Alder, Mountain Ash, Dogwood, Spindle, Common Buckthorn, Guelder Rose, Field Rose and Dog Rose. The total number of subjects to be planted is some 1000.
5. The revised planting proposals are considered to be appropriate. The provision of native woodland, individual tree and native hedgerow planting will be beneficial, both visually and ecologically. The implementation of the proposals would result in some 500m of new native hedgerow being planted, and approximately 7,500m² of new native rich woodland being created.

Recommendation

6. The revised planting proposals for Compartment 3 & 4 of the Woodland Management Plan be approved and the woodland and individual tree planting be made the subject of a tree preservation order.

Background Papers

'Amendments to the planting plans for compartments 3 & 4 as directed by the decision of the Planning Control Meeting on 22nd February 2006' Authors: Landscape Planning Group [dated 7th March 2006].

Impact

Communication/Consultation	See report
Community Safety	None
Equalities	None
Finance	None
Human Rights	None
Legal implications	None
Ward-specific impacts	Great Dunmow Wards
Workforce/Workplace	None

Situation

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Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
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