

MASTERPLAN PROPOSED UPDATE

Stakeholders involved in the Beddington project met in February to discuss any changes to the Beddington Farmlands masterplan and identify any elements that could be enhanced.

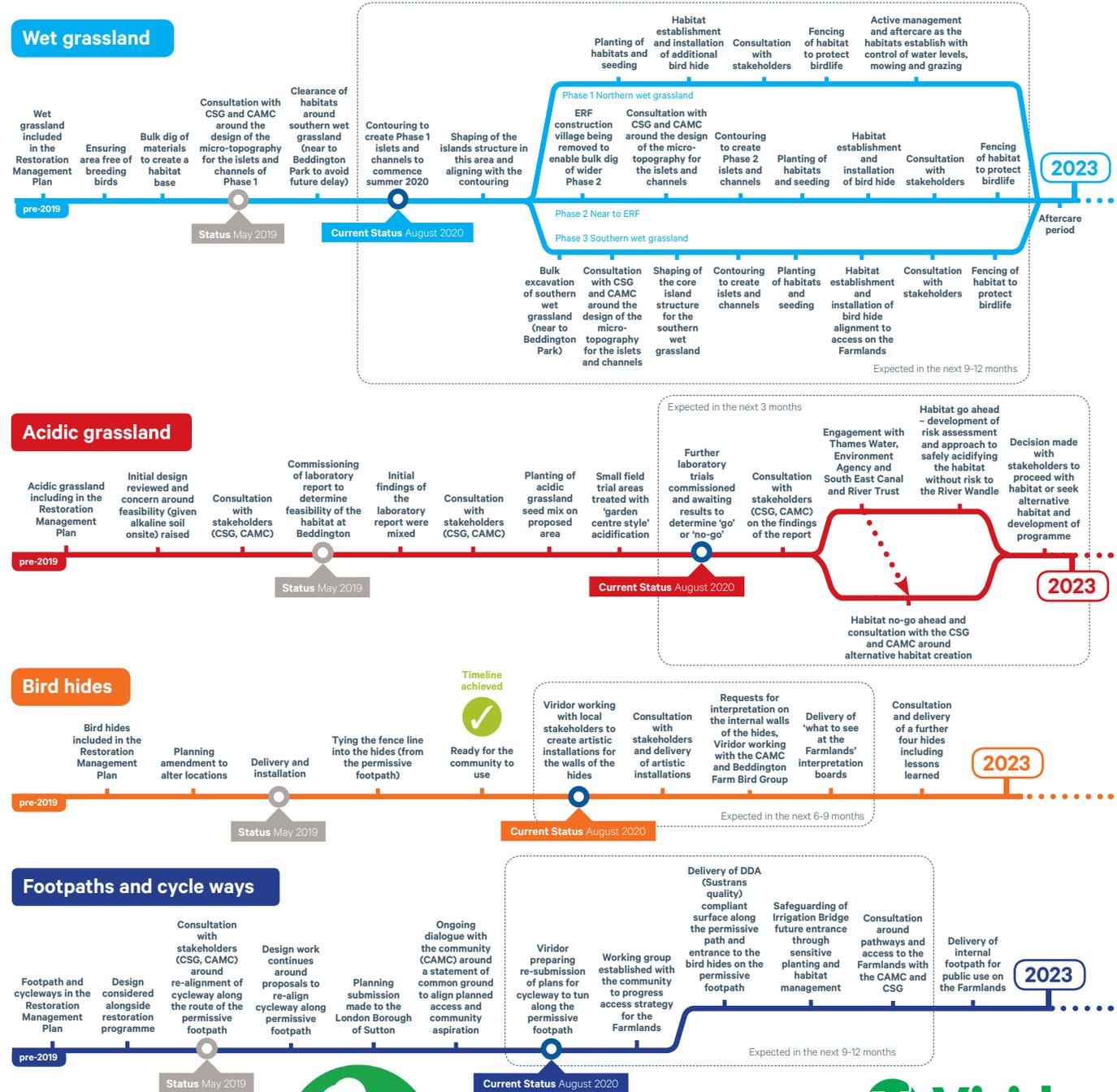


- The existing N/S Sustrans quality cycle path would be realigned along the existing permissive footpath. The bird hide surfaces would also be enhanced and a footpath link from the SW corner will enable access to the Farmlands footpaths via a mown path that will link into the network of mown paths across the site. We are exploring the possibility of surfacing the cycleway up to Mitcham with Thames Water.
- Viridor has completed the infill of the Thames Water lagoons 5 and 6 with soil. These lagoons have been safeguarded for future Thames Water expansion. Thames Water is formally resuming control of this land and exploring an interim habitat management scheme.
- Viridor is designing an additional wetland habitat for the area of landfill restoration near to the southern wet grassland. This would increase the size of suitable habitat and reduce the number of soil deliveries required to restore the landfill site.
- Following feedback from the local community Viridor is exploring the potential east/west access from Beddington lane near Asda and connecting

- into the permissive footpath.
- Viridor has started a trial of acidic grassland on the Beddington Farmlands in April 2020 and will monitor its effectiveness. Additional lab tests are ongoing to further assess the treatability, leachability and sustainability of acid grasslands.
- Water abstraction from the MEC Channel (flowing from Thames Water to the river Wandie) could augment the existing water flows across the site across all of the wetland areas including Hundred Acre (this would not affect the river Wandie). We are currently reviewing the water flows across the site to inform this work.
- Increasing the water flow across the northern portion of the site would enable Viridor to continue managing the historic sludge lagoons. Keeping them attractive to target wildlife.
- To support the ongoing habitat management across the Farmlands the hardstanding between the old landfill office and landfill gas engines would be retained as a farmyard for livestock handling and habitat management machinery storage.

Beddington Farmlands Restoration Roadmap

We are pleased to share an update to the 2019 restoration roadmap that shows the progress that has been made in the last 12 months on the Farmlands.



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