

**Beddington Farmlands Conservation and Access Management Committee meeting minutes  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August June 2020 14.00**

**Attendees, members of the CAMC:**

Cllr Tim Foster – Chair, London Borough of Sutton  
 Cllr Ben Andrew – Vice-Chair London Borough of Sutton  
 Cllr Jillian Green, London Borough of Sutton  
 Lysanne Horrox – Community Representative – Hackbridge and Beddington Corner NDG  
 Norman Jones - Community Representative - Hackbridge and Beddington Corner NDG  
 Derek Coleman – Community Representative – Conservation Science Group  
 Richard Aylard – Thames Water – Sustainability Director  
 Rosemary Waugh – Thames Water – Corporate Responsibility Manager  
 Dan Cooke – Viridor – Director of Sustainability  
 Adrian Frost – Viridor – Head of Major Projects

**Advisory panel:**

Marcus Kohler – MKA Ecology – Site Ecologist  
 Simon Latham – London Borough of Sutton - Strategic Director of Environment, Housing and Regeneration  
 Andy Webber – London Borough of Sutton - Head of Planning  
 David Warburton – London Borough of Sutton - Chair of Conservation Science Group  
 Charlie Owens – London Borough of Sutton – Beddington Farmlands Warden  
 Simon Chalcraft – London Borough of Sutton - Planning Enforcement  
 Andrew Turner - Madano, supporting Viridor

**Guest:**

David Mellor – ProLogis – Development Director

Item		Action
1.0	<b>Introductions &amp; Apologies</b>	
1.1	<p>Viridor welcomed members of the Conservation and Access Management Committee (CAMC) to a virtual video call. Cllr Foster welcomed attendees to the call.</p> <p>Andrew noted that a number of members of the CAMC shared their apologies ahead of the meeting:</p> <p>Mathew Frith Director of Conservation - London Wildlife Trust            Tom Sweeney – Community Representative – Beddington North Neighbourhood Forum</p> <p>It was discussed that the minutes of the last meeting would be uploaded to the Viridor website, members were in agreement that the minutes accurately reflected the previous meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew noted that he had submitted questions on behalf of the community ahead of the meeting. Andrew Turner confirmed that most of these points would be addressed throughout the meeting. However, the full list would be included in an appendix to these minutes.</p> <p>Andrew confirmed that Viridor had received copies of the Beddington Farm Bird Group reports for 2018 and 2019. These would be stored at the Beddington site and could be mailed out to members upon request.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p> <p><b>AT</b></p>

<b>2.0</b>	<b>Beddington Farmlands warden introduction</b>	
<b>2.1</b>	<p>David Warburton introduced Charlie Owens, as the newly appointed s.106 funded Beddington Farmlands warden, Charlie had been appointed by the London Borough of Sutton to support with the creation and management of habitats across the Farmlands.</p> <p>It was noted that Charlie would have his own office within the Beddington ERF administration office and would be based at Beddington. Charlie shared that he joined the London Borough of Sutton from the Walthamstow Wetlands and brings comparable experience to the Farmlands project.</p> <p>Charlie would be holding introductory meetings with key stakeholders as part of his induction process.</p>	
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Report on the COVID-recovery programme</b>	
<b>3.1</b>	Dan shared an update from Viridor since the last meeting to confirm that Viridor had been acquired by the American company KKR. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts (KKR) had bought Viridor from the FTSE listed Pennon Group. Dan continued to note that Viridor remained fully committed to delivering the Restoration Management Plan to create a network of habitats at Beddington alongside providing a vital service for the South London Waste Partnership through the ERF and its associated infrastructure.	<b>AT</b>
<b>3.2</b>	Dan noted that the KKR website was strongly focused on a commitment to supporting environmental and social companies to grow sustainably. There was a discussion around the ongoing commitment of Viridor and Dan responded that the Viridor Chief Financial Officer was due to visit the site in September.	
<b>3.3</b>	Simon Latham and Viridor's head of Landfill and Local Authority Contracts met in August to discuss progress on the Farmlands and the future programme of restoration activity. Simon noted that this was a very valuable meeting and he confirmed these meetings would continue to ensure progress was not lost.	
<b>3.4</b>	<p>There was a discussion around the Viridor 'COVID recovery programme', Dan confirmed that Viridor had continued to be impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak with members of the team not being able to travel and attend the site along with contractors not being available to work at Beddington.</p> <p>Dan confirmed that Viridor had developed a five-point COVID-19 recovery plan to support the delivery of the Beddington Farmlands. it was noted that this was expected to have timelines included, however Dan confirmed this plan was backed up by significant investment and focused on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Delivering the three wet grassland habitats across the Farmlands by the end of 2020</li> <li>● Getting to a resolution on the delivery of the acidic grassland habitat or agreeing an alternative</li> <li>● Investment and delivery of the Sustrans quality cycleway</li> <li>● The enhanced interim sludge management plans</li> <li>● Developing a strategy for delivering a lower level restoration of the landfill in the south eastern corner</li> </ul>	
<b>3.5</b>	Cllr Foster responded that a draft of the updated restoration roadmap was due to be presented at the meeting. Andrew shared a copy of the roadmap, explaining that this had	

	<p>been updated to support the community to engage with the project and to understand the progress being made. It was agreed that this draft roadmap would be shared with the CAMC members for feedback.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew and David confirmed this looked very helpful but would like to ensure that the progress made against the 2019 baseline was clear on the document to demonstrate the activity that had occurred. Andrew took this as an action.</p> <p>Andrew updated the members of the CAMC that the Roadmap would be hosted on the Viridor website and shared on social media along with it being printed and displayed in the bird hides along the permissive footpath.</p>	<b>AT</b>
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Cycleway project / permissive footpath</b>	
<p><b>4.1</b></p> <p><b>4.2</b></p> <p><b>4.3</b></p> <p><b>4.4</b></p> <p><b>4.5</b></p> <p><b>4.6</b></p>	<p>Andrew briefly summarised the current consented access elements of the Beddington Farmlands Restoration Management Plan around mown footpaths across the meadowland, a Sustrans quality footpath through the middle of the site and then the existing permissive footpath. It was noted that Viridor met with members of the community on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss the currently consented access to the Farmlands, but also to discuss and explore opportunities for wider access to the Farmlands.</p> <p>Viridor had submitted a planning variation to the London Borough of Sutton to move the Sustrans quality cycleway away from the landfill site and onto the route of the permissive footpath. Andrew confirmed that Viridor had planned to deliver the cycleway along the existing permissive footpath to reduce the potential for damage to the cycleway surface as the landfill ages and settled and also to remove the issue of where the cycleway would connect into Beddington Park. Viridor felt that by upgrading the current permissive footpath to a Sustrans quality cycleway this would improve the surface along with the access points to the bird hides for the community.</p> <p>David noted that the submission made to the planning authority lacked adequate detail around the impacts to the habitats on the permissive footpath and also around how these areas would be managed in the future. Simon Latham added that there had been a community petition launched around this submission and this did not influence the Planning Authorities position.</p> <p>It was discussed that Viridor met with members of the CAMC and community on 3<sup>rd</sup> July to discuss the key issues around relocating the cycleway to the permissive footpath and also to explore wider aspirations for access held by the community. The meeting was followed by the drafting of a statement of common ground to outline the areas of consented access, aspirational changes to the consented scheme and to help all stakeholders share a common understanding.</p> <p>Lysanne commented that the site visit to the Farmlands was very helpful to understand the wider issues, however it was disappointing that Viridor did not withdraw the planning submission until the London Borough of Sutton requested. Lysanne also noted that the statement of common ground was confusing.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew confirmed that he was in favour of relocating the cycleway to the route of the permissive path in principle, however on behalf of his community wanted to be very clear that any changes to the permissive footpath would not negatively impact the overall access to the Farmlands – by sacrificing a suitable permissive footpath.</p>	

4.7	<p>It was clarified that Viridor withdrew its planning submission to vary the consented cycleway route away from the Farmlands and onto the permissive footpath. Following feedback from the London Borough of Sutton, Viridor would now need to submit a detailed design including consideration of ecological and biodiversity impacts to the existing permissive footpath as part of a re-submission.</p> <p>Adrian noted for the group that he had now surveyed the route of the permissive footpath, and was preparing a fresh submission for the London Borough of Sutton including liaising with Sustrans to check their guidance. David confirmed that he was concerned around the pinch points that occur along the route of the permissive footpath and the impact to the habitats that may need to be removed to install the Sustrans quality cycleway.</p>	AF
4.8	<p>It was agreed that Viridor would continue to progress its revised design scheme for the cycleway on the Permissive footpath alongside Cllr Foster suggesting a working group to oversee an access strategy for the Farmlands.</p>	
5.0	<p><b>Public access strategy for the Farmlands</b></p>	
5.1	<p>Cllr Foster noted that public access to the Farmlands continued to be a core issue of concern and interest, and it is critical that members of the community are involved with the development of future access. Cllr Foster confirmed that the project would be best served by establishing a separate working group to support Viridor in establishing the best possible access for the Beddington Farmlands. This was seconded by the group.</p>	AT/Cllr BA
5.2	<p>Following a discussion, it was agreed that Viridor would establish a working group to support the development of the access strategy for the Farmlands. Initial members of the group would include Cllr Andrew, Lysanne Horrox, Norman Jones, Tom Sweeney, David Warburton, Charlie Owens and Adrian Frost.</p>	
5.3	<p>Andrew noted that once this meeting took place, members could review and suggest if it was felt any segments of the community felt underrepresented. Andrew took the action to arrange the first meeting of the working group.</p>	
6.0	<p><b>Acidic grassland habitat update</b></p>	
6.1	<p>Adrian confirmed that Viridor was expecting to receive the final report from its consultants summarising the deliverability of the acidic grassland at Beddington ahead of the CAMC meeting. It was noted that due to a failure in the laboratory and also the ongoing impact of COVID-19 this report was not ready to be shared with the CAMC.</p>	
6.2	<p>David Warburton and Cllr Andrew noted that this was disappointing. There was a discussion around the ongoing delays to the report to determine the deliverability of the acidic grassland. Dan confirmed that Viridor were engaged in understanding the full impact of creating this habitat on the surrounding environment, the cost impacts and sustainability considerations in the medium-long term.</p>	
6.3	<p>Adrian confirmed that following the laboratory trials, Viridor's consultant had shared an update demonstrating that the acidification of samples of soil from Beddington found that the variability in the soil composition saw some samples being acidified to a much greater extent than required and some areas there was only a marginal change from one dose of</p>	

<p>6.4</p> <p>6.5</p> <p>6.6</p> <p>6.7</p>	<p>acidification. Adrian continued that this raised concerns around the potential leaching of chemicals into the River Wandle.</p> <p>Richard confirmed that as landowners of the Beddington Farmlands this was of great concern and that the Environment Agency and South East and Rivers Trust would need to be consulted on the potential impacts of this acidification. It was agreed that Viridor would share the consultant's report with the CSG and CAMC once it was ready before engaging with the Environment Agency.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the potential alternatives should creating an acidic grassland is not sustainable at Beddington. It was noted that there were pockets of acidic grassland on Mitcham Common and in the Borough and a contribution to supporting these habitats might be considered as mitigation.</p> <p>Derek represented strongly that this was not favourable, given that the acidic grassland was designed to be a habitat scheme to mitigate for the landfilling and ERF construction. It was agreed that onsite habitat creation should be a priority. Marcus noted that wetland habitat would be most favourable for the Beddington site.</p> <p>Cllr Andrew added that he would like assurances, on behalf of the community that further delays would not happen and that Viridor would share the final report ahead of the next CAMC meeting.</p>	<p>AF/AT</p> <p>AF</p>
<p>7.0</p>	<p><b>Wet grassland habitat update</b></p>	
<p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p> <p>7.6</p> <p>7.7</p>	<p>Adrian confirmed that since the last meeting progress had been made on the phase one wet grassland (located north of the pylons and visible from the permissive footpath). Viridor had appointed Roger Wardle, a highly experienced ecologist who had designed hundreds of acres of similar habitat in England, to develop the micro-topography of the wet grassland and to seed the habitat in August.</p> <p>The ERF construction carpark was now being removed and Adrian would mobilise a contractor to remove this 'bulk dig' material ahead of Roger Wardle also shaping the microtopography for this habitat in 2020.</p> <p>Viridor was working with its contractors to also complete the southern wet grassland habitat (adjoining Beddington Park). Viridor had removed the reed beds near to this habitat to prevent breeding birds delaying this work this summer.</p> <p>There was a discussion around the movement of groundwater across the Beddington site. Adrian noted that the Beddington Farmlands experienced wide variation between very dry periods and very wet periods for the habitats. Adrian also confirmed that when the wet grasslands were designed, Thames Water was pumping significant quantities of sludge across the Farmlands.</p> <p>Viridor had commissioned consultants to review the water usage across the habitats and it was noted that the wet grassland habitats would require substantial additional irrigation to sustain the habitats appropriately. It was noted that water would also be required to keep the historic sludge bed habitats suitable for lapwing.</p> <p>Adrian confirmed that Viridor was engaging with Thames Water to discuss the longer-term management of water across the site. Richard sought to understand the volumes of the water that may be required, and that any solution would need the support of the</p>	

7.8	<p>Environment Agency by demonstrating that any abstraction would not impact the River Wandle.</p> <p>Andrew invited David Mellor to share an update from ProLogis, David confirmed that ProLogis were progressing the development of a distribution centre co-located to the Beddington ERF. As part of this work the Pongo Park was to be transformed into a series of wetland habitat ponds. David noted that ProLogis had been liaising with David Warburton for a number of years to refine the designs of the habitat and to enhance elements that could be improved. David confirmed that there were concerns around the retention of water on the site, David cited that ProLogis were lining the wetland ponds, but also noted that water extracted from the Main Effluent Carrier might also support these habitats.</p> <p>Richard confirmed that Thames Water would set up a meeting with their specialist hydrology consultants, Aquatic Engineering, with ProLogis and Viridor to progress a holistic water management plan for the site.</p>	<p><b>RA/D M/AF</b></p> <p><b>RA</b></p>
8.0	<p><b>The bird hides and permissive footpath</b></p>	
8.1	<p>Andrew updated the members of the CAMC that following the increased use of the permissive footpath during the COVID-19 lockdown a number of the bird hides were covered in graffiti. It was noted that Viridor had covered over the graffiti and was engaging with members of the Beddington Farm Bird Group and Hackbridge and Beddington Corner Neighbourhood Development Group around the potential for a community art installation to be designed and placed in the bird hides to deter future graffiti.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p>
8.2	<p>Cllr Andrew commented that he appreciated the action to cover over the graffiti markings on the bird hides, however there were two areas where the painting had not been covered over. Andrew confirmed that this would be addressed and covered over in the coming weeks ahead of the next meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that members of the Beddington Farm Bird Group had not been supportive of this idea, however Viridor had now opened dialogue with a local artist to continue this project. Andrew took the action to bring an update to the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>AT</b></p>
8.3	<p>There was a discussion around the installation of interpretation boards within the bird hides along the permissive footpath to support members of the community to learn more about the habitats and wildlife of the Farmlands. David Warburton noted that this would be an excellent project for Charlie to become involved in. Andrew confirmed that this action had been carried from previous meetings and it was agreed Charlie and Derek would progress the interpretation boards.</p>	<p><b>CO/DC</b></p>
8.4	<p>Cllr Andrew noted that a member of the community had raised the issue of rough sleeping on the permissive footpath and the appearance of tents along with pathway. Andrew confirmed that Viridor's team monitor the permissive footpath and encourage suspected rough sleepers to move on and seek support when it is safe to do so. Dan added that often these individuals may stay for a number of days and then move along. Derek shared experience from the nearby Wilderness Island nature reserve and that local charities often will come out to visit the individuals to offer support. Derek confirmed he would share the London Wildlife Trust policy statement and Viridor would review this with Beddington's policy.</p>	<p><b>DC/AT</b></p>

8.5	There was a discussion related to the rough sleeping individuals and litter along the permissive footpath. Andrew confirmed that the Viridor team at Beddington now changes the litter bins on a weekly basis at Beddington.	
9.0	<b>Wildlife on the Farmlands – management of the sludge and lake habitats</b>	
9.1	There was a discussion around the management of the lake habitats and historic sludge lagoons. Andrew noted that at the last meeting there was social media coverage of a fox appearing to swim across to the islands on the northern lake and predated on the lapwing. Since the last meeting, Viridor had prepared a management plan for the lake habitats and this had been submitted to David Warburton for comment. David confirmed that the document was a list of immediate actions, rather than a formal management plan and further information would need to be supplied to the next CSG for review and discussion.	AF
9.2	It was noted that previously, foxes at Beddington were able to use the open landfill site for scavenging, however since its closure a number of foxes were adopting learned behaviours to swim across to the islands in search of food. There was a short discussion around the management of the foxes and it was agreed that Viridor would seek advice from the Walthamstow Wetlands visit.	
9.3	Andrew updated the CAMC that the recent dry weather had seen the historic sludge drying beds and wet grasslands start to dry out. It was confirmed that Viridor was obliged to continue to manage the historic sludge drying beds until the wet grassland habitats were established. To respond to the changing conditions of the sludge beds, Viridor has now hired a contractor to turn the sludge beds in Hundred Acre and oversee the pumping of water from the Main Effluent Carrier and northern lake to continue to keep these habitats wet.	
9.4	It was confirmed that this habitat was critical to support the population of lapwing at Beddington and Thames Water would collaborate with Viridor to develop a longer-term management plan for these habitats with a more formal arrangement.	
10.0	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
10.1	David Warburton made a point to confirm that the progress at the Farmlands was promising, but did seek Viridor to clarify that additional key resources would be available to Adrian Frost and his team to deliver the Farmlands restoration. David noted that in the past there had been delays as a result of limited resources and financial constraints at Viridor. David also noted that during the procurement process there is the potential for additional delays to the process.	SL
10.2	Dan Cooke updated the group that Viridor had invited a delegation from the London Borough of Sutton to visit the Walthamstow Wetlands to meet with the local council, Thames Water and the London Wildlife Trust to learn about the project and transferrable learnings between the Beddington and Walthamstow projects. Simon Latham noted that the London Borough of Sutton would confirm their delegation in the coming weeks.	
11.0	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
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	<p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed at 15<sup>th</sup> October at 14.00, there was a short discussion around the format of the meeting.</p> <p>It was agreed that Viridor would continue to observe Government guidance for meetings in person. At the time of the meeting it was agreed that the meeting would be held on a free-to-join video-conferencing platform.</p>	<b>AT</b>
<b>12.0</b>	<b>Appendix 1</b>	
<b>12.1</b>	<p><b>Questions submitted by the community ahead of the CAMC</b></p> <p>Viridor is aware of the stakeholders asking these questions through Cllr Ben Andrew ahead of the CAMC in August, much of this will be captured at the CAMC meeting, however Viridor's responses are in <b>Red</b>.</p> <p><b>Paths</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Residents and Councillors really appreciate Viridor withdrawing the planned alterations to the access arrangements through the Farmlands, so that we can have more time to look at alternative options. Can Viridor give an update on what they see the next steps as being?</li> </ol> <p style="color: red;">Viridor is currently reviewing the situation and has sought feedback from the London Borough of Sutton. At this time, Viridor has a consented scheme to deliver a cycle way across the Farmlands and connecting into Beddington Park. Following an internal review, if Viridor proceed with the relocated cycle way Viridor will be required to submit a detailed design of the cycleway including mitigation to the habitats.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. 1200 people have signed a petition in two weeks asking Viridor to ensure that both paths are up to a high-quality cycle path standard. How can we work together to try to achieve this for residents and what commitments can be given?</li> </ol> <p style="color: red;">Viridor is required to deliver one Sustrans quality cycleway across the Farmlands running north/south, with mown permissive footpaths across the meadowland. The existing permissive footpath outside of the Farmlands site is also consented to be an unmade pathway. Following feedback from the local community, Viridor has worked to upgrade the quality of the permissive footpath to improve its resilience during wet weather. One of the reasons for exploring the relocation of the cycle way to the route of the permissive footpath was to greatly enhance the surface of this highly desirable access point to the Farmlands.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Stones sticking up in the dirt paths are currently a trip hazard. Can these trip hazards be temporarily addressed ahead of any long-term solution for the paths?</li> </ol> <p style="color: red;">The Beddington team regularly walk along the permissive footpath to identify any hazards that appear, if the community are able to identify the locations of stones sticking up we can assess and rectify the issues. Photos taken on a smartphone and emailed to <a href="mailto:Beddingtonfarmlands@viridor.co.uk">Beddingtonfarmlands@viridor.co.uk</a> is a highly effective way to report and flag issues.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. How will new and current paths be environmentally friendly and permeable to avoid water running off.</li> </ol> <p style="color: red;">The consented Sustrans quality cycle way includes its own drainage scheme to ensure the cycleway sheds water appropriately to protect the users and the surrounding ecology. Further information is included under Appendix 6 of the Restoration Management Plan located on the Viridor website. The wider Farmlands mown paths and permissive footpath and will naturally drain into the surrounding habitats when the paths are created.</p>	

### **Bird Hides**

5. Can Viridor provide an update on when they are going to complete the graffiti removal on bird hide 2? Despite the graffiti being cleaned it can still be seen due to the different colouration of the metal.

Viridor responded to the graffiti damage by covering over the painting, and is now in liaison with a local artist and members of the community around the potential to install community based artwork into the bird hides.

6. How can they be improved to make them more accessible? Could this include a hole at "child height" and removal of the stones?

As part of the proposed enhancements to the permissive footpath and realigning the cycle way along this route the access and floors of the hides would be replaced with a Sustrans quality flooring material. Viridor would be delighted to meet with members of the community to review adding additional viewing ports at different levels to support members of the community to engage with the bird hides. Viridor met with members of the CAMC and the community in 2019 to consult on additional viewing points and changes were made to the northern most bird hide following this meeting.

7. Can there be interpretation boards at the bird hides as well?

Viridor was working with members of the Beddington Farm Bird Group to create a series of interpretation boards, and Viridor will liaise with the newly appointed Beddington Farmlands warden to deliver interpretation materials for the bird hides.

### **Acid Grasslands**

8. Will Viridor be able to deliver the acid grassland habitat? If not, what are the alternatives?

Viridor is currently awaiting a finalised report from specialist geotechnical consultations following extensive laboratory trials around the acidic grassland habitats. These studies have examined the feasibility, sustainability and methods in which to successfully deliver the acidic grassland without impacting upon the surrounding environment and river Wandle.

### **Protecting wildlife**

9. What action is being taken to protect lapwing and other target species whose numbers on site are dwindling?

Viridor is actively engaged in ensuring that the historic sludge bed habitats are maintained to support the key target species at the Farmlands. The Conservation Science Group works with Viridor to advise and oversee the creation of habitat management plans for each habitat across the Farmlands. Viridor welcomes the appointment of the dedicated Farmlands warden to support in this process.

10. What steps have been taken to prevent predators - i.e. foxes - continuing to disrupt target species?

The Conservation Science Group meet quarterly to bring together technical, subject matter experts, the London Borough of Sutton and Viridor to discuss the core issues around the site including the management of wildlife. Foxes are part of the Beddington Farmlands ecology landscape and previously were active on the landfill site, since this closed, they have been forced to find other food sources. The wet grasslands, once constructed, will have a 'predator deterrent fence' similar to other nature reserves to attempt to prevent foxes and other predators accessing the sensitive habitats.

**Mile Road Bridge path**

11. Can Viridor confirm where their responsibility for maintenance and litter collection ends on the Hackbridge Mile Road bridge?

Viridor's lease at the Beddington Farmlands includes the permissive footpath on western edge of the Farmlands but does not extend over the Network Rail bridge. Viridor's area of management stops at the foot of the bridge.

12. Who is managing the path up over Mile Road Bridge it is overgrown with brambles and stingers?

The Network Rail bridge falls outside of the Viridor area of management, Viridor is responsible for management of the vegetation on the bridge.

**SDEN Replanting**

13. Can Viridor provide a detailed, up to date re-planting plan for the SDEN 800+ whip re-purchase following the meeting with Sutton Council reps in Sept 2019? What was planted in March this year and where?

Viridor shares a monthly report with the members of the CAMC and the London Borough of Sutton detailing the work undertaken on the Farmlands. The June version includes a map of the SDEN pipeline planting scheme and details the numbers of trees planted in each section. Viridor purchased the same stock as the original planting phase and replenished the trees that had failed (through natural losses, and the hot weather). A number of the oak standards particularly in area 7 were not replaced during 2020. There were a number of left over trees that were dispersed around the site, including the northern lake boundary. Given the exceptionally hot weather, Viridor has attempted to water the trees on a more regular schedule but it is likely there will be further losses. It would be suggested that this tree management could be combined with the habitat management along the new cycle way if this was located on the permissive footpath.

14. Can Viridor provide an explanation for the lack of care and attention to tuft grass and wildflower SDEN restoration and to provide information as to when a second attempt will be made. If the Sutton Biodiversity has provided instruction/guidance on what is to be done, can Viridor provide details to the community?

The meadowland associated with the SDEN planting scheme will receive further remediation and planting in 2020, the section of meadow was seeded, but public trampling and poor weed management have resulted in an unsuccessful establishment. This habitat may be impacted by the proposal to relocated the cycle way along the permissive footpath and will be managed alongside this work.