

# FAIRLOP WATERS

**There has been a lot of press lately about the “doubling” in size of Fairlop Waters, so we think it is important that the public are given the facts.**

Fairlop Waters is a part of the Fairlop Plain which is an area of Special Interest for Nature Conservation known as SINC. Although this is a conservation area the truth is that SINC offers very little protection against development. Green Belt protection does but we need more environmental protection. Fairlop Waters has had gravel extracted since the 1960's. Fairlop Waters Golf course was the first section to be quarried. The map overleaf shows the sections of Fairlop Waters marked as A, B, C, D, E and F which are subject to gravel extraction.

Each section of the gravel extracted has a restoration plan which is in line with it being SINC designated and this has been happening for over 60 years. Each section of the Fairlop Plain will have gravel extracted and then will be restored to its previous use which is agriculture, nature, green space and recreation.

Gravel extraction at Area D of Fairlop Waters Country Park was completed around 3 years ago and returned to the Fairlop Plain. Areas F is almost finished and area E has not started to have any gravel exacted. Completion of Area E could take 15 years to complete. As you can see Fairlop Waters is not being “expanded”. What is happening is part of a long-term restoration plan.

**“Doubling the size of Fairlop Waters” may be a good publicity stunt but the truth is that there is no extension, no addition and no doubling in size.**

Back in 2019 Redbridge Council had plans for a massive commercial development on 162 acres of land on the Fairlop Plain between Fairlop Waters and Hainault Country Park. We believe that the Fairlop Plain must be protected at all costs and overleaf we explain how. If you wish to discuss this matter further or wish to have further clarification please contact Sevenways House on **020 8551 4333**.



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# ***FAIRLOP WATERS IS NOT GETTING BIGGER***



## ***QUESTION – WHAT SHOULD REDBRIDGE COUNCIL BE DOING TO PROTECT FAIRLOP WATERS AND THE FAIRLOP PLAIN?***

***ANSWER - What the Council should be doing is ratifying Fairlop Plain's status as a Site of Metropolitan Importance (SMI) as recommended by the GLA in 2016.***

## ***QUESTION – WHY HAVE THE COUNCIL NOT DONE THIS?***

***ANSWER - The answer may be that Redbridge Labour Administration may have plans for another commercial development.***