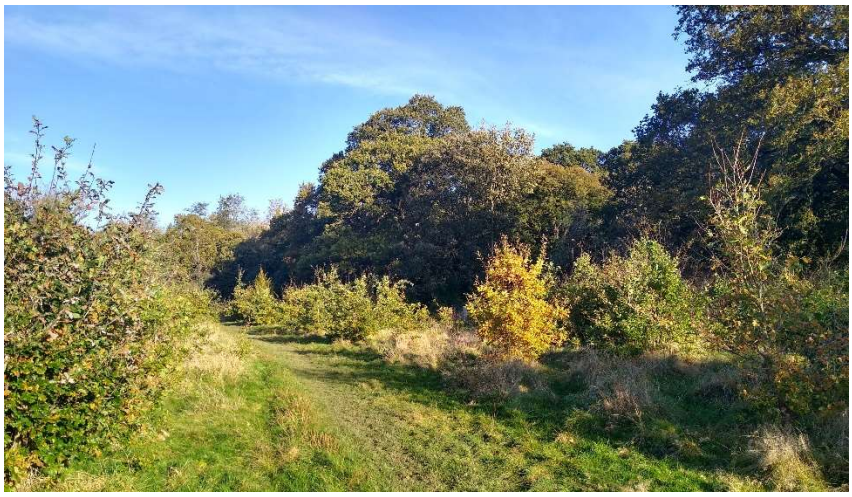
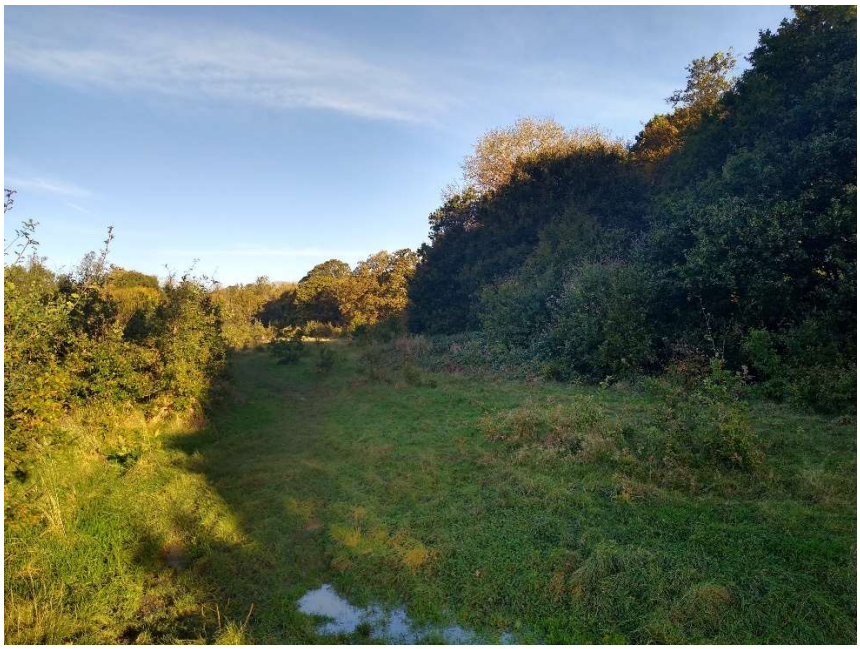
"• Riparian habitats will be bolstered by the introduction of scrub and grassland communities along the length of the waterway and broadleaved woodland planting"

"The proposal includes a scheme of re-wilding including tree planting of an area of circa 11.13 hectares of the riparian (waterside) habitat around Cuffley Brook."



This is the area for rewilding. Note the many young trees growing there and the line of well established mature trees that follow the line of Cuffley Brook



Same area – the mature trees line Cuffley Brook to the right and to the left we have hundreds of younger trees with open areas of grasses and wildflowers.

The drainage does need some attention if the footpaths are to be usable throughout the year

The area on both sides of Cuffley Brook has been rewilding naturally for decades and many of the trees along the Brook are well over a hundred years old, several much older than that.

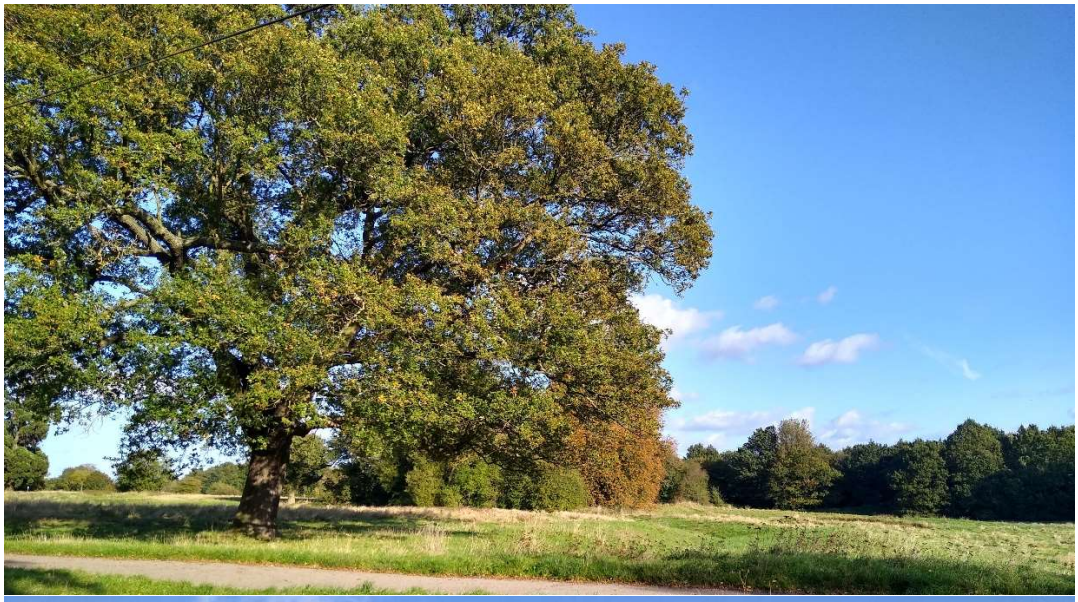
The Golf Course

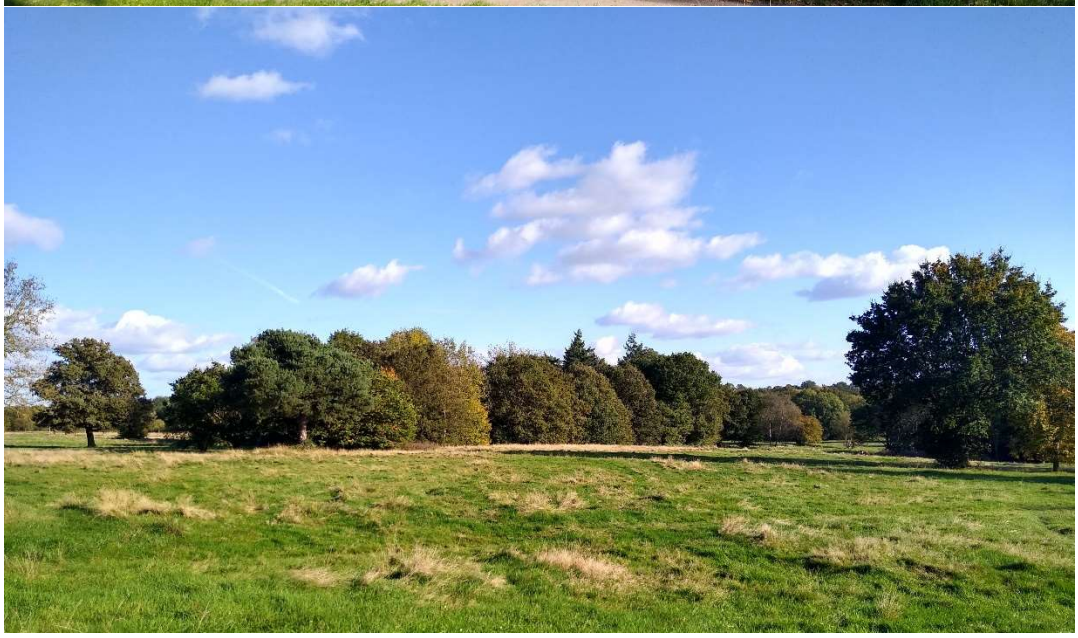
"Much of the remaining area of the former golf course would be largely returned to parkland, based on the 19th century layout."

"A restored historic landscape and naturalised landscape of great scenic and biodiversity value"

"The proposed use of WPGC will also realise significant investment to enhance the parks biodiversity, which include native specimen tree planting and expansive hay

meadow creation which will assist in improving local air quality and supporting actions to mitigate climate change."





This is what 19th Century parkland looked like. There are many species of tree both native and non-native. They have been planted in lines and clumps . Some have been there for hundreds of years, many were planted when the golf course was created.

There are wide open areas of meadowland with many grass and wild flower species. This is where bats, hawks and falcons hunt.

One senior council officer has described this as "engineered" land.

The only engineered feature in this landscape is the still visible 400 year old loop of the New River.

This is what an engineered landscape looks like.