



13. ENIC/Spurs say that they will maintain and enhance statutory footpaths in there are. BUT there are no rights of way in their area. To judge by this map the statutory bridleway along the eastern edge of the area is not included in the leased area.

12. Look at the fencing and earthworks surrounding the current Spurs training ground. Is this what we can expect to see in our park? ENIC/ Spurs are very jealous of their privacy.

11. This is the 40 acre area that will contain the football pitches. There is a 10 metre difference between the highest and lowest points. To provide flat pitches massive earthworks will be needed. The pitches will Astroturf (2), the rest will be the hybrid plastic reinforced type. There will have to be extensive drainage work. Restoring the existing landscape at the end of lease (should it happen) will be a massive undertaking.

10. The yard and buildings will be, according to the indicative proposals, the site for the “academy” . What would this facility be worth to another business?

8 and 9. These are the public entrances to the park. 9 is for vehicles and has an associated car park. It is also the current entrance to the carvery

7. It is not clear from the limited information available that the lake and its surround will be accessible in whole or part.

6. All the land to the East of the main path through the woods will be controlled by ENIC/Spurs. This includes a significant part of the ancient woodland. The path through the woodland remains the Council’s responsibility for maintenance. Just North of 6 where the path goes into the back of Whitewebbs House, the path is controlled by ENIC/Spurs right up to the North Lodge Gate. (8)

5. Where does Whitewebbs House figure in this? Will it remain open to the public or will it become a hotel / hospitality facility for ENIC / Spurs visitors

4. From this point on the land (shaded) will be used for football, not by the public but exclusively for Spurs. Will there be access beyond this point?

3. ENIC / Spurs will control access to this space and any activities . It could, for example be used for cattle grazing

2. ENIC/ Spurs will control all the car parks—opening times, parking fees, no of spaces

1. ENIC/Spurs will control all the entrance points to our park, starting at Clay Hill/ Beggars Hollow

It looks as if ENIC /Spurs wants to have control and responsibility for the route from North Lodge Gate to the Whitewebbs House rear entrance and car park. Why?

So now you are walking on a path that will be controlled and maintained by Spurs. It goes past the lake up to Whitewebbs Lane. Could it be that ENIC/Spurs want to buy up Whitewebbs House and use the lake and formal parkland for exclusive use by their hospitality guests? Just a thought.

Walk around the lake—you might see the carp and the ter-rapins.. Head for the road entrance to the park at 9. There is a wooded car park. Turn south on the road—it can get busy and head towards the old stables which were used by the golf course.

From the old golf course buildings cross the open land to the North East corner of the park. There are paths cut through the grass. Go out of the park and walk a few yards towards the existing Spurs training ground. Note the high fences and the even higher earth barriers that surround the site. Is this what we should expect to see in Whitewebbs?

Back to the park and walk along the eastern margin of the old golf course. If it is sunny you should see butterflies, wild flowers and many varieties of grasses.

Everything you see to your right will be levelled to make football pitches. Some trees will be kept and some token patches of wildflowers planted.

Think also of the microplastics that will enter the environment from the plastic pitches.

At 13 on the map you leave the area of football pitches and enjoy the area along Turkey Brook where it is joined by Cuffley Brook.

Head back to the café. I hope that you enjoyed your walk and that generations to come will be able to do the same.

Suggested walk

Start at the Café. Look around, practically everything you see will be included in the leased area.

Ask yourself, if ENIC/ Spurs just want about 40 acres for football pitches why have they bid for 140 acres of our land? It does not make sense. Spurs has no knowledge or experience of managing public open space. Turnstiles—yes High ticket prices—certainly

Anyway, on with the walk. Head North along the road, or on the grass if you prefer. Look for the channel of the old course of the New River that loops through the park. Enjoy the view, listen to the birdsong. You might see beautiful damsel flies by the pond on a hot day.

When you get to point 4 on the map you are at the fence around Whitewebbs House. Look East in line with the fence. The land to the left will be flattened and turned into plastic and plastic reinforced pitches something like this.



Walk to the woods along the Whitewebbs House fence. Where the woods meet the open grassland is a hunting area for bats. Each bat eats thousands of insects every night—there are very few insects on plastic grass.

Follow the path through the wood until you come to the main north–south path through the woodland. Turn right towards the lake.

The path is a bit rough. It will not be maintained by Spurs / ENIC until you reach point 6 on the map. At this point the lease area boundary changes to the other side of the path.

A walk around the area Enfield Council wants to lease to ENIC/THFC

What is ENIC / Spurs getting for £80,000 a year rent?

This could be your last chance to see what the Council is practically giving away.

Why “Giving away”? Because the rental from a London park café is in the region of £30 -£35,000 a year.

AND the buildings, offices, car park and storage units of the building once used by the golf course have been variously estimated at being worth £60,000 to £120,000 a year to a suitable business.

Have a walk round and see for yourself what our council wants to dispose of.

Do you really think that ENIC/Spurs will spend millions of pounds reconstructing this land and hand it back after 25 years? Some comments are speculative, simply because we have had too little hard information.

This is a beautiful open space bought for the people of Enfield over 90 years ago by an enlightened council—it understood the value of accessible open space to the physical and mental well being of the people they served.

That council actually did something, not just make meaningless statements.

See www.whitewebbspark.org.uk for more info.