

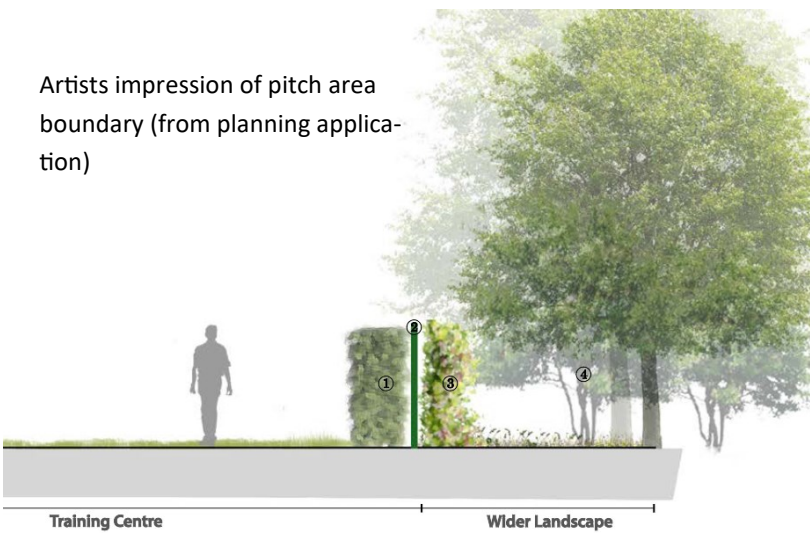
There are two main parts to Whitewebbs Park. There is the ancient woodland and the open parkland. When, in 1931, the estate was bought as public open space for the people of Enfield the population was much smaller. It was decided that “ a large area be utilised temporarily as a public golf course to reduce maintenance costs (of the park) to a minimum.....When the population has considerably increased there will probably be a greater demand for the more usual type of open space.” London Metropolitan Archives.

“In the opinion of the Joint Committee (North Middlesex Joint Town Planning Committee) the estate (Whitewebbs Park) forms part of one of the most beautiful stretches of country in Middlesex” 10th June 1930

The Park is in the Green Belt and is characterised by its open rising landscape with extensive internal views to the north and sweeping views southwards across Enfield. There are views across the entire park internally and from publicly accessible footpaths around the perimeter.

The Planning Application from Tottenham Hotspur Ltd will exclude the public from about 50% of the open land.

About 40 acres will be totally enclosed by a combination of 6 foot high metal fencing, laurel hedging and a mix of trees, bushes and other vegetation.



A stretch of fencing around the current training ground

Whatever style of barrier chosen, the effect will be the same. All views across the open landscape will be blocked.



Current view from public path



Mock up of proposed view from similar locations (supplied by THL)



View from footpath/bridleway along Whitewebbs Lane. The flats of Brigadier Hill are visible.

The 40 acre pitch area will subject to massive reconstruction and levelling. 25 healthy trees and 2 groups of trees will be removed from the pitch area to make way for manicured pitches and one astroturf. A total of 109 trees and 6 groups of trees of varying quality will be removed including those on the photographs.

Only 31 trees were removed when constructing the 105 acre golf course in 1931.

THL argue that this will all be hidden behind their fencing. The loss of views, space and open country does not, therefore, matter.

Planning objections

1. The extensive change to the landscape for about half the open area of the park.
2. The blocking of views across the park from Whitewebbs Lane footpaths and other publicly accessible paths .
3. Massive change to the open character of this area of green belt and public open space.
4. Destruction of healthy and attractive trees.
5. Destruction of an area that has renatured rapidly since the closure of the golf course with consequent harm to wildlife and biodiversity.