

Please walk around Whitewebbs Park using this map to envisage the effects of the Planning Application from Tottenham Hotspur Limited—it is a lovely walk, at present.

10. New vehicle entrance to the Toby Carvery



9. Spurs entrance

6. Extensive planting of trees and bushes + earthworks(bund) + metal fencing, hedging to block access and views



11. Path on west side of lake widened for motor traffic to Toby Carvery

8. Public car park closed

Footpath, not bridleway?



Existing Spurs Fencing and bund

Massive construction on work to level ground for pitches. Trees removed = 106, subject to pitch layout selected.

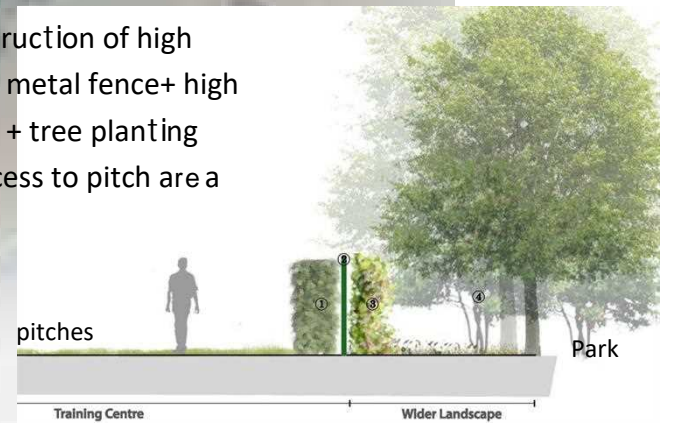
5. Heavy tree and hedge planting to block access / views

4. Large meadowland areas used for rapid pitch drainage system - attenuation basins

View Lost

Viewpoint lost

3. Construction of high hedge + metal fence + high hedging + tree planting block access to pitch area



1. Tree planting to break the view and reduce "openness" of landscape

2. Heavy tree planting to reduce open space and restrict views



Proposed boundary treatment

**Spurs planning application**— As can be seen from this map from the planning application approximately half of the open landscape of Whitewebbs will be enclosed by fencing, hedging and tree planting. Even the openness of the remaining area will be reduced by extensive tree planting.

The priority for this scheme appears to be total privacy for the training ground. It is as if Spurs intend to build a fortified encampment using steel fencing, earthworks, high hedging and trees. The open landscape appropriate to Green Belt and parkland will be destroyed as will the peace and tranquility of the Lake area.

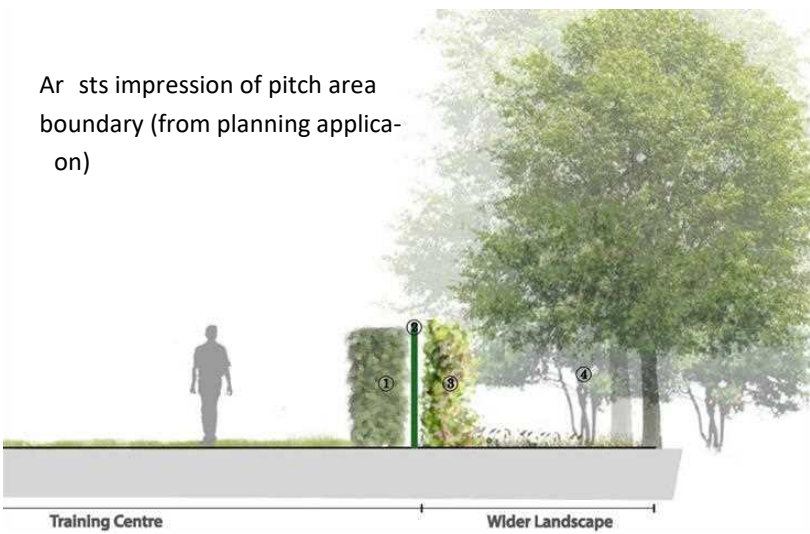
There are two main parts to Whitewebbs Park. There is the ancient woodland and the open parkland. When, in 1931, the estate was bought as public open space for the people of Enfield the population was much smaller. It was decided that “ a large area be utilised temporarily as a public golf course to 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. (By creation of enclosed semi industrial football facility and by extensive tree planting to fill in open spaces and internal vistas and views)
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.

# Reasons to oppose the Spurs planning application—Landscape and Character

Car traffic to Carvery will disturb the peace & tranquility of the Lake area and its wildlife



Tree planting and fences/hedges will block the few remaining views across Whitewebbs to the South

This 40 acre area will be levelled and reconstructed for football pitches. It will be surrounded by 1.8 metre fencing and laurel hedges. Trees will be added to further hide the landscape changes.



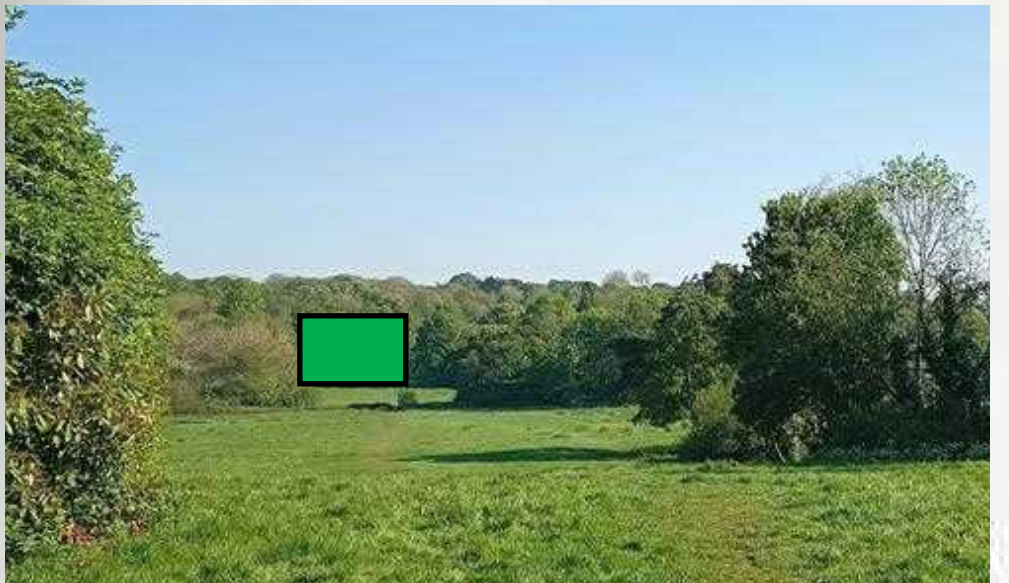
This will be a massive change to the landscape and character of the park

Whitewebbs Park is characterised by its open green belt landscape— similar to a 19th Century country estate. The pitch area will be surrounded by high fences and thick, high vegetation.

The openness of the remaining park will be filled in by extensive tree planting

Key attractive open views will be shortened by tree planting

\* Hundreds of healthy young trees are growing naturally in the park. Nature knows what it is doing

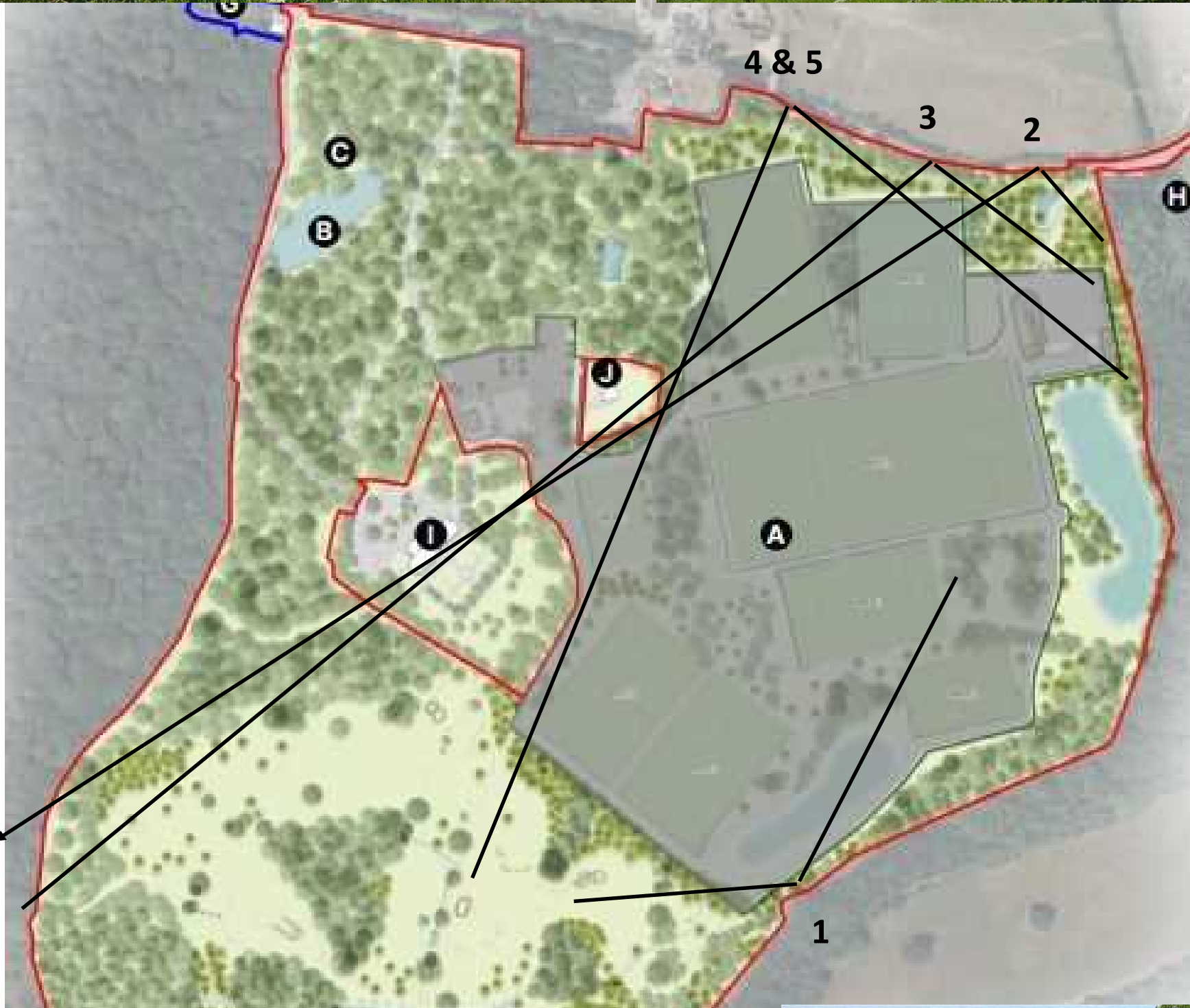


## Defend the open landscape and character of Whitewebbs Park

# Views across Whitewebbs Park from publicly accessible footpaths and bridleways

Most of the proposed pitch area is currently visible from viewpoints on the footpaths and bridleways. Fencing and tree planting will destroy these views.

Viewpoints 2—5 are listed on the Local Plan as important (shown as 6 on the draft plan)



Viewpoint on the footpath with access gate to park



Looking North



Looking West

Spurs claim that only “glimpses” of the pitch area can be seen from footpaths.

Photos taken on Saturday 11th May 2024