

APPENDIX 1. WELSH HARP / BRENT RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN: ACTION PLAN FOR 2013-2014

The Management Plan outlines the management considered necessary to sustain the Welsh Harp for wildlife, recreation, landscape, flood-control, economic and other benefits of the reservoir. These are achievable over varying time-frames, though many are not affordable in the short term. This Action Plan tracks progress of current year priorities and projects.

Action	Lead	Budget	Approximate timetable	Progress to October 2013
Dam wall and reservoir: statutory responsibility to maintain dam wall, associated structures and the dam	Canal & River Trust (C&RT)	C&RT	Maintain. On-Going	Dam wall maintained.
Maintain open water for water sports	Welsh Harp Sailing Association (WHSA)	Undertaken by volunteers of the (WHSA)	On-Going	WHSA cleared weed; summer 2013.
Sailing and sports development	WHSA	Undertaken by volunteers of WHSA.	On-Going	See Welsh Harp Sailing Association and constituent clubs
Clean up projects: including some control of invasive plants.	Thames 21 Environment Agency	Provided by Thames 21. Work on site by volunteers.	Projects: Two projects in 2012.	A further clean-up project was held in early August 2013 on the shores of Neasden Recreation Ground (and at the River Brent at Tokyngton).
River trash traps: at inflows of Dollis Brook, and Silk Stream	Environment Agency	Budget provided by the Environment Agency	Maintain, On-going. Rubbish at the trash screen is cleared several times a year. Material disposed off-site.	Upstream of the Priestly Way screen an oversized willow has been removed which had partially fallen into the river.
Sailing Infrastructure: club houses, boats, and service areas.	Sailing Clubs	Maintained by the C&RT; and by the sailing clubs.	On-going	Welsh Harp Sailing Association and constituent clubs. Refer to Sailing Clubs for an update.

Bird rafts, islands. There are approximately 20 rafts.	Welsh Harp Conservation Group (WHCG)	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain, repair or renew rafts. .	On-going. Autumn / winter.	WHCG undertake work to the bird rafts outside of the bird breeding season. The most recent work was in winter 2012-2013. WHCG will programme work for autumn / winter 2013/14.
Reedbeds: remove young trees	WHCG	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain the reedbeds.	Remove young trees. On-going. Autumn / winter.	Led by the WHCG. Autumn / winter works are programmed by the WHCG.
Reedbeds: increase	All	Natural growth is encouraged, so costs are low, but refer to the need to remove young trees.	Periodic reviews as part of Biodiversity Action Plans.	Some evidence of long-term increase in area.
Marshland: maintain extent	Brent Council.	Estimated at £700 per year.	Alternate years: reduce young tree growth on shores of Neasden Recreation Ground, Welsh Harp Open Space	Willow managed on shores of Welsh Harp Open Space, Feb. 2013. Neasden Recreation Ground: Feb. 2013. 2013/14 works due by end of February 2014.
Marshland	Barnet, Barratt PLC		Plans submitted for restoration of shore by Phase 1 of West Hendon redevelopment.	Planning Permission for main part of development approved in summer 2013: this may affect adjacent marshland.
Marshland: increase	Brent, Barnet, Brent Catchment Partnership	.Investigate sources of finance for long-term restoration of river catchment; and for flood alleviation.	Increase the extent of the marshland around the shores of the Reservoir.	Refer to draft of Catchment Management Plan.
Marshland: orchids	WHCG, Brent	Marshland work by Brent Council. Volunteer work by WHCG.	WHCG to provide information.	Marshland works to take into account the location, and potential for enhancing populations of orchids.

South-bank boardwalk	C&RT	Canal & Rivers Trust budget: periodic work possibly averages £500 / year.	As required.	Condition assessed by C&RT
Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed	C&RT, Barnet Council, Brent Council	No budget: works undertaken as part of other works; or with grant funding. Barnet: three-year programme. Brent: grant funding used in 2011-13, c. £1,500	Complete the control within the SSSI at Neasden Recreation Ground. Barnet:	Control at SSSI at Neasden RG 2011 and 2012. Slight regrowth in summer 2012: treated. Follow-up treatment undertaken 2013.
Wet woodland	C&RT, Barnet, Brent	Largely self-managing.	On-going.	Largely self-managing.
Grasslands, paths cutting	Barnet, Brent	Maintenance: within existing resources. Restoration work is currently unfunded. Current path cutting estimated at £5,000/ year.	Spring to autumn.	Cutting of mown paths undertaken. Loss of acid grassland is a concern. Current maintenance aims for no net loss of remaining habitat.
Woodland	Brent, Barnet, WHCG, C&RT	Largely self-managing. Unfunded: management of woodland to increase diversity, but potential for creative use of material.	Planting of disease-resistant Elms, winters 2011/12 and 2012/13.	Disease resistant Elms planted. Other woodland largely stable. Some areas could benefit from more active management particularly where scrub is encroaching on acid grassland or on marshland in the open spaces of Brent and of Barnet.
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre	Brent	Brent Council and external funding. Details: TBC.	On-going.	Centre is maintained. Bookings maintained. 23.10.2013: WHEEC reports that bookings are at a high level.

Allotments	Brent, West Hendon Allotment Society	Brent: refer to Allotments and Food Growing Strategy. Barnet: West Hendon Allotments are self-managed by the holders.	Allotments are maintained.	West Hendon: self-managed. Brent: Allotments Strategy: Birchen Grove and Dors Close included in service improvement. Biodiversity improvements at Dors Close.
Open spaces, pitches, paths, Capital Ring, signage, interpretative signage, litter and dog bins,	Barnet, Brent	Existing maintenance resources. Barnet; and Brent grounds maintenance budgets: TBA.	On-going.	Maintained; and well-used.
Feasibility of traffic analysis / signage for Wood Lane	Barnet Highways (leading) in consultation with Brent Highways.	TBC.	New: 18.07.2012	Barnet are investigating.
Monitoring: wildlife, and indicators	WHCG; and public authorities.	Mainly by volunteers of WHCG.	On-going	Continuing.
Signage	Brent / Barnet.	TBC	TBC	Inspected: 2012. Most of Brent's signage up to date. Barnet will review their signage.
Parks infrastructure	Brent / Barnet	TBC	TBC	Inspected: 2012. 2013.
River Brent Catchment Management Plan	All; led by Environment Agency		2011 -	Draft plan and catchment partnership in preparation, mid-2013. Thames 21 to advertise for part-time Catchment Officer post from autumn 2013. Post is equivalent to about four-months full time.
Green Flag	Brent		Achieved 2012.	2013 – Green Flag retained.