

SCHEDULE TWO

The Management Service Requirement

General

1. Provide a part-time 'park warden' service and appoint a 'point of contact' for the management of the nature conservation areas of Conningbrook Lakes Country Park. The park warden service to include regular monitoring and oversight visits at least three times per week;
2. Monitor and maintain the existing condition of the boundary and stock fencing and gates within compartments 1, 3 and 4 (and any new fences/gates as agreed by the parties);
3. Maintain and keep clear all pathways and public rights of way;
4. Make adequate arrangements for the management and clearance of litter;
5. Report any damage and/or vandalism (i.e. to life belts, park furniture etc.) and/or illegal activity on the Land;
6. Report any observed incidents of anti-social behaviour (ASB) through appropriate channels as specified under the Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) currently in force until June 2024

Management Plan and Management Objectives

7. Implement, and in consultation with ABC's Nature Conservation Officer, review and revise as necessary the 'Management Plan 2016-20' to incorporate the 'Management Objectives 2021-25' with the overall aim of enhancing wildlife habitats and increasing biodiversity. This will include recording and monitoring flora and fauna in order to measure biodiversity gain (or loss) over the course of the contract.
8. Organise and implement a seasonal conservation grazing regime in accordance with the 'Management Plan'ⁱ and 'Management Objectives'ⁱⁱ, including the provision of livestock (sheep or cattle) either from own herds or through arrangements with a local farmer / grazier

Community Engagement, Training & Volunteer Programme

9. Develop and implement a volunteer and education programme in support of conservation objectives, and promote community involvement in the implementation of the 'Management Plan' and 'Management Objectives'. This to include weekly (depending on the season) volunteer task days throughout the year and as required to implement the management plan, including invasive species control, grassland and scrub management, coppicing, birch pulling, litter picking, fencing and path maintenance;

10. Engage with and maintain good relations with residents on the Conningbrook Lakes estate, including by interacting on social media platforms, with a view to managing impacts on adjacent conservation areas particularly in ensuring dogs are kept on leads at all times throughout the country park;
11. Engage with local organisations with an interest in nature conservation, such as the Kent Wildlife Trust (KWT), Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership (KSCP), and other private and voluntary sector organisation with a view to developing partnership-working opportunities;
12. Provide training / work experience opportunities for volunteers interested in pursuing a career in nature conservation.
13. Work closely and coordinate with other Country Park 'operating partners' such as Freedom Leisure (Freedom) and Mid Kent Fisheries (MKF), and attend bi-monthly meetings of the Conningbrook Lakes Country Park Operating Partners Steering Group (Steering Group).
14. Attend quarterly contract management meeting with ABC to review delivery of key requirements and to evaluate progress in implementing the Management Plan and the targets set for delivery of the volunteer and community engagement programmes.

ⁱ The Conningbrook Lakes Country Park Management Plan 2016-20

ⁱⁱ Conningbrook Lakes Management Objectives 2021-25