The Lea River Park is a major new landscape for London, extending for 3 miles along the banks of the River Lea, from the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park to the Thames at Blackwall, and creating links to the Royal Docks and Canary Wharf.

The Lea River Park will lead the transformation of a former industrial backland into the centreground of one of the largest new growth areas for London, and will address the physical and social fragmentation created by a legacy of infrastructure, political boundaries and topography.

This will be the final section in the creation of the 26-mile Lee Valley Regional Park, first envisaged in 1944 to connect the edge of London’s greenbelt to the River Thames.

SIX NEW PARKS & THE LEAWAY

A phased approach to delivering the park is necessary to respond to the availability of land and funding, with initial investment focussed on the creation of the riverside route: The Leaway. The Leaway acts both as a strategic walking and cycling route and as an armature for the later development of the six core park areas. Each park space responds to the particular character of its location, allowing the evolution of a diverse range of landscapes from highly active to quieter and wilder spaces.