Three Mills Green is owned and run by the Lee Valley Regional Park Authority. Previously underused, a transformation of the park was completed in 2012, including the first section of the Leaway along the canal edge. Three Mills has become a much more intensively used community park with a variety of sports pitches and will play a major role as a greenspace for surrounding developments.

The Exotic Wild is an incredible stretch of the valley where the river’s serpentine path defines a clearing within the city, criss-crossed by infrastructure. Our work here has been to bring leftover land between railway, the river and fast roads into more coherent use. Dense vegetation and anti-social behaviour restricted access and use of this area. Now cleared, the large riverside space has been populated with boulders and benches. A brick plinth can become a stage or event space, and the steep existing topography can be negotiated by a gentle path to the river’s edge. Long grasses and riverine species have been planted, whilst the canopies of the existing white willows have been lifted, creating better visibility.

Twelvetrees Ramp, a major project in the development of the full Leaway route, is now complete. The ramp creates a new connection between the existing route from Three Mills and the eastern riverside walk along the River Lea to Cody Dock, enabling these riverside routes to be stitched together for the first time. Twelvetrees Ramp is part of a rich array of heritage structures (such as Bow Locks Bridge) that characterise the area. It links Bow Locks with Twelvetrees Crescent Bridge and the future park area of Twelvetrees Gasholders, providing continuity to the wider Leaway route.