Parks for London

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Lunch & Learn WEBINAR



A smarter delivery model for enhancing large open spaces

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Solving flooding, improving spaces, and unlocking reinvestment

A familiar challenge across many sites

- Surface water and poor drainage
- Underused or low-quality space
- Ongoing maintenance pressure
- Limited capital

What if these challenges could be solved together?

- Flood mitigation integrated into the landscape
- Significant reinvestment
- No capital cost to the authority



A simple model

- Project managed end-to-end
- Land reshaped using approved materials
- Outcome: improved, usable space



What we started with (Central Park)

What this looks like in reality



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A large-scale improvement



A park people can move through and use



Surface water managed as part of the landscape



Visible reinvestment into the space

Council perspective

“We turned what was primarily a soil importation exercise into a genuine flood mitigation opportunity.

By reshaping levels and integrating storage within the park, the scheme now reduces peak flows and alleviates downstream flood risk—creating a more resilient landscape with wider drainage benefits.”

Derek Drew-Smith

FRM Specialist & Resilience Programme Lead

“Central Park has been re-imagined as a vibrant, inclusive destination that supports recreation, wellbeing and connection with nature.”

Andy Johnson | Lead Commissioner Parks



What we started with (Banister)



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Delivered at Banister Sports Centre



Significant reinvestment into the site





Improving performance and drainage

Delivered in partnership with the Council

"GLE delivered the project in partnership with the Council, taking a highly collaborative and solutions-focused approach throughout.

The result is high-quality pitches that are now well used and in strong demand by local teams."

Tim Bryan

Head of Service – Culture and Leisure



This is not just a park improvement project

- Solve flooding
- Unlock reinvestment
- Improve community space
- Reduce long-term pressure

Where this could apply

- Large open spaces
- Drainage challenges
- Derelict Sites
- Underinvestment

A compliant and simple route to delivery

- Accessible via the UK Leisure Framework
- Direct appointment of a delivery partner
- Fully compliant procurement route
- No commitment required to explore feasibility

A simple starting point

- Identify a site
- Desktop review
- Initial feasibility

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Thank you!

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