

Zone D - Agriculture and Forestry

Within Zone D, future gravel extraction will provide an opportunity to establish a new form of landscape. This will be compatible with the quiet rural character of the area, recognising its high agricultural value and realising its potential as a newly-created wildlife habitat. At the outset, the opportunity should be taken to create a landscape based on agriculture, forestry and habitat creation in order to complement the water-based activity in the rest of the Water Park.



Development in Zone D

The development of land in Zone D will include the restoration of land to agriculture and forestry, the creation of woodland, lakes, marsh and other dry or wetland habitats for nature conservation management. Within plantations, recreational and sporting uses compatible with forestry will be acceptable in principle. Provision should also be made for additional public access, such as picnic sites, car parking areas, footpaths, cycleways, bridleways, and could include provision for activities such as orienteering. The creation of wetland areas will not be acceptable within the vicinity of RAF Fairford because of the problems associated with bird-strike.

