

Review of Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation in Richmond upon Thames

Addendum 16/12/21

1) Replace table 59, pg 88, Vol 1

Table 59: SINC selection criteria - RiB 32 Udney Park Playing Fields (previously candidate site B6)

Criteria	Comments
Representation	Udney Park Playing Fields, Teddington is a small urban park that was until recently largely used for sports recreation.
Habitat rarity	The site is largely dominated by former sports pitches. However, some of the grassland is acid in character and appears to be reverting to a semi-natural state. A native hedgerow, a Habitat of Principal Importance forms part of the boundary of the site.
Species rarity	London rare and notable plants: common cudweed (<i>Filago germanica</i>) and mistletoe (<i>Viscum album</i>). Protected and priority species retrieved from the data search include: common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, Nathusius's pipistrelle, noctule bat, lesser noctule bat, serotine bat, house sparrow, song thrush, nightjar, small heath butterfly, hedgehog, stag beetle and mistletoe Eight species of bat have been recorded in recent surveys including brown long-eared bat, serotine, noctule, Leisler's bat and Nathusius's pipistrelle.
Habitat richness	Average
Species richness	High for bats
Size	5.199
Important populations of species	The site has high species richness for bats, with eight bat species recorded during the surveys carried out in 2017. The site forms part of a network of green spaces connecting two important habitats for bats, Bushy Park and the River Thames.
Ancient character	This site is largely early 20 th century in origin
Re-creatability	Not re-creatable
Typical urban character	The site is situated within a suburban landscape and is largely surrounded by housing.
Cultural or historic character	This site was a typical 20 th century sports field; however, it is now reverting to a semi-natural state.
Geographic position	Udney Park Playing Fields is located just to the north of Bushy Park in Teddington
Access	Fully accessible, with limited entry points.

Criteria	Comments
Use	Recreational
Potential	Continue managing grassland to increase plant diversity by instigating a seasonal cut regime. One species of invasive non-native plant species is present, buddleia (<i>Buddleja davidii</i>), its management is strongly recommended.
Aesthetic appeal	An open landscape of value to the local community for light recreation.
Geodiversity interest	Udney Park Playing Fields is on the floodplain of the River Thames with the London Clay Formation beneath.

2) Replace para 3.3.38 pg 100 Vol 1

RiB32 Udney Park Playing Fields

Designate as a Site of Borough Importance for Nature Conservation. The site supports some acid grassland, a Habitat of Principal Importance. Although the grassland is currently severely degraded, with appropriate management, the site has the potential to be a valuable and locally significant grassland habitat. The presence of common cudweed (*Filago vulgaris*), a nationally uncommon and regionally rare (but gradually increasing) species is notable. The site has high species richness for bats, with eight bat species recorded during surveys carried out in 2017.

3) Replace Udney Park Playing Fields citation pg 626 Vol 2

RiB32 Udney Park Playing Fields, Teddington

Borough Grade

Site Reference: RiB32

Site Name: Udney Park Playing Fields, Teddington

Summary: The site is a former sports field and recreation ground. It is now largely disused and is gradually reverting to semi-natural neutral and acid grassland.

Grid ref: TQ16447083

Area (ha): 5.199

Borough(s): Richmond upon Thames

Habitat(s): Amenity grassland, Scattered trees, Semi-improved neutral grassland and acid grassland,

Access: Free public access (all/most of site)

Ownership: Church of England

Site Description:

This is largely an open grassland site with mature trees, particularly lime (*Tilia* spp.) and

Criteria	Comments
Typical urban character	The site is typical of the suburban Thames in west London.
Cultural or historic character	Unknown.
Geographic position	Trowlock Avenue riverside land is situated in Teddington, upstream of Teddington Lock .
Access	Inaccessible to the public but used by local residents.
Use	Recreational
Potential	Unknown.
Aesthetic appeal	Riverside habitat and views with mature, non-native woodland.
Geodiversity interest	Trowlock Avenue riverside land is situated on the floodplain of the River Thames with the London Clay Formation beneath.

5) Replace para 5.3.34, pg 100 Vol 1

RiB28 Trowlock Avenue riverside land, Teddington

Designate as a site of Borough Importance. The site adjoins the Thames and has significant stands of large trees and scrub it is therefore likely to be of conservable value to birds, bats and invertebrates. Common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, noctule a myotis species, leisler's bat and serotine have been recorded using the site.

6) Replace Trowlock Avenue riverside land citation pg 603, Vol 2

RiB28 Trowlock Avenue riverside land, Teddington

Borough Grade

Site Reference: RiB28

Site Name: Trowlock Avenue riverside land, Teddington

Summary: Private gardens and woodland adjoining the River Thames.

Grid ref: TQ17557089

Area (ha): 1.692 ha

Borough(s): Richmond upon Thames

Habitat(s): Secondary non-native woodland, scrubland, shrubberies and riverside marginal vegetation

Access: No public access

Ownership: Private (various) and Teddington School

Site Description:

This small area is primarily designated because it is a relatively large area of semi-natural vegetation adjoining the River Thames. As such it is likely to be of value to a wide range of bird and invertebrate

species. It is dominated by non-native trees, particularly horse-chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*) and sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*).

Common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, noctule a myotis species, leisler's bat and serotine have been recorded using the site.

Note that biodiversity information on the site is limited due to its inaccessibility.

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