

**APPENDIX 1. WELSH HARP / BRENT RESERVOIR MANAGEMENT PLAN:
ACTION PLAN FOR 2012-2013**

The Management Plan outlines the management considered necessary to sustain the Welsh Harp for wildlife, recreation, landscape, flood-control, economic and other benefits of the reservoir. These are achievable over varying time-frames, though many are not affordable in the short term. This Action Plan tracks progress of current year priorities and projects.

Action	Lead	Budget	Approximate timetable	Progress to February 2013
Dam wall and reservoir: statutory responsibility to maintain dam wall, associated structures and the dam	Canal & River Trust (C&RT)	Budget provided by the C&RT	Maintain. On-Going	Dam wall maintained.
Maintain open water for water sports	Welsh Harp Sailing Association (WHSA)	Undertaken by volunteers of the (WHSA)	On-Going	WHSA cleared weed; summer 2012
Sailing and sports development	WHSA	Undertaken by volunteers of WHSA.	On-Going	Continuing
Clean up projects: and pulling Himalayan Balsam	Thames 21 Environment Agency	Provided by Thames 21. Work on site by volunteers.	Projects: Two projects in 2012.	Projects undertaken.
River trash traps: at inflows of Dollis Brook, and Silk Stream	Environment Agency	Budget provided by the Environment Agency	Maintain, On-going. Rubbish at the trash screen is cleared several times a year. Material disposed off-site.	Upstream of the Priestly Way screen an oversized willow has been removed which had partially fallen into the river.
Sailing Infrastructure: club houses, boats, and	Sailing Clubs	Maintained by the C&RT; and by the sailing clubs.	On-going	On-going.

service areas.				
Bird rafts, islands. There are approximately 20 (tbc) rafts.	Welsh Harp Conservation Group (WHCG)	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain, repair or renew rafts. .	On-going. Autumn / winter.	WHCG programme as winter work 2012-2013.
Reedbeds: remove young trees	WHCG	Volunteer projects are held annually to maintain the reedbeds.	Remove young trees. On-going. Autumn / winter.	WHCG programme as winter work 2012-13.
Reedbeds: increase	All	Natural growth is encouraged, so costs are low, but refer to the need to remove young trees.	Periodic reviews as part of Biodiversity Action Plans.	Some evidence of long-term increase.
Marshland: maintain extent	Brent Council;	Estimated at £700 per year.	Alternate years: reduce young tree growth on shores of Neasden Recreation Ground, Welsh Harp Open Space	Willow managed on shores of Welsh Harp Open Space, Feb. 2013. Neasden Recreation Ground: Feb. 2013.
Marshland: increase	Brent, Barnet, Canal & River Trust,	At West Hendon the renovation is included by Barratt Homes in their development costs.	West Hendon development shoreline project: 2012-	Design prepared by project managers for the marshland adjacent to phase 1. Planning Applications submitted to Barnet Council. Planning.
Marshland: increase		Brent has £10,000 of section 106 for works to increase the capacity to	Increase the extent of the marshland around the shores of the	Hold. Awaiting detail.

		hold flood waters / marshland works.	Reservoir.	
Marshland: orchids	WHCG, Brent	Marshland work by Brent Council. Volunteer work by WHCG.	WHCG to provide information.	
South-bank boardwalk	C&RT	Canal & Rivers Trust budget: periodic work possibly averages £500 / year.	As required.	Condition assessed by C&RT
Japanese Knotweed and Giant Hogweed	C&RT, Barnet Council, Brent Council	No budget: works undertaken as part of other works; or with grant funding. Barnet: three-year programme. Brent: grant funding used in 2011-13, c. £1,500	Complete the control within the SSSI at Neasden Recreation Ground. Barnet:	Control at SSSI at Neasden RG 2011 and 2012. Slight regrowth in summer 2012: treated. Follow-up treatment undertaken 2013.
Wet woodland	C&RT, Barnet, Brent	Largely self-managing.	On-going.	Largely self-managing.
Grasslands, paths cutting	Barnet, Brent	Maintenance: within existing resources. Restoration work is currently unfunded. Path cutting estimated at £5,000/ year.	Spring to autumn.	Cutting of mown paths undertaken. Loss of acid grassland is a concern to biodiversity.
Woodland	Brent, Barnet, WHCG, C&RT	Largely self-managing. Un-funded: management	Planting of disease-resistant Elms,	Disease resistant Elms planted. Other woodland

		of woodland to increase diversity, but potential for creative use of material.	winters 2011/12 and 2012/13.	largely stable. Some areas could benefit from more active management.
Welsh Harp Environmental Education Centre	Brent	Brent Council and external funding. Details: TBC.	On-going.	Centre is maintained. Bookings maintained.
Allotments	Brent, West Hendon Allotment Society	Brent: refer to Allotments and Food Growing Strategy. Barnet: West Hendon Allotments are self-managed by the holders.	Allotments are maintained.	West Hendon: self-managed. Brent: Allotments Strategy: Birchen Grove and Dors Close included in service improvements.
Open spaces, pitches, paths, Capital Ring, signage, interpretative signage, litter and dog bins,	Barnet, Brent	Existing maintenance resources. Barnet; and Brent grounds maintenance budgets: TBA.	On-going.	Maintained; and well-used.
Feasibility of traffic analysis / signage for Wood Lane	Barnet Highways (leading) in consultation with Brent Highways.	TBC.	New: 18.07.2012	Barnet are investigating.
Monitoring: wildlife, and indicators	WHCG; and public authorities.	Mainly by volunteers of WHCG.	On-going	Continuing.
Signage	TBC	TBC	TBC	Inspected: 2012
Infrastructure	TBC	TBC	TBC	Inspected: 2012
River Brent Catchment Management Plan	All; led by Environment Agency		2011 -	Draft plan and catchment partnership in preparation.
Green Flag	Brent		Achieved 2012.	2013 application in preparation.

