

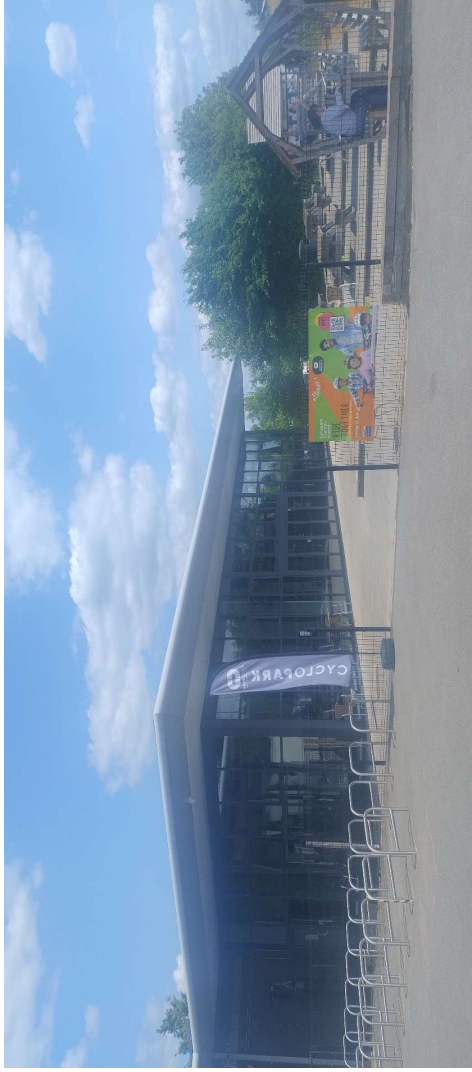
Cyclopark, Gravesend. DAI I 7NP

Existing Habitat and Proposed Habitat Enhancement

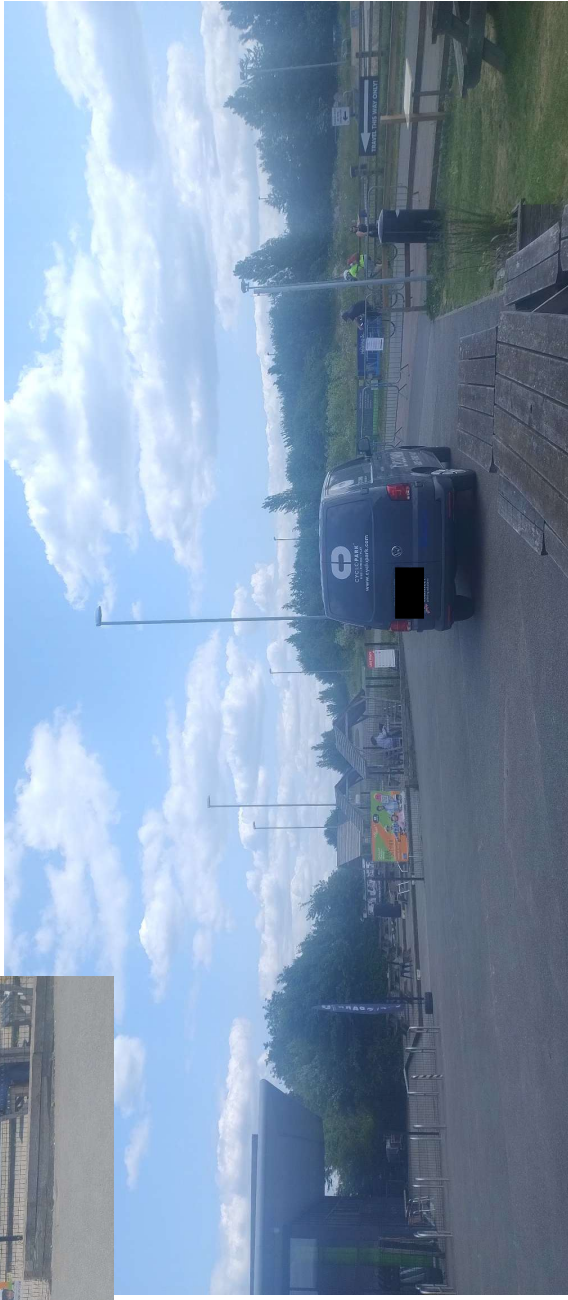
The Cyclopark site as a whole is a large site (approximately 114 acres) with a lot of grassland, hedgerow and maturing trees. Having been developed in 2012, the landscape is still quite young. Cyclopark was created when the original route of the A2 was moved — much of the site is made up of land which has been landscaped alongside the original topography for the creation of the track route. The Cyclopark site has an ongoing care and maintenance strategy that revolves around managing the grass and trees to create the safe and usable routes for cycles and pedestrians. The verges are trimmed to keep the paths and crossings clear for pedestrians and the trees and hedges trimmed to keep the mountain bike route clear of obstructions for riders. Much of the grass around the bike track is cut short across the summer months to cater for events and in the Autumn and Winter, the land is managed to create routes for the Cyclo-cross season.

The area proposed for the Fitness studio is currently an area of tarmac with some slab paving. This area isn't discussed in the following pictures other than the initial few site pictures.

The area proposed for the Bike Hire is currently an under used by people grass area that was laid as a lawn before becoming more patchy. It's a mixture of rye grass and bare earth with perennial weeds throughout.



Photographs of the proposed position for the new fitness studio. Photos dated August 2025.
The surface is predominantly tarmac with some paving slabs by the cafe seating.



There are large areas of grassland across the Cyclopark site — the majority ryegrass with a mixture of self seeded ‘weeds.’ It is proposed to enhance the banked area of the existing grassland where the containers will be to increase the range of plants in this area. The remainder of the area will be retained as rye grass lawn so it can continue its use as seating for groups, over seeded when the containers are positioned.

The bank to the north of the site that runs adjacent to the access to the children’s playground has a much wider variety of plants growing along it than the south side and with a much higher density of planting. Plants include ox-eye daisies, field thistles, plantain, dandelion, clover, and early purple and bee orchids, so there is a proximity link to the proposed enhanced habitat.

It is also proposed to enhance a larger area of existing grassland between the track and fence line further down the site to offset the loss of grassland from the creation of the bike hire. This area is predominantly rye grass with the same species of perennial ‘weeds’ found by in the bike hire area, although the density of the planting is higher. The area is separated from the adjacent grassland area by a park fence allowing insects and small animals to cross between the two areas. This area is currently long grass with some shrubs and small trees — the range of species hasn’t been assessed.



Photographs showing proposed location of the bike hire containers. September 2025

Patchy short ryegrass with some perennial “weeds.” The bank can be seen by the bridge which is proposed to be enhanced.





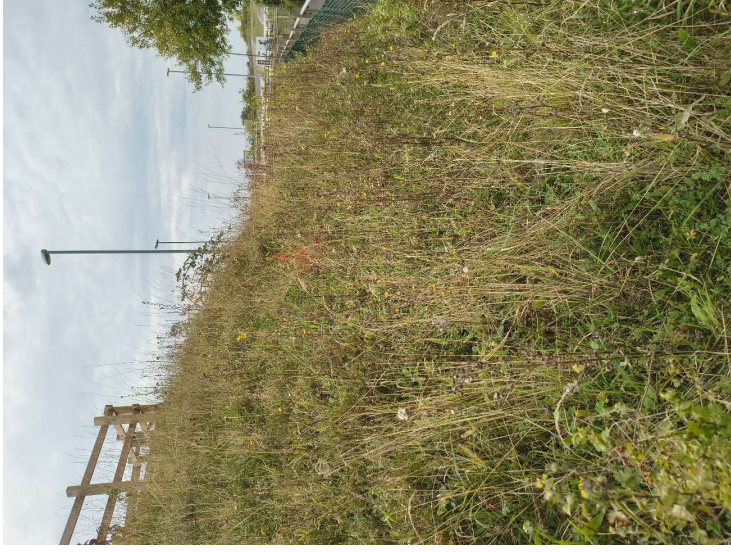
Plant types:
 - plantain
 - rough hawkweed

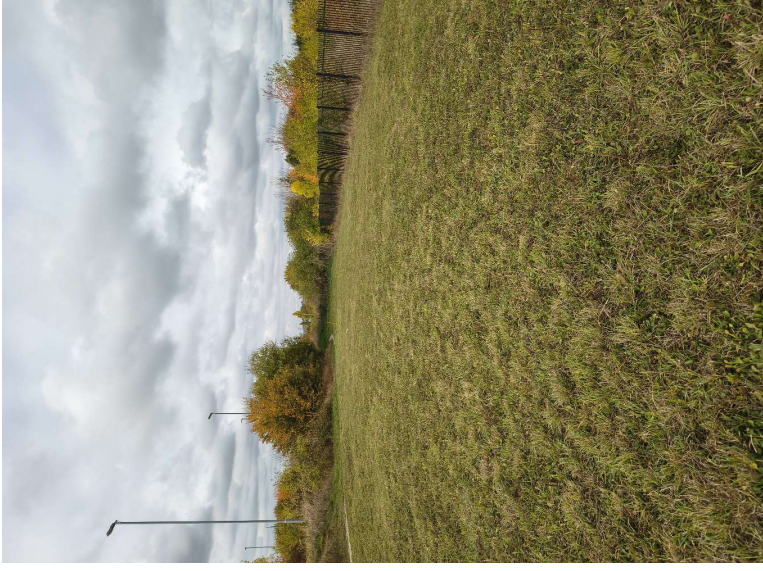


Plant types:

- white and pink yarrow
- clover
- two mallow plants

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Photographs showing proposed location of the area of grassland proposed to be enhanced. September 2025

The area of uncut long grass can be seen through the fence. This area is adjacent to the Roman Road and runs down to Hog Lane



- Plant types:
- white and pink yarrow
 - clover
 - ribwort plantain
 - cranebill
 - hawkweed



Aerial image (courtesy of Google Maps) showing the proposed BNG areas overlaid. To be read in conjunction with drawings 2070/180 & 181

There are two areas of priority habitat within 500m of the site, both areas identified as DWOOD deciduous woodland priority habitat. One area is to the south of the A2 and the other to the north on a bank separating the public footpath (old Roman Road) from housing and Morrisons supermarket.

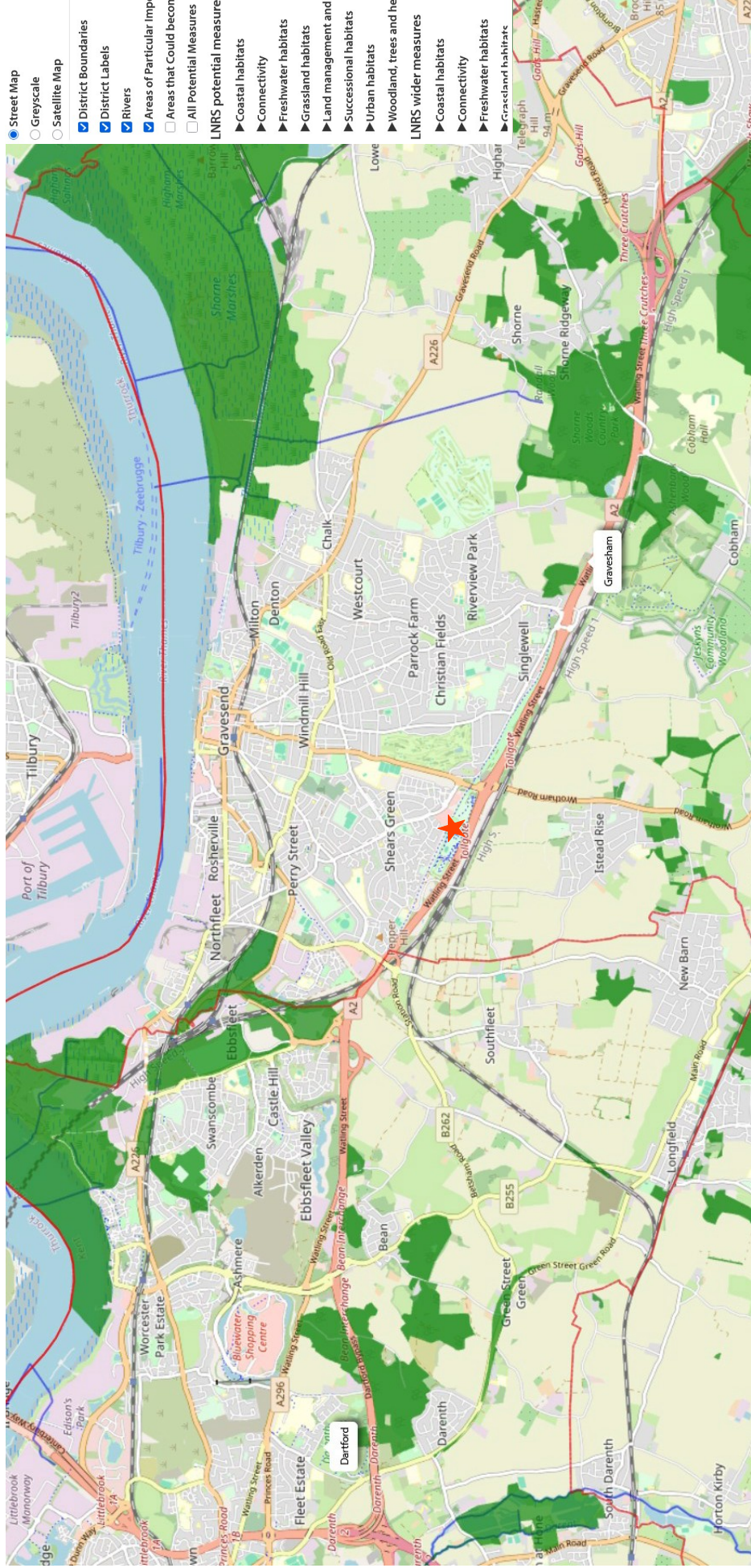
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The habitat within the Cyclopark boundary has not been included within the area appraisal, although likely offers links between the habitats.



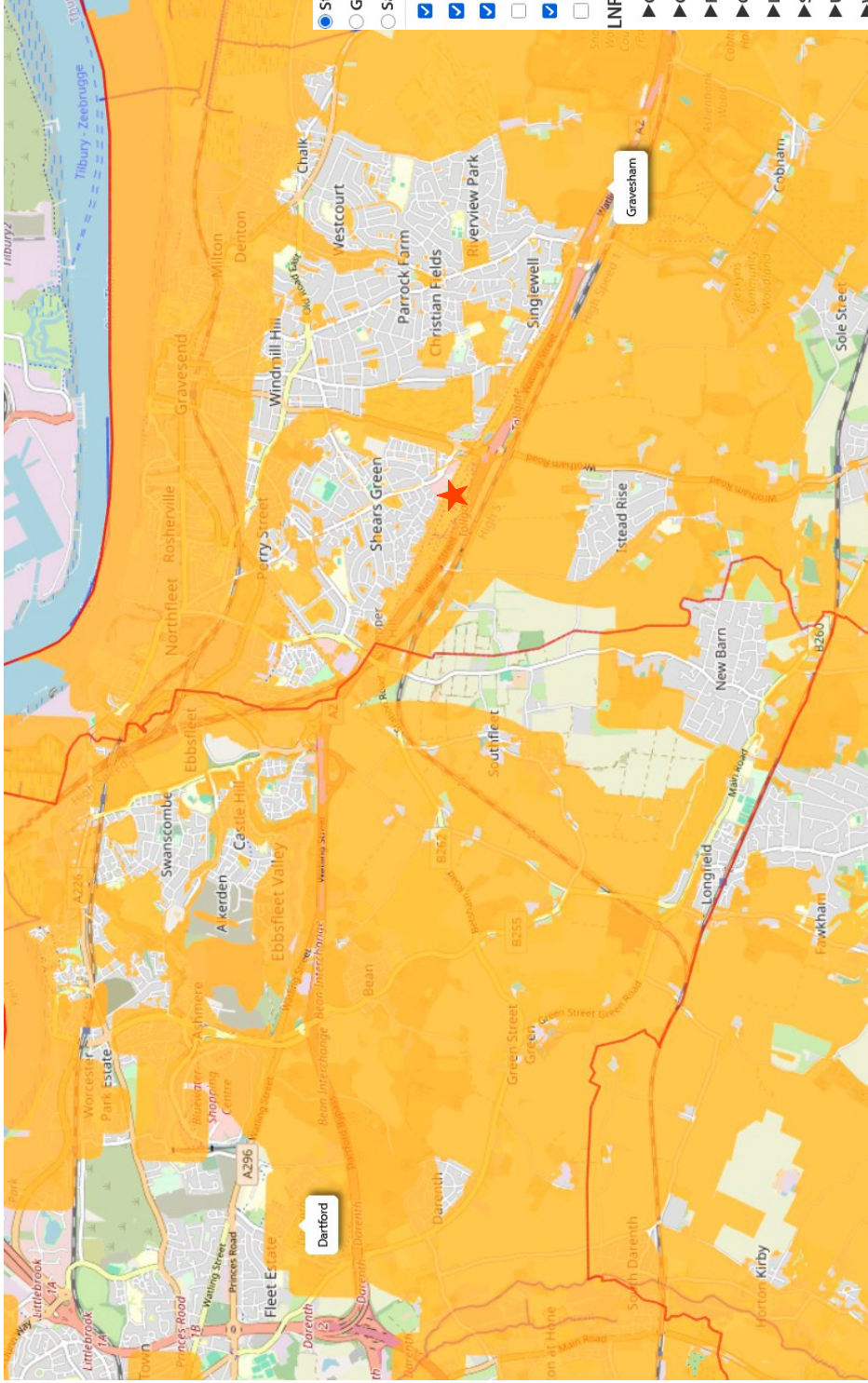


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The Kent and Medway Local Nature Recovery Strategy map shows that Cyclopark is outside of any areas currently assessed as being of particular importance for biodiversity, however it is in an area that has the potential to become an important areas.

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