



River Wandle, Wandsworth Riverside Quarter

The story so far

The chance to breathe fresh air into this site, which lay vacant for a number of years with its flood defences needing repair, came when a proposal arose for a nearby mixed-use development. This involved influencing and working with the developers so plans included river restoration – which benefits rivers and also strengthens the community's relationship with these blue corridors. That was the aim on the Wandsworth Riverside Quarter, sited where the River Wandle meets the River Thames.

The river was restored by

- Replacing the old poor quality flood defence walls with a new wall set back from the river
- Creating intertidal terraces for species to occupy between high and low tides
- Installing green roofs across the site

How has it helped wildlife?

- The new intertidal foreshore supports a wide range of plants, which in turn provide habitat for invertebrates, fish, birds and bats.

How has it helped people?

- Londoners can enjoy the beautiful views and reach the river more easily through the new access point.

How does it help manage the risk of flooding and climate change?

- A new flood defence wall, terraces and plants work together to make space for water.

Organisations involved

This site is part of wider works to regenerate the area, led by the London Borough of Wandsworth; the Environment Agency were involved in pre-application discussions.



AFTER - Improved access and view for people, more habitats for wildlife
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BEFORE –The terraces under construction
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Nearest Station: Wandsworth Town though the site is still under construction (Jun 2016)