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### **Environmental improvements boost for Popley Islands West**

Work to install new footpaths and planting are among the improvements currently being carried out by Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council at Popley Islands West.

Local residents had the chance to give their views on what improvements they'd like to in the area as part of the council's Environmental Renewal Scheme and this feedback has helped shaped the programme of work.

Set to finish by early April, residents can look forward to cleared green spaces in previously neglected areas, improved paths and better landscaping with the planting of bulbs, hedges and trees. The council has installed new footpaths in Tobago Close and around the perimeter of Tewkesbury Close; removed steps and cleared overgrowth and carried out planting in Jersey Close and Guernsey Close, Falkland Road, Anglesey Close, Malta Close, Pershore Road and Tobago Close.

The £100,000 improvements were funded from the council's 2020/21 Environmental Renewal Scheme budget following the consultation late last year.

Cabinet Member for Planning, Infrastructure and the Natural Environment Cllr Mark Ruffell said: "We know local residents take pride in their neighbourhood and are in a great position to tell us what improvements they think matter most to the area they live in.

"The improved landscaping and pathways will enhance the streets and reduce nuisance issues, while the trees, hedges and plants will attract wildlife and boost biodiversity. I am delighted we are in a position to be delivering those improvements for them and I thank residents for their input in helping to shape this work."

For more information visit [www.basingstoke.gov.uk/popley-islands-west-consultation](http://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/popley-islands-west-consultation)

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