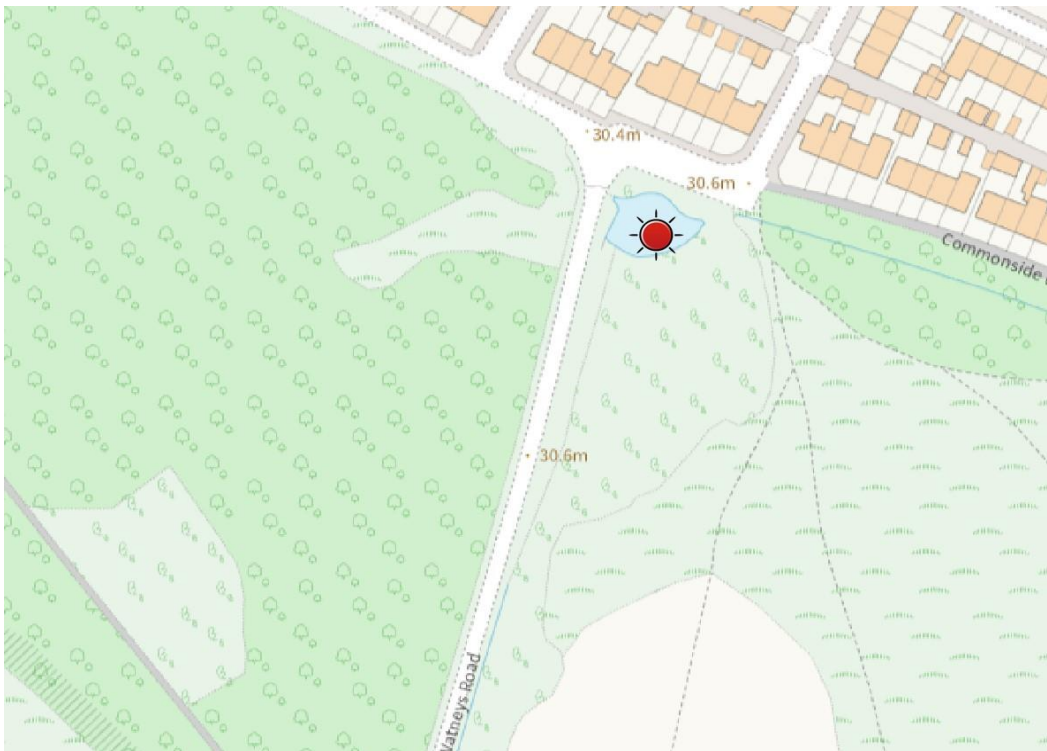


ARTHURS POND PROJECT

Pond location



Pond in the 1970s



Pond today



The pond has been managed to allow a dense barrier of scrub woodland to develop on its roadside edges. This was in direct response to multiple incidents of fly-tipping in the body of the pond in the 1990s and before.

To remove this scrub barrier would result in:

- a) Fly-tipping and littering of the pond
- b) Long wheelbase vehicles overhanging the pond detracting from visual amenity and polluting the pond
- c) Use of pond as a dog bathing pool
- d) The pond becoming a venue for anti-social behaviour in summer months
- e) Loss of visual screening of the highway for users of the Common

Notwithstanding the above, tree growth in the base of the pond is reducing the open water habitat and scrub growing on the edge of the pond facing out to the rest of the Common could be reduced in extent.

Enhancement proposal

- 1. Remove trees growing in and overhanging pond base
- 2. a) Retain scrub barrier but reduce height
b) Remove scrub



If you wish to comment on this proposal please do so by Friday 6th December 2024 using the following email address: MCmanagementplan@merton.gov.uk

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