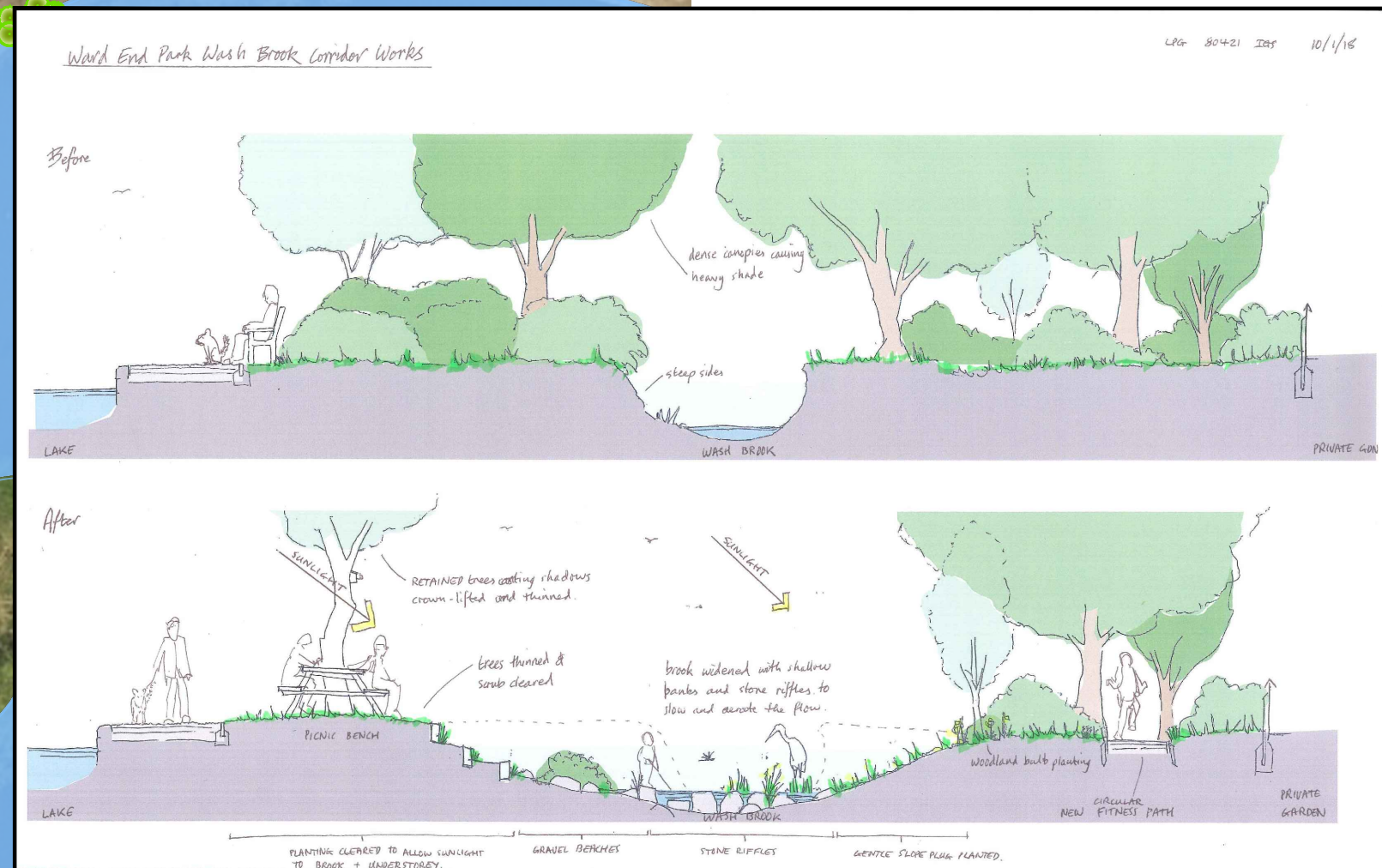
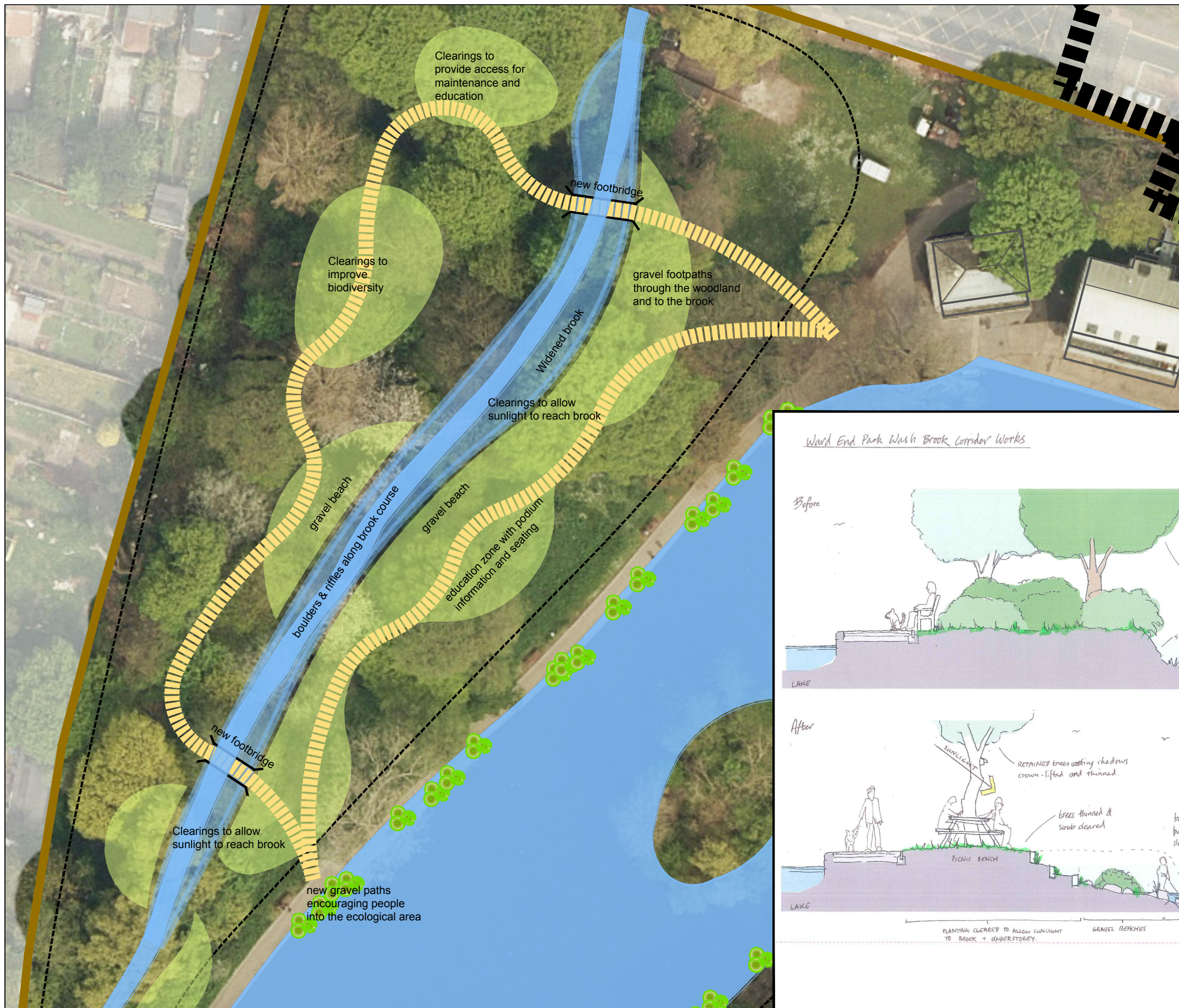


Wash

Wash Brook

- The Wash brook is the Wash of Washwood Heath. It flows into the River Tame just 1km north of leaving the park, however it is partially culverted and partially deep cut, overshadowed by dense woodland and a thick shrub understory.
- The water quality is known to be poor due to suspected illegal household connections up stream - whilst these have been targeted by the Environment Agency and BCC over the years the problem is not fully resolved. Water quality would benefit from aerating to encourage the breakdown of impurities naturally. This can be achieved by placing large boulders, stones and gravels in the brook bed that force the water to tumble and bubble, oxygenating it.
- By thinning out the tree canopy sun light will be able to reach the brook, ground cover and understorey vegetation helping low growing and new species thrive. Insects and birds will have greater nesting and feeding opportunities and people will be able to see the brook for the first time and learn about its history and ecology.
- New footbridges and paths will allow ongoing maintenance of the clearings and waterway and encourage regular visits by park users, school groups and people using the trim trail.
- It is hoped that by providing a hub of activity based around the Dolphin Centre, fitness trails, heritage and ecological interpretation more people will use the area, learn from it and be encouraged to be involved in maintaining it.



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