

Video transcript – Member visit to Copped Hall October 2025

[0:00] **Music**

[0:07-0:44] **Kate Neal, Climate Action Director:** The work that the City of London Corporation are doing here on the Copped Hall Estate is critical to the way that we run the wider landscape at Epping Forest. This is of course our buffer land that we've held here since 1992. Climate Action Strategy in our open spaces is really, really important to our overall strategy and we're focusing on three things. We look primarily at protecting our open spaces from the impacts of climate change and ensuring that our current sequestration levels continue. We are looking to create additional sequestration of carbon absorption wherever we can. And thirdly we're looking to support biodiversity across our open spaces.

[0:45-1:00] **Caroline Haines, Chair, Epping Forest & Commons Committee:**

There's a huge difference between learning about something in a book or in a meeting or in a film than actually coming out on the ground and getting the perspective of the action that needs to be taken, the size, the scale.

[1:01-30] **Ben Murphy, Deputy Chair, Epping Forest & Commons Committee:**

The difference that the work the Climate Action Strategy is doing here in the buffer land will make a material impact on the forest and its future, the way that we utilise this spaces by sowing wildflower meadows, by managing our wildlife population, it all ensures that the carbon we sequester here, the way that we lock that in the environment, the improvements in water retention and other things that are so critical to the survival of nature and the flora and fauna that we have here in Epping Forest.

[1:31-1:45] **Alderman Alison Gowman, Lead Member for Climate Action,

Biodiversity and Urban Greening:** – At the City of London Corporation, our Climate Action Strategy is to be net zero by 2040. We can't do it without making sure that all of our efforts across the board are working towards that net zero goal.