

Dear all

Having discussed Fen Park pond with the rep for the council Amanda Frost I volunteered to go and look at one of the potential aeration devices being employed at a fisheries in Essex that had been looked at to solve the problem.

I visited Blasford Hill Fisheries on Monday 21st and spoke with the owner Neville who was most helpful and was happy to assist with information and advice.

The windmill is very neatly installed and could easily be erected in Fen Park, but probably on the island to deter vandals. It operates purely on wind power with an aeration block being placed on the bottom of the pond with the ability to easily move it from area to area enabling the pond to be oxygenated in part. This would create safe areas that, should fish be reintroduced to the pond they would automatically gravitate toward.

Having spoken with Alice it seems there may not be this intention regarding fish but Neville did say that should the council decide to restock he could provide fish at a preferential rate from his stock that they reduce regularly.

Neville also suggested a product that could be introduced to the pond that would facilitate the breakdown of the silt assisting in the re oxygenation of the pond. It is SILTEX and should be added at a rate of 1 ton per acre.