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Good practice: Beam Parklands, London

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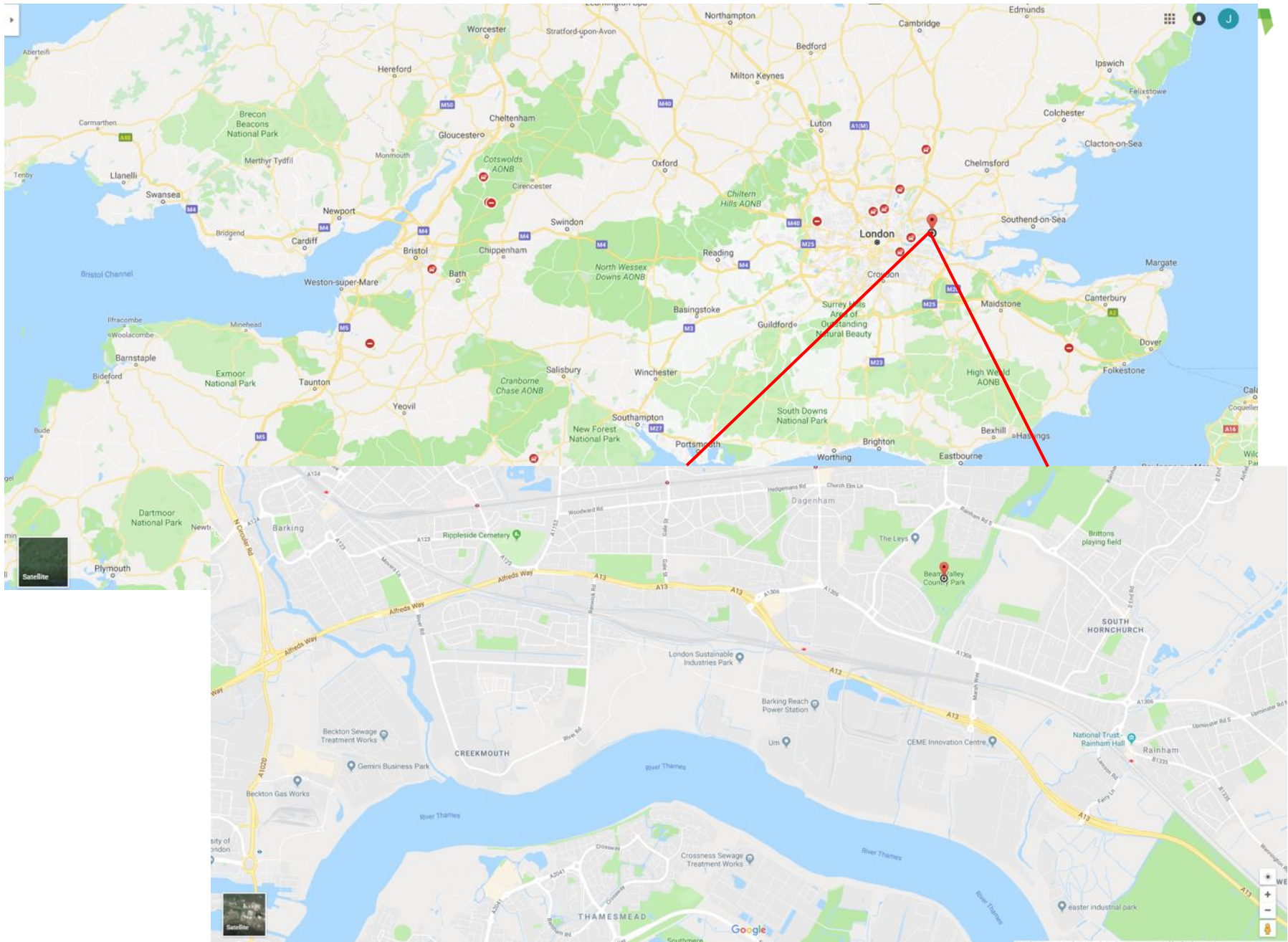
1. Introduction to good practice

- 53 hectare park in east London
- Industrial and residential legacy of old car factory in area
- In one of **most deprived areas** of entire UK
- On floodplain of River Beam
- Wealth of diverse habitats – heritage of old smallpox isolation hospital
- Part of the All London Green Grid
 - a **policy framework** to promote the design and delivery of green infrastructure across London.
- Project received **£1.5m ERDF funding** to improve flood storage



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2. Advantages/innovativeness of the good practice

- Flood storage
- Multi-functional public space**
- Recreation and education opportunities
- Enhances local environment amenity
- Contributes to conservation of important habitats and wildlife
- Stimulated regeneration of area**



3. Impact and success factors

Economic:

- Flood storage capacity increased to 450,000m³
- 570 homes/60 businesses protected
- **£600,000/yr flood risk benefits**
- **£800,000/yr benefits to local community**
- **Natural capital account asset value £42m exceeding maintenance costs of £1m**

Social:

- New bridge linking community
- Crime reduction
- 1000+ residents at community events
- 500 children in educational activities

Environmental:

- Extra 12 hectares for biodiversity
- Winner of 2011 CIWEM Living Wetlands/Brownfield Awards

4. Limitations of the good practice

- Continued problems with anti-social behaviour/vandalism – despite this being significantly reduced
- Due to flood storage use, there is occasionally standing water in the park and health and safety issues have to be managed



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