

# HOO PENINSULA HISTORIC LANDSCAPE PROJECT UPDATE - APRIL 2011

The Hoo Peninsula Historic Landscape Project began in late 2009 and aims to increase our understanding of the historical development of the Hoo Peninsula landscape in order to ensure that the historic environment makes a positive contribution to its future development and change.

Investigation of the archaeology and history of the Hoo Peninsula, using a variety of techniques, has started to build up a picture of how the landscape developed:

- Analysis of aerial photographs has revealed past land use on the northern marshlands and buried prehistoric sites at Allhallows
- Historic Landscape and Seascape Characterisations have shown how the peninsula's history, such as the medieval origins of some fields, is evident throughout the modern landscape and seascape
- Historic Farmstead Characterisation has demonstrated high rates of change and loss of Hoo's varied farmsteads in the 20th century
- Rapid assessment of Hoo's buildings has revealed the impact of late 19th- and 20th-century industrialisation on the building types and settlements
- Ground-based surveys at Cooling Radio Station, Cliffe Fort and Cliffe Explosives Works have revealed how these complexes developed and their effects on the landscape

This year we will bring the different strands of research together and address remaining gaps in our understanding. The project aims to produce a synthesis of the results, which will detail what is interesting and important about the peninsula's landscape, by April 2012.

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