2.1 EASTLEIGH: FLEMING PARK

- **Size:** 30ha   **Grid ref:** 443190

Brief Description: A large, open recreation ground with a small brook running through the southern area which is of a more informal character. This area includes a children's playground, a new paddling pool, a cycleway and a selection of mature trees.

- **Planning Context**
  Landscape improvements (Policy No 15CO).
  The local authority plans to reduce extent of formal sports and create more of an informal park.

- **Historic Context**
  The park was acquired in two parcels in 1929 and 1939. It is likely it developed from former agricultural land.

- **Historic Buildings and Built Features**
  None.

- **Planting Features**
  A single avenue of poplars forms a screen on the north-west boundary. There are mixed age trees including weeping willow and marginal planting along Monk's Brook. A few other mature trees include some oak and yew.

- **Landscape/Townscape Context**
  The large, flat site is situated to the south-east of Eastleigh town centre and is bordered by post-war housing to the south with a golf course behind the poplar screen to the west. The north of the site is largely open and is dominated by the council offices. Housing to the east is hidden by the large sports and recreation buildings within the park itself.

- **Social Context**
  The park is mainly used as a borough wide sports ground but also serves the local community for limited informal recreation. This is provided within the southern area of the park where there is a children's playground and new paddling pool.

- **Further Survey and Research Required**
  None required.

- **Summary and Recommendations**
  At present the park is principally sports based and would therefore be ineligible for submission to the H.L.F. Urban Parks Programme. Although the borough has plans to reduce the extent of sports it is likely that the park would remain ineligible since although containing a few good mature oaks and a stream their heritage merit is limited.

A. VIEW ALONG BROOK IN SOUTH AREA OF PARK

B. VIEW LOOKING NORTH ACROSS PLAYING FIELDS

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