



## **New RSPB Visitor Centre at Wat Tyler Country Park to open this Summer**

An exciting new visitor centre is getting set to open at the heart of Wat Tyler Country Park in Pitsea this summer.

This new RSPB Centre will be the second of its kind in the park and will include state-of-the-art CCTV putting the secrets of the outside world right in front of your eyes. There will also be informative displays enabling you to discover more about the South Essex marshes and a range of RSPB bird-care products to buy.

The centre will be powered by 100% sustainable energy provided by the same wood-burning boiler that powers the council's new Wat Tyler Centre.

Existing buildings within the park are being refurbished as part of the Parklands Project and are part-financed by Essex County Council, under the Thames Gateway programme of the Department for Communities and Local Government. These new facilities will complement the new Wat Tyler Centre, which is also due to open this summer.

David Hedges, the RSPB's South Essex Area Manager, said, "The new visitor centre will be a great new home for the RSPB in Wat Tyler Country Park allowing us to host bigger and better events and show people what a great place the marshes of south Essex are"

Alongside the new centre, another building will also be refurbished, as a children's Discovery Centre offering a variety of wildlife themed events and activities, and an extensive wildlife garden will be enhanced as an excellent environmental education area.