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Houghton Hall Park

Renaissance & Renewal Project




Project area


- 17 hectares
- HRTC and CBC owned land
- includes the Green



**Houghton Hall Park
Project Area**

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 Central Bedfordshire Council
 The Greensand Trust
 The Local Authorities Office, 2011



What is the purpose of the project?

- **Recognise** the importance of the Park
- **Celebrate** the role it has played over generations
- **Improve** the Park for people's enjoyment



Key Drivers

- User Surveys (2010)
- Community Surveys (2012)
- Site Management Plan
- Low use by the local community
- Degradation of heritage features
- Growth north of Houghton Regis – need to 'safe-guard' and 'future-proof'
- Potential to generate both social, economic and health benefits



Key Drivers



HLF Parks for People

- Funds projects related to historic parks and cemeteries in the UK
- Projects need to contribute to outcomes for:
 - Heritage
 - People
 - Communities
- R1 development grants allow professional approach to scoping
- Grants from £100,000 to £5 million
- 'Pass' to apply for R2 grant



Project Status

- Awarded Development Grant of £215,100 – 28 June 2013
- Permission to Start received – 5 September 2013
- PM started - 5 November 2013
- Consultants appointed / Inception meetings – November 2013

Development Stage Milestones

- Nov 2013 – March 2014 – Surveys/ needs assessment/ evidence gathering
- March 2014 – Initial Consultant reports/ findings
- April 2014 - Stage C (Mid Project) Review with HLF
- June 2014 – Final Consultant reports received
- 28 August 2014 – R2 bid submitted
- 28 November - bid result

And then what?

- HLF Round 2: Delivery

- c. £2m delivery grant for:

- Project Staff
- Heritage Restoration Work
- Infrastructure
- Interpretation and Learning
- Volunteer Development
- New Build

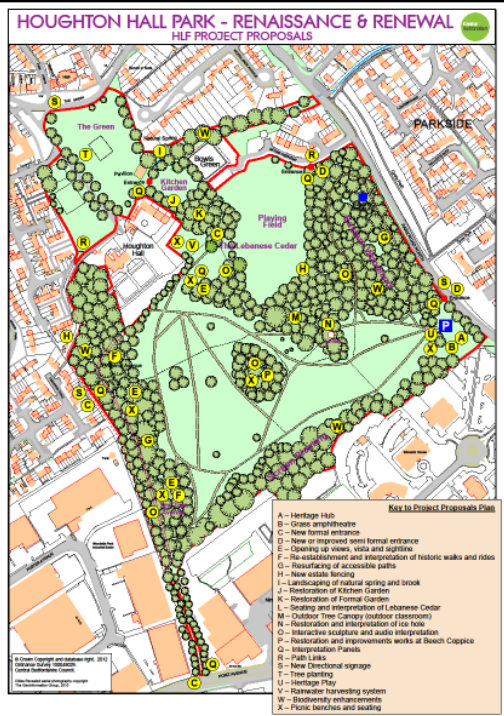
- Jan 2015- Jan 2018



Detail of Current Proposals

Caveat – consultants work and public consultation may change project proposals

Project plan



Proposals: Heritage

- **Heritage**
 - Formal Garden
 - Kitchen Garden
 - Ice hole
 - Kennel / the Hunt
 - Walks & Parades
 - Sightlines & views
 - Research projects
 - Support for Heritage Society



Proposals: Capital

• Facilities

- Café/ toilets
- Community retail space
- Flexible heritage and community activity/ meeting space
- External 'amphitheatre' for events
- Park seating
- Extended car park
- Improved signage
- Interpretation
- Trim trail/ play/ USP

• Landscape

- Balancing heritage and community use
- Accessible paths
- Tree surveys/ tree planting/ clearance
- New formal gateways/ semi formal entrances
- Historic landscape and archaeology surveys
- Conservation Management Plan
- 10 year Management & Maintenance Plan

Proposals: People

• Learning:

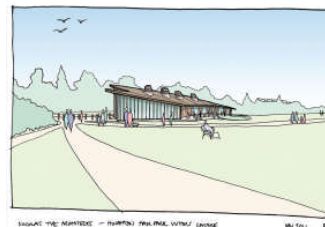
- Tree canopy
- Activity Officer & Activity Programme
- Oral history / Living History
- Masterclasses/ workshops from Contractors
- Links with Colleges/ apprenticeships
- Kitchen Garden – community use

• Volunteering:

- Colleges – students volunteering in garden
- Retail opportunities for local crafts people
- Volunteer training and development
- Additional volunteer roles – conservation/ horticulture/ heritage/ activities
- Young volunteers/ Rangers scheme

Outline Plan for Heritage Hub

- Interactive learning zone for children
- Temporary & permanent heritage displays
- Home for local primary materials
- Extensive interpretation
- Research equipment
- Heritage Day
- Base for heritage and community events
- Base for Park activity programme



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