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# Restoration & Development Plan

*Can we also, as did the simpler past civilisations, turn scientific data into abstract thought and art, thus to sustain ourselves as humans and not animals in this extraordinary continuum?*

Geoffrey Jellicoe, The Landscape of Man - shaping the environment from prehistory to the present day; 1987

## Heritage Lottery Fund Pre Application Enquiry:

The Heritage Lottery Funds 'Parks for People' programme offers grants of between £250,000 and £5 million pounds. All applications go through two competitive assessment rounds. Colchester Borough Council is submitting a 'Round 1' application to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) in February 2009.

In January 2009, Colchester Borough Council submitted a pre-application enquiry form. The HLFs response confirmed that the full application for funding for the restoration and development of Castle Park should demonstrate how the project meets the HLFs three key priorities and five key outcomes.

The three key priorities for selection of Castle Park for funding are:

- The community values the park as part of their heritage;
- The park meets local social economic and environmental needs; and
- The park management actively involves local people.

The five key outcomes of the proposed project are:

- To increase the range of audiences;
- To conserve and improve the heritage value;
- To increase the range of volunteers involved;
- To increase knowledge and skills;
- To improve management and maintenance;

Chapter seven (Client Organisation Management and Funding) sets out how the direction of the project proposals has been informed by Colchester Boroughs Green Space Strategy and

sets out the clear vision for the Castle Park.

## 6.1 Introduction

This chapter commences with a reiteration of the agreed Aims and Objectives for the Restoration and Development Plan and Key Issues to be addressed that emerged from the Archaeology, Historical Development, and Landscape Appraisals. This is followed by a narrative description of each of the main elements of the Restoration and Development Plan and a prioritised Schedule of Proposals, Issues/Impacts, and Benefits. The Key Issues are numbered and each element of the Restoration and Development Plan (2766LO/001\_Rev C) is followed by the Key Issues that address that element.

The Restoration and Development Plan is located at the rear of this section. It is supported by the Zone Plan (2766LO/003) and identifies which proposals are located within the key areas of the Park.

## 6.2 Aims and Objectives of the Restoration and Development Plan

The specific proposals for Castle Park have been developed with the three key priorities and five key outcomes in mind.

The agreed Aims and Objectives for the Restoration and Development Plan are to:

- Satisfy current and future user needs and guide the restoration, development, interpretation and management of the Park;
- Increase the number and range of audiences involved with and using Castle Park;
- Increase community involvement and opportunities for volunteering;
- Optimise the formal and informal educational opportunities;
- Enhance access and orientation throughout Castle Park;
- Enhance visitor facilities to meet expectation of Park users;
- Reflect the Policies of Colchester Borough Council;
- Preserve, enhance and interpret the historic character and value of the Park;

- Preserve, enhance and interpret the visible and buried archaeological remains within the Park; and
- Preserve, enhance and interpret the ecological value of the Park.

### 6.3 Key Issues

The following are the Key Issues for the Restoration and Development Plan taken from the previous chapters on Archaeology, Historical Development, and Landscape Appraisal. They are intended to guide the development of the Restoration and Development Plan. The more detailed issues for the new contemporary events building linked to the café, the extended Park Rangers building and new Education Resource and Volunteer Base are intended to provide outline briefs for the design of these areas.

#### 6.3.1 Historical Landscape Design Conservation

##### *HLDC 1*

To conserve, protect and restore as far as is practicable the Charles Gray layout and its remaining artefacts.

##### *HLDC 2*

To conserve, protect and restore as far as is practicable the Victorian Backhouse layout and its remaining artefacts.

##### *HLDC 3*

To ensure that design improvements to the Park consider means to visually and physically link features to enhance visitor appreciation and understanding, and broaden the appeal to a wider audience.

##### *HLDC 4*

To limit the impact of development on the historical layout and artefacts.

##### *HLDC 5*

To improve the presentation and interpretation of the landscape design of the Park, enhancing users knowledge and experience of the landscape.

#### 6.3.2 Archaeological Conservation

##### *ARCH 1*

To conserve and protect standing archaeological remains recognising the heritage value of the Park, and to enhance

practical conservation skills and knowledge.

##### *ARCH 2*

To limit the impact of development on archaeology.

##### *ARCH 3*

To allow sufficient provision for an archaeological evaluation to be undertaken where visible and buried archaeology is impacted prior to the preparation of development proposals; and, that the archaeology is recorded and/or protected as necessary as part of the proposals.

##### *ARCH 4*

To ensure that footpath and design improvements to the Park consider means to visually and physically link features to enhance visitor appreciation and understanding.

##### *ARCH 5*

To protect and manage important habitats associated with archaeological features.

##### *ARCH 6*

To improve the presentation, setting and interpretation of visible archaeological features to enhance visitor knowledge and experience.

#### 6.3.3 Landscape Appraisal

##### *LAPP 1*

To ensure a balance of archaeological, historical landscape design, horticultural, leisure and development interests is achieved.

##### *LAPP 2*

To ensure that development accords with the strategic context of the Park.

##### *LAPP 3*

To exploit opportunities for visual and ecological enhancement of the River Colne, and the Boating Pond

##### *LAPP 4*

To provide for better footpath links to, through and around the Park improving connectivity for the local community and visitors alike.

##### *LAPP 5*

To develop inclusive children's play facilities for varying ages and abilities in appropriate locations.

### **LAPP 6**

To develop interpretation of the Park in conjunction with the Museums increasing understanding, knowledge and interest in the heritage value of the Park.

### **LAPP 7**

To preserve and enhance existing appropriate leisure and toilet facilities to meet the needs of existing Park users and to widen appeal to additional audiences.

### **LAPP 8**

To protect, enhance and develop horticultural value within the Park ensuring management and maintenance regimes are appropriate and implemented.

### **LAPP 9**

To protect, enhance and interpret ecology and wildlife value.

### **LAPP 10**

To provide a new events building connected to the refurbished café to host functions, increase audience numbers and increase revenue.

### **LAPP 11**

To exploit opportunities afforded by the Old Nursery to create a new Education Resource and Volunteer Base, and a secure maintenance depot area utilising existing buildings, where possible, to accommodate the Rangers, Gardeners and Security Staff in order to enhance their roles and services offered to Park visitors.

### **Key Issue - LAPP 12**

To exploit opportunities offered by the Old Nursery area to create a new Education Resource and Volunteer Base to actively involve local people and increase the range of volunteers, knowledge and skills, and to facilitate use of the Park as an educational resource linked with schools and other study programmes.

## **6.3.4 New Contemporary Park Building**

- Provision of an information desk and room for displays in a

foyer, with toilets and baby change facilities leading off from the foyer.

- Separate lockable function room for approximately 35 people.
- To physically link to existing café to enable access to toilet and cafe facilities by users of both buildings (avoiding duplication of facilities).
- Building to be as energy efficient and sustainable as practicable within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be as flexible as possible within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- The building is to be an attractive contemporary addition to the Park as part of the 'activity' area.

## **6.3.5 Refurbishment of Existing Café**

- Kitchens for reheating pre-prepared food and ancillary storage areas.
- New servery hatch to sunken terrace area.
- To be as energy efficient and sustainable as practicable within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- To be as flexible as possible within the constraints of the brief requirements.

## **6.3.6 Refurbishment and Extension of Park Ranger and Gardener Base**

- Extend and refurbish.
- Extend existing Ranger building to include a meeting room and separate mess room for the Gardeners.
- Extend and convert existing rooms to include a Ranger office with foyer and reception, and a kit and storage room shared with the Gardeners.
- Extend and refurbish existing toilets and changing facilities.
- Building to be as energy efficient and sustainable as practicable within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be as flexible as possible within the constraints of the brief requirements.

## **6.3.7 New Education Resource and Volunteer**

## Building

- Classroom for approximately 35 people.
- Galley kitchen.
- Toilet, shower and changing facilities.
- Kit and equipment storage.
- Building to be as energy efficient and sustainable as practicable within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be as flexible as possible within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be an attractive contemporary addition to the Park as part of the 'activity' area.

### Ryegate Road Entrance Café Kiosk, Boat Store and Toilet Block

- Extend and refurbish existing toilet block to include a café kiosk, boat shelter and store.
- Building to be as energy efficient and sustainable as practicable within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be as flexible as possible within the constraints of the brief requirements.
- Building to be an attractive contemporary addition to the Park.

## 6.4 Restoration and Development Proposals

The following narrative describes the proposals. It should be read in conjunction with the Restoration and Development Plan (2766LO/001C). The final digit of the item number corresponds to the numbered items of the Restoration and Development Plan and in the prioritised Schedule of Proposals, Issues/Impacts, and Benefits. The numbers in brackets following each proposal relates to the Key Issues (as above) addressed by the proposal.

### 6.4.3 Museum Street entrance: east-west footpath into the Upper and Lower Parks (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 4.)

These entrances should be upgraded in line with historic forms - simple, black painted, mild steel metal railings. The

'Welcome' signage already purchased by Colchester Borough Council will require updating with a map and information relevant to the restored Park. Overall, the entrance should be made more legible to users of the Park, inviting people in, whilst also improving heritage value.

### 6.4.4 Ryegate (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 4.)

The historic gates which are listed should be conserved, protected and enhanced through the restoration process and repaired as necessary. As it is a prominent entrance to the Lower Park, signage should be subtle, consistent, robust and in keeping with the historic setting, improving legibility and users knowledge of the Park. The 'Welcome' signage already purchased by Colchester Borough Council will require updating with a map and information relevant to the restored Park.

The associated drinking fountain is an important historic feature and should be restored and maintained as a fountain subject to Environmental Health regulations. Through its retention, a greater understanding can be gained of the historic context of the Park and its development over time.

### 6.4.5 Middle Mill (HLDC 3; LAPP 1, 2, 3, 4.)

Middle Mill is currently a low quality road and parking area. It is, however, a main thoroughfare leading to the Town Centre by bicycle and by foot, particularly when the Park is closed. It also forms an important boundary to Lower Park. The enhancement of the public realm of Middle Mill will be delivered outside of the restoration proposals of Castle Park but proposals will be coordinated with the setting of the Middle Mill Park boundary.

As part of the enhancement of Middle Mill public realm the existing park entrance gate and path are to be removed. A section of new railing to match the existing railings will be inserted to secure the park boundary. Appropriate soft landscape will be incorporated as part of the boundary planting.

### 6.4.6 New Gates to North Western Park Entrance at Middle Mill (HLDC 3; LAPP 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.)

This is a strategically important junction of several footpath and cycle routes from the north-west of Colchester and the river walk to the west. The river at Middle Mill is an important visual and historic asset just outside the boundary of the Park. It is therefore an important contributor to the aesthetic and historic meaning of the Park and its setting. The design of the proposed



new gates to this entrance should be sympathetic to the historic character of the park and also to the river setting at Middle Mill. This work would complement the restoration work of the Environment Agency to Middle Mill.

#### **6.4.7 New Vehicle Bridge to South West of Cricket Pavilion:**

A new bridge is proposed to the south-west of the Cricket Club. This bridge is to be designed to take HGV vehicles to facilitate setting up of events in the Lower Park. Current access for events vehicles from the Middle Mill entrance into the park is particularly awkward. The provision of better vehicle access would potentially allow Colchester Borough Council to attract a greater variety of events to be staged in the Park.

The bridge will also provide a much more direct link into and through the Park for people coming from the north-west, as it will provide an easier, more pleasant route through the Park. The bridge should not only be appropriate to the riverine environment, but also to the setting of the historic park.

#### **6.4.8 Remove Footbridge on Eastern Side of Cricket Pavilion (LAPP 1, 2.)**

The existing footbridge to the east of the cricket pavilion is little used and has no historic merit.

#### **6.4.9 North East Entrance to the Park (LAPP 1, 2, 4.)**

The north east entrance to the Park lies at an important junction of several routes from the north and east. It links the Park with the strategic open spaces surrounding Colchester such as High Woods Country Park and the River corridor, and also with Leisure World. As such it is an important entrance, yet it is currently of low quality. The pedestrian bridge should be replaced with a more sympathetic design as part of the upgrade of this major entrance space and place in its own right. With new benches, signage, planting and gates, it has the potential to become a very pleasant introduction to the Park and facilitate the journey through and on to the Museums and Town Centre. The new pedestrian footbridge will further improve access to the wider surrounding environment.

#### **6.4.10 Fence to Eastern Boundary of Lower Park (LAPP 1.)**

Fencing to the boundaries of the Park give a very good impression of what the Park feels like, how it is maintained and whether it is inviting and safe. Visible boundary fences are the extended 'front door' of the Park and give an impression of what the Park is like. It is therefore important to renew this fence where it is visible with an appropriate historic model of black painted, mild steel that is consistent with fences and gates elsewhere.

#### **6.4.11 New gate to Lower Park at junction with the east-west footpath (HLDC 3,5; ARCH 1, 2, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 2, 4, 6.)**

This new gate is proposed as part of wider proposals to make the east-west footpath between the Upper and Lower Parks more attractive and user-friendly; to create a new entrance into the Upper Park at Duncan's Gate; to create a co-ordinated landscape setting for and interpretation of the Town Ditch, Duncan's Gate and the Roman Drain.

On completion of these elements, it will be possible to interpret the connections between these archaeological and historic elements within the overall setting of the Upper and Lower Parks, whilst creating an entrance area that is appropriate to a historic park.

This gate will be locked when the park is closed and entry will be controlled when events are being held in the lower park.

#### **6.4.12 New Gate, Directional and Interpretation Signage at Duncan's Gate (HLDC 3, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 2, 4, 6.)**

Duncan's Gate is an important archaeological remain within the Park. This new gate is proposed as part of wider proposals to make the east-west public footpath between the Upper and Lower Parks more attractive, inviting and user-friendly; to create a new entrance into the Lower Park; to create a co-ordinated landscape setting for and interpretation of the Town Ditch, Duncan's Gate and the Roman Drain, increasing knowledge and understanding of these historic features and enhancing their heritage value and setting.

The new gates should be of suitable design and stature, along with coordinated interpretation signage and directional signage. Visitors would now be able to pass through Duncan's Gate from the Upper Park to the Lower Park, vastly increasing access and permeability. As part of the restoration of Duncan's Gate, a new hard surface, sensitive to the archaeology of Duncan's Gate and the Roman Drain (such as self binding gravel), would be installed to improve access from the public footpath. It will also give access to the proposed development of the Old Nursery compound in the Upper Park, which will include the refurbished café, new toilets within the new events building, new playground, new Ranger, Gardener and Security Team Base, new Education Resource and Volunteer building.

The new/relocated facilities will target a wider audience, ensuring many groups are catered for within the Park.

On completion of these elements, it will be possible to interpret the connections between these archaeological and historic elements within the overall setting of the Upper and Lower Parks.

#### **6.4.13 Upgrade Castle Road Entrance (LAPP 1, 2, 4.)**

The entrance from Castle Road is an important pedestrian and vehicular access. It requires upgrading so that the gate, signage, paving and planting is co-ordinated with the rest of the Park, and overall a more inviting entrance is created that is appropriate to a historic park. The 'Welcome' signage already purchased by Colchester Borough Council will require updating with a map and information relevant to the restored Park. The tarmac paved parking area should be removed to ensure there are no stationary vehicles in this area. It must be a welcoming entrance to the Park to improve visitor experience.

#### **6.4.15 Footpaths (HLDC 1, 2, 3; LAPP 1, 4.)**

The existing footpaths within the Park are generally in good condition. However, in certain areas they are in need of renewal and resurfacing. Surfacing and edges of footpaths should be consistent throughout the Park. Resin bonded gravel is a good, traditional looking surface that is hard wearing and long lasting. It is also good surface for the disabled, for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Edges in general should be a combination of timber and high quality metal edging, the latter focused along footpaths and in special garden areas. Existing

concrete kerbing is inappropriate and should be removed as paths are upgraded.

#### **6.4.16 Upgrading east-west public footpath (HLDC 3, 4, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 2, 4, 6.)**

Currently, the footpath between the Upper and Lower Park has a slightly intimidating feel. This is partly due to the narrowness and enclosure caused by the proximity of the low quality railing fence and the hedge behind. It is proposed that the hedge be removed altogether and that the fence be replaced and moved to the north by four to five metres, improving visitors sense of safety and experience of the Park. The fence should be consistent with all other boundary fences and gates and black painted mild steel. This would open out the footpath considerably making it feel much more comfortable. It would allow for better views of the Roman Wall from the Lower Park, linking with the important heritage features of the Park. It would facilitate better presentation and interpretation of the history and archaeology of the Wall.

#### **6.4.17 Footpath link from Duncan's Gate along the eastern boundary of the Park (HLDC 3, 4; ARCH 4; LAPP 1, 2, 4)**

Between Castle Gate and Duncan's Gate it is proposed to include a new path on the eastern edge of Hollytrees Meadow and the Old Nursery Development area. The footpath will provide a valuable link, contributing to circular walks within the Park for visitors to enjoy. The link will also ensure that for the majority of the time, vehicles are restricted to the eastern edge of the Park when gaining access to the new park maintenance depot area.

#### **6.4.18 Footpath link to the south of the cricket ground (HLDC 3, 4; ARCH 4; LAPP 1, 2, 4)**

The proposed shared cycle and footpath along the southern edge of the Cricket Ground will connect the Sustrans cycle route to local cycle paths and will provide an additional link to footpaths within the Lower Park, enhancing visitor access. The provision of this cycle route will allow the Parks management team to more easily enforce the policy of no cycling within the Park.

#### 6.4.19 Footpath to south of Lower Park (LAPP 4.)

One of the features of a park is the ability they often have to provide various circular walks. Within Castle Park, the only loop circuit currently available is that around Lower Park, linked to Upper Park. This new footpath would allow a circuit walk around Lower Park and also provide a hard surface walk around the Events Area, improving visitor experience of the Park and providing a number of alternative walks.

#### 6.4.20 Remove Upper Bowling Green and Reinstall Roman rampart Defensive Earthworks (HLDC 3, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 6.)

The Upper Bowling Green sits uncomfortably within the Lower Park and detracts significantly from the overall Park environment. It also creates a space between it and the Town Wall which contains the archaeologically important Roman Town Ditch, currently managed as a wildflower meadow.

Also, the combined usage of the Upper and Lower Bowling Green Clubs is low – a combined membership of approximately 80 people. The bowling greens, therefore, take up a lot of space for the benefit of the few.

The Lower Bowling Green does make a contribution to the overall environmental quality and experience of the Park. It is visible, pleasant and lends a pleasant ambience to the Park. The Upper Bowling Green, conversely, does not contribute to the overall quality and experience of the Park. It is visually unpleasant, and detracts from the ambience of the Park and the setting of the Town Wall. It is, therefore, proposed to remove the Upper Bowling Green.

With the removal of the Upper Bowling Green, the opportunity exists to recreate a section of the Roman rampart defensive earthworks immediately north of the Town Ditch. The implementation of this proposal would depend on the outcome of discussions with English Heritage which have not as yet commenced formally.

Should it not be possible to recreate the Roman rampart, the area formally occupied by the Upper Bowling Green is to be reintegrated as part of the parkland setting and managed as part of the extended wild flower meadow currently restricted to the Town Ditch.

#### 6.4.21 Refurbish Lower Bowling Green (LAPP 1, 7.)

As described above, the Lower Bowling Green is very pleasant and contributes to the overall ambience and experience of the Park. It should therefore be protected and enhanced as required with new planting, benches and hedging. The extension to the bowling club will allow improvements to be made to the toilet and kitchen facilities, ensuring all the needs of the club are met and the club's long term viability secured. By improving the bowling club, it will provide an important visitor facility and potentially attract more users to not only the bowling green, but also the wider Park.

#### 6.4.22 Retain existing Barn and 19th century Wooden Shed. Remove redundant and derelict maintenance sheds, huts, glasshouses (HLDC 3, 4, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 6; LAPP 1, 6.)

The existing wooden barn, formally a Dutch barn, is currently used as the principle store for vehicles and equipment in the existing depot. The barn is in sound condition and should remain in service as part of the new maintenance depot area. An additional door for vehicle access into the Barn would be beneficial as part of the new depot area.

Similarly, the old wooden shed, (believed to have been a pig shed of the 19th century) is to be retained, relocated within the new arrangement of the depot and upgraded with light and power to provide additional storage space for equipment.

The remaining buildings within the Old Nursery Compound generally do not have any historic merit and should be removed.

#### 6.4.23 Park Maintenance Depot Area, Ranger Station and Storage Building (HLDC 3; LAPP 3, 7)

Part of the former Old Nursery Compound is to be redeveloped to provide a new secure Park Maintenance Depot Area. Secure fencing and gates should be installed at its perimeter and softened with new hedge planting and trees and shrubs appropriate to the character of the Park.

The existing small building currently shared by the Rangers, Security team and Gardeners is inadequate for current and future operations. It is imperative that this building is extended and refurbished in order to deliver the range of proposed services and activities that will go towards meeting the HLFs three key objectives and five outcomes.

The extended building is to include a meeting room and separate mess room for the Gardeners, as well as a Ranger office with foyer and reception Ranger desk and a kit and storage room shared with the Gardeners. The existing toilets and changing facilities are to be extended and refurbished.

Vehicles should access the maintenance depot from the Castle Gate along the new access to the eastern side of Hollytrees Meadow, restricting the majority of vehicle movements from the rest of the Park.

#### **6.4.24 Refurbishment and extension of toilet block to include café kiosk and boat concessionaire shelter by the boating pond (HLDC 3, 4; ARCH 6; LAPP 1, 3, 7.)**

The refurbishment and extension of toilet block to include a café kiosk and boat concessionaire shelter, café seating terrace and boat landing area, combined with the enhancement of the boating pond and immediate landscape, will ensure this area plays a greater role as an attraction. The facilities will encourage greater use of this part of the Park, potentially reducing crowding and overuse of the proposed playground, enhanced café and toilet facilities in the Upper Park. Additional uses for the boating pond, such as model boating will become more appealing to potential new user groups through the provision of good toilets and refreshments close at hand.

#### **6.4.25 Redesign and refurbishment of the toilets adjacent to Hollytrees Mansion (HLDC 1, 3, 4, 5; LAPP 1, 7.)**

Many coach parties visiting Colchester alight adjacent to Hollytrees Mansion and the public toilets adjacent often provide their first experience of Colchester. The impression that the toilets give is not as positive a message about Colchester and Castle Park as it needs to be in order for people to feel welcomed and valued visitors. The

refurbishment and redesign of these toilets is seen as a vital part of addressing the image of Castle Park to encourage visitors to explore and take full advantage of what the Park has to offer.

#### **6.4.28 Renewal of railings on top of the rampart (HLDC 1, 5; ARCH 4, 6; LAPP 1.)**

The railings along the rampart footpath are bow top railings associated with Victorian parks. The footpath here is part of Gray's original layout leading to and focussing on Gray's pavilion at one end, and the remains of his Rotunda at the other. A more appropriate style of fence would therefore be a mild steel, continuous bar fence to enhance the heritage value of this area.

#### **6.4.29 Gray's Pavilion (HLDC 1, 3, 5; LAPP 1, 6.)**

This beautiful and well-maintained listed historical Pavilion is currently closed off with expanding metal gates which detract from the beauty of this delightful feature. The gates should be removed and replaced with toughened glass to allow Gray's Pavilion to be used for exhibition purposes. Exhibitions would include artwork by local artists and material from the Museums Service as part of a coordinated programme of events. Power and temperature/humidity control within the Pavilion will ensure that it becomes a viable exhibitions space, whilst lighting would enhance the aesthetic qualities of this feature, creating an attractive element within the Park that also acts as a destination. Guided and controlled access inside by members of the public would bring the heritage value of Gray's Pavilion to life. In conjunction with an improved Park Ranger service, and security presence, the management and maintenance of this feature should be ensured.

#### **6.4.30 Gray's Rotunda (HLDC 1, 3, 5; LAPP 1, 6.)**

Gray's Rotunda is an exquisite and significant historical remain surviving from Gray's layout. It is proposed to create an enhanced historical landscape setting that would increase visitor enjoyment, experience and understanding through interpretation.

#### **6.4.31 Reinstatement of the Badge Bed as part of the restoration of Hollytrees Lawn (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 1, 4, 8.)**

The Badge Bed was relocated to its current location in the Hollytrees Lawn in 1979 from its original location within the Bell Gardens. The Badge Bed remains a popular annual bedding display at the edge of Hollytrees Lawn.

As part of the restoration of Hollytrees Lawn, an existing tarmac path will be removed, the lawn re-profiled, and the Badge Bed reinstated in the lawn. It is important to retain the Badge Bed, not only because of its contribution to the Park as a whole, but because of the role it plays in allowing local community involvement and ownership of the Park, through the design of the bedding display and its on-going, management and maintenance.

#### **6.4.32 Enhancement of Bell Gardens and adjacent area with military association (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 1, 4, 6, 8)**

The Bell Gardens are located to the west of the Avignon Garden. Colchester has a long and proud history as a Garrison town. The Bell Gardens form a focal point of remembrance of those involved in conflicts including the Boer War, the Second World War and current operations in the Gulf and Afghanistan. The adjacent Roman Bank was previously used to display a captured Boer War gun and later a tank. However, the current layout of the areas does not adequately convey the presence of the military association, or provide adequate landscape settings. The opportunity exists to provide the Bell Gardens with a distinct formal character through enhanced planting and interpretation providing visitors with a greater understanding of the significance of this garden.

#### **6.4.33 Sensory Garden (HLDC 1, 3, 4, 5; LAPP 1, 6)**

The Sensory Garden is inappropriately sited and detracts from the historical landscape setting designed for Hollytrees Mansion by Gray. However, it is recognised that this is a recent addition to the Park and that local artists were involved in its design and construction. It is therefore proposed that the Garden is rationalised, enhanced and integrated sensitively at the edge of Hollytrees Lawn, improving the overall design and integration of the Gardens on the eastern edge of the area. In

repositioning the Garden, it should be the intention that, where possible, artwork is retained and reused in the redevelopment of the area, thereby incorporating elements that are intrinsic to the character of the Garden and important to Park users. Adjacent to the Garden, the Park boundary should be improved through additional tree and shrub planting to filter views of the new residential development in order to improve the experience for visitors to the Sensory Garden and historic landscape setting of Hollytrees Mansion.

#### **6.4.34 Roman Wall (HLDC 1, 2, 3, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 3, 4; LAPP 1, 4, 6.)**

The remnant Roman Wall to the north-west of the Castle is poorly presented and not interpreted. It is a significant visible archaeological remain within the Park. The view of the Castle from the footpath going up the hill and through the wall is one of the best and most romantic in the Park and should be respected in the creation of a new setting for the wall. New signage, seating and interpretation is proposed to assist visitors in their understanding and appreciating this aspect of the historic fabric of the Park.

#### **6.4.35 Avignon Garden (HLDC 1, 2, 3, 5; ARCH 1, 4, 6; LAPP 4, 6, 7.)**

The Avignon Garden is a marvellous space and colourful garden in its own right. However, it is not fully enclosed at the eastern and western ends, and so the area is not enclosed with a definite boundary. Its design intent is as an enclosed, walled garden (albeit that the southern 'wall' is the great Norman rampart) and various additions since Gray have reinforced this idea. The opportunity exists to fully enclose the garden at its eastern and western end through the addition of evergreen hedging tied back into the existing soft landscape, so that it becomes a space that is entered at the designated points and thus the experience of the gardens focused and concentrated enhancing visitor experience of the area.

#### **6.4.36 Roman Pavement (ARCH 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 4, 6.)**

This is a significant visible archaeological remain within the Park and offers great opportunities for interpreting the archaeological stratigraphy. It denotes the original street level of the Roman town over which the Norman's built

their ramparts and castle. It is proposed to conserve and enhance its setting and its interpretation through providing a simple footpath, seating, interpretation signage and planting, enhancing the heritage value of the feature.

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##### Park Lodge (HLDC 4, 5; LAPP 1, 8.)

The Lodge is not considered as suitable accommodation for Park staff due to constraints in relation to access. To ensure that its significant visual contribution to the Park is protected, the Lodge is currently let through a Housing Association, but with agreements on maintenance of the visible garden areas by Park staff to ensure that it retains its visual appeal. Visually intrusive fences should be screened by planting to ensure they do not detract from the historic merit of the Lodge and its grounds.

#### 6.4.39 Focal Structure at end of the Bandstand Walk

The original Victorian café was positioned as a focal point at the end of the Bandstand Walk with a clock under its eaves. The café was taken down when the current café was erected which denied the Bandstand Walk of its focal point. The opportunity now exists to reinstate the focal point with a timber frame structure or pergola containing a clock. This would reinforce the purpose of the Bandstand Walk and help visitors to orientate themselves and draw them towards the facilities at the central active area of the Park.

#### 6.4.40 and 6.4.42:

##### Boating Pond and Views from Ryegate Entrance (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 1, 3, 4, 7, 8.) (HLDC 3, 5; LAPP 1, 3)

As part of the strategy for the boating pond and associated enhanced facilities to play a greater role as an attraction (see proposal 6.4.24), the enhancement of the associated landscape around the boating pond, the creation of views across the Lower Park from the Ryegate entrance, and the provision of a glade for picnics and improved seating will also encourage more people to enjoy the ambience of this part of the Park for longer.

The landscape setting of the boating pond will be enhanced through groups of shrub planting creating a distinct character.

The existing hard retaining edge of the boating pond will be retained but softened with planting along the northern side. Views from the Ryegate entrance over the boating pond to the Lower Park beyond will be opened up through selected removal of trees as part of the creation of a glade in which picnic benches and seating will be provided.

The provision of new interpretation signage in relation to historic elements such as the remains of the WWII gun emplacement and tank traps close to the boating pond will provide the public with additional insight into the history and heritage value of the Park.

#### 6.4.41 Sensory Garden Pavilion (HLDC 3; LAPP 1, 4, 7)

The Sensory Garden Pavilion is located to the north east of Hollytrees Lawn and at the northern end of the Sensory Garden. It is currently isolated and under used. Access and circulation between the Sensory Garden and Hollytrees Meadow is compromised by the current layout. The opportunity exists to connect the two parts of the Park by opening up the Sensory Shelter as a 'gateway'. The setting of the Shelter will be improved with new natural stone paving to its threshold on the southern side. New steps will be constructed from the Shelter to connect with the footpath in Hollytrees Meadow. This simple design change brings new use to the Sensory Shelter and forms part of the strategy to improve access in the eastern side of Castle Park through Duncan's Gate to the Lower Park.

#### 6.4.42 (see Item 6.4.40)

#### 6.4.43 River Colne (HLDC 3; LAPP 1, 3, 9)

The River Colne is an under-utilised resource on the edge of the Park. It is proposed to enhance its immediate setting and its ecological and visual value through implementation of planting and a management and maintenance plan, creating an important feature that contributes much to the setting of the Park.

#### 6.4.44 Footpath removal at the Woodland Walk (LAPP 1)

An existing section of footpath to the eastern end of the Avignon Gardens creates a small island of soft landscape,



separating it from the northern part of the Woodland Walk. The footpath should be removed, and the area reinstated as soft landscape to tie in with the end of Woodland Walk as part of the containment of the Avignon Garden reinforcing design of both features and improving the visitor experience.

#### **6.4.45 Screen planting to the Eastern boundary of Lower Park (HLDC 3; LAPP 1.)**

Some views out of the Park along this boundary detract from the overall character and experience of the Park, potentially affecting its heritage value. It is therefore proposed to implement screen planting to provide an appropriate backdrop, containing the Park. It is possible that some of this planting could be implemented outside the Park boundary.

#### **6.4.46 Eastern footpath in Lower Park (HLDC 3; ARCH 1, 4; LAPP 1, 4, 6.)**

With the relocation of the Upper Bowling Green, it is possible to redirect the footpath so that it provides a more direct route to the north-eastern entrance to the Park and formalise a worn path that people habitually use. The footpath will allow enhanced access and circulation of the eastern part of Lower Park whilst not detracting from the heritage value of this part of the Park. The widening of the footpath to the front of the Lower Bowling Green will again respond to user's needs.

#### **6.4.47 Roman Town Ditch and rampart (HLDC 5; ARCH 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; LAPP 1, 4, 6.)**

With the removal of the Upper Bowling Green, it is proposed to enhance the setting, presentation and interpretation of the archaeologically significant Town Ditch. In conjunction with proposals for Duncan's Gate, the Town Wall and the east-west public footpath, the combined interpretation of these linked elements is proposed, increasing knowledge of Park users and an understanding of the heritage value the Park has to offer. This will give unique insight into the form and operation of the Roman settlement.

Pending discussions with, and agreement from English Heritage, the opportunity exists to recreate a section of the Roman rampart defensive earthworks to the north side of the Town Ditch.

The Town Ditch is currently managed as a wild flower meadow, principally for the benefit of invertebrates. The intention is to extend the area managed as wild flower meadow north of the Town Ditch.

#### **6.4.48 Park Cafe Pavilion (HLDC 2, 3, 4; ARCH 1, 2; LAPP 1, 2, 7, 10.)**

The existing Park Café Pavilion holds a strategic location in the centre of the Park. However it is inadequate to meet current and future requirements for an improved café to accommodate improved toilets, baby change facilities, a Park Office for Rangers, a first aid station, an information point, and which would act as the focus for Park activities.

Therefore the existing café will be refurbished and a new kiosk installed from which to serve the sunken terrace area overlooking the proposed children's play area. Proposals for the accommodation of the Park Rangers have been set out at item 6.4.23. A new contemporary event building will accommodate toilets, baby change facilities and an information point connected to the refurbished café. Proposals for this building have been set out in 6.4.49.

The relationship between facilities in the activity area of the Park are illustrated in Figure 2766LO/002.

#### **6.4.49 Park Information and Events Building (HLDC 2, 3, 4, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 4, 6; LAPP 1, 4, 6, 7.)**

A new contemporary Park building is proposed that would contain an information desk, space for displays, toilet and baby change facilities, and a separate function room to host events. This building will be connected to the café building to avoid duplication of facilities. The toilets and baby change facilities would be used by people using the café, and the catering facilities of the café would be used to serve functions and events. It is intended that the function room would provide ongoing additional income for the Park.

The combination of facilities provided by the refurbished café and new contemporary building would ensure that this area would be enhanced as the central focus of activities within the Park.

The new building is carefully designed and sited within the





Figure 2766LO/002  
Central Activity Area

rampart earthworks to minimise its visibility from the steps of Hollytrees Mansion so that the strategic view across Hollytrees Lawn and Meadow and across the River Valley are protected.

The new building would allow diversity to be brought to the current Park uses, increasing the range of audiences attracted to the Park. The positioning of the building also integrates with the historic fabric of the Park, improving understanding of archaeological features through additional interpretation information.

#### **6.4.50 New Education Resource and Volunteer Building (HLDC 2, 3, 4, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 6; LAPP 1, 6, 11, 12)**

A new Education Resource and Volunteer Building is proposed to be located in the Old Nursery Compound. The building will be a simple purpose designed facility, and include a classroom, toilet and changing facilities, and a kit and store room.

The Park is regularly visited by local school groups studying the history of Colchester as part of the national curriculum. There is currently no dedicated space within the Park to assist these groups, or a structured programme of school activities due to the lack of facilities and staff. Similarly, there is no dedicated space for volunteers such as the Friends of Castle Park to meet and develop their role.

The new Education Resource and Volunteer Base building forms a crucial part of Colchester Borough Councils strategy to increase use of the Park as a teaching and learning resource, and a centre for volunteering. Recruitment of volunteers from a wider audience and their inclusion as part of the decision making process for the ongoing upkeep and future direction of the Park is seen as vital to encourage a sense of ownership and stewardship which will assist in safeguarding the future of Castle Park as a valued resource.

#### **6.4.51 New Putting Greens (HLDC 3, 4; LAPP 1, 7, 11.)**

The existing Putting Greens are a well used resource, and with the redevelopment of the Old Nursery Compound to form the secure depot area, Ranger Base and play grounds, the Putting Greens will need to be relocated. It is proposed that the Putting Greens be located on the eastern edge of the secure depot area, adjacent to the proposed play areas, creating a centre of

activity for various audiences that is also close to the proposed refurbished Park Café Pavilion.

#### **6.4.52 Extension to the lime avenue (LAPP 1.)**

It is proposed to extend the existing avenue of lime trees to the eastern boundary of Hollytrees Meadow down to Duncan's Gate. This will filter views of the secure depot area and playgrounds for adjacent residence, and enhance the experience of the Hollytrees Meadow down to Duncan's Gate for visitors.

#### **6.4.53 Roman Drains and Mithraeum Interpretation (HLDC 3, 4, 5; ARCH 1, 2, 6; LAPP 1, 6)**

The removal of the existing Play Area on Hollytrees Meadow will allow the setting for a section of the Roman Drain and Mithraeum to be enhanced with limited and appropriate hard surfacing, and full interpretation to be provided. This will re-establish these archaeological features as important artefacts in the Park, providing an additional attraction for visitors and increasing their knowledge of the Park.

#### **6.4.54 New Play Area (HLDC 1, 3, 4; ARCH 2; LAPP 1, 5, 11.)**

A new inclusive play area is proposed to replace that existing in Hollytrees Meadow. This is to substantially reduce its impact on views from the steps of Hollytrees Mansion and reinstate more of the historic integrity of Hollytrees Lawn and Meadow. The Play Area is designed for toddlers and children up to twelve years old. The mutually compatible facilities of the play area, café and toilets within the new events building will make visits, particularly by younger families, pleasant and enjoyable for longer periods.

#### **6.4.55 Screen Planting to Health Clinic (HLDC 1, 3, 5; ARCH 1, 2; LAPP 1, 6, 8.)**

The new residential development on the site of the former Health Clinic is very intrusive and detracts from the escapist romanticism of Hollytrees Meadow. It is proposed to enhance the existing evergreen planting with deciduous trees and shrubs appropriate to the Park to screen the area.

An informal group of appropriate deciduous specimen trees will also be located around the Castle Road entrance to create a softer, more appropriate character for this area.

#### 6.4.56 Woodland Walk (HLDC 1, 3, 5; ARCH 1, 2; LAPP 1, 6, 8.)

The Woodland Walk is an original feature of Gray's layout. The slope of the ramparts are being eroded and an irrigation system has been put in place to try to stop this. It is proposed to enhance the planting of the archaeologically sensitive slopes with groups of trees, shrubs and swathes of bulb planting. This will create a very pleasant woodland walk consistent with Gray's intentions and also protect the slopes from erosion, improving not only the heritage value of the park, but also the experience for visitors.

#### 6.4.57 & 58 Benches/litter bins (HLDC 1; LAPP 1.)

As part of the comprehensive restoration of the Park, it is proposed to replace, where necessary, benches and litter bins with new, well designed, good quality furniture. This will ensure that the Park has a unified feel and provides valued facilities for Park users.

#### 6.4.59 New Signage and Interpretation (HLDC 5; ARCH 6; LAPP 1, 6.)

Further to the results of the 1999 public consultation exercise on proposals for the restoration of Castle Park, recent customer surveys, staff knowledge and feedback from Green Flag judges, Colchester Borough Council developed the 2008 Interpretation Plan for Castle Park.

The aim of the plan is to show the best way in which to provide information and interpretation in Castle Park. (It also prioritises funding allocation to specific aspects of interpretation of the Park).

The Interpretation Plan identifies why interpretation is required for Castle Park, including the need to:

- Make visits more enjoyable for new users;
- Enrich the current experience of users - locals and visitors;
- Provide answers to frequently asked questions;
- Inform of the Park's unique heritage;
- Orientate visitors and encourage them to explore the whole Park, not just the area close to the castle;

- Identify who manages this and other heritage sites;
- Help create links to and awareness of other heritage areas;
- Make visitors feel welcome and safe; and
- Fulfil tourist expectations of the borough and Park.

The range of audiences has been identified so that interpretation can be tailored accordingly. Key interpretation themes and stories are identified as part of the overriding message of *'discover a landscape and park shaped by 2000 years of amazing history'*.

#### Entrance Signage

Practical signage to welcome and orientate people around the Park was considered a priority and Colchester Borough Council have already procured new 'Welcome Signage' at each of the main entrances into Castle Park. It is recognised that the Welcome Signage will require updating with plans and information as part of the restoration of the Park.

#### Interpretation of the Park

The plan identified the following themes to organise and present Interpretation of the Park:

- Its role in reflecting the town's power and development;
- Its military and conflict connections; and
- Gardening/horticulture of the Park, both past and present.

Graphic interpretation panels are identified in the plan as a successful media, especially for interpretation of:

- Duncan's Gate and Roman Town Walls;
- Roman Drain and Mithraeum
- Roman Pavement;
- Gray's Landscape;
- Wildlife and Ecology;
- The Victorian Park;
- Town Ditch and Roman rampart;
- The Castle as a Temple and Fortress (Roman and Norman)

periods); and

- Military area of the Bell Gardens.

Opportunities to link stories of Castle Park with other heritage sites in Colchester were also identified in the plan.

### Directional Signage:

In addition to the welcome signage and interpretation panels, limited directional signage at will be required at key locations including:

- Duncan's Gate to facilitate access between the Upper and Lower Park;
- the northern entrance to Castle Park from Leisure World; and
- the main entrance by Hollytrees House (coach tour drop off point).

All signage will be from coordinated range appropriate to the character of Castle Park.

### Guided Tours and Walks:

The plan identified that guided tours and walks should be further developed and expanded using the Ranger, town guides and other experts. A walk of the Roman town walls starting from Duncan's Gate is one viable example of how the history of Castle Park could be brought alive for visitors, with the potential to integrate with the Museums Service proposals for the interpretation of the Roman Circus on another site close by in the centre of Colchester.

### Audio Tours and Historical Performances:

In addition to guided tours and walks, the plan identifies historical performances and audio tours as additional ways of providing the public with access to the history of Castle Park. The Hollytrees Museum has in the past provided performances on Hollytrees Lawn in relation to Victorian domestic life and childhood. This form of historical interpretation could be expanded in the park in conjunction with the Museums Service.

Audio Tours could take advantage of digital technology to

deliver stories to the visitor using a combination of spoken word and sound effects. The tours would provide an atmospheric experience for the visitor. They could be delivered in different languages or as specialist tours. Audio tours of Castle Park would be mutually compatible with the aspirations of the Museums Service.

### Supportive Information

Additional supporting information interpreting Castle Park could be provided through leaflets, notice board information and marketing. The Council's website could host information on forthcoming tours and events as well as advertising through the local press.

#### 6.4.60 Horticultural Displays (HLDC 1, 2, 5; LAPP 1, 8.)

It is proposed, where appropriate, to renew some horticultural displays such as the Badge and Bell Gardens, in accordance with historical precedent. This is to ensure that the historic character and integrity is maintained. Irrigation should be implemented where required - this is particularly the case where slopes need to be stabilised. The western boundary to Sheepshead Meadow should be restored to its Victorian style and character. Trees should be replanted, as appropriate, in accordance with historical precedent.

#### 6.4.62 Fishing Platforms (HLDC 3; ARCH 4; LAPP 1, 2, 3, 7.)

To the west of the Cricket Pavilion it is proposed that new fishing platforms are constructed on the banks of the River Colne to allow access to the riverside for disabled users. This will improve the range of services available to Park users. A modest car park for disabled users is proposed close to the fishing platforms.

#### 6.4.67 Restoration of the Bandstand (HLDC 2; LAPP 1, 7.):

Colchester Borough Council has almost completed the restoration of the bandstand in order to secure its long term viability. There is now a regular programme of performances by local bands throughout the summer. However, the Council are keen to complete the restoration of the bandstand as part

of these restoration proposals which include installing the finials to the roof and railings, replacing the concrete floor with timber and a hatch for storage, and reinstating the ornamental planting and railings around the base of the Bandstand.

#### **6.4.70 Ecological Enhancements (LAPP 3, 9.):**

A range of ecological enhancements are proposed to improve biodiversity within a number of areas in the Park.

### **6.5 Schedule of Proposals, Issues/Implications, Benefits and Priorities**

The schedule at Table 5 lists the proposals, describes the issues involved and associated impacts, the benefits derived and the priority of the proposals with respect to the historical landscape design conservation, archaeological conservation, and the landscape appraisal. The item reference numbers correspond directly to the numbers on the Restoration and Development Plan and to the narrative descriptions above.

Table 5: Schedule of Proposals, Issues/Implications, Benefits and Priorities

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
3	Upgrade Museum Street entrances and provide signage	Low quality main access to Park from Town Centre. This main access to the Park from the town centre has low quality hard landscape in comparison to the recent High Street improvements. Traffic regulations should be reviewed to assess current and future requirements for parking in the bailey and vehicular access to Castle Park and Ryegate Road.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park. Enhanced visitor enjoyment and knowledge through interpretation/information. Benefits Town Centre Strategy.	High
4	Restoration and repairs to the Listed Ryegate Gate and associated drinking fountain Update signage	As part of general proposals to enhance entrances to Park and encourage visitors into the Park. Information currently displayed on notice boards at main entrances is functional and of low quality. It also has an authoritarian feel. Part of proposals for enhancement to Middle Mill.	Restoration of historic features realising heritage value. Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park. Enhanced visitor enjoyment and knowledge through interpretation/information.	Medium
5	Close off central gate on Middle Mill as part of a general rationalisation of parking, pedestrian and cycle access and circulation. Provide new fencing and additional screen planting to Middle Mill boundary	Proposal to be considered as part of general proposals to enhance the setting of the Park and improve access and circulation. Part of proposals for enhancement of Middle Mill. There are currently an unnecessary number of gates in this part of the Park and closure will enable additional planting to the boundary.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park. Enhanced visitor enjoyment through interpretation/information.	Medium
6	New gates to Middle Mill	Proposal to be considered as part of general proposals to enhance the setting of the Park and improve access and circulation around the Park. Part of proposals for enhancement of Middle Mill. These gates currently provide a link between the Park and Kings Head Meadow – they are functional and of low quality. The access at this point is an important part of the pedestrian access along the River Colne.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park. Enhanced visitor enjoyment through interpretation/information. Supports Borough-wide cycle strategy.	Medium

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
7	New gate and vehicle bridge immediately south west of cricket pavilion to facilitate access to Lower Park for events	Required to provide a more direct route from the north west and increase usage of the Park. The bridge will replace the existing bridge at the rear of the Cricket Pavilion which it is proposed to remove (Item 8). The bridge will provide direct access to the Lower Park for various events.	Improved access to and through the Park from the wider environment.	Medium
8	Remove footbridge to east of cricket pavilion	Due to its location, the bridge is not used on a regular basis. It is, however, an important link between the Cricket Ground and Park during events such as the Essex Cricket Week and Park concerts. The proposed replacement bridge (Item 7) should satisfy these requirements.	To enhance the setting of the Park and river.	Medium
9	Replace existing concrete bridge with new bridge, gate, seats, signage and planting	Low quality bridge and entrance to Park at junction of various routes particularly from Leisure World; needs a sense of arrival and place. This gate provides one of the busiest entrances to the Park.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park. Create a welcome entrance into the Park. Enhanced visitor enjoyment through interpretation/information.	Medium
10	New fence to eastern boundary of Lower Park	The existing fence is of poor quality.	Enhancement of the visual setting and experience of the boundaries of the Park.	Low
11	New gate, fence and signage to Lower Park at junction with east-west public footpath	The Town Ditch and Duncan's Gate are currently not easily accessible to the public and are not properly interpreted. The Wall, Ditch, and Gate are intrinsically linked and need to be interpreted accordingly. As part of wider proposals to make the public footpath through the Park more attractive and user friendly; to create a new entrance to the Upper Park; to enhance presentation of Town Wall; and to provide a coordinated landscape setting for the Town Ditch, Duncan's Gate and Roman Drain. Proposals will require changes to the existing boundary to the Lower Park.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park, and overall enhancement of heritage value. Enhanced visitor enjoyment appealing to a wide range of audiences through interpretation/information.	Medium



Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
12	New gate, new finger post signage into Upper Park at Duncan's Gate, new interpretation board for Duncan's Gate and Roman drain New hard surfacing sensitive to archaeology of Duncan's Gate to create access to Upper Park	As part of wider proposals to make the public footpath through the Park more attractive and user friendly; to create a new entrance to the Lower Park; to enhance presentation and interpretation of Town Wall; also to provide a coordinated landscape setting for the Town Ditch, Duncan's Gate and Roman Drain, including interpretation of the historic features. The nursery area of the Park is currently isolated and needs to be made more accessible. Public access through Duncan's Gate will provide a more direct route into the Park from the Riverside estate and will improve interpretation.	Enhanced archaeological setting and visitor access to Park particularly to the central activity area. Enhanced visitor enjoyment appealing to a wide range of audiences through interpretation/information.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
13	Upgrade entrance gates and signage at Castle Road entrance	As part of general proposals to enhance the setting of the Park and improve access and circulation. The entrance could be made more welcoming.	Enhanced setting and visitor access to Park, encouraging people to use the facilities. Enhanced visitor enjoyment through interpretation/information.	Low
15	Footpaths: repair as necessary, replace edgings as necessary	As part of general restoration and enhancement. To replace inappropriate edgings such as pre-cast concrete. To provide consistency. Current loose gravel path causes some difficulty for pedestrians, particularly elderly/wheel chair users. Some of the recently installed concrete edgings should be removed.	Improved access, circulation and safety. Aesthetic improvement. Ease of maintenance and durability.	Medium
16	Remove hedge. Replace railing along east-west public footpath by the Roman Wall	The footpath is currently slightly intimidating and cramped. This will require removal of an existing mature hedgerow. Once removed, the Town Wall will be clearly viewed from the Lower Park.	Enhanced setting for Town Wall. Enhanced information and interpretation providing greater knowledge for Park users. Enhanced experience for users of the footpath.	Medium

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
17	New path along eastern edge of Hollytrees Meadow from Duncan's Gate to Castle Road entrance	New circulation route required to link new entrance to existing routes around and through the Park. Vehicle access into proposed depot area kept to edge of Hollytrees Meadow.	Improved access and circulation through eastern side of Park.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
18	New shared cycle and pedestrian path along southern edge of cricket ground linking to the Sustrans cycle route	New circulation route required to link existing routes to the Sustrans cycle route. Cyclists currently use existing paths in the Park. North side of river currently provides no opportunity for visitor enjoyment.	Improved access and circulation, connecting the Park with the wider environment. Allows current policy of no cycling the Park to be enforced.	High
19	New footpath to south of Lower Park	To provide a footpath circuit within the Lower Park around the Events Arena.	Improved access and circulation.	Low
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
20	Remove Upper Bowling Green and club house. Reinstate as parkland. Pending outcome of discussions with English Heritage, recreate section of Roman rampart earthwork which defines the north of the Town Ditch.	Sits uncomfortably within the Park and detracts significantly from the overall Park environment. Creates a 'dead area' between it and the Town Wall which contains the important Roman Town Ditch. Takes up a lot of space for the benefit of the few. This proposal is likely to be strongly opposed by the bowling club members and needs to be undertaken in conjunction with the provision of extended facilities and refurbishment of existing Lower Bowling Green.	Would open up this corner of the Park. Would allow for a comprehensive enhancement scheme for the public footpath, and the creation of an appropriate and linked setting for, and interpretation of, the Town Wall, Duncan's Gate, the Town Ditch and the Roman Drain. Interpretation of the Roman influence would be enhanced with the recreation of the Roman defensive earthwork.	High

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
21	Extend and refurbish Lower Bowling Green clubhouse. Refurbish bowling green; provide new benches, planting areas, gap up hedge etc	To protect and enhance the Lower Bowling Green. As part of the proposals to improve and extend facilities. The visual quality of the pavilion must be maintained.	Protection and enhancement of visual contribution to the Park, whilst also considering the needs of local users. Extension and refurbishment of club house if necessary to ensure long-term viability of club.	High
22	Retain existing wooden barn for storage of vehicles and equipment. Retain and relocate existing 19th century wooden shed for storage of equipment. Provide power and lighting. Remove remaining redundant maintenance sheds, buildings, huts and glasshouses in the old nursery	Inadequate facilities with some redundant buildings. Modification required to wooden barn to allow vehicular access.	Reuse of existing buildings. Provision of improved facilities for Park management maintenance.	High
23	Create new secure park maintenance depot area. Extend existing Ranger building to include a meeting room and separate mess room for the Gardeners. Extend and convert existing rooms to include a Ranger office with foyer and reception, and a kit and storage room shared with the Gardeners. Extend and refurbish existing toilets and changing facilities	Existing building not adequate to meet requirements.	Enhanced facilities for Park management and maintenance. Enhanced facilities for Park Rangers and Gardeners to facilitate development of roles of Rangers, Gardeners and Security Team within the life of the Park. Also providing a known base for Park users.	High

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
24	Refurbish and extend existing toilet block to include a café kiosk, boat concessionaire shelter and store and terrace by the Boating Pond	Low quality building. Inadequate space and facility.	As part of a comprehensive refurbishment and upgrading of the Boating Pond and environs. Enhanced facilities for Park users increasing the range of facilities in the Park. Enhanced facilities for those employed to run the services.	High
25	Redesign and refurbish toilets adjacent to Hollytrees Mansion	Inadequate facilities to meet demand. Poor first impression of Colchester and Castle Park for many visitors arriving by coach.	Improved facilities for Park users and the wider audience.	High
28	New railings adjacent to footpath on top of rampart	Low quality design with a municipal feel. Current problems with inappropriate public use and resultant erosion of bank. Consideration needs to be given to resolving these management issues in the proposals.	Enhancement of the historical setting, character, and overall heritage value.	High
29	Open up Gray's Summerhouse for display purposes	Currently closed off by metal gates. These potential problems should be easier to manage with improved staffing proposals outlined in this Plan.	Enhancement of the historical appearance and to allow use of Summerhouse as an exhibition space and for controlled public access.	High
30	Create new setting for Gray's Rotunda and provide new interpretation	Current setting is poor with no interpretation.	Enhancement historical setting and of visitor enjoyment, experience and understanding.	High
31	Reinstate Badge Bed as part of the restoration of Hollytrees Lawn	As part of restoration of Gray's layout in front of Hollytrees Mansion.	Restoration of the setting of Hollytrees Mansion according to Gray's layout. Reinstatement of Badge Bed as part of community involvement strategy.	High

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
32	Enhance Bell Gardens and adjacent militarily associated area through formalisation of space and provision of interpretation and enhanced planting	Lack of interpretation provision. Lack of structure and landscape setting.	Retention and enhancement of feature valued by the local community with enhanced horticultural value. Enhanced information and interpretation providing greater knowledge for Park users.	High
33	Rationalise the Sensory Garden and integrate sensitively at edge of Hollytrees Lawn. Add tree and shrub planting along the Park boundary to filter views of the new development adjacent	The Sensory Garden has inappropriately encroach into Hollytrees Lawn.	Reinstatement of much of original Lawn. Successful integration of new layer of development that is the Sensory Garden, encompassing artist input. Reinforcement of historic Park Boundary through additional planting.	Medium
34	Restore, create new setting for, and interpret the Roman Wall north west of the Castle Museum	The Wall is currently inappropriately protected by pre-cast concrete slabs and not interpreted.	Enhancement of the setting and interpretation of a significant, visible, archaeological artefact, improving knowledge of those visiting the Park.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
35	Enclose both ends of the Avignon Garden with evergreen hedging	The Garden 'leaks' out at both ends and needs to be fully enclosed. The garden is best viewed from the east/west and its enclosure must, therefore, consider these views.	Enhancement of the unique qualities of the Garden. Enhancement of the visitor experience on entering and looking into the Garden.	Medium
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
36	Improve the setting and interpretation of the Roman pavement to the west of the Bandstand	The pavement is currently slightly isolated and not interpreted.	As part of the general enhancement and interpretation of the archaeology within the Park, enhancing visitors knowledge and experience.	High

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
37	Park Lodge is currently let as residential property through Housing Association with covenants on maintenance of visible areas	Unsuited to new uses within Park. The front garden is managed and maintained by CBC because of its visual qualities and importance to the overall Park landscape.	Protection of historical visual contribution of the Lodge to the Park.	High
38	Planting to screen the visible fences within the curtilage of Park Lodge	The view detracts from the experience of the Park. To be considered in conjunction with rationalisation of Park entrances.	As part of general improvements to Middle Mill. Screening of poor views out of the Park, enhancing the perceived setting.	Low
39	New timber pergola and clock on the site of the original cafe	Lack of focus and orientation in this part of the Park following removal of original cafe	To provide focal point at end of Bandstand walk	Medium
40	New tree and shrub planting to northern edge of Boating Pond and new aquatic planting around Pond margin Interpretation	The Boating Pond is currently a hard edged facility which is drawn down in winter. It has much greater potential as a year round feature with planting around the edges.	To improve and enhance the overall environmental and visual character of this area, improving and varying the facilities and experiences open to Park users, such as developing a model boating club.	High
41	Create new natural stone paving threshold on south side of the Sensory Shelter and new steps to tie in with existing path on the north side of the Shelter	Poor setting to Shelter. Accessible only from footpath on southern side.	Enhancement to setting of the Sensory Shelter. Greater accessibility to the feature, improving connectivity to the north and Hollytrees Meadow.	High

Ref	Proposal	Issues	Benefits	Priority
42	Open up views from the Ryegate entrance to the Lower Park across the Boating Pond	Historic views towards the Lower Park inhibited by extent of vegetation.	Return to original design intent of having open views to Lower Park. Open views into the Park from the entrance area, drawing people in. Gladed area for picnics, compatible with new toilet/kiosk/boating facility to encourage visitors to stay longer.	High
43	General improvements to the vegetation of the river edges	The banks of the river are currently an under-utilised and managed resource. Conservation of BAP species. Use of locally sourced vegetation. Water voles and other requirements to be accounted for. New bridges to be other compatible.	Improved visual and ecological value. Enhanced potential for interpretation, pond-dipping etc. diversifying facilities available to Park users.	Medium
44	Remove an existing footpath and reinstate with soft landscape to tie into the Woodland Walk at the rear of the Avignon Garden	Division of Woodland Walk area. Area of unnecessary, underused footpath.	Reinforcement of character of Woodland Walk by containing the area. Enhancement of the setting of the Walk and Avignon Garden and overall experience of Park users.	Medium
45	Screen planting along the eastern boundary of Lower Park	Some views out of the Park in this location detract from the overall character of the Park.	Enhancement of the visual setting and experience of the Park.	Medium
46	Redirect footpath from the entrance into the Lower Park opposite Duncan's Gate and a wider footpath in front of the Lower Bowling Green	As part of a relocation of the Upper Bowling Green the footpath can provide a more direct route to the north eastern entrance to the Park. There is currently a worn 'desire line' cutting across the lawn in front of the Lower Bowling Green.	A better accommodation of where people want to walk and as part of the redesign of the Upper Bowling Green, Town Ditch, public footpath and Duncan's Gate area.	Medium
47	Re-presentation and interpretation of the Roman Town Ditch	This is currently a 'dead' area and needs to be reincorporated into the Park. The Town Ditch is a significant visible Roman remain. Currently managed as wild flower meadow.	Enhancement of the setting and interpretation of the visible archaeology within the Park, increasing the overall heritage value of the park, and knowledge of its users. Enhanced management and interpretation of wildlife value as a learning resource.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	



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48	Existing cafe to be refurbished and new kiosk installed to serve the sunken terrace area adjacent to the proposed children's play area.	The existing building requires upgrading of its interior and catering facilities. It is inadequate to meet current and future requirements for an improved cafe to accommodate proposals including Park Ranger station, improved toilets and baby change facilities, first aid station and information point.	Improvement of the cafe facility linked to the new contemporary events building will meet current and future requirements of Park users	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record	
49	Construct new contemporary Park Information and events building containing an information desk, toilets and baby change and displays and function room to host events and integrate with existing café	Lack of provision for areas such as function room for Park events and functions. No central focus for Park information. To complement existing café and provide additional facilities.	Provision of appropriate accommodation to increase and widen audiences using the Park. As part of a comprehensive redevelopment plan for this area and the Old Nursery compound. Creation of new facilities for Park users. Enhancement to general management of Park, providing a central hub for an information desk, displays etc.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record	
50	Construct a new Education Resource Centre and Volunteer Building	Lack of provision for facilities such as an Education Resource Centre and Volunteer Building.	Provision of new facilities within the Park, within benefits to the local community, the volunteer service and Park users.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record	
51	New putting greens	To replace old putting green that is being removed as part of the restoration of Hollytrees Meadow and redevelopment of the Old Nursery compound area.	Improved visitor resource. Improved landscape setting of Hollytrees Meadow and access down to Duncan's Gate.	Medium

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52	Plant new avenue of lime trees along the eastern boundary of Hollytrees Meadow	To screen the residential development behind the Park wall. This planting will be a continuation of the existing tree line which was a feature of the 18th century Hollytrees estate.	Enhancement of the visitor experience and enjoyment, reinforcing this heritage feature.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
53	Remove play area from Hollytrees Meadow and provide interpretation and setting for the Roman drains and Mithraeum	The play area is inappropriately located. It is visually intrusive in the Hollytrees Meadow and detracts from the historical views achieved by Gray in the design of the garden. The play area is also positioned on top of the Mithraeum, an important Roman artefact.	Re-establishes an historical, unencumbered view over the Lawn from Hollytrees Mansion and across the river valley. Enhanced visitor enjoyment through interpretation/information.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
54	Construct new inclusive play area for toddlers and children adjacent to existing Café	To provide a new play area to replace the existing facility in Hollytrees Lawn	Maintains a well-used facility close to its original location; is sited to be outside views of the broader landscape. Provides an improved facility for Park users.	High
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	

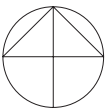
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55	Remove some existing evergreen planting and reinstate with more appropriate shrub and tree planting to filter views of the Health Clinic/new residential development at the southern boundary of Hollytrees Meadow. Add an informal group of appropriate species trees to soften corner of park by Castle Road entrance	To screen the visually intrusive new residential development. Castle Road entrance requires subtle enhancement.	Softens views out of Park for the enhancement and enjoyment of visitor experience and historic integrity of the Park. Character of Castle Road entrance enhanced through carefully placed planting.	High
56	Woodland Walk - add groups of selected specimen trees and shrubs with swathes of bulb planting	Existing planting needs to be refurbished to reinforce and enhance character.	Enhancement of character of Woodland Walk and enhancement and protection of historical character of the Walk. Improvement to visitor experience of the Walk.	Medium
	Archaeological evaluation prior to construction	The area is likely to contain important archaeological remains and proposals should give consideration to recording and protection.	Improve knowledge of the area and information for interpretation. Protection of archaeological record.	
57	Replace inappropriate and/or damaged benches	Renewal of damaged benches. Replacement of inappropriate benches. Unified Park furniture design required.	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment. Enhancement and protection of historic character of the Park.	Medium
58	Replace all litter bins with new good quality and appropriate design	Unified Park furniture design required.	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment. Enhancement and protection of historic character of the Park.	Medium

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59	New Signage: Update existing welcome signage at main entrances to reflect restored park. Update existing fingerposts and provide additional fingerposts. Provide new interpretation boards at key locations of historic significance	New signage of consistent and appropriate design and quality throughout the Park for information and interpretation. Information signage out of date and of poor design. Key elements of historic, wildlife and horticultural value need interpretation to add to visitor experience. Access and circulation could be enhanced with the provision of limited directional signage at key locations.	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment and interpretation. Increase overall visitor knowledge. Enhanced access and circulation to improve visitor experience of the Park.	Low
60	Renew and refurbish existing and historical horticultural displays and trees to create areas of distinct character within the Park	Where appropriate, some horticultural displays and trees require renewal/ replanting. It may be possible to reintroduce horticultural displays originally included in the Victorian design.	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment. Enhancement and protection of historical character of the Park.	High
62	Construct new fishing platforms to the River Colne for disabled users and corresponding new disabled car park	Limited access to River frontage for riverine associated activities.	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment. Improving access for all and diversifying facilities available.	Low
67	Restoration of Bandstand	Previous bandstand restoration not completed	Enhancement of facility to benefit visitor enjoyment and historic character of Park	High
70	Management, maintenance and enhancement of ecological areas	Biodiversity enhancement through management	Enhancement of visitor enjoyment. Enhancement of biodiversity. Enhancement for use as a learning resource linked with Natural History Museum Service.	Medium





- 1-2 Number not used
- 3 Upgrade Museum Street entrances and provide signage
- 4 Restore and repair the listed Ryegate Gate and associated drinking fountain.
- 5 Remove central gate onto Middle Mill. Provide new fencing and additional screen planting to Middle Mill boundary.
- 6 New gates at Middle Mill entrance. Provide new fencing and signage.
- 7 New gate and vehicle bridge immediately south west of cricket pavilion to facilitate access to Lower Park for events.
- 8 Remove footbridge to east of cricket pavilion.
- 9 Replace existing concrete bridge with new bridge, gate seats and signage.
- 10 New boundary fence.
- 11 New gate, fence, and signage to Lower Park at junction with east-west public footpath.
- 12 New gate and signage into Upper Park at Duncan's Gate, new interpretation board for Duncan's Gate and Roman drain. New hard surfacing sensitive to archaeology of Duncan's Gate to create access to Upper Park
- 13 Upgrade entrance gates and signage at Castle Road entrance.
- 14 Number not used
- 15 Footpaths: Repair as necessary, replace edgings as necessary.
- 16 Remove hedge. Replace railing along east-west public footpath by the Roman Wall.
- 17 New path along eastern edge of Hollytrees Meadow from Duncan's Gate to Castle Road entrance.
- 18 New shared cycle and pedestrian path along southern edge of cricket ground linking to the Sustrans cycle route.
- 19 New footpath to south of Lower Park
- 20 Remove Upper Bowling Green and club house. Reinstate as parkland. Recreate a section of the Roman Rampant Defensive Earthworks
- 21 Extend and refurbish Lower Bowling Green clubhouse. Refurbish bowling green; provide new benches, planting areas, gap up hedge etc
- 22 Retain existing wooden barn and existing 19th century wooden shed for storage of equipment. Remove remaining redundant maintenance sheds, buildings, huts and glasshouses in the Old Nursery
- 23 Create new secure park maintenance depot area. Extend and refurbish existing Ranger building, for the Rangers and Gardeners
- 24 Refurbish and extend existing toilet block to include a café kiosk, boat concessionaire shelter and store and terrace by the Boating Pond
- 25 Refurbish and redesign toilets adjacent to Hollytrees Mansion
- 26 Number not used
- 27 Number not used
- 28 New railings adjacent to footpath on top of rampart
- 29 Open up Gray's Summerhouse for display purposes
- 30 Improve landscape setting for Gray's Rotunda
- 31 Reinstate Badge Bed as part of the restoration of Hollytrees Lawn
- 32 Enhance Bell Gardens and adjacent militarily associated area through formalisation of space and provision of interpretation and enhanced planting
- 33 Rationalise the Sensory Garden and integrate sensitively at edge of Hollytree's Lawn. Add tree and shrub planting along the Park boundary to filter views of the new development adjacent.
- 34 Restore, create new setting for, and interpret the Roman Wall north west of Castle Museum.
- 35 Enclose both ends of the Avignon Garden with evergreen hedging.
- 36 Improve setting and interpretation of the Roman Pavement to the west of the Bandstand.
- 37 Let Park Lodge as a residential property through a Housing Association with covenants on maintenance of visible areas.
- 38 Planting to screen the visible fences within the curtilage of Park Lodge.
- 39 New timber pergola and clock on site of original café.
- 40 New tree and shrub planting to northern edge of Boating Pond and new aquatic planting.
- 41 Create new natural stone paving threshold on south side of the Sensory Shelter and new steps to tie in with existing path on the north side of the Shelter.
- 42 Open up views from the Ryegate entrance to the Lower Park across the Boating Pond.
- 43 General improvement to the vegetation of the river edges.
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- 56 Add groups of selected specimen trees and shrubs with swathes of bulb planting to enhance the Woodland Walk
- 57 Replace inappropriate and/or damaged benches.
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- 60 Renew and refurbish existing, historical horticultural displays and trees to create areas of distinct character within the Park.
- 61 Number not used
- 62 Construct new fishing platforms to the River Colne for disabled users and corresponding new disabled car park.
- 63-66 Numbers not used.
- 67 Complete the previous restoration of the Bandstand with finials, timber floor, railings and ornamental planting.
- 68-69 Number not used
- 70 Area of ecological significance to be enhanced.



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Legend

- Site boundary
- Existing trees
- Proposed trees
- Shrubs
- Flower gardens
- Lawn
- Meadow grasses

- Footpaths
- Water
- Slopes
- Buildings

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#### Legend

- 1** Hollytrees Meadow:  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 13, 17, 53, 55
- 2** Hollytrees Lawn:  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 25, 31, 33, 41
- 3** Castle Inner Bailey  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 28, 30, 32, 34
- 4** Norman Ramports and Avignon Garden  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 29, 32, 35, 39, 44, 56
- 5** Upper Park  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 3, 36, 37, 38
- 6** Lower Park  
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- 7** Boating Pond:  
Restoration and Development Proposals include: 4, 5, 6, 22, 24, 40, 41
- 8** Central Activity Area:  
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Note: There are a number of general Park wide proposals that are also applicable, these include: 15, 57, 58, 59, 61

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