

Stevens Park, Wollescote Management & Maintenance Plan 2012 - 2022



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Stevens Park MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

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Executive Summary

This management plan has been prepared and developed in partnership with Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and the Friends of Wollescote Park to determine the long term strategy for Stevens Park, Wollescote between 2012 and 2022. The vision for Stevens Park is:

A vibrant park that stands out from the rest and is managed in partnership with the community.

Key Policy Aims

- To provide a safe, well maintained, welcoming and accessible park for all users and the community;
- To become the centre for horticultural excellence for public parks within the borough of Dudley;
- To become a place renowned in the Borough for high quality landscape maintenance;
- To protect, conserve and interpret cultural, built and landscape heritage;
- To be managed in partnership with the community and provide meaningful recreational resources for all existing and potential users;
- To ensure long term financial sustainability through effective resource allocation and partnership working;
- To enhance, protect and conserve bio-diversity, views and parkscape.



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Introduction, Context and Background

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1.1 Why is Stevens Park, Wollescote Important?

The green space in Wollescote known as Stevens Park is important for a number of reasons including heritage, landscape, recreation, horticulture and the community. Over time many factors have shaped the Park and the importance of Stevens Park, Wollescote can be summarised as follows:-

Heritage:

Stevens Park and Wollescote Hall, a Grade II listed building, are a part of the history of the area. Telling the stories of the Park, the Hall and the people who lived, worked and played there is an important part of celebrating the history and heritage of Wollescote.

Landscape:

Stevens Park provides a valuable green space for the local community and visitors to enjoy. It is part of the green network of Stourbridge and the wider Black Country region. The Park brings together a variety of landscape features including large open spaces, formal bedding and tree planting.



Recreation:

In 1930 Earnest Stevens bequeathed the Park and Wollescote Hall “as a place for recreation.” Stevens Park is a town park for residents of Wollescote and Stourbridge providing opportunities for informal recreation such as taking a stroll, picnicking and walking the dog. The Park also provides opportunities for sports and has a range of facilities including football pitches, tennis courts, crown and flat green bowls and a multiuse games area. Stevens Park, Wollescote is also a place for play and includes a children’s play area and teen shelter.

Horticulture:

For many years Stevens Park has housed two National Plant Collections for Ceanothus and Rudbeckia. The National Plant Collection is “a scheme where individuals or organisations undertake to document, develop and preserve a comprehensive collection of one group of plants in trust for the future.”¹ Unfortunately, the severity of recent harsh winters, has resulted in the Ceanothus collection being severely depleted, however the Rudbeckia collection is still being developed and a new collection of Echinacea is also being established.

1 <http://www.nccpg.com/National-Collections.aspx> 12th June 2012

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Community:

The location of the park, in the residential area of Wollescote, means that it is surrounded by houses and effectively a neighbour to a number of people within the local community. The Park was gifted to the community and is a community space. The Friends of Wollescote Park have been involved with numerous projects within the park including the Liveability project and other grants have been received, such as Big lottery for the Multi Use games area, Terrace Improvements, from Dudley Council and Liveability, Clock Tower renovation and improvements, and finally the Arts Projects on the Park these have been developed with the support of the Arts Council with young peoples and the delivery of community workshops and open day for the whole community, which resulted in extensive physical improvements within the Park. The group have contributed to the development of this plan, but are currently in a period of transition and one of the roles of this document will be to provide them with a remit for moving forward.



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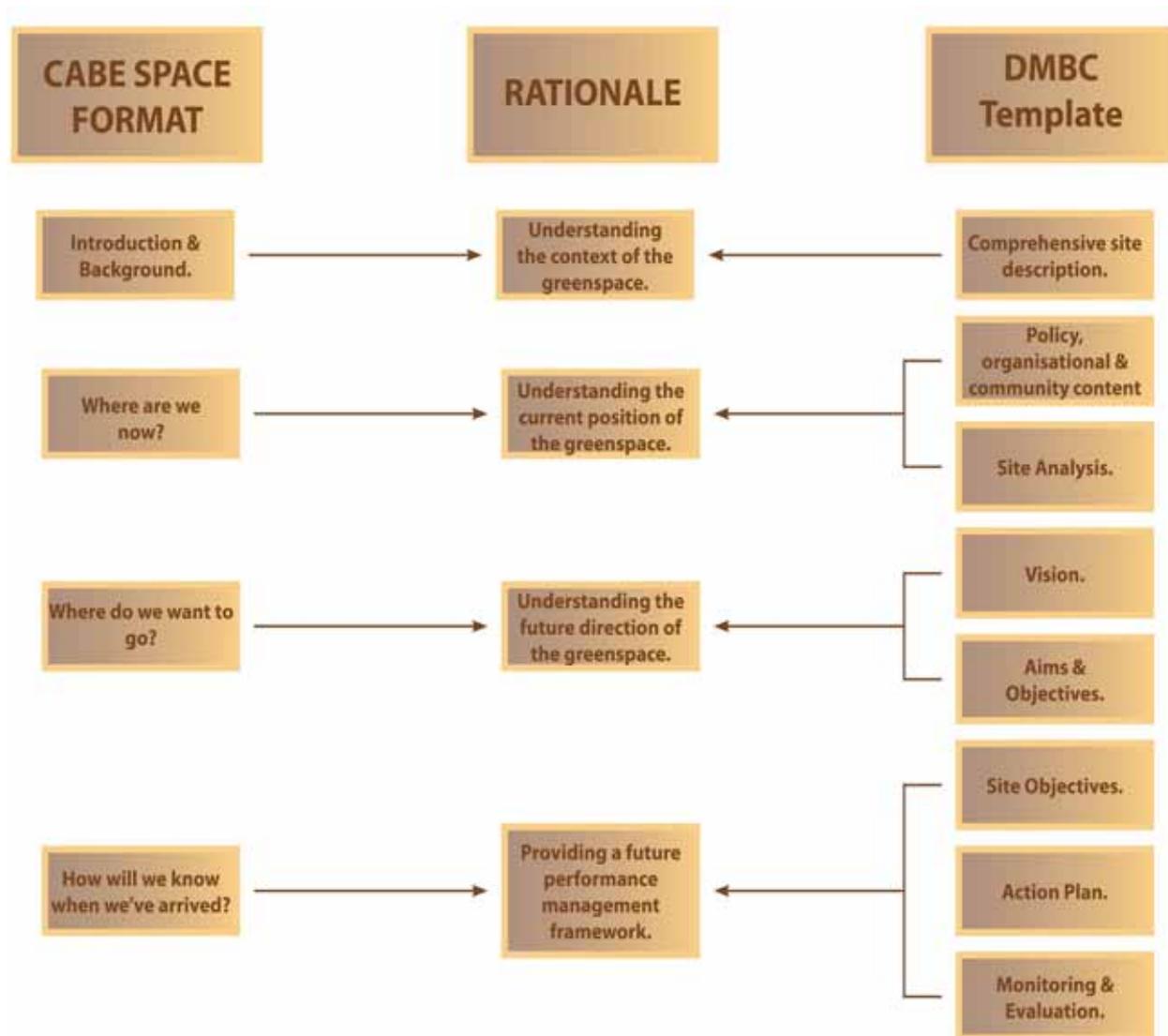
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1.2 About the Management and Maintenance Plan

1.2.1 Format

The format, style and narrative of this management and maintenance plan combines the report structure outlined in the CABI Space document A Guide To Producing Park and Green Space Management Plans and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council’s requirements. This rationale is illustrated in Figure 1. The management plan also draws on the guidance in the Heritage Lottery Fund Parks for People: 10 Year Management and Maintenance Guidance.

Figure 1. Management and Maintenance Plan Structure



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1.2.2 Content

"The primary reason for development a management plan is to aid the efficient and effective management of the site".

CABE Space: A Guide to Producing Park and Green Space Management Plans

This report aims to fulfil that aim by providing a working and realistic structure for the future management and maintenance of Stevens Park, Wollescote. As a result this plan is an overarching document which brings together a range of policies, strategies and consultation to develop a long term plan for the future management of the site. This plan does not focus purely on landscape management and maintenance; it also takes into account the need to balance a number of factors including ecology, the visitor experience and the overall vision for the park.

The development of this plan illustrates Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council's commitment to ensuring the long term sustainability of Stevens Park, Wollescote for the benefit of the community and visitors.

The key objectives of the plan are:-

Consultation, Involvement and Consensus

- To identify and resolve conflicts of interest.
- To promote interest and support and encourage community, stakeholder, officer and elected member involvement.
- To restore interest and viability of the Friends Group by encouraging community engagement in the management of the park.
- To ensure all interested parties agree to standards.
- Achieving the Green Flag standard.

Preparing for Change

- To identify future requirements.

Information and Recording

- To ensure the park is properly described.
- To achieve comparability of data collection and recording.
- To identify areas of responsibility within a local authority for managing the green space.

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Framework for Decisions

- To identify the aims for the park.
- To help the Parks Development Team react positively to changes.
- To ensure clear objectives of management are laid down.

Setting Standards

- To assess the parks importance relative to recognised Green Flag Standards.
- To ensure that all interested parties agree to standards.
- To set benchmarks against which delivery and performance can be measured.

Strategic Planning

- To enable communication within and between sites and organisations.
- To achieve comparability of approach to different parks in the region.
- To ensure balance of provision within a catchment area.

Action Plan

- To cost work, to bid for funds or to assess grant aid.
- To programme and schedule work, enabling performance of the Parks Development Team to be measured against delivery.
- To develop and cost a way of managing and maintaining the park to safeguard its values.
- To provide long-term costs for ongoing maintenance and for future requirement, this will assist with assessing resources and funds, and assist with bids for future funding.
- To establish resources to achieve and sustain quality and value.
- To identify the most appropriate use of existing resources, including green care and future park rangers.
- To identify and secure the skills required.
- To identify and attract additional resources where necessary.

Other

- To promote positive use of the park by reducing anti-social behaviour.
- To establish the management plan as a controlled or maintained document within an overall management system.

1.2.3 Target Audience

The Management and Maintenance Plan is a public document, which is open to all. It is also a working document and has therefore has been written specifically to support and guide:-

- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Parks Development Team;
- Green Care;
- The Friends of Wollescote Park;
- Members of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council;
- Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust;
- Events coordinators;
- Key stakeholders and partners.

1.3 Context of Stevens Park, Wollescote

1.3.1 About the local area

The Metropolitan Borough of Dudley is made up of the towns of Dudley, Stourbridge, Halesowen, Brierley Hill, Netherton, Sedgley and Coseley. Alongside Wolverhampton, Sandwell and Walsall, the Borough is part of what is collectively known as the Black Country; a name resulting from the impact of the Industrial Revolution on the area. The 2001 Census recorded the population of the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley as 305,155¹ which equates to 31 people per hectare of land. The Borough is made up of 24 electoral wards, each represented by three councillors. At the time of writing this document the Leader of the Council is Labour and the makeup of the Council is 41 Labour Councillors, 29 Conservative Councillors and 1 Green Party Councillor².

Wollescote is part of Stourbridge, which is located on the southern boundary of Dudley on the border with Bromsgrove. Stevens Park is located in two electoral wards; Cradley and Wollescote and Pedmore and Stourbridge East.

Cradley and Wollescote, at the time of the 2001 Census was known as Cradley and Foxcote, which recorded a population of 13,114 people and a population density of 31.4 people per hectare. At the time of writing the ward is represented by three Labour Councillors.

The 2001 Census recorded Pedmore and Stourbridge East as having a population of 12,567 people and a population density of 26.7 people per hectare. The Pedmore and Stourbridge East ward is represented by three Conservative Councillors.

1 <http://neighbourhood.statistics.gov.uk/dissemination/LeadKeyFigures.do?a=7&b=276802&c=Dudley&d=13&e=16&g=375226&i=1001x1003x1004&m=0&r=1&s=1329738656148&enc=1> 1st June 2012

2 <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/council-democracy/democracy-elections/2012-local-election-results/> 11th May 2012

1.3.2 Policy and Strategy

This section of the plan summarises the policies and strategies which have an impact on the management and maintenance of Stevens Park, Wollescote.

1.3.2.1 National

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), March 2012

The framework details the Government's planning policy for England and how it should be applied. The framework states "at the heart of the National Planning Policy Framework is a presumption in favour of sustainable development, which should be seen as a golden thread running through both plan-making and decision-taking". There are a number of elements of the framework which relate to the future management and maintenance of Stevens Park, Wollescote. For example the framework stipulates the need to "plan positively for the provision of shared space, community facilities and other local services to enhance the sustainability of communities and residential environments". The framework also states "existing open space sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the needs for which clearly outweigh the loss".

Wollescote Park is a historic environment and the NPPF encourages Local Authorities to "set out in their Local Plan a positive strategy for the conservation and enjoyment of the historic environment, including heritage assets most at risk through neglect, decay or other threats." It goes on to state "where there is evidence of deliberate neglect of or damage to a heritage asset the deteriorate state of the heritage asset should not be taken into account in any decision."

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Localism Act, November 2011

The focus of the Act is on moving decision making power that impacts on communities away from central Government and giving them to individuals, communities and councils. The following five key messages make up the Localism Act.

Community Rights

This element of the Act will “ensure that community organisations have a fair chance to bid to take over land and buildings that are important to them”. The Act will enable local community groups, voluntary bodies and parish council to identify land and buildings that are important to the community and nominate them for inclusion on a list of assets to be maintained by the Local Authority. If an asset on this list is put up for sale, the community can then trigger a pause of six months, in order to raise the capital need to bid for the asset before it goes on the open market.

Neighbourhood Planning

Communities will shape new development by working together to prepare neighbourhood plans. These plans will “ensure there are enough homes in an area by providing planning permission for homes in community ownership, town centre revitalisation, protection of green space and regeneration through neighbourhood planning”.

Housing

The Act aims to ensure decisions about housing are being taken at a local level, and ensure that the system is fairer and more effective.

Empowering Cities and other Local Areas

Where appropriate ministers will be able to transfer public functions to Local Authorities to improve local accountability and promote economic growth.

General Power of Competence

The Localism Act general power of competence, gives Local Authorities the capacity “to do anything an individual can do that isn’t specifically prohibited”.

CABE Space: A Guide to Producing Park and Greenspace Management Plans

Published by CABE Space, this guidance manual sets out a framework for developing and writing management plans for parks and greenspaces. The guide provides best practice on the content of management plans and how they could be developed.

1.3.2.2 Regional

Birmingham and Black Country Biodiversity Action Plan, July 2000

The Biodiversity Action Plan for Birmingham and the Black Country aims “to protect and enhance the greater wildlife found in the urban heartland of the West Midlands region”. The action plan consists of a framework for action with supporting individual issue, species and habitat actions plans. Of particular relevance is the habitat action plan related to “gardens, allotments, parks and open spaces” which considers the current situation in order to develop the following objectives:

1. Inclusion of allotments, parks and public open space in nature conservation strategies, Unitary Development Plans and similar programmes, ensuring that planning applications are subject to scrutiny when such habitats would be affected.
2. Continued survey and updating of site and species records.
3. Management of such habitats in ways that are sympathetic to, or that would enhance biodiversity while maintaining their amenity or recreational utility.
4. Raise awareness of the importance of these habitats to biodiversity via the media, involvement of local schools and community groups, and representation to local councillors.

Regional Spatial Strategy for the West Midlands, January 2008

The Regional Spatial Strategy outlines guidance for the development of the West Midlands to support the achievement of the following vision:

“The overall vision for the West Midlands is one of an economically successful, outward looking and adaptable Region, which is rich in culture and environment, where all people, working together, are able to meet their aspirations and needs without prejudicing the quality of life of future generations.”

Within the strategy is a policy which deals with Greenery, Urban Greenspace and Public Spaces. This policy outlined below:

- A. Local authorities and other agencies should undertake assessments of local need and audits of provision, and develop appropriate strategies for green space to ensure that there is adequate provision of accessible, high quality urban green space with an emphasis on:
 - i) significantly improving the overall quality of public space, especially in city and town centres;
 - ii) enhancing the setting of local residential neighbourhoods in built up areas;
 - iii) increasing the overall stock of urban trees;
 - iv) improved accessibility and community safety; and
 - v) maintaining and enhancing sports, playing fields and recreation grounds.

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- B. Development plan policies should create and enhance urban green space networks by:
 - i) ensuring adequate protection is given to key features such as parks, footpaths and cycleways, river valleys, canals and open spaces;
 - ii) identifying the areas where new physical linkages between these areas need to be forged; and
 - iii) linking new urban green space to the wider countryside to encourage the spread of species.
- C. Local authorities and others should also encourage patterns of development which maintain and improve air quality and minimise the impact of noise upon public space. Artificial lighting should be used sensitively to aid safety whilst minimising pollution.

Black Country Core Strategy

The Core Strategy is a spatial planning document that sets out the vision, objectives and strategy for future development in the Black Country to 2026. The vision for the Core Strategy is based on three key areas:

1. Sustainable Communities;
2. Environmental Transformation;
3. Economic Prosperity.

The Core Strategy has ten key targets that it aims to have delivered by 2026, two of which are connected to parks and open spaces:-

A high quality environment fit for the future, and a strong Urban Park focussed on beacons, corridors and communities; respecting, protecting and enhancing the unique biodiversity and geodiversity of the Black Country and making the most of its assets whilst valuing its local character and industrial legacy.

A sustainable network of community services, particularly high quality lifelong learning, health care and sport and recreation facilities, which are easily accessible to all residents at a neighbourhood level, resulting in an increase in levels of qualifications, skills, health and well-being, a decrease in deprivation indicators and improved perception of residential neighbourhoods across the Black Country. Graduates will be retained and attracted to the Black Country as a key element of the knowledge economy. This will be supported by continued enhancement of the Higher and Further Education sector and improved linkages with the wider economy.

1.3.2.3 Local

Parks and Green Spaces Strategy, June 2009

The Parks and Green Spaces Strategy is essentially an assessment of the quality and provision of green spaces across the Metropolitan Borough and the audit includes all publicly and privately owned green space which is accessible by the public. As well as being an audit of existing facilities the Strategy puts forward recommendations for the future, focusing on the following key areas:-

- Green space personal safety;
- Healthy lifestyle issues;
- Biodiversity and nature conservation;
- Accessibility of green space for local people;
- Maintenance and management improvements;
- Education awareness;
- Social inclusion;
- Children and young people's play;
- Tackling green space under provision; and;
- Climate change.

The development of this management and maintenance plan can support Stevens Park, Wollescote to contribute towards the recommendations within the Green Space Strategy. For example the plan will help the Parks Development Team and others "develop the skills required for the management of parks, green spaces, horticulture and the environment."³

Community Strategy 2005 – 2020, Revised 2010- 2013

Developed in 2005 by the Dudley Community Partnership, and revised in 2010, the Community Strategy is based on a "vision for 2020 is of sustainable, inclusive and connected communities across Dudley Borough." The Community Strategy puts forward the following strategic priorities in support of this vision:

Strategic Priority 1: Develop and integrate empowering approaches to involve a wider range and diversity of local people in decisions that affect their lives and communities.

Strategic Priority 2: Support volunteering among all ages as a vital lifeblood to the strength and resilience of our communities, and for personal benefit.

³ Dudley Council Parks and Green Space Strategy (PPG17 Audit) (Adopted 17 June 2009)

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Strategic Priority 3: Building communities capable not only of absorbing tensions, but also of developing the more positive aspects of community life.

The community strategy focuses on six key themes:

- Jobs and prosperity;
- Health and well-being;
- Heritage, culture and leisure;
- Environment and housing;
- Individual and community learning;
- Community safety.

The future management and maintenance of Stevens Park can support and contribute towards those identified priorities. For example the strategy recognises the role of the Healthy Towns programme and how it is “encouraging better use of our green spaces by people taking part in physical activity. Local people have access to a wide range of activities and information about health improvement and services.” The plan also acknowledges the contribution made by volunteers including “friends groups working in parks and other green spaces”.

The Dudley Play Strategy, Consultation Document September 2006

As with the Green Space Strategy the Play Strategy seeks to audit existing play provision across the Borough and look towards future development to meet the needs of children, young people and their parents or carers. Within the play strategy objective two states: “To make appropriate public spaces as child friendly as possible, ensuring that parks, thoroughfares, nurseries, children’s centres, schools, youth settings, housing estates and other public spaces within the Borough, are as safe and conducive as possible to children’s play and outdoor activities⁴”. Throughout the strategy parks and open spaces are recognised as having an important role in the provision of well maintained and welcoming play environments. The strategy identifies a need for children and young people to become more involved with parks and open spaces, by being encouraged to take positive ownership of these places and to see them as “their own” space.

Local Development Framework

The Dudley Local Development Framework supports the Black Country Spatial Strategy adopted in February 2011. It is made up of a number of Supplementary Planning Documents including the Open Space, Sport and Recreation SPD which stipulates requirements for development in relation to the provision of open space, sport and recreation.

4 The Dudley Play Strategy: Consultation Document September 2006, Directorate of Children’s Services

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Physical Activity Framework, Working Document, Physical Activity Group – January 2006

The framework aims to increase participation in physical activity across the Metropolitan Borough. It recognises the role that parks can play as a venue for physical activity with the development of “Steps to Health” parks based activity programme.

Reasons to Be Cheerful: A Cultural Strategy 2006/07 – 2008/09

The over arching vision of the Cultural Strategy is “to build on the real sense of pride, respect and belonging that stems from living in the Borough, by celebrating the physical heritage and varied cultural life of its people and enhancing its many leisure opportunities⁵”. Within this the strategy identifies a priority “to improve the Borough’s parks and open spaces with improved design and layout to increase use by all sections of the community⁶”.

The plan identifies seven core local priorities:-

- 1.Environment and Housing;
- 2.Health and Well-being;
- 3.Community safety;
- 4.Jobs and Prosperity;
- 5.Individual and Community Learning;
- 6.Heritage, Culture and Leisure;
- 7.Quality Service.

The Council plan explores the objectives set by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council’s in relation to each of these core priorities through an action plan and key performance indicators. Stevens Park has a connection to a number of targets within the plan. For example is Heritage, Culture and Leisure Priority CL1: ensuring that heritage and culture is preserved, developed and promoted for all; and celebrated and used by all. Stevens Park can assist in the realisation of this priority by providing a high quality green space with informal and formal sports facilities for the local community to use and enjoy.

5 Reasons to Be Cheerful: A Cultural Strategy for Dudley 2006/07 – 2008/09

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Dudley Tree Strategy

The over arching aim of the tree strategy is “to protect and enhance the tree stock of Dudley Borough.” This aim is supported by a range of task areas and management objectives. Task 5 relates to Trees in Parks and Open Spaces, the task highlights the role and importance of trees in parks and open spaces and puts forward the following objectives⁷:

- Maintain the existing tree cover in parks and open spaces.
- Plan for the replacement of old trees with new tree planting.
- Increase tree cover with new tree planting where appropriate.
- Ensure that trees are considered when management plans are provided to reflect changes of use of the parks.

The Tree Strategy has six management objectives which provide a framework for decision making and targeting resources in relation to trees across the Borough, they are:

1. Perpetuate the existing trees as long as practicable or desirable in accordance with sound arboricultural and forestry practices.
2. Create a diverse population of trees of mixed age and species.
3. Maintain the character and appearance of the borough.
4. Adopt planned management and maintenance of trees and woodland.
5. Promote the concepts of arboriculture and the urban forest and ensure that these issues are addressed within and outside the Council.
6. Maintain and, where necessary, improve established arboricultural and forestry practices.

Security and Lighting Guidelines for Parks 2005

The guidelines have been created to support the Borough’s Green Space Strategy and should be applied to open spaces including local and town parks.

- “Security measures and appropriate lighting are important general considerations in influencing how parks are used. These features may impact on park use by way of the following:
 - » Give users and residents an enhanced feeling of safety and security in and around the park;
 - » Encourage appropriate use of the park;
 - » Discourage inappropriate use of the park such as vandalism and other anti-social activities;
 - » Avoid impact on biodiversity and protected species.

⁷ <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/environment-planning/countryside/trees/dudleys-tree-strategy/management-objectives/> 23rd December 2011

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- Maintenance arrangements for security and lighting should be considered at the outset, including funding of running costs, repairs, and maintenance.
- Design should be the most vandal proof possible.
- The principles of 'Secure by Design' should be taken into account in the design of parks or open spaces.

Crime Prevention

It may be possible to facilitate crime prevention by:

- Encouraging more people to use the parks;
- To make specific provision within the parks for children and young people;
- To work with other organisations such as the DMBC / Police Community Partnership in the provision of diversionary activities to reduce crime potential;
- To use specific measures against persistent crime problems;
- To design out the opportunities for crime to occur;
- To adhere to the advice contained in 'Secure by Design Principles' when considering the siting of buildings, car parks or features in parks and open spaces.^{8"}

Within the document is design guidance related to security and lightening with parks and open spaces which is pertinent to Stevens Park. For example the guidance states "As a general principle, DMBC does not support the lighting of footpaths in parks. This is based on advice contained within the Home Office document; 'The Influence of Street Lighting on Crime and the Fear of Crime'. The general presumption is that parks and open spaces are not intended for use at night and that therefore lighting is inappropriate.^{9"}

8 Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Park Guidelines: Security and Lighting Guidelines – February 2005

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1.4 Site Name and Location

The area outlined in red on figure 3 is known as Stevens Park, Wollescote. Within this document the terms Stevens Park, the park or the site will be used to refer to the entire site within the red outline.

Figure 2. Location Plan



1.5 Site Description

1.5.1 Overview

Stevens Park, Wollescote covers an area of 27 hectares and there is an additional open space at the southern end of the site, on the other side of Wollescote Road, which is 4.2 hectares. Within the Adopted Parks and Greenspace Strategy it is defined as a Park & Garden, with unrestricted access. The strategy also defines the park as having a Borough level hierarchy which means “those sites whose significance should attract people from across the entire borough. Usually large sites with a range of facilities or designated importance for history or nature conservation.”

The park has a range of facilities including:

- Children’s play area and picnic benches;
- Grassed mini soccer pitches;
- 11 aside football pitch with goals;

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- Crown and flat green bowls;
- Large and small areas of grass;
- Three tennis courts;
- Multiuse games area;
- Teen shelter;
- Changing facilities;
- Sons of Rest Building;
- Two National Plant Collections;
- Wildlife area;
- Formal bedding areas;
- Green care maintenance and glasshouse area;
- Cricket strip;
- Car parks.

The location of the above facilities is shown on figure 3. Located within the Park is Wollescote Hall, a Grade II listed building, which was “given to the people of Lye and Wollescote by Earnest Stevens in 1930.¹⁰” The Hall is currently used by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council’s Department for Adults, Community and Housing Social Services and is not accessible by the general public.

The Bowls facilities are used by Bowling Clubs who pay an annual rental to play on the greens at specific times, current three clubs use the Stevens Park, Wollescote Facilities Walton, Crystal and Black Country. The majority of bows play is through the clubs, but the greens are also available for “casual play”, by people who have purchased an annual ticket through the Parks Development Office.

1.5.2 Geology and Topography

The geology of Dudley is characterised by the Silurian wenlock limestone and the Westphalian upper carboniferous productive coal measures. The site forms a prominent position within the local topography with panoramic views to the east, north and west to the Black Country and beyond to the Shropshire Hills. Locally the landform is relatively flat to the north of the site and this rises approximately 30 metres from the northern boundary to the site of Wollescote Hall.

To the south of Wollescote Road the site becomes progressively more level in nature.

¹⁰ <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/the-parks-in-the-borough/stevens-park-wollescote/?locale=en> 1st June 2012

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Figure 3. Site Plan



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1.5.3 Climate

Stevens Park is located in the Met Office Midlands District. Table 1 below summarises weather conditions in the area, based on measurements taken in the district between 1971 – 2000¹¹.

Table 1. Midlands District Climate Summary 1971 - 2000

Midlands						
	Max Temp	Min Temp	Days of Air Frost	Sunshine	Rainfall	Days of Rainfall >1mm
	(°C)	(°C)	(Days)	(Hours)	(mm)	(Days)
Jan	6.3	0.8	11.6	49.1	76.0	13.1
Feb	6.7	0.7	11.1	64.2	55.5	10.4
March	9.3	2.2	7.1	98.7	62.0	12.1
April	11.7	3.4	4.4	137.9	57.1	10.3
May	15.5	6.1	1.0	182.8	55.7	10.0
June	18.2	9.0	0.1	172.3	63.0	10.0
July	20.9	11.2	0.0	190.0	51.8	8.4
August	20.5	11.0	0.0	179.5	65.2	9.5
September	17.4	9.0	0.1	130.4	69.2	10.0
October	13.3	6.2	1.6	97.7	74.1	11.6
November	9.3	3.2	6.1	62.9	73.2	12.0
December	7.2	1.7	9.6	42.6	82.7	12.8
Year	13.1	5.4	52.8	1408.2	785.5	130.2

1.5.4 Hydrology

There is no open or standing water associated with the site. Ludgbridge Brook flows along the eastern boundary of the site and through the southern park of the park beyond Wollescote Road.

11 <http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/climate/uk/averages/19712000/areal/midlands.html> 20th December 2011

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1.5.5 Landscape Compartments

Stevens Park comprises of a number of distinct features and areas. For the purposes of this management and maintenance plan and its objectives, the park has been divided into the 14 compartments outlined in table 2.

Table 2. Compartments Names

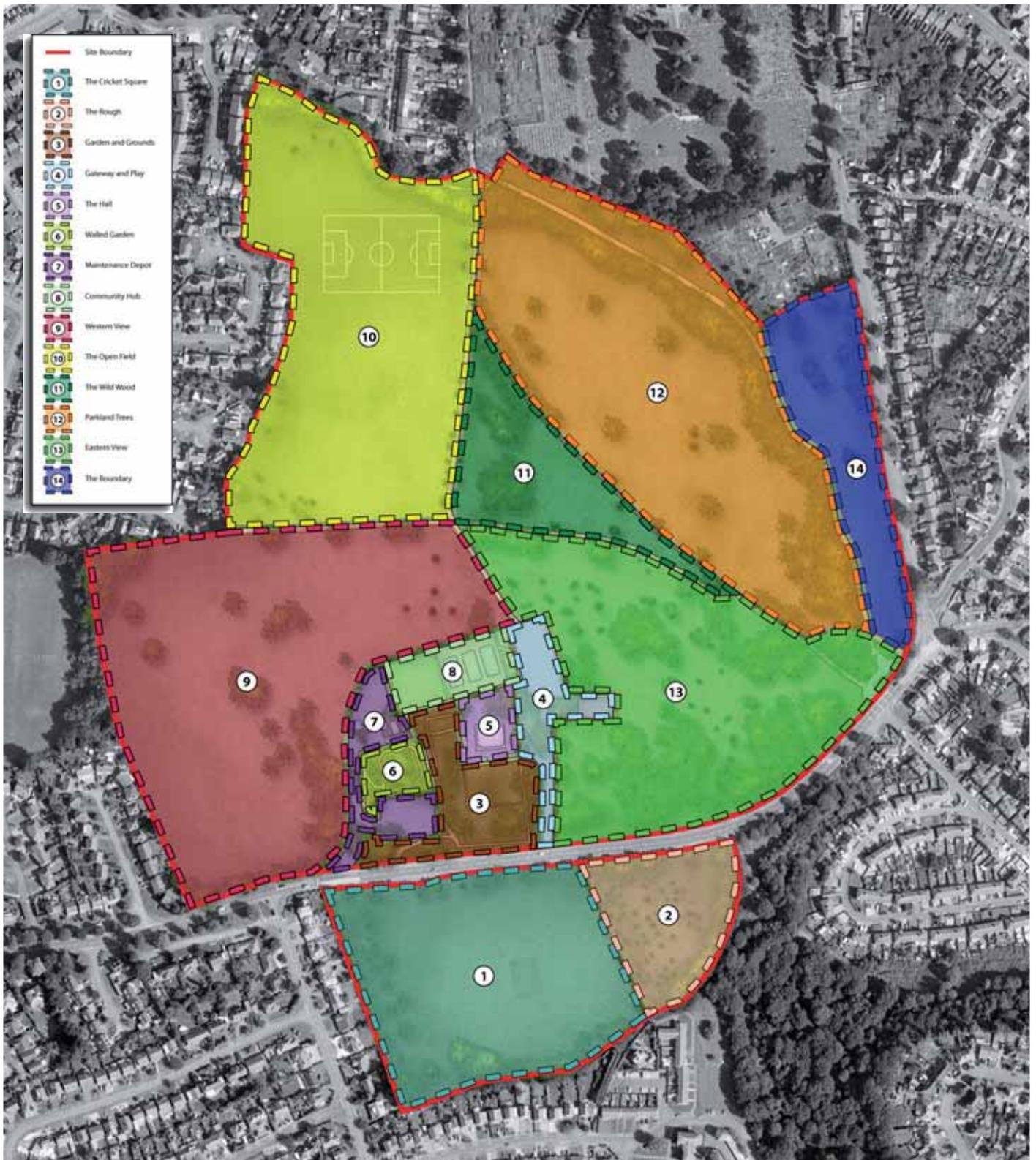
Compartment 1	The Cricket Square
Compartment 2	The Rough
Compartment 3	Garden and Grounds
Compartment 4	Gateway and Play
Compartment 5	The Hall
Compartment 6	The Walled Garden
Compartment 7	Maintenance Depot
Compartment 8	Community Hub
Compartment 9	Western View
Compartment 10	The Open Field
Compartment 11	The Wild Wood
Compartment 12	Parkland Trees
Compartment 13	Eastern View
Compartment 14	The Boundary

The locations and areas covered by each compartment is outlined in Figure 4, overleaf. A more detailed description and summary of management prescriptions for each compartment can be found in section 4.0.

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Figure 4. Compartments



1.6 Access

There are numerous entrances to the site, which are shown in figure 3, these include two vehicular entrances and a main entrance in Wollescote Road. The main entrance leads to a large public car park which is used by staff based at Wollescote Hall and visitors to the Park. A second car park is located on the south east boundary of the site, which serves the eastern section of the Park. The car park is connected to a pathway that follows the water course.

The Park is open to the public 24 hours a day, seven days a week but there are elements of the Park which are locked. For example the National Plant Collection is only open 09.30am-1.30pm Monday to Friday (except Bank Holidays). Other facilities within the Park which are locked, overnight and at other times, include the flat green bowls pitch, tennis court, wildlife area and toilet facilities.

The nearest railway station is located at Stourbridge Junction, approximately 2km east of the park. The Park can also be reached by bus, both the 276 The 276 Dudley - Merry Hill - Lye - Pedmore Fields - Pedmore - Stourbridge - Norton - Wollaston and 9 Birmingham - Bearwood - Halesowen - Lye - Stourbridge stop within a ten minute walk of the park.

1.7 Land Tenure

The area of land shown within figure 2 refers to Stevens Park, Wollescote Road, Wollescote, DY98 7JG. The current proprietor of this land is Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council and the site is managed by the Parks Development Team and maintained by Green Care on behalf of the Council.

1.8 Legal Factors

1.8.1 Bye Laws

There are a number of bye-laws made by what was then the Borough Council of Dudley under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces vested in or maintained by the Borough Council of Dudley. As an open space maintained by the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Stevens Park, Wollescote is covered by the bye-laws a complete copy of which can be found in Appendix 1.

1.8.2 Covenants

In 1930 the Park and Wollescote Hall were given to the community by Earnest Stevens by Deed of Gift. The Deed states "the hall was to benefit the community with the provision that there would be no discussions of politics, drinking of alcohol and ball games on Sundays¹²". The covenant is very detailed and prescriptive and also states exactly which sport should be played on each area of the Park.

¹² <http://www.dudley.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/the-parks-in-the-borough/stevens-park-wollescote/?locale=en> 1st June 2012

1.9 Designations

Stevens Park, Wollescote is designated as a Borough Level Park & Garden in the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Adopted Parks and Greenspace Strategy. Wollescote Hall is a Grade II listed building described by English Heritage as “early 17th Century, much altered in later 19th Century. Brick with stone dressings. 3 storeys and attic. 3 bays of gables with stone coping and ball finals. Spoilt by 19th Century windows of wood frame mullion-fransom. Moulded stone stringcourse on first, second and third levels.¹³”

There are currently no other statutory designations associated with the site.

1.10 History

Stevens Park, has been home to many families during its history, dating back to 1282 when the site was part of the hamlet of Wilfrecote which was home to two families. The land continued to be farmed and in the 16th Century it also provided the raw materials needed for the glass making in the region.

During the 1634 – 1639 Civil War, Wollescote Hall was owned by Thomas Myllward, a keen Royalist. He entertained Prince Rupert, the Royalist Commander, when his troops were stationed at Wychbury Wood. When the Prince was defeated in battle on Stourbridge Common in 1634, he is said to have hidden down the well at Wollescote Hall until it was safe for him to retreat. This story is commemorated by a wood sculpture in the Park. Thomas died in 1659 and his son Edward took over the family business and built the present hall. “Little can be said of the genesis of the hall except for the fact it was one of the first brick buildings in the area and is very similar to a c1667 building at Oldwinsford Hospital School. A thumbnail sketch of Wollescote Hall is shown on Bache’s map of 1669, so it had been built by that date.¹⁴”

Wollescote Hall underwent various changes and renovations at the hands of the various people who owned and leased the property. In 1930 the Estate was sold to Ernest Stevens for £12,000. “Always the philanthropist Ernest gave the Estate to The Aldermen and Burgesses of Stourbridge. The Park was open as a public recreation area on 14th July 1932¹⁵”, and the Hall was lived in until 1940. The Hall was used by the Foley College of Education until 1971 and in 1991 renovation work commenced and the Hall is currently occupied by Lye & Wollescote Sons of Rest and Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council’s Department for Adults, Community and Housing Social Services.

“As most of the township (of Wollescote) had been held by the ‘Squires’ of Wollescote Hall when it was sold it began to be developed until by the 21st Century the Park was the only area not covered with housing¹⁶”.

13 <http://list.english-heritage.org.uk/resultsingle.aspx?uid=1076046> 1st June 2012

14 Township of Wollescote 1750, produced by John Hemingway & Jennifer Foster 2006, Historic Environment Team, Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council

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Section Two

Where Are We Now?

2.0 Where are we now?

2.1 Introduction

Section 2 of this report uses information from a range of existing sources to develop a comprehensive understanding of the current situation at Stevens Park, Wollescote. The section draws on information gathered during meetings with Council Officers alongside information from the Friends of Wollescote Park who were represented at a workshop session which took place as part of the management plan development process. It also takes into consideration discussions with visitors to the park and local residents during a community consultation event on Saturday, 26th May 2012.

The information within this section also takes into consideration the following:-

- Policy
Background policies and guidance.
- Approach
Implementation of policies and procedures.
- Evidence
On site evidence / assessment and service delivery.

As part of the management plan process a meeting at the park took place with Council Officers, Members of the Friends Group and representatives from Green Care. The Green Flag Award criteria was used as a basis for determining the strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the Park. This section draws upon that self assessment process to help understand the current situation in order to plan for the future.

2.2 A Welcoming Place

2.2.1 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award criteria for a welcoming place are based around the following:

- Good and safe access;
- Good signage to and in the park/green space;
- Equal access for all members of the community.

As a community facility it is important that Stevens Park, Wollescote is a welcoming place that encourages people to visit and use the park. There is good safe access within the majority of the site, with a pathway connecting the north and south, east and west sides of the site. There are numerous entrances to the park, of varying quality. The main entrance to the Park, off Wollescote Road, is denoted by brick columns it is recognised that the brick columns need repairing as they have damaged during winter frosts. This creates a negative impression for visitors arriving at this entrance. This provides a good sense of arrival but the absence of a main entrance sign and the

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use of the Hall by another party can create a sense of confusion for the first time visitor. The poor surface of the car parks, also has a negative impact on the perception of visitors to the site.

There is signage on the main entrance to the site and within the site itself, however, the majority of the signage within the Park is located in the area around Wollescote Hall and the main car park. Therefore, visitors arriving at the site from



other entrance may not be aware of facilities in the park. For example visitors, who had never been to the Park before, entering in the north of the site from Spring Street, would not be able to see facilities such as the play area and there is no signage to point them in the right direction. There is also very little directional signage to the Park itself, which means that it can be hard for visitors to find. Overall decision making, stimulated by a lack of intuitive design features and signage, creates poor circulation for the visitor and has an impact of the overall sense of arrival and exploration of the site.

Stevens Park, Wollescote can be accessed by all members of the local community. However, there are elements of the Park which are not always accessible to visitors. For example the opening of the tennis courts does not occur at specific times, but is dependent on volunteer key holders, which can result in frustrations for visitors as it is not clear when specific facilities will and will not be available.

2.2.3 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The park is open 24 hours a day. Wide open aspect. Intervisibility through the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited signage to and within the site. Columns on main entrance in need of repair. Poor quality car park/s. Confusion between Hall and park access. Elements of the park, e.g. tennis courts, are locked and it is not clear when they will be available. Varying quality of footpaths and entrances.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Repair or replace entrance columns. Improve car park/s surface. Improve Entrance signs to enhance the identity of the park and differentiate the existing offer from other parks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor initial impression could be off putting to visitors. Limited budget and staff allocation. Loss of good will for open areas of the park.

2.3 Healthy, Safe and Secure

2.3.1 Current Situation

This Green Flag Award goes beyond Health & Safety and also considers how provision of facilities is connected to the audience which visits the site. The criteria are as follows:

- Equipment and facilities must be safe to use;
- It must be a secure place for all members of the community to use or traverse;
- Dog fouling must be adequately addressed;
- Health and safety policies should be in place, in practice and regularly reviewed ;
- Toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones and emergency equipment where relevant (e.g. life belts by water) should be available in or near the park/green space, and be clearly signposted.

As outlined in section 1.5 there are numerous facilities within the site, which are monitored and maintained by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council’s Parks Development Team and Green Care, this ensures that equipment and facilities are safe to use. The pathways and entrances are in good condition and the Park is a secure place for members of the community to use or transverse in daylight. However at night, in keeping with Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council policy the Park is not lit.

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Discussions with users of the park, at a community consultation event, showed that dog fouling is a critical issue in the Park which needs to be addressed further. The Park is popular with dog walkers, which is a valid use for the Park, but more need to be done to address levels of dog fouling within the site. Park users also noted that there was no staff presence in the evenings or weekends. Until recently there was a park keeper who covered the management of the park until 9pm. The Hall does employ a security guard at night but this does not cover aspects of the park.



There are toilet facilities at Stevens Park, Wollescote and these are only available for public use when the grounds maintenance staff are present on the site, however it is not clear to visitors when they facilities are and are available. The toilets are also hard to locate and there is only limited signage.

2.3.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintenance and monitoring of equipment by Green Care staff. • Health and Safety policy. • Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council security and staff based at Wollescote Hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog fouling. • Toilet facilities are poor quality and not always open. • Issues with anti-social behaviour including theft.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a strategy to deal with dog fouling. • Work with Hall to have joint security for whole site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited available resources to repair and replace equipment.

2.4 Clean and Well Maintained

2.4.1 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award criteria related to clean and well maintained is as follows:-

- Litter and other waste management;
- The maintenance of grounds, buildings, equipment and other features;
- A policy on litter, vandalism and maintenance should be in place, in practice and regularly reviewed.

Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council's Adopted Parks and Greenspace Strategy (June 2009) assesses Stevens Park, Wollescote as having a quality score of 59, giving it the fifth highest score of the parks and greenspaces within the Metropolitan Borough of Dudley. This score is also considerably higher than the average quality score of 33. As the operational arm of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Green Care is responsible for all maintenance issues associated with Stevens Park.

Up until 2010 there was a full time park keeper present on site. Amongst other duties the park keeper was partly responsible for awareness raising about the plant collection. The park keeping service has been improved to become a more user focussed Park Ranger Service providing Healthy Activities on sites across the Borough. There is no longer a member of staff providing a security presence on site, there is however a general presence during working hours given the use of part of the park as a satellite depot for the grounds maintenance team.

An annual maintenance schedule is in place which outlines the work required in relation to litter, waste management, grounds maintenance and horticulture. The Park is well maintained by the Green Care team, within the scope of the resources that are available. There is very little litter in the main body of the Park, however, the area of open space to the south of the site containing the Cricket Square is not maintained to the same standard and the levels of litter within this part of the site are preventing visitors from using the pitches. There are also issues in relation to the provision of toilets within the site and the need to improve facilities.

The Hall, although owned by Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, is currently managed by Adult and Social Care and at present there are no formal mechanisms in place for the coordination of assets.

For reference the maintenance schedule for Stevens Park is included within appendix 2.

2.4.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Care team on site. Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council policies on litter and vandalism. General absence of litter. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Litter in the Cricket Square area. Dog fouling. Impact of anti-social behaviour. Limited resources resulting in locking parts of the park to avoid potential maintenance.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volunteering e.g. litter picks, better security of site facilities Integration of management/maintenance of Hall to reduce costs/ vandalism. Creating flexibility within existing maintenance regimes to meet future requirements of the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential reduction in resources. Long term deterioration of walled garden and plant collections.

2.5 Sustainability

2.5.1 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award criteria in relation to sustainability relates to:

- Have an environmental policy or charter and management strategy in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed; Minimise and justify pesticide use;
- Eliminate horticultural peat use;
- Recycle waste plant material;
- Demonstrate high horticultural and arboricultural standards;
- Have energy conservation, pollution reduction, waste recycling, and resource conservation measures.

The Green Care Team of Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council has a number of policies in relation to environmental sustainability, which include:

- Reduction in the use of pesticides;
- Recycling and composting of green waste on and off site;
- Waste minimisation through recycling and monitoring.

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A copy of the current Environmental Policy can be found in Appendix 3 of this management and maintenance plan. The Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council Directorate of the Urban Environment Street and Green Care Head of Service Plan 2011 - 2012 outlines how Street and Green Care contributes to the Council's corporate policies and responsibilities in relation to sustainability in the following ways:

- "Improving and maintaining the local environment;
- Making our services more accessible to local people;
- Working with community groups on litter picking projects;
- Providing street lighting with less carbon emissions;
- Developing a Flood Water Management Plan;
- Drainage Work;
- Procurement of local goods and services where possible;
- Employing local people;
- Preparation of Equality Impact Assessments;
- Use of recycled materials on highways where possible;
- Use of sustainable products in major construction works."

As part of the process of producing this management plan, a number of issues have been identified in relation to sustainability. This predominantly relates to on going management of the walled garden and the long term viability of the Friends of Wollescote. In addition there are a number of infrastructure issues e.g. the car parks surfacing that need to be addressed in the short to medium term.

Also policies and actions within the context of the management plan need to ensure that maintenance issues do not impact on available resources and these should be balanced against the needs to manage the park in a sustainable manner. For example a number of trees have been planted within the context of the site. As these mature there will be an impact on views and vistas from key points of the park. Management decisions will need to be taken in the short term to ensure that the sustainability of the tree stock and the appeal of the landscape views are not eroded.

2.5.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing budget/ human resources. Involvement of Friends Group in management. Balance between intensive and less intensive recreation areas of the park and relative size of the park. Existing policies and procedures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reliance on core volunteers. Lack of understanding in relation to existing cost of management/maintenance. Absence of monitoring of sustainability issues e.g. water quality or energy consumption.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provision of on site recycling facilities for visitors. Changes in maintenance regimes to reduce resource inputs e.g. creation of marginal meadow areas. Widen involvement of people in management of the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deterioration of built facilities and infrastructure. Withdrawal of support from volunteers for maintenance elements e.g. nature garden area. Future Increased level of resources required to address asset depreciation e.g. car parks.

2.6 Conservation and Heritage

2.6.1 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award criteria for conservation and heritage focuses on:-

- Natural features, wildlife and fauna;
- Landscapes; Buildings and structural features;
- These should serve their function well without placing undue pressure on the surrounding environment.

Section 1.10 outlines the history of Wollescote Hall and Stevens Park. The historic features of the Park are currently maintained by Green Care within the scope of the maintenance schedule. The National Plant Collection is an important conservation and heritage feature within the Park. Ceanothus is best suited to grow in conditions, which match its native habitats in California and is generally used to growing in climates of a warmer temperatures. The walled garden has its own micro climate and unfortunately as a result of last few severe winters and a reduction in available resources a number of plants within the collection having been lost.



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One of the key strengths of the park is the views enjoyed of the Black Country and wider countryside of Worcestershire, Staffordshire and Shropshire. Many of the principal landscape features of the area can be seen including Sedgley Beacon and Wren’s Nest to the north. Distance views of the Shropshire Hills to the north west can also be seen on a clear day.

There is very little in the Park, for example interpretation, to celebrate the Park’s heritage and inform visitors. The Friends Group have produced a leaflet which details the history of the Park and the Hall, which is available from reception during office hours. The Friends Group also worked with the Council to develop the wooden sculpture within the Park which tells the story of Prince Rupert hiding in the Well during the Civil War.

2.6.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The stories associated with the Park and the Hall. • Heritage features. • Landscape views. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited on site interpretation. • Absence of long term plan for built features associated with Hall and gardens. • Decline in the National Plant Collection. • Wildlife Garden is locked and inaccessible.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an interpretation strategy for the Park. • Explore the potential of the Park as a learning resource for local schools. • Potential to strengthen biodiversity within the context of the site. • Re-establish the National Plant Collection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced resources leading to decline of conservation assets. • Lack of intervention to tree stock and loss of views. • Closure of the Walled Garden.

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2.7 Community Involvement

2.7.1 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award criteria for community involvement states that the park should demonstrate:

- Knowledge of user community and levels and patterns of use;
- Evidence of community involvement in management and/or developments and results achieved;
- Appropriate levels of provision of recreational facilities for all sectors of the community;



At the time of writing there is very little information available with regard to the user community and levels and patterns of use. As part of the development of this Management and Maintenance Plan a community consultation event was held within the Park on Saturday, 26th May 2012. This provided an opportunity to observe people using the Park. It was interesting to note that the event took place on a very warm, sunny day but that Stevens Park wasn't particularly busy especially when compared to other local Parks such as Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge. As the Park is located in a residential area, with a significant population within walking distance this suggests that there are barriers preventing local people from visiting the Park.

As part of the community consultation event visitors to the Park were spoken to and it was found that the majority of visitors like the Park and enjoyed visiting. Barriers to visiting more often and / or staying longer included poor toilet facilities / toilets aren't always open and lack of a catering facility. As a Borough level park it should "attract people from across the entire borough" but the majority of visitors live local to the Park and there is a feeling that Stevens Park is not as well-known as other parks within the area including Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge.

The Friends Group was established in 2001 and has been involved with a number of projects relating to the Park including Liveability which resulted in the development of a masterplan for the site and physical improvement works. The Group has also achieved awards for their fund raising efforts, community pride and horticultural excellence for Stourbridge in Bloom. They continue to be involved with the management, maintenance and operation of the Park but their membership has dwindled and they need support and guidance to move forward.

2.7.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing Friends Group. Location within the local community. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited awareness of the Park. Reduction in Friends Group membership.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a project / focus for the Friends Group to work towards. Look at developing further links with local community groups, Churches and relevant organisations. Work with the Friends to develop and implement a volunteering strategy. Plan and organise more community based events. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduction in level of support available from Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council due to decreased resources.

2.8 Marketing

2.8.1 Current Situation

Parks and open spaces may not charge visitors at the point of service, but they still need to attract visitors / customers. The Green Flag Award criteria for marketing are:-

- A marketing strategy should be in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed;
- There should be good provision of information to users, e.g. about management strategies, activities, features, ways to get involved;
- The park/green space should be promoted as a community resource.

As discussed in section 2.7 there is a perception that Stevens Park , Wollescote is not as well-known as other parks and greenspaces within the area and also suffers from being confused with Mary Stevens Park and Stevens Park Quarry Bank. This suggests there is a need to develop a marketing strategy for the Park which will give Stevens Park, Wollescote its own identity and highlight the features which set it apart from other Parks and Greenspaces such as the National Plant Collection and Wollescote Hall. There is some provision of information on site in the form of a noticeboard and site plan, located near the Hall and adjacent to the car park and a leaflet of the history of the Park and Hall is available from reception during office hours. There is also limited information available online.

The Park is very much a community resource and is used by a number of groups including local bowls teams and British Military Fitness who promote the site; however there is very little promotion of the site as a Park for local people to simply visit and enjoy. In the past the Park played a role in the Lye and Wollescote Carnival, which also helped to raise awareness of the park in the community.

2.8.2 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Park is appreciated and enjoyed by its existing audience. Dedicated support from DMBC to invest time in developing friends groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited awareness. Confused with other parks e.g. Mary Stevens and Stevens Park Quarry Bank.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop a marketing strategy for the Park. Develop a programme of events and activities to raise awareness of the site and help people to understand its value. Find out more about who is and isn't using the park. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limited resources for community engagement and capacity building.

2.9 Management

2.9.2 Current Situation

The Green Flag Award stipulates the following criteria in relation to the management of parks and open spaces:

- A management plan or strategy should be in place which reflects the aspirations of Local Agenda 21;
- This should clearly and adequately address all of the above criteria and any other relevant aspects of the park/green space's management;
- The plan must be actively implemented and regularly reviewed;
- A financially sound management of the park/green space must also be demonstrated.

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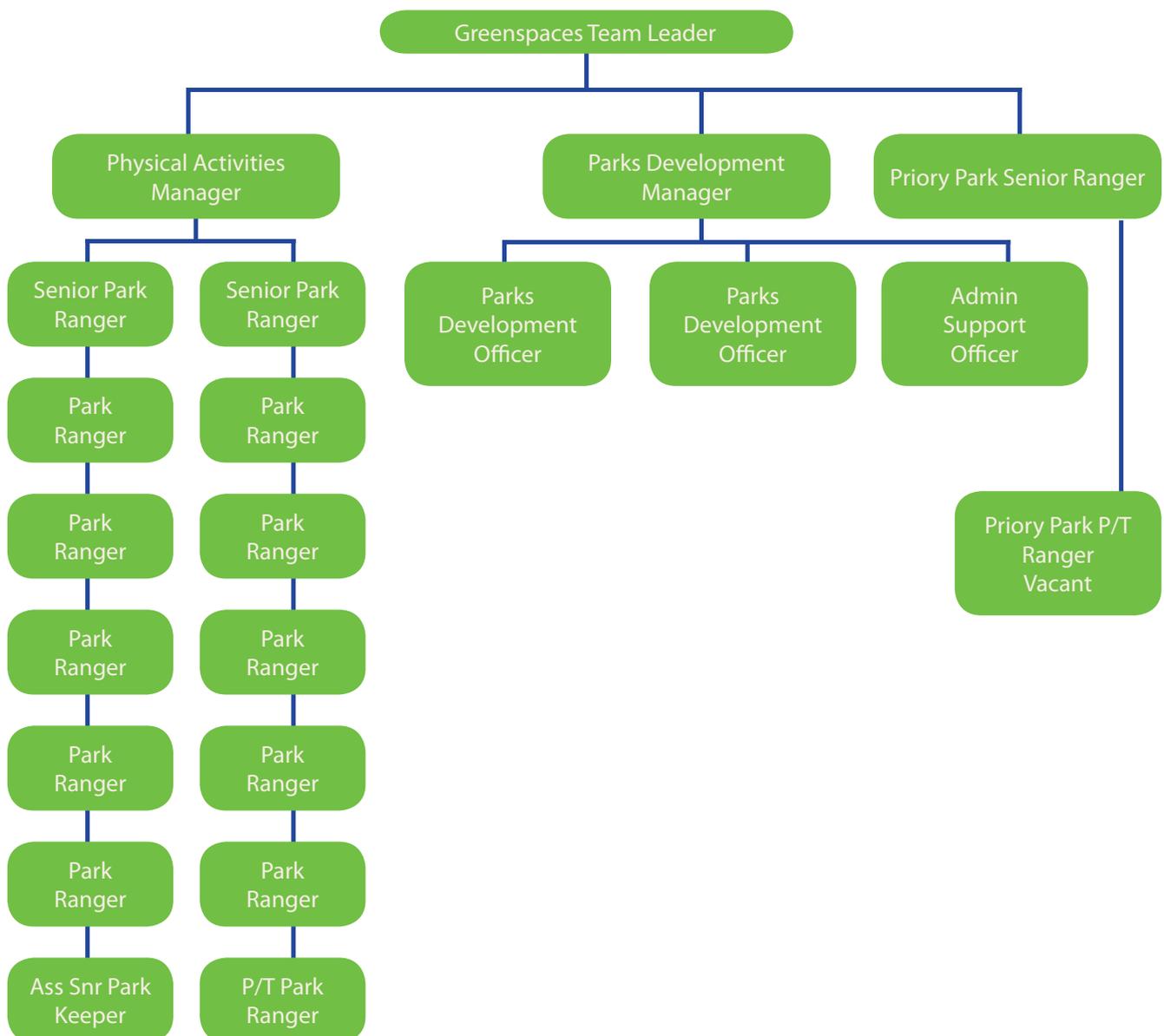
The development and implementation of this management plan is key to the achievement of the above criteria. This plan has been developed in line with the above criteria and as the first management plan for Stevens Park represents a change in approach. Maintenance of the site is reliant on the cyclical specification and occasional ad hoc work conducted by Green Care. Stevens Park is managed by the Parks Development Team at Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council. Figure 5, overleaf, shows the current structure of the Parks Development Team.

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Finance

The current maintenance costs, for planned work in respect of Stevens Park are approximately £72,521.76 per annum. A key action for the management plan will be to assess current expenditure and plan this accordingly to meet management objectives. At present there is no development budget or planned capital investment for Stevens Park. There is potential for funding and investment in the Park from a range of sources including the Stevens Trust and various area committees.

Figure 5. Parks Development Team Structure



2.9.3 SWOT Analysis

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appreciation by all stakeholders that change in management required. • Existing cyclical maintenance. • Existing management structure to support management plan and develop the site. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of understanding regarding current resource allocation.
Opportunities	Threats
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long term management planning. • External funding opportunities to support site development. • Capacity and willingness within the community to assist with proactive management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loss of community support through inertia or lack of positive improvement. • Increased pressure on Council budgets and potential loss of resources within the current economic climate.

3.1 Introduction

The current position statement for Steven Park, Wollescote has identified a number of key themes in relation to the existing management of the park. Building on the information derived in section 2 of the plan the following section seeks to provide a rationale for management policies and establish a series of objectives for taking the park forward.

Understanding Stevens Park, Wollescote

Stevens Park, Wollescote has enjoyed a rich history and there is long standing connection between the bequest of the Stevens family and the local community. The historic context of the site is by far the overall strength and the legacy of features such as the Hall, walled garden and grounds provides the fabric of the park. There has however been a noticeable depreciation in the overall quality of some the aspects of the site, which, through no fault of any previous or current managers, has changed the park in a number of ways over a period of many years. This cumulative effect has probably been imperceptible over time but aspects such as inconsistent opening times of facilities, reduction in staffing and the decline in numbers of the friends have all contributed to the current state of the park. In itself the park is of reasonable quality and there are only relatively minor issues that need to be addressed to ensure the long term viability of the space. In particular, in order to take the park forward, there a number of core issues that should be considered, which include.

A sense of identity

Much of the discussions with users and the friends group have centred on the perception that Dudley MBC (both members and officers) is not committed to the long term management of the park. In addition there is also a sentiment that Mary Stevens Park in Stourbridge receives more resources and that the park in Wollescote is considered as a “Cinderella” service. There are arguments for and against this but what does stand out is the need to have a collective voice for the park and demonstrate that this is not the case. In addition to the preconceptions of users and the community there is also an issue with promoting and presenting the park to potential and existing users. Much of the information received from visitors and the site appraisal demonstrates that there is a need to market the park locally, announce the park on arrival and improve visitor orientation and flow once inside the park.

There is an overriding opportunity to make Stevens Park stand out from other parks and create a new sense of identify. This can be achieved through a number of integrated measures including: focusing on horticultural excellence, marketing, physical improvements and supporting the development of community engagement and involvement.

Section Three

Where Do We Want To Go?

Working in partnership

To meet the future requirements of Stevens Park there will be a need to form a number of new partnerships. This will be for a number of reasons to meet the needs of the park and respond to the changing world of local government. For example, new legislation will focus on bringing together the private, voluntary and public sectors to explore and find new ways of working together. This will happen at a macro and micro scale and parks such as the one at Wollescote will no doubt become a focus for such activity. By forming new partnerships now and in the future the ongoing management of the park will become more sustainable and less dependant on a few dedicated volunteers and staff members. By opening up to new partnerships such as the patronage of the walled gardens by a local company or integration with the Hall a new dynamic for the park will be realised. It is proposed therefore that a new partnership board for Stevens Park be established. This will consist of elected members, local people, community groups, businesses and specialist organisations. They will come together for the benefit of the park and promote partnership working as the ethos of the park's future in the long term.

Conserving heritage and landscape

Directly linked with the need to have a sense of identity and working in partnership is the theme of conservation. The aspects of the Hall, walled garden, landscape views and features such as the entrance gates provide continuity with the past and give the park its sense of place and vibrancy. In addition these characteristics coupled with association of the park with horticulture will allow for new projects to be realised. For example by giving the park an identify focusing on high quality landscapes and forming new partnerships the space will become synonymous with a high standard of presentation and as a consequence preserve and interpret the intrinsic heritage appeal.

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3.2 Vision

The vision for Stevens Park, Wollescote is to become:

A vibrant park that stands out from the rest and is managed in partnership with the community.

3.3 Aims

Based on the current understanding of the park the following policy aims will apply to the ongoing management:

- To provide a safe, well maintained, welcoming and accessible park for all users and the community;
- To become the centre for horticultural excellence for public parks within the borough of Dudley;
- To become a place renowned in the Borough for high quality landscape maintenance;
- To protect, conserve and interpret cultural, built and landscape heritage;
- To be managed in partnership with the community and provide meaningful recreational resources for all existing and potential users;
- To ensure long term financial sustainability through effective resource allocation and partnership working;
- To enhance, protect and conserve bio-diversity, views and parkscape.

3.4 Formulation of Objectives

To achieve the vision and policy aims for Stevens Park, the following management objectives have been identified.

Aim: To provide a safe, well maintained, welcoming and accessible park for all users and the community.

Wel 01	By enhancing the visitor welcome to the park.
Wel 02	By rationalising and designing out poor circulation and orientation.
Wel 03	By ensuring that facilities are regularly inspected and maintained in accordance with the council's health and safety policies.
Wel 04	By ensuring there is safe and adequate access for all throughout the park.
Wel 05	By ensuring all members of the park are represented in management decisions.

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Aim: To become the centre for horticultural excellence for public parks within the borough of Dudley.

Hor 01	By restoring the walled garden and plant collections.
Hor 02	By using the existing resource for training, education and learning.
Hor 03	By extending and varying horticultural features in line with available resources.
Hor 04	By forming new partnerships and welcoming new groups to the site.
Hor 05	By proactive marketing and promotion of the site as a borough wide offer for horticultural excellence.

Aim: To become a place renowned in the borough for high quality landscape maintenance.

Lan 01	By creating a new schedule for landscape maintenance.
Lan 02	By enhancing visual and amenity value through appropriate management regimes.
Lan 03	By ensuring that all facilities are in a good condition and meet expectations of all users.
Lan 04	By proactive management of tree stock.
Lan 05	By creating and managing areas for biodiversity.

Aim: To protect, conserve and interpret cultural, built and landscape heritage.

Con 01	By understanding the value of heritage features and assets.
Con 02	By working in partnership with Adult and Social care to integrate management of Hall into site.
Con 03	By understanding ecology and biodiversity potential of the park.
Con 04	By securing external funding and additional resources to restore heritage aspects.
Con 05	By interpreting the heritage value through a range of media.

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Aim: To be managed in partnership with the community and provide meaningful recreational resources for all existing and potential users.

Par 01	By dissolving the existing friends group and creating a partnership board for the park.
Par 02	By increasing the opportunities for volunteering with the park.
Par 03	By working with horticultural organisations and bodies to manage the walled garden and plant collections.
Par 04	By actively encouraging the community to take on management of aspects of the park.
Par 05	By enhancing and diversifying recreational opportunities within the park.

Aim: To ensure long term financial sustainability through effective resource allocation and partnership working.

Sus 01	By understanding and monitoring financial expenditure within the park.
Sus 02	By understanding and monitoring environmental impacts within the park.
Sus 03	By promoting, interpreting and contributing to environmental initiatives in accordance with the council's policies.
Sus 04	By supporting and developing new partnerships to improve long term sustainable management.
Sus 05	By seeking and securing external funding opportunities.

Aim: To enhance, protect and conserve bio-diversity, views and parkscape.

Enh 01	By developing and agreeing an annual landscape work programme with the Green Care Team.
Enh 02	By developing an annual tree work/ planting programme.
Enh 03	By understanding ecological value through survey, monitoring and proactive management.
Enh 04	By undertaking proactive management of areas with nature conservation value.

4.0 How Are We Going To Get There?

4.1 Landscape Maintenance Prescriptions

This section of the management plan sets out an action plan for realising the visions, aims and objectives outlined in section 3. Compartments 1 to 14 outline the proposed landscape maintenance regime and prescriptions for the park. This will form the guiding policies for maintenance for the park. Green Care, the proposed partnership board and the Parks Development Team will meet annually to agree a separate work programme based on the requirements of the maintenance prescriptions.

COMPARTMENT 1

The Cricket Square

Description

The Cricket Square forms the southern most part of the park and is separated by Wollescote Road. Despite the physical divide there is a strong association with the main open space and users do not differentiate between the two sites. The area is used by local teams for cricket and football and the emphasis is on amenity and formal recreation.

Area = 3.1 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Ensure the site is welcoming and kept free of litter and detritus.
- Install new entrance signage and information point.
- Consider creating informal/habitat area linked to The Rough.
- Work with local clubs and sport organisations to enhance/improve overall pitch quality.

COMPARTMENT 2

The Rough

Description

Area of semi natural woodland scrub and rough grassland associated with the Ludgbridge Brook.

Area = 1.0 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Manage area as limited intervention/ low maintenance for marginal habitats.
- Ensure brook clear of rubbish by regular inspection and removal.
- Strim grass area at least once per year to ensure scrub encroachment controlled.
- Where necessary undertake periodic thinning of trees to prevent shading and domination of woodland cover.

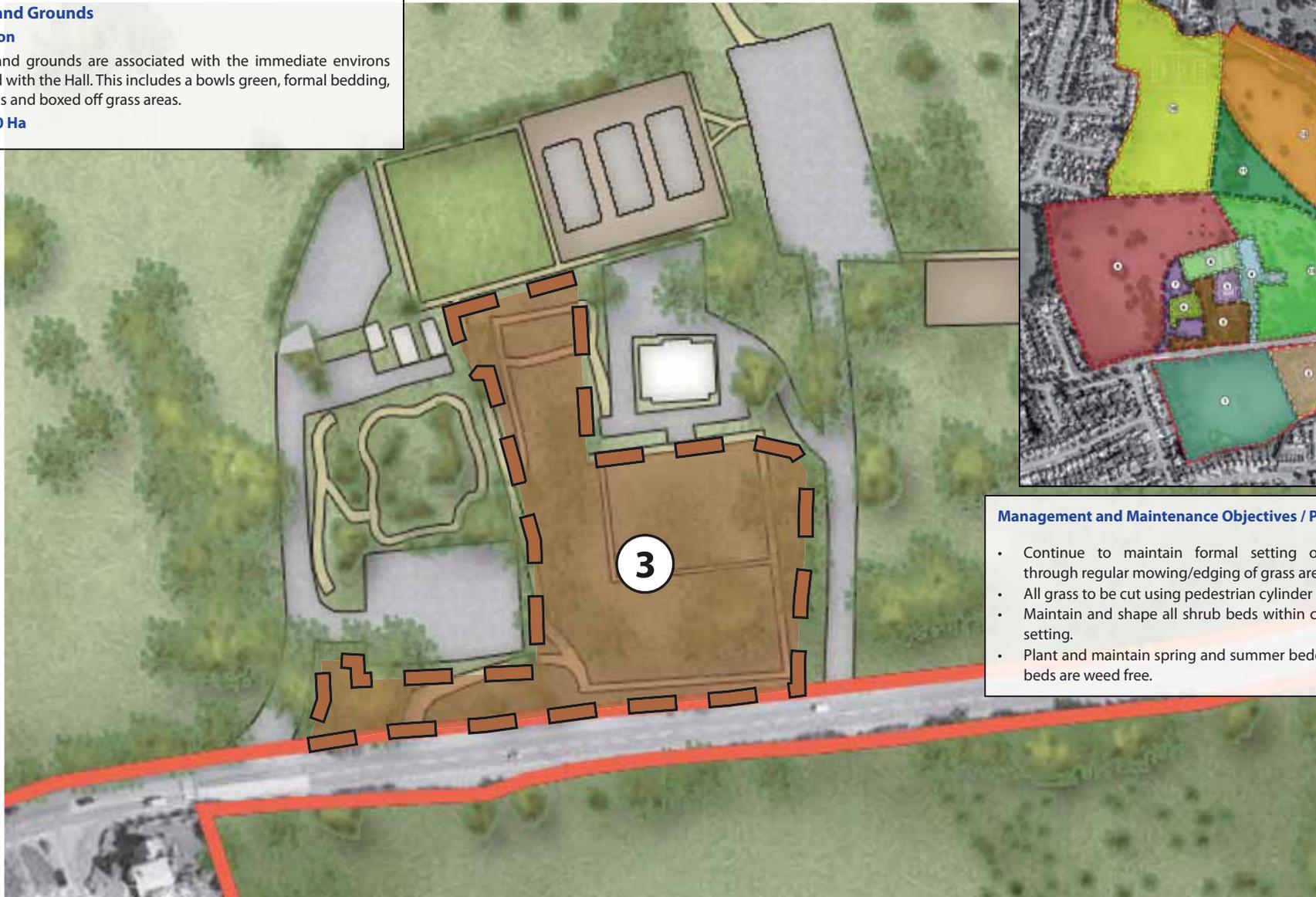
COMPARTMENT 3

Garden and Grounds

Description

Gardens and grounds are associated with the immediate environs associated with the Hall. This includes a bowls green, formal bedding, shrub beds and boxed off grass areas.

Area = 1.0 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Continue to maintain formal setting of compartment through regular mowing/edging of grass areas.
- All grass to be cut using pedestrian cylinder mower and box.
- Maintain and shape all shrub beds within context of formal setting.
- Plant and maintain spring and summer bedding ensuring all beds are weed free.

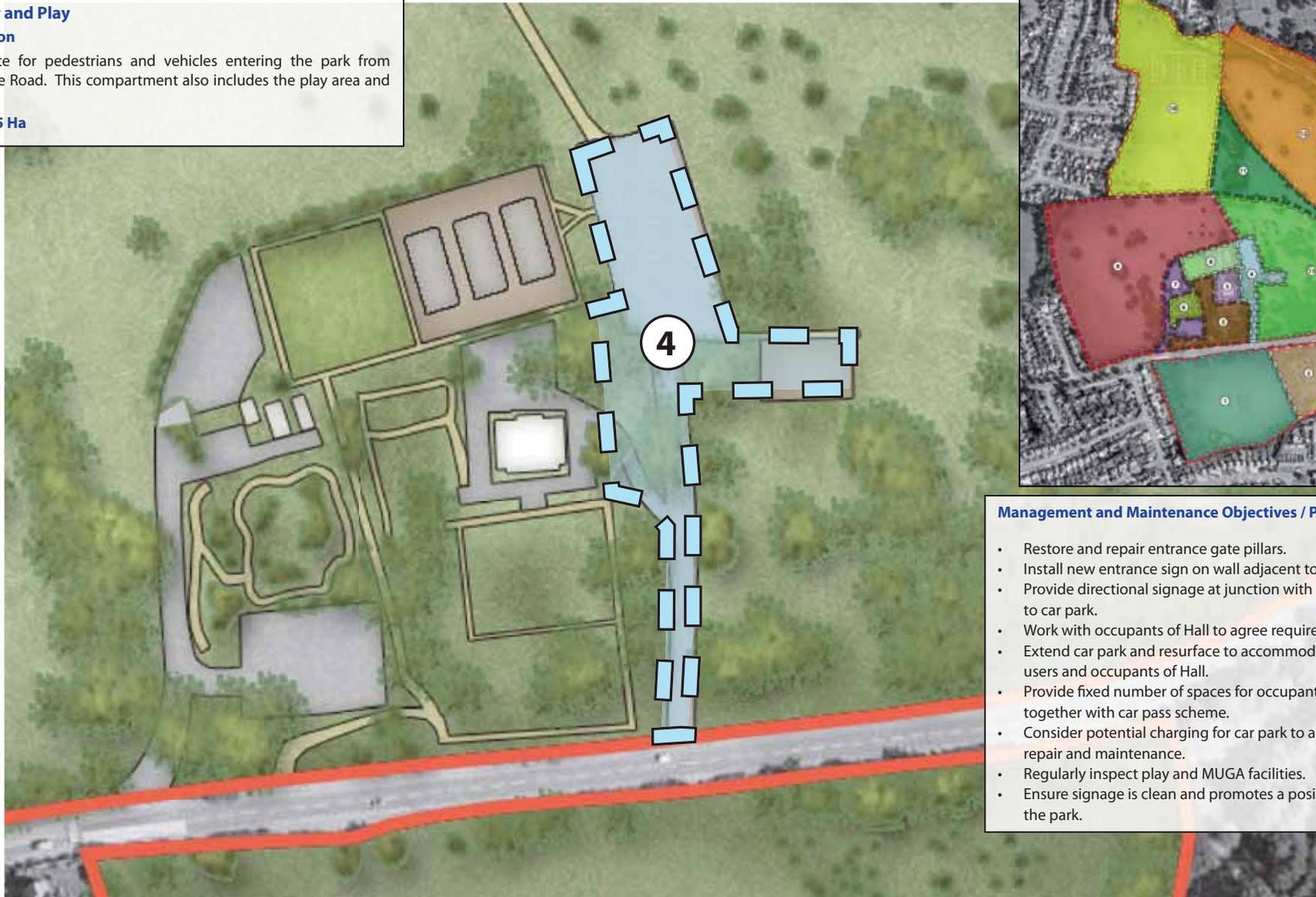
COMPARTMENT 4

Gateway and Play

Description

Main route for pedestrians and vehicles entering the park from Wollescote Road. This compartment also includes the play area and MUGA.

Area = 0.5 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Restore and repair entrance gate pillars.
- Install new entrance sign on wall adjacent to gate pillars.
- Provide directional signage at junction with Hall and access to car park.
- Work with occupants of Hall to agree required car parking.
- Extend car park and resurface to accommodate both park users and occupants of Hall.
- Provide fixed number of spaces for occupants of Hall together with car pass scheme.
- Consider potential charging for car park to allow for ongoing repair and maintenance.
- Regularly inspect play and MUGA facilities.
- Ensure signage is clean and promotes a positive welcome to the park.

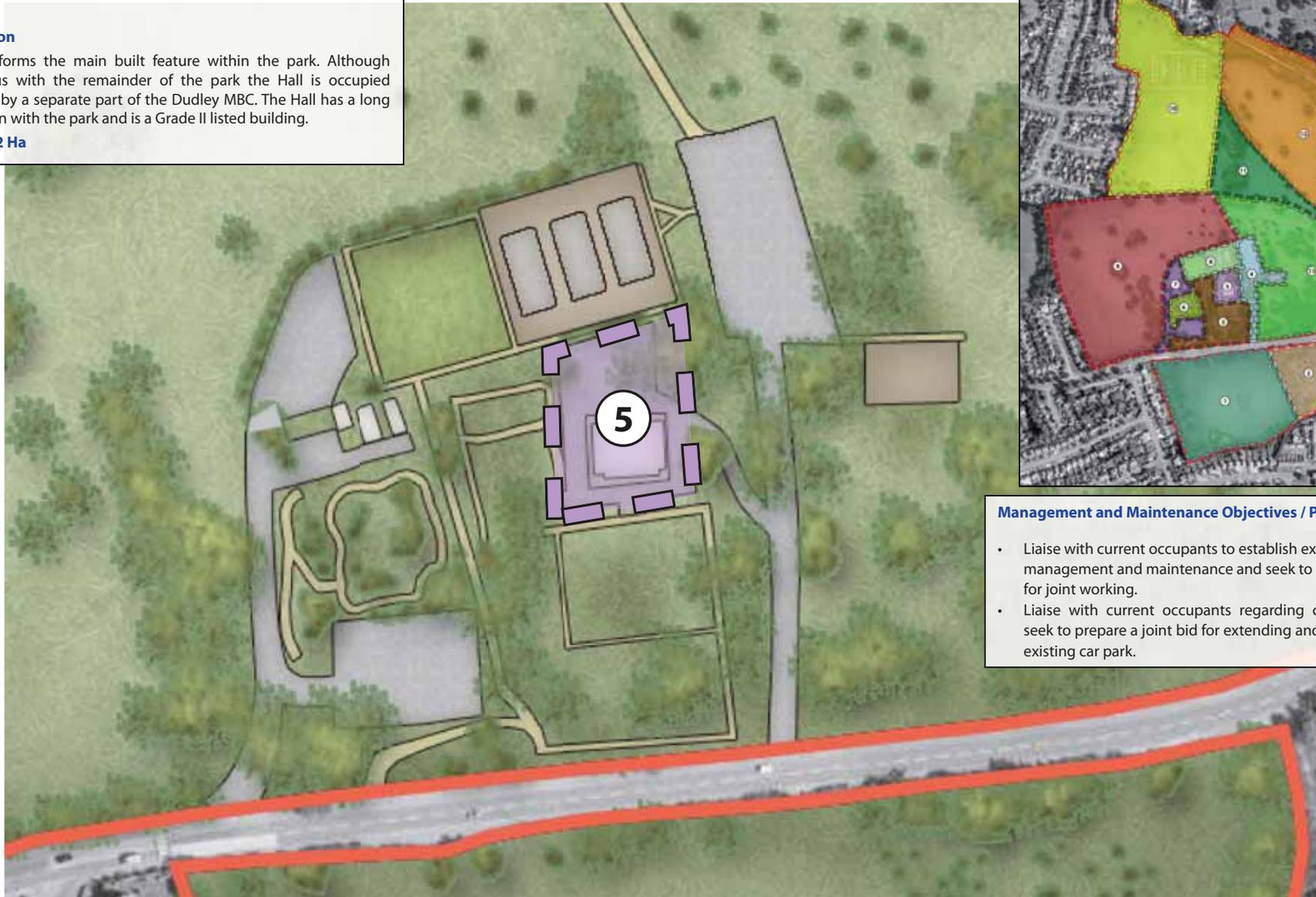
COMPARTMENT 5

The Hall

Description

The Hall forms the main built feature within the park. Although contiguous with the remainder of the park the Hall is occupied managed by a separate part of the Dudley MBC. The Hall has a long association with the park and is a Grade II listed building.

Area = 0.2 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Liaise with current occupants to establish extent of management and maintenance and seek to explore areas for joint working.
- Liaise with current occupants regarding car parking and seek to prepare a joint bid for extending and resurfacing the existing car park.

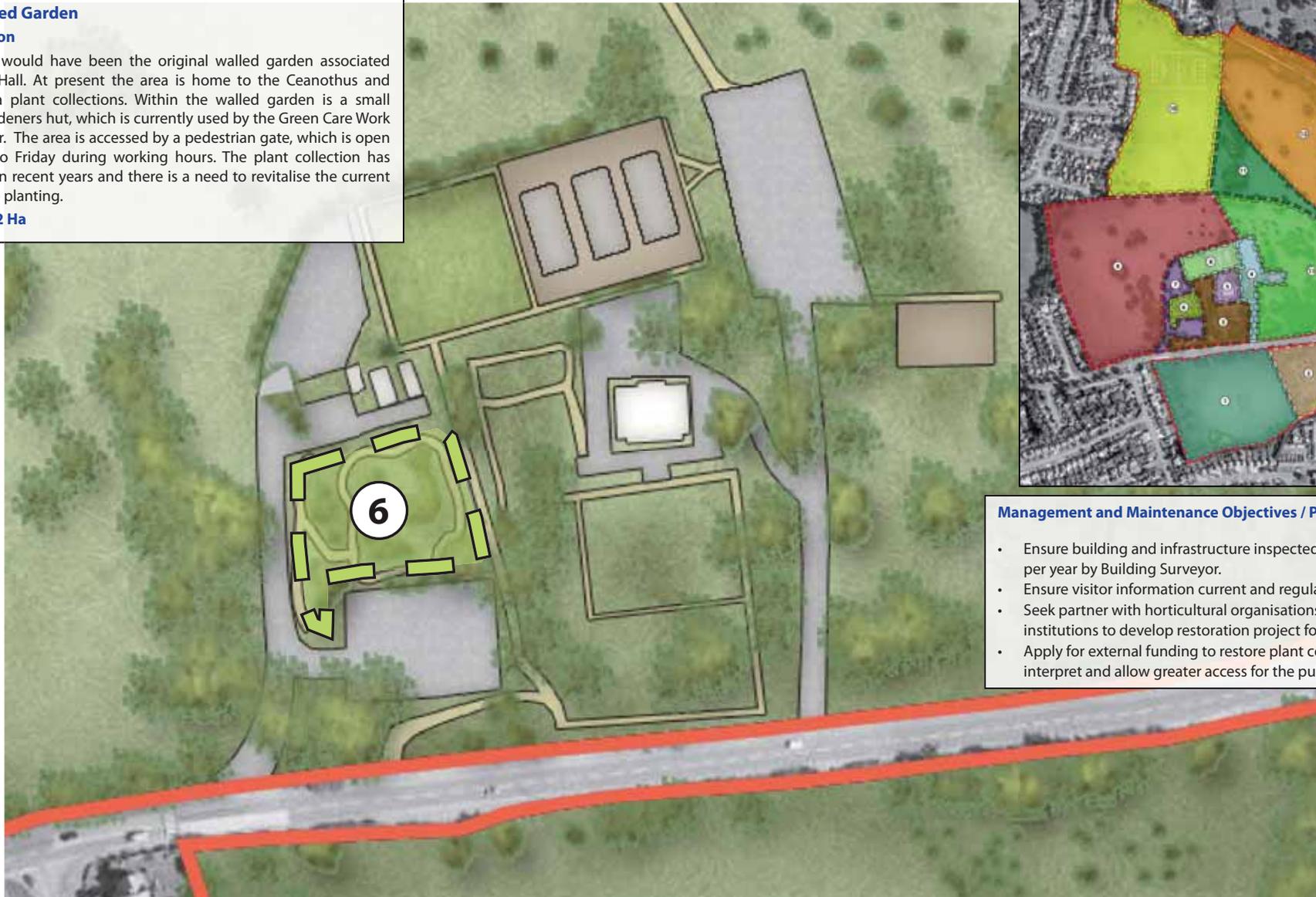
COMPARTMENT 6

The Walled Garden

Description

This area would have been the original walled garden associated with the Hall. At present the area is home to the Ceanothus and Rudbeckia plant collections. Within the walled garden is a small office/gardeners hut, which is currently used by the Green Care Work Supervisor. The area is accessed by a pedestrian gate, which is open Monday to Friday during working hours. The plant collection has declined in recent years and there is a need to revitalise the current landscape planting.

Area = 0.2 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Ensure building and infrastructure inspected at least once per year by Building Surveyor.
- Ensure visitor information current and regularly updated.
- Seek partner with horticultural organisations and institutions to develop restoration project for the site.
- Apply for external funding to restore plant collection, interpret and allow greater access for the public.

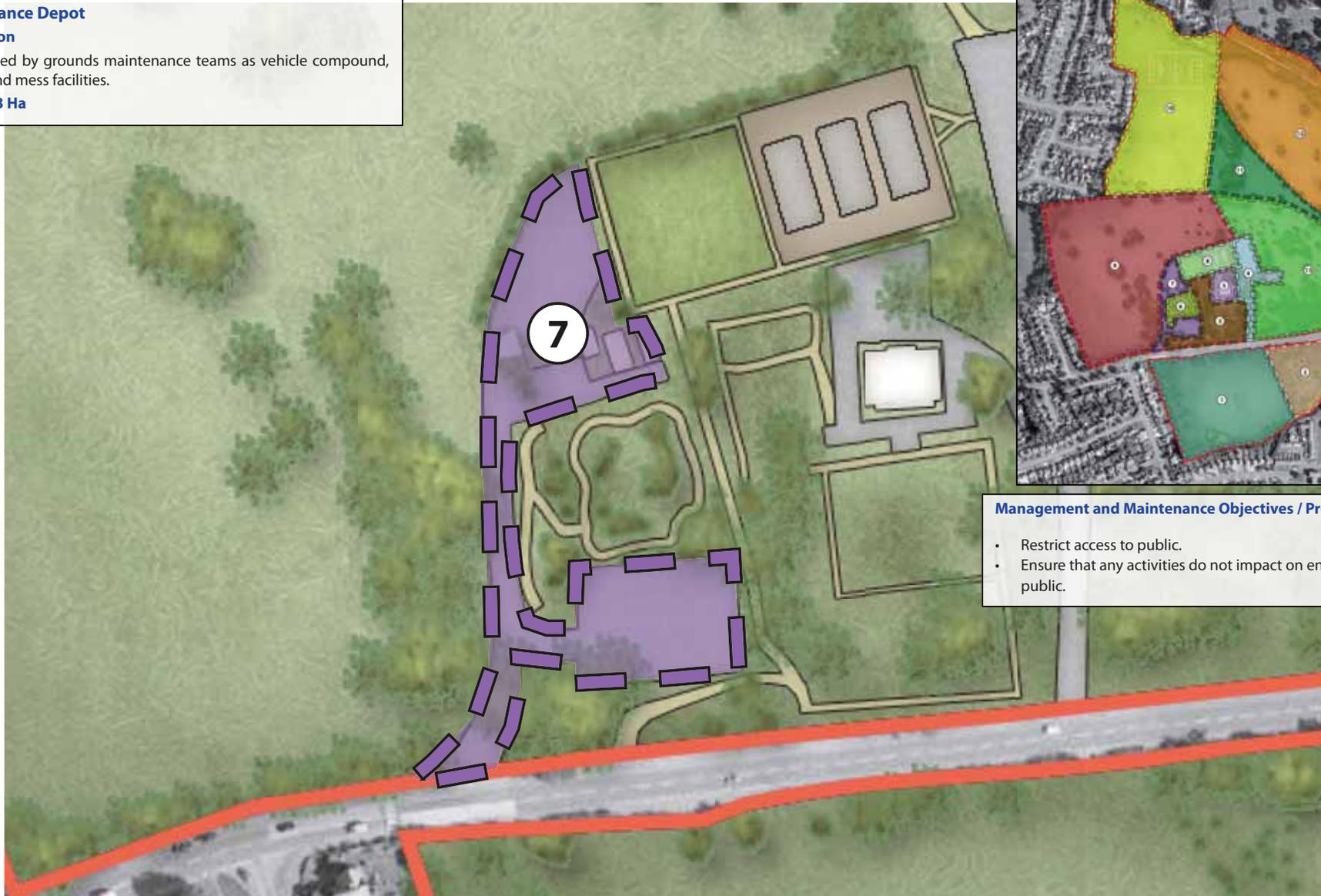
COMPARTMENT 7

Maintenance Depot

Description

Area utilised by grounds maintenance teams as vehicle compound, storage and mess facilities.

Area = 0.3 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Restrict access to public.
- Ensure that any activities do not impact on enjoyment of public.

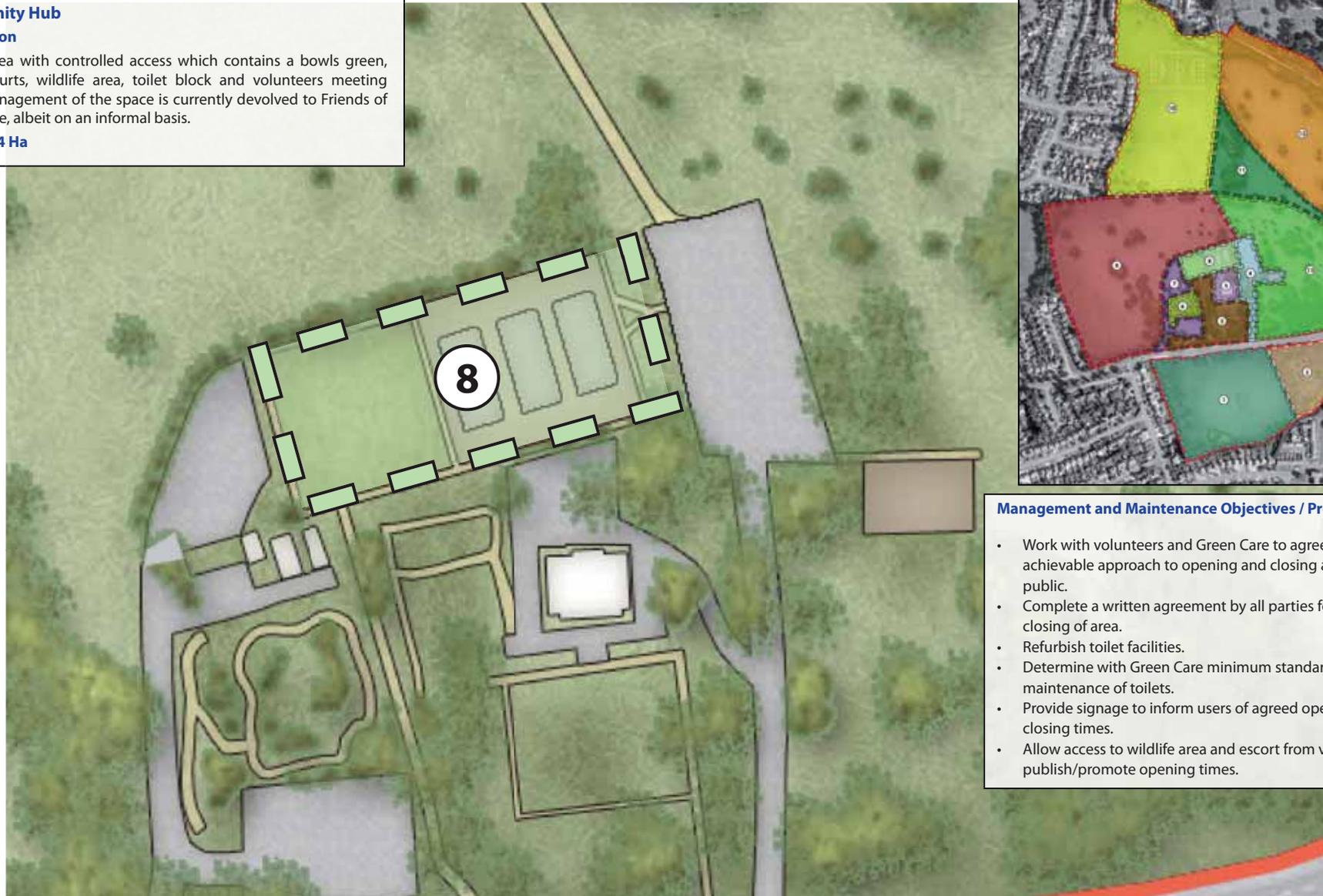
COMPARTMENT 8

Community Hub

Description

Walled area with controlled access which contains a bowls green, tennis courts, wildlife area, toilet block and volunteers meeting room. Management of the space is currently devolved to Friends of Wollescote, albeit on an informal basis.

Area = 0.4 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Work with volunteers and Green Care to agree a realistic and achievable approach to opening and closing area to general public.
- Complete a written agreement by all parties for opening and closing of area.
- Refurbish toilet facilities.
- Determine with Green Care minimum standard for maintenance of toilets.
- Provide signage to inform users of agreed opening and closing times.
- Allow access to wildlife area and escort from volunteers and publish/promote opening times.

COMPARTMENT 9

Western View

Description

Area of amenity grassland and semi mature tree planting occupying western boundary of park. This area is predominantly informal with wide open views of surrounding urban area.

Area = 5.8 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Continue to manage as general amenity area.
- Regularly sweep and clear all footpaths to prevent accumulation of detritus.
- Inspect trees in accordance with DMBC tree strategy.
- Manage and thin trees to allow species to mature to specimen status.
- Ensure views and vistas are retained by selective removal of trees over 20 year + period.

COMPARTMENT 10

The Open Field

Description

Area of relatively flat amenity grassland to north east of park. The space has a full sized football pitch and fixed metal 5-aside goal post. The area is used predominantly for informal kick about and cricket. The periphery of the compartment is made up of formal hedge and occasional trees.

Area = 4.9 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Continue to management as general amenity area for informal recreation.
- Manage and maintain hedges and park boundary to current standard.
- Seek to create informal mown areas on margins to increase biodiversity potential.

COMPARTMENT 11

The Wild Wood

Description

Relatively small area of informal scrub, grassland and trees forming semi natural space between Western and Eastern View compartments. Area consists of willow and provides contrast within otherwise amenity area.

Area = 1.5 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Potential for development as a wildlife area, therefore undertake full ecological/ phase 1 habitat survey by qualified ecologist.
- Determine management prescriptions based on above.
- Seek to increase habitat value and maximise potential.
- Improve access and interpretation of area.
- Consider, if appropriate when resources allow, use of space for natural and intuitive play.

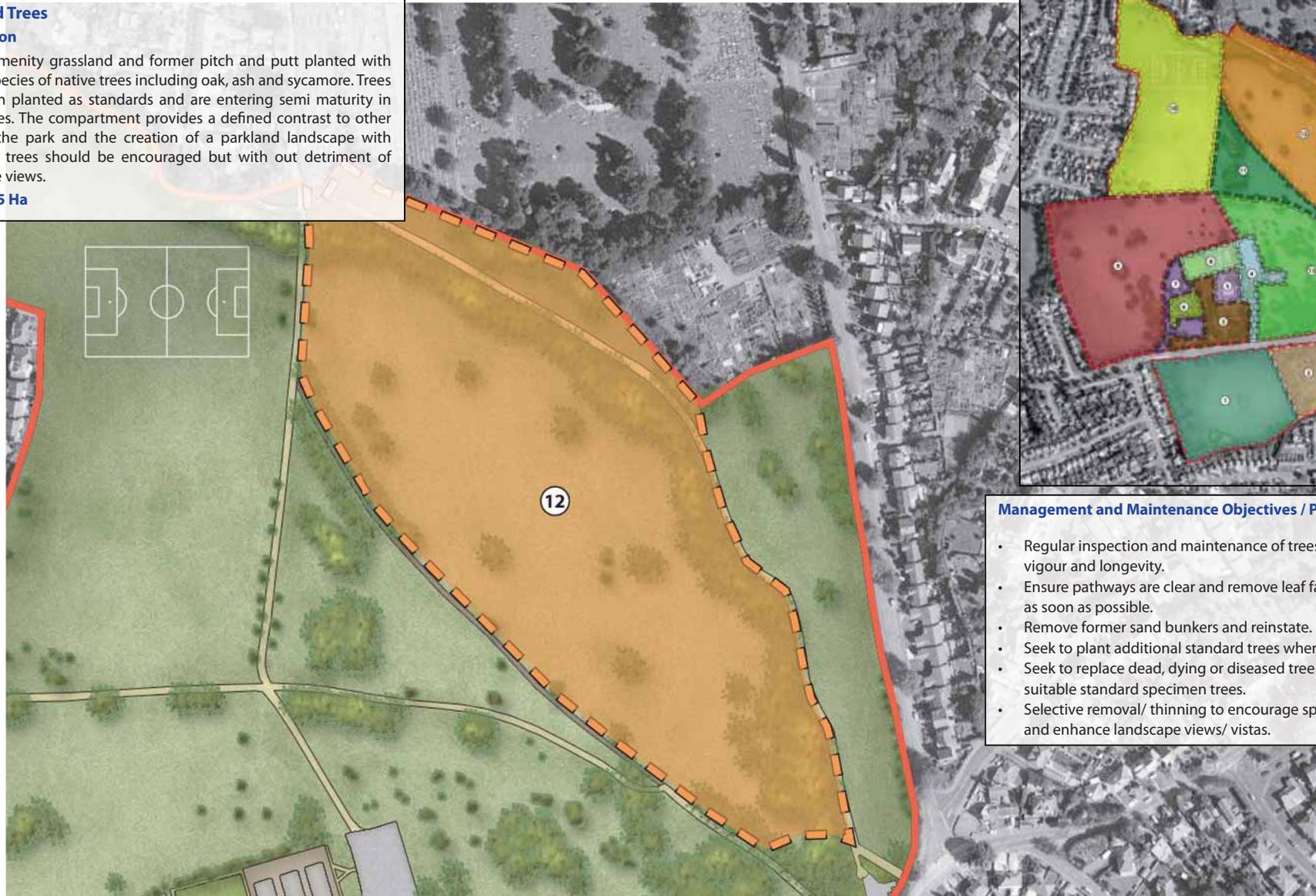
COMPARTMENT 12

Parkland Trees

Description

Area of amenity grassland and former pitch and putt planted with various species of native trees including oak, ash and sycamore. Trees have been planted as standards and are entering semi maturity in some cases. The compartment provides a defined contrast to other parts of the park and the creation of a parkland landscape with specimen trees should be encouraged but with out detriment of landscape views.

Area = 5.5 Ha



- Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions**
- Regular inspection and maintenance of trees to ensure vigour and longevity.
 - Ensure pathways are clear and remove leaf fall and detritus as soon as possible.
 - Remove former sand bunkers and reinstate.
 - Seek to plant additional standard trees where appropriate.
 - Seek to replace dead, dying or diseased tree stock with suitable standard specimen trees.
 - Selective removal/ thinning to encourage specimen trees and enhance landscape views/ vistas.

COMPARTMENT 13

Eastern View

Description

Area of amenity grassland and semi mature tree planting occupying western boundary of park. This area is predominantly informal with wide open views of surrounding urban area.

Area = 4.4 Ha



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Continue to manage as general amenity area.
- Regularly sweep and clear all footpaths to prevent accumulation of detritus.
- Inspect trees in accordance with DMBC tree strategy.
- Manage and thin trees to allow species to mature to specimen status.
- Ensure views and vistas are retained by selective removal of trees over 20 year + period.

COMPARTMENT 14

The Boundary

Description

Eastern boundary of park adjacent to rear of properties along Springfield Avenue. Area is predominantly focused on general amenity with occasional tree planting.

Description



Management and Maintenance Objectives / Prescriptions

- Continue to manage as general amenity area.
- Regularly sweep and clear all footpaths to prevent accumulation of detritus.
- Inspect trees in accordance with DMBC tree strategy.
- Manage and thin trees to allow species to mature to specimen status.
- Ensure views and vistas are retained by selective removal of trees over 20 year + period.

Section Four

How Are We Going To Get There?

4.2 Action Plan

Based on the landscape prescriptions and the management objectives, Green Care, the proposed partnership board and the Parks Development Team will agree an annual work programme. This will form the working “nuts and bolts” of the plan and will be developed depending on available resources. The proposed action plan for 2012/13 is outlined below.

Table 3. Action Plan

Objective Reference	Action	Lead Group / Person	Total Estimated Cost	Action Required				
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
WEL01, HOR01, CON01	Creation of a heritage statement to understand the heritage value of the Park and the Walled Gardens.	DMBC	£3,000	●				
CON04	Make an assessment of potential funding resources for the restoration of the Walled Gardens and heritage assets within the Park e.g. the entrance pillars.	DMBC	Within existing budget.	●				
WEL05, HOR02, HOR04, PAR01, PAR03, PAR04, SUS05	Form a new partnership with horticultural organisation / training institution to develop project aims and objectives for Walled Garden and entrance feature.	DMBC	Within existing budget.	●				
CON04, SUS05	Applying for funding to restored Walled Garden, Plant Collections and entrance pillars.	DMBC and Partnership Board	£10,000		●			
CON05M PAR03, PAR04	Following the restoration of the Walled Garden promote it as a facility for training and education opportunities.	DMBC and Partnership Board	£300			●		

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Objective Reference	Action	Lead Group / Person	Total Estimated Cost	Action Required				
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
PAR01	Work with the Friends of Wollescote Park to bring to a close the existing remit of the group.	DMBC and Friends of Wollescote Park	Within existing budget.	●				
PAR01, PAR02, PAR03, PAR04, SUS04	Work with the Friends Group and local Elected Members to establish the parameters, roles and responsibilities of the new partnership board to implement the management plan.	DMBC and Friends of Wollescote Park	Within existing budget.	●				
PAR01, PAR03, PAR04, SUS04	Invited local businesses, community organisations, training institutions and potential partners to an open day to promote and establish the partnership board.	DMBC	£500	●				
PAR01, PAR03, PAR04, SUS04	Formally agree and constitute the partnership board to take forward aspirations of the Management Plan.	DMBC	Within existing budget.	●				
WEL02, SUS03	Develop an interpretation strategy and masterplan to improve visitor circulation and highlight key features and facilities.	DMBC and Partnership Board	£2,500		●			
WEL01, HOR02, CON05	Develop a marketing and promotion strategy for the park to increase awareness and encourage local people to use the Park.	DMBC and Partnership Board	£2,000		●			
CON05, PAR02, PAR05	Partnership board to explore opportunities for event funding and strategy as part of the implementation and delivery of the marketing strategy.	Partnership Board	-			●		
CON05, PAR02, PAR05, SUS03	Within the resources available create and deliver a programme of events to raise the profile and identity of the Park.	Partnership Board	Dependent on available funding.			●	●	●

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Objective Reference	Action	Lead Group / Person	Total Estimated Cost	Action Required				
				Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
LAN01, SUS01, ENH01	To work with Green Care to review existing maintenance arrangements and determine a new schedule of works.	DMBC and Green Care	Within existing budget.	●				
LAN05, ENH03	To undertake an assessment of ecology within the site in order to understand the biodiversity potential of the site and information landscape maintenance.	DMBC	£2,000	●				
LAN04, ENH02	To review existing tree stock and plan long term management to protect and enhance landscape view.	DMBC and Green Care	Within existing budget.		●			
WEL01, WEL02, WEL04, CON02	To work with Adult and Social Care to address car parking issues and develop a joint capital bid to the Council for the benefit of both parties.	DMBC, Partnership Board and Green Care	Within existing budget.		●			
LAN01, LAN02, LAN03, AN04, LAN05, SUS02, ENH01, ENH04	To implement the landscape prescriptions identified in section 4 of the management plan.	Green Care	Within existing budget.	●	●	●	●	●
	Annual application to the Green Flag Award.	DMBC and Partnership Board	£500			●	●	●

Section Five

How Will We Know When We've Arrived?

5.0 How Will We Know When We've Arrived?

5.1 Performance and Monitoring Management

Performance management is reliant on the collection of baseline data as part of the proposed objectives discussed within section three. The following targets have been selected to reflect the objectives and associated outcome and will be reviewed as part of the annual review process.

Table 4. Performance Management and Monitoring Schedule

Performance Indicator	Description	Baseline Year 1	Year 2		Year 3		Year 4		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7	
			Target	Actual										
Visitor satisfaction	Percentage of user sample satisfied or very satisfied with the management and maintenance of Stevens Park.													
External income	Level of income derived from external funding sources.													
Awards and recognition	Achieve and retain Green Flag Award.													
Volunteers	Nº of volunteer hours contributed to the site per annum.													
Action	Percentage of actions completed as part of the five year action plan.													
Diversification	Diversification of audience/s, measured using annual survey													
Events	Increase attendance and participation at events.													

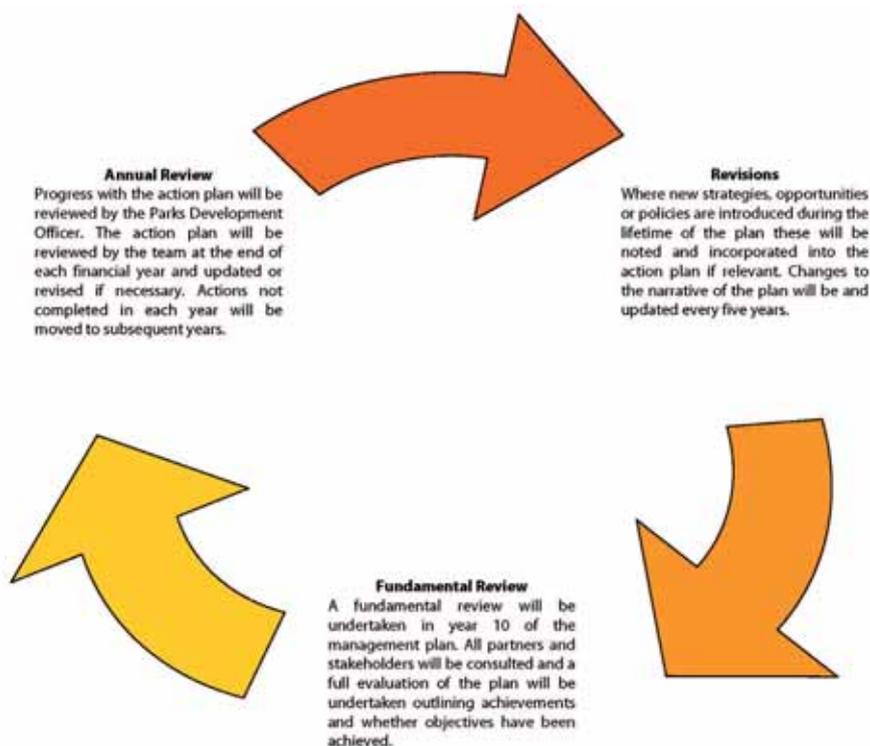
5.2 Evaluation and Feedback

The Parks Development Team will coordinate the monitoring, evaluation and review of the management plan. Alternations and amendments will be the result of a collective decision between the partnership board. An annual report will be produced by the Parks Development Officer and their team, to provide feedback to stakeholders and interested parties.

Control of finances will rest with the Parks Development Team, with support from the Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council's Finance Department. Control of other resources and personnel will, in the first instance, be the responsibility of the Parks Development Officer. Referrals for additional resources, capital investment and unresolved personnel issues will be made to the relevant line manager.

Review, update and amendment of the management and maintenance plan will a continually process.

Figure 5: Evaluation and Feedback System



Appendix 1

Bye Laws

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DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH

BYE-LAWS

made by the Borough Council of Dudley under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875,
Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 and Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906 with
respect to pleasure grounds and open spaces vested in or maintained by the Borough Council of Dudley

1. Throughout these bylaws the expression "the Council" means the Borough Council of Dudley and the expression "the pleasure ground" means, except where inconsistent with the text, each of the pleasure grounds and open spaces named in the First Schedule to these bylaws.
 2. An act necessary to the proper execution of his duty in the pleasure ground by an officer of the Council, or by any person or servant of any person employed by the Council, shall not be deemed an offence against these bylaws.
 3. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently soil or defile any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any building, barrier, railing, post, or seat, or any erection or ornament;
 - (ii) climb any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or any tree, or any barrier, railing, post, or other erection;
 - (iii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently remove or displace any barrier, railing, post or seat, or any part of any erection or ornament, or any implement provided for use in the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.
 4. A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any cattle, sheep, goats, or pigs or any beast of draught or burden.
 5. (i) A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege bring or cause to be brought into the pleasure ground any barrow, truck, machine or vehicle other than—
 - (a) a wheeled bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine;
 - (b) a wheel-chair or perambulator drawn or propelled by hand and used solely for the conveyance of a child or children or an invalid.Provided that where the Council set apart a space in the pleasure ground for the use of any class of vehicle, this bylaw shall not be deemed to prohibit the driving in or to that space by a direct route from the entrance to the pleasure ground of any vehicle of the class for which it is set apart.
(ii) A person shall not, except in pursuance of a lawful agreement with the Council or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege ride any bicycle, tricycle or other similar machine in any part of the pleasure ground.
 6. A person who brings a vehicle into the pleasure ground shall not wheel or station it over or upon
 - (i) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant;
 - (ii) any part of the pleasure ground where the Council by a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground prohibit its being wheeled or stationed.
 7. A person shall not affix any bill, placard, or notice, to or upon any wall or fence in or enclosing the pleasure ground, or to or upon any tree, or plant, or to or upon any part of any building, barrier, or railing, or of any seat, or of any other erection or ornament in the pleasure ground.
 8. A person shall not in the pleasure ground walk, run, stand, sit, or lie upon
 - (i) any grass, turf, or other place where adequate notice to keep off such grass, turf, or other place is exhibited; Provided that such notice shall not apply to more than one fifth of the area of the pleasure ground;
 - (ii) any flower bed, shrub, or plant, or any ground in course of preparation as a flower bed, or for the growth of any tree, shrub or plant.
 9. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) bathe, wade, or wash in any ornamental lake, pond, stream, or other water;
 - (ii) wilfully, carelessly, or negligently foul or pollute any such water;
 - (iii) take, injure or destroy, or attempt to take, injure or destroy any fish in any such water, or wilfully disturb or worry any water fowl;
 - (iv) wilfully displace or disturb, injure or destroy any birds nest or wilfully take, injure or destroy any birds egg;
 - (v) take, injure or destroy any bird, or spread or use any net, or set or use any snare or other engine, instrument or means, for the taking, injury, or destruction of any bird.
 10. A person shall not cause or suffer any dog belonging to him or in his charge
 - (i) to enter any part of any pleasure ground listed in the Second Schedule of these bylaws which by a notice affixed or set up in a conspicuous position is reserved by the Council as a children's play area;
 - (ii) to enter or remain in the pleasure ground, unless such dog be and continue to be under proper control, and be effectually restrained from causing annoyance to any person, and from worrying or disturbing any animal or waterfowl, and from entering any ornamental water.
 11. Where the Council set apart any such part of the pleasure ground as may be fixed by the Council, and described in a notice board affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground, for the purpose of any game specified in the notice board, which, by reason of the rules or manner of playing, or for the prevention of damage, danger, or discomfort to any person in the pleasure ground may necessitate, at any time during the continuance of the game, the exclusive use by the player or players of any space in such part of the pleasure ground — a person shall not in any space elsewhere in the pleasure ground play or take part in any game so specified in such a manner as to exclude persons not playing or taking part in the game from the use of such a space.
 12. A person resorting to the pleasure ground and playing or taking part in any game for which the exclusive use of any space in the pleasure ground has been set apart shall
 - (i) not play on the space any game other than the game for which it is set apart;
 - (ii) in preparing for playing end in playing, use reasonable care to prevent undue interference with the proper use of the pleasure ground by other persons;
 - (iii) when the space is already occupied by other players not begin to play thereon without their permission;
 - (iv) where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match, not play on that space later than a quarter of an hour before the time fixed for the beginning of the match unless he is taking part therein;
 - (v) except where the exclusive use of the space has been granted by the Council for the playing of a match in which he is taking part, not use the space for a longer time than TWO HOURS continuously, if any other player or players make known to him a wish to use the space.
 13. A person shall not in any part of the pleasure ground which may have been set apart by the Council for any game play or take part in any game when the state of the ground or other cause makes it unfit for use and a notice is set up in some conspicuous position prohibiting play in that part of the pleasure ground.
 14. A person shall not in the pleasure ground
 - (i) except as hereinafter provided erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure; Provided that this prohibition shall not apply where upon an application to the Council they grant permission to erect any post, rail, fence, pole, tent, booth, stand, building, or other structure, upon such occasion and for such purpose as are specified in the application;
 - (ii) beat, shake, sweep, brush or cleanse any carpet, rug, mat, or any other fabric retaining dust or dirt;
 - (iii) hang, spread, or deposit any linen or other fabric for drying or bleaching;
 - (iv) sell, or offer or expose for sale, or let to hire, or offer or expose for letting to hire, any commodity or article, unless, in pursuance of an agreement with the Council, or otherwise in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, he is authorised to sell or let to hire in the pleasure ground such commodity or article;
 - (v) use any golf ball except in any part of any pleasure ground listed in the Third Schedule to these bylaws which by a notice affixed or set up in a conspicuous position is reserved by the Council for the game of golf or for putting.
 15. A person shall not in the pleasure ground wilfully obstruct, disturb, interrupt, or annoy any other person in the proper use of the pleasure ground, or wilfully obstruct, disturb, or interrupt any officer of the Council in the proper execution of his duty, or any person or servant of any person employed by the Council in the proper execution of any work in connection with the laying out or maintenance of the pleasure ground.
 16. A person shall not, in any part of the pleasure ground, skate, slide, or engage in the games of curling or ice hockey on any lake, pond, stream or any other water except on such parts of the lakes, ponds, streams or ornamental waters therein as may from time to time be set apart by the Council, for this purpose, and may be defined or described in a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground at or near to such parts.
 17. A person who has attained the age of 14 years shall not use any swing, see-saw, paddling pool or other amusement apparatus which by a notice affixed or set up near thereto shall be set apart by the Council for the exclusive use of persons under the age of 14 years.
 18. A person shall not take part in any public show or performance in the pleasure ground
Provided that his bye law shall not apply to any person taking part in a band show or any other function held in the pleasure ground in pursuance of an agreement with the Council.
 19. A person shall not deliver any public speech, lecture, or address in the pleasure ground except in such part of the pleasure ground as may be set apart by the Council for that purpose and may be defined or described in a notice or notices affixed or set up in some conspicuous position in the pleasure ground at or near such part.
 20. No person shall on any access road in the pleasure ground ride or drive any machine or vehicle at such a speed as to cause danger to other persons in the pleasure ground or without reasonable consideration for such persons.
 21. (i) A person shall not, except in the exercise of any lawful right or privilege, have in his possession while he is in the pleasure ground, any firearm unless it is so covered with a securely fastened gun cover that it cannot be fired.
(ii) In this bylaw the expression "firearm" means any lethal barrelled weapon of any description, from which any shot, bullet or other missile can be discharged.
(iii) This bylaw shall apply to all parts of the pleasure ground except any part thereof which is a public right of way.
 22. A person shall not to the danger of any other person ride any horse, or any other animal capable of being ridden, on the pleasure ground.
 23. Every person who shall offend against any of these bylaws shall be liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding TWENTY POUNDS.
 24. Every person who shall infringe any bylaw for the regulation of the pleasure ground may be removed therefrom by any officer of the Council, or by any constable, in any one of the several cases hereinafter specified: that is to say—
 - (i) Where the infraction of the bylaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and the name and residence of the person infringing the bylaw are unknown to and cannot be readily ascertained by such officer or constable;
 - (ii) Where the infraction of the bylaw is committed within the view of such officer or constable, and from the nature of such infraction, or from any other fact of which such officer or constable may have knowledge, or of which he may be credibly informed, there may be reasonable ground for belief that the continuance in the pleasure ground of the person infringing the bylaw may result in another infraction of a bylaw, or that the removal of such person from the pleasure ground is otherwise necessary as a security for the proper use and regulation thereof.
 25. The bylaws relating to the pleasure ground
 - (i) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Dudley, acting by the Council, under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, on the 11th day of May, 1872, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 16th day of November, 1872;
 - (ii) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Halesowen, acting by the Council, under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, on the 6th day of January, 1885, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 5th day of March, 1885;
 - (iii) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Halesowen, acting by the Council, under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, on the 11th day of May, 1872, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 19th day of October, 1881, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 26th day of March, 1882;
 - (iv) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stourbridge, acting by the Council, under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875, on the 8th day of July, 1865, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 3rd day of October, 1865;
 - (v) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the Borough of Stourbridge, acting by the Council, under Section 164 of the Public Health Act 1875 and Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, on the 26th day of January, 1887, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 5th day of April, 1887;
 - (vi) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Dudley, acting by the Council, under Section 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, on the 11th day of May, 1872, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 16th day of November, 1872; and
 - (vii) which were made by the Mayor, Aldermen and Burgesses of the County Borough of Dudley, acting by the Council, under Sections 12 and 15 of the Open Spaces Act 1906, on the 11th day of May, 1872, and confirmed by the Secretary of State on the 16th day of November, 1872;are hereby repealed.
- FIRST SCHEDULE — PART I**
Pleasure grounds in respect of which bylaws are made under Section 164, Public Health Act 1875
- Abbey Street Recreation Ground
Bernard Daklay Memorial Gardens
Bluelial Park
Bullfinch Park
Clayton Playing Field
The Coppice, Fenestret
Cotwall End Nature Reserve, Sedgley
Graham Road Playing Field
Grange Park
Grazbrook Memorial Park
Greenfield Gardens
Hawthorn Road Playing Field
Hay Green Playing Field
Hillfields Park
Hub Green Farm, Stourbridge
Hope Street Recreation Ground
Huntingtree Recreation Ground
Junction Road Playing Field
King George VI Park, Kingwinford
Lasswax Park (excluding that part in occupation of Halesowen Golf Club)
Marsh Park
Mary Stevens Park
Mullet Park
Nethercote Park
Priory Park
School Drive Recreation Ground, Stourbridge
Silver Jubilee Park
South Road Playing Fields
Stevens Park, Quarry Bank
Stevens Park, Wolfscote
Swinford Common
Tansore Recreation Ground (except that part known as "The Sherlocks")
Vale Street Recreation Ground
Wall Heath Park
Wollaston Playing Fields
Woodside Park
- PART II**
Pleasure ground in respect of which bylaws are made under Section 15, Open Spaces Act 1906
- Alder Coppice, Sedgley
Boscon Hill, Coseley, otherwise known as Sedgley Boscon
Dunley Public Open Space, Stourbridge
Ham Dingle, Stourbridge
Lester Road Public Open Space, Dudley
Norton Coven, Stourbridge
- PART III**
Pleasure grounds in respect of which bylaws are made under Sections 12 and 15, Open Spaces Act 1906
- Bryce Road Open Space
Cat Lane Open Space
Crestwood Park Public Open Space, Kingwinford
The Dell Recreation Ground
Envile Road Recreation Ground
Finger Post Gardens
Howne Playing Fields (excluding part at the south-easterly end and let to a tenant)
Homer Hill Recreation Ground
Howley Grange Park, Lapal
Hurst Green Recreation Ground
King George V Park, Wordsley
King George V Playing Field, Hurst Hill
Lawyers Playing Field
Mons Hill Public Open Space, Dudley
Park Head Lads Public Open Space, Dudley
Pentfield Public Open Space, Stourbridge
Rainbow Street Recreation Ground
Southdown Road Recreation Ground
The Staria Open Space
Tennyson Road Recreation Ground
Two Gates Playing Field, Coseley
Watsons Green Road Public Open Space, Dudley
Wrens Nest Public Open Space, Dudley
Yew Tree Hill Playing Field
- SECOND SCHEDULE**
Pleasure grounds to which bylaw 10(i) applies
- Cotwall End Nature Reserve, Sedgley
Mary Stevens Park, Stourbridge
School Drive Recreation Ground, Stourbridge
Stevens Park, Wolfscote
- THIRD SCHEDULE**
Pleasure grounds to which bylaw 14(v) applies
- Mons Hill Public Open Space, Dudley
Stevens Park, Wolfscote
- L.S.
- THE COMMON SEAL OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF
DUDLEY was hereunto affixed the Eighteenth day of February,
1877, in the presence of:—
- Sgd. M. BERRIDGE
Director of Legal and Administrative Services
- The foregoing bylaws are hereby confirmed by the Secretary of State and shall come into operation on the first day of June 1977.
- Signed by authority of the Secretary of State
Home Office, WHITEHALL
28th April 1977.
- R. F. D. SHUFFERY
An Assistant Under Secretary of State

Appendix 2

Maintenance Schedule

M11.101(a)/General/011s.management plan_FINAL Rev A/NH/sw

Regime	Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)	Include Annual Performance SORs: No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
	SOR Item														

Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2

Plot No.	1.00 Feature Type: Rockery (BA1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
BA1	Rockery	Maintain Rockery Plant Stock	04510	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
		Deadhead Rockery Plant Stock	04520	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11

Plot No.	1.01 Feature Type: Annual Bedding (BF2)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
BF2	Annual Bedding	Prepare Bed, Spring	03000							1						1
		Plant Spring Bedding	03010						1							1
		Maintain Spring Bedding	03020	1						1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		Prepare Bed, Summer	03030		1											1
		Plant Summer Bedding	03040					1								1
		Maintain Summer Bedding	03050				2	2	2	2						8

Plot No.	1.02 Feature Type: Herbaceous Bed / Border (BH1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
BH1	Herbaceous Bed	Maintain Herbaceous Bed / Border	04000										1			1
		Herbaceous Bed / Border - Apply Manure	04010										1			1
		Herbaceous Bed / Border - Hoe,Deadhead + Stake	04020	2	2	2	2	2	2	2						15
		Herbaceous Bed / Border - Apply Fertiliser	04030												1	1
		Inspect Plants for pest and diseases	04040	2	2	2	2	2	2	2						15

Plot No.	1.03 Feature Type: Rose Bed - No Mulch (BR7)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
BR7	Rose Bed (no mulch)	Rose, Spring Prune	05000													1
		Rose, Autumn Prune	05010									1				1
		Rose, Deadhead & Desucker	05020				1	1	1	1						4
		Rose Bed, Spot Treat Weeds	05050	1	1											5
		Rose Bed, Spring Fork	05060													1
		Rose Bed, Autumn Fork	05070									1				1
		Rose Bed, Apply Manure	05080													1

Plot No.	1.04 Feature Type: Shrub Mulch Spot Treat (BS3)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
BS3B	Shrub Bed -Mulch Spot Treat	Shrub Bed, Spot Treat Weeds (Knapsack)	06000	1	1	1										5
		Shrub Bed, Remove litter & flytip rubbish	06020											1		1
		Shrub, Prune Schedule "B"	06060									1				1

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SOR Item													Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2														
Regime	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total													

Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)														
Plot No.	1.04	Feature Type:	Shrub Mulch Spot Treat (BS3)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
BS3B	Shrub Bed -Mulch Spot Treat	06070	Shrub, Prune Schedule "C"											1
Plot No.	1.05	Feature Type:	Shrub No mulch Spot Treat (BS6)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
BS6B	Shrub Bed - No Mulch Spot Treat	06000	Shrub Bed, Spot Treat Weeds (Knapsack)											5
		06040	Shrub Bed, Remove Litter & flytip rubbish										1	1
		06060	Shrub, Prune Schedule "B"											1
		06070	Shrub, Prune Schedule "C"											1

Plot No.	1.06	Feature Type:	Changing Rm.Maint.Wkly season (CB	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
CBBW	Changing Room Maint.Wkly (Season)	08000	Changing Room, Major Clean											3
		08010	Changing Room, Sweep Floor											40
		08020	Changing Room, Damp Mop Floor											40
		08040	Changing Room, Empty / Clean waste bins											40
		08050	Changing Room, Clean Sink											40
		08060	Changing Room, Clean Benches											40

Plot No.	1.07	Feature Type:	Shelter / Bandstand wkly (CBG)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
CBG	Shelter / Bandstand Weekly	08010	Changing Room, Sweep Floor											52
		08020	Changing Room, Damp Mop Floor											52
		08060	Changing Room, Clean Benches											52
		08070	Changing Room, Clean Windows											52
		08200	Shelter / Bandstand, Major Clean											3

Plot No.	1.08	Feature Type:	Showers - Weekly season (CBK)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
CBK	Showers - Weekly (in season)	08300	Shower, Major Clean											3
		08310	Shower, Routine Clean											39

Plot No.	1.09	Feature Type:	Public Toilet - Daily (CBO)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
CBO	Public Toilet - Daily	08400	Toilet, Major Clean											3
		08420	Toilet, Clean 5x Week											52
Plot No.	1.10	Feature Type:	Edge Grass (manual) x14 (EC1)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:								
EC1	Edge Grass (manual) x14	09000	Grass Edge, Trim & Collect - Long Handled Shears											14

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SOR Item		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2												
Plot No.	1.10 Feature Type: Edge Grass (manual) x14 (EC1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)												Feature Id / Location:
EC1	Edge Grass (manual) x14	09010	09010											1
ECM	Edge Grass To Hard Surface x1	09010	09010											1
EH5A	Edge Curtilage Herbicide x2	10000	10000											1
EHPB	Edge Grass (perims) x2	10000	10000											1
EHYS	Edge channel, herbicide x2 + strim	13355	13355											1
F01	Safety Fence	34000	34000											4
FEA	Fence Unilog	34010	34010											1
FEDA	Fence Post & Rail	34530	34530											1
FEGA	Fence Railings	34560	34560											1
FEK	Fence Chestnut	34100	34100											1
FET	Fence Play Area	34180	34180											4
G01	Grass Cylinder Box Mow x30	13000	13000											4

Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Include Annual Performance SORs: No													
SOR Item		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2													

Plot No.	1.25 Feature Type:	Bowling Green (GB1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
GB1	Bowling Green	12230	Irrigate Green 2x Week				1	4	1						6

Plot No.	1.26 Feature Type:	Grass Ped Flail x5 (GFE)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
GFE	Grass Pedestrian Flail x5	13300	Mow, Pedestrian Flail		1	1	1	1	1	1					5

Plot No.	1.30 Feature Type:	Grass Strim x7 (GSE)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
GSE	Grass Strim x 7	13350	Mow, Strimmer		1	1	1	1	1	1					7

Plot No.	1.31 Feature Type:	Hedge Mixed (amenity)>1.5 (H05)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
H05	Hedge Mixed (amenity)>1.5m High	15040	Cut Hedge Mixed >1.5				1								1
		15350	Hedge, Clean Out Base							1					2

Plot No.	1.32 Feature Type:	Hedge Box (amenity)<1.5 (H13)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
H13	Hedge Box (amenity)<1.5m High	15120	Cut Hedge Box <1.5				1		1						2
		15350	Hedge, Clean Out Base								1				2

Plot No.	1.33 Feature Type:	Hedge Pyracantha (am)>1.5 (H27)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
H27	Hedge Pyracantha (amenity)>1.5m High	15260	Cut Hedge Pyracantha >1.5						1						2
		15350	Hedge, Clean Out Base								1				2

Plot No.	1.34 Feature Type:	Hedge Leylandii (am) >1.5 (H33)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
H33	Hedge Leylandii (amenity) >1.5m High	15320	Cut Hedge Leylandii >1.5				1		1						2
		15350	Hedge, Clean Out Base								1				2

Plot No.	1.35 Feature Type:	Litter Bin (dog) 2xwk (LBQ)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
LBQ	Litter Bin (dog) 2 x week	17210	Empty Dog Bin 2x Week		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	51

Plot No.	1.37 Feature Type:	Dog Loo (LBZ)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
LBZ	Dog Loo	17500	Rake & Remove Faeces 5x Week		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
		17510	Disinfect Dog Loo 5x Week		4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
		17520	Remove & replace sand to Dog Loo											1	1

Plot No.	1.38 Feature Type:	Litter Collection 1x 4 weeks (LCS)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
LCS	Litter Collection 1x 4 weeks	17700	Collect Litter		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13

Plot No.	1.39 Feature Type:	Furniture misc.1x year (LF6)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:											
LF6	Furniture Miscellaneous - Maintain 1x year 18010		Paint & Preserve Miscellaneous Item								1				1

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	Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2												

Plot No.	1.39	Feature Type:	Furniture misc.1x year (LF6)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
LF6		Furniture Miscellaneous - Maintain 1x year	18210	Clean Miscellaneous Furniture												

Plot No.	1.40	Feature Type:	Seat 1x month (LFB)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
LFB		Seat 1x month	18020	Paint & Preserve Seat												
		Clean Seat	18220				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13

Plot No.	1.41	Feature Type:	Gate Wood 1x month (LFE)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
LFE		Gate, Wood Maintain 1x month	18030	Preserve Wooden Gate												
		Clean Wooden Gate	18230				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13

Plot No.	1.42	Feature Type:	Obstacle Spray x2 (OBBCA)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
OBCS		Obstacle Spray x2	10020	Obstacle Base, Spray out with Glyphosate.												

Plot No.	1.43	Feature Type:	Form Circle & Hoe x7 (OBT)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
OBT		Obstacle, Form Circle & Hoe x7	09000	Grass Edge, Trim & Collect - Long Handled Shears			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7
		Form Circle around Obstacle with Half Moon	09100													1
		Hoe Out circle around Obstacle Base	09200				1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7

Plot No.	1.44	Feature Type:	Play Area Surface Tarmac (P11)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
P11A		Play Area Surface - Tarmac	21005	Inspect Play / MUGA Surface 1 x Week			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
		Inspect Play / MUGA Surface Annual	21010													1
		Sweep Play / MUGA Surface 1 x Week	21025				4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52

Plot No.	1.45	Feature Type:	Play Area Surface Bark (P12)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
P12		Play Area Surface - Bark	21000	Inspect Play / MUGA Surface 3 x Week			4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
		Inspect Play / MUGA Surface Annual	21010													1
		Cultivate Play Bark 3 x Week	21040				4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
		Top Up Play Bark	21090													1

Plot No.	1.46	Feature Type:	Football Parks 5-a-Side (PF5)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
PF5		Football Parks 5-a-side	23810	Overmark 5-a- Side Pitch			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	12

Plot No.	1.54	Feature Type:	Stone Car Park (I) (S44)	Classification:	Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:										
S44		Stone Car Park (I)	28400	Spot Treat Hard Surface with Herbicide												4

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SOR Item													Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2													
Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)													Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2													
Regime	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total

Plot No.	2.03 Feature Type: Bowling Green (GB1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
GB1	Bowling Green	12020	Apply Moss Killer to Green
		12030	Apply Fungicide to Green
		12040	Apply Spring Fertiliser to Green
		12050	Apply Autumn Fertiliser to Green
		12060	Apply Selective Herbicide to Green
		12070	Irrigate Green
		12080	Light Scarify Green
		12090	Slit green
		12100	Autumn Renovate Bowling Green
		12110	Hoe Gully to Bowling Green
		12120	Top Up Gully to Bowling Green
		12140	Edge Bowling Green with Half Moon
		12150	Clip Edge of Green with Long Handled Shears
		12170	Drag Brush Green 3x Week
		12180	Drag Brush Green 5x Week
		12200	Mow Green
		12210	Mow Green 3x Week
		12230	Irrigate Green 2x Week

Plot No.	2.20 Feature Type: Grass Ride-on Cylinder Mow x14 (G42)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
G42	Grass Ride-on Cylinder Mow x14	13500	Mow, Cylinder - Ride on
		13550	Mow, Ride on rotary (bernts)

Plot No.	3.00 Feature Type: Football Parks Senior 2x month (PF1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
PF1	Football Parks Senior	23000	Initial Mark Senior Football Pitch
		23010	Overmark Senior Football Pitch
		23020	Cut Lines Senior Football Pitch
		23030	Erect Posts Senior Football Pitch
		23040	Remove Post Senior Football Pitch

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SOR Item		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2													

Plot No.	3.00 Feature Type: Football Parks Senior 2x month (PF1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
PF1	Football Parks Senior	23050	Paint Posts Senior Football Pitch
		23060	Inspect Sockets Senior Football Pitch
		23070	Harrow Senior Football Pitch
		23080	Roll Senior Football Pitch
		23090	Aerate Senior Football Pitch
		23100	Autumn Fertilizer Senior Football Pitch
		23110	Spring Fertilizer Senior Football Pitch
		23120	Selective Herbicide Senior Football Pitch
		23150	Dress Goal Mouth Senior Football Pitch
		23160	Inspect End Of Season Senior Football Pitch
		23170	Contravate Senior Football Pitch

Plot No.	3.31 Feature Type: Paved Path spray/sweep 1xmo (S32)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
S32	Paved Path Spray & Sweep 1xmonth	28000	Sweep Hard Surface
		28400	Spot Treat Hard Surface with Herbicide

Plot No.	4.00 Feature Type: Brook Course 1x Month (WAJ1)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
WAJ1	Brook Course 1 x Month	33010	Remove Litter and Debris

Plot No.	5.00 Feature Type: Grass Flymo x14 (GHG)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
GHG	Grass Flymo x14	13400	Mow, Pedestrian Hover (Flymo)

Plot No.	20.00 Feature Type: Wicksteed 1.8m Swing fl / cr (P695)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
P620B	Inspect Swing Bay flat or cradle 3x week	21071	Lubricate Swing
		21695	Inspect swing assembly (per bay) 3x week

Plot No.	20.01 Feature Type: Wicksteed 3m Swing fl / cr (P700)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
P620B	Inspect Swing Bay flat or cradle 3x week	21071	Lubricate Swing
		21695	Inspect swing assembly (per bay) 3x week

Plot No.	20.02 Feature Type: Swing Barrier (P765)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:
P675C	Swing Barrier (insp 3x week)	21677	Inspect swing barrier 3x week

Regime	Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)	Include Annual Performance SORs: No	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
	Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)														
	Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2														

Plot No.	20.03 Feature Type:	Wicksteed Multi Unit Toddler (P725)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)	Feature Id / Location:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	101	112	13	Total
P30F	Toddler Multi Unit 3x Week	21227	Inspect Toddler Multi Unit 3 x Week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P82C	Spring Mobile 3x week	21074	Lubricate Spring Mobile				1						1				4
	Inspect Spring Mobile 3x week	21355	Inspect Spring Mobile 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	4	51
P40C	Roundabout 3x week	21073	Lubricate Roundabout				1						1				5
	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	21535	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P70C	See Saw 3x week	21077	Lubricate See Saw				1						1				4
	Inspect See Saw 3x weekly	21325	Inspect See Saw 3x weekly	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P780C	Space Net 3x Week	21365	Inspect Space Net 3x Week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P40C	Roundabout 3x week	21073	Lubricate Roundabout				1						1				5
	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	21535	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P40C	Roundabout 3x week	21073	Lubricate Roundabout				1						1				5
	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	21535	Inspect Roundabout 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P911	Play Area Access Gate 3x week	21072	Lubricate Play Area Gate				1						1				4
	Inspect Play Area Gate 3x week	21485	Inspect Play Area Gate 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
P910B	Inspect EasyGate 3x week	21072	Lubricate Play Area Gate				1						1				4
	Inspect EasyGate 3x week	21455	Inspect EasyGate 3x week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52
GNU	Naturalised Bulbs (Tractor Mow x14)	13600	Mow, Cylinder - Tractor gang				1	2	2	2	2						9
	Mow, Tractor - Rough Cut	13800	Mow, Tractor - Rough Cut				1										1

Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Include Annual Performance SORs: No													
SOR Item		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Total
Site: Stevens Park - Wollescote (508370)		Area: Stourbridge Supervisor 2													
Plot No.	71.00 Feature Type: Nat Bulbs Tractor x14 (GNU)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)													
GNU	Naturalised Bulbs (Tractor Mow x14) 14980	Rake Off Grass - Tractor	1												1
Plot No.	72.00 Feature Type: Nat Bulbs Ped. Cyl. x14 (GND)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)													
GND	Naturalised Bulbs (Ped.Cylinder Mow x14) 13200	Mow Pedestrian Cylinder, No Box		2	2	2	2								8
	13300	Mow, Pedestrian Flail		1											1
	14990	Rake Off Grass - Pedestrian.		1											1
Plot No.	74.00 Feature Type: Sweep hard surface (Scarab) (S15)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)													
S15A	Sweep hard surface (Scarab) 28010	Sweep Hard Surface (mechanical)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	13
Plot No.	80.00 Feature Type: Litter Bin Knight 2x wk (LBU)	Classification: Park APSE Category A(CATA)													
LBU	Litter Bin Knight 2x wk 17160	Empty Bin - Knight 2x Week	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	52

Appendix 3 Environmental Policy

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Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council - Environment Policy (draft)

Introduction

In providing its many and varied services to citizens and communities across the borough, Dudley Council recognises that its operations can have a significant impact on the environment. The Council is fully committed to operating and delivering all of its services in a responsible and environmentally friendly manner. Central to the council's recognised responsibility to the environment is our commitment to promote sustainable development – through the sensible use of resources (including natural resources and assets such as its open space and canal network) for the benefit of future generations as well as present ones, ensuring a high quality environment and reducing our impact upon climate change. Everyone who works for the Council can play an important role in promoting a sustainable environment.

The Council's environment policy sets out how the council is addressing the environmental impact of its activities. This commitment to safeguarding and improving the environment is a central theme running through the Borough's Community Plan (a 15 year vision for stronger communities) and Council Plan as well as many other strategies and delivery plans including the Economic Strategy, Joint Core Strategy (land use plan) for the Black Country and Housing Strategy. These delivery plans and strategies have a shared purpose in contributing towards a better quality of life.

As the largest employer in the borough, the Council is keen to set a good example through strong leadership. We can do this by who we work with, including suppliers and contractors, to effectively manage resources for present and future needs. We also aim to integrate sustainability aims into all services through processes such as business planning. The Council will also co-ordinate actions in the wider community and facilitate work with our partners particularly through the Dudley Community Partnership to help deliver an attractive, healthy and sustainable environment.

Endorsed by Leader and Chief Executive

The Council will undertake to deliver its services in accordance with the following policy areas:

Climate Change and Energy: The Council is committed to reducing the impact of climate change on its own operations and to demonstrate leadership on tackling climate change. It will

- a) Manage the reduction of energy and carbon emissions from council operations: *buildings, fleet vehicles, street lighting and business travel*
- b) Consider the impacts of climate change caused through extreme weather events on council services and manage climate risks and

opportunities by developing a climate change adaptation plan. Particular emphasis will be placed on groups such as the young and elderly who are more vulnerable to extreme weather such as heat waves.

- c) Work with partners and the community to facilitate the reduction of carbon emissions within the Dudley area, e.g., by continuing to improve the energy efficiency of homes and encouraging partners to take up employee travel plans.
- **Travel and Transportation:** We will work with partners to develop and promote integrated sustainable forms of transport across the borough e.g. cycle ways, pedestrian routes, and better bus services. This will support economic development and regeneration by improving accessibility and connectivity and reducing congestion. A sustainable transport system will also reduce the need to travel and give communities and individuals a greater choice about how they travel as well as improving air quality and road safety.
- **Waste:** The Council will manage the borough's waste through the integrated Waste Management Strategy, continue to increase recycling and composting and minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.

We will implement actions to reduce, recycle and recover value from waste within council operations and demonstrate a year on year improvement.

- **Procurement of goods and services:** We will implement initiatives which seek to minimise the environmental impact of all Council purchases of goods and services. An example is that all of the Council's key procurement decisions (over £250,000) will consider sustainable development issues such as whole life costs and use of recycled materials. Environmental and sustainable procurement guidelines have been produced to support the Council's procurement process. These standards have been developed to build on and maintain good practice and will be regularly reviewed.
- **Air Quality:** The Council has declared the Borough an Air Quality Management Area on the basis that several areas do not meet current air quality objectives in relation to nitrogen dioxide emissions from vehicles. We will tackle air quality in these specific areas through an Air Quality action plan (integrated closely with land use and transportation policies) which will also improve standards generally across the Borough. Cleaner air can have significant impacts on peoples' health and general well being.
- **Land use and spatial planning:** Through the development and implementation of the Joint Core Strategy and associated regeneration schemes such as the Dudley and Stourbridge Area Frameworks, we will develop land use planning policies and guidance for developers

which play a key role in place shaping and promoting sustainable communities i.e. ones which create vibrant and inclusive communities and respect the local distinctiveness of areas, creating a good quality built and natural environment and good transportation services and communication linking people to jobs, schools, health and other services and contribute to a diverse local economy.

- **Contaminated land:** We will continue to implement the Contaminated Land Strategy, the purpose of which is to identify and work with land owners to remediate contaminated land for future use. Around 90% of new build in the borough is on previously used land thus promoting sustainable patterns of growth and prudent use and of land in resource terms.
- **Biodiversity and Green Network:** The Council will manage biodiversity, protect species, manage trees and improve conservation sites making them safer and protecting them from misuse. We will also work with partners to enhance the natural environment including parks and canal networks for the enjoyment of current and future generations. The council recognises the role that its green spaces play in terms of contributing to the borough's diverse culture and the distinctiveness of local areas and also to its tourism economy.
- **Townscapes and historic environment:** The Council will continue to make provision for the sensitive management of the historic environment, ensuring that it's potential to enhance regeneration is fulfilled and that its importance to the cultural heritage of communities is recognised, protected and enhanced.
- **Education and Awareness rising:** We will support schools in their work to engender a lifelong role of environmental stewardship within pupils. Many of the borough's schools are involved in initiatives such as *Eco Schools* and *School Travel Plans*. These involve parents and the wider community in reducing the schools impact on the local environment and adopting environmentally friendly practices within their everyday lives.
- The Council aims to reduce its environmental impact by raising the awareness of all staff in relation to environmental issues e.g. energy use, recycling and procurement practices. It will do this through targeted campaigns and marketing tools.
- **Sustainable Construction:** We aim to continue to incorporate and increase the use of environmental technologies such as solar panels, grey water recycling and low energy lighting into the refurbishment of council buildings and new council buildings.

- We will promote sustainable building design, the use of renewable energy and the use of specific environmental standards such as the Code for Sustainable Homes through the planning system (the Joint Core Strategy), urban design and regeneration schemes.

Progress and Impact

The Council will aspire to:

- Provide prudent leadership and act as a responsible neighbour by upholding sound sustainability and environmental principles.
- Set Indicators and targets where appropriate to measure progress and regularly review through documents such as the Sustainability Action Plan and performance management frameworks and recognise linkages to targets and indicators in other plans e.g. the Local Area Agreement.
- Encourage and support partner organisations to embed environmental and sustainability principles into their activities and services.
- Carry out a regular review of the Council's Environmental Policy.
- Provide tools and support to help integrate sustainability principles into service areas, for example the use of sustainability appraisal toolkits.
- Develop the capacity of officers and members to promote the understanding of the principles and practice of sustainable development.
- Encourage staff ideas and keep staff informed of new environmental initiatives

Service delivery

Each service area will aspire to address the environmental impact of its activities by:

- Integrating sustainable development principles into the operations of each service area e.g. through the business planning process
- Take positive actions to promote continuous improvement in sustainability performance.
- Set clear and achievable targets for the delivery of sustainable development goals.