

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE - 3RD SEPTEMBER 2012

Title of paper:	Wollaton Park Hall Playground	
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham	X	
Work in Nottingham	X	
Safer Nottingham	X	
Neighbourhood Nottingham	X	
Family Nottingham	X	
Healthy Nottingham	X	
Leading Nottingham	X	
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
<p>This report requests the support of the committee to fund the initial stage of the development of Wollaton Park Hall Playground at a cost of £35,000. Wollaton Park served a multiplicity of users, being a local facility for nearby communities, a city-wide destination park for all Nottingham residents and a visitor attraction.</p>		
Recommendation(s):		
1	<p>Wollaton West Committee approves the sum of £35,000 for the initial stage of the development of Wollaton Park Hall Playground.</p> <p>The contribution will allow Parks & Open Spaces Team to start the design process and also help to secure additional grants funds.</p>	

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Wollaton Park Hall Playground is situated in the Wollaton West Ward and is strongly supported by Wollaton citizens. There is also substantial evidence which indicates high levels of use from citizens of other wards, e.g. Sherwood, Bulwell Forest, Bestwood, Mapperley, Radford & Park to name a few.
- 1.2 With the release of the Batman movie, which was partially filmed at Wollaton Hall, there is sure to be a large influx of visitors from all over the country who would want to view the area where the film was made.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

- 2.1 Wollaton Park serves a multiplicity of users, it is the local facility for nearby communities, a city-wide destination park for all Nottingham residents – and it is a visitor/tourist attraction.
- 2.2 Results from visitors' surveys indicate that although the Wollaton West ward is strongly represented in the visitor profile, there are high levels of use from other wards across the city e.g. Sherwood, Bulwell Forest, Mapperley, Radford and Park and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey. The park also attracts visitors to Nottingham City.
- 2.3 Contributing £35,000 to the funding of this project would ensure that the playground be appropriate to the Park as a tourist and local destination.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Not applicable.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING VALUE FOR MONEY/VAT)

- 4.1 Tim Clark, Finance Analyst, Neighbourhood Communities. Funding is available in Area Committee Revenue to meet the costs of £35,000 for the playground scheme.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES (INCLUDING LEGAL IMPLICATIONS AND CRIME AND DISORDER ACT IMPLICATIONS)

- 5.1 The risk assessment is undertaken by Parks & Open Spaces Team.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 6.1 Haseeb Ahmad, Head of Equality & Community Relations. It is advisable that best practice is followed regarding the design and installation of play facilities to ensure they are fully accessible to all sections of the community.

7. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION

- 7.1 None.

8. PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

- 8.1 None