

WOLLATON EAST & WEST AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE
- 3RD DECEMBER 2012

Title of paper:	Parks & Open Spaces in Area 7	
Director(s)/ Corporate Director(s):	John Kelly, Corporate Director, Communities	Wards affected: Wollaton East Wollaton West Lenton Abbey
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Relevant Council Plan Strategic Priority: (you must mark X in the relevant boxes below)		
World Class Nottingham		
Work in Nottingham		
Safer Nottingham		X
Neighbourhood Nottingham		X
Family Nottingham		X
Healthy Nottingham		X
Leading Nottingham		
Summary of issues (including benefits to citizens/service users):		
The report summarises the major investments made to the Area's parks, open spaces & playgrounds so far and considers where future investments are to be made.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	That the Committee notes the contents of the report and the improvements made to parks & open spaces in the Area.	
2	That the Committee approves the sites for future investment in the Area.	
3	That the Committee notes the GreenPlaces Fund and its ability to attract funding for the improvement of parks & open spaces.	

1. BACKGROUND

The City Council has made significant investment in parks, open spaces and children's play areas across the City in recent years. This report summarises the main projects and seeks confirmation of where future investment in the Area will and could take place.

Wollaton East & Lenton Abbey

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Lenton Abbey park	New play area 2009/10 Green Flag Award winning site New shrub planting 2011/12	Renovation of bowling green area – creating a small number of car parking spaces, concrete

		table tennis table and tree planting.
Lenton Abbey allotments		Funding required for site security fencing.
Sutton Passey play area		Funding required for improvements to play area – possible funding bids during summer 2013.
Highfields Park	Cascade restored 2009/10 New play area 2011/12	Lottery bid for £4m restoration of park submitted August 2012 – Stage 1 decision December 2012. If successful, Stage 2 bid August 2013.

Wollaton West

Site	Completed	Future Plans
Fernwood Crescent (Rushford Drive)	New play area 2010	
Radford Bridge Road play area		Play area to be removed and site re-landscaped in November 2012 as part of play area rationalisation programme.
Lambourne Drive canal basin		Ongoing improvement works including re-establishment of footpath through site using volunteers.
Canal Allotments		Funding required for security & access works.
Raleigh Pond		Site improvements including fencing, tree works and new planting (Notts Wildlife Trust).
Martin's Pond Local Nature Reserve	Ongoing improvements to maintain Green Flag Award winning site. New interpretation panels – currently working on visuals (Councillors have contributed £1500)	Installation of new gates on Russell Avenue
Wollaton Park Play Area		Currently out to tender for design and build of a new £195,000+ play area. Funding bids early 2013. Possible construction on site summer / autumn 2013. Part of site to be considered for Local Nature Reserve status (2013).
Wollaton Park Walled Garden		Walled Garden Restoration Project estimated costs £1million. Project development

		costs e.g. archaeological surveys and landscape design estimated at £100,000
Sutton Passey		Play area improvement / redesign

The GreenPlaces Fund

The GreenPlaces Fund is a new initiative run by charity GreenSpace and being implemented in Nottingham as a pilot authority.

The Fund has a vision to develop a national mechanism for green space giving that can support parks and green spaces. It aims to attract donations, funding and commitment from both businesses and individuals that will:

- Entitle everyone in the UK to have easy, safe and close access to quality parks and green spaces where they live.
- Encourage collaboration between businesses, local authorities and communities to work in partnership to improve and sustain their local parks and green spaces.
- Inspire communities to recognise the value of green space and boost usage to improve their health and quality of life.

The GreenPlaces Fund seeks to create a new town or citywide partnership between communities, local authorities, business and NGOs aimed at improving and sustaining parks and green space.

The fund will select projects to support in Nottingham, including park and open space improvements, community activities and biodiversity projects.

<http://www.greenplacesfund.org.uk>

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

Funding is required for parks, open spaces & allotment sites as per the table above.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

None.

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

No new Section 106 funding is available in the Area at present.

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

None.

6. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Has the equality impact been assessed?

Not needed (report does not contain proposals or financial decisions)



No

Yes – Equality Impact Assessment attached

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

None.

8. **PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT**

None.