

Report Title: **Heritage Lottery Funded Landscape Development Project update**

Report of: **Matthew Baker, Development Manager – Parks**

1. Purpose

1.1 To update the Committee of progress towards the items outlined in the HLF refurbishment of the Park.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee notes the report.

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3. Executive Summary

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4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

4.1 N/A

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 No specific background papers were used in compiling this report. Further information about this report can be obtained from Matthew Baker, Development Manager – Parks, Alexandra Palace & Park, Alexandra Palace Way, Wood Green, London, N22 7AY. Telephone number 0208 365 2121

6. Background

- 6.1 Blakedown are contracted to complete the improvements to the main road as part of the Civil engineering package of works. Work commenced in February following the Motorcycle show and has been phased over a seven month period. Colin Buchanan and Partners who were responsible for this aspect of the project have continued to liaise with Highways Authority and Transport for London to ensure the design proposal satisfies all of the requirements.
- 6.2 Diamond Build have completed the construction of the new buildings which are currently being connected to the necessary services. It is estimated that the buildings will be ready for use by mid/late September 2006.

Strutt & Parker, property consultants, have completed a site inspection of the new buildings and will be advising on the commercial value of each. This information will be used to prepare new contracts for each property prior to advertising the opportunities.

7. Description

Progress towards the items outlined in the HLF refurbishment of the Park.

7.1 Roundabout

The new roundabout at the entrance to the East Car Park has been completed and is now operational.

7.2 Alexandra Palace Way (South of the Palace)

Construction of the first speed table to the South of the Palace has been completed and road narrowing to this section of the road which will assist with traffic calming has commenced. The second speed table will be constructed at the other set of lights and the finished scheme enhanced with an anti skid gravel coating. All old road markings will be removed and replaced with new ones; new road traffic signage will be installed.

7.3 Alexandra Palace Way (Bedford Road Entrance)

The new two lane road layout which has been completed from the roundabout at the East Car Park entrance towards Bedford Road entrance will be extended along the remaining stretch of road. The speed table at the entrance will be constructed within the park boundary as Haringey's Highways department have informed us that they do not wish to implement the proposed scheme. Colin Buchanan and Partners have reviewed the position of the speed table and are confident that it will still have the same traffic calming affect.

7.4 Muswell Hill Entrance

Land Use Consultants are continuing to negotiate with Haringey's highways department regarding the proposed scheme for Muswell Hill Entrance. It is important to note that this item falls outside of the park boundary as is subject to approval and implementation by the Haringey council's highways department.

7.5 Grove Garden

A new section of patio has been constructed surrounding the new café building to provide an area for seating. This area will be further enhanced with new sections of planting during the autumn.

7.6 Pitch & Putt

General landscaping and levelling works are currently underway surrounding the new pitch & putt kiosk. Once this has been completed the access drive will be resurfaced in tarmac and an area of paving constructed around the building to provide visitor access and a small area for seating. A small section of footpath will also be added to connect the facilities with the path which meanders down the western edge of the course. A small picnic area will also be added in this area to provide an area for refreshments.

7.7 Bedford Road Entrance

Clearance work at Bedford road entrance has been completed adjacent to the Gantry and the section in front of the entrance to the conservation area and cricket club. Once the Gantry has been removed the footpath will be realigned along the edge of the main road. The existing section of footpath will then be broken out which will allow for additional planting along the edge of the entrance to the area by the old Lodge building.

7.8 Site Furniture

New benches, bins, dog bins and signage have been ordered and are slowly being installed throughout the site. This operation will continue into the Autumn and all items will be completed by January 2007 inline with the end of the project.

8. Consultation

8.1 Public Consultation took place prior to the preparation of the Stage II Bid application to the HLF for the Landscape Development Grant 2001. In addition to this a design competition and two days public consultation were carried out in May 2003 to encourage children and parents to suggest what they would like in their ideal play area.

9. Summary and Conclusions

9.1 This updates the Committee as to the progress towards the completion of the works

10. Recommendations

10.1 That the Committee notes the report.

11. Equalities Implications

11.1 There are no perceived Equal Opportunities implications

12. Use of Appendices / Tables / Photographs

12.1 None used