ALEXANDRA PALACE
Charitable Trust

Agenda item:

Alexandra Palace & Park Board **On 14th November 2006**

Report Title: **HERITAGE LOTTERY FUNDED LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE**

Report of: **David Loudfoot, Facilities Manager**

1. Purpose

1.1 To receive a copy of the audit of park works recently submitted to both the Advisory and Consultative Committees. .

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the board note the report.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Statutory Advisory Committee meeting on 20th June requested that the landscape consultants report back with a point by point progress 'audit' of the works within the heritage lottery funded project.

3.2 The paper attached at Appendix 1 was submitted to both the Advisory Committee meeting on 31st October and the Consultative Committee meeting of the 7th November.

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.

6. Description

6.1 The Statutory Advisory Committee meeting on 20th June requested that the landscape consultants report back with an audit of the progress of the works within the heritage lottery funded project.

6.2 The attached paper was submitted to the Advisory Committee meeting on 31st October and the Consultative Committee meeting of the 7th November

7. Summary and Conclusions

7.1 The Advisory Committee response and views are contained within the minutes of that meeting and those of the Consultative Committee under item number 4 of this agenda.

8. Recommendations

8.1 That the board note the report.

9. Legal and Financial Implications

9.1 The Director of Finance and the Trust Solicitor have been sent copies of this report.

10. Equalities Implications

10.1 There are no perceived equalities implications.

11. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

11.1 Appendix 1- report of Land Use Consultants

HLF Funded Project Works – Progress audit

We are in the final year of nearly four years of project work and we are pleased to report that the majority of 'original concepts' have now been realised.

Using the projects in the order they appear in the original HLF Grant Offer:

		Status	Comment
1.	The Grove	Complete except planting by new cafe	
2.	Grove Car Park	Complete	
3.	West slope	Outstanding Minor shrub coppicing	
4.	Playground and skate park	Complete	Skate park received £10K from other sources. Toilet funded by AP.
5.	Boating Lake	Complete except planting of shrubs	
6.	Football field	Complete	Change in extent of new deer enclosure – originally took in more of the field edge.
7.	N.E. slope (ski slope)	Complete	
8.	Rose Garden	Fountain to be restored. All other works complete.	Ramp added to east side.
9.	R.O.C. site	Complete	
10.	South slope	• Pitch & Putt to be re-laid in spring(AP) • Planting to be carried out • 2/3 of tree belt still to be thinned.	
11.	Bedford Road entrance	Visual improvements and traffic calming to be completed.	• Still awaiting OK from Haringey Highways dept. (long overdue). • The wing wall to the Lodge was not known at the project start (overgrown) • There is no budget to repair but would be desirable.

12.	Lower Road	Complete	Omitted some works to provide more overflow parking.
13.	Paddock and Fairground car parks	Complete except final tree thinning works.	
14.	Muswell Hill entrance	Complete up to gate.	As (11.) above awaiting response from Haringey Highways.
15.	Sea Cadets	Works cancelled due to ecological reasons	The lesser hair streaked butterfly nests here so all works to this area omitted from project.
16.	Racecourse	Complete	
17.	Newlands fields	Complete except some planting	
18.	Redston Road Playing Fields	Completed	Need to relocate some of the newly planted trees following complaints from residents.
19.	Cricket Club	Planting work to perimeter to be completed	
20.	Conservation Area	Complete	
21.	Alexandra Palace Way	Nearly complete, final section underway	needs new markings and signage once final section of works is complete
22.	Palace Terrace	Complete	
23.	East of Palace Parking	Complete except some planting	
24.	Paths	Complete	
25.	Lighting	Under way / Ongoing	
26.	Seating	Complete	
27.	Bins	Complete	
28.	Bollards	Complete	
29.	Fencing	Complete	
30.	CCTV	Installed into playground and skate park.	

Notes

a) Completion of planting due to start in next month (delayed by dry weather).

b) Boating Lake aquatic planting funded by Environmental Agency.

c) Extra planting Newlands Fields funded by Thames Water to help reduce impact of new water treatment works.

Concerns

d) Delayed response from Haringey Highways Dept. The risk is that we will miss the funding period.

Opportunities

e) Finding a new park-related use for The Grove Workshop

f) Making use of new resources to attract schools visits – e.g. new interpretation hut, the Conservation Area and Stables at the Animal Enclosure. (NB Highgate Wood is hugely over subscribed for school visits and would welcome other parks providing similar service).

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