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### Highfields Park

#### Client

Nottingham City Council

#### Location

Highfields Park, Nottingham

#### Services Provided

Historic Buildings

#### Date of Completion

Spring 2009

#### Key Issues

Conservation Management Plan

Underpinning for funding applications



The core of Highfields Park originates from landscaping created by Joseph and Alfred Lowe in the late 18th and 19th century on their estate. The Public Park was laid out in the early 1920s on the initiative of Sir Jesse Boot (founder of Boots the Chemist) and to designs by Richard Percy Morley Horder. It covers an area of approximately 23 ha, its original layout has survived largely intact, it is recognised for its rich mosaic of wildlife habitats and provide important recreational space for the City of Nottingham and the adjacent university campus. Due to its heritage values it has been designated at grade II in the English Heritage Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Interest.

The Park retains many of its historic distinguishing features from prehistoric rock shelters to stone footbridges, an unusual stream fed paddling pool, cascade and an imposing Trent Building. Almost all of its architectural features are grade II listed.

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) identifies the significance of Highfields Park as a heritage asset and provides an assessment of key issues which may contribute to the erosion of that significance. It compiles a set of policies to provide guidelines on how to maintain and enhance the heritage values of the site through future development, use, alteration, management or repair.

The CMP will be used by the Nottingham City Council and the Highfields Users Group. The Plan will also be used in support of bids for Heritage Lottery Funding as well as the first step in securing a 'Green Flag Award'.

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