

Langtons Gardens, Hornchurch, Essex

Location
UK

Client
London Borough of Havering

Budget
£2.4m

Period
2012 - 2017

Services
Landscape & Architectural Feasibility Study
Cost Advice
Conservation Statement
HLF Round 1 Application
HLF Round 2 Application
Implementation and Delivery

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Langtons Gardens in Hornchurch, is 4.65 Hectares of former pleasure ground to Langtons House. The House is the town's registrar office and the gardens are an important venue for weddings, as well as an area of informal recreation. The present gardens date back to the late 18th century. It is believed that they were designed by Humphrey Repton as part of a much larger parkland. Surviving historic features include the Serpentine lake, ornamental lawns and shrubberies, tree planting, gazebo/bathhouse, orangery and stables. The gardens are designated as a Grade 1 Historic Park and Garden of local interest and the House and several of the surviving buildings are Grade II listed. The gardens also lie entirely within the Langtons Conservation Area.

The London Borough of Havering expressed an interest to the Heritage Lottery Fund in 2011 to restore the gardens and the adjacent Fielders Field with a substantial grant of between £1 - 1.5m. In order to develop a robust round 1 application LBH appointed CBA to prepare a Conservation Statement for the site and to advise on the potential scope of work and outline costs. Works include restoration of historic structures, improved physical and intellectual access, lake and horticultural improvements and detailed planting plans to reflect Repton era planting and the provision of new park facilities like cafe. Key to the success of any HLF application is the commitment to audience development training and volunteering opportunities, improved maintenance and enhanced engagement of local people in the management and heritage interpretation of the House and Gardens. CBA's team with CBA as Lead consultant worked closely with the Council to develop outline proposals, which were successful at Round 2 and now the project is fully implemented on site.



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