

# SIR GEORGE STAUNTON CONSERVATION AREA

## MANAGEMENT PLAN 2008

The Management Plan for the Conservation Area sets out the Council's long-term strategy for protecting and enhancing the area. Part of the Management Plan will be to monitor the effects of change and establish responsibilities for taking any necessary action.

As the Sir George Staunton Country Park has its own management system and committee in place, on which Havant Borough Council are represented, it is considered that the Conservation Area Management Plan will support the existing management plan in place for the park and will offer assistance in relation to the co-ordination of any future bids.

### **1. Opportunities for enhancement**

As an essential part of the principal to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of the Conservation Area, the Borough Council, will support the strategy and phased proposals by the Country Park for restoration and enhancement to preserve and reinforce the distinctive character of the Conservation Area by:-

- Supporting the Park Partnership's strategy and capital programme for planned phases for the restoration of the Historic Estate, as appropriate.
- Encouraging restoration of those areas identified in the Character Appraisal that still require attention, such as, the walls to the Storey Gardens; the relict nursery grounds on part of Beacon Lawn; and the small woodland buildings north east of the Terrace.
- Encouraging a co-ordinated approach to highway repairs on surrounding roads such as Petersfield Road/Durrant Road, Middle Park Way and High Lawn Way, including re-surfacing, tree planning, maintenance and cleaning, improved street furniture (such as appropriately designed street lighting, street name plates, seating or pavement plaques), to underpin the area's significance.
- A planned-approach towards the design solutions for any potential development opportunities, in particular the major proposal by Portsmouth Water for a winter storage reservoir located on their land at Havant Thicket. A planning application is due in 2009 and will involve significant public consultation, as well as close co-ordination between the two Local Planning Authorities involved. This will probably involve the formation of a special joint project team, including the Country Park Partnership.

## **2 Potential sources of funding**

Any of the above-mentioned proposals in this Management Plan are subject to available resources. Environmental improvements and related traffic management proposals are probably the items which are dependent upon particular budgets and direct funding. The Country Park generates its own income through the Ornamental Farm however where appropriate the Council will be looking to various partners to join in and contribute to specific schemes. As well as the ongoing management of the park as identified in the parks own management plan, the following funding sources are being considered:

- Developer contributions
- Heritage Lottery Fund

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