

GREENSAND COUNTRY LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP

HISTORIC PARKLAND HERITAGE ASSETS VOLUNTEER CONDITION ASSESSMENT FORM

SECTION 1: SITE INFORMATION

QUESTION	ANSWER	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE
Name of park and garden (and National Heritage List for England number if known or coordinates if not)		
Name and contact details of surveyor		
Name and contact details of person responsible for the site if known		
Is the park and garden within a Conservation Area?		

A. Condition – Survival / Development


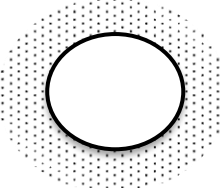
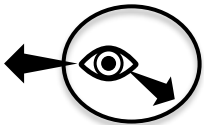
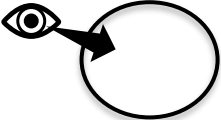
Please scale 1-10.

1-3 = Optimal (good) = Intact and complete; the integrity of overall design remains

3-6 = Generally satisfactory (fair) = Some features lost; influence of sympathetic development; development outside the registered area; change in views

6-8 = Generally unsatisfactory (poor) = Significant impact on setting loss of significant features; harm to setting, views and vistas

8-10 = Extensive problems (very bad) = Catastrophic harm from development, loss and fragmentation

QUESTION		RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE
Effects on the registered area by built development <i>(See Note 1. below)</i>			
Effects of built development within the setting <i>(See Note 2. below)</i>			
Effects of built development on views and vistas within and from the site <i>(See Note 3. below)</i>			
Effects of built development on views and vistas to the site			

Notes

1. Any buildings or structures built inside or close to the boundaries of the park or garden that have a negative or detrimental impact.
2. 'Setting' definition: *The surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced, its local context, embracing present and past relationships to the adjacent landscape.* (Historic England)
The setting is site specific and can extend from metres to miles. Positive or negative factors to consider include land use and character, activities, noise, smells etc.
3. A general description of the views' and vistas' condition - their actual location and character can be detailed in Section B's 'Views and Vistas'.

B. Condition - Individual Heritage Features and Elements

Please rate 1-10.

1-3 = Optimal (good) = Feature not in poor condition or at risk

3-6 = Generally satisfactory (fair) = Feature vulnerable

6-8 = Generally unsatisfactory (poor) = Feature in poor condition or at risk, but not detrimental to significance

8-10 = Extensive problems (very bad) = Feature in poor condition or at risk in way that is detrimental to significance

HISTORIC FEATURE	RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE
Avenues (<i>Please name and give location</i>):		
Cultivated or display gardens , including flower borders, shrubberies, arboretum, etc. – are they still flourishing or have they been simplified or neglected (<i>Please name and give location</i>):		
Designed water , e.g. canals, rills, lakes, fishponds, dewponds, cascades, reservoirs etc. (<i>Please name and give location</i>):		
Drives or paths , including entrances and associated features like gates and lodges (<i>Please name and give location</i>):		
Garden buildings and structures , e.g. follies and eye-catchers, temples, obelisks, grottoes, icehouses, bridges etc. – also brief comment on the principal building. (<i>Please name and give location</i>):		

<p>Grass cover, e.g. is parkland area degraded scrub or sub-divided into paddocks and/or overgrazed, is parkland now planted as woodland, is parkland ploughed for arable use, are lawns occupied by marquees or temporary development? <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Natural water, e.g. ponds, rivers <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Shrubs and hedges, E.g. are they missing? Should they be there at all? Are they in poor condition and require gapping up? <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Clumps and groups of trees, also condition and extent of open-grown parkland trees <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Terraces and steps <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Views and vistas E.g. both internal and external to the site <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		

<p>Woodland and shelter belts <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Other design elements and structures, such as...</p> <p>Earthworks, e.g. ridge-and-furrow, hollow ways, deserted medieval village, garden archaeology <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Statuary, urns and memorials <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Pools and Fountains <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Gates and gateways (internal to gardens) <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Boundaries, E.g. railings, fences, walls, balustrades, ha-has <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		

<p>Walled garden E.g. is it repurposed or is it still productive, are the walls intact, and internal structures intact and in use <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Historic games areas, e.g. bowling alleys, cricket pitches, sports pitches, etc. <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Historic estate or farm areas E.g. stable yards, model farm/home farm, kennels, barns, etc. <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		
<p>Other features not otherwise included <i>(Please name and give location):</i></p>		

Note about Modern features:

If gates, fences, buildings, sculptures etc. have replaced previous historic features then they can be recorded as modern replacements fulfilling the same role and design element. However, modern features can be poorly situated or create other management issues affecting the site, e.g. visual impacts, excessive wear along new routes/desire lines, etc.

C. Condition – neglect

Please rate 1-10.

1-3 = Optimal (good) = No signs of neglect

3-6 = Generally satisfactory (fair) = Some neglect of difficult-to-manage features, or inappropriate conservation approach

6-8 = Generally unsatisfactory (poor) = General lack of management, features and core elements neglected to point of near loss

8-10 = Extensive problems (very bad) = Universal neglect seriously harming significance

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

D. Condition – Overall (cumulative assessment of the entire site based on information in A-C above)

Please rate 1-10.

1-3 = Optimal (good) = No heritage features or elements in poor condition or at risk

3-6 = Generally satisfactory (fair) = Some features or elements (minor or undesignated) in poor condition or at risk

6-8 = Generally unsatisfactory (poor) = Some features or elements vulnerable Features and elements in poor condition or at risk, but not detrimental to significance

8-10 = Extensive problems (very bad) = Multiple key features and elements in poor condition or at risk

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

SECTION 3: VULNERABILITY

A. Vulnerability – Ownership

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Low = Single, conservation-minded and engaged owner; single benign owners; or multiple engaged owners.

5-7 = Medium = Multiple ownership, with one dominant and benign owner; multiple benign owners

8-10 = High = Single detrimental owner; multiple detrimental owners.

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

B. Vulnerability – Use / Occupation

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Low = Use as designed, occupied.

5-7 = Medium = Current use beneficial to the site but not as intended; heritage significance of the site could be of value to current use but is not realized.

8-10 = High = Current use is divergent from designed and is detrimental

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

C. Vulnerability – Environmental

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Low = Secure and stable with low risk features and low risk to features

5-7 = Medium = some risk to features from flood/storm, or loss of structure planting to disease or climate change; General threat of loss to storm or flood.

8-10 = High = Significant features at high risk from storm, flood, pests or disease; Clear and present threat, e.g. collapse of bank.

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

Note: Those sites who are actively planning for a rise in temperatures, more frequent/prolonged drought conditions, increased storm events and/or flooding issues, the effects of pests and diseases, etc. will score higher than those who have not. (e.g. diversifying tree stock or implementing reduced water use plans)

D. Vulnerability – Overall (cumulative assessment of the entire site based on information in A-C above)

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Low

5-7 = Medium

8-10 = High

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

SECTION 4: MANAGEMENT

A. Management – Conservation Management Plan or other plans

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Active = A Conservation Management Plan is in place and being implemented

5-7 = Benign = A plan is in place but little or no evidence of implementation, or a management plan is not present, but some policies or framework are informing management.

8-10 = Detrimental = No plan and/or divergent management policies

or Unknown = it is not known by volunteer whether a CMP exists

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	DETAILS OF PLANS (NAMES, DATES, AUTHOR)	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

B. Management – action /maintenance

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Active = Apparent and positive action or maintenance across the whole site; positive management of key features.

5-7 = Benign = Whole site is maintained but inappropriate management of key features

8-10 = Detrimental = Whole site management impacting on significance.

Rating 1-4	DETAILS OF PLANS (NAMES, DATES, AUTHOR)	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

C. Management – Overall (cumulative assessment of the entire site based on information in A-B above)

Please rate 1-10.

1-4 = Active

5-7 = Benign

8-10 = Detrimental

RATE 1-10 AS ABOVE	ADDITIONAL NOTES IF APPROPRIATE

SECTION 5: TREND

Please tick whichever applies)

Improving rapidly.....

Improving slowly.....

Stable.....

Unknown.....

Declining slowly.....

Declining rapidly.....

NOTES:

OVERALL RISK ASSESSMENT:

(Please tick whichever applies)

At Risk

Vulnerable

Low / Not at Risk

Completed by:

Date: