



Inverleith Park
Management Plan
2017 - 2022

(revision 4)



The vision is...

*“to manage and maintain
Inverleith Park to provide a welcoming
and attractive public park destination
for all at all times”*



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Introduction

This Management Plan sets out the future management, maintenance and development of Inverleith Park and has been produced by the City of Edinburgh Council and Friends of Inverleith Park to provide not only a long-term vision but also details both developmental and operational duties that are required to achieve that vision.

The Management Plan covers the period 2010 to 2015 and has a detailed plan of works for that period.

Like any Management Plan its purpose is to provide a framework within which all future management is carried out, the plan enables any person involved to understand how and why decisions are taken, in relation to the reasoning behind the policies and proposals for action.

This plan's target audience is elected members, the local community and council officers and its style and content should ensure continuity of purpose and consistency in service delivery. It is intended to be a flexible, working document that will be reviewed and updated annually.

The Management Plan is set out in distinct sections.

The first section, "Where are we now?" describes the current situation with Inverleith Park, which includes the policy and legal context within which it is managed and provides some basic information about the park.

The second section, "Where do we want to be?" develops the vision for Inverleith Park and provides an assessment and analysis at the time of writing this Management Plan, and states the aims established for the park.

The third section, "How will we get there?" describes the aims and objectives for the garden. These are used to form a development plan, which sets out how the aims and objectives will be achieved. This section also describes the maintenance regime for the park and the proposed management structure to deliver the Management Plan.

The fourth and final section, "How will we know when we get there?" explains how the development, maintenance and management of the park will be monitored and reviewed.

Where Are We Now?

This section gives brief statements about the current situation with Inverleith Park. Most of the strategies are available on the Council's website.

Wider Policy Context

Corporate Plan 2007 – 2011

The plan shows how the Council is tackling the strategic issues that matter to the public, improving performance and working with partners to improve services. The plan outlines priorities for the next four years, identifies what the Council will be doing to contribute to Edinburgh's City Vision, and provides strategic direction for the Council and all those working within the organisation.

Single Outcome Agreement 2009 – 2012

The Single Outcome Agreement contains an integrated area profile of Edinburgh, providing context for the current issues facing the city, which include demographic changes and the impact of global economic downturn. It sets out the Edinburgh Partnership's local outcomes aligned to each of the 15 National Outcomes agreed in the concordat.

The Community Plan for Edinburgh 2008 – 2011

The Community Plan for Edinburgh sets out the Edinburgh Partnership's priorities for the city:

- sustainable economic growth
- maximisation of land use and affordable housing
- investment in prevention and care service, health improvement and social inclusion
- environmental sustainability and climate change

The Action Plan shows the Edinburgh Partnership's joint commitments to 2011. In implementing this plan, partners will make a significant contribution to the quality of life and wellbeing of the city. Each year the Partnership will measure and report its progress in meeting the Community Plan targets.

Development Plan

The Development Plan for the City comprises the Edinburgh & Lothian's Structure Plan and a number of Local Plans. These documents provide the statutory planning framework for the Council's policies and proposals towards the protection and use of the city's open spaces. The Edinburgh and the Lothian's Structure Plan was prepared jointly by the City Council with the councils for East, Mid- and West Lothian. It was approved by the Scottish Ministers in 2007. The Edinburgh City Local Plan was prepared in 2007, but has not yet been adopted. A public local inquiry was held towards the end of 2008 to deal with objections made to the Plan as it stands and to modifications which the Council has proposed making to the Plan.

Inverleith Park is protected by Local Plan policies, which are provided in more detail in Appendix 2.

Inverleith Park, like many other local open spaces, provides people with an opportunity to enjoy wildlife in the city. The parkland, trees, pond, allotments and local greenspace links allow wildlife to move to and from the area. The Water of Leith is close by and the pond is visited by kingfishers and wildfowl.

Inverleith Park's landscape value, along with the Royal Botanical Gardens, has been acknowledged in the Council's review of Local Landscape Designations (cSLA13). The formal designation is part of the Local Development Plan process. A local landscape designation requires any development proposals to be considered against the key qualities and characteristics of the landscape, as set out in an accompanying 'Statement of Importance'.

The Council's Planning Committee agreed to include Inverleith Park for Special Landscape Area designation, which seeks to protect landscape character, quality of local and regional value, promote understanding and awareness of the distinctive character and special qualities of local landscapes, encourage management of the area for landscape value, recreation and tourism, as well as providing protection from inappropriate development.

Open Space Framework

The Framework acknowledges the ongoing work of both the Council and its stakeholders to improve open space across the city. There is also an appreciation of the increasing pressures and changing attitudes to open space. The Framework considers the different types of open space that the city has and should offer, looking at not just green but also civic spaces and considers how the overall protection, enhancement, provision, promotion of open spaces can be achieved and sets out a series of aims to do this.

Capitalising on Access: an Access Strategy for Edinburgh

The Access Strategy sets out a framework for developing opportunities for walking, cycling and horse riding in Edinburgh, and covers five access themes; sustainable transport, an attractive and enjoyable network, encouraging healthier lifestyles, an inclusive and accessible network and safety and security. For each theme, the Strategy sets out objectives, recommendations for action and identifies the key partners from Council departments and external organisations to take this work forward.

Climate Change Framework

The Climate Change Framework sets out a draft framework for the Council's own activities, identifying key areas for action, to mitigate carbon emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change. Some actions relate specifically to the Council's own environmental performance, such as its energy use or fleet management. Other actions will require the co-operation and collaboration of the Council's partners across the city.

Energy Policy

The Council's current energy policy has targets to reduce energy consumption by 15% and reduce our CO2 emissions by 30% based on 1990 levels. This policy is mainly focussed on buildings. The policy is currently being revised to take account of the other Council areas that impact on energy usage. These are namely procurement, fleet services, street and stair lighting and design services. The Sustainable Development Unit in Corporate Services is the lead on this area of work.

- Sustainable Development Strategy – in development

Parks and Environmental Strategies and Policies

Cultivating Communities – An Allotment Strategy for Edinburgh (2002)

Cultivating Communities is a strategy for the development of allotments in Edinburgh, including those at Inverleith Park.

The strategy contains a description of the benefits of allotments with an analysis of the situation at the time it was written, an assessment of demand for allotments, recommendations relating to the protection of existing allotment sites, both public and private, recommendations for upgrading of the Council's allotment sites, and recommendations for future development of allotment gardening.

The appendices contain a history of Edinburgh's allotments, background to the current legislation, planning policy, and details of a survey of allotment holders carried out in 2001, and the membership of the working group that guided the creation of the strategy. This strategy is currently being updated.

Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan (2004 - 2009) (under review)

The second Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan was launched in 2004, which prioritises habitat conservation, which then benefits a wide range of species. The Edinburgh Biodiversity Partnership will be working to implement the actions contained within the Edinburgh Biodiversity Action Plan, co-ordinated by the Edinburgh Biodiversity Officer based in the Council. Successful implementation will provide opportunities for both wildlife and people to thrive in Edinburgh's quality environment.

The specific habitat plan applicable to Inverleith Park is the Urban Habitat Plan, please see Appendix 1.

Edinburgh's Sports Pitch Strategy (2005)

The Edinburgh Sports Pitch Strategy reviewed the provision of sports pitches for the purposes of improving provision and the development of effective planning policies around provision and forms "A Capital Commitment to Sport – Quality Pitches for All".

This strategy highlights the Council's desire to develop Inverleith Park as one of six venues that form part of a network of high quality venues where the best possible facilities are available to promote both the growth of pitch sports and the improvement in standards of performance.

Since 2005, other sports areas have been developed around the city including a significant increase in artificial sports surfaces in the area (Broughton, Edinburgh Academy, Fettes and Stewart's Melville), which are all available for public use. It is also likely that Inverleith Park would no longer be considered as one of the City's six major sporting venues due to the level of investment being disproportionate to the improvements that can be gained investing at other locations.

It is important that Inverleith Park remains as a local sports venue and investment will be required to maintain the existing facilities for use by the clubs, including improvements to drainage, pavilions and public toilet facilities.

Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy (2006)

The City of Edinburgh Council's commitment to providing quality and vibrant parks and greenspace and improving on the standards achieved is clearly demonstrated in its vision for parks.

The Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy classifies Inverleith Park as a "Premier Park." There are a small number of Premier Parks in the city consisting of high quality spaces, offering a wide range of facilities aimed at international and national visitors as well as local and city-wide users.

Premier Parks will often be areas with significant resources of cultural or natural heritage and they may be of historic importance. Design quality should be optimal and unique to each park. Standards of maintenance should be very high thus dictating the need for designated site-based maintenance teams. The overall impressions should bear comparison with the best regarded parks anywhere in the world.

Although at present Inverleith Park does not have a designated site based maintenance team this is something that is strived for when resources allow. It may be possible to consider more voluntary support for improvements in maintenance standards and this will also need to be explored.

Edinburgh Open Space Strategy (Open Space Audit draft 2009)

The draft Open Space Audit has been carried out using the national land use classification for open space set out in Planning Advice Note (PAN) 65. Once approved the audit, strategy and action plans will be used to help interpret the Council's planning policies on the provision of open space in new development and on proposals which involve loss of open spaces as well as identify priorities for investment through the development of standards for quality, quantity and accessibility of open spaces.

The draft audit categorises Inverleith Park as a “public park or garden” with a segment of allotments, tennis courts, two areas of play space and two areas of bowling green.

Core Path Plan

The City of Edinburgh Council’s Core Path Plan identifies a system of key routes for non-motorised access throughout the area of it’s authority. Core Paths are predominately designated on existing paths, cycle tracks, footways and any other routes that provide a network linking communities and places people want to go. These include local facilities, tourist attractions, parks and greenspace and places of work. Core paths should accommodate a variety of uses, walking, cycling, horse riding and disabled access where possible.

Core Paths in Parks will be managed by the Local Environment Teams (consisting of Road Services, Parks and Task Force) and in some cases the Countryside Ranger Service. The aspiration is to work towards a situation where each Core Path is:

- Safer
- Appropriately signposted and publicised
- Accessible ; and
- Well maintained

The Core Path Plan supports Edinburgh’s Outdoor Access Strategy and Local Transport Strategy and will appear in future Local Plans and on Ordnance Survey Maps to underline the strategic importance of this network of routes.

Play Strategy

The City of Edinburgh Council is currently preparing a new Play Strategy covering children’s play activities.

Neighbourhood Policies

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership - Local Community Plan (2009)

Community Planning is about organisations and communities working together to improve public services and quality of life. At the heart of Community Planning is listening to and communicating with communities. It is also about involving them in decisions about how services can better meet local circumstances.

Each Neighbourhood Partnership is working on developing a Local Community Plan in which sets out priorities of the local community. A well managed environment is an essential basis for better health, quality of life and economic success and improving our management of greenspace areas, such as Inverleith Park, is a key component in achieving the desired improvements.

Maintaining and enhancing our parks and greenspaces was identified as a key issue for residents through workshops and public meetings, and was also the specific focus of a themed public meeting.

The development of this Management Plan for Inverleith Park and its proposals is a objective of the Local Community Plan, along with other management plans for other key greenspace areas in the area.

Surveys and Assessments

Tree Survey

A tree survey was completed and this is shown in Appendix 3. In addition, the trees have been assessed as part of the Council's Tree Hazard Management system.

A number of trees have been lost to Dutch Elm Disease. There is also a need to remove a number of trees that are dead, dying or diseased and a suitable replacement programme is required. Following vandalism to young trees, all new trees should be planted with supporting stakes and protective guards.

Trees within Conservation Areas are covered by the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997, and the Planning Section's Arboricultural Officer should be made aware of any intention to uproot, fell or lop trees.

Parks Asset Management

A Microsoft Access database has been created that records all the park's assets along with a condition survey. Photos of all the assets are also included.

A copy of the plan and a list of the assets is included in Appendix 4.

Biodiversity Assessment

A biodiversity assessment of Inverleith Park was completed by the Wildlife Information Centre, based at Vogrie Park, Midlothian. A copy of the assessment is included in Appendix 5.

Legal Compliance

Site Ownership

Site owner: City of Edinburgh Council, Services for Communities

The City of Edinburgh Council's Legal Services have examined the legal papers covering Inverleith Park. The sections most relevant to the Management Plan have been summarised in Appendix 6, and the proposals included within this plan are in compliance with any restrictions placed upon the land in the title deeds.

Whilst the above information will be of some assistance it is only supplied in order to provide a general background in relation to the legal position in connection with Inverleith Park. Should any specific proposals come to light then it will be highlighted

to the Council's Legal Services as early as possible to obtain further advice and assistance as necessary.

Parks Management Rules

The area is covered by the City of Edinburgh Council's Parks Management Rules, which are included in Appendix 7. These rules are due to be updated during the period of implementation of this Management Plan.

Access Audit

The Council aims to improve the accessibility of public buildings, parks and venues for people with disabilities.

Access Audits were initially undertaken for a number of parks and green spaces to check compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act. These audits aim to improve access for people with physical disabilities or mobility restrictions and people with sensory disabilities i.e. hearing and vision impairment and their carers.

A copy of the audit is included in Appendix 8.

Risk Assessment

A Risk Assessment has been compiled from the precautions identified when carrying out the assessment for the site. It can be used as a reminder of the major ways in which risk levels can be reduced on the site, aiding those involved in maintaining the site, including staff and volunteers. A copy of the site risk assessment is included in Appendix 9.

All grounds maintenance and other maintenance operations are covered by risk assessment, working practice method statements and related manufacturer recommendations and Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH) assessments.

Listed Structures

The gated entrance piers in memory of Alison Hay Dunlop (dated 1890) on Arboretum Place are listed (category B). The listing was made on 27 October 1965. Any work to the structure may need listed building consent and this would be checked with Historic Scotland in advance.

Conservation Area

Inverleith Park falls within the Inverleith Conservation Area. The protection of an area does not end with conservation area designation; rather designation should be seen as a commitment to positive action for the preservation or enhancement of character and appearance.

Section 61 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Scotland) Act 1997 describes conservation areas as "...areas of special architectural or historic interest, the character or appearance of which it is desirable to preserve or enhance".

Inverleith Conservation Area was originally designated in 1977 and amended in 1996. The conservation area is classified as "outstanding". Inverleith Conservation Area contains the most open space of any conservation area in the city.

The designation of a conservation area may have implications in relation to any significant park developments and advice would need to be sought from The City of Edinburgh Council's Planning Section in case Conservation Area Consent is required.

Site Information

Site Description

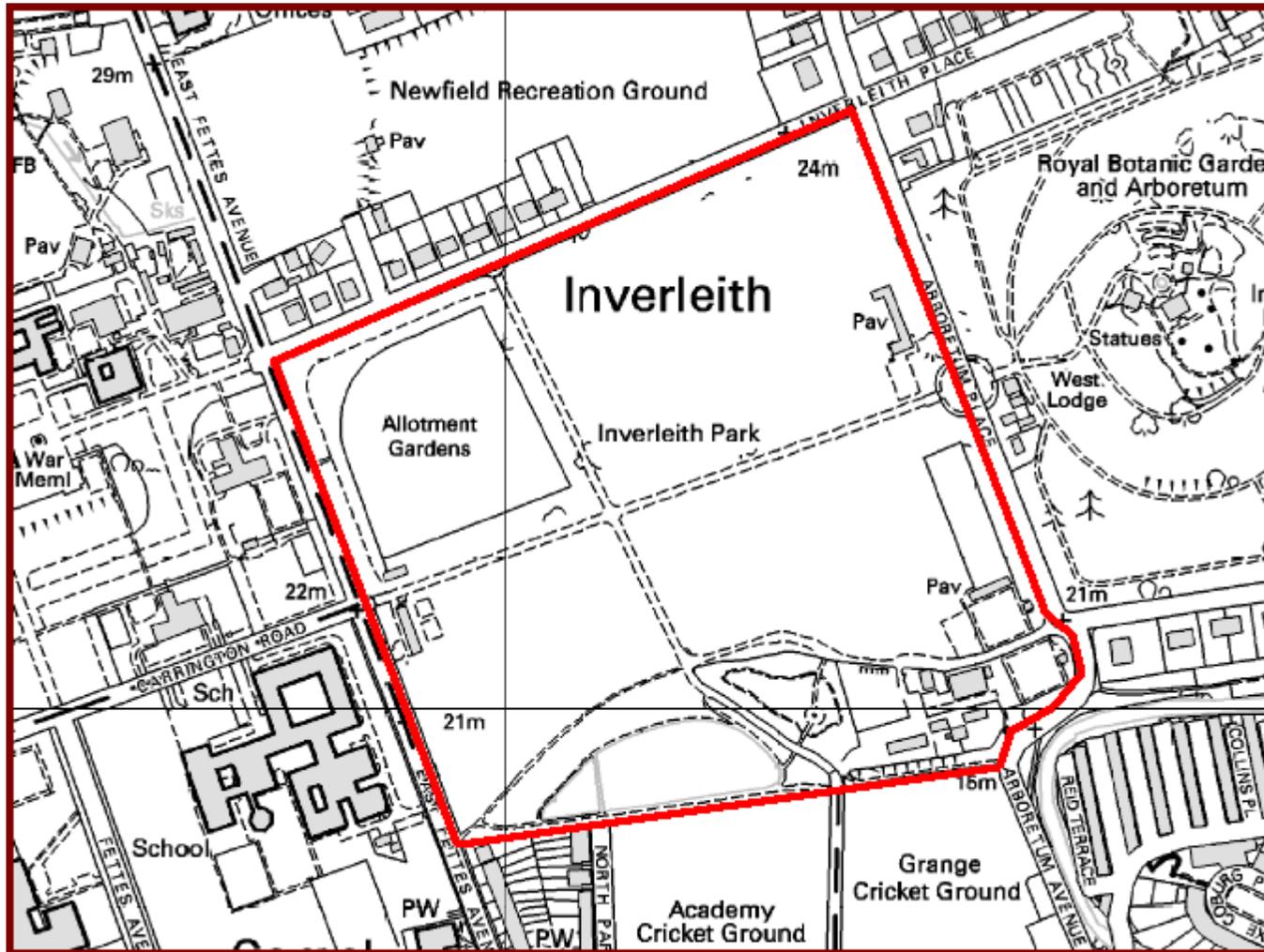
Inverleith Park extends to around 62 acres (25 hectares) of neatly maintained mostly flat open grass parkland with a strong framework of mature trees on its perimeter and along its striking central and other avenues. Overall, it is a well defined public park with perimeter iron railings and grand gated entrances. The park accommodates a variety of uses and activities including sports pitches and club pavilions, bowling greens, allotment gardens, a play area, a pond (used by model boat club) and also Council offices and workshop/depot area. On its southern boundary sloping ground accommodates more ornamental areas.

Inverleith Park makes a significant contribution to a collection of the most attractive large open spaces in the city, which includes the Royal Botanic Garden, the private grounds and sports fields of The Edinburgh Academy, Stewart's and Melville College, Fettes College, George Heriot's at Goldenacre, the Grange Cricket Ground and the fields of Broughton High School and Lothian and Border Police head quarters.

Inverleith Park means so much to so many different people of all ages with different needs and interests that it almost has communities of its own. It is a popular place for walking and exercising dogs; a venue for sports, including bowling, tennis, rugby and football, cricket and petanque; it is used by joggers; as a place for sailing boats; for children's play and for hosting a wide range of local and major events as well as provide opportunities as a place for quiet contemplation and passive recreation.

The Friends of Inverleith Park do not want to see any one thing allowed to dominate the park and that access by the general public at all times for a variety of uses is important.

A history of Inverleith Park is included in Appendix 10.



Site Location

Inverleith Park is bounded to the north by Inverleith Place, to the east by the Royal Botanic Garden and Arboretum, to the west by East Fettes Avenue and to the south by sports grounds of Edinburgh Academicals and the Grange Cricket ground.

National Grid Reference: NT 242 752



Figure 2: Recent Ordnance Survey Map (Inverleith Park is outlined in red)

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Site Maps

The following maps show pictorially the changes and development of the areas surrounding Inverleith Park.



Figure 3: Late 1880s OS map showing the park.

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Figure 4: 1940s Aerial OS map.

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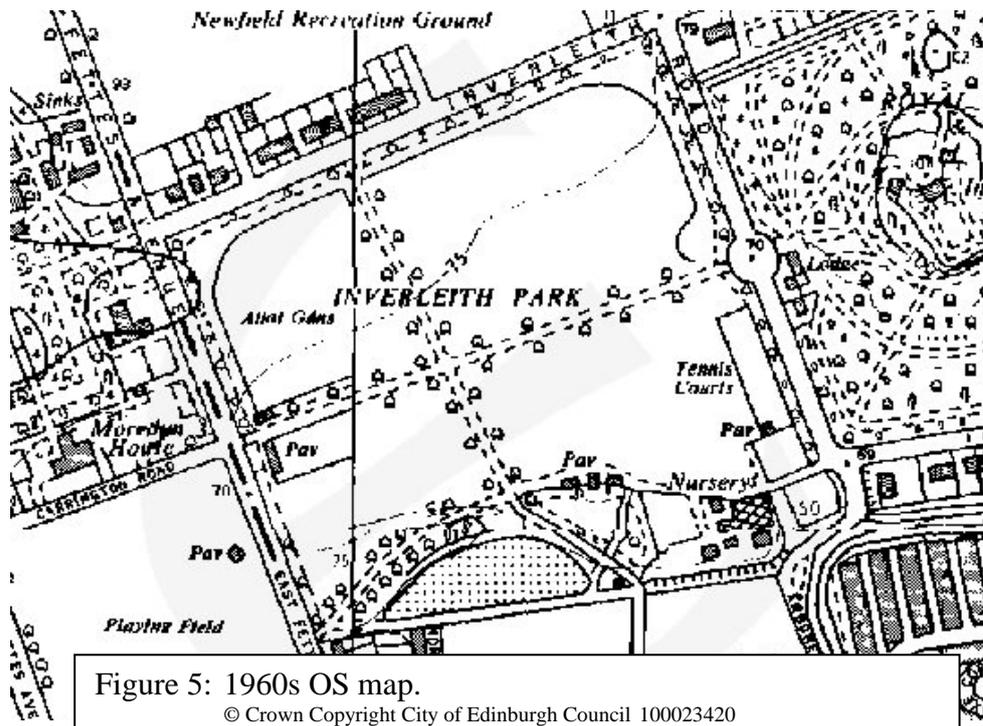


Figure 5: 1960s OS map.
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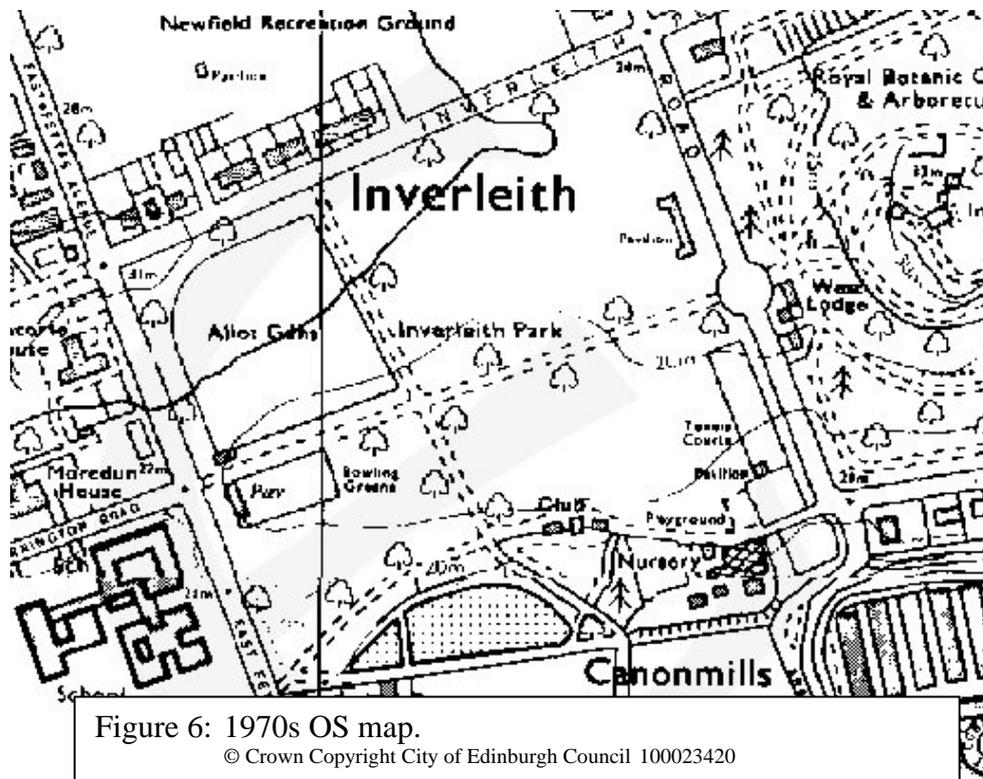


Figure 6: 1970s OS map.
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Figure 7: 2000 Aerial Ordnance Survey Map
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Character Zones

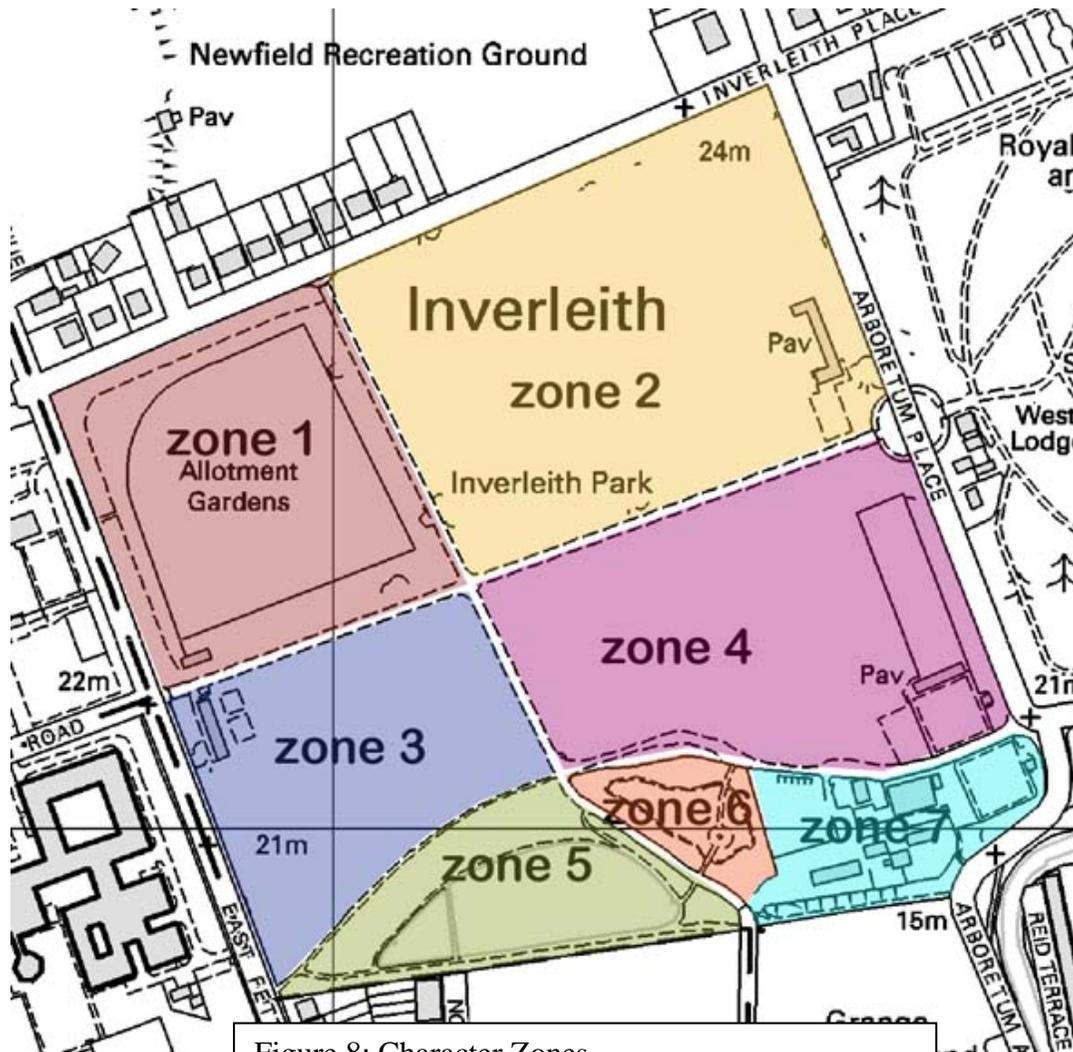


Figure 8: Character Zones.
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Figure 8 shows how the park can be described by different character zones, as follows:

- Zone 1 – Allotment area
- Zone 2 – North East field
Used for grass sports with pavilion and hard standing area.
- Zone 3 – South West field
Used for rugby with pavilion
- Zone 4 – South East field
Used for grass sports, ball and tennis courts, play area and bowling green area
- Zone 5 – Pond area
Boating pond with reed bed and board walk.
- Zone 6 – Sundial Garden
Ornamental garden area.
- Zone 7 – Maintenance Yard
Parks workshops and maintenance yard with Four Winds Inspiration Centre (former nursery) and includes bowling green.

Park Attributes

The park lies within a Conservation Area and is one of Edinburgh's Premier Parks. It has been given the status of a Millennium Park.

The park is used for formal and informal recreation purposes. Other than sports the park also has a significant allotment site (with around 128 plots and covering approximately 24,500 m²). The allotment site is one of the remaining 'Dig for Victory' locations in the city.

To be of the highest quality a park needs to have an overall design unity combined with elements of variety and interest which decorate the general composition and give the park a sense of purpose and identity in the local area.

Access and Circulation

The footpath network is hierarchic with the main path axes dividing the park centrally into quarters. However, many people arrive at other points and informal accesses have arisen, some of which have been formalised.

Other internal routes involve a circulatory route around the pond, a separate path circuit through and around the Sundial Garden and an informal track running around three sides of the park within the wooded edge boundary.

Vehicular access to the former farmhouse has been developed as the main vehicular access to the park and the workshops and yard area. The wider paths are used for servicing the park.

Paths can be used by cyclists and pedestrians following the implementation of the Land Reform (Scotland) Act, which promotes responsible use of accessible land.

There are three main gated entrances and numerous other access points. Although some of the informal accesses are heavily used they are not formalised. The main gated entrances are sometimes opened to permit access to or egress from the park to neighbouring road routes during events.

The majority of the paths are surfaced in bitmac, with some concrete paths around the pond and unbound paths exist around the Sundial Garden. Access to the pond area is over a wooden board walk. The widths of the paths vary. Steps exist where there is significant changes in gradient, to the south of the Sundial Garden and the eastern end of the pond area with all other parts of the path accessed using gradually sloping paths that follow the contours of the park.

Form

The park may be divided up into seven component areas, each with distinctive characteristics. These are shown in Figure 8. The maintenance and management of each of these character zones reflects the main use of each area.

Buildings and Structures

The park contains the following structures:

- Historical structures: The farmhouse (now Council office accommodation), standing stone fountain, sundial and gated pier entrances and boating pond.
- Sports Club buildings: Tanfield and Ferranti's bowling clubs, Edinburgh Northern Rugby Football Club (formally an air-raid shelter by the west gate), boating store (by the west gate), and Spartan's Football Club pavilion (by the East gate).
- Maintenance buildings: Block-built workshops and former Park Ranger Office, allotment sheds and former nursery area (now Four Winds Inspiration Centre) and sawmill within the maintenance yard area.

Generally, all buildings are leased on a full repairing lease. Issues with graffiti and repairs are the responsibility of those holding the lease.

Enclosures

The park is now primarily enclosed with hedging. A section of railing exists along Arboretum Avenue and the three ornamental entrances have railings and copes. There are slots in the side of the stone piers, indicating that railings continued around the perimeter.

New railings have been installed to face the maintenance yard and the Sundial Garden. A new wall was built to act as a boundary to the south side of the Sundial Garden to retain the banking. Railings also protect the banking alongside the path up from Portgower Place.

The allotments are enclosed with a metal fence that provides a slight wind break and provides security to the plots. There are 128 whole plots and 65 half plots. The average waiting time for a vacant plot is currently 8 years (August 2009).

Both Bowling Clubs have boundaries and the play area, tennis courts and ball court are enclosed with gated accesses.

Planting

The mature tree belts give a good sense of composition and structure. The main structure trees range between 70-130 years old and are mixed broadleaves with Elm (*Ulmus* spp.) being amongst the oldest species present.

Ornamental planting around the Sundial Garden is to be improved, both in terms of planting stock and maintenance.

The wet garden around the pond inlet was installed a few years ago and includes a range of plant species that will help reduce blue-green algae in the water. The wooden boardwalk provides access to the area to view the flora and fauna that now inhabit the pond.

In general, the planting within the park is in stark contrast with the adjacent Royal Botanical Gardens in terms of variety, colour and form. The proximity of the botanical gardens does give an opportunity to work with them to develop the planting areas within the park to add variety and interest.

Park Furniture

There are a number of different styles of bins and benches in the park. Over time it is anticipated that the styles will be rationalised. New bins will all be of a standard type, the Broxap “Derby” range and benches will either be wooden benches or metal style.

New interpretation information is being provided around the park in conjunction with the Friends of Inverleith Park. Information boards have also been installed to display park information to users and visitors.

Lighting exists through part of the path network and this is maintained by the Street Lighting Section of Roads Services. Any lighting issues can be reported to Clarence on 0800 23 23 23.

Visual Quality and Appearance

The major visual asset of the park is the backdrop of Edinburgh with fine views of the Castle and city skyline to the south. The banking to the north of the pond provides a suitable vantage point and is used to view the Festival Fireworks’ display each year.

The views along the structured tree avenues are more geometrical and focus on a central meeting point where a large standing stone, once a fountain, is the central feature.

The Sundial Garden is a quiet area. Although newly planted a few years ago it needs attention. Proposals are to be considered for additional planting and improved maintenance will be required to ensure the area is kept to a proper standard.

The boundary and internal hedges are a contrast to the well maintained hedge of the Royal Botanical Gardens. This year time was taken to establish a suitable height for the hedge and this will improve its appearance. Informal accesses through the hedge line probably need to be controlled with as many closed off and replanted to maintain the integrity of the boundary and encourage park users to use the formalised access points.

The collection of buildings within the park and their condition detracts from the importance of the park and its surroundings. Some thought needs to be given on what buildings should exist within the park and a plan developed to improve those that remain or consider the building of new multi-purpose buildings that would enhance the park and serve the needs of the park and sport users more adequately. There is a need to consider facilities that a park of this size and importance would be expected to provide, for example a café and public toilets.

The existing public toilets in the pavilion (by the east gate) are not open to the public. They have been vandalised and were closed. There is a demand for public toilets within the park, however, modern toilet facilities work best if they are staffed or built as part of a facility, such as a café.

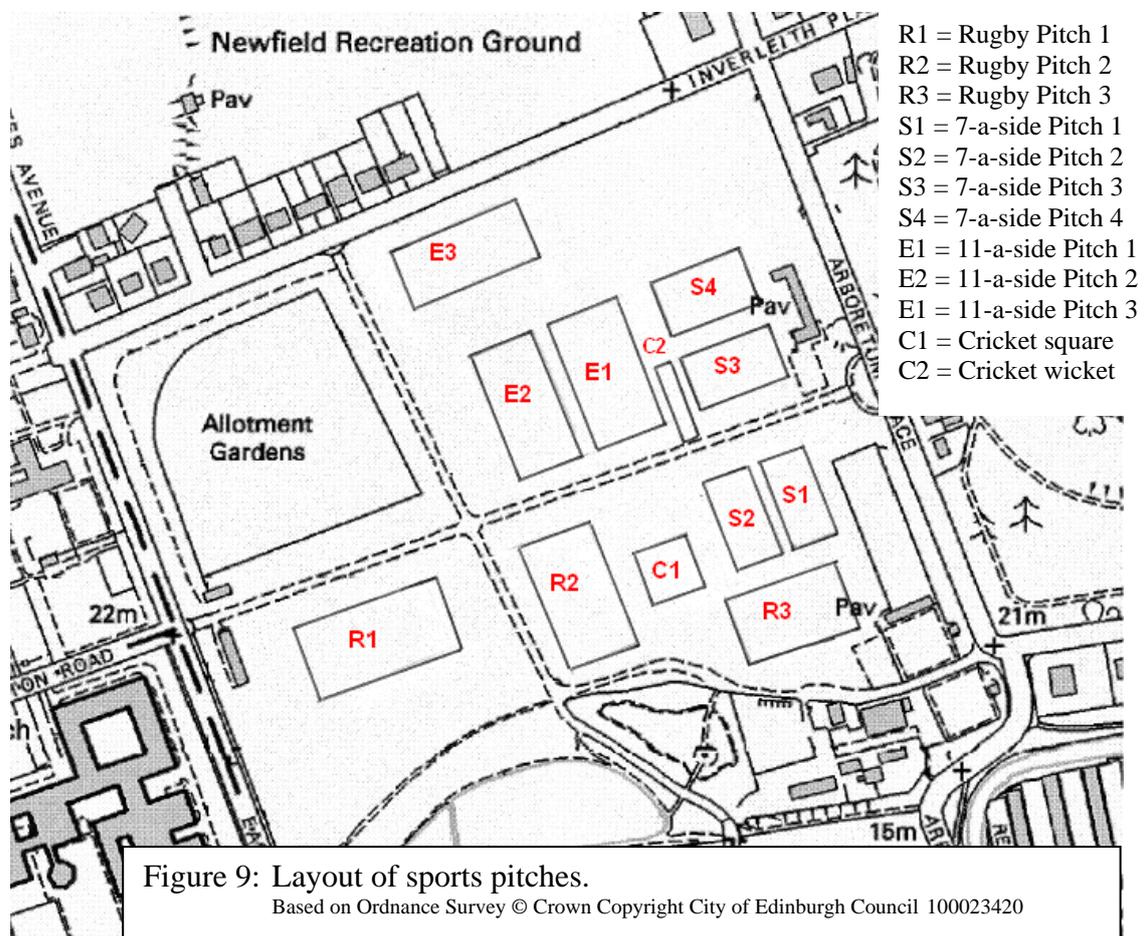
Sport and Physical Activity

Inverleith Park is a venue for a number of sporting activities. The formal elements supported by clubs and associations include rugby, football, cricket, petanque and bowling.

The rugby, football and cricket areas can be booked through Edinburgh Leisure and the pavilion by the East gate is managed by them although the building is owned by the Council.

Figure 9 shows the usual pitch layout of Inverleith Park. The layout is adapted according to demand and requirements for bookings at the start of each season.

The grass pitches are maintained by the Council's Specialist Grounds Maintenance team within Parks and Greenspace, based at Baileyfield Depot.



The park is often used by other clubs and schools for training and for other sporting activities.

Lothian and Borders Police make use of the park as part of a route to assess the fitness of new recruits.

Children's Play Area

All City of Edinburgh Council Play Areas are designed in house to meet BS EN 1176 Parts 1 – 11. Prior to 1998 all play areas were designed to meet BS 5696. All play areas are held on a data base called Playsafe produced by Public Sector Software Ltd. This system holds information on all City of Edinburgh Council play areas, including; type of equipment, installation date, type of surface, fences and bins.

Informal inspections are carried out by council employees who enter the play areas as part of their daily duties (Park Rangers, Playgrounds Maintenance Officer and Task Force staff). They report obvious hazards to the Councils workshop engineers. In-house ROSPA trained staff inspect the equipment on a monthly basis. Any defects identified are either repaired immediately or isolated and made safe, for repair at a later date. Written records of inspections and works undertaken are held with the Workshops at Inverleith Park. Annual inspections and risk assessments, conforming with RPII, are carried out on all the playgrounds by an independent Playground Inspector.

Summary of Physical Resources and Key Management Issues

Labour Resource

Inverleith Park is managed locally by the North Neighbourhood's Environment Service, a section within the Council's Services for Communities Department. Each neighbourhood contains a number of Neighbourhood Partnerships, made up of various representatives and local Ward Councillors. Inverleith Park sits within the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership area.

Services for Communities bring together a range of 'quality of life' services that are aligned to meet the needs of the local community. The city is divided into six neighbourhoods and core strategic support units across the services.

Management of parks is a neighbourhood function but it is strategically overseen and supported by the Parks and Greenspace Unit based at the Council's Headquarters. Devolution of budgets and management responsibilities has also included local service delivery.

The maintenance and development of Inverleith Park is the responsibility of the Local Environment Manager. The Local Environment Manager can direct the neighbourhood's grounds maintenance service and call on the support of other sections held centrally by the Parks and Greenspace Unit, such as the Specialist Grounds Maintenance team, Forestry team, Inverleith Workshops and the Inch Nursery for assistance as required. The local Street Cleaning Taskforce also undertakes emptying of litter bins and other cleaning operations.

There is no staff dedicated to maintain Inverleith Park to provide a permanent presence within the park. This is seen by the Friends of Inverleith Park as a major weakness, however, we are keen to establish close links with the Task Force Manager and Community Parks Officer to work more closely with the Friends group and the community on maintaining, managing and developing the park. In addition, our Park

Ranger(s) has also been involved in various projects in the park. It is acknowledged that the Council cannot achieve the highest standards required without the dedication and support of the Friends of Inverleith Park and associated interest groups that collectively hold an interest in the future of the park.

The Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger(s) also dedicate time to the development of the park and undertake maintenance and management activities.

Following investment in additional staff for cleansing and grounds maintenance it is hoped that there will be improvements to how the Council maintains the park to achieve better standards of maintenance in the coming months.

The close proximity of the Royal Botanical Gardens lends itself to encouraging closer links and various initiatives could be explored to benefit from their expertise and knowledge of botanical matters. At present we are working together on a tree walk leaflet for the park.

Grounds and Infrastructure Maintenance

The public sports areas of the park are maintained by Specialist Grounds Maintenance (part of Parks and Greenspace) and they also undertake the tractor mowing routes. Smaller areas and horticultural elements are maintained by the local grounds maintenance team, supported by work from volunteers.

A maintenance schedule is included in Appendix 11.

Park Users

Inverleith Park is a Premier Park and seen by many as a destination park. Its sports facilities are well used and provide a number of opportunities for active participation in formal sports of football, rugby, bowling, petanque, and cricket and the large open grass areas provide ample opportunity for informal sports including rounders, football and other team sports using the free facilities for tennis and basketball, to name a few of the possible activities.

There are also many opportunities for less formal recreation for all who visit to enjoy wildlife by walking through and around the park, taking a stroll by the pond and wetland garden or to relax and read a newspaper whilst being able to view the attractive city skyline.

Since 2008, the Parks and Greenspace Service have used a web-based questionnaire to capture the views of residents and visitors to Edinburgh's parks and greenspaces. The questionnaire is available at <http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/parksurvey>. The survey asks people to give their views about what they think about the service the Council provides and their experience of Edinburgh's parks. The Management Plan will include such comments to help to improve the service and the park for local residents and visitors. A summary of results for Inverleith Park is included in Appendix 12.

Stakeholders

The Friends of Inverleith Park were formed in 2002; see Appendix 13 for their constitution, aims and objectives.

The objectives within this Management Plan are to be developed in consultation with both existing and possible future users. Where this is not possible or difficult to achieve then their likely needs should be considered by the Friends of Inverleith Park in liaison with the Local Neighbourhood Team.

A list of main contacts and stakeholders are included in Appendix 14.

Events

The city's festivals and events offering is key to its image at home and abroad, to its Capital city status. Like many large parks in the city, Inverleith Park is one of the city's strategic sites used as a venue for outdoor events.

Edinburgh's Events Strategy states that 'Edinburgh will continue to grow as one of the world's finest cities'. It aims to deliver a balanced portfolio of events over the next ten years to include established successful events, newly created or commissioned events and national or international events won for the city through bidding processes.

Inverleith Park has a long history as a venue for events. The use of the pond by the Edinburgh Model Boat Club and its predecessors, for example, has seen over a hundred years of activity. In recent years the club organises an annual regatta attracting people from all over the country, as well as international visitors. Similarly, other well established clubs use the park for sport and recreation and their organisations provide a social hub for their members, spectators and visitors.

In 2009, large events included Treefest, Taste of Edinburgh and the Moonwalk. All large events are co-ordinated through an Events Planning and Operations Group (EPOG) and all event organisers are asked to provide risk assessments, Public Liability, and related information.

Events administration is handled by Parks and Greenspace and they are also involved in developing the strategic direction for events in parks and greenspaces. In order to facilitate and manage events in parks, Parks and Greenspace have outlined an Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto.

The Friends of Inverleith Park are keen to see events using the park in a sensitive and responsible way, respecting the park and its other users. It is important that events should not become so overbearing or detrimental to the park that it adversely affects its use by the general public for long periods. This sentiment is shared by the Council and demonstrates the importance of the development of the Events Manifesto, which local groups, including the Friends of Inverleith Park, are involved in shaping its principles.

The Events Manifesto uses eight key principles which aim to ensure that both landscape quality and event intensity needs are met. An outline of the events held in the park recently and the Events Manifesto is provided in Appendix 15.



Figure 10: Axe Throwing at Treefest
Image Courtesy of Thomas Brown and Four Winds Inspiration Centre

Biodiversity

The City of Edinburgh Council recognises parks are particularly important sites for biodiversity and even more so within cities.

The Council:

- Employs Biodiversity Officers to promote the biodiversity agenda both within the Council and externally to the public and third party organisations
- Is lead partner in the Edinburgh Biodiversity Partnership, which sets the agenda for conservation efforts in the area
- Promotes wildlife-friendly gardening in private gardens and allotments
- Has provided small grants for biodiversity-based projects
- Supports "Friends of..." and other community groups who have questions or concerns about biodiversity in our green spaces.

Sustainability

Our approach to sustainability of resources is outlined in Appendix 16 and includes peat and pesticide minimisation, energy conservation, recycling and other measures to maintain and manage our parks in an environmentally sound manner.

Where Do We Want To Be?

This section expresses the vision for Inverleith Park and provides an assessment of the Garden, on which a development plan is based.

Vision

Inverleith Park is held in high regard locally. The ambition of the Management Plan is for Inverleith Park to continue to be a respected, valued and well maintained park that is clean, green and safe, and enjoyed by all those who visit it and use its facilities. It is an aim that Inverleith Park is recognised and rewarded for its quality by the Green Flag Award scheme.

The Council adopted its Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy in March 2006. The strategy sets out a vision for its parks that states:

“A quality parks system worthy of international comparison, accessible, diverse and environmentally rich; which fulfils the cultural, social and recreational needs of the people”. (Edinburgh Public Parks and Gardens Strategy, 2006, p49)

Since then, the services responsible for parks and greenspace management and maintenance changed with the formation of a new service grouping – Services for Communities. The aim of Services for Communities is to create and maintain clean, safe, green, healthy, well managed and well maintained communities.

The vision for Services for Communities is that:

“The citizens of Edinburgh and visitors to the city should benefit from an environment that is clean, green, safe, well-housed, well-managed and well maintained with services that are responsive to the needs of local communities.” (Services for Communities Service Plan 2008-2011)

In developing a vision for Inverleith Park it needs to make cognisance of the overarching City and departmental visions for public greenspace and the local environment. Therefore, for Inverleith Park, its vision is:

“to manage and maintain Inverleith Park to provide a welcoming and attractive public park destination for all at all times”

Analysis and Assessment

An audit of the park was carried out during the summer of 2009 by the City of Edinburgh Council Parks and Greenspace and local Environment teams assessing the quality of our parks and gardens using the Green Flag Award Scheme criteria.

The assessment looked at the park in terms of its standard of maintenance, landscape features, areas for improvement and positive site attributes, community participation, safety, cleanliness, sustainability, access and usage.

The following SWOT analysis combines the comments of our internal assessment with the analysis carried out by the Friends group when formalising this Management Plan linked to the Green Flag Award Scheme criteria.

A Welcoming Place

There is good, safe and level access to Inverleith Park. The network of paths is well used by pedestrians and cyclists who traverse across the park. Although there is not signage directing people to the park, a number of interpretative signs provide a welcome and information for visitors. The park is freely accessible at all times, with car parking available around three sides of the park along wide streets (although there is no free parking around the immediate vicinity, there are locations outside the Controlled Parking Zone within easy walking distance). Public transport regularly passes Inverleith Row, Ferry Road and Stockbridge area within easy walking distance. The park entrances have wonderful ornate gated entrances with stone pillars provide access to a number of routes through the park. Once inside, you can look across the park with open views across most of the park and your orientation is aided by attractive views of the city centre's historic skyline. The park is well used and well regarded locally and this along with a number of facilities provides a destination for passive and active recreation.

Key Criteria:

The overall impressions for any member of the community approaching and entering the park should be positive and inviting, regardless of the purpose for which they are visiting.

The analysis considers the following aspects:

- Announcing the park
- Social access
- Physical access
- Design

A Welcoming Place

Strengths

A pleasant park environment.
Wide paths with tree lined avenues.
Panoramic views of the city
The boardwalk makes the pond more accessible.

Weaknesses

Signage to and from the park.
No free parking in immediate vicinity of the park.
Too few benches and in the wrong places.
Buildings sometimes targeted for graffiti.

Opportunities

Improve way marking to the park from main routes.
Allotment Association keen to engage with schools and other organisations to share knowledge and skills in growing plants.
Review bench locations.
Install new RNIB signage.

Threats

Increase in vandalism.

Healthy, Safe and Secure

The neighbourhood team work to co-ordinate activities and develop closer links between the Grounds Maintenance team, Community Parks Officer, Park Ranger(s) and the Friends group. This, along with local working with the local community, park users, interest groups and volunteers will help to give a greater sense of ownership of the park and assist us in maintaining the park to the highest standards that can be achieved with the collective resource available. Day to day, park users and the Friends group also highlight issues as soon as they arise. The Council's Environmental Wardens monitor evidence of dog fouling and to promote responsible dog ownership. If necessary the Environmental Wardens can enforce the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. Lothian and Borders Police regularly use the park as a training venue for recruitment and also regularly patrol through the park on foot, bicycle and horseback, which gives added security to park users and reduces crime.

Key Criteria:

The park must be a healthy, safe and secure place for all members of the community to use. Relevant issues must be addressed in the management plan and implemented on the ground. New issues that arise must be addressed promptly and appropriately.

The analysis considers the following:

- Health and Safety practices
- Equipment and facilities must be safe to use
- A secure place to use
- Dog fouling must be adequately addressed

Healthy, Safe and Secure

Strengths

Well used children's play area.
Park is used by all
Wide paths and open areas improve perception of safety
Comments from users say the park is friendly
Maintenance Yard is secured and regularly patrolled.

Weaknesses

Graffiti on buildings.
Vegetation near fountain obscures views of others where path meets.
Wildfowl defecate on boardwalk and walkway making it slippery.

Opportunities

Consider perimeter path route – with suitable path surface.
Visible presence of parks staff.
Improved park monitoring by parks staff, police and Environmental Wardens
Clean paths around pond more regularly and find suitable solution to boardwalk to make less slippery.
Desire for public conveniences within the park.
Revise the Access Audit and develop suitable action plan.

Threats

Vandalism occurs from time to time, including graffiti and physical damage.

Well Maintained and Clean

Generally the park is maintained to a good standard but more can be done to raise the quality and there have been issues with some horticultural elements such as the Sundial Garden that we aim to address through revising the planting and maintenance regime for the area. Work to improve the path surface to the Sundial Garden and investment in the filtration reed bed and Bog Garden to the pond has improved water quality. Further improvements to grounds maintenance should be considered including moving towards performance based standards rather than frequency based. Regular visits of the park will be included in work programmes for the Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger(s) and other site inspections carried out from time to time to monitor standards throughout the period of the Management Plan will check the progress of improvements.

Key criteria:

For aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons, issues of cleanliness and maintenance must be adequately addressed.

The analysis considers the following:

- Litter and waste management
- Ground maintenance
- Infrastructure

Well Maintained and Clean

Strengths

The park is designated as a Premier Park.
Some of the infrastructure has begun to see investment.
Free to use tennis and ball court area.
In 2006 approximately £380k was spent on park improvements.

Weaknesses

No dedicated site-based grounds maintenance team.
Maintenance to some areas needs attention, e.g. Sundial Garden.
Levels of litter and broken glass in park
Additional resources to deal with litter, especially at events, sunny weather.
Care towards newly planted trees.
Concerns about on-street recycling centre at West Gate (now glass only)
Debris thrown into the pond
Damage caused by service vehicles in inclement weather

Opportunities

Move away from frequency based contract and align maintenance requirements to new performance standards.
Improve drainage on sports areas and paths.
Add more litter bins and remove litter and broken glass regularly.
More litter bins required on key routes.
Look to make the East Gate area more attractive - issues with on-street recycling containers.

Threats

Vandalism
Some irresponsible dog owners not clearing up after their dogs.

Sustainability

The use of pesticides and peat is kept to a minimum. Any green waste collected from the park is recycled by the Council and leaf litter is collected and deposited within the allotment site for use as a compost and soil conditioner. Where possible chipped bark material is returned to the park, as mulch, and any large trees are stored in the yard and later sold with smaller material being chipped into mulch. A glass recycling point is provided at the West Gate but there is no recycling of other litter within the park. The park contains a variety of tree stock and the Council has undertaken a tree hazard management assessment. Careful consideration will need to be given to how the tree stock is managed within the park as trees mature and how others are replaced if they are removed as a result of disease, decay or damage.

Key criteria:

Methods used in maintaining the park and its facilities should be environmentally sound, relying best practices available according to current knowledge. Management should be aware of the range of techniques available to them, and demonstrate that informed choices have been made and are regularly reviewed.

The analysis considers the following:

- Environmental management
- Pesticides and materials
- Horticulture and arboriculture management

Sustainability

Strengths

The reed bed by the pond (BALI award 2007), visited regularly by Water Gems.
No synthetic pitches other than all weather cricket wickets.
Leaves collected in autumn/winter are delivered to the allotment site for composting and used as a soil conditioner.

Weaknesses

Planted areas lack interest and variety or have suffered due to poor maintenance (Sundial Garden)
Young trees not suitably protected to prevent vandalism.

Opportunities

Introduce different mowing regimes to encourage biodiversity, especially on banks and margins (include areas of native wildflowers).
Improve protection of all new young trees in line with best practice.
Develop sustainable planting plan for Sundial Garden.
Develop suitable maintenance contract with Water Gems or similar to monitor and review improvements to pond.

Threats

Any future requirement to develop synthetic sports facilities.

Conservation and Heritage

The basic layout of Inverleith Park has not changed that much from its early layout. Recent work to the pond has seen a dramatic improvement in water quality and the Bog Garden and reed bed is still visited by Water Gems, the contractor who installed it. The area won a BALI award in 2007. Many of the buildings in the park are old and arguably in need of investment. The park's gated entrances and pillars are conserved and along with the memorial, sun dial and original farm house hark back to the park's heritage. The allotment site is used for cultivation of a variety of fruit and vegetables.

Key criteria:

Particular attention should be paid to the conservation and appropriate management of natural, landscape and structural features.

The analysis considers the following:

- Habitats
- Cultural landscapes
- Natural features

Conservation and Heritage

Strengths

Award winning bog garden and reed bed with boardwalk access.
Friends Group developed interpretation material for the pond area.
Bird and bat boxes have been installed in the park by the Friends.
Allotment site maintains the food growing heritage.

Weaknesses

Graffiti and vandalism damage to structures.
Buildings in need of upgrading or replacement.
Sundial needs restored.
Allotment site waiting list is approximately 8 years (August 2009)

Opportunities

Develop improvements in biodiversity in line with Biodiversity Assessment.
Consider filling in gaps in perimeter hedge.
Continue to explore with Friends Group the investment to restore the sundial.

Threats

Sufficient capital budget to upgrade or replace buildings.
Damage by large events in the park.

Community Involvement

In addition to the numerous park users and visitors that use the park each year, the main interest group with an interest in the park are the Friends of Inverleith Park. The Friends group work on numerous projects in the park and have had a presence at some of the park events to promote their activity and raise awareness of issues affecting the park.

Sport users are also a large user group. Each support and promote their own sport interests but they do not come together to discuss issues affecting them.

Key criteria:

Management should actively pursue the involvement of the members of the community who represent as many greenspace user groups as possible. We need to be able to demonstrate knowledge of community involvement.

The analysis considers the following:

- Patterns of use
- Community involvement
- Play and educational value

Community Involvement

Strengths

Friends of Inverleith Park caring about the future of the park.
Park large enough for varied interests and activities to coincide.
Different parts of interest; sports, nature, play, allotments.
Perpetual Parks Survey available on Council website.
New Community Liaison Group based in Broughton.
Development of the Inverleith Park Management Plan.

Weaknesses

Poor drainage in parts of the park affects playability of pitches.
Community involvement limited by increased requirement for Health and Safety requirements and Public Liability Insurance considerations.

Opportunities

Use of the park as a resource for local primary school groups.
Clubs using park to have public open days.
Create forum for sports clubs to discuss issues and improvements.
Work with the Friends Group and others to advocate a culture of stewardship and ownership among local residents.
Improve communication with community on park issues.

Threats

Vandalism.

Marketing

The Friends of Inverleith Park have their own web site at: <http://www.inverleithpark.co.uk>. Much work and investment in detail has been used to develop a range of interpretation material within the park supported by the Friends group. A notice board by the entrance displays up to date information that may of interest to visitors.

Events are promoted and the venue is used with regularity and becomes synonymous. Events such as Treefest and Bank of Scotland Fireworks and more recently Moonwalk and Taste have been able to use the park as a spacious outdoor events venue, promoted locally and nationally.

Key criteria:

To demonstrate that there is a marketing strategy in place and that we provide adequate information about management strategies, activities, features and ways to get involved and promoting the park as a resource.

The analysis considers the following:

- Information provision and interpretation
- Events
- Promotion

Marketing

Strengths

Good interpretation of history of site and recent developments
Comprehensive Friends Group web site.
Notice board by entrance.
Items of interest in local press, including Stockbridge Gazette.
Park included on Council's web site.

Weaknesses

Little site specific literature available.

Opportunities

Develop Marketing Plan.
Friends Group is developing a tree walk leaflet.
Add information to Council's web site.
Develop literature for distribution to local outlets, e.g. library.
Parks Events Manifesto will develop guidelines for events.
Ensure that all events have sufficient bonds to cover repairs and remedial action to alleviate their impact on the park.

Threats

Keeping information up to date.
Managing potential conflicts between events and sport activities.

Management

The Council acknowledges the effort and support of the groups that have an interest in the park and works closely with them, in partnership, to maintain and manage the park for the benefit of its users, residents and visitors. This Management Plan aims to provide a clear framework for making informed and planned decisions about the future plans for the park. The local park management team aim to monitor changes in legislation, industry trends and constantly strive to provide relevant service improvements to develop the park to meet the needs of its local community. The formation of the Management Plan will also provide a framework for the Friends group and others to monitor our performance against agreed actions.

The adoption of the Green Flag Standard as a way of analysing the quality of parks and greenspace in Edinburgh and its self-assessment process has been useful in identifying strengths and weaknesses for sites and the impact of our current management processes. The process results in a detailed plan of improvements that are in the interests of the community and the park which are worked towards by those involved in its management.

Key criteria:

To demonstrate that there is a balance between all the priorities, policies and partners and that there is a time scale for putting the objectives into practice.

The analysis considers the following:

- Contribution the park makes towards the wider strategic aims
- Management Plan must be actively implemented
- The Management Plan must be regularly reviewed.

Management

Strengths

Management Plan sets out commitment of all involved in the maintenance and management of Inverleith Park, for the first time. This Management Plan has been circulated and commented upon by relevant groups and organisations interested in the park.

Weaknesses

Budget pressures on revenue (maintenance and repair budgets) and capital expenditure.

Opportunities

Arrange regular contact between Friends Group and the Local Environment Team and Parks and Greenspace Service.
Work more closely with private and third sector (voluntary) groups and organisations to achieve goals.

Threats

Difficulties in sustaining contact and improvements to maintenance to meet expectations.
Future use of Maintenance Depot area.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives for Inverleith Park have been developed in line with the City of Edinburgh Council's policies and supported by Services for Communities department in its role of managing and being responsible for the park and through analysis of the key management issues.

Green Flag – Quality Assessment

The Green Flag Award is the national standard for quality in greenspace management. The aims underpinning this Management Plan are linked into the award and are set out in the table below.

Each of these aims is further developed in the Management Plan into targets, measures and timescales.

Criteria	Aim
A welcoming place	<i>To ensure that Inverleith Park is welcoming and accessible to all possible users</i>
Healthy, safe and secure	<i>To ensure the safety all of staff and users of Inverleith Park</i>
Well maintained and clean	<i>To maintain the highest standards of horticulture, cleanliness, grounds and infrastructure maintenance</i>
Sustainability	<i>To adopt environmental management principles and therefore reduce the impact of management operations on the environment</i>
Conservation and heritage	<i>To promote biodiversity through appropriate management and to maintain and promote the historic significance of Inverleith Park</i>
Community involvement	<i>To encourage community involvement, through consultation, events and activities and the Friends of Inverleith Park</i>
Marketing	<i>To actively promote Inverleith Park to all potential users</i>
Management	<i>To provide a responsive, flexible and high quality management service</i>

The City of Edinburgh Council has adopted the Green Flag Award Scheme criteria as a method of assessing the quality of its parks and open spaces and better green space management. Developing and supporting the Green Flag Award Scheme is a key part of the strategic direction for the Environment Division and a way of demonstrating to our customers and service users how we achieve standards of excellence.

In 2009, three separate field assessments were carried out. A summary of this assessment is available in the Appendix 17.

How Will We Get There?

This section includes the development plan setting out the aims and objectives for Inverleith Park over the term of the Management Plan. This section also describes the maintenance regimes and proposed management structure to deliver the Management Plan.

Development Plan

It is expected that this section is updated regularly and reviewed as outlined in the Management Plan. It may contain items that are outwith the timescale of the Management Plan; this is to ensure that known future activities are recorded.

This section sets out the intended development actions and targets for Inverleith Park under each of the Green Flag Award aims allocating a time frame, responsibility and measures.

Definitions of initials: FoIP – Friends of Inverleith Park
CPO – Community Parks Officer
PGS – Parks and Greenspace Service

LEM - Local Environment Manager
PR – Park Ranger
TFM – Taskforce Manager

Targeting the development of Inverleith Park aligns the opportunities of the SWOT analysis with the aims set out earlier into targets, measures and timescales.

Development Plan 2017-2022

Inverleith Park continues to improve on a yearly basis, it has now successfully retained the Green Flag Award for the last 5 years and continually scores well in the Council's own PQA process.

Significant improvements have been made since the first management plan was written, these include:

- Access and cycle route improvements
- New benches
- RNIB tactile signage
- Renewed history panels
- Fitness trail
- Tree Planting
- Nesting island
- Significant planting in Sundial Garden
- New bins / changes to waste management
- Major drainage works
- Vista board
- Pensioner Gym

We have managed these with the support of The Friends of Inverleith Park, Inverleith Society, Edinburgh Model Boat Club, Edinburgh Allotments Society, TCV and Stockbridge Community Council.

The next five year plan sets out the future maintenance and development of the park and has been produced to provide not only a long-term vision but also provide details on both developmental and operational duties required to achieve that vision.

This section outlines management plan actions and progress in undertaking these actions.

The action plan will be reviewed and updated annually. Throughout this document reference is made to the following abbreviations:

CPO – Community Parks Officer PR-Park Ranger FOIP-Friends of Inverleith Park LEM-Local Environment Manager
P&G-Parks and Greenspace TFM – Taskforce Manager F-Forestry BO – Biodiversity Officer

Aim 1 – To ensure that Inverleith Park is welcoming and accessible to all possible users					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Improve way marking to and within the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look at signage on main routes and finger posts within park to other destinations 	2017-22	CPO/FoIP	Ongoing	Annually
Assess locations of benches and bins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review locations and decide on appropriateness, including locations for new and memorial benches. 	2017-22	CPO/FoIP	Ongoing	As requested
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relocate benches and bins 	2014	CPO	Complete	
Inverleith Allotment Association keen to engage with schools and other organisations to share knowledge and skills in growing plants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss with Chairman of Allotment Association the opportunities available and offer assistance. 	2017-22	CPO/PR	Ongoing	Annually
Improve tackling graffiti to buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop suitable removal and protection programme with clubs and organisations. 	2017-22	CPO/TFM	Ongoing	Daily/Weekly
Ensure quality standard of park is maintained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual green flag assessment, annual PQA internal assessment 	2017-22	CPO/PR	Ongoing	Annually

Aim 2 – To ensure the safety of all staff and users of Inverleith Park					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Consider request for perimeter path route(s) around park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss feasibility and explore options • Install fitness trail and informal path 	2014	CPO	Complete	Annually
Improve visibility of staff within park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small activities in park to encourage interaction with public. 	2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Monthly
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular patrols by police, Environmental Wardens, staff. 	2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Monthly
Clean paths around pond and find solution to improving grip on the boardwalk.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrange regular cleaning of paths around pond. 	2017-22	TFM/TCV/PR	Ongoing	As Required
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate suitable methods of improving grip on boardwalk. 	2016	PR	Complete	Annually
Consider appropriate provision of public conveniences within the park.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate feasibility of opening up toilets within the pavilion or another location within the park, including costs. 	2017-22	CPO	Ongoing	Annually
Remove graffiti and attend to vandalism more quickly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree process for dealing with graffiti and vandalism both internally and with other organisations (lease holders). 	2017-22	CPO/TFM	Ongoing	Annually
Update Access Audit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reassess access points and assistance required for Disability Discrimination Act. 	2015	CPO	Complete(all access DDA compliant)	Annually

Aim 3 – To maintain the highest standards of horticulture, cleanliness, grounds and infrastructure maintenance					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Develop more performance based maintenance standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree maintenance standards with resources available. 	2017-22	LEM / TFM	Ongoing	Annually
Improve drainage to sports pitches	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree priority for drainage and pitch improvements 	2014	LEM / CPO/P&G	Complete	Annually
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seek funding for improvement work 	2014	LEM / CPO/P&G	Complete	
Improve cleanliness of the park (including litter and broken glass)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rationalise litter bin provision within the park and move to standardised litter bin (Broxap Derby range) 	2019	CPO	Ongoing	Annually
Deal with issues with on-street recycling facility at East Gate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor the on-street recycling facility and liaise with Waste Services on any resulting issues. 	2017-22	CPO / PR / TFM	Ongoing	Monthly

Aim 4 – To adopt environmental management principles and therefore reduce the impact of management operations on the environment.					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Protection of young trees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Install tree guards to young trees in line with best practice. 	2016	TFM / PGS	Ongoing	Annually
Develop Sundial Garden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to develop a sustainable planting plan and appropriate maintenance regime. 	2017-22	PR / FOIP	Ongoing	Weekly
Maintain relationship with Water Gems to look after the pond and reed beds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maintain contact with Water Gems to monitor and review improvements to the pond and its plantings. 	2017-22	CPO	Ongoing	Monthly during summer

Aim 5 – To promote biodiversity through appropriate management and to maintain and promote the historic significance of Inverleith Park.					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Encourage biodiversity	• Introduce different mowing regimes on banks and margins	2017-22	TFM	Ongoing	Annually
	• Introduce some wildflower planting to bankings	2017-22	PR/CPO	Ongoing	Annually
	• Develop action plan in line with recommendations within Biodiversity Assessment for Inverleith Park	2018	BO	Ongoing	Annually
	• Fill gaps in perimeter hedge line	2014	CPO	Complete	
Renovate or restore Sundial in Sundial Garden	• Explore ways to renovate and restore Sundial Garden	2018	CPO / PR/FoIP	Costs obtained. Funding achieved	Annually

Aim 6 – To encourage community involvement, through consultation, events and activities and the Friends of Inverleith Park.					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Use of the park by local community groups	• Develop a programme of activities with the Allotment Association and other groups to increase voluntary opportunities to maintain aspects of the park.	2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Annually

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clubs using parks to consider open days to encourage visitors. • Continue to work with FoIP to advocate culture of stewardship amongst local residents • Look at ways of assisting community groups with Health and Safety and Public Liability Insurance related matters 	2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Annually
		2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Annually
		2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	Annually
Improve dialogue with Sports Clubs and sports user groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create forum for sports clubs to discuss issues and improvements. 	2017-22	CPO	Ongoing	Annually

Aim 7 – To actively promote Inverleith Park to all potential users.					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Develop education information or programme of events for local schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess local school needs in terms of using the park as a local environmental resource. 	2017-22	PR/FOIP	Ongoing	Annually
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider some activities that local schools can get involved with. 	2017-22	PR/FOIP	Ongoing	Annually
Ensure the park is kept in good state of repair in relation to the annual events programme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friends of Inverleith Park to be consulted on Events Manifesto 	2017-22	CPO	Ongoing	Annually
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure that all events have sufficient bonds to cover repairs and contribute towards remedial action to improve the park and alleviate impact on the park. 	2017-22	CPO	Ongoing	As required

Improve communication with community on park issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with FoIP and local community interest groups on issues affecting the park. 	2017-22	CPO/PR	Ongoing	Weekly
Develop information and literature for distribution through local outlets.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with FoIP to develop Tree Walk leaflet. • Add updated information on the Friends web site. 	2014	CPO/PR	Complete	Monthly
		2017-22	FOIP	Ongoing	As required

Aim 8 – To provide a responsive, flexible and high quality management service.					
Action	Measure	Timetable	Lead Officer	Progress	Review
Maintain regular contact with FoIP and the Local Environment Team and Parks and Greenspace Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue regular meetings to discuss issues and ongoing improvements. 	2017-22	CPO/PR	Ongoing	Monthly
Work more closely with private and third sector (voluntary) groups and organisations to achieve goals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify local private and third sector groups and organisations that can assist in achieving the aims and goals of the Management Plan for Inverleith Park. 	2017-22	CPO / PR	Ongoing	As required

Work Planning

The preceding section shows the development plan for Inverleith Park will be added to and developed year on year.

The Management Plan acknowledges that for it to succeed, all who have an interest in Inverleith Park must work together. In addition, it will be necessary to identify funding and resources required ensuring that the actions identified can be delivered.

Finance

Revenue Funding

The provision of revenue funding for the park consists of work undertaken at present by the local Grounds Maintenance Task Force and Specialised Grounds Maintenance crew. The current maintenance is based in part on the old Grounds Maintenance Contract that now serves as a guide to what works should be undertaken, however, there is desire to move to more performance focussed maintenance regimes in 2010.

There is no specific maintenance budget allocation for Inverleith Park so it is difficult to determine the exact costs associated with maintaining it. As there are no up to date rates for grounds maintenance an approximate annual cost cannot be calculated.

In addition the Local Environment Manager has a budget for small scale repairs and maintenance improvements. The annual budget for parks and open space development, including repairs and maintenance, for North Edinburgh is approximately £60,000.

It is recognised that the Friends of Inverleith Park devote their own time and resources, through grants and gifts, to improve the park. The Friends have worked on literature, signage and planting within the park.

Capital Funding

The capital budget is administered by the Parks and Greenspace Service. The budget is generally allocated in advance and the role of developing Management Plans is for better planning of financial resources required, so that proposals can be developed and included in future bids.

Wherever possible capital bids should be match-funded and the Friends of Inverleith Park and other clubs using the park can assist with this.

Grants

The Parks and Greenspace Unit have a small grants fund that Friends groups can apply to for small items or to assist in developing their group or the sites they have adopted.

Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership provides grant aid and has contributed funding towards Trefest and other local events and projects.

Management Structure

Services for Communities is structured to deliver services for the needs and priorities of local communities in each, of six, Community Planning Areas. Inverleith Park lies within the North Community Planning Area, also referred to as the North Neighbourhood.

The Neighbourhood Manager has responsibility for the local delivery of essential services such as libraries, community safety, road repairs, parks, housing and street cleaning. The Local Environment Manager within the North Neighbourhood team has day to day responsibility for the management and development of Environment Services, which includes maintaining and developing parks and greenspaces, through the Community Parks Officer, Park Ranger(s) and Open Space and Street Cleaning Task Force.

The Parks and Greenspace Service support the Local Environment Team in delivering a quality greenspace service, offering specialist advice and assistance as necessary.

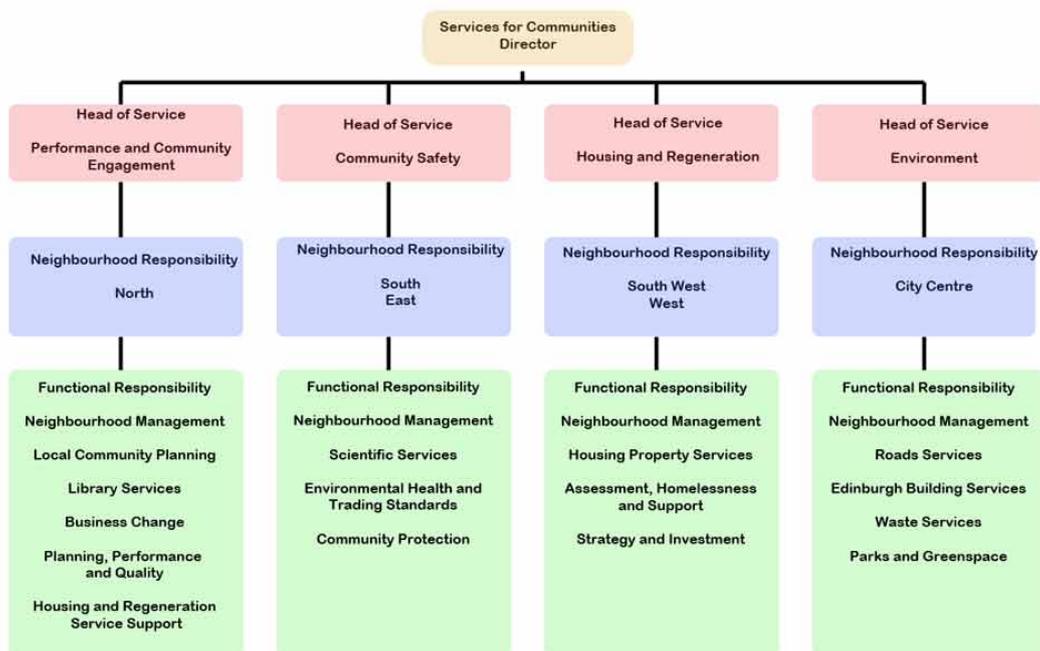


Figure 8: The Services for Communities Function and Neighbourhood Structure showing the Management Structure and Relationships for Inverleith Park.

How Will We Know When We Get There?

This section describes how the development, maintenance and management of Inverleith Park will be monitored and reviewed.

Monitoring and Reviewing

The Local Environment Manager, Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger, as well as grounds staff and Taskforce Manager are all involved in managing and maintaining Inverleith Park, supported and assisted by the Friends group.

Regular meetings with the Friends of Inverleith Park and the Community Parks Officer and Taskforce Manager will enable any maintenance issues to be dealt with more effectively. The Friends of Inverleith Park hold committee meetings, which the Local Environment Manager or Community Parks Officer can attend to receive feedback from the attendees relating to management issues.

Members of the public are encouraged to comment on the standard of maintenance and this is passed to all those involved with the management of the park. One method of doing this that is useful is through the ongoing Parks and Greenspace Survey, which can provide both quantitative and qualitative information on the levels of satisfaction of the management of Inverleith Park. This will also reflect how successful we are in implementing the Management Plan.

The Green Flag Award itself will provide constructive feedback from independent judges. The value of this information will help shape further improvements, both to the Management Plan and to our management processes. In addition, it is expected that we will undertake another internal Green Flag Assessment in 2010. This will also provide evidence of the development and management of Inverleith Park.

Evaluation of Management and Development Programme

The detailed development plan programme outlined in the previous section will be reviewed annually by the key team of Parks and Gardens Manager, Local Environment Manager, Community Parks Officer and the Friends of Inverleith Park.

Review Process

The Management Plan will be reviewed each year, with the Parks Management Team and Friends Group, to determine progress made to date and to put together an updated annual programme. The annual programme will be used to assist in funding bids, allocating projects and work programming for the coming year. The Management Plan will be reviewed regularly to determine progress made to date and an annual programme to be produced each year in the autumn. A history of this review and progress through the development plan will be included in Appendix 17.

The entire Management Plan must be reviewed prior to its expiry.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Biodiversity Action Plan

2004 - 2009

Urban Habitats



INTRODUCTION

Edinburgh's urban area contains a great variety of habitats. Some are large areas of semi-natural habitats, for example Arthur's Seat, Duddingston Loch and the Water of Leith. Such areas are dealt with separately under the appropriate Habitat Action Plans. The remaining urban habitats covered by this plan include:

- Parks
- Cemeteries
- School grounds
- Business premises
- Railway lines
- Gardens
- Allotments
- Golf courses
- Cyclepaths and footpaths
- Minor water courses

As well as the intrinsic importance of the habitats themselves, and the species which they support, urban habitats have the great benefit of allowing people direct contact with nature in the areas where they live, work and play. We therefore need to ensure that the whole of Edinburgh's community has easy access to the city's green spaces,

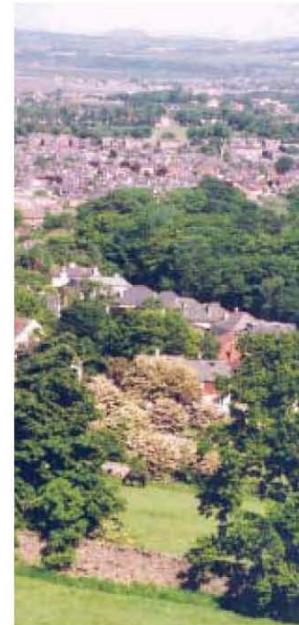
MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS FROM THE FIRST PLAN 1999-2004

Progress has been made in altering maintenance regimes to improve the biodiversity of urban green spaces at the sites identified in EBAP 2000, including Figgate Park, Silverknowes Golf Course, Warriston Cemetery and the Craighall Sidings Wildflower Meadow. Plans are underway to improve the biodiversity of green spaces across the city by providing basic training to the wider council workforce on wildlife friendly management. This includes altering grass cutting regimes, appropriate timing of pruning/cutting back of scrub and the importance of dead wood in providing micro-habitats.

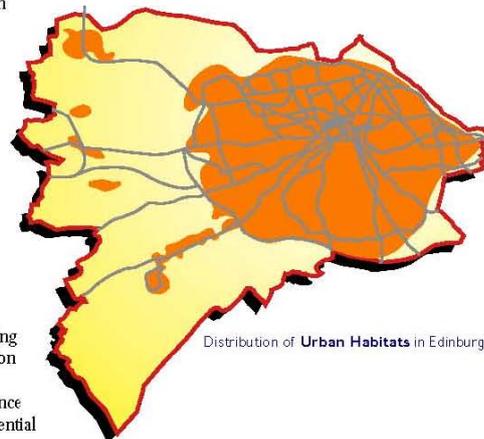
Additional Local Nature Reserves at Meadows Yard and Ravelston Woods were declared in 2002. The Edinburgh Urban Forest Project has assisted many schools and community groups at local sites including Redford Woods, Granton Primary School and Greenbank Drive Community Woodland.

Bauks View was also established as a Neighbourhood Nature Area with assistance from the Scottish Wildlife Trust. Edinburgh Green Belt Trust have also been involved with woodland management and community projects including Cockhill Wood, South Queensferry, Thistle Garden, Craigmillar and woodland adjacent to the Union Canal at Ratho.

The City of Edinburgh Council has produced policies for Biodiversity, Quality of Landscaping in Developments, Site Planning for Sustainable Development, Urban Forestry, Tree Preservation Orders and Allotments, all of which are included in the CEC Development Quality Handbook. This Handbook provides guidance for use in assessing planning applications and is available to potential developers, planners and the public. Where planning consent is given, Planning Conditions can be attached to protect wildlife, eg badger setts, and to enhance wildlife habitats, eg installing swift nesting bricks for this declining species. The Planning framework also ensures accessible local green space is provided close to homes and work places for people to enjoy.



Trees form a green corridor through urban areas in east Edinburgh



Distribution of Urban Habitats in Edinburgh

OBJECTIVES

- 1 To maintain the extent of existing urban wildlife habitats in Edinburgh, and where possible to create new ones.
- 2 To enhance the ecological value of urban open spaces for both wildlife and people (Draft Open Space Framework, CEC August 2003).
- 3 To achieve sympathetic wildlife management on all urban green spaces.
- 4 To aim for the proposed local benchmark target for minimum provision of accessible natural green space for all residents in Edinburgh, ie to adopt an Urban HAP aspirational target for everybody to have access to a natural green space within 300m walking distance of home and work. This target will be useful for monitoring biodiversity accessibility progress as per the Scottish Executive's Urban Biodiversity Strategy. (English Nature 1995, Accessible Natural Greenspace in Towns and Cities, Scottish PAN 65).
- 5 To recognise the importance of maintaining a connecting network of wildlife sites to enable wildlife to find shelter, food, and to migrate between urban sites and the wider countryside.
- 6 To increase people's understanding of wildlife in and around the places they live, work and play.
- 7 To encourage people to get involved in enhancing and managing the wildlife and habitats of Edinburgh.



Quiet green spaces are important in the built environment, like this one in the Old Town

CEC PLANS, GUIDANCE AND STRATEGIES

Local Plans recognise and contain policies to protect Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI), Urban Wildlife Sites (UWS) and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC), Local Nature Reserves (LNR), Neighbourhood Nature Areas (NNA) and Regionally Important Geological Sites (RIGS). Other areas of urban green space are given more limited protection from inappropriate development.

Planning Guidance on biodiversity and landscaping has been produced and included in the CEC Development Quality Handbook, which is available for developers, planners and the public, as outlined above.

The CEC Open Space Framework (draft), Parks and Gardens Strategy (draft), Allotment Strategy and Access Strategy all overlap with areas covered by the Urban Habitat Action Plan.

Improved training for the Council maintenance workforce on biodiversity issues which affect green space management throughout the City should give various Council departments better resources to implement their biodiversity duties.



Even formal parks and gardens can provide a wildlife haven, with nectar-rich flowering plants

"Trees in a town, how long will they survive,
The merchant's axe for all that looks alive?
How shall miraculous blossom, leaf and seed,
Breathe life in to the body lulled by speed,
Racing to nothing in an asphalt place"

Vernon Watkins (1906-1967)



2004 - 2009

Action	Date	Achieving Objective	Partners
Urban Wildlife Sites and Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation			
Review boundaries of Urban Wildlife Sites (UWS) and Sites of Nature Conservation Interest (SINC) following guidance currently being reviewed by SNH, COSLA and SEERAD.	2006	1,2	CEC CD (Nat Her) SNH, CEC C&L (Parks), SWT
Review existing management plans of UWSs and SINCS where these exist and produce management briefs in accordance with biodiversity aims.	Ongoing by 2009	2	CEC CD (Nat Her) SNH, CEC C&L (Parks), SWT
Wildlife Corridors - the network of transport corridors and paths including disused railways, main roads and live railways and their adjacent land. The main rivers and burns also act as wildlife corridors (see Wetlands HAP)			
Maintain the diversity of habitats on the North Edinburgh Cyclepath with an annual programme of cutting and raking wildflower meadow areas, cutting back encroaching scrub and coppicing to maintain shelter, berry bearing scrub and open grassland for wildlife.	Ongoing	1,2,3,5	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC CD (Nat Her), BTCV, LCV, Spokes CEC E&CS
Survey and implement a programme of sensitive tree felling and coppicing to open up areas of land immediately adjacent to the adopted cycleways and footpaths in areas where lack of maintenance has led to overgrown vegetation encroaching onto the pathway and light columns. This will provide an opportunity to thin the woodland and remove self seeded ash and sycamore from areas close to the cyclepath.	2004-2005	1,2,3,5	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC E&CS (Task Force)
Mimimise disturbance to bank vegetation and wildlife during construction of the North Edinburgh Tramline (Tramline One) via input into Planning Process (City Dev, SNH and SWT). Ensure appropriate re-instatement and planting for people and wildlife is undertaken in areas adjacent to the tramline/cyclepath particularly where the adjoining land has been damaged during construction.	2004-2009	2,5	CEC CD (Nat Her and Planning) CEC C&L (Parks), Tramline Contractors, Landscape Architects
Encourage landscaping and planting for biodiversity along all paths.	2004-2009	1,2,3,5	CEC CD(Nat Her) C&L SNH
Raise awareness and promote use of Network Rail Biodiversity Action Plan in maintenance and project work on Network Rail land.	Ongoing	2,5	Network Rail Railway contractors
Physically mark the boundaries of all UK and EU protected sites on Network Rail land.	2004	2,5	Network Rail

2004 - 2009

Action	Date	Achieving Objective	Partners
<p>School Grounds – Playgrounds, wildlife gardens and other green space within school boundaries.</p>			
Continue to support the biodiversity initiatives in school grounds by providing information, advice and funding via School Grounds for Awareness Forum (CEC Education Dept., SNH) and via the Eco-Schools Initiative.	Ongoing	1,6,7	CEC Education SNH, CEC CD (Nat Her), CEC C&L (Parks), CEC E&CS (Education)
Develop design principles for the redevelopment of PPP schools including landscaping with native species in an area designated as a wildlife garden	Phase II (Oct 2004)	1,6	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC Educ, CEC C&L (Parks)
<p>Cemeteries - Many contain undisturbed both low maintenance "wilder" areas and as more formal lawn grave sections.</p>			
Review management plans and maintain programme to manage for biodiversity in appropriate areas of traditional cemeteries and woodland burial sites and control invasive species in all city cemeteries.	Ongoing	1,2,3,6	CEC E&CS (Regulatory Services) CEC CD (Nat Her), City churches CEC C&L
Raise awareness and provide advice to private cemeteries on management for biodiversity.	By 2006	3,6	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L
Encourage Edinburgh Cemetery Support Group to take up opportunities for funding (eg LDC Grants) to improve biodiversity	Ongoing	3,6	CEC E&CS (Regulatory Services) CEC CD (Nat Her)
Provide interpretative information on the value of cemeteries as quiet wildlife friendly areas within the City (using material produced by the Institute of Burial and Cremation Services).	Ongoing	6	CEC E&CS (Regulatory Services) CEC CD, CEC C&L



School projects such as this one at Moredun provide a good learning environment

2004 - 2009

Action	Date	Achieving Objective	Partners
Gardens and Allotments			
Promote biodiversity and 'Gardening for Life' (gardening that benefits wildlife) to individuals, businesses and communities through the Council's 'Keep Edinburgh Growing' gardening competition. Entries will be judged on their visual amenity, cleanliness, sustainability (biodiversity) and community participation.	Annually	6,7	CEC E&CS (Projects) CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L
Advise proprietors of shared private gardens (eg City Centre and back greens) on maintenance and biodiversity issues including recommending approved contractors for arboricultural work, assistance in identifying sources of funding and providing management plans if required.	Ongoing	2,3,6	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC CD (Nat Her)
Encourage and support groups developing environmentally friendly community gardens by providing advice on gardening for wildlife and biodiversity (and funding). An example of good practice is the Redhall Walled Garden, Lanark Road which holds Open Days	Ongoing	1,6,7	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC E&CS (Projects) BTCV, CEC CD, CEC C&L (Rangers), SNH, SWT
Raise awareness of sustainable gardening and biodiversity issues through displays at local garden centres and gardening events. Incorporate existing leaflets on wildlife friendly gardening into displays.	2004-2005	3,6,7	CEC E&CS (Projects) CEC CD (Nat Her), EBAP Raising Awareness Group, SNH, RBGE, Garden centres
Promote biodiversity to Edinburgh World Heritage Trust Garden Committee. Prepare/adapt guidance for this group and other similar groups, eg New Town garden management committees, Eco-congregations within the City, etc.	2004	3,6,7	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L (Parks)
Promote planting of native hedging, natural pest control, composting of garden waste and recycling of leaves for potting compost/mulching at City allotment sites and elsewhere.	Ongoing	2,6,7	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC E&CS (Waste Management)
Design new allotment sites to benefit wildlife and assist allotment holders in natural pest control eg Bridgend Farm Site (hedge planting with native species, bird and bat boxes to be erected)	2004-2009	1,2,6,7	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L (Parks)
Develop a leaflet on wildlife friendly gardening for gardeners and allotment holders, including advice on alternatives to use of peat, pesticides, slug pellets and plants to encourage wildlife.	2005	6,7	CEC E&CS (Projects) CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L (Parks)

2004 - 2009

Action	Date	Achieving Objective	Partners
Buildings - Buildings and man-made structures			
Promote use of biodiversity guidance in Development Quality Handbook to ensure that measures such as providing bat boxes or swift nesting space is a condition of planning consent in suitable developments. See separate bat and swift HAPs	Ongoing	1	CEC CD (Nat Her) SNH, RSPB, SOC, SWT, CEC C&L
Promote the incorporation of green roofs attractive to wildlife in new business developments	Ongoing	1	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC Strategic Services, SNH
Develop guidance on greening of existing buildings (incorporating English Nature Guidance)	By 2006	1.6	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC E&CS (Projects) SNH
Brownfield Sites - previously developed sites, temporarily vacant			
Include in the review of the Development Quality (DQ) Handbook Guidance specific mention of the value of brownfield habitats, and the care that must be taken in their ecological evaluation. Brownfield sites are important havens for wildlife, and sites that have been vacant for several years can develop a rich biodiversity resource. This is relevant for developments involving both new and renovated property.	Ongoing	1.6	CEC CD (Nat Her) SWT, SNH
Identify sites which are temporarily vacant. Encourage use of these sites to demonstrate how plants establish and natural succession takes place providing suitable habitat for animals within the man-made urban environment. (In some cases these sites provide informal spaces for children to play and can be missed when developers move in).	Ongoing	1.6	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC Educ and CEC C&L (Rangers)
Council-Owned Green space - includes Public Parks and Gardens and CEC Housing Land			
Ensure that the CEC Parks and Gardens Strategy, and any subsequent strategies/implementation plans for CEC managed multi-functional green spaces, maximise opportunities for conserving, enhancing and managing for biodiversity and contribute to the 300m accessible green space network. Support working through potential greenspace partnership.	2005	2,3,4,5,6	CEC C&L (Parks) CEC CD(Nat Her), SWT, EGBT, SNH
Implement a programme of training for Council maintenance staff to raise awareness of biodiversity issues and ensure best practice, eg value of coppiced areas, management of river banks and wildflower meadows, cutting scrub and grass at appropriate seasons, and avoiding disturbance to nesting birds.	2004 and ongoing	3,6	CEC E&CS (Projects) and CEC C&L (Parks and Ranger Service) CEC CD(Nat Her)

2004 - 2009

Action	Date	Achieving Objective	Partners
Promote the involvement of local people in the management of council-owned land (LNRs, parks, open spaces, cemeteries) through "Friends of Parks/Cemeteries (C and L) or 'Adopting an Area schemes' (E and CS).	2004-2009	6,7	CEC C&L (Parks), CEC E&CS (Projects) SNH, BTCV, Green Team, SWT, EGBT
Promote the involvement of disadvantaged and minority communities in awareness raising events and managing sites for wildlife.	2007	6,7	CEC C&L (Rangers) Green Team EGBT CEC CD (Nat Her)
Support and encourage groups to improve the environmental quality of their local area through community clean ups.	2004-2009	6,7	CEC E&CS (Projects) BTCV, WoLCT, EGBT
Golf Courses -			
public and private. Edinburgh's 29 golf courses make up a large proportion of the city's green spaces. (including 6 public golf courses)			
Encourage existing golf courses to adopt wildlife friendly management and maintenance regimes, by planting native tree and shrub species, construction of ponds, management of rough grassland, etc. to increase the potential biodiversity of their sites and wildlife interest for golfers.	Ongoing	2,3,6	CEC C&L (Parks), Edinburgh Leisure Scottish Golf Environment Group (SGEG), SNH, RBGE, EGBT, SWT
Incorporate biodiversity principles into design of new golf courses using "Landscape Guidelines for Golf Course Development".	2004-2009	2,3,6	SGEG CEC CD, SNH
Raise awareness of the value of wildlife friendly maintenance regimes as part of the golfing experience. Displays in clubhouses can add interest and encourage wildlife sensitive management.	Ongoing	2,3,6	SGEG SNH,EGBT,CEC CD
Local Nature Reserves and Neighbourhood Nature Areas			
Continue programme of developing LNRs and NNAs at suitable sites and in particular in areas where there is a deficit of quality green space and where the community are keen to be actively involved. Current sites approved for consideration by Planning Committee include Easter Craiglockhart Hill, Colinton and Craiglockhart Dells, Ferry Glen (South Queensferry) and Burdiehouse Burn.	2004-2009	2,6,7	CEC CD (Nat Her) CEC C&L (Parks and Ranger Service), SNH, Friends Groups, SWT

LEAD PARTNERS ARE SHOWN IN BOLD FOR EACH ACTION.
FOR DETAILS OF PARTNERS LISTED PLEASE REFER TO THE ACRONYMS TABLE ON PAGE 18

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LINKS TO OTHER HABITAT ACTION PLANS

Coastal

The coastal footpath is part of the footpath and cyclepath network. The coastal habitat is easily accessible to many people living in Edinburgh providing an opportunity for enjoyment of wildlife and scenery and both active and passive recreation close to where they live. The coastal strip also makes an important contribution to the green space network in the City.

Woodland

Trees are integral to the Green Spaces within the Urban Area. The Woodland HAP contains actions for the Urban Forest including planting within new developments, trees along wildlife corridors/within the green spaces, and a policy on dead wood which provides a valuable habitat for many invertebrates and lower plants. Trees are an essential element of people's experience of green spaces within the City. Heritage Trees and the Tree Warden Scheme are two initiatives for increasing awareness and community involvement in managing trees in the urban environment.

Grassland

The actions for a review of grassland management within Council-owned land links with the Grassland HAP. Grassland is a major component of many of the green spaces within the City eg Holyrood Park, Braid Hills, and Easter and Wester Craiglockhart Hills.

Watercourse and Wetland

The Water of Leith, River Almond, Braid Burn, Niddrie Burn and Union Canal contribute to the wildlife interest of Edinburgh's urban green spaces. They fulfil an important function, providing semi-natural habitat and transport corridors for wildlife as well as recreation and amenity benefits.

ASSOCIATED SPECIES ACTION PLANS

Swift

Badger

Daubentons & Pipistrelle sp.

Hygrocybe fungi

Other EBAP species associated with Urban Habitats

Hedgehog, spotted flycatcher, song thrush, sparrowhawk, bullfinch, common toad, common blue butterfly, Ampedus balteatus, Pipiza luteitarsis, meadow crane's bill.

See separate Appendix of nationally notable rare species recorded within Edinburgh's urban area



Parkland and open space is an important resource for wildlife and people in the city

A green corridor at the heart of the city, along the Water of Leith at Roseburn



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Appendix 2 – Policy Information

Edinburgh Local Plan (2007)

A summary of the policy framework within the Edinburgh Local Plan for Inverleith Park is summarised below.

Policy OS 1 – Open Space Protection

This policy seeks to protect all open spaces, which contribute to the amenity of their surroundings and the city, which provide or are capable of providing for the recreational needs of residents and visitors or which are an integral part of the City's landscape and townscape character and its biodiversity.

Proposals involving the loss of open space will not be permitted unless it is demonstrated that:

- a) There will be no significant impact on the quality or character of the local environment
- b) The open space is a small part of a larger area or of limited amenity or leisure value and there is a significant over-provision of open space serving the immediate area
- c) The loss would not be detrimental to the wider network including its continuity or biodiversity value and either
- d) There will be a local benefit in allowing the development in terms of either alternative equivalent provision being made in the area or improvement to an existing public park or other open space or
- e) The development is for a community purpose and the benefits to the local community outweigh the loss.

On the basis of this policy it is unlikely that the park will ever be sought for development but the policy provides opportunity for investment if other areas are developed or if new open space cannot be developed within any new housing developments in the vicinity.

Policy Env 4 and 5 – Conservation Area

This policy relates to the protection of buildings, whether listed or not and whether development within a Conservation Area will be permitted and on what grounds.

In relation to buildings, *Policy Env 4* states that proposals for the demolition of an unlisted building within a Conservation Area but which is considered to make a positive contribution to the character of the area will only be permitted in exceptional circumstances and after taking into account the considerations set out in *Policy Env 1* (relating to demolition of Listed Buildings).

Proposals for the demolition of any building within a Conservation Area, whether listed or not, will not normally be permitted unless a full planning application is submitted for a replacement building which enhances or preserves the character of the area or, if acceptable, for the landscaping of the site. Conservation Area Consent will

be subject to conditions or legal agreement to ensure that demolition does not take place until a satisfactory form of contract has been entered into for its development or after-use.

Development within a Conservation Area will be permitted which:

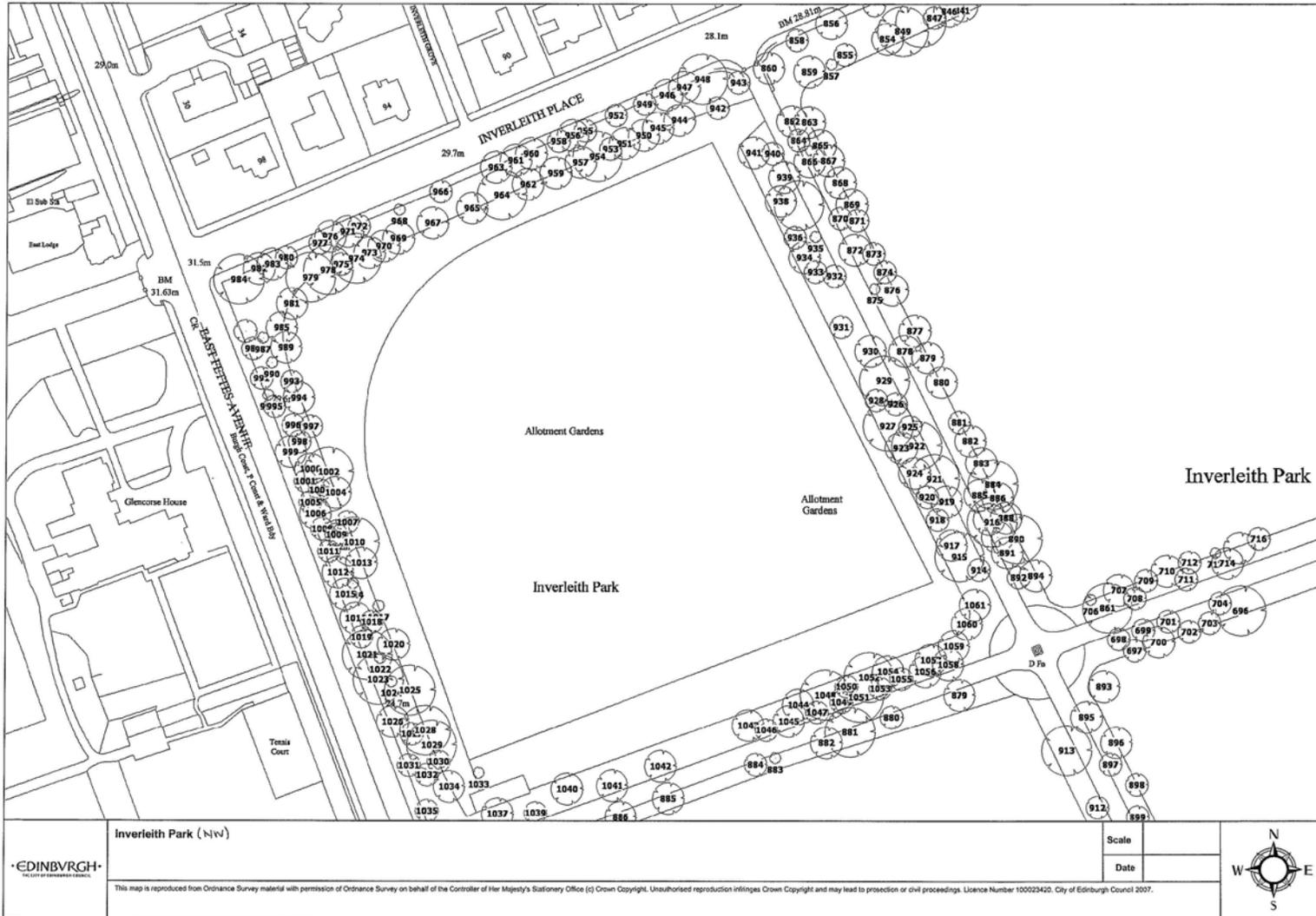
- a) preserves or enhances the special character or appearance of the Conservation Area
- b) preserves trees, hedges, boundary walls, railings, paving and other features which contribute positively to the character of the area and
- c) demonstrates high standards of design and utilises materials appropriate to the historic environment.

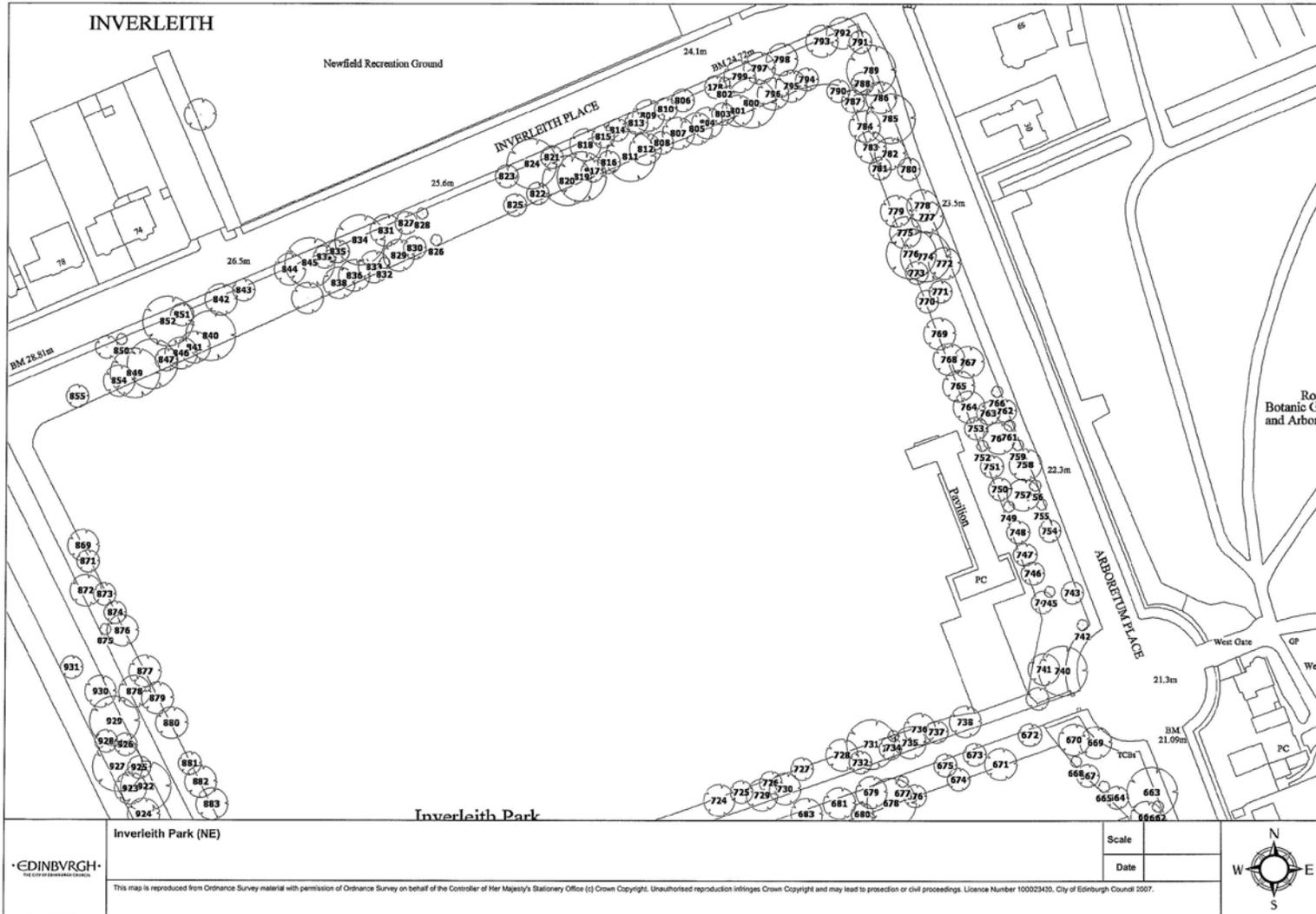
Planning application should be submitted in a sufficiently detailed form for the visual effect of the development proposal on the character of the area to be assessed.

Policy Env 6 – Historic Gardens and Designed Landscapes.

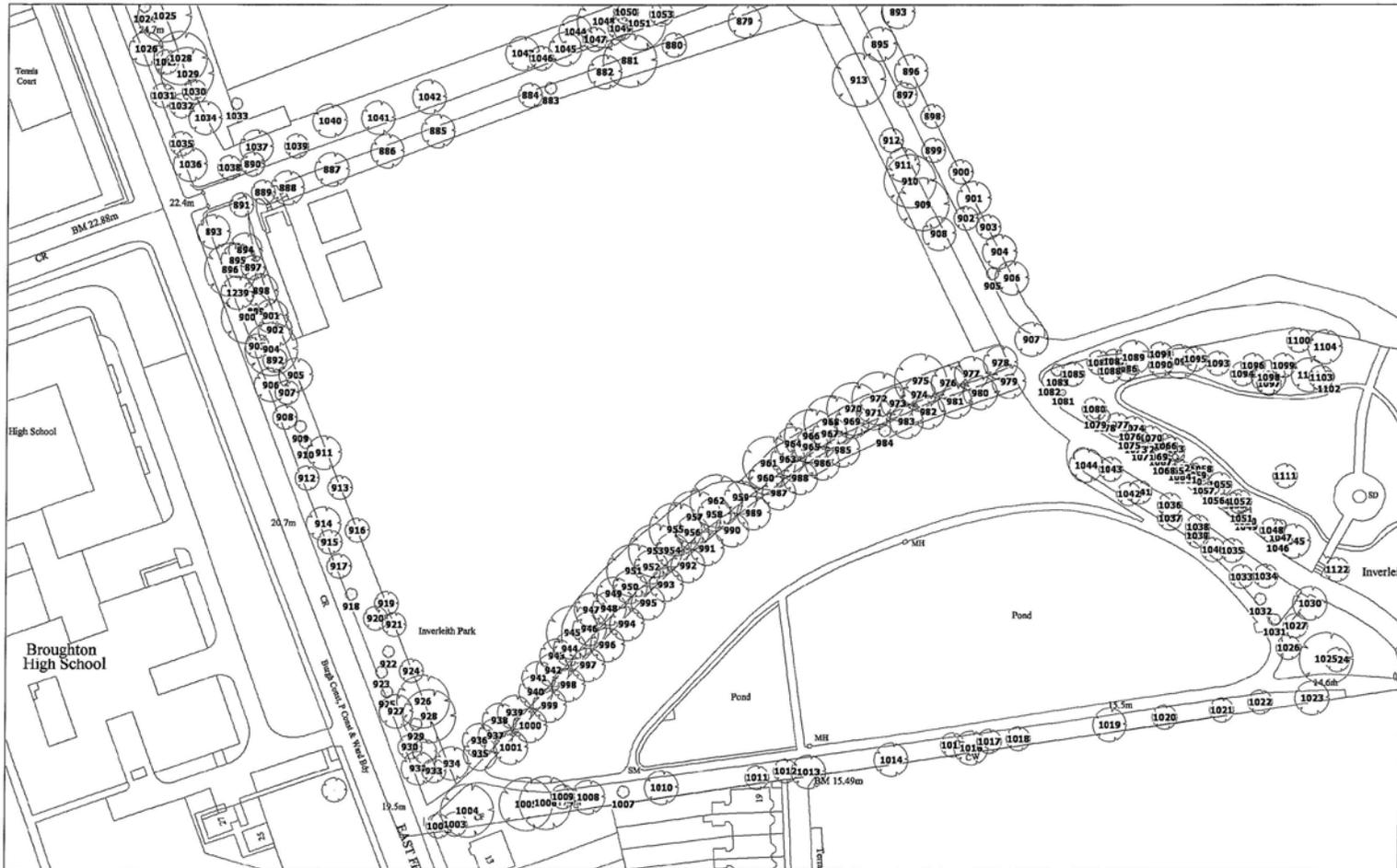
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Appendix 3 – Tree Survey





	Inverleith Park (NE)	Scale	
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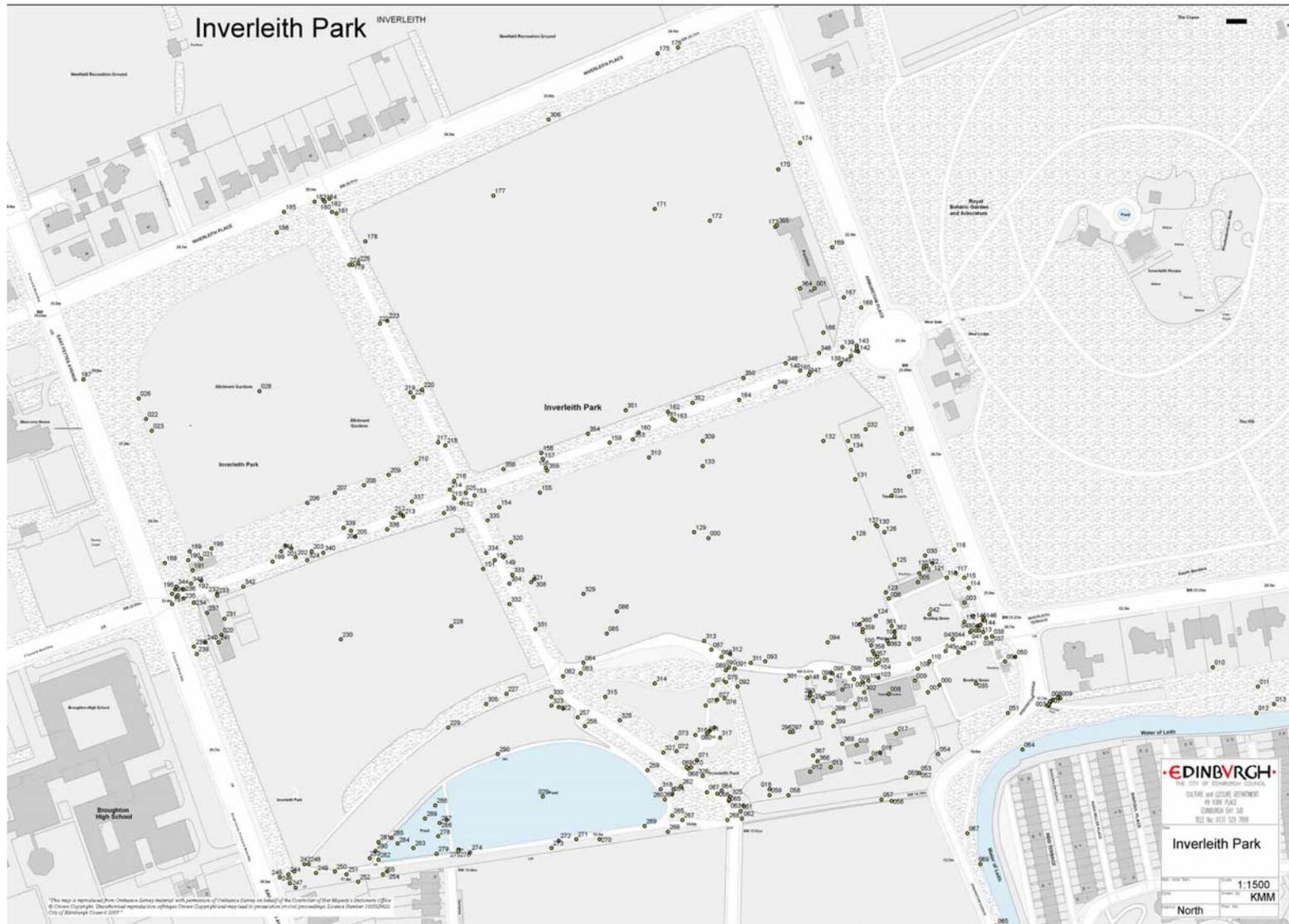


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Appendix 4 – Park Asset Information



Inverleith Park (site reference 1000)

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
000	Park		MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
001	Pavilion	Pavilion & toilets	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
002	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
003	Pavilion	Bowling pavillion	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
004	Pavilion	Tanfield Bowling Club	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Culture & Sport (Sports)
005	Pavilion	Ferranti Bowling Club	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Culture & Sport (Sports)
006	Services Undefined	Box	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Graffiti	To be confirmed
007	Polytunnel	Polytunnel	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
008	Office	Workshop & Ranger Office	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
009	Other	Joiners Workshop	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
010	Porta Cabin	BTCV Porta Cabin - removed	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
011	Office	Farmhouse; park offices	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
012	Other	Sawmill	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
013	Other	Sawmill	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
014	Store	Store (Four Winds)	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
015	Glass House	Glass House (Four Winds)	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
016	Office	Office /toilets (Four Winds)	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
017	Other	Work Area (Four Winds)	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
018	Telephone	Phone mast & building	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		British Telecom
019	Monument	Kinloch Anderson Sundial MM093	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Weathered	Culture & Sport (Museums)
020	Pavilion	Northern rugby club	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
021	Pavilion	Sailing club	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
022	Storage Container	Storage container in allotment	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
023	Storage Container	Storage in allotment	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
024	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
025	Fountain	J C Dunlop drinking fountain MM092	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Culture & Sport (Museums)
026	Public Conveniences	Allotment toilet	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
027	Monument	Double gate - metal through archway MM094	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Culture & Sport (Museums)
028	Allotment	Allotment	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
029	Pond	Pond	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
030	Petanque	Petanque	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
031	Tennis Court	Tennis courts	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
032	Play Area	Ball court	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
033	Play Area	Play area	MF	27-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
034	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
035	Bowling Green	Bowling green	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		To be confirmed
036	Gate	Double gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
037	Other Advisory Sign	No unauthorised vehicles	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
038	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
039	Other Advisory Sign	No unauthorised vehicles & speed limit sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
040	Other Advisory Sign	Sign post	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Sign missing	Parks & Greenspace
041	Gate	Pedestrian gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
042	Bowling Green	Bowling green	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
043	Hedge	Mixed hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
044	Railing / Fence	Railing along hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
045	Road	Road - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some cracks in tarmac	To be confirmed
046	Hedge	Mixed hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
047	Railing / Fence	Railing in hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
048	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
049	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
050	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
051	Wall	Retaining wall - stone	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
052	Steps & Ramps	Steps ; 9	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
053	Gate	Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
054	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
055	Railing / Fence	Fence - wire mesh with barbed wire on top	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent	Parks & Greenspace

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056	Wall	Wall Unknown ownership - stone	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
057	Pathway	Pathway	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
058	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent; rusty	Parks & Greenspace
059	Railing / Fence	Palisade fence - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
060	Railing / Fence	Stepped railing	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
061	Telephone	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		British Telecom
062	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
063	Gate	Vehicle barrier - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
064	Wall	Retaining wall - brick	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
065	Other Advisory Sign	Signpost	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Sign missing	Parks & Greenspace
066	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
067	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
068	Steps & Ramps	Steps ; 14	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Concrete chipped on 3 steps	Parks & Greenspace
069	Handrail	Handrail - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
070	Handrail	Handrail - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
071	Other Advisory Sign	Sign post	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Sign missing	Parks & Greenspace
072	Planted Beds		MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
073	Pathway	Pathway Type 1 & whin	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
074	Pathway	Pathway Type 1 & whin	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
075	Planted Beds	Planted bed	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
076	Pathway	Pathway Type 1 & whin	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
077	Planted Beds	Rosebed	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
078	Planted Beds	Rosebed	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
079	Railing / Fence	Railing surrounding sundial	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
080	Planted Beds	Flowerbed	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
081	Gate	Pedestrian gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
082	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
083	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
084	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
085	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
086	Playing Field	Playing field	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
087	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
088	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
089	Threshold Sign	Sundial garden plaque	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
090	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bin inside missing	Parks & Greenspace
091	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
092	Railing / Fence	Fence - wire mesh with barbed wire on top	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
093	Park Seat	Sculpture seat	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Weathered	Parks & Greenspace
094	Lighting	Flood light	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint post	Parks & Greenspace
095	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
096	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
097	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
098	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
099	Notice Board	Post Mounted	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
100	Railing / Fence	Bowtop fence - steel	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
101	Gate	Pedestrian gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
102	Gate	Pedestrian gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
103	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
104	Dog Sign	Dogs prohibited sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Faded	Parks & Greenspace
105	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
106	Gate	Wide gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
107	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
108	Hedge	Mixed hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
109	Telephone	Telegraph pole	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		British Telecom
110	Gate	Metal Palisade	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
111	Pathway	Vehicle track	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor		Parks & Greenspace
112	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent; rusting	Parks & Greenspace
113	Telephone	Telegraph pole	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		British Telecom

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114	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
115	Telephone	Telegraph pole	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		British Telecom
116	Gate	Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
117	Pathway	Pathway - paving	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Cracked	Parks & Greenspace
118	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
119	Pathway	Pathway Type 1 & whin	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
120	Gate	Bowtop gate - steel	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
121	Gate	Steel Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
122	Railing / Fence	Railings - steel	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
123	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Tarmac worn in places	Parks & Greenspace
124	Gate	Pedestrian gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
125	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
126	Gate	Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
127	Railing / Fence	Wire mesh fence	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
128	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
129	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
130	Gate	Double gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
131	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
132	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts - absent	MF	10-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
133	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts - absent	MF	10-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
134	Gate	Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
135	Railing / Fence	Integrated goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
136	Pathway	Informal pathway - soil	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Unsurfaced	Parks & Greenspace
137	Gate	Pedestrian gate	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
138	Park Management Rules	Dogs prohibited & mgmt rules	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
139	Interpretation Panel	Inverleith park map	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
140	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some potholes in surface	Parks & Greenspace
141	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
142	Monument	East Gatepierd Allison Hay Dunlop monumental gatepiers MM091	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Weathered	Culture & Sport (Museums)

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
143	Threshold Sign	Park name plate	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Faded	Parks & Greenspace
144	Pillar	Pillar	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Weathered	Parks & Greenspace
145	Threshold Sign	Park name plate	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
146	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
147	Storage Container	Storage container x2	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
148	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
149	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
150	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
151	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal post	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
152	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Front panel missing	Parks & Greenspace
153	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
154	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
155	Rugby Posts	Rugby goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
156	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
157	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
158	Waste Bin	Waste Bin	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
159	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
160	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
161	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
162	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
163	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
164	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
165	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor		To be confirmed
166	Carpark	Carpark?	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Grass growing on parts	Parks & Greenspace
167	Pathway	Informal pathway - soil	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Unsurfaced	Parks & Greenspace
168	Telephone	Telegraph pole 1 99 A	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		British Telecom
169	Services Undefined	Covers x2	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
170	Football Posts	Goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
171	Football Posts	Goal posts - absent	MF	10-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
172	Playing Field	Playing field	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
173	Park Seat	Bench - wood with metal frame	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
174	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some gaps	Parks & Greenspace
175	Hedge	Hawthorn hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some gaps	Parks & Greenspace
176	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
177	Football Posts	Goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
178	Football Posts	Goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
179	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some cracks in tarmac	Parks & Greenspace
180	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
181	Dog Sign	Dogs prohibited sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Paint peeling; graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
182	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
183	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
184	Threshold Sign	Park Name Plate	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
185	Hedge	Hawthorn hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some gaps	Parks & Greenspace
186	Pathway	Informal pathway - soil	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Unsurfaced	Parks & Greenspace
187	Hedge	Hawthorn hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some gaps	Parks & Greenspace
188	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
189	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent; rusty	Parks & Greenspace
190	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
191	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
192	Other Advisory Sign	Signpost	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent; sign missing	Parks & Greenspace
193	Monument	West Gatepiers MM090	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Weathered	Culture & Sport (Museums)
194	Threshold Sign	Park name plate	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Faded; scratched	Parks & Greenspace
195	Presentation Plaque	Millennium park plaque	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
196	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
197	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
198	Storage Container	Storage container	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
199	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
200	Services Undefined	Box	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
201	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
202	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
203	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
204	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
205	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
206	Lighting	flood lighting; 2 spots	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
207	Lighting	flood lighting; 1 spot	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
208	Lighting	flood lighting; 1 spot	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
209	Lighting	flood lighting; 1 spot	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
210	Lighting	flood lighting; 1 spot	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
211	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
212	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
213	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
214	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Blocked, half of grill missing	To be confirmed
215	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
216	Waymarker	Cycle Route Sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Sign loose; graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
217	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
218	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
219	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
220	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
221	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
222	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
223	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
224	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
225	Water	Drain grill	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
226	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
227	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
228	Playing Field	Playing field	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
229	Other Advisory Sign	Sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Rusty; sign missing	Parks & Greenspace

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
230	Rugby Posts	Rugby Goal posts	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
231	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
232	Steps & Ramps	Flight of 6 steps	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Concrete of top step cracked	Parks & Greenspace
233	Handrail	Handrail - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
234	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some cracks in tarmac	Parks & Greenspace
235	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
236	Hedge	Holly	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
237	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		To be confirmed
238	Hedge	Hawthorn hedge	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Some gaps	Parks & Greenspace
239	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
240	Pathway	Informal pathway - soil	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor		Parks & Greenspace
241	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
242	Other Advisory Sign	No cycling sign	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Bent	Parks & Greenspace
243	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
244	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
245	Railing / Fence	Railings - metal	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
246	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
247	Railing / Fence	Unknown ownership ; fencing along railings	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Fence broken	Parks & Greenspace
248	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
249	Interpretation Panel	Park Information Board	MF	30-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
250	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
251	Railing / Fence	Unknown ownership ; railing on 1m concrete wall	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
252	Telephone	Telegraph pole; GPO26L69	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		British Telecom
253	Park Management Rules	Management rules & no dog fouling	MF	30-Mar-09	Poor	Faded; Graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
254	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
255	Wall	Wall Unknown ownership - stone	MF	30-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
256	Other Advisory Sign	Sign defaced - unreadable	MF	31-Mar-09	Poor	Rusty ;sign missing	Parks & Greenspace
257	Steps & Ramps	Steps; 9	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Grass growing in cracks	Parks & Greenspace
258	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace

Map ID	Type	Description	Inspector	Last Inspected	Condition	Comments	Owner
259	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Cracks in tarmac	Parks & Greenspace
260	Pathway	Pathway - concrete	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
261	Steps & Ramps	Steps ; 8	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
262	Handrail	Handrail - metal	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
263	Handrail	Handrail - metal	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
264	Pathway	Pathway - concrete	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti scratched into surface	Parks & Greenspace
265	Dog Sign	Dogs prohibited sign	MF	31-Mar-09	Poor	Rusty; graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
266	Wall	Wall Unknown ownership - stone	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
267	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
268	Gate	Barrier - metal	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
269	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
270	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
271	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
272	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - plastic	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Some graffiti	Parks & Greenspace
273	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	31-Mar-09	Poor	Front & inside missing	Parks & Greenspace
274	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
275	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
276	Waste Bin	Waste Bin - fibreglass	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
277	Pathway	Walkway	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
278	Railing / Fence	Nesting area	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
279	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
280	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
281	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Some cracks in tarmac	Parks & Greenspace
282	Culvert	Culvert	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
283	Pond	Planted wetland area	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
284	Pathway	Boardwalk	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
285	Culvert	Culvert	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
286	Boardwalk	Viewing platform/decking	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
287	Presentation Plaque	Water gems 2006 plaque	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace

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288	Railing / Fence	Nesting area	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
289	Pathway	Boardwalk	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
290	Culvert	Culvert	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
291	Telephone	Telegraph pole	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		To be confirmed
292	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	31-Mar-09	Poor	Rusty; bent	Parks & Greenspace
293	Warning Sign	Site safety sign - removed	MF	12-Oct-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
294	Road	Road - tarmac	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair	Potholes	To be confirmed
295	Carpark	Carpark	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
296	Railing / Fence	Fence - wire mesh with barbed wire on top	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
297	Wall	Retaining Wall - concrete	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
298	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	31-Mar-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
299	Gate	Double vehicle access gate - metal	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
300	Other Advisory Sign	Staff & visitors carpark	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
301	Storage Container	Storage containers	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		To be confirmed
302	Railing / Fence	Fence - Wire mesh	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
304	Pathway	Pathway - tarmac	MF	31-Mar-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
305	Presentation Seat	N A M Ross	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
306	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
307	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
308	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
309	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
310	Park Seat	Wood/Metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
311	Presentation Seat	J Coulter	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
312	Presentation Seat	D Stout	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
313	Presentation Seat	E Swanston	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
314	Presentation Seat	S & K Schweitzer	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
315	Presentation Seat	J A Brown	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
316	Presentation Seat	E Conway	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
317	Presentation Seat	M Murchison	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace

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318	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
319	Park Seat	Bench - wood on metal frame	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair	Repaint	Parks & Greenspace
320	Presentation Seat	B Lodge	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
321	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
322	Presentation Seat	J & M Smith	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
323	Presentation Seat	R Gumley	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
324	Park Seat	Bench - black metal	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
325	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
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327	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
328	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
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341	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
342	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
343	Electrical	Electrical Box	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
344	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
345	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
346	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services

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347	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
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349	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
350	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
351	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
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353	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
354	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
355	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
356	Street Lighting	Lampost	KM	09-Oct-09	Fair		Road Services
357	Other Advisory Sign	Play around Edinburgh sign	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
358	Park Seat	Wood on metal frame	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
359	Play Area Seat	Bench - blue metal	MF	12-Oct-09	Good		Parks & Greenspace
360	Play Area Seat	Bench - blue metal	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
361	Play Area Seat	Bench - blue metal	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
362	Play Area Seat	Bench - blue metal	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
363	Services Undefined	Covers x2	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		To be confirmed
364	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		To be confirmed
365	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		To be confirmed
366	Gate	Double vehicle access gate	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
367	Services Undefined	Cover	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		To be confirmed
368	Gate	Double vehicle access gate	MF	12-Oct-09	Fair		Parks & Greenspace
369	Presentation Seat	J A Cockburn	KM		Good	New Seat	Parks & Greenspace
370	Park Seat	Wood/Metal	KM		Fair		Parks & Greenspace

Appendix 5 – Biodiversity Assessment

Biodiversity Assessment and Potential of Inverleith Park

Undertaken by the Wildlife Information Centre

1) The Park's biodiversity character

The site (24 hectares) lies across the road from the western gate of the Royal Botanic Gardens. It is roughly square in shape and has seven paved entrances and is open to the public. The southern edge of the park is bounded by a stone wall and the other three sides by hedge row.

The park is used extensively by dog walkers and for sport; such as rugby, bowls, cricket, soccer and tennis. It is roughly divided into quarters by the two main paths that run through the site. One runs approximately North-South: the other East-West. There is an allotment in the North West corner of the park; and a formal garden and a concrete lined pond next to the South entrance.

The park is adjacent to two Local Biodiversity Site (LBS), which replace the previous designations of Urban Wildlife Site (UWS). The two LBSs are Royal Botanic Gardens and the Water of Leith. The Water of Leith provides good connectivity between the park and other LBSs.

Inverleith Park is part of a concentration of park and recreation grounds that includes the grounds of: Fettes College, Edinburgh City Police Headquarters, Edinburgh Academy Junior School and Broughton High School as well as the Grange Cricket Club, Edinburgh Academical Football Club and the Royal Botanic Gardens.

2) Main existing habitats

a) Plantation broadleaved woodland

There are around 0.4 ha of broadleaved woodland on the site (approximately 2% of the total area). The woodland is on the South East edge of the park and is a mix of broadleaf species dominated by mature and semi-mature holly with some sycamore shrub species. There was limited ground flora noted at the time of the assessment. This may be due to the assessment being conducted in the autumn, when some species have died off, rather than there being limited flora in the woodland.

The woodland as a whole is of medium biodiversity value. It is a very small area, however the structure of the woodland may well encourage and support woodland birds, breeding birds and woodland invertebrates. Berry producing species, such as elder, rowan, holly and hawthorn, add value to the wooded areas, where present, by providing food for birds and mammals. The woodland is the closest part of the park to the Water of Leith LBS. The woodland is likely to provide a wildlife corridor between the LBS and the planted trees within the park.

There is scope to improve the woodland through planting of native species and reducing public access.

b) The Sundial Garden

This is an unkempt looking, teardrop shaped, formal garden composed of a border of trees and shrubs with a central amenity grassland area. The borders comprise a mix of semi-mature native and non-native tree species (both coniferous and broadleaved) with a ruderal layer of nettle, willow herb, non-native shrubs. The ground layer is sparsely covered with grasses and non-native shrubs.

The garden is of low biodiversity value at present. This is due to the limited grassland species in the central area; as well as the open nature of the vegetation in the borders and its limited number of native species present. There is potential to improve the aesthetic and biodiversity value of the garden through removal of non-native shrubs and the planting of suitable native ground and scrub layer species.

c) Amenity grassland

This habitat forms the majority of the cover of the site (13 ha, approximately 52% of the total area). All the amenity grassland on the site was well mown, with limited herb species present.

The amenity grassland is of low biodiversity value. It is limited in the range of grass and herb species it supports and its use for amenity (mainly sports) means that there is little scope for improvement.

d) Intact hedges and ornamental gateways

The park is bounded on the northern and western edges by a relatively intact hawthorn hedge, which also contains some privet and elm. The total length of the hawthorn hedge is approximately 930 metres.

The eastern edge is bounded by an intact holly hedge (approximately 390 metres). In addition to the hedge rows, there are fenced-off, small stands of mature holly at the three ornamental entrances to the park.

The hedges and holly stands are of medium biodiversity value. They add biodiversity value to the park as they provide food for birds and mammals in the form of berries. The hedge provides connectivity between the stands of holly. Denser vegetation (notably, the areas of holly), provide cover and potential nesting sites.

The hedges could be improved through planting of a second, parallel row with a mix of native hedge species. Laying the hawthorn hedge would improve its biodiversity value by making it denser and therefore providing more cover and potential nesting sites. Hedgerow flowers could also be encouraged and/or planted.

e) The pond

The pond at the southern edge of the park is around 0.1 ha (approximately 3% of the total area of the park) and surrounded by a paved footpath. It is comprised of two sections; an open water area (approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ of the pond) and an artificial wetland area (approximately $\frac{1}{4}$).

The public use the open water area to feed wildfowl, such as mute swan and for sailing model boats. There are very few aquatic plants in this part of the pond and it has suffered in the recent past from algal blooms.

The wetland area has been planted with a variety of flora and there are wooden walkways for public access. The dense vegetation in this part of the pond provides cover and potential nesting sites for bird species. There is an interpretation board to inform the public about the wetland area.

The pond as a whole is of medium biodiversity value. The open area is of low biodiversity value and there is limited scope to improve it due to its amenity use. To help prevent future algal blooms, the public could be discouraged from feeding bread to the wildfowl and instead encouraged to use alternative foods.

The wetland area is of medium to high biodiversity value as it provides cover and potential nesting sites for bird species. Due to the size and situation of this part of the pond it is difficult to see how it could be improved upon without affected the amenity use of the adjacent area. For example, there is little potential for the planting of emergent species at the edge of the pond due to the surrounding tarmac path.

f) Parkland with scattered trees

There are several avenues of trees within the park, those lining the paved paths and those that run parallel to the hedge rows. The majority of trees in these avenues are mature with the occasional young tree. Most of the trees are sycamore but there are also elm and ash.

Parkland trees are of medium biodiversity value. The mature trees provide food, habitat and shelter for a variety of species (vertebrate, invertebrate, fungal, floral etc). Given the amenity use of the surrounding park, there is limit scope for improvement to these areas. Existing gaps in the avenue should be filled by local progeny of native species. This will eventually provide connectivity through the tree canopy and root systems. When existing trees are felled, local progeny of native species should also be used to replace them.

g) Allotments

This comprises cultivated grounds and small buildings. The area was not accessible to be surveyed; as such, the biodiversity value of the area is not known. Individual plots are each managed separately by members of the public so implementation of a change of management will require liaising with allotment “owners”. Owners could be encouraged to manage their plots to encourage biodiversity without impacting on the plots’ primary, food production, function.

h) Bare ground, buildings, roads and paths

Around 2.9 ha (around 12%) of the site comprises constructed features such as roads, buildings and paths.

These areas are of low biodiversity value; however, buildings could be improved through the provision of nesting boxes for birds and roosts for bats.

2) Potential Wildlife areas within the park and their management

The management in the site appears to be less intensive to that in other parks and generally compatible with wildlife. Through management changes it should be possible to improve the biodiversity value of the site without affecting recreational use. The survey of the Park resulted in the identification of three areas that could be improved for biodiversity.

Wildlife area 1: Intact Hedges

The hedges are an obvious feature of the park and are important for nesting birds and invertebrates such as moth caterpillars.

Management of this area could include:

- Improving the hedge structure through planting of a second, parallel row with a mix of native hedge species.
- Laying the hawthorn hedge would improve its biodiversity value by making it denser and therefore providing more cover and potential nesting sites.
- Encouraging hedgerow flowers through planting along the hedge.

Wildlife area 2: The Sundial Garden

Although this is a formal garden some wildlife enhancement may be appropriate.

Management of this area could include:

- Planting the herbaceous borders with local progeny of suitable native plants including herbs, scrub, grasses and small trees would encourage a wider variety of insect species to use the area.
- Erecting an interpretation board would explain why the area had been planted and what types of species people could expect to see.

Wildlife area 3: Plantation Broadleaved Woodland

This is the main area of broadleaved woodland on the site.

Management of this area could include:

- Removal of the ivy and planting suitable native scrub and ground layer species. Rowan, hawthorn and blackthorn would encourage birds.
- Planting thorn bushes next to the path at the base of the slope would discourage access to the area and thus reduce disturbance to wildlife.
- Restructuring the woodland to give a varied height and age structure of flora within the woodland will encourage a wider variety of insects to use the area and lead to increase in potential prey species for larger animals; such as birds, amphibians and small mammals.

4) Biodiversity features

These are the features found on this site or would be relevant to this site. Each needs to be 'managed' following the guidelines (yet to be written) which apply, where relevant, to all City of Edinburgh Council sites.

- **Deadwood:** All dead trees and major branches left standing where possible or in situ.
- **Bird boxes:** Very few trees provide nesting opportunities for hole nesting birds. A range of nest boxes are always valuable in this type of habitat.
- **Bat boxes:** The hedgerows and avenues of trees provide linear features along which bats could potentially forage. Bat boxes would provide potential roosts for bats and make the area more suitable for bat use.

Appendix 6 – Legal Information

This section will be updated with legal information that is relevant to Inverleith Park.

61 acres, or thereby, acquired by Act of Council 26 of 19/02/1889 by The Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh from Charles Henry Alexander Frederick Camillo Everhard James John Rocheid for the sum of £33,500. Date of entry Whit 1889 (part Martinmas 1899), recorded GRS Edinburgh 15/05/1889. Deed ref 2B/26(3).

The Disponer bound himself, his heirs and representatives to construct, at their own expense, five years from the date of sale, a road along the south side of the Royal Botanic Gardens. This was on condition that after the road had been constructed, it would be maintained and repaired by the Disponees as a public street in all time coming. The seller placed a further obligation on himself to widen the present road between the Grange and Academy Cricket Grounds to a breadth of 35 feet.

There was a tenant on the subjects, occupying the farm of South Inverleith Mains, with said tenant entitled to occupy the buildings and pertinents of the said farms until the termination of the lease (entry Martinmas 1899). After the termination of the tenancy, the Council were at liberty to substitute the road leading northwards from the farm to the road to Inverleith Place with any other road affording an equivalent means of access to the said road.

While the title contains no obvious restrictions, the minutes from item 26 of 19/02/1889 refers to the proposal from the Lord Provost's committee as to the acquisition of a public park on the north side of the city. The offer price and the conditions of sale were discussed, along with another proposed site, with the recommendation that the price and location made the subjects at Inverleith made this the better proposition – it was regarded as more central with regard to the population it was intended to benefit and more readily accessible to the inhabitants of the north east and north west of the city. The immediate surroundings ie The Royal Botanic Gardens gave the best assurance that the park would be left clear and open.

It is the acquisition of the subjects as public park which serve to restrict other use.

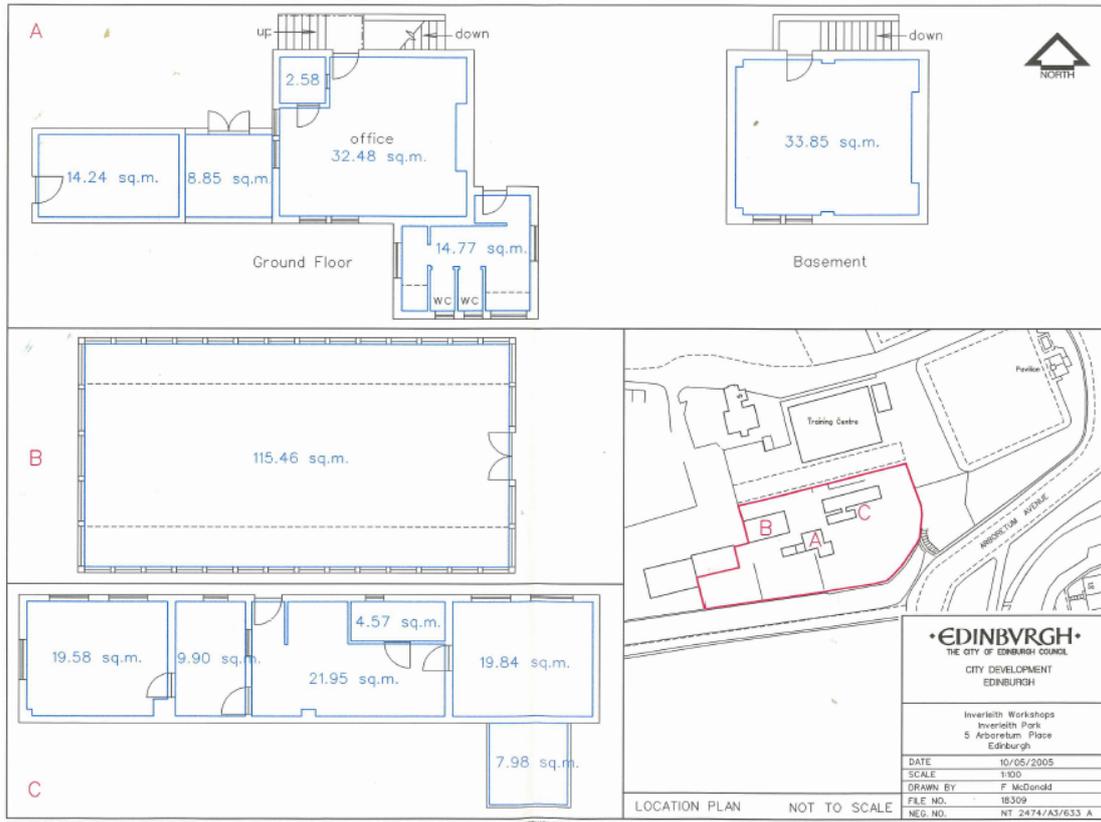
Leases:

Ground and workshop:

Four Winds Inspiration Centre

No lease in place, but appear to have been in occupation since 27/01/2003.

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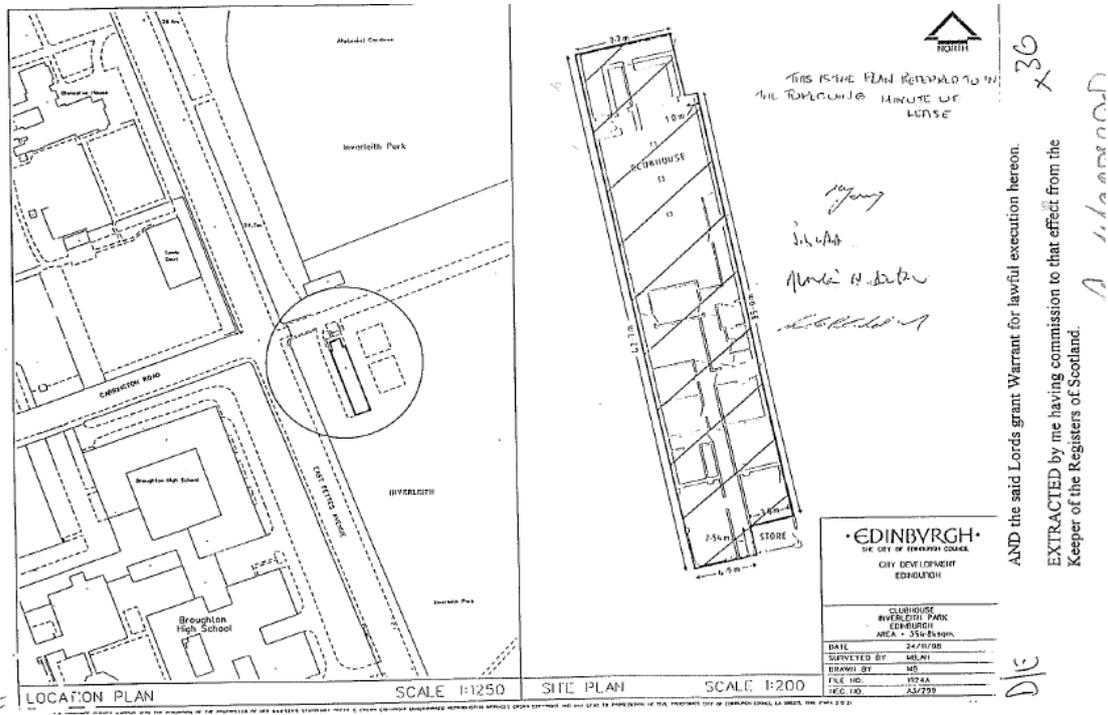
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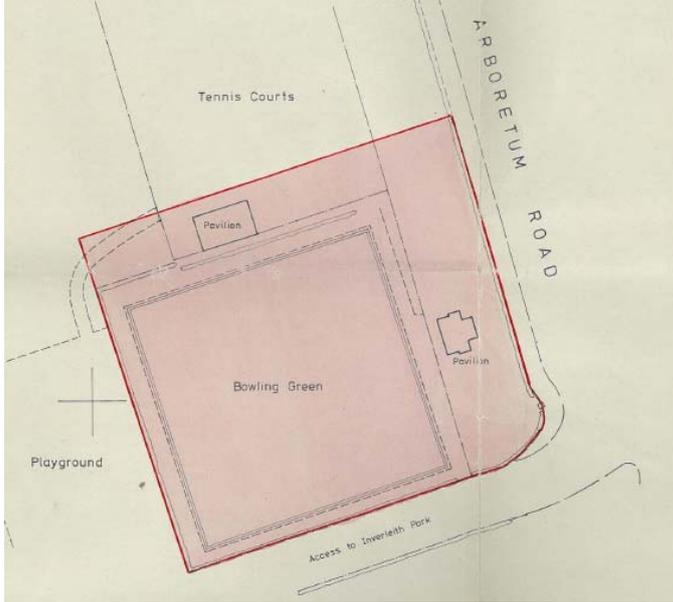
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Clubroom:
 Edinburgh Northern RFC
 05/06/2000 – 04/06/2010
 £2,500

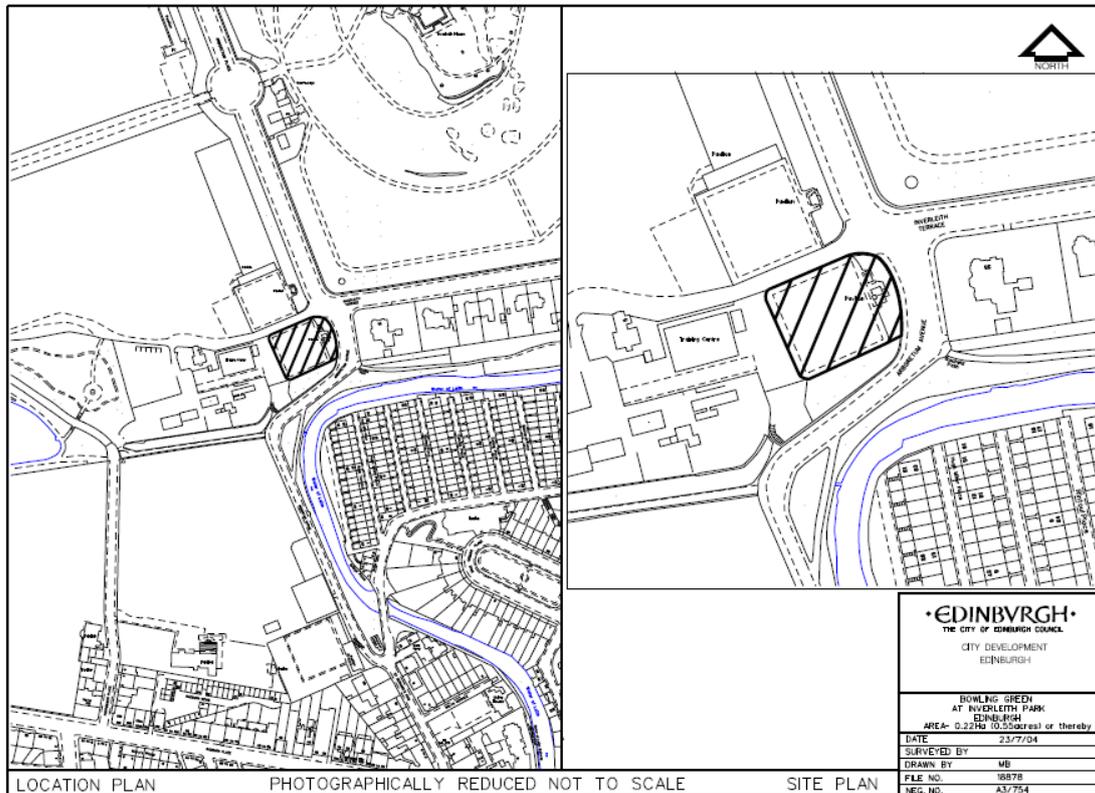


Store:
 Edinburgh Northern RFC
 05/06/2000 – 04/06/2001
 £100

Bowling Greens:
 Ferranti Recreation Club
 01/06/1982 – 31/05/2022
 £10 per annum, reviewed upwardly to open market value or rent passing whichever sum is the greater.



Tanfield Bowling Club
 10/03/2006 – 09/03/2031
 £200



Appendix 7 – Park Management Rules



MANAGEMENT RULES FOR PUBLIC PARKS

The City of Edinburgh Council in exercise of the powers conferred on them by Section 112 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 hereby make the following Management Rules for the Council's Parks and Gardens:-

1. In these Management Rules the following words have the meanings given to them:-
 - "Council" means The City of Edinburgh Council;
 - "Park" means any land provided, owned, leased, occupied or managed by the Council within the City of Edinburgh and used as a recreation ground, public playground, public open space, public golf course, public walk, walkway, woodland, ornamental or pleasure ground or gardens and all buildings and works connected therewith;
 - "Water course" means any Loch, Pond, River, Burn or Stream;
 - "Notice" means a notice or sign exhibited by order of the Council;
 - "Council Official" means an employee of the Council or of Edinburgh Leisure or any other person authorised by the Council to enforce these Rules;
2. The following acts are prohibited within any park:-
 1. Failing to follow any directions for the control of traffic or persons given by a Council Official or by a notice;
 2. Failing to remove a vehicle if asked to do so by a Council Official;
 3. Racing or training horses or other animals;
 4. Going on any enclosure, flower bed or shrubbed area
 5. Going on or throwing objects on any iced water course.
 6. Climbing any tree, railing, fence or structure of any kind except play equipment;
 7. Swimming, bathing or wading in or polluting any water course or fountain, except for children playing in Council paddling pools;
 8. Sailing any boat, yacht or other craft (including model boats and yachts) in any water course, except in those provided by the Council for that purpose;
 9. Playing or practising any games or engaging in any form of sport or exercise if asked by a Council Official not to or where prohibited by a notice;
 10. Operating any mechanically propelled toy or model machine including model aircraft (so as to give reasonable cause for annoyance to any other person or if asked by a Council Official not to);
 11. Attaching a rope or swing to any tree or structure or playing on such a rope or swing;
 12. Riding a bicycle, tricycle, scooter, skateboard or roller blades except where vehicles are allowed or where such cycling, riding on a scooter, skateboarding, roller skating or roller blading is permitted. This rule does not apply to children aged ten years or younger accompanied by an adult;
 13. Allowing a dog to foul in a public park unless the person in charge of the dog immediately removes the fouling;
 14. Allowing a dog to enter in or on a children's play area or sports playing field situated within any public park;
 15. Failing to keep a dog under proper control.

16. Depositing litter except in litter bins provided for the purpose.
 17. Gambling or betting;
 18. Drinking alcohol;
3. The following acts are prohibited within any park or building within a park, unless the Council's written permission (which may be conditional or unconditional) has been obtained first, to avoid giving annoyance to other park users:-
1. Driving or using or leaving any car or other vehicle except on roads and in car parks provided by the Council for cars and vehicles. This Rule does not apply to prams and wheelchairs used for carrying children or invalids;
 2. Going into or being in a park when it is closed;
 3. Making any public speech or holding any procession, parade, demonstration or other public meeting in any park except in the East Meadows, Calton Hill or Leith Links, as long as and providing that in those parks any instructions given by the Council or a Council Official are complied with;
 4. Displaying or handing out advertisements or giving any display or performances;
 5. Selling of items or goods.
 6. Playing at any organised game or sport on pitches provided by the Council;
 7. Erecting any post, rail, fence, tent, pole, booth, screen, stand, swing or similar structure;
 8. Discharging or using any firearm, firework or other weapon or missile;
 9. Climbing any steep rock or cliffs;
 10. Camping or parking a caravan or motor caravan;
 11. Lighting any fires or barbecues;

12. Flying of kites where overhead power lines are present or there is a danger to other park users.
13. The operation of fairgrounds, circuses or other events.

4. No person shall in any park wilfully obstruct, interrupt or annoy employees or agents of the Council in carrying out their duties.
5. Any written permission required by these Rules must be shown on request to a Council Official.
6. Any person challenged by a Council Official with a contravention of any of these Rules shall give his or her full name and address.
7. The Council may decide to waive any particular Rule at any time.
8. A person who appears to have broken any of these Rules may be required to leave the Park by Council Official. A person may also be asked to leave a park for any other reasonable cause.
9. No person shall enter any park when requested not to do so by a Council Official or where prohibited by notice.

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Appendix 8 – Risk Assessment

RISK ASSESSMENT							Compiled by: Steven Cuthill, Local Environment Manager	
Site: Inverleith Park		Assessment Date: December 2013			Review Date: by December 2014			
Hazard and Risk	People at risk	Our Controls	Future Controls	Risk Level	Target date and Responsible person	Notes		
Insect bites and stings	Public and Employees	Report any nests to Pest Control for removal	Signs erected warning people to keep away from nests	Low	As and when required CPO/PR			
Disease (Tetanus, Hepatitis, Leptospirosis, Weil's disease, etc)	Public and Employees	Information is provided to employees on health risks and symptoms included in safe working practices, risk assessment on dealing with syringes and stick injuries. PPE in place for removal of sharps. Reports by the public are dealt with by Taskforce. Anti-social behaviour reported to police and local ASB team.	Staff can approach their GP for inoculations and are referred to GP if exposed, as a precaution. Staff provided with washing facilities and first aid if required.	Low	As and when required. PR/TFM			

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Hazard and Risk	People at risk	Our Controls	Future Controls	Risk Level	Target date and Responsible person	Notes
Recreational use of Inverleith Pond (drowning)	Public	Recreation use is permitted by Edinburgh Model Boat Club who have used the pond, without serious incident, since 1890s.	Warning signs erected during icy weather or risk of pond freezing and regular patrols.	Medium	As and when required. CPO/PR	
Algal blooms in Inverleith Pond	Public and Employees	Pond visually monitored for blue-green algae and staff informed of signs of blooms and associated risks. In event of bloom, warning signs erected to avoid contact with water.	Reed bed installed to reduce nutrients leaching into pond. Water testing can be carried out if required.	Low	As and when required. CPO/PR	
Fixed furniture: Injury due to damage etc	Public	Benches and other furniture are bolted and/or concreted to the ground. Litter bins are emptied at least weekly and inspected at time of emptying for defects which are reported for repair. Public reports of damaged items.	CPO and PR will inspect Inverleith Park and also reports of damage by FoIP and public/sports users.	Low	As and when required. CPO	

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Trees: Collapse or structural damage, low hanging branches.	Public and Employees	Tree maintenance carried out as required. Tree Hazard Management system in place. CPO responds to concerns raised by the public.	Identify tree work through regular inspections and review Tree Hazard Management information as appropriate.	Low	As and when required. CPO and Tree and Woodlands Officer.	
Footpaths: Trips, slips and falls	Public and Employees	Paths checked for signs of damage. Leaf clearance carried out as necessary, grass and edges cut back at least once per annum. Defects to footpath are repaired as soon as practical, damage with H&S concerns repaired as a priority. Fill holes created by animal activity, where notified.	Annual inspection of paths to identify any hazards. Addition of anti-slip material to deck boards of board walk to reduce potential for slips when wet. Sweep around pond paths to reduce potential for slips and falls.	Low	As and when required. CPO TFM	
Play area: Trips, slips, falls and injuries	Public	All play equipment checked every 4-6 weeks by qualified staff from P&GS. Annual	Monitored by CPO and PR on a regular basis.	Low	As and when required.	

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Hazard and Risk	People at risk	Our Controls	Future Controls	Risk Level	Target date and Responsible person	Notes
		independent assessment carried out. Ad hoc inspections carried out by other staff and all public enquiries are investigated. Removal of litter, glass and other debris on a regular basis.			CPO/PR/P&GS	
Lone working: Exposure to violence or accidents.	Employees	Separate risk assessments exist for lone working and staff are supervised and may carry mobile phones. Employees are advised not to involve themselves with suspicious activity and to report things to their manager or the emergency services.	Regular patrols by police, staff, Environmental Wardens help to monitor the location.	Low	As and when required. TFM, CPO, PR	
Rubbish removal Injury, manual handling	Employees and Volunteers	Manual handling training provided to staff. Bins emptied regularly to minimise weight. PPE	Volunteers are reminded of H&S prior to any activity. CPO and PR have PPE for	Low	As and when required. TFM, CPO, PR.	

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Hazard and Risk	People at risk	Our Controls	Future Controls	Risk Level	Target date and Responsible person	Notes
		provided. Separate risk assessment and safe working practices observed.	working in pond area.		FoIP	
General maintenance by Open Spaces Taskforce and Specialist Grounds Maintenance staff.	Employees	Separate risk assessments and safe working practice method statements exist for all activities that are regularly reviewed and update. Operatives provided with PPE and have relevant training and experience. All maintenance equipment is serviced either internally at our workshop or by others suitably qualified.	HAVs assessment is carried out for all new equipment. All herbicide legislation and H&S advice is reviewed as products are made available including COSHH assessments, risk assessments, training etc is considered.	Medium	LEM, TFM, P&GS	

Site address: Inverleith Park, Edinburgh, EH3 5NY

Nearest Public Telephone: Arboretum Place by East Gate

City of Edinburgh Council – Main number 0131 200 2000

During office hours contact can be made with North Edinburgh Local Office, 8 West Pilton Gardens, Edinburgh, EH4 4DP, tel: 0131 529 5050

In the event of an emergency, nearest A&E hospital:

Royal Infirmary of Edinburgh, 51 Little France Crescent, Old Dalkeith Road, Edinburgh, EH16 4SA.

A&E for children under 13 – Royal Hospital for Sick Children, 9 Sciennes Road, Edinburgh, EH9 1LF

Appendix 9 – Site History

History of Inverleith Park

Inverleith Park came into the hands of the Old Corporation in 1889 when it was purchased from Mr Charles Rocheid for £33,500 and a farm came with it. From the beginning, the Corporation understood the potential of the gem they had bought and developed it quickly with the basic framework that still exists today.

Councillor James Robertson, Convener of the Edinburgh Parks Committee described the park on the occasion of the official opening in 1891: *"It is intended to lay out the ground in such a manner that all classes of the community would have ample scope for all rational amusement. Such games as golf, cricket, football and the old-fashioned game of shinty would be permitted on the ground - (Here, here.) - under certain regulations. I see no reason why the ladies should not have a tennis ground.*

Beside that, we propose to have at the south west corner of the ground a pond whereon, in summer model yachts might unfurl their sails, and on which in winter skaters might have the opportunity of indulging in their favourite pastime with safety.

The Parks Committee are also considering making a ride round the margin of the ground for equestrians. (Here, here.)" The Scotsman: may 25, 1891: p.7

Paths, roadways, and drainage were built along with greenhouses, the construction of a pavilion and separate gymnasia for boys and girls, two bowling greens, four tennis courts, two golf courses and ride for horses brought the farmland into public use. At the time a section of the pavilion was allocated to the elderly men who visited the park was filled with books, newspapers and magazines and board games to use.

The pond was established as a location for model boat sailing and a club formed to take this pastime forward. The south facing bank to the pond was once used as a drying green and bleaching area. In hard winters, the pond became a popular skating rink.

The former farm house of South Inverleith Mains is still there, near what was once the old castle or Fortalice of Inverleith, where archery butts were appropriately in place. At the rear of the farmhouse, now used as Council office accommodation, is the workshop area for Parks and Greenspace and the former nursery area now used by Fourwinds Inspiration Centre as a hub for environmental projects.

Inverleith Park was the home of the tallest tree in Edinburgh, an elm bred by the Royal Botanic Garden in the 1880s that sadly succumb to storm damage around a century later.

One of the statements made by the park is by its impressive entrance features which are of particular architectural merit: the North in the form of a pedimented arch and East with rusticated piers, both dating from 1891 and designed by Sydney Mitchell.

The East Gate piers were built as a memorial to Alison Hay Dunlop, who along with her brother John, wrote the book entitled 'Anent Old Edinburgh' and others about the city. The cost of the piers was met by Councillor John Charles Dunlop * of St. Bernards Ward and they were designed by the architect Sydney Mitchell. The building of the gate piers coincided with the layout of Inverleith Park. The Town Council accepted the gift of the gate piers for the benefit of the community.



Inverleith Park was officially opened at the eastern gateway, by Mrs Boyd on 23 May 1891, with the full Town Council in attendance. Mrs Boyd was presented with a silver gilt key to mark the occasion. The gate piers have the following inscriptions “In memoriam Alison Hay Dunlop. Erected by John Charles Dunlop Councillor for St. Bernards Ward 1890.”

The North Gate is a pedimental arch opened in 1881 topped by a unicorn with lion shield. Below the archway is the inscription “The gift of Mitchell Thomson, Esq., Councillor for the Ward of St. Bernard’s, 1891”.

[*] A fountain marks the interception of the main paths that divide the park into four parts. It is set in a rough red granite obelisk and was erected in 1899 in memory of Councillor John Charles Dunlop, Councillor for the St Bernard’s Ward, who had been one of the key enthusiasts for the park.

The Sundial Garden is a quiet and sheltered area, surrounded by shrubs and trees, situated on the site of the old pavilion near the farmhouse. The sundial was presented by Councillor Kinloch Anderson in 1890 and simply says, “So passes time. Alas! How swift”.

Appendix 10 – Maintenance Schedule

This appendix will be amended to reflect the move from a frequency based schedule to outline performance quality standards that are to be achieved.

It is expected that regular inspections of quality of the maintenance undertaken in the park and also any issues relating to the park infrastructure will be carried out regularly by the Community Parks Officer and Park Ranger. Regular meetings with the Community Parks Officer and the Taskforce Manager and Chargehand(s) will help deal more quickly with issues as they arise.

An inventory of the grounds maintenance components is detailed below:

		Lin/Num
Channel Maintenance	1822 m2	
Cricket Outfield	10470 m2	1
Cricket Table	1020 m2	1
Cricket Wicket		2
Edges Hard/Fence/Boundary	6388 m2	
Football 11 aside portable	5000 m2	1
Football 11 aside static	10000 m2	2
Football 7 aside portable	18000 m2	6
Grass Amenity Bulb Area	1100 m2	
Grass Amenity Mobile	810 m2	
Grass Amenity Ride On	28210 m2	
Grass Amenity Tractor	139285 m2	
Grass High Amenity Mobile	2472 m2	
Grass Low Amenity Mobile	2518 m2	
Grass Obstacles	683 m2	
Hard Surface Sports Area	4030 m2	1
Hedge Maintenance	6097 m2	
Planted Bedding	13 m2	
Playground Hard Maintenance	805 m2	1
Rose Beds Mulched	56 m2	50
Rugby Pitch	28000 m2	4
Shrub Beds Mulched	3738 m2	3000

Appendix 11 – Parks and Greenspace Survey

Below is a summary of the results from the online Parks and Greenspace Survey relating to Inverleith Park from responses covering the period June 2008 - June 2009.

Number of responses	Satisfied with Park	Upkeep / appearance is good	Average length of visit (minutes)
72	67%	61%	74

What do you enjoy most about this park?	Range of facilities	16%
	Playing sport	15%
	Open space	14%
	Views	12%
	Pond	11%
	Trees	10%
	Tranquil	5%
	Wildlife	4%
	Allotments	4%
	Play park	3%
	Dog walking	1%
	Cycling	1%
	Parking	1%
	What changes or improvements would you like to see made to this park?	Improve sports pitches
Improve grounds maintenance		17%
Litter management		11%
Toilet facilities		9%
Dog fouling controlled		7%
Improve pavilions		7%
Further enhance pond		5%
Park rangers on site		4%
Café		4%
Address antisocial behaviour		2%
Improve signage		2%
Picnic tables		2%
Tree management		2%
Cycle paths		2%
If you would like to make general comments about the park	There should be a calibrated running track around perimeter.	
	Improvements to tennis courts and pond are wonderful.	
What is your main reason for visiting the park?	Sports or personal fitness	38%
	Enjoy open space	21%
	Walk Dog	15%
	Play with children	9%
	Just walk through it	9%
	Meet Friends	5%
	Quiet and relaxation	3%

Appendix 12 – Constitutions

This appendix includes the constitutions of:

- Friends of Inverleith Park
- Inverleith Allotment Association

Friends of Inverleith Park Constitution

(As amended at Extra Ordinary General Meeting dated 23 March 2006)

1. Name of the group

The group shall be known as “Friends of Inverleith Park” (referred to hereinafter as the Group or Friends and Inverleith [Park] referred to as the Park)

2. Objects

The objects of the Group shall be:

- To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Inverleith Park, and
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of Inverleith Park.
- In furtherance thereof but not otherwise, the Group shall seek to promote the Park’s facilities, thereby encouraging increased use leading to the improvement and development of community spirit within the area.
- To engage and involve the local community, the Stockbridge Community Council in environmental issues and action through information exchange, education and practical activities:
- to promote, encourage and secure the educational value of the park, its scenic, historical, architectural, landscape and ecological qualities for the public benefit, and
- To promote the benefit of the inhabitants of Inverleith and its environs without distinction of sex, sexuality, political, religious or other opinions by associating the local statutory authorities, voluntary organisations and inhabitants in a common effort to advance education and to provide facilities, or assist in the provision of facilities in the interest of social welfare for recreation and other leisure-time occupation so that their conditions of life may be improved.

3. Powers

To further these objectives the Group may:

- Arrange meetings, exhibitions, talks and surveys.
- Carry out a regular programme of practical environmental projects.
- Raise funds solely for the purpose of furthering the objectives of the Group, as the members of the Group consider appropriate
- Raise funds, receive contributions and make grant applications.

- Liaise and work in partnership with other organisations and individuals such as voluntary organisations, local authorities, government department.
- Establish and support any associations and institutions form to further the objectives of the Group.
- Collect disseminate and exchange relevant information and advice.
- Undertake research or surveys, which directly or indirectly promote the objectives of the group.
- Publicise the Group's activities through leaflets, posters, newsletters, articles, photographs and videos.
- Buy hire or legitimately borrow any equipment, tools or other property required to fulfil the Group's objectives.
- Buy, lease or take in exchange any property necessary for the achievements of the objectives of the Group and to equip and maintain it for use.
- Subject to any consents required by law to sell, lease or dispose of all or any part of the property of the Group.
- To do all such lawful things as are necessary for the achievement of the Groups objectives.

4. Memberships

Eligibility

Membership shall be open to anyone who supports the objectives of the Group and is willing to take part in its activities, providing they have been accepted for membership and paid the required subscription. Their names will be entered in the register of members.

Refusal or termination

The management committee shall retain the right for adequate reasons to refuse or terminate membership of any individual, after giving the individual concerned the right to be heard by the Management Committee before a final decision is made.

5. Subscriptions

An annual membership subscription will be payable in October of each year at a rate or rates fixed by the Management Committee (agreed at the Annual General Meeting [AGM])

Subscriptions will be due within one month of the AGM. Any member not having paid their subscriptions for the current year within one month of the AGM shall have their name removed from the Register of members (at the discretion of the committee)

6. Office Bearers and Committee

The Group shall be directed by a Management Committee of nine (3-6) members that shall meet at least four times per year.

At the AGM the members shall elect a Convener, Secretary, Treasurer and up to nine members of the Management Committee.

Office bearers shall be elected at the AGM.

Office bearers shall be members of the Management Committee and any other committees the Group set up.

Office bearers and members of the Management Committee shall normally serve for a period of three years.

One third of the number shall retire each year by rotation. Retiring office bearers and committee members may be re-elected.

If any vacancies arise, the Management Committee shall have the power to elect [co-op] a replacement until the next AGM.

The Management Committee shall have the power to remove from office any office bearer after a motion of no confidence has been passed by a majority of the committee.

Sub committees may be set up by the Management Committee for specific purposes.

7. Annual and other General Meetings

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held in October of each year after giving due notice of thirty days to each member.

At the AGM the Annual report and audited financial statement shall be presented. Management Committee shall be nominated and elected and other relevant business conducted.

Notices of motion, duly proposed and seconded by two members of the Group should be presented to the Secretary in writing not less than fourteen days before the AGM general meetings.

The Secretary should notify the members of the agenda on the calling notice of the AGM general meetings.

General Meetings

At least two general meetings [including the AGM] shall be held each calendar year, one in each half of the year.

An Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) may be called by the Management Committee giving at least fourteen days notice to the membership.

On receipt of a written demand from at least 25% of the membership, the Secretary must call EGM, which must be held no more than twenty-eight days after the receipt of the demand.

8. Procedures

Records

The Secretary shall take a record of all committee and general meetings and produce minutes for confirmation.

Quora and Attendance

At committee meetings a quorum of five eligible members; at the AGM it shall be ten.

Voting

Councillors and council officials shall take an advisory role and shall have no voting rights.

Decisions shall be made by a simple majority of those present and eligible to vote. All paid up members of the Group shall be eligible to vote. The Convenor shall have an additional vote if required in the event of a tie.

All questions for decision of the committee at any general meeting shall be determined by a show of hands. The decision of the committee on any matter not provided for in these rules shall be final and binding.

9. Financial Arrangements

Disposal of Funds

All funds raised shall be used solely for furthering the objectives of the Group and paying members expenses as approved by the Management Committee.

Individuals shall not benefit from being a member.

None of the Management committee shall derive personal benefit, financially or in kind from the activities of the Group.

Financial Records

Full financial records shall be kept for financial statements produced annually.

Annual Audit

The accounts shall be audited annually by an independent examiner appointed by the Management Committee at the previous AGM.

Bank Account and Authorisation of Payment

A bank account shall be opened in the names of the Group and four office bearers shall be authorised to sign cheques, with two signatures required on each cheque. The financial year shall be from the 1 October to the 31 September of the following year.

10. Amendments to the Constitution

Any amendments to this constitution shall be made after giving all members due notice (twenty-one days) of the proposed alteration and if two thirds of members present and eligible to vote in favour of the change(s).

11. Dissolution and Disposal of Assets

The Group shall be dissolved if two-thirds of members consider it necessary; to be decided at a special general meeting having given members at least twenty-one days notice of the meeting.

Individuals shall not be liable if the group folds.

In the event of the dissolution of the Group, or any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities shall not be paid or distributed among the members of the Group but shall be given or transferred to a recognised charitable body or bodies having objects similar to those of the Group

This charity/organisation to be decided at the general meeting considering dissolution.

Inverleith Allotments Association

1. Title

The group shall be known as Inverleith Allotments Association. (Hereinafter referred to as the Association)

2. Objects

The objects of the Association are:

- a) To represent and promote the interests of ploholders, in accordance with the Association Site Rules and the City Council's Missive of Let.
- b) To enable the growing of fruit and vegetables throughout the year, and to stimulate healthy recreation, mental and physical exercise and learning opportunities.
- c) To protect and promote biodiversity and by sharing each others expertise, to encourage a socially inclusive community.
- d) To engage with school children, horticultural students and other groups, to nurture a keen understanding of allotment gardening and nature in general in a wider community.
- e) To foster good relations with residential neighbours, local statutory and non-statutory bodies.
- f) To practice good governance and follow participatory and non discriminatory principles.

Nota Bene in pursuit of these objects, the Association shall be non-political, non-sectarian and non-racial.

3. Powers

To carry out any activity in furtherance of the objects.

4. Membership

Membership of the Association will be open to all ploholders of Inverleith Allotments. The holders of whole and half plots have the equal voting rights.

5. Office Bearers and Management Committee

- a) The Office Bearers of the Association shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and any other such Office Bearers as may be deemed necessary by the Committee.
- b) The management of the Association shall be vested in a Management

Committee of the Office Bearers and a minimum of two ordinary member of the Association.

- c) Members of the Committee shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). They shall be committee members for three years and shall be eligible for re-election.
- d) The committee shall meet at least six times annually or when it is felt a meeting is necessary.
- e) The committee may co-opt any members or persons for special purposes (unless persons co-opted are members then they will be deemed not to have voting rights).
- f) The committee may appoint Sub-Committees to deal with any subject in any which way the Association alone may determine.
- g) The committee shall have all powers necessary for the full and efficient conduct of the affairs of the Association (except in so far as these are vested in the members of the Association by the Association by this constitution), and for that purpose may do any act or thing which they deem appropriate for the fulfilment of the objectives of the Association.

6. Chairing of Meetings

The elected President, or in their absence, a nominated person shall chair the meeting of the Association.

7. Quorum

At full Committee meetings, one third of the committee members shall form a quorum or 5 persons, whichever is the lesser. At a meeting of a sub-committee, 2 voting persons shall form a quorum.

8. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association shall be held each year in the month of May, when an audited statement of accounts shall be submitted. The committee appointed, and any other competent business transacted. At least 21 days notice of the Annual General Meeting shall be given to the membership and public notices will be displayed on both notice boards.

9. Special Meetings

The Committee shall have the power to call a Special General Meeting (SGM) of the Association at any time for any specific purpose on giving 7 days notice to the members.

10. Accounts

The committee shall keep such books of accounts as are necessary to exhibit and explain the transaction and financial position of the Association in regards to the sums of money received and expended by and on behalf of the Association. Accounts of these transactions, independently verified by a suitably competent person in accordance with standard financial practice shall be made available at each and every Annual General Meeting.

11. Finance

All monies raised by or on behalf of the Association shall be applied to further the objectives of the Association and for other purpose.

A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Association with such bank and or building societies, as the management committee shall from time to time decide. The management committee shall authorise at least two members of the management committee (one of whom shall be the treasurer) to sign cheques on behalf of the Association. All cheques must be signed by the two authorised signatories. It should be noted that any cheque signatories shall not be related through family or marriage.

12. Amendments to the Constitution

Amendments to the constitution may only be made by two-thirds majority of the voting members attending a General Meeting (Annual or Special). Amendments to the constitution must be submitted to the secretary in writing no later than twenty-eight days prior to the date of the General Meeting (Annual or Special).

13. Dissolution of the Association

- a) In the event of winding up or dissolution of the Association, a Special General Meeting shall be held to formally dissolve the Association. Notice of this meeting, and the purpose for which it was called, shall be displayed on both notice boards, twenty-one days before the date of the meeting.
- b) Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities including the return of those items and assets advanced or on loan to, shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of the association, but be given or transferred to another allotment site.

Appendix 13 – Stakeholders and Contacts List

Stakeholders

In addition to the park users and interested individuals, a number of organisations are interested in the maintenance, management and development of Inverleith Park. The Inverleith Park Management Plan has been circulated to the following organisations for consultation:

- Broughton High School
- City of Edinburgh Council
- Edinburgh Leisure
- Edinburgh Northern Rugby Football Club
- Four Winds Inspirational Centre (Inverleith Park)
- Friends of Inverleith Park
- Inverleith Allotments Association
- Inverleith Petanque Club
- Inverleith Society
- Lothian and Borders Police (Community Beat Officer)
- Royal Botanic Garden (Edinburgh)
- Stockbridge and Inverleith Community Council
- Stockbridge Colonies Residents' Association
- Stockbridge Primary School
- Stockbridge Traders Association
- Water Gems (Alba) Ltd

In May 2010 the Inverleith Park Management Plan will be presented to the Inverleith Neighbourhood Partnership at its public meeting.

Contacts List

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Appendix 14 – Parks Events

Event requests and those held in Inverleith Park 2009

Cross Country Running by Edinburgh Academy - 9 to 21 February

Visit Scotland Adventure Pass – 16 April

St Columbas Hospice “Bark in the Park” – 26 April

RSPB – various dates April

Charity Fun Run – 17 May (cancelled)

Taste – 28 May - 4 June

Moonwalk – 11-25 June

Sponsored Bike/Scooter Ride – 20 June

Action Duchenne – 20 June

Edinburgh to St Andrews Cycle Ride – 20 June

Jog Scotland – 30 June

Military Fitness Training – various

Treefest – 18 July

Edinburgh Northern Rugby Annual Mixed Touch Tournament – 18 July

Fetlor Youth Centre Fun Day – 20 July

Foodies at the Festival – 17-26 August

Bank of Scotland Festival Fireworks – 6 September

Teenage Cancer Trust – 12 September

Balmoral Hotel Picnic – 13 September

Run for Relief in Burma – 10 October

Edinburgh Christmas – 6 December

Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto

The Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto is being consulted upon in 2009 (December) so it is seen primarily as a draft at present and is subject to amendment before being formally adopted.

The Edinburgh Parks Events Manifesto uses eight key principles which aim to ensure that both landscape quality and event intensity needs are met. Appropriate levels of use vary from site to site dependant on the type of use, climate and landscape conditions. Of the eight principles the first five determine whether an event is suitable for the proposed site and will therefore be given permission, the following three are aimed at the successful management of an agreed event. Best practice directives involve rotating events between parks and greenspaces that have the capacity to host events, limiting the total days of occupation of an event (to limit landscape damage), limiting the total number of major events (decided by attendance levels, duration and size) and scheduled reinstatement and turf rest periods between events. In addition clearly defined capacities for each site are noted and suggestions for appropriate types of uses for each venue or areas within a venue.

Principle 1: Control the total number of days of occupation for an event.

The duration of an event has a major bearing on the extent of surface damage sustained during occupation. From a horticultural perspective, it is therefore desirable to restrict the length of any event occupation on grassed areas. However, this may impact on the economic viability of some significant events, which from a strategic point of view would be counter to the city's economic interests and it has been accepted that in some cases the length of run is required in order to ensure that an event remains economically viable. Where viability does not rely on duration, events will be asked to reduce the length of stay as appropriate.

It has been suggested that the total number of days occupation should be fifteen days maximum for Inverleith Park.

Principle 2: Schedule reinstatement and rest periods between events.

Damage to the grass sward is usually the most recognisable damage following an event. In particular, there will be surface erosion of the soil from vehicle and pedestrian movement, as well as tents and associated standing structures. Lightly eroded areas will recover quickly so long as the cause of erosion is short-lived. Events lasting more than a few days can also result in the grass "yellowing" as its ability to photosynthesise reduces or ceases altogether. Although most grasses are able to recover quickly, if the lack of solar energy persists beyond a few days a longer period of recovery will be required.

Most sites require around two week's recovery period between events (also dependent on the level of reinstatement together with weather conditions at the time). This will enable turf to recover adequately and for any small eroded areas to grass over. Some sites may also designate certain times of the year to be defined as rest periods.

It has been suggested that a minimum of two weeks rest should be given between events. However, each event to be viewed on an individual basis subject to mitigating

factors such as the time of year, weather conditions, the level of infrastructure, length of occupancy and footfall.

Principle 3: Control the total number of 'large' events per year.

The term 'Large Event' will be defined by factors including infrastructure, attendance and footprint. An event involving large tents or infrastructure would be considered as a 'Large Event', as would an event whose footprint exceeds 1000 square meters of available open space. The Council will work with event organisers to discuss any potential modification of events or the use of alternative locations where appropriate.

It has been suggested that there should only be a maximum of four large events.

Principle 4: Define the capacity of each event site and suggest appropriate type of use.

When considering the ability of a park to host an event, it is important to take into account areas of special ecological or geological landscape, architectural or historical significance along with residential proximity. In addition the footprint of an event must be managed in such a way that there is minimal impact on sporting fixtures and regular leisure activities.

It has been suggested that the impact on regular sporting activity and fixtures be minimised.

Principle 5: Set an appropriate number of private events per year.

Events generally fall into six categories, large and small community, large and small charity and large and small commercial. An annual review of the previous year's events for each site creates a projection for the following year; this allows proactive discussion and planning for the next season and will be subject to review by relevant stakeholders, including community groups.

It has been suggested that an annual review of the year's events will create a projection for the following year to allow proactive discussion and planning. This to be subject to review by relevant stakeholders, including community groups.

Principle 6: Control vehicle access and use.

The majority of events require some vehicles on site, usually to set up and breakdown infrastructure, for security or health and safety reasons. This can have a significant impact on ground compaction, and erosion is a result of vehicle movement and from vehicles parked for extended periods of time. Methods to mitigate this impact must include issuing a clear access plan in advance of the event, controlling access points and minimising the number of static vehicles for the duration of the event. These restrictions will be detailed within lease agreements.

It has been suggested that robust restrictions relating to vehicle access and movements, number on site for the duration of the event, and tracking requirements will be detailed within the lease agreements.

Principle 7: To impose appropriate conditions on event activities and placement of infrastructure.

The creation of a checklist which makes a link between event activities and potential site damage will reinforce to organisers their responsibility for the venue, and encourage them to work toward reducing damage. The checklist will include appropriate measures, for example the consideration of the park fabric such as grass, trees, monuments, walls and gateways and minimising impact on wildlife and ecology. Guidelines are also used to protect the landscape from temporary structures such as tents, fencing and staging.

It has been suggested that there will need to be protection of underground and overhead utilities and that event organisers must obtain information prior to the erection of any infrastructure to ensure no damage to utilities. Permission to hold an event in a park will be subject to acceptance of these terms.

Where appropriate, site conditions will be incorporated into lease agreements and more effective enforcement through regular site meetings, increased officer presence and detailed post event review. Appropriate sanctions will be taken for those events which do not comply with the site conditions specified.

A review will be held upon completion of each major event and will be reported directly to relevant stakeholders.

Principle 8: Contingency planning.

Event organisers will be required to produce contingency plans for bad weather and other circumstances that increase risk to park users and damage to park infrastructure. These plans are included within the Lease agreement to protect the ground in circumstances such as extreme weather conditions (such as heavy and prolonged rainfall), particularly with regard to vehicle movements.

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Appendix 15 – Sustainability

Peat use

The only use of peat by the Parks and Greenspace Service is in the production of bedding plants at the Council's Inch Nursery. Since 2004 the nursery has reduced its consumption of peat by 50% and aims to meet national targets of 90%. A number of alternatives to peat have been incorporated into the growing mixes for plant production at the nursery, including; compost derived from the Council green waste collections, the nursery own compost, worm cast, fine bark, vermiculite and sand. Trials have been run since 2007 to assess the best mix to support seedling and plant growth.

There is a small amount of bedding used around the Sundial Garden.

Pesticides

A draft pesticide policy has been produced by the City of Edinburgh Council. It states, where appropriate, all non chemical alternative methods of weed control will be investigated and implemented depending on the requirements of the site, local environment and its users. This will also take into consideration, all available resources and any cost implications, which could impact on the local service delivery.

When non chemical alternatives are not suitable and chemical applications will be required, the council will ensure;

- Chemical amounts are reduced by using alternative, low a.i products.
- Application methods will be used to reduce the amount of chemicals applied.
- Application methods will be used to reduce chemical drift and any risk to the operator and the public.
- Chemical types and application methods will ensure that any risk to the environment is reduced or eliminated.
- Use well trained and certificated staff.
- Use well maintained and correctly calibrated application equipment.
- Continually monitor and review all chemical usage.

Waste minimisation

In order to reduce land filled waste, the City of Edinburgh Council is working to develop and extend initiatives to prevent, minimise, reuse and recycle not only the city's but also its own waste. The Council is actively collaborating with other local councils in progressing the Lothian & Borders Area Waste Plan.

Green waste (e.g. grass clippings, weeds, seasonal bedding) is taken to Braehead Recycling Centre where it is composted by Forth Resource Management. Tree limbs are chipped and used as mulch on site. Larger limbs and trunks are sold. Compost generated from this process is used by the Parks and Greenspace Service as a soil conditioner in seasonal bedding.

Litter is disposed of appropriately to a licensed tip.

In general, most green waste generated on the site is chipped and stored within the Allotment site for use by Allotment holders, including all autumn leaf collections.

Environmental sustainability

The Council has a duty to protect the environment wherever possible. The Council aims to improve its environmental performance (in purchasing) by encouraging manufacturers, suppliers and contractors through contracts and other means to improve or develop environmentally preferable goods and services at competitive prices.

The lighting in the park is provided by low energy bulbs. Council vehicles are diesel. Machinery used in park use unleaded fuel and any products for fabric maintenance are CFC free.

Appendix 16 – Green Flag Internal Quality Assessment

GREEN FLAG QUALITY ASSESSMENT - SUMMER 2009

Neighbourhood: North

Ward: Inverleith

Classification: Premier Park

Bandwidth (2008)	Edinburgh Minimum Standard	Bandwidth (2009)
Good	Not Met	Fair
<u>A Welcoming Place</u>	PQS	<u>Conservation</u>
Welcoming	7	Cons. Flora and Fauna
Good Safe Access	7	Cons. Landscape
Signage	6	Cons. Buildings
Equal Access	7	<u>Community Involvement</u>
<u>Healthy, Safe and Secure</u>		Community Involvement
Safe Equipment and Facilities	8	Community Provision
Personal Security	7	<u>Marketing and Promotion</u>
Dog Fouling	8	Marketing and Promotion
Provision of Facilities	7	Information Provision
Quality of Facilities	6	Education and Interpretation Provision
<u>Clean and Well Maintained</u>		
Litter Management	5	
Grounds Maintenance	4	
Infrastructure Maintenance	5	
Equipment Maintenance	6	
<u>Sustainability</u>		
Environmental Sustainability	6	
Pesticides	4	
Peat Use	7	
Waste Minimisation	2	
Woodland Management	7	

Elements scoring '0' or 'n/a' were not assessed as part of the Internal Quality Assessment.

Appendix 17 – Review History

This section will include a history of the development plan as objectives are completed as part of the continuous monitoring and review process.

Each year the management plan will be reviewed and updated. At the end of the Management Plan period a thorough review will be undertaken to take forward the development proposals and plans into the next Management Plan.

The suggested programme for review will be :

Annual reviews

Year	Carried out by	Date
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013		
2014		