

Design guidance

Scope and outline for design guide for surfaces, railings and park furniture

Introduction

Park officers and the FOVP have identified the need for design guidance on materials, railings and park furniture and this has also been highlighted through the management plan process. Over time different surfaces, railings and park furniture have been added as required. The design and detailing of these materials has reflected practicality, economy and possibly the preference of the officer responsible, but has not necessarily been appropriate to the park or enhanced its character.

Aim

To provide guidance for future decisions regarding the rationalisation, and selection of surfaces, railings and park furniture so that changes and improvements support and further the vision and objectives of the Vauxhall Park management plan.

The design guidance should:

- Reflect understanding of the park's history and development
- Consider design intentions, period, materials and purpose together with character and current use of the park
- Identify issues
- Develop guidelines

Issues

These will include:

- Character
- Fitness for purpose including access
- Whole life costing – capital investment, revenue cost of maintenance and life expectancy
- Sources of capital funding
- Availability
- Ease of installation, replacement, adaptation (e.g. to curves), and integration of gates
- Resources and skills required for maintenance

Develop guidelines

For surfaces, railings and park furniture these will cover

- Style,
- Palette of materials, finishes, colours
- Suppliers
- Maintenance requirements

Once the design guide is complete, all this information, including illustration and specifications, can be included in the management plan. Specific guidance can also be included for individual items such as the fountain, drinking fountain and barriers.

Note:

Conservation Area status means that all changes are subject to Conservation Area Consent.