

Brighton & Hove City Council
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Meeting: Sustainability Commission

Date: 29th October 2003

Report of: Director of Environment

Subject: Stanmer Estate Historic Landscape Survey and
Restoration Management Plan

Ward(s) affected: Hollingbury and Stanmer

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To brief the Sustainability Commission on progress with the Stanmer Park Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Management Plan and to seek its views on its implementation.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Sustainability Commission note and offer its comments on the Stanmer Estate Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Management Plan, as approved by Environment Committee on 4th September 2003 (Attached as appendix 'A')

3. Information

- 3.1 The final version of the Stanmer Estate Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Management Plan will have been produced by the time that this report is considered by the Commission. However, further detailed studies will be needed following its publication and the Commission will be able to influence the implementation of the Plan. Stanmer Estate has the potential for being a flagship for the implementation of the Council's Sustainability Strategy in respect of its farmlands and parks.

4 Consultation

- 4.1 The following tenants and organisations have been consulted: the farm tenant, Cherrywood Investments Ltd, the Horticultural College, Ecovert, Stanmer Organics Co-operative Consortium, Care Co-ops, Stanmer

Orchard Group, SDCB, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), Stanmer Social Club, DEFRA, English Heritage, English Nature, The Garden History Society, Sussex Gardens Trust, Brighton and Hove Archaeological Society, Stanmer Preservation Society, Stanmer Residents Association, Society of Sussex Downsmen, Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), Brighton Urban Wildlife Group (BUWG) the Wildlife Advisory Group (WAG), Sussex Police.

- 4.1 Local Ward Members have also been consulted. A number of external comments were received and reported verbally to the committee and a schedule summarising them produced and circulated at the Environment Committee 4th September 2003. A meeting was held with the farm tenant to discuss the proposals.
- 4.2 Internal consultations include Corporate Service, Legal Team and Property & Design Team, Cluttons the Council's farm management agents, and those Teams in Environment Department with responsibilities relating to Stanmer Park and comments received have been taken into account. The Consultants will be asked to make some amendments to the draft in response.

COMMITTEE REPORT APPENDIX



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Financial implications There are none.
Legal implications There are none.

Corporate/Citywide implications The Study advises bringing the management of the Stanmer estate under a single body with a designated budget.	Risk assessment There are no significant risks identified.
Sustainability implications The Study represents a substantial contribution towards managing the Council's lands more sustainably in accordance with the Council's Sustainability Strategy	Equalities implications The needs of the elderly and disabled are to be met by prioritising the village car park for their use and ensuring that all new works are user-friendly to them.
Implications for the prevention of crime and disorder The proposals to concentrate parking at the south end of the park and to restrict traffic through the park will restrict joy riding, dumping of stolen cars and rubbish and travelers invasions.	

Background papers [Part 1 reports only] 1. The Stanmer Park Historic Landscape Survey and Restoration Management Plan Rev 2 July 2003, The Vision For Stanmer, The Stanmer & Coldean Local Nature Reserve Management Plan.
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