

16-243 Fairhaven Lake:

Landscape Masterplan



Legend

- 1 Lake to be desilted to improve water quality and depth, to enable increased water based activities. Lake edge modified to allow for widened footpath to improve access and circulation for all.
- 2 Upgrade pier for boating/ water based activities with Access for All.
- 3 Car parks to be reconfigured to create an informal layout introducing seating, hardscape and lighting. Entrances to be reconfigured to allow for safer access for pedestrians.
- 4 The event lawns with proposed tree, shrub and ground cover planting to the perimeter.
- 5 Proposed Adventure Play Area - toddlers to teenagers.
- 6 Lawn areas for picnic benches and informal recreation.
- 7 Tennis Courts - improvements to grass and all weather courts, to comply with Lawn Tennis Association 'Beacon' standards.
- 8 Bowling Greens - retained and improved including footpaths and seating.
- 9 Existing vegetation managed and thinned with new appropriate planting to Mawson's free style.
- 10 Enhance shrub management to islands to improve habitats for nationally important birdlife.
- 11 Japanese Gardens -Existing garden features shall be uncovered and restored. Where necessary further restoration is proposed to recreate Mawson's original design for the gardens.
- 12 Proposed Shelter / Interpretation Point - theme to reflect the historical and ecological context of Fairhaven and Ribble Estuary.
- 13 Sea defence work steps with wide coastal footpath, funded by Environment Agency.
- 14 Fitness Trail with activity stations throughout the gardens.
- 15 Restoration of swimming pool end of lake with banking with intergrated seating for viewing.

Project Aims

- Repair and restoration of 'Fairhaven Lake and Gardens' as designed by Thomas Mawson & Sons, providing interpretation of its history, aesthetic and architectural interest much of which is recorded in detail.
- To protect, enhance, conserve and promote the natural and semi-natural habitats/ environments within the Fairhaven Lake and Ribble Estuary.
- To improve and enhance the connectivity of the pedestrian and vehicular access and circulation, to enable access for all and to open up a complete path around the Lake.
- To improve and introduce new leisure, play, recreation, the RSPB Discovery Centre and other educational opportunities
- To improve and enhance the overall public realm of the Lake, Gardens and seamlessly link to the coastal defence scheme.
- To improve and enhance the educational and interpretation opportunities associated with Fairhaven Lake and Gardens, the adjacent Estuary.
- To create a sustainable community asset which is attractive to visitors.
- To engage and empower local community groups to become more activity involved in the development, the management and maintenance of Fairhaven Lake and Gardens.

Objectives

- To repair and replant Thomas Mawson's Japanese Gardens- aspirationally reinstating Mawson's design.
- To improve and restore the broader landscape and public realm. This shall include reinstated footpaths, lighting, planting, along with carpark and boundary improvements.
- To develop and improve the water based activities for boating, sailing, canoeing and model boating on Fairhaven Lake.
- To develop and improve land based sports and recreation facilities- tennis, bowling, walking and children's play facilities.
- To improve the network of footpaths which will ensure safe segregated access for different users, provide 'access for all' and introducing new lakeside footpaths and improve the connections with the coastal path and National Cycle Way.
- Recreate open views across the Fairhaven Lake and Gardens, Granny's Bay and the Ribble Estuary.