





Preston Hall Museum & Grounds

Masterplan 2018 - 2028

- Key:**
-  Main public vehicle access
 -  Overspill access
 -  Service access
 -  New cycle route



DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES

- 1 **Stockton and Darlington Railway:** interpret and protect the track bed*
- 2 **Small Gauge Railway:** improvements to infrastructure*
- 3 **Quarry Plantation:** interpretation of the quarry history; woodland management in accordance with LNR management plan; signed trails and path improvements*
- 4 **Main approach to the Hall:** restore the setting to the Hall; restrict vehicular use of drive; plant avenue of trees along drive, and buffer planting to screen car park; landscape improvements to 'Central Area'*
- 5 Re-plant plantations in centre of events field; improve drainage and address problems with trees in play area; recreate path along Broadwood Walk; restore estate fencing to woodland*
- 6 **Landscape Restoration:** re-establish views to River Tees and Hall by selective felling and thinning of woodland*
- 7 **Meadow Field:** restore hedgerows and re-establish distant views, restore grassland to hay meadow and create mown grass walks and include covered picnic shelters*
- 8 **Area North of Hall:** relocate the staff car park and develop space as part of 'paid for area' attraction*
- 9 **Former Tree Nursery:** consider the creation of new Ranger and Volunteer facilities*
- 10 **Flower Garden:** demolish modern bandstand and lay out a high quality ornamental garden accessed from the Hall; new boundary railings along the southern and western boundaries*
- 11 **Kitchen garden:** reinstate glasshouses; restore potting shed; re-open the existing gateway in the garden wall*
- 12 **Conservatory:** reinstate historic site of conservatory as extension to cafe terrace*
- 13 **Park Boundary:** restore estate fencing to Yarm Road frontage and formalise access points with signage and designated entrances*
- 14 **Parking and Circulation:** reconfiguration of Main Car Park to improve pedestrian safety*
- 15 North Field and South Field over-flow parking areas: grass reinforcement, removable sections of fencing on North Field, footpath link from and boat trailer parking in South Field*
- 16 Main drive restricted to planned events. Staff and service access to Preston Lane and signed off Yarm Road*
- 17 Designate and upgrade some routes to cycleways: promote long distance cycle routes from the Park with cycle storage at various locations*
- 18 Plan colour-coded circular accessible routes and improve path surface*
- 19 **Visitor welcome area:** directional signage and information & interpretation: promoting links to adjacent Preston Farm Wetland, Teesdale Way and wider footpath Network*
- 20 **Café and Toilet block:** plan for new purpose-built facility. In the interim consider expanding the existing facilities, and improving with covered shelter / walkway and Café Plaza
- 21 **Extend Play Provision:** additional and alternative natural play areas sited in new locations to encourage a wider experience of the Park
- 22 **Aviary:** valued as a well-known landmark and good orientation point especially from the southern approaches into the Park, but location limits potential. Without a positive use for the structure consider removal or relocating elsewhere
- 23 **New Restaurant:** explore the feasibility of a new building located south of the Aviary site, serviced by a new access road from South Field. Explore options for commercial venture. Design brief could include references to the Aviary form, and catering offer for the full range of park users
- 24 **Bridge:** new cycle and pedestrian bridge to link Ingleby Barwick and Eaglescliffe, and increase visitor numbers to the Park
- 25 Create new cyclist routes and accessible footpath to connect to new bridge
- 26 **New access road:** explore the feasibility of a future link road from Queen Elizabeth Way
- 27 **Boathouse:** possible new boathouse for storage and facilitating corporate events; explore potential sites: a) historic site with lighting to jetty area and b) boathouse on stilts in centre of backwater ponds
- 28 **Events Fields:** alternative events space in South Field; secure power points; water points; additional toilet facilities; covered structures for picnics

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