

SH062 Wollaton Parkland

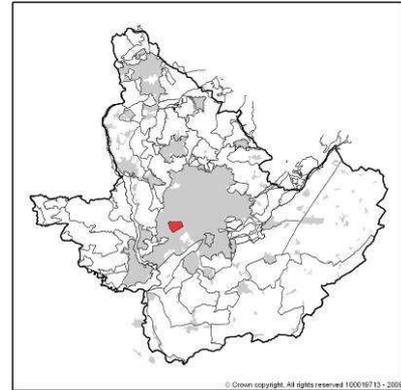


CONTEXT

Regional Character Area: Sherwood

LDU Reference: 262

DPZ Reference: SH062



CHARACTERISTIC FEATURES

- Gently rolling landform with Wollaton Hall on the highest ground
- Strong sense of enclosure and separation is experienced from the surrounding built form due to a tall brick boundary wall and mature woodland along the boundaries which restricts views beyond the Hall
- Wollaton Hall is a registered Park and Garden
- Prominent and distinctive parkland with frequent parkland trees and herds of deer grazing are key features
- Areas are fenced with parkland fencing and gates and narrow access routes between them to control deer movement
- Prominent avenues of lime and beech trees along drives provide distinctive vistas towards the Hall
- Large formal lake with avenues of trees leading from the lake to the Hall and mature ornamental woodland around the lake's western fringes
- Areas of the park are used for informal recreation such as football and dog walking
- Small formal gardens including a sensory garden and annual bedding are immediately adjacent to the hall and are more formal in character to the other areas
- Large golf course characterised by mature woodland belts and formally managed landscape, the golf course is separated from the park by a ha-ha which maintains a connection to the park but doesn't diminish its strength of character
- Prominent lime avenue (Lime Tree Avenue) forms one of the main approaches through the golf course maintaining a vista into the Hall
- Wollaton Hall (considered to be one of the finest examples of an Elizabethan hall in England) is prominent on high ground
- Constructed from local stone in an English Renaissance style with a central tower and flanking turrets
- A small collection of red brick farm buildings (Courtyard Stables) are adjacent to car parking areas next to the hall and house Nottingham's Industrial Museum. These are set within a walled boundary and surrounded by mature trees
- The Camellia House, the oldest cast iron house in Europe is set within formal gardens on high ground
- Car parks are around the northern part of the hall set within mature trees
- Woodland is present as small linear belts around the fringes, concentrations of trees within grass on the steepest ground around the hall, and large belts around the fringes
- Parkland trees include beech, lime and horse chestnut with both mature and more recently planted trees
- Small ditches and swales are within the woodland which surrounds the main lake which contributes to the formality of the woodland
- Glimpsed views into Nottingham possible from high ground although most views are contained within the park and across the golf course



LANDSCAPE ANALYSIS

Condition

Distinctive parkland landscape which is intact and forms part of the Wollaton Park estate. Formal land with a prominent Elizabethan Hall and designed vistas and avenues radiating from the entrances to the hall. The golf course lies to the east of the park separated by a ha-ha.

The parkland is grazed by large herds of Fallow and Red Deer. The layout is designed with parkland trees set out in avenues to create vistas to the hall and views down towards a large lake and the adjacent golf course.

Woodland is extensive within this DPZ, the woodland is generally formal with rhododendron a feature of the understorey. Mixed conifers and broadleaved species and a high concentration of beech is also common. Woodland is present in large irregular blocks which provide enclosure along the edges of the park and as narrow belts and copses within the golf course.

The landscape condition is considered to be **GOOD**. The area is well maintained for public use, there is evidence of replacement of prominent features such as parkland trees to ensure the area maintains its distinctive character in the future.



Landscape Strength

This DPZ is visually contained with views out restricted to glimpsed views from high ground on the western side of the hall to the city including a distinctive red art sculpture and taller buildings in the centre. Other views are contained to within the park with views focused on vistas of the hall. The hall, situated on a natural hill, is a distinctive feature within the Nottingham skyline and is visible from the River Trent and from vantage points within the city. The hall is seen as a distinctive building set within woodland.

The strength of character is considered to be **STRONG**. The features and parkland character are consistently represented throughout the DPZ. The features combine to create a unique and highly distinctive landscape which has a rural and remote character despite its position within an urban area. Although the golf course has a different character the tree avenues, specimen trees and blocks of woodland provide consistency with the wider parkland.

Landscape Condition	Good	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>	MODERATE - GOOD <i>Conserve and Enhance</i>	GOOD <i>Conserve</i>
	Moderate	POOR - MODERATE <i>Enhance and Restore</i>	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>	MODERATE - GOOD <i>Conserve and Enhance</i>
	Poor	POOR <i>Restore/Create</i>	POOR - MODERATE <i>Enhance and Restore</i>	MODERATE <i>Enhance</i>
		Weak	Moderate	Strong

Landscape strength

The overall landscape strategy is **CONSERVE**.

LANDSCAPE ACTIONS

- Landscape features*
- Conserve the distinctive avenues of trees which provide vistas of the hall
 - Conserve the parkland character through the protection and replacement of specimen trees within grassland
 - Conserve the areas of formal woodland within the park
 - Conserve the vistas and views of the hall through the park
 - Conserve the distinctive and historic character of the park by ensuring that modern facilities for tourism do not unduly detract from this character
 - Conserve the wooded character of the golf course
 - Conserve the ha-ha separation to the golf course and ensure that any other boundary fencing is in keeping with the parkland character and is low key
- Built form*
- Conserve the sense of separation from surrounding built form experienced within the DPZ through careful siting of any future development adjacent to the DPZ and maintenance of intact mature wooded boundaries
 - Conserve the red brick boundary wall and formal entrances surrounding the park
 - Any change close to the park or within the park should respect the historic setting of the park and its sense of separation and should not increase the prominence of urban elements within the park
- Other development/ structures in the landscape*
- Conserve the avenues of trees along tracks and the estate character of roads through the park