

Hertford Castle Greenspace Renewal



1. New St Andrew Street Car Park Bridge - New pedestrian, cyclist and vehicle access bridge improving connections to the town.
2. New central bridge - New pedestrian and cyclist bridge enabling a new route through the greenspace.
3. Existing motte bridge - Removal of the existing bridge to protect the Scheduled Monument and reinstate historic character.
4. Existing vehicle bridge - Removal of the existing vehicular bridge to improve heritage setting and riverside views.
5. Ashley Webb Shelter enhancement - Renovation of the existing shelter with new paving, planting and measures to deter anti-social behaviour.
6. Icehouse enhancement - Icehouse to be made safe, more visible, and accessible for occasional supervised visits, with new interpretation.
7. Curtain wall enhancement - Conservation-led masonry repairs and new interpretation explaining historic structure and function.
8. Motte enhancement - Motte retained as a non-accessible heritage feature, protected with sensitive fencing, planting and interpretation.
9. Heritage gravel path - Existing paths widened where required and resurfaced with a resin-bonded gravel overlay.
10. Heavy use areas upgrade - High-traffic areas resurfaced with asphalt to improve durability and accessibility.
11. New path and seating - Resin-bound gravel paths with new riverside seating and additional seating around the Ashley Webb Shelter.
12. Improved pedestrian entrance - Enhanced gateway linking the Castle grounds more clearly with Hertford town centre and BEAM.
13. Existing play area - Removal of existing play equipment and replacement with orchard tree species, seating and flexible events space.
14. New play area - New inclusive play space with equipment for all ages and abilities, including swings, climbing features and musical elements.
15. Castle lawn - Retained as the primary heritage and events lawn, with new seating along its edges.
16. North of island - Open space for informal use and community events.
17. Lawn spaces - New and improved to support flexible community use.
18. Relocated car park - 21 bays including 4 EV charging points.
19. Gatehouse frontage - Car park moved to improve heritage setting.
20. New drinking water fountain - Installation of a public water fountain.
21. New fingerpost signage - Directional signage within site and to town.
22. Store Area - New bin store, compost bays and storage unit.
23. New planting - History-inspired, with interpretation.
24. Localised interplanting - To existing planting beds with interpretation.
25. Wildflower planting - Around play area for biodiversity and softening.
26. New woodland - Compact native woodland using Miyawaki method.
27. Woodland edge openings - Opening views/access to back channel.
28. Rain garden planting - To enhance biodiversity and interest.
29. Marginal planting - To support habitat and bank stability.
30. Riverbank restoration - Structural reinforcement to prevent erosion.
31. Cycle parking - Sheffield cycle parking stands to match existing.



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