

Flaybrick Memorial Gardens CMP Consultation Feedback Report - DRAFT							
Item	Vol	Pg.	Sec	Comment	Comment type	Action proposed	Alteration to CMP
1	General	—	—	Repair and redevelop overgrown and obscured existing footpaths, steps and roads including spade edging, clearance of surface water gullies and the safety of internal steps and low walls; create new footpaths where deemed appropriate.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. General comment to be included in Management & Maintenance Plan. New paths comment covered on Page 11 in Action D3.	X
2	General	—	—	Continue to raise eye line levels of trees and shrubs within the site, working towards the elimination of potential hiding places for criminal and other inappropriate activity.	Suggestion for inclusion	To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan where it does not conflict with other policies, for example conical pruning of trees.	X
3	General	—	—	The removal of dead and dying trees around the site to enable other stronger specimens to thrive.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Covered in Tree Survey and supported by Action F1. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
4	General	—	—	The removal of tree stumps remaining after pruning already completed.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
5	General	—	—	The treatment and control of weeds as part of a managed programme.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
6	General	—	—	The provision of marker posts identifying the individual sections within the Memorial Gardens and the improvement of general signage in and around the site to enable visitors to more easily navigate around the site.	Suggestion for inclusion	This will be reviewed and included in the Wayfinding Audit - Action D8	X
7	General	—	—	The introduction of a managed site inspection regime around the complex and a recording system in order to enable the Authority to repudiate and defend public liability claims.	Suggestion for inclusion	To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
8	General	—	—	The undertaking of a review of notice boards, seating and litter bins throughout the site.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. This will be done as part of actions D1 (Notice Boards) D2 (Seating) and G3 (Litterbins)	X
9	General	—	—	An improvement programme with regard to the many public mass graves on the site to offer dignity to those who were unable to afford an individual grave.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. This will be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
10	General	—	—	Working with local groups, e.g. schools, cubs, scouts and local businesses, to encourage interest, involvement and an awareness of local history and heritage.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
11	General	—	—	The Introduction of an enhanced level of maintenance to areas and memorials of particular interest to visitors thus improving perception.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. This will be reviewed as part of the Interpretation Strategy (Volume 3 page7 and ActionD7) Details will then be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X

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12	General	—	—	The establishment and funding of an maintenance programme in respect of to the walls and fences around the site.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. This will be covered by the Funding Strategy (Volume 3 page 7, and action I2) and in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
13	General	—	—	The painting/decoration of external gates and railings to enhance the visual impact of the site	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
14	General	—	—	The undertaking of a project to identify and expose the ‘footprint’ of the demolished Roman Catholic chapel.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Proposals will be drawn up as part of the Interpretation Strategy.	X
15	General	—	—	Look at available options for the restoration of fallen and vandalised memorials.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. This is covered in Action H2.	X
16	General	—	—	A programme of work to identify and promptly remove fly tipped materials.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
17	General	—	—	The introduction of an electricity supply into the chapels.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
18	General	—	—	The provision of CCTV in and around the chapels.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
19	General	—	—	The introduction of lighting in and around the chapels.	Suggestion for inclusion	This proposal will be reviewed for decision at a later date.	X
20	General	—	—	The enhanced linkage between Flaybrick Memorial Gardens and the Tam O Shanter’s complex with its toilet and cafe facilities possibly including the introduction of a controlled crossing between the two sites.	Suggestion for inclusion	This proposal will be reviewed as part of the Access Audit (Volume 3 page 7 and actionD2)	X
21	General	—	—	The removal of the ugly brickwork blocking the archways in the chapels.	Suggestion for inclusion	This proposal and others to further restore the Chapels will be reviewed and is included within Action B4.	X
22	General	—	—	The realignment of the fence around the chapels.	Suggestion for inclusion	The details of this project are now being drawn up for evaluation	X
23	General	—	—	The provision of stone chippings in the chapels to lessen potential trip areas.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
24	General	—	—	The removal and return to their original location of the large stones placed in 2017 along the edge of the main drive of the memorial gardens.	Suggestion for inclusion	To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
25	General	—	—	A more ‘green’ use of the chipped timber from cuttings, possibly to create improved access around the site in muddy areas.	Suggestion for inclusion	To be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X

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26	General	—	—	The installation of a memorial within the chapel to commemorate the 100 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the end of the Great War.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Discussion is underway on the design the memorial.	X
27	General	—	—	Further restoration work on the chapels, subject to funding, as a continuation of the work completed in 2017 and jointly funded by the Council and Historic England.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Further works to restore the Chapels will be reviewed and is included within Action B4.	X
28	General	—	—	Joint work between Wirral Council and The Friends of Flaybrick in an attempt to gain Green Flag status for Flaybrick Memorial Gardens.	Suggestion for inclusion	The current aspiration is to work towards gaining a Green Flag Award for the site, however this would form part of the details to be included in the Management and Maintenance Plan to meet Action D6.	X
29	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	—	—	Does not recommend the clearance of weed grown trees from all embankments. This will not allow the return of the landscape to as Kemp intended and also blocks the views that he intended.	Suggestion for inclusion	This is already covered by by Action E4.	X
30	2 - Analysis	22	—	Removal of Sorbus avenue and replace with holly. Replacing with hollies is problematic with the soot blight problem.	Disagreement	This is acknowledged. One possible solution being evaluated is to keep the size of the Holly trees small to aid management of the disease.	X
31	2 - Analysis	24	—	Grave stones should not be moved to protect lichen growth. The gravestones have to be moved to ensure that they are readable and accessible to the public.	Disagreement	Agreed. The text will be amended to read "best maintained ~ where possible"	X
32	2 - Analysis	29	—	Stop weed killer application around the base of memorials. Reduces strimmer and memorial damage and the practice is used at other Wirral cemeteries.	Disagreement	The text agrees with this suggestion.	X
33	4 - Appendices	17	—	Main drive – replace Prunus with a single variety of cherry. Sound trees will be destroyed.	Disagreement	This is presented as an option for consideration, and no decision has yet been taken on removing the cherries.	X
34	4 - Appendices	21-22	—	Introduction of spring and summer mowing regimes in certain areas. Will present an unkempt appearance and reduce access to the memorials.	Disagreement	Agreed. Any introduction of flowering meadows will be designed in order to minimise any unkempt appearance and minimise obstruction to the memorials	X
35	4 - Appendices	23	—	Avoid removal of ivy from memorials. Reduces access to memorials and damages stonework.	Disagreement	Agreed. Ivy will be removed from memorials in a way which does no damage.	X
36	4 - Appendices	42	—	T7 Acacia fell. Although there is strim damage the tree is in good health and this year put on a full display of flowers.	Disagreement	This was a suggestion included in a Tree Survey included in its entirety. Any Tree removals, unless done for safety reasons, will be considered carefully in consultation with the Management Group and key partners.	X
37	4 - Appendices	43	—	T43 Leyland Cypress fell. The tree is a Monterey cypress and is in good health, it is also very large and would waste resources removing it.	Disagreement	This was a suggestion included in a Tree Survey included in its entirety. Any Tree removals, unless done for safety reasons, will be considered carefully in consultation with the Management Group and key partners.	X

38	4 - Appendices	44	—	T55 Horse chestnut fell. Whilst agreeing that it does have canker it may well continue for a few years yet and would be a major loss of a Kemp tree.	Disagreement	This was a suggestion included in a Tree Survey included in its entirety. Any Tree removals, unless done for safety reasons, will be considered carefully in consultation with the Management Group and key partners.	X
39	4 - Appendices	49	—	G45 Remove Yew and holly growing from tomb. Despite careful checking we are unable to locate G49 on the Purcell's map. We would like to know where G45 is before we can give an opinion.	Disagreement	This information will be clarified. Any Tree removals, unless done for safety reasons, will be considered carefully in consultation with the Management Group and key partners.	X
40	—	—	—	The removal of the large stones placed on the main drive as an anti-parking measure. The stones are getting damaged and the measure does not seem to be working.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Measures to manage parking will be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
41	Action Plan	3	—	The Significance of the site – “dates to 1862” do they mean when building started or should it read “1864” date opened.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Add text "when building started"	✓
42	Action Plan	3	—	Final paragraph – Roman Catholic chapel was demolished 1975.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "1975"	✓
43	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	7	2.3	Features – the roof of the chapels was removed along with the spire in 1996 – details below from Joy Hockey. About 1978 vandalism started at this time the chapel roof was repaired and some other work was done at a cost of £43,000. In August 1982 the building was upgraded to Grade 2*. Then after considerable decay and vandalism a public enquiry was held on 6.3.1984 at Wallasey. English Heritage said they would give a grant and a £127,000 was spend on making good the tower and chapels. April 1994 there was a public meeting at Birkenhead Town Hall re controlled ruination, funding small % from English Heritage and the rest from Objective 1 EEC money. March 1996 controlled ruination was started. The roofs will be removed, and the walls supported by scaffolding. April 1996 it was decided spire to be removed and capped due to cracks as there was a problem due to the cement having crumbled.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "1996"Details will be summarised and added to the History section on page 101.	✓
44	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	8	2.4	Management and use “managed by an on-site ranger team” should this be gardeners?	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "on-site gardener and ranger team" and "The on-site team manage"	✓
45	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	8	2.4	Paragraph 2 - Friends Group was formed in 1992.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "1992"	✓
46	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	23	—	General Existing Situation “the chapel was demolished in 1975”	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "1975"	✓

47	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	37	—	Headstones – at lot of the kerbstones were removed to make grass cutting easier, some people objected, and these were left and other people agreed and a “concrete” low headstone was put up in its place. Don’t know date but late 70’s early 80’s.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to include "many kerbstones were removed in the late 1970s and early 1980s to make grass cutting easier. This was only done to those where no objection was made. Where kerbs were removed, a low concrete headstone was put up in their place.	✓
48	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	38	—	War Graves – there are 3 Commonwealth War Graves. Large one overlay in 6RC and 16COE; one in 14COE and one in 3RC.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "three" and add in text “A third is located in the Roman Catholic Area.	✓
49	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	55	2.7.1	Key Views – Roman Catholic not Romatic	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "Roman"	✓
50	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	94	2.9.2	Birkenhead Improvement Commission – “Flaybrick Hill was purchased by the Improvement Commission in 1862” – it was purchased in 1843.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed, Alter text to "1843".	✓
51	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	101	—	20th Century developments – 1975 Roman Catholic Chapel demolished – central spire was demolished in 1996.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed, Alter text to "1996".	✓
52	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	102	2.9.3	Summary needs amending	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Timeline will be corrected in line with above specific corrections.	✓

53	2: Analysis	8	3.1.3	Edward Kemp’s Approach – Paragraph 3 – “design commission was awarded, after a competition” – this is incorrect there was no competition see below from Elizabeth Davey. The Cemetery Competition was in fact held to select the architects for the chapels and other buildings, a notice advertising the competition being placed in the press in July 1861. The selection process is described in detail in the Minutes, all very above board and anonymous, with plans identified by numbers rather than by the architect's name)Time dragged on and it was only in May 1861, when using Mill's original base map, that he and Mills jointly submitted plans to the Commissioners for the actual laying out of Flaybrick. These plans were referred by the Commissioners for 'further consideration' and with some modification were approved on 1 July 1861. (Though both in the Commissioners' employ, Mills and Kemp received payments for their plan. Given the large sums of money being paid out to the winning architects this must have seemed only fair)Kemp had already become involved in the Cemetery design by the summer of 1857 (See Liverpool Mercury, August 5, 1857) when a Report of the Birkenhead Cemetery Committee records that he had already produced a design for the cemetery and given some indication of the costing.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Delete text "after a competition"	✓
54	4 - Appendices	4	—	Historic Development – paragraph 2 “the competition” needs amending.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. The text will be altered to read "The cemetery was designed by Edward Kemp".	✓
55	4 - Appendices	4	—	Historic Development – Paragraph 6 “demolished in 1971” needs amending.	Correction of Historical Information	Agreed. Alter text to "1975"	✓
56	—	—	—	There needs to be a front cover	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. One will be added.	✓
57	—	—	—	There needs to be a contents page, to be able to find your way around the CMP.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. The Vision will be combined with the Action Plan in a new Executive Summary, which will include a contents list for the whole set of documents.	✓
58	Vision	—	—	Is completely repeated in the Action section. Is this necessary?	Suggestion for deletion	Agreed. The Vision will be combined with the Action Plan in a new Executive Summary, which will include a contents list for the whole set of documents.	✓
59	—	—	—	It would be useful to have an Executive Summary.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. A new Executive Summary will be written, containing the Vision and the Action Plan and will include a contents list for the whole set of documents.	✓
60	3 - Action Plan	—	—	Rebuild relationships with lodge owners to improve settings and perceptions of site.	Suggestion for inclusion	This is implicit in Policy I on page 5 of Volume 3.	✗

61	3 - Action Plan	—	—	Find a sustainable use/uses for the Chapels, a possible Options Appraisal.	Suggestion for inclusion	Use of the Chapels will be promoted both in the interpretation strategy and actions arising from the Access Audit. Any options proposed for alternative use for the Chapels will be subject to the scrutiny and guidance specified within this CMP.	X
62	3 - Action Plan	—	—	Maintenance of the landscape generated by sustainable projects.	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed, details will be included in the Funding Strategy prescribed in Volume 3 page 7 and in Action I2.	X
63	3 - Action Plan	—	—	Management of Repair & Maintenance Strategy to identify significant memorials, graves and markers.	Suggestion for inclusion	The condition survey (Volume 3 page7 section 5.1 and actions H1 and H2) covers the need to identify these.	X
64	3 - Action Plan	—	—	Increase measures to improve the security of the site to address anti-social behaviour and vandalism.	Suggestion for inclusion	Actions C5 and C6 do partially address this, but additional details will be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
65	3 - Action Plan	5	—	1862 is this start or construction date? If not it should be 1864	Correction of Historical Information	Change text to "1864"	✓
66	3 - Action Plan	8	A1	<i>WBC will discharge its obligations under the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977 to keep the Cemetery in good order and repair.</i>	Request for information or clarification	Rather than include the text from the whole 1977 order, the respondent will be contacted to ask what detail is required. Management and maintenance plan will include any details required.	X
67	3 - Action Plan	10	C3	<i>A Management &amp; Maintenance Plan for the site will be produced.</i>	Request for information or clarification	The Management and maintenance Plan will be written on completion of the Conservation Management Plan. It will consist mostly of detailed actions of a cyclical nature.	X
68	3 - Action Plan	10	C5	<i>Ensure vandalism and anti-social behaviour is report. Does this include voluntary staff - anti social behaviour?</i>	Request for information or clarification	Yes, this includes all anti-social behaviour by any person.	X
69	3 - Action Plan	11	D3	<i>Lost network of paths in Roman Catholic are to be reinstated' but some old paths have graves on them</i>	Disagreement	Agreed. Any proposed works to reinstate paths will not be done until a survey of the route and any graves on them has been carried out and evaluated.	X
70	3 - Action Plan	11	D6	<i>A social media strategy will be reviewed for the cemetery. Is this in accordance with our social media policy?</i>	Request for information or clarification	Yes.	X
71	3 - Action Plan	11	D8	<i>Wayfinding on-site will be improved to help visitors navigate the site. We have located some original stones to aid decision making.</i>	Information provided	Respondent will be thanked for the information	X
72	3 - Action Plan	12	E4	<i>A selective programme of shrub and self-seeded tree removal work to be undertaken. I will produce a list, rods and Portugal laurel are the most important (dark green rule)</i>	Information provided	Respondent will be thanked for the information	X

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73	3 - Action Plan	12	E10	The condition of grass will be improved to enhance the general appearance and the setting of monuments and memorials. <b>New mowers?</b>	Request for information or clarification	Agreed. The importance of keeping machinery up to date to be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
74	3 - Action Plan	13	F2	<i>All arboriculture works should be carried out by experienced and qualified arboricultural personnel. Can we have a maximum diameter?</i>	Suggestion for inclusion	Agreed. Information to be included in the Risk Assessment.	X
75	3 - Action Plan	13	F3	<i>A programme of cherry tree removal and holly tree replacement will be carried out. Can we recreate the 1911 picture of the main drive?</i>	Suggestion for inclusion	A decision on what size and shape the avenue of holly trees are to be maintained at will be made following further analysis and consultation. This could be similar to the 1911 position.	X
76	3 - Action Plan	13	F6	<i>The use of pesticides will be minimised and clearly justified and the non-use of horticultural peat will continue. Can we clarify and come up with alternatives</i>	Suggestion for inclusion	The alternatives, including hand weeding and strimming will be detailed within the Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
77	3 - Action Plan	14	G2	<i>The key internal views across the site will be protected and where appropriate enhanced by restoring lost views. Talk about holly removal</i>	Suggestion for inclusion	This will involve pruning self-sown holly trees. This detail will be included in Management and Maintenance Plan.	X
78	3 - Action Plan	14	G3	<i>Miscellaneous street furniture items that detract from the designed landscape will be removed. New fence blocking steps by Chapels will remove seating</i>	Disagreement	Any requirements for seating will be identified in the Access Audit (Action D2)	X
79	3 - Action Plan	16	I2	<i>A funding strategy will be produced, setting out the revenue streams for the maintenance of the site. Can we get a funding guarantee from WBC?</i>	Suggestion for inclusion	Funding guarantees will be explored in the Funding Strategy. No alteration to the CMP.	X
80	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	8	2.4	<i>Owned by WBC and managed by an onsite ranger team.</i>	Disagreement	Agreed. Alter text to "on-site gardener and ranger team" and "The on-site team manage"	✓
81	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	8	2.4	<i>The grounds are also maintained by Flaybrick Volunteers</i>	Disagreement	Disagree. The volunteers do carry out maintenance work.	X
82	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	21	Maintenance	<i>The grass is unmown</i>	Disagreement	Agreed. Remove text "The grass is unmown and"	✓
83	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	21	Maintenance	<i>or that the grave bases are sprayed with herbicide to limit hand weeding</i>	Disagreement	Agreed. Remove text "to limit hand weeding"	✓
84	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	25	Buildings	<i>Wooden trellis. Now removed</i>	Disagreement	Agreed. Remove text "with wooden trellises".	✓
85	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	29	Maintenance	<i>It is more forgiving and reduced grass and tree maintenance is less noticeable. Clarification needed</i>	Request for information or clarification	Forgiving' is relating to the informal character of the area.	X
86	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	47	Grassland	<b>Column 2, Paragraph 2. Contradictory to other parts of the plan (p21, para 2, and p29 para 3).Reason sloping banks are left unmown</b>	Disagreement	Agreed. Change page21 paragraph 2 by removing text "The grass in unmown and"	✓

87	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	48		<i>Descriptive section of Scrub &amp; Tall Ruderals</i> <b>Mostly changed</b>	Disagreement	This is noted, however no change to CMP is recommended as any written descriptions contained will always be one step behind the present.	X
88	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	48		<i>Structures, Quarry and Grave features.</i> <b>Where is this?</b>	Request for information or clarification	Respondent will be provided with the information requested.	X
89	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	48		<i>Mosses. Structures, Quarry and Grave features - final paragraph.</i> <b>These have increased recently</b>	Disagreement	Add text ", although an increase in mosses has recently been noticed"	✓
90	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	49	2.6.6	T.P.O's Final paragraph. <b>This needs to be followed</b>	Agreement	Agreed Details will be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
91	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	54	Tree Avenues	<i>It is not now possible to reverse the crown-lifting of the holly trees which formerly had a conical shape.</i> <b>It is possible</b>	Disagreement	Change text to " may be difficult to"	✓
92	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	111	2.9.6	<i>Shrubs are being pruned to more formal shapes.</i> <b>Not pruned by gardeners, we objected to method used by volunteers</b>	Disagreement	This is noted. Shrub pruning methodology will be included in Management & Maintenance Plan.	X
93	1: Preliminaries and Evaluation	111	2.9.6	Ivy should be left on the walls as kemp intended	Suggestion for inclusion	Ivy will be removed from walls when necessary to ensure their safety and enable maintenance. However the presence of ivy in the cemetery will be surveyed and plans to leave it in areas that do not conflict with this need and fits Kemp's plans will be identified and included in the Management and Maintenance Plan and in future revisions of this Conservation Management Plan.	X
94	3: Management Policies and Action Plan	7	5.1	Final paragraph. "owner" of the Plan. <b>Can this person be formally named asap</b>	Request for information or clarification	This person is the Local Area Manager under the current Parks & Countryside Staff Structure.	X
95	—	—	—	Rond Point definition from Newspaper 6/8/1864 Liverpool Mercury. The walks are carried round occasional circles, which are temporarily filled with evergreens, but are intended to be occupied with conspicuous public or other monuments	Suggestion for inclusion	This suggestion will be researched and evaluated. Outcome will be incorporated into Management and Maintenance Plan and an amendment will be made to a future upgrade of the CMP.	X