

WELCOME TO RHS BRIDGEWATER

RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER, WORSLEY

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ABOVE: WORSLEY NEW HALL & GARDEN TERRACES, 1905

HISTORY IN THE MAKING



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Thank you for attending the consultation event today. This consultation is an opportunity for you to tell us your views on our emerging proposals before a planning application is submitted to Salford City Council in December 2016. Our aim is to understand how local residents, businesses, RHS

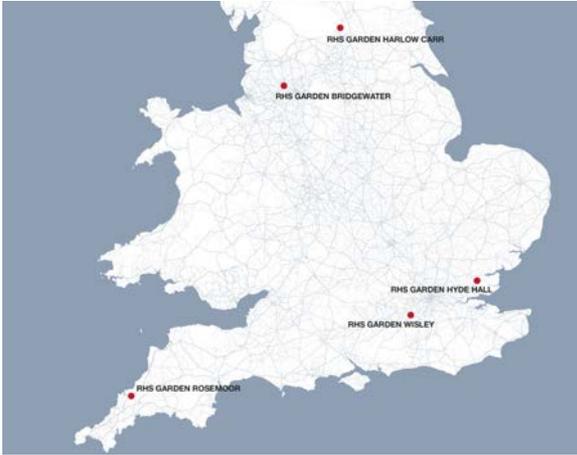
Members and local interested parties feel about the proposals for RHS Garden Bridgewater.

Members of the project team are here today to talk through our ideas and to answer any questions you may have. There are feedback forms available to record your views, which will be

considered before we proceed further with our design work.

We are committed to keeping the public informed as this project progresses through the development process and will feedback our responses to key comments raised.

RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER, WORSLEY BACKGROUND TO RHS 01



ABOVE: LOCATIONS OF RHS GARDENS



LONDON FLOWER SHOW 2016



CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL GARDENING



HORTICULTURAL QUALIFICATIONS & TRAINING

BACKGROUND IMAGE: RHS HARLOW CARR GARDEN, YORKSHIRE



ROSEMOOR GARDEN, DEVON



WISLEY GARDEN, SURREY



HARLOW CARR, YORKSHIRE



HYDE HALL, DEVON



TATTON PARK FLOWER SHOW 2016



The RHS was founded in 1804. Our objective is to be the world's leading gardening charity, by inspiring passion and excellence in the science, art and practice of horticulture. We are funded by membership, supporters and commercial activity and currently have more than 465,000 members across the UK and further afield.

We launched our Vision in autumn 2015: "To enrich everyone's life through plants, and

make the UK a greener and more beautiful place".

We deliver this Vision through activities which include:

- Our four existing RHS Gardens, at Wisley in Surrey, Rosemoor in Devon, Hyde Hall in Essex and Harlow Carr in Yorkshire, which combined receive 1.9 million visitors each year. We are also affiliated to 200 Partner Gardens across the UK and overseas.
- Our world renowned RHS Flower Shows at Chelsea, Hampton Court, Tatton Park, Malvern and Cardiff. From 2017 we will deliver a new show at Chatsworth in Derbyshire; 500,000 people attend RHS Shows each year.
- Our education work, which provides horticultural skills and qualifications through courses, traineeships and apprenticeships. We currently employ 19 apprentices, and

30,000 primary and secondary schools have joined our RHS Campaign for School Gardening.

- Our outreach work supports communities to transform lives through the power of plants and gardening. We run the Britain in Bloom, It's Your Neighbourhood and RHS Greening Grey Britain national campaigns.
- Our Science team are world leaders in horticultural science, and we are expert in plant naming and descriptions, plant pests and diseases and gardening in a changing world. We conduct research into the benefits of gardening for health, wellbeing, ecology and the environment, and provide a gardening advice service which, in 2015, benefited almost 16 million people worldwide.
- Our shops, plant centres, publishing and holidays generate commercial income which is used directly to support our charitable purposes.



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SITE LOCATION & CONTEXT 02



ABOVE: LOCATION OF RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER



ABOVE: AERIAL VIEW & SITE PHOTOGRAPHS



1920's WORSLEY NEW HALL



1906 MAP OF WORSLEY NEW HALL ESTATE



1929 WORSLEY NEW HALL

BACKGROUND IMAGE: 1858 WORSLEY NEW HALL GARDEN ILLUSTRATION

In 2015 the RHS announced a ten year, £160 million investment programme. As part of this programme the RHS pledged to find and develop a site for a fifth RHS Garden. In November 2015 the RHS announced a vision to create the fifth garden on the 156 acre site of the former Worsley New Hall, on the outskirts of Salford. This has been made possible through a collaboration between the RHS, Peel Land and Property, and Salford City Council. The garden will be known as RHS Garden Bridgewater; the historic Bridgewater canal runs along the southern edge of the site.

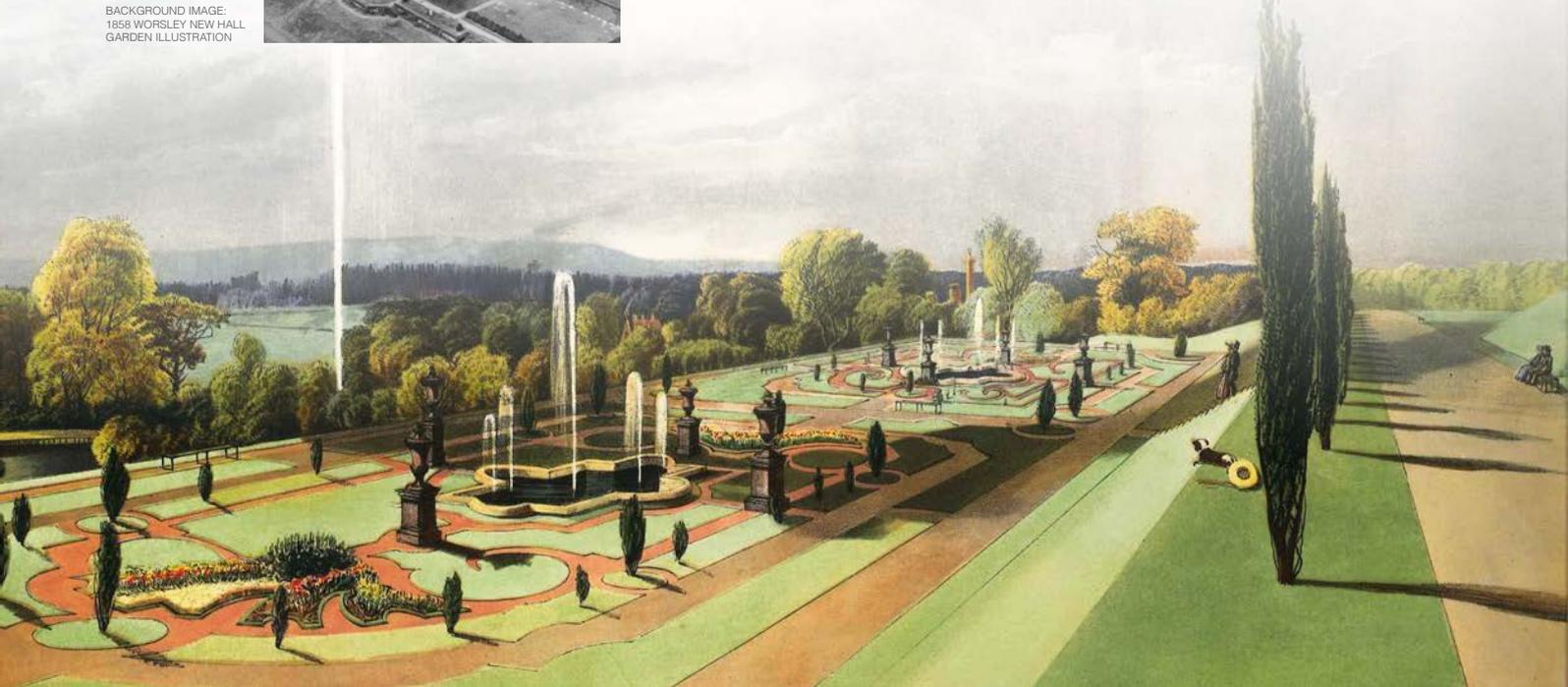
Worsley New Hall was built for the 1st Earl of Ellesmere between 1840 and 1845. A grand, Gothic-style mansion, designed by the architect Edward Blore, it was described in *A Guide to Worsley: Historical and Topographical* (1870) as 'comparable with any of the mansions of the nobility in the north of England; it is an ornament to the county in which it stands.'

The grandeur of the New Hall was matched by its gardens. These were laid out in the early 1840s and developed and enhanced over a period of 50 years. William Andrews Nesfield (1794-1881) was involved in the development of the gardens from 1846. At the time, Nesfield was the most sought after landscape designer in the country. The *Gardener's Chronicle* described the New Hall and its grounds in 1846:

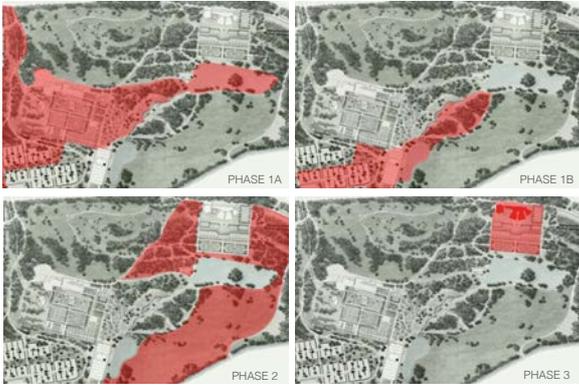
'This magnificent residence lies about eight miles west of Manchester. The mansion is beautifully situated on a rising knoll, the gentle acclivity of which the approach imparts to a great degree of dignity. In the east may be seen the wild and lofty blue hills of Derbyshire, whilst the fertile county of Cheshire lies within view on the south. The celebrated Chat Moss lies in this direction formerly covered with impenetrable swamps, but now bearing the impress of civilization. Skirting the declivity of the park may be seen the famous Bridgewater Canal winding along the vale, which is beautifully skirted by rich

meadows and woods, the whole forming a picture full of interest.'

Over the following years, the sloping grounds to the south of the Hall were organized into a formal terraced garden. By 1857 there were six terraces in total, separated by stone balustrades and accessed by a series of steps and gravel paths. The terraces featured three fountains, fed from Blackleach reservoir. Beyond the formal terraced garden was landscaped parkland which extended southwards towards a lake. An area of woodland towards the west of the Hall separated the formal gardens from the gardener's cottage and the eleven acre walled kitchen garden. Queen Victoria visited the Hall twice, in 1851 and 1857. After the Great War of 1914-18 and the departure of the Egerton family from the Worsley Estate, the Hall and the gardens fell into decline. The Hall was demolished in the 1940s. In subsequent years parts of the grounds have been used as a Garden Centre, a Scout Camp and a Rifle Range.



RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER PROPOSALS 03



ABOVE: MASTERPLAN PHASING SEQUENCE



WALLED GARDEN AERIAL VIEW



VIEW TOWARDS LAKE THROUGH ARRIVALS BUILDING



INNER WALLED GARDEN VIEW

BACKGROUND IMAGE: ARRIVALS GARDEN SKETCH (H)



TOM STUART-SMITH MASTERPLAN KEY

A	BOUNDARY PLANTING
B	ARBORETUM & ENTRANCE DRIVE
C	BACK OF HOUSE
D	CAR PARKING (PHASE 1)
E	VISITOR FACILITIES & RETAIL
F	WALLED GARDEN
G	LEARNING
H	DISPLAY & ORIENTATION
J	MEADOW
K	WATER GARDEN & LAKES
L	WOODLAND GARDEN
M	GLASSHOUSE
N	SCHOOL OF HORTICULTURE
O	DISPLAY, SHOWGROUND & EVENTS
P	PARK
Q	CAR PARKING (SUPPLEMENTARY)
R	RESERVE AREA

The revival of a site of this scale represents one of the largest gardening projects in Europe at this time. The RHS have appointed world-class landscape architect, Tom Stuart-Smith to deliver the masterplan for the project. Manchester-based award winning architects Hodder and Partners have been appointed to design the new arrivals building, and the sensitive restoration of the existing buildings. The masterplan will be developed, and opened in phases, as funding permits, over at least the next decade, resulting in the creation of a world class horticultural visitor attraction, and vibrant community resource for local people.

PHASE 1 - Restoration of the Historic Walled Garden and Garden Centre site, Middle Wood and the Lake. To include a therapeutic garden, community allotments, initial plant centre and shop, and a café – to open in summer 2019.

PHASE 2 - Opening of a new arrivals building, including an events space, a learning space, offices, café, shop and plant centre; opening of a newly created second lake, a new arrivals garden and access to the meadow area – to open in summer 2020.

PHASE 3 - Creation of a bespoke Learning Centre with teaching garden, an arboretum and a further lakeside café; provision of an

on-site gardening advice service – 2020-2023.

PHASE 4 - Creation of an architecturally stunning glass house on the site of the old Hall; renovation of the terraces; renovation of the civil defence bunker for use as an exhibition space; creation of a Northern College of Horticulture – 2023 onwards.

The project team are committed to delivering the following Benefits for the Local Community:

- Restoration of a heritage site to create a world-class visitor destination, raising Salford's profile nationally and internationally. Visitor numbers are expected to reach 600,000-700,000 by 2029.
- Initial direct investment of £30m by 2023, adding £13.8m per annum to the local economy by 2029.
- Creation of over 140 direct jobs in the garden, and a further 180 in the local economy, by 2029. Every effort will be made to recruit locally.
- Multiple opportunities to upskill local people through volunteering, training and apprenticeships. Volunteers to be engaged from 2017, with at least 180 volunteers and 20 trainees and apprentices to be engaged, per year, by 2024.
- Partnerships with local schools, colleges and youth groups to provide

training and horticultural inspiration to young people, 65 of the 90 primary and secondary schools in Salford have already joined the RHS Campaign for School Gardening.

- Partnerships with local GPs, hospitals and social services to promote the health and wellbeing benefits of gardening and gardens.
- Community gardening projects, developed with and for local people and organisations, initially near to RHS Bridgewater, and ultimately extending across the region to reach tens of thousands of people. These projects will provide social, economic and health benefits, while enhancing the local environment.
- Partnerships with local universities to research horticultural and environmental science, social history, and the regenerative benefits of gardening.

'The development of the RHS' new fifth Garden will be the biggest hands-on gardening project the charity will have undertaken in its 211-year history. Watching how RHS Garden Bridgewater takes shape and grows is going to be fascinating. Everyone deserves access to beautiful landscapes and glorious gardens, and for people living in Manchester and Salford, having an RHS Garden on your doorstep is a real horticultural treat.'
RHS Vice President, Alan Titchmarsh MBE



RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER, WORSLEY
ARRIVALS BUILDING
 OUTLINE PROPOSALS



ELEVATION D
 POLY & SHADE TUNNELS
 DUTCH BARN & CHEMICAL STORAGE BUILDING



ALTERNATIVE CAR PARKING LAYOUT
 LANDSCAPE PROJECTS



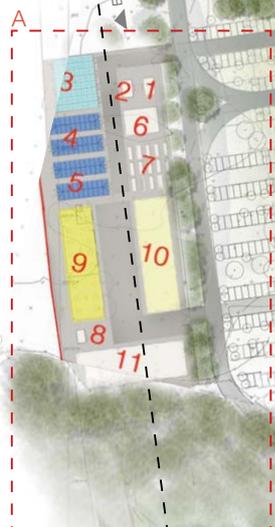
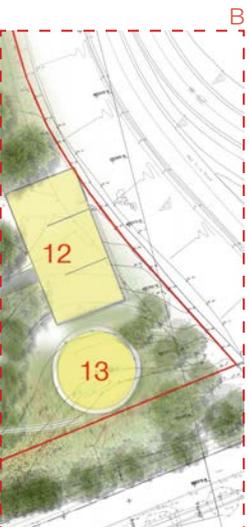
RIGHT
 1:1000 HORTICULTURAL YARD
 PROPOSED SPLIT

BELOW : ARRIVALS BUILDING , PARKING AND
 HORTICULTURAL YARD LAYOUT 1:1000 (DRAFT)



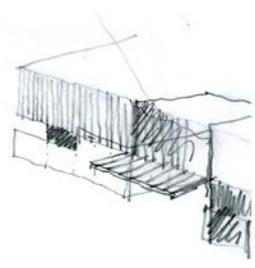
1:2000 HORTICULTURE BUILDING PLAN: KEY

- 01 STORAGE SHED
- 02 COMPOST SHELTER
- 03 GLASSHOUSE
- 04 POLY TUNNELS
- 05 SHADE TUNNELS
- 06 QUARANTINE AREAS
- 07 COLD FRAMES / STANDING AREA
- 08 PLANT ROOM
- 09 PHASE 1 WORKSHOP / STORAGE SHED
- 10 FURTHER STORAGE SHED EXPANSION
- 11 BULK DELIVERY / STORAGE
- 12 COMPOST SITE
- 13 POND



RHS GARDEN BRIDGEWATER, WORSLEY ARRIVALS BUILDING OUTLINE PROPOSALS

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PRECEDENT IMAGES



ST CLARE'S COLLEGE, OXFORD



LIVING PLANT CENTRE, WWF-UK HEADQUARTERS



ABOVE - NORTH WEST VIEW - MAIN ENTRANCE

CANARY WHARF CROSSRAIL STATION, LONDON



NORWICH CATHEDRAL REFECTORY



THE SAVILL BUILDING, WINDSOR GREAT PARK

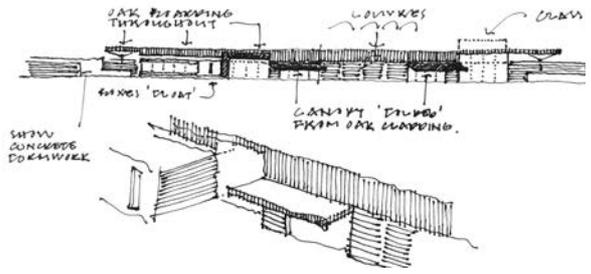


ABOVE - INTERNAL VIEW, MAIN ENTRANCE / FRONT OF HOUSE / EVENTS SPACE
BELOW : WEST ELEVATION



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PRECEDENT IMAGES



FISHING HUT, HAMPSHIRE



THE NATIONAL WILDFLOWER CENTRE, KNOWSLEY



ABOVE - SOUTH EAST VIEW FROM THE LAKE



MU XIN ART MUSEUM, JIAXING, CHINA



THE NATIONAL WILDFLOWER CENTRE, KNOWSLEY



ABOVE - NORTH EAST VIEW TO CLASSROOMS
BELOW : EAST ELEVATION



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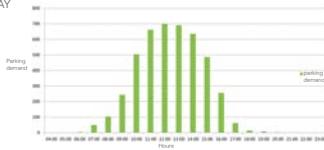
PROPOSED ACCESS & HIGHWAYS WORKS 07

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RHS VISITOR NUMBERS PER ANNUM	
Wisley, Surrey (Opened 1904)	1,000,000
Rosemoor, Devon (Opened 1990)	180,000
Hyde Hall, Essex (Opened 1993)	240,000
Harlow Carr, North Yorkshire (Opened 2001)	380,000
Bridgewater (Proposed)	340,000 (Year 5) 600,000 - 700,000 (Year 10)



WORST CASE WEEKDAY
PEAK PARKING
(assuming 700 space
car park reaches
capacity)



CAR, COACH,
PEDESTRIAN AND
CYCLE ACCESS
DIAGRAMS



CAR ACCESS



COACH ACCESS



PEDESTRIAN ACCESS



CYCLE ACCESS

BACKGROUND IMAGE:
PROPOSED CAR PARK
LANDSCAPING



RHS Bridgewater will be accessed at the same location as the existing garden centre access junction on Leigh Road. The junction will be improved through the introduction of traffic signals, widened carriageways on the approaches and controlled pedestrian crossings. The access will be subject to a newly landscaped entrance with replacement hedges and improved pedestrian access.

We recognise the traffic difficulties faced locally during the peak periods and, in accordance with Government guidance, our proposals will address any severe impacts resulting from our plans. RHS and their consultants, TTHC, are working closely with Urban Vision (Salford City Council's engineering division), Transport for Greater Manchester and Highways England to ensure that the garden proposals are robustly assessed and that they will not add to existing traffic issues. This work includes

investigating the scope for improvements at Junction 13 of the M60. Whilst traffic is always a concern, our assessments have already established that the proposals will not result in large volumes of traffic at the most critical times. RHS Gardens attract visitors at off-peak times of the day during the week and at the weekend. We do not open our doors until 10am and our busiest period is around midday, with almost all visitors leaving before 5pm.

Our aim is to attract around 340,000 visitors by Year 5 (2024) with the hope of increasing this to somewhere between 600,000-700,000 once the gardens have been open 10 years (2029). These are very challenging targets and would make RHS Bridgewater the second most visited RHS Garden. Nevertheless, the proposals will be designed to cater for such levels of activity, including any special events such as flower shows.

Car parking within the site will be introduced on a phased basis over time. Initially, we are proposing to provide around 500 car parking spaces with the scope to increase this to a maximum of around 800 spaces if our visitor aspirations are met. The car park will include charging points for electric vehicles as well as parking for coaches and minibuses for school parties and group visits.

We are also investigating ways to improve access for everyone, including pedestrians, cyclists and those travelling by public transport. The access improvements will include new bus stops on Leigh Road as well as the ability to bring buses into the site. Our study is also examining how best to connect with local stations and interchanges at Walkden, Eccles and Patricroft.

Investigations are also underway to determine the scope for how best to access the Garden from the Bridgewater Canal.





ABOVE: RHS WISLEY GARDEN, SURREY

THANK YOU FOR VISITING



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Thank you for taking the time to visit our consultation event. Your views on the proposals are important to us, therefore, please take a moment to fill in a comment card and post it in our comments box before leaving today. Alternatively, if you would prefer, you can post or email your comments to:

P: RHS Garden
Bridgewater,
c/o Barton Willmore,
Tower 12,
18-22 Bridge Street,
Spinningfields,
Manchester,
M3 3BZ

E: feedback@rhs.org.uk

We would be grateful if all comments can be returned by Monday 21st November 2016. The information from the consultation boards is available to view online at: rhs.org.uk/bridgewater and if you would like to find out more about the proposals, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us. All of the contact details can be found on the comments card.

Following on from the consultation event, the RHS and their consultant team will consider any feedback raised and further develop the design proposals, prior to submitting the planning application to Salford City Council in December 2016. The application is expected to be determined in March 2017 with works starting on site shortly after.