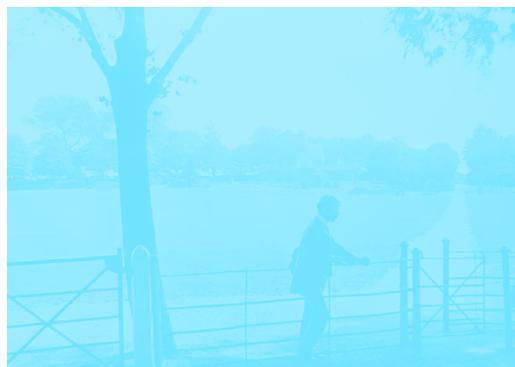


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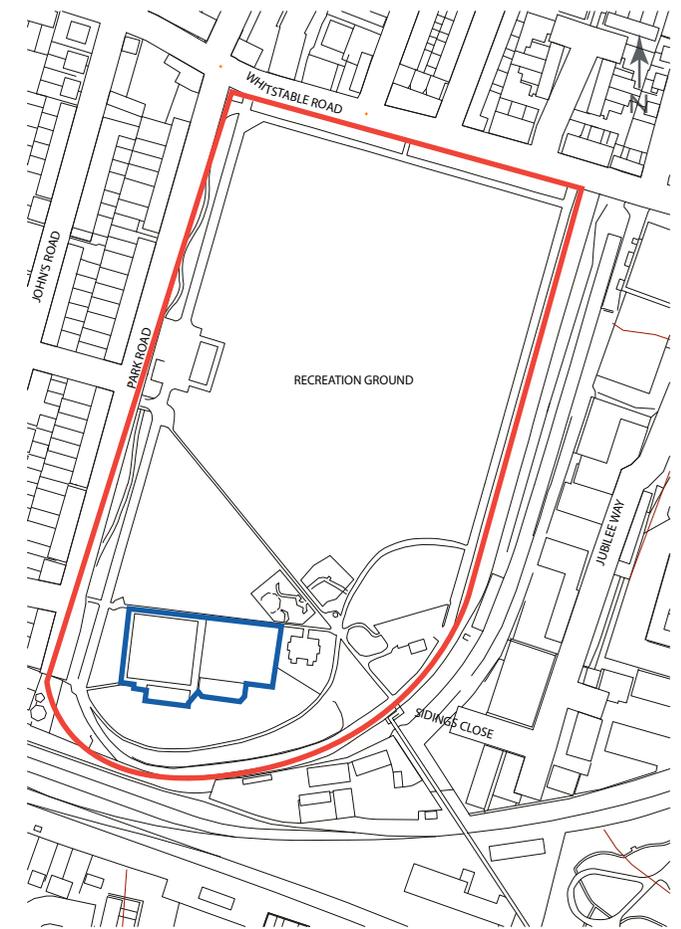
This Gazetteer has been prepared to accompany the Conservation Management Plan for Faversham Recreation Ground. It is a record of the surviving architectural and historic landscape features on the site.

The Gazetteer is intended for use as a reference guide to allow anyone planning change or conservation at the site to quickly check the status of a feature. The Gazetteer should be used in conjunction with the CMP before carrying out work that could impact historic significance.

The Recreation Ground has been divided into six character areas according to distinctive or characteristic features in different parts of the park. The following character areas were selected: formal avenues, Whitstable Road boundary, open parkland, pavilion and car park, and lodge area.

The area at the south-west of the Recreation Ground occupied by tennis courts and a bowling club and green is not included in the scope of the CMP and is therefore left out of the Gazetteer (see plan showing the excluded area)

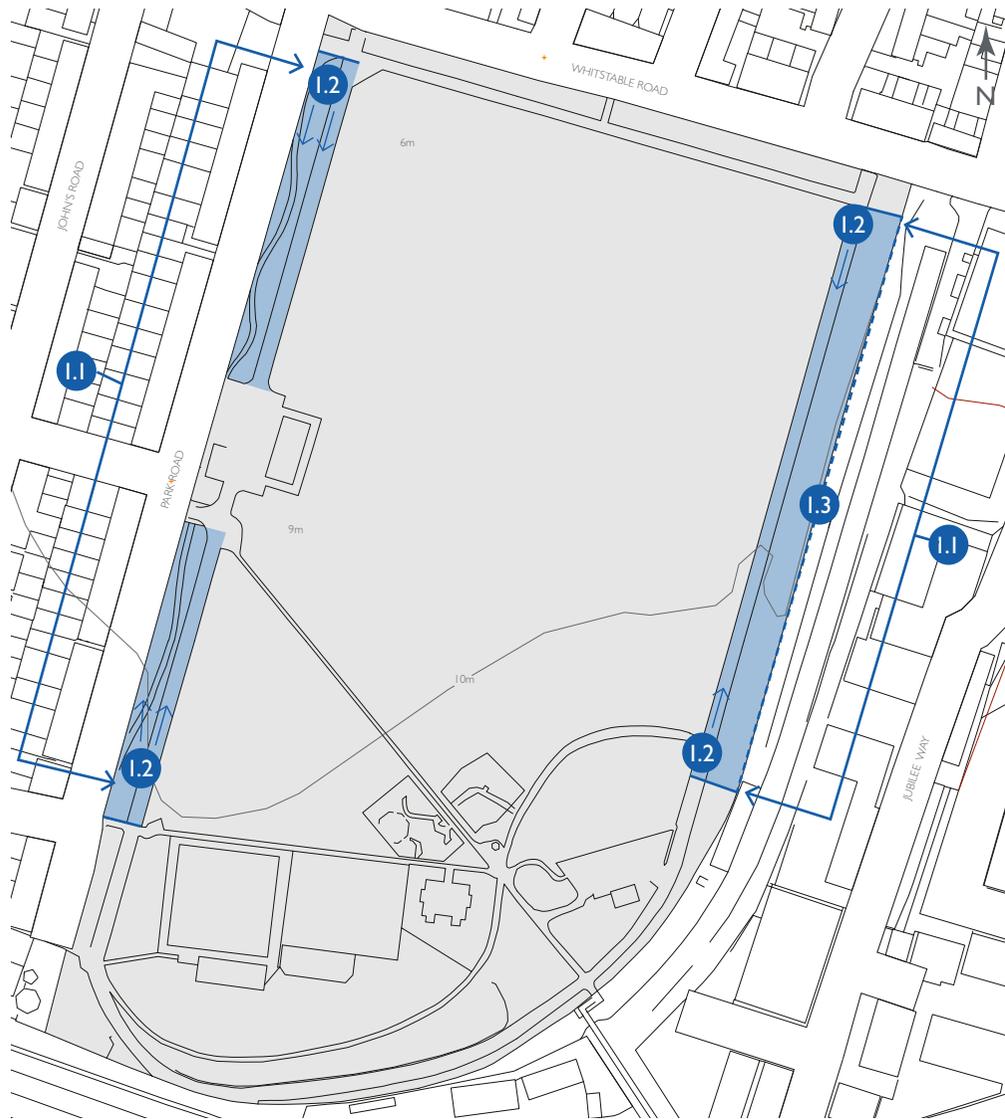
Each character area provides a description, a list of intrusive features, a significance section, possible issues and opportunities and any relevant policies.



Plan of Faversham Recreation Ground with area excluded from the Gazetteer and CMP outlined in blue

CHARACTER AREA I: FORMAL AVENUES

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA I SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

1860: Recreation Ground built

Designation

Not listed

DESCRIPTION

The park is ringed by a continuous pathway over 1km in length. The pathway was laid out in the 1860s as a formal promenade and forms part of the originally conceived park design. The east and west avenues feature formal tree planting (lime, maple, ash) either side of tarmacked paths. The east avenue is lined by mature trees; some of these have been felled. At the south end of the east avenue a tarmacked playground interrupts the tree planting. Boundary fencing only survives at the northern end, whilst modern fencing lines the southern end. The newer railings were probably installed by the railway, which lies beyond the eastern boundary and the steep earth embankment.

The west avenue is lighter and more open, owing to its position bordering Park Road. Between the avenue and the road is a serpentine footpath (originally also present next to the east avenue but no longer exists). There are bollards to prevent vehicular access. Low timber posting marks the boundary between the site and the road on the west.

Key Features

- I.1 – Mature trees (lime, maple, ash)
- I.2 – Pathways
- I.3 – Boundaries – historic and modern railings/ fencing (some related to railway)

CHARACTER AREA I: FORMAL AVENUES

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- Concrete bollards to west avenue
- Skateboard park to east avenue
- Degraded pathways to both avenues
- Parked cars along west avenue
- Wooden knee rail fencing to Park Road

SIGNIFICANCE

- Sections of original 19th century park railings to east avenue
- Original formal mature tree avenues
- Views along formal tree avenues
- Views across park from formal tree avenues
- Sense of park enclosure to south, east and west

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify intrusive features such as bollards, modern knee rail fencing and cars and look to enhance heritage value by their removal.
- Reinstatement of sections of missing railing along west boundary and Park Road boundary to enhance the aesthetic value of the park
- Repairs to deteriorated pathways to improve accessibility, aesthetic value and communal value
- Repair, replace or relocate visually intrusive skateboard area to improve the appearance and aesthetic value of east avenue
- Manage parking to stop visually intrusive cars using west avenue degrading surfaces and green verges

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4 ; SEV5; AC1; AC3; CMR3; CMR4

CHARACTER AREA I: FORMAL AVENUES



View of the east avenue looking south from the north end of the park. The path was laid out for formal promenading when the park was laid out in the 1860s.



View of the east avenue looking north from the south end of the park. The modern skateboard park is shown to the right.



Original mid-19th century iron railings (left) and modern railway fencing (right).



View of the west avenue looking south from the north end of the park

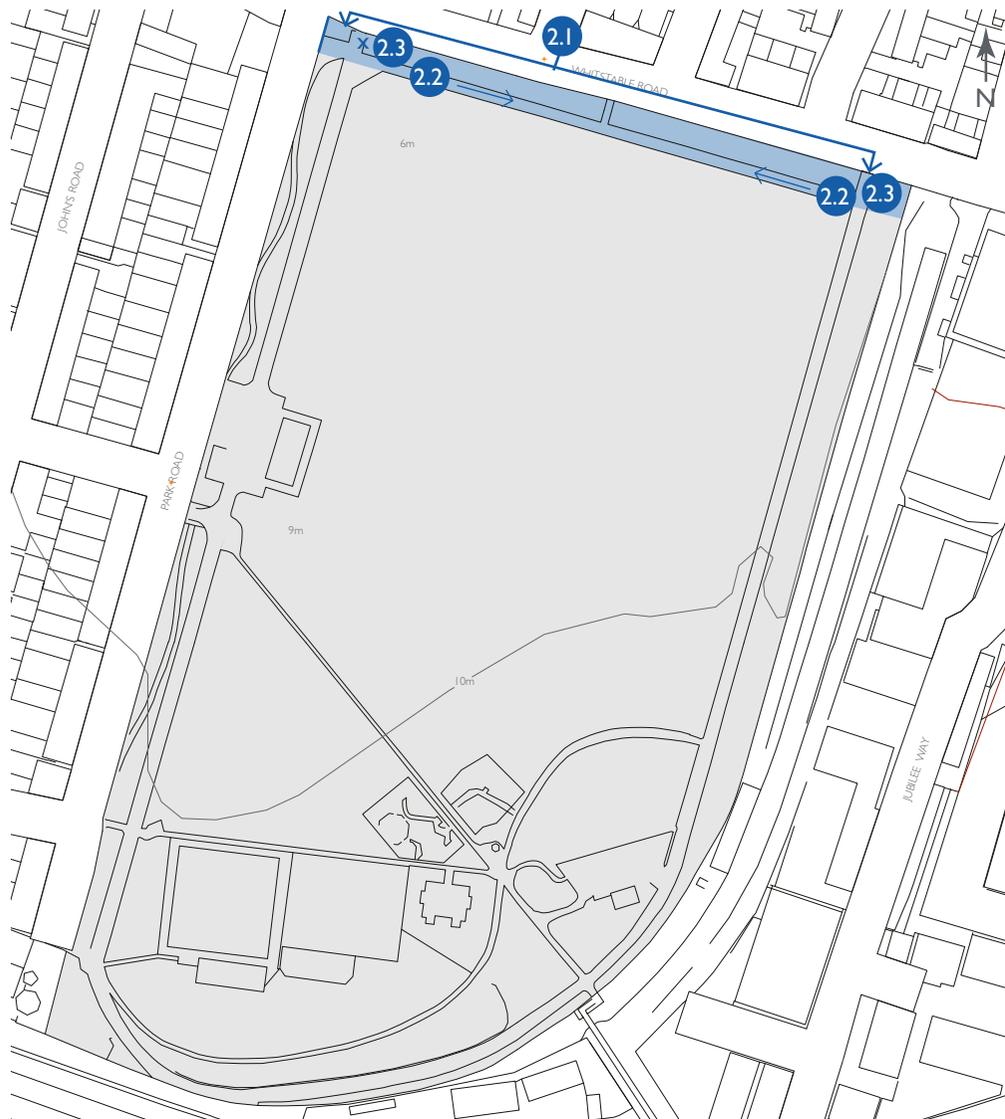


View of the west avenue looking north from the south end of the park

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CHARACTER AREA 2: WHITSTABLE ROAD BOUNDARY

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA 2 SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

1860: Recreation Ground built

Designation

Not listed

DESCRIPTION

The Whitstable Road bounds the Recreation Ground to the north; the area is stepped up above the pavement on a low brick and stone wall. The stone wall curves round to meet the entrance gates and piers at the east and west ends. The gates and piers are decorative iron constructions; each set consists of a pair of gates with a smaller side gate. At the north end of the Recreation Ground is a thin planting of trees around a tarmacked footpath, which crosses the site from the east to the west.

Key Features

- 2.1 – Mature trees
- 2.2 – Pathways
- 2.3 – Iron gates and piers

CHARACTER AREA 2: WHITSTABLE ROAD BOUNDARY

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- Poorly sited, visually intrusive modern plastic bins along Whitstable Road frontage and to west avenue entrance
- Modern steel barrier obscuring original west avenue entrance gates
- Modern steel barrier to park frontage opposite pelican crossing
- Weak park frontage to Whitstable Road
- Poorly integrated original east and west park entrance gates

SIGNIFICANCE

- Mature trees along frontage forming part of the original or historic layout
- Original east and west park entrance gates
- Original park boundary edge

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify intrusive features such as modern plastic bins and barriers and look to enhance heritage value by their removal.
- Reinstatement of sections of missing railing along Whitstable Road boundary to enhance the aesthetic value of the park and to reinforce original park boundary and sense of enclosure
- Look to reintegrate original park gates following repair

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4; SEV5; SEV7; AC1; AC5; CMR3; CMR4

CHARACTER AREA 2: WHITSTABLE ROAD BOUNDARY



View from east side of the Recreation Ground, looking west along Whitstable Road



View of the east avenue looking south from Whitstable Road showing original park gates



View of Whitstable Road and the Recreation Ground, looking south from Bob Anchor Close. Railings originally lined the north end of the park.



View from the west side of the Recreation Ground, looking east along Whitstable Road. This side of the Recreation Ground is no longer bordered by railings.

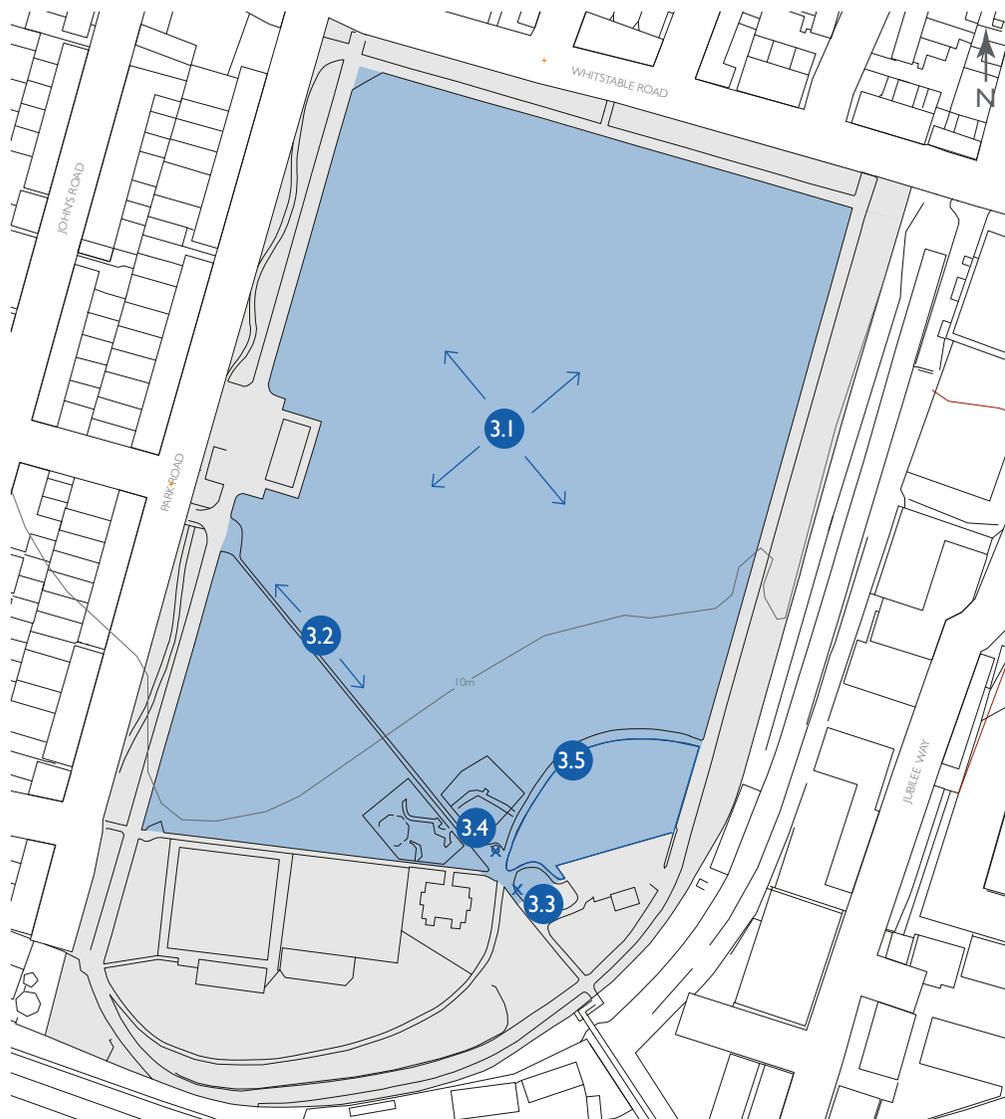


View of the west avenue original gates looking south into the Recreation Ground

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CHARACTER AREA 3: OPEN PARKLAND

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA 3 SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

- 17th-century historic pathway (Public Right of Way)
- Mid-18th-century boundary stone
- 1859: Recreation Ground built
- 1888: Water fountain gifted by Rev. George Jones Hilton
- 1895: Band Stand (now demolished) built just north of the Lodge

Designation

Boundary stone: Grade II

DESCRIPTION

The open parkland character area is a large space characterised by flat landscaping and a mown turf surface. A historic pathway, the Public Right of Way, cuts across the south-west corner of the park, leading from Park Road to the Lodge area. The narrow path has a tarmac surface, cracked in places; it also features yellow-painted bollards and lampposts, as well as an indiscreet, brightly painted arched sign at the southern end.

A formal garden, mediates between the Lodge area and the more informal parkland; a curved path demarcates the formal garden's boundary. This simple, landscaped space comprises flower beds, shrubs and brick steps, as well as prominent individual trees (i.e.. copper beech), with low wooden timber posting at one end.

The listed boundary stone (mid-18th century), lies on a path 50 meters north west of the gardener's lodge; only one foot of the stone's curved top is visible; the initials T and L (for Town and Liberty) and probably the initial F (for Faversham) are buried beneath the soil, the other side has the initial M.

Key Features

- 3.1 – Historic parkland
- 3.2 – Historic pathway
- 3.3 – Listed boundary stone
- 3.4 – Water fountain plinth
- 3.5 – Formal garden

CHARACTER AREA 3: OPEN PARKLAND

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- • Children's play area equipment of variable design quality and state of repair
- • Visually intrusive modern plastic bins and park furniture
- • Degraded pathways

SIGNIFICANCE

- • Historic footpath and public right of way
- • Statutorily listed milestone
- • Historic park layout
- • Remnants of base of late 19th century temperance fountain

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- • Identify intrusive features such as modern plastic bins and look to enhance heritage value by their removal.
- • Repair or replace variable quality children's play equipment
- • Improve the setting of the statutorily listed milestone
- • Reinststate the temperance fountain above base
- • Improve the setting of the 19th century temperance fountain
- • Lack of visitor experience and interpretation of extant and lost park features
- • Lack of park catering and refreshment facilities

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4; SEV4; SEV7; AC1; AC4; IVE1; IVE2; IVE3 ; CMR3

CHARACTER AREA 3: OPEN PARKLAND



View from the north-west corner of the park looking south. The sports pavilion is visible on the right hand-side.



View from the north-east corner of the park looking south-west



View from the south end of the park looking north-east



View of the historic pathway and public right of way looking south-east showing the cracked tarmac surface and yellow bollards.



View looking north west adjacent to the lodge showing an intersection of paths and the listed boundary stone on the lower right hand-side



Listed boundary stone at the south-eastern corner of the Recreation Ground

CHARACTER AREA 3: OPEN PARKLAND



View looking north-west from the public right of way towards the remains of the Temperance fountain dated 1888. The statue was stolen in the mid-20th century.



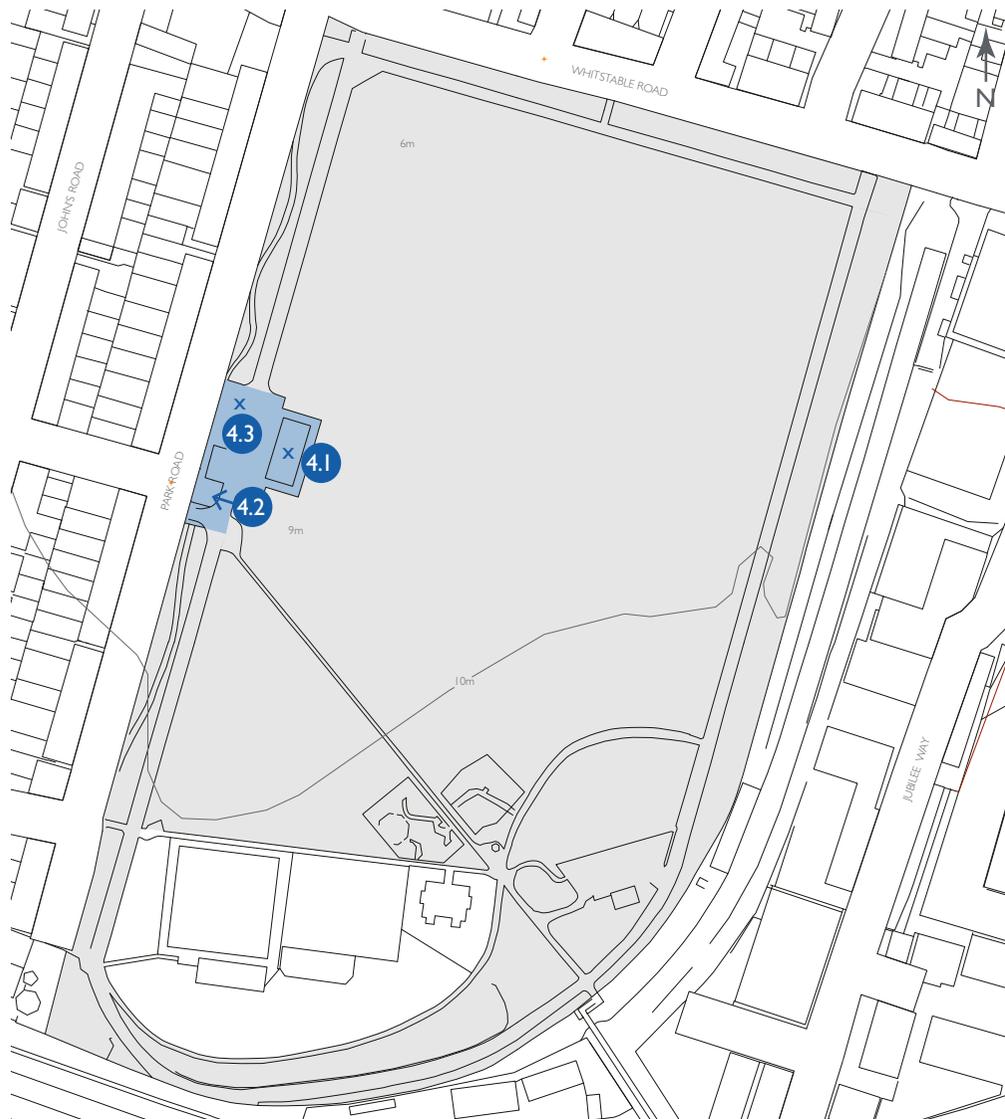
The Lodge with the formal garden in front



View of the formal garden at the south-east corner of the Recreation Ground

CHARACTER AREA 4: PAVILION AND CAR PARK

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA 4 SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

Pavilion and car park area built in early 1960s (interrupting the line of the avenue and serpentine footpath on the west side)

Designation

Not listed

DESCRIPTION

The Sports Pavilion is a rectangular, single-storey, brick building. A portico projects at the front (east) elevation which was enclosed when external metal grilles were added, which also protect each window. The pavilion contains a clubroom with an adjoining kitchen and a number of smaller rooms for changing, as well as two sets of showers and toilets. The interiors are simple and functional in character. A tarmac car park sits to the rear/ west of the Pavilion.

The toilet block is a small, single storey, brick unit with a gabled roof and small casement windows with bars.

Key Features

- 4.1 – Sports Pavilion (4.1)
- 4.2 – Toilet block (4.2)
- 4.3 – Car park (4.3)

CHARACTER AREA 4: PAVILION AND CAR PARK

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- Poor quality public realm and carpark to west of pavilion
- Visually intrusive portico and window grilles to pavilion
- Poor quality WC block to the west of the pavilion
- Poorly sited bollards, encouraging cars to park on historic footpaths and grass verges
- Lack of adequate visiting team facilities within pavilion

SIGNIFICANCE

- Character Area 4 has neutral to intrusive heritage value with no features of significance

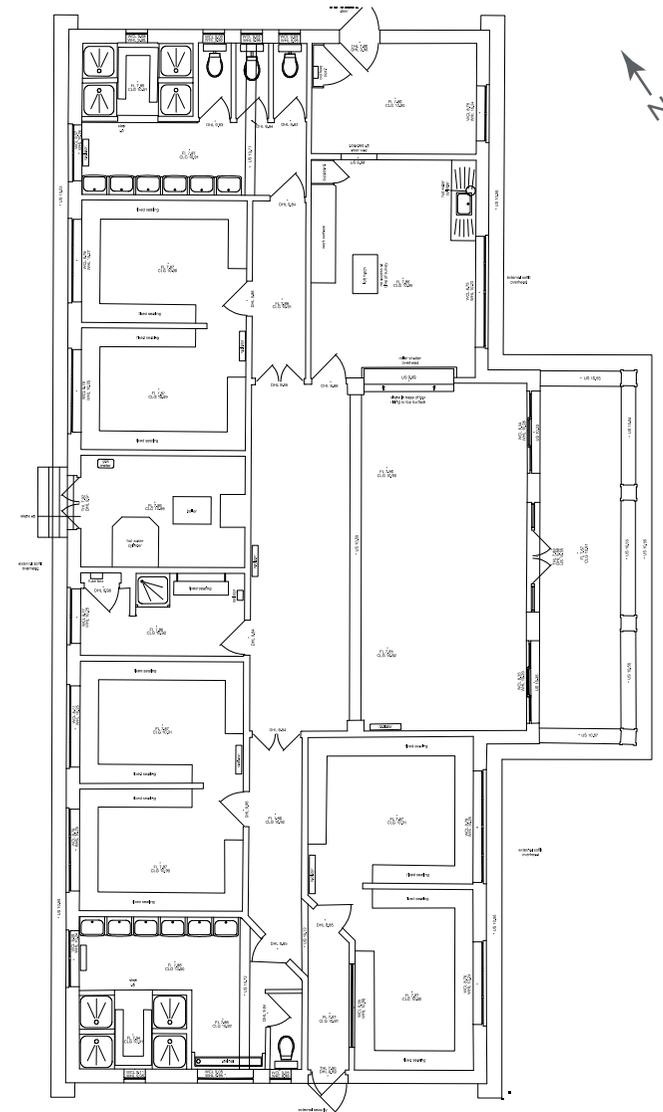
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify intrusive features such as WC block, window and portico grilles and graffiti and look to enhance park heritage value by their removal.
- Repairs to deteriorated carpark surfaces and general improvements to the public realm to enhance aesthetic value
- Replacement of bollards and redesign of layout to stop cars parking on paths and grass verges. Dedicated parking area to improve negative visual impact of cars and the aesthetic value of the park
- Opportunities to explore improved visiting team facilities to improve the communal value of the pavilion.

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4; SEVI0; AC1; AC2; AC3; IVE4

GROUND FLOOR PLAN OF THE PAVILION



CHARACTER AREA 4: PAVILION AND CAR PARK



East elevation of the Sports Pavilion



South elevation of the Sports Pavilion



West elevation of the Sports Pavilion and car park



The Sports Pavilion (north elevation) and the Recreation Ground



Kitchen and Club Room at the front of the Pavilion



Changing Room

CHARACTER AREA 4: PAVILION AND CAR PARK



Bathroom in the Sports Pavilion



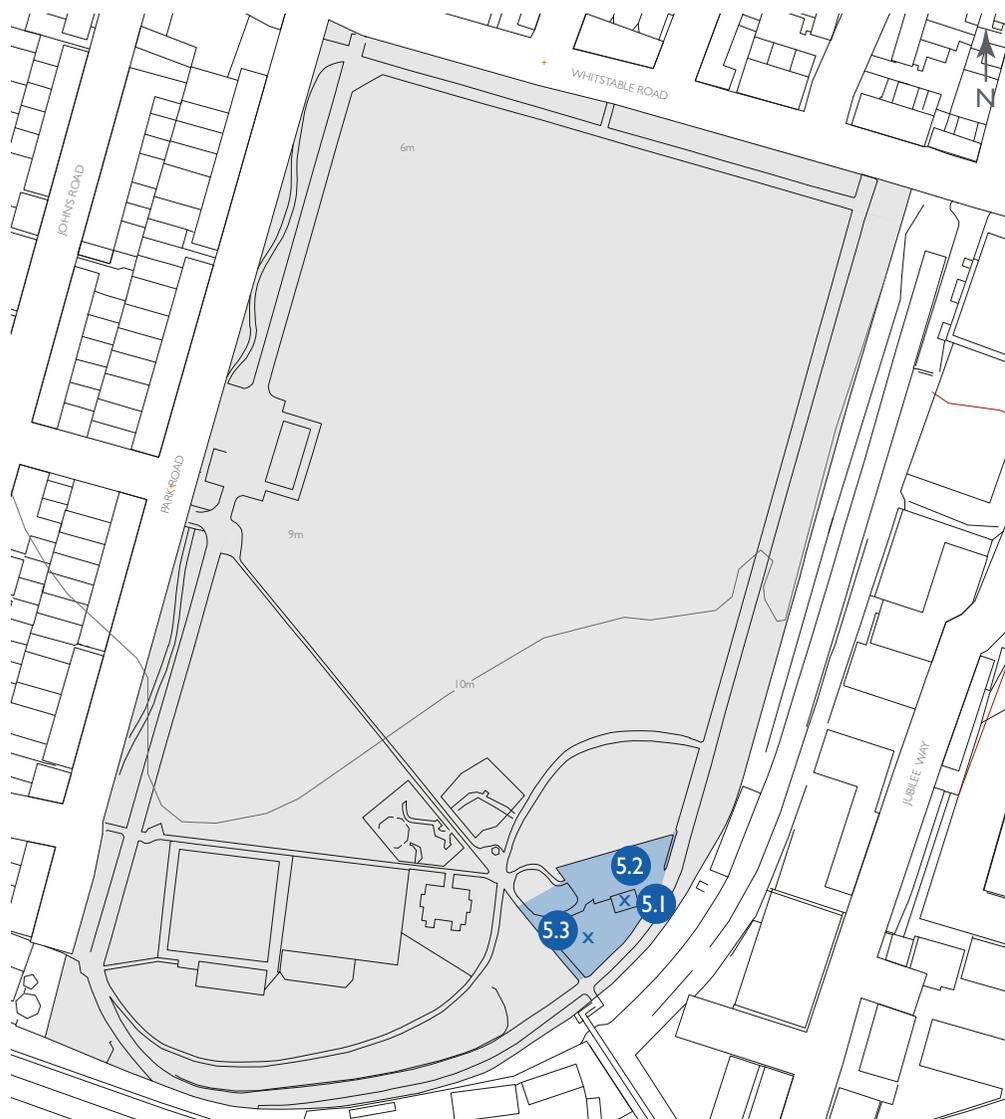
View of the toilet block looking west



View of the toilet block looking south

CHARACTER AREA 5: LODGE AREA

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA 5 SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

Complete by 1860 (probably built by John M. Hooker; previously attributed to Benjamin Adkins)

Modern interventions

Designation

Lodge: Grade II

DESCRIPTION

The former gardener's lodge, now used by the Faversham Rugby Club, sits at the south-east corner of the Recreation Ground, commanding views of the open park. The picturesque-gothic building takes a T-shaped plan, with a narrow, one-bay front unit, facing north, and a longer rear section. The two-storey front bay has a brick lower section and an upper section, clad in hung tiles, with decorative white bargeboards and woodwork around the single oriel window. This block is appended by open arcades or verandas on each side, with a brick back wall, and supported by four wooden columns and braces at the front. The building features some polychromy in the brickwork pattern.

To the rear of the Lodge is an enclosed garden with stone paving around the house and grass lawn beyond. There is a modern timber pergola to the rear of the lodge and wcs to the rear of the veranda. There is also space for parking on this side.

The internal arrangement of the building is simple; the front entrance on the north side leads to a big L-shaped room, used by the Rugby Club as a bar; there is also a modern kitchen and toilet. There is lounge/ kitchen at first floor level, with modern fixtures and fittings, two bedrooms and a bathroom; these upper floor spaces are characterised by simple skirting boards and architraves.

Key Features

- 5.1 – Lodge external
- 5.2 – Lodge internal
- 5.3 – Rear garden

CHARACTER AREA 5: LODGE AREA

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- Poor quality public realm and carpark to front of the lodge
- Poor quality planting to front of lodge
- Statutorily listed lodge interiors have a low heritage value due to subdivision, demolition and loss of original architectural features – See CMP Section 4 for a detailed assessment identifying intrusive features.

SIGNIFICANCE

- High aesthetic value of lodge exteriors
- Important reminder of Faversham's mid-19th century heritage (historic value)
- Important contributor to Victorian character and appearance of park
- Prominent position on raised ground, focus of views from the north
- Communal value of lodge as rugby clubhouse

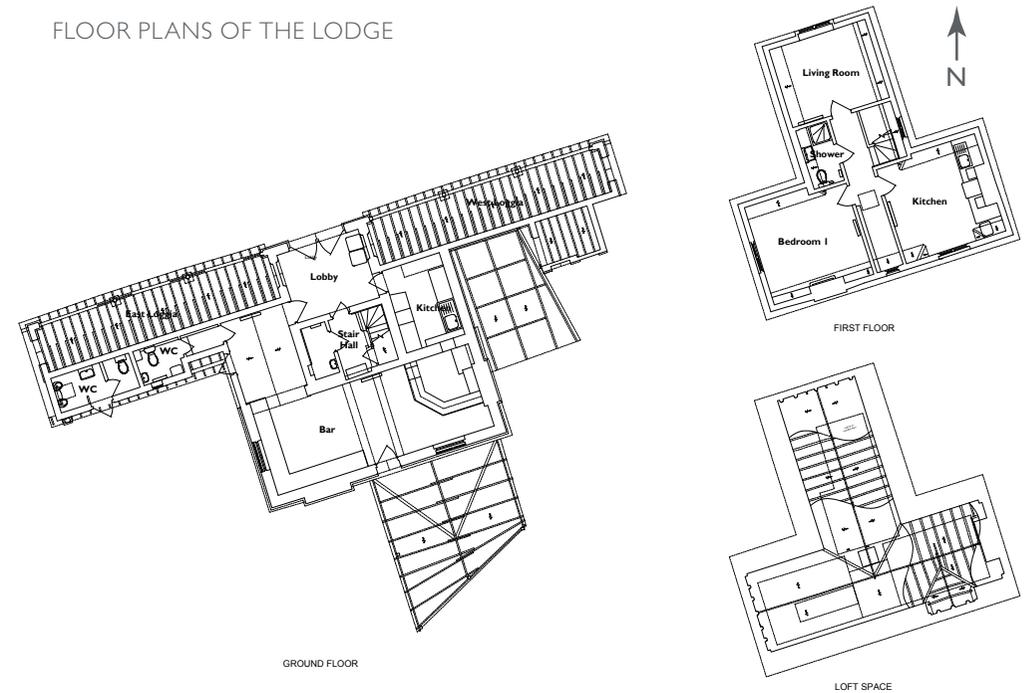
ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify intrusive features within the lodge and look to enhance heritage value by their removal.
- The lodge is an underused heritage asset. Options should be explored to enhance the lodge's public use to improve the communal value of the building
- Enhance the setting of the lodge by improving the use and appearance of the carpark to the north
- Consider tree removal to the north of the lodge, within the park, to improve views to and from the lodge

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4; SEV1; SEV2; SEV3; SEV6; SEV8; CMR6

FLOOR PLANS OF THE LODGE



CHARACTER AREA 5: LODGE AREA



North elevation of the lodge



West elevation of the veranda



East elevation of the veranda



View of the rear of the lodge, looking north-west



View looking east in the west veranda

CHARACTER AREA 5: LODGE AREA



View of the rear of the lodge, looking north-east showing the paved area and lawn



View of the main entrance to the Rugby Club at the rear of the building



Ground floor kitchen looking south



Rugby Club bar looking east



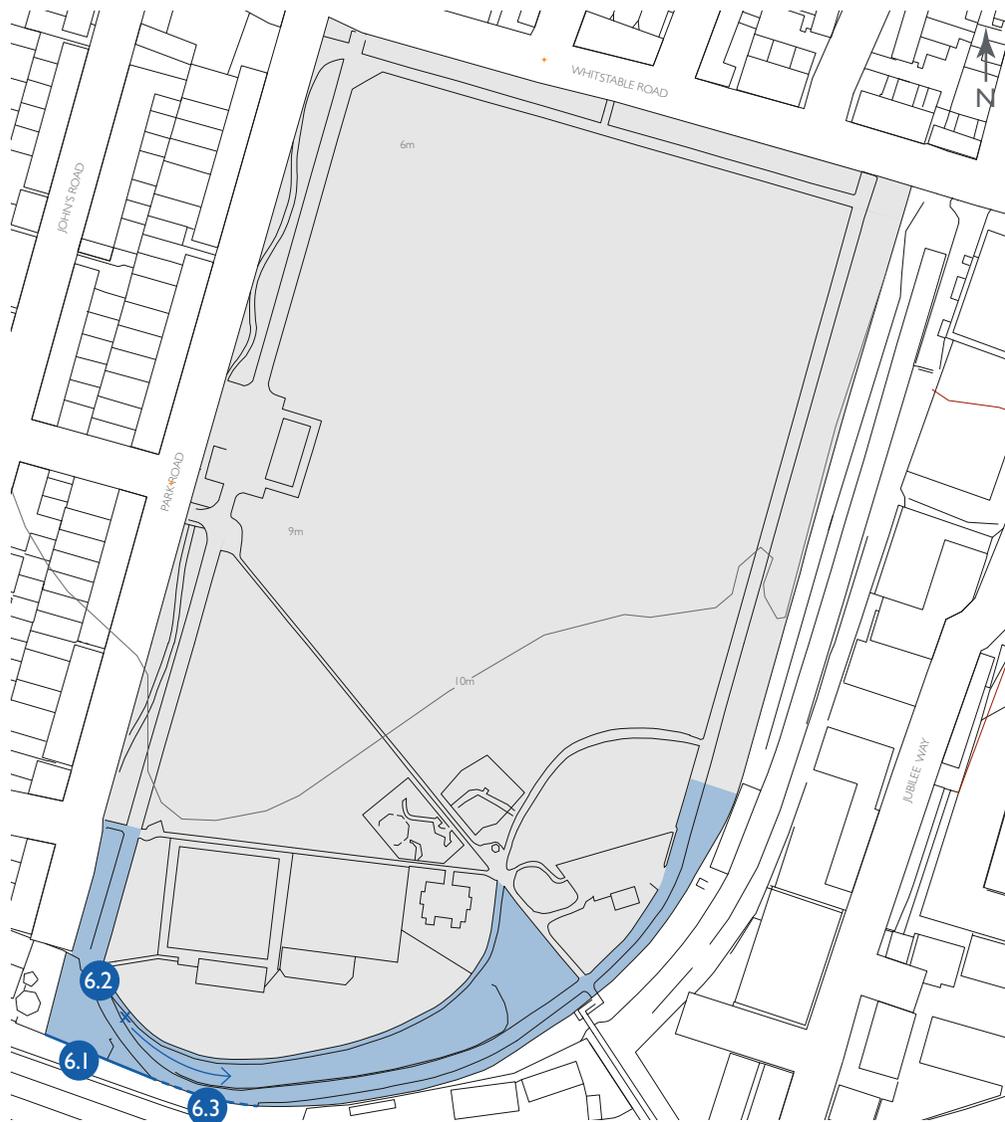
First floor kitchen looking east



First floor bedroom looking west

CHARACTER AREA 6: SOUTH WOODLAND BOUNDARY

PLAN SHOWING CHARACTER AREA 6 SUB-AREAS



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Key Dates

1860: Recreation Ground built

Modern car park

Designation

Not listed

DESCRIPTION

At the southern end of the western avenue is a tarmacked car park with a brick retaining wall at the southern end, overgrown with shrubs and ivy. To the east, a wide, pathway curves uphill around the rounded contour of the southern boundary of the park, bordered on the boundary side by dense evergreen tree planting (cypresses), and on the park side by wooden knee rail fencing. A gentle incline with shrubs and vegetation fringes this fencing and below this is a smaller footpath, which eventually wends its way to the intersection of paths near the lodge.

Iron railings, possibly dating back to the 1860 construction of the Recreation Ground, mark the site boundary; whether the brick retaining wall from the car park extends round the rest of the southern boundary is hard to distinguish owing to the overgrown ivy and built up bank behind. Newer railings, possibly linked with the railway, line the eastern side of the character area, just beyond the Lodge.

Key Features

- 6.1 – Brick retaining wall
- 6.2 – Historic/mature trees
- 6.3 – Historic railings

CHARACTER AREA 6: SOUTH WOODLAND BOUNDARY

INTRUSIVE FEATURES

- Poorly sited, visually intrusive modern plastic bins

SIGNIFICANCE

- Pathway forms part of the original mid-19th century promenade
- Original brick retaining wall and railings (part)
- Mature parkland trees

ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify intrusive features such as modern plastic bins and look to enhance heritage value by their removal.
- Reinstatement of sections of missing railing to enhance the aesthetic value of the park
- Repairs to deteriorated pathways to improve accessibility, aesthetic value and communal value

RELEVANT POLICIES - SEE CMP

REHV4 ; AC1; CMR3

CHARACTER AREA 6: SOUTH WOODLAND BOUNDARY



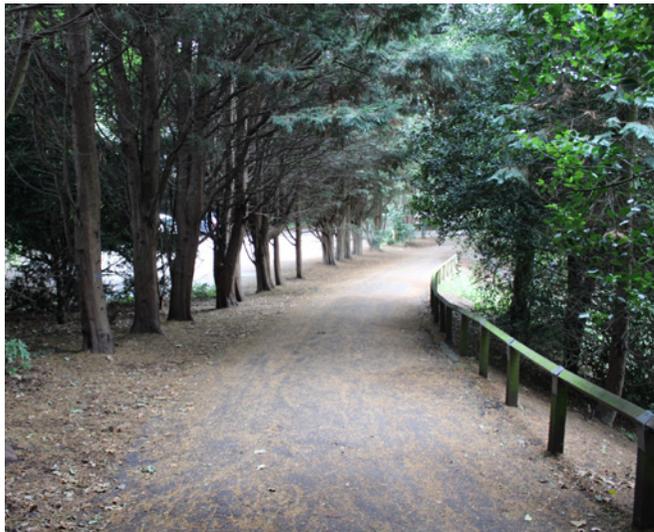
Curb of a car park planter



View looking south within the carpark towards the boundary retaining wall



Woodland pathway looking east



Woodland pathway looking north-west



Southern boundary railings

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