

# **Beckenham Place Park: Heritage Lottery Fund statement**

Wednesday 14 September 2016

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) fully accepts and welcomes the findings of The Independent Complaints Review (ICR) which confirmed that HLF correctly followed its policies in determining the application and awarding a First Round pass in June 2014. We also accept some helpful recommendations regarding how we might improve in some areas for the future.

The report confirmed that interactions between HLF and Lewisham Council in the lead up to the decision were appropriate, and concluded that HLF's view that the decision to close the golf course is one for the Council was reasonable.

At this stage, HLF has funded only an initial development phase for the restoration of Beckenham Place Park. The second round application for the project has now been submitted by the Council, and HLF will implement its normal appraisal process in assessment, which will include taking note of issues raised by community groups.

Our final decision on the funding for the restoration of the historic park will be made by the Board later this year.