Vernon Park

Local Heritage Asset Register

Basford HA561



Status:	Recommendation to add
Age:	Victorian (1837-1901)
Conservation Area:	No
Date added to the list:	
Condition:	Good

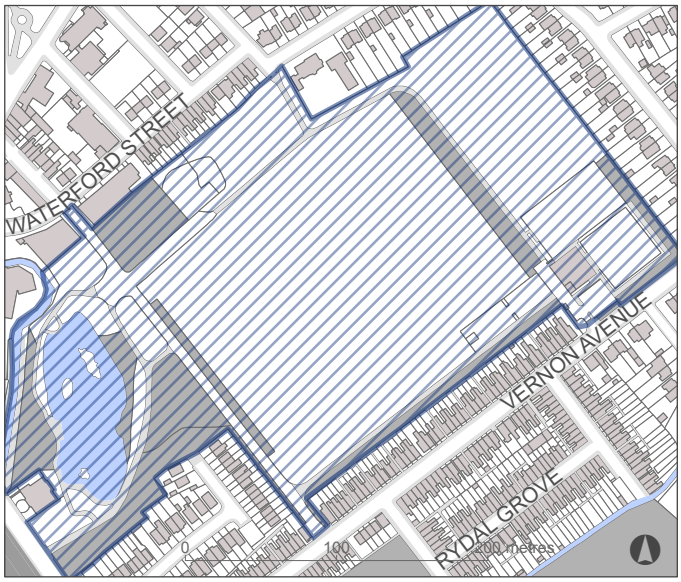
Assessment against Local Criteria

1. Age: 1840 – 1914
2. Designed landscape
3. Communal value: as a public green space – of which there are few in Basford

Reason for Designation

Vernon Park is historically and physically linked to the key industry of Old Basford - bleaching. The park was originally the grounds of Vernon House. The pool, coming from the River Leen, was a water supply for bleach works owned by Charles Cox of Vernon House. Vernon Park is evidence of industrial wealth in Basford, the connections between water supply and bleaching and the site of one of the major forms of employment for the area. Today, Vernon Park provides green, recreational space in an area which is otherwise densely built.

Local List Proposal



Description

Former grounds of Vernon House including pond associated with nineteenth century bleach works. "Vernon Park is a beautiful recreation ground of 181/4 acres, with its lake and islands, shrubberies, cricket, football and bowling grounds. The ornamental grounds were formerly attached to the house of Mr. Chas. Cox. They are now well used for rest, recreation, and all kinds of athletic sports." In 1901 he sold this residence with its parkland to the corporation and moved into Rock House. His former home became a pavillion for a bolwing green and the whole estate was opened up as a public recreation ground. In 1942 the War Department requisitioned Vernon Park for defense purposes. Including boundaries and Bulwell stone gate piers and wrought iron gates at the west, north and south entrances to Vernon Park. IN BASFORD HISTORIC AREA ASSESSMENT

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Additional Description:

Vernon Park has been a public recreational space for over a hundred years. The boundaries of Vernon House grounds are still legible, having only extended to the north-west. The separately listed park walls, piers and gates and show the extent of the grounds of Vernon House. The avenues of trees provide walking paths and may have been planted when the land became a public park. The pond to the south-west corner is a reminded of the bleach works.

Heritage category:	Park & Garden
Asset type:	Sports & Recreation
Original use:	
Current use:	Sport or Recreation
Currently occupied:	Yes
Architect, style / material:	
Condition:	Good

Part of a group of heritage assets:

Associated with historical events or people:

Is it associated with any buried remains or archaeology? If so please describe:

How is it of importance to the local community? :

Selection Panel Date:	Date added to the list:
05/10/2018	

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