

37221 Hopetoun Crescent Park/garden:

Please provide previous and current improvement plans,

A copy of the management plan for 2017 – 2022 is available on the Council's website at <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/file/26889/hopetoun-crescent-management-plan-2017-to-2022#:~:text=In%20developing%20this%20management%20plan,its%20heritage%20for%20future%20generations.%E2%80%9D>.

Please find the proposed plan attached. The plan is indicative and shows the suggested changes to be implemented and is dependent on the level of funding available and as the garden evolves.

Minutes of meetings pertaining to the improvements,

Meetings were held on site on 10th March 2021, 26th April 2021, 19th May 2021 and 10th June 2021. The design was discussed, but no minutes were taken.

Grants/costs granted for improvement to the garden/park,

The Council has not provided any funding directly to the project. The project has been funded through grant funding.

The City of Edinburgh Council was involved with Aberdeen Standard Assets who awarded a grant to the Friends' Group directly. The Group have since secured other grants to fund the improvements. We do not hold any information on this as the friends' group applied directly.

As with other parks and green spaces we have plant bulbs under the trees; however, as this is a small part of a citywide purchase, we are unable to apportion costs for this site only. Due to the small numbers involved, it is likely to be under £225.

Public engagement for the improvements

This engagement was done during Covid restrictions, and included the following:

- Engagement was undertaken in March 2021 with information sent to the local library.
- Posters showing the vision for the garden were attached to each of the 3 gates and put in the noticeboard from end of March through April 2021. These invited those interested in putting forward ideas to comment. These are still in place in the noticeboards asking for comments.
- Posters were also put up in local shops: Sainsburys, Tesco and Co-op
- There was a Spurtle article in May 2021 about the pilot seeking comments from people.
- Information boards have been set up in the garden.
- On 5 June 2021, a bulb planting and engagement event was held to let people see the plans and offer comments.

We do not hold any of the engagement information as this was carried out by the Friends' Group.