

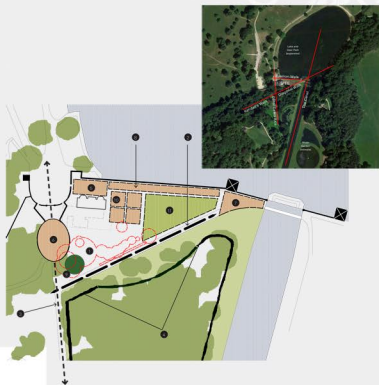
The design approach

The planned improvements sit sensitively within the historic landscape and echo important sightlines and vistas that have been lost over time.

We are working with award-winning architects *Fielden Fowles* and landscape architects *rankinfraser* who have expertise working in sensitive landscapes and historical settings.

To inform the design of the building and the landscape around it; historical maps, paintings, and photographs were studied. The landscape framework below was created from an understanding of how views and vistas were used to create structure and form to the garden.

1. Removal of inappropriate planting (shrubs and hedges)
2. Reinforce diagonal axis
3. Reinforce Canal Gates axis
4. Continuation of the bosquet yew hedge
5. A welcoming space for visitors
6. Oval orientation space inside Canal Gates
7. Orientation space by tabernacles
8. Reinforce lakeside walk
9. Retain veteran yew tree and enhance hedging to strengthen axis intersection
10. Outdoor rooms
11. Retain an area of open lawn between the lodge and the canal



These diagrams show how elements of the landscape framework were used to define the footprint of the building.

The landscape led design approach responds first to the conservation constraints and opportunities of the site, and then to accommodating the functional requirements within this historic setting.

This creates a balanced and cohesive design between the old and the new, which will give a distinctive experience for visitors, whilst managing complexities of visitor flow in this location.

