

Clissold Park: Restoring a much-loved Hackney park

Stoke Newington favourite, Clissold Park is a cherished London green space. It's home to a grade II* listed villa, built in the late 18th century for philanthropist and banker, Jonathan Hoare. After escaping development, the House and its 55-acre grounds became a public park in 1887 to serve the needs of the rapidly expanding capital.

LDA Design supported Hackney Council in its successful bid for a £4.5 million park restoration grant, going on to lead a major transformation of the Park and House.

Original architectural and landscape features including the 'Arcadian' hill and New River, a man-made water course originally designed to supply drinking water into London, have been reinstated. There is also a redesigned pleasure ground, new bridges, a new skate park and destination play area. Access and circulation have been improved and buildings creatively re-used. New boreholes have been installed to supply the beautifully restored ponds, saving money and improving water quality. Biodiversity has been enhanced throughout.

In the course of preparing the proposals, LDA Design undertook extensive consultation with the Clissold Park User Group and the wider public to explore a variety of design options.



Client
London Borough of Hackney

Location
Hackney, London

Partners
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Services Used
Landscape Architecture

Area
28 ha

1-3 Clissold Park

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1-3 Clisold Park, a popular community space and the perfect urban retreat
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