

Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund statement – Crystal Palace Park

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The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BIG) have assessed a £4.5m application from the London Borough of Bromley to their joint parks programme for the restoration of Crystal Palace Park. After careful consideration in a highly competitive round, it was decided that they were unable to support the project.

Sue Bowers, Head of HLF London, said on behalf of HLF and BIG:

“Whilst this project has good potential, news of proposed plans of a multi-million pound private investment into rebuilding the Crystal Palace, including the full restoration of the park, meant that at this time our trustees felt this application was a lower priority for Lottery investment. In addition, it was in a competitive round of applications that was more than two times oversubscribed.”

Background

- In 1998, Bromley Council received an HLF grant towards repairs and restoration of a number of historic elements in the south-east corner of the park, including dinosaurs, a boating lake and a cricket ground.
- The first phase was successfully completed 10 years ago and these proposals are part of the second phase.

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Notes to Editors

- Using money raised through the National Lottery, the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) aims to make a lasting difference for heritage, people and communities across the UK and help build a resilient heritage economy. From museums, parks and historic places to archaeology, natural environment and cultural traditions, we invest in every part of our diverse heritage. HLF has supported 36,000 projects with £5.6bn across the UK. www.hlf.org.uk. Since 1994, HLF has awarded a total of £650m to over 700 public parks across the UK
- The Big Lottery Fund, the largest of the National Lottery good cause distributors, has been rolling out grants to health, education, environment and charitable causes across the UK since its inception in June 2004. It was established by Parliament on 1 December 2006. Website: www.biglotteryfund.org.uk.

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