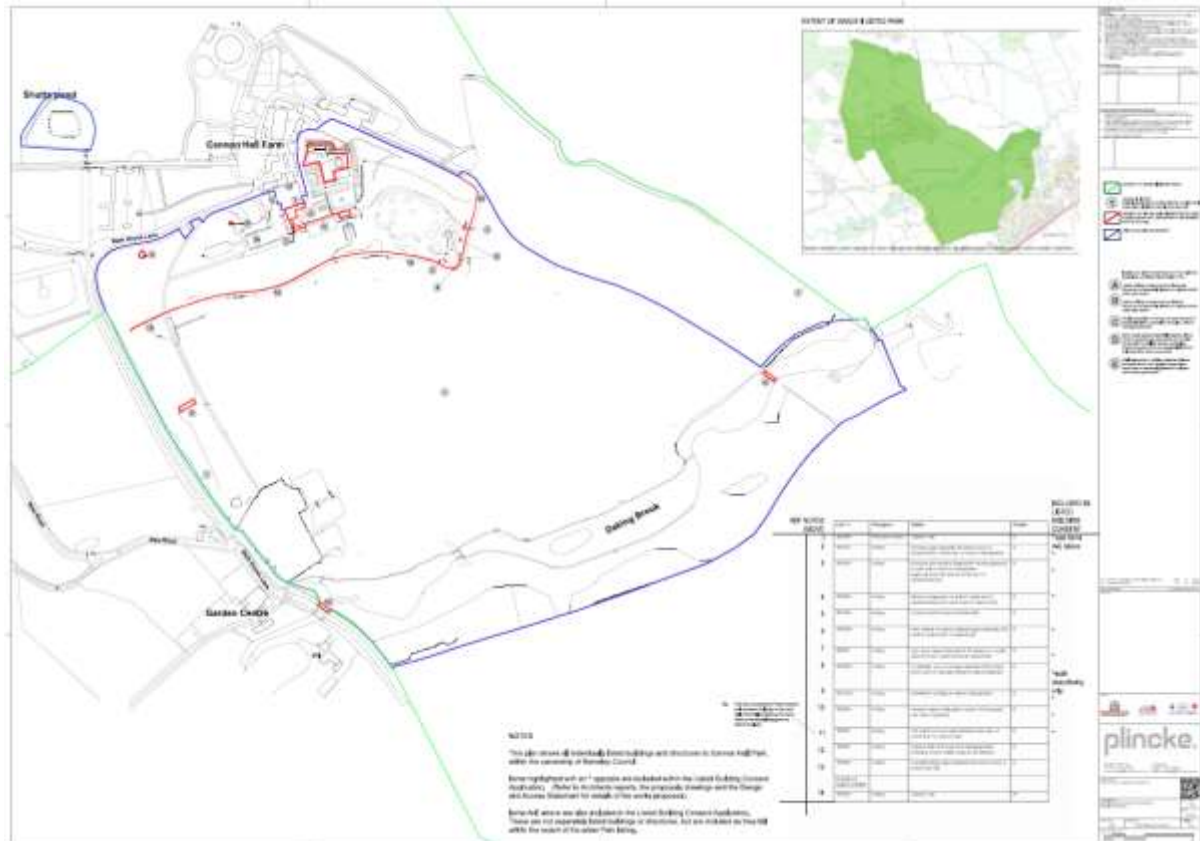


Vinery Application Heritage Statement:

The park is owned and managed by BMBC through the Museum Services Section of the Council



Significance of the overall site:

The site is exceptionally rich in heritage features and contains 14-listed buildings and structures, as well as being part of the wider Cannon Hall Estate (Grade II listing nr 1001159). The Historic England Register of Historic Parks and Gardens.

The importance of the site is that it has been preserved as an excellent example of a Georgian country estate complete, with its mansion house, service wing, ornamental and productive areas including extensive walled garden and slip garden, and wider parkland setting. Set out in the mid to late 18th Century the landscape appears to closely follow the English Landscape Style but it intriguingly adapts this with a richer layering of over-lapping spaces.

What is unusual about the site today is that so much of the original design has survived relatively unchanged for 250-years including the transition from a private country estate to half a century of local authority ownership. The site today is owned by BMBC and is managed by the Museum service section the site has recently undergone the £4 million renovation to restore the Georgian splendour. However, at that time (2020) there was insufficient funds to make repair to the vinery. The friends of Cannon Hall gardens have lead a campaign for public donations and have been successful in the receipt of a legacy gift, which is allowing us to fund the repairs of the vinery.

There are detailed and in depth reports and plans relating to the site and the vinery, so we know a great deal about the gardens and the buildings within them.

The Vinery is located in the sub-rectangular brick kitchen garden wall which dates from 1760 (by Richard Woods) The vinery is the central glasshouse range (a rebuild of c.1820-50) houses the original and unique "Cannon Hall Muscat" grapevine. This variety has a wonderful history attached and is reputed to have been grown from a pip brought back from Athens. The "Cannon Hall Muscat" is an enormous white table grape much grown in Western Australia during the first half of the 20th century, which caused a heated debate across the viticultural world. In more recent times the vinery has had two thirds of the original wooden framed glass structure replaced with aluminium with only the west, one third which we believe to be a 1960s replacement wooden structure, reflecting what we believe to be in the original Victorian style it is this western structure we intend to repair and decorate.



The vinery itself is not listed in its own right, however, it does sit within a grade II listed park land and is in the curtilage of the grade II * hall, and because of this we propose to repair the vinery following traditional and sympathetic building and construction methods. As part of the application, we have included a schedule of proposed works and the reasons for these proposed works are due to the deterioration of the framework, interior plasterwork and coping stones, as shown in the photographs below.





The proposed works will be carried out in keeping with good historical building practices using lime mortar where appropriate and the careful removal and storage of the modern glass, so repairs and decoration can take place to the wooden framework and the glasshouse framework, careful removal of plasterwork and damaged brick, and replacement of suitably matching brick and lime plasterwork.

In conclusion the repair and conservation of the vinery as outlined in this Listed Building Consent application seeks to preserve the legacy of Cannon Hall Park, as an historic asset, has aesthetic value, historic value, and social and cultural value.