

## Jesus Green

Heritage Lottery Fund – Parks for People  
Stage one submission, August 2011

Streets and Open Spaces department of Cambridge City Council have worked in partnership with Jesus Green Association and Conservators of the River Cam to prepare a Heritage Lottery Application for Jesus Green.

The bid process follows three stages;

Stage one application; was submitted on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011 (decision within 3 months). This stage requires basic proposals and estimated cost of the overall project, plus any development funding requirements.

The second stage, the development stage, which can last up to 24 months will allow detailed designs, surveys, reports and consultation to be undertaken. We hope to complete this, if successful, during 2012.

We will submit stage two, 31<sup>st</sup> August 2012 or 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 2013 (decision within 3 months). Full and detailed project costs, surveys, plans, planning permissions and secured match funding will be included.

Project summary;

All project partners acknowledge that we must retain the historical, informal and 'open' feel of Jesus Green, whilst enhancing and preserving key features, such as play, sport, buildings, the river and tree planting. We see a lot of potential for volunteering, education and training and audience development.

The key to enhancement is the strategically placed Rouse Ball pavilion (1926). Refurbished, it can provide food and drinks, shelter, interactive information, a community room and new toilets.

We wish to improve the visual appearance of the outdoor lido (1927) so that it is better integrated into the park, provide kiosk facilities and make the pool more accessible for disabled swimmers and families. We wish to consider methods to improve sustainability to the Lido. We can prolong the pool's season by volunteer lifeguard scheme and by promoting the facility to new users.

We wish to improve understanding of and travel through the site by providing interpretation/ orientation boards and better pathways. Access to and from the river can also be improved.

Improving drainage will extend the Green's year-round usable area.

We see potential for community led arts and heritage initiatives, and wish to enhance sustainability, biodiversity, value and opportunities for memories.

The estimated project cost included in stage 1 of the Heritage Lottery Bid are £2.3 million.