

APPLICATION NO: 25/01931/FUL	OFFICER: Mrs Lucy White
DATE REGISTERED: 11th December 2025	DATE OF EXPIRY : 5th February 2026
WARD: Park	PARISH:
APPLICANT:	Cheltenham Borough Council
LOCATION:	Hatherley Park Hatherley Court Road Cheltenham
PROPOSAL:	Remove silt from main lake and transport it to another area of the park to enable it to be de-watered and cultivated into the amenity grassland. Ground to be contoured to direct water towards filtration trench to enhance sustainable drainage. Portion of silt to be reused around lake edge to backfill stone revetment retaining walls, to be planted with aquatic marginal plant species.

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	4
Number of objections	0
Number of representations	0
Number of supporting	4

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Comments: 18th December 2025

I fully support this project. The work will enhance the look of the lake, the biodiversity, and the water quality, and will also help to guard against the lake drying out as it did during last summer's drought.

Using the silt to raise the ground level of the lowest part of the park makes perfect sense. Hatherley Park is a great asset to the town.

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Comments: 31st December 2025

I strongly urge the council to pass this much needed plannedwork to remedy the ongoing issues with lake due to silt build up. It's caused increasing issues over the recent years for park users as well as the lake environment and it is vital to have this key community resource restored and enhanced. Both the improvements to ecology of the lake and the drainage of the lower part of the park are much needed.

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As a committed volunteer working regularly in the park and an active member of the Friends of Hatherley Park, I fully support this application. The Friends group has been pressing for this work to be done for some time for the reasons stated in the planning statement regarding enhancements to the water quality, the ecology and biodiversity of the lake, and the structure of its edges. It will also improve the drainage of the lowest part of the Park, where the silt is to be deposited.

The Friends also fully support the application.

The increased water capacity that will follow on from the works will help to avoid the kind of situation that occurred in the summer due to the lack of rain refilling the lake after the remedial works of the spring meant that some water had to be drained off.

We are pleased to see that steps will be taken to protect the wildlife in the lake and the wider environs of the Park

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Comments: 15th December 2025

The water levels fell significantly during the drought which meant that most of the lake area dried up. When the excess silt is removed the lake will be able to hold a much greater quantity of water, so even during hot weather more water will be available for the wildlife, which enhance the biodiversity of the park.

It will also enhance the visitor experience as it will reduce the risk of the remaining silt being exposed which, from this year's experience, caused an unpleasant smell.

The park is used by many local people and this work will ensure that the lake is in good condition for them and all of the wildlife to enjoy.