**Saffron Walden Town Council**

**Bridge End Gardens, Saffron Walden – A Grade II\* Registered Park and Garden**

**Research and Production of a Parkland Management Plan**

Saffron Walden Town Council is seeking to appoint a Landscape Architect or other professional/s who can demonstrate suitable, appropriate, expertise and experience as Lead Consultant to carry out the necessary research and studies in the production of a Parkland Management Plan (PMP) for Bridge End Gardens. (<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/list-entry/1000238>; <http://saffronwalden.gov.uk/bridge-end-garden/>).

A Conservation Management Plan, (Bridge End Garden, Saffron Walden, Re-establishment of Victorian Walled Garden - Liz Lake Associates; Campbell, Susan) was produced in 2006,

Elizabeth Banks 10-year Maintenance plan dated 2002 and several other relevant documents exist which can be used exist.

This PMP will focus primarily on identifying the particular significance and condition of parkland structures within the gardens, making recommendations for consolidation, repair and maintenance and upon a survey of existing planting and maintenance regime, providing advice and guidance for revised planting and management, including areas for natural habitat,

A full brief will be produced by Historic England and issued by the Town Council. The Town Council will be the client but the plan will be approved by Historic England under the terms of a Heritage at Risk grant.

The Lead Consultant will assemble a team providing the following services

* Conservation Accredited Architect, building surveyor or architectural technologist
* Principal Designer (CDM)
* Quantity Surveyor
* Structural/Civil Engineer
* Archaeologist/Building Analyst
* Consultant Conservator
* Hydrologist

and will deploy them as required in the assessment of condition, specification of works, inspection and certification relating to repair, consolidation and maintenance of parkland structures within the gardens. These structures include walls, gates, pavilion/s, fountains, culvert/s and paths.

The Lead Consultant will build upon the information in the existing PMP. This PMP will require a review and update and will include mapping of wayleaves, map regression studies and a review of the historic use of materials within the gardens, and will produce a statement of significance, identify issues and constraints, policies, priorities and potential sources of funding.

Please write initially to express an interest in this project outlining past works/projects, indemnity insurance details and person/company information.

An evaluation and shortlist will be drawn up and those chosen will be selected to receive a full project brief.

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Closing date for expressions of interest by noon 30th July 2017

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