

Sunken Gardens Refurbishment Project, Bognor Regis

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What engagement has taken place so far?

- Early concept plans and a report were presented to Members of the Environment and Neighbourhood Services Committee on 23 September 2021. The report and minutes of the meeting can be found at www.arun.gov.uk or via the following link [Arun District Council](#)
- ADC's consultants are also speaking with key stakeholders including Councillors, Officers and Bognor Community Gardeners to understand more about the site and its maintenance.

2. Will there be any further public consultation?

- The outcome of this public consultation will provide a clear direction for the project team. The results will inform the preferred design which will be delivered in line with the project programme and therefore no further public consultation is required.

3. How much will this scheme cost?

- The total budget for the project is £300K with a capital cost of £230K.

4. When do you expect the project to start on the ground and be completed?

- The construction phase of the project is expected to commence in Summer 2022 and be completed in Autumn 2022.

5. Will this scheme impact on the residents living nearby?

- The works are expected to be phased so that sections of the garden will be closed temporarily as the improvements are delivered. During the construction period, the contractors will work to minimise any disruption to local businesses and residents.

6. Will the Sunken Gardens be retained?

- The intention of the project is to retain and enhance the Sunken Gardens.

7. Will the scheme be replacing or removing the existing planting?

- The design involves the selective removal of some planting to open up views. Most of the planting will be retained and enhanced.

8. Will this scheme improve accessibility?

- The proposals are seeking to create a new accessible entrance to the gardens, as well as the addition of inclusive play equipment.

9. How will the scheme address the current issues of anti-social behaviour?

- The design proposals will discourage anti-social behaviour by activating the gardens. This will be achieved by opening up views within the site and encouraging more visitors to all areas.