

6. Proposed planting strategy
Zones A - E

Context

- 5.1 The main extent of changes are set towards the Stables, Generator Building and in the front of the Mansion.
- 5.2 Zone A is least affected by the proposed developments in the public realm designs for Leoanrdslee Lakes and Gardens. No further plantings are proposed and are not included in this document.
- 5.3 The Rock Garden (Zone B) has already had a selection of new plantings introduced and is proposed to have conservation and restoration works where required.
- 5.4 The following sections relate to Zones C - E which will have the more extensive changes to planting together with updated layouts.



Fig. 21 All zones plan



Fig.22 View of existing bed in Zone D

6. Proposed planting strategy
Zone B

The Rock Garden

- 5.5 The Rock garden (Figure 23) is considered in the CMP as ‘Highly Significant’ and one of the most important historical and horticultural features of the garden. It consists of Pulhamite over a rock structure as illustrated in Figure 24.
- 5.6 Overgrown planting has been removed, the water feature restored (Figure 25) and the shrubs cloud pruned to shape (Figure 26). The low growing alpine planting has been out competed by taller vegetation and almost completely lost. (Figure 27).
- 5.7 The CMP notes that planting of a selection of South American shrubs is proposed to the perimeter of the rock garden and this has been planted already (2024). An extension to this planting is also proposed for the Zone D.
- 5.8 The Rock Garden requires specialist restoration works with a view to protecting its vulnerable construction with the expected increase in visitor numbers.
- 5.9 The Rock Garden will continue to be part of the paying visitor experience and not open to the general public to enable its preservation and private access.
- 5.10 The appointment of a specialist Pulhamite Rockery contractor has been proposed. Any future planting proposals will be informed by planned work and surveys with areas for possible alpine planting reinstated.
- 5.11 An updated Addendum to the CMP which now includes recommendations for the management of the Rock Garden has been completed.
- 5.12 As a result of the above, this document does not include any planting proposals for the Rock Garden and is not within its scope.

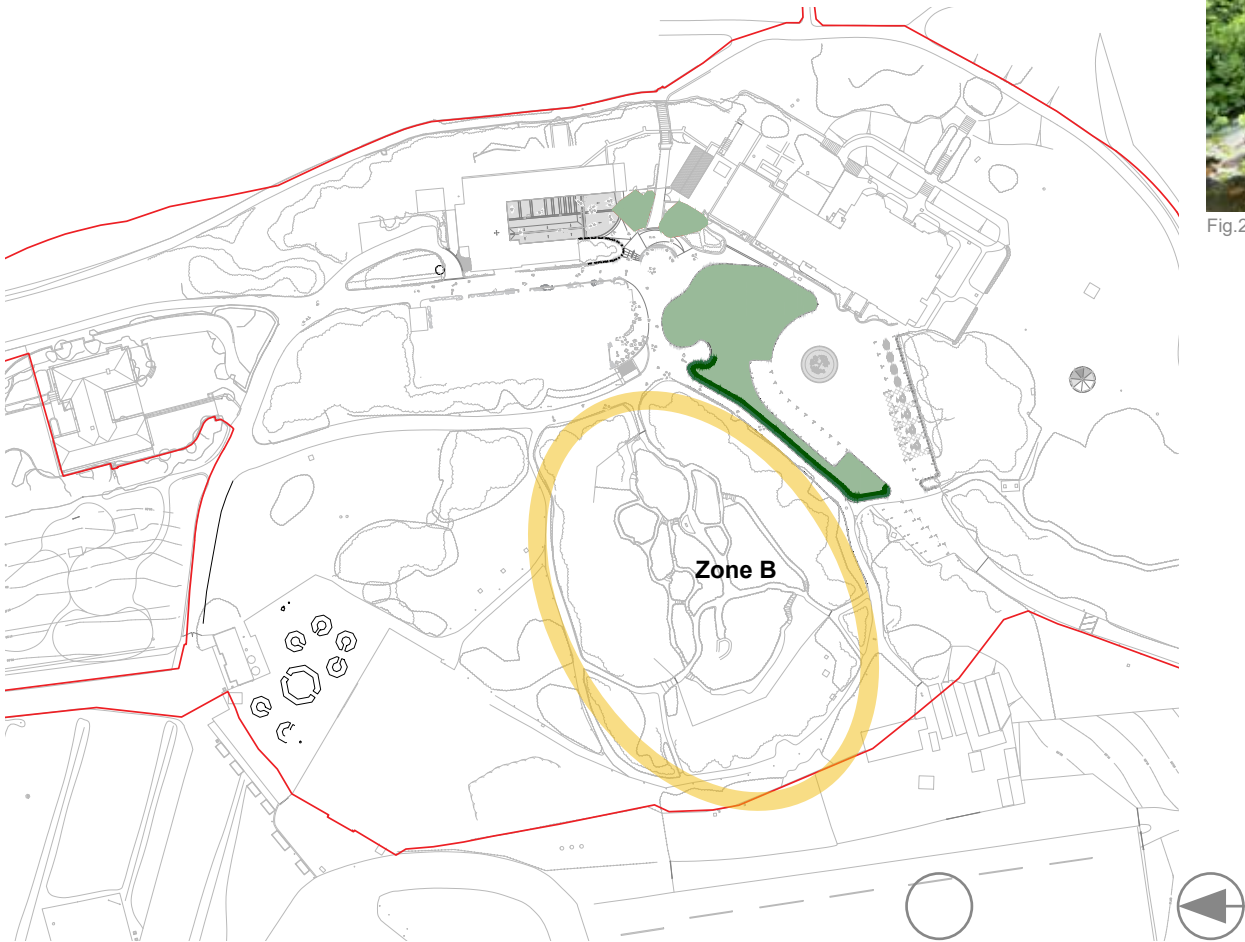


Fig.23 The Rock Garden



Fig.24 Pulhamite over rock structure



Fig.25 Restored pool with planting



Fig.26 Cloud pruned shrubs and Azaleas



Fig.27 Mature specimen planting with Chusan Palms and very few alpine plants