

Project Coversheet

[1] Ownership & Status

UPI: 1101

Core Project Name: Kenley Revival Project

Programme Affiliation: N/A

Project Manager: Andy Thwaites

This project is funded predominantly by the National Lottery Heritage Fund (formerly HLF)

The National Lottery Heritage Fund has now closed this project.

Kenley Revival engaged 19,166 people with the WWII heritage of Kenley Airfield.

The project has created a website <https://www.kenleyrevival.org/> and has installed bespoke signage on site to interpret the airfield's history.

The project also conserved Kenley's WWII structures including eight Fighter Pens and a rifle range.

Key measures of success:

Main project aims as stated in the original funding application were:

- Empower, involve and inspire people to explore, record and take ownership of Kenley's World War Two heritage
- Promote and raise the profile of Kenley Airfield as a nationally significant heritage resource and an important place for wildlife and recreation
- Preserve a unique and important historical site and become a beacon of excellence for understanding the conservation of impermanent architecture

Expected timeframe for the project delivery:

Key Milestones:

- Originally scheduled to complete by July 30 2019.
- NLHF confirmed closure of the project on March 17 2022.

Are we on track for completing the project against the expected timeframe for project delivery?

The project has now ended.

Has this project generated public or media impact and response which the City of London has needed to manage or is managing?

Yes – half page article in the Sunday Express on July 26 2020 with the headline 'Bid to save crumbling Battle of Britain site.'

This included a statement from the City:

'We are committed to delivering this conservation project of great historical significance.'

[2] Finance and Costed Risk

Headline Financial, Scope and Design Changes:

'Project Proposal' G2 report (as approved by PSC 10/01/12):

- Combined G1/G2 report seeking approval to apply for Round 1 funding from HLF (now NLHF).
- Cost of conserving structures estimated at £320,000. Actual cost (excluding thaumasite costs) to date is £343,717

'Options Appraisal and Design' G3-4 report (as approved by PSC 25/09/13):

- Total Estimated Cost: £879,000 excluding non-cash items like volunteer contributions
- Following a successful Round 1 application the G3-4 report sought to obtain permission to develop the project to HLF stage 2

'Authority to start Work' G5 report (as approved by PSC 08/09/15):

- G5 report submitted after HLF offer of Round 2 funding
- Total estimated cost £978,102 (cash items). To date expenditure has remained within this figure, but three requests have been made to 'unlock' the inflation and contingency budget lines:
 - August 2017 to release £49,000 for additional conservation work
 - February 2018 to support the activity (public engagement) programme
 - December 2020 verbal request for authorisation to use contingency for graffiti removal and signage installation
 - March 2021 issue report to request an additional £70,000 of City funding to rectify structures affected by thaumasite sulphate attack.

Total anticipated on-going commitment post-delivery:

The project commits the City to a 10-year programme of management and maintenance costed at £35,190. This is largely covered by a transfer of £30,000 from the project's budget to local risk reserves.