

# 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.