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## Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust's ambitious project begins in south west London

This month marks the start of a new project for the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust (WVRPT) in south west London, with Barker Langham, LDA Design and Architecture 00.

As a result of a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF), Resilient Heritage program and cash partnership funding the Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust has sought an expert consultant team that will support it to become a more robust and sustainable organisation, in conjunction with delivering its strategy:

### **Bringing the Park to Life – From Vision to Reality**

#### [WVRPT Strategy Doc](#)

The Wandle Valley is a vibrant and beautiful area, comprising over 40 green spaces and 12 nature reserves that cover 900 hectares of land. Not only does Wandle Valley have a remarkable industrial and cultural heritage; its parks contribute directly to the economy, health and wellbeing of the south London community.

Over the next 10 months, Barker Langham, LDA Design and Architecture 00 will work together to shape the future of the WVRPT, improving its business and funding model and creating a partnership that will enhance social investment and financial security. The consultant team are highly experienced in this field, having developed new concepts and ideas for major projects on both a national and international scale.

Grant funding for strategic development is rare, and the Trust and consultant team are extremely grateful to have received funding to support this 'once in a lifetime opportunity' from organisations including the main funder - The Heritage Lottery Fund, with further support from Transport for London, Clarion Housing, Wandle Housing, the Environmental Agency, the London Borough of Wandsworth, the Living Wandle Partnership, the Greater London Authority, IDVerde Landscape, Viridor, and the Architectural Heritage Fund.





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**Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust CEO, Sue Morgan said:**

*"This is an exciting time for the Trust and our Wandle Valley partners. We have worked hard over the last 18 months to secure this funding and agree our strategy for the regional park through public and stakeholder consultation. The funding will give us the opportunity to explore innovative ideas and new models of partnership, working to deliver green infrastructure strategically in a sub region. We are looking forward to working with the appointed team and sharing our findings with our partners and a wider Pan London audience as part of our learning program."*

**Darren Barker, Founder of Barker Langham said:**

*"Barker Langham and its partners are thrilled to be working on this unique project at a critical time for WVRPT and look forward to helping to create a new and exciting future for the Wandle Valley."*

**Stuart Hoble, Head of Heritage Fund London, said:**

*"Our Resilience funding is becoming increasingly important to organisations that need a helping hand to deliver their aims/vision. We can't do our work without the crucial support of National Lottery players and it's thanks to them that Wandle Valley Regional Park can continue to develop, flourish and be enjoyed by the local community."*





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## Editors Notes:

### The Wandle Valley Regional Park Trust

WVRPT, founded in 2012, coordinates activity and investment in the Wandle Valley with a fundamental aim to conserve and improve the natural and built heritage within and surrounding the regional park. The Trust also provides recreational facilities for local communities.

### Barker Langham

Barker Langham is a leading cultural consultancy that specialises in the visioning, strategic planning and development of cultural heritage projects, shaping their direction from concept to completion. Their team's broad range of skills and experience ensures a highly integrated approach to developing and delivering projects. Barker Langham's specialist recruitment division delivers human resource and recruitment strategies that align people principles, activities and outcomes with broader strategic objectives to create sustainable growth for clients in the cultural heritage sector.

### LDA Design

LDA Design is an independent design, environment and sustainability consultancy. They specialise in landscape-led design across a range of projects, including contemporary and historic parklands, urban renewal, and historic town centre improvements.

### Architecture 00

Architecture 00 is a practice that delivers action-led research, urban strategy, architecture and institutional innovation. As a collaborative studio they explore the making of vital, democratic places beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries.

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