

**Statement: CS16.01**

**Cabinet – 8 February 2022**

**Re: Agenda item 16 - National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) grant application for Stoke Park**

**Statement submitted by: Cllr David Wilcox**

Stoke Park Estate is a massive asset for Bristol; it is more extensive than Clifton & Durdham Downs and is closer to the centre of the city. Hundreds of people visit the site of Nature Conservation Interest daily, there has been a massive increase in footfall during the pandemic to get fresh air and exercise.

It is vitally important that Stoke Park is removed from the Heritage at-risk register and preserved for the benefit of the city.

I am delighted that Historic England and the National Lottery Heritage Fund is prepared to partner with Bristol's City Council to achieve this aim.

Many Lockleaze residents and I are delighted that the plans do not include a car park but do include two Food & Beverage sites and some much needed public toilets.

I welcome this investment into the council-owned park and grade II registered landscape, enhancing and protecting it for future generations.