BOSTON BIG LOCAL

Project:		Public Realm Improvements	
Lead delivery partner:		Boston in Bloom	
Theme:	Creating a more attractive environment	Priority:	2
Activity:	Removal of Five Lamps, renovation works and re-siting in Central Park and works associated with making good the removal site.		
Cost Code	2.2.2		

EXPECTED OUTCOMES OF THEME AND PRIORITY:

- The Lamp is in poor condition. It will brighten up the park by its installation and rewiring. It is an important part of Boston's recent history, and with the connection to the park already (The donor to the Borough Cllr Day donated the park gates too) it is a fitting place for it to go.
- We will use local firms for the repairs and installation. With luck the firms may have young apprentices who will be able to learn blacksmithing skills necessary for repair of the iron work.
- The Lamps belong to the Borough but have been neglected. As part of Central Park it will be regularly seen and serviced and saved for Boston residents.

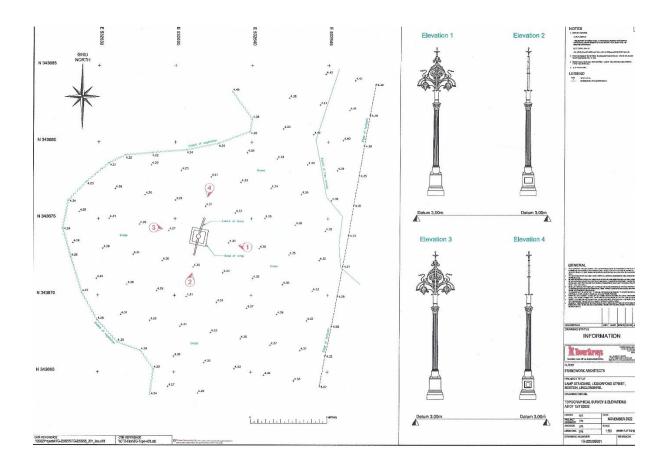
Reporting period	October to	Number and age	Wide benefit –	
dates:	December 2022	of people	significant impact	
		benefiting from	on both residents	
		the project	and visitors	
		during the		
		reporting period:		

Introduction

Aim: - With the importance of the Five Lamps to Boston and the revival of Central Park, it will be a lasting contribution by Boston Big Local and Boston in Bloom to the public realm work of both organisations.

Activities undertaken during reporting period

Our pre application has gone into the Borough Planning Office and has been considered. We now have the details of what is needed for the full planning application. There is a lot of work to do on this. We are also looking for the engineers who are capable of carrying out the work on this listed lamp.



We have, at last, had a topographical survey by Tower Surveys of Nottingham and considered it. See above. As the residents know from my previous reports, it has been problematic to draw together all the information required for listed planning consent, working with possible engineers and then springing into action.

Covid did not help, businesses have had a tough time, some have ceased trading.

Our team have considered the time frame for the Boston Big Local grant and have reluctantly decided to pull out of the scheme. We have had to be realistic and considering the difficulties we have had so far, feel it would be unfair on other local schemes if we were unable to complete the project in time. This would release funds for the residents to spend on other causes before 2024.

It has been an interesting project and the team now know the extent of the damage and some of the intricacies involved 00. We have the survey which can be passed to the Council if desired or any other group who are interested. There is no doubt that the lamp needs urgent repairs. The area in which it is situated does not enhance the lamps nor build on it's history.

We will continue to keep in touch with the council stressing the condition of the lamp and hope that funds will be found.

We are very disappointed that we have been unable to complete the project but thank the residents and team for their support over the last few years.