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Hills Homes Developments funds historic restoration project in Calne

An historic wall within the magnificent Castlefields Park in the centre of Calne is on track to undergo essential repairs following funding from local company, Hills Homes Developments.

Castlefields Park was transferred to Calne Town Council in 2012 as a community asset from Wiltshire Council. The Town Council recognised the area as an essential green lung to the town and wanted to ensure it remained as a green space and a community asset for the present and future generations to come.

Following some freak weather the Town Council discovered that in addition to urgent work to some of the trees, the historic wall within the park was in a very poor state of repair with parts of it liable to collapse.

Urgent funding as required to help with the high cost of repairs to reinstate the wall sympathetically and in a manner which was fitting for such a historic part of Calne. Following discussions between the Castlefields Canal and River Park (CARP) Association and the Town Council, amendments were agreed to the Section 106 agreement relating to Hills Homes' Station Road development, which has enabled Hills to provide funding to reinstate the historic wall.

The funding also provides for the expertise of a conservation architect who will ensure that the historic value of this part of Calne is preserved whilst also protecting the important surrounding flora and fauna during the project.

This is the second time that Hills has provided funding for Castlefields Park. In 2011, Hills funded the restoration of a former lock with replica narrow boat that forms a focal feature at the main entrance to Castlefields Park. **ENDS**

Notes to editors:

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2012 LABC West of England 'Best social or affordable housing' Award – Stonesfield Close, Southrop, Glos

2013 CPRE Gloucestershire Award – Stonesfield Close, Southrop, Glos

2014 LABC Warranty National Bricks Award 'Highly Commended' Renovation/ Refurbishment Development of the year – Bishops Farm Mill, Witney, Oxfordshire

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On site at Castlefields Park are (l to r): Nick King group director Hills Homes, Mr Robin Holley archaeologist, Mr Denis Robinson chairperson of Castlefields Canal and River Park (CARP), Calne Town Mayor Cllr Howard Marshall and Calne Town Clerk Linda Roberts.