

The SW8 attraction and the new woodland pathway at Alton Towers, Staffordshire

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The proposed woodland pathway associated with creating the new SW8 attraction has the potential to impact on the deer park wall running across the proposed development area if not mitigated appropriately. The deer park wall corresponds with the boundary of the Registered Park and Garden (List no. 1000191) at Alton Towers. The deer park has now been almost wholly subsumed under the buildings and car parks of the leisure park. The low, stone, deer park wall and its inner ditch, however, which border the park to the south, survive.

Following consultation with Staffordshire County Council's Principal Archaeologist, it is considered that the impact of creating the woodland pathway near the deer park wall can be mitigated by archaeological supervision and monitoring of the ground works during construction of the pathway. This will include recording and reporting on any related below-ground remains that may be uncovered in accordance with a Written Scheme of Investigation approved by the Local Planning Authority (appended with this Statement).

The deer park wall can also be protected during the dismantling of the log flume and construction of the SW8 attraction by following the 'protocol for protection of the deer wall' (also appended with this Statement).

