

RHS Garden Bridgewater Masterplan

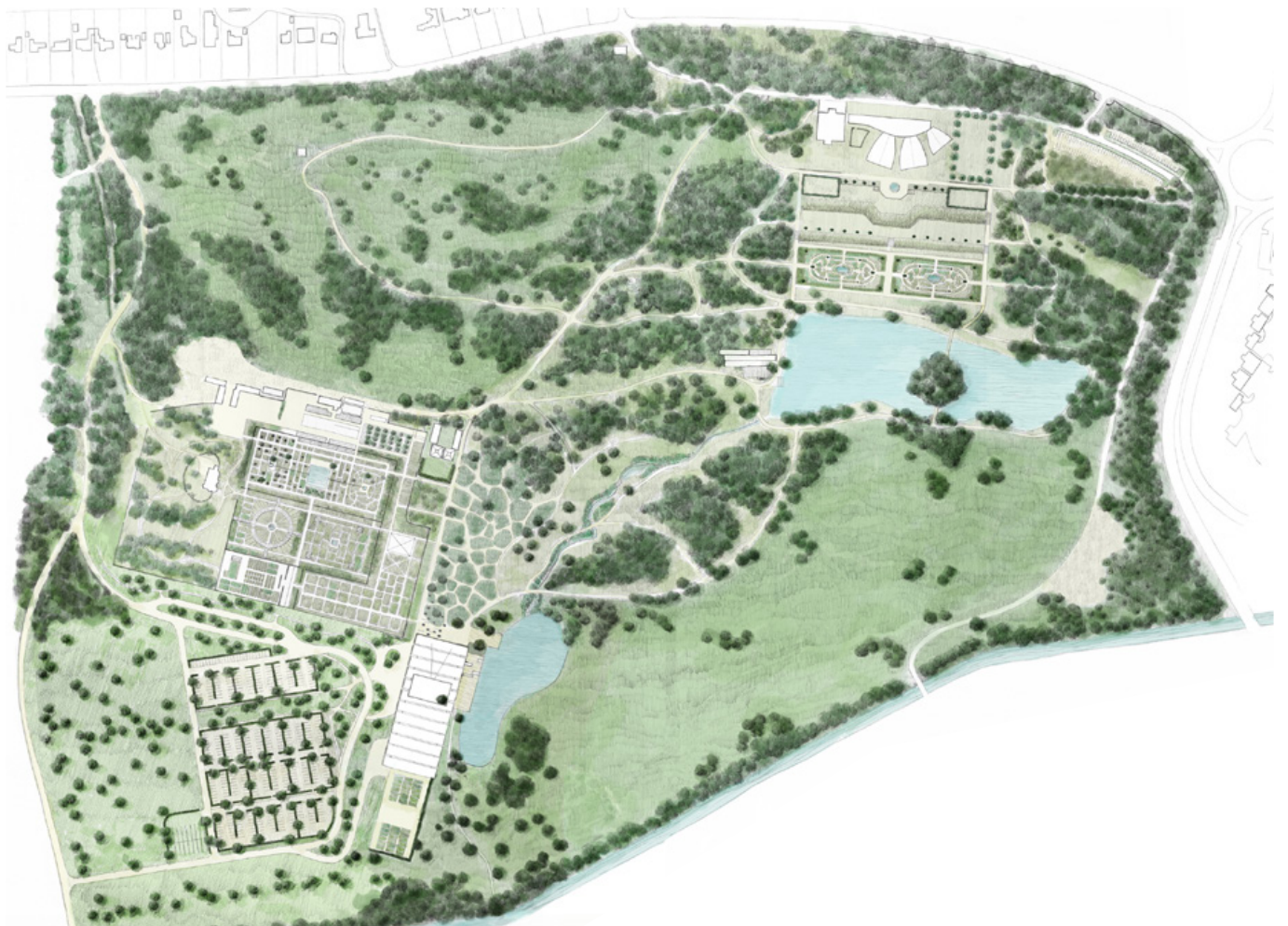
Location: Salford, Manchester, UK
Client: Royal Horticultural Society (RHS)
Dates: 2015 - 2016

This new RHS garden brings back to life the lost historic grounds of Worsley New Hall including the restoration of one of the largest Walled Kitchen Gardens in the UK. We collaborated with the RHS and landscape design practice Tom Stuart-Smith, to create a dramatic masterplan for the phased transformation of the overgrown and inaccessible former Bridgewater Estate into a new public garden.

The masterplan included a new arrivals building, a car park with extensive new horticulture, a learning centre, a lakeside restaurant, a school of horticulture, a gallery and a grand glasshouse standing on the hill where the imposing edifice of the former Worsley New Hall once stood before its demolition in 1949.

The redeveloped landscape creates new features include an arboretum, a paradise garden, a therapeutic garden, and the reinstatement of the formal terraces designed by Nesfield in 1846 with imaginative new horticulture.

We have been working with the RHS since 2013. At RHS Garden Hyde Hall in Essex, we provided masterplanning services for the whole garden and designs for the Hilltop buildings, including the Civic Trust Award-winning Clore Learning Centre, Restaurant and Activity Barn.



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