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Asset: White Rock Gardens (White Rock Pleasure Grounds)

Date : 1920 -1930

Architect: N/A

Type: Early to Mid 20th Century Pleasure grounds

Original use: Leisure/social/communal

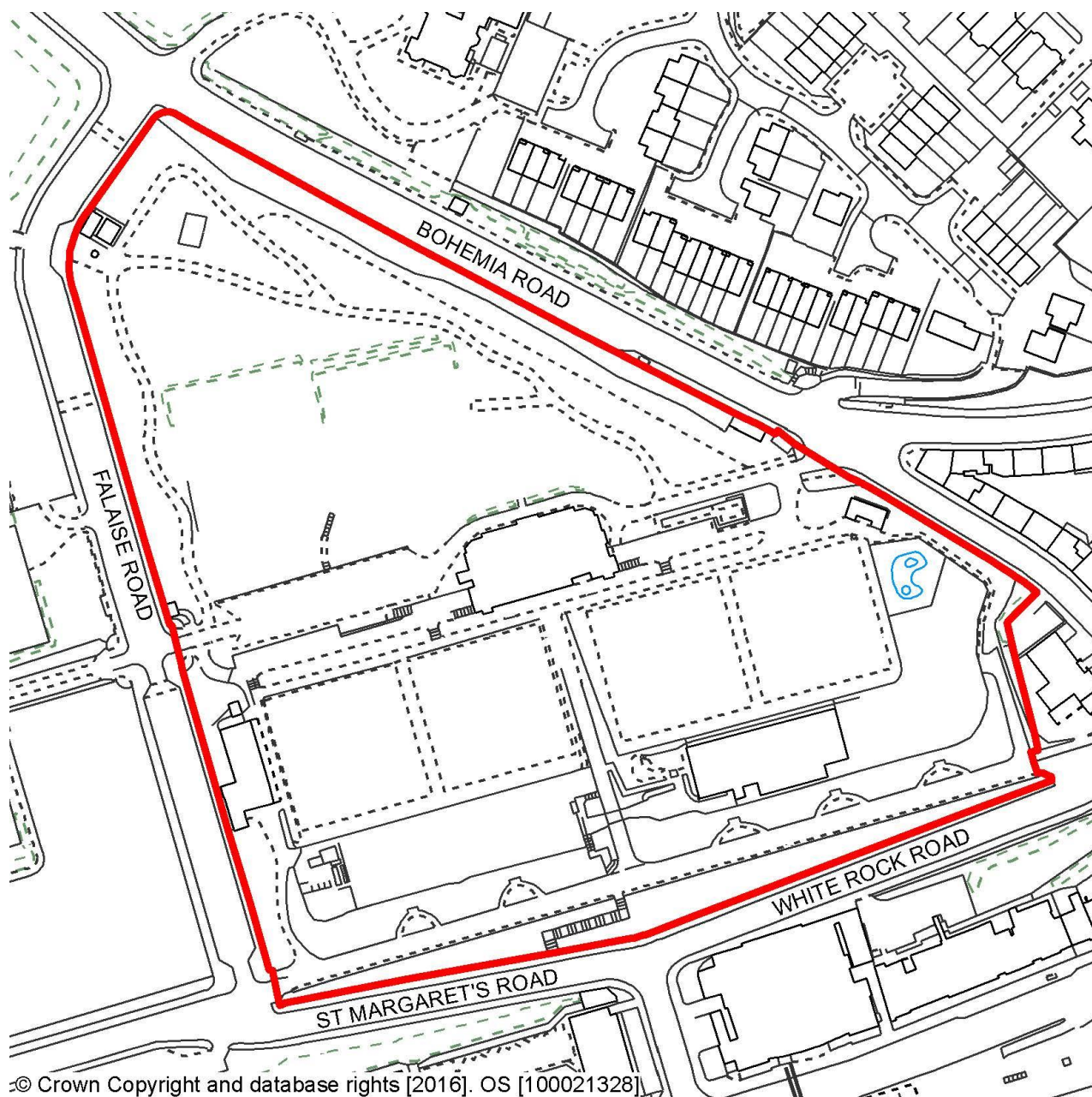
Site entered onto Hastings Local List following Cabinet approval on 06.03.17



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Nominating body –
Sussex Gardens Trust

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Statement of Significance

The asset covers the landscaped area to the east of Falaise Road and is a prime elevated site overlooking the seafront and laid out specifically for formal recreation. It has been part of the wider civic movement that saw the creation of pleasure grounds in many seaside towns in the early to mid-20th Century and the site still reflects much of the qualities of landscaping from that era. There has been an evolutionary process of accretion of uses and activities over time, but the principal leisure use has been retained signifying high social/communal value. The landform remains unchanged and the original layout of the garden landscape and features such as rockery, ornamental planting, Edwardian shelter and bowling green etc. have survived. Tram Shelter and Pavilion structure are surviving features. The primacy of the views to the sea enabled by a striking central linear visual and spatial axis to the pier adds to the historic significance and group value of the gardens.

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