

*This conservation plan has been prepared for Dublin City Council's Culture, Recreation and Amenity Department, by Howley Hayes Architects for the conservation and management of Merrion Square Park, Dublin 2. Illustrated with existing and proposed drawings, historic maps and numerous photographs, the plan examines the development of this historic park, with its planting, buildings and features and how these have changed over time. An assessment of cultural significance is also included together with recommendations for a number of policies to inform future conservation and development strategies. These are intended to provide guidance for the on-going maintenance and management of the park to ensure that the significance of the landscape is preserved and presented clearly to the public. Dr Christopher Moriarty has provided a natural history report to assess the current flora and fauna found in the park, along with suggestions about how the existing biodiversity might best be preserved and enhanced. Earthsound Archaeological Geophysics carried out the archaeological investigation of the air raid shelter. The measured, photographic and condition surveys of the structures were carried out in August and September 2013.*

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