# HLF response to Select Committee parks inquiry

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HLF supports a broad range of heritage including, since 1996, the UK's public parks where it is widely credited as having led the renaissance in their improvement over the last 20 years.

While we believe a strong case for public funding by local authorities must continue to be made, we recognise that local authorities face tough challenges. We have identified opportunities for community involvement, diversification of funding sources and innovation which may help to create a blended finance model critical to sustaining parks in the future.

Much of our evidence is based on our most recent research *State of UK Public Parks 2016*.