



## Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee

**Date:** MONDAY, 9 JANUARY 2017  
**Time:** 7.00 pm  
**Venue:** PARLIAMENT HILL CONFERENCE ROOM, PARLIAMENT HILL STAFF YARD, PARLIAMENT HILL FIELDS, HAMPSTEAD HEATH, NW5 1QR

**Members:**

Virginia Rounding (Chairman)	Helen Payne (Friends of Kenwood)
Karina Dostalova (Deputy Chairman)	Stewart Purvis (Vale of Health Society)
Ray Booth (Barnet Mencap)	Thomas Radice (Heath and Hampstead Society)
Nick Bradfield (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee)	Harunur Rashid (Black and Minority Ethnic Communities representative)
Dan Braverman (Heath Hands)	Steve Ripley (Rambler's Association)
John Etheridge (South End Green Association)	Susan Rose (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee)
Colin Gregory (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association)	Ellin Stein (Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee)
Michael Hammerson (Highgate Society)	Richard Sumray (London Council for Sport and Recreation)
Dr Gaye Henson (Marylebone Birdwatching Society)	Simon Taylor (Hampstead Rugby Club)
Nigel Ley (Open Spaces Society)	David Walton (Representative of Clubs using facilities on the Heath)
Joanne Mould (London Wildlife Trust)	John Weston (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee)

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**John Barradell**  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

# AGENDA

## Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**
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3. **MINUTES**
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*To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2016.*
  - b) Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Minutes (Pages 11 - 20)  
*To note the draft public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 21 November 2016.*
4. **SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**  
Report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

**For Discussion**  
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5. **GATEWAY PROJECTS - EAST HEATH CAR PARK, PEGGY JAY CENTRE AND ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND OUTDOOR PLAY FACILITIES AND THE HIVE**  
Report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

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Report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

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7. **REVIEW OF EVENTS PROGRAMME 2016 AND PROVISIONAL EVENTS PROGRAMME 2017**  
Report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

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8. **PONDS PROJECT LANDSCAPE PROGRESS REPORT**  
Report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath.

**For Discussion**  
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9. **QUESTIONS**

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the next meeting will be held on 13 March 2017.

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## HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE Monday, 7 November 2016

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee held at Parliament Hill Conference Room, Parliament Hill Staff Yard, Parliament Hill Fields, Hampstead Heath, NW5 1QR on Monday, 7 November 2016 at 7.00 pm

### Present

#### Members:

Virginia Rounding (Chairman)  
Karina Dostalova (Deputy Chairman)  
Nick Bradfield (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee)  
Dan Braverman (Heath Hands)  
Matt Gamble (Barnet Mencap)  
Colin Gregory (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association)  
Michael Hammerson (Highgate Society)  
John Hunt (South End Green Association)  
Nick Moore (Marylebone Birdwatching Society)  
Helen Payne (Friends of Kenwood)  
Stewart Purvis (Vale of Health Society)  
Thomas Radice (Heath and Hampstead Society)  
Susan Rose (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee)  
Ellin Stein (Mansfield Conservation Area Advisory Committee & Neighbourhood Association Committee)  
Richard Sumray (London Council for Sport and Recreation)  
Simon Taylor (Hampstead Rugby Club)

#### Officers:

Fern Aldous	-	Town Clerk's Department
Bob Warnock	-	Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Jonathan Meares	-	Highgate Wood & Conservation Manager
Lucy Gannon	-	Projects and Management Support Officer
Declan Gallagher	-	Operational Service Manager
Richard Gentry	-	Constabulary and Queen's Park Manager
Paul Maskell	-	Leisure and Events Manager

#### 1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Steve Ripley (Ramblers' Association) and John Weston (Hampstead Conservation Area Advisory Committee).

*Ray Booth (Barnet Mencap) was represented by Matt Gamble, John Etheridge (South End Green Resident Association) was represented by John Hunt and Dr Gaye Henson (Marylebone Bird Watching Society) was represented by Nick Moore.*

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations.

3. **MINUTES**

3.1 **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2016 be approved.

**Matters Arising**

Events Policy

Meetings were being organised to progress the development of the Events Policy, before the draft policy is put before the Consultative Committee.

Consultation

The Chairman expressed her hope that the Committee had seen an improvement in the consultative process as a result of the changes that had been requested. It was acknowledged that the full effect would not be seen until after the revised meeting timetable came into effect in 2017.

Cross Country Pilot

It was noted that the pilot would be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

*The outstanding actions relating to memorial benches, the Business Plan and the use of Drones were addressed in later items on the agenda.*

3.2 **Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee Minutes**

The Committee received the minutes of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held on the 18 July 2016.

A Member (Heath and Hampstead Society) queried the exclusion of the Heath in the Corporation's submission to a Select Committee investigation into public parks. The Superintendent confirmed that the submission covered all the Corporation's Open Spaces.

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3.3 **Hampstead Heath Sports Advisory Forum Minutes**

The Committee received the minutes of the Sports Advisory Forum held on the 19 September 2016. The Superintendent reported that the London Borough of Camden had offered a small grant to the Heath for the installation of trim trail equipment. It was to be confirmed whether the grant included ongoing maintenance of the equipment.

A Member (Representative of Sports Clubs using the Heath) tabled a document relating to the installation of a shelter close to the running track, the funding for which could be provided for by the London Marathon Trust. It was agreed that the design would need to be carefully considered to ensure it was suitable for the environment.

## **RECEIVED**

### **4. HEATH HANDS HALF YEAR REPORT**

A Member (Heath Hands) updated the Committee on the work of the Heath Hands Volunteers. The following points were noted:

- A celebratory event had been held to mark 100,000 hours of volunteering on the Heath.
- The most hours in a single month had been completed in July 2016 (1300 hours).
- A number of volunteer lead sessions now form a regular part of the programme.
- A Member survey had been completed, the results of which were expected at the end of the year.
- A strategic plan was being developed to formalise the partnership between Heath Hands and the City of London.
- The Charity status of the group would be discussed at the forthcoming Trustee meeting.
- Membership levels had remained steady; however, the level of activity had increased.

Members discussed whether there were an optimum number of volunteers, and whether a drive for new volunteers needed to take place. It was felt that the current level was the maximum that could be accommodated in the number of sessions, the level of which were determined by Officer availability. However, a drive was needed to diversify the demographics of the volunteers. The report to the next meeting of the Committee would include the age profile of the current Heath Hands membership.

The Chairman thanked Heath Hands for their continued work on the Heath.

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### **5. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Superintendent provided an update on recent operational and management activities that had taken place across the Heath since June 2016. Members considered the following matters:

#### Business Plan

The Superintendent advised the Committee that the Open Spaces Business Manager would be attending the meeting of the Committee in January to discuss the business planning process and how the Committee could be involved in the formative stages. In response to a query from a Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) in relation to the link

between the Business Plan and the Hampstead Heath Management Plan, the Superintendent reported that the Open Spaces Business Plan related to wider departmental issues over a period of three years, whereas the Management Plan set strategic objectives for management of the Heath over a ten year period. The Open Spaces Department Business Plan identified large capital projects and department wide programmes and projects, many of which inform management at the local level.

#### Affordable Art Fair

The Superintendent outlined the outcomes of the recent review of events on the Heath. The proposal to move the Affordable Art Fair to after Easter was supported by the Committee. The withdrawal of GROW London would have an impact on the income from the event, as the change of date and the clash with the Whitsun Fair would not allow for a second event to make use of the tent after the Fair (an early Easter would however allow for further use).

#### Circus

The Committee discussed the recent representations received regarding the Zippo's Circus licence to use the Lower Fairground, specifically relating to the use of animals in their shows. Representations had been received for and against the Circus (two letters recently received in support were tabled), however, the petition had yet to be received. Members discussed the arguments for and against the circus, noting the following points:

- The petition was specifically against the use of cats in performances, however, it had been confirmed that the cats would not be used for the next season.
- Similar protests had been organised against the circus at Brent Cross.
- Animal welfare inspections had taken place annually, and a Corporation lead investigation had taken place in the previous year. All inspections had found no fault with the conditions in which the animals were kept.
- The Corporation's ownership of the zoo at Golders Hill Park and the children's farm at Queen's Park could be seen as a demonstration of their stance on animals in captivity.
- It was noted that many entertainment shows made use of domesticated or trained animals, for example dressage. The protestors had been very selective in protesting against the circus.

Members felt that that a policy should be developed against which applications could be considered. It was not felt that circuses containing exotic animals would be supported. Officers noted that the licence held with Zippo's circuses did not permit anything other than domestic animals, but agreed to consider the issue of animal's in circuses within the events policy.

A Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) queried whether additional security arrangements would be required if the circus were to return to the Heath the following year. The Superintendent confirmed that a perimeter fence and additional police resources, beyond what the Heath Constabulary could provide, would be required. The cost of these would be recharged to the licensee. In response to a query from a Member (Friends of



Kenwood) it was confirmed that prosecutions against those that had been involved in criminal activity at the Circus protests would be pursued where possible.

#### Open Spaces Bill

It was confirmed that the Freedom of Information request submitted by the Kennel Club was in relation to the reporting of enforcement action against dog owners.

#### Capital Projects

The Superintendent explained the seven stages of the Gateway process which allowed capital projects over £50,000 to be considered. The formative stage, Gateway 0, requires inclusion in the Open Spaces Department Business plan; with Gateway 1 being an evaluation by Chief Officers. The Superintendent reported that in future, projects would be brought before the Consultative Committee at the business planning stage. It was felt this would allow Members to consider the Projects at the formative stage. The East Heath car park, The Adventure Playground, The Hive conversion and the Parliament Hill visitors' hub were given as examples of projects that would be progressing through the gateway process. The Superintendent reported that these projects would be brought before the Consultative Committee at Gateway 2, prior to submitting for approval to the Project Sub-Committee. Members were supportive of being involved in the early stages of project planning, and noted that input in the development of the business plan would further help this.

In response to a request from a Member (Heath and Hampstead Society) the Town Clerk undertook to circulate an explanation of the Gateway process.

#### Cafés

The Superintendent provided an update on the work of the Café Working Party. Three meetings had so far been held and visits to other establishments had taken place. A further workshop had been planned to evaluate the results of the consultation, for which approximately 1500 responses had been received (the majority of which had been submitted online). It was confirmed that the campaign team had been involved in the process throughout.

In response to a query from a Member (Highgate Society) it was confirmed that the final meeting of the Working Group, where a recommendation on the best way to progress would be formulated, would need to return to the Membership that had been agreed in the Terms of Reference. A report on the outcome of the final meeting would be reported to the Committee in January.

It was reported that the proprietor of the Lido Café had now ceased trading. Consultation with users would be undertaken and the next steps would be included in the considerations of the Café Working Party. A Member (London Council for Sport and Recreation) suggested that the possibility of turning it into a "destination" restaurant be considered.

#### Drones

Following the Superintendent's proposal for the Heath to be classified as a "congested area" and the subsequent banning of drones, a Member (Vale of Health Society) queried the process for a user to gain permission to use drones in specific circumstances. The Superintendent detailed the process required, including permission from the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA), and agreed that this would be included in the policy.

In response from a query by a Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents' Association) the Superintendent confirmed that enforcement would be the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police. There were risks associated with a change to the byelaws but it was being considered as an option by some authorities.

#### Staff Consultation

The consultation period had concluded and the changes to the rotas had been implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016. A review of the arrangements would be carried out after six and 12 months.

Further consultations are progressing in relation to the Lifeguards rota, the Constabulary working hours and the out of hours call out rota for staff residing in lodges.

#### Learning

In response to a question from a Member (South End Green Association) it was agreed that the report on the success of the scheme for school children to participate in the ponds project would be circulated. It was noted that a display of the scheme would take place at the opening of the model boating pond island on 18 November 2016.

#### Planning

In response to a question from a Member it was confirmed that the Waterhouse application had gone to appeal, the method of which the appeal will be heard was still to be confirmed. It was further confirmed that the Superintendent will submit an objection to the 114-120 West Heath Road development as the proposals would have an adverse visual impact on the character, appearance and setting of the area when viewed from West Heath and Golders Hill Park.

It was noted that the Orchard Trust are considering replacing a timber boundary adjoining the Heath with a brick wall and railings boundary.

A Member (Highgate Society) drew the Committee's attention to a consultation being undertaken by the Communities and Local Government Select Committee on basement developments and recommended that the department consider making a submission.

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#### **6. HAMPSTEAD HEATH MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW FINDINGS**

The Committee considered a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath on recent updates on the development of the Management Plan. The

Committee were advised that further written submissions were welcome to be submitted prior to the management committee meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

Following a query from a Member (London Council for Sport and Recreation) it was confirmed that the plan had sought to take learning from the last process in the development of recommendations for the 2018 Plan.

A key learning from the review stage was the importance of a “golden thread” through the management framework from the ten year strategic management plan, through the rolling 3-year divisional plan and implemented through the annual work programmes and projects.

In accordance with the approved programme for the 2018 Plan, the local community would be invited to engage with the development of the plan, particularly around their aspirations for the future of the Heath. In response to a query from a Member (Hampstead Garden Suburb Residents’ Association) about how community aspirations would be used, it was advised that an understanding of community aspirations would inform an outcomes framework to assist future decision making and prioritising, as well as to measure progress and success.

A Member (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee) advised that it was important to capture the good consultation methods that had been developed as part of the Café procurement and the ponds project.

Members further discussed the possibility of holding walks open to the public discussing the management priorities for the Heath and Officers undertook to progress the suggestion.

## **RECEIVED**

### **7. FEES AND CHARGES 2017/18**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath outlining the proposed fees and charges for the North London Open Spaces. It was noted that the report had been carefully considered by the Sports Advisory Forum.

A Member (Hampstead Rugby Club) noted an error in charging for rugby “nets” and queried the adult day ticket price for the athletics track.

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### **8. REVIEW OF ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2016**

The Committee discussed a report on the management operations and activities carried out on the Heath over the preceding 12 months. Feedback on the programme was welcomed in writing prior to the meeting of the Management Committee on the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2016.

Members noted the amount of ecological work that had taken place in relation to the restoration of the Ponds Project sites. The area would require a significant amount of ongoing Officer time, however, the speed of the vegetation regrowth was seen as positive.

In response to a query from a Member (Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee) in relation to uneven grass coverage following the cross country runs, the Superintendent acknowledged that techniques for the restoration of the routes were still being refined.

Following a discussion on the presentation of locations for the annual work programme, the Chairman summarised the need for information and data to be presented to the Committee and the public in a concise and useable manner. Members suggested embedding reports into the website, and it was agreed that this would be useful addition.

## **RECEIVED**

### **9. HAMPSTEAD HEATH CONSTABULARY POLICING PLAN (DEFERRED FROM LAST MEETING)**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath regarding the policing priorities of the Hampstead Heath Constabulary.

Following a submitted query from the Friends of Kenwood on the prevalence of cyclist using non-permitted paths, the Constabulary Manager reported that prosecutions for byelaw offences by cyclists were increasing, with eleven offences going to court compared to three from the previous year. There were three priorities relating to cycling in the report; however it was felt that some further targeted Constabulary operations could be undertaken.

Members discussed how best to capture the priority of crime reduction through visibility of Officers. It was reported that the completion of the other priorities would require the visibility of Officers.

A Member (Barnet Mencap) asked that attention be paid to leaves covering the no cycling signs on paths, and Officers agreed to monitor this more closely.

## **RECEIVED**

### **10. PONDS PROJECT UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath providing an update on the Ponds Project.

The Superintendent advised the Committee of that an area known as the sports pitch that is used as an informal area for sport by local schools had been restored without the terrace up from the path. Whilst this has been drawn to the attention of the Ponds Project Contractor it was felt to be advantageous to the landscape giving a more natural appearance to the area. Members felt that a trial of the new alignment should be carried out in 2017, and a review conducted in the spring.

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### 11. QUESTIONS

A Member (South End Green Association) expressed his disappointment at the presence of the causeway to the model boating pond island, and the missed opportunity to create a bird sanctuary on the newly created boating pond island.

A further query was raised on the presence of three footpaths running parallel to the end of the dam, as it was felt only two were necessary.

### 12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

A Member (Dartmouth Park Conservation Area Advisory Committee) suggested that the previous sign from the Parliament Hill viewpoint should be offered to the Museum of London to demonstrate the changing skyline. This was supported by the Committee.

The Superintendent advised the Committee of a request that had been submitted for the purchase of land adjacent to the Vale of Health. The land is currently occupied by squatters who have been served with a repossession order. Whilst from the City's perspective this land doesn't represent a Strategic Service Related Property Acquisition, there is however an opportunity for the local community to work together to consider acquisition of the site, as well as the opportunities for the long term management of the land taking account of its position adjacent to the Heath.

The Superintendent suggested arranging meetings with representatives of Vale of Health Society and the Heath and Hampstead Society to explore the opportunity in more detail.

An inspection of Golders Hill Park Zoo had taken place and it was expected some written recommendations would be made.

### 13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Dates of upcoming meetings of the Consultative Committee and Management Committee were noted to be as follows:

#### **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee**

Walk – Sat 7 January 2017

Meeting – Mon 9 January 2017

#### **Hampstead Heath Management Committee**

Meeting – Mon 30 January 2017

#### **Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee**

Walk – Sat 11 March 2017

Meeting – Mon 13 March 2017

#### **Hampstead Heath Management Committee**

Walk – Fri 5 May 2017

Meeting – Mon 15 May 2017

**Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee**

Walk – Sat 17 June 2017

Meeting – Mon 19 June 2017

**The meeting ended at 9:25pm**

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Chairman

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## **HAMPSTEAD HEATH, HIGHGATE WOOD AND QUEEN'S PARK COMMITTEE Monday, 21 November 2016**

Minutes of the meeting of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee held at Committee Rooms, 2nd Floor, West Wing, Guildhall on Monday, 21 November 2016 at 1.45 pm

### **Present**

#### **Members:**

Virginia Rounding (Chairman)  
Deputy John Barker  
Anne Fairweather  
Michael Hudson  
Clare James  
Professor John Lumley  
Barbara Newman  
Jeremy Simons  
Councillor Melvin Cohen (London Borough of Barnet)  
John Beyer (Heath and Hampstead Society)  
Maija Roberts (Ramblers' Association/Open Spaces Society)

#### **Officers:**

Fern Aldous	-	Town Clerk's Department
Susanna Lascelles	-	Town Clerk's Department
Alison Elam	-	Chamberlain's Department
Bob Warnock	-	Superintendent of Hampstead Heath
Declan Gallagher	-	Open Spaces Department
Lucy Gannon	-	Open Spaces Department
Richard Gentry	-	Open Space's Department
Esther Sumner	-	Open Space's Department

### **1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Karina Dostalova, Keith Bottomley, Revd Dr Martin Dudley, Alderman Ian Luder, Graeme Smith, Councillor Sally Gimson (London Borough of Camden), Rachel Evans (RSPB) and Philip Wright (English Heritage).

### **2. MEMBERS DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. MINUTES**

The Chairman thanked Dennis Cotgrove, who had submitted his resignation, for his work on the Committee.

#### **3.1 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July 2016 be approved as an accurate record.

**Matters Arising**

- The Viewpoint sign had been successfully unveiled.
- The pilot of the cross country run would be taking place on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**3.2 Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee Minutes**

The Committee received the minutes of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee. The Chairman stated that the minutes were to be cross referenced against each item in the agenda, so the views of the Consultative Committee could be taken into account when considering the recommendations.

**RESOLVED** – That the draft minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2016 be noted.

**Matters Arising**

Heath Hands

The Chairman reiterated her thanks to Heath Hands for their hard work on the Heath over the past year.

Capital Projects

A Member noted that the £50,000 threshold for Capital Projects was for those projects that had not had funding ring-fenced and were outside the additional works programme for repairs and maintenance.

Vale of Heath

The Superintendent reported that meetings had taken place with the Heath and Hampstead Society and the Vale of Health Society to discuss the options for the parcel of land adjacent to the Vale of Heath.

**3.3 Highgate Wood Joint Consultative Committee**

**RESOLVED** – The draft minutes of the meeting held on the 9 November 2016 be approved as an accurate record.

It was noted that no additional comments had been received on the work programme.

**3.4 Queen's Park Joint Consultative Group Minutes**

**RESOLVED** – That the draft minutes of the meeting held on the 9 November 2016 be approved as an accurate record.

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath that provided Members with an update regarding the following management and operational activities across the Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park since July 2016.



### **Affordable Art Fair**

The Committee discussed the proposal to move the Affordable Art Fair to an earlier date. A Member queried whether the contract with the Fair could be changed to allow for the Corporation to receive a percentage of revenue as part of the license fee. The Superintendent confirmed the licence fee related to the area of the Heath that was set aside to permit the event on the Heath. However, it was noted that the Heath and Hampstead Society would not object to more revenue being generated from an existing commercial operation. A report on the review of 2016 Events Programme would be coming to the next meeting of the Committee.

Noting the support of the Consultative Committee, the Committee approved the change to the time of the Fair.

### **Zippo's Circus**

It was confirmed that the online petition was still to be received. Approximately 600 petitions were thought to relate directly to the Heath as part of a wider petition against the circus. 6000 people had attended the 12 performances. It was noted that cats would not be included in the performances going forward, and the circus had up to date animal welfare checks. Members were supportive of the recommendation from the Consultative Committee to develop a policy against which applications from circuses could be considered.

### **Open Spaces Bill**

The Open Spaces Bill completed its Opposed Committee stage in the House of Commons on Tuesday 15 October. The Committee determined that there should be one addition to clause 12 (Community Protection Notices), regarding the use of FOI. Officers are currently considering this. The next step is the Report Stage and the Third Reading of the Bill in the Commons, the timing of which has not yet been settled.

### **Capital Projects**

The Capital Project reports for the East Heath Car Park, The Hive and the Adventure Playground would progress through the Consultative Committee and the Management Committee in January, with Gateway 2 reports to be presented to Projects Sub Committee in February 2017.

### **Cafés**

The Café Working Group was due to meet on 21 November 2016 to discuss the initial results from the consultation exercise. A report would be presented to the Committee in January with recommendations to guide future decisions on the café leases.

The Committee discussed the consequences of the withdrawal of the tenant of the Lido Café. It was confirmed the tenant was still within the six month rent free period, and Members asked Officers to investigate introducing a 12 month half rent period instead, to allow for some income to be collected in similar instances. The Consultative Committee's suggestion for pop-up facilities being installed in the interim period was supported.

## **Drones**

Following a recommendation from the Consultative Committee it was confirmed that the Drones Policy would include the pathway for commercial use authorisation.

Members discussed the pros and cons of introducing a change to the bye-laws to enforce the ban on drone usage. It was noted this could leave all the bye-laws exposed to enforced changes. It was felt that consideration should be given to the introduction of a regulation as opposed to a bye-law to allow the Heath Constabulary to enforce the drone's policy banning them on the grounds of the Heath being a "congested area". The introduction of the regulation would be investigated with the Comptroller.

## **Staff Consultation**

The changes to staff rotas had gone into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> October and it was felt to have been successful. Changes to the contracts for the Lifeguard team, the Hampstead Heath Constabulary and on the use of the lodges were now at the personal consultation stage.

## **Planning**

- Planning permission had been granted for Athlone House.
- The Heath House application would be considered at the London Borough of Camden Development Control Committee on the 15<sup>th</sup> December. The Superintendent would be objecting on the grounds of the impact on the Metropolitan Open Land.
- The applicant at the Water House has submitted an appeal against the refusal to grant planning permission. The Superintendent is awaiting confirmation of how the Planning Inspector intends to hear the appeal. Along with interested parties the City will be writing to the Inspector to recommend a site visit and local hearing would be relevant in this case.
- Planning permission had been refused White Stone House.
- A Planning application for 46 apartments had been submitted for 114-120 West Heath Road. An objection would be submitted on the grounds of the impact of Golders Hill Park and the West Heath.
- The Superintendent is continuing to monitor the redevelopment proposals at Parliament Hill and William Ellis Schools. It was confirmed a representative from the Open Space's Department sat on the Community Working Group for the project.

## **Learning**

Members congratulated the Open Space's Department on the success of the Learning Programme launched in April 2016.

The Superintendent informed the Committee that two written representations had been received regarding the use of Golders Hill Park by Heathside High School. Meetings had been held with the school to discuss their use of Golders Hill Park and the wider Heath. It was confirmed their use of the tennis courts did not prevent other patrons from making bookings.

The Committee noted the successful year for Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park in the Green Flag, Green Heritage and London in Bloom awards.

**RESOLVED** - That the report be noted.

5. **FEES AND CHARGES 2017/18**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath regarding the changes to fees and charges for 2016/17. It was noted that the proposals had been considered and supported by both the Sports Advisory Forum and the Consultative Committees.

**RESOLVED** – That the proposed fees and charges for 2017/18, as set out in appendix one of the report, be agreed.

6. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH MANAGEMENT PLAN REVIEW FINDINGS**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath outlining the process to review and update the 2007 Management Plan and the formation of the 2018 plan. The future plan would be shorter, more strategic and more closely embedded into Divisional ways of working to enable regular reporting and continuous improvement throughout the ten year period. A consultation would be conducted with Heath users, focusing on their vision for the Heath looking towards 2028 and beyond, and the draft plan would be brought back to the Committee for consideration (as set out in the programme included in Appendix 3 of the report).

The comments of the Consultative Committee regarding the establishment of a tiered management framework to enable matters to be considered at the appropriate level (operational to strategic) and at the formative stages will ensure the Consultative Committee members have the opportunity to make representations to Committee. This approach will enable the Committee to input at the strategic level, in the knowledge that the supporting plans and documents are in place for effective execution.

Members asked for a shorter overview document to be produced with future versions of the plan which directed the Committee to the issues on which their input would be required.

The Committee noted the comprehensive approach to the review of the 2007 Plan and the effectiveness of the engagement workshops to ensure learning from the last process informed recommendations for the development of the 2018 Plan.

**RESOLVED** – That Members endorse the report.

7. **REVIEW OF ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2016**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath outlining the proposed 2017/18 annual work programme for Hampstead Heath.

The Superintendent informed that Committee that as a result of the survey work undertaken, 32 trees had been identified as being infested with Oak

Processionary Moth, two trees had been infected with Ash die-back and 50 Plane Trees (around 20% of the population) had been found to have Messaria.

A Member noted that the Heath & Hampstead Society would undertake to provide detailed comments on the 2017/18 Annual Work Programme by January 2017.

**RESOLVED** – That the Annual Work Programme and Projects Plan for January 2017 to March 2018 be approved.

8. **HAMPSTEAD HEATH CHARITY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015/16**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain presenting the Hampstead Heath Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

9. **PONDS PROJECT UPDATE REPORT**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath outlining progress made on the Ponds Project since the last meeting. The contractor, BAM Nutall had virtually completed their works and the Heath team would continue with ecological and planting works. A Gateway 7 report would be presented to the Committee.

Members noted the success of the Model Boating Pond opening ceremony, which had marked the end of the works. In response to a statement from a Consultative Committee Member, it was being investigated whether a small area on the island could be set aside as a bird sanctuary.

The Committee wished to thank the previous Chairman for his hard work at the start of the project and his dedication to consultation with Heath users.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

10. **UPDATED POLICING PLAN**

The Committee received the updated Constabulary policing plan. Members noted the Consultative Committee's desire for Constabulary visibility to be a key priority.

**RESOLVED** – That the updated plan be noted.

11. **HIGHGATE WOOD SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath detailing operational and management activity at Highgate Wood since July 2016. The receipt of the Green Flag award for the 20<sup>th</sup> consecutive year was commended. It was noted that a special meeting of the Committee would be convened in January 2017 to discuss the outcome of the Café consultation.

The Committee concurred with the views of the Consultative Committee on the agreement for the permanent adoption of the amended closing times.

**RESOLVED** – That the amended opening hours and the proposed Highgate Wood annual work programme, as set out in appendix 1, be approved, and that the report be noted.

12. **QUEEN'S PARK SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath detailing operational and management activity at Queen's Park since July 2016.

**Area for Dogs**

Noting the Consultative Committee's view, Members did not support the creation of an area in which dogs could be allowed off a lead.

**Café**

Members discussed the options for the re-tendering of the café lease at the Park, following the withdrawal of 'Minkies', the winning tender from the first process. Following a recommendation from the Consultative Committee to expedite the process, it was reported that there was potential for the new tenant to be in place by October or November 2017. Members expressed concern that this would require the new occupier to start trading in the slack Autumn/Winter period. Officers undertook to investigate options for the length of the tendering process.

**Play Area**

Members noted the survey results in relation to potential improvement of the toilet block in the play area, and the capital project that would be required to undertake the work.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- The Superintendent to agree a catering lease of up to 13 months with the existing proprietor of the Queen's Park café in consultation with the Comptroller and City Solicitor.
- The Comptroller and City Solicitor to be instructed to complete the documentation for the café lease.
- Agreement to be given for a public engagement and consultation exercise be undertaken to inform an options appraisal to guide future decisions on the café lease.
- The proposal from a local resident to create a fenced area to permit dogs off lead not be supported, and;
- That the report be noted.

13. **QUEEN'S PARK - OUTCOME OF EVENTS SURVEY 2016**

The Committee received a report of the Director of Hampstead Heath providing an update regarding the events survey that was carried out between May 2016 and September 2016, the outcome of which suggested that residents would most welcome low level community events. An events policy based on the

survey results would be developed against which applications could be considered.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

14. **QUEENS PARK AND HIGHGATE WOOD CHARITY REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

The Committee received a report of the Chamberlain which presented the Trustee's Annual Report and Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016 for Highgate Wood and Queen's Park.

**RESOLVED** – That the report be noted.

15. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

There were no questions.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Committee considered a late report setting out the 2016/17 budget. A Member asked that the table set out in appendix 3 also include the anticipated budget for 2017/18 for easy comparison.

**RESOLVED** – That:

- The provisional 2017/18 be approved for submission to the Finance Committee;
- The Chamberlain, in consultation with the Director of Open Spaces, be approved to revise these budgets to allow for any further implications arising from Corporate Projects, Departmental reorganisations and other reviews, and changes to the Additional Works Programme; any changes over £50,000 to be reported to Committee.
- If specific service based review proposals included with the budget report are rejected by the Committee, or other Committees request that further proposals are pursued, that the substitution of other suitable proposals for a corresponding amount be delegated to the Town Clerk in discussion with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the relevant Committee. If the substituted saving is not considered to be straight forward in nature, then the Town Clerk to also consult the Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee prior to approving an alternative proposal(s).

*One Member abstained from voting.*

17. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** – That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

18. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes of the meeting on the 18 July 2016 were approved as an accurate record.

**19. INTRODUCTION OF A FORMAL OUT-OF-HOURS CALL-OUT ROTA, AND THE RESULTANT REDUCTION IN REQUIREMENTS FOR OPERATIONAL RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES**

The Committee received a report of the Superintendent of Hampstead Heath relating to the introduction of a formal out-of-hours call out rota.

**20. QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**

The Superintendent responded to a query in relation to the café at Queen's Park.

**21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE COMMITTEE AGREE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was no further business.

**22. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES**

The Committee received the confidential minutes of the meeting held on the 18 July 2016.

**The meeting ended at 3.40 pm**

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<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	09.01.2017
<b>Subject:</b> Superintendent's Update	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Bob Warnock – Open Spaces Department	

## Summary

This report provides an update to Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee on management and operational activities across the Heath since November 2016.

## Recommendations

It is recommended that:

- Members provide feedback to the Superintendent on the contents of this report, and specifically in relation to the Lido Café lease and Eruv proposals.
- That the views of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are conveyed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee at their January meeting.

## Main Report

### Director of Open Spaces

1. Having led the Open Spaces Department for over nine years, the Director of Open Spaces, Sue Ireland, will be retiring on the 28 February 2017. Colin Buttery has been appointed as the new Director of the Open Spaces Department, and will take up the post on the 1 March 2017. Colin has been the Director of Parks and Deputy Chief Executive for The Royal Parks for the past 12 years and has been involved in conservation land management for over 30 years.
2. Colin has worked for the National Trust and Woodland Trust in a range of land management roles and the Boroughs of Bromley and the City of Westminster where he had responsibility for parks, cemeteries, tree management, leisure centres and a range of community facilities.

3. Colin is an ambassador for environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy and a member of the Forestry Commission's London Region Forest, and Woodlands Advisory Committee and Oak Processionary Moth Advisory Group.

### **Open Spaces Department Business Plan**

4. As previously indicated by the Superintendent and Business Manager, there has been a Corporate review of Business Planning. A new framework has been introduced which focuses on outcomes and presents Departmental Business Plans much more succinctly. The new framework proposes that each Department set out its strategic contribution to the City's ambitions and sets out in very headline terms what it will do to support this. This is then cross referenced with current services, improvements, horizon scanning and developing capabilities. Introducing the new framework will take more than one business planning cycle and so this year's Business Plan will necessarily be a partial reflection of the ambition to demonstrate and consider the flow of outcomes from the Corporate Plan, to Departmental Plans, to Divisional Plans, Team Plans and individual Performance Development Reviews more effectively.

### **Open Spaces Bill**

5. The CoL Open Spaces Bill successfully completed its Opposed Committee stage in the House of Commons on Tuesday 15 November. The Committee determined that there should be one addition, to clause 12 regarding the use of Freedom of Information (FOI); Officers are considering how this will be responded to. Next will be the Report Stage and Third Reading of the Bill in the Commons, at a time yet to be agreed.

### **Cafés**

6. The Café Working Party (CWP) has now met four times, and Members participated in a discussion workshop on 19 November. There are two further meetings scheduled for January and February.
7. Responses to the questionnaire were received from 2,414 individuals during the 6 week consultation period. The draft Café Engagement Report is currently being considered by Members of the CWP, and comments are expected back in early January 2017. This will inform the Options Appraisal Report to guide future decisions on the café leases.
8. The Superintendent has adjusted the reporting timetable to this Committee to allow additional time for the CWP to review the report and discuss further the lease options that will be outlined in the Options Appraisal report. Consequently, the Optional Appraisal report will be deferred to the 13 March 2017 Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee meeting, and 15 May 2017 Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee meeting.

### **The Lido Café**

9. On 30 September the City of London was notified by Digital Heroes of their intention to cease trading at the Lido café at the beginning of October.

10. Consequently, the Superintendent has commenced a period of engagement and consultation with Lido and Heath users to inform the future café licence tender and service delivery standards. This will now be incorporated into the scope of the CWP and will be included in the Options Appraisal report, to address the longer term provision at the Lido facility.
11. However, to ensure that there is a café provision at the Lido for summer 2017 the Superintendent will take account of the feedback from the engagement and consultation with Lido and Heath users, and seek agreement from HHMC at their meeting on 30 January 2017 to proceed to tender and appoint a short term lease for the facility. The Superintendent would welcome feedback from Members on this proposal.

### **Eruv**

12. The Superintendent has received two proposals for works on Hampstead Heath that are related to the Highgate & Muswell Hill Eruv and the Camden Eruv. Details of the proposals are attached to this report.
13. The Consultative Committee walk, on the 7 January 2017, will include a visit to consider the proposals in relation to the Heath boundary with Hampstead Lane, as part of the information gathering arrangements in respect of the proposals.
14. The Comptroller & City Solicitor and the City Surveyor are being consulted on any regulatory, statutory and land management implications which may arise in connection with the proposals.
15. The Superintendent seeks views from Members of this Committee to inform a further report to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee, subject to advice on any relevant regulatory, statutory and land management implications.

### **Camden Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) - Hampstead Town Ward**

16. In January 2017 Ward Councillors for Hampstead Town Ward in Camden will be conducting public consultation on proposals for allocation of CIL funding in 2017. A number of proposals put forward related to investment in infrastructure on Hampstead Heath. In addition to a range of proposals from members of the community, the Superintendent proposed three projects at Parliament Hill Fields:
  - Refurbishing Peggy Jay Centre playground and adventure playground at Parliament Hill Fields
  - Developing a learning & volunteer centre at The Hive, Parliament Hill Fields
  - Installing an outdoor gym at Parliament Hill Fields to augment the existing trim trail.
17. The three proposals sought a contribution from the CIL of up to 25 per cent match funding towards the total cost of these capital projects.

18. Hampstead Heath spans three Camden Wards with residents of Hampstead Town, Highgate and Gospel Oak well served by play, learning and leisure facilities across the wider Heath. These facilities at Parliament Hill Fields are located within Highgate Ward, at the southern junction of the three ward boundaries. As such, it was suggested that proposals for investment on the Heath ought to be considered by Councillors across all three Wards prior to proceeding to the public consultation phase.
19. The Superintendent attended a CIL workshop with Ward Councillors, other community organisations and residents on 23 November and explained that proposals for investment on Hampstead Heath will require authorisation by the City prior to being submitted for CIL funding. To aid this, it is proposed that a proforma be provided to community organisations that includes a field indicating that the City has been consulted and has authorised the proposal prior to it being considered for public consultation.

### **Constabulary**

20. Since last reporting to the Consultative Committee, the following successful prosecutions have been made for byelaw offences on Hampstead Heath:

#### Dogs

- Dog attacked another dog and caused it injury. Total payout: £958.08 including fine, costs, vets fees and victim surcharge.
- Dog offence. Total payout: £230 including fine, costs and victim surcharge
- Dog out of control which harassed swans (none injured). Total payout: £180 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.

#### Cycling

- Cycling on non-cycling path (did not attend court). Total payout: £575 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.
- Cycling on a prohibited path. Total payout: £230 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.
- Cycling on a prohibited path. Total payout: £230 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.
- Two charges of obstruction and cycling on a path where cycling is prohibited. Total payout: £720 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.
- Cycling on a no cycling path. Total payout: £575 including fine, costs and victim surcharge.

## **Planning**

21. The Superintendent will provide an update on planning issues relating to Whitestone House, Heath House, the Water House, Parliament Hill / William Ellis Schools and 114-120 West Heath Road.

## **The Good, The Bad and The Ugly – Art installation at Golders Hill Park**

22. The Superintendent has received notice from White Cube Art LLP in relation to the art installation, The Good, The Bad and The Ugly by Jake & Dinos Chapman. In February 2017 the sculptures will be moved from Golders Hill Park to a new home at the CASS Sculpture Foundation in Sussex. The cost of de-installation from Golders Hill Park will be met from the Superintendents Local Risk Budget.

## **March Consultative Committee Walk**

23. It is proposed that the March walk will include a visit to the Golders Hill Park Zoo to discuss the proposals for the animal collection, improvements and engagement opportunities.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 – Highgate & Muswell Hill 'Eruv', proposal for Hampstead Lane
- Appendix 2 – Camden 'Eruv', proposal for Windmill Hill.

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**HMH.858 HIGHGATE & MUSWELL HILL 'ERUV'****PROPOSED CLEFT PALING TO INTERNAL FACE OF HAMPSTEAD LANE  
HEDGEROW IN LOCAL AREAS****Origin**

The origin of this request is the imminent planning application for the poles and connecting wires required to establish an *eruv* for the Highgate and Muswell Hill area; this will link with the existing *eruv*s in Woodside Park and in Finchley/Golders Green/Hendon.

**Definition**

An *eruv* is a term in Jewish law to describe a notionally 'enclosed' area, as defined in Jewish law (originating from ancient walled cities), in which a fundamental rule of Sabbath observance, viz. the prohibition of carrying or moving of objects from one property to another, may be relaxed. This permits wheelchair-bound persons, very young children and their carers to leave their house on the Sabbath thus vastly improving the quality of their lives, enabling participation in social, community, leisure and religious activities. There are about ten *eruv*s in existence within London and the UK and in cities throughout the world.

**Detail**

'Enclosure' for an *eruv* is achieved by using existing buildings, walls, fences and dense hedges at least 1 metre in height; where a hedge is sparse it requires some upgrading.

The hedge between Athlone House Gardens and Hampstead Lane is too sparse in a few local areas, principally under trees and it is felt that the proposed cleft chestnut panels, located behind the hedge in these local areas will be a sympathetic and visually unobtrusive means of overcoming the *eruv* problem.

**Statutory and planning and social cohesion**

An *eruv* is a 'relevant protected characteristic' (as defined in the Equality Act 2010, S149) of Jewish religious law.

In addition, installation work required to achieve an *eruv* finds general support in relevant local authority UDP and planning policy guidelines.

Existing *eruv*s demonstrate that there is no effect whatever on the social cohesion of the local population.

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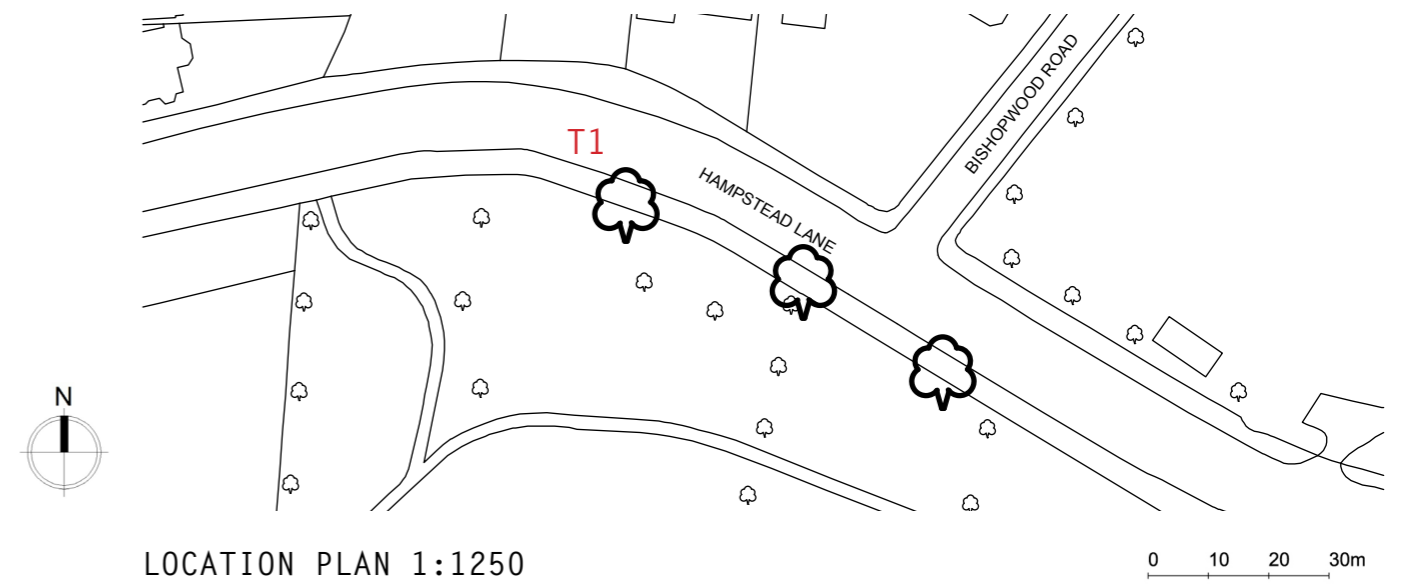


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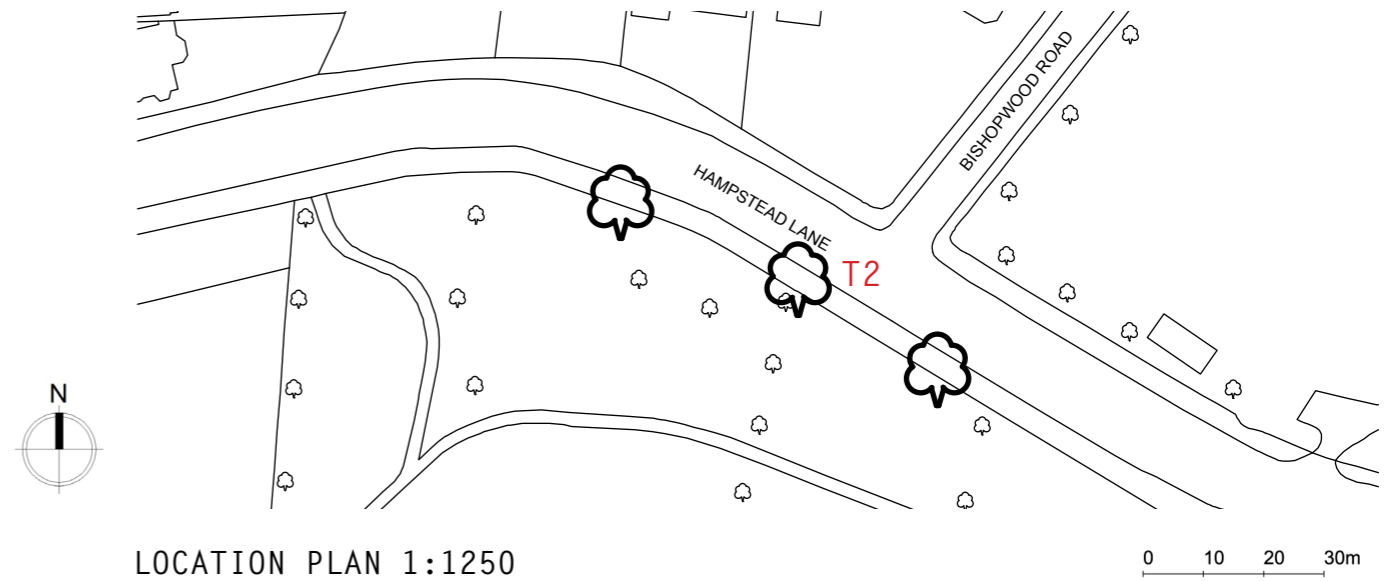


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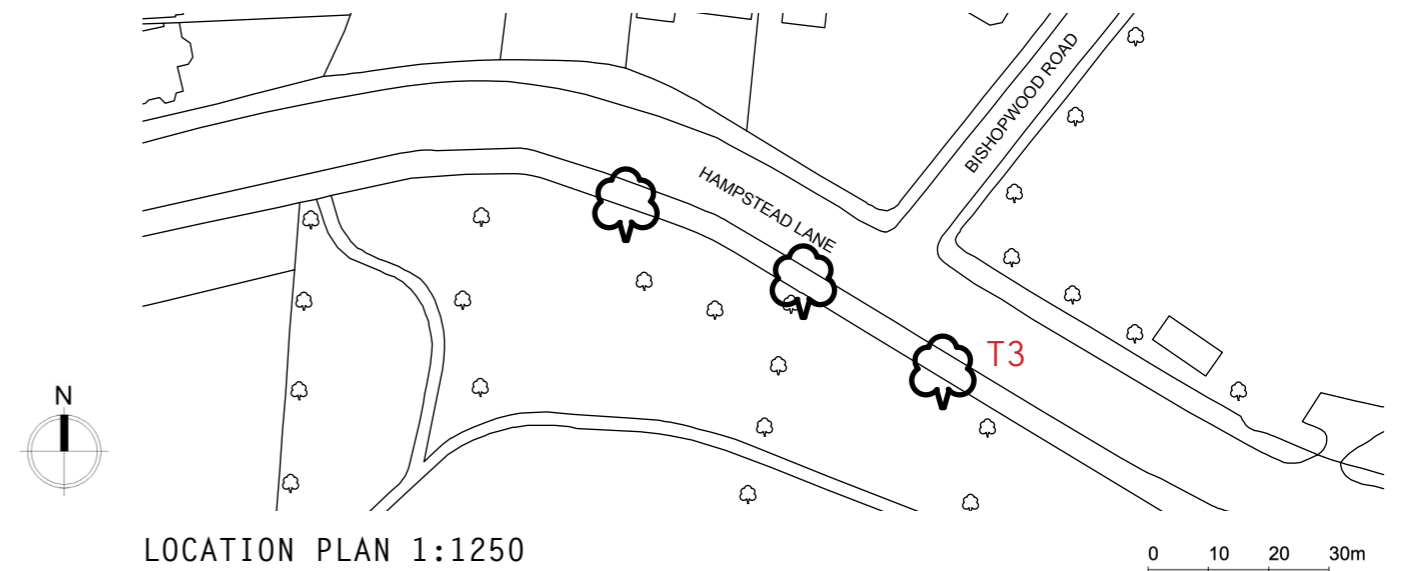


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**C.868 CAMDEN 'ERUV'  
PROPOSED ERECTION OF POLE IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO FLANK WALL OF  
'CAPO di MONTE' WINDMILL HILL NW3 6RJ**

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**Origin**

The origin of this request is the planning application submitted to Camden Council for the poles and connecting wires required to establish an *eruv* for the Camden area; this will link with the existing *eruv*s in Finchley/Golders Green/Hendon and the *eruv*s in Brondesbury (approved, construction imminent) and N Westminster (submitted to City of Westminster).

**Definition**

An *eruv* is a term in Jewish law to describe a notionally 'enclosed' area, as defined in Jewish law (originating from ancient walled cities), in which a fundamental rule of Sabbath observance, viz. the prohibition of carrying or moving of objects from one property to another, may be relaxed. This permits wheelchair-bound persons, very young children and their carers to leave their house on the Sabbath thus vastly improving the quality of their lives, enabling participation in social, community, leisure and religious activities. There are many *eruv*s in existence within London and the UK -- and in cities throughout the world.

**Detail**

'Enclosure' for an *eruv* is achieved by using existing buildings, walls, fences and dense hedges at least 1 metre in height; where roads or public footpaths cross the boundary the enclosure requires to be maintained. In Jewish law a pair of poles linked with a wire is deemed an 'opening' without prejudice to the continuity of the *eruv* boundary.

In order to avoid the visual impact of the requisite poles in Windmill Hill and Judges' Walk it is hoped to omit these by re-routing. This can be achieved by the installation of a single 76dia pole, with 100mm of the north flank wall of 'Capo di Monte' as illustrated on Drawing No 868.28A.1 submitted.

**Statutory and planning and social cohesion**

An *eruv* is a 'relevant protected characteristic' (as defined in the Equality Act 2010, S149) of Jewish religious law.

Installation work required to achieve an *eruv* finds general support in relevant local authority UDP and planning policy guidelines.

Existing *eruv*s demonstrate that there is no effect whatever on the social cohesion of the local population.

Finally, the applicant will agree to pay all reasonable supply, installation maintenance and legal agreement costs.

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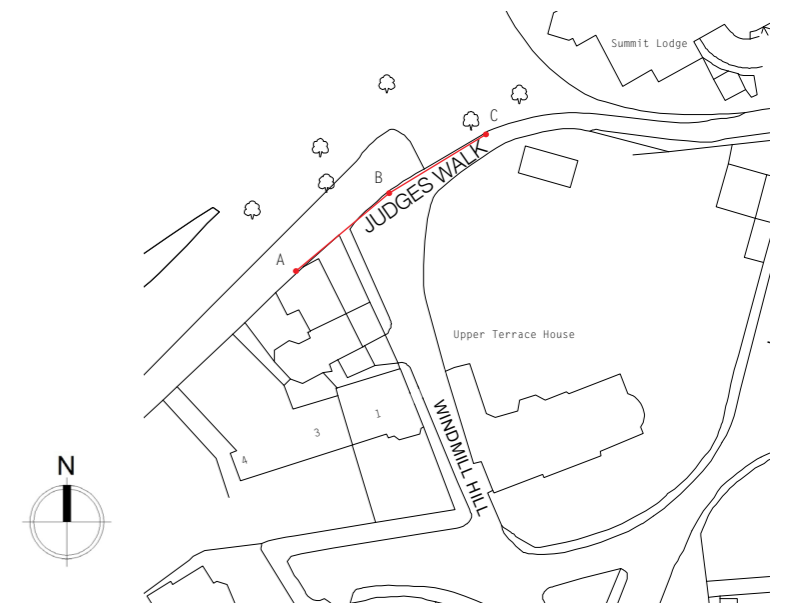
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LOCATION A WITH POLE

DESCRIPTION:

A 4-metre high, white painted 76 dia pole adjacent to the north flank wall of “Capo di Monte” approx 90mm from the face of the wall.



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<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee - For Discussion	9 January 2017
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee - For Decision	30 January 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Gateway Projects – East Heath Car Park / Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground Outdoor Play facilities / The Hive	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Declan Gallagher – Open Spaces Department	

## Summary

This report informs Members of three projects on Hampstead Heath – (1) East Heath car park resurface and drainage, (2) redevelopment of outdoor play facilities at the Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground and (3) alterations to the Hive building. The projects are consistent with the Open Spaces Department (OSD) Business Plan and the Hampstead Heath Management Plan.

The projects will adhere to the Corporate Gateway Approval Process and it is estimated the works will cost in the region of £630,000. This money will be capitalised in part from the Superintendent's Local Risk Budget. External funding avenues are being explored for the Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground play facilities and the Hive to supplement project funding from the Superintendents Local Risk Budget.

## Recommendations

- That the views of Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are sought on the proposed works.
- That the views of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are conveyed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee at their meeting on 30 January 2017.
- That the members of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee acknowledge and support the proposed Capital Projects.

## Main Report

### Background

1. Three capital projects have been identified across Hampstead Heath and they will follow the Corporate Gateway Approval Process (Appendix 1):
  - a) East Heath car park resurface and drainage works
  - b) Redevelopment the Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground play facilities

- c) Alterations to convert the Hive building to a learning and volunteer centre

## **A. East Heath Car Park**

### **Current Position**

2. East Heath car park is used by Heath visitors and can accommodate approximately 120 vehicles in unmarked parking bays. The car park is surfaced with Coxwell Gravel – a loose material that gets washed off in periods of heavy rain and runs to the southern corner of the site and onto East Heath Road, causing potentially dangerous driving conditions for cyclists and motorised vehicles and a slip / trip hazard for pedestrians.
3. As a temporary mitigating solution during the working day only, Hampstead Heath staff place coir matting rolls along the lower reaches of the car park to slow down run-off and help trap the gravel material. Heath employees also refill potholes and gullies with the material that has been trapped and top up with new material on an on-going basis.
4. City Surveyor's and Open Spaces agree that this car park is currently the responsibility of Open Spaces to maintain because it is not a permanent made-up surface but that once a more suitable made-up surface with adequate drainage is provided maintenance will become the responsibility of the City Surveyor's. This Division of responsibility for different types of surface is defined in the Agreed Division of Responsibilities.

### **Proposal**

5. To convert the car park from a loose gravel aggregate surface to a hard standing asphalt surface with associated drainage.

### **Implications**

6. The City has a duty of care to visitors using the car park under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Occupiers' Liability Act 1957. If material from the car park is washed on to the highway and causes an accident then the City could potentially be liable in tort for any injuries sustained.
7. The City Surveyor's Department will project manage the construction of the works. Indicative cost estimate for the project is up to £330,000.00 which as well as resurfacing and drainage also includes the installation of kerbing around the car park. The cost will be met from the Superintendents Local Risk Budget.

## **B. Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground Outdoor Play Facilities**

### **Current**

### **Position**

8. The findings from a Service Based Review identified that the current outdoor play facilities continue to reflect the more traditional style of play and are not in

keeping with the new direction of the OSD Learning Programme. In addition, a recent inspection of the play equipment has identified that it is nearing the end of its lifespan with some pieces requiring immediate quarantine and replacement.

### **Proposal**

9. In order to continue delivering play opportunities investment in replacing the aging and faulty equipment at both facilities is recommended. This project proposes that a complete redevelopment of the play areas at the Adventure and Peggy Jay Centre is undertaken to align with the new aims and allow the facilities to more fully contribute to our departmental outcomes for play.

### **Implications**

10. The project will be managed by Heath staff with guidance from City procurement. Indicative cost estimate is in the region of £100,000 which includes a feasibility study, design and build.

## **C. Alterations to convert the Hive building to a learning and volunteer centre**

### **Current Position**

1. The findings from a Service Based Review identified that the existing education facility at the Lido is no longer adequate to accommodate the developing OSD Learning Programme.
2. A feasibility report into the use of the Hive was led by the City Surveyor's and completed in September 2016. This report considered the proposed conversion of the remaining changing rooms into two learning spaces to support the OSD Learning Programme. Currently members of the Learning Team share office space with Heath Hands volunteers in three rooms that were converted in 2013.

### **Proposal**

3. Conversion of the disused football changing rooms and adjoining outdoor space to create an integrated educational facility and volunteer hub that will accommodate the newly established OSD Learning Programme. The new learning facility will replace the existing education room and adjacent garden that are located at the east of the Lido.
4. The new facility will provide office accommodation for Learning Programme staff, a volunteer hub for Heath Hands and other volunteers, two versatile learning spaces that can accommodate primary and secondary pupils and an outdoor learning space and garden.

### **Implications**

5. The City Surveyor's Department will project manage the design and construction works, including detailed design, planning permission, tendering

and awarding the contract. Design and establishment of the outdoor space will be managed in house and may be phased. Indicative costs are in the region of £200,000 for design and build.

## **Consultation**

6. The Superintendent informed Members, of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee and Members of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood & Queen's Park Committee of the three Capital Projects in his November Superintendents update Report to Committee.
7. Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee undertook a site visit to East Heath Car Park on their walk on 25 June 2016 to see at first hand the ongoing erosion and drainage issues.
8. Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committees will visit the Peggy Jay Centre and Adventure Playground facilities on their 7 January 2017 walk.
9. Updates for Committee members will be provided as the capital projects proceed through the Corporate Gateway Approval Process.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

10. The projects support the Open Spaces Business Plan 2016-19 strategic vision "Preserve and protect our world class green spaces for the benefit of our local communities and the environment" and departmental objective OSD3: "Enrich the lives of Londoners by providing high quality and engaging, education and volunteering opportunities".
11. The projects at the Peggy Jay Centre & Adventure Playground and the Hive, support the Hampstead Heath Management Plan objectives to develop the Heath's potential for education and interpretation and to increase outreach to community groups and provide increased opportunities for learning and play.

## **Financial Implications**

12. All three projects will follow the Corporate Gateway Approval Process and it is estimated the works for all projects will cost in the region of £630,000. The majority of the funding will be monies that will be capitalised from the Superintendents 2016/17 Local Risk Budget, utilising savings that have accumulated throughout the financial year. An additional contribution to the cost of the projects will be met from the Superintendents 2017/18 Local Risk Budget
13. External funding avenues are being sought for the Adventure Playground and the Hive projects to supplement the Superintendents Local Risk budget. To this end, proposals for Community Infrastructure Levy funding have been submitted to London Borough of Camden Wards of Hampstead Town, Highgate and Gospel Oak and will be considered by Ward Councillors following public consultation in January 2017.

## **Conclusion**

14. Investment in in the region of £630,000 to deliver these capital projects is essential to meet the City of London's strategic objective to preserve and protect our world class green spaces for the benefit of our local communities and the environment.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 Corporate Gateway Approval Process

## **Background Papers**

- Superintendents Update, Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee - 21.11.2016

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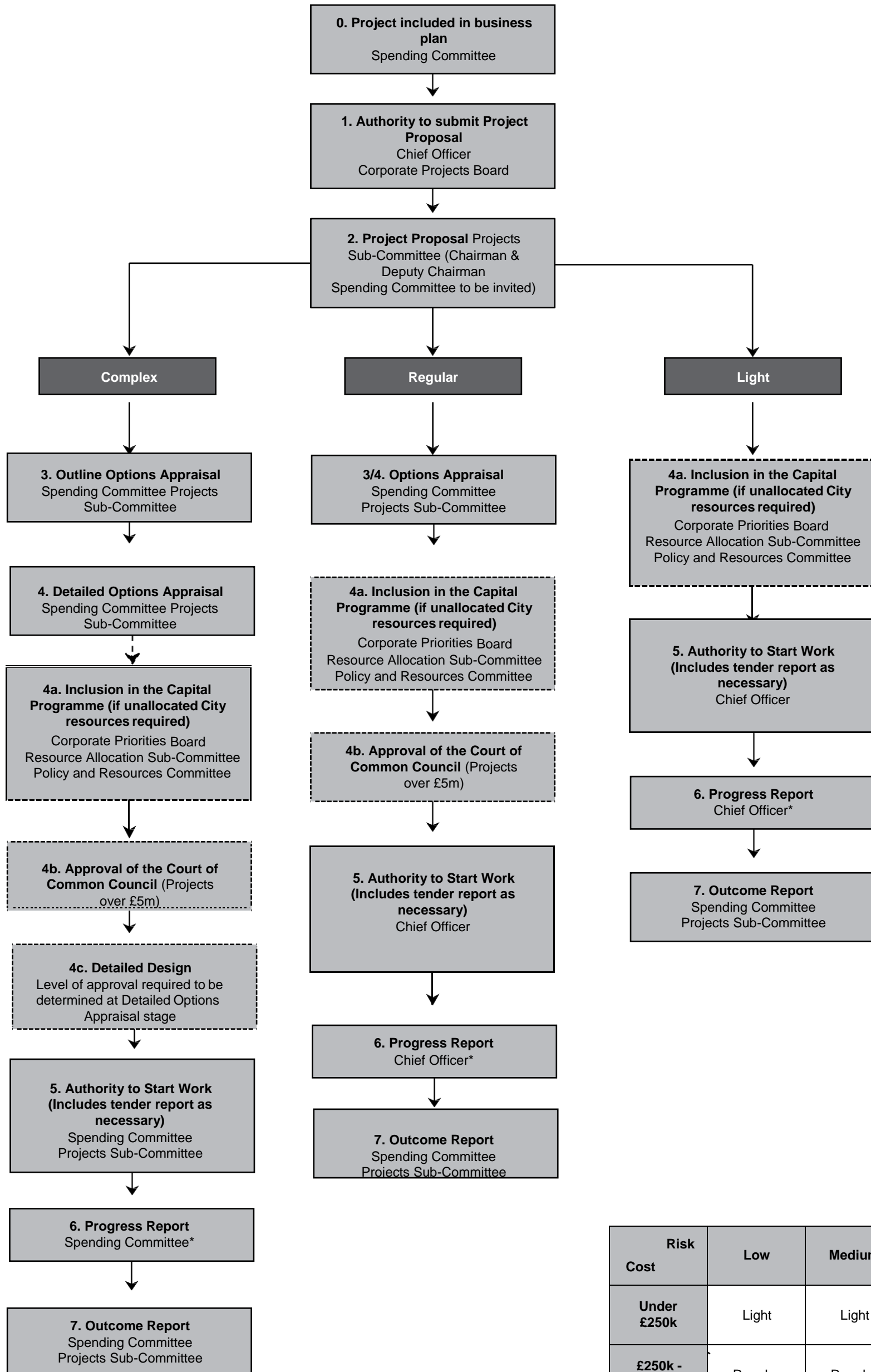
# Gateway Approval Process

The procedure applies to projects that result in tangible, physical deliverables (including IS projects) in the following categories.

Capital and Supplementary Revenue projects (including those within agreed strategies) >£50k

Routine Revenue projects >£250k

Capital and Supplementary Revenue projects delivered with ringfenced funds >£250k



Risk	Low	Medium	High
Cost			
Under £250k	Light	Light	Regular
£250k - £5m	Regular	Regular	Complex
Over £5m	Regular	Complex	Complex

\* Projects Sub Committee regularly reviews the whole programme of projects





<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee – For Discussion	9 January 2017
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee – For Decision	30 January 2017
<b>Subject:</b> Kenwood Yard – Design for hard standing and surface water drainage improvements	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Declan Gallagher – Open Spaces Department	

## Summary

This Report updates Members on the proposals to replace a hazardous dusty hard surface with a durable paved surface in Kenwood Yard Depot, a strategically important operational hub on Hampstead Heath.

The works also includes a new drainage system separating foul, building and ground water run-off.

The costs of the works are £245,000, and this will be met from the City Surveyor’s Additional Works Programme.

## Recommendation(s)

- That the Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee note the proposed works.
- That the views of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are conveyed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee at their meeting on 30 January 2017.
- That the Members of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen’s Park Committee acknowledge and support the proposed works.

## Main Report

### Background

1. Kenwood Yard is located off Hampstead Lane and is the main depot for the Conservation, Constabulary and Operations Teams, including welfare facilities and office accommodation. The Constabulary working dogs are also kennelled in Kenwood Yard.

2. The yard is also used for central store, waste management, including re-cycling and provides a secured undercover storage space for plant, machinery and equipment used in the management of Hampstead Heath.
3. Kenwood Yard has specific requirement for a hard paving surface taking into account activities such as tractor, van and car movements, skip deliveries and waste collection, fuel deliveries and refuelling operations as well as parking space.

### **Current Position**

4. The existing trafficked hard standing surface area is a mixture of concrete and MOT Type One which is a compacted granular aggregate material. During dry weather this material generates airborne dust contaminates.
5. Complaints have been received from staff on the potential occupational hazards of the airborne dust contaminates to the respiratory systems and eyes. There have been previous health incidents and these are recorded in accordance with Corporate accident reporting protocol.
6. To mitigate the dust concerns during periods of dry weather a temporary overhead irrigation systems has been installed to dampen down the dust (Appendix 1).
7. Part of the existing drainage layout is a combined system taking foul drains from the constabulary buildings, surface water from the roofs of various sheds and garages and run-off from a section of the ground. There is a holding tank and pumping station. The system is pumped to the public sewer in Hampstead Lane which is approximately three metres higher. The vast majority of the surface water drains into Cohen's Field unchecked.

### **Proposals**

#### Surface Works

8. To resurface Kenwood Yard to replace the existing MOT Type One granular aggregate in two sections (as detailed in Appendix 2):
  - Constabulary Section – lay a bitumen macadam overlay.
  - Main Yard Section – lay concrete slabs to match the existing.

#### Drainage Works

9. Install a new drainage system separating foul, building and ground water run-off. Foul water will continue to be pumped into the public sewer, building and ground run-off will travel via a gravity drain and discharge into the water course running along the edge of Cohen's Fields (Appendix 3).

10. To ensure the discharge water run-off is clean and uncontaminated a vertical reed treatment system with attenuation will be installed. This feature will include an impermeable geo-membrane, reed plantings which will provide soil, chemical and microbial purification (Appendix 4).

## **Consultation**

11. The Operational Services Manager explained proposed works on site to Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee on 25 June 2016 and Members of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee on 9 September 2016.
12. Heath employees have been informed of the impending works at the quarterly Divisional Health & Safety meetings and the risk is recorded on the Local Risk Register.
13. The proposal has been reviewed by the Heath's Ecologist and they are satisfied that there will be no negative ecological impact to the Heath's environment.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

14. The proposed works supports the Open Spaces Business Plan 2016-19 strategic vision "*Preserve and protect our world class green spaces for the benefit of our local communities and the environment*".
15. The design supports four overriding policies and/or essential actions in the Hampstead Heath Management Plan Part 1 – Towards a Plan for the Heath 2007-2017:-

NL5 - "*Manage the Heath's ponds to enhance their nature conservation value*".

HY1 - "*Manage the Heath's ponds & watercourses to enhance their nature conservation value, reduce flood risk and address water quality*".

HY4 - "*Map and manage manmade surface water drainage – especially relating to points where pipework is used to drain water alongside and across paths.*"

HY6 - "*Improve water quality through a range of small-scale management projects*".

## **Implications**

16. The works will be managed by the City Surveyor's Department. The cost of the works, £245,000, will be financed from the Additional Works Programme. The works will be undertaken in two stages in 2017 to minimise the operational impact on managing the Heath.

## **Conclusion**

17. The works will reduce the contaminated dust risk to employees, provide a more durable hard standing surface and improved surface water run-off and water quality.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Temporary overhead irrigation system
- Appendix 2: Resurface Kenwood Yard to replace MOT Type 1 granular aggregate.
- Appendix 3: Proposed drainage layout.
- Appendix 4: Reed treatment system with attenuation.

## **Background Papers**

- Cyclical Works programme Bib 2017/18 - Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee 27 June 2016 and Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee 18 July 2016

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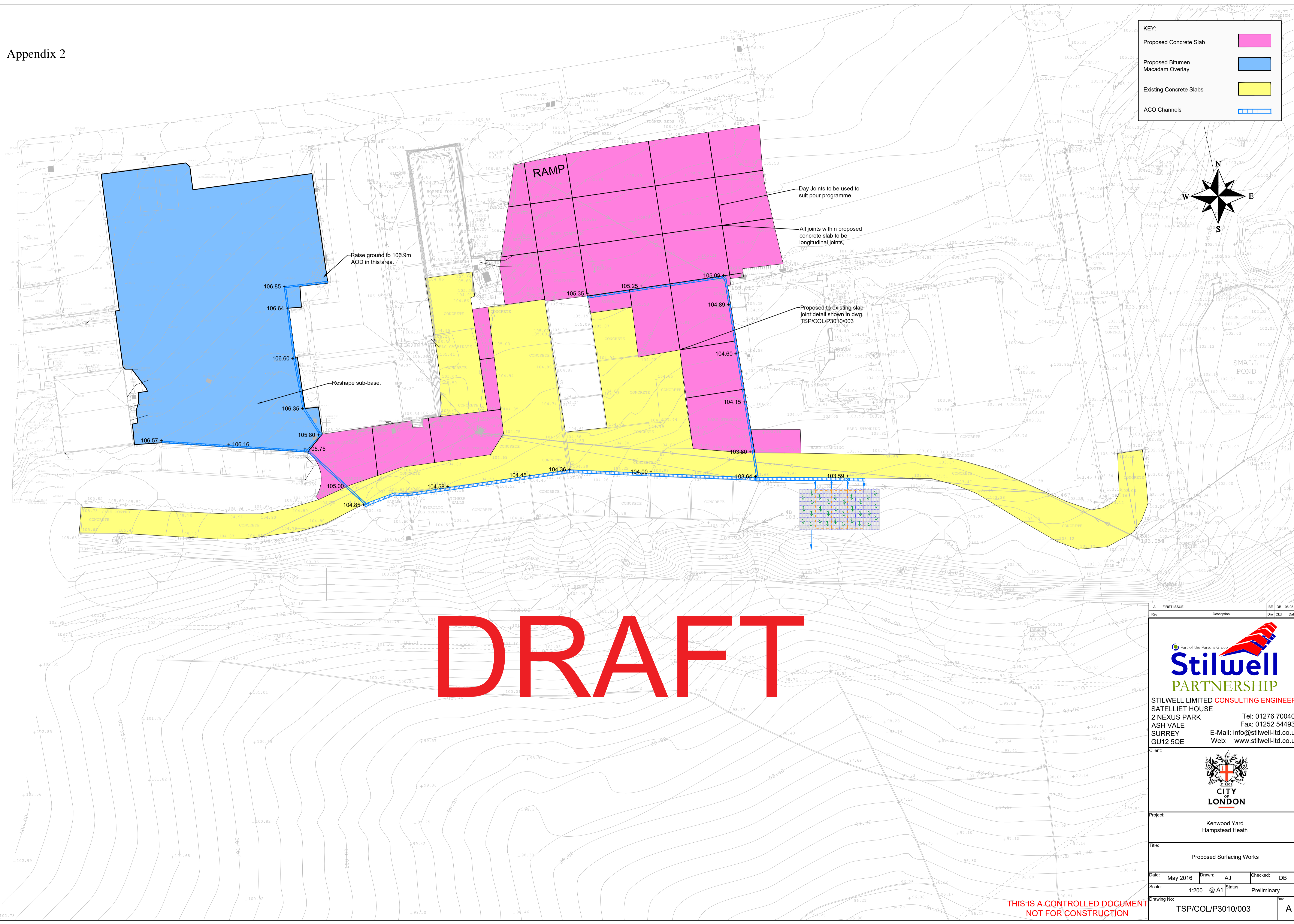
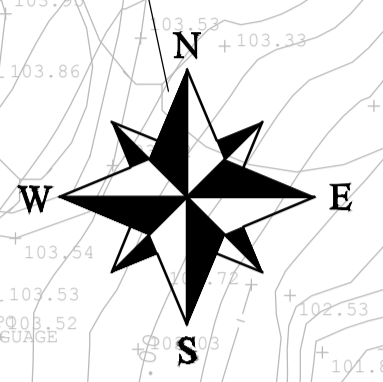
**Appendix 1**  
**Temporary Irrigation System**



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- Proposed Concrete Slab
- Proposed Bitumen Macadam Overlay
- Existing Concrete Slabs
- ACO Channels



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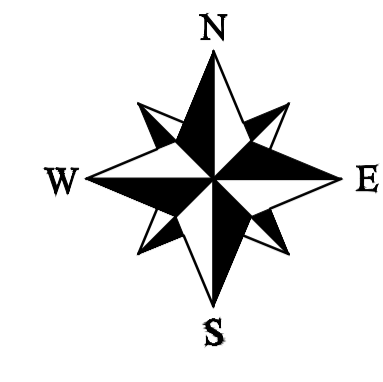


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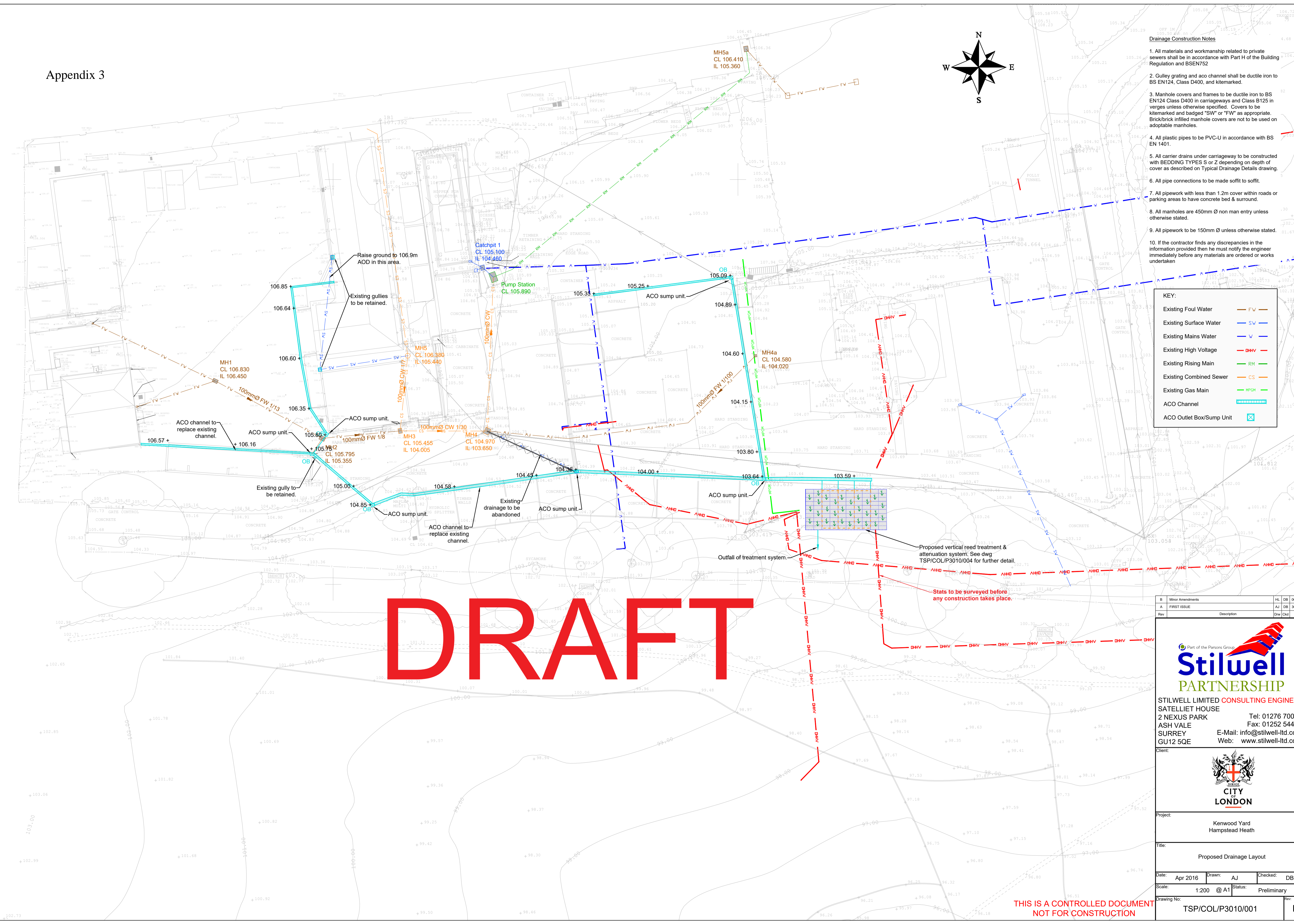




- Drainage Construction Notes**
- All materials and workmanship related to private sewers shall be in accordance with Part H of the Building Regulation and BS EN752
  - Gully grating and aco channel shall be ductile iron to BS EN124, Class D400, and kitemarked.
  - Manhole covers and frames to be ductile iron to BS EN124 Class D400 in carriageways and Class B125 in verges unless otherwise specified. Covers to be kitemarked and badged "SW" or "FW" as appropriate. Brick/brook infilled manhole covers are not to be used on adoptable manholes.
  - All plastic pipes to be PVC-U in accordance with BS EN 1401.
  - All carrier drains under carriageway to be constructed with BEDDING TYPES S or Z depending on depth of cover as described on Typical Drainage Details drawing.
  - All pipe connections to be made soffit to soffit.
  - All pipework with less than 1.2m cover within roads or parking areas to have concrete bed & surround.
  - All manholes are 450mm Ø non man entry unless otherwise stated.
  - All pipework to be 150mm Ø unless otherwise stated.
  - If the contractor finds any discrepancies in the information provided then he must notify the engineer immediately before any materials are ordered or works undertaken

**KEY:**

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Existing Surface Water	SW
Existing Mains Water	W
Existing High Voltage	DHV
Existing Rising Main	RM
Existing Combined Sewer	CS
Existing Gas Main	PGM
ACO Channel	-----
ACO Outlet Box/Sump Unit	☒



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Proposed vertical reed treatment & attenuation system. See dwg TSP/COL/P3010/004 for further detail.

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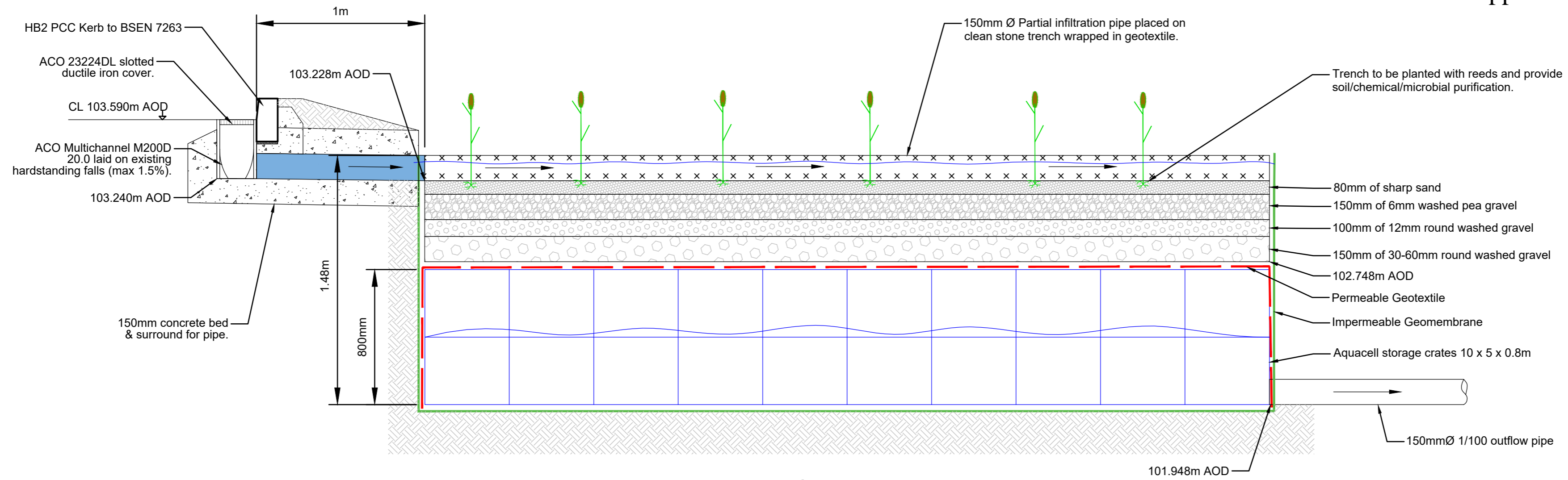
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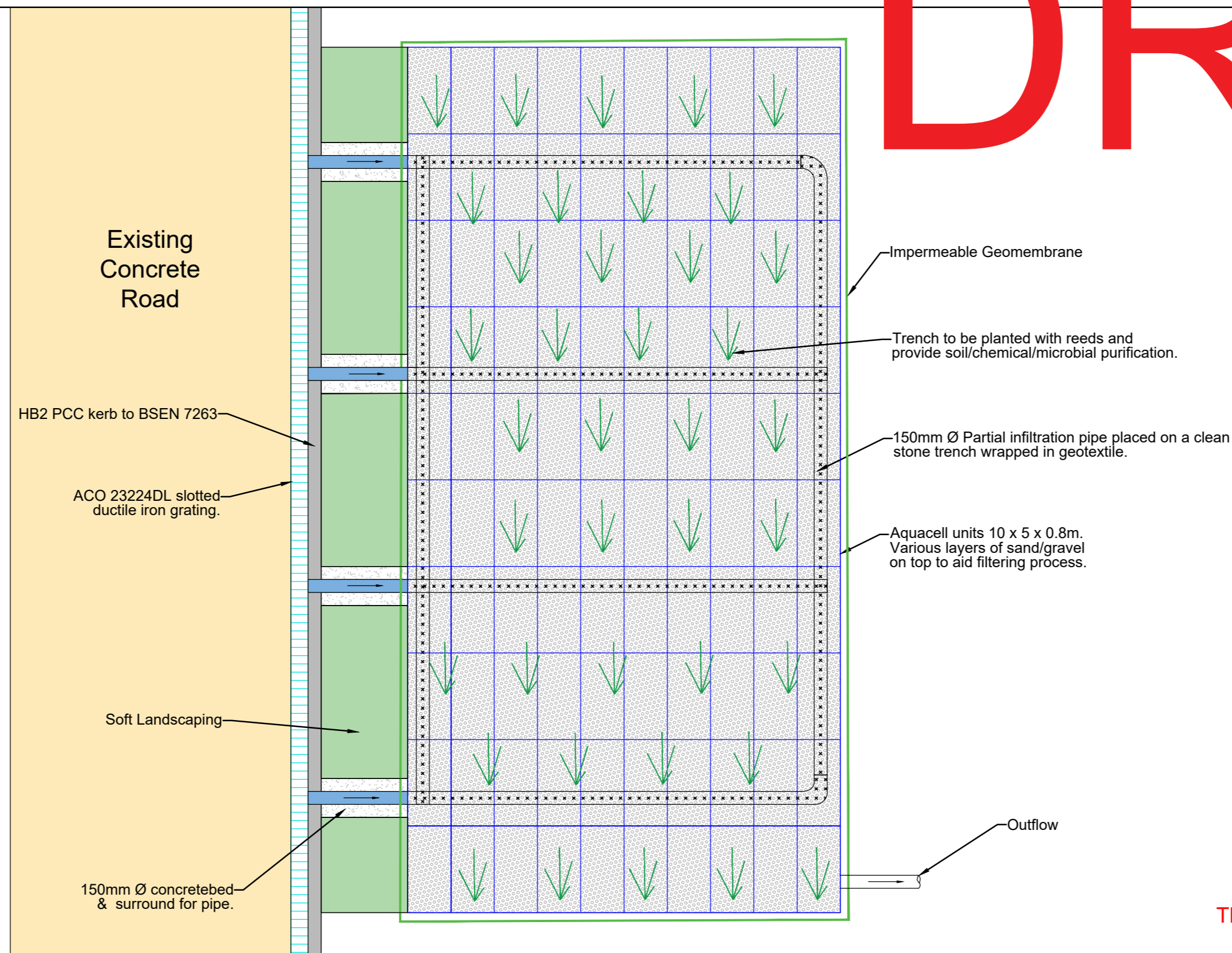
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Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee - For Discussion	09 January 2017
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<b>Subject:</b> Review Events Programme 2016 & Provisional 2017 Events Programme	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of</b> Superintendent of Hampstead Heath	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Paul Maskell - Leisure and Events Manager	

## Summary

The following Report details the success and the learning of the 2016 Hampstead Heath Events Programme, and sets out the provisional Events Programme for 2017.

The 2016 Events Programme consisted of 111 sports, well-being and cultural events, which engaged with more than 103,900 members of the public (Appendix 1). The Programme allows Hampstead Heath to showcase its excellent facilities and highlight the charitable contributions of the City of London Corporation to a regional, national and international audience. At the same time, the events provide excellent entertainment, education, health and well-being opportunities for Heath visitors, an opportunity to attract new visitors, and the chance to foster good partnership working with Local Councils and community organisations.

## Recommendation(s)

It is recommended that:

- Members note the success of the 2016 Hampstead Heath Events Programme in engaging with audiences, attracting new visitors to the Heath, and working with partners to provide a valuable service for the local community and beyond.
- Members of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee provide feedback on the proposed 2017 Events Programme appended to this Report.
- The views of the Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee are conveyed to the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee at their January meeting.
- Members of the Hampstead Heath, Highgate Wood and Queen's Park Committee agree the proposed 2017 Events Programme at their January meeting.

## **Main Report**

### **Background**

Hampstead Heath has a long history of holding events. These are designed to attract new audiences and to promote the health and well-being of our visitors.

### **Current Position**

1. The 2016 Hampstead Heath Events Programme consisted of over 111 sports, well-being and cultural events, culminating with the Christmas Day swim at the Men's Pond.

### **Highlights of the 2016 Events Programme**

2. Held on 19 November, the London Youth Games attracted over 2,400 entries from young runners.
3. The Highgate Harriers' Night of the 10,000m Personal Bests, held on 21 May, received extensive national media coverage. The 2017 event will be the official IAAF 2017 World 10k Championship Great Britain Trials.
4. The Affordable Art Fair (AAF) welcomed 17,000 visitors between 16-19 June, although visitor numbers and artwork sales were both down compared with 2015.
5. The third edition of GROW London from 24-26 June received 10,000 visitors. Ramsay Fairs have confirmed they are not continuing the event in 2017.
6. Give It A Go! Festival was held on 17 July, in partnership with the London Borough of Camden and the Jubilee Hall Trust. The Big Dance Bus provided a venue for over 20 dance ensembles, and tasters were offered in the following sports: fencing, athletics, football, rugby, bowls, croquet, assault courses and T3 lawn and table tennis.
7. The 2016 summer music programme at the Parliament Hill and Golders Hill Park bandstands started on 12 June. A total of 27 band performances took place, with the last performances on 29 August. 'Elvis on the Heath' was attended by 2,000 members of the public. The Friday night concerts at Parliament Hill have been a particular success and are fast becoming a cornerstone of the local cultural calendar.
8. 232 people in 42 teams took part in the 18<sup>th</sup> Hampstead Heath Duathlon on 4 September. The event is managed in partnership with Hampstead Rugby Club and ParkRun. It is particularly popular as it offers an opportunity for participants to swim in each of the Heath's swimming facilities, as well as to run across the Heath.
9. 20 Wedding & Civil Ceremonies took place in 2016. The Rotunda remains the most popular location with 11 ceremonies taking place there, followed by the Hill Garden with 8 and Belvedere with 1. Feedback from clients is extremely positive. It is clear that the high quality of service provided remains critical to the continued success of the venue.

## **Proposed 2017 Events Programme**

10. The proposed 2017 Events Programme is appended to this report. The Leisure and Events Manager is seeking feedback from Members in relation to the proposed programme (see Appendix 2).
11. As discussed with the HHCC on 7 November and agreed by the HHHWQPC at their meeting on 21 November, the Affordable Art Fair will be held 10-14 May 2017. The GROW London fair will not be held in 2017.
12. There are currently 11 bookings for Weddings & Civil Ceremonies during 2017. There will be scheduled essential maintenance works taking place on the Pergola structure, starting from 7 August for 14 weeks. Although this will impact on the 2017 season, the works are essential to maintain and protect the structure for the future.
13. The Leisure & Events Manager is currently in talks with the Showman's Guild regarding the Easter Fair. It is proposed that the Fair will open on Good Friday (14 April) and close on Easter Monday (17 April).
14. The Leisure & Events Manager is currently in talks with circus providers about issuing a Licence for a circus in autumn 2017.
15. The long term viability of the Fairs is a matter of concern to the Showman's Guild, with a number of plots left vacant as attendance declines. The Fairs are an important feature of the cultural heritage of the Heath, attracting regular and new visitors. The Leisure & Events Manager continues to work closely with the Showman's Guild to ensure the Fairs are licenced and managed to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for all Heath visitors.

## **City of London Corporation Open Spaces Bill**

16. The City of London Corporation Open Spaces Bill includes provision for managing events on Open Spaces. Consultation will be undertaken with Consultative Committees and key stakeholder groups to consider the type of policy required to continue managing events effectively in the future.

## **Publicity**

17. The whole Events Programme has generated a great deal of media coverage, including several London-wide TV and radio pieces, reports in both the CNJ and Ham and High newspapers, and a special interview for our conker championships on the Sunday Morning Tim Arthur show on Radio London. As usual, all the events available to the public were advertised in the Hampstead Heath Diary, which remains as popular as ever, with 35,000 copies being printed and distributed while many more view it on-line. In 2017 we propose to seek the views of the public on how we might better advertise the events and the format of the diary in coming years.

## **Corporate & Strategic Implications**

18. The Events Programme directly supports the Open Spaces Business Plan 2016-19 vision and objectives through 'The preservation of our open spaces for the recreation and enjoyment of the public' and to 'Improve the health and well-being of community through access to green space and recreation.' It also fulfils Aim 4: to 'Promote opportunities to value and enjoy the outdoors for recreation, learning and healthy living.' and contributes to the Improvement Objective 4: 'Market our services and provide events and opportunities to learn for all within our communities.'

## **Conclusion**

19. The 2016 programme has been very successful, once again showcasing the Heath and the City of London in a positive light. The wide range of events attracts people to the Heath and promotes health and well-being, as well as fostering culture and art. We are always keen to improve and adapt our events and feel this can be done most effectively by incorporating lessons from past experiences and consulting with our Committees and Heath users. The programme for 2017 will deliver a number of tried and trusted events that will enhance the health and well-being of our community.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1: Summary of 2016 Events Programme
- Appendix 2: Provisional 2017 Events Programme

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1	Sat	30	January	11am	Southern Counties Cross Country Championship	Parliament Hill	4000	
2	Thurs	18	February	10.30am-12.30pm	Royal Life Saving Society 125th Anniversary	Parliament Hill Lido	40	
3	Sun	13	March	12-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	100	
4	Sun	15	May	12pm-3pm	Great Hampstead Bark Off	Parliament Hill bandstand	1000	
5	Fri	25	March	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	13000	
6	Sat	26	March	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
7	Sun	27	March	12pm-7pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
8	Mon	28	March	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
9	Sun	3	April	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	80	
10	Wed	6	April	5pm-9pm	Highgate Harriers Open Meeting	Athletics Track	250	
11	Sat	23	April	10am-6pm	Youth Development League	Athletics Track	80	
12	Sat	23	April	10am-4pm	Walk for Water	Parliament Hill	500	
13	Wed	27	April	11am-4pm	CSSF Cross Country	Parliament Hill Fields	300	
14	Thu	28	April	4pm-7pm	Camden Mini tennis Festival	Palmanet Hill tennis Courts	10	
15	Sun	1	May	11am	World Laughter Day celebration	Parliament Hill bandstand	20	
16	Sun	1	May	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	40	
17	Wed	4	May	9am-4pm	CAS Athletics	Athletics Track	250	
18	Tues	10	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football	Parliament Hill football pitches	300	
19	Wed	11	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football	Parliament Hill football pitches	450	
20	Wed	11	May	4pm-7pm	CSSF Athletics	Athletics Track	250	
21	Tues	17	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football	Parliament Hill football pitches	200	
22	Wed	19	May	4pm-7pm	CSSF Athletics	Athletics Track	200	
23	Sat	21	May	10am-10pm	Night of the 10,000m PBs	Athletics Track	4000	
24	Sun	22	May	9am-2pm	Hampstead 4 Heart	East Heath	300	
25	Wed	25	May	4pm-5pm	Camden Mini Tennis Festival	Parliament Hill tennis	70	
26	Sat	28	May	12pm-9.30pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	9000	
27	Sun	29	May	12pm-7pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
28	Mon	30	May	12pm-9.30pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
29	Sun	5	June	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	50	
30	Sun	12	June	8am-1pm	Cancerkin Hampstead Heath Walk 2016	Parliament Hill	250	
31	Sun	12	June	3pm	London Gay Symphonic Winds	Parliament Hill bandstand	600	
32	Sun	12	June	3pm	London Metropolitan Brass	Golders Hill bandstand	300	
33	Tues	14	June	9am-3pm	CSSA Quad Kids	Athletics Track	200	
34	Wed	15	June	5.30pm-9.30pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	17000	
35	Thurs	16	June	11am-5.30pm-9.30pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath		
36	Fri	17	June	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath		
37	Sat	18	June	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath		
38	Sun	19	June	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath		
39	Sun	19	June	3pm	The Trouser Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	600	
40	Sun	19	June	3pm	Aqueduct Ceilidh Band	Golders Hill bandstand	400	
41	Tues	21	June	9am-3pm	CSSA Athletics	Athletics Track	400	
42	Thurs	23	June	7pm	Nick Payne Blues Band	Golders Hill Park café	20	
43	Thurs	23	June	6pm-9pm	GROW London	East Heath	10000	
44	Fri	24	June	11am-6pm	GROW London	East Heath		
45	Sat	25	June	11am-6pm	GROW London	East Heath		
46	Sun	26	June	11am-6pm	GROW London	East Heath		
47	Fri	24	June	7.00pm	Son Yambu	Parliament Hill bandstand		400
48	Sun	26	June	11am-5pm	Hampstead Summer Festival Art Fair Day	Whitestone Pond	1400	
49	Sun	26	June	10am-6pm	Youth Development League	Athletics Track	600	
50	Sun	26	June	3pm	Young Music Makers	Parliament Hill bandstand	800	
51	Sun	26	June	3pm	The Longland Jazz Band	Golders Hill bandstand	300	
52	Fri	1	July	10.15am-11.30am	Brass band performance (Gospel Oak Primary)	Parliament Hill bandstand	110	
53	Sun	3	July	4pm-6pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	60	
54	Wed	6	July	10am-3pm	CSSA Rounders	Rounders pitches	60	
55	Fri	8	July	9.30am-10.45am	Brass band performance (Gospel Oak Primary)	Parliament Hill bandstand	110	
56	Sat	9	July	10am-6pm	Southern Athletics League	Athletics Track	230	
57	Sat	9	July	11am-2pm	Race for Life	East Heath (lower fairground)	2500	
58	Sun	10	July	11am-4pm	Hounds on the Heath	Opposite athletics track	1000	
60	Sun	10	July	3pm	Green Chain Quartet	Parliament Hill bandstand	110	
61	Sun	10	July	3.00pm	Hendon Music Centre Senior Concert Band	Golders Hill bandstand	650	
62	Thurs	14	July	7pm	John Etheridge's Sweet Chorus	Golders Hill Park café	200	
63	Fri	15	July	7pm	John Etheridge and Vimala Rowe (vocals)	Parliament Hill café	900	
64	Sat	16	July	12pm-5pm	Animal Aid Sponsored Walk	Parliament Hill	25	
65	Sun	17	July	1.00pm-5.30pm	GIAG Festival	Parliament Hill	4000	
66	Fri	22	July	7pm	'Elvis on the Heath' and Johnny Ford and the Edsels	Parliament Hill bandstand	2000	
67	Sun	24	July	3pm	Dan Carrier's Music Night	Parliament Hill bandstand	3000	
68	Sun	24	July	3pm	Snakes and Ladders	Golders Hill bandstand	250	
69	Mon	25	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	115	
70	Tues	26	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido		
71	Wed	27	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido		
72	Thurs	28	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido		
73	Fri	29	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido		
74	Sun	31	July	3pm	West London Brass	Parliament Hill bandstand	60	
75	Sun	31	July	3pm	The Mags	Golders Hill bandstand	100	
76	Sun	7	August	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	75	
77	Sun	7	August	3pm	Harrow Concert Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	70	
78	Sun	7	August	3pm	Trident Waters	Golders Hill bandstand	130	
79	Sun	14	August	3pm	Basil Hodge Quartet	Parliament Hill bandstand	130	
80	Sun	14	August	3pm	Oh-La-La!	Golders Hill bandstand	150	
81	Sun	21	August	3pm	Andalus	Parliament Hill bandstand	150	
82	Sun	21	August	3pm	Green Chain Quartet	Golders Hill bandstand	75	
83	Sat	27	August	12pm-9.30pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	7000	
84	Sun	28	August	12pm-7.00pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
85	Mon	29	August	12pm-9.30pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
86	Sun	28	August	3pm	Laura Matthews and the Flakes	Parliament Hill bandstand		250
87	Sun	28	August	3pm	Road Trip	Golders Hill bandstand		100
88	Mon	29	August	3pm	The 286	Parliament Hill bandstand	300	
89	Mon	29	August	3pm	Mad Dog Bites	Golders Hill bandstand		
90	Sun	4	September	8am-2pm	18th Heath Duathlon	Lido/Parliament Hill	232	
91	Sun	4	September	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	200	
92	Thurs	8	September	5pm-9pm	Highgate Harriers Open Meeting	Athletics Track	100	
93	Sun	11	September	12pm-4pm	Age-Link Charity Sponsored Walk	Hampstead Heath	25	
94	Sat	17	September	10am	Jubilee Hall Trust Charity Run	Parliament Hill	200	
95	Sat	24	September	8am-1pm	Brookfield School family Fun Run	Parliament Hill	150	
96	Fri	30	September	10am-1pm	CSSA Cross Country	Athletics Track	350	
97	Thurs	29	September	(one show)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	7000	
98	Fri	30	September	(two shows)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
99	Sat	1	October	(two shows)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
100	Sun	2	October	(two shows)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
101	Mon	3	October	(two shows)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
102	Tues	4	October	(one show)	Zippos Circus	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath		
103	Sun	2	October	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	200	
104	Sun	2	October	2.30pm-5pm	Hampstead Heath Conker Championship	Parliament Hill bandstand	250	
106	Sun	6	November	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	150	
107	Wed	12	October	11.30-4pm	Civil Service Cross Country Championship	Parliament Hill	80	
108	Wed	19	October	3pm-5pm	London Universities & Colleges Cross Country Championship	Parliament Hill	80	
109	Sat	19	November	11am-1pm	London Youth Games and Greater London Cross Country Championships	Parliament Hill	3000	
110	Thu	8	December		The Fire Service Cross Country	PH	80	
111	Sun	25	December	11am	Christmas Swim	Men's Pond	150	

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No	Day	Date	Month	Time	Event	Place	amount of people
1	Sat	28	January	11am	Southern Counties Cross Country Championship	Parliament Hill	
2	Sun	5	March	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	
3	Fri	24	March	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	
4	Wed	5	April	5pm-9pm	Highgate Harriers Open Meeting	Athletics Track	
5	Fri	14	April	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
6	Sat	15	April	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
7	Sat	15	April	12pm-6pm	Highgate Harriers- Southern Athlets Senior League (SAL)	Athletics Track	
8	Sun	16	April	12pm-7pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
9	Mon	17	April	12pm-9.30pm	Easter Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
10	Sat	?	April	10am-4pm	Walk for Water	Parliament Hill	
11	Wed	26	April	11am-4pm	Camden Schools cross Country	Parliament Hill / Athletics Track	
12	Thu	27	April	3pm-6pm	Camden Schools Mini Tennis Tournament	Parliament Hill tennis courts	
13	Mon	1	May	11am	World Laughter Day celebration	Parliament Hill bandstand	
14	Mon	1	May	9am-4pm	Camden Schools Athletics Championships	PH Athletics Track	
15	Sun	7	May	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	
16	Tues	9	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football Tournaments	Parliament Hill football pitches	
17	Wed	10	May	5.30pm-9.30pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	
18	Thurs	11	May	11am-5.30pm-9.30pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	
19	Fri	12	May	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	
20	Sat	13	May	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	
21	Sun	14	May	11am-6pm	Affordable Art Fair	East Heath	
22	Wed	10	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football Tournaments	Parliament Hill football pitches	
23	Sun	?	May	12pm-3pm	Great Hampstead Bark Off	Parliament Hill bandstand	
24	Tues	16	May	3pm-6pm	CSSA Football Tournaments	Parliament Hill football pitches	
25	Wed	17	May	12noon-2pm	CSSA Inclusive Athletics Quad kids	Athletics Track	
26	Sat	20	May	10am-10pm	Night of the 10,000m PBs	Athletics Track	
27	Sun	21	May	9am-2pm	Hampstead 4 Heart	East Heath	
28	Tues	23	May	9am-12noon	Camden Schools Athletics Championships	PH Athletics Track	
29	Wed	24	May	4pm-5pm	Camden Mini Tennis Festival	Parliament Hill tennis	
30	Sat	27	May	12pm-9.30pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
31	Sun	28	May	12pm-7pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
32	Mon	29	May	12pm-9.30pm	Whitsun Bank Holiday Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
33	Sun	4	June	12pm-2pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	
34	Sun	11	June	8am-1pm	Cancerkin Hampstead Heath Walk 2016	Parliament Hill	
35	Sun	11	June	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
36	Sun	11	June	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
37	Sun	18	June	1pm-5pm	Highgate Harriers - Middlesex Young Athlets league (MYAL)	Athletics Track	
38	Sun	18	June	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
39	Sun	18	June	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
40	Tues	20	June	10am-3.30pm	CSSA Outdoor Athletics	Athletics Track	
41	Thurs	22	June	7pm	Band	Golders Hill Park café	
42	Fri	23	June	7pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
43	Sun	?	June	10.30am-5pm	South End Green Festival	South End Green	
44	Sun	25	June	3pm	Band -Young Music Makers	Parliament Hill bandstand	
45	Sun	25	June	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
46	Sun	25	June	11am-5pm	Hampstead Summer Festival Art Fair Day	Whitestone Pond	
47	We	28	June	9am-4pm	Islington Primary Schools Athletics	PH Athletics Track	
48	Thurs	29	June	7pm	Band	Golders Hill Park café	
49	fri	30	June	9am-4pm	CSSA Quad kids	Athletics Track	
50	Fri	30	June	7pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
51	Fri	30	June	10.15am-11.30am	Gospel Oak school	Parliament Hill bandstand	
52	Sun	2	July	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
53	Sun	2	July	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
54	Sun	2	July	4pm-6pm	Highgate Harriers - Quadkids	Athletics Track	
55	Wed	5	July	10am-3pm	CSSA Rounder's Competiton	Rounders pitches	
56	Thurs	6	July	7pm	Band	Golders Hill Park café	
57	Fri	7	July	9.30am-10.45am	Gospel Oak school	Parliament Hill bandstand	
58	Fri	7	July	7pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
59	Sat	8	July	11am-2pm	Race for Life	East Heath (lower fairground)	
60	Sun	?	July	11am-4pm	Hounds on the Heath	Opposite athletics track	
61	Sun	9	July	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
62	Sun	9	July	3.00pm	Band - Hendon Music Centre Senior Concert Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
63	Fri	14	July	7pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
64	Sat	15	July	12pm-5pm	Animal Aid Sponsored Walk	Parliament Hill	
65	Sun	16	July	1.00pm-5.30pm	GIAG Festival	Parliament Hill	
66	Sun	23	July	10am-6pm	Highgate harriers- Youth Development League- Upper Age	Athletics Track	
67	Sun	23	July	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
68	Sun	23	July	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
69	Mon	24	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	
70	Tues	25	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	
71	Wed	26	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	
72	Thurs	27	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	
73	Fri	28	July	9.30am-10.30am	Water Awareness Week	Lido	
74	Sun	30	July	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
75	Sun	30	July	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
76	Sun	6	August	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
77	Sun	6	August	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
78	Sun	13	August	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
79	Sun	13	August	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
80	Sat	19	August	12pm-6pm	Highgate Harriers- Southern Athlets Senior League (SAL)	Athletics Track	
81	Sun	20	August	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
82	Sun	20	August	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
83	Sat	26	August	12pm-9.30pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
84	Sun	27	August	12pm-7.00pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
85	Mon	28	August	12pm-9.30pm	Summer Fair	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
86	Sun	27	August	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
87	Sun	27	August	3pm	Band	Golders Hill bandstand	
88	Mon	28	August	3pm	Band	Parliament Hill bandstand	
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95	Sat	23	September	8am-1pm	Brookfield School family Fun Run	Parliament Hill	
96	Fri	29	September	10am-1pm	CSSA Cross Country	Parliament Hill / Athletics Track	
97	Thurs	?	September	(one show)	A Circus - to be confirmed	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
98	Fri	?	September	(two shows)	A Circus - to be confirmed	Lower Fairground Site, East Heath	
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<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
Hampstead Heath Consultative Committee	<b>9 January 2017</b>
Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods and Queen's Park Management Committee	<b>30 January 2017</b>
<b>Subject:</b> Ponds Project Landscape Progress Report	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Philip Everett – Project Director Bob Warnock – Superintendent of Hampstead Heath, Open Spaces	<b>For Discussion</b>
<b>Report author:</b> Meg Game, Open Spaces Jennifer Wood, Open Spaces	

## Summary

Extensive work has been undertaken to restore and improve the ecology and natural landscape of areas impacted by the Ponds Project. This includes substantial quantities of trees, shrubs, wild flower and aquatic planting, digging new pools and channels, erecting bat boxes and creating hibernacula for amphibians and grass snakes.

This report summarises these works, many of which have been undertaken as the engineering phase of the project drew towards its close in the autumn of 2016.

Work will continue in the spring to monitor and maintain the new landscape and environmental improvements.

## Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Note the report.

## Main Report

### Background

1. The Ponds Project's construction phase finished, on time, in October 2016 after an 18 month programme. The Ponds Project was initiated following a series of hydrological studies which revealed that in the event of a severe storm, there was a risk that the reservoirs on Hampstead Heath could overtop, potentially leading to erosion and dam failure, putting lives, property and infrastructure at risk. Between 2012 and the summer of 2014, a highly iterative and consultative process was undertaken to consider the design criteria and approach, and then a

wide range of options. An option for each chain of ponds was selected and approved on the basis that it satisfied the existing requirements of the Reservoirs Act 1975 and the anticipated requirements under the Flood & Water Management Act 2010, whilst preserving the natural aspect and state of the Heath in the most effective manner, in accordance with the City's duties under the Hampstead Heath Act 1871, and in accordance with the agreed design principles.

### **Work completed to restore the landscape and ecology**

2. Restoration and enhancement of the landscape impacted by the Ponds Project was integral to the project and this is now nearly complete. This entailed installing aquatic plants round the margins of ponds, seeding large areas with wild flowers and grasses, laying turf, planting wild flower plugs, and planting trees and shrubs. Much of the work was undertaken during the late summer and autumn of 2016 as the engineering works progressed to completion.
3. Reeds and other marginal plants have been installed around edges of nine of the ponds where work has taken place, adding nearly 1,800 square metres of new wetland planting to the Heath. These new habitats have substantial wildlife benefits and provide habitat and feeding for birds, fish and amphibians. The plants also help maintain water quality, and provide a much more natural landscape compared with former hard edges.
4. Fencing is required on the landward side to prevent disturbance from dogs. Until it is fully established, the vegetation also requires protection from grazing by waterfowl, but the need for long-term water-side fencing will be kept under review as the plants become established. Gaps have been left in the planting to allow for direct access to the water which are necessary for angling and model boating.
5. About six hectares of wild flower meadow have been sown, chiefly on the sites of the compounds at Tumulus and Pryor's Fields. Two main types of seed mixes were used in a carefully designed matrix. The first mix comprises wild grasses and low-growing wild flowers, such as bedstraw and bird's-foot trefoil; the resulting sward should be relatively resistant to foot traffic and picnicking etc. The second additionally contains taller wild flowers such as ox-eye daisy, and should produce a spectacular display of great value to butterflies and bees.
6. Wild flower seed mixes need to be sown thinly to be successful. Seeded areas will thus take time to establish and fences around these areas are unlikely to be removed before next summer.
7. Turf composed of wild flowers and grasses has been laid on new spillways, the Boating Pond dam and the front of the Catchpit dam. It is a requirement of the Supervising Engineer that these areas be mown several times a year. This will restrict the display of wild flowers but on the other hand provide suitable swards for public access and enjoyment. Fences have been removed from many of the turfed areas.

8. In total, well over a thousand wild flower bulbs and plug plants have been planted at three ponds, and further planting is planned at the Ladies Pond. About 40 trees and 140 shrubs have been planted. These include two large plane trees and five disease-resistant English Elms; it is exciting to see the return of this latter species, which was eradicated as a mature tree on the Heath in the 1970s and 80s due to Dutch Elm disease. Oak, black poplar, birch and hawthorns have also been planted – all of which are native to Britain.
9. Environmental work was not restricted to planting and seeding. Two stretches of the River Fleet have been restored, totalling about 80m in length. They were previously piped below the surface but now run above ground. Several wetland pools, scrapes and channels have also been created at the Ladies Pond, the Bird Sanctuary Pond and south of the Catchpit. Log piles and amphibian and grass snake hibernacula have also been created at various suitable locations, and 20 bat boxes will have been put up by the end of the winter. Some of the boxes have been installed for over a year and we have observed bats, as well as birds, using them.
10. The work has been undertaken in close liaison with and help of the Heath ecologists and the Conservation Team. Some of the planting was carried out by the Conservation Team, and Heath Hands volunteers built the two hibernacula and the brush and log piles. Volunteers have also assisted with the removal of fencing.
11. Aerators have been installed at each of the ponds to also help improve water quality. These are powered by an electrical supply and the controls are housed in nearby green cabinets, which are approximately 1.5m by 1.5m. A planting scheme is currently being devised by the Heath team to help camouflage these green boxes at a couple of locations, namely Highgate No. 1 Pond and Stock pond. The intention is to install a planting box to the top of the green cabinet and grow ivy and honeysuckle down the sides.
12. Since the works have been completed on Model Boating Pond, there are noticeable more waterfowl using the pond, probably due to the new planting providing feeding for them. Towards the end of the construction period, a debate about the future use of the island on Model Boating Pond has taken place with one member of the public starting a petition. The petition argues it would be best left as a bird sanctuary and should be not accessible to the public. However, this does restrict the amount of space for angling, effectively cutting off the whole eastern edge of the pond. It would also potentially affect those who wish to sail model boats, who require access to all sides of the pond. (Discussed further below)

### **Completion of the construction works**

13. The final construction elements of the project were finished in October 2016 after which BAM Nuttall made a gradual withdraw from the Heath while working their way through a snagging list. Their final compound on the lower Fairground site will be dismantled in December and the withdrawal of their site office from

Kenwood nursery will happen at around the same time. They have a 12 month maintenance period.

14. Official handover documentation has been produced for each pond which includes 'As Built' drawings and specifications on planting.

### **The programme for 2017 and future years**

15. The engineering and environmental works will need to be closely monitored, especially in 2017, but continuing into subsequent years. Trees, shrubs and other planted material will need to be watered as required, and any failures rectified. Fences are in the process of being removed and paths mown through the newly accessible areas. These tasks will be undertaken by the Heath's Ranger and Conservation teams.
16. Monitoring will also cover the effects of the work, including assessments of water quality.

### **Stakeholder Engagement and Communications**

17. The Community Working Group, which was set up as part of Camden's planning conditions met again in December 2016 and will meet for one final time in Spring 2017. We recognise there is still a role for this group to monitor the scheme and we will continue to remain in contact with them for the foreseeable future.
18. Other communications on the project have received praise from the public, including the weekly emails with updates on the project. The Ponds Project blog has also been favourably received and regularly receives around 2000 visits per month and has received as many as 4,300 visits in one month. It can be found at <https://hampsteadheathpondsproject.wordpress.com>. The blog will continue to provide information on the restoration phase of the Ponds Project and a separate blog is being developed to cover wider Heath news and information.
19. Comments, questions and concerns on the Ponds Project are continuing to come in to the Ponds Project Liaison officer by various channels. These will be monitored, responded to and logged in a similar way as they were during the project. One query which has been raised by several people is why the island is not to be left as a bird sanctuary and as previously mentioned, an online petition on this subject has also been started. An explanation has been provided on the development of the island, in consultation with Heath staff and stakeholders, and the reasons behind the public access, which is linked to retaining access for anglers and model boaters and also due to a concern that people, and dogs, may be tempted to swim out to the island which would be dangerous. We have agreed to monitor the usage of the island over the coming months and years. As a compromise, the Heath's ecologists have drawn up a proposal to fence off a 500m<sup>2</sup> section at the north of the island as a refuge for birds and other wildlife. This area would also take in the new trees which have been planted on the island and provide protection for them too.

A series of 'Lessons Learnt' meetings took place in October 2016, involving Officers who have been involved in the project and stakeholders who were involved in the consultation process. A summary of the discussion with



stakeholder is attached as Appendix 1. A final Gateway 7 report will be drafted by the Project Director.

### **Financial Summary**

20. The project is expected to be completed within the approved budget, subject to agreeing the final account and any potential claims from the contractor

### **Conclusion**

21. The construction phase of the Ponds Project has been delivered on time and the newly landscape ponds fit well into the landscape of the Heath. Next year, after a growing season the sites will look even better and those who have not visited the Heath before may not realise that such a large amount of work has taken place. The legacy of the project - the environmental enhancements and the on-going maintenance must now be monitored.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Summary of Discussion with Stakeholder Group

Appendix 2 – Education Project Report: November

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## **Messages from the Ponds Project Stakeholder Group and Community Working Group**

### **Consultation, communication, and engagement throughout the Project - including PPSG/CWG/public consultation**

The consultation process was broadly felt to be good and informative, but some people had their doubts about the impact the group had on the final proposals. It was suggested it would have been helpful to have more clarity on what aspects of the scheme were fixed and which were not. Overall it was felt that the design process was iterative and inclusive. It was noted that the experience by different members in part reflected the different points at which they had joined the evolving process. The level of disagreement and debate amongst the stakeholders was felt to have been an important part of the process and inevitably reflected the differing perspectives. However there was a concern that there was insufficient representation from those downstream.

The information provided to the CWG was felt to have been useful, consistent and reflected a high degree of openness and transparency.

The magnitude of the design storm was never fully understood or accepted by some of the group. There was also some confusion about the purpose of the scheme and the issue of dam safety vs flood alleviation.

It was commented that City's position was not always well articulated. Some of the group felt that the City seemed determined or even enthusiastic to proceed, whereas other felt this was not evident or the City seemed reluctant. Overall it was felt that City could have done better in communicating the necessity of the scheme, particularly in respect to the public consultation. The issue for discussion was "how" not "if".

### **Appointment of a construction contractor**

The engagement of the stakeholders in the process of recruiting BAM Nuttall was felt to have been positive. It was noted that the 70% quality / 30% price tender evaluation has resulted in the right quality of contractor and works. There was an appreciation of the accessibility of BAM and their inclusion in the design process within the stakeholders as part of Early Contractor Engagement.

### **Building the scheme**

It was noted that the construction phase of the project there were some elements, such as aerators and cabinets, which came as a shock to some people.

Some of the group were not convinced by the extent of inclusion of water quality and biodiversity within the scheme. Some people perceived this as a fig leaf given the level of disruption rather than fundamental to the scheme.

The Ponds Project Liaison officer's role in the project and consultation process was highly praised.





There was significant praise for BAM Nuttall who were described as being nice, helpful, courteous and responsive to questions. It was commented that the logistics and coordination displayed during the installation of the ladies changing room was impressive.









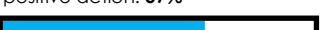

There was continued disappointment about the removal of the trees at Stock Pond. The timing of the removal in particular was felt to have been unfortunate. Some members of the group continued to feel that an alternative should have been given greater consideration.

# Hampstead Heath Ponds Project

## Education Project Report: Activity in November 2016

Progress in previous month:

	Ahead of schedule
	On Schedule
	Slight Delay
	Behind Schedule

Area and target	Progress this month	Progress to date
<p><b>Project Coordination</b></p>	<p>Although we will be delivering education sessions until July 2017, we have begun to plan ahead, and look into the legacy of the Ponds Project Education Programme. We will be producing a range of resources for teachers relating to the Ponds Project, for them to use on Hampstead Heath and in their classrooms. We are currently in the planning stage for this aspect of the project.</p>	
<p><b>Primary Programme</b> 850 pupils engaged through 34 sessions</p>	<p>We have had no Primary School sessions in November.</p>	<p>Total number of primary sessions: <b>34</b> Total Number of children: <b>878</b></p>  <p>Additional engagement with primary school students: <b>100</b></p>
<p><b>Secondary Programme</b> 3575 pupils engaged through 143 sessions 3 schools with in depth involvement Engage with 420 pupils by British Science Week (BSW) activities</p>	<p>In November we delivered a Water Watch and a Meet the Fleet session to year 7s from William Ellis School. When feeding back on both sessions the teacher commented "All great".</p>	<p>Total Number of Secondary sessions: <b>91</b> Total Number of children: <b>2040</b></p>  <p>Additional engagement with secondary school students: <b>1000</b></p>
<p><b>Evaluation</b> 70% of sessions evaluated 70% teachers believe learning objectives met 60% Teachers believe most students progressed their understanding 60% students increase their understanding of the impact of humans on the environment. 50% students increase their understanding of the Scientific, Geographical and/or social context of environmental issues 50% students increase intention to take positive action for the Heath or the environment</p>	<p>Once again our evaluation statistics varied very little during November. All remained within the 'On Schedule' or 'Ahead of Schedule' categories.</p>	<p>% of sessions evaluated by teacher: <b>78%</b></p>  <p>% of sessions evaluated by secondary students: <b>73%</b></p>  <p>% teachers believing LO Met well: <b>98%</b></p>  <p>% Teachers believing most students made progress: <b>88%</b></p>  <p>% 2° Students with increased understanding of impact of humans on the environment: <b>67%</b></p>  <p>% 2° Students with increase understanding of environmental issues: <b>63%</b></p>  <p>% 2° Students with increased intention to take positive action: <b>57%</b></p> 
<p><b>Educational Resources</b> 250 HHPP education webpage hits &amp; 50 resource downloads</p>	<p>Across November we had a total of 32 views and 27 unique views for the Ponds Project education webpages.</p>	<p>Number of page views: <b>1458</b> Number of unique page views: <b>1236</b></p> 
<p><b>Partnerships</b> Develop three high profile partnerships for the project.</p>	<p><b>Museum of London (MoL):</b> Our cross curricula Fleet river session/resource is currently in development.</p>	

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