



Ponds Project Stakeholder Group
Thursday 24 April 2014, 2pm
Parliament Hill meeting room

Present:

Janis Hardiman	JH	Vale of Health Society
Prem Holdaway	PH	Anglers Society
Harriet King	HK	Brookfield Mansions RA
Charles Leonard	CL	EGOVARA
Rob Mitchell	RM	Brookfield Mansions RA
Susan Rose	SR	Highgate Society
Jane Shallice	JS	Kenwood Ladies Bathing Pond Association
Esther Sumner	ES	Ponds Project and Management Support Officer
Jennifer Wood	JW	Communication Officer, City of London

Introduction

This meeting was a shortened re-run of the seminar which had taken place originally on April 13

Presentation

- ES and JW talked through the presentation given by Atkins at the first seminar.

Questions asked and points raised:

- HK said it would be helpful to see a cross section of the entire chain to scale.
- HK and SR asked what sort of detail would be available before the 5 June DMF. They said it would not be fair to host an event when people had not been allowed to see the full details.
- SR said much more detail must be made available, including dimensions of spillways and trees which are at risk.
- Group said markers on site of spillways and dam heights were helpful and should be left out on site for everyone to look at.
- Contours on maps should be the same on existing and proposed.
- RM wondered if there was a catchment for each pond.
- JS said marking trees that are at risk would be helpful.

Vale of Health

- PH asked if existing overflow was being replaced.
- There is a proposal for an additional overflow pipe in addition to existing pipe.
- JH reiterated what IH had said about shape of spillway – it should be diagonal and not loop around.
- Group wondered why spillway needs to be so wide.
- HK asked for height of spillway above typical water level at each pond.

Viaduct

- Group wanted clarity of location of spillway as there looked to be a good location which would take the water down a current path and would avoid trees and shrubs. It was suggested that the spillway should follow the line of the existing path.
- The meaning of the thicker black line of the Environmental Masterplan was questioned.

- It was suggested that it may be possible to create some additional storage in the valley above the Viaduct Pond.

Catchpit

- It was suggested that the fence around the existing Catchpit could be re-used elsewhere on site

Stock Pond

- Group wanted reasons why spillway had been located where it was. Would a straight spillway in the center of the dam not make more sense? This would avoid more tree removal.

Kenwood Ladies Bathing Pond

- CL wants an area west of Ladies Bathing Pond investigated as an area to store water.

Bird Sanctuary

- SR said existing overflow from Bird Sanctuary into Model Boating Pond is enjoyed by many – good place for children to play and to wash wellies.
- SR did not feel that island should be used as a nature reserve in Model Boating Pond as this was not required and felt that additional planting would disrupt views
- PH and SR expressed concern about the impact of reeds on model boating.

Information requests

- HR and CL requested further details on the spillways for each pond. They would like to know the frequency at which the spillway comes into use and how this compares to current overtopping. They would like to have details on spillway level and depth, including how this compares to the current embankment level.