



## Consultation has begun concerning the proposals to restore Gunnersbury Park.

This will explain the need for action, the costs and benefits of the proposals and the consequences if no action is taken. We hope to find out:

- Why Gunnersbury is important to you
- If the proposals meet your aspirations
- If the cost of this project is acceptable

### Need for action

The Conservation Management Plan (CMP) established the significance and value of Gunnersbury to our communities, and predicted the inevitable decline of the estate if action is not taken. Ealing and Hounslow councils want to address this problem and appointed Jura Consultants to carry out an options appraisal.

### Options available

Jura considered many options to achieve the vision of the CMP. A shortlist was developed to ensure that the heritage of the park is protected, the park remains open to the public, the cost of the project is practical, and funding for future maintenance is secured. The full Options Appraisal document will be available at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury)

### Aspirations for Gunnersbury

Jura Consultants have suggested the following course of action:

- Large mansion house (currently the museum) developed as a functions and meeting venue with a restaurant
- Small mansion house developed as the new home for the museum displays
- Stable block developed as an open store for public access to more of the museum collections
- Quality of the Park landscape improved
- New changing rooms and indoor games hall developed for sports

## QUESTIONNAIRE

Jura Consultants have completed an Options Appraisal for Gunnersbury, and hope their questionnaire will help you tell us what you think of their proposals.

Thank you to everybody who has already requested a questionnaire.

This will be distributed in July to people who live close to the park and will also be available at the museum, café and many libraries as well as online at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury)

Complete whichever form is more convenient for you and return as instructed on the form to Jura consultants.

## Dates for your diary

**Stakeholders Forum** dates are:

7pm Thurs 30 July and  
11am Sat 24 Oct

**Park Tours:**

7pm Thursday 16 July  
7pm Thursday 6 August

**Regeneration Board** dates are still to be arranged  
Further detail will be published on the website

## Website

[www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury)

The website provides information on upcoming events and meetings as well as copies of the CMP the options appraisal and notes of previous meetings.

## Cost of the Project

This proposal tackles all the problems of the park and maximises the true potential for community use, but it will be expensive, and investment by both councils and available partnership funding will still leave a significant shortfall. Alternative funding options have been considered, and an exploration of possibilities within the park concluded that a continuation of the housing development along Lionel Road would have the least impact on the park and fund most of the shortfall.

## Consequences if no action is taken

Although Jura has recommended a course of action, no decision has been made. We hope to find out your views on the proposals and any alternative option through the consultation. The need for action is clear but if none is taken, the consequences of the 'Do nothing' or 'Continue as existing' option will be a continued deterioration of the buildings over future years.

## Ways to participate

- Questionnaires will be locally distributed and will be available online at [www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury)  
Copies will also be available at the museum, the park café, many libraries, leisure Centres, and at the Mela festival.
- An exhibition is planned for July and August at the museum to present the proposals, give feedback and offer further opportunities for engagement and participation.
- Further Presentations of the proposals and tours of the park are also planned. Visit [www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury](http://www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury) for more details, or come to the next Stakeholder Forum.



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## Japanese Garden

**Many thanks to volunteers from Chiswick Business Park who celebrated earth day on 22 April by clearing the Japanese garden. We hope that this will act as a catalyst to further restoration activities.**

**The shapes of the ponds, set out in 1901 by James Hudson for Leopold de Rothschild, are now clearly defined. These concrete - bottomed pools were built as a home for the intriguing blue water lily.**

**The lily ponds along with over 100 different plants and trees, stone lanterns and bamboo bridges formed an Edwardian interpretation of a Japanese garden.**

## Park Tours

Two dates to give an opportunity to explore the buildings and discuss the proposals are Thursday 16 July and Thursday 6 August at 7pm.

Please contact Richard Gill in advance as numbers will be limited. If popular we will arrange additional dates.

The temple and Bathhouse are open for the Open House celebrations on Sunday 20th September.

The Museum is open every day and tours of the Victorian Kitchens can be arranged on weekends and bank holidays between 1.30 and 4pm.

Park Bookings or Maintenance  
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