



Boston Manor Park – National Lottery Heritage Fund, Parks for People Bid

Public Engagement Response 2019

Public engagement on the second stage of The London Borough of Hounslow's bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, Parks for Peoples programme took place in February and March 2019.

An all-day event was held on the 23rd February 2019 in Boston Manor House, Brentford to provide the local community with an opportunity to gain a wider understanding of the proposals being prepared for the final bid.

The lead consultant landscape architect Allen Scott Ltd were present with the Council's Heritage project team to provide background and context - in addition to various display boards exhibiting prospective, plans and designs envisaged for the Park.

The event was attended by a total of 131 people of which views and comments on the day were noted, whilst others unable to attend were able to respond via the Council's website as advertised on posters displayed throughout the park and through direct emailing.

We would like to thank you for your participation and comments which will help us to prepare the final bid.

Please find below a summary of the main themes raised alongside our response.

Theme 1

The relocation of the MUGA (multi-use games area) from under the flyover to enable a more versatile use of this space for events and activities, including Arts Market

Your Comments

The MUGA should remain where it is under cover.

Response

Several options are currently under consideration including retaining the MUGA in-situ by reorienting the basketball hoops and removing the rebound fencing. Also relocating the facility under the flyover cover to achieve better connection and sight lines to the rest of the main activities area. Highways England who manage the fly-over are involved in these discussions.

Theme 2

The refurbishment of the Pavilion Cafe

Your Comments

Affordability of maintaining the Pavilion Café building after its refurbishment.

Response

The pavilion refurbishment will be to a modern specification which will significantly improve the current offer which includes an enlargement of the buildings footprint so to provide an activity space. Upgrading the internal and external materials will aim to ensure longevity. However regular cleansing and maintenance will be required as with any built facility.

Theme 3

Tree Removal

Your Comments

Removal of trees near to the elevated section of the M4 would increase noise and air pollution within the park.

Response

In accordance with the park's Conservation Management Plan we are committed to preserving the rich diversity of trees and woodland, thinning only when necessary i.e. better visual safety, best practice in tree and habitat management for lighter wooded areas that will provide more attractive areas for wildlife flora and fauna therefore principally improving the whole site biodiversity.

Theme 4

Removal of hedges

Your Comments

Concerns that removal of hedges adjacent to the Pavilion café would negatively impact biodiversity and exclude dog walkers from seclusion they presently enjoy.

Response

Regeneration of the park provides an opportunity to significantly enhance both the structure and visual appreciation of heritage features such as the walled Gardens whilst in this case improving park safety and increasing the biodiversity offer. Keeping the park and its facilities safe is a key community output of the project which promotes wellness and has a direct relationship to usage. Heritage style planting will complement the Walled Garden and provide increased seasonal and biodiversity interest. Responsible dog owners are more than welcome to use the park, with owners making sure that their dogs are always controlled in all areas.

Theme 5

Proposed Arts Market under the M4 fly-over

Your Comments

The viability of the proposed market underneath the elevated section of the M4 fly-over

Response

An evaluation process is on-going to determine the feasibility of commercial activity under the elevated section of the motorway.
