

Twickenham Rediscovered Connectivity to and use of the River Workshop *Wednesday 14th September 2016*

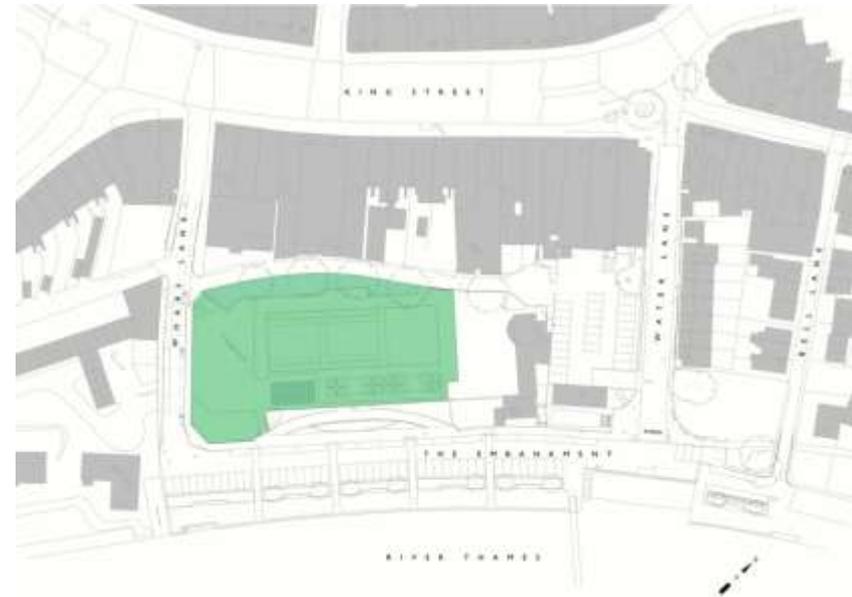
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Agenda

- Welcome / introductions
- Setting the scene
- Key messages from past consultations
- Feedback from the pop-up shop
- Connectivity to and use of the River
 - *Helen Montgomery-Smith (Eel Pie Boatyard Ltd.) – the River and its current uses*
 - *Session 1 – Defining connectivity*
 - *Session 2 – Delivering connectivity*
 - *Session 3 – Enhancing existing and potential uses*
- What happens next?

Setting the scene

- ✓ Continuing engagement
- ✓ Reflection
- ✓ Richer and deeper conversation:
 - Viability
 - Retail and business
 - Community space / linkage
 - Access, parking, traffic
 - Connectivity
 - Site configuration



Setting the scene cont'd.

Today we will be looking at **connectivity to and use of the River**

Purpose: to understand the key current and potential connections to, and uses of, the River.

More specifically:

- Open up discussion and debate
- Raise questions
- Receive and capture feedback
- Inform the broader discussion taking place through the workshop programme.



Key messages from past consultations

- **Barefoot Consultation (2010):**
 - 27% of residents wanted to see improved river links
- **All in One consultation (2010):**
 - 88% of respondents in Twickenham said that they were very satisfied with their local area as a place to live
 - When commenting on what they liked best about the area, the river was second only to parks and open spaces in popularity
- **Twickenham Area Action Plan (2013):**
 - The plan highlighted that any development of the site should maintain the Embankment as a working quay, and subject to feasibility, provide mooring and landing facilities

Feedback from pop-up shop

Approximately 800 people visited the pop-up shop on Church Street. Out of the 334 comment cards received, 83 of the responses were on the topic of connectivity to and use of the River. Snapshot of views below – consultation closes on 16th September.

Connectivity

- Bridge across the River
- An open River vista
- Improved pedestrian access
- Community spaces to bring people into the area

Use of the River

- Passenger ferries and a landing stage
- Boating opportunities



Topic based issues

- Key objective: to link the town centre to the River
- We particularly want to draw people from King St onto the Embankment and into Diamond Jubilee Gardens
- Physical aspects of connectivity (i.e. River vista) to be covered as part of the Configuration of the Site workshop



Session 1

What does connectivity mean to you?

Task: As a group write a definition of what connectivity means to you for this site specifically

Session 2

Considering your definition, what actions / features should be considered as part of the scheme to deliver your definition on this site?

Task: List actions or features you would like to see in order to deliver connectivity to the River?

Session 3

What river-related uses are currently available in the area and how could this site enhance that use further?

Task: As a group, prioritise the existing uses, identify potential uses and add how this site could enhance them?

Summary

What we've heard tonight

What happens next?

- From late September onwards we will feedback what we have heard at the pop-up shop, from the consultations and the range of workshops
- We will also summarise and consolidate the feedback to inform the next stage of concept proposals. We will seek views on the summary
- From mid to late October we will present revised concept proposals and will consult you on them