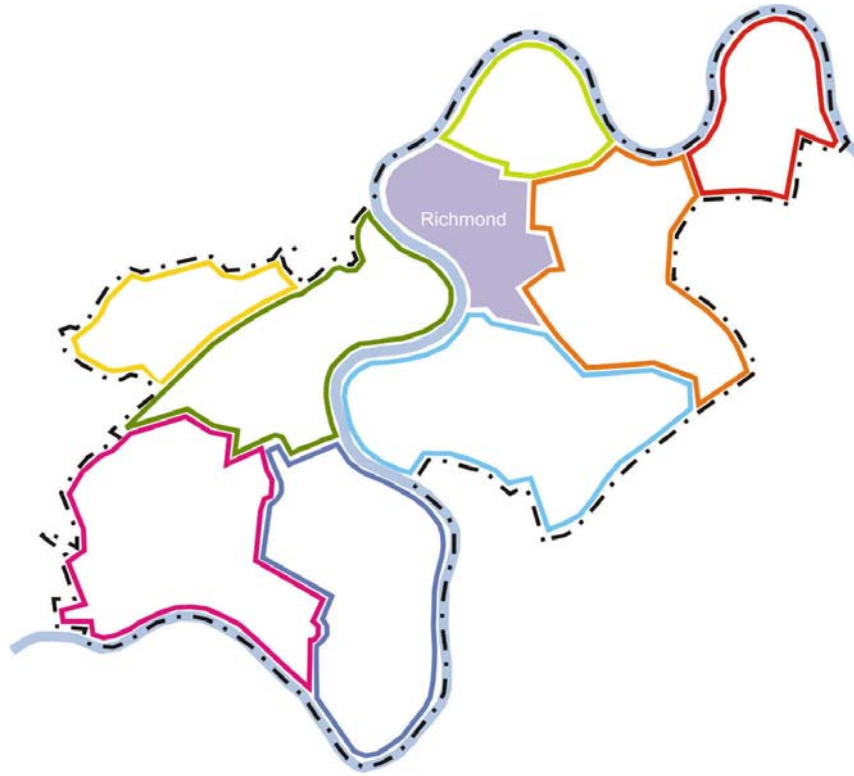


RICHMOND



Description

The historic heart of the Borough, with the Thames and old Richmond at its centre. This is often the first destination for tourists and visitors from the rest of London. This area should be considered with Kew and Ham and Petersham and with Riverside section of the Twickenham maps.

Characteristics - Facts and Figures

- Population 8500
- Open space 80.01 hectares
- Bounded by the Thames and the Old Deer Park

Maps

The accompanying area Maps show analysis of:

- Hierarchy – the location of open spaces categorised according to the London Planning Advisory Committee (LPAC) size based hierarchy.
- Function – the main functions or types of open space e.g. parks and gardens; recreation ground; cemetery; allotment etc.
- Quality – an assessment of the overall quality of the open space, considering landscape quality, condition etc.
- Opportunities – identifies opportunities to improve access to open space, restore views, remove barriers to access etc.

Barriers to access are marked on the area plan. These include:

- Railway lines, A316
- Lack of river crossings
- Access into and around sites and buildings for disabled people/people using buggies and prams.

Audit of Current Provision

NAME	AREA	FUNCTION	LPAC	PRIORITY
TERRACE GARDENS (PARK)	3.90	Park	L	56
BRIDGEHOUSE GARDENS	0.18	Open Space	Lin	36
BUCCLEUGH GARDENS	1.05	Open Space	S	36
CAMBOURNE PATH	0.04	Open Space	Lin	28
CHOLMONDELEY WALK (PARK)	0.45	Open Space	S	40
GROVE ROAD GARDENS	0.54	Open Space	S	36
MEARS WALK	0.16	Open Space	S	40
MIDHURST SITE	0.14	Open Space	S	48
RICHMOND GREEN	4.33	Open Space	L	35
RICHMOND RIVERSIDE (HIGHWAYS)	0.29	Open Space	S	32
RIVERDALE GARDENS (OPEN SPACE)	0.26	Open Space	S	32
ROTARY GARDENS	0.12	Open Space	S	55
WORPLE WAY RECREATION GROUND	0.11	Open Space	S	105

NAME	AREA	FUNCTION	LPAC	PRIORITY
RALEIGH ROAD RECREATION GROUND	0.62	Recreation Ground	S	21
ISLANDS (IN MIDDLE OF RIVER)	1.84	Semi-natural	S	21
PESTHOUSE COMMON OPEN SPACE	2.17	Semi-natural	L	21
RICHMOND OLD CEMETERY CONS AREA	0.64	Semi-natural		36
RICHMOND PARK (PART)	22.50	Semi-natural	R	
RICHMOND PARK PART		Semi-natural		
TERRACE FIELD	6.75	Semi-natural	L	24
THAMES TOWPATH - BUCCLEUGH/HAM LANDS	3.37	Semi-natural	Lin	21
THAMES TOWPATH - RICHMOND RIVERFRONT	0.85	Semi-natural	Lin	28
VINEYARD PASSAGE CONSERVATION AREA	0.17	Semi-natural	S	63
OLD DEER PARK	30.03	Sports Ground	D	
OLD DEER PARK		Playground	PG	72
RALEIGH ROAD PLAYGROUND		Playground	PG	45
WORPLE WAY PG		Playground	PG	72
EAST SHEEN CEMETERY	5.71	Cemetery	Not LPAC	21
RICHMOND CEMETERY	7.40	Cemetery	Not LPAC	21
RICHMOND OLD CEMETERY	0.79	Cemetery	Not LPAC	42
RICHMOND PARISH CHURCH	0.20	Cemetery	S	21
ST MARY'S CHURCH	0.35	Cemetery	Not LPAC	105
BOG GARDENS	0.02	Civic Space		40
HERON SQUARE	0.50	Civic Space		21
RICHMOND LIBRARY	0.01	Library	S	36
MANOR ROAD	4.25	Allotment	Not LPAC	54
OLD PALACE LANE	0.32	Allotment	Not LPAC	35
QUEENS ROAD	1.22	Allotment	Not LPAC	70
TERRACE YARD		Brownfield		21

Analysis of access to parks and open spaces

- 100% of the area is within 3.2 km of a metropolitan/regional park, Richmond Park.
- 100% of the area is within 1.2 km of a district open space.
- 96% of the area is within 400m of a local open space
- 76% of the area is within 400 metres of an equipped playground
- 88% of the area is within 500 metres of a site of nature conservation importance

Note this analysis does not take into account GLA advice which recommends that a 10 minute rail journey or 15 minute bus journey can also increase the catchment area of larger parks.

Commentary

The Richmond area has almost no open spaces deficiencies and well connected accessible links between most sites. The main issue in this area is the need to lever in additional funding to be able to restore and enhance the very high quality local landscape for the benefit of local people and visitors.

Local Considerations and Issues

- The key issues in Richmond are maintenance of the riverside, and maintenance and interpretation of the may historic landscapes and features. The high quality of these features mean that the costs of repair and maintenance are also high. As a 'gateway' to the rest of the Borough this is important.
- As the central part of the Arcadia in the City Project Area, one of the main priorities is to raise funding to match a substantial (£1.8 million) grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund

Recommendations/Priorities for Richmond

Following analysis the following sites/priorities have been identified:

- Develop a series of improvements to the riverside parks and gardens along the Thames as part of the Arcadia in the City Project.
- Develop opportunities for S106 agreements to improve access and management of the towpath from Thameside development opportunities.
- Ensure sufficient value is received from the sale of Terrace Gardens Yard to use as match funding in the application to Heritage Lottery Fund for substantial funds to improve the Terrace Gardens infrastructure.
- Market the developing sensory garden at Raleigh Road Recreation Ground.
- Create pleasant walking and cycling routes between sites e.g. Pesthouse Common and Christ's school and as proposed on the plan.
- Carry out priority improvements identified by the Disability Access Audit.
- Ensure that development of the Gothic Site is sensitive, ensuring access and linkages to the Thames.
- Staff Old Deer Park as Key Park
- Encourage local/commercial events and activities on Old Deer Park in consultation with Crown Estates