



## Twickenham Embankment Enhancement Consultation

Dear Resident/Manager,

The Council is pleased to announce that funding for the first phase of a two-phase scheme to enhance Twickenham Embankment has now been put in place, partly from the Council and partly from London's Arcadia. London's Arcadia is a body implementing the Thames Landscape Strategy in our area, mainly with Heritage Lottery Fund grants. A detailed design has been drawn up for this first phase by London Borough of Richmond upon Thames, London's Arcadia and local interest groups. We would welcome your feedback.

The aim of the scheme is not to change the way the embankment works, but rather to upgrade the existing outdated and deteriorating streetscape to create a more attractive space, with improved accessibility and safety. **There is a public consultation period of 3 weeks from 6 October until 24 October 2008** for which there will be an exhibition of the plans at the Council Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3BZ. **Please come along to the exhibition and let us know your views during this period.**

You may view the exhibition anytime during office hours at the Civic Centre. However you may wish to come along when there is a Council officer in attendance to answer questions during the three-week consultation period. **The officer will be available between 1-3pm Tuesdays and 10-12 midday Wednesdays and Fridays.**

The scope of Phase One (see plan below) will take in the length of The Embankment between the edge of private properties (north) to the river wall (south), stretching from Water Lane slipway (west) to Church Lane slipway and along Champions Wharf (east). It is anticipated that the first phase implementation will start in winter 2008/09.



The scheme proposals are explained in detail at the exhibition. In summary, it is proposed to undertake the following:

1. Trees. Tony Kirkham, Head of Arboretum at Kew Gardens and other independent experts have recommended removal of trees, which are diseased and unsafe. It is proposed that the 8 Horse Chestnuts and shrubs will be replaced by 16 Pin Oak trees (6-8m high) and low screen hedging. The severely damaged and failing brick planters will be removed and planting will be directly in the ground. There will be additional tree planting in other areas.
2. Surfacing. Improved surfacing with Heritage sealed gravel, blue engineering brick, granite setts and York stone.
3. New Benches. With durable timber and brushed stainless steel finish.
4. Lighting. Columns refurbished and repositioned and the light source improved.
5. New Bins. Pierhead bins with lids and flaps to deter foraging and litter dispersal.
6. Railings. To be refurbished and repainted in dark 'Twickenham' blue RAL 5004.
7. Cycle provision. To be increased from 3 to 22 cycle stands (44 cycle parking places).
8. Parking. The provision of 2 disabled car parking bays with the loss of 3 parking bays.
9. Creation of a 'pedestrian-only' safe area outside of the Barmy Arms.
10. Upgrading of the car park outside the Mary Wallace theatre near the museum.
11. Access upgrade. The footway area to be increased along the main pedestrian route through to The Embankment from Water Lane.
12. The grassed area off Water Lane. The corner area improved with a formal path and the creation of a seating wall.
13. Maintenance. The choice of materials and planting will help improve maintenance.
14. New timber piles are proposed along the working wharf and mooring bollards along the remainder of the embankment.
15. An 'Eel Pie Music Legends' tribute area has been proposed to reflect the important musical heritage of Eel Pie Island. This feature, which would be funded through sponsorship could be created within the seating wall. (See point 12).

**Please come along to the exhibition for more details and let us know your views.**

Attached is a feedback form for completion once you have visited the exhibition at Civic Centre. A copy of this letter and feedback form are also available on the Council website [www.richmond.gov.uk](http://www.richmond.gov.uk). Please complete the feedback form and return to Urban Design, Civic Centre, 44 York Street, Twickenham TW1 3BZ **by 5pm Friday 24 October 2008**.

All comments will be analysed and reported back to the Cabinet meeting in November, when a decision will be made.

If you would like a copy of the feedback form in Braille, large print, on audiotape or in a community language please contact us on 08456 122 660.

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