



Wimbledon Park Lake Project **(Reservoir Safety and Desilting)**

Summary of Technical Steering Group Meeting – 21 November 2017

Project Status

- Discussion on Flood Risk Priorities: Noted that the Section 10 Report completed in 2013 and issued in 2014 had 4 statutory measures to be undertaken. Three have already been completed and the final item is the Flood Study, which is shortly to be commissioned. This report also made some recommendations for other potential improvements. Annual inspections are also undertaken and the draft report from this inspection has just been received by the council for comment.
- Discussions on Funding & Partnering Opportunities: Council has set aside £1.5 million towards the lake project set against a projected cost of circa £5m (Wimbledon Park Masterplan). Funding opportunities tabled included: Flood Defence Grant; Heritage Lottery; Environment Agency – limited for ecological studies; Landfill Tax Credits; etc. Timescales were also to be considered for these bids as some have long lead-in times.

Programme of Activities

- Ecological Impact Assessment – desk top research study. Commission drafted ready for circulation to group for input and then will be commissioned.
- Fish Study – Commission still to be drafted and shared.
- Tree Matters – Self-seeded saplings are the biggest concern at this time and these will need to be removed. Tree survey on AELTC land holding completed in 2017. LBM land will need a tree survey. Commission still to be drafted and shared.
- Flood Study – Commission drafted ready for circulation to group for input and then will be commissioned.
- Sluice Gate Matters – the Golf Club and AELTC to meet and discuss and report back.

Risk Register

- Draft Risk Register was tabled and additions were considered. Once finalised with the group this note will provide updates on the top three risks discussed at meetings.

Next Meeting: 20th December 2017