



Wimbledon Park Lake Safety Project

Summary of Technical Steering Group Meeting – 02 June 2020

Procurement:

The procurement of an All Reservoirs Panel Engineer (ARPE) is completed with the appointment of Dr Andy Hughes of Dams and Reservoirs Ltd.

A CDM Principal Designer is required. The Council Procurement Team are looking into this.

The main procurement tender is being collated and is expected to be issued week beginning 15th June.

Surveys:

The WYG Report has been published on the council's website along with the Annual Inspection Statement.

A new Project Group has been set up for the downstream project of the Southfields Grid. This includes both Merton and Wandsworth. They are looking into opportunities to introduce Green Infrastructure and SuDS to limit the flow into the TW culvert to help reduce flooding from surface water and the sewer. It was noted that the projects are to enhance one another and work closely throughout the programme.

Water Quality and Pollution:

Two weeks ago there was a reported fish kill incident on the lake. This was reported to and actioned by the Environment Agency (EA) and Thames Water (TW) within 24 hours and two potential sources were identified. This could have been surface water pollution such as an illegal pour into the drainage system or could have been related to a natural event such as an algae bloom and dieback. It was noted by the EA that the oxygen levels were reduced and the ammonia levels were high. It is unlikely any prosecutions will arise from this as the EA and TW investigations have been non-conclusive to a source. The report was identified and reported to the EA by the fishing club on 13th May, the day that fishing was allowed to recommence under COVID-19 lockdown rules.

Project Timeline:

The programme remains as it is. The tender period may need to be extended due to COVID-19.

Risk & Opportunities Registers:

These were reviewed and updated.

A new item to be added to the Opportunities Register for 'looking at opportunities for both de-culverting upstream and downstream of the Lake.

Date of Next Meeting:

- 4th August 2020