



Wimbledon Park Lake Safety Project

Summary of Technical Steering Group Meeting – 06 October 2020

Procurement:

The procurement of the Design and Build contractor is now complete and the successful bidder has been engaged. The contract terms have been agreed and the Lawyers are currently engrossing the contracts for issue to the successful contractor - Ward & Burke.

Surveys, Flood Study and Flood Risk Priorities:

The park has recently suffered from flooding and the dam had also overtopped.

Discussion took place on whether or the water level could be lowered temporarily. It was noted that the Top Water Level cannot be amended without full authority.

Discussions were held relating to the lowering of water levels now and in the future, taking account weather changes through the seasons and conflicting interests from key stakeholders. The outcome of this was that it is not possible to lower the water levels of the lake at this time.

It was noted that a further project is underway in conjunction with Thames Water and LB Wandsworth, looking at surface water flooding further downstream of the lake within the Southfields Grid area. The findings of this work will be shared with this lake project when available.

It was also noted that the design can be reviewed and assessed to reduce the level of core engineering required which would help alleviate a number of potential issues.

Project Timeline:

The project timeline will be updated by the appointed contractor at the next meeting.

Water Quality and Pollution:

Blue Green Algal Blooms are no longer visible within the lake.

AELTC are carrying out a phase one ecological survey on their site and have advised that they will share their survey findings with this project.

Risk & Opportunities Registers:

These were reviewed and updated. The risk register added a new item for an Environmental Impact Assessment, which may or may not be required to support the planning application.

A Potential Issues Register was also table as a first draft and discussed.

Date of Next Meeting:

- 3rd November 2020