



Wimbledon Park Lake Project - (Reservoir Safety and Desilting)

Summary of Technical Steering Group Meeting – 05 June 2018

Programme of Activities

- Ecological Impact Assessment – Identified need for two pieces of work – assess whether Eels and Amphibians are present in the lake
- Habitat Suitability Index – A Habitat Suitability Index Assessment has identified that the lake does not contain Great Crested Newts and this information will now be included within the Revised Edition of the Preliminary Ecological Assessment Index. Once completed this can be published on the council's website
- Tree Matters – company commissioned to carry out the Tree Survey work. Additional drainage survey information required in order to complete the report. The removal of the self-seeded saplings on the embankment of the reservoir still needs to be carried out, to meet the safety recommendations
- Flood Study – The Stage 2 Flood Study is now in progress. This report will provide broad options, which will include some detailed design. The aim is that this report should be sufficient to inform further design and technical development, as well as forming the basis for funding applications to external bodies such as DeFRA. The group requested that all reservoir safety/flood studies give due consideration to the historic landscape
- Site Visits – Visit to Ifield Mill Pond, Crawley confirmed for 16th July and visits were also discussed for Highams Park and Hampstead Heath for a date in August which is still to be finalised
- Archaeological Risk / Heritage and other Surveys - The Archaeological Desk-based Assessment (DBA) is still to be completed. Historic England will make contact with MOLA to see if they can assist in any way
- Finance – the addition to the group of a finance representative from Merton was considered and it was agreed that once the project had been scoped the involvement of finance would be appropriate, albeit it might be outside the terms of this meeting
- Project Scoping Meeting – it was agreed that sufficient information was now becoming available for an informed meeting to take place and that this should be scheduled over the coming months
- Website – apologies were given for the council's website information not being kept up to date – this was due to other work priorities of the officer at this time
- Historic England - Heritage at Risk register – Historic England representative advised that he had met with representatives of all the landowners of Wimbledon Park following this groups meeting on 1st May 2018. The outcome of that meeting was that the landowners agreed to consider whether it would be appropriate to establish a Memorandum of Understanding between the partners to address other wider Wimbledon Park matters beyond this project and in particular seeking to address the Heritage at Risk listing by Historic England.

Next Meeting: 7th August 2018