

The Gunnersbury Park Project's FAQs from 24/01/2017

Statement / Question	Answer
When will the presentation be available?	Presentation is available on the Visit Gunnersbury website as well as the Friends website.
Orangery future use?	Events, weddings and hire.
Timelines for completion of works ?	There has been slippage due to the nature of the project.
Café completion and potential opening date?	Currently cafe August 2017 as of 22/02/17 the main opening could be before Spring 18 but would depend on operational practicalities as well as continuing works in the immediate area.
Council's maintenance budget?	Ring fenced.
Potomac future works?	Plans to be shared when confirmed.
November 2016 update indicated different timeline for works.	Wrapping will stay until plater dries, pond refill delayed due to clay infill and walled garden wrap still in place.
Future updates?	New Communications plan to be published to make sure people know what's happening.
Link between pond and lake?	There is a drainage link between the Round Pond and the Horseshoe Pond.
Phase 2's mention of commercial options.	Due to the nature of the buildings the only way to enable any potential development that could include communal use is to allow a commercial element in both buildings. Without this element viable business plans could not be feasible.
Access to Stables area, will it be fenced off, how will cars enter?	No plans to date, main road entrance off north circular will give vehicular access.
Plans for area around Stables, Japanese Garden, etc.	Outside current scope, will be a future project.
Path improvements?	Only in areas where work is being carried out, paths in wider park maintained as part of GM contract and other works.
Clarification on secured funding.	See presentation.

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Transport plans?	Access and car parks, traffic generation - green travel plans, Hounslow looking at improving routes to and from the park, improved signage, improved entrance off Popes Lane safer for pedestrians and cyclists (although cycling in the park. Another matter), transport assessment completed as part of planning application, 35 additional spaces generated by sports facilities, no car parking added for heritage project, maybe a charge for parking in the future, options being considered.
Current security?	Park guard service, promise to take on board comments re: issues of car access, damage already caused, gates not locked, who's responsible.
Future security?	Budget has overnight security patrols built in.
Request for sports timelines to be confirmed.	See presentation.
Golf location activity.	The golf location will no longer be active upon opening due to the Phase 1 works. A new golf offer would potentially be made in the sports area of the park. The exact location has not yet been finalised.
Fencing around pitches?	Confirmed as AGPs and tennis courts only plus MUGA if ever built, grass pitches still open land.
Walled tennis court?	Not in use now part of nature trail.
Light pollution from floodlights?	General explanation about AGP position and how it changed due to noise and light surveys, confirmation that floodlights will be switched off as per planning permission.
Current opening time of gates, which gates are open and which areas are out of bounds?	Post information on park gates. It should be noted that all gates in the park will be opened by 08:00, they are opened individually resulting in some gates being opened prior to other gates.
Community role in decision making?	CIC recruitment underway.
Event income?	Retained for the Park.
Free activities?	These are detailed on Gunnersbury's website and are updated by the park team.
Covenant considerations?	Yes we've checked and our plans comply.
House on Lionel Road, plans?	Future plans being considered including sale of property.

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Covered benches haven for anti-social behaviour can they be removed?	Checked the Historical listing documents and are not of historical value. This is outside the scope of the Masterplan, but lies within the remit of overall park management. The respective team has now been notified however it should be noted that funding is required in order to remove.
Date clashed with Chiswick forum meeting, can this be avoided in future?	Will avoid in the future, next meeting planned for late March '17 (Chiswick Area Forum 14/03/17)