



London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

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RIVERSIDE WALK ENHANCEMENT REPORT

This report outlines the evolution, content and consultation that has led to the completion of the Riverside Walk Enhancement Report.

Wards
Ravenscourt Park
Hammersmith
Broadway
Fulham Reach
Palace Riverside
Sands End

CONTRIBUTORS

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Recommendation:

That the Riverside Walk Enhancement Report attached as the Appendix to this report be adopted as a policy document.

HAS A PEIA BEEN COMPLETED? YES

1. STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 This report relates to Unitary Development Plan (UDP) policies, specifically Local Implementation Plan for Transportation 2005-2009 whereby the Council is committed to “development, in terms of its design and layout, to facilitate ease of access by disabled people and others”. Additionally the Riverside Walk Enhancement Report has been structured in accordance with the relevant river-related policies stated in the UDP, as well as the policies relating to the designated conservations areas as the borough’s riverside fall entirely within six designated conservation areas. Additionally, this report relates to London Plan (revised 2008) which stresses the importance of strategic walking routes. Additionally, this document brings together both the guidance provided in the Council’s Streetsmart document, and relevant guidance on riparian biodiversity as specified by the Environment Agency’s ‘Estuary Edges’ document.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 With the recent rise in development that has been occurring in the borough along the banks of the Thames, a resource was needed that culminated all guidance, policies and general information for the purpose of providing developers and riparians a widely adopted and consistent resource with the objective to create a consistent riverside walk. The provision of a fully connected, high quality riverside walk is the key underlying objective. Previously, a number of riverside walk related documents have been compiled by the council as well as other associated partners in the past; therefore it is within this document that all relevant and existing documentation has been compiled.
- 2.2 The Riverside Walk Enhancement Report seeks to be the one stop shop resource when dealing with riverwalk related issues regarding planning, ownership, biodiversity or the maintenance of the footway. In order to facilitate this, the Highways department has been working with Riparians and local residents groups since its inception in 2006 with the creation of the Riverside Walk Working Party. This working party is made up of a representative of the Planning Department (Paul Goodacre), the chair of the Historic Building Society, Angela Dixon, the Chair of the West London River Group Roger Weston, and Annelise Johns from the Highways and Engineering Department. The members of this working party have been responsible for the research and development of this document.
- 2.3 The structure of this document uses a hierarchy of policy and guidance arranged into the six riverside conservation areas, depicted using Egis mapping and aerial photos to illustrate the character and links of each section of the river.

3. PROPOSAL

Approval is being sought for the adoption of this document as a Council document.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 This document has been written with the support of the borough's local residents who have been an integral part of the research, writing and production of this document. However, a three week internal consultation was undertaken on August 20th to September 9th 2009. This was followed by a six week external consultation that took place between October 26th and December 2nd 2009 with all relevant stakeholders. The external consultees included, the Environment Agency, Thames Water, Port of London Authority, Riparian owners (St, Georges, Sainsbury's and Helial Bar), both the Hammersmith and the Fulham Society's, English Heritage, HAFAD, Walk London, TfL, neighbouring riparian boroughs, Metropolitan Police Service and relevant residents associations.
- 4.2 The report was met with a wide a large level of support. However, the attached report reflects the detailed comments that were received.

5. COMMENTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES

- 5.1 The cost of this report has been met from existing Highways and Engineering budgets and has not resulted in an increase in expenditure or reduction of income. There have therefore been no financial implications related to the production of this report.

6. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

- 6.1 There are no legal implications related to the production of this report. It is noted that the report is neither intended to be a local development framework document nor a supplementary planning document but rather a first port of call for persons interested in the Thames Riverside Walk.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext of holder of file/copy	Department/ Location
1.	Riverside Walk Enhancement Report	Annelise Johns, ext 3005	Highways & Engineering, 4 th Floor, THX

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