

Your views are needed to shape the future of Gunnersbury Park.

We want you to take part in a consultation to help decide how best to preserve and improve the park, which is run jointly by Hounslow and Ealing councils.

A consultation questionnaire explains why action may need to be taken, and looks at the costs and benefits of the proposals that have been laid out by a team of independent consultants appointed by the councils to look into the issue. It also covers what would happen if nothing was done.

The consultants drew up a shortlist of options that they thought best protected the heritage of the park, while making sure it remained open to the public. They also looked at whether the cost of such a project would be practical and where the funding would come from.

The following course of action was suggested by the consultants:

- Develop the Large Mansion House (currently the museum) into a functions and meeting venue with a restaurant
- Develop the Small Mansion House as the new home for the museum displays
- Use the Stable block to display more of the museum collections
- Improve the park's landscape
- Build new changing rooms and indoor games hall for sports

These proposals aim to tackle all the park's problems and maximises the true potential for community use, but it will be expensive. Investment by both councils and available partnership funding will still leave a significant shortfall.

Alternative funding options could be considered including selling land for the continuation of the housing development along Lionel Road.

Although the consultants have made a series of recommendations no decision has been made, so it is important that we know what you think.

We hope to find out your views on this and the other alternative options through this consultation, and also your views on why the park is important. There are 'Do nothing' and 'Continue as existing' options as well, and the consultation explains the consequences of these.

Questionnaires will be distributed to people who live close to the park and it will also be available online for everyone else at www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury. Alternatively, you can get one by writing to Richard Gill, Gunnersbury Park Development and Regeneration Manager, Gunnersbury Park Museum, Gunnersbury Park, London W3 8LQ. They will also be available at the café and museum in the park, many libraries and leisure Centres, and at the Mela festival in August.

To view the options in detail, visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury or for more information visit www.ealing.gov.uk/consultations

An exhibition is being planned for August to give feedback from the consultation, or you can come to the next Stakeholder Forum on 30 July. Visit www.hounslow.gov.uk/gunnersbury for more details