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**Consultation Response**

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**Gunnersbury Park Options.**

The Brentford Community Council reviewed the Gunnersbury Park Consultation at their meeting on August 27 2009 and resolved:

1. To congratulate the London boroughs of Ealing and Hounslow on their work of evaluating the restoration of the Park and the two mansions.
2. We endorse Option 4 with some caveats (see points below)
3. We endorse option 12b with some caveats (see points below)
4. We consider that the full cost of the project should be calculated to include the present cost of restoration and the capitalised cost of future management and conservation to ensure that the park does not decline again nor require more sell offs.
5. That, as the London Plan states (para 3D.3) "London's distinctive network of open spaces...should be strongly protected, made more accessible and advanced" Gunnersbury is a national and regional asset. Restoration and capital funds should be partly provided by government and by the Mayor.
6. The full cost of restoration and the creation of a capital reserve to ensure future maintenance should be calculated.
7. The value of grants from the government, the Mayor and other sources should be deducted and then alternative "sell offs" should be considered.
8. We have noted that local residents, rightly concerned at the loss of green space, have suggested that Carville Park North should be valued as an alternative source of capital receipt as it is of lower social amenity value than the corner of Gunnersbury Park.
9. The final assessment of which land might be sold off should be accompanied by a land use plan to ensure that the final scheme will be of maximum benefit to new and existing residents.
10. We would also wish to explore whether the proposed size of the museum store (at the stables) is large enough. An increase from 800sq/m to 1000 sq/m should be considered. Now is the time to get the capacity right for our local history collection to ensure that further additions are not required.
11. Sell offs will require "change of use" consents. These should only be sought in the context of a land use plan for the area.
12. The BCC considers that our community is likely to be as much in need of communal facilities, including schools, as additional housing.

Yours sincerely

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