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HLF Urban Area A. 5.
St. Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade

Detailed proposals for St. Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade

Repair and restoration of railings, interpretation of the views and vistas and significant vegetation clearance through tree works and shrub clearance to connect this space visually and physically with the river, the Old Deer Park (grade I), Gordon House (grade II*) and Royal Botanical Gardens Kew (grade I).

Comments on achievements

Repair and restoration nearly a mile of railings successfully completed. Extensive tree pruning, coppicing and pollarding carried out to open and frame strategic views to listed properties and to connect St Margaret's back to the River Thames. Key hole vistas to Kew Gardens opened with interpretation to the Kew Pagoda. Views to and from The Old Deer Park enhanced across the River Thames.



Inspecting the old broken Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront 29 Sept 05 before works started with X Cllr Annie Hambidge



In many places the Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront had been replaced with modern galvanised railings in the 1980's but even these had failed in locations as seen here on 17 Sept 2004 as one approaches Isleworth Promenade.



In many places the Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront had been replaced with modern galvanised railings in the 1980's as seen here on 17 Sept 2004 as one looks towards the grade II* Richmond Lock.



Detail inspections of the old broken Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 29 August 2005 before works started . Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works. Note that one cannot even see the River Thames in these photos due to the mass of shrub along the revetments.



Inspecting the old broken Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront 17 Sept 2004 before works started by grade II* Richmond Lock



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade after works completed with new street furniture and interpretation. Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works.



Works underway to restore the Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 14 September 2007. Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works.



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 1 October 2007 looking towards the grade II* Richmond Lock. Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works.



New street lighting was fitted at the entrance point to St Margaret's Riverfront between Richmond Railway Bridge and Twickenham Bridge (grade II), replacing the old 1970 utilitarian concrete lamps.



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 12 October 2009 looking across the small pocket park created between Richmond Railway Bridge and Twickenham Bridge (grade II) looking up towards Richmond Hill in the background



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 12 Sept 2009 looking across the small pocket park created between Richmond Railway Bridge and Twickenham Bridge (grade II) looking downriver under Twickenham Bridge to the grade II* Richmond Lock.



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along Isleworth Promenade after works completed with new street furniture in background and new landscaped areas with trees planted. Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works.



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along Isleworth Promenade after works completed with new street furniture in background and new landscaped areas with trees planted 9 April 2009. Nearly a mile of cast iron railings were restored as part of the works.



The restored Edwardian cast iron railings along St Margaret's Riverfront and Isleworth Promenade 26 February 2007 looking to the grade II* Richmond Lock.



View from Old Deer Park across the River Thames to Gordon House (grade II*).19 Oct 2009



Photo showing extensive tree pollarding to preserve the mature willows and open up strategic views to the River Thames and the Old Deer Park, spring 2005 as willows sprouts new shoots from latent buds.



Photo showing cuttings awaiting clearing in front of Gordon House (grade II*) March 2005



Photo showing Kew Pagoda (grade I) viewpoint interpretation across River Thames and the Old Deer Park (grade I) Feb 2008 along St Margaret's Riverfront- note the restored railings looking upriver to Richmond Railway Bridge