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LONDON'S ARCADIA – Great South Avenue Sandy Lane to Ham Common Phase Two Consultation Summary December 2007

Respondent No *	Summary of comments	Officers comments	Executive Committee Recommendation
1.	Welcomes all the suggested improvements.	No comment (n/c)	
2.	Fully in favour of the restoration of the Ham Avenue.	(n/c)	
3.	Strongly in support of the proposed restorations of the Ham Avenues. The plans are well thought out and will greatly enhance this beautiful Thames-side area.	(n/c)	
4.	Endorses the proposal for improvement and restoration of Ham Avenue from sandy Lane to Ham Common. At the moment it is rather scruffy and uncared for the plans for its restoration to its former glory are excellent.	(n/c)	
5.	Fully supports the proposals. Very pleased with the work of London's Arcadia in the interests of both maintaining and restoring the beautiful landscapes within Ham and Petersham. Much less pleased with LBRuT's current intrusive signage programme. Looks forward to diverse hedgerows lining each side of the avenue.	Refer sign issue to LBRuT Parks	Agreed with officer
6.	Wholly in favour of the proposals and thinks once the work is done it will really restore the avenue to its former glory. Asks how the proposals will be maintained.	(n/c)	
7.	Appreciation of the team's efforts and vision for the Ham Avenues. The proposal will secure the Avenue for future generations to enjoy just as past generations have done for us. Has lived on Ham Common for 26 years and has never seen the avenues so well tendered. Full support at any discussions that might take place for future plans.	(n/c)	
8.	Fully in support. Proposals are an ongoing aspect of good land management. Difficult to see why there would be any objections to these plans.	(n/c)	
9.	Delighted with proposals, fully in support and no objections.	(n/c)	
10.	Whole hearted support.	(n/c)	
11.	Proposed plans are excellent.	(n/c)	
12.	Fully supports the proposed work.	(n/c)	
13.	Wholeheartedly supports the proposed restoration.	(n/c)	
14.	Favourable comments to the scheme.	(n/c)	
15.	Supportive – looking forward to the end result.	(n/c)	
16.	Supports this and all other initiatives to preserve the character of Richmond.	(n/c)	
17.	Supports the proposal.	(n/c)	

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18.	Excellent consultation. Restoration of the avenues is long overdue. Laments the loss of many of the ideals within Kim Wilkie's original plans but feels the proposed plans represent the best possible compromise. The plans should include a replacement divide (made from railway sleepers) between the horse track and the pedestrian path. Thanks the Arcadia team for an excellent public consultation.	We are investigating options and costs to horse divide and will address if within budget	Agreed with officer
19.	Fully in support of the plans.	(n/c)	
20.	In support of plans.	(n/c)	
21.	Full support for the plans.	(n/c)	
22.	Thanks Arcadia team for open minded consultations. Current plan strikes a sympathetic balance between its character as a country land and wildlife haven and a formal lime avenue. Removal of the mature sycamore is regrettable but justified to create the lime avenue. Proposed hedgerows are very welcome as is the generous provision of extra heavy lime trees. Looks forward to the successful completion of this project.	(n/c)	
23.	Fully support the current proposals. Many thanks for the team's sterling efforts.	(n/c)	
24.	Broadly in favour of the proposals for Ham Avenue. Criticisms of some conservation practises carried out by Richmond Council and other local bodies. The authorities are using tax payers' money to make things worse, i.e. making natural areas of Ham look less natural. Examples include unnecessary mowing and trimming (e.g. Ham Avenue), unnecessary building (e.g. the footpath in Church Road) and unnecessary signs (i.e. the new black signs that say nothing).	Refer to LBRuT Parks	Agreed with officer
25.	Fully supports the proposals and thanks all those involved for their hard work and presentation. As a horse rider hopes there continues to be a difference in height between the ride and the pedestrian path making it less easy for horses to stray onto the path. Concerned if there are dry summers the newly planted hedge will not survive but understands that there is a scheme for watering trees.	Yes a difference in height between the pedestrian path and bridleway will be maintained	Agreed with officer
26.	Happy with the plans and hope the work can proceed as soon as possible.	(n/c)	

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27.	Thoroughly approve of the proposed management. Ask if the trees along the avenue could be pruned so Ham House is more visible.	Long term the Avenue will arch above vista line to Ham House so it will be clearly visible but ultimately pruning and maintenance will be handed over to LBRuT Parks	Agreed with officer
28.	Delighted with the proposals.	(n/c)	
29.	Where the elms are removed, will the roots be dug up? If the elms are coppiced the problems will start again. Would prefer elms to be removed entirely and not included in the hedgerow. Delighted the spoil mound will be levelled, asks if the east side of the avenue will be grass seeded?	Too expensive to removal all elm roots to control suckers. Elm will be managed in front of the tree line by periodic mowing. Behind tree line elm will form part of hedgerow but it will be clipped and coppiced on a 6 year rotational cycle to keep it low and thus alive and viable. All of the east side will be seeded with an appropriate wildflower grass seed mix	Agreed with officer
30.	Proposals represent an excellent compromise.	(n/c)	
31.	Happy with proposed works.	(n/c)	
32.	Supportive.	(n/c)	
33.	Fully supportive of plans.	(n/c)	
34.	Wholehearted approval of scheme.	(n/c)	
35.	Fully support the proposed restoration. Adds that the onerous must be on Arcadia to water new plants.	London's Arcadia has purchased its own water bowser and the contract will include 6 months (summer) maintenance.	Agreed with officer

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36.	Supportive.	(n/c)	
37.	Supportive of plans. Hopes the tennis courts will continue to be screened by trees. Would like Scout Group to be consulted re: barbed wire on west side of the avenue.	Yes existing hedgerow along tennis courts will be maintained and will be augmented and ticked with current proposal. The Scout fence is a privately owned fence and while we will plant a hedgerow to soften the issue will remain with the Scouts to deal with the barbed wire fence	Agreed with officer

End

37 responses received by Monday 10th December 2007- consultation closed 5pm, Friday 7th December 2007.

London's Arcadia Executive Committee reviewed consultation on the 11th December 2007 and approved the proposed works as outlined in the London's Arcadia consultation 16th November – 7th December 2007.