

RICHMOND GREEN PROJECT

CONSULTATION

Background

Iron bollards and railings once encompassed the whole of Richmond Green but most were removed as part of the World War II effort. Forty nine bollards remain in situ opposite Maids of Honour Row, with some bearing the crest of King William IV, and some being later replacements.

The initiative to replace these bollards originated with the Friends of Richmond Green (FoRG) to mark the Diamond Jubilee. After initial conversations with the London Borough of Richmond it was suggested that FoRG should raise funds for this project to contribute to the purchase and installation of bollards and railings. The FoRG have secured significant pledges and the Council are now in a position to carry out consultation on this proposal.

An equal mix of plain and Elizabeth II crested bollards is envisaged, with the crests importantly as the symbolic visual expression of a Richmond-specific link between the two Elizabethan eras. Pedestrian access points will not only be maintained onto all existing pathways but provided at additional points as deemed appropriate following this consultation.

As a package, the overall project would be the first coordinated refurbishment of Richmond Green in living memory. The transcending purpose is to lift the whole presence of a precious space which is central to the character and self-esteem of Richmond.



We would like your comments on the bollards and railings around the whole of the main Green and on the following additional options:

- A. Install bollards on two sides of Little Green for the first time, if support is demonstrated during this consultation.
- B. Refurbishment of the fountain - last restored 35 years ago to mark the Queen's Silver Jubilee.

To coincide with this project, the London Borough of Richmond is also proposing to carry out a series of footpath and entrance improvements around the Green as listed below:

1. Old Palace Lane to Pembroke Villas – construction of a new heritage gravel footway on the Green perimeter,
2. The Gateway – provide new area of granite setts or suitable alternative to prevent further wear
3. Portland Terrace to Little Green – repair of footway defects and surface with heritage gravel
4. Greenside – repair minor footway defects and surface with heritage gravel
5. Fountain area – installation of granite setts to fountain surround,
6. Friars Lane to Old Palace Lane – re-surface footway with heritage gravel

Please complete the questionnaire or for further information or to provide feedback please contact parks@richmond.gov.uk or 08456 122660 by **Monday 5th August**.

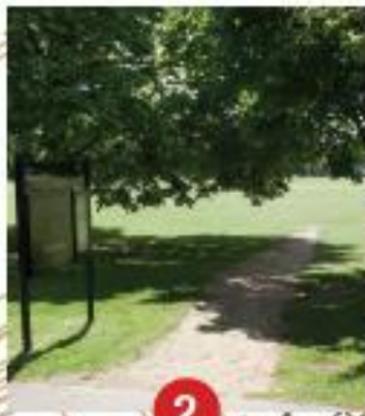


Images of the existing Bollards and Railings on the main Green





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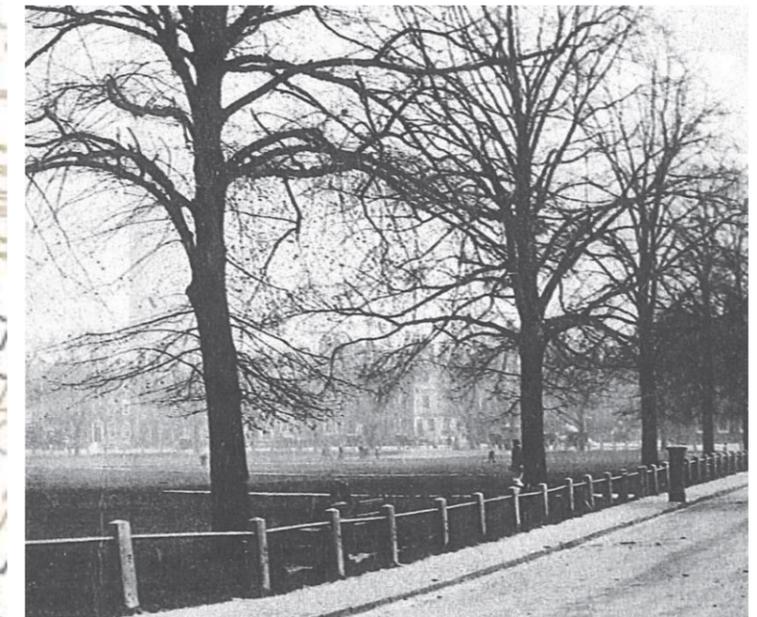
Extend of further bollard & rail
Existing bollard & rail



Heritage Golden Gravel



Granite setts



Considerations

- The final scheme will be subject to Disability Discrimination Act audit.
- Installation of bollards and railings will respect ground conditions, including the location of trees and underground services.
- Pedestrian access points will not only be maintained onto all existing pathways but provided at additional points as deemed appropriate following this consultation.
- Appropriate and secure vehicle access points will be created
- The Crown has indicated support for this scheme. Following the outcome of this consultation the final scheme will be subject to formal written consent from the Crown.
- A street furniture review will be carried out on benches, bicycle racks and bins as part of the project. Any re-locations or improvements will be carried out as appropriate.

Pledges of financial support for the scheme can be made at: http://www.forq.org.uk/?page_id=1934