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NEWS

The Newsletter of the Hanger Hill
Garden Estate Residents Association
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Princes Gardens Restoration Project is all set to begin work - we need your thoughts on the designs!

- £50,000 has been raised to pay for work
- Implementation in two phases, starting January 2018
- Detailed design available for review
- Comments and contributions are welcome

Following consultations with residents, surveys of the current trees and shrubs, advice from the Police, Ealing Council, estate gardeners and Residents' Association, a draft design for the first phase of work (the Pilot Scheme) has been created.

This Pilot Scheme will renovate the northern 60 metres. The design for the rest of the central reservation will then be drawn up, so that any lessons learnt during the Pilot Scheme can be applied. Maintaining colour and evergreen planting throughout the year, benefits to wildlife, and the importance of a barrier to pollution and people have all been considered in the design.

The new plants and trees proposed have been chosen to provide a balance of interesting colours, sizes and flowering times, but also to be as low maintenance and pollution tolerant as possible.

Supporting birds, bees and other important insects throughout the year have also been important factors in plant selection. The area will develop from first planting over next spring and summer, and will mature further over the years to come.

A new crossing point is proposed north of the central reservation near Tudor Gardens. Streetlighting needs to be improved, as this was a concern of both the residents and Police. Ealing Council are aware of these issues and the project team are in discussions with them.

While carrying out the works, there may be some noise from tree works. Some parking bays may need to be suspended for a short time. As soon as the details of this are known, dates and information will be delivered to the houses affected.

Let us know your views

To view the full proposal, please go to:

<http://hhgera.com/gardens-project>

Paper copies are available to view at Japan Services- just pop in!

Comments and questions are welcome.

Please contact the Working Group by Monday 4th December, by email: consultation@hhgera.com

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Come and see the full proposal!

Please come to café 11 on Saturday 2nd December
3-5pm to meet some of the team and see the proposal

Timeline

March 2017- Central Reservation area renovation raised at the HHGE AGM

July 2017- consultation with HHGE Residents

November 2017- draft plans submitted to residents for Pilot Scheme

December 2017- final Pilot Scheme approved by Houses Committee following feedback from residents

January 2018- tree and shrub works in Pilot Scheme area (timed to avoid bird nesting season)

January 2018- first planting in Pilot Scheme area

October 2018- further bulb planting in Pilot Scheme area

October 2018 – start of work on rest of central reservation area

Plant choice

Why are some plants being removed or pruned?

Some trees are dying or diseased and need to be removed. Others are too close to the road, or to other plants. As many of the existing plants as possible will be kept.

How have new plants been chosen?

New trees have been chosen to be wildlife friendly (especially for bees), suitable for the type of soil, and for an urban, polluted environment. The trees and shrubs are a mix of those that are seasonal and those who thrive throughout the whole year.

What happened to the Cherry Tree Walk idea?

Having only Cherry Trees leaves the trees vulnerable to disease. Residents were concerned about the idea of a 'walk' as this could attract anti-social behaviour. The Project Group considered all the feedback on this, and have revised the plans to keep the area as a garden with crossing points.



So will there be Cherry Trees?

Yes! Some of the existing cherry trees will be kept. Two different species of new cherry trees will be planted. These will flower at different times. Other trees with beautiful blossom, such as crab apple, will be included. This mixture of trees ensures the area will be interesting to look at over the seasons, and the diversity protects from disease.

What about shrubs? Shrubs with a variety of colours, sizes, and seasons have been chosen. They will provide flowers for birds and bees throughout the year, and habitat for wildlife. Spacing has been designed to make the area thick with plants, so it looks stunning – and is difficult to cross.

Will there be flowers? A mix of wildflowers will be planted, with a wildflower meadow at the very top of the central reservation, which will improve visibility for road users. Log piles and natural bark will be used as barriers. The full proposal covers in detail why each new plant has been chosen, and the reasons why some will be removed.



The project budget should be sufficient to cover all the works for the Pilot Scheme and main schemes together with the establishment (mainly watering) costs for the first 3 years. The project has received funding from:

- Ealing Council Transform Your Space fund
- Mayor of London Greener City Fund
- Car Giant, Transport for London, Hanger Hill councillors
- Local businesses: Japan Services Rent Ltd, Grimshaws, Conway Chemist, Crown Plumbing and Café 11
- More than 70 individuals from the local community!
- Thanks also to all of those who have contributed their time, thoughts, and knowledge to the project.
- Thanks particularly to John Ward Garden and Landscape Design