

4.2 MARBLE HILL REVIVED MASTERPLAN

The proposals for the Marble Hill Revived Project aim to balance the historic significance of the site, with the environmental potential of the park and an enhanced offer for broader audience of park users. Together these themes will enable a sustainable future for Marble Hill Park to be developed.

Marble Hill Park has the potential to reconnect the house and landscape through a considered programme of repair, restoration and enhancement works and increase the understanding and enjoyment of the park for all. Work will focus on the restoration, reinterpretation and development of the park's core attributes: the Grade II* registered landscape; the public amenities of the wider park; and the Grade I listed House.

Proposals for the park include:

- Develop the relationship between features of heritage significance and healthy living through sport and recreation.
- Interpret the layers of landscape history with emphasis on the time of Henrietta Howard.
- Integration of a new play offer for young children.
- Consideration of climate change adaptation with new planting programmes and management strategies.
- Develop management strategies that are proactive.
- Promote the importance of Marble Hill in the context of the Thames Landscape Strategy and adjacent parks and open spaces.
- Develop tree and woodland management strategies that restore the character of these areas and introduce a comprehensive planting programme to ensure the growth of a successional landscape for future generations.
- Protect the existing semi-natural habitats of elevated ecological value, including the woodland and veteran trees which are features for which the park qualifies as a Site of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINC).
- Enhance over 4 hectares of improved biodiversity including, new wetland habitat, meadow grassland and improved woodland margins
- Acknowledge the need to develop proposals with biosecurity in mind. This is particularly pertinent in the context of the former Horse Chestnut Avenues.
- Consider opportunities of sustainable urban drainage across the park to respond to tidal flooding.
- Maintain and enhance park boundaries to create more welcoming entrance to the park.
- Improve accessibility of path network
- Rationalise site furniture across the park.
- Decompact and improve grass sward across the park.
- The restoration of the lost 18th century Arcadian landscape and Sweet Walk.
- Refurbish the existing café
- Introduce a lift platform to the House.
- Represent and install new interpretation to the House.
- Provide training opportunities in catering, horticulture, early learning and heritage management.
- Refurbish the existing Sports Block.



Illustrative masterplan

