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Dear Claire and Alex,

Much thanks for this info which I have forwarded to our planning officers.

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Dear Councillor Cardy

I am writing in advance of next Wednesday's Planning Committee with the attached brief summary of English Heritage's proposals for Marble Hill and their benefits, which I hope will assist you in considering our planning and listed building applications.

As you will have seen from your Planning Officer's report:

"The scheme overall..... (is) not considered to bring about an intensification of use or an introduction of movement or activity that is considered significantly beyond what would be expected from the site's current use and function as a public open space or that would cause demonstrable harm to the character of the Metropolitan Open Land, subject to conditions. Further, subject to safeguarding conditions, the scheme is not deemed to unduly prejudice residential amenities or parking and highway conditions."

However, as outlined in the Planning Officer's report, the scheme includes the felling of trees (and replanting), which has led to an objection from the Council's Arboricultural and Ecology Officers.

If approved, the scheme would see a total of 342 new trees planted across the site. This would be 20% higher than the number of (generally poor quality) trees that will be removed. Thinning these poor quality trees will allow a new, healthier and more diverse generation of trees and wildlife to grow and flourish.

Your Planning Officer has responded to the Arboricultural and Ecology Officers' objection as follows:

"The concerns raised have been given considerable weight. However, on balance, it is deemed justification has been provided for such works, conditions can be secured to mitigate and compensate the loss of trees; and the scheme as a whole will deliver substantial public benefits, including:

- a) The restoration of and securing the long-term financial sustainability of a Grade I listed Marble Hill House.*
- b) Increased access to the Grade I-listed heritage asset:*
 - introduction of free entry to the Marble Hill House,*
 - opening hours more than quadrupled,*
 - the installation of a lift to meet DDA provisions.*
 - Access to the House and Park will be further enhanced by the introduction of a more accessible form of interpretation providing enhanced educational, social and community value.*
- c) Restoration of significant elements of the 18th Century landscape and reversing the decline of the woodlands so that the Grade II* Registered Park of international importance can be enjoyed for generations.*
- d) Optimisation of a currently under-used local tourist destination.*
- e) Improved access to and management of a local open space including improved sports facilities, totalling £6m of inward investment.*
- f) The creation of an additional 17 full time equivalent jobs as a direct result of the reconfiguration and refurbishment of the café, and of the increased opening hours in the house and shop. The posts will include 5 apprenticeships which will be proactively advertised to local people every year.*
- g) An expanded programme of small-scale public events and other community engagement activities.*

On such basis, and with the conditions outlined in the report, the benefits are deemed to outweigh the harm."

I very much hope that you are able to support your Planning Officer's recommendation and grant planning and listed building consent to our applications.

Yours sincerely



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