

THAMES LANDSCAPE STRATEGY

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Planning Application 18/2977/FUL Marble Hill

Dear James Garside

I am writing regarding the current planning application for Marble Hill. The Thames Landscape Strategy does not normally comment on planning applications but is particularly interested in the restoration of the historic garden at Marble Hill.

The restoration of the historic garden has been a priority in the Thames Landscape Strategy for almost 25 years. Being saved from development at the turn of the C20th the park has seen many changes in the intervening years that have left the landscape significantly degraded. The English Heritage restoration would provide the opportunity to bring back to life one of the jewels along the Arcadian Thames and halt further decline in the nationally important landscape.

The Thames Landscape Strategy would ask the Council to consider the guidance within the 2012 Thames Landscape Strategy Report and to consider the ways that the current application from English Heritage meets our goals for the enhancement of the historic landscape, the conservation of important wildlife habitats and the creation of new recreational activity along the river. Of particular note would be the guidance contained within Reach Eight for Ham.

Kind regards

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