

Please find the comments from the Friends of Kensington Gardens Group added to the 5 year plan draft that was presented.

Future planned use of site:

Destination Park based around its heritage as a Victorian Pleasure Garden and its links with Kensington Gardens in London and through that Peter Pan. Originally had a Japanese Garden however the soil is not acidic enough to recreate and the ground is very compressed in the Japanese garden due to the trees and old planting. Need to discuss with Friends Group whether to recreate the Japanese Garden or create a new dell garden. This would affect design of the structure.

Key Development Opportunities:

- Roofed pergola to rear of “Japanese Garden” – **The group do not think this is needed.**
- A new Peter Pan sculpture for the fish pond. Either **Peter Pan** and merfolk or Pen Pan and pirates ship to make it more unique and link in the maritime location to Peter Pan. + **Metal sculpture This sculpture has now been installed.**
- Possibly a fun second statue of a crocodile with an actual working clock or clock with movable hands in its mouth emerging from the pond at one end. **Not wanted by friends group**
- “Lost boys” sculptures in the trees incorporating wildlife houses etc – **Yes please**
- Addition to the Bowls Club – linking the café to the bowls club to still maintain the two access points but with a continuous roof, a central covered bench area, and an enclosed extension at the bowls club end to contain bowls equipment at the front and a shallow store at the rear for Friends gardening tools (see diagram). **Not wanted by the friends group.**
- CCTV possibly in 3 – 4 locations - **Yes please**
- Drinking Water Fountain - **Yes please**
- Children’s Play area linked to the theme of the park of a more natural style? – **Yes please**
- Limited seating required – **A ‘ Reading Chair ‘ has been agreed with LTC and is awaiting installation.**
- Gates with arched tops - ?
- Signage – **Yes please**
- Bins - **Yes please**
- Bike racks – **Yes please**
- Lighting - **Yes please**
- Holocaust Garden – **This has been planted up by ‘ The Friends Group ‘**
- Holocaust Plinth – **This has been installed**
- Kinder Transport Memorial Bench – **Yes please**
- Islands in the boating lake – **Would like to see a better use of the boating lake**
- Rainwater capture and storage – **A mulching area has been constructed and is in use. Rainwater storage is still needed.**

Resources Required:	Various
Funding Required:	Grant/Capital funding for pavilion, Parks Development Budget, sponsorship/grants
Stakeholder Group	Yes

We the group have discussed the above proposals and hope that our comments are welcomed.

Regards

Bob (' Chair ' Friends of Kensington Gardens member)