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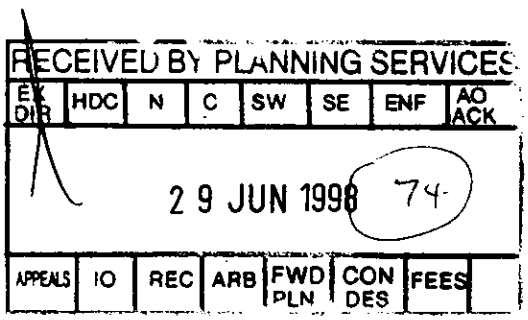
Diana Memorial Garden



Dear [illegible]

Having read Alan Clark's excellent article in The Telegraph recently,I do so agree with his arguments against the proposed site.

But I wonder if anyone has questioned the proposal for a GARDEN at all? It seems to me that a garden is the last thing to symbolise the late Princess Diana, let alone one which appears to be likely to be in the currently fashionable formal style, all strict and straight and clipped.

I wonder who is behind this particular proposal ? I suspect an influentual coterie.

Yours sincerely

[signature]

Mrs Elizabeth Mackeown

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The Head of Planning and Conservation
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
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July 17th

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Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing on behalf of the Parliamentary All Party Cycling Group of MPs and Peers to express concern about the proposals for the Diana Memorial Gardens.

We are not against the idea in principle, but would be extremely concerned about any development that made it more difficult to establish east/west and north/south cycle routes through Kensington Gardens.

An east/west route linking Kensington Palace Gardens with the cycle way in Hyde Park that runs east/west in between the Serpentine and Rotten Row is particularly important, forms part of the London cycle network and is supported by the London boroughs, including, I believe, yourselves.

The Royal Parks have a very poor record in provision for cycling - Kensington Gardens and Regent's Park make none at all. The boroughs and the Government are keen on encouraging cycling and anything that made it easier for the Royal Parks to continue to shirk their responsibilities would be regrettable.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,

Secretary, All Party Cycling Group

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Ben Bradshaw
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Dear Mr. French,

We are the owner occupiers of 2 Canning Pl. for the past 13 years. As we have not received a postal questionnaire & have been unable to get to the Royal Albert Hall before our holiday departure & we are responding to the proposed Diana Memorial in this way.

Please count the enclosed responses from the Princess Diana Memorial Action Group advertisement as though we had filled out 2 questionnaires with the same responses.

It seems to us that many residents who will be very affected by these plans will be unable to respond because the survey requires a response during the summer holiday period.

Thank you for considering our views.

M. Catherine Haydon

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Lawrence M. Hudson

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PRINCESS DIANA MEMORIAL ACTION GROUP

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THE PRELIMINARY CONSULTATION PROCESS CONCERNING THE PRINCESS DIANA MEMORIAL GARDENS RUNS FROM THE 9TH TO 31ST JULY. QUESTIONNAIRES WHICH WILL BE SENT OUT TO EVERY RESIDENT OF POSTAL DISTRICTS IN THE VICINITY OF KENSINGTON GARDENS HAVE TO BE RETURNED BY THE 7TH AUGUST.

In consultation with the Kensington Society and local Residents Associations we have reviewed the questionnaire, and as any decision will have a long lasting effect on the immediate environment we are publishing our views to help you deal with the questions posed.

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It is not our intention to tell you how to fill in your questionnaire. It is important that your answers represent your own views in your own words.

Question 1. Principles/Setting a Context

Additional principles that should be considered:

1. Any changes to the Gardens should take full account of views of residents.
2. Any changes should not encourage more visitors or tourists.

Question 2. Do you consider Kensington Gardens to be an appropriate place to locate a memorial to commemorate Diana, Princess of Wales?

This is a misleading question as many people who consider it an appropriate place for a memorial are bitterly opposed to the Garden proposals. As the questionnaire is in reference to the Garden proposal we believe this question should be answered in the negative.

Question 3. We "strongly disagree" with the proposals as outlined in the Preliminary Consultation.

Question 4. We "strongly disagree" with the Memorial walking route on the basis that tour operators will turn it into a "package" with an increase in coaches picking up and setting down and further pressure for fast food and lavatory facilities.

Question 5a. Features of a Memorial Garden. If we do not consider a memorial garden appropriate obviously any of its features are inappropriate.

Question 5b. Instead of a memorial garden we are recommending that the present playground should include facilities for disabled children, and that it be named "The Princess Diana Playground" with a commemorative bronze plaque of one of the familiar images of Diana with children. There would be replica playgrounds in deprived areas of large cities throughout the country.

Question 6. Disastrous / very serious. A memorial garden named after Princess Diana with a focal point of a jet d'eau fountain will become a major tourist attraction in its own right. It would bring a huge increase in the enormous number of visitors and tourists to one of the most congested and polluted areas of London. The present coach park is always full and local undergrounds already overcrowded. Lavatory and catering facilities are totally inadequate.

EACH PERSON IS ENTITLED TO ONE QUESTIONNAIRE. IF FOR ANY REASON YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED YOUR COPY PLEASE COLLECT ONE FROM THE ALBERT MEMORIAL EXHIBITION CENTRE IMMEDIATELY.

This advertisement is placed by the Princess Diana Memorial Action Group, who would like to thank everyone that has contributed to the Fighting Fund. Anyone wishing to support our activities should send cheques payable to ESSA (The Edwardes Square Scarsdale & Abingdon Association) endorsed on the back PDMAG. Post to PDMAG, 29 Pembroke Road, London W8 6DP. Tel: 0171 602 9252.

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19th August 1998

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Dear Sirs,

Proposals for a Memorial to Diana. Princess of Wales

I have been asked by the Executive Committee of this Society to write and express their views on the above subject as they relate to Kensington Gardens. There is a lot of press comment but little in the way of facts and we understand that no Planning Application has yet been submitted.

It is felt that the Royal Parks are delightful and pleasurable as they are; Londoners can be proud and grateful that such amenities have survived the pressures of time. Any memorial within them should be on a small scale such as a modest fountain or a children's playground.

Should something more ambitious be needed, to reflect national sentiment, it should be situated in a less congested location where there is room to do the project justice; Runnymede and Glastonbury are two places that come to mind.

Yours faithfully,
THE LONDON SOCIETY.

Gayne Wells

Gayne Wells,
Chairman.

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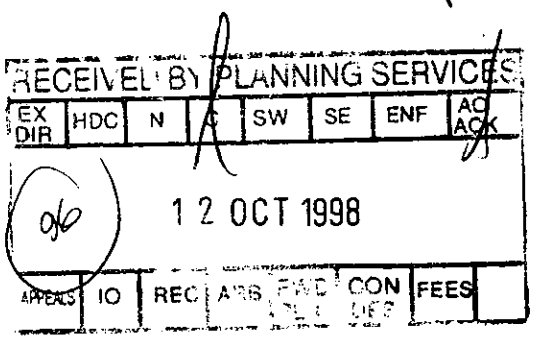

October 8 1998

Dear Sir

I am writing to register my objection to the Princess Diana Memorial Garden planned for Kensington Gardens.

The money should be spent elsewhere on far worthier causes.

This unnecessary plan would create havoc in a peaceful place and create many problems of traffic, parking, litter, pollution etc.etc.

Please use the money less wastefully and more creatively.

Yours faithfully

Paull Boucher

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Kensington Court Residents Association

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Mr. Greg McErlean
Project Sponsor
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18th October 1999

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Dear Mr. McErlean,

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Projects
- Kensington Gardens Aspects

Thank you for your letter of 12 October. I trust my comments can still be taken into account.

In fact I have already put preliminary reactions to Ms. Adams, and I am confirmed in these views by seeing the plans now in a bit more detail.

1. Walkway - We want the south-west corner (at the foot of the Broadwalk) de-emphasised, otherwise it will become a dropping-off and picking-up point for tour coaches. My suggestion was to cut off the corner below the Round Pond and head towards the Albert Memorial keeping north of the Floral Walk. Those wanting to take the Floral Walk or the path to the south of it could do so. Others would sweep round and avoid this busy corner. Also I do not see why the path was recently re-routed north of the Round Pond with some loss of trees and turf, as the new path is wider. We do not want to lose any trees or grass.

2. Playground - This seems to gobble up more and more acres. We were told it would be roughly the same size as the existing one. The plans are over-elaborate, and more like a funfare than a play area in a rural setting.

   The playground at the Hurlingham Club (cost £30,000) is very popular and does not spoil the landscape. It is hidden by hedges and trees, which also damp down the noise of happy children playing and exercising. Your project looks too much like a mini-Disneyland. The pirate ship is no doubt a bright idea by someone who has failed to recognise that it would greatly appeal to teenagers and be a target for vandals.† It would be appropriate perhaps at a seaside resort in municipal gardens on the promenade. But surely not in a Royal Park close by a major Royal Palace. I trust the projected plans will be severely toned down.

† you would need a security guard on duty all the time.

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Yours sincerely,

Sir Ronald Arculus, Chairman
Kensington Court Residents Association

cc. Mrs. E. Rudd, Kensington Society
Mr. M. French, RBK&C

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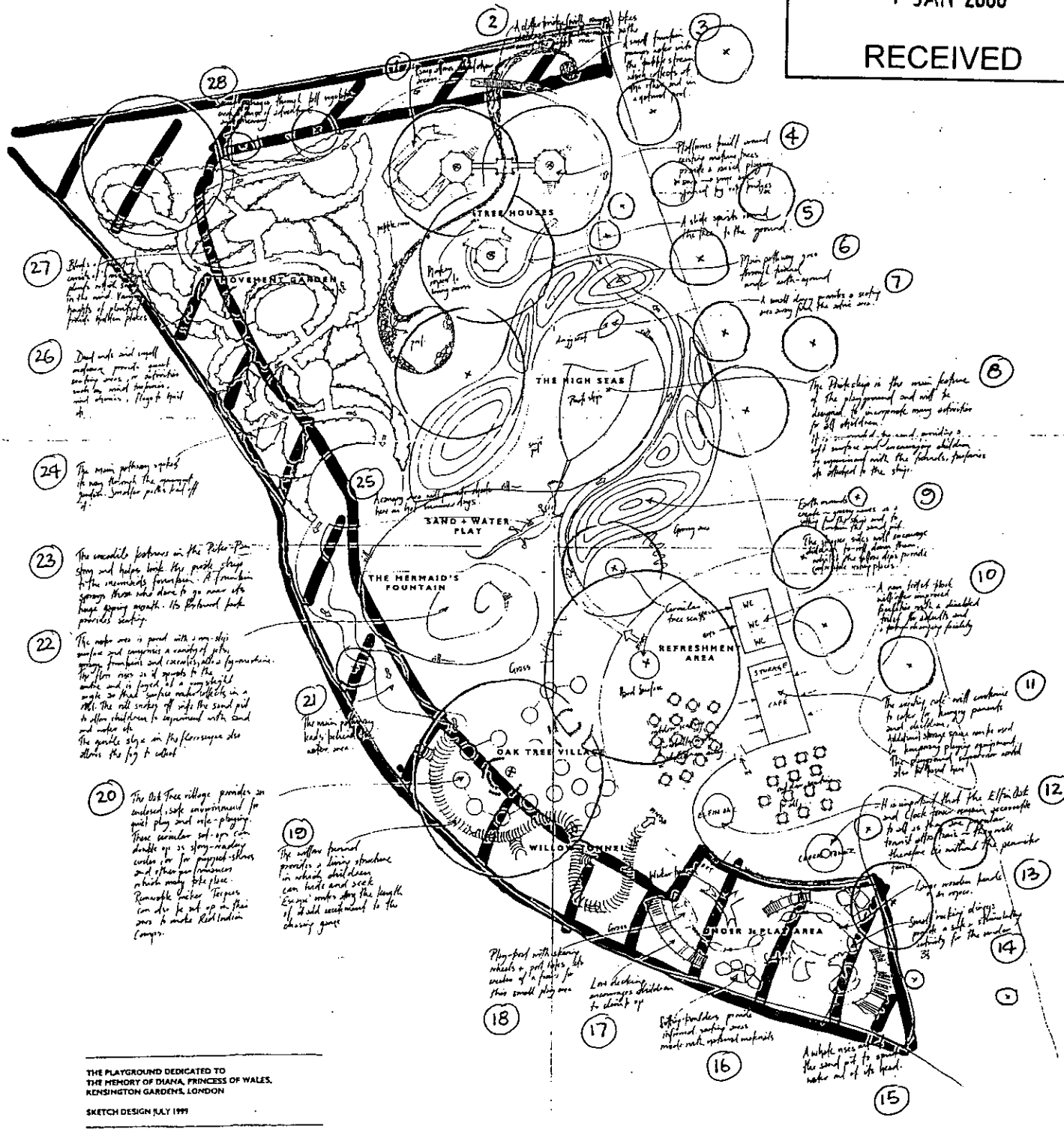

THE PLAYGROUND DEDICATED TO THE MEMORY OF DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, KENSINGTON GARDENS, LONDON

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8th December 1999

Mr. M.J. French
Planning & Conservation
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Dear Mr. French,

Kensington Gardens Royal Park - Playground Development

May I comment on this planning application (PP/99/02384). First, I refer you to my letter of 18 October to Mr. McErlean of the Royal Parks (of which you were sent a copy) which gives some views on the playground plans.

Secondly, may I suggest that you may like to pursue some of the following aspects:

(a) Area - This looks like gobbling up 35-40% more green space than the existing playground, and we were assured it would be scarcely any larger. Can you cut it down?

(b) Trees - Too many mature trees to be felled?

(c) Construction - Too much? Will it end up looking like an amusement park? There is no profile view given, only ground plans. How ugly will it look from the rest of the park? There could be a beech or conifer hedge to screen it visibly and for noise, but this is apparently not planned. Screening could be imposed as a condition?

(d) Controls - What is proposed to deal with overcrowding, queues, keeping out tramps, vandals, overage children, hooligans? What about first-aid? Safety? Security? Guards? On the other hand, our point that there should be no vehicular access seems to have been taken.

In short, this looks over-sized, over-elaborate, too much like a theme park/funfare, and understaffed and under-controlled. I hope the Council will be able to put some at least of this right through judicious use of planning controls.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Ronald Arculus, Chairman
Kensington Court Residents Association

cc. Mrs. E. Rudd, The Kensington Society

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The Royal Borough of Chelsea and Kensington
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16th December 1999

Proposed Development at Kensington Gardens Royal Park

We oppose to the above development for the following reasons:

There already is an existing play ground on the site which merges perfectly into the surrounding countryside.

Our main concern, however, is the potential security risk. We have already had intruders in the grounds of our Ambassador's residence. We have complained about this to the Crown Agents, W.A. Ellis. The intruders have gained access from the park. We are not allowed to increase the height of the fencing.

Surely there must be a more suitable site for this kind of development, as it is going to draw an increased number of visitors to this site. This of course means even more traffic problems in an already congested area.

Yours sincerely,

Pirjo Tye

Pirjo Tye
Administration Officer

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TO : DEREK TAYLOR
AREA PLANNING OFFICER

FROM : EDWARD STRICKLAND (FOR GREG McELLIGAN)

DATE : 24/12/99

THE ROYAL PARKS

Copy correspondence enclosed relating to the Diana Memorial Playground.

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With compliments

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Edward Strickland 29.12.99

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Memorandum

THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: September 27, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Summary of the consultations carried out to date on the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Projects

CC:

As you know we were asked by the Memorial Committee to consult fully with planners and residents groups in taking these projects forward. This was achieved by first developing our own proposals internally with the assistance of consultants and then consulting with the various groups, bodies and individuals interested in the projects. These included:

The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, Planning and Conservation Department

Westminster City Council Environment & Planning Committee

The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Committee

Children's Play Policy Forum

National Playing Fields Association

The Landscape Institute

English Heritage

Garden History Society

Royal Parks Wildlife Group

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport

The Historic Royal Palaces

Buckingham Palace

The Friends of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens

The Thorney Island Society

The Princess Diana Memorial Action Group

The Knightsbridge Association

The Kensington Court Residents Association

The Kensington Society

Palace Gate Residents Association

The Westminster Society

London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust

The two local Members of Parliament

The first round of consultations was carried out individually (although certain groups did band together) in a two week period in June. All of the consultees were to a greater or lesser extent supportive of the two projects, with the exception of the Thorney Island Society who objected to the walk and more especially the

coming into Green Park or St. James's Park. They would rather that the walk stopped at Hyde Park and that the St. James's Park Bridge is rebuilt in the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales. They do want any plaques in the ground. They expressed worries about present saturation levels, increased tourist coach numbers, tributes-candles etc being left along the walk, and additional litter problems. They also expressed their opinion that Diana had no connection with St. James's Park.

All of the other consultees were largely constructive in any criticism they had, but the most serious concerns were as follows:

The proposals for the South Flower Walk in Kensington Gardens – many groups expressed concern about the effect of the proposed redevelopment upon wildlife.

Many were concerned about the possible visual impact of the playground upon the park, both visually and in terms of traffic.

Many groups expressed concern about the risk of the proposals concentrating visitors at certain points of the route to the extent that these would become shrines. In particular they were sensitive to the areas around Kensington Palace and especially the Dial Walk area.

Many groups raised concerns about the adequacy of visitor facilities along the route (Drinking fountains, toilets, and cafes)

Buckingham Palace raised concerns about the bulb planting proposed for the Broadwalk in Green Park.

The overall feeling was that we had achieved a support level of about 90% for the Walkway and 95% for the playground proposals.

The proposals were further developed and a second major consultation exercise was carried out on the 10th September 1999 in the Old Police House, Hyde Park. This was extremely successful. We explained how we had developed our proposals and how we had addressed their previous concerns. Everyone appeared to be very excited about the Playground proposals and showed a very high level of support for the Walk. The Thorney Island Society was not represented, although they were invited. The discussions were mainly of a constructive nature. After the meeting was over there were many private conversations with attendees and they all expressed their satisfaction with the projects.

Two points that came across very strongly however were

1. What was our reaction to the Mirrors campaign for a permanent Diana Memorial? Our answer was that whilst we were aware of it, we only had instructions to proceed with these two projects.
2. They were all concerned about the proposed naming of the projects. They all agreed that the name of Diana, Princess of Wales should be in the titles – The Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk and the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Playground.

Other consultations have also been going on with the likes of planners, English Heritage, Friends groups etc. on an as required basis. These have been satisfactory.

Greg McErlean.

Greg McErlean

Project Manager

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File Note

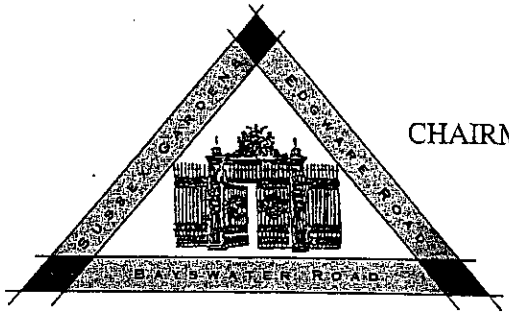
THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: September 21, 1999

BY: Greg McErlean

RE: Jennifer Adams meeting with the Friends of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens

Whilst I was on holiday last week, Jennifer met with the Friends to discuss amongst other things the latest proposals on the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Route and Playground proposals. She reported to me yesterday that there was general support for both proposals although there were some concerns expressed about the effect of wear and tear on the green elements of the playground and that the playground might be too much like a theme park and be rather "tacky".



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Mr Greg McErlean
The Royal Parks
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13 September 1999

Dear Mr McErlean

DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES MEMORIAL PROJECTS

The consultation last Friday about the progress and modifications of the projects for a Memorial Walk and Playground was most interesting and helpful.

This Association considers these proposals to be entirely appropiate and acceptable, and we have no particular points to raise.

I wish, however, to repeat what I said on Friday, that the RPA should seriously consider its possible liability in the event of an accident in the playground. In spite of some suggestions that children must learn to take risks, in the current climate of willingness to resort to the courts, I can visualise the RPA being involved in finding substantial amounts of damages, or at least heavy legal costs. I presume that as a Crown Agency the RPA does not carry insurance. Perhaps this is something that should be considered.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Stern
Chairman

c Mrs Jennifer Adams, Manager Central Royal Parks

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12 September, 1999
The Project Manager,
Diana Memorial Garden

Dear Greg,

Thank you very much for inviting me to the recent presentation which I think was extremely good and told everybody all they wanted to know. It was particularly good that the playground is seen as a 'play environment' in an historic park. LUC have produced a most imaginative scheme, a magic Peter Pan world which leaves imaginations room to work and takes into account the existing Elfin Oak and the fact that J.M.Barrie contributed money to the original playground

I do think priority in arrangements must be given to the regular local Bayswater users with no play areas of their own; it is already a good community benefit for these families and their needs must be considered. Casual park visitors could of course be accommodated but could some scheme be introduced whereby if coaches with large groups want to visit they must book in advance so that there can be a limit placed on coach entry, as the National Trust does with small sensitive areas.

Would you be good enough to put my personal address on the Royal Parks mailing list for any future correspondence as things get held up otherwise.

with all good wishes + many thanks

Mavis Batey

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE

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25th August 1999

Dear Jennifer.

At long last I am responding to your letter of 3rd June about the Projects in the Royal Parks dedicated to Diana, Princess of Wales, which I have shown to the Lord Chamberlain and of which The Queen is also aware. Many apologies for the delay.

I assume that the part of the walk past Lancaster House goes along the pavement of The Mall. Perhaps you could kindly confirm this.

My only other concern is the suggested planting of daffodils in the Broad Walk of Green Park. While these are a fine sight when in bloom, there is a period before this when they are sprouting and, more particularly, after they have flowered when they look tired and when they cannot be mowed. I fear that they will not enhance Green Park, that they will be contrary to the ethos of that park which is uncluttered, allowing those who enjoy it to go anywhere and that they will be trampled.

Yours ever.

Comptroller,
Lord Chamberlain's Office

Mrs. Jennifer Adams, LVO,
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Jennifer Adams
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24 August 1999

Dear Ms Adams

Projects to commemorate Diana, Princess of Wales.

Thank you for the consultation information which arrived at a particularly busy time in June. I apologise for the delay in responding and hope the following contribution will be helpful.

I am confident the landscape profession will welcome the opportunities to assist you in achieving the various objectives and tasks set out for the central London Royal Parks. Should you require any help in identifying suitable and experienced Registered Landscape Practices then the Director General will be happy to assist.

Regarding the Memorial Walk, my immediate reaction is that it is rather too long for the general visitor or overseas tourist to take in at one go. I would, therefore, suggest you give serious consideration to separating it into a series of themed loops. The schedule of potential works shows that your team are focusing on the blend of historical, aesthetic, and cultural landscapes that make these parks such valuable spaces in London. I sense from discussions with colleagues that there is likely to be general support for sustaining, revitalising, and enhancing the existing and historic features rather than wholesale restructuring. I believe studies of the use of parks indicates that a substantial proportion of the use is by local people and those who work nearby. May I, therefore, suggest that their views are particularly important.

The brief for the playground clearly states the importance of the history of the location and the landscape context. This is particularly welcome. It is not clear, however, whether it is the intention to redesign the existing site (which seems, in the light of the user study, to be well thought of and fulfilling demand fairly successfully) or to extend the site with either a redesign or additions. Little mention is made of safety and security so greater prominence could be given to those issues. The section on the variety and functions of play is academically helpful and a stimulus to the designer. Nevertheless, play areas are essentially local facilities for local people, and it would be inappropriate, I suggest, to consider that a commemorative play area would have the pull or the appeal of a theme park to attract significant numbers from any great distance away from the local area. Coupled with the limitation set on the age (12 years) and the current use being largely sub-6 years it may be appropriate to concentrate on the quality of the project, fitting for its commemorative purpose and its position in a Royal Park, rather than seeking to attract significant numbers of extra users. The range of facilities suggested in the brief may prove difficult to accommodate purely because of the available space, although the concepts are very laudable.

I hope these observations are helpful, and I apologise again for the delay.

Yours sincerely

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Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: August 17, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Formal feedback from the London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler; Steve Edwards; Dennis Clarke

Jennifer Adams, Dennis Clarke & I met about 6 weeks ago with Pamela Patterson and Ian Kennaway representing the London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust. At the time they were fairly supportive of our proposals but they wanted to reserve judgement until they had walked it themselves. They did this a couple of weeks ago in the company of other members of the Trusts executive committee including Chris Sumner of English Heritage.

Ian Kennaway rang me last Thursday to give me feedback on their thoughts about the proposed walk.

- In principle they were still very supportive of the proposals and were only going to make positive comments.
- Whilst standing in Hyde Park corner island they noted that when looking North towards Park Lane, they noted that the Avenue of trees along that Road was incomplete at the Southern End and they would wish that to be re-established.
- They appreciated the newly refurbished subways and murals. I explained that the route would be at surface level.
- Broad walk, Hyde Park – they appreciated the shade offered by the trees on a hot day!
- Year of the Child – They appreciated the desire to refurbish the fountain, to create a new entrance and they supported the removal of railings in this area.
- Reformers Tree – They supported the proposed work
- Hudson Memorial – they noted that the fountain did not appear to be working
- Magazine – Could this become a café? I said that in the longer term we wished to increase public access to the building & there could be a "visitors centre"
- Viewpoints from Peacock Walk, Kensington Gardens – Central Vista – They wished this to be cleared of rough vegetation. They suggested that the railing be set back to the waters edge or removed altogether.
- Italian Gardens – Could we have orange trees in tubs set out on the paved areas in summer and removed to inside the building in winter.
- Round pond, Kensington Gardens – they wondered if the edge of the ponds could be better defined. I said that yes it would be but not this feasible this year but would be in a couple of years
- Queen Annes Alcove – They would favour relocation to the Buck Hill area centred on the Central Vista from Kensington Palace.
- Peter Pan – They thought that the planting behind the statue required re-evaluation as the statue may not be properly framed. They also favoured the removal of railings, and its replacement by planting which would be taken around on both sides to the entrance area.

- Dial Walk – Ian reported that where the Dial walk meets the main cross paths, the extra paths should be removed or simplified. I said that I didn't understand and Ian couldn't explain it any better because he didn't understand his notes!
- St. Govors Well – They supported our proposals and noted that there was a manhole close by that needed tidying up
- South Flower Walk – They like it the way it is.
- New Grass Mounds East of Albert Memorial – They appreciated the explanatory notices.
- Car Park at the old Serpentine Restaurant – Could it be better screened by planting?
- Rose Garden, Hyde Park – They noted that the pergola ropes might need replacing
- Broadwalk, Green Park – they supported the bulb planting proposals
- Nash Shrubberies - St. James's Park – They wished me to pass on their congratulations to those responsible, but noted that the Rose beds should be phased out over time.
- Harbour wall, St. James's Park – they thought that the views to Buckingham Palace were tremendous
- Buckingham Palace – Canada Gate crossing - They noted that the green man signal was creating much confusion to tourists who thought that it was safe to begin crossing whilst the green man was flashing, but the crossing was too far
- Constitution Hill bulb planting – Mixed views amongst the group
- New Commonwealth gates – They noted that our own fences and gates would need tidying up to match
- Leaflets – They wished to be consulted on the proposed text in a positive manner to ensure that it contained enough information

I thanked him for his very useful support and feedback

Greg McErlean

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Mrs Jennifer Adams
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9 August 1999

Dear Jennifer

Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Projects

Mrs Budge has passed on your letter of 6th August about this subject. I have seen the recent headlines in the Mirror, although I did not read any further. Even though we are in the traditional silly season for the Press (are we ever in anything else?), it is irritating that this matter, which seemed to have been laid to rest last autumn, should be raised again.

The enlargement and improvement of the playground in Kensington Gardens together with the proposed memorial walk through four parks are acceptable and adequate memorials, and this Association would not support anything additional.

Yours sincerely

Kenneth

Kenneth Stern

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Mrs Jennifer Adams,
The Royal Parks Agency,
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2nd July 1999.

Dear Jennifer Adams,

Projects dedicated to Princess Diana.

At the meeting of our Environment Committee on 28th June I reported on my recent discussion with you and explained the proposals for the memorial walk in some detail. I was asked to write to you and express our support for the three linked walks as well as the proposals for the chindrens' play-ground.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Wright.
Vice Chairman.

FRIENDS OF HYDE PARK & KENSINGTON GARDENS

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28 June, 1999

Mrs Jennifer Adams, LVO
Head of Inner Parks and Commerce
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Dear Jennifer

Re: Diana Walk and Playground

We were very grateful for the very clear way in which you explained the above to us. Our position, as you heard, is that we are in full support, particularly in respect of the contributions that will be made to the general improvement of the infrastructure of the Parks.

The only qualification, I think, is in respect of your proposed explanatory booklets/leaflets. I am pretty sure that the authorities would like an appropriately well produced book either for sale or for presentation, but there will also be the need - and I believe this is more important - for a simple and inexpensive leaflet that may be sold to casual visitors for perhaps up to 50p, almost as a throw-away leaflet. It is our experience with our Information Centre that there is a good demand for such leaflets at a modest price.

Linked with this, could you perhaps also bear in mind the operation of the Information Centre here. Being open every afternoon, we have a substantial flow of visitors being as we are in the direct path of entry to the Park. If you could in any way assist in improving our little office, we would be grateful. I am very doubtful whether a large Information Centre in the Wellington Arch will prove successful, simply because hardly anybody goes there.

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You will, I know, keep us informed as your plans proceed. We will be sending out our Autumn Newsletter to members in October, and it would be nice if we could then give a good account for the information of our members.

Thank you again.

Yours sincerely

John Empson
Chairman

Greg McErlean

From: Jennifer Adams
Sent: 25 June 1999 08:56
To: Greg McErlean
Cc: Viviane Robertson
Subject: Diana projects

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Met the Friends of HPKG last night. They were generally supportive of the proposals.

They too would like to see the walk on the southern side of Kensington gdns moved further south to pass the Queensgates and turn north at the Albert memorial.

They discussed the fencing at Peter Pan and are open to improvements in presentation but not to the total removal of the fencing. This latter site is a sensitive one with them and we will need to keep them informed on any proposals.

They asked a lot of questions about our policy on selling the booklets and the form they would take, where they would be sold from etc. They also asked about direct references to Diana and in particular whether the playground would be renamed. They also wanted to know what opening ceremonies publicity etc would take place. This is an area we need to give some thought to.

Kensington Court Residents Association

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Ms. Jennifer Adams
The Royal Parks
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17 June 1999

Dear Ms. Adams,

Projects in the Royal Parks

Thank you for consulting us at your meeting on 9 June.

I have since gone through the papers and plans, and would like to revert to a point on the Walkway. You were concerned about congestion at the gate on to Kensington Road at the foot of the Broad Walk. My suggestion would diminish it, namely, take the Walkway two thirds of the way around the Round Pond, and connect it directly and diagonally to the area of the Albert Memorial, skirting rather than entering the Floral Walk. This would keep unnecessary traffic out of the Floral Walk, but allow a diversion through it if desired. It would not place the gate directly on the route, but allow walkers to join or leave the walk via the gate if required. I think this would have several advantages, and I commend it to you. Michael French thinks similary.

We should both also like to see more trees on the southern edge of the park alongside Kensington Road to block the view from tourist coaches and give them less cause to stop and hold up traffic.

On the Playground, I still find paragraph 5.3.6. of your specification rather over-elaborate and too reminiscent of an amusement park. We can, however, seek the right balance when we meet in the autumn, as promised, to consider the plans put forward by designers. I gather you have reassured Mr. French that any ~~approaches~~ will not be too high, ugly or obtrusive. There is also a problem of parking which we did not discuss, but perhaps we could do so at the next stage of consultation.

Yours sincerely,

Sir Ronald Arculus, Chairman
Kensington Court Residents Association

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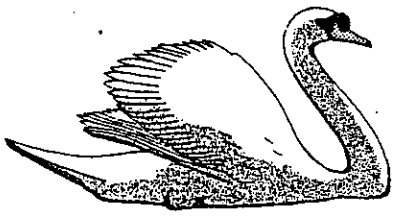
ar Jenny,

DIANA MEMORIAL WALK.

If the walk cannot be moved from the Flower Walk to the path to the south - which, when walking eastwards, would give a great view of the Albert Memorial, then a few suggestions on 'enhancing the **Flower Walk**' as requested.

You are aware that our census work shows this to be one of the richest areas for birds in London - so it is a bit 'sensitive' to begin with. However, at present the centre section is more akin to a woodland walk than a flower walk; the trees are somewhat out of scale with herbaceous borders!
One might think of taking out a few trees on the south side of the path to let in more sunlight. There is a line of Plane trees skirting the shrubbery on the south side, leading to the Albert Memorial - they are tall!
Also there are a few Horse Chestnuts that have no particular value to Blackbirds and Robins that nest in shrubberies - some could be thinned out.
You might consider flowers on one side and shrubs and trees on the other, for a start, maintaining some shrubs to divide the flower beds on the south of the path, with shrubs and trees to the north - perhaps as a backdrop to shallow beds.
The birds require undisturbed shrubberies in the breeding season - preferably impenetrable!
I should like some evergreens retained - particularly the evergreen oak on the north side used by Owls as a roost two years ago. The large cedar (?) on the main path creates quite a lot of shade - the ground beneath scarcely has enough light for the grass! There are some great trees there; I am not advocating widespread felling but the loss of a few Planes and Horse Chestnuts would let in the light and should not adversely affect the birdlife.

As for Peacock Walk that shrubbery is not as rich as it should be - our census work shows it to be generally poor for birds.
The ground cover seems to have got a bit out of hand.
Some tree thinning might also be appropriate, if that would allow for the planting of a few hawthorn trees and a few shrubs that could provide food for young birds and autumn migrants.



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Green Park. The results of various censuses over the years have shown that, for example, Buckingham Palace - although it is quiet and not open to the public - has a similar density of birds as St. James's Park! Even Hyde Park has a good population of birds despite Pavarotti! - but only in the shrubberies.
It is the presence of undisturbed shrubberies (fenced off) that provide a haven for birds in the daytime when people are about - they feed out in the open early and late in the day, when the park is quieter.
So a corridor of native trees and a few patches of fenced shrub s (minimum say 10 metres x 10 metres), perhaps thinning out some of the Plane trees, would add some bird life to the wildlife barren zone which is Green Park!

An explanatory panel - as we have for wildfowl - might be considered at the **Hudson Memorial**, covering birds likely to be seen on the walk. Other panels could be considered elsewhere for trees, wild flowers and butterflies. — Hyde Park

At the **Round Pond** a low gated fence, similar to that around the Rose Garden in Hyde Park, would be beneficial to wildlife. The fence would enclose the Round Pond, footpath round the lake and the seating. If dogs could be excluded from the path around the lake it would become safer for children who are often worried by the attention of dogs when they are feeding the ducks - and keep unruly dogs out of the water. Young ducklings would not be frightened off the banks so often, thereby increasing their survival, and the Canada Geese would not find the Round Pond so attractive as they would not have direct access to the grass.
Some additional seating at the Round Pond and elsewhere in quiet spots along the route might be a consideration. (You can see I am beginning to feel my age!)

Hope the above ideas may assist in your planning.

Best wishes,

Peg Sanderson.

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Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 15, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with the London Historic Parks and Gardens Trust

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler; Steve Edwards; Dennis Clarke

Jennifer Adams, Dennis Clarke & I met with Pamela Patterson and Ian Kennard(?) in the Royal Parks Agency offices in the Storeyard, St. James's Park between 1pm and 2 pm. We described the Route of the Walk and the playground proposals and described the impact they would have on the parks.

They appeared supportive of the ground plaques idea and did not appear to have any serious objections to the walk proposal, although they appeared to want to reserve judgement until they had walked it themselves. They supported the Great Bow proposal. They liked the idea of taking the route through the Wellington Arch although there was discussion about whether this would actually be possible. GM said that he would check with English Heritage.

When asked specifically about the proposal for daffodil planting to the East of the Broadwalk, Green Park, they said that they rather liked the idea. They had no fixed views upon whether Peter Pan should have a fence or not.

Their specific queries were few but are described below:

Would facilities be offered to tour guides? We said that additional tour buses would not be encouraged, but that tour parties could not be prevented. Other consultees had expressed concerns about increased numbers of visitors and we had to be sensitive to that. We said that our approach to marketing would have to develop later and would be influenced by the desires/ instructions of the Memorial Committee and Government.

What would happen if members of the public wanted to sponsor something along the route (e.g. a bench or tree)? We would have to deal with this carefully. The items being purchased would have to be already within the scope of the projects. Unnecessary benches would not be supported, but sponsorship of repairs would probably be welcomed. No approaches had yet been made.

Greg McErlean

Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 15, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with the South East Bayswater Residents Association, the Bayswater Residents Association and the Hyde Park Estate

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler; Steve Edwards

Jennifer Adams & I met with Simon and John Walton (SEBRA), John Zammett (Bayswater Residents Association), Kenneth Stern (Hyde Park Estate) and John [redacted] representing [redacted] **(Jennifer – please assist)** in the Old Police House between 6.30pm and 8.30 pm on Friday 11th June 1999. We described the Route of the Walk and the playground proposals and described the impact they would have on the parks.

In general, all of the groups appeared to be very supportive of both proposals. The Hyde Park Estate representative in particular said that they had started out disliking the walk proposal, but that they now won had been won over, because of the way it was being implemented. One minor exception came from the Bayswater Residents, who whilst being supportive, were also concerned that the monies allocated were being targeted at non-priority projects such as Coalbrookdale Gates whilst important improvements to the toilets at Marlborough Gates were not being implemented.

There was much discussion about many points, the more salient of which are described below.

The Walk

Would the walk be marketed through hotels? We thought not at this stage.

Would the walk be linked physically to major entrances to the parks or be signposted from the park edges? (BRA) Again we thought not. The route was accessible from many tube stations and bus stops, and we did not currently see a need for either suggestion. Maps and leaflets would show the location of gates, and transport links.

Could information relating to the walk be posted on the park notice boards? We agreed that this could be possible and would look into it.

Could we open up the Hyde Park nursery to visitors and perhaps sell produce? Again we said that this was not contemplated for various reasons including the lack of car parking, the dubious profitability of such a venture and the distraction of our nursery contractor from his core function.

The HPE made a request for the Magazine paintwork to be off-white not grey. We said that we would note this but that we would take advice from English Heritage.

Henry Moore Statue – There was much discussion about why this was not in the proposal. We explained the funding difficulties and the problems of siting. No consensus was reached, but whilst the groups wanted to see something done about it they agreed that further discussion was not for this particular meeting.

2 Bears Fountain – The HPE made a request for a dog drinking trough to be added in the vicinity, as it was a popular dog walkers entrance. We said that we would try to accommodate this request.

Peter Pan – they did not see the need to do anything with the existing fencing. They thought that it was not too intrusive and that it should stay to protect the planting.

South Flower Walk – Have we considered the total exclusion of dogs? Yes we have, but have thought it too difficult / controversial to implement. Could we remove the internal fences altogether? Yes we could, and we would consider this possibility, but experience tells us that they are necessary.

Phone Boxes – HPE considered that the BT phone boxes outside Orme Square Gate and Kings Arm Gates were obtrusive and should be relocated. We said that these were outside of our control but would examine their siting and make requests from BT if appropriate.

Signage (BRA) – Could the fingerposts contain more information? Yes they could, although we would not propose any new posts. We requested the groups to inform us of where they considered extra information was required.

Playground

It was thought that the Orme Square gate area was a disappointing entrance to the park and in particular the coach park was intrusive. JA explained the temporary nature of the coach park. We agreed to look at the setting of the gates but money would not be available as part of this project.

Naming – There was much discussion about whether the Playground should bear the name of Diana, Princess of Wales. The opinions of the individuals differed greatly, but it appeared that a modest plaque or memorial would be accepted. We explained that we had received no direction as yet from Government on the naming strategy.

Do we need to have a notice indicating that children below a certain age should be accompanied by an adult? We thought that this was unnecessary as most visitors were accompanied.

General Queries

A query was raised by HPE about the removal of benches particularly along Lancaster Walk. JA agreed to ask the Park Manager about it and to see it more could be provided. We assured them that benches were not destroyed unnecessarily.

A request was made for the grass between the existing path and the Speke monument to be made good in hard material as the existing grass had turned to mud through wear.

Greg McErlean

Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 9, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with The Thorney Island Society

CC: Jennifer Adams; Dennis Clarke

Jennifer Adams & I met with representatives of the Society at 7 Stafford Mansions, Stafford Place, last niight at 6.30pm until 8.15pm. We described to them the Route of the Walk and the impact it would have on the park. Jennifer also described to them the background to the proposal.

After a free ranging, frank but hospitable discussion their opinion on the matter became clearer and could perhaps be summarised as follows:

1. They do not wish the walk to enter Green Park or St. James's Park
2. They do not want any plaques in the ground.
3. They would support a memorial to Diana, Princess of Wales in the form of a repair of a gate or structure dedicated to her memory, or perhaps the replacement of the St. James's Park lake bridge with its predecessor.

Their concerns were many:

- There are already too many people in the park without attracting more
- They are worried about a potential increase in tourist coaches attracted by the walk
- They are concerned that tributes, candles etc. may be left along the route
- They do not want additional daffodils or planting bed in Green Park
- They are worried that the placement of plaques would be a waste of money if there is no money for the marketing of the walk in future years
- They are worried that the plaques and the accompanying leaflets would concentrate too much on Diana and not on the parks
- They do not consider that Diana, Princess of Wales had a sufficient attachment to Green Park & St. James's Park to justify the extension of the walk into them

They said that they would consider their position and formally respond.

They were very appreciative of the efforts of the Agency in maintaining such high standards in the park, but further discussions developed regarding events in the park and illegal traders.

Greg McErlean.

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Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 9, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with The Kensington Society; The Kensington Court Residents Association and the Princess Diana Action Group

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler

Jennifer Adams & I met with representatives of the above groups in the Old Police House, today between 10am and 11.30 am 8.15pm. They were represented by Ethne Rudd, Sir Ronald Arculus, Robert Buxton, Suzzy Anderson and Angela Freed. We described to them the Route of the Walk and the playground proposals and described the impact they would have on the park.

The meeting was very positive and it would appear that the groups represented are supportive of the projects in principal. Naturally they expressed a few concerns which are listed below:

- They are concerned that tour buses will increasingly drop off visitors at the Southern End of the Broadwalk. We explained that this was beyond our control but would raise it with Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea this afternoon. They suggested that railings be erected on the street to discourage drop-offs.
- They support the idea of there being no start or finish but would encourage us to emphasise that an information point will be housed in Wellington Arch.
- They did not want any focus upon the area of Kensington Palace
- They are sensitive about proposals for the gates at the Southern end of Dial Walk
- They expressed concern about the speed of traffic entering the park via Orme Sq Gate because of the potential for conflict between pedestrians and children and traffic.
- They are concerned that the playground should not be too urban, too highly coloured, too intrusive and wish it to be integrated with the park.
- There were concerns about the expansion of the playground. When discussed, it appeared that the potential objection might be to a hard landscape extension of the park. They supported the notion of incorporating further green space within the playground.

The meeting concluded with an assurance that we would consult again on the playground when there was something to show, probably in mid-August.

Greg McErlean

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Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 11, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler

Jennifer Adams & I met with Michael French in the Town Hall, on the 9th June between 3.45pm and 4.30pm. We described the Route of the Walk and the playground proposals and described the impact they would have on the park. We also advised Mr. French of our earlier meeting with the Kensington Resident Groups and the points and concerns that they raised.

Mr French appeared very relaxed about all of our proposals to the point of being almost uninterested. He stated that we had addressed all of his concerns in our proposals.

His main area of concern is the gate at the Southern end of the Broadwalk. We discussed with him the Kensington Resident Groups concerns about tour buses dropping off visitors at this gate. He said that he would await their approach but did not think that railings at this point would be accepted.

We discussed the possibility of taking the route in through the North of the Palace and out through the Orangery. Although he didn't disagree with this he preferred that this should just happen naturally and that people not be directed through the loop.

The meeting concluded with an assurance that we would consult again on the playground when there was something to show, probably in mid-August.

Greg McErlean.

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Memorandum

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THE ROYAL PARKS

DATE: June 11, 1999

TO: Viviane Robertson

FROM: Greg McErlean

RE: Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Walk, Consultation with the Knightsbridge Association

CC: Jennifer Adams; Nick Butler; Steve Edwards; Dennis Clarke

Jennifer Adams & I met with Michael Wright in the Old Police House, today between 12 Noon and 1.30pm. We described the Route of the Walk and the playground proposals and described the impact they would have on the parks.

Mr Wright was enthusiastic and supportive of all elements of the proposed walk with no negative comments or significant concerns. He felt that the way we were handling the presentation of the route would not attract additional tour buses.

He was also happy with the playground proposals.

He will discuss the projects further with the Association but would be recommending that they support the proposals

Greg McErlean

Greg McErlean

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11 January, 2000

Mr Michael French
Executive Director Planning and Conservation
The Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea
Kensington Town Hall
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Dear Mr French

Re: Planning Consent : Royal Parks Agency : Development of the Playground as a Memorial to Diana, Princess of Wales

Our Association has 700 members and we represent the regular users of Hyde Park and Kensington Gardens. We did not receive notification about the Planning Application with regard to the above. Would you please therefore register our name and in the future supply us with all Notices with regard to Planning Applications in those parts of Kensington Gardens which come within the purview of the Royal Borough?

I understand that the Council are considering this Application in a matter of days. My Committee will be also considering the subject in consultation with the Managers of the Royal Parks at a meeting in two weeks' time. However, in anticipation of that meeting, could I make the following comments.

The Royal Parks Agency have gone to considerable lengths in ensuring that there has been full consultation with interested neighbouring groups. We support the plans for the Playground and, indeed, for the Diana Walk, but we would make certain qualifications:
(a) It would be extremely unlikely that one person can properly supervise and manage the Playground, as is suggested by the proposal. It is some 100 metres long and 50 metres wide, and has an intricate plan that will require close supervision. It is not beyond a possibility that the entrances into the Playground might have to be controlled. Adequate supervision is vital. Perhaps one could suggest the need for three persons, certainly initially.

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(b) The Government are providing £1.3 million for the Playground. However, it is of an intricate design and maintenance could be costly. Furthermore, there is the possibility of vandalism. We are Trustees for the Elfin Oak and especial protection has had to be provided. The Government, in addition to providing the initial capital, should make adequate provision for annual maintenance. The current funding of the Royal Parks is not sufficient for these purposes.

I hope these comments are helpful. They are aimed, of course, at ensuring a continuing appropriate Memorial to the Princess.

Yours sincerely

John Empson
Chairman

cc: Mr David Welch, Chief Executive, Royal Parks Agency

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Dear Mr French,

Thank you for sending the details of the proposed development of a Playground as a memorial to Diana Princess Of Wales. The delay in replying to your letter is due to the misdirection of the papers to English Heritage, although I note the correct address appears on your covering letter.

As you will see the State Apartments are a part of Historic Royal Palaces. We have no objection to the development about which The Royal Parks briefed us informally some time ago. We shall be interested to learn the results of archaeological investigation into the area and also details of the proposed screening and planting, as well as the detailing of the railings. We shall doubtless take these issues up directly with Royal Parks.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Arch
Director

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My ref: PT/00/00090/OBS
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Date: 17 February 2000

Dear Sir

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

The City Council has now considered the proposals described below and has the following observations.The City Council welcomes in principle the proposed memorial playground , but regrets the loss of the two trees , and supports the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in requiring semi – mature replacement planting.

SCHEDULE

Date of Consultation: 23.12.1999 **Date Received:** 04.01.2000

Date Amended: **Application No:** 00/00090/OBS

Plan Nos: 1762/06/T, 1762/08/T, 1748/001/A

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Proposal: Proposed memorial playground near Black Lion Gate.

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Yours faithfully

Carl Powell

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