

# MARBLE HILL REVIVED COMMUNITY UPDATE

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There's an exciting opportunity to open up Marble Hill House more often, revive the landscape, and – from the play area to the sports pitches – improve the facilities across the park. We need your help to get it right.

In March we withdrew our planning application and decided to look afresh at our plans for Marble Hill. We want to find practical consensus on those areas of concern raised by some residents, notably the café extension, the restoration of the historic garden, and the new children's play area.

Over the past two months our consultation with the local community has been in full swing.

Already we have:

- widened the membership of the existing Community Steering Group to include additional residents' groups and other groups
- organised Open Days on both
   13 May and 23 June

- set up a series of Consultation Workshops to discuss those aspects of the proposals that have attracted particular concerns
- uploaded additional information about our proposals on our website
- met with a number of local groups to discuss their concerns
- kept in touch with you more regularly so that you can see and read about the proposals more easily

Thank you to everyone who has already taken part in these initiatives and shared their thoughts with us.

FOR MORE INFORMATION To find out more or to get involved, visit english-heritage.org.uk/marblehillrevived

### WHAT IS MARBLE HILL REVIVED?

Marble Hill is a much-loved space for both locals and Londoners, young and old, to relax and play. However, since the 1980s it's seen little investment. Opening times for the historic house are limited while the park's original character has been lost. Right across Marble Hill, the facilities need upgrading.

A £4.08m grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery presents a unique chance to revive Marble Hill, to bring its stories to life, to involve more local people in it, and to invest in its long term future.

Marble Hill Revived is about keeping what makes Marble Hill so special but also making it better.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

# MARBLE HILL OPEN DAYS Sun 13 May & Sat 23 June

Join us for tours of the house and landscape, and find out more about the Marble Hill Revived project.

### COMMUNITY STEERING GROUP

The expanded Community Steering Group met on 20 March. Members of the group highlighted the aspects they liked most about the Marble Hill Revived proposals, including:

- conserving and re-presenting Marble Hill House
- improving the café
- opening the house more often
- improving the sports facilities
- increasing the biodiversity in the park

Some members also identified the following areas of concern:

- the landscape proposals
- the protection of wildlife in the park
- the increase in traffic
- the financial viability of the proposals

Over the coming months we'll focus on these areas of concern so that we can find a way forward.





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## PLAY CONSULTATION WORKSHOP

The first Consultation Workshop was held on 14 April. It focussed on the proposed play facilities, and we were joined by families, play experts, local groups and both the Marble Hill Play Centre and Brilliant Play

The session was really productive, and everyone got a chance to share their ideas. The recommendations included a woodland play trail around the perimeter of Marble Hill and a low-key, low-level baby area. Families said they would love to see the current play area reserved for children under five.

The next Consultation Workshops will focus on the landscape (Sat 12 May) and our proposals for the café (Sat 2 June) – spaces are limited but if you are interested

in attending, please email our Audience Development Manager at marblehillrevived@ english-heritage.org.uk

#### HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND

Marble Hill Revived has been awarded a grant of over £4m by the Heritage Lottery Fund and Big Lottery Fund through the Parks for People Programme.



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