

## **Stanmer Estate Restoration Project**

### **5 November 2013**

#### **Update for Key Stakeholders**

It's been a while since we presented on how proposals to restore and improve Stanmer Estate would be developed and I wanted to give you an update on progress.

#### Public Consultation in summer 2013

We've received the first draft of the public consultation data from our Research team but they are doing some more work on it to make it easier to analyze all the comments people have added.

In summary the public consultation ran from 1 June to 31 July. A total of 6000 randomly selected households were sent a questionnaire in June and it was available on-line via the council's consultation portal.

Staffed exhibitions were held during this period at the Sussex Festival of Nature, People's Day, Jubilee Library and Stanmer House.

A pull-up banner advertising the consultation along with questionnaires were also available for certain periods at the Jubilee Library, Brighton Town Hall, Hove Town Hall, the Palm House at Stanmer Nursery, Stanmer House and Stanmer Tea Room, and at the Stanmer Organics Open Day.

A total of 1054 responses were received:  
834 (55%) were paper copy questionnaires  
670 (45%) were on-line responses.

Since the spring we have also met with many groups and individuals to get a better understanding of their particular requirements.

During this time, the Food Partnership has been working with us to help gather information for consideration in the production of the Master Plan. They have held a number of meetings with different food growing organizations, Stanmer Organics included, and a visioning workshop for stakeholders and other professionals involved with all the stages of food growing, with the aim of setting out how food can play a part in achieving a thriving twenty-first century sustainable estate at Stanmer.

Their report along with the Public Consultation report will be publically available once they are ready. We will let you know when this is.

#### What else we have been doing

We are in the process of appointing a traffic movement consultant to help us develop proposals for traffic movement around the site. LUC are also in the process of developing a baseline master plan drawing which they will then use to develop proposals and/or options for discussion.

### Programme Timescales

We originally said we would have draft proposals ready for review this month. However, we have revised the programme timetable in order to allow more time to develop and consult on the new Masterplan for the park.

We therefore expect to have some draft proposals ready for review by key stakeholders in January or February with a public consultation planned for around March.

We still intend to make a Heritage Lottery Fund application for a grant to carry out major restoration and improvement works. It is likely that we'll make a first stage bid in August 2014 but this is still to be confirmed.

This delay will not have a significant impact on the overall project and it's more important that we allow sufficient time to develop the proposals and give people a chance to review and comment on them than to rush the process.

### Other news

Gillian Marston is leaving us soon to take on a new role as a Director at Lewes District Council. Jan Jonker, Head of Strategy for City Parks and Cityclean, will be undertaking Gillian's role in this project.

### What's Next?

Once we have some draft proposals ready, we will hold presentations and/or workshops for key stakeholders to explain the plans and get your feedback. It's likely that this will be in January or February. We will contact you to let you know dates soon.

If you have access to a computer, keep an eye on our webpage [www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Stammerproject](http://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/Stammerproject) for updates.

Best regards  
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