

FORCE comments to two Consultations on Hounslow Borough Council's Conservation Area Appraisals submitted 17 November 2017 :

Cranford Village

Our interest is in the River Crane corridor and Cranford is a key part of the corridor. We would like to see the plan (a) consider further the existing value of the open spaces within the corridor - specifically Avenue Park - and how these could be improved by enhancing environmental value, public access and use etc. We would also (b) like the plan to consider how Cranford Village might be better linked to other local parts of the Crane valley - eg Cranford park; Minet Country Park; Causeway Nature Reserve - by improved signage; public information (such as leaflets etc) and enhanced physical access routes and crossings. This would be with the aim of enhancing the local use of Avenue Park and the wider Crane valley as a key open space asset.

Rectory Farm is due to undergo a radical change in character and be re-developed as a major new public open space asset. Would it be worth considering inclusion of this new public space within the Cranford Park area and thereby encouraging physical links and public use of this new resource

Feltham Green and Town Centre

The appraisal discusses the Longford River and recognises it as a key historical asset for the Feltham area. In our view there is great potential for the value of the Longford River corridor to be enhanced and for it to act as a primary green access route through Feltham with links to the south and the north.

At present the access is limited and the environmental value has great capacity for enhancement through sympathetic improvement projects and ongoing maintenance. We would be very supportive of an initiative through this appraisal and the wider west borough plan to enhance the value of this asset