

**CABINET 6.5.09 PUBLIC REALM & MOVEMENT STRATEGY (Agenda Item 12)**

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PRMS proposes a wide range of events for parks and gardens and along the river. As we may be affected by garden and river events, residents want to be consulted beforehand. We trust all will be low key and of a local flavour and noise and smell nuisance will be avoided in this residential area.

For Norfolk Crescent Green PRMS proposes improved pedestrian access including links to the riverside, landscape measures to improve views into and out of the park and restoring a Gravel Walk.

The Green can be accessed freely on two sides; there are already 2 pedestrian links to the riverside, and the distance between them is less than 200 metres. Any more links or gravel walks across the Green would destroy its character and be opposed.

As views out of the park will be directly on to high rise development opposite, only views into the park could be improved. The only obvious way to do this is to remove trees, which would be resisted.

For Riverside West PRMS proposes upgrading the north bank path by removal and cutting back of overgrown areas to reveal views. Kiosk structures with seating areas are also proposed.

If removal and cutting back of overgrown areas is to reveal views, by implication this would be large scale and would be opposed. We have extreme concerns about the impact this would have on wildlife in the River Corridor and urge that this potential conflict is considered in greater depth.

There is a long history of alcoholics and drug users frequenting the riverside and associated abusive behaviour, assault and burglary in the area. The provision of kiosks and seating will exacerbate the situation and their location close to, or on, the Green would be strongly opposed.

In conclusion, PRMS makes many new proposals which would have a detrimental impact on our community. When added to the extreme impacts that we will suffer as a result of BWR regeneration, we believe the quality of life here will be so badly affected that our community will be unsustainable. We are located on the periphery of the PRMS city centre study area and consider what is planned here will contribute little to the transformation of the Centre. We trust Cabinet will agree that in this fringe location, the aims of PRMS are not of such importance to justify the destruction of our community and exercise restraint. We urge you to reconsider all PRMS proposals which will impact on our community. Thank you.