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Management Plan

Richmond Park - Pembroke Lodge

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1. Introduction

1.1. What is a management plan?

A management plan is a document relating to a certain landscape and contains details regarding how it will be managed over some years (Woodland Trust, 2011).

These plans are broken down into sub-divisions to specify how each section will be managed. For example, the grass, trees, hard landscape, sculptures, bollards and walls would each require their own unique plans in order to maintain the overall preservation of that area. Management plans are a very important tool for the longevity of landscape and in some cases, for sustainability (Woodland Trust, 2011).

The aim of this document is to demonstrate the requirements of a management plan for the garden entering Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park, Surrey - a London district as shown in figure 1.



Figure 1 - Location of Pembroke Lodge within Richmond Park, London

1.2. What is Richmond Park?

Richmond Park is situated in Surrey and is the largest Royal Park in London consisting of nearly 2500 hectares boasts how the park receives over 500,000 visitors each year.

Richmond Park is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and a National Nature Reserve (NNR) with long picturesque cycle routes and free roaming deer.

These are just two of many attractions that keep visitors intrigued and occupied during their visit to Richmond Park.

1.3. Where is Pembroke Lodge?

Pembroke Lodge is situated in the north east of Richmond Park. The lodge itself was made in the Georgian era dating to as far back as 1754 (Royal Parks, 2011).

The lodge was originally constructed as a single cottage room, in view of providing lodging for workers. In particular, the workers were required to stay close by in order to minimise the risk of mole attacks on hunters.

Today Pembroke Lodge has a licensed restaurant, café and prides itself of bright spacious rooms where weddings, funerals, conferences and entertainment events can take place. Pembroke Lodge invests in 13 acres of Richmond Park and provides spectacular views across Thames Valley to Windsor. No doubt this too, is one the Parks more prominent features for attracting visitors. The entrance to Pembroke Lodge is also one of the main access points to King Henry VIII mound (Royal Parks, 2011) hosting one of the few protected views in the UK. It is already becoming clear how the historical aspects Pembroke Lodge require careful consideration for its maintenance. This gives rise to the development of a management plan to ascertain, where possible, the requirements for keeping Pembroke Lodge in immaculate condition.



Figure 2 - Yellow border highlighting the area of study at Pembroke Lodge

1.4. How is Pembroke Lodge managed?

Since 1995 Pembroke Lodge has been managed by the Royal Parks Agency- a government funded group (Brown, 2004). Originally, there was a group of 9 people who worked five days a week from 6.30am to 4.00pm. However, the team has been cut down to five people recently due to financial limitations, lack of funding and sponsorship (Royal Parks, 2011). Nevertheless the team work collectively or on occasions, individually, depending on the task to be completed. Daily tasks include pruning, lawn mowing, compost laying, weeding and fertilising the plants.

1.5. What method of management should be employed at Pembroke Lodge?

Generally a site like Pembroke Lodge would require management all year round. This is due to the vast range of plants and habitat differing from one another. For example, the management of grasslands can be very different from the management of flower beds, especially as some plants flower during different times of the year.

The current management of Pembroke Lodge garden closely follows the management of Coton Manor Garden, Northamptonshire, UK (Coton Manor, 2011). Coton Manor Garden consists of a number of smaller gardens and habitats. It is also managed all year round despite being smaller than Pembroke Lodge garden. Interestingly, Coton Manor Garden also has a bigger management team than Pembroke Lodge garden. The lack of team members could be seen as a factor impacting on the maintenance of Pembroke Lodge often leaving workers under pressure to complete tasks.

1.6. Flora in Pembroke Lodge

Trees:

Oak Trees



Chestnut Tree



Cherry Tree



Hedges:

Yew (*Taxus baccata*)



Holly (*Ilex* genus)



Box Hedge



Gorse (*Ulex europaeus*)



Scarlet Firethorn (*pyracantha*) Beech (*Fagus grandifolia*)



Plants:

Daffodil



Blue Bell



Yellow Allysum



Pansies



Petunias



Lily



Magnolias



Mammals:

Badgers



Fox



Squirrels



Rabbits



1.7. Other fauna present at Pembroke Lodge

Mammals: Badgers, Squirrels, Rabbits

Insects: Beetles, Bees, Butterflies

Other: Birds.