

Neglected and Vulnerable Places and Spaces: Update 19/09/18

1. Water Street proposal: BCA sensory garden

Following an informal meeting with a planning advisor, the planning permission request has been submitted to HPBC. We are waiting for their response. If the request is granted, we will begin sourcing funding and other support for this development.

2. Bath Road pavement

This has been a longstanding interest of the group, as the pavement had deteriorated significantly.



After numerous requests and encouragement, resurfacing is now complete.



3. Fountain Street: ENW Sub-station wall

The wall had partially collapsed. ENW were advised of this many times.



Following numerous representations, the wall is now repaired.



4. Spring Gardens car park bump

This was identified as being unsightly and hazardous to pedestrians.



Following representations to HPBC, this has now been (almost) repaired.



5. Palace Hotel wall

This wall was identified as being at risk of collapse.



Following vigorous representations to hotel management, the wall has been repaired.



6. The Serpentine

Along with other local groups, P&S made representations to HPBC over the issues raised by this place. Primarily we raised safety, as the area is used by families with young children. Also of concern was the visual impact of the neglect on visitors to this central tourist attraction.

We were also concerned over the on-going cost to local council tax payers of the expense in hiring the HERAS fencing for such an extended period of time.



Following extensive representations to HPBC, a repair was effected.

It is a concern that a healthy tree was felled to make this repair.



7. Market Place wall

This was raised as a concern at an early stage of P&S.



Identifying the group under whose remit the repair fell was a challenge, but the wall was eventually repaired.



However, damage to other parts of this wall are now evident and of interest to P&S in coming months.



The road is also in need of attention here.

Summary

The original 2015 remit of P&S (Neglected and Vulnerable) was to identify areas that could demonstrate a quick win with pressure on the responsible party. We feel that we have been effective in the 7 areas identified here.

Other areas of on-going concern are: market place signage, several sections of Spring Gardens paving, fencing on A515, tree repairs in the Serpentine, wild areas in the Serpentine and the bins on Wye Street.

The repair of the lamp on Broadwalk is a work in progress, currently being progressed by HPBC.

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