

# The Restoration of Bishops Park and the Grounds of Fulham Palace

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## Bishops Park Progress

As you may be aware the area next to the café has been taken over for the duration of the contract for the project offices.

The main park gates in Bishops Avenue have been removed and put into storage to prevent damage. This allows us the opportunity to widen the access for our vehicles and machines.

Temporary gates have been installed to maintain the security of the park.

Gradually we will be taking over areas of the park, and erecting our safety barriers to enable us to disconnect the main services within those buildings.

Surveys internally and externally are progressing to allow us to understand and provide safe systems of work for our employees and to protect the environment.

Arrangements are being made to meet the three main service providers for the project, and agree disconnection of redundant gas, water and electrical supplies inside the park.

Discussions will take place on the upgraded supplies and when known we will inform you of any required closures.

Meetings have been arranged over the next few weeks with the local tree officer and environmental officer to discuss the project and how we can minimise any disruption to park users.

We anticipate keeping the access open to the children's play area for as long as possible.

Site Manager for this area is Robert Charge.

## Welcome Note from the Project Team

A warm welcome from my project team goes out to all of you who use Bishops Park and Fulham Palace. This is the first of our regular newsletters, which will keep you and the local community informed on our progress, up to the projects completion in the autumn of 2011.

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## Notices and Events



*External wall to bothies*

carved inscriptions recorded and that these will be reinstated when the new benches are installed. Wherever possible these will be in the same location from which they were removed, but where this is not possible, suitable locations close to the existing will be found.

As part of the restoration works all the benches within Bishops Park are to be replaced.

Please note however, that the locations of all memorial benches have been noted, plaques carefully removed or

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## Fulham Palace Outbuilding Progress

As an ancient monument, the work that we carry out in the grounds of Fulham Palace are monitored under an archaeological watching brief. This requires our work to be monitored with a team of on

site archeologists provided by Pre Construct Archeology.

Any ancient archeology that is found is investigated, photographed, drawn and recorded into the watching brief document that is

produced at the end of the project.

We have commenced the clearance of over grown plants and general debris from in and around the Vinery and bothies, which has allowed us to gain access and install the scaffolding to the main garden wall.

A structural survey has been completed on the Vinery wall and we currently accessing a safe system of works.

This will enable us the chance to carry out the repointing of the brickwork and stabilize the existing structure.

Our archeologists are currently mapping all the existing components in and

around the buildings to enable us to ascertain the items that can be reused.

The scaffolding and hoarding's around the Gothic Lodge are progressing, and will allow us to carry out the condition survey once completed.

We are currently erecting hoarding's around the stable block to allow us to safely carry out the demolition of the extensions at either end of the building.

Once completed, the strip out and clearance internally of the structure will be completed prior to erection of the perimeter scaffolding.

Site Manager for this area is Peter Dando.



## Programme of Works for the Next Month

### Bishops Park

- Erection of perimeter fences
- Demolition of gardeners depot
- Demolition of existing changing rooms
- Internal disconnection of existing services
- Tracing of underground gas, water and electrical supplies
- Tree removal and crowning of branches
- Removal of existing tarmac to central core

### Fulham Palace

- Brick work repairs in the bothies and Vinery
- Isolation and making safe existing services
- Stable block strip out and demolition of east and west ends
- Dismantle stable stairs and set aside for reuse
- Tudor gate brickwork repairs
- Tree removal
- Erection of perimeter hoardings
- Tracing of underground gas, water and electrical supplies

## Notification of Construction Area Closures



*Rear wall to Gothic Lodge*

In this month we anticipate closing the following areas in the park to enable construction and alteration works to commence:

### Bishops Park

Area (02) central core, café building, changing room and bowls green club room

To enable the commencement of tree removals, local diversions to pathways adjacent to the Central core and café will be put in place.

**Please note that the toilets off Bishops Park Road / Stevenage Road will not be affected by these closures**

### Fulham Palace

Area (03) the vinery, bothies and Gothic Lodge are now closed.

The Stable block has now closed for strip out

To enable the commencement of tree removals, local diversions to pathways adjacent to the walled garden and perimeter will be put in place