

RICHMOND RIVERSIDE AREA
Richmond & Twickenham towpaths

- 1 Provide sealed gravel finish to the towpath, with a sealed gravel or Breeden type finish to foot paths in adjoining open spaces.
- 2 Improve and coordinate street furniture. All timber modern type seating (see Street Design Guide).
- 3 Improve access for those with mobility problems.

Richmond bank

- 4 Towpath and gardens (between Richmond Bridge and Buccleugh Gardens): consider long term replacement planting, adjustment of seat positions to relate to river views, and strengthen link between large-scale open spaces (Old Deer Park/Petersham Meadows). Introduce fingerpost signs.
- 5 Garden behind Riverview Cafe: reopen gate and provide steps from Petersham Road.
- 6 Richmond landing stage: liaise with owners to improve appearance, including booking office, seating and railings.
- 7 Buccleugh Gardens: carry out improvement schemes at the two junctions with Petersham Road to form an improved access point for pedestrians. Form surface level crossing point for pedestrians. Form surface level crossing point between Buccleugh Gardens and Terrace Gardens. Inclusion of Buccleugh Gardens and Terrace Gardens in the English Heritage Register of Historic Parks and Gardens is being pursued.
- 8 Encourage and safeguard diversity of river related activities.
- 9 The Three Pigeons PH: refurbishment and re-use is urgently needed for this key building in the conservation area, and important gateway to the town. See Analysis sheet.
- 10 Riverview cafe: improvements are needed to the appearance of the building, in particular roof materials, painting and planting against visible walls.

The proposals cover the following categories:

- Improvement & protection of landscape setting
- Preservation, enhancement & reinstatement of architectural quality & unity
- Co-ordination of design & improvement in quality of street furniture
- Improvement of highway conditions & pedestrian convenience

RICHMOND HILL

- 1 Consider a detailed landscape assessment to protect views to and from the Richmond Hill area by analysing and making proposals for tree maintenance to ensure that key views are protected from being obscured by vegetation, and by considering opportunities for dramatising and framing views.
- 2 Terrace Gardens: major structural work is needed to combat subsidence. Encourage an alternative use for the disused public convenience building. Repair the path by Richmond Hill, and provide a sealed gravel surface to this and all paths in Terrace Gardens, supply lighting and carry out improvements to the tunnel to Buccleugh Gardens.
- 3 Terrace Walk: consider long term replacement of private hedging with a low box hedge or similar. Repair/replace retaining wall, bollards and railings, stone plinth and telescope. Standardise on traditional pattern of timber seating.
- 4 Richmond Hill: pay special regard to the skyline and roof features of buildings on the upper part of Richmond. Resist further communications clutter on the hotel roofs in particular.
- 5 Richmond Gate & Richmond Hill Hotels frontage area: pursue implementation of a redesigned car park area to include tree planting with gravel type surfacing.
- 6 Doughty House & Gallery/Hobart House Hotel/Lissos: continue to monitor condition and pursue repair with owners/leaseholders. Ensure listed buildings remain in a good state of repair. Encourage better surfacing, such as sealed gravel, to the front of the hotel.
- 7 Improve blacktop surfacing (Richmond Hill/Hill Rise), with sealed gravel finish or similar paving to that adjoining; provide better litter bins; consider a seat half way up the Hill, and fix parking signs to walls where possible. Repair seats at the top of Richmond Hill. Simplify signage at junction with Nightingale Lane and coordinate colours of street furniture. The Wick: measures to stop footway parking and improve the setting of the building are being investigated.
- 8 Resist inappropriate modifications to windows arising from modern uses of old buildings.
- 9 Resist further restaurant type uses in the Petersham Road/Hill Rise key shopping frontage.
- 10 2-8 Hill Rise: any redevelopment should be designed to expose the elevations of listed buildings behind the site, with nos. 2-4 set back for pavement widening.
- 11 Hill Rise: Pursue replacement of modern telephone boxes with traditional or more appropriate type.
- 12 13-17 Richmond Hill: encourage improvements to the paving of the forecourt area.
- 13 Flank wall of 10 Richmond Hill: seek improvements to the appearance of the wall, with more discreet light fittings and signage.
- 14 Footway crossovers on Richmond Hill: standardise on granite setts.
- 15 Compass Hill: recognise informal path across grassed area by removing bollard to form crossing point over Petersham Road, with distinctive surfacing or road marking.
- 16 Petersham Road and Bridge Street: improve pedestrian circulation, through improved crossing facilities and investigating footway widening in Petersham Road and possible relocation of the bus stop near to the gate by the Riverview Cafe. Resist any further loss of front boundaries for car parking in Petersham Road. Repave the wide footway outside Joe's PH in York stone.
- 17 Install fingerpost signs on main walking routes.
- 18 Statutory listing of the following Buildings of Townscape Merit being pursued:
90-112(even); 118-122(even); 132-136(even) Richmond Hill.
- 19 Designate the following properties as Buildings of Townscape Merit:
68-74 Hill Rise;
Cardigan Mansions; 13,17,33-43(odd);
42-46(even) Richmond Hill;
thatched pavilion and decorative timber hut Terrace Gardens.
- 20 Designation of Terrace Gardens as a Historic Park and Garden being pursued with English Heritage.
- 21 World Heritage Site status being pursued, in particular for the area within the view to and from Richmond Hill.

THE VINEYARD

- 1 Vineyard Passage: carry out repairs to the graveyard boundary wall and restore and repaint the railings. Plant further self-clinging climbing plants against the car park wall.
- 2 Bethlehem Chapel, Church Terrace: encourage the reinstatement of a front garden railing (Council owned boundary).
- 3 Front garden parking/forecourts: seek improvements to forecourts at 23-28 The Hermitage and the community hall in Halford Road. Consider additional guidance/publicity regarding front garden parking, and tree planting in front gardens and/or footways in Halford Road/The Hermitage. Resist any further loss of front gardens for parking in The Vineyard.
- 4 Ormond Road: consider ways to improve the pedestrian entrance and view to the car park behind the Odeon cinema. Concrete bollards should be replaced with cast iron, and tree planting would improve the appearance of the car park. This site is in the adjoining conservation area, the study for which identifies this area as a redevelopment site.
- 5 The Vineyard: consider an improved road surface at the narrow junction with Hill Rise. Encourage improvements to the forecourts of the two churches at the Hill Rise end of The Vineyard.
- 6 Yellow lines: remove thick lines in The Vineyard and Ormond Road in particular and replace if necessary with more sensitive treatment, such as discreet signage or thin lines.
- 7 Ceramic street nameplates: ensure that existing examples are named and maintained, and consider replacing existing standard street name plates with ceramic plaques as opportunities arise.
- 8 Concrete lamp columns: replace with painted steel.
- 9 Footway crossovers: these should be in grey small element materials.
- 10 Designate the following property as a Building of Townscape Merit:
Bethlehem Chapel Room, 24 Ormond Road.

QUEEN'S ROAD

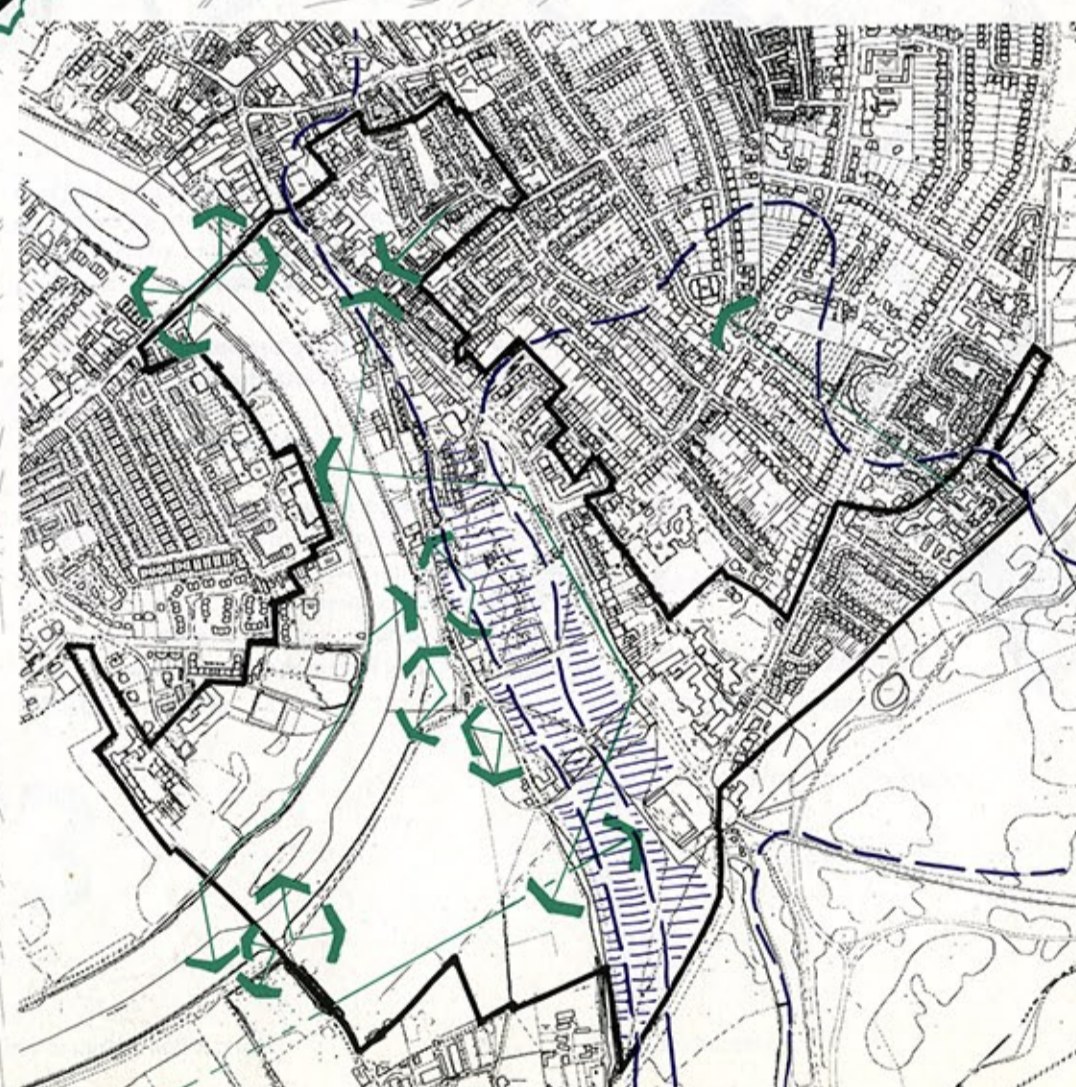
- 1 Protect the distinctive high wall character of the area.
- 2 Richmond Gate entrance to Richmond Park: improve surfacing and setting to provide a more attractive approach with better access for pedestrians. Seek an improved setting to the fountain and the restoration of its carving. Protect views into the park from visual clutter.
- 3 Green area to the side of the Richmond Gate Hotel: seek improvements to include additional planting against boundary. Liaise with hotel to pursue repairs to the wall, and provision of plaque explaining site history. The hotel extension immediately behind could benefit from further climbing plants against the wall.
- 4 Grove Road Gardens: encourage the formation of a physical and visual link between the gardens and Richmond Cemetery Chapel through a break in the wall. Carry out improvements within the gardens, including seating provision and grass.
- 5 Replace concrete light columns with steel.
- 6 Designate the sports extension to the Richmond Gate Hotel as a Building of Townscape Merit.

Protection of key views and vistas

- protect skylines which influence the view
- screen obtrusive elements such as car parks
- carry out a detailed landscape study to control unchecked tree growth
- improve foreground areas of viewing points
- maintain townscape and landscape elements contributing to views

There are extensive views and vistas throughout the conservation area and those shown do not cover every positive example.

Views, Vistas & Contours



Conservation Area

Proposals

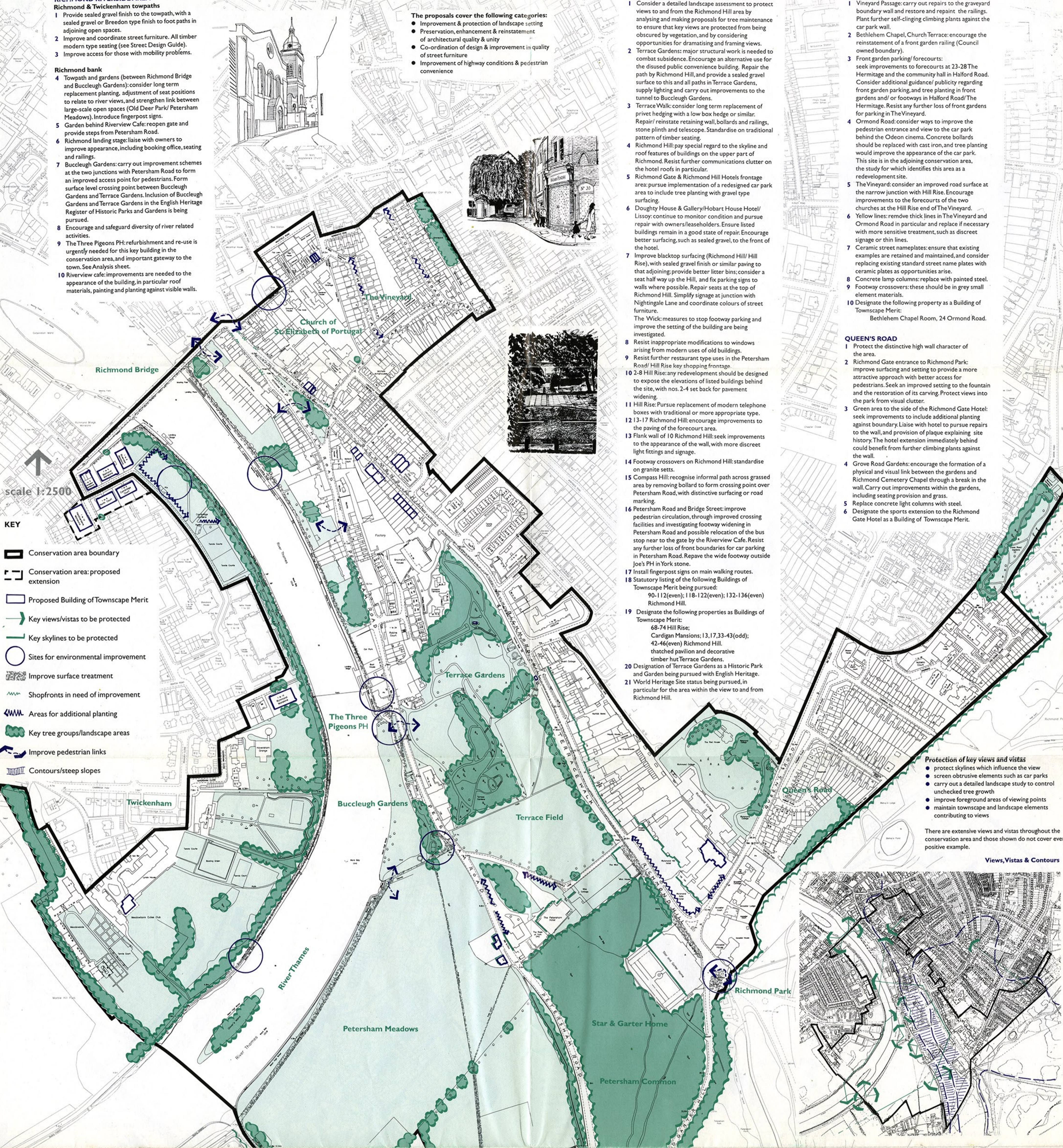
This map summarises the study proposals
It should be noted that current financial constraints on the Council mean that proposals for which it is responsible may take longer than is desirable to implement.

Richmond Hill

Area no. 5

scale 1:2500

- KEY**
- Conservation area boundary
 - Conservation area: proposed extension
 - Proposed Building of Townscape Merit
 - Key views/vistas to be protected
 - Key skylines to be protected
 - Sites for environmental improvement
 - Improve surface treatment
 - Shopfronts in need of improvement
 - Areas for additional planting
 - Key tree groups/landscape areas
 - Improve pedestrian links
 - Contours/steep slopes



TERRACE FIELD, PETERSHAM COMMON, PETERSHAM MEADOWS

- 1 Terrace Field: improve boundary with Terrace Gardens, possibly by setting any fencing further back into Terrace Gardens, and consider ways of allowing glimpses through Terrace Gardens towards the river.
- 2 Petersham Hotel: additional planting could help screen the view of the car park from Terrace Walk.
- 3 Rose of York PH: soften impact of car parking with hedge and tree planting.
- 4 Petersham Meadows: repairs to the footpath, with a sealed gravel finish rather than blacktop. Gates should be more user friendly for buggies and wheelchairs. Perimeter railing: the existing style should be retained and repaired where necessary (also at the entrance to Terrace Field). Further trees should not be planted near the boundary with Petersham Road in order to maintain the view. Grazing cattle are an essential element which should be retained. The area of concrete near the boundary with Buccleugh Gardens should be reinstated as a part of the meadowland.
- 5 Boundary of Petersham Farm & Nursery, Petersham Meadows: any future development should not disturb the rural character of the scene.
- 6 Towpath: provide a less rough granular finish. Consider ways of improving the appearance of the concrete flood wall with planting, banking and/or other measures. Form entrance to Buccleugh Gardens by the riverside.
- 7 Junction of towpath and River Lane: renew and simplify signing, remove redundant and damaged furniture.
- 8 Improve screening to gas pumping station by the Star & Garter Home.
- 9 Designate the following properties as Buildings of Townscape Merit:
91/93 Petersham Road.
- 10 Extend the conservation area to include old milking sheds adjoining Petersham Meadows.

Conservation Area Study



- Twickenham bank**
- 11 Cambridge Gardens: introduce gravel-type surfacing and distinctive tree planting, and encourage better use of existing structures. The pavilion could benefit from plants against its walls, with revised planting by the tennis courts. Replace safety rail by towpath with cast-iron type.
 - 12 Towpath area: redesign to complement the rural setting and take advantage of views: minor tree crown lifting and pruning of riverside vegetation.
 - 13 Boundaries to Meadowbank, Cambridge Park Footpaths: seek improved fencing/railing.
 - 14 Glover's Island: investigate the feasibility of a less artificial edging more suited to waterfowl and more appropriate to the rural character of the setting. A management plan should be prepared.
 - 15 Lighting should be replaced in a simple modern style.
 - 16 Traffic related signage and clutter by Richmond Bridge: coordinate and simplify.
 - 17 Extend York stone paving throughout the footways on Richmond Bridge.
 - 18 Extend the conservation area to include the following buildings: with obelisk turrets: North Court and Cambridge Court, Clevedon Road; and Heatherdene Mansions, Cambridge Road. Exclude from the conservation area new block of flats between Denton Road and Clevedon Road.
 - 19 Designate the following as Buildings of Townscape Merit: the buildings in 18 above, 424-428 Richmond Road; Clevedon, Balmoral, Richmond and Riverview Mansions; and Meadowbank.