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THE VINEYARD

A residential enclave of dense grain close to the town centre. Mainly two storey, yellow stock brick with slate roofs. There are some C18 buildings. Characterised by narrow streets with trees mainly in private gardens. The Church of St. Elizabeth of Portugal is a local landmark.

Problems and pressures

- areas for improvement:
- front garden parking; Halford Road, The Hermitage, parts of The Vineyard
 - dull forecourts; e.g. churches in The Vineyard, 23-28 The Hermitage and Halford Road community hall, Bethlehem Chapel; front boundary
 - Ormond Road; poor view into car park by Odeon cinema
 - Vineyard Passage; graveyard; walls and railings, car park wall
 - street furniture; concrete lamp columns, crossovers, yellow lines, traffic calming measures

Views

Views are specially important to the character of the conservation area. Potential problems in relation to views include:

- roofscape and skylines; windows, materials, communications apparatus
- condition/ quality of buildings/ structures
- unchecked tree growth obscuring views

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

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RICHMOND HILL

A distinctive ascent towards the historic view of the river from Terrace Walk. Shopfronts at the lower part of the hill are mainly narrow fronted and colourful, with a major grouping of historic buildings and imposing skyline towards the top of Richmond Hill.

TERRACE GARDENS

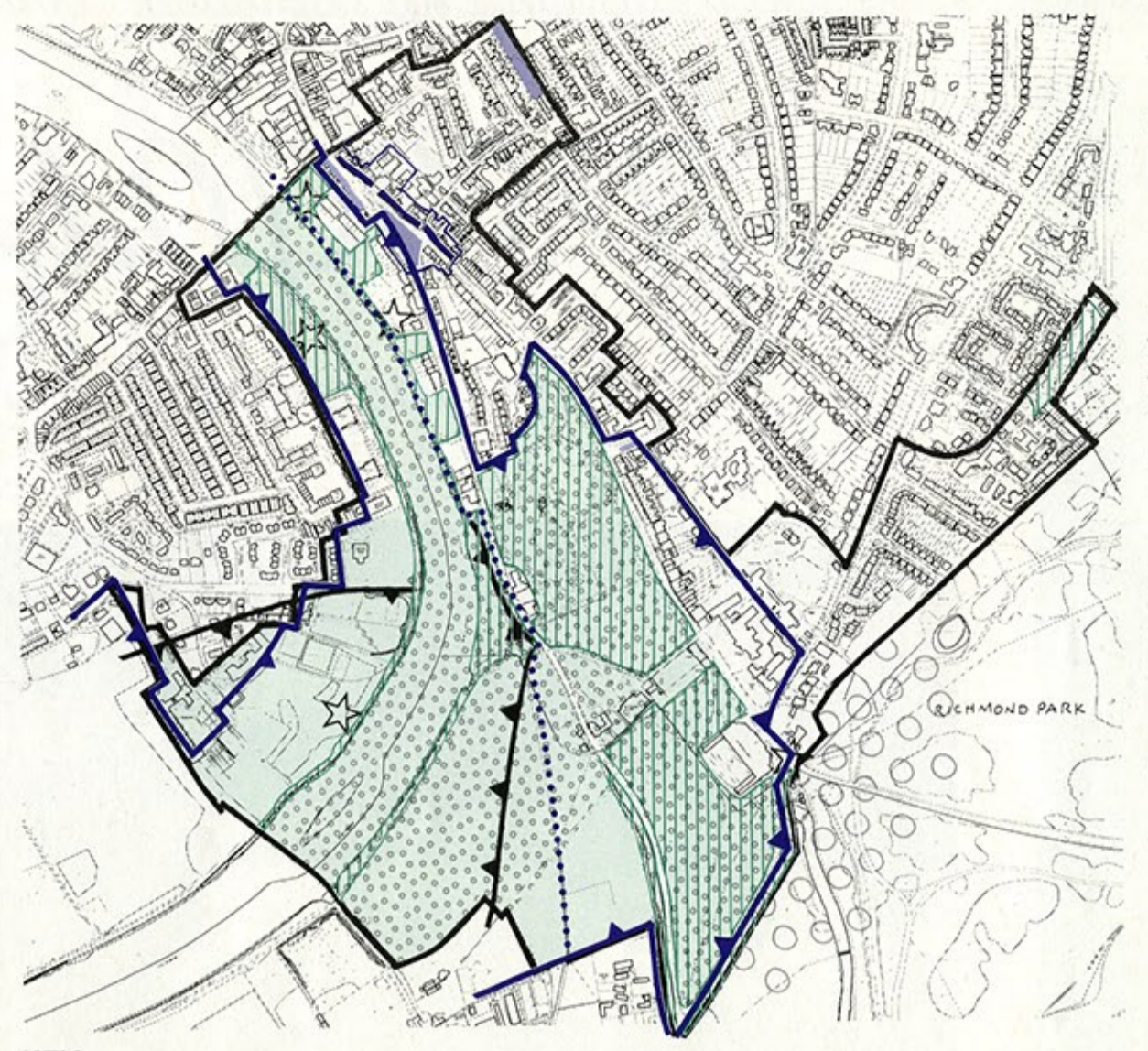
Slopes from Richmond Hill towards the river, with a Victorian parkland character. The topography provides considerable visual interest to the view towards both the river and Richmond Hill.

PETERSHAM ROAD

A main entry point to the town centre, but very rural in character by Petersham Common and Meadows, with dramatic river views. The Three Pigeons PH marks the entry point to the built up area.

Problems and pressures

- Richmond Hill areas for improvement:
- paving, particularly wide blacktop area to the top of the hill
 - Richmond Gate/Richmond Hill Hotels: car parks to the front
 - communications clutter on roofs of hotels
 - The Wick: car parking and setting of grade I listed building
 - Doughty House & Gallery and Lissoy are on the English Heritage Register of Buildings at Risk
 - some poor shopfronts, forecourts and modifications to windows, advertising
 - street furniture and signage
- Terrace Gardens/Terrace Walk areas for improvement:
- Terrace Gardens: major subsidence problems, disused public toilets
 - tunnel / access to Buccleugh Gardens and riverside
 - Terrace Walk: seating, bins, signage, walls, railings, plinth and telescope, condition of low hedge boundary with Terrace Field
 - tree growth obscuring views to the top of Richmond Hill and over Terrace Gardens
- Petersham Road areas for improvement:
- pedestrian circulation with heavy traffic congestion
 - condition of The Three Pigeons PH and adjoining areas
 - Hobart Hall Hotel is on the English Heritage Register of Buildings at Risk
 - loss of front gardens to car parking



KEY

- Conservation area
- Thames policy area
- Metropolitan open land
- Public open space
- Other open land of townscape importance
- Site of special scientific interest
- Other site of nature importance
- Proposed area for environmental improvement
- Area of mixed use
- Key shopping frontage
- Secondary shopping frontage
- Area at risk from flooding
- River Thames protection

TWICKENHAM BANK

This bank provides outstanding views of Richmond dramatised by the landform and quality of buildings and landscape. Buildings behind the towpath are mostly contained by the landscape, and the towpath is quite rural in character. There are good large trees, with the break in the tree line by Cambridge Gardens now planted.

Problems and pressures

- areas for improvement:
- Cambridge Gardens: tree and shrub planting, paving, pavilion
 - towpath: paving and street furniture including seating and lighting
 - boundary treatments at the back of the towpath
 - Glover's Island: landscape management, edging
 - approach to Richmond Bridge: signage/ service clutter, paving across bridge, yellow lines

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QUEEN'S ROAD

A mainly residential area bounding Richmond Park, with large trees looming over tall walls by the park and by Richmond College. The Richmond Gate entrance to Richmond Park is a busy contrast, with an imposing gate lodge and view through to the park. The Star & Garter Home is a key landmark from all sides.

Problems and pressures

- areas for improvement:
- Richmond Gate entrance to Richmond Park: pedestrian movement, fountain, clutter and views into the park
 - Grove Road Gardens: grass, seating, visual and physical link to Richmond Chapel
 - Queen's Road: green area by Richmond Gate Hotel
 - Cambrian/ Chisholm Roads: concrete lamp columns

RICHMOND BANK

A number of open spaces are linked by the towpath, with a wide promenade and more urban feel than the Twickenham side, and exceptional riverside views. The Three Pigeons PH is a local landmark and visual gateway to the town centre. There are major trees in Buccleugh Gardens and elsewhere. Activities include boat trips, sitting out and cafes.

Problems and pressures

- areas for improvement:
- incidental grass spaces: walls, paving, seating, planting, Riverview Cafe and access to secluded garden behind
 - towpath: surfacing, street furniture, signage, unauthorised vehicle access
 - landing stage: booking office, furniture and railings
 - Buccleugh Gardens: entrances off Petersham Road, links with Terrace Gardens and Petersham Meadows, paving

The Three Pigeons PH and adjacent sites
The Three Pigeons PH, a pivotal building in the conservation area, is in a very poor state of repair. All of the buildings between 81 and 87 Petersham Road, including The Three Pigeons, are identified as Buildings of Townscape Merit and should be retained in any development proposals.

The group is highly important in river views and its river-related leisure activities (pub/restaurant, boating, boat storage/ repair) should be retained and extended. Any redevelopment of the car park site should

- retain parking for The Three Pigeons and Canoe Club as appropriate
- introduce activity at the river frontage using the former boathouse archways
- complement the existing building group, not dominating or concealing it from downstream or upstream
- be limited to two storeys (over the car park level), with variation in roofline and section to avoid a monolithic appearance

TERRACE FIELD, PETERSHAM COMMON & PETERSHAM MEADOWS

A major area of open land of rural character in strong contrast to the manicured feel of Terrace Gardens adjoining. The two open areas of Terrace Field and Petersham Meadows with its grazing cattle make possible outstanding views to and from Richmond Hill.

Problems and pressures

- areas for improvement:
- screening to the Petersham Hotel and Rose of York PH car parks, and to the gas pumping station at Petersham Common
 - fencing/ railings: chain link fencing between Terrace Gardens and Terrace Field, and sections of railings to Petersham Meadows
 - towpath: surfacing; signage and clutter at River Lane
 - Petersham Meadows: footpath surfacing, disabled access, link to Buccleugh Gardens, concrete flood wall, preservation of open and rural views

The View from Richmond Hill



scale 1:2500

KEY

- Conservation area boundary
- Listed building
- Building of Townscape Merit
- Character area
- Landmark
- Good view
- Vista
- Key skyline
- Areas in need of improvement
- Key tree groups/landscape areas
- Pedestrian movement opportunity for improvement
- Gateway/transition point
- Contours/steep slopes

Conservation Area Study

Richmond Hill

Conservation Area
Analysis

This map outlines the key problems & pressures and provides an urban design analysis of the conservation area