PROPOSALS

Off-Site Works

New pedestrian crossing to directly link Gordon and Woburn Squares, with route through the spaces and new gates positioned at the crossing point.

Number of parking spaces within the barrier gates of Woburn Square to be reduced in number and/or realigned.

Paths and Paving

Path layoút is to be improved at the western and soúthern entrances of Gordon Square and the northern and southern entrances of Woburn Square, to link with new gates and improve circulation. An informal stage will be created by widening a section of the path in Gordon Square.

Paths are to be resurfaced with Coxwell gravel, a self-binding variety which forms a firm surface. The existing styles of tile and concrete edging will be replaced with thin metal edge. York stone will be reused at entrances.

Railings, Walls and Fences

Reproduction railings are to be installed, 1800mm high, based on archive photographs and dimensions of listed railings in Woburn Square. Existing brick wall to be repaired and used as a base for reproduction Portland stone plinth.

The dry stone wall on the eastern side of Gordon Square is to be repaired. The storage yard is to be reduced in size and moved to a less obtrusive position, where planting can screen it.

Planting

Existing Plane trees will be crown lifted to improve vision into and out of the gardens. In Woburn Square crown reduction will also be carried out to improve light levels. Some smaller trees in both squares will be removed to improve visibility or because of the poor quality/age of the trees. Gaps in the Lime tree colonade will be filled.

All shrub borders will be upgraded, with reduction of height to improve safety and visibility. Smaller growing shrubs will be planted. The eastern border of Gordon Square is to be more horticulturally interesting, with flowering shrubs and perennials. The scattered rose beds in Gordon Square will be replaced with new centrally located beds. The natural planting style in the Wild Area will be expanded with more ground covers and bulbs and native and ecologically diverse plants .

Sculpture

A sculpture entitled the Green Man, which has been loaned to the university, is to be positioned within the shrub bed at the southern end of Woburn Square.

Site Furniture

The existing four seater timber slat bench in Woburn Square is to be used as a prototype for new benches in both gardens, approximately 15 in Gordon and 5 in Woburn. Unobtrusive yet robust steel litter bins are to be positioned carefully, 12 in Gordon and 5 in Woburn.

Signage which briefly explains the history of garden squares in Bloomsbury and the significance of the Bloomsbury Group will be positioned at the north and south entrances of each garden. Two will have space for notices to be attached, advertising forthcoming events.

Buildings

The Gardener's Building in Gordon Square will be restored with removal of the extension. The building will then be shared use, between the gardeners and a small kiosk. A new serving hatch, doors and windows will be added to the building. The dense planting surrounding the building is to be removed and replaced with York stone paving and grass. The exterior will be lit at night and an external, lockable power supply will be available for events.

The Summerhouse in Woburn Square is to be restored, including a new clay tile roof, with removal of the shed and yard. It will also be lit at night.

Playground

A new playground is to be constructed at the southern end of Woburn Square, where it is sunnier and many people pass by. Railings and a self-closing gate will enclose an area of safety surfacing and grass, with equipment for young children (2-5 year olds) and a seat.

KEY

Refer to Appendix 2 for a more detailed drawing at larger scale

- New Yorkstone surface
- Playground safety surface
- Grass
- Bulbs in grass
- Existing Trees
- Shrubs
- Rose Bed

NORTH

Revisions

Rev. B Oct. 2004 Playground & kiosk surround amended
Rev. A Sept. 2004 Details of path surfacing, kiosk, sculpture amended

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