

Subject: CEPC - Balustrades/Garden, Chester Terrace

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Dear Nick

I would anticipate that within the next 3 months we should be in a position to advise the residents in Chester Terrace on the works planned for the balustrades with some indicative costs. The works themselves will probably not start for at least another six months or so, given the time required for tendering and mobilisation.

I think it will significantly improve relations with the residents if we give them some indication of the works proposed for the gardens. As you know, the scheme prepared in August 2019 by Landscape Design Ltd, which proposed a return to the historic layout with the removal of a number of trees, was not received favourably. I believe it would be vehemently resisted by the majority of the residents and will only make it more difficult for you to have their support for the balustrade works.

My impression is that residents would like a garden that they can use and which provides privacy and useable space. The gardens at Cumberland Terrace should be the basis for the scheme.

May I suggest that we start to prepare some indicative plans which we can work up over the next few months. My personal view is that we should only have one pathway, not two, significantly increase the areas of grass, tidy up the rambling planting and have some clean, usable garden furniture.

Moreover, there is no reason why the garden works cannot be carried out in parallel with the balustrade works, as any new planting will take a season or two to bed down. I am sure you will agree that it would be silly to spend 12 or 18 months sorting out the balustrades and then have to close the gardens for a similar period.

Warm regards

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