The Queen Elizabeth II National Memorial (St James's Park) 15 March 2026

As a Friend of St James's Park and a local Amenity Society, The Thorney Island Society was pleased to be consulted at several stages in the development of the plans for the late Queen's Memorial garden. Recently we were delighted to host a presentation to an enthusiastic group of members, who came away reassured and enlightened by the designers.

We support the application, having been reassured on various points about which we had concerns:

1. The bridge will no longer cause a bottleneck for the thousands of people that cross it as commuters every day.
2. The wildflower meadows will get sufficient sun to flourish, provided people are kept off them at the critical times of year.
3. Lighting on the direct north-south path will be at the same level as today, making it safe for pedestrians while also suitable for the welfare of wildlife.
4. The decorative glass balustrades on the bridge would not become dangerous shards and would be easily replaceable if damaged.
5. The design of the statues of the Queen and Prince Philip is still ongoing – the images displayed so far are indicative of size and location only.