

MAGNA CARTA CENTRE PETITION

Runnymede Borough Council wish to build a Visitor Centre at Runnymede Pleasure Grounds, the plans are for a large, unsympathetic design building on this open space.

We have support from CPRE (Campaign To Protect Rural England) as they also have serious concerns regarding the future of Runnymede Pleasure Grounds as an open space if this proposal was to go ahead; the principal matter being the detrimental effect the increased visitor numbers and traffic will have on the wider site and local infrastructure, including the wildlife habitat.

Runnymede Borough Council has been refused funding by the Heritage Lottery Funding and is therefore looking at a cost of approx. £5 million to finance this project. We believe this money could be better spent (e.g. on hospital facilities/public swimming pool/leisure centre).

Whilst we appreciate it is good to celebrate the 800th anniversary of the sealing of the Magna Carta in 2015, we would urge you to sign our petition NOT to support the project in its current form, but to scale back to perhaps a temporary structure (e.g. marquee etc.) in keeping with the land and spirit of the Magna Carta which does not irrevocably alter the landscape, the locale, and the quality of life for current residents.



Please show your
support by signing
our petition and
THANK YOU.

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