

## Brentford Gate Bridge

Some years ago a group of Brentfordians sought funds to develop a project to promote the building of a pedestrian/cycle bridge across the Thames, from Brentford to the Kew side of the river near the Brentford Gate to Kew Gardens. This illustration is one idea of how the bridge could look.



Brentford Voice strongly support this project and we will continue to promote any initiatives which will lead to the construction of the bridge.

The Thames between Kew Bridge and Richmond Lock Bridge is one of the longest stretches without a crossing. Our bridge opens up access between Brentford and Kew Gardens, Richmond and Barnes.

The vision is for an iconic design, with the bridge spanning the river in a single graceful arc, a steel backbone with wooden ribs, providing fantastic vistas of this section of the Thames.

The bridge would:

- improve transport with links to the Thames Path, the Capital Ring, the Grand Union Canal, Cycleway 9 and the London Loop.
- provide a new commuting route to the Golden Mile on the Great West Road, where 15,000 are employed.
- help the environment by reducing car journeys
- improve health by encouraging walking and cycling
- bring additional visitors to Brentford and Kew, with consequential benefits for local business.
- improve access to recreational open space and help reduce urban stress
- Help regenerate Brentford's town centre and boost the local economy
- Bring together a diverse neighbourhood