



London Zoo

12th July 2018 Informal Inspection

Section 12 Zoo Licensing Act 1981

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1. Informal Inspection

1.1 On the 12th July 2018 a Westminster City Council officer undertook an Informal Inspection at London Zoo. This was a scheduled visit at the zoo under Section 12 of the Zoo Act 1981.

1.2 The last inspection at the zoo was an Informal Inspection which took place on the 5th December 2017. The purpose of the Informal Inspection was to establish:

- (a) whether there are any obvious ways in which the zoo is not being managed satisfactorily, including those matters of conservation;
- (b) whether the conditions of the licence are being broken;
- (c) what progress there has been in carrying out the recommendations in the reports of previous inspections;
- (d) whether there have been any new exhibits, improvements or other changes since the previous inspection; and
- (e) that any time limited conditions have been complied with in the time specified.

2. Recommendations from last Informal Inspection

2.1 During the last Informal Inspection the Local Authority inspectors carried out a general tour of the ZSL site looking at all the animal areas. The following points were of note:

- Mice observed in Blackburn Pavillion aviaries, significant rodent odour was apparent.
- The signage on Barbets in Blackburn Pavillion was not in the most prominent place.

2.2 Discussions were held with Adrian Walls at the time of the December Inspection regarding pest control arrangements and the signage on the Barbets enclosure.

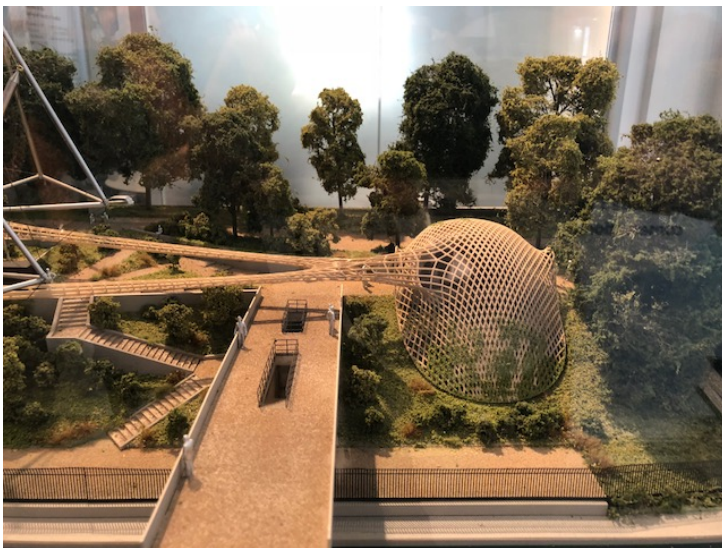
2.3 Since the last inspection, the area in which the mice were sighted has been dug up and a layer of mesh has been put down and covered in pea gravel. The keepers have noted a vast reduction in mice and no evidence of mice was apparent at the time of the inspection.

2.4 The signage on the Barbets enclosure had been moved to front of enclosure for better viewing.

3. New Exhibits

Snowdon Aviary

- 3.1 In January 2019 the Snowdon Aviary is due to undergo a major redevelopment to create a Colobus monkey walkthrough. The project is due to take 14-16 months where 12 colobus monkeys will be introduced at the start.



4. Other findings – Conservation

- 4.1 During the inspection the Local Authority inspectors carried out a general tour of the ZSL site looking at all the animal areas. The Licensing Inspector would like to commend the conservation work at the zoo and the following points were of note:

Amphibians and Bugs

- All the floor tiles have been made from fishing nets that have been pulled from the ocean and recycled.
- The coral is being moved to create a huge wall exhibit.

Superheroes (half term fun)

- As part of ZSL's 2018 **Superhero Takeover**, from **Saturday 26th May – Sunday 3rd June**, kids will be able to dust off their capes and join ZSL's own justice league of vets, keepers and scientists in their epic battle against three of Earth's toughest enemies: plastic, poaching and climate change.
- **WHAM!** Help the zookeepers defend against the Illegal Wildlife Trade by searching suitcases at our special **Customs Control Centre** – on the hunt for smuggled animals and the products illegally made from them.
- **WHOOSH!** Work with ZSL's vets to see just how much plastic in our seas is being swallowed by turtles, fish and other marine life – polluting our waters and endangering animals' lives.
- **ZOOM!** Join forces with ZSL's scientists to investigate how climate change is affecting animals like African hunting dogs – by learning how to fit them with high-tech tracking collars and reading the data they collect.

