

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY 18th JANUARY 2023
ALTON MALTINGS – SUPPLEMENTARY PAPERS

ITEM 7 PUBLIC REPRESENTATIONS

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1. Mr Andrew Kuttner.

I wish to ask the following at the Full Council meeting on 18 January:

- 1) Given the derisory response to the consultation survey on such an important issue - 340 out of an electorate of over 14,000 - will ATC accept:
 - a) This is a demonstration of the complete distrust Altonians have in ATC, the most common phrase used when discussing Kings Pond being "it's a done deal", hence folk not bothering to complete the survey?
 - b) Will ATC accept the emphatic 72% vote against the "offline" option: this being the true result had **all** paper responses been included as had been promised. I refer to the 300 effective "no" votes to question 6, with all other questions being skipped, by way of Sandra Hardman's petition? Further, given this result, will ATC now completely dispense with any notion of Kings Pond being taken "offline" and unequivocally commit to retaining this "idyllic" (as described in ATC's own poster) place?

- 2) In anticipation of the retention of Kings Pond, will ATC now look at ways of mitigating the cost of dredging?
 - a) By committing to no more spend of many thousands of pounds on "management plans" and "feasibility studies"?
 - b) Will ATC investigate the possibility of obtaining compensation from Redrow & Cala in respect of their very likely contribution to Kings Pond's silt in recent years? I had already provided the Clerk and "my" (Amery) councillors, who are (were at the time) both on the OSC with information about this.
 - c) Ascertaining, by way of analysis, whether Kings Pond's silt is suitable to be used as fertilizer, if it is, seeking commitment to purchase from prospective buyers (eg local farmers)?

- 3) We **know** it's feasible to dredge Kings Pond: it's been done before! What is needed are proposals for how best to dredge, the priority being minimal disturbance of waterfowl and other wildlife and disposal of the silt. Given the best people to advise on this are experienced dredging companies, will ATC include this in its specification for tender invitations? Further, will ATC commit to allow democratic debate of the tender responses at the relevant OSC?