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King's Pond

Community & Stakeholder Focus Group

Brief History - 1

Reports commissioned by ATC:

- Footprint Ecology November 2017
- Aquamaintain May 2022

Commentary from the Environment Agency:

- Letter July 2022

The reports set out a similar range of options for the future of the pond. Both recommended that serious consideration should be given to taking the pond offline.

The EA's (Environment Agency) position is that the pond should be taken offline and the river restored.



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Brief History - 2

In January 2023 ATC resolved to:

- Conduct a technical and financial assessment of the Dredging Option.
- Conduct a technical and financial assessment of removing the outlet weir so as to enable an offline option to be considered further.
- Set aside £250,000 for future King's Pond works.
- To put the revised Draft Management Plan and results of studies back to public consultation.



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Brief History - 3

In January 2025 ATC resolved to:

- To conduct a technical and financial assessment of the Pond and River option in parallel with the technical and financial assessment of the Dredging option.
- To reaffirm that the outcome of the technical and financial assessments of the Dredging and Pond & River options will go to public consultation before any decision is taken to proceed further.
- To form a Task & Finish Group to take the project forward and adopt Terms of Reference.



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Surveys - What has been done?

- A topographic survey of the whole site and a hydrological survey of the pond.
- Sampling of the silt and lab analyses.
- Ecology:
 - Preliminary Ecological Appraisal
 - Wintering Birds
 - Breeding Birds (survey complete, report awaited)
 - Great Crested Newt (investigation completed, report awaited)
 - Water Voles (investigation completed, report awaited)
 - Bats (survey continues until October)



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Other current investigation

- Preliminary enquiries to Project Manager, Designers, Consultants and Contractors.
- Researching the Lasham Drain.
- Researching drainage that affects the Pond and the River Wey.
- Researching similar projects elsewhere.



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Phasing of the Project

Stage One – To public consultation and decision

- Pre-application consultation with planners and E A.
- Engineering and landscape design to sufficient detail for costing and for presentation to residents.
- Public consultation & selection of option.

Stage Two – Design, Approvals, Appointment of a contractor

- Applications for approvals for the selected option.
- Landscape and engineering design progressed to construction detail.
- Tendering and selection of contractor.

Stage Three – Works on site

DRAFT May 2025 - will be updated as project evolves

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Elements of the design process

- Project Management
- CDM – Principal Designer
- Planning Consultancy
- Ecological Surveys and Impact Assessments
- Hydrological Modelling and Flood Risk Assessments
- Engineering Design
- Landscape Architecture
- Quantity Surveying



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Project Managers, Consultants & Contractors

Two possible arrangements:

- Conventional:
 - All the necessary elements are tendered and consultants appointed for each.
 - ATC manages the design and costing process or appoints a Project Manager to do so on our behalf.
- Early Contractor Involvement (Design & Build)
 - All the necessary elements are packaged and tendered to contractors with appropriate skills and resources.

Next Steps

Follow the Contractor route:

- Advertise as a public tender
- Tender with a fixed return date
- Analysis of tenders, interviews and selection
- Recommendation to Full Council to appoint contractor

Also:

- Continue investigation of local drainage
- Continue research into similar projects
- Any further ecological work?



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Option 2a: Dredging and removal of silt



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Option 4a: Modified outlet - pond & river



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