

ALTON TOWN COUNCIL

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King's Pond: August 2025 Update

Alton Town Council is investigating two options for the future of King's Pond - **Dredging plus Improvements and Pond & River.**

The project is at Stage One:

- **Pre-application consultation on both options with the planning authority and the Environment Agency.**
- **Engineering and landscape design and specification of both options to sufficient detail for costing and for presentation to residents.**
- **Ecological strategies for both options to create/improve habitats and improve biodiversity to sufficient detail for costing and presentation to residents**
- **Flood Risk Assessment for the River & Pond option.**
- **Public consultation & selection of the preferred option.**

The King's Pond Community & Stakeholder Focus Group, which includes residents and representatives of local organisations, held its first meeting in July. Minutes are posted on the ATC website www.alton.gov.uk/kings-pond-project. The next meeting will be at **6pm on Tuesday 2nd September** (Venue To Be Confirmed). Representatives of more organisations and residents are welcome to attend.

Ecological Surveys continue to a timetable dictated by the seasons. Currently these include surveys for bats, reptiles and amphibians. All survey reports are available on the ATC website as they are published. www.alton.gov.uk/kings-pond-project under the Ecology reports tab.

An Invitation to Tender for the Stage One design work was issued last month with a response date of **15th August 2025**. The Task & Finish Group intend to evaluate the tenders received by the end of August 2025 and to make recommendations for the appointment of a design contractor to Full Council at the meeting on **Wednesday 3rd September 2025**. Subject to approval at Full Council, design work is scheduled to commence in late September.

Public Consultation on the outline design and costing of the options for King's Pond is scheduled for **January/February 2026**.

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