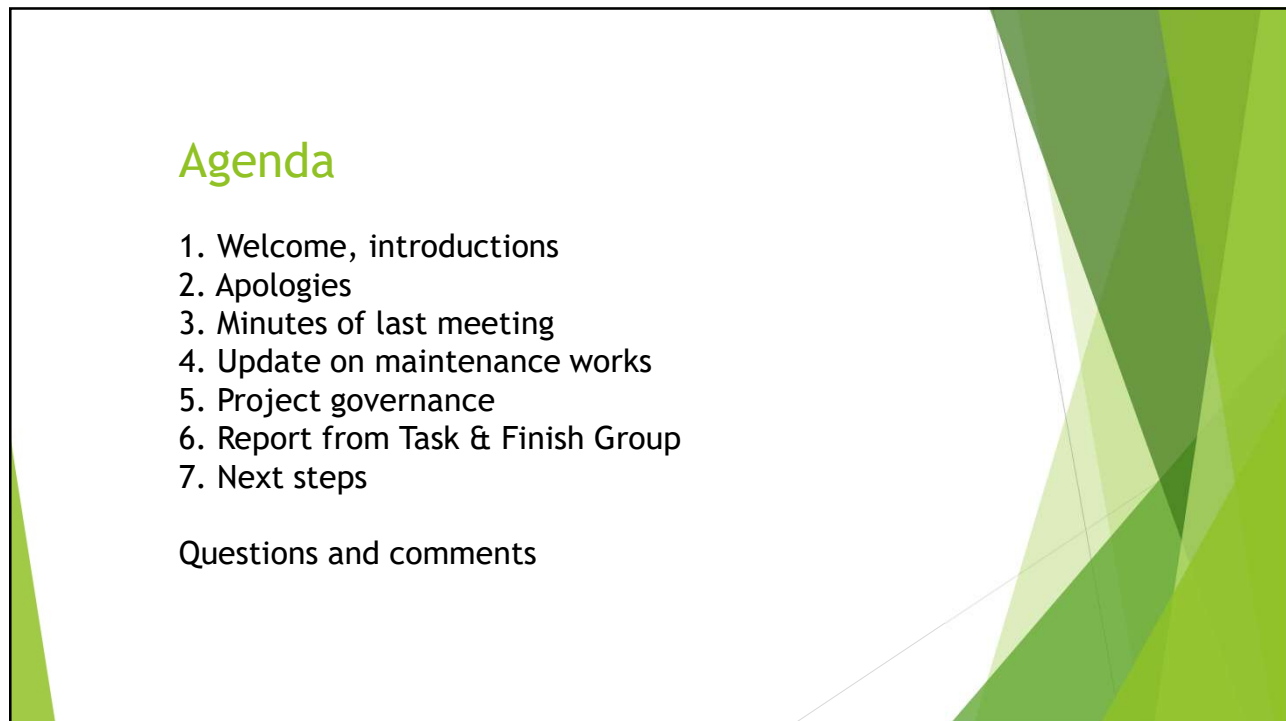




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Procurement Timetable

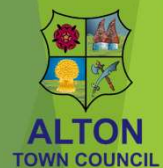
Procurement Stage	Dates
Publication of advertisement	3 rd October 2025
Site visits	24/27 October 2025
Clarification questions to be submitted by	3 November 2025
Clarification responses to be issued by	7 November 2025
Bid Deadline	28 November 2025
Evaluation	1-3 December 2025
Intention to award	10 December 2025
Contract start	17 December 2025

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Project Structure



- ▶ **FULL COUNCIL** has Strategic Oversight, controls the finances and is the ultimate decision maker.
- ▶ The **TASK & FINISH GROUP (T&FG)** prepares and implements action plans
- ▶ The **COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER FOCUS GROUP (C&SFG)** is a disseminator and sharer of information on the King's Pond Management Project and a conduit for community feedback to the Task & Finish Group.



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Community & Stakeholder Group

Membership:

Town Council Officers, Town Councillors, individual residents, pond users and representatives of local organisations such as ACAN, Alton Society, Residents Associations, Community Groups, Schools, Voluntary Groups, Surrey Wildlife Trust, Wey Catchment Partnership, KP Preservation Society etc.

Potential for core group plus other members drawn in as required at specific stages of the project.

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Community & Stakeholder Group

- ▶ Primarily the group is a disseminator and sharer of information on the King's Pond Management Project and a conduit for community feedback to the Task & Finish Group.
- ▶ Meets every two months.
- ▶ Potential for members to assist with preparing funding bids and could also have a consultee and consulting role in specific areas.
- ▶ Potential for the group to undertake some research and to be involved in wider public engagement.
- ▶ Membership of the group may change according to the stage of the project.
- ▶ Review the group on six-monthly basis.

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Phasing of the Project

Stage One – To public consultation and decision

- ▶ Pre-application consultation with planners and EA.
- ▶ Engineering and landscape design 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 only
- ▶ Public consultation & selection of option.

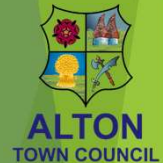
Stage Two – Design, Approvals, Appointment of a contractor

Stage Three – Works on site



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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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Option 4a: Modified outlet - pond & river



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Option 3c: Minor changes to outlet - pond & river



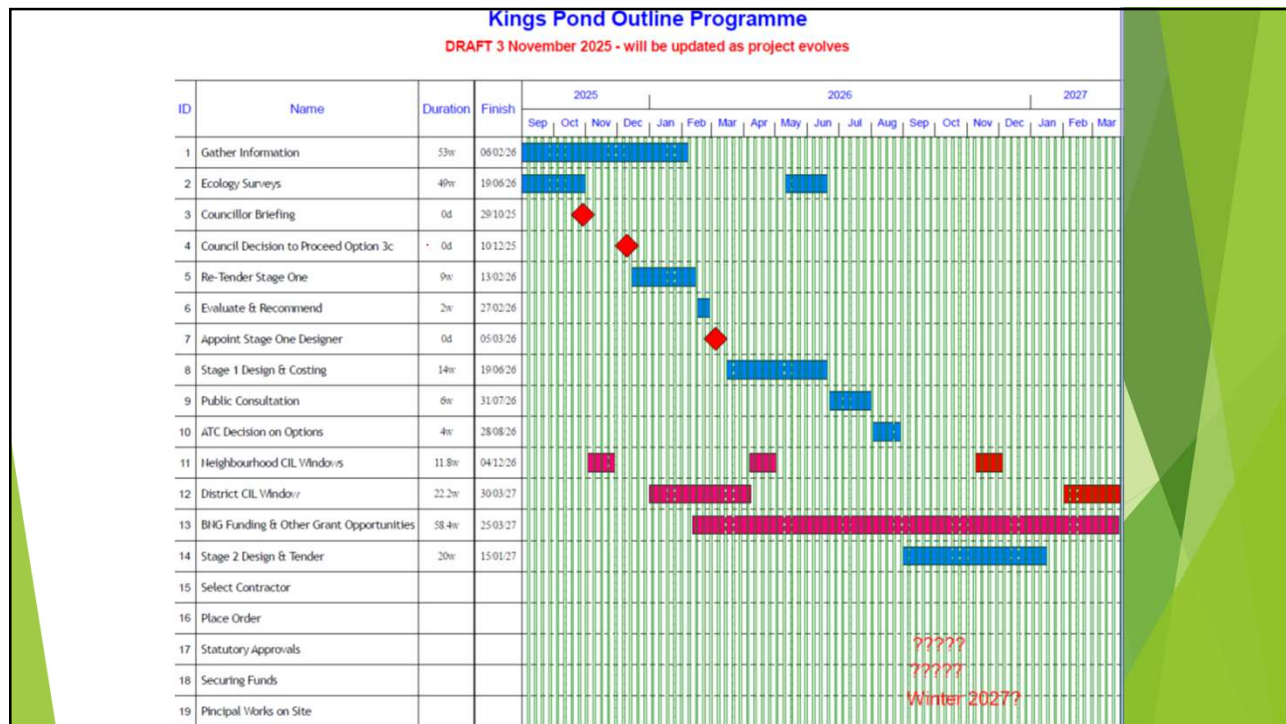
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Stage One Tender

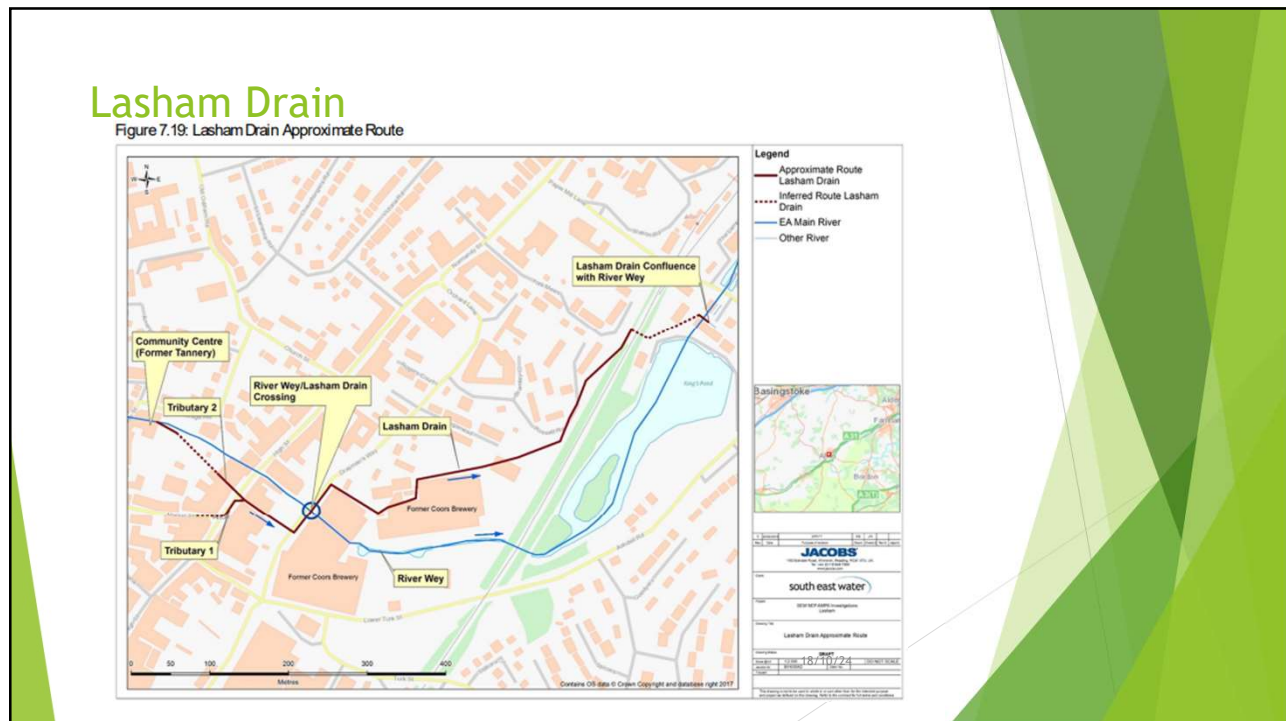
- ▶ Three tenders were received for the Stage One design works.
- ▶ The final stage of evaluation of the tenders is a presentation and question session with each of the contractors. Although a diary date in August had been set for this, the holiday season meant that this proved impracticable. A new date is to be agreed.
- ▶ Consequently, a recommendation for appointment was not made to Full Council on 3rd September as previously planned.

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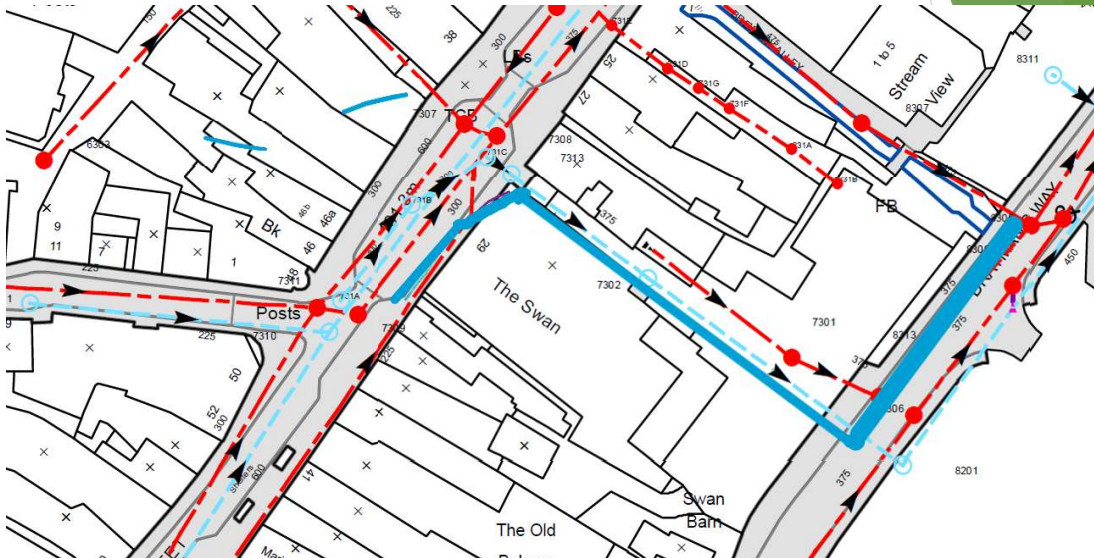


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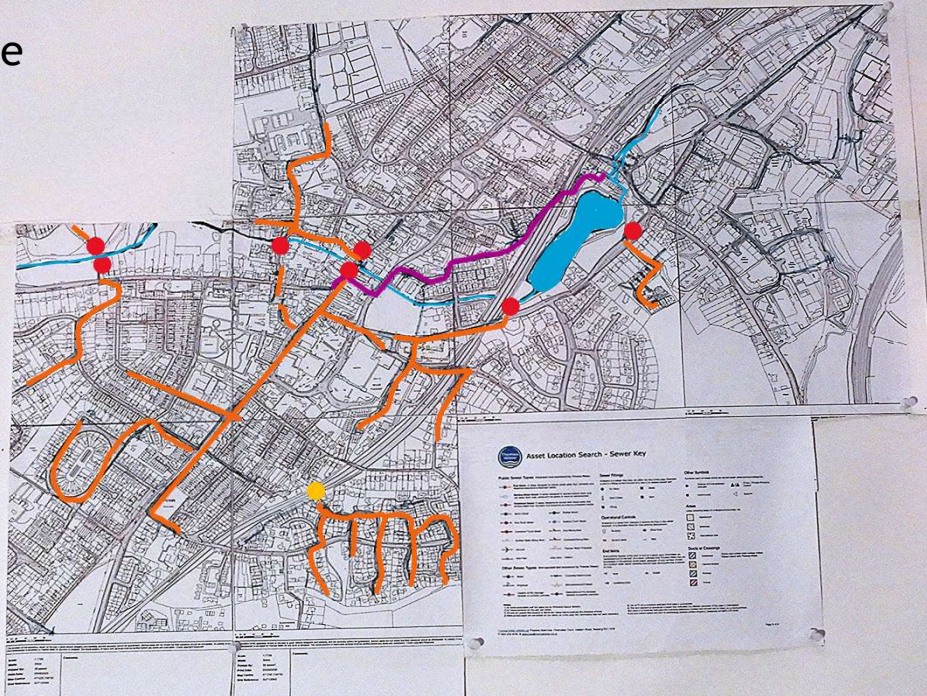
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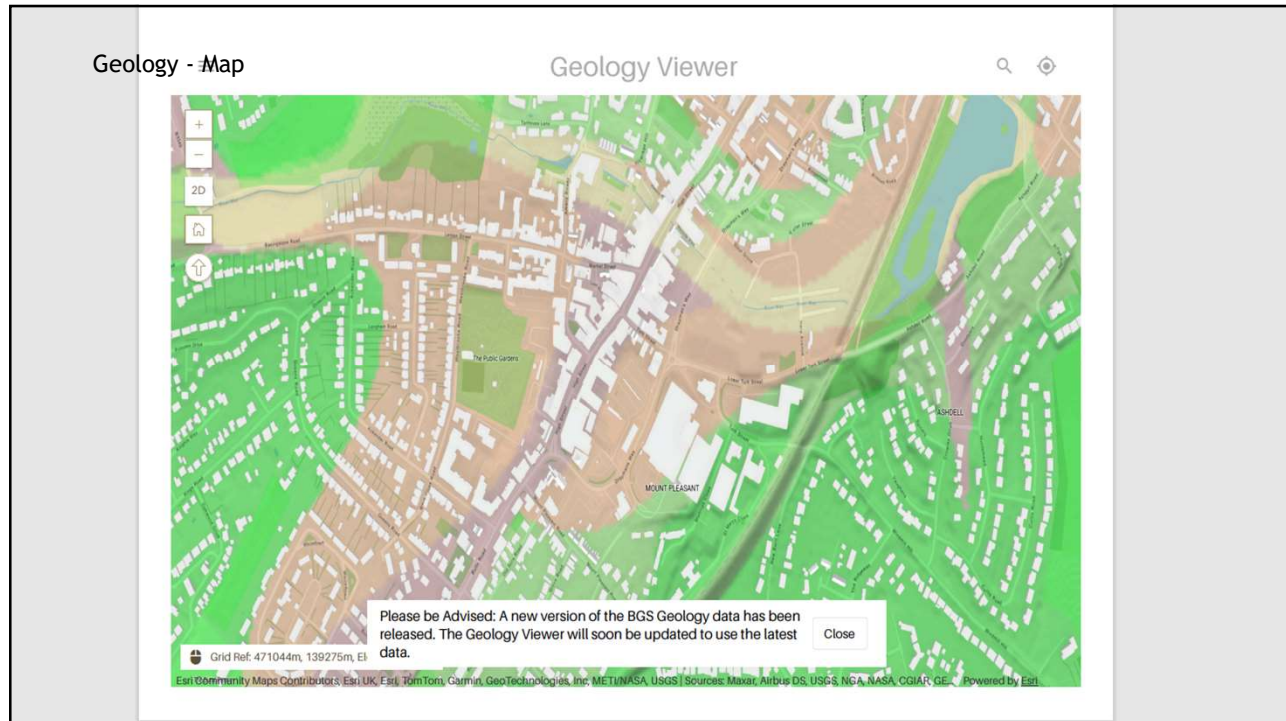


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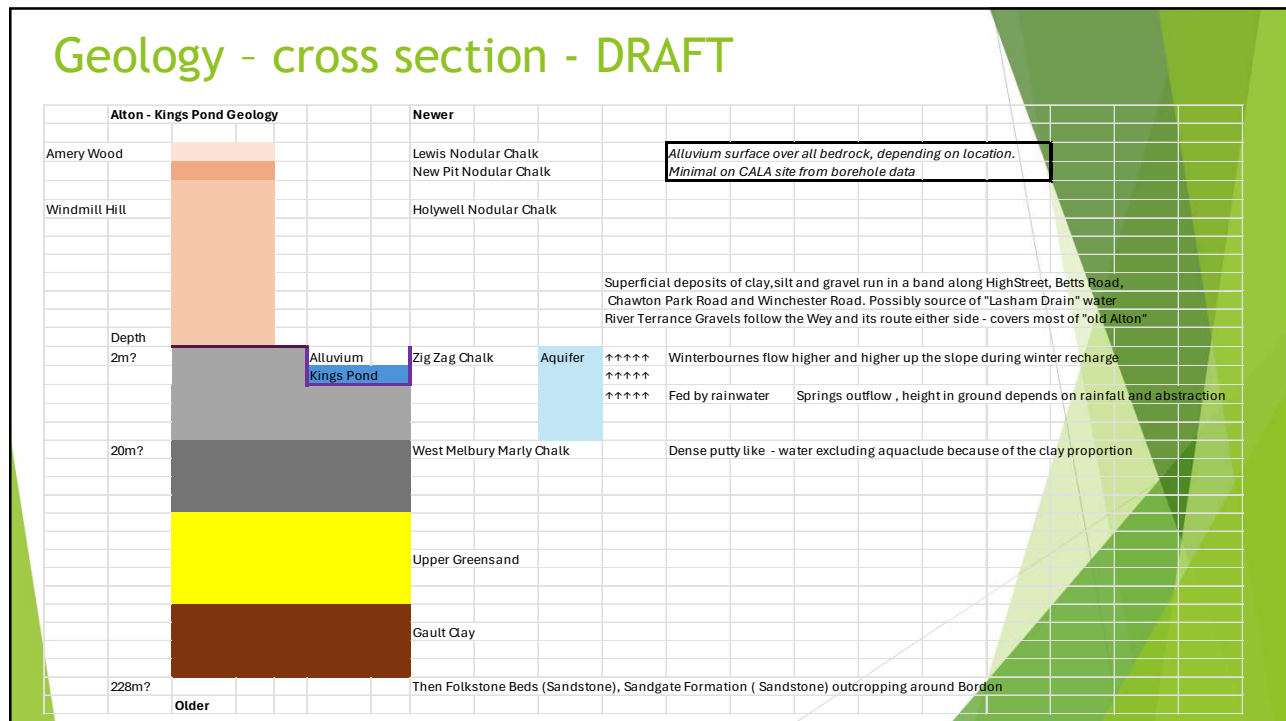
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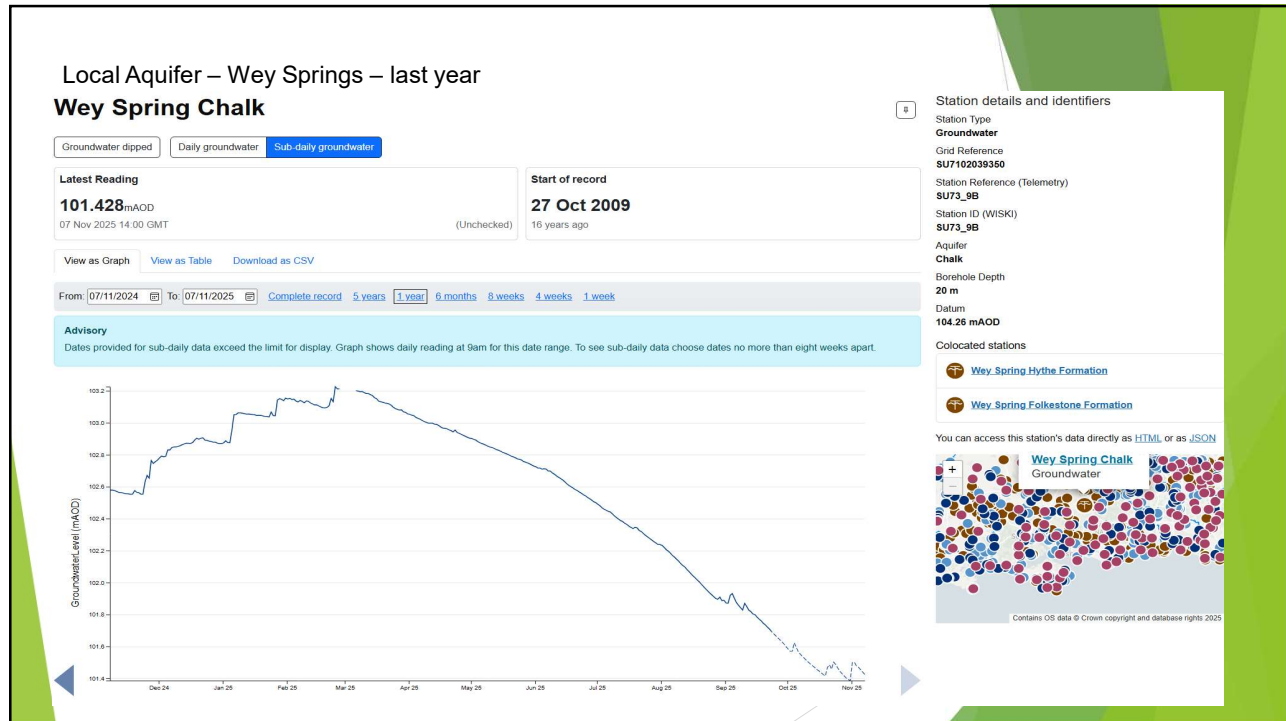
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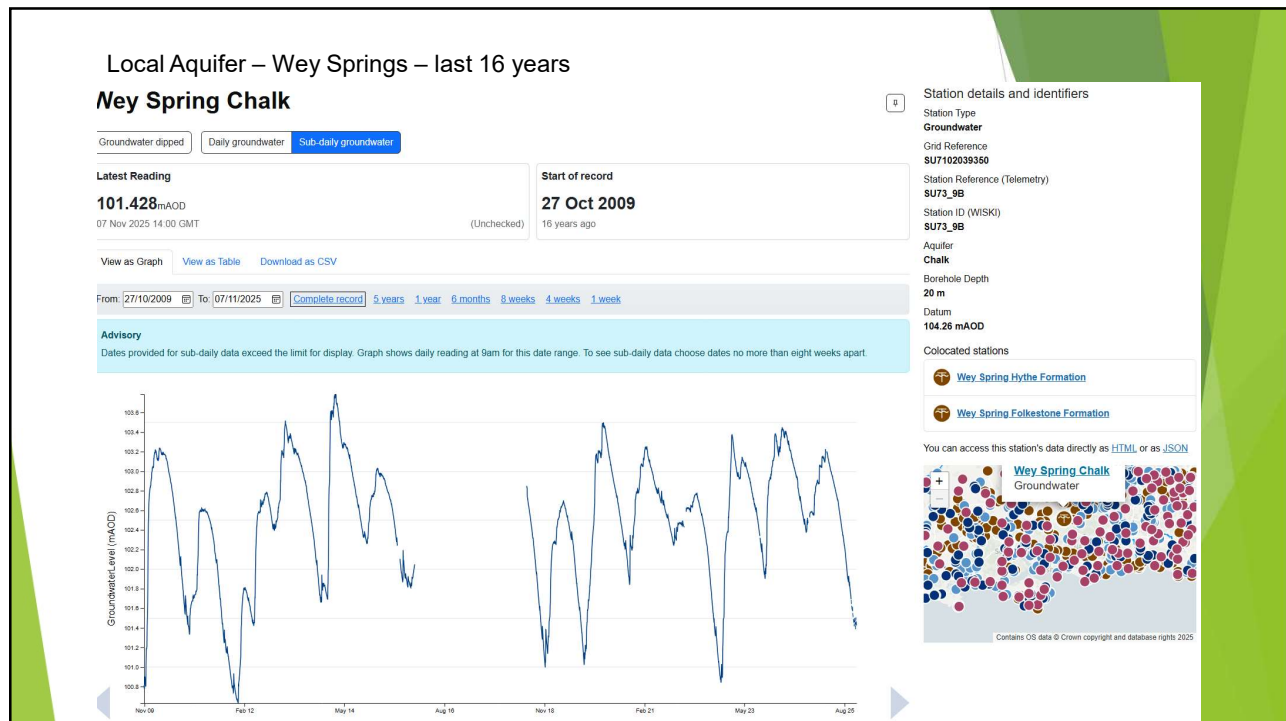
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Ecology Surveys

Surveys completed:

- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal (to be updated following a summer visit)
- Wintering Birds
- Breeding Birds
- Great Crested Newt
- Water Voles
- Bats
- Reptiles & Amphibians



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Ecology Surveys

Identified Knowledge Gaps:

- ▶ **Invertebrates** - survey(s) required
- ▶ **Algae** - Dr June Chatfield suggests occasional sampling for analysis through the year
- ▶ **Fish** - An electro fishing survey would be required
- ▶ **Water Oxygen levels** - we have no records. (ATC to invest in the testing equipment for this?)
- ▶ **Water temperatures** - we have no records. (ATC to purchase a suitable thermometer?)
- ▶ **Water Sampling and analysis** - SE Water take monthly samples for analysis at the inflow and outflow of the pond and below the confluence with the Lasham Drain. They share this data



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Next Steps

- Council approval to change to new River & Pond option
- Re-tender Stage One
- Ecological Review
- Complete Stage One
- Continue investigation of upstream drainage
- Continue research into similar projects



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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 off-line 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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