

Matters arising – Periwinkle Water Mill Site

The Conservation & Design Manager has provided the following update:

- The site is currently quite overgrown as noted by Cllr Dendor, the Greenspaces Manager and myself from recent site visits.
- The Greenspaces Manager is going to arrange for Blenwood to go in and cut back the vegetation so that contractors wishing to bid for the works will be able to meet with East Kent Engineering Partnership (EKEP) on site and be able to clearly see the different areas of planned works.
- I am waiting for EKEP to make the final changes to the tender package (drawings and activity schedule) following a meeting I had with them at the end of May 2022 where some options around the different structural interventions needed to be finalised following some clarifications. I had expected to see this by now, so will chase up next week. It is hoped that we can start the tendering process later this month or early July 2022, and the suggested tendering period is 3-4 weeks, although the period can be extended if needed. EKEP will be handling the tendering process on SBC's behalf.
- The risk register log needs updating (on the advice of EKEP) in relation to the matter of construction costs which have shot up dramatically in recent months. It is likely that the existing contingents built into the estimated costing for the scheme should mean that we can keep the project within the current estimated budget, but this will be checked again with EKEP when I chase them up.
- The design work still needs to be carried out for the planned heritage interpretation and site information signage. The approximate costs for the provision of this are already known (following some initial liaison with a rep from Woolmer Fitzpatrick which we have used before for SBC owned sites) and so the focus will be on putting together a mix of text and images which will help visitors to the site imagine how the site once looked and how it functioned.