Matters Arising update

Written update for Sittingbourne Area Committee Thursday 6 September 2022

By the Conservation & Design Team of Swale Borough Council.

Sittingbourne High Street Conservation Area Review

The Conservation Area appraisal document has now been finalised that includes changes made as a result of the public consultation and agreement for adoption by the cabinet.

The document will be published on the Swale Borough Council website by mid-September and will be subject to 21-day notification period prior to formal adoption for development management purposes.

Local Heritage List – process for making nominations

The final adopted listing criteria for Local Heritage List along with the associated process for nomination, review and adoption is being finalised for publication on the Swale Borough Council website by mid-September. In tandem with the publication, a letter inviting nominations will be sent out to all the parish councils within Swale, all local amenity societies and any relevant public bodies.

Periwinkle Watermill (Milton Regis) Enhancement Project

The tendering documents (project drawings and work activity schedule) have been finalised and the draft contract to go in the tendering pack is expected to be finalised by the end of this week (w/c 22/08) latest, so that the tender can be placed on the bidding platform and the selected contractors can view the information and put together their bids, which will require a site visit. East Kent Engineering Partnership will be managing the tendering process on SBC's behalf, although the Borough Council's Conservation & Design Manager will be involved in the bid assessment process. Work is expected to commence in next week (w/c 29/08) on drawing up the text and images for the proposed interpretation signage at the site. It is anticipated that physical works will commence this autumn, although elements of the proposed landscaping scheme (i.e. the sowing of wildflower seed mix) may possibly need to wait until early Spring in 2023.

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