

Eastern Area Committee Meeting December 2024 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Actions/updates
1.	Flooding in the Eastern Area	<p>Members noted the tracking report on flooding issues in the Eastern area, compiled by Councillor Charles Gibson, the Area Committee Member lead on flooding.</p> <p>Members were asked to continue to provide updates and information for the tracking report.</p> <p>Monitoring of the Faversham Recreation Ground/Whitstable Road works, carried out by KCC and SBC, continue.</p> <p>The Chair of the Eastern Area Committee agreed to write to the Member of Parliament Helen Whately, to request that she arrange a meeting with Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Southern Water with the aim of resolving the flooding issues in Faversham.</p>	The Chair will give a verbal update at the meeting.
2.	Earth bunds at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School	A resident said he was concerned that the earth bunds at the Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham, could alter the hydrology of the area.	The Chair will give a verbal update at the meeting.

		The Chair of Eastern Area Committee agreed to write to the Chair of the Planning Committee to request that local concerns about the earth bunds at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School, Faversham altering the hydrology of the area, be discussed at a Planning Committee meeting.	
3.	Conservation Area Reviews	The Conservation & Design Team report progress on Conservation Area Reviews to the Area Committees.	<p>Faversham - Preston Next Conservation Area The Conservation Area appraisal was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on the 7th of February 2024, where in it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed document along with the proposed Boundary changes. Next step is to finalise the document with the proposed changes and send notifications to the properties within the conservation area and to London Gazette. It is envisaged that the final adopted document will be updated on the Swale Borough Council (SBC) website by Autumn of 2024. This work is being progressed - 14/11/2024</p> <p>Faversham- Town Conservation Area The Conservation Area appraisal was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on the 20th of March 2024, where in it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed document along with the proposed Boundary changes. Next step is to finalise the document with the proposed changes and send notifications to the properties within the conservation area and to London Gazette. It is</p>

			<p>envisaged that the final adopted document will be updated on the SBC website by Autumn of 2024. This work is being progressed - 14/11/2024</p> <p>Cellar Hill & Greenstreet Conservation Area On Historic England's advice, the proposed new conservation area along London Road which falls between Station Road and Lynsted Lane to the west of the existing conservation area, is being included in the current Cellar Hill & Greenstreet Conservation Area. Second public consultation was undertaken on the new updated document from 24th July to 18th September. A number of positive responses have been received in support of the proposed extension. The Conservation Area appraisal and management strategy document is scheduled to be presented to Policy & Resources Committee on 27th November 2024.</p>
4.	Heritage issues	Update provided by the Principal Heritage Officer	<p>Area of Special Control of Advertisements (ASCA)</p> <p>Swale Borough Council currently does not have an ASCA. Since the adoption of the Heritage Strategy in 2020 and subsequent Action Plans wherein a number of Conservation Areas have been reviewed, it has been proposed that in order to better manage and maintain Swale's historic environment and heritage, a borough wide ASCA can prove beneficial.</p>

			<p>Any designation needs to be based on public consultation and must follow specific legal steps, including consideration of the order by the Secretary of State.</p> <p>Following an all members briefing in May 2024, it was agreed that a draft consultation document be prepared for approval by the Planning Committee, before undertaking public consultation.</p> <p>The draft consultation document is estimated to be ready by spring of 2025.</p>
5.	Road Closure signs	The representative on the Swale Traffic Forum was asked to request that after road closures had taken place and the work was completed, road closure signs should be promptly removed. It was agreed to take the issue of road closure signs being left in place either before or after works had taken place be taken to the Swale Joint Transportation Board.	The Chair of the Swale Joint Transportation Board agreed to put this matter forward for consideration. Prior to the agenda setting meeting on 12 November 2024, the matter was referred to KCC. The Highway Manager (Swale – KCC) has agreed to provide a response to these issues which will be shared with Eastern Area Committee Members as soon as they are available.