

	Full Council
Date	10 February 2025
Agenda Item	13

To consider a meeting with the River Improvement Group

The River Improvement Group have been in touch to say that they would be pleased to go ahead with a meeting with Council representatives

They have noted the Council's offer to work with them in future, including help and equipment of the Council's groundsmen, and would like to take up our offer of a meeting, at which we would wish to seek agreement on a Causeway recovery and management plan.

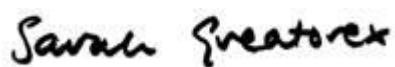
They have chosen 14.00 on Wednesday 19 February as a date for a meeting in Queens Hall, and will leave it to the Council to decide who should represent them at the meeting.

The River Improvement Group will in the meantime try to get together the outline of a recovery and management plan for the Causeway which might serve as a starting point for the discussion.

It has been suggested that some Councillors might be interested in discussing the environmental issues facing the river Colne more generally and opportunities that exist for addressing these in the light of the Council's recent adoption of its Biodiversity policy. The River Improvement Group have spoken to Darren Tansley at The Essex Wildlife Trust, who has previously assisted them with their work on the Causeway, and who has indicated his willingness to take part in such a discussion if a mutually convenient date and time can be arranged. The River Improvement Group are happy to assist in facilitating this if the Council would find that helpful.

Recommendation:

1. That HTC chooses councillors to represent them at this meeting, and checks their availability on the date selected by the River Improvement Group
2. That councillors decide whether they would like to be further informed about the environmental issues facing the River Colne at another meeting with the River Improvement Group



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