

Bond Riverside - Culvert

Overview:-

This motion is design to help address key issue which has been blocking any form of development of what used to be called LRIE but was renamed to Bond Riverside.

By acknowledging some of the fundamentals associated with how plans for any future development at Bond riverside are constrained by sustainable drainage issues/

In order to help:

Council Notes

- **That the findings from the LRIE scrutiny commission found contract control had been inadequate**
- **The Culvert at Tesco was**
 - **designed for its time**
 - **Is not something that West Berkshire council (WBC) have direct control over**

- **That the environment agency (EA) is the responsible body for water passing through and downstream of the culvert**
- **That it is now exceptionally difficult to get agreement from the EA to allow increases in volumes of water to be passed downstream for manmade drainage reasons**
- **That sustainable drainage legislation is increasingly required to be dealt with on site**
- **That dredging the culvert has no effect due to the water table**
- **That BNG (Biodiversity Net Gain) is becoming much more important**
- **That there has been a cumulative effective up stream since the Culvert was created from development both past and present**

THE MOTION

This council therefore commits to:

- Enter Dialog with third parties, residents whose land is next to the Culvert
- To work towards a solution that takes into account historical and potential future development of Bond River and associated areas whose run off goes into the Culvert.
- That the council will create a critical path committee made up of key stakeholders whose focus is drainage issues associated with the Culvert.
- That the team will report back to the Council on findings associated with ideas and plans coming from the administration