

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

As already announced, the next Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Queen's Wood will be held by video conference **on Zoom at 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 July 2021.**

No further nominations for the committee or motions have been tabled so the agenda is unchanged. The notice and agenda can be found by clicking [here](#). The minutes of the last AGM can be found [here](#), the Treasurer's Report and Accounts [here](#). The Chair's report is now available and can be found [here](#).

Please let us know as soon as possible and by midday Wednesday 14 July at the latest if you wish to attend by emailing [meetings@fqw.org.uk](mailto:meetings@fqw.org.uk) and we will send you a Zoom link.

## State of play on Proposed Flood Management Scheme

As previously explained, the meeting will not include the customary talk, but will include an opportunity to discuss developments in the wood, particularly with regard to the proposed Flood Management Scheme.

The latest developments on the Scheme are as follows:

- At present we do not know when the decision whether or not to go ahead with the Scheme, amended or not, will be taken
- The scheme is officially at present on hold, pending a decision on next steps by Cllr Mike Hakata, who as Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport and the Climate Emergency is
- The report of the consultation process has not yet been published, some three months after its end (6 April). The Council is in breach of its own Consultation Charter, which states that at the end of a consultation it will communicate what will happen next.
- A small group from FQW met Cllr Hakata in the Wood on 30 June. He had had at that time no detailed briefing from Council officers and we were able to describe the scheme from our own perspective and demonstrate on site our main areas of concern.
- Despite the scheme still being on hold Council officers have invited us to a site visit to explain further the details of the proposal. We propose to accept on the strict basis that it is without prejudice to our strong opposition to the scheme. We believe a fundamental review of all the options for dealing with the flood risk is required and we are pressing for a meeting with Council officers for this purpose.
- We have prepared a critique of the Council's list of Frequently Asked Question (attached [here](#))
- On our instructions a solicitor's letter has been sent to the Council probing whether all the required environmental assessments have been undertaken

### YOUR COMMITTEE:

**Chairperson** John Dorken  
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