

OUTLINE FOR POSSIBLE RESTORATION WORK AT CALEY GREEN, PREVENTION OF FURTHER EROSION AND MITIGATION OF IMPACT OF HIGH NUMBER OF VISITORS.

FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS DURING VIDEO CONFERENCING MEETINGS AND SITE VISIT WITH ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, DVSV AONB TEAM, RIVER STOUR TRUST, SUFFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL AND NAYLAND WITH WISSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL, APRIL 2021

Erosion: Bank and wooden edging inspected and discussed. Large area of erosion, several feet in recent years, is a concern to all. **This could eventually cause problems to neighbouring property and should be restored asap – landowner liability.** Restoration work would need some time to settle in. PC can fence/tape off the area to prevent public access with a notice of explanation. The erosion has exposed a metal post hazard on the bend. Possible it had been buried in the ground at the time that the Green was created (1968).

Environment Agency will send ideas for a few options using coir rolls and vegetation with a large area of backfill and grass. He will also send details of permit requirements. * EA do not design or carry out work, although there is a possibility that volunteers from AONB Team and EA could assist. Deadline for funding grant applications 17th May.



*Since the site meeting, the Environment Agency have supplied photograph example of coir rolls at Dedham Mill, installed at low water level but normally hidden. See separate document.

Also supplied: Aerial photographs taken before removal of reed beds and current state of erosion, list of examples of appropriate low planting that would not impede view of river from Bear Street. Tall reeds to be avoided. See separate document.

Environmental need to remedy erosion at this point of the river and potential restoration to be communicated to residents. John Dalton represented Friends of Caley Green as an observer at virtual meetings.

Mill Lade access: EA will provide appropriate simple signs, directional arrows for main river, and a 'cul de sac' sign at entrance to Mill Lade as agreed at previous virtual meetings within the next month. (No cost to PC). Cannot ban entry, some Lade residents use their own craft, but hope this will dissuade visitors. Another suggestion was to place a couple of buoy markers at entrance if it continued. EA will monitor unlicensed craft at all riverside villages every 3 or 3 weeks. This was also done last year.

Signage: A simple sign near bus stop to prevent parking, camping, BBQs notify that licences are needed. An information sign on the slope, away from the path to avoid congestion, similar to the AONB Long Distance Path sign installed recently on other side of river. A natural spot seemed to be facing the river within the semi circle of trees. Should include the QR Code link to RST licencing. EA could produce small clip-on notices with the code that could be put in other spots when appropriate. There is a possibility that planning consent will be needed. Temporary signs provided by Parish Council already in use.

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