

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF DECISION

Decision Taken By: Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change

**Decision No:
D210107MEM**

Date: 23 November 2021

Decision(s) and Reason(s)

River Lawn, Tonbridge

(Joint report of Director of Central Services & Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Street Scene, Leisure and Technical Services)

Consideration was given to a number of options in respect of the land at River Lawn including applications for Village Green status or Local Green space designation in the Local Plan and the future rewilding of the site.

There was also an update provided on the Public Rights of Way (PROW) which the Borough Council had previously objected to. It was reported that a decision on the application made by Kent County Council might not be issued until 2023 due to the backlog of cases.

Following consideration by the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board, the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change resolved that:

- (1) the area of land at River Lawn, Tonbridge (shown at Annex 1 to the report) be considered for designation in the Local Plan as a Local Green Space;
- (2) the proposal to partially rewild the land in partnership with the Medway Valley Countryside Partnership be progressed in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment and Climate Change; and
- (3) the objections to the Public Rights of Way Order (PROW) be withdrawn.

Reasons: As set out in the report submitted to the Street Scene and Environment Services Advisory Board of 23 November 2021

Signed Cabinet Member for
Environment and Climate Change:

R Betts

Signed Leader:

M Boughton

Signed Chief Executive: J Beilby

Date of publication: 26 November 2021

This decision will come into force and may then be implemented on the expiry of 5 working days after publication unless it is called in.