



Report

Officer: Clare Turner - Town Clerk
 Date: 2nd November 2023
 Meeting: Extra Ordinary Council meeting - Tuesday 2nd November Wednesday 11th October 2023

Retaining Wall at Castle Walk

Previous BTC Meetings and Reports

Full Council Meeting 20th December 2022 – Retaining Wall Report 19122022 Confidential
 Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 9th January 2023 - Retaining Wall Report 09012023 Confidential
 Full Council Meeting 21st February 2023 – Retaining Wall at Castle Walk 21022023 Confidential
 Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 18th May 2023 – BTC Project Update and Status 18052023 Confidential
 Adjourned Annual Meeting 23rd May 2023 – BTC Update information 23052023 Confidential.
 Full Council 20th June 2023 – Briefing Paper Preliminary financial implications 20062023 Confidential
 Full Council 19th September 2023 – Updated Preliminary financial implications 19092023 Confidential
 Extra Ordinary Council Meeting 11th October 2023 – Update on Retaining Wall 11102023 Confidential

Background.

The funicular railway dates back to 1897 and is leased to an operator – The Bridgnorth Castle Hill Railway Company, of which there have been a number of owners.

The Town Council received a letter dated 10th November 2022 from the Bridgnorth Cliff Railway raising a concern regarding the retaining wall at Castle Walk.

The concerns were raised regarding the integrity of the wall and highlighted a potential risk of collapse, which could lead to damage to property, closure of the Cliff Railway and in the worst-case death.

Project Working Group was set up and agreed by Town Council to progress with the project but providing regular updates to Full Council provided at each stage of the project.

The updates have included a number of financial reports to indicate both spend and projected spending.

Project Phase:	Brief Outline of Stage:
Phase 1.	Letter received from Cliff Railway. Investigation into issues raised Engaged with Structural Engineer, contractor and legal advisors Vegetation Removal Structural and Condition report provided
Phase 2.	Remedial works for works carried out for Stage 2. (Party Wall) Identified within drawing below Draw identified and provided (Red / Amber / Green) to include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Remedial works - stand down - Structural engineer - QS & PM - Land surveyor - Party wall surveyor
Phase 2.a.	Additional 4 meters of urgent work connected to Stage 2. Works. (Party Wall)
Phase 2.b.	<p>Additional 10 meters of urgent works connect to Stage 2. Works. (Party Wall)</p> <p>Delay due to legal documentation provided by operator of the Cliff Railway. Additional Costs for stand down / stand by for legal documentation.</p> <p>Work recommenced for remedial work on 18th September 2023 – estimated to take 6 weeks. (3rd November 2023).</p>
Phase 3.a.	<p>Vegetation removal to allow inspection by ADM Structural Ltd</p> <p>Structural engineer inspection and report.</p> <p>ADM Structural Report completed 4th October 2023 – following site visit due to contractor advising and raising concerns during 2.b. works being completed.</p>
Phase 3.b.	<p>Part of 3.a. information being provided</p> <p>Due to be completed on 10th November 2023.</p>
Phase 3.c.	To be made safe and take advice from the Structural Engineer on next stages
Phase 3.d.	Part of 3.c.
Phase 4.	Unknown. Further investigation work to be completed. To be investigated as part of
Legals	Legal Representation throughout all stages currently at circa

Photos.





Location Map.

