

Stratfield Mortimer Parish Council

Full Council 01/12/2022

Mortimer to Burghfield Cycleway and Footpath

Agenda item 22/093 1: To resolve to accept:

- a. The fee proposal for £14,350 +VAT from Ridge and Partners for the remaining work required to take the project to a planning application.**
- b. The fee proposal for £1515 +VAT from Aspect Ecology for a Precautionary Mitigation Strategy.**

BACKGROUND

Since the pre app was concluded Ridge and Partners have been commissioning and managing the delivery of the reports and survey specified in the pre app report from WBC.

The Phase 1 ecology study by Aspect Ecology had indicated that Phase 2 ecology studies for (1) reptiles and amphibians, (2) dormice were required as part of the planning application. Now, however, that the arboricultural report has been used to generate an improved route, avoiding all bar approximately 12 trees being taken down, Aspect Ecology are able to assess the risks to various animals as much lower and to provide a precautionary mitigation strategy to accompany the ecology report instead.

PROPOSAL

We are now ready to move on to the initial design of the whole route including the path, changes to bridge/culvert over Lockram Lane and road crossing.

The fee proposal is detailed in the accompanying letter from Ridge and Partners – document 22/093 1.1 Ridge and Partners Fee Proposal. The aim is to submit the planning application in February – document 22/093 1.2.

Aspect Ecology are able to produce a precautionary mitigation strategy to accompany their ecology report by mid – late January.