

Subject:	ROCK RAMP FISH PASS
From:	Gary Harrison
Date:	21/03/2024
For decision	
Summary of decisions or actions requested (including timing): Agree to go to Competitive Tender for the Design Phase of the Proposed Rock Ramp Fish Pass.	
Financial implications: [please explain any costs associated with decisions or actions, and whether these have already been budgeted for] Evenlode Catchment Partnership has budgeted £10k for the Design Phase and extra funds may be available from the Environment Agency	
Communications: [do we need to communicate with residents and how will this be done if so] This will give use the design which we can then communicate to residents.	

The Evenlode Catchment Partnership and Wild Oxfordshire have asked that we now move to the Design Phase of the Rock Ramp Fish Pass Project. We are on the list to potentially receive funding for the project in the next FY from a £10m Fund that DEFRA are distributing for this kind of project. Obviously, we will need to be prepared in the event that we are successful in getting funding hence the urgency to get a finalised design.

Decisions so far are that the water levels above and below the weir will be maintained. This will please the Canoe Club and the Wild Swimmers.

This project is probably the largest single biodiversity project that Charlbury Town Council will ever undertake and is therefore extremely import to fulfilling our statutory obligations.