

Proposed by Cllr Mike Sims, seconded by Cllr Oliver Cooper

Three Rivers District Council notes the great benefit that local residents across the district derive from the Aquadrome.

The Aquadrome's Woodland Path along the River Colne has been closed since February, causing significant harm to residents.

While other councils have repaired similar damage within weeks – and Three Rivers has in other places – it has not done so in the Woodland Path.

Furthermore, the council's administration didn't even inform councillors of its plans for seven months and only did so after direct demands from Rickmansworth Town councillors that its reopening be debated and voted on by councillors.

The absolute minimum cost estimate now presented of £198,000 for the council's repair work is a material amount and should be included in accounts and budget monitoring reports, presented to councillors, and subject to scrutiny.

Three Rivers District Council notes that residents of Rickmansworth and Moor Park & Eastbury pay significant additional Council Tax to Three Rivers to maintain the Aquadrome due to the Council's decision to declare it a 'special expense', yet their representatives have not been consulted or updated.

Three Rivers District Council therefore commits to opening the Woodland Path as soon as practicable.

Three Rivers District Council furthermore commits to publishing its full plans for the Aquadrome no later than 3 days after this motion is passed, to be debated at the next meeting of the Climate Change, Leisure, and Housing Committee.