

Policy & Resources Committee

Date:	1 November 2016
Title:	Thame Museum Building Improvement Project
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Purpose of this Report

1. To provide a verbal / written update on the progress of the building improvement project at Thame Museum.

Update

2. Following the response by the Architect to the concerns made by the Old Maltings Residents Association (OMRA) regarding the proposed building improvements on 13 July (previously reported to Policy & Resources Committee on 2 August 2016), Mr Lowe of the OMRA has advised the Architect that OMRA's position still remains unchanged and that the OMRA have strong planning objections to the current scheme and will not provide access (or accept any form of encroachment) to facilitate the development.
3. On the 27 September the Architect acknowledged OMRA's unchanged position and advised that a planning application and application for listed building consent had now been submitted to SODC.
4. The Architect has submitted the planning application and application for listed building consent to SODC and this was registered on 16 September. SODC advise that a decision on the application should be made by 11 November.
5. After lengthy discussions and various failed proposals when considering the planning application on 18 October 2016, the Planning and Environment Committee resolved that from a planning perspective further design work was required.
6. Officers continue to manage the project in line with the financial contribution from the Council. The Council has to date committed funds of approx. £6,273.74 towards the project.

Action Required

To note the report.