



**NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL  
CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2022**

**1) Residential Drainage Scheme:**

Due to concerns about the draft residential drainage scheme presented previously to the Council, a site meeting was arranged to clarify queries about the size of bunding proposed to be created around the perimeter of Station Road Sports Field and alignment of French drains in front of the bunding.

Following discussion with the developer and the drainage engineer, it was ascertained that the intention was for all bunding to be created within the bounds of the existing rough grass areas and / or tight to perimeter boundary where there is no rough, un-mown area.

The Members of the Project Steering Group were content at the end of the meeting that any concerns about the drainage scheme had been allayed and, therefore, to recommend approval of the Residential Drainage Scheme, subject to a caveat – proposed by the developer – that New Romney Town Council is to agree the shaping of the bunding on site prior to construction and New Romney Town Council is to agree the alignment of the French drain in front of the bunding on site prior to construction.

**ii) Consultant Fee Schedule:**

Councillors had previously been presented with a schedule of consultant fees required to be confirmed and approved to take the Community Hall, Sports Pavilion and Nursery Project forward as a budget-led project. It was confirmed that the required project fees were within the identified 15% of the overall project budget. However, Councillors had raised several questions, as follows:

- Is it necessary to retain the Planning Consultant and the Ecology Consultant?
- Are the Architect Fees rather high for the work to take the project forward, given work that has been undertaken to date?

It had been the decision of the Council to defer consideration of this matter until the Project Management Team was able to provide a response to the above questions.

The council received clear and detailed responses to all queries and , the Project Steering Group was, therefore, content to recommend to Full Council that all Consultant appointments identified on the fee schedule should be re-confirmed to take the project forward into phase two as a budget-led project and that all associated fees be approved as identified, with Synergy being authorised to instruct consultants as and when required. This action was formally approved by way of a formal resolution.