

NOTE RE ITEMS 7 AND 8 ON THE AGENDA FOR 22 FEBRUARY, 2023

ITEM 7 SAVE RUSKINS' VIEW

Short verbal updates will be provided on the following aspects:

- Recent fundraising activity
- Contractor's submissions and how councillors may consider these
- Appointment of legal support

ITEM 8 DESIGNATION OF THE LUNE AS AN INLAND BATHING WATER

The Lune Rivers Trust, part of the national Rivers Trust, has approached the Council to try and achieve the designation of that part of the Lune that flows through the Town as an inland bathing water.

The area around Devil's Bridge is already used for swimming and its designation as an inland bathing water would put pressure on land owners upstream of Kirkby to maintain or improve water quality to ensure that the river is fit to swim in. It would also be a further attraction for tourists visiting the town.

Elsewhere, particularly around a section of the River Wharfe at Ilkley, local pressure resulted in a major clean up of the river and its designation as an inland bathing water.

Tim Pitt, the local Trust Manager has agreed to address the Council at a future date, but it is important that a councillor takes the lead on this and joins a webinar on this on 28 February.