

The Drift Lighting and Royal Square improvement scheme

Update on the current state of play with the Drift and Royal Square before Monday's meeting I have forwarded the Tender Invitation below for your information which has now been issued to a number of contractors to cover the Drift Hard Landscaping Works (lights , paving and gate) for tender return by the end of January .

This covers a number of options which we have asked the tenderers to price , on the basis that we will choose how to proceed once we are aware of the costs .

You will see a Bill of Quantities in the attached documentation which will allow us to review and compare the various options being priced.

We hope to be able to review the costs in early February with recommendations to council soon after.

We are also in the process of applying to the Colchester Planning Tree Officer for approval of the Drift work which is obviously adjacent to trees in a conservation area in accordance with the attached documents , which includes a method statement by our Arboricultural Consultant . We anticipate a response in time for any site work.

Having now seen the specified Klou bollard option in situ at a school in Stowmarket before xmas we are a little concerned that the light might too large and imposing for our situation and have subsequently asked the manufacturer Kingfisher for details of a smaller alternative called a gothic bollard which also has 180 degree light spread , to see if it might be suitable for our requirements.

We will report on this in due course and will obtain alternative costs from the tenderers if necessary.

Regarding Royal Square the Architect is finalising a design and will provide us with a layout and surfacing options soon.