

Extra Ordinary Parish Council

Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 7pm

in the Teynham Community Hall.

DRAFT paper for discussion & approval.

For agenda, visit: http://www.teynhamparishcouncil.org/Full_Council_33936.aspx

Agenda item 4: Planning Application 23/505541/REM

In addition to the comments already submitted, February 2024, we also add:

- Teynham Parish Council support the use of solar panels and power storage in the new Frognal Place development, helping to address the cost-of-living concerns.
- What else are we missing?
- **The pervious submission can be found online:**
http://www.teynhamparishcouncil.org/TPC_Response_47271.aspx
- **The pervious submission is also available on the planning portal:**
<https://pa.midkent.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=S56VKNTYIAG00>

Agenda item 5: Planning Application 23/503713/SUB

The proposed reply from the Parish Council is:

Identifying & protecting nationally important monuments.

Teynham Parish Council considers that the Roman mausoleum and finds, including the statue of the Roman sea god Triton, found in the Frognal Fields adjacent to the A2, Teynham, has significant potential to be classed as a Scheduled Monument.

The United Kingdom has had legislation in place to help safeguard the future of its cultural heritage since the passing of the Ancient Monuments Protection Act 1882. In England the current legislation is the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979.

The fact that a monument is not designated as a Scheduled Monument does not necessarily imply that it is not of national importance. Nationally important but non-scheduled monuments can include those potentially capable of being designated under the terms of the 1979 Act, but which have still to be formally assessed by English Heritage.

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We highlight the following observations from the test of Schedule Monuments:

- Archaeological interest - Significant interest from Canterbury Archaeological Trust and the British Museum indicates its status.
- Historic interest - Significant historic interest in Roman settlements along the Watling Street (now known as the A2, London Road.)
- Period - Roman c320 to 330AD
- Rarity - Statue of Triton is unique
- Survival / condition - Structures in the ground, including the mausoleum, are remarkably well defined. The statue of Triton, although decapitated, is in excellent condition.

We request:

- The items in application 23/503713/SUB relating to the to the mausoleum and location of the roundabout and access road should not be treated as a technical/sub application.
- These components of the application should be considered by the full Planning Committee, and not by the lead Planning Officer alone.
- The recommendations for the archaeological preservation and protection of the site should be verified, at national level by Historic England, as an independent third party.
- Ensure the details are added to Kent's Historical Environment Record database.
- Delay discharging condition 24 for a few days, while the Parish Council approaches Historic England to start the process of nominating the site as a Scheduled Monument.

Agenda item 6: Scheduled Monument

The proposal is:

- **Nominate the site of the Roman mausoleum and finds to Historic England as a potential Scheduled Monument.**

The purpose of this proposal is:

- Recognise the importance of the site and the remains.
- Verified the recommendations for the archaeological preservation and protection of the site by an independent third party.
- Consider other options, for example, shift the roundabout 30m either side.
- Provide extra protection for future generations.
- Ensure the details are added to Kent's Historical Environment Record database.

The draft letter to Historic England shown overleaf.

Draft Letter to Historic England

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Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas (Kent), Historic England

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CC MattDuigan@swale.gov.uk Planning Authority Case Officer

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Dear Alice,

Nomination for Scheduled Monument: Roman mausoleum and finds, Teynham, Kent.

Teynham Parish Council considers that the Roman mausoleum and finds, including the statue of the Roman sea god Triton, found in the Frognaal Fields adjacent to the A2, Teynham, has significant potential to be classed as a Scheduled Monument of national importance.

Key highlights include:

- A significant Roman temple mausoleum, dating around 300AD, found adjacent to the Roman Watling Street (now the A2), Teynham, ME9 9TU.
- Foundations of the structure (about 8m x 8m) set within a 30m walled enclosure, within a larger 65m x 70m outer precinct.
- Stone statue of the Roman sea god Triton c70cm tall.
- Possible links to Roman Villa found previously at Bax Farm (c1km away)
- Significant archaeological interest from the British Museum and Canterbury Archaeological Trust.
- Survival / condition - Structures in the ground, including the mausoleum, are remarkably well defined. The statue of Triton, although decapitated, is in excellent condition.

Requested action:

- We request Historic England formally evaluate the site to determine if it has the status to be classed as a Scheduled Monument.

There is significant urgency in this request. The owners and developers of the site are scheduled to start work this month to create a new roundabout and access road directly on top of the mausoleum (subject to final signoff of planning condition number 24 by the local planning authority, Swale Borough Council.)

A brief synopsis, key contacts and details of the planning application numbers are shown overleaf. If you need further information, please contact our chairman Paul Townson on 077 9000 3743, or by email: chairman@teynhamparishcouncil.org

(Sign off clerk).

Information for Historic England

Subject	Roman mausoleum & finds — Teynham, Kent
Summary of request	Review site and finds for potential Scheduled Monument status. Proposed by Teynham Parish Council.
Location	Frognal Fields (Land adjacent to A2, London Road, Teynham, Kent, ME9)
Site owner	Chartway
Excavations by	Canterbury Archaeological Trust Report: https://www.canterburytrust.co.uk/post/roman-statue-of-triton-an-amazing-discover
Finds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A significant Roman temple mausoleum, dating around 200AD, found adjacent to the Roman Watling Street (London Road, A2), Teynham, ME9 9TU. • Foundations of the structure (about 8m x 8m) set within a 30m walled enclosure, within a larger 65m x 70m outer precinct. • Stone statue of the Roman sea god Triton • Possible links to Roman Villa found previously at Bacs Farm (about 1.5 km away) • Significant archaeological interest from Canterbury Archaeological Trust and the British Museum. • Survival / condition - Structures in the ground, including the mausoleum, are remarkably well defined. The statue of Triton, although decapitated, is in excellent condition.
Planning Authority	Swale Borough Council Case officer: MattDuigan@swale.gov.uk (01795) 417850 (switchboard)
Planning Application	Outline planning permission: 16/507689/OUT Technical details: 23/503713/SUB Material Matters: 23/505541/REM
Kent County Council	Heritage Conservation heritageconservation@kent.gov.uk