

Saxilby and District Community Mosaic – Plinth Project Update

Update to Planning and Development Committee

September 2026

I. Background

The Council is progressing plans to construct a new brick plinth to house the community mosaic created by local school children in 2012 to commemorate the Queen's Golden Jubilee, which came off the flood wall.

The agreed plinth is based on the style of a similar mosaic plinth in Waddington. It has planning permission and landowner permission.



A previous builder who had agreed to undertake the construction works subsequently withdrew from the project. Another builder has agreed to undertake the works free of charge (FOC), and a start date is to be advised.

2. Materials

Extensive work has been carried out by officers to secure materials free of charge. Officers have been unable to source the specified bullnose engineering bricks FOC. These are not a standard brick, being a special order item from builder's merchants. In order to progress the project the proposed alternative is to use standard blue engineering bricks for the plinth edgings. This will still provide a durable engineering-brick finish while avoiding further delay in sourcing the bullnose bricks, which ultimately is likely to prove unfruitful. To complete the project it is recommended that blue bricks are purchased (quote £140exc.)



Standard Blue Brick

3. Mosaic preparation

The mosaic tiles have been removed from the old flood wall, cleaned by volunteers advised by a mosaic artist, which was funded by a WLDC grant.

The mosaic is being stored at Mill Lane workshop and will need laying out in a suitable area so that the complete arrangement can be checked. The individual pieces will need to be numbered to record their correct position and pieces checked for damage.

If any pieces are found to be damaged, the original mosaic artist will need to be contacted for advice on the appropriate repair or restoration before the mosaic is incorporated into the new plinth.

This preparation will help minimise the risk of losing or incorrectly positioning any part of the original mosaic during the works.

4. Next steps

Confirm change to design for engineering brick edgings rather than bullnose bricks for edging and to purchase along with remaining materials is not secured FOC – cement, sand, and hardcore.

5. Financial information

	Donator/Funding provider	Approx Number	Est. Value	Cost to council
Red bricks	Imperial Bricks	1 pack (430no.)	£1,000	£0
	Castlegate Homes	150no.	£350	£0
	SG Haulage	Delivery of Imperial Bricks	£550	£0
	Resident donations	150no.	£350	£0
Class A Blocks	Castlegate Homes	120no.	£150	£0
Blue Bricks	CRT¹	150no.	£165	£0
Reinforced mesh	Castlegate Homes		£125	£0
Safety Fencing	Leeden Homes	8no. 1 month's hire	£260	£0
Cement	TBC			
Sand	TBC			
Hardcore	TBC			
Build of plinth and installation of mosaic	Leeden Homes		£TBC	£0
Architect Cost	Artech Designs	Plans		£0
Planning permission	WLDC		£150	£150 (incurred)
Volunteer workshops	WLDC grant funded (Cllr Brockway and (former) Cllr Cotton funds		£500	£0
		Total	<£,5000	

Officers have minimised the cost of the project through securing donated and reclaimed building materials and services. Although this has not cost the council in materials a lot of staff time has been spent seeking to progress the project by securing materials.

A builder has been secured and is giving a start date soon. The original contractor has withdrawn due to the delay in the project (time taken to secure materials). A risk is that the new builder will withdraw if the project is not progressed in a timely manner.

As such the purchase of a small number of materials is recommended so the project can start.

¹ Blue engineering bricks – grounds dismantled unused plinth on the canal picnic area, following **CRT** permission to have the bricks FOC

7. Recommendation

The Planning and Development Committee is asked to:

- i.** Note the progress made on the community mosaic plinth project;
- ii.** Note that a replacement builder has now come forward following the withdrawal of the original builder;
- iii.** Support the use of standard blue engineering bricks as an alternative to the bullnose engineering bricks, where required;
- iv.** Authorise the Clerk to progress the works, including purchasing any remaining items such as engineering bricks, sand, and cement if required and not able to be secured FOC
- v.** Authorise the clerk to liaise with the mosaic artist to resolve any issues should any damage be identified during preparation.