

RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL

QUESTION PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 10

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Councillor Sandison to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Lowe:

“On 15th November 2016, I asked a question regarding the poor condition of the historic band stand in Whitehall Recreation Ground which marked the inauguration of the borough by the then Duchess of York who later became the Queen Mother. At that time I was advised it would go forward to the draft capital budget. Later we were told a much enhanced scheme including loud speakers was considered too expensive and would be put back out to tender. As we now approach the 90th year since it was constructed it remains fenced off from public use and no works have commenced .Can the Leader explain why repeated attempts to have it refurbished have failed?”

Councillor Lowe, Leader of the Council, to reply as follows:

“The original capital programme was for the refurbishment of Whitehall Recreation Ground including play area, skatepark, footpaths, lighting and bandstand. A National Lottery Heritage Fund application was submitted for the wider project but was unsuccessful. Whilst an item in the capital programme, it remains subject to external funding and due to the extensive costs involved, the Council has had to wait for Section 106 funding from the Ashlawn Road development.

These funds have now been received by the Council and the project is currently out to tender on our procurement system with a view to restoring and recommissioning the bandstand in 2022.

As with all projects, this Council would air reasonable caution that project commencement is subject to the successful procurement of an approved contractor and any unexpected material delays that may present as currently being experienced across the industry at present.”