

Farming in Protective Landscapes Project

Cheltenham Borough Council put in a grant application to Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL). This was a project titled Cattle Welfare.

It proposed an improved cattle handling method This included gate and access alterations to grazing areas and better access to Daisy Bank Field together with some boundary fencing in an area outside the Triple SI.

As with a number of this style of grant application the money had to be spent by the 31st March 2025.

Based on the recent comments on consultation and publicity with FOLK members and the general public, a site meeting was arranged with the Chair of FOLK, Adam Reynolds Green Spaces Manager and Wayne Sedgwick Senior Ranger for Cheltenham Borough Council.

As the project was to take place in a number of areas of public access, it was considered that based on the short time for the project to be completed there was not enough time for public consultation and publicity.

Although the project could be completed in the time scale. It was agreed that it should not proceed and has been shelved. A request to FiPL for a 4 week extension of the contract was refused and the FiPL grant offer withdrawn.

This shows a fresh and encouraging approach by Cheltenham Borough Council in line with the proposed new written protocol

Mike Donnelly Chair of FOLK 25/2/25