

Proposed Options

Each of the options below are under research and not definitive.

The Almonry Development Project – the refurbishment of The Almonry and rebuilding of the south wing to provide a fully accessible and future proofed community building with a Council hub, Tourist Information Point and flexible meeting spaces.

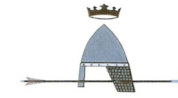
The Reduced Almonry Development Project – the refurbishment of The Almonry, without rebuilding the south wing, to provide an accessible building with a Council hub, Tourist Information Point and accessible toilet outside the building.

Relocate the Council Offices to rented fully accessible premises and rent out all office space in The Almonry - losing public access to Battle's only publicly owned heritage building.

Sell the Almonry and relocate the Council Offices to fully accessible premises, either rented or purchased - resulting in the loss of the only publicly owned heritage building and relocation of the Battle Museum of Local History.

Your Voice

The Council is open to discussion and comment and understand that any one of these could be deemed be unviable, as could other options be made apparent. The Strategic Plan, with confirmed costs, will be available in time for consultation at the Parish Assembly.



Battle Town Council

Making An Almonry For All



— The Vision —

Improved Facilities

Flexible and fully accessible community spaces for use by the public, Councils; and staff.

Economic Growth

A central and welcoming hub of information for community and tourists.

Preservation of Our Heritage

An expertly preserved building will contribute towards Battle's bid for World Heritage Status and ensure its continued use and enjoyment for years to come.

Background

Battle is about to expand and we need to expand our vision to meet the increased needs of residents and visitors. Battle Town Council is committed to the preservation of the heritage of Battle, the provision of excellent services to residents and support for economic growth and town development. The Almonry Development Project is central to Council's plans to improve the quality of life for present and future residents of all ages.

Funding

The Council has been exploring costs and funding options.

- ⇒ The Council has not yet applied for a loan.
- ⇒ Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) money can be used towards the project.
- ⇒ VAT may be reclaimed on the project.
- ⇒ Halting the project now will not save money.
- ⇒ The Council is working closely with RDC Officers to source funding.

The Council is not a business, but in the business of providing a quality service for residents.

A monetary value is difficult to place on some services.

Key Benefits

Community

- Flexible and fully accessible community spaces for use by the public, Councillors and staff.
- Improving opportunities to expand Council staff and facilitate private consultations, improving the quality of services available to residents.
- Provision of improved access to specialist help and advice from Rother District Council.

Heritage

- **Protection of the grade II* listed Almonry as the only heritage building in Battle in public ownership.**
- **A strong support towards Battle's bid for World Heritage status.**
- **As a community hub, allowing residents to feel more connected to their local heritage on a day to day basis.**

Economy

- **Delivering invaluable support to a growing local population and helping to reduce the strain on local resources.**
- **Providing a wider tourist offering, encouraging visitors to spend time and money in the town, helping to grow the economy.**