

Harwell Parish Council

Note on some works in the Recreation Ground Car Park – M Ricketts 29/3/2023

It is proposed that the remaining funds available for access work and possibly some other funds are used to do a part of the larger scheme that was proposed in 2020. This note is purely about the ground-works, not the funding, intended as a specification for obtaining a quotation.

Of the line of cherry trees planted in 1977 two went some time ago and the remaining 2 have disturbed areas of the car park surface around them. The variety is unknown but as a species cherry trees are not long-lived, as evidenced by 2 already having had to be cut down. The relevant area of the 2020 scheme can be seen in the final 2 figures.

The proposal is to:

1. Remove remaining 2 trees at A and B on the plan.
2. Put a new surface to regular car-park standards on the 3 areas marked in purple so the area is effectively flat and a revised parking plan can be marked if desired. The sizes are for 1: 11m x 4.5m, 2: 1.5m x 1.2m, 3: 4.5m x 3m or smaller if planting bed is being created (1st dim. is width on plan).
3. Remove the tarmac from a strip along the Westfield edge and install a kerb to give a 2-metre wide planting area. The bed does not extend to the gateway to allow the 2020 gateway plan to be implemented by removal of a short section of the existing wall. If this is not being created then area 3 needs to be extended to the wall.

There is possibly a need to modify the plan to incorporate a site for the waste bins, which currently occupy a 4m x 1m area, but it would be better on the other side of the gate where the recycling bins are currently, as being a much less prominent site. This is the proposed works:



Photos at each end of section 1, I've marked with yellow spray the approximate corners of the areas to be replaced:



Area 2:



Area 3:



The existing bins area:



The plan overlaid on the proposal from 2020 with 2 different levels of background:



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