

SCDC has approved our 'Change of Use' planning application, on the condition that we submit for approval further details of the hard and soft landscaping works before starting work.

Their first requirement is to “provide details of boundary treatment and gates to be erected” and to *complete this work before first use of the land as a community green space.*

The site will soon be mown to mark out the different areas. This will not only give the village an idea of how it will look, but will also assist the landscaper to begin work on the structure.

We will be asking DPC to fund these essential preliminary works from precept. Even if the field were to remain undeveloped, as a community green space, DPC would need to maintain the grass and hedges and is required to ensure safe access for all to the area - current entrances do not provide safe access to the site. We will therefore ask DPC for a contribution from precept for ongoing maintenance of the site, equal to that which it would have had to pay for overall mowing 3 times a year and hedge cutting once a year.

As soon as the boundary works are complete, we expect to be able to fund the rest of the build through grants, fundraising and donations.

We are also required to provide details of a covered cycle rack, the rainwater harvesting shelter and the raised walkway across St John's Street before work can start on the interior of the site. In the meantime, we will put out to tender the landscaping contract for the build.

The proposed skate park remains on the plan, but it needs to be subject to a separate planning application, which includes details of the exact specification (materials/ size/ equipment).

The second draft of the Terms of Reference for the Brewery Field Working Party will be presented to April DPC for approval.

We are consulting the village about pedestrian and wheelchair access. The original idea was to have a simple dog-leg entrance, without a gate, but this has raised concerns about young children running onto St. John's Street. DPC will be asked to approve a dog-leg combined with a gate, which would allow wheelchair and buggy access, but be less accessible to motorcycles.

If you are unable to attend the meetings and wish to make specific comments, please either:

- email clerk@duxfordvillage.com
- use the 'contact us' tab on the website,
- leave a comment on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Duxfordgreen>, or
- write to The Clerk, Duxford Parish Council, 24b Laceys Way, Duxford

