

On 19th April, DPC met with South Cambs. Highways department to discuss the boundary and road works needed to meet the conditions of planning approval – they advised the following:

1. DPC will get better value for money by using outside contractors for the works on the access points and suggested Martin Mead, John Henry, or Websters.
2. A further raised ramp across the road was not thought to be necessary. There is already one on the Elms Close corner and a pair towards the Hunts Road corner. DPC will confirm with planning if it is OK to remove this from the application.
3. New vehicle entrance may require removal of a tree (this should not be a problem as a number of new trees will be planted on site.)
4. The contractor who is appointed will provide Stat. Plans (these identify location of underground cables and pipes) and apply for a Section 184 licence to reserve the highway space for the works in advance.
5. The south-east corner (near Elms Road entrance) will be the most problematic, probably requiring the removal of a tree and re-siting of the telegraph pole (need to contact BT), due to the additional small section of pavement that will be needed to access the field safely. Shoring up will almost certainly be needed if telegraph pole removed. The angle of fall of the path up into the field will need to be flattened slightly.
6. Need to keep highways informed.
7. Highways will maintain any changes on the public highway after 12 months in situ.

Our designer Sarah Ashworth marked out the site and Envirocare mowed the field 2 weeks prior to the airshow. This was very well received and it is recommended to either let a contract immediately to mow every 6 weeks, or to request a number of individual cuts prior to work commencing on site. This will benefit all those who currently use the field, particularly on air show days and also have the added benefit of improving the meadow and short mown areas, even before the landscaping works proper can begin. **DPC agreement needed.**

The tender specifications for the landscaping job have been sent out to 3 interested parties. We hope to be in a position to select a candidate at the July DPC meeting, or latest August.

The construction of the entrances will be put out to tender as 3 separate jobs, as the vehicle entrance will need to be completed first. We expect to comply with all the planning conditions and be able to start work on the interior of the site in the near future.

New documents have been added to the notice board as the others had faded. New information will be posted when available, particularly to notify parishioners when works will take place.

Proposals for June DPC:

- **To draw up a maintenance contract to mow the field and cut the hedges on the north and west boundaries (specifically excluding those hedges bordering Elms Close, which will remain the responsibility of the residents).**
- **To make a number of individual cuts over the summer, that will allow parishioners to make full use of the site before work begins, particularly on air show days.**

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 www.duxfordvillage.com website;
- attend a Parish Council surgery, normally the first Saturday of the month at the Laceys Way community centre;
- leave a comment on the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Duxfordgreen>, or
- write to The Clerk, Duxford Parish Council, 24b Laceys Way, Duxford