

On 19th April, DPC requested a site visit from Highways to discuss the boundary and road works needed to meet the conditions of planning approval. No response has been received by 2 May.

Our designer Sarah Ashworth has marked out the site and Envirocare have been appointed to carry out the mowing work as soon as some minor details have been finalised. We will draw up an ongoing maintenance contract over the summer months, to be let in the autumn.

Our designer's original quote for the design was based on her working with her usual landscaper. However, as the landscaper is a separate company, DPC are required by law to put the landscaping work out to tender.

Consequently, Sarah has drawn up highly detailed tender documents for the build, including exact specifications for the various elements, the covered cycle rack, the pond, the gravel path, the rainwater harvesting shelter and the raised walkway across St John's Street. This additional cost was not foreseen, but is necessary to ensure fairness and transparency.

We will add to the tender document the requirement for the landscaper to ensure security of the vehicle entrance at all times during the build.

DPC will draw up a maintenance contract over the summer. This will specify that maintenance of the hedges bordering the field will remain the responsibility of the adjacent home-owners.

One of the conditions specified by planning is to *"provide details of boundary treatment and gates to be erected"*. The attachment provided shows the different choices for gates (pedestrian and vehicle), including costs.

Decisions requested at May DPC:

- **DPC approval needed on the *style* of gate (metal or wood).**
- **DPC approval needed to put out to tender the landscaping contract.**
- **DPC approval needed to pay Sarah Ashworth for the additional and unforeseen work for the detailed tender specification drawings.**

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.

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;
- 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