

We have submitted to SCDC Planning our application to discharge the conditions relating to the planning consent for change of use for the field (planning ref S/3298/18/DC). They have advised that we will receive their decision by 26 November.

We have now received 3 quotes for the construction of the 3 entrances from St John's Street, with the expectation that the vehicle/wheelchair access entrance directly opposite the school will be completed before any other work can begin.

DPC has appointed Hortiservices as the landscaping contractor for the interior of the site. Work will begin after the main (vehicle) entrance is in place and as soon as sufficient funds are available to begin phase one of the build (creation of pond and viewing mound).

DPC decision is requested to agree to fund the construction of the central entrance (both vehicle and wheelchair accessible). The justification for this is as follows:

- As soon as we have full change of use planning approval (we are still awaiting SCDC decision to discharge the conditions), the land will no longer be agricultural and will become DPC-owned green space amenity land.
- We consider that it will then be DPC responsibility to provide at least one safe and accessible entrance to the site from St John's Street.
- The new association, [Friends of Duxford Green Spaces](#) (FODGS)* will raise funds for all the other work on the site, but should not be responsible for funding the main entrance (which will not only be used for construction, but also for on-going maintenance and general access by parishioners, including for village events).

We are awaiting results from two major funding applications already submitted. If successful, these could bring up to £50,000 to the project and would allow completion in as little as 6 weeks from start of work. We have been advised to resubmit the application to Ameycespa from DPC (instead of from FODGS) to simplify procedures.

Lack of money is the one thing that could significantly delay and/or reduce the scope of the project. We had a lot of support from the airshow viewers last month and would like to thank everyone who contributed, both local and visitors. From just 1 collection box on 2 wet and chilly days, FODGS raised £190.69 towards the project.

If you are unable to attend the DPC 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

** Check out the [FODGS website](#). FODGS is not affiliated to the Parish Council but is a separate, independent association dedicated to maintaining and enhancing Duxford Green Spaces. You can join as a Friend for an annual fee of £15 (£25 for a family), or make a one-off donation to the project. Every penny raised will go towards the project itself – please help us to make this a special place for everyone to enjoy.*