



# PLANNING

**To: All Members of the Planning Committee on Monday, 4 April 2022**

**Date of meeting: Tuesday, 05 April 2022**

**Time: 18:30**

**Venue: The Council Chamber**

**The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, LE16 7AG**

**RE: Item 7. Hursley Park Terms of Reference Report**

Dear Councillor,

At the request of the Chairman of the Planning Committee, the Terms of Reference in relation to section 4 of the Hursley Park Report have been updated. The amended Terms of Reference are found below.

LIZ ELLIOTT  
INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND HEAD OF PAID SERVICE  
HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Contact:

[democratic.services@harborough.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@harborough.gov.uk)

Telephone: 01858 828282

Circulate to: Janette Ackerley - Member, Amanda Burrell - Member, Barry Champion - Chair, Barry Frenchman - Member, Simon Galton - Member, Peter James - Member, Bill Liquorish - Member, Sindy Modha - Vice-Chair, Amanda Nunn - Member

#### **4. Revised Terms of Reference**

4.1 The purpose of the review is to establish the extent to which the approved detailed landscape plans (Detailed Landscape Proposals P16-0864\_05C, 06C, 04B, 07B of 16/02083/REM), specifically approved Landscape Plan Ref P16-0864-05C and 06C (The Landscape Plans), have been implemented. The Planning Committee is asked to adopt the following Terms of Reference for this review:

a. To investigate if the Landscape Plans been implemented effectively with specific regard to the installation of the pathways and other omissions / defects as raised by the residents including but not limited to aspects such as allotment fencing, hedges and hedgerows, areas of planting.

b. To determine if the change from tarmac paths (as specified in the Landscape Plans) to the gravel surface, (as constructed at Hursley Park and considering the quality suggested defects raised to the council by residents) was appropriate.

c. To review and determine if the process undertaken by which the surfacing of the pathways was changed from tarmac to gravel was compliant with the requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010, including meeting with residents with accessibility considerations, who are most directly impacted by the omission of tarmac.

d. To review and determine what planning amendment process, if any, was followed when the paths were constructed from gravel rather than from tarmac, and whether that process was consistent and appropriate given usual planning procedures (considering the conditions of the planning application). Considerations should be given to the specific context of Hursley Park, including that the residents are expected to take a maintenance responsibility for the paths and that construction was part of a park, the ownership if which was known to be transferring to residents who were purchasing properties based on published and approved detailed landscape plans.

e. To evaluate the approach taken to ensure the delivery of wildflower meadows was appropriate and robust.

f. To formally assess if the planning compliance approach been appropriate and proportional.

g. To determine whether the council has the ability to carry out enforcement action (subject to other findings) to ensure the original Landscape plans are complied with.

h. To accommodate residents' concerns around this matter.