



Planning & Highways Committee

Tuesday 4 August 2020

Agenda Item 21

Replacement of litter and dog waste bins at Harvest Fields Park
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1. Purpose of Report

To propose that the Town Council funds the replacement of litter and dog waste bins at Harvest Fields Park.

2. Recommendations

That Committee approves funding for the replacement of bins at Harvest Fields Park on a like-for-like basis at a cost of £6,500 from the Cleaning and Improvement budget.

3. Background

At a meeting of Full Council on 21 July 2020 Cllr Mackey presented a petition from the residents of Sutton Roughly Ward calling for the replacement of dilapidated bins at Harvest Fields Park.

Birmingham City Council, which is responsible for the provision of bins, has been asked to replace the bins but BCC Officers advised that due to budget constraints it would not be possible for BCC to fund the cost of replacing the bins. The Town Council has the statutory power to provide litter bins and has therefor been asked to fund the new bins.

A site inspection by a Town Council Officer has confirmed that, having been in situ for approx. 13 years, the litter and dog waste bins are past their expected useful life and have deteriorated to such an extent that they now need to be replaced. There are 13 litter bins (Broxap *Derby* round, capacity 130l) and five dog waste bins (Broxap *Derby Ruddington*, capacity 60l) on the site; see appendix 1 for locations and pictures of each showing their condition.

4. Options and costs

The existing litter and dog waste bins are manufactured from painted, galvanised steel. Although outdoor commercial litter and dog waste bins are also available in either plastic or cast iron, it is recommended that the existing construction is maintained as it offers the most appropriate balance between aesthetics, functionality, longevity and cost. Given this, there are three options for replacement (see appendix 2 for details and images of the bins mentioned below):

Option	Cost ¹	Pros	Cons
1. Like-for-like replacement of all 18 bins (i.e. 13 litter bins and 5 dog bins) but with the addition of Town Council logos, front and rear, on each (Recommended)	£6,506.10	• Uses all the existing concrete pads • Park users are used to the separate dog waste bins	• Most expensive option (although the to-be-confirmed additional cost of removal of concrete pads / extension of concrete in either options below should be taken into account)
2. Like-for-like replacement of just the 13 litter bins with the addition of Town Council logos, front and rear, on each	£5,436.35	• Reduces the visual impact of street furniture on site • Cost saving on purchase and installation	• Would require more frequent emptying² • Potential for cross contamination if dog waste is deposited in regular litter bins (health risks are increased which is a key consideration given the number of children who use the park) • Park users are used to the separate dog waste bins • The concrete pads on which the dog waste bins stand would have to be removed and the ground made good (cost tbc)
3. Replace the 13 litter bins with larger capacity litter bins incorporating the Town Council logos, front and rear, on each and remove the dog waste bins	£5,046.35	• Current weekly emptying regime would be sufficient with larger capacity (160l) bins³	• Potential for cross contamination if dog waste is deposited in regular litter bins (health risks are increased which is a key consideration given the number of children who use the park) • Park users are used to the separate dog waste bins

¹ Three quotes for each option have been obtained. Prices shown are plus VAT but include delivery and installation.

² Current capacity is almost 2,000l across the site comprising 1,690l for regular litter and 300l for dog waste. If the total capacity is reduced by not replacing the dog waste bins, then more frequent emptying at an increased cost will be needed.

³ 13 160l bins would provide a total capacity of 2,080l (vs the current total of 1,990l)

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			• Because these bins are wider than the current round bins, likely to require a larger concrete pad (cost tbc) • The concrete pads on which the dog waste bins stand would have to be removed and the ground made good (cost tbc)

Other considerations

- All bins at Harvest Fields Park are emptied at least once per week before each weekend. It has been confirmed with BCC that this regime will continue if the Town Council funds like-for-like replacement of all bins.
- In addition to the cost of purchasing new bins, the old ones require removal/disposal and the new ones installed. The cost of doing this via BCC will be around £15 per bin (a total cost of around £270).

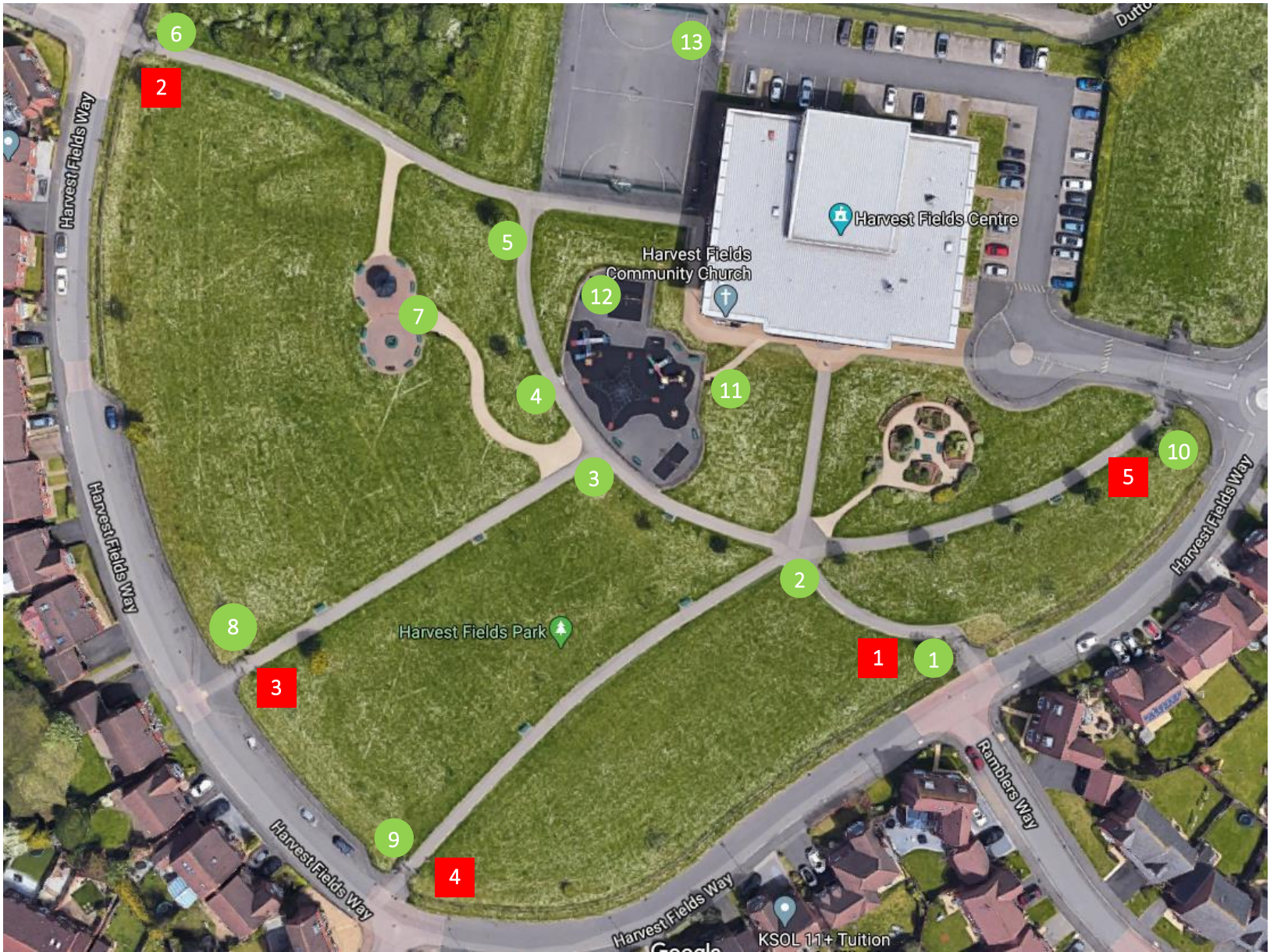
5. Recommendations

That Committee approves funding of replacement of bins at Harvest Fields Park on a like-for-like basis at a cost of £6,500 from the Cleaning and Improvement budget.

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Appendix 1: Locations and images of existing bins

- Bin (Broxap Derby round, 130l)
- Dog Waste Bin (Broxap Derby Ruddington, 60l)



Bin 1



Bin 5



Bin 9



Dog bin 3



Bin 2



Bin 6



Bin 10



Dog bin 4



Bin 3



Bin 7



Dog bin 1



Dog bin 5



Bin 4



Bin 8



Dog bin 2



Note: Bins 11, 12 & 13 were not photographed as they are within/near children's play areas which were in use, however their condition was similar to the others

Appendix 2: Litter bin options

The *Derby Round* is a large capacity, 130l litter bin with front opening door:



An alternative to a round bin, the *Derby Double Slimline* litter bin has a capacity of 160 litres. Replacing the existing 13 round bins with these would permit removal of the dedicated dog waste bins. However, there are drawbacks to this approach as indicated in the table in the paper:



The *Derby Ruddington* dog waste bin is currently used on site. It is freestanding, 60 litre in capacity and includes laser cut 'Dog Waste' lettering as standard:



Notes

1. While the bins can be supplied in any standard RAL colour, it is recommended that the new bins are produced in a uniform black or green.
2. The bins are manufactured to order and the current lead-in time is five weeks.