

**MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**  
**AMENITIES COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD 24<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**  
**VIRTUAL MEETING VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT - Councillor Y. Sayers (In the Chair) and Councillors (Cllrs): Carr, Desmond, K. Hughes, McKinley and J. Sayers.

ALSO PRESENT – A. Spencer (Amenities Manager) and S. Larking (Minutes)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – None received.
2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – None received.
3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – None received.
4. MINUTES OF AMENITIES COMMITTEE 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2020.

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of Amenities Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were approved as a correct record. Note: Minutes to be signed at the next opportunity.

5. AMENITIES MANAGER UPDATE – COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS

The Amenities Manager reported on resolutions in progress (highlighted in grey in report) as follows:

- Coaching on Whinneybrook Playing Field: Amenities Manager has visited on two separate occasions. Pitch was not being used due to lockdown restrictions. When restrictions are lifted will revisit the site and speak to the Coach.
- Glen Park: Play area reseeded following refurbishment to play area. Park remains closed. Potential re-opening on Agenda for later in meeting
- Financial refresh: Discussed at Full Council on 27<sup>th</sup> January as part of Budget process. Will report to next Full Council in April 2021
- Asset Plan: Full Council agreed £100,000 of reserves for asset improvement. A revised and costed plan to be presented to Full Council in April 2021

**RESOLVED** that

- 1. The report be noted**

6. REVIEW OF 2020/21 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS AND PROPOSED 2021/22 GROUNDS MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The Amenities Manager reported that the Grounds Maintenance Team are back on track and have surpassed pre-Covid standards. They are doing fantastic work and are working through all weather conditions. It has been a challenging year but there is a strong foothold for 2021/22. Proposed tweaks to “Needs based” working model as follows:

- A numbered system for parks will be introduced to support a “one visit do it all” approach. There will be a clear check list of actions. Once all actions completed the team will move to the next park
- Ride-on Mowers will have a set schedule for cutting grass. This will some overlap with team working in park, but this should complement the work in parks

- Standards for the seasons set out in the report

#### Proposed further works

- There will be a focus on entrances to parks and play areas
- Continue to develop “Friends Of” groups
- Pursue Green Flag status for KGV Park
- Commission a tree survey to ensure trees are healthy and present no danger to the public
- Finalise asset maintenance plans
- Work with the Police and Sefton Council to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour
- Work with Knowsley Council to procure a new vehicle fleet

The Amenities Manager drew attention to the Appendices to the report which showed what had been achieved in 2020/21. Positive feedback had been received, particularly for works in Balls Wood

#### Key points made by Cllrs in discussion

- Visited Balls Wood, impressed by work
- Welcome work by Friends of Maghull and District, led by Cllr Sharp. Need to look at projects in a structured way – there’s a Manifesto for Maghull and a Business Plan need to draw together into a Strategy which recognises the contributions of others. Helpful to know what is being developed and who is involved. There’s a request for s106 funding for Deyes Lane, this needs to be joined up with other works. Would welcome a more structured approach to reporting on projects across Maghull
- Disappointed at the state of Council notice boards. In a poor state of repair and information out of date. There should be a schedule to replenish and refresh information in notice boards once a month

In response the Amenities Manager noted the following:

- Will get reports on who is doing what and how they are supporting Council operations. Need to recognise the contribution from a range of groups including Maghull in Bloom, Groups in Dodds Park and Balls Wood who are doing litter picking and planting wildflowers. Also need to reflect informal work done by residents e.g. litter picking while out dog walking
- Agree that out of date information in notice boards should be removed promptly and that they should be kept clean and in working order. G4S put information in notice boards.

#### **RESOLVED that**

1. **2020/21 Grounds Maintenance Operations noted**
2. **2021/22 Grounds Maintenance Operations Approved**
3. **Works to be joined up to reflect Manifesto and Business Plan and more structured reporting to be introduced**
4. **Information in notice boards to be updated regularly**
5. **Verbal report be noted**

#### **7. MANAGEMENT OF PLAY AREAS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

It was noted that the report had been issued before the Government’s announcement about the Road Map out of Covid. The Amenities Manager reported that there had been criticism of guidance about play grounds. All had been closed at the start of the pandemic due to the risk of transmission and the resources needed to sanitise play equipment. In Maghull, two playgrounds had re-opened – KGV and Glen Park. When Glen Park closed for refurbishment Moss Park re-opened. Council has been doing what it can in line with guidance and advice from Insurers. The

two parks that are open are regularly sanitised. Unofficially, play areas are being used. There have been complaints about playgrounds not being open. The proposal is to open 3 more parks – Glenn Park, Mersey Avenue and Round Meade. It will require 15 hours of operational time a week to sanitise 5 parks.

Key points made by Cllrs in discussion

- Noted no additional Government funding available to sanitise play equipment and that costs are being met by Maghull Town Council
- Unclear if parks make transmission easier
- Review Covid data for Super Output Areas on Gov.uk to check levels of infections to inform risk assessments before opening parks. Only open parks in areas with low infection levels
- Inform residents of plans and if need to close parks and reasons why

**RESOLVED that**

1. **Three Additional parks to be opened after further analysis of super output data**
  2. **Inform residents of plans and reasons if parks need to be closed**
  3. **The report be noted**
- 8. PROPOSED ROLLOUT OF BIRD BOXES WITHIN PARK AND OPEN SPACES OWNED/MANAGED BY MAGHULL TOWN COUNCIL**

The Amenities Manager reported that Maghull in Bloom had purchased 40 bird boxes from Bootle Tool Shed for Glen Park. They have asked if the Grounds Maintenance Team can install. The plan is to roll out installation of bird boxes across open spaces owned/managed by the Town Council. This will encourage wildlife and support a local charity which has members from the Maghull and Lydiate area. The cost of purchasing 200 bird boxes is £1,000 (£5 each). The costs will be met from the Facilities budget. Trees have been identified to provide an equitable spread across Maghull.

Key points made by Cllrs in discussion:

- Really good idea and a great project. Is this diverse enough in terms of local wildlife. Inspectors report on Land East of Maghull (LEM) Development identified a range of wildlife in the area including voles, natter jack toads and voles. Project should support wildlife displaced by development on LEM
- Consider a range of bird boxes so they are suitable for a range of nesting birds
- Work with schools as they might want to place cameras in boxes to share images with Pupils
- Helpful to have confirmation of timescale

In response the Amenities Manager noted

- Bird boxes to be purchased in the current financial year. No set deadline as depends how quickly Bootle Tool Shed can assemble and deliver bird boxes
- Good idea to work with schools. Hope to connect schools to parks and help reduce ASB if children have an interest in their local park

**RESOLVED that**

1. **40 birdboxes already purchased by Maghull in Bloom to be installed in Glenn Park by Grounds Maintenance Operatives.**
2. **The birdbox project initiated by Maghull in Bloom and Bootle Tool Shed is rolled out across all parks and open spaces owned/managed by Maghull Town Council.**
3. **A range of 200 bird boxes at cost of £5.00 each be purchased from Bootle Tool Shed.**

#### **4. The report be noted**

#### **9. PROPOSED TREE PLANTING SCHEMES AT PIMBLEY PLAYING FIELD AND HALL LANE PARK**

The Amenities Manager updated members on the development of a town wide tree planting scheme following a presentation from Mersey Forest at a meeting last year. Approval sought to progress work and access a grant of £9,300 in the current financial year. The grant is for ground preparation and fencing. In addition, Mersey Forest will provide 1,200 trees free of charge. Consulted with residents on Bridge Road and Fieldway. Letter sent 4 February with deadline of 12 February for comments. 6 responses received – 2 in favour, 2 against and 2 neither for nor against. A resident from Bridge Road, who claimed to represent other residents, objected to trees being planted at the rear of properties and the removal of brambles. No formal petition has been received. Reflected on feedback. Do not want animosity with residents. View is that it would be prudent to move the scheme from the rear of Bridge Road to Hall Lane to expand and build on the existing woodland area. Keen to move forward quickly as it's the right time for planting. A contractor is on standby to install fencing. Grounds Maintenance Team will clear weeds and brambles

Key points made by Cllrs in discussion:

- Put plans on social media, when approved
- Issue a follow up letter to residents
- Need to consider nesting birds and hedgehogs. Important to check for early nesting birds when clearing areas
- Brambles provide security for some residents and they do not want removed. Agreed that brambles will remain if requested by residents

**RESOLVED that**

1. Approved proposed tree planting scheme to the top of Pimbley Playing Field.
2. Rejected proposed tree planting scheme to the rear of properties on Bridge Road.
3. Approved proposed tree planting scheme at the boundary of Hall Lane Park and the Leeds-Liverpool Canal.
4. Approved proposed tree planting scheme at the boundary of Hall Lane, adjacent to children's play area
5. Approved proposed tree planting scheme at the boundary of Hall Lane, adjacent to park entrance on Old Hall Road.
6. Brambles to remain, if requested by residents
7. The report be noted

#### **10. CHAIRS REPORT**

The Chair reported on the following:

1. Dennet Close: pleased to report that some wasteland, which has been an eyesore, has been sold
2. Moorhey Shops: parking spaces to be built
3. Land East of Maghull: Inspectors report is on MTC's website

On Land East of Maghull it was noted that this is the biggest building project in Maghull. Unable to stop development due to national planning policy which is weighted in favour of developers. However, the decision to require a haul road, to minimise disruption to Maghull residents, is a success.

It was noted that a living Christmas Tree had been planted on KGV park as requested by Cllrs.

**RESOLVED that**

- 1. The report be noted**

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CHAIRMAN**

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**Report to:** Amenities Committee  
**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**Agenda Item Number** 5  
**Subject:** Amenities Manager Update – Committee Resolutions  
**Report of:** Amenities Manager  
**Exempt / Confidential Report:** No

## **Summary**

To update Members on the progression of resolutions made since its meeting of February 2021.

<b>Maghull Town Council Priority</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	No

## **Recommendation(s)**

Amenities Committee is requested to:-

1. Note the contents of this report.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

Members have requested that an update on resolutions previously agreed by committee members is reported at each meeting.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

None

## **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

### **(A) Revenue**

All costs associated with the maintenance of parks, open spaces and facilities are met by 2021/22 Facilities Service Budget.

### **(B) Capital**

None

### **Implications of Recommendations:**

<b>Financial Implications</b>	All costs associated with the maintenance of parks, open spaces and facilities are met by 2021/22 Facilities Service Budget.
<b>Resource Implications</b>	Officer time for the maintenance of parks, open spaces and facilities.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	None.
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity Implications</b>	None.

### **Implementation Date for Decision**

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

### **Appendices**

1. Amenities Committee Resolution Log for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

### **Background Papers**

1. Amenities Committee Papers, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2021.

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## **1. Background**

This report has been produced to better inform Members of progress made against resolutions of each committee meeting and to introduce more officer accountability.

Members have resolved that this report is a standing agenda item for each committee meeting.

### **Recommendation(s):-**

#### **Amenities Committee is requested to:-**

1. Note the contents of this report.

## Appendix One: Amenities Committee Resolution Log for the 2021/22 Municipal Year

Date of Meeting	Item	Resolution	Lead	Progress
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	6	(Grounds Maintenance) works to be joined up to reflect Manifesto and Business Plan and more structured reporting to be introduced	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> The Town Clerk has provided an update to full council regarding progress of Council's Business Plan. This is fully inclusive of Grounds Maintenance Operations and the priorities of the Facilities Service as agreed by Amenities Committee Members.
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	6	Information in notice boards to be updated regularly	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> Following review with Cllr McKinley, information within council notice boards is now regularly updated to reflect council meetings / priorities. Information is updated by council officers and/or G4S colleagues
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	7	Three additional parks to be opened after further analysis of super output data	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> Following Members' resolution, three additional parks were reopened at the conclusion of Amenities Committee on 24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021.  In light of changing government guidance regarding the management of play areas and open spaces during the Covid-19 pandemic and in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, in April 2021, all parks were reopened to the public – albeit with social distancing principles still in effect.
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	7	Inform residents of plans and reasons if parks need to be closed	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> Before all play areas were reopened to the public, officers produced information indicating the level of covid-19 infection within the area.

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Date of Meeting	Item	Resolution	Lead	Progress
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	8	40 birdboxes already purchased by Maghull in Bloom to be installed in Glenn Park by Grounds Maintenance Operatives.	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> 40 bird boxes purchased by Maghull in Bloom were installed at Glenn Park in March 2021.
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021		The birdbox project initiated by Maghull in Bloom and Bootle Tool Shed is rolled out across all parks and open spaces owned/managed by Maghull Town Council.	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> An additional 200 birdboxes were purchased by council – 160 of which have been installed by Grounds Maintenance Officers as per the installation schedule presented at Amenities Committee. 40 bird boxes have been held in reserve in the event of vandalism (3 birdboxes have been vandalised to date)
24 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	9	Approval of proposed tree planting schemes.	Amenities Manager	<b>Completed:</b> As agreed by Amenities Committee Members, approved tree planting schemes at Hall Lane Park and Pimbley Playing Fields have been completed by Grounds Maintenance Operatives, Mersey Forest and local volunteers.

<b>Report to:</b>	Amenities Committee
<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> July 2021
<b>Agenda Item Number</b>	6
<b>Subject:</b>	Reported Anti-Social Behaviour – Round Meade Park
<b>Report of:</b>	Amenities Manager
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No

## **Summary**

To update Members on a recent increase in reported anti-social behaviour at Round Meade Park and to outline Maghull Town Council's response.

<b>Maghull Town Council Priority</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	No
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	No
7. Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

## **Recommendation(s)**

Amenities Committee is requested to:-

1. Approve officer liaison with Sefton Council's Legal Department to determine whether a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Round Meade Park and/or all parks within Maghull could be successfully applied for.
2. Note the contents of this report.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

A number of committee members have become aware of increased anti-social behaviour calls concerning Round Meade Park; with some liaising with affected residents and/or working with Merseyside Police.

In response to increased anti-social behaviour over preceding weeks, officers from Merseyside Police, Sefton Council and Maghull Town Council agreed that addressing anti-social behaviour is a policing matter. However, council officers will continue to look at how anti-social behaviour could be reduced i.e. pursuit of bye-laws / Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO).

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

None

## **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

**(A) Revenue**

None

**(B) Capital**

None

**Implications of Recommendations:**

<b>Financial Implications</b>	None
<b>Resource Implications</b>	Officer time in terms of liaison with Merseyside Police, Sefton Council and other partners.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	Anti-social Behaviour Act 2014 (PSPO) Model Bye-law regarding open spaces
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity Implications</b>	None.

**Implementation Date for Decision**

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

**Appendices**

None

**Background Papers**

None

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## **1. Background**

In recent weeks, Maghull Town Council has been contacted by residents neighbouring Round Meade Park complaining of increased anti-social behaviour (ASB) within the park and requesting support from council officers and Merseyside Police to help reduce ASB level.

### ***Summary of recent ASB activity within Round Meade Park***

1. Over recent weeks (owing to good weather and lighter nights) approximately 30 youths aged between 15 and 17 have congregated within the middle of Round Meade Park from 5:00pm until approximately 11:00pm.
2. Owing to good weather and lighter nights, youths have congregated within the park on consecutive nights as opposed to a “one off” gathering.
3. Whilst on site, youths have been eating and drinking (though no evidence of alcohol consumption) and have left litter across the park – only for it to be collected by residents the following morning.
4. Whilst on site, youths have played music loudly – in some instances beyond 11:00pm. Owing to the shape of the park, the music reverberates to neighbouring properties.
5. Although youths use play equipment and on site facilities such as basket ball hoops and football goals, the way in which they are being used is not appropriate i.e. hitting swing seats against metal frames, hitting footballs hard against goal mouths late at night to cause a clattering sound.
6. Whilst on site, youths are shouting across to one another and using bad language.
7. Some youths have lifted the fence panels of neighbouring properties to retrieve footballs unintentionally kicked into rear gardens backing onto the park.
8. Some residents have observed the use of cannabis and legal highs.
9. Some residents have witnessed the use of a scrambler bike within the park.
10. Increase in graffiti within the park. Two swastikas were recently painted onto the basketball backstop (painted over by Grounds Maintenance Operatives) and a further swastika painted on a fencing base of neighbouring property (property owner has responsibility for removing). This was reported to Merseyside Police and escalated as a hate crime.

### ***Effects of ASB for Residents***

1. Almost daily calls to Merseyside Police's 101 phone number to report ASB and request police attendance.
2. Despite good weather, residents feeling they cannot use and enjoy their gardens owing to how youths are behaving within the park.
3. Physical exhaustion owing to sleep deprivation and unable to concentrate in work the following day.
4. A belief that the park has been "taken over" by these youths, and that with light nights continuing throughout the summer, coupled with schools formally closing for summer holidays, that ASB will persist or worsen over the coming months.

### ***Summary of Residents' Request for Support (as stated by residents)***

1. A long-term fix to the solution in the form of a dispersal order; giving limits after 7pm, such as no gatherings of children in more than groups of 6, and no music or football. Residents believe this is necessary owing to the fact this is a residential area not suitable for gatherings. Residents have the right to not be impacted so heavily. An environmental health noise survey would demonstrate the increase in decibels.
2. Age appropriate facilities being provided in Maghull for these children. Facilities in other parks or areas away from residential properties, where there are good levels of lighting and good access. King George playing fields seems a good candidate (where there was a youth coffee bar previously). Basic facilities like benches and a goal post may even be sufficient. A consultation with the children would probably be a good way to engage them and get them to understand the misery they are causing. If the council state funds are not available – a community fund raiser may be the way forward?
3. Introduction of gating to close down the park after a specified time.

### ***Maghull Town Council Response to Date***

In response to increased levels of ASB at Round Meade Park, officers have responded as follows to date:

- a. Week commencing Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Amenities Manager met with residents who had initially reported ASB to Merseyside Police. It was agreed that the Amenities Manager would continue to keep an eye on ASB levels in liaison with the residents.

- Grounds Maintenance Operatives removed two swastikas from the basketball backboard and notified resident that one swastika had been painted onto her property. Incident reported to Merseyside Police and escalated as a hate crime.
- b. Week commencing Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the Amenities Manager met with residents for a second time owing to an escalation in ASB in the preceding week. Agreement to continue to work with Merseyside Police and consideration of pursuit of bye-laws / Public Spaces Protection Order.
  - c. Week commencing Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2021, the Amenities Manager liaised with Merseyside Police in consideration of Public Spaces Protection Order.

- d. Week commencing 5<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the Amenities Manager, Community Services Manager, Cllrs Sayers and Wilson met on site with Sgt. Rachel Hassett to discuss ongoing ASB issues within the park. It was agreed that officers should continue to liaise with Sefton Council to clarify the position/enforceability of a Public Spaces Protection Order. Merseyside Police confirmed that they would continue to monitor calls regarding ASB and deploy officers if resources were available.

## **Conclusion**

At the time of writing, there is a consensus between council officers and Merseyside Police that the current level of anti-social behaviour occurring within Round Meade Park is moderate – that is not to say that it is not having a significant impact on residents who neighbour the park.

Unfortunately, ASB or certainly behaviour which goes beyond that normally expected to happen within a park i.e. not using play equipment correctly or hitting footballs for no other reason than to cause annoyance, is something which happens town wide and in most parks. Although it may be difficult to accept, there should be a degree of acceptance of behaviour which could be construed as anti-social if neighbouring a park.

Having liaised with residents and seen evidence as to what is happening late at night within the park, it seems clear that the behaviour of those gathering can be construed as being anti-social.

In light of this and having taken further advice from Merseyside Police, council officers will continue to liaise with Sefton Council regarding a Public Spaces Protection Order which could be applied to Round Meade Park alone or have townwide application. Officers must stress however that the evidential burden for such an order is significant and will be a lengthy process to obtain – in short, the ASB currently occurring at Round Meade Park will not be resolved immediately.

With regards to suggested age appropriate facilities as suggested by Round Meade residents, officers believe that the town-wide offer for varying age groups is a good

one. Although not every site accommodates for every age, on balance, facilities across the estate accommodate a range of ages. Facilities will vary from small multi-play units for toddlers e.g. our newly refurbished play area at Glenn Park, larger climbing frames at KGV for older children or Multi-use games areas at Dodd's Park, South Meade Park and Glenn Park. It is not the provision of facilities but the way in which facilities are used which causes ASB.

Members are reminded too that council has committed to circa £100,000.00 of play area equipment upgrades which will benefit a total of six sites.

With regards to proposals for introducing gating at Round Meade Park, it is the opinion of both council and police officers that this is a disproportionate response to what is currently occurring. Council officers have expressed concerns that such installations would set precedents town-wide and would result in council having to find monies which have not been budgeted for, before taking on future maintenance costs.

There is also a consideration that legitimate users of parks at any hour of the day would be adversely affected by gate installations.

Finally, as previously reported to Community Services Committee there will be a definite need to refresh Council's Anti-Social Behaviour Strategy – which any pursuit of a Public Spaces Protection Order will directly relate to.

### **Recommendation(s):-**

#### **Amenities Committee is requested to:-**

1. Approve officer liaison with Sefton Council's Legal Department to determine whether a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) for Round Meade Park and/or all parks within Maghull could be successfully applied for.
2. Note the contents of this report.

**Report to:** Amenities Committee  
**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**Agenda Item Number** 7  
**Subject:** Proposed Standard Tree Planting Schemes  
**Report of:** Amenities Manager  
**Exempt / Confidential Report:** No

## **Summary**

To update Members on a proposed second phase of tree planting in Maghull under Mersey Forest's Urban Challenge Fund.

<b>Maghull Town Council Priority</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

## **Recommendation(s)**

Amenities Committee is requested to:-

1. Approve proposed standard tree planting schemes as per Mersey Forest Urban Challenge Fund, at Dodd's Park, Mersey Avenue Park, Moss Park, Hall Lane Playing Fields and South Meade Park with a grant of £25,123.80 being made available to Maghull Town Council for tree planting and three year maintenance of 60 standard trees all sites.
2. Note the contents of this report.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

Members commitment to undertaking a second phase of tree planting in liaison with Mersey's Forest's Urban Challenge Fund will ensure that the aesthetic of parks is improved, whilst helping to narrow the tree per population gap within Maghull as identified by Mersey Forest's tree assessment for Maghull.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

None

## **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

### **(A) Revenue**

None

## **(B) Capital**

None

### **Implications of Recommendations:**

<b>Financial Implications</b>	Grant of £25,123.80 to be made available to Maghull Town Council, to be spent in accordance with grant awarding criteria.
<b>Resource Implications</b>	Officer time in terms of liaison with Mersey Forest.
<b>Legal Implications</b>	None
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity Implications</b>	None

### **Implementation Date for Decision**

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

### **Appendices**

None

### **Background Papers**

None

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## **1. Background**

Following the successful installation of trees planting schemes at Old Hall Park and Pimbley Playing Field which will create forest areas at these sites, Mersey Forest have approached Maghull Town Council to implement the second phase of tree planting through its Urban Challenge Fund.

As previously reported to Amenities Committee, Mersey Forest within its tree planting assessment for Maghull identified that as a place, Maghull did not have an adequate number of trees per head of population. That document therefore proposed two tree planting regimes – the first as Old Hall Park and Pimbley Playing Fields to create woodland areas and the second at a number of individual parks to improve the aesthetic of the site.

The parks which have been identified under the second phase of tree planting are:-

- a. Mersey Avenue Park (10 trees – grant funded to £4,187.30)
- b. South Meade Park (10 trees - grant funded to £4,187.30)
- c. Dodd's Park (10 trees - grant funded to £4,187.30)
- d. Moss Park (20 trees – grant funded to £8,374.60)
- e. Cricket Club (10 trees - grant funded to £4,187.30)

The total grant therefore which will be applied for is £25,123.80, with officers being required to confirm their statement of intention no later than 25<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

At this stage, given the time constraints involved, it is important to secure Urban Challenge Fund funding. However, in a similar vein to those works completed at Old Hall Park and Pimbley Playing Fields, officers intend to liaise with residents neighbouring each site to make them aware of an intention to undertake planting – the outcomes of which will help inform the precise location of each tree.

With regards to procurement of trees, protective tree spirals and/or the provision of tree pits, council officers will not be required to undertake these works as Mersey Forest have already completed a cost exercise which has been factored into the grant funding calculation.

### **Recommendation(s):-**

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2. Note the contents of this report.

**Report to:** Amenities Committee  
**Date of Meeting:** 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
**Agenda Item Number** 8  
**Subject:** Proposed Standard Tree Planting Schemes  
**Report of:** Amenities Manager  
**Exempt / Confidential Report:** No

## **Summary**

To update Members on a request from Maghull FC to apply for planning permission to improve football facilities at Hall Lane Playing Fields.

<b>Maghull Town Council Priority</b>	<b>Yes/No</b>
1. Development and Protect the Community	Yes
2. Develop Parks and Green Spaces	Yes
3. Value for Money and Enterprising Council	Yes
4. Develop Leisure and Activity for All	Yes
5. Develop/support Community Services and Groups	Yes
6. Support Culture and Heritage	Yes
7. Health and Wellbeing Programme	Yes
8. Statutory Requirement	Yes

## **Recommendation(s)**

Amenities Committee is requested to:-

1. As landlord to Maghull FC, grant permission to the club to apply for planning permission to improve football facilities at Hall Lane Playing Fields.
2. Note the contents of this report.

## **Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

Maghull Town Council is the landlord for Maghull Football Club. Despite the club having ambitions to improve football facilities at Hall Lane Playing Fields, they must request permission from Maghull Town Council as their landlord, before an application can be made for planning permission.

## **Alternative Options Considered and Rejected**

None

## **What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

### **(A) Revenue**

None

## **(B) Capital**

None

### **Implications of Recommendations:**

<b>Financial Implications</b>	None. All costs associated with improving football facilities at Hall Lane Playing Fields as per the request herein, will be met through a Football Association Grant and by Maghull FC. No council funds will be used as part of this application or any works pursuant to.
<b>Resource Implications</b>	None
<b>Legal Implications</b>	None
<b>Equality &amp; Diversity Implications</b>	None

### **Implementation Date for Decision**

Immediately following the conclusion of Amenities Committee.

### **Appendices**

Development papers submitted to Maghull Town Council by Maghull FC.

### **Background Papers**

None

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## **1. Background**

Maghull Football Club has ambitions to progress through their footballing pyramid, which, if to be realised, requires significant improvements to the current site – taking the form of stands, fencing a payment office etc.

Maghull Town Council is currently the landlord for Maghull FC.

Given the level of improvements being proposed, planning permission will be required.

The club therefore seeks permission from Maghull Town Council that it can make an application for planning permission and that *prima facie* council is agreeable to what is being proposed.

Officers can confirm that all costs associated with proposed improvements will be met by a grant given by the Football Association or Maghull FC directly. No council funds will contribute towards proposed improvements.

### **Recommendation(s):-**

#### **Amenities Committee is requested to:-**

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**DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT OF  
MAGHULL FC AT TOMMY GENT WAY, HALL LANE, LIVERPOOL LE31 3DY**

**DESIGN STATEMENT**

**Use:**

The existing site consists of an existing/established Football Club. As part of the Football League requirements football clubs are required to provide and meet minimum standards for facilities subject to their league standing. The proposed changes would allow the Club to move up a further two levels from their present position at Step 7.

It is required that both standing and seating stands are required, along with floodlights, perimeter fencing, dugouts, payment/entry point and a low level barrier around the pitch.

The existing Clubhouse remains unaffected by the proposal.

**Amount:**

A covered seated stand is proposed which covers 13.2mx3m providing 100 seats.

A covered standing stand is proposed which covers 15mx2m for 100 persons.

Home and Away Team Dug outs are required each being 4mx1.2m

The existing pitch barrier is proposed to be amended to the western side by relocating closer to the pitch and inline with the rear of the dugouts.

6no 15m high retractable floodlights are proposed to provide adequate light provision.

A 1.83m high V Mesh fence is to be provided, which would be set 8m back from the western edge of the pitch, providing ball protection and added security between the football and cricket areas.

A 2.7mx2.7m pay entry box is to be provided to control entry to the football pitch.

**Layout:**

The existing football and cricket ground are to be retained, the upgrade of facilities to the football ground are to be made, the provision of pay/entry box will control entry to the ground on match days.

The ground location remains with the low pitch protection barrier being relocated to the western edge, being moved closer to the pitch.

Provision of stands, dugouts and floodlights are all around the pitch and as indicated on the Proposed site plan.

The existing clubhouse remains unaffected.

A V mesh barrier is to be provided between the football and cricket areas.

**Proposed Development of Maghull FC at Tommy Gent Way, Hall Lane, Liverpool  
LE31 3DY**

**Scale:**

The proposed seated stand being low scale at max 3.4m high above ground level, the standing stand and dugouts are even lower.

The V mesh fence being 1.83m high. The pay/entry box being 2.35m high.

The 6no floodlights are 15m high and provide light to the pitch.

The location of the structure on the open sports area are significant distance from the existing properties on Hall Lane, the nearest floodlights being over 65m from the nearest house and 45m from the properties to the east of the site.

Due to its location, distance from existing buildings and open areas it would not be considered to be a scaling issue.

**Landscaping:**

The existing site is predominantly a grassed area by nature of the use.

It is not proposed that there is any need or requirement to introduce any soft landscaping measures.

**Appearance:**

The proposed stands are to be formed on a concrete base with steel frame structure with plastisol profiled metal cladding, with Twickenham Green colour to the outer face and Goosewing Grey to the inner face.

The dugouts, pay/entry box are also to be formed in Twickenham Green plastisol cladding, the dugouts will also have some polycarbonate infill panelling.

The retractable floodlights would be galvanised steel.

**Security:**

The security of the site would be enhanced by the provision of the V mesh fencing and the pay/entry box.

## **ACCESS STATEMENT**

### **Scope of Works:**

The project is to enhance the Football Clubs existing facilities. Provision of Stands and Dugouts are required to allow promotion of the Club whilst ensuring access needs are met for the club and its visitors.

### **Guidance and legislative standards:**

The following guidance and legislative standards were used as the basis for design decisions:

- Disability Discrimination Act 1995
- Current Building Regulations with particular reference to Parts B (Fire) and M (Access)
- British Standard 8300 (Design of buildings and their approaches to meet the needs of disabled people – Code of Practice)

### **Project Brief Stage:**

Consultation with client at the initial stages of the project to establish the level of accessibility required so the development of the design could take full account of visitors and club member requirements.

The existing site levels are to be retained including access, provision of new structures are to meet the Football Association requirements, so safe and secure access to all areas can be achieved.

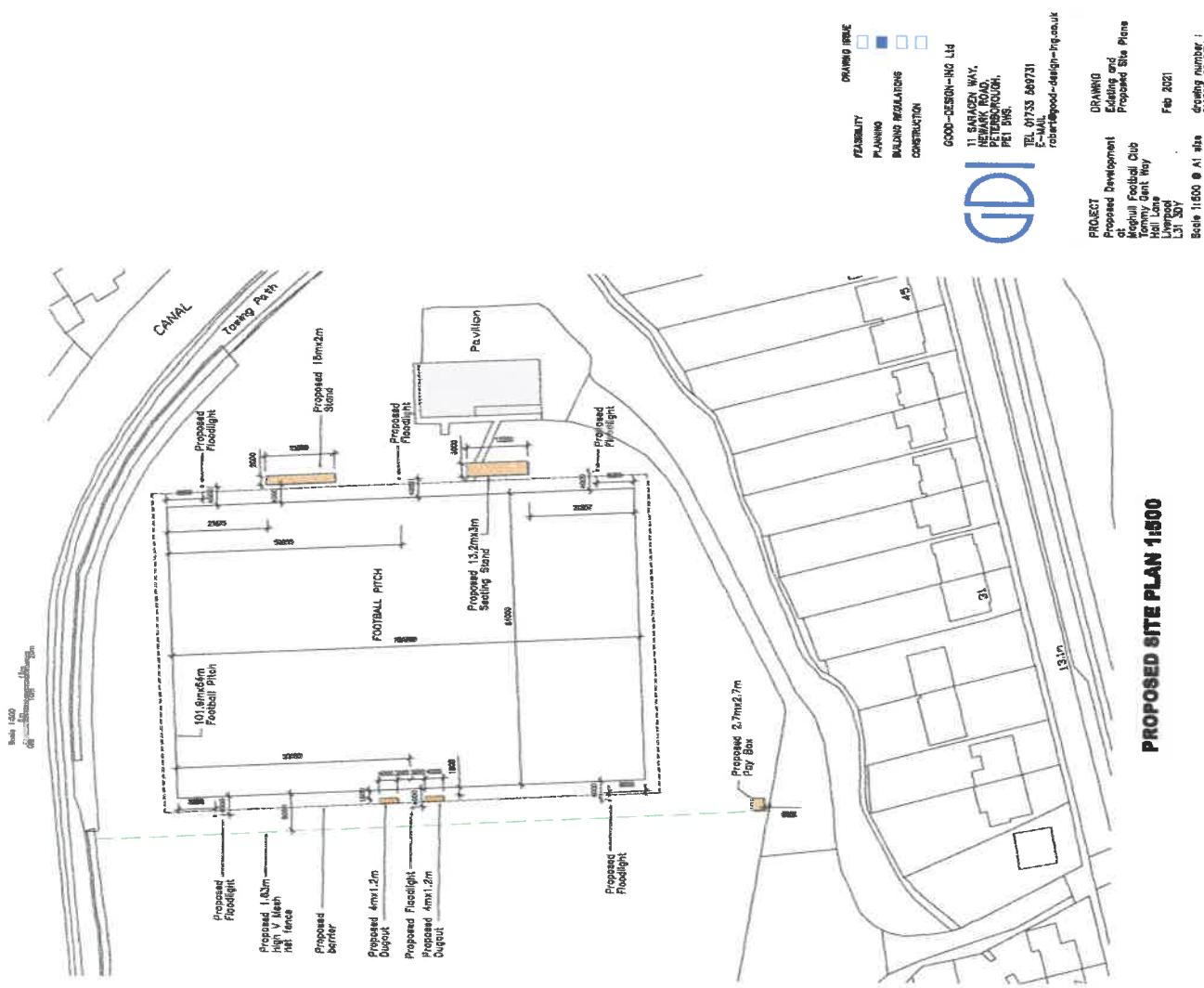
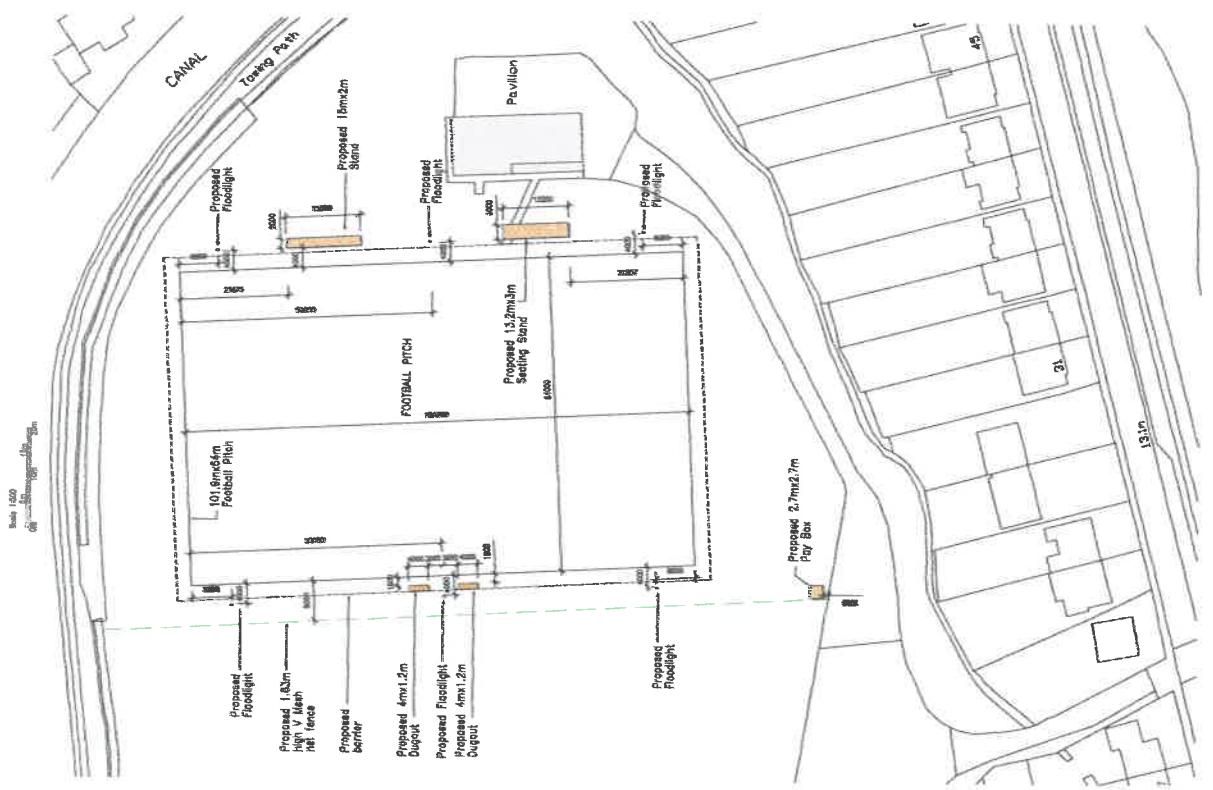
### **Pre-Construction Stage:**

The project has been developed taking into account the guidance and standards referred to above and the level of accessibility agreed with client. Provision for the following has been included:

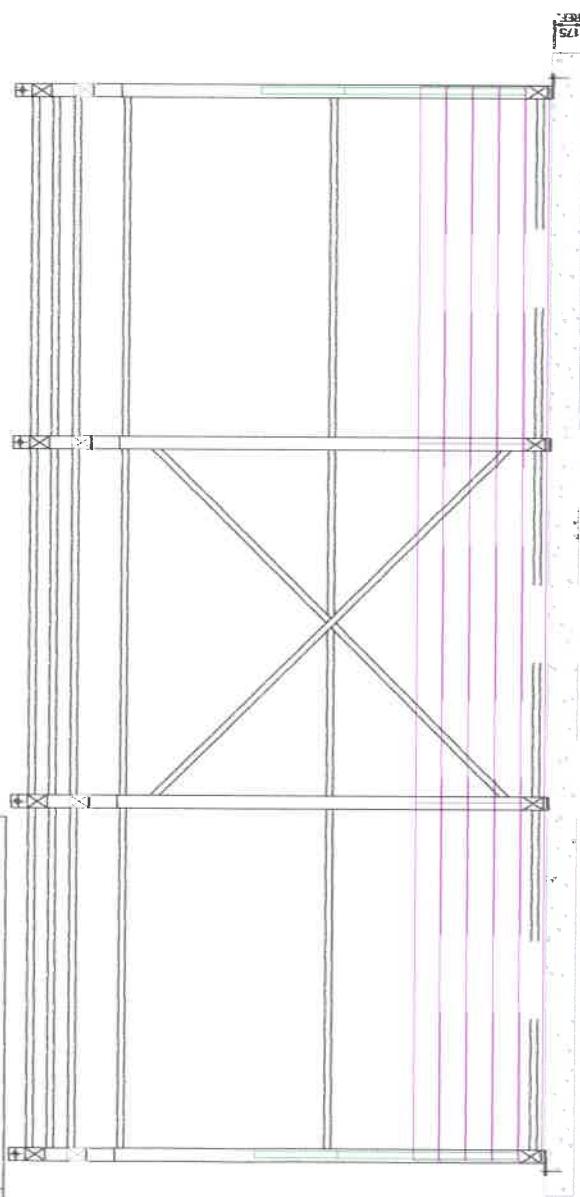
- Car Parking: The existing parking arrangements remain unaffected by the proposal.
- Access/circulation to the existing site is retained, whilst an entry/pay box is to be provided to control site entry, this would not affect level access. Access within the site and around the pitch is by grass and footpath access which would allow unhindered access.
- Means of escape: the provision of a safe means of escape is to be provided via compliance with Building Regulations Approved document Part B.
- Gates/door widths and openings: all to meet minimum requirements of Approved Doc M and BS 8300 (for clear openings, type and height of handles, vision panels, doors etc.)

Prepared on behalf of Maghull Football Club

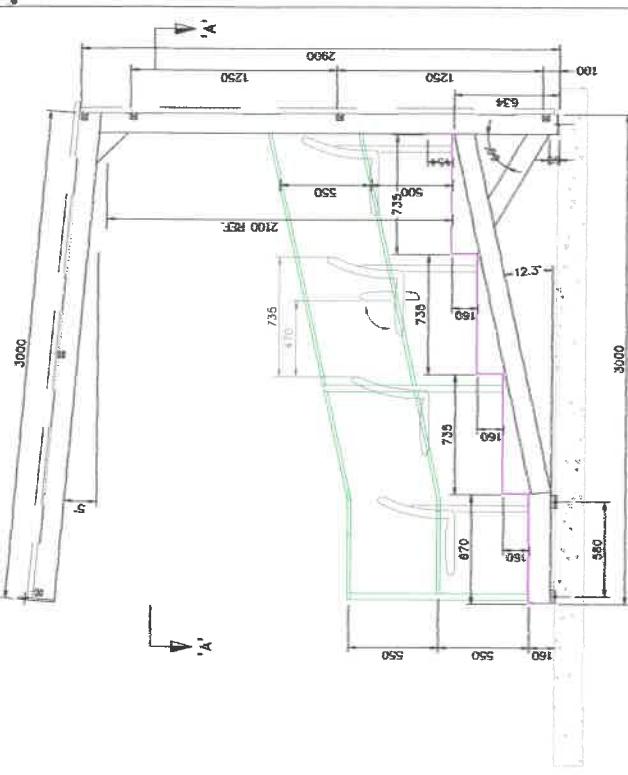
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A1 DO NOT SCALE - IF IN DOUBT ASK!



VIEW ON FRONT  
(SEATS and CLADDING OMITTED FOR CLARITY)



VIEW ON END

#### GENERAL NOTES

STEELWORK: WELDED STEEL STRUCTURE CONSISTING OF:  
• 120 x 80 x 5 THK. SUPPORT TRUSSES

- 40 x 40 x 4 THK, S.H.S. HORIZONTAL MEMBERS
  - 40 x 40 x 4 THK, S.H.S. CROSS BRACING MEMBERS
  - 40 x 40 x 4 THK, R.H.S. SIDE BARRIER SUPPORT POSTS
  - 10 x 20 x 3 THK, R.H.S. SIDE BARRIER HAND RAILS
  - ENDS:** HELD IN PLACE BY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:
    - 6 THK, FOLDED STEEL DURBAR (CHECKER PLATE)
    - 6 THK, PLATE GUSSET SUPPORT / END PLATES

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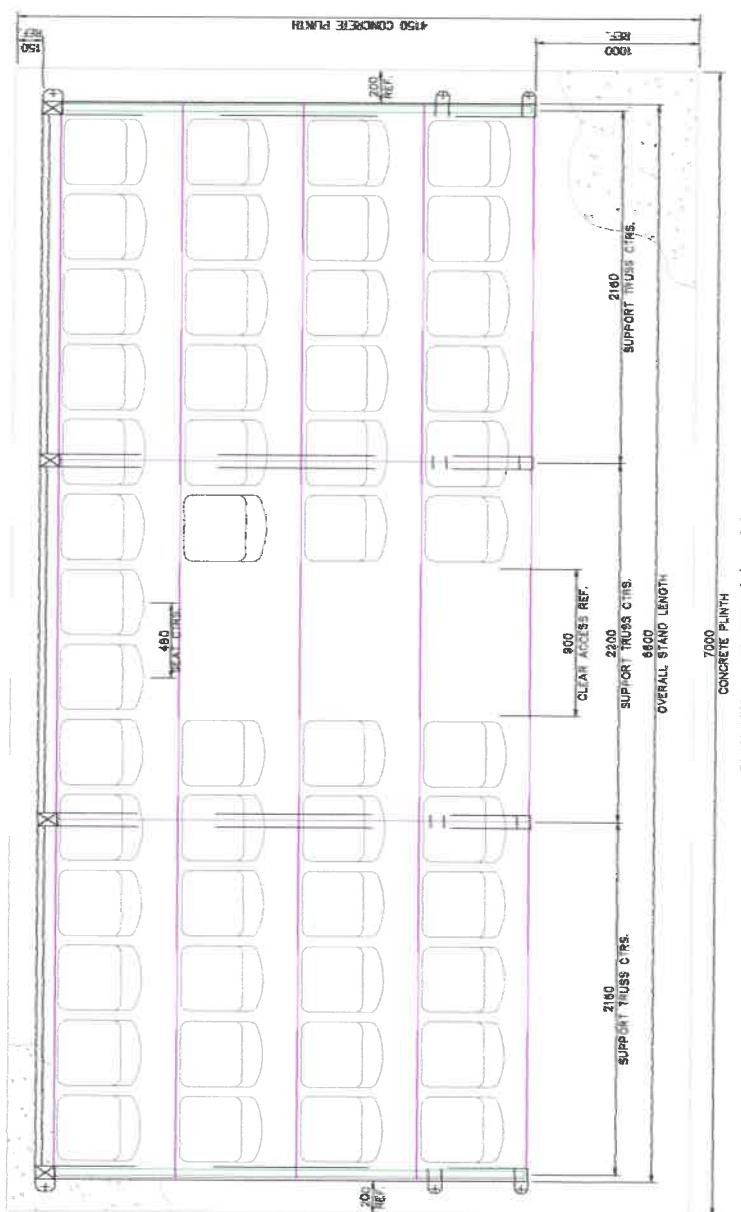
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<b>SCALE</b>	<b>ALL DIMENSIONS IN mm UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED</b>

50 SEAT GRANDSTAND (TYPE A50)  
GENERAL ARRANGEMENT

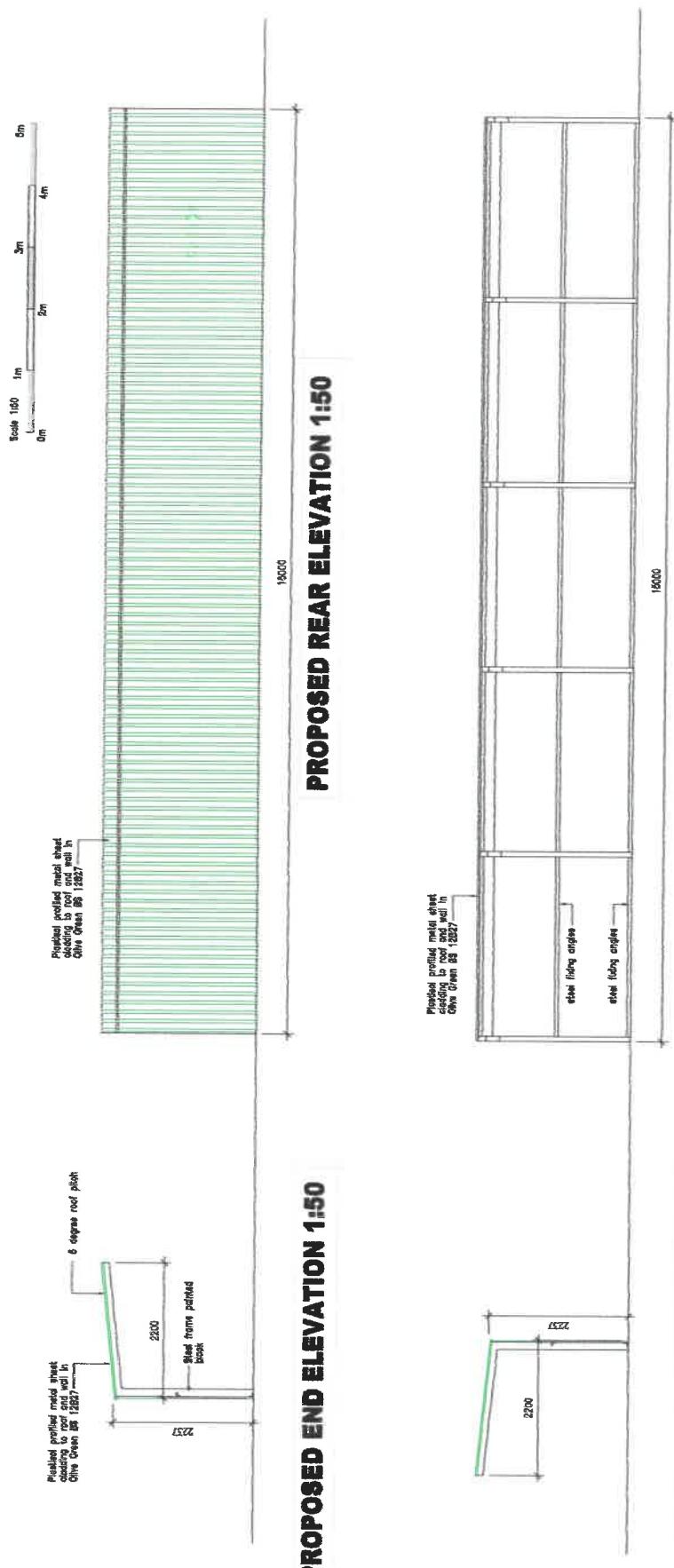
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COURSE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

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FILE NAME : **MSD-STAND-TYPE-450-001**  
DRAWING NO. : **MSD-STAND-TYPE-450-001**  
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REV : **R/V**



PLAN VIEW ~ SECTION 'A' - 'A'



DRAWING  
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Elevations  
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Dec 2020  
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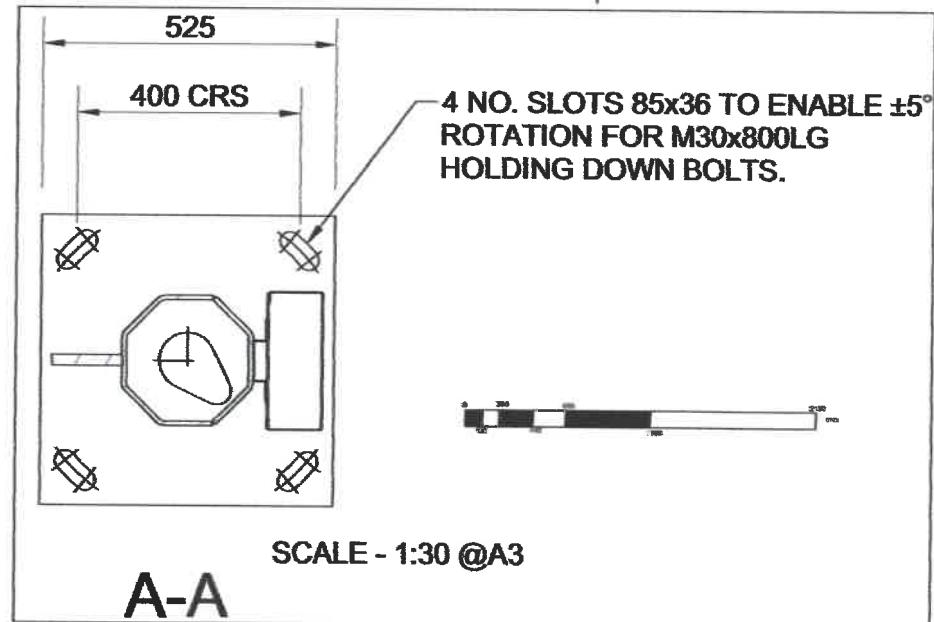
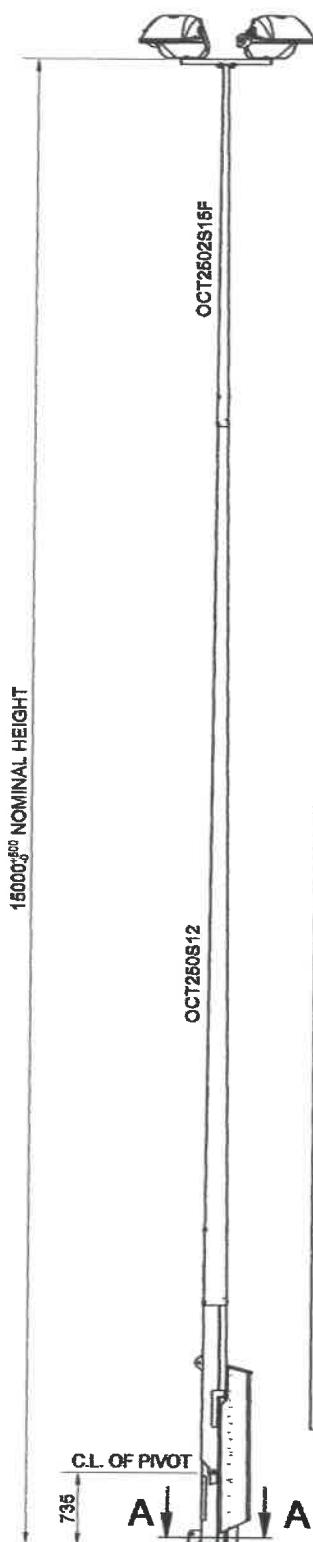


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REGISTRED  
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### NOTES

1. FIRST ANGLE PROJECTION.
2. DIMENSIONS SHOWN IN BRACKETS THUS (25) ARE REF. DIMENSIONS ONLY.
3. REMOVE ALL BURRS AND SHARP EDGES.
4. WELDING SYMBOLS ARE TO BS EN 24063  
BS EN 22553
5. ALL STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS ARE  
TO BE TO THE LATEST REVISIONS.
6. FILLET WELDS TO BE TO WELD PROCEDURE  
No. 031W.
7. MATERIAL: CHS TO BS EN 10210 S355 WITH  
A TENSILE STRENGTH OF 490N/mm<sup>2</sup>.  
PLATE TO BS EN 10025 S275.
8. CABLE ENTRY SLOT MEASURES 150 x 50.
9. BASE COMPARTMENT  
168 RL BASE ASSEMBLY:- FITTED WITH A  
12 mm THK SADDOLIN TIMBER BASEBOARD  
MEASURING 610 x 90. DOOR OPENING  
MEASURES 570 x 130 AND IS COVERED  
BY THE LID OF THE COLUMN.
10. FOR DETAIL OF 168 RL BASE ASSEMBLY  
REFER TO DRG NO. RL201/10/GA
11. FINISH: HOT DIP GALVANISED TO BS EN  
ISO 1461.
12. FOUNDATION BOLTS ARE TYPE 3  
TO DRG NO C201/42
13. FOR DETAILS OF SHAFTS SEE  
DRG NO RL201/41/23 & 23/17.
14. WEIGHT OF SHAFTS AS FOLLOWS  
OCT250S15F 24KG  
OCT250S12 11KG  
BASE ASSY 23KG.
15. SHAFT OVERLAPS:-  

SHAFT NO	MIN OVERLAP	DESIGN OVERLAP
OCT250S15F TO OCT250S12	215	636
OCT250S12 TO BASE	425	759



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