



NORTHAW & CUFFLEY PARISH COUNCIL

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MEETING	Full Council
MEETING DATE	2 nd October 2024
SUBJECT	Maynard Place car park – planting reduction/removal
AGENDA ITEM NO.	2024/25 Item 36e
REPORT BY	Sally Griffiths, Office Manager, Northaw and Cuffley Parish Council

01 BACKGROUND AND PROPOSAL:

Following conversations with Councillors relating to overgrowth of planting within Maynard Place Car Park the council has reached out to the properties bounding the car park to ask for trees and planting overhanging the car park to be reduced at a safe level.

While this activity was being carried out, the inspection revealed that a significant number of shrubs, vines and other plants overgrowing into the car park actually originate from inside the car park, rather than being overgrowth from external planting.

To this end, officers met with our current maintenance contractor to implement some control measures. Unfortunately, some of the planting is so large, and unsuitable for the location, that to “reduce” the plants would be unsightly and possibly leave safety issues with the resulting bare branches remaining. Our contractor has therefore quoted to clear and remove the planting back to the fence line.

This work does not include any reduction of trees located within the borders of the car park, which will be separately assessed once all other works are completed.

The cost that we have been quoted for this work is £985.00 plus VAT

This includes:

Cutting to ground level and treating the root of the Laurel shrubs, and other externally introduced planting, within the borders of the car park. Suitable removal and disposal of all arisings produced.

02 RECOMMENDATION REQUIRED FROM COUNCIL:

Council to resolve to go ahead with the proposed reduction and removal of planting in the borders of Maynard Place Car Park.



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Implications (completed by the Clerk)	
Staffing Implications	Co-ordination, arrangement of works and overseeing, will be completed in normal working hours
Council objectives	Meets the objective of managing parish assets
Equalities and human rights	Equality and human rights issues have been considered
Crime & Disorder	Crime and disorder have been considered
Biodiversity	Biodiversity issues have been considered
Financial	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A budget of £985 is required.• Decisions may give rise to additional expenditure from ear marked reserves
Legal	Local Government Act 1894, Section 8 (1) (i) to execute any works (including works of maintenance or improvement) incidental to or consequential on the exercise of any of the foregoing powers, or in relation to any parish property, not being property relating to affairs of the church or held for an ecclesiastical charity;
Risk Management	Material risks exist and these will be assessed prior to works carried out. Insurances and all other documents from contractors will be retained