
ESTIMATE FOR NEW FOOTPATHS AND LAND DRAINAGE - SWEYNE PARK

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following a report to Community Overview & Scrutiny on 16 April 2002, Members agreed that a further report was required indicating the costs associated with the additional footpaths, and land drainage around the Clover Leaf play area.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following the decision of 16 April Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee to construct footpaths that provided access for people with disabilities that also improved access for other people, a design has been prepared and estimates sought for their construction.
- 2.2 An estimate has also been sought for the land drainage work around the play area as part of this project.
- 2.3 The proposed construction has tried to be environmentally sustainable in that the new paths will be approximately 75 mm above the surrounding ground level, with the material that is dug out spread adjacent to both sides of the paths and reseeded. This will both raise the paths above any potential water-logging of the ground and reduce the requirement to remove spoil from the site.
- 2.4 Costs have been sought so that a decision can be made on which paths can be constructed from the suggestions made to the previous committee.

3 ESTIMATES FOR CONSTRUCTION

- 3.1 Based on the above premise, costs have been sought for the construction to enable final decisions to be made. The lengths of path were identified as (a), (b), (c) and (d) and separate costs are indicated for each length.

	Path Length in Metres	Cost £
(a)	110	1,876.60
(b)	400	6,824.00
(c)	240	4,094.40
(d)	110	1,876.60
	Sub Total	14,671.60
	Land Drainage Estimate	7,000.00
	TOTAL	21,671.60

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The use of a natural stone path will enhance both the access for people with disabilities, whilst maintaining a natural appearance which will gradually blend into the landscape.
- 5.2 Reuse of the excavated material will reduce the need to remove materials from the site.
- 5.3 Improvements to the land drainage around the play area will enable use of the play area during wet periods when currently this area is often flooded and unusable.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 A budget of £60,000 has been set aside from the Capital Programme of 2002-2003 for these works.

7 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The Council has an obligation to provide access for people with disabilities to public facilities by 2004. These works will contribute to that programme.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consider the lengths of path that are to be constructed and land drainage works within the budget allocation, and recommend to Council accordingly. (CD(FES))

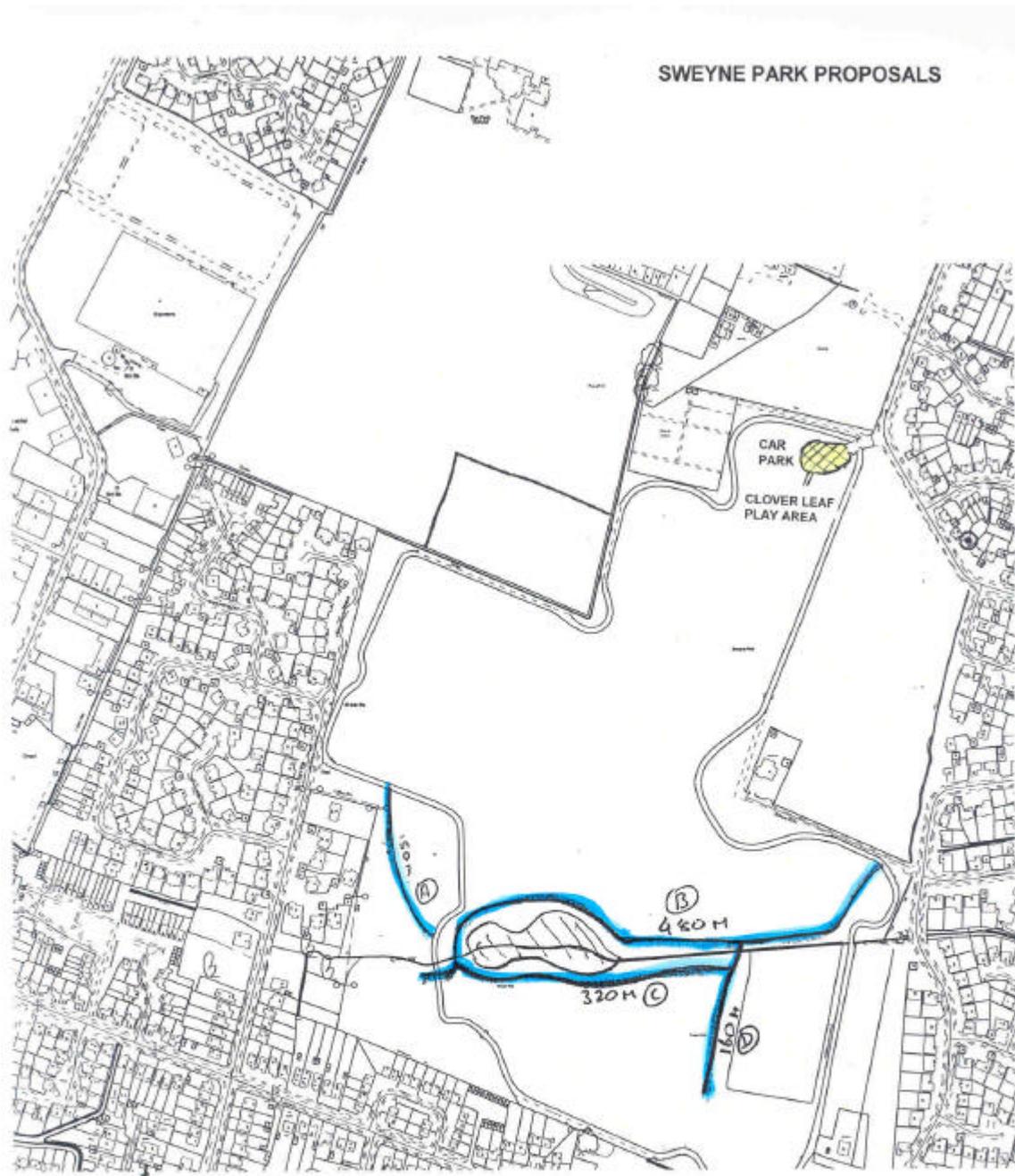
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	Proposed New Paths
	Car Park with disabled parking