



DUSTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Duston Community Centre
Pendle Road
Duston
Northampton
NN5 6DT

Environment Committee

Cllrs Enright-King, Ennis-Clark, Ingram, Liddon, Craven, Dickinson

10th January 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Environment Committee to be held at Duston Community Centre on Thursday 16th January 2025 commencing at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Issued by:

Gary Youens
Parish Clerk, Duston Parish Council

AGENDA

EC69/25. To receive apologies for absence

EC70/25. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2024 (APPENDIX A)

EC71/25. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda (*Members should disclose any interests in the business to be discussed and are reminded that the disclosure of a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest will require that the member withdraws from the meeting room during the transaction of that item of business*).

EC72/25. Public Participation Session (*Persons wishing to address the committee on an agenda item may register their intention to do so by telephone or email by 12 noon on the day of the meeting and may speak for a maximum of 3 minutes*).

EC73/25. Errington Park Path

- To discuss the latest progress on the project (APPENDIX B)

EC74/25. Soakways in Parks

- To discuss a quote for installing soakways in Mendip Park and Errington Park

EC75/25. Christmas Trees in Village Centre

- To discuss the idea of having Christmas Tree above shop fronts in Village Centre
Proposed by Cllr Ingram

EC76/25. Red Post Box in Village Centre

- To discuss the installation of a red post box in the Village Centre
Proposed by Cllr Ingram

EC77/25. Dog Poo Signs

- To discuss Dog Poo Signs
Proposed by Cllr Enright-King

EC78/25. Rewilding

- To discuss the progress on Rewilding Projects.
Previous report enclosed (APPENDIX C)
Proposed by Cllr Enright-King

EC79/25. Green Clothes Bins

- To discuss green clothes bins on pavements with bags of discarded clothes
(e.g. Limehurst Square and Main Road)

EC80/25. Trees on Telstar Way Open Space

- To receive a verbal update from the Clerk and recommend to Council use of earmarked reserves



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Environment Committee Minutes
Thursday 21st November 2024 7pm

Chair: Cllr P Enright-King

Councillors Present:
Cllrs Craven, Ennis-Clark, Ingram,

IN ATTENDANCE:
Gary Youens – Clerk

EC56/24. To receive apologies for absence

- Apologies were received from Cllrs Liddon & Dickinson.

EC57/24. To receive and approve for signature the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2024 (APPENDIX A)

- **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 17th October 2024 were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

EC58/24. To receive declarations of interest under the Council's Code of Conduct related to business on the agenda

- Members were reminded of the need to declare any interests in the items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. There were no interests declared.

EC48/24. Public Participation Session

- There were no speakers from the public.

EC49/24. Errington Park path

- The Clerk showed a drawing for an architect as to a drawing of a perimeter path (APPENDIX B).
- Cllr Liddon will be passing over some other designs.
- **RESOLVED:** To note the update from the Clerk on the Errington Park perimeter path project.

EC50/24. Picnic Bench, St Luke's Field

- The Clerk reported that a resident of Sussex Close has been in touch with anti-social behaviour on St Lukes Field. They have requested that the picnic bench is moved.
- A Councillor said families use that picnic bench every summer and encourages people to use the park.
- A view was expressed that just moving the picnic bench a few feet wouldn't make that much of a difference.
- **RESOLVED:** To keep the picnic bench in its current location on St Lukes Field.

EC51/24. St Patrick Church Sign

- This has been requested by St Patrick Church on Ashwood Road.
- **RESOLVED:** To obtain a quote from WNC Highways as to a sign and report back to Committee.

EC52/24. No Parking at Junction signs

- Councillors discussed the complaints received from members of the public regarding the parking signs. There have only been two complaints.
- **RESOLVED:** No further action required.

EC53/24. Feedback on Environment matters from recent Newsletter

- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) The suggestions from residents were noted.

- b) There should be an overarching plan for renovating all parks in the Old Duston ward using S106 money from the Duston Gardens development.
- c) A litter bin for Sandy Lane Walk should be recommended to Council.

EC54/24. Litter Bin, Millway

- Cllr Ingram said this has been suggested by a member of Upton Parish Council who does a lot of litter picking in this area.
- **RESOLVED:** A litter bin for the bottom of Millway near the Weedon Road should be recommended to Council.

EC55/24. Mendip Park Gate

- A resident recently tripped up on the slope coming into Mendip Park. The Parish Council do not own the land that side of the fence. The gate was located in the middle of the fence line so it would be away from the tennis club and the houses. There was a discussion of various options such as moving the gate to a new location with a less of a slope to removing the fence entirely (APPENDIX C)
- The gate was installed in part so there would be second entrance into the park.
- **RESOLVED:** To contact Meadfleet to see if it possible to obtain the land and build either steps or a longer slope going down into the gate.

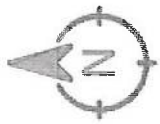
EC67/24. Sign in DPC Small Open Spaces

- **RESOLVED:** To leave this decision to the Clerk

EC68/24. E-Scooters in Timken Estate

- The Clerk has been in touch with a local resident and WNC Highways about the problem of e-scooters in the Timken estate. Riders are using the Timken Estate as a cut through from Sixfields to access the rest of Duston.
- **RESOLVED:**
 - a) To note the verbal update report from the Clerk
 - b) Duston Parish Council has no objections for staggered barriers on Timken Estate to slow down e-scooters as long as paths can still be used by wheelchair users.

The meeting finished at 8:28pm



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- SITE BOUNDARY LINE**
- GENERAL NOTES**
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 2. UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE DIMENSIONS ARE TO FACE.
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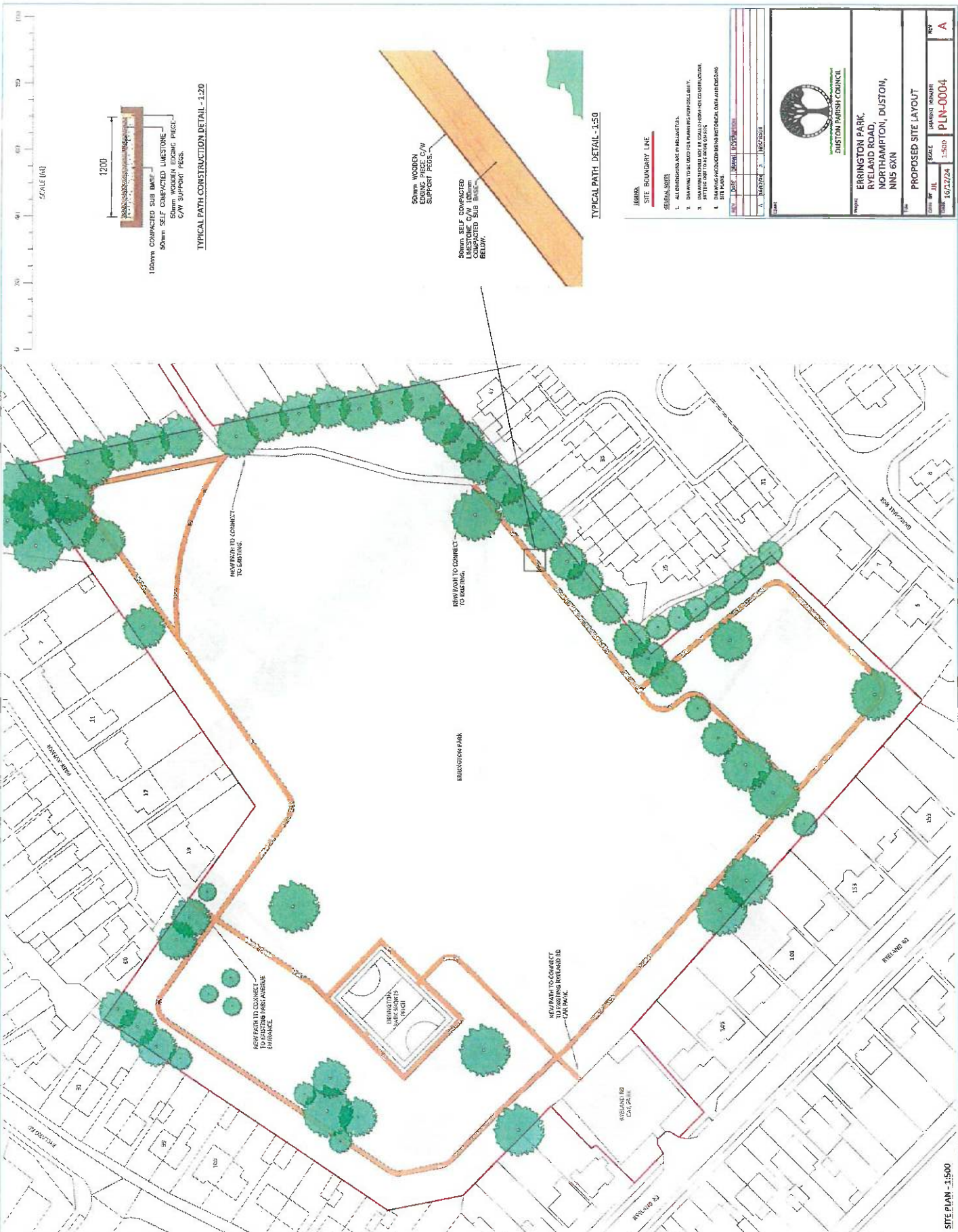
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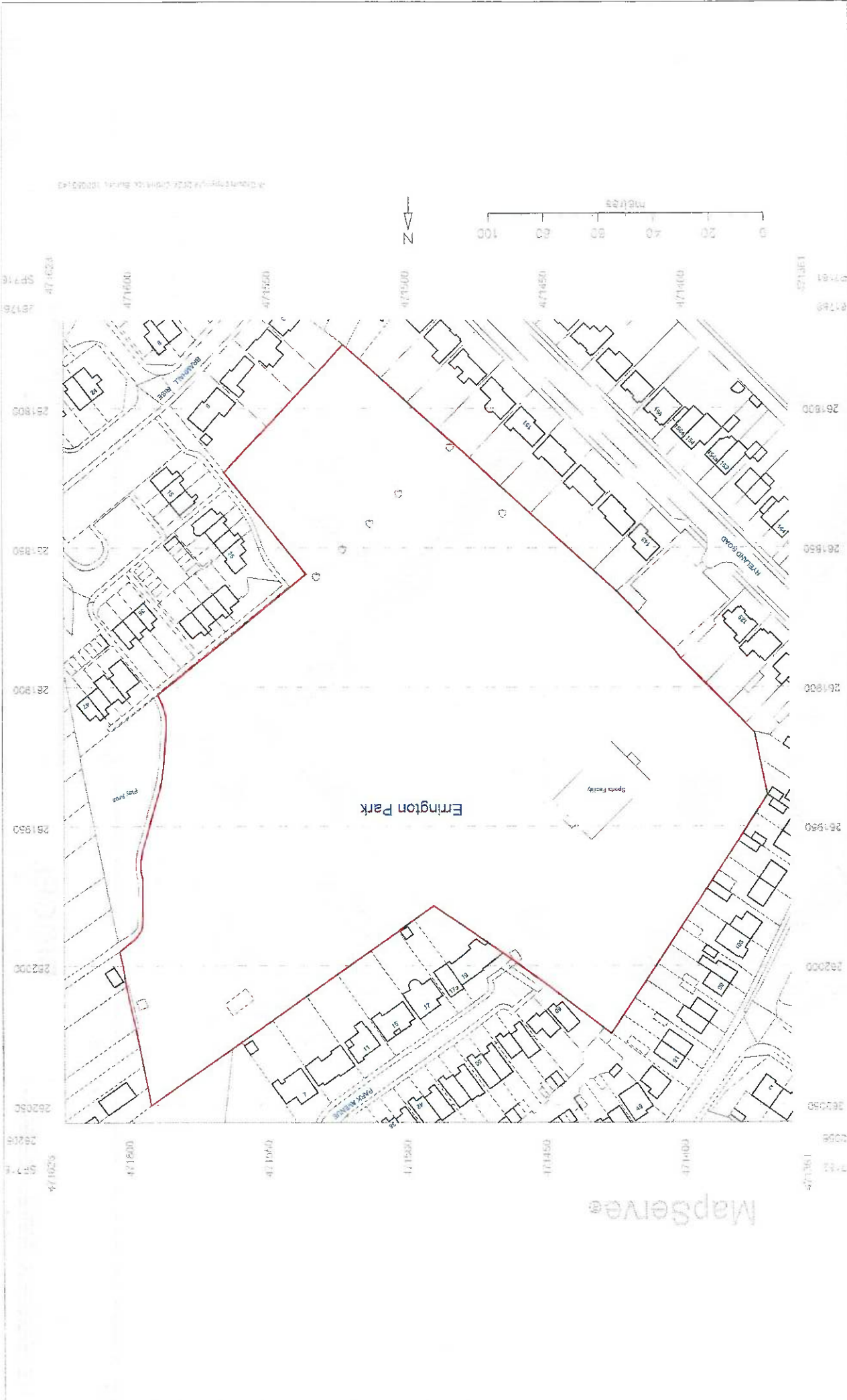


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 RYELAND ROAD,
 NORTHAMPTON, DUSTON,
 NN5 6XN

EXISTING SITE LAYOUT

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Errington Park
 NN5 6XJ
 Location Plan

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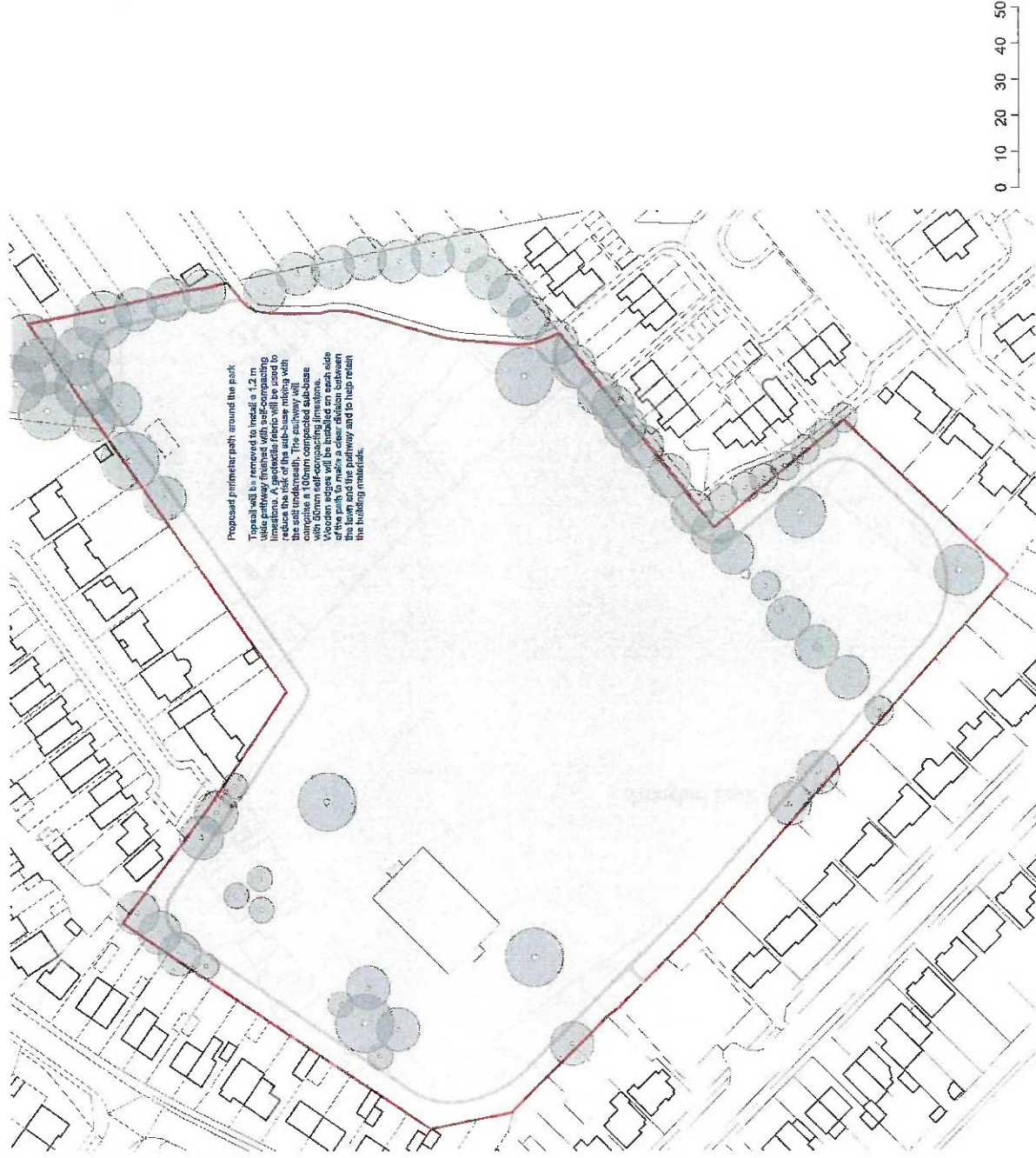
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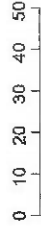



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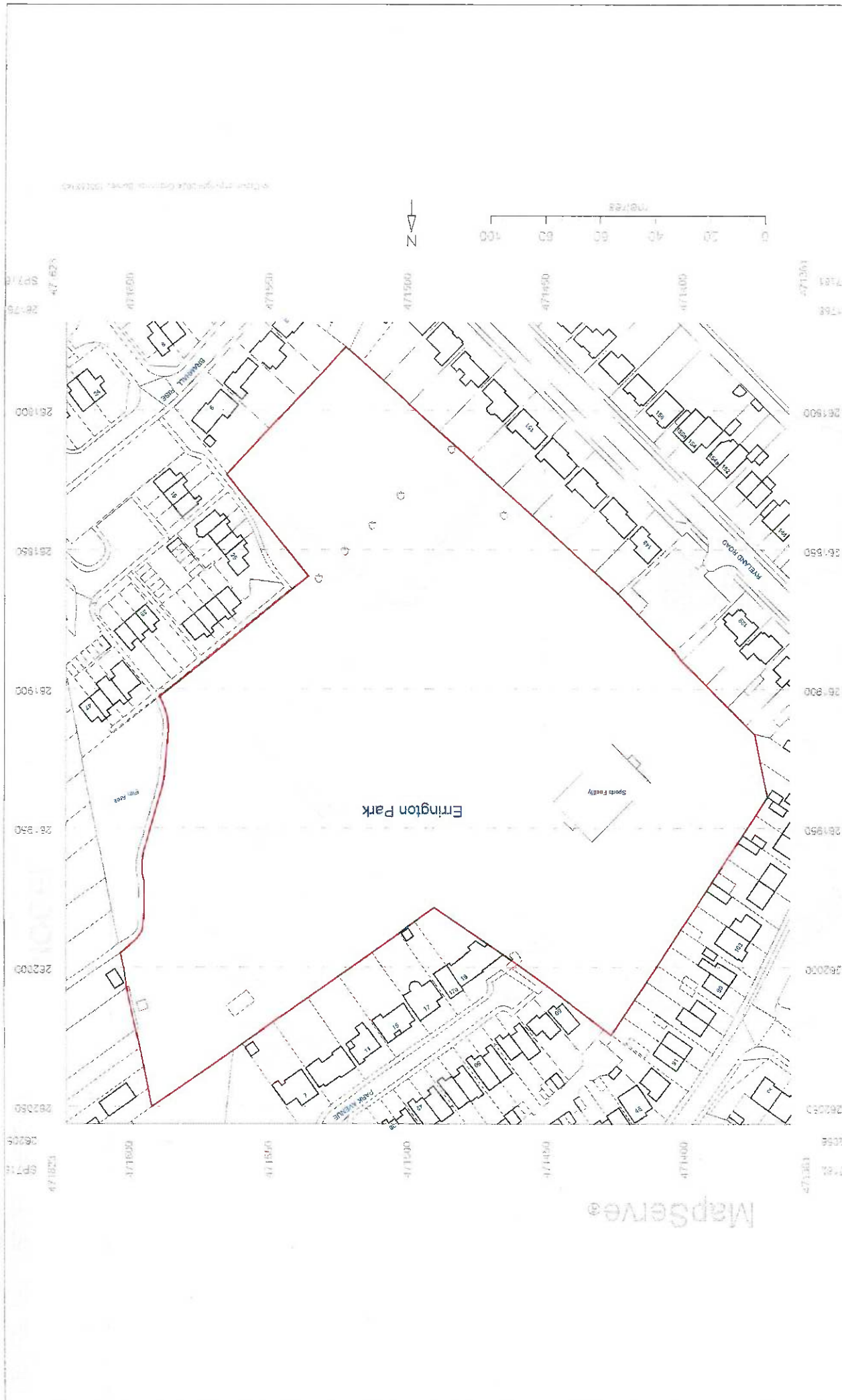


Proposed perimeter path around the park. Topsoil will be removed to install a 1.2 m wide pathway treated with self-compacting concrete. The pathway will be installed to reduce the risk of the sub-base mixing with the soil underneath. The pathway will comprise a 100mm compacted sub-base and a 100mm concrete surface. Weedon edges will be installed on each side of the path to make a clear division between the lawn and the pathway and to help retain the bedding material.



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LOCATION PLAN

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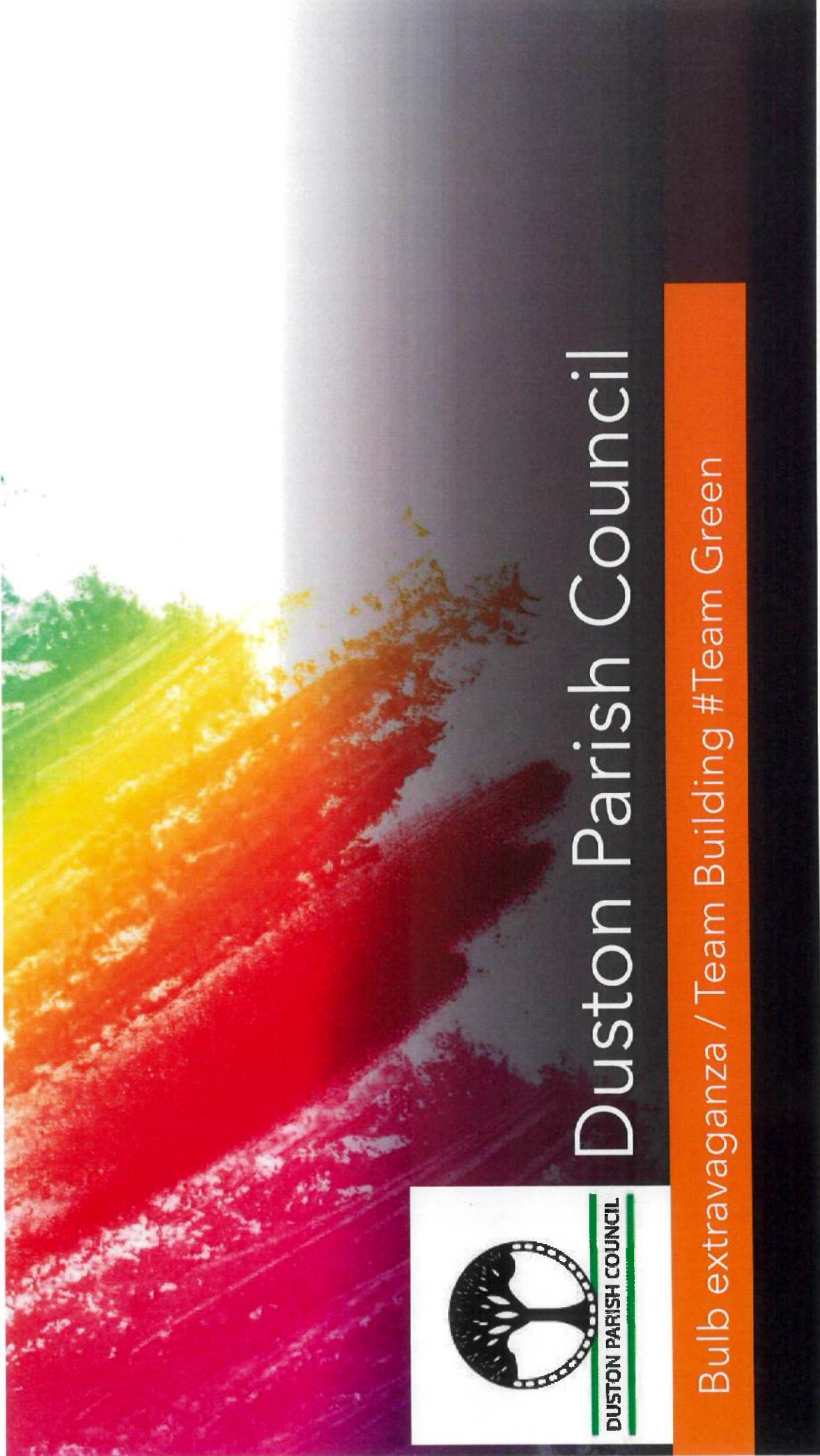
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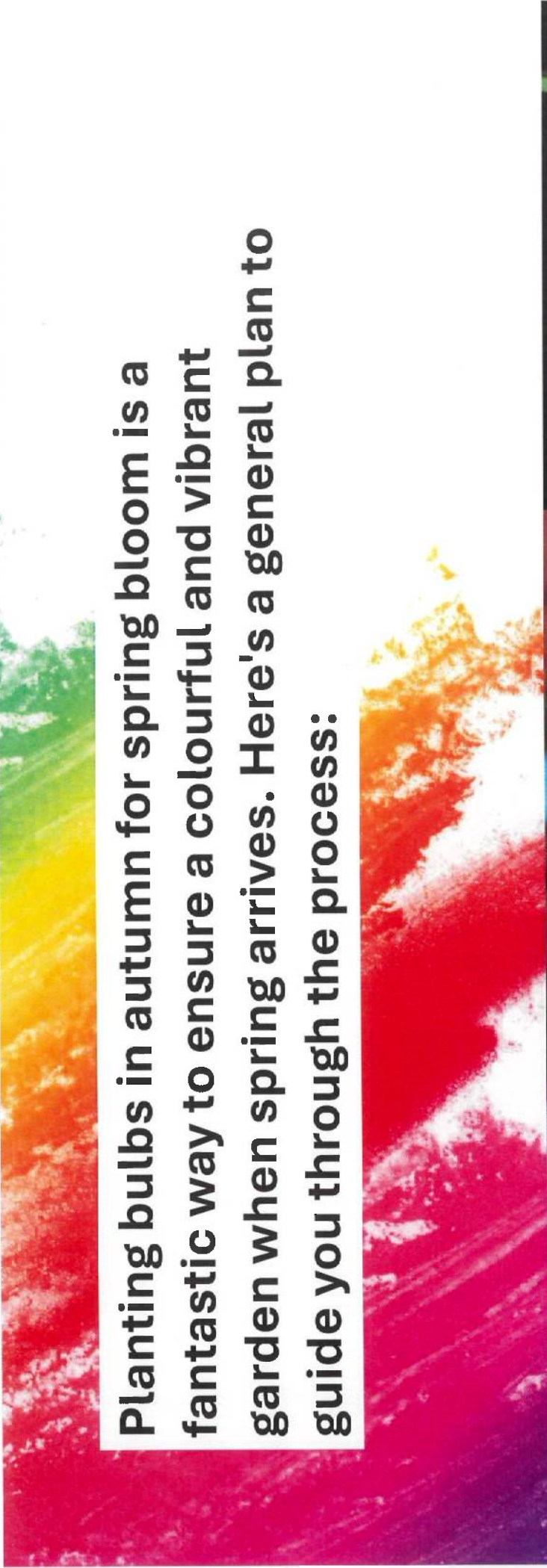
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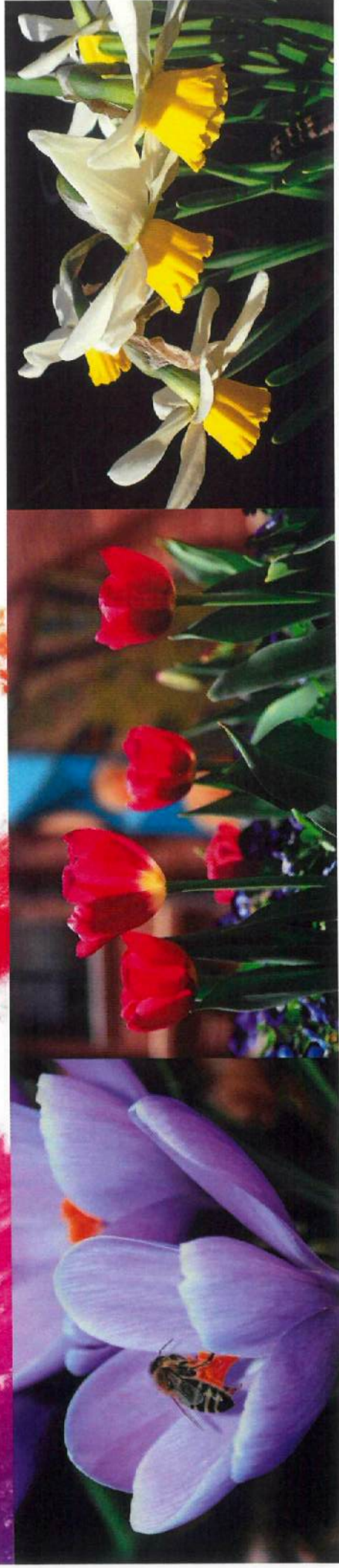


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Bulb extravaganza / Team Building #Team Green

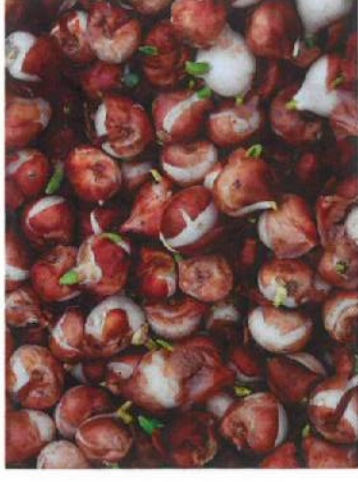


Planting bulbs in autumn for spring bloom is a fantastic way to ensure a colourful and vibrant garden when spring arrives. Here's a general plan to guide you through the process:



1. Selecting Bulbs:

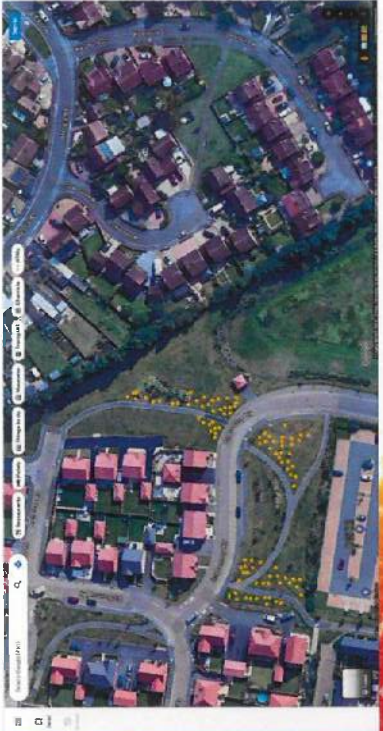
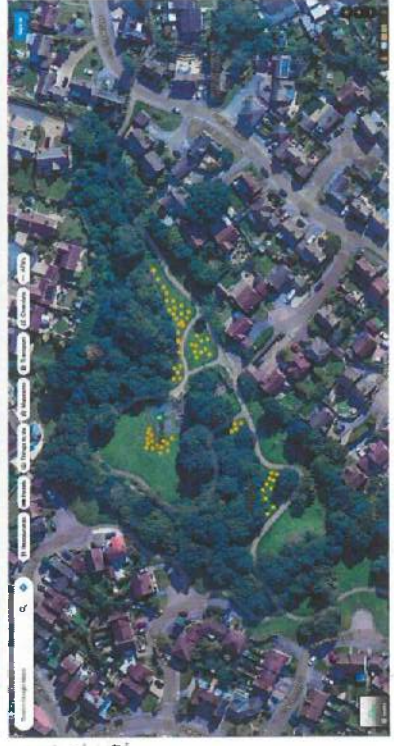
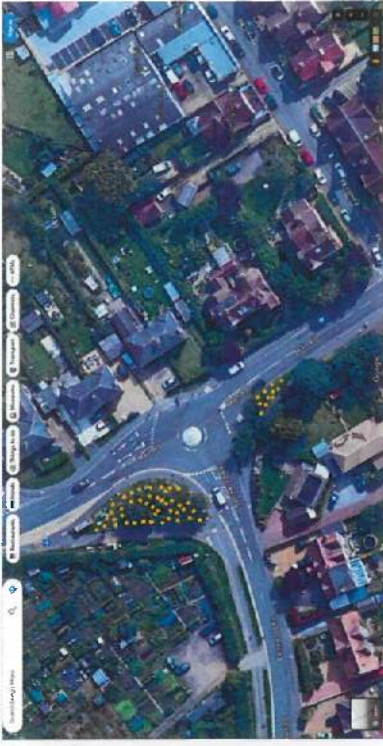
Choose bulbs that are suitable for your climate and soil conditions. Common spring-blooming bulbs include tulips, daffodils, crocuses, hyacinths, and snowdrops. Make sure the bulbs are firm and free from any signs of damage or decay.





2. Choose the Right Location

- Bulbs generally prefer well-drained soil and full to partial sun. Select a spot in your garden that receives adequate sunlight and where water won't pool after rain.



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3. Prepare the Soil

Before planting, loosen the soil in the planting area to a depth of about 8-10 inches. Remove any weeds, rocks, or debris, and amend the soil with compost or organic matter to improve drainage and fertility if necessary.

4. Planting Depth and Spacing

The planting depth and spacing requirements may vary depending on the type of bulb you're planting. As a general rule of thumb, plant bulbs at a depth equal to about three times their height. Space bulbs according to the recommendations on the packaging or allow a few inches between each bulb to allow for natural spreading.



5. Planting Technique

Dig individual holes for each bulb or dig a larger hole to accommodate multiple bulbs if you're planting them in groups. Place the bulbs in the holes with the pointed end facing upwards (the basal plate, where the roots emerge, should be facing downwards). Cover the bulbs with soil and gently firm the soil around them to remove air pockets.

6. Watering

After planting, water the bulbs thoroughly to help settle the soil and initiate root growth. Keep the soil evenly moist but not waterlogged throughout the autumn and winter months, especially if there's little rainfall



7. Mulching

Consider adding a layer of mulch over the planting area to help retain soil moisture and regulate soil temperature. Mulch also helps suppress weeds and provides a neat appearance to the garden.

8. Maintenance

During the winter months, continue to monitor the soil moisture and protect the bulbs from extreme cold or frost if necessary. Once spring arrives and the bulbs begin to emerge and bloom, you can enjoy the colorful display they provide.

Following these steps, you can successfully plant bulbs in autumn and look forward to a beautiful village spring filled with vibrant blooms.

