



Title of Report:	LANSDOWNE GREEN – VEHICLE ACCESS CONTROL
Committee Report Submitted To:	ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
Date of Meeting:	9th March 2021
For Decision or For Information	FOR DECISION

Linkage to Council Strategy (2019-23)	
Strategic Theme	Protecting the Environment
Outcome	Protect, enhance and promote opportunities for greater enjoyment of our natural environment.
Lead Officer	Head of Estates

Budgetary Considerations	
Cost of Proposal	£13,730
Included in Current Year Estimates	NO
Capital/Revenue	Capital
Code	
Staffing Costs	

Screening Requirements	Required for new or revised Policies, Plans, Strategies or Service Delivery Proposals.		
Section 75 Screening	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	EQIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Rural Needs Assessment (RNA)	Screening Completed	No	Date:
	RNA Required and Completed:	No	Date:
Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA)	Screening Completed:	No	Date:
	DPIA Required and Completed:	No	Date:

1.0 Purpose of Report

Lansdowne Green, Portrush has a history of unauthorised parking on the grass area. Various popular events and peak season (with good weather) footfall, has resulted in a large numbers of cars utilising it, causing significant ground damage, resulting in regular ground reinstatement costs. This report makes recommendations to resolve this issue.

2.0 Background

In 2015 Council requested that greater efforts be made to enforce parking restrictions on Lansdowne Green. This has had limited impact and Council is still required to temporarily fence off access each year during Events and times of high visitor numbers. When not fenced off car users have uninterrupted access causing surface damage with resulting re-instatement and additional cleansing costs.

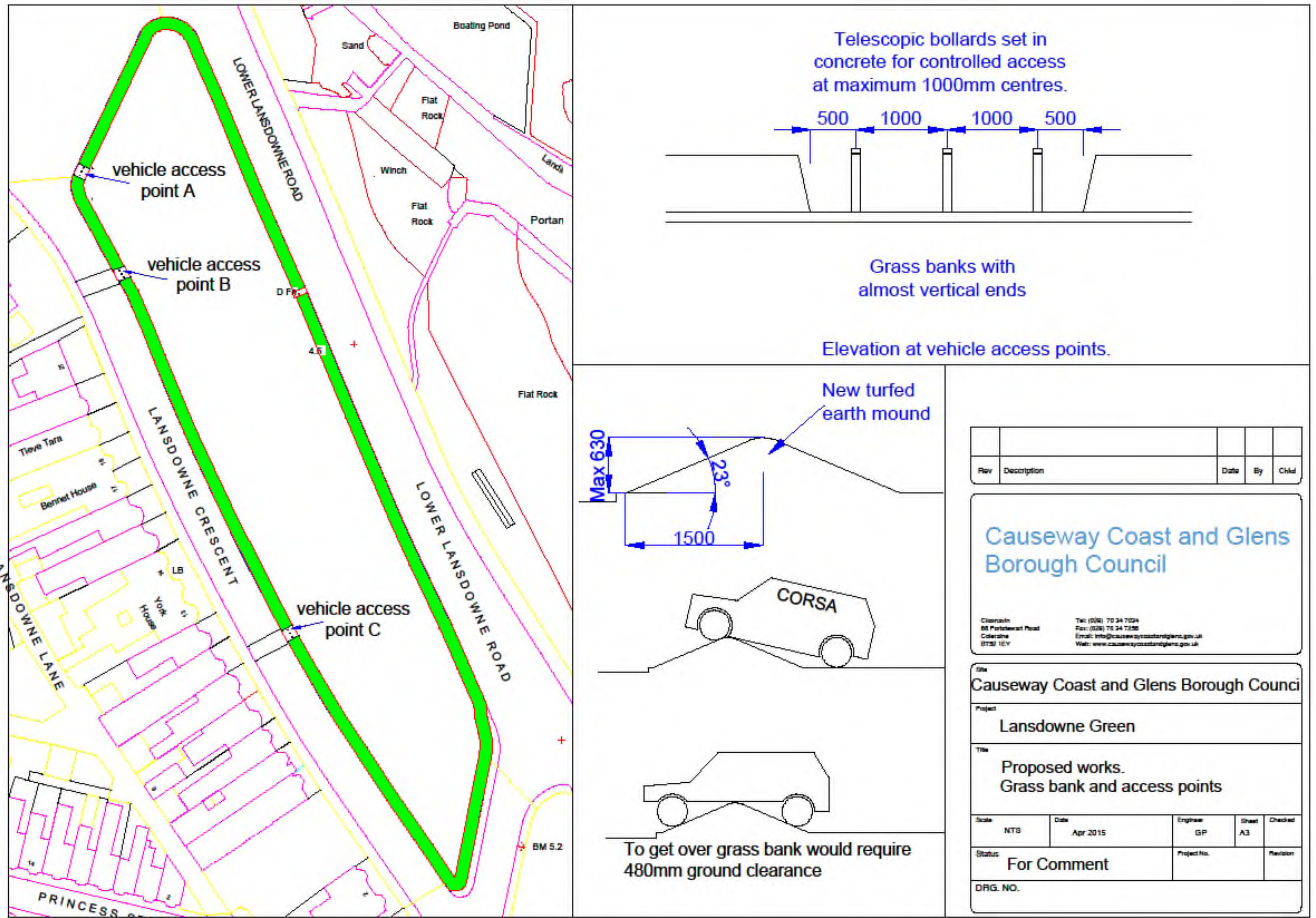
3.0 Proposals

1. Create a grass bank around the perimeter, with three access points for vehicles, this is shown on the attached drawing (appendix 1). These access points to be controlled by installation of telescopic bollards. Grass cutting can still be carried out safely using a 'slope mower' so there will be no additional maintenance costs. Cost savings can also be made using spoil material from the earthworks removal as part of Ballywillan Cemetery extension. This option is the least intrusive as it requires no additional physical barriers retaining the existing grassed layout. Cost £13,730.
2. Create a barrier by the installation of low level timber posts and a continuous concrete mowing strip (appendix 2). Provide three access points for vehicles, each controlled by the use of telescopic barriers. Installation cost estimate: £18,534 +vat. Annual maintenance costs for repainting the timber posts (on the assumption they are needing repainted every two years), are approximately £900 +vat.
3. Create a barrier by the installation of galvanised steel bollards and a continuous concrete mowing strip (appendix 2). Provide three access points for vehicles, each controlled by the use of telescopic barriers. Installation cost estimate: £49,194 +vat. There are no expected annual maintenance costs associated with this option.
4. Do not provide any physical barrier. Council would still be faced with ongoing cost of erecting temporary barriers at busy times (bank holidays) and during events. This costs approximately £750 per erection/dismantle, say £3,000 per year. There are also clean up/ground repair costs which can vary depending on crowds and ground conditions.

4.0 Recommendation

It is recommended that Council approve option 1 – to create a grass bank around the perimeter, incorporating access points allow controlled parking for Council events to take place.

Appendix 1



Appendix 2

Telescopic bollard set in concrete mowing strip to provide controlled access

Posts / Bollards with maximum 1500mm spacing between

Elevation at vehicle access points.

Galvanised steel bollard option

Softwood timber post option (would be set in a continuous concrete strip)

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Project: **Lansdowne Green**

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