

**Naish Estate – Update on Tree damage following storm conditions 30 October.**

Winds of up to 80mph overnight caused much damage to this, our most prominent land parcel owing to its geographical position and prevailing wind direction. It holds a number of Monterey Pines that have had historic pruning by NMTC contractors and the residents, as branches hang over boundary lines. This has left a number of them with very few lower branches and only high canopies, making the trunk and remaining branches more vulnerable. The land parcel is part of the cyclical inspection routine and has been specifically earmarked for annual inspections due its high use, plus post-storm inspection walkthroughs.

**Chronology**

- Sunday 31 October – NMTC team on site early morning following call, made footpath safe and taped off vulnerable areas. Cleared larger branches blocking footpaths.
- Monday 1 November – Contractor John Shutler on site (Gristwood team unable to attend due high number urgent calls).
- Weds 3 November – Gristwood and Toms (NFDC contracted service) on site.
- Friday 5 November – Gristwood and Toms on site. Calls made to residents to update them.
- Tuesday 9 November – NFDC Officer Post storm inspection conducted. Works instructed by NMTC as advised. Works prioritised from 1-3 months. Residents updated.
- Thursday 18 November – TE and NFDC Officer assessed individual trees in whole land parcel for potential felling and replacement. See table attached, most vulnerable are within the southern end adjacent Vectis Road properties. All residents on land boundary informed that longer term plan being considered and further letter will follow once decision made.
- Monday 22 November – Gristwood and Toms in area completing orders placed above.

**Replacements**

- The 'Plant a Tree' Initiative in 2020-21 saw 2 new trees in this area. The project for 2021-22 includes this open space.
- There have been 17 native saplings planted since April 2020, from the in-house replacement programme and NFDC inspired replacement on land transfer from Persimmon (summer 2020). They can be viewed along Vectis Road stretch and land south of Glen Close.
- Should the attached programme be agreed, this land parcel will see a further 20 planted, all native species tolerant of the ground conditions and prevailing wind/salt scorch in the next 2 years.

PLEASE SEE OVERLEAF

**NAISH ESTATE OPEN SPACE TREE ASSESSMENT – 18 NOVEMBER 2021 – TE and Bernice McGrail NFDC**

ARBOTRACK	SPECIES	GIRTH	ACTION	JUSTIFICATION	REPLACE WITH	COST – fell/grind	COST 2 for 1 replace	TOTAL
405202	Pinus Radiata (Monterey)	30-60	Fell – year 1	Lost twin/co-dominant stem	See below	362.69	300.00	662.69
404814	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – year 1	Compression union/lean/co-dominant	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
403637	Pinus Radiata	120+	Fell – year 1	Cable braced already, exposed	See Below	855.66	300.00	1155.66
405205	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – year 1	Exposed and leaning	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
405206	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – year 2	Exposed and leaning	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
404749	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – year 2	Half of crown missing – unbalanced so exposed in this location	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
404816	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – Year 2	Half of crown gone - exposed	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
404817	Pinus Radiata	Twin 60-90 and 90-12	Fell – year 1	Snapped out and lost companion	See below	548.96 698.57	300.00	1547.53
403635	Pinus Radiata	60-90	Fell – Year 1	Snapped and lost companion	See below	548.96	300.00	848.96
510535	Pinus Sylvestris (Scots Pine)	30-60	Fell – year 1	Crown snapped out	See below	362.69	300.00	662.69
								<b>£9122.33</b>
						<b>(YEAR 1 - £7424.41 / YEAR 2 - £1697.92)</b>		
** Figures are taken from Gristwood and Toms contracted prices. John Shutler may be preferred due cost. Replacements priced as per our existing Tree Replacement Project that the public pay for, and includes resource cost to plant.								

**CONSIDERATIONS AND REPLACEMENT TYPE**

1. Soil dries out quickly due wind direction
2. Replacements must be hardy to salt scorch
3. Need to create 3 storey canopy where possible (Ecotone) – Bio win and creates greater sheltering, less branch damage. Plant whips as well.
4. Native Species – Quercus Ilex (Evergreen Oak) / Field Maple / White or Pink Hawthorn / Pinus Sylvestris
5. Sized 4-5m, approx. 20cm girth



## **Bench Placement Process**

### **Introduction**

To ensure the suitable placement of benches and for consideration to be given to community feedback on proposed locations.

This refers to benches proposed via the Donated Commemorative Bench Policy, Green Routes enhancements and other community requests.

### **Assessment**

The location of the proposed bench placement would be assessed by the Estates & Facilities Manager to consider if the location is appropriate.

The following information would be taken into account:

- a) If there are any other benches in the area
- b) Assessment of the immediate area. Benches will not be placed in front of windows or doors of residential premises, shops, or outside schools.
- c) Check for underlying utility services and ground conditions would also be assessed.
- d) Whether there is sufficient space to install a bench. Ensuring a minimum of two meters to allow pedestrians, prams, wheelchairs and mobility scooters to move without difficulty.
- e) Whether the bench is acceptable to the Community Police team, ie. any history of antisocial behaviour near the proposed location.
- f) If the bench is to be placed on NMTC land or on NFDC land requiring permission
- g) If the bench is to be placed on HCC Highways requiring permission

If the bench placement meets the Council's criteria the following would take place.

### **Consultation**

Bench placement proposals would be put forward for consultation. A site notice inviting comments would be erected near the proposed site. The notice would also be sent to ward councillors and the residents association.

Three weeks would be given for providing views on the proposed bench location.

### **Decision**

If there are no objections at the end of the consultation period the benches would be installed.

If there are objections, the Chairman of Amenities would consider these after consulting with the relevant ward members and the Amenities Committee.

### Environmental Sustainability Action Plan Update

Version 3 of the working document is available should members wish to refer to it, having been updated from the most recent Working Party meeting held remotely on 12 October 2021. Please see below highlights of the project.

- **Composting own green waste** – Consideration is being given to closer working with NFDC, possibly using Barton grit store.
- **Fertiliser Use** – Twice yearly spray has downward trend in use. Alternatives such as Foamtec have been trialled and other options being explored.
- **Pesticide Use** – Rolling review as products are required. 75% drop in usage in last 5 years.
- **Land Management** – Land parcel management under current assessment. Pollinator areas to be sown at Longmeadow, Ashley Rec and Hollandswood.
- **Tree Planting** – NMTC plants 2 for 1 when there is a valid requirement to fell a tree. ‘Plant a Tree’ Initiative also heightens numbers planted, which is a public engagement exercise. Naish estate land currently under discussion for fell and replacement (see Appendix 1).
- **Water Harvesting** – 3 above ground recycled material harvest tanks installed at Fawcetts with total 18000ltr capacity of rainwater (enough for 4 weeks watering floral displays). Fernhill and possibly Ashley to follow suit.
- **Machinery** – By end of 2021 there will be just one petrol per type of kit (for standby). Ran under budget and ahead of time, £6227.00
- **Vehicles** – Nissan Tekna Rapid being replaced in 2022. Peugeot Boxers have replaced Cabstars on a 3-year contract, expecting that suitable electric pick-ups will be available by contract expiry. All vehicles used are now registered 2018 or younger.
- **Electric Vehicle Charge Points** (for NMTC use) – only charge point is at Fawcetts currently. Ashley project is incorporating EV. NFDC contractor to be engaged to assess viability at other bases.
- **Heating Systems** – Fawcetts project incorporated solar panels, HVAC, LED, hygienic cladding and waterless systems. Under budget. Ashley project in 2019 changed hot water system and LED upgrade. Current project (youth building and store) designed using most energy efficient materials currently available.
- **Lights** – LED upgrades completed at Fawcetts and Ashley, Fernhill proposed this financial year. Fawcetts changing rooms as budgeted £11562.77 Floodlights completed and under budget £31,000.

**New Milton Town Council: Bus Working Group**  
**Bus Service improvement request**  
**Report: 5 November 2021**

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**Government strategy for bus service improvements:**

The **Government** issues the National Bus Strategy (NBS).

**Local Highway Authorities** and **Bus Operators** were given the opportunity to either form an Enhanced Partnership arrangement (EP) or franchise agreement. (At the moment only Manchester is considering a franchise agreement.)

The **Enhanced Partnership**<sup>1</sup> agreement had to be submitted to the Department for Transport by the end of October 2021.

From this, the partnership creates **Bus Service Improvement Plans (BSIPs) to start from April 2022** that include **infrastructure improvements** to come to fruition before the end of the 3-year plan period; and also **revenue funding improvements which could be extensions to services**.

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**The bus service improvement requested for New Milton:**

Simon Newport, Commercial Director for Yellow Buses was invited to join the Town Council's Bus Working Group at a meeting on 18 October 2021. (Yellow Buses are a valued partner to NMTC in working to improve bus services in the Parish.)

The possibility of creating an extension to [service 1a](#) was discussed. (*The 1a service, an increasingly popular service which started in the last few years, connects New Milton town centre / Tesco Caird Avenue to Somerford, Christchurch, Bournemouth.*)

The Group discussed the opportunity to improve access to the town centre and Caird Avenue for the 'Ashley' area of New Milton; as well as linking up to the planned residential site at Brockhills, as proposed in NFDC's Local Plan.

*NB: When planning routes, it is a government requirement that bus companies minimise overlap with other bus companies.*

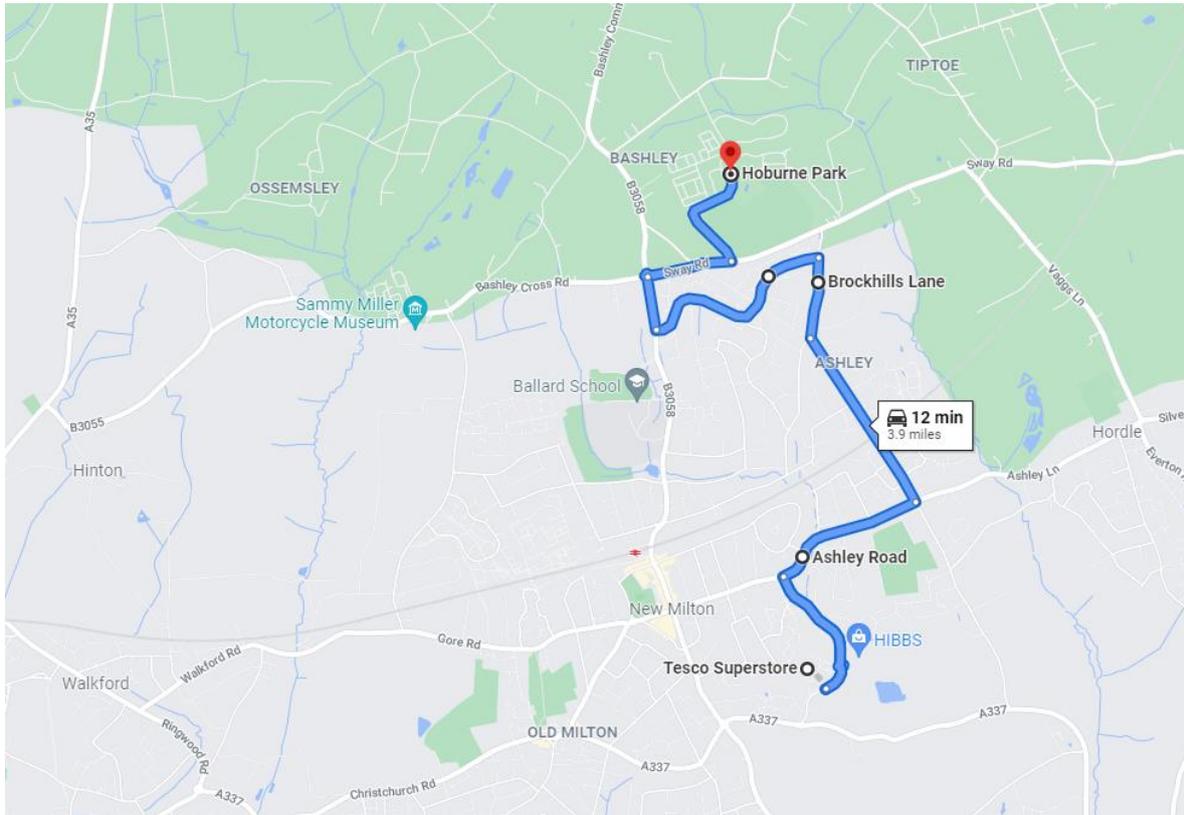
Two route extensions were then proposed by Yellow Buses - see maps.

These were duly submitted to Hampshire County Council the following day by Yellow Buses, in advance of the end of October deadline – with a request that these routes be included within Hampshire's BSIP submission and request for revenue funding, or possibly added as a request for the Local Transport Plan (LTP).

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<sup>1</sup> An Enterprise Partnership (EP) is **where local transport authorities and bus operators agree a detailed partnership plan (a Bus Service Improvement Plan) that is refined through consultation**. A series of partnership schemes are built into the final agreed EP plan.

- 1. An extension to the existing route 1a from Tesco, Caird Avenue, New Milton to connect with Ashley and the proposed new estate off Brockhills Lane:**



- 2. An extension to connect Tesco, Caird Avenue with Hordle, via Ashley.**

