

**Hurst Green Parish Council
Supporting Paper**

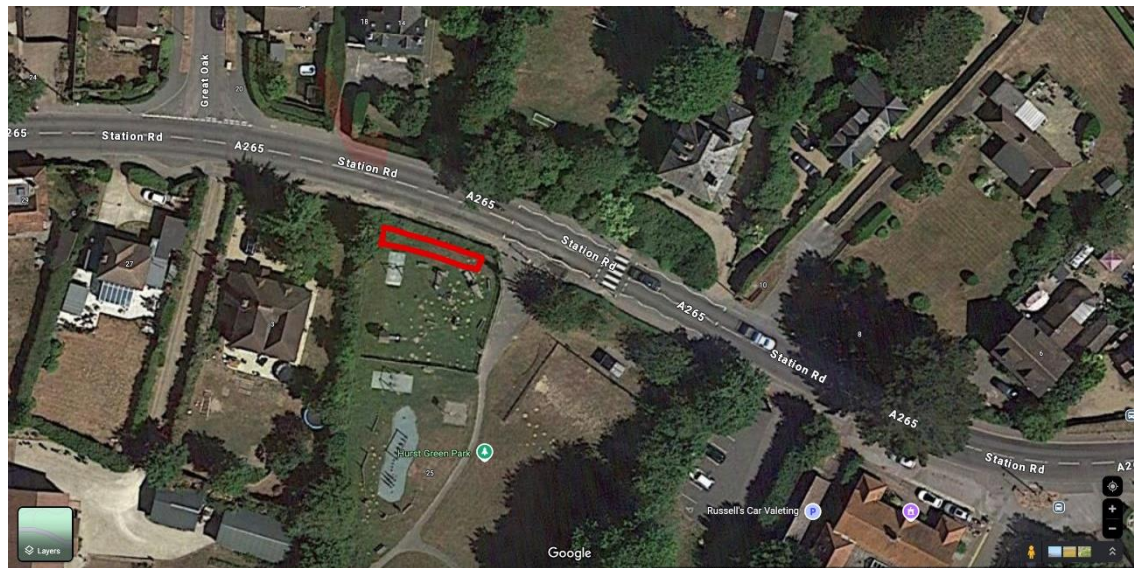
Lodge Field Mature Tree Planting

Summary of the matter to be discussed

A Number of years ago diseased tree's were removed from the front of lodge field, that previously provided habitat for wildlife and screened the view of play equipment for neighbours of the area. These were not replaced after being removed and the play equipment in lodge field has since been upgraded to larger items.



This paper proposes re-installing 4 trees to the front of lodge field in order to re-establish habitat for wildlife, improve the appearance of the area and re-establish a level of screening the area to benefit those immediately near the property.

Trees to be located in the North West corner of lodge field, along the hedge row in the line of the path as indicated below



Details of any considered or known options:





Option A – Two Full Size and Two Medium Sized

	Betula pendula	Heavy Standard Tree, 12-14cm girth	approx 4.5-6.0m	45L pot*	£275 (inc VAT)
	Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'	Extra Heavy Standard Tree, 14-16cm girth	approx 4.5-6.0m	55L pot*	£315 (inc VAT)
	Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'	Standard Tree, 8-10cm girth	approx 2.5-3.0m	28L pot*	£225 (inc VAT)
	Betula pendula	Standard Tree, 8-10cm girth	approx 3.5-4.5m	28L pot*	£195 (inc VAT)

Option B – Four Full Size

	Betula pendula	Heavy Standard Tree, 12-14cm girth	approx 4.5-6.0m	45L pot*	£275 (inc VAT)
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Option C – Four Medium Size

	Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'	Standard Tree, 8-10cm girth	approx 2.5-3.0m	28L pot*	£225 (inc VAT)
	Prunus sargentii 'Rancho'	Standard Tree, 8-10cm girth	approx 2.5-3.0m	28L pot*	£225 (inc VAT)
	Betula pendula	Standard Tree, 8-10cm girth	approx 3.5-4.5m	28L pot*	£195 (inc VAT)
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Provide a recommendation:

Preferred Option is Option B, but Option A is also plausible. An element of fully matured is preferred to provide immediate impact and as such resolving some continued concerns.

Option B costs £1,180 for the tree's and it is recommended a further £1,000 be allocated for planting – in case local provision for diggers and volunteers cannot be found. Therefore total cost for option B is £2,180 to be funded either by underspend on the public works loan or from reserves.

Option A costs £1,010 for the tree's and it is recommended a further £1,000 be allocated for planting – in case local provision for diggers and volunteers cannot be found. Therefore total cost for option B is £2,010 to be funded either by underspend on the public works loan or from reserves

For transparency Option C would cost £840 for Trees, plus £1000 for install.