

PORTFOLIO REPORT - Outdoor spaces and Planning

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Comments

Outdoor spaces

Railway station: The planned installation of the platform lifts has now been put back to 2027, due to Network Rail's current budgetary constraints.

On the island platforms (#2 & 3), two new water butts have been installed on one side of the passenger shelter. All of the daffodils in the 12 planters have now been dead-headed, and a new planting scheme is needed asap. Lastly, a new GWR "artistic structure" has been placed near The Creamery, with a plaque & tourism sign relating to King Arthur's Camelot.

Mulberry Meadows: With reference to the lack of some dropped kerbs near the central play/garden area, APC's report that had been sent to Tracy Harris has since been forwarded to another Highways dept., as T.H. does not believe that the site has been adopted and the matter is now in the hands of Suzanne Sawyer, at Highways Development Control.

Monarch's Way, ref the new signage for Lower Ansford Road. I have been in touch with Dave Gill as to the most practical way of attaching the sign to the existing concrete posts, by using aluminum channel rails & metal clamps, despite the "none standard" girth of posts. The cost of the above fittings & delivery will be approx. £36 + vat.

From a visual perspective, it is unfortunate that the sign is slightly narrower than the width of the two posts, so the end parts of the fixings will be seen, although they probably could be covered up by some additional aluminum material.

Govt. sponsored Urban Tree Challenge, for parishes: an assortment of 49 trees has now been planted (with protective wire cages) in Fairfield by a nursery contractor from Gillingham, and they will also be responsible for ongoing watering at regular intervals. Photos + itemized list of species are available.

Planning applications

Nothing new to report.

Regarding the Redcliffe Homes development of 29 new dwellings, there appears to have been virtually no traffic disturbance on Station Road, now that deliveries are offloaded directly within the site. However, at some stage, road excavations for drainage conduits will have to be laid along part of Station Road, that will require temporary traffic lights.

The marketing name of this development is "The Carriages".