

Hillary Rise Allotments Phase 2 Clearance

Purpose of Briefing:

To update Members on feedback received from contractors following site visits and quotations for clearance of Hillary Rise Allotments Phase 2.

Further information:

Quotes were requested from 4 suppliers. NJ Gardens Services, Imperial Groundcare, Maydencroft and James Moseley. All contractors were provided with the attached specification and completed a site visit.

NJ Garden Services

£10,500 + VAT

Quotation attached.

Imperial Groundcare

from £25,000 + VAT

Quotation attached.

Maydencroft

Did not submit a quotation

Maydencroft (contractor who carried out previous clearance declined to submit a quotation until there had been an ecological survey carried out of the site. They felt it was impossible to guess what was hidden in the scrub and the costs associated e.g. protected animals and plants or invasive species such as Japanese Knotweed. Allowing contaminated soil or plant material to be taken from site could result in a fine or prosecution. They quoted around £1,300 + VAT for a survey.

James Moseley

Did not submit a quotation

Considerations

Each contractor had a different opinion on what was required, for example access, – one suggested a temporary road would be required, the others were not so concerned, and whether to leave or remove material on site.

It is difficult to decide which is the more realistic price for the job due to the large price range and only receiving two prices.

Access could be an issue due to Cattery owner having access rights to the land at the top of Hillary Rise and not allowing access from the top end of the allotment site. Access not possible from the field due to crops being close to the boundary.

Cost of an environment survey and implications of its findings.

Briefing prepared by:

Jo Graves, Assistant Clerk
15th December 2020

Specification for Hillary Rise Phase 2 Allotment Clearance

Requirement	Detail
Area of land to be cleared	81m x 44m – as marked with tape on fence, field side. As shown during site visit.
Clearance required	Taking out self-set trees, shrubs and general weeds including roots to leave a cleared area suitable for allotments. Please advise the depth of soil required to be removed.
Access	Access will be via small road at top of Hillary Rise (access with resident to be agreed by Council) Please confirm in quotation how you intend to access the site and what vehicles you will be using and what issues you envisage.
Removal of waste from site	Please include in your quotation how you will be disposing of the waste and the impact on homes on Hillary Rise. If not removing waste from site how would you suggest leaving it on site so that it does not inconvenience allotment holders, the neighbouring farmer or Hillary Rise residents. Please supply separate quotations for removing waste and leaving waste on site.
Cultivating land for use as allotments	As a separate item on your quotation please could you include the cost to rotovate/turnover the land so it is ready for use by allotment holders.
Issues	Please advise any issues or problems you envisage with this work.
Health and Safety on site	Please provide a scheme or works, including hours of working and risk assessment.

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Access - We envisage access by cutting a roadway through the brambles off Lyman's Road to reach the area to be cleared. Vehicles will be open back vans with a chipper, an excavator and a tractor.

Removal of Waste - Green waste will be loaded onto our tippers and taken to our recycling depot in Stevenage. We do not envisage any impact on the homes except perhaps some dust if it's especially dry and windy.

Cultivating land for use as Allotments - Mark out the areas and carry out deep cultivation of the allotted bays. Leave a wide pathway up the central area and slimmer pathways on the cross-be-tweens as outlined in the quotation.

Issues on site -

- Uncovering of toxic waste – This could include asbestos or pressurized containers and is not included in our waste disposal. *
- Children especially, but anybody not involved the work entering the work zone will be directed to a safe observation area that we will set up.

I hope that you find this agreeable & I look forward to continuing to provide you with our service. If you should have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

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Dear Jo,

Thank you for asking us to quote for the following work.

Clearance and Preparation of new Allotments in Arlesey **QL6845**

- Raze all vegetation to the ground
 - Remove all resulting green risings for recycling
 - Remove other debris and rubbish for recycling*
 - Extraction of self-set roots
 - Leave the ground bare & clear
 - Mark out the allotted areas
 - Heavily rotovate the areas to completely pulverize all root systems to below root base leaving the designated pathways between the lots.
 - Return 14 days later to treat the allotments to a Glyphosate weed killer to kill any emerging grass or latent weeds.
 - Leave the area neat and clearly marked ready for renting
- Price £10500.00 plus vat (£12600)

Clearance - No soil will need to be removed. In our opinion this would be a financially unnecessary and environmentally damaging.

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**Please find the following quote and details for the work to be undertaken at
'Hillary Rise Phase 2 Allotment Clearance'**

Work to be undertaken; taking out self-set trees, shrubs and general weeds including roots and clear the accumulated fly tipping from the area to leave a cleared area suitable for allotments.

1. Depth of soil required to be removed from area will be between 4 – 6 inches across the whole area.
2. Site will be accessed via small road at top of Hillary Rise. Vehicles to be using this access will be Transit truck and trailer, Diggers, Dumpers, tractor, lorries (8 wheeler/20 tonne), Diesel Bowser and Flatbed lorry (transporting security fencing)
3. Waste will be removed off site and taken to an authorised tip for disposal, there will be between 5/8 lorries a day for the duration of approximately 1 week, back and forth to site to remove the waste. The possible impact to the residence is, disruption for residence due to volume of heavy traffic to and from site, safety issues with children near site and vehicles using access road to site, mud on road from vehicles exiting site and noise from work programme.
4. If not removing waste from site, the waste could be evenly distributed over the area not being cleared and levelled out. This area will be approximately 0.5 - 1 metre deeper

once the waste has been levelled off onto it.

Scheme of works – works will take approx. 20 working days

1. Clear area around perimeter of site to enable heras fencing to be erected to secure the site for health and safety purposes for the duration of the site clearance.
2. Erect heras fencing, safety signs, welfare unit brought onto site.
3. Machinery delivered onto site
4. Brash and self-set trees will be cut down and chipped using a Tracked chipper. Chippings will be removed from site
5. Dig out roots and removed off site (unless **Quote 1** is required, instead of removing from site roots will be spread over area not being cleared and buried with the excess soil from site)
6. Ground will be scrapped, soil removed and taken away by lorry, (unless **Quote 1.** is required, excess soil will be spread over area not being cleared) to leave a level surface.
7. Depending on the time of year the work is carried out a Road sweeper will be required to clean mud off the road from the Lorries exiting site.
8. Surface will be cultivated to the required finished level.
9. Hours of work will be 8am – 5pm

Issues

1. Possible complaints from residence due to Large amount of heavy vehicles travelling to and from site
2. Depending on the time of year works are carried out, vehicles depositing mud on the road
3. Site will need security fencing to secure work area from unauthorised access, for health and safety reasons because of ground works and machinery on site.
4. Noise disruption during duration of works, from lorries, Works traffic and machinery

Quote 1.

To carry out scheme of works as described, but using option of spreading waste and leaving on site is £25,000 + VAT

Quote 2.

To carry out scheme of works as described, removing waste from site is £35,000 + VAT

Quote 3.

Additional optional cost only after above works have been carried out; to rotovate/turnover the land so it is ready for use by allotment holders is £500 + VAT

All risk assessment will be undertaken and submitted on conformation of job.

Many thanks
Martin Huckle.