

Proposals to provide better quality plans of Green Spaces and Non-designated Green Spaces to accompany the Sandridge Parish Neighbourhood Plan

## **Background**

St. Albans District Council (SADC) in their response to the Examiner dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 stated that ‘the figures indicating the location and boundaries of the Green Spaces are not of sufficient scale to adequately show the boundaries of the Green Spaces.’ They had therefore proposed that the scale of these plans be increased. We set out proposals to achieve this below.

All the plans have been prepared using the mapping software available to Sandridge Parish Council, namely Parish Online. <https://www.parish-online.co.uk/> Within that software, there is currently one layer for each class of green space. These layers are available via the Parish’s portal and which is password protected.

At the time of preparing the Neighbourhood Plan, digital copies of layers were taken and stored as good quality PNG files (Portable Graphics Format – a lossless data compression format). Each of these files is approx. 5,000KB in size.

The copies of the plans in the printed Neighbourhood Plan are, by necessity, reduced quality versions of these high quality digital files.

## **Proposals**

Because the information is available digitally, there are a number of options to provide SADC with better quality plans which will be more useful and accessible should they be required.

### Option 1

Work with SADC to create a separate layer within their ‘Cadcorp’ mapping software with the green spaces identified. It should be noted that a large number of the green spaces are already identified as amenity spaces, etc. within their Green Space Technical Report.

### Option 2

Provide the PNG plans to SADC so that they can incorporate the high quality files alongside any link to the approved Neighbourhood Plan on their planning website.

### Option 3

Provide a link to the high quality files from the Neighbourhood Plan page of the Sandridge Parish Council website.

Option 4

In conjunction with SADC, it would be possible to provide A4 sized plans of each of the Local Green Spaces and Non-designated Green Spaces based upon the existing information. These plans could be added to the Neighbourhood Plan document or be made available on either of the appropriate SADC or Parish websites.

**Conclusion**

Sandridge Parish Council are confident that they can work with SADC planners to provide a set of plans which provide the level of detail they would require as set out in their response dated 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

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