

## MEETING PAPER

Subject: Sparrows Nest Bowls Greens Fencing

Meeting: Assets, Inclusion and Development Committee

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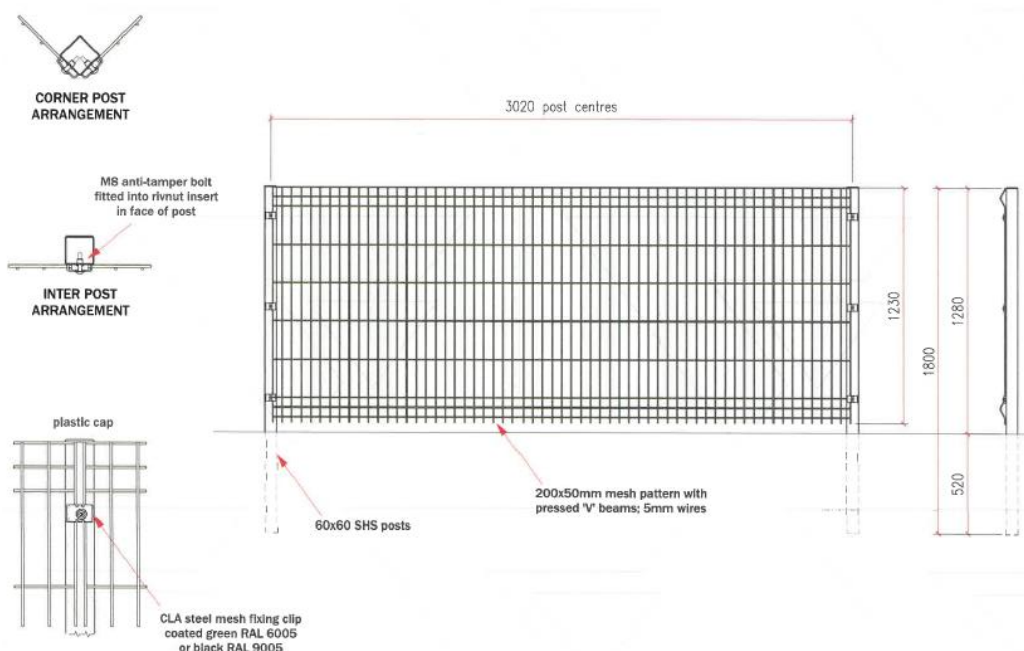
### Introduction

Lowestoft Town Council is aware that Bowls Clubs have been facing anti-social behaviour and damage to the pitches at Sparrows Nest. Incidents have been reported to the Police and the Town Council has funded private security to supervise evening matches. Undertaking repairs to the bowls greens is costly to the taxpayer and can take up a significant resource from the Grounds Maintenance Team. Officers have been asked to explore longer term options to tackle the anti-social behaviour.

### Detail

CCTV had been put forward as an option, however, on the specification provided, the camera would only cover a small area of the greens, and would require additional lighting and cameras to enhance the image quality and coverage. The cameras themselves would also likely become vandalism targets.

Officers would instead recommend the installation of security fencing around the bowls greens, to the following specification:



The fence would be powder-coated bottle green in colour, to blend in with the natural environment as much as possible. Given Sparrows Nest is within the Conservation Area, details will be submitted to East Suffolk Council for approval.

The fence would not obstruct any footpaths, or affect the bowling greens themselves. The images below demonstrate how the fence would be installed:



The fence would be installed along the wall, so as not to obstruct the footpath to the pavilion.



The gate would be installed here, accessible via a keypad or coded padlock, which members of the Bowls Clubs would be given.



It is possible for the fence to be installed along the bank, so that it will not interfere with the gully.



The fence will be installed along the grass bank so it will not interfere with play on the bowls greens.

The fence would cost £3,780.46 plus VAT, which includes installation.

**Recommendations**

The Assets, Inclusion and Development Committee is asked to consider approving the installation of fencing around the Sparrows Nest bowls greens, as detailed above.