

Agenda

Environment Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2024

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, ME10 3HT*

Membership:

Councillors Roger Clark, Charles Gibson, Mike Henderson, Carole Jackson, Rich Lehmann (Chair), Charlie Miller, Pete Neal, Chris Palmer, Ashley Shiel, Julien Speed, Paul Stephen, Sarah Stephen, Angie Valls, Ashley Wise and Dolley Wooster (Vice-Chair).

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Environment Committee	
Meeting Date	Wednesday, 13 March 2024
Report Title	Review of Air Quality Management Areas in East Street (AQMA 3) and Teynham (AQMA 5)
EMT Lead	Lisa Fillery, Director of Resource
Head of Service	Tracey Beattie, Mid Kent Environmental Health Manager
Lead Officer	Clare Lydon, Acting Team Leader
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Environment Committee approves the revocation of AQMA 3 and AQMA 5. 2. That the Environment Committee authorise the Head of Legal Partnership to agree the wording and issue Revocation Notices for AQMA 3 and AQMA 5.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1. This report reviews the air quality data and advice provided by Defra in the last two Annual Status Reports (2022 and 2023) relating to Air Quality Management Area 3 (East Street) and 5 (Teynham). Consideration is given to statutory guidance provided in Defra’s Local Air Quality Management, Technical Guidance 2022.
- 1.2. Annual mean concentrations of nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) at these two Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA) have been consistently below the government Air Quality Objective (AQO) for five and four years respectively. Defra have expressly indicated to Swale that both AQMAs should begin the process of revocation in feedback of the 2022 and 2023 Annual Status Reports (ASRs).
- 1.3. To ensure that any decisions are made on robust evidence, Swale Borough Council continued to monitor air quality for an additional year (2023) before commissioning Ricardo, a company with worldwide reputation and expertise in air quality, to carry out a Detailed Assessment of NO₂ concentrations in these AQMAs. They were asked to consider the future committed developments that could impact air quality in these areas. As the declaration of the AQMAs relates to NO₂ this was the pollutant considered in the report.
- 1.4. The Detailed Assessment quantified the public exposure to concentrations of NO₂ across East Street, Sittingbourne and Teynham. The study assessed the years 2022 and 2028 and considered the impact of future committed developments, that could adversely impact concentrations of

NO₂ in the AQMAs. A sensitivity test was also completed, to address possible fleet renewal delays in Swale relative to national projections. The assessment is robust in determining future compliance.

- 1.5. The Detailed Assessment demonstrates that Air Quality Objectives are being met and will continue to do so. The modelling results in the Detailed Assessment indicate the AQMAs in Teynham and East Street Sittingbourne can be revoked without risk of future exceedances for NO₂. The final conclusions of the assessment, provides confidence that the improvements will be sustained.
- 1.6. Continued monitoring for NO₂ and a planned use of new technology to monitor particulates at these locations will ensure that air quality remains under scrutiny, with the option of establishing AQMAs for any pollutants exceeding the national air quality standards.

2. Background

- 2.1. Swale Borough Council has a statutory duty under Part IV, Section 83 (1) of the Environment Act 1995, as amended by the Environment Act 2021, to review and assess air quality and take the necessary actions to improve areas of poor air quality. If the UK government Air Quality Objective for key pollutants are exceeded where people are likely to be regularly present, an AQMA must be declared.
- 2.2. Monitoring identified six locations that exceeded the annual air quality objective for NO₂ with six AQMAs having been declared. These are AQMA 1 (Newington), 2/6 (Ospringe), 3 (East Street), 4 (St Paul's Street), 5 (Teynham) and 7 located along Keycol Hill.
- 2.3. The Council has an extensive air quality monitoring network providing data on NO₂, particulate matter (PM₁₀ and PM_{2.5}) pollutant concentrations. The data is recorded, collated, and reported annually in the Council's Air Quality Annual Status Report submitted to the Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) for approval prior to publication.
- 2.4. The Annual Status Report (ASR) provides an opportunity to analyse bias adjusted data collected over the year and compare with the previous five years of data. The ASR 2023 (see background papers) reported on data from 2022 and includes data from 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021. The overall five-year trend is one of improving air quality across all AQMAs, with an overall decrease in NO₂ concentrations since 2018 for AQMA 3 and 5.
- 2.5. The ASR 2023 indicated that apart from an exceedance at Keycol Hill, there has been compliance of the Annual Mean NO₂ concentrations at all automatic monitoring stations and diffusion tube sites for the past three years. There are however no grounds for complacency, as some AQMAs are still only within 10% of the annual mean NO₂ objective: Newington (AQMA 1) and Ospringe (AQMA 2/3). The latest AQMA Keycol Hill (AQMA

7) shows exceedances in 2019 and 2022 with no exceedances in 2020 or 2021. St Paul's Street (AQMA 4) has been compliant following three consecutive years of annual mean NO₂ concentrations and below 10% NO₂ objective.

- 2.6. East Street (AQMA 3) shown in figure 1 has been compliant for four years with one of those years within 10% of the objective and Teynham (AQMA 5) in figure 2 has been compliant the last five years, with one of the years being within 10% of the NO₂ objective.

Below shows East Street (AQMA 3) and Teynham (AQMA 5)

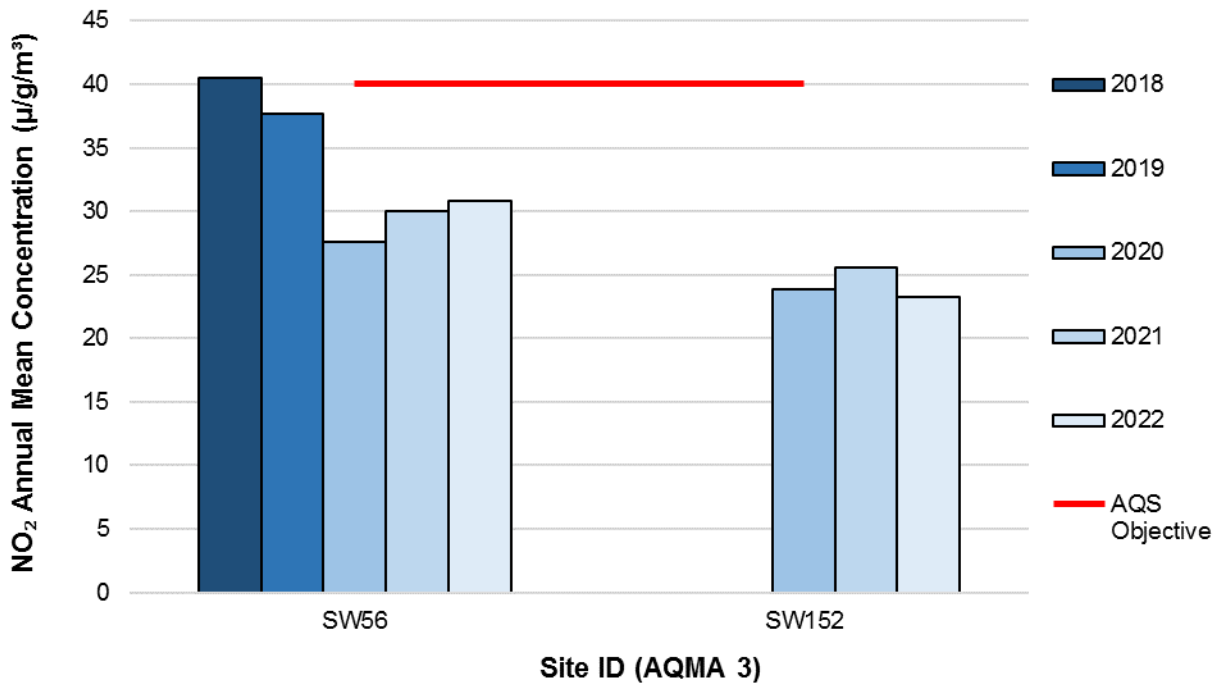


Figure 1 presents NO₂ annual mean concentrations for sites SW56 and SW152 in AQMA 3 (East Street) between years 2018 to 2022.

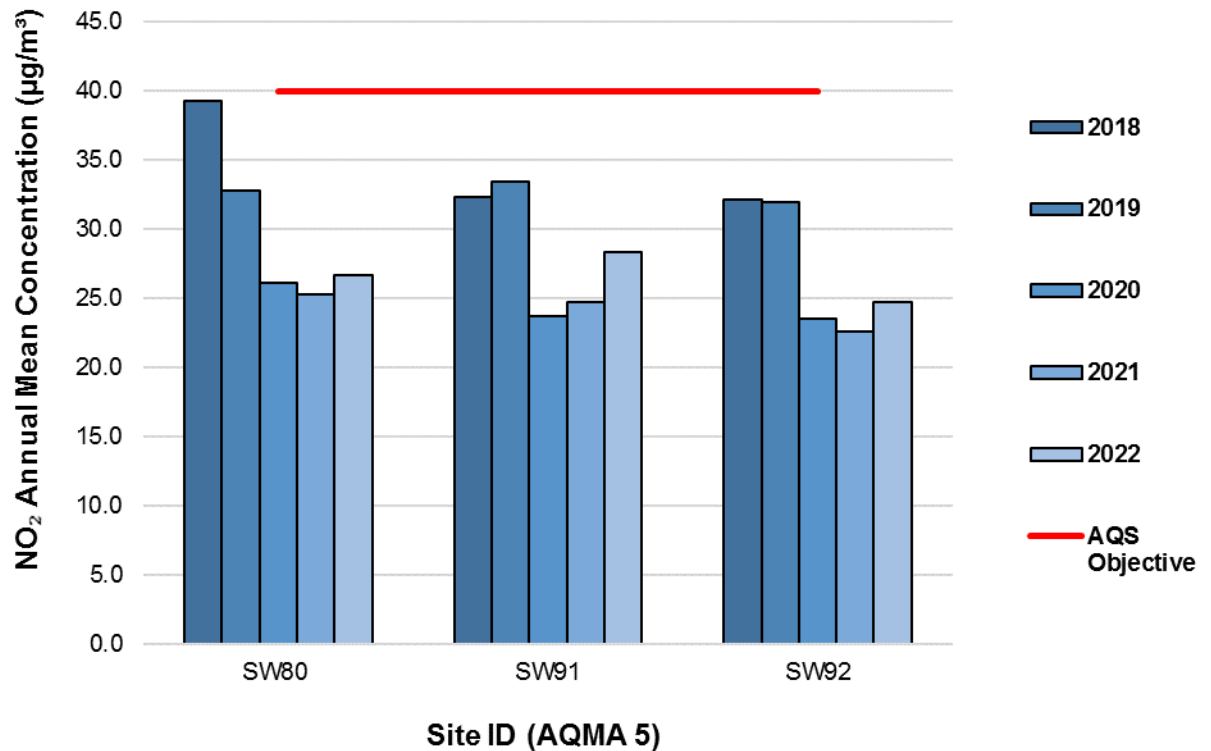


Figure 2 presents NO₂ annual mean concentrations for sites SW80, SW91 and SW92 in AQMA 5 (Teynham) between years 2018 to 2022.

- 2.7. Several factors have combined to bring about a reduction in NO₂ levels, both nationally and locally, in recent years. Perhaps the most important of these was the introduction of the Euro VI engine class in 2014. The Euro VI class represented a very significant improvement in NO_x emissions compared to the previous classes, and every year the proportion of Euro VI vehicles in the vehicle fleet increases. Other factors responsible for the reduction include a decrease in the proportion of new diesel vehicle sales, an increase in the proportion of electric vehicles and hybrid vehicles and most recently, changes in working practices originally introduced because of the COVID pandemic.
- 2.8. In our ASR 2023 appraisal from Defra, we were advised AQMAs 3 (East Street) and 5 (Teynham) should be revoked as soon as possible, as they have been compliant for four and five consecutive years, respectively. Defra advised the revocation of an AQMA should be considered following three consecutive years of compliance with the relevant objective as evidenced through monitoring. Where there have been no exceedances for the past five years, local authorities must proceed with plans to revoke the AQMA. The Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance 2022 is clear in this respect: *"There should not be any declared AQMAs for which compliance with the relevant objective has been achieved for a consecutive five-year period."* (Point 3.57, page 50)". Defra further advised

that “we recognise the public perception of an AQMA being revoked might be that air pollution is no longer a problem in the area, however, keeping AQMAs in place longer than required risks diluting their meaning and impacting public trust in local air quality management.”

To ensure that any decisions made are based on robust evidence, Swale continued to monitor air quality for an additional year (2023) and commissioned Ricardo to carry out a Detailed Assessment of NO₂ concentrations in the AQMAs, and to consider the future committed developments that could impact air quality in these areas (Appendix 1).

- 2.9. The 2024 ASR has not yet been completed, however the NO₂ tube data for the year 2023 is now available and is shown below in figures 3 and 4. Both graphs confirm that all monitoring sites within AQMA 5 (Teynham) and AQMA 3 (East Street) are below the Air Quality Standard Objective level of 40 µg/m³. The Teynham monitoring site concentrations are 19.2 µg/m³, 23.8 µg/m³, and 20.7 µg/m³ and the East Street site concentrations are 16.7 and 21.7 µg/m³

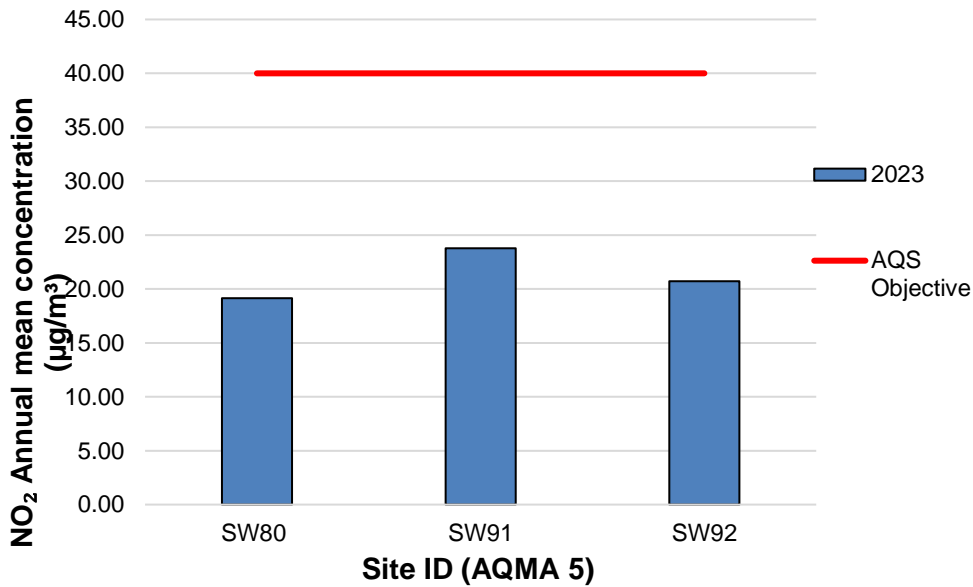


Figure 3 presents NO₂ annual mean concentrations for sites SW80, SW91 and SW92 in AQMA 5 (Teynham) for 2023.

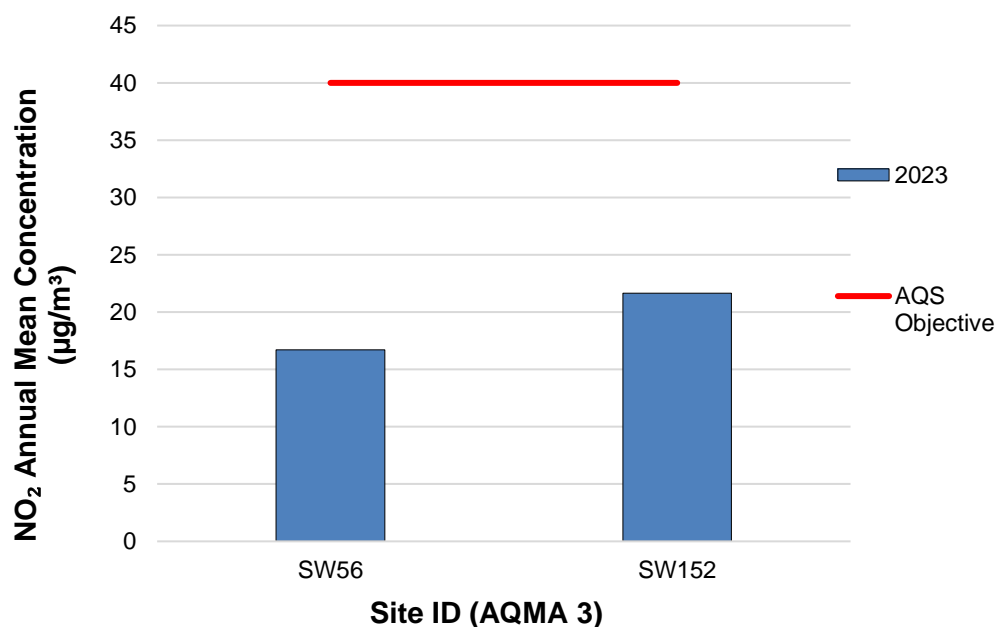


Figure 4 presents NO₂ annual mean concentrations for sites SW56 and SW152 in AQMA 3 (East Street) for 2023.

2.10. The Detailed Assessment (Appendix 1) provides a review of the monitored data presented in the ASR 2023 and a modelled prediction of future NO₂ concentrations. The assessment sets out in detail the approach used to assess if AQMA 3 (East Street) and 5 (Teynham) should be revoked. The assessment quantified the public exposure to concentrations of NO₂ across East Street, Sittingbourne and Teynham. The modelling reviews the baseline year of 2022, using traffic data provided by the Council, from consultants SWECO (traffic management specialists) used by Swale Planning, plus national forecasts for the vehicle fleet composition. The assessment includes a future scenario to predict traffic impacts during the year of 2028, and considers whether future committed developments may adversely impact pollutant concentrations in the AQMAs. This scenario was modelled assuming that all traffic generated by each development would run through the two AQMAs. A sensitivity test was also factored should there be a delay to fleet renewal in Swale relative to national projections for 2028.

2.11. The Detailed Assessment provided the following final conclusions:

- No relevant individuals within AQMA 3 and 5 are predicted to be exposed to an annual mean NO₂ concentration above or within 10% of the Air Quality Objective for annual mean NO₂.
- The Sittingbourne, East Street and Teynham AQMAs will continue to be below 10% of the Air Quality Objective for annual mean NO₂ at all locations of relevant exposure in the modelled 2028 scenario.
- The model results therefore indicate the AQMAs can be revoked without risk of future exceedances

- 2.12. The next steps include updating the Air Quality Action Plan to reflect the status of the AQMAs and outline the continued air quality monitoring relevant to these sensitive locations. There is a continuing commitment to ensure Swale can respond quickly should there be any deterioration in air quality across a range of pollutants. Monitoring results will continue to be published and reported to Defra in the usual way.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. To revoke both AQMAs 3 (East Street) and 5 (Teynham) in line with recommendations made by Defra and Statutory Guidance (Local Air Quality Management, Technical Guidance 2022).

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1. Do not revoke and retain AQMAs 3 (East Street) and 5 (Teynham). This would be contrary to Statutory Guidance outlined in Defra’s Local Air Quality Management Technical Guidance 2022 and weaken the impact of the AQMA status for the remaining AQMAs in the district. Keeping AQMAs in place longer than required risks diluting their meaning and impacting public trust in Local Air Quality Management

5. Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1. No public consultation is required.

6. Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	Priorities: Investing in our environment and responding positively to global challenges: Aligns with Swale’s climate change goal and result of reduced pollution emissions
Financial, Resource and Property	There are no significant costs associated with the revocation of the AQMA
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	The revocation of the AQMAs is required for Swale Borough Council to comply with section 83(1) of Part IV of the Environment Act 1995, as amended by the Environment Act 2021. This legislation requires Local Authorities to declare AQMAs to tackle exceedances of any air quality objectives, but having tackled them, the AQMAs must be revoked.

Crime and Disorder	None identified
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	This proposal aligns with ambitions included in the Councils Climate and Ecological Emergency declaration as it is a result of reduced pollution emissions
Health and Wellbeing	The revocation of the AQMAs aligns with a positive impact on Public Health and Wellbeing of the population of Swale BC, as it shows air quality is improving and that these areas are now compliant with national air quality objectives. The revoked AQMAs will be continually reviewed and reported on through the Councils Annual Status Report to ensure improvements continue.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified
Risk Management and Health and Safety	Demonstrating the AQMAs are compliant Swale Borough Council should revoke the two AQMAs in line with legislation and statutory guidance. If they do not then, they will not only weaken the status of the AQMA orders but will risk public confidence and risk of criticism from Defra. No Health and Safety implications identified.
Equality and Diversity	None identified
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified

7. Appendices

7.1. The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix 1: Detailed Assessment completed by Ricardo 2023

8. Background Papers

Swale's Annual Status Report 2023 can be found at

https://swale.gov.uk/__data/assets/pdf_file/0005/457835/ASR-2023_-_Final_24_10_2023_updated-PDF-AA.pdf

Draft Environment Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	13 March 2024
Report Title	Scrapsgate Field, Minster – Horse Riding Field Review
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins, Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell, Head of Environment & Leisure
Lead Officer	Graeme Tuff, Greenspaces Manager
Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. It is recommended that the adjusted grounds maintenance arrangements continue, with the additional cutting of a section of the former rough grass area, at no additional cost to the Council.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The use of Scrapsgate Field, Minster for a dedicated horse-riding area was raised at Sheppey Area Committee in September 2022 and subsequently debated at Environment Committee on 2 March 2023, Minute 761/3/23.
- 1.2 It was agreed that grass cutting for an informal horse-riding area on Scrapsgate Field be undertaken at no additional contract costs, by reducing maintenance elsewhere on the site and that a review be undertaken after a year to ensure operational success and consider any Health and Safety issues.

2 Background

- 2.1 Scrapsgate Field is approximately 4.6ha of open space located to the west of Scrapsgate Road, Minster on the edge of the urban area. It forms part of Minster Marshes, designated part of a Local Wildlife Site and consists of a small car park and large grass areas with a small amount of tree planting bounded by drainage ditches, including the main Environment Agency maintained Scrapsgate Drain. Approximately a quarter of the area is maintained as short amenity grass with the balance long grass, with a series of grass paths cut through for circular walking and riding routes. A plan of the site is included as Appendix I.
- 2.2 The site is used for casual recreation, dog walking and in the past has been utilised for informal horse riding. This site along with part of The Glen, Minster was informally designated for casual horse-riding use with the installation of appropriate signing to try to provide local stables with the ability to ride off road. In addition to the active recreation use of the field, it is also a valuable area for biodiversity given the varied features and maintenance regimes.

- 2.3 In addition to the regularly maintained short grass for informal recreation, the rest of the field was cut once or twice per year (rough-cut) until the early 2000's, when the rough-cut grass was removed from the ground's maintenance contract.
- 2.4 The request to the Area Committee arose from an informal local riding group who identified concerns with training horses on uneven, uncut rough ground and who requested construction of an all-weather training menage. While this was not possible due to cost and restrictions due to the site's designation as a registered Village Green, a compromise was agreed to cut a further area of the rough grass area as marked red on the plan Appendix I.
- 2.5 A 1,500m² section of the rough grass has been cut for potential use by horse riders. This has been achieved at no additional grounds maintenance cost by swapping with other areas on the site which would have been cut in the past, but have been planted with tree whip planting.
- 2.6 From observations on site, there is currently limited evidence of use and although very wet at this time of year, there is no churning or areas of wear that are of concern.
- 2.7 Site signing, including specific warning – horse riding area, signing has been refreshed recently to both try to increase awareness and provide the necessary information to all users of the site. The site risk assessment is up to date and includes identification of the horse-riding risk, to all users of the site.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 It is proposed that the adjusted grounds maintenance arrangements continue, with the additional cutting of a section of the former rough grass area at no additional cost to the Council. This will enable horse riders to feel more confident to use this space, but not interfere with the legitimate other informal uses of the site.

4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1 Return the additional cut area, back to rough grass. While the area appears to have had limited use to date, this will once again prevent potential use by horse riders and is therefore rejected.
- 4.2 The previous report to the Environment Committee identified estimated costs of £15,000-£20,000 to develop a horse menage with appropriate surfacing. However, there are considerable on-going maintenance, management and insurance implications and it was not recommended given the current Medium Term Financial Strategy challenges. These challenges remain and as such this option is rejected.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 We have tried but been unsuccessful trying to communicate with the local horse-riding group who originally raised the issue.
- 5.2 There has not been any objection or concern communicated from the community to the additional grass cutting.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The proposal would align to the Environment section of the Corporate Plan - to provide a cleaner, healthier and more sustainable and enjoyable environment and to prepare our borough for the challenges ahead.
Financial, Resource and Property	The proposal to provide an area of maintained grass will be cost neutral by reducing grass cutting elsewhere on the site.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	The site is a registered Village Green (VG263) and as such legal restrictions are placed through the Inclosure Act 1857 and the Commons Act 1876. In addition, the owner of a Village Green cannot do anything that interferes with the lawful recreational activities of the local inhabitants.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	The proposal does not impact the Local Wildlife Site or biodiversity as varied cutting regimes promote different species.
Health and Wellbeing	None Identified at this stage
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None Identified at this stage
Risk Management and Health and Safety	Officers have considered the potential implications of a clash of users e.g., horse riders/dog walkers/walkers. The site is well known locally and new signing has been ordered to refresh the existing warning signs. Risk assessments for the site will detail the steps taken.

Equality and Diversity	There are no differential equality issues raised by the proposals in this report at this time.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

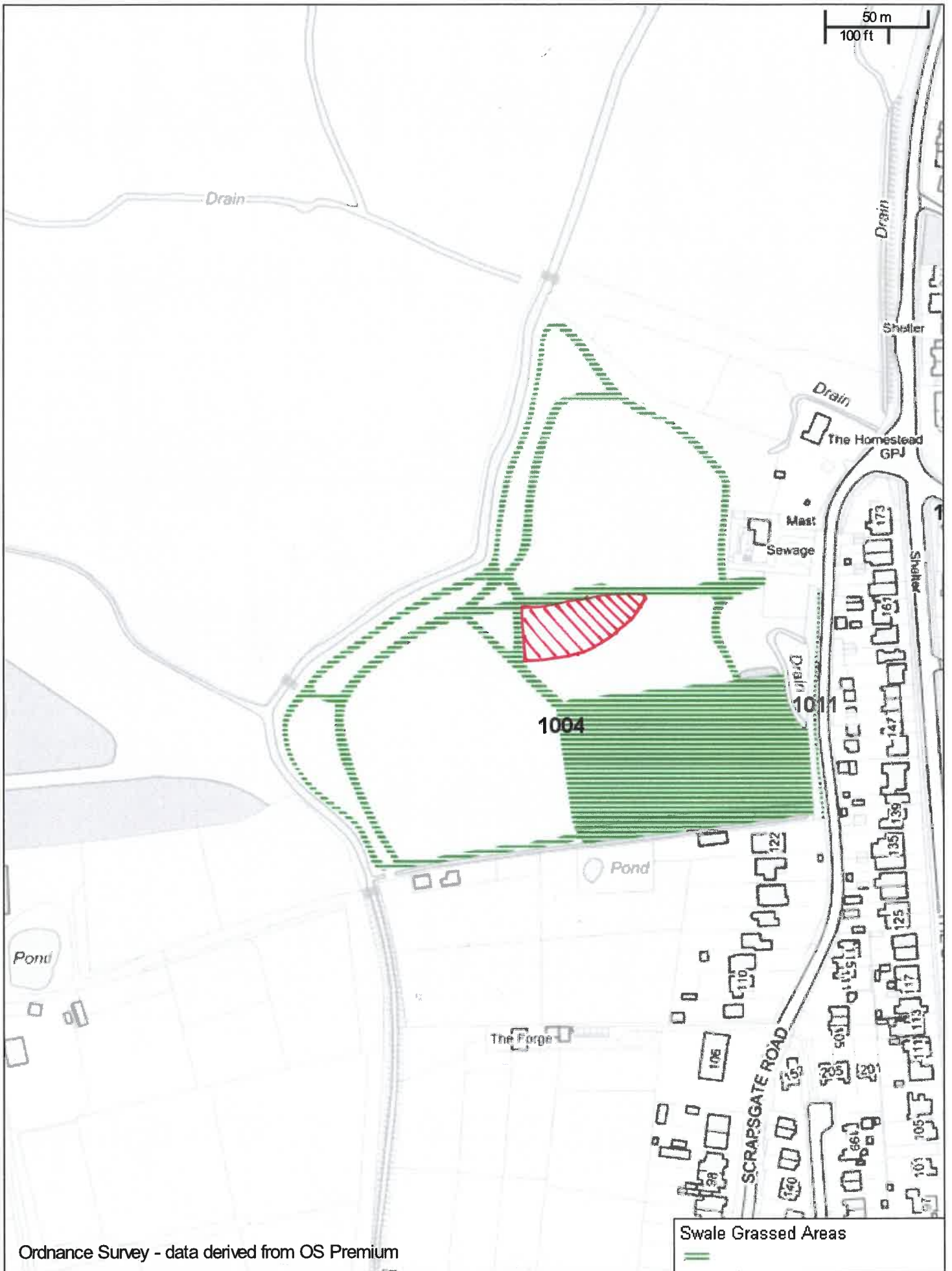
7 Appendices

7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:

- Appendix I: Scrapsgate Field Horse Riding Area

8 Background Papers

- None



Ordnance Survey - data derived from OS Premium

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Environmental Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	13 March 2024
Report Title	Iwade Cemetery Regulations
EMT Lead	Emma Wiggins
Head of Service	Martyn Cassell
Lead Officer	Jay Jenkins
Classification	Open
Recommendations	That the Environment Committee designate the current used plot area and designated children's plots as is (outside of the lawned requirements) but with the remainder of the cemetery as lawn only.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Environmental Committee on the ongoing situation at Iwade cemetery and seek agreement on a way forward.

2 Background

- 2.1 Following its opening in 2021 Iwade is classified in the approved Cemetery Regulations as a lawn plot cemetery. This means that families can place a memorial stone at the head of the grave but are then not allowed to place anything over the length of the grave (e.g., a laid memorial stone, chippings, fencing or plastic memorabilia).
- 2.2 Over 12 months, back filled soil settles and then we top up to level and turf over. The grounds maintenance team can then mow over the graves keeping the cemetery tidy and maintenance costs down.
- 2.3 Unfortunately, with a number of the initial burials at Iwade, families appear to have not been told about the 'lawn' regulations by funeral directors and when approached to remove items they have placed on their plots, they have refused advising they weren't told.
- 2.4 The issue has been identified in local media including ITV Meridian News. We continue to get complaints from those with existing graves and obviously as we are making new applicants aware, they are questioning why it applies to them and not those who have already got graves.
- 2.5 An initial meeting (25 July 2023) on site with family representatives resulted in us gathering a range of views on the situation and it was clear from the meeting that the families felt very strongly about reverting to the original 'lawn' plot. A second

visit (30 October 2023) has taken place and several options were discussed to address the issue.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 Designate the current used plot area and designated children's plots as is (outside of the lawned requirements) but with the remainder of the cemetery as lawn only. This is achievable due to the layout of the cemetery as shown on the map in Appendix 1. This will avoid further conflict with the current families who maintain they were not informed by funeral directors.
- 3.2 Individual plots within the designated area that wish to continue with lawn will be turfed at the appropriate time.
- 3.3 There is a risk new family burying in the other areas will follow the current families' actions, creating further conflict. This is mitigated by recent actions including better signage, changes to funeral director processes and requesting that families sign to confirm they have received the regulations.

4 Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

- 4.1 Hold the line and insist that all plots revert to the original lawn plot concept. This will result in several very sensitive and emotionally charged liaisons with each of the families. Officers would of course lead this, but a number of the families have requested that Cllrs making the decisions attend the site so they can understand their views.
- 4.2 Invoke an agreed area (1.4mtr x 1mtr) area directly in front of the headstone that can remain soil and the remainder of the plot laid to lawn. This has been agreed with the grounds maintenance contractor as feasible and would still allow them to maintain the majority of the plot space as lawn. At the meeting, it was clear that several of the families would not be happy with this option, but we believe this would offer a compromise that some families would accept.
- 4.3 Revert the cemetery to allow planting across the whole of the plot but no kerb stones. This would have an estimated cost uplift of £2,300 per annum. This amount will increase annually.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place with representatives from 6 families with ongoing electronic correspondence with the group representative and two on site meetings taking place.
- 5.2 There have been informal discussions with the Administration, the more recent of which was on Monday 27 November 2023

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	This issue will fall under public realm as the cemetery is an important community asset.
Financial, Resource and Property	<p>The annual uplift in GM costs to convert the existing section of the cemetery (Appendix 1) back to a traditionally maintained (No Lawn), with the remainder maintained as a Lawn cemetery is estimated at £400.</p> <p>The annual uplift in GM costs to convert the whole cemetery back to a traditionally maintained (No Lawn) have been calculated at £2,300.</p>
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	There is likely to be a legal implication if the line is held as families have confirmed that they have already sought legal advice on their options around the situation at Iwade.
Crime and Disorder	None identified
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified
Health and Wellbeing	None identified
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified
Equality and Diversity	None identified
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified

7 Appendices

7.1 Appendix I: Layout of Iwade Cemetery and existing regulations.

8 Background Papers

None

Appendix 1

IWADE CEMETERY

This cemetery, located next to the historic 13th Century Parish Church of All Saints, was opened for burials in 2021. It offers lawn type graves for adult and child burials and a small section for cremated remains.

This is a place of peace and reflection, please treat it with care and help to keep it tidy and show respect to other users.

Visiting times:

8am – 4pm Jan, Feb, Nov & Dec

8am – 5.30pm Mar, Sept & Oct

8am – 6pm Apr

8am – 7.15pm May, Jun, Jul & Aug

In order for the cemetery to be maintained appropriately and a safe place to visit, please ensure the following:

- Graves and memorials must be kept, by the owners, in a good state of order and repair.
- Memorials and tributes must be placed within the designated area of each grave.
- Permanent memorials are fixed in accordance with our regulations.
- Interments take place with compliance to our regulations and the law.
- No kerbs or structures to be erected around the grave and unauthorised items will be subject to removal if they do not comply or are considered dangerous.
- Please stay away from open graves and work in progress.
- Antisocial behaviour and disrespect will not be tolerated and will be immediately reported to the Police. Visitors are asked to report such incidents.
- Please help to keep the cemetery clean by using the litter bins provided or dispose of your litter at home.
- Dogs should be under control and must be on a lead.
- Children 12 years or under must be accompanied by an adult.
- No recreational use of the grounds.
- Consumption of alcohol is prohibited
- We advise you do not leave anything of sentimental value on a grave – items are left at your own risk.

This cemetery is managed by:

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Environment Committee Forward Decisions Plan 2024-2025 Civic Year

Report title, background information and recommendation(s)	Date of meeting	Open or exempt?	Lead Officer and report author
Tree Maintenance Policy 2024-2028	June 2024	Open	Head of Service: Martyn Cassell Report Author: Steven Gale

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