



Bi-Monthly Melbourn Parish Council Progress Update – Project Birchwood

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This brief report is intended to provide a progress update to Melbourn Parish council for Project Birchwood, being delivered by SDC Builders for Melbourn Science Park Ltd.

SDC propose issuing this bi-monthly, prior to the monthly parish council planning committee meeting on the second Monday of the month.

Introduction to SDC

SDC are a Bedford-based main contractor who have been established since 1972. We are a local company generally operating within a 50-mile radius of our offices in Oxford and Bedford. We are employee-owned, meaning everybody has a vested interest in the success of our organisation. Because we are local, and have a collective feeling of ownership, we each take our responsibility to respect the communities within which we work very seriously, and we aim to integrate positively with the local area to deliver this beautiful scheme.

Please do inform us of any local initiatives we can participate in. So far we have offered our support with the Meldreth train station path upgrade but are keen to understand if there are any other ways we can help the local community. We are members of Cambridge Considerate Contractors and will register the project with the Considerate Constructors Scheme.

Should the Parish council wish to understand more about SDC, or the scheme, I will gladly attend a session to explain more about the project and how we intend to deliver it.

Progress Summary

The construction-phase of the project is in its infancy and so we have a small site set up in place to oversee the following works. This set up will increase as we begin the main works in July.

Landscaping - We are currently undertaking landscaping works within the Melbourn Science Park as enabling works to the main scheme. This involves the planting of lots of new trees and shrubs within the park and undertaking maintenance and protection works to the existing stock of mature trees.

Pre-Commencement Surveys – We are currently undertaking pre-commencement topographical, ground condition and ecological surveys on the site to best inform our methods of working.

Offsite Drainage Preparation (no works on site) – We are in the process of finalising the agreements with Anglian Water for the offsite drainage works. We have changed the drainage design to a shallower pumped system to minimise the impact of our works and are proposing to enter the recreation ground via the Birchwood site. We will liaise closely with the football club and parish council when finalising preparations.



Photo Record:



Figure 1 - New trees and shrubs planted within the park.

Thank You,

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