

# MELBOURN PARISH COUNCIL

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## By email and Post

29 July 2021

Dear Sean

### **Land to the rear of 46 – 56 The Moor, Melbourn : s106 obligation : Open space and LAP**

I write further to our letter dated 29 June 2021. Council has further considered the ongoing maintenance of the open spaces on the Orchard Gardens development and would like to respond as follows:

- 1 We have obtained a quotation from our grounds maintenance contractor for maintenance of the open spaces. The sum quoted includes all ongoing maintenance including insurance, repair and replacement of the equipment on the LEAP. The quote provides for regular, routine grass cutting of the LEAP and LAP including hedge and shrubs where required on the LEAP. Our contractor has noted that the LAP would need to be cut using a manual lawn mower due to the layout of the sloped banks.
- 2 We believe that an allowance is also required to cover ongoing remedial works required to the LAP as set out in the Stomor SUDS Maintenance and Management Plan (page 4) '*... when ground is damp in autumn or early*

spring ... transplant turf and overseed to original design levels.’

**6.2. SWALES/ SHALLOW DEPRESSION**

Regular Maintenance	Frequency
Grass  Mow amenity grass access paths and verges surrounding swales and shallow depressions at 35-50mm minimum and 75mm maximum or as specified.  Mow swales at 75mm with 150mm maximum to filter and control runoff in normal grass swales removing first and last cut in season if grass is longer than 150mm removing cuttings to wildlife piles on site.	Monthly or as required
Occasional Tasks	Frequency
Where there is a build-up of silt on the swale, or at inlets, i.e. 50mm or more above the design level, then remove and spread on site. Undertake when ground is damp in autumn or early spring and transplant turf and overseed to original design levels.	As required

To reiterate, the Parish Council wishes to take over ongoing maintenance of the open spaces on this development. However, we do not agree that the amount proposed in the quotation provided by DJC Property Management is sufficient to cover this. We would therefore propose an annual sum of £4,500 + VAT to cover all aspects of the ongoing maintenance as set out above.

I look forward to hearing from you in response.

Yours sincerely



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Parish Clerk