

Meeting	Parks & Open Spaces Committee
Date	4 th Nov 2025
Report Title	Proposed Goodearl Dog Area
Agenda Reference	12B
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Officers Recommendation

1. To note the report.

Background

Following a request from residents via petition and being the top choice in our community choices consultations and community led action plan, the Council secured sponsorship from Muddy Squad to progress with the installation of the Dog Area at Goodearl.

Once the location was selected, residents near the site were consulted and 11 responses came back. All residents were in favour of the dog park, but there was a suggestion to leave it open and unfenced or relocate to the Orbital Centre open space – which is maintained by British Land.

Swindon Borough Council's Ward Councillors for Haydon Wick were also notified, with only one response.

Measurements

The proposed measurements were 18m x 15m, but when this was mapped out on site, it was a small area which would not be suitable or would give much exercise space for larger dogs. Due to space, it is proposed that the area is extended to 30m x 18m x 39m and not be fenced all the way around, using the hedge line/border edge as the far back and right side.





Budget

The costs will be revised, but it is hoped it will be a similar amount of fencing by using the natural boundary edges and with the secured sponsorship, the project was less than the budgeted amount meaning there was contingency available.