

An earlier confidential version of this document (V1), has previously been circulated. The key document is Appendix 4 (page 15).

Aims

To rationalise the numbers and locations of the bins for four reasons:-

1. The more bins needing to be emptied, the higher the cost.
2. Irrationally placed bins encourage littering.
3. Bins next to seats can be very unpleasant - particularly in hot weather, as dog waste is now permitted in these bins.
4. Moving the redundant one next to the gazebo is stage one of increasing potential amenity/ pitch space if/when followed up with removing the redundant concrete strip near the play area (old nets practice) and re-siting the gazebo.

Background

Dating back to when dog waste had to be kept separate, I suspect, HDC empties the six red dog waste bins free of charge, I believe (*John to confirm or otherwise and we do not yet know the frequency of the HDC emptying*)

The current contract for the 12 SPC bins which contain mixed waste including dog faeces is assumed to be in accordance with the tender document (Appendix 1 – pages 3 to 13 of this document). (*John to confirm this*). This means that all twelve of these bins are supposed to be emptied thrice per week in the winter (Monday, Wednesday and Saturday) and four times in the summer (Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday).

The contract comes up for renewal/replacement in March 2020 so needs to be re-tendered around the end of the year, I guess (*John is to confirm that this is diarised*).

Prior to 2016, in addition to the existing bins on the MPF, there was a significant number of open-topped bins with numbers crudely painted on them and placed apparently randomly. They were vulnerable to wind and foxes spreading debris. Far more in number than was needed. They looked awful.

In 2016 there was a rationalisation proposal, See Appendix 3 (page 14 of this document). Most of this was implemented and as a result the MPF is looking better than it has done in many, many years. A lot of ugly clutter has gone with all the open topped bins removed and fewer bins now falling within the contract.

The 2016 proposal was not fully implemented. The two play area bins were not relocated as intended to put one next to each of the two gates. Instead, they remain irrationally placed, with one tending to fill up while the other is hardly used.

The bin next to the top bench adjacent to the basket-ball court was not moved and nor was the one in the orchard. The latter was moved just very recently. The bin next the bench at 10.00am on Saturday 29 June 2019 was already very smelly from many yards away making the bench unusable. This is by no means untypical.

Then on 8th July Rod and I had to move away from the bench we were on at the MPF car park because of the stink from the neighbouring bins, thus showing the need to move those as well. That has produced this V4 with an amended Appendix 4.

This project completes what was intended in 2016, with minor modifications

Proposal

1 To relocate the two bins in the play area so that they are located next to each of the two entrance gates and within the enclosure.

2 This will make redundant the third bin located external to the enclosure, close to the Eastern gate (next to the gazebo) which can therefore be removed and placed in storage for possible future use.

See the appendices 2 and 3 for current and proposed locations.

3 To remove the bin currently next to the top seat adjacent the new basket-ball court and relocate it at top right exit.

4 To remove the two bins near seats at the car park and relocate one near the HDC bin at the emergency access point and the other near the white post which restrains the main entrance gate when open.

4 Over a longer period to explore with HDC whether they can remove the six red bins they currently seemingly empty free of charge and they take over an equivalent number of our mixed waste bins in substitution, also for free. In addition, to get a price (to be kept confidential for negotiating purposes over the new tender) from HDC for them to empty the further five/six SPC bins and/or to empty the High Street bins. We have had a price per bin from them relatively recently which I have seen but cannot remember where. *Gary has not been able to track it down despite his usual excellent sleuthing.*

5 In due course the tender document and resulting contract to be updated to require the contractor to email/text confirming as soon as all bins emptied so that on a random basis a check can then be made/ there is the deterrent effect of a check being made.

Advantages

The bins which need emptying are reduced by one. This is important as the contract is up for renewal by March 2020.

Better placed bins in the play area will encourage better use

The unpleasantness of smelly bins near seating areas is eliminated.

The longer-term projects ensure we get best value and that the contract terms are more easily enforced and the potential for more amenity space/pitch space is enhanced.

Suggested next steps

Working party to immediately seek quotations from three contractors in accordance with the draft specification at appendix 4 (page 15 of this document)

Put quotes before the committee, hopefully to authorise the go-ahead within its budget.

Paul Campbell 5th June 2019

Updated 29 June 2019 and 7 July 2019

Appendix 3 to report of June 2019

PROPOSED ARRANGEMENT OF BINS 2016

12 X SPC Closed Top Bins, 1 x SPC Pizza Box Bin, 4 x HDC Dog Bins (5 x SPC Open Topped Bins stored behind Clubhouse)

2 x closed tops and one dog near each of the three busiest entrance/exits, 2 bins (either 1 x closed top and 1 x dog or 2 x closed) at each of the three less busy entrances/exits all sited for ease of access by contractor in muddy conditions and also much less visually intrusive than now. 1 x closed top by each entrance to play area. All bins sited away from benches as unpleasant to sit near a bin. Open topped stored for use if experience shows any inadequacies. Responsible users will carry rubbish to nearest exit, irresponsible will leave on the ground just as they do now regardless of proximity of a bin.



Appendix 4 to report of June 2019 Draft Specification for quotes.

1 Please provide a quote for the following work concerning the removal of six bins at the MPF and re-fixing of five of them.

2 Please state anticipated lead time for work to commence once an order has been placed.

At the Memorial Playing Field Steyning

A Uplift 6 x bins

In each case, make good the ground with topsoil to a minimum depth of 150mm and re-turf.

1 Uplift the two waste bins located within the fenced play area.

2 Uplift the waste bin adjacent the gazebo

3 Uplift the waste bin adjacent the basket-ball court.

4 Uplift the two waste bins at the perimeter of the car park

B Re-fix 5 x bins

Precise location to be marked out by SPC representative before work commences

1 Re-fix the two play area bins; one adjacent to each of the entrance gates and within the enclosure.

2 Re-fix the bin adjacent the basket-ball court to adjacent the top gate leading to Mill Road./allotments track (doubling up with the bin already at that location)

3 Re-fix the two car park bins; one adjacent the HDC bin at the emergency access point and the other near the main entrance gate to the car park

General Conditions

Any vehicle to approach the site at no more than 5mph and to use hazard warning lights. The route to follow the perimeter of the MPF as closely as practicable. Ground conditions to be taken into account and any damage to the surface of the MPF to be made good by the contractor.

Provision to be made by the contractor to exclude the public from the work sites for the duration of the works

All plant, tools, additional fixings if any, turf and topsoil and additional materials if any, power and water, and rest and comfort facilities for workers to be provided by the contractor.

The turf to be kept watered by the contractor for the first four weeks after laying and if it fails to survive those four weeks to be replaced by the contractor and watered/replaced thereafter for minimum periods of four weeks until such time as the turf has successfully thrived for a minimum period of four weeks.

All debris and waste materials to be removed from site.