



Castlethorpe & Hanslope Landscape Maintenance Specification

Timeframe	
<i>Jan 2023</i>	Specifications Out
<i>Jan/Feb 2023</i>	Site Visits
<i>March 31st 2023</i>	Tender Deadline
<i>April 2023</i>	Tenders Assessed
<i>April/May 2023</i>	Recommended Contractor(s) agreed by Parish Council
<i>May 2023</i>	Checks and References
<i>June 2023</i>	Awarding of Contract(s)
<i>Sept 2023</i>	Contract Work Commences

Length of Contract: The contract will be awarded for one year from September 1st 2023, with the option to renew for 2 further years.

Pricing: Tenders must be priced separately as 3 individual areas - please refer to map(s). Contractors may opt to tender for Area 3 individually. Areas 1 & 2 must be tendered for in one submission: -

1. Castlethorpe
2. Hanslope
3. Hanslope Recreation Ground and Ponds

Tenders must be received by 5pm on Friday 31st March 2023, by email to:

clerk@hanslopeparishcouncil.gov.uk

Alternatively, hard copies may be sent as follows. However, the council mailbox will not take large packages:

The Clerk
Hanslope Parish Council
The Pavilion, Hanslope Recreation Ground
Castlethorpe Road
MK19 7LG

In submitting tenders for this contract, contractors accept that work must comply with the Milton Keynes Council Landscaping Maintenance Specification Documents.

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Notes:

- It is essential that contractors planning to tender for this contract undertake site visits with a member of the parish council. These must be arranged through the clerk via clerk@hanslopeparishcouncil.gov.uk
- Any contact with parish councillors, other than at a site visit will result in disqualification.
- It is essential that any contractor wishing to tender for this contract consults the maps supplied, in conjunction with the following descriptions.

Extent of Road length

Castlethorpe

All main roads are defined as starting 20m beyond the village 'White gates'.

Amendments, alterations and additions to maps highlighted in yellow, see also 'Castlethorpe Overview Map 2022'

Hanslope

All main roads are defined as starting and ending at either the 'National Speed Limit' sign or Village Name board. Whichever is the furthest from the village centre.

Area 1 – Castlethorpe

Verge Cutting to be based on 10 cuts a year

Map 1 and map 4 - (Castlethorpe)

Hanslope Road

Lodge Farm Court (not the grass at the very end of the road alongside gate to sports ground - privately owned and planted to bulbs)

North St

South St

Station Road

Mill View - Station Road

Fish Ponds

Shepperton Close

The Chequers

The Chestnuts (Village Green)

Map 2 - (Castlethorpe)

Wolverton Road

Bullington End Road

Allotment Gardens

Grass to be cut inside the play area, in front of the play area and on Track to the Allotments, but not the actual allotments.

Thrupp Close (Children's play area) – as per map 2

Thrupp Close (other) – map 2

Do not cut any of the shown grass areas in Thrupp Close

Hedge Cutting

Map 1 and map 4 - (Castlethorpe)

Bullington End Road

Hedging in front of two houses next to Thrupp Close (village side)

North Street

Cut shrubs between Fox Covert Lane & bus shelter so as not to obscure 30 mph sign

Hedge between North Street and junction with Lodge Farm Court

Station Road

Hedge to be trimmed – Station Road side from Cattle Grid to white village entry gate only –
(hedge between railway bridge and cattle grid not to be cut)

Hedge alongside footpath Station Road to The Chequers to be trimmed top and side

Map 2 - (Castlethorpe)

Thrupp Close

Hedge beside number 48

Hedge at right on entry to be trimmed – Top and Roadside

Area at end of hedge alongside path to play area to be kept tidy

All shrubs on the corner of Thrupp Close/Bullington End Road

No other hedging in Thrupp Close

Sports Ground

Hedge between sports ground and Thrupp Close - top and sports ground side only

Hedge alongside footpath between sports ground and Lodge Farm Court - top and sports ground side only

Hedge between sports ground and Castle Field – not top sports ground side only

Castle Field (Motte and Bailey)

Hedge between Castle Field and 11 North Street to be trimmed - top and Castle Field side only

*****End of Area 1 – Castlethorpe *****

Area 2 - Hanslope

Verge Cutting to be based on 14 cuts a year

Map 5

Long Street Road

Hartwell Road (and map 1)

Rhymer Close

Higham Cross Road

Forest Road (and map 2)

Map 7 and part Map 8

Castlethorpe Road

Castlethorpe Road (Wildlife cut) On the main road outside Burrow Ash Close the main strip should only be cut twice a year in August and December, all Arisings to be collected and removed.

Western Drive

Williams Close

Map 8

St James Close & Church End

Eastfield Drive

Keswick Road

Warwick Road (Inc Lincoln Court)

Gold St

The Green (Including Pond margins)

Manor Close

Map 9

Newport Road **Allotment Gardens** - (NB See additional site plan)

The Ridings - 8 cuts a year March until October, attention to be paid to growth below hedges and alongside allotment boundaries to ensure that it does not become invasive.

Newport Road – Wildlife cut

The main strip should only be cut twice a year in August and December, all Arisings to be collected and removed.

The exceptions are – the area under the trees by the Allotment gates which is used for car parking and should be cut as the remainder of the verges.

Similarly the first 0.5m of the verge running along the entire road length should be cut to 30mm as normal.

Map 10

Tathall End

Hedge Cutting

Map 5

Long Street Road

Wheatfields

On left hand side (leaving the village) between Williams close and Holiday Lane

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and to a height of 3m

Mundays Meadow

Opposite Wheatfields

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and Roadside to a height of 3m

Map 7 and part Map 8

Cuckoo Hill Rise

From the turning into Cuckoo Hill Farm Business Units to Cuckoo Hill Rise

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and Roadside to a height of 3m

4 -24 Castlethorpe Road (Behind the bus shelter)

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and Roadside

First part of Trackway to garages behind 4 -24 Castlethorpe Road

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and Roadside

Hanslope Fields

Along the entire frontage of the development either side of Pierrepoint Way

Hedge to be trimmed – Top and Roadside to a height of 3m

Keswick Road

Car park area – hedge opposite Lincoln Court. Attention to be paid to shrub planting on the footpath nearest the row of houses. **(Map 7 and part Map 8)**

Map 8

Newport Road

Allotment Gardens

Roadside Hedge to be trimmed – Top & Both Sides

Inside Allotment boundary hedges to be trimmed, allotment side only

From the Allotments continuing onto right hand bend

Roadside hedge to be trimmed

On the Bend past the Allotments

Hedge to be trimmed to allow clear visibility on bend

Map 10

Tathall End

On the left-hand corner of Newport Way hedge to be trimmed to allow clear visibility on bend

*****End of Area 2 – Hanslope *****

Area 3

Recreation Ground & Ponds

Recreation ground mowing (Castlethorpe Road)

1. Cut the main body of the ground including sports pitches; cricket outfield be cut to 'Match Length' on a weekly basis during the cricket season. Cuts to subject to weather conditions and Cricket Club League fixtures (to be advised), maximum of 21 cuts during March / October.
2. Fenced children's play area; maximum of 18 cuts March / October, cut grass to be picked up and removed from site.
3. Grass and weed cutting; clearance of grass and weed growth at the bottom and under all perimeter hedges, fences, seats, buildings, footpaths, goal posts and play equipment; 4 cuts March / October, arisings to be removed from site.
4. Weed control; spray a suitable weed killer on slab pathways and shingle paths; 2 applications March / October.
5. Grass maintenance to be alternated between Football and Cricket pitch (the Clerk will confirm the current stage in the cycle); Example: year 1 = Vertidrain + Core collection senior football pitch, year 2 = Vertidrain + Core collection cricket outfield, year 3 = Vertidrain + Core collection senior football pitch.
6. Weed control; treat main body of the field with a suitable selective weed killer end of April beginning of May.
7. Senior football pitch; infill and reseed any area of goal mouth damage and other damaged areas during the non-playing period.
8. MUGA (Astro Court area); 500 mm area around the court to be treated with weed killer to prevent grass growth and aid drainage; 2 applications March / October.

Hedge cutting

Hedge cutting; Castlethorpe road hedge to be cut both sides and top, all other hedges to be cut one side and top **including** the hedge in the children's play area; arisings to be swept up and removed from site; cut annually October / November.

Village Pond Maintenance (Gold St)

3 visits – April, June, October

Harkness Court Pond Maintenance (Harkness Court, Newport Road).

3 visits – April, June, October

Grass cutting – 6 cuts a year between March – October arisings to be removed from site.

The principles outlined in the 'Harkness Court Layout of Pond Plan' (see map) to be followed.

*****End of Area 3 – Hanslope *****