



Members Referral – Cllr Dr David Ellis

Birchwood Youth & Community Centre parking/disabled access

The community centre has had some issues with parking for many years. The area at the front of the centre is quite narrow and when 2 rows of cars park one invariably the outer row ends up parking partly on the grass and causes problems of mud and it is dangerous for people getting out of the car. We are therefore proposing to add several additional rows of block paving to widen the area as shown in the diagram attached. We are also proposing to extend the existing block paved area to the end of the building so that there is a little more room for parking given that there is a shortage given that the town council car park has limited availability as it is a working area. The block paving will be to match the existing paving.

We are also proposing to add a new ramped area on the right side of the building for disabled access. The current access is near the front door, so if anyone parks it prevents wheelchairs from gaining access. The requirements for the ramp have been provided by Warrington Disability Partnership

The changes above will mean that we have about four additional spaces for parking, reducing any impact the centre has on the town council.

This members referral is to gain agreement from councillors subject to the following conditions:

1. Ensure that if planning permission is required, this is obtained prior to any work being carried out.
2. Obtain a method statement for the works to be carried out from the contractor
3. Obtain a risk assessment for the work to be carried out from the contractor.

This will avoid any time being wasted on obtaining the documentation needed. The proposed work is to be completed by the contractor for Lagan Airport Maintenance. The centre is their charity of the year.

