

**Hoggin Path access to Sheepcot Field**

The Committee are asked to resolve to put the construction of a hoggin path along the edge of the Jubilee Garden on hold pending consideration of suitable lower cost alternatives and bring a costed recommendation to the September Full Council meeting.

In February 2024 the Committee recommended a hoggin path along the edge of the Jubilee Garden for pedestrians to safely access the Sheepcot Field from Gatehampton Road and Council agreed a budget for the work (Minute 23.40.14.3).

Given the potentially large expenditure (probably in excess of £10,000) it is prudent to consider whether there is a cheaper, but effective, alternative to a hoggin path before proceeding with it. Moreover, work on maintaining and mowing the Jubilee Garden started in April, so that it is starting to look managed again. A hoggin path along one side of it will upset the visual balance of the 2 sides of the access road.

A cheaper, and less visually intrusive, alternative could be to lay, roll and pin a mesh matting path, through which grass could grow and be mown. Similar matting is already in use in Sheepcot Field for a parking area behind the Pavilion. If the Committee agree, the costs and practicalities, including how it would be accessed from Gatehampton Road, path can be investigated in time for the September Council meeting.