

SALISBURY CITY COUNCIL



Environmental Services Projects Update

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Poultry Cross Update

- The Poultry Cross repair project will proceed to tender.
- Prioritising urgent structural work planned for **early June 2027**.
- The working group reviewed phased repairs, funding, consents, procurement, and community opportunities.
- Phase 1 covers the roof, crown, wood and lead work, electrical upgrades, and other urgent repairs; its estimated cost is **£227k** within the approved **£400k** two-year budget.
- The council will seek three specialist tenders, where practicable, with tenders due by the end of November and a report planned for mid-December.



Poultry Cross Update

- The work is expected to last **2 to 3 months**.
- Phase 2 may address cleaning, Victorian additions, lighting, and community-led enhancements in 2028/29, potentially supported by grants and community fundraising.
- Meeting with Loop Architects on 23th September to establish detail of specification timeline and English Heritage Scheduled Monument Consent.

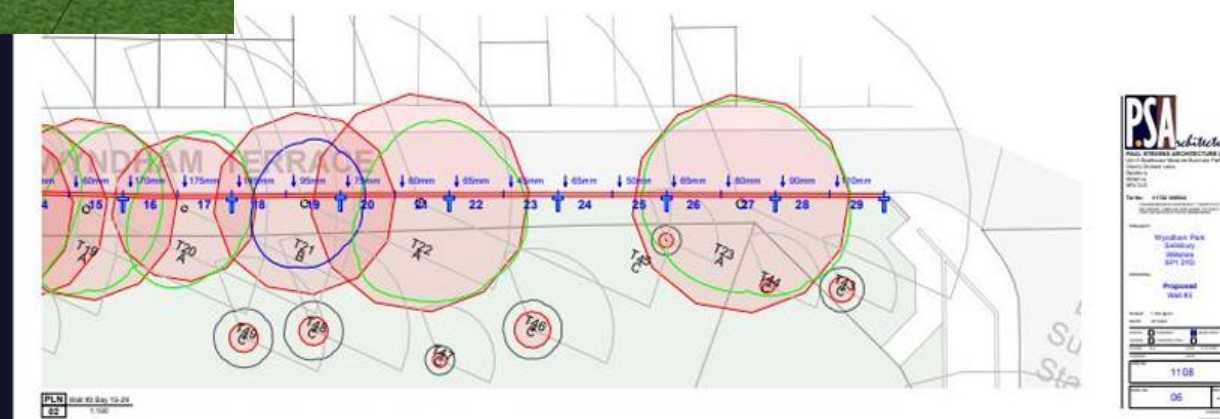
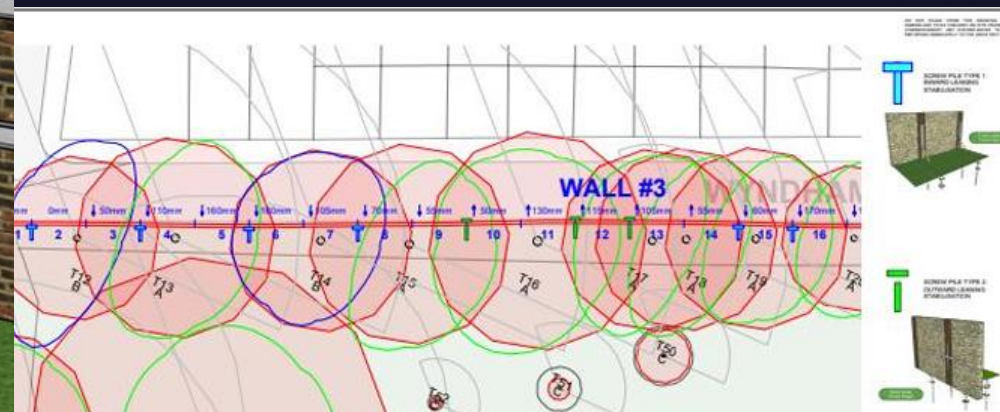


Wyndham Park Wall Update

Following previous objections raised Wiltshire Council's Tree Officer, planning Officers had requested a further study to identify the position of the roots, and the proposed locations of the piling supports.

Due to root density, P.SA Architecture completed work with the piling company to design a weighted reinforcement solution can be installed above ground, thereby avoiding excavation in the vicinity of the tree roots.

New designs re-submitted to planning for approval



Wyndham Park Wall Update

- A budget of £85,000 is available for the current financial year (carried over from the previous year) to cover design and planning costs, including the specification for works to the east and west walls.
- Any remaining funds can be used to commence repair works to these two walls.
- Paul Stevens from PSA Architecture is in the final stages of completing the specification for repairs to the west and east walls.
- A budget of £215,000 is in the medium financial plan for 2027/28 for the piling and repair work to the south wall subject to planning permission.



Asset Transfer Update

Central Toilets

- Hampshire Council solicitor reviewed asset transfer proposal from WC and highlighted some concerns.
- After internal discussions between CEO, Corporate, Business and Enviroments departments, a reply seeking clarification of terms has been sent to WC.
- We await the response before making a recommendations to Full Council.

- Other Assets

- Wiltshire Council are currently reviewing their asset transfer policy and plan to present the revised policy, along with other asset transfer proposals.
- So far, no other assets have been proposed.

Guildhall Works Update

SCC's structural surveyors are currently preparing a specification to:

- Replace part of the ceiling and redecorate the Banqueting Hall.
- Redecorate the Crown Court.
- Address minor structural issues throughout the building.

Once the specification is complete, the works can be costed and a decision made on which elements in addition to the ceiling works will be taken forward.

Currie and Brown have now submitted a planning application for the works to Wiltshire Council.

The works remain on schedule.



Guildhall Works Update

Oak Court

We have received a separate quote from our contractor for work on the Oak Court room this includes:

- Ceiling - Strip all Lining paper, prepare, reline and paint.
- Walls – Fill cracks and paint.
- Radiators - Sand down and Paint.
- Roof Lantern - Sand down, fill where required and paint.
- Metal railings – Rub down using wire brush and paint.
- All the above will receive 2x coats of paint.
- Replace carpet
- Repair lighting (there maybe an additional cost to lower the lighting)

Scaffolding will be fitted to access the ceiling and the lighting.

Total £29,500.00

This is additional work outside the scope of the Guildhall project and will be considered once overall project costs have been established.

Depot De-watering Bay Update

Despite delays associated with asbestos removal, the contractor remains confident that the works are on programme and are forecast to be completed by the end of September.

To support the project, £200,000 was transferred from the River Park Section 106 allocation to general reserves. Of this amount, £140,000 was initially allocated, leaving a balance of £60,000. The remaining £60,000 has now also been allocated to the project due to unforeseen works including asbestos removal and ground levelling.

WRM have been appointed to support SCC in securing Trade Effluent Discharge Consent from Wessex Water. The process was expected to take approximately eight weeks, but has required a second submission. This is currently the only foreseen delay to the full opening of the de-watering bay.

Conversation opened with WC to extend access to their de-watering bay as a contingency to protect operational requirements.

Officers are exploring liabilities against “unforeseen” issues.

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Market Square Toilets Update

Under ground toilets

- Works will commence on **4 January** and are expected to take approximately four months to complete.
- The project has been priced within the budget allocated for toilet facilities for this financial year.
- We will have fully refurbished underground toilets for the Salisbury 800 Summer celebrations.

Above ground toilets

- A planning application has been submitted for the extension of the toilet block.



Depot Solar Panels Update

Following investigation by the Facilities Department into the installation of solar panels at the Tollgate Depot:

- Health & Safety Inspectorate highlighted insurance concerns around Commercial Battery installation.
- Facilities team establishing economical and ecological impact of installation of panels without batteries.
- Proposed that results are taken to Full Council in January for direction/decision.



Electricity Storage Batteries Update

Battery Storage Proposal (Crematorium dual tariff)

Purpose:

- Cllrs asked officers to explore the installation of battery storage to sites, to:
 - Charge overnight (on lower tariffs).
 - Use energy during the daytime (supplementing our higher tariffs).
 - The overall aim was to reduce electricity costs and improve energy management.
 - We chose to look at the Crematorium as a start, due to this being a site currently on a split tariff.
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- Battery installation issues due to insurance.
 - Would require the construction on an external building, a minimum of 10m away from Crematorium, to house batteries.

Crematorium Energy Profile:

- Annual consumption - 95,170 kWh
- Average daily use - ~261kWh/day
- Suggests the potential to utilise a larger battery system





Thank you

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