

# Planting Proposal for Ash Vale Recreation Ground

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Dear sir/madam.

The purpose of this document is to propose to you and ask permission for the planting of one (1) standard *Quercus robur* within the Ash Vale recreation ground, as well as the installation of a small protective fence to temporarily surround it until it has successfully established. The reasoning behind this is to commemorate the life of my beloved dog and best friend, Charlie, who had sadly recently passed away. For the past twelve years, we have respectfully used this ground to make countless memories and has been our most favourite place to do so. We have made many new friends whilst being there, both human and canine, and feel that i would be remiss to not contribute this as a gift for everyone to benefit from, to thank the council for providing us with an amazing recreational hub as well as to serve as a memorial piece for all those who have loved him.

At present, there are four successfully established juvenile *Q. robur* trees situated within the grounds, along the edge of the field. I propose to plant a fifth tree of the same species within this existing line (see images). The position of the planting site will not impose on the current uses of the ground (fun fares, sports days, emergency access etc) nor will the species selection be unsuitable, as it is in-keeping with the surrounding planting scheme. The purchase, planting, maintenance and aftercare of the tree will be solely provided by myself and a five-year management plan will be installed to ensure its successful establishment and longevity. No funding or maintenance will be required by yourselves, however I will not oppose to any works that you may provide in the future as part of the ongoing management of the area.

The total area of ground that is required, including the installation of a temporary protective barrier is one square metre. The access to the public footpath running adjacent to the planting site will in no way be blocked before, during or after the operation.

The tree will be of standard form (based on specifications given in British Standards, BS 8545:2014 and BS 3936-1:1992), be of root-balled or container-grown stock, grown in the UK and supplied by a local nursey. It will be supported by either an under-ground anchorage system or a crossbar stake, depending on decorative preferences and the type of root stock. The surrounding protective barrier will span one square metre and measure one metre in height. It will consist of four round posts in each corner and two half-round rails surrounding it, one at 0.5m from ground level and one at 1m from ground level to avoid trip hazards and mechanical damage. The area of ground within this will be mulched with safe, organic material in order to suppress any weeds, negating the need for extra maintenance on your part (strimming etc) and a tree-guard will be installed to protect the tree from mammalian damage.

I hope this document finds you well and id like to extend my personal thanks and gratitude for reading and considering this

If you would like to discuss anything with me, please contact me either via email or phone:

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Kind regards

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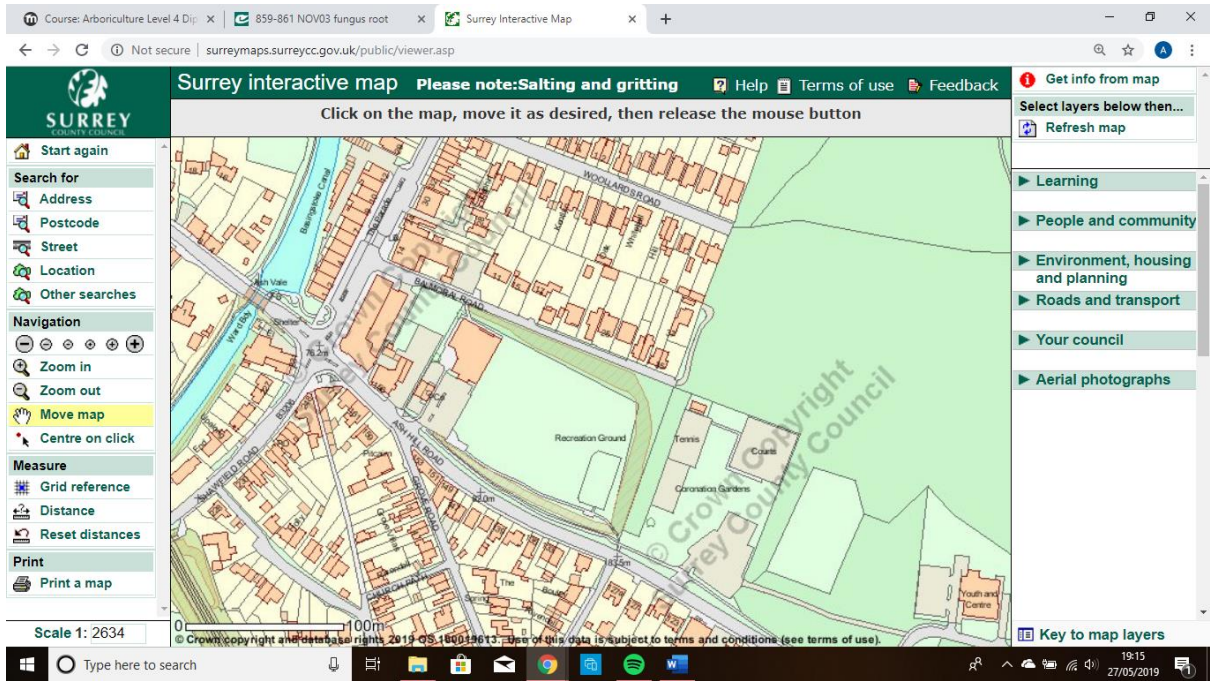
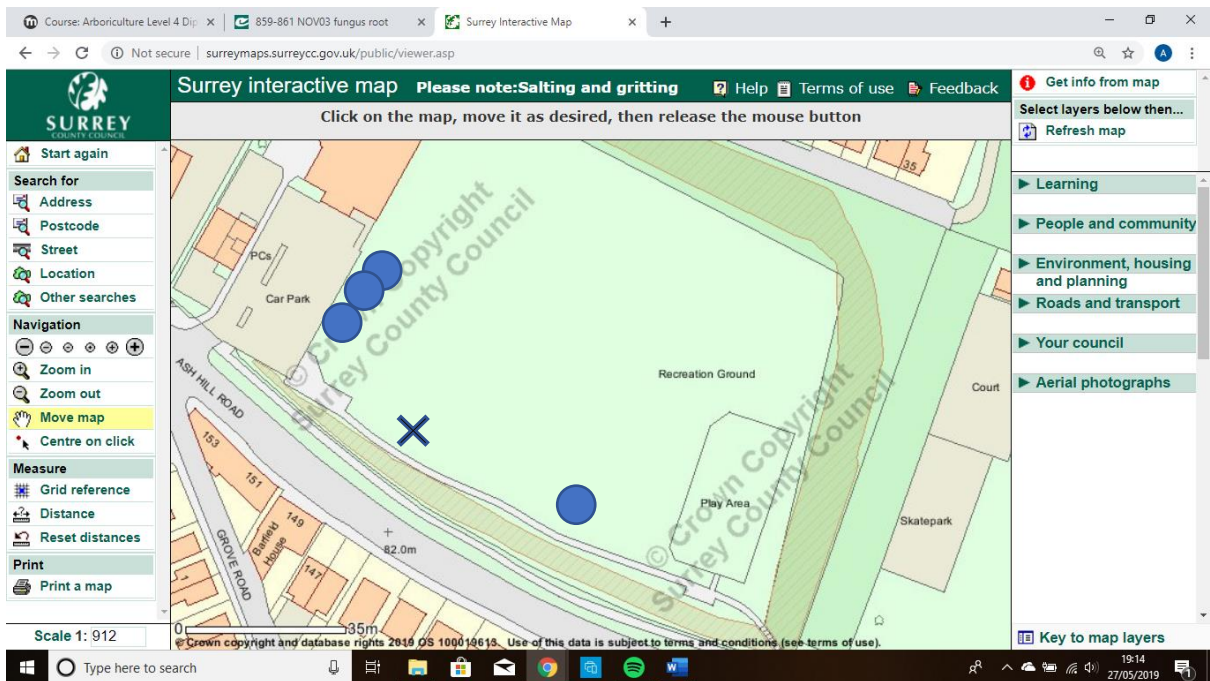




Image 1 map of Ash Vale Rec and surrounding area



Key:		= Proposed new tree location
		= Existing trees

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