

Information to be read in conjunction with Draft Schedule of Works

The Cemetery Working Group (CWG) are seeking Council's approval for a two-stage tender process because of the conflicting needs of:

a) time pressures on commencing work before the planning consent deadline (11-01-2024)

and:

b) the need to explore the various options for constructing the access ramp in order to finalise the tender specifications

The CWG think this process would best meet our needs, and have identified the work for which we will be seeking first phase tenders.

Construction of the new ramp access to the extension area will most easily be undertaken from within the extension itself, and were the new perimeter fence to be installed first, there would be no access to the area for plant and machinery. Our plan therefore is for the first phase to comprise removal of vegetation and soil from in front of the new access area (from within the existing cemetery), and the dismantling of a small section of the stone wall down to the old cemetery's ground level. This would satisfy the requirement of commencing and making 'meaningful progress' before expiry of our planning consent, and would also allow us time to decide on how best to construct the ramp.

Once the CWG have Council's approval, the Clerk will be able to extract the relevant section of the draft schedule of works in order to prepare a 'first phase' tender document, allowing sufficient time to receive tenders for consideration prior to the September meeting