

DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

Facilities and Amenities Committee – Thursday 22nd October 2026

MUGA Resurfacing and Allotment Car Park Bollards – Indicative Costs for the 2027/28 Budget

Agenda items FAC 40.26, FAC 41.26 and FAC 43.26

Report of the Clerk. Quotations obtained by Cllr Hatt.

1. Purpose

This report gives the Committee an idea of the cost of two possible projects, so that it can decide whether to include them in its 2027/28 budget requests to the Finance Committee. No decision to order either item is needed at this meeting. All figures are net of VAT, which the Council reclaims.

2. MUGA Resurfacing, Recreation Ground

Two quotations have been received for resurfacing the multi-use games area (approximately 22m by 12m, 264m²). They are for different types of surface, so they are not a like-for-like comparison.

Soft Surfaces Ltd – synthetic grass surface, £19,242.00 (quotation 46403, dated 21st September 2026)

- Shockpad and multisport synthetic grass surfacing to 264m², with football and basketball line markings.
- The surface would be laid onto the existing sub-base. No preparation works are included, so there would be additional cost if the existing base is not suitable.
- The price assumes good access to the area. Payment is due within 14 days and the quotation was valid for 30 days, so it has now expired.
- No guarantee period is stated in the quotation.

C R Macdonald Ltd – porous macadam surface, £23,244.61 (quotation 3007670, dated 8th October 2026)

- Excavation of the existing surface to about 80mm and removal of waste (£3,573.60).
- 50mm Superdrain binder course (£11,324.31) and 30mm Superdrain surface course (£6,796.70).
- Re-lining in thermoplastic to the existing layout (£1,550.00).

- Out-of-hours working, if required, adds 25%. The supplier's terms give a 2-year guarantee and a quotation validity of 90 days.

The Soft Surfaces quotation is £4,002.61 cheaper, but it covers a different surface and excludes any work to the base. Before a final decision the Committee may wish to ask both suppliers about the expected life of the surface, ongoing maintenance and the guarantee offered.

Both quotations are over £10,000, so the spending would need to be referred to Full Council. Neither quotation will still be valid by April 2027, so fresh quotations will be needed when the work is ordered. To allow for price increases and any repairs to the base, the Committee may wish to budget around £25,000.

Any procurement for more than £25,000 must be placed for tender under the procurement regulations.

3. Allotment Car Park Bollards

Barriers Direct – 10 telescopic security posts, £1,030.00 (quotation 1000113526, dated 22nd September 2026)

- Ten heavy-duty telescopic security posts, reflective, flush surface fit, with disc padlocks keyed alike, at £103.00 each.
- Free delivery, normally within 2 working days. The posts are made to order and are non-refundable.
- The quotation is valid until 22nd October 2026.

The quotation notes say installation was requested, but the price appears to be for supply only. The installation cost would need to be confirmed before ordering.

Barriers Direct also require a named contact on site at the start and end of the work and a completed site conditions form 10 working days before installation.

As set out in the Facilities Report, allotment holders will be consulted before any decision is made on new bollards. The Committee may wish to budget £1,030 plus the installation cost once known.

4. Recommendation

That the Committee considers whether to include MUGA resurfacing and the allotment car park bollards in its 2027/28 budget requests at item FAC 43.26.