

Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park

Meeting brought forward from 31st January, 2024 to Wednesday 10th January, 2024

Agenda

1. To discuss the Budget Proposals in light of the insolvency of Nottingham City Council and how to respond. **Closing Date to respond to the budget proposals Tuesday 16th January, 2024.**
2. The section of the Budgetary Proposal is Stop Grass Cutting on all Major Parks (Woodthorpe Grange Park) except parks that have received significant National Lottery Heritage Funding. Those parks are the Victoria Embankment, The Arboretum, Forest Recreation Ground and Highfields Park. Highfields Park and Harvey Hadden sites are also held in Trust and are required to be maintained for recreational purposes.
3. The fee reduction in grass cutting will reduce the useable recreational space and could increase community safety concerns and make the area look unattractive which will result in negative press/media.
 - Where does this leave Woodthorpe Grange Park if the proposal to stop grass cutting goes ahead – Increase in the responsibility of garden maintenance
 - How do we, as member of the Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park respond to the proposal to stop grass cutting?
 - **Proposal:** To make a group response to the budget proposals.
 - As this is a meeting primarily to discuss the N.C.C. budget proposals, ideas and suggestions from members will be welcomed.
4. Community projects such as the restoration of the train sculpture, although under direction of N.C.C., will have to be funded/sponsored by the Friends of Woodthorpe Grange Park.
5. **Other Proposals that will affect Nottingham's green and open spaces.**
 - Stop community cricket provision in parks.
 - Stop all grounds maintenance of the Broadmarsh phase one area.
 - Closure of bowling greens.
 - Charge more for community football in parks.

Paul R. Swift, Chair, FoWGP

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