

Item 22 – Quotation/Report - Storm Damage to Cemetery Fence

Following my recent site inspection of the boundary fence at the cemetery on the left hand side as you enter, I have now completed an assessment of the fence line and would like to provide my findings, recommendations, and proposed course of action.

Upon inspection, although a number of the existing timber posts are showing signs of age-related deterioration, rot, and some localised movement, the fence itself remains standing, largely aligned, and in my professional opinion is still structurally recoverable.

Having inspected the full length of the fence, I do not currently believe that full replacement is necessary or represents the most practical or cost-effective use of budget at this stage.

Due to the heavy ivy growth, mature vegetation, tree roots, restricted working space, and the sensitive nature of carrying out works within an active cemetery environment, a full replacement would be significantly more labour intensive, disruptive, and would carry a greater risk of disturbing surrounding ground conditions and existing features.

Recommended Repair Option

I would strongly recommend carrying out targeted structural repair works by installing approximately 8 new pressure treated 4x4 timber support posts to the weaker and affected sections of the fence line with posts sited on the inside of the boundary line with the fence attached securely to the new posts.

This would restore structural integrity, reinforce the failed areas, and significantly extend the serviceable life of the existing fence without unnecessary disturbance to the surrounding area.

Proposed Investment

Total Investment: £730.00 + VAT

Health, Safety & Method of Working

As this is a sensitive public environment, all works would be carried out in accordance with current Health & Safety legislation, industry best practice, and our internal safe systems of work.

The proposed works would include:

- A full pre-start site specific risk assessment and dynamic site inspection
- Inspection of the proposed dig locations prior to breaking ground
- Use of a cable avoidance tool (CAT scan) and visual inspection of the work area before excavation commences
- Careful hand excavation only in identified post locations
- A two-man working squad operating a buddy system, with one operative excavating while the second operative remains on watch, assisting with spotting, public awareness, and maintaining safe working distances
- Appropriate PPE worn at all times including safety boots, gloves, eye protection, and hi-visibility clothing

- Work area to be kept safe, tidy, and under continual supervision throughout the works
- Continuous monitoring for underground services, roots, obstructions, or unforeseen ground conditions

Should any underground services, obstructions, memorial foundations, or unforeseen hazards be identified during excavation, works would stop immediately and the area would be reassessed before proceeding.

Environmental & Waste Management

Any excavated spoil, rotten timber posts, vegetation arisings, or associated waste materials generated during the works would be removed from site and disposed of responsibly.

All waste would be transported and disposed of by Makepeace Landscapes as a fully registered waste carrier, in accordance with current environmental regulations.

Full Replacement Comparison

For comparison purposes only, a complete replacement fence constructed to approximately 1.8 metres high, with posts at 1.8 metre centres and 6-inch timber boards, would be in excess of:

£7,000.00 + VAT

Based on the current condition of the fence, site constraints, and overall value for money, my professional recommendation would be to proceed with the repair option at this stage.

Please let me know how you would like to proceed.

Kind regards,