

HASSOCKS PARISH COUNCIL

To: Grounds & Environment Committee

Date: 7 May 2026

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Subject: Agenda Item 10.4 Adastra Car park

The purpose of this report is to update members regarding investigations into resurfacing Adastra car park appropriately.

1. Background

- December 2025 costs were obtained to repaint the carpark in the present format. Batten Road Marking - to repaint the main carpark in the same layout. 18 parking bays, 2 disabled, 1 no parking, 2 chevroned areas and 1 Biffa bin area
- Quote: £1260

This quote has been on hold pending an investigation. Following further discussion at the last Park WG meeting, it became apparent that the existing two disabled spaces are not large enough. A quote has been requested to create a new hardstanding area for the Biffa Bins in existing grass which will create space to enlarge the disabled spaces. The area will need to be levelled out and one metal post removed.

Once the Biffa bins are relocated behind the bollards, an area of approximately 152cm must be kept clear between the bins and any parked vehicles to ensure the bins can be accessed and emptied. Photo showing the chevroned area between the bins and a parked car for reference. If this space is not kept clear and vehicles are parked directly in front of the bins, they will not be able to be emptied.



2. Parking space dimensions in the UK

The typical car parking space measures around 2.4 metres wide and 4.8 metres long, however, these dimensions were first introduced around 50 years ago – when vehicle sizes were considerably smaller.

<i>Parking space</i>	<i>Length (m)</i>
<i>Standard</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Long stay</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Short stay</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Disabled</i>	<i>4.8</i>
<i>Parent and children</i>	<i>4.8</i>

Disabled and parent/child parking spaces are wider and longer to accommodate wheelchair and pushchair access. They are also located closer to the front door of shops or certain destinations,

These are the recommended dimensions, set out by the Institution of Structural Engineers and Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation:

Are new vehicles too wide for on-street parking?

Research by motoring campaign group Transport & Environment (T&E) has found that new cars across Europe, on average, are getting 1 cm wider every two years.

The data states that the trend will continue due to the rising sales of SUVs – both in the UK and across the continent.

In fact, around half of new cars sold are already too wide for the minimum on-street parking space in many countries, including the UK.

T&E's research into new vehicles found that the average width of new cars expanded to 180.3 cm in the first half of 2023, up from 177.8 cm in 2018.

off-street parking is a growing problem for even the average new car (180 cm wide), while large luxury SUVs no longer fit in many circumstances.

Measuring around 200 cm wide, large luxury SUVs leave space for drivers and passengers to get in and out of vehicles in typical off-street spaces – as they measure an average of around 240 cm.

RECOMMENDATION: Members agree in principle to go ahead with the works, subject to obtaining an updated quote based on the revised plan.

(Note: Greenscenes lead time for any new works is mid-summer)