

NONSUCH PARK SOLAR SYSTEM EXPLORATION WALK UPDATE

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Wards affected:	Nonsuch Ward;
Urgent Decision?(yes/no)	
If yes, reason urgent decision required:	
Appendices (attached):	Appendix 1 - An update by the Ewell Astronomical Society to the Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee 16th June 2025

Summary

This report updates the Committee on the progress of the Solar System Exploration Walk project and seeks approval for the size, materials and locations of the walk's information boards.

Recommendation (s)

The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Receive and note the presentation provided by the Ewell Astronomical Society, as seen at Appendix 1.**
- (2) Approve the size, materials and locations of the walk's information boards, as set out in sections 4 and 5 of Appendix 1.**

1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Final approval is sought from the Committee regarding the arrangements for the signage of the Solar System Exploration Walk, in order that the project can be brought to completion.

2 Background

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- 2.1 At its January 2025 meeting, the Committee was presented with a proposal from the Ewell Astronomical Society ('EAS') for the installation of a Solar Exploration Walk in Nonsuch Park. An agreement in principle was approved by the Committee, contingent upon the securing of external funding and a further presentation to the Committee of a more detailed proposal at its subsequent meeting.
- 2.2 At its March 2025 meeting, the Committee received an updated proposal for the Solar System Exploration Walk from the EAS. The update confirmed the project had met the criteria for application to the Your Fund Surrey scheme and was currently awaiting approval. The update set out options for size and style of the information boards, along with proposed visuals. The update also proposed the route along which the boards would be located, as well as breaking down the project's costs. The Committee agreed to support and approve the updated proposal, subject to the success of the funding application to Your Fund Surrey.
- 2.3 The EAS has since confirmed that the application to Your Fund Surrey has been successful, and that the project has now been fully funded. The EAS now seeks the Committee's final approval of the size, materials and locations of the walk's information boards, as set out in the appendix to the report, in order that the project can be brought to completion.

3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 None.

3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 None.

3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 None.

3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications for the Committee as the project costs will be covered in full by the Your Fund Surrey scheme.

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- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** Financial implications are included in the body of the report.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 Prior to the commencement of the installation of any signage, a formal legal agreement will be drawn up to clearly define the responsibilities and commitments of both parties.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None save as outlined above

6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- N/A
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** None.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** None.
- 6.6 **Local Government Reorganisation Implications:** None.

7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

Previous reports:

- [Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee, 20 January 2025 – Nonsuch Park Solar System Exploration Walk](#)
- [Nonsuch Park Joint Management Committee, 24 March 2025 – Solar System Exploration Walk Proposal](#)

Other papers:

- None.