



Please ask for:

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Date: 26 April 2022
Ref:

Dear Property Owner,

Re: Annual Sum for Maintenance of Amenity Spaces 2022/23

The enclosed invoice shows the amount you are requested to pay toward the cost of maintaining the amenity spaces in the Great Denham and land west of Kempston developments for 2022/23, which is unchanged from previous years (£120). This sum is payable to Bedford Borough Council following the transfer, from the developer, of the covenants requiring property owners to pay the annual sum. In return the Council is required to maintain the amenity spaces in the development. This includes activities such as grass cutting, weed spraying, maintaining the mature trees, litter/ dog bin emptying, litter picking, playgrounds inspections and maintenance of equipment, area checks and shrub pruning, etc.

All money received from payments of the annual sum is kept in a separate ring-fenced fund and can only be used to meet the cost of the ongoing management and maintenance of green spaces on the development, including the administration of the scheme. Further information is available from the Council's website at <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/parks-and-open-spaces/maintaining-our-green-spaces/great-denham-and-west-of-kempston/>.

The Council is committed to openness and transparency regarding the income and expenditure relating to the maintenance fund and information about the budget is shown overleaf. The final accounts for 2021/22 income and expenditure will be published at www.bedford.gov.uk once the Council's accounts for the year are finalised.

Yours faithfully,



Jill Evans
Chief Officer for Finance



Great Denham and Kempston West developments Proposed budget for 2022/23

	2022/23
	£
Income	
Annual Sum Charges	<u>323,040</u>
Expenditure	
Grounds Maintenance	110,000
Play area maintenance and inspections	33,000
Litter Picking	22,700
Trees maintenance	12,000
General Repairs and Maintenance	20,000
Plant & Vehicle recharge	47,989
Management charges	10,514
Invoicing, collection and financial management	21,265
Purchase of equipment (revenue cost)	1,000
Overheads, Contingency and Reserve Payments	<u>48,191</u>
Total Costs	<u>326,659</u>