

57429 Orchard Drive - Road Works

Orchard Drive

How much have the works on Orchard Drive for landscaping at the edge of the park adjoining Orchard Drive cost the Edinburgh City Council taxpayer?

The landscaping was included in the main scope of works. The total cost of the project was £486,417.73.

Are there further works to be carried out on Orchard Drive for landscaping?

If so, how much will these cost?

At the time of response, there were still some remedial works to take place including hydroseeding. These should now be completed. This is included in the overall contract value quoted above.

Why was the corner of Orchard Drive and Queensferry Road dug up again simply to add a tree on the corner, i.e. why were works done twice?

The advance works were done in order to establish the new kerb line and create the area for the Sustainable Urban Drainage Systems (SUDS) tree, with the intention of returning during the main project. The tree includes below-ground storage for the attenuation of surface water which is part of the overall purpose of the project to provide improved surface water management.

What was the cost of adding this tree?

There was no additional cost. This is included in the overall contract value quoted above.

Why have the landscaping works been done in preference to repairing roads which are badly in need of repair?

The project aim was to improve surface water management within the Orchard Park area. This is separate from the Council Roads Improvement Plan that considers road repairs.