

TELSCOMBE TOWN COUNCIL



Telscombe Tye Fencing & Gate Maintenance Policy

1. Purpose

This policy sets out Telscombe Town Council's approach to the inspection, maintenance and repair of fencing and gates on Telscombe Tye, an area of common land owned by the Council. The aim is to ensure a consistent, transparent, and sustainable approach to asset management while balancing financial and operational constraints.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all fencing and gates located on Telscombe Tye that fall under the ownership and responsibility of Telscombe Town Council.

3. Designated Maintenance Areas

The Council has determined that routine inspection, maintenance and repair will be prioritised and ordinarily limited to the following locations:

- Along Gorham Way extending north to behind Highview Road properties
- Along the South Coast Road
- Gates 3 to 6, including the fencing immediately adjacent to these gates
- Fencing surrounding the dew pond

These areas are considered priority due to factors such as public safety, access, boundary definition and usage levels.

4. Maintenance Responsibilities

Within the designated areas, the Council will:

- Undertake periodic inspections of fencing and gates
- Carry out necessary repairs to maintain safety and functionality
- Replace fencing or gates where repair is no longer viable, subject to budget availability
- Ensure gates remain operational and safe for public use

5. Non-Designated Areas

Fencing and gates outside the designated maintenance areas will not be subject to routine maintenance. However, the Council may consider repairs or interventions in these areas on a case-by-case basis, taking into account:

- Public safety risks
- Legal obligations
- Environmental or ecological considerations
- Available budget and resources

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- Level of public use or community impact

Requests for repairs in non-designated areas may be submitted to the Council for consideration.

6. Inspections

- Inspections of designated areas will be carried out at intervals determined by the Council (e.g., monthly or as resources allow).
- Additional inspections may be triggered by reports from members of the public, Councillors, or Council Officers.

7. Reporting Issues

Members of the public are encouraged to report damaged or unsafe fencing and gates. Reports should include:

- Location details
- Description of the issue
- Any immediate safety concerns

8. Budget and Resources

All maintenance and repair works are subject to the Council's approved budget. The Council will prioritise works within designated areas when allocating resources.

Policy	Telscombe Tye Fencing Maintenance
Review Cycle	Every 3 years, or earlier in the event of legislative changes, budget considerations or operational needs
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