

The Guildford Society Design and Heritage Group

Notes on walkabout of 07.05.08: Millbrook carpark to Town Wharf

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Millbrook carpark

Approached from Quarry Street, the view of the carpark from only a few feet above the A281 is that of a sea of cars.

(The garden at the foot of Quarry St, on the E side of A281, is very good except for the fence round the electricity substation (?) at the S end, which could be masked by creepers.)

Carpark trees, roadside, from S to N, i.e. towards the town centre: one large red maple, room for perhaps five more trees before the steps down into carpark; three other trees present; perhaps ten trees in all could be planted but two signs and a camera on the roadside may reduce the number of possible planting sites.

Cameras: one at the entrance pointing at the road, and one on the way in, at rest pointing at the entrance, rotating to scan the carpark from time to time.

Recycling bins: are these still needed if house collections have increased?

Notice boards: several of different designs, the map a bit tatty (see next item).

Outside Mill Studio

Bin dirty, needs painting

Two small areas of garden; one nice, in the other the trees cut back to 1 ft

Notice board (double) very good, maps, excellent, plus information

Next corner: nice little garden with seat, bushes at water edge but no railings

Debenham's: Goods entrance has dirty grey concertina doors: clean and another colour? Carpark open so carpark doors not seen.

Corner of High Street and Millbrook (SE corner): Halifax offices, many windows full of large loud posters advertising the same product.

Debenham's crossing: lots of railings, of several designs and colours. Will all or most of these go when the underpass is removed, leaving only the essential ones (eg outside Friary Court), painted in Guildford Blue?

Town Bridge: paintwork needs a wash

Town Wharf: trees (tall narrow oaks, green all the way up, striking) in planters made from thick planks.