A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement Frequently Asked Questions

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Phase 1 Tree Works

Works to remove the identified trees have taken place, and maintenance works to the trees which are remaining is nearly completed.

The Council worked with tree specialists and landscape architects to identify suitable trees to be preserved by transplanting them further within the park, rather than removing them.

Initially 15 trees, including seven prominent trees on the Dodworth Road side of the park, were identified as a suitable size to be uplifted and replanted within the park prior to any construction works being carried out, 9 of these were successfully relocated. Unfortunately, the other six identified trees on closer inspection on the day proved not viable due to several reasons with roots systems and growth issues.



Above: Two tree lifting machines used



Above: Tree being relocated.



Above: Some of the trees after being relocated.

Therefore, a minimum of 70 semi-mature trees have been identified to replace the 66 trees that have been removed which include a more diverse range of species.

There are currently 239 trees in Penny Pie Park, of which 164 will remain untouched when work to build the gyratory system takes place.

We are committed to there being a minimum of 243 trees in Penny Pie Park after completion of the works with a minimum net gain of 4.

Recycling of play area equipment:

The play equipment from Penny Pie Park is being relocated to other children's play areas within the borough.

The multi-use games area has been relocated to Church View Road, Penistone and the refurbished climbing frame has been installed at Merrill Road, Thurnscoe.



As part of the improvement works at Penny Pie Park, residents and visitors will benefit from a brandnew play area with additional equipment catering for all children - from tots to teens - and a fullsized multi-use games area, alongside the new outdoor fit gym.

Phase 2 Ground works:

Now that tree works have been carried out, works to prepare the ground so it will be strong enough to hold the road and traffic has commenced. This second phase of works is being carried out by GDC Ltd and is expected to last for approximately 20 weeks.

Phase 3 Civil engineering works:

Once the ground preparation work has been carried out, the main civil engineering works will take place onsite for approximately 36 weeks. Most of the works for this scheme will be contained onsite, with works to tie into the current road network scheduled for early 2021.

Landscaping works:

When the civil works are nearly completed, the landscaping works / new tree planting will take place. This will be dependent on the time of year as the planting needs to take place during the planting season to maximise survival rates.

The works will take approximately 12 to 18 months as we need to factor in the timing of the landscaping / tree planting.

Proposed Footbridge:

Ground investigations have been completed on either side of the railway line to assist with the feasibility, design and delivery of the proposed footbridge linking Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor

Recreation Ground. The delivery of the footbridge is subject to the necessary consultation and approvals that will take place in due course.

More information:

Copies of the latest revised plans are also available to view in The Library @ the Lightbox.

Alternatively you can also contact the project team <u>pennypiepark@barnsley.gov.uk</u>.