

A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement Frequently Asked Questions

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Phase 1 - Tree works – now complete:

The first phase has now been completed which includes the below activity.

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.

Therefore, a minimum of 70 semi-mature heavy standard 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.

Phase 1 - Recycling of play area equipment – now complete:

The play equipment from Penny Pie Park has been relocated to other children's play areas within the borough coordinated by BMBC Parks Services:

- The multi-use games area has been relocated to Church View Road, Penistone
- The refurbished climbing frame has been installed at Merrill Road, Thurnscoe.
- The double bay swings have been relocated to Carrfield Recreation Ground, Goldthorpe.
- Other spring / bouncy toddler equipment: The relocation of the smaller items, has been coordinated by BMBC Parks and has been relocated to Scholars Gate play area, Royston.

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

Phase 2 - Ground works – now complete:

Works to prepare the ground so it will be strong enough to hold the road and traffic have now been completed.

Phase 3 - Civil engineering works – in progress:

The award of the main civil engineering works contract is currently being evaluated, it is hoped that this procurement process will be concluded shortly, the results of which will be presented to Cabinet to seek approval to award the contract.

Most of the works for this scheme will be contained onsite, with works to tie into the current road network scheduled for early 2021.

The main works contract is expected to complete Summer 2021 although some of the softer landscaping may follow on in Autumn / Winter 2021 depending on weather conditions and work programme.

Phase 4 - Landscaping works – to be completed:

When the civil works is 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.

Phase 5 - Proposed Footbridge linking Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor Recreation Ground - to be completed:

Ground investigations were 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 planning permission consideration. The planning application for the cycle and footbridge can be found using the following link:

<https://www.applications.barnsley.gov.uk/PlanningExplorerMVC/Home/ApplicationDetails?planningApplicationNumber=2020%2F1038>.

Other Improvements to Pogmoor Recreation Ground and Stock's Lane / Sugden's Recreation Ground:

As part of the A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement other further improvements to Pogmoor Recreation Ground and Stock's Lane / Sugden's Recreation Ground were agreed as part of agreed betterment of facilities in communities near where the new junction would be. These have been coordinated by Barnsley Council Parks Services. These works include the following:

- 30 native species have been planted at Pogmoor Recreation Ground in February
- New flexi-pave footpath installed on Pogmoor Recreation Ground between St. Owens Drive and Glendale Close which completed in February

- A new storage unit placed on Pogmoor Recreation Ground for the football team to utilise as well as benches and dog fouling bins to be installed in the Autumn
- Bulbs (crocus/daffodils) will be planted on Pogmoor Recreation Ground on Stocks Lane along with the new footpath and banking which will be completed in Autumn.
- Upgrading of Sugden's Recreation Ground on Stocks Lane will be upgraded from an EPA (Equipped Play Area) to a NEAP (Neighbourhood Equipped Play Area) which has a wider catchment area of 1000m, as oppose to 400m and has additional 5 new pieces of equipment from 3 to 8 equipment pieces which is due to be completed Summer 2021.

Double bay swings moved to Carrfield Recreation Ground, Goldthorpe



Smaller toddler items moved to Scholars Gate play area, Royston



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 pennypiepark@barnsley.gov.uk.