

A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement

Frequently Asked Questions

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Phase 1 - Tree Works – Now complete

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 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 be completed.

Phase 3 - Civil engineering works – in progress

Following the Scrutiny meeting held on 26th October 2020 which considered the Award of the A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Main Civil Works Contract cabinet report and decision, the preferred civil engineering works contractor has been advised, and the council's legal and procurement teams are working with the preferred contractor to agree the signing of the contract documents.

The contractor is expected to be formally appointed in the new year and will provide a formal works programme. Most of the construction works for this scheme will be contained within the site boundary to create the gyratory, and only when the internal works are complete will the works to tie into the current road network take place.

The main works contract is expected to complete Autumn 2021.

Phase 4 - Landscaping works – to be completed:

The landscaping works / new tree planting will be dependent on the time of year as the planting needs to take place during the planting season to maximise survival rates therefore some of the softer landscaping may follow on in Winter 2021 depending on weather conditions and work programme.

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://wwwapplications.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 BMBC Parks Services. These works include the following:

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

- iii. A new storage unit placed on Pogmoor Recreation Ground for the football team to utilise as well new dual use bins and benches to be installed in the Autumn / Winter 20/21.
- iv. 18,000 bulbs (crocus/daffodils) were planted on Pogmoor Recreation Ground off Glendale Close along with the new footpath and banking which was completed in October.



Bulb planting machine at Pogmoor Recreation Ground planting 18,000 bulbs

- v. 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 with 21 new extra heavy standard trees are to be planted in the new year.

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.