

A628 Dodworth Road / Broadway Junction Improvement

Frequently Asked Questions

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As the above scheme completes the final phase, works include resurfacing both foot and carriageway and pulling through the cabling to connect and synchronise the traffic lights from Dodworth Road to the M1 J37. To enable this to happen the gyratory will be opened in phases that will coincide with the switching on of the new traffic controls during the Spring.

All the updated temporary traffic management announcements can be found on the same webpage under 'temporary traffic management' or go to the link: <https://www.barnsley.gov.uk/services/regeneration/key-projects/m1-junction-37/>

We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we approach the most complex and final phases of works.

Phase		Progress
Phase 1a	Tree Works with the park	Completed – see text below
Phase 1b	Recycling of play area equipment	Completed – see text below
Phase 2	Ground works	Completed – see text below
Phase 3	Civil engineering works	Nearly complete – see text below
Phase 4	Landscaping	Nearly complete – see text below
Phase 5	Proposed Footbridge	To be completed – see text below

Phase 1a - Tree Works within the park: 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.

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 were 239 trees within Penny Pie Park, 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 1b - Recycling of play area equipment – Completed

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.

Penny Pie Park New Play Area

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 including inclusive play from tots to teens, and a full sized multi use games area alongside the recycle and relocated outdoor fit gym.



Above: Main entrance to the play area



Above: Inclusive play slide and in the distance inclusive play natter tube



Above: Inclusive roundabout and toddler swings and right: Inclusive play natter tube and roundabout with turf installation



Above: Inclusive play basket swing and toddler and older swings



Above: Inclusive play roundabout with varying capabilities climbing frames in the background



Above: Seesaw, picnic table and newly planted trees, natter tube and climbing frame.



Above and right: Varying difficulties climbing and right: Reinstalled outdoor gym equipment frame and benches and springer



Above: Brand new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and Right: Side of the MUGA

Phase 2 - Ground works – Completed

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 – Nearly completed

Up to January 2022, most of the construction works for this scheme had been contained within the site boundary to create the gyratory. From January 2022, the scheme will enter the final phases, works have included connecting the existing road to the new gyratory. To enable this to happen the gyratory will be opened in phases that will coincide with the switching on of the new traffic controls during the Spring.

The main works contract is expected to complete in Spring 2022. Further detail of the progress to date is below:

Footpaths

The useability of the area has been increased particularly in the centre of the park now that both hard wearing and softer footpaths have been laid.



Above: Flexipave footpath which run full length North of the park.



Above: Flexipave footpath continued to northeast of Penny Pie Park towards Grosvenor Walk. Newly planted trees in distance.

The flexipave footpath transition to softer varying footpaths towards the original nature area of the park.



Above: Looking towards the play area and right: In the nature area



Above: relocated trees in the nature area and right: newly planted trees

To the southeast of the park, a hard standing footpath has been installed to encourage active travel as well as in preparation for the potential footbridge pedestrian access.



Above: hard standing footpath to the southeast of the park

The main entrance through the centre of the park now has a flexipave footpath meandering through the centre as a cleaner shortcut from Pogmoor Road to Horizon Community College and or Dodworth Road.



Above: Footpath through the middle of the park and above: footpath continued to Pogmoor Road pedestrian crossing and play area.



Above: Flexipave footpath towards the park's main entrance, planted area and plinth in front of the newly clad community cabin.



Above: Flexipave footpath towards main entrance, patio and planted area in front of the newly clad community cabin.

Main Entrances, Railings and Notice Boards

Ornate designs for both the main entrances as well as the play area.



Above: Main entrance gateway Right: Play area main entrance



Above and right: Railings and planting of the Dodworth Road main entrance



Above and right: Railings of the Pogmoor Road crossing



Above: Newly installed notice board at the entrance of the play area

Phase 4 - Landscaping works – Nearly completed

The Penny Pie Park tree and shrub planting commenced in January by Horticon Ltd which is due to complete in April and will be the remaining phase of the A628 Dodworth Road Gyrotory works along with the opening of the gyrotory fully.

The works consist of soft landscaping of shrubs as well as the planting of some 137 extra heavy and heavy standard trees, ranging from native to ornamental which will offer all year-round interest throughout the park area as well as creating a tree lined boulevard on both sides of the newly created northern side of the gyrotory. Please see the progress photos below:

Trees and Shrubs

The remaining areas of the park have had trees and shrubs planted along with wildflowers and grass seeded with the play area being turfed. The trees will be maintained for a minimum of three years to ensure survival. There will also be dog / litter bins and benches within the park.



Above: Newly planted extra heavy standard and heavy standard trees to the north of the park



Above: Extra heavy standard tree lined boulevard around the gyrotory and right: one of the 9 relocated trees



Above: beetle hotels towards Dodworth Road



Above and right: Various extra heavy standard trees

The rest of the park areas will have trees, shrubs, wildflowers or be grassed. The trees will be maintained for a minimum of three years to ensure survival. There will also be dog / litter bins throughout the park.

Community Cabin

The cabin within Penny Pie Park has been cladded and been positioned close to the newly laid paved patio area for a small number of tables and chairs for community events.



Above: newly cladded cabin and right: patio area for a few chairs and tables for community use

Noise Insulation Mitigation Scheme: As per the approved planning condition, work has been ongoing with specialist consultants appointed to assist the team with the requirements of designing a Noise Insulation mitigation scheme that complies with and is in line with the Governments Noise Insulation Regulations 1975 package of measures.

Households that have been identified via the noise modelling work have been contacted and provided with the necessary information. Noise modelling is required to be undertaken once the A628 Gyratory is fully operational and those households that are identified will be contacted again.

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

On Tuesday, 13th April 2021, the Council's Planning Regulatory Board (PRB) resolved to grant the planning application (Ref 2020/1038) for the Provision of new foot and cycle bridge over the existing Barnsley to Huddersfield rail line linking Penny Pie Park to Pogmoor Recreation Ground and associated new footways.

The planning application for the foot/cycle bridge can be found using the following link:

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

Ground investigations have been completed on either side of the railway line to assist with the design and delivery of the proposed footbridge linking Penny Pie Park with Pogmoor Recreation Ground to determine the nature and stability of the ground and the nature of the foundations that would be required to support the bridge.

The project team are currently working with Network Rail to progress the Network Rail internal staged approvals.

A procurement exercise has been carried out for the Penny Pie Park Footbridge and Civils Works contract, and in November 2021 Barnsley Councils Cabinet approved the recommendation to award the contract (Cab.3.11.2021/13). Pre contract award discussions are on-going and it's likely that the contract will be executed Spring 2022.

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 20.



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



Above: Result of the planted bulbs, April 2022.

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 opposed to 400m and has additional 5 new pieces of equipment from 3 to 8 equipment pieces, completed Winter 2021 with 21 new extra heavy standard trees to be planted in the new year.



Above: Inclusive play panels within Sugden's play area



Above: Timber pickup sticks climbing frame and inclusive play basket swing

More information:

You can also contact the project team pennypiepark@barnsley.gov.uk.