



My Ref: FOI 6016
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the improvement works at Royston Park (Royston Welfare Park).

A few months ago, there was a public announcement on facebook highlighting planned improvements and upgrades to local parks, including Royston Park. Prior to this announcement, work had already commenced on upgrading the play area, including the apparent installation of new equipment such as a zip line, swings, and safety surfacing.

However, the work appears to have remained incomplete for a considerable period. I, along with others, have previously raised this issue via social media and was informed that the matter would be referred to the appropriate department. To date, no further updates have been provided.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

- 1. On what date did the improvement works at Royston Park commence?**

12th January 2026

- 2. What is the expected completion date for these works?**

31st May 2026

- 3. What are the reasons for the delay between the commencement and completion of the project?**

Inclement weather at the start of the year.

MUGA refurbishment completed end of March.

Installation of new benches, repainting existing, replacement litter bins, end of March.

Painting of the play equipment to remain, and entrance barriers/fencing early April.

Installation of new items of play equipment, awaiting – replacement clatter bridge for toddler unit, manufacturer sent wrong one, awaiting cable for zip wire – a number of zipwires are being installed across the borough – all frame works are installed. Contractor will install all the cables and seats at same time, and check tensioning before we open the site

Remedial works to Bandstand iron work, imminent.

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Wycliffe House
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SK9 5AF

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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