

<p>London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p>Community Safety, Environment and Residents Services Policy and Accountability Committee</p> <p>18th January 2016</p>	
<p>Wormholt Park Landscape Refurbishment Project 2015-16</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification: For Information</p> <p>Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: Wormholt and White City</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides a progress summary of the landscape improvement works currently taking place at Wormholt Park.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

For the committee to note the work taking place at Wormholt Park.

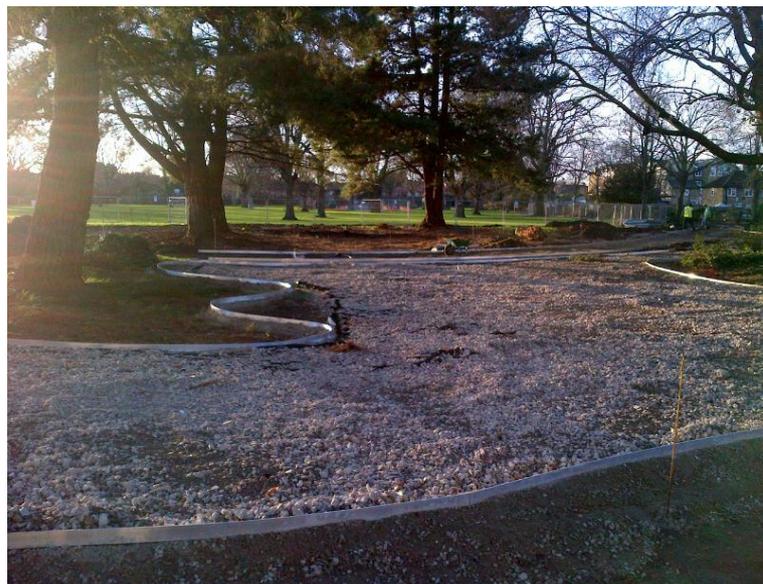
3. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 3.1. The project is currently in week eleven of a 22 week construction programme. Works on site began on 16th October 2015 and are scheduled to be completed by 18th March 2016, weather and contingencies permitting.
- 3.2. Permission to proceed with the contract award was granted by the Cabinet Member for Environment, Leisure and Transport (Councillor Harcourt) on 3rd September 2015 and the CMD report was signed on this date.



Plan of the landscape proposals for Wormholt park

- 3.3. Works started at the Bloom development end of the park and have thus far included thinning out of existing shrub beds, rationalisation of existing shrubs and cultivation of beds in preparation for new planting scheme; excavation and removal of the remains of the Janet Adegoke Centre; and removal of the former tennis court and the over-grown former bowling green.
- 3.4. The contractors are currently constructing the new footpath network, playgrounds and developing the new planting beds at this end of the park.



Edging and sub-base for the new adventure playground.

- 3.5. In mid-January the south west corner of the park will also be fenced off in order for the contractor to begin work on the new park entrance, Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) and footpath works.
- 3.6. Repair works have also started on the boundary railings which will be re-painted in February-March, weather permitting.
- 3.7. Due to wet ground conditions and an unanticipated increase in the lead in time for the play equipment, the project is two weeks behind schedule. However, because of the float built into the original schedule, the contractor is still confident that the works will be completed on time. Project progress meetings take place with between client and contractor once every four weeks and the contractor provides the project manager with a weekly project update by email.
- 3.8. The project is still within budget, however, some unanticipated additional drainage works adjacent to the Bloom development will accrue additional costs (see part 4).

4. RISKS AND ISSUES

- 4.1. Due to the complexity of the works next to the Bloom development and the likelihood of unknown construction issues in this vicinity which could have an impact on the project's schedule and budget, it seemed sensible to start the works at this end of the park.
- 4.2. Items we were concerned about included the nature and extent of the buried remains of the Janet Adegoke Centre and the foundation and ground conditions of the former bowling green. Both these items have involved far more excavation and removal works than had been anticipated and we are very grateful that the contractor has managed to accommodate them within the project's existing budget.
- 4.3. Excavation works have also exposed the concrete slab of the Bloom development's underground car park. The car park was originally within the Bloom's boundary line, but following a land swap to accommodate the construction of the development, the line has been moved east and now a two metre wide strip of the underground car park is within the park's footprint (we are seeking confirmation of permissions for this this from property and legal colleagues).
- 4.4. We are currently trying to ascertain as to why the paving stops short of the full width of the concrete slab. The remaining 1.2m strip has been covered over with a 200mm depth of soil, which is too shallow to plant in and not deep enough to protect the structure itself from possible damage.
- 4.5. The Bloom development also appears to have drainage issues and we are concerned about the amount of water that is collecting on the exposed concrete slab and draining into the park (see photograph below). To avoid delays to the project's programme, the architect has designed a simple soak away drainage

system (which the contractor is producing an estimate for) whilst we seek legal advice.



Water collecting on the exposed concrete slab of the underground car park.

5. CONSULTATION

5.1. Since 2011, a wide range of public consultation events have been carried out by a number of organisations including the council, the Friends of Wormholt Park, Groundwork London and Levitt Bernstein Architects. These have included:

- Friends of Wormholt Park, Survey of Park Users – July 2011
- Groundwork West London – Stakeholders Survey and Report, funded by LBHF and the Big Lottery - September 2011.
- Levitt Bernstein, Stakeholders Survey – August 2012.
- LBHF Online Survey – 10th-29th October 2012.
- Levitt Bernstein, Display of plans and illustrations of proposals for the park, Wormholt Village Fair – 5th July 2014.
- Levitt Bernstein / LBHF regular design review meetings with the Friends of Wormholt Park 2011 – ongoing.
- Levitt Bernstein / LBHF, Final Public Consultation Meeting – 18th August 2014.

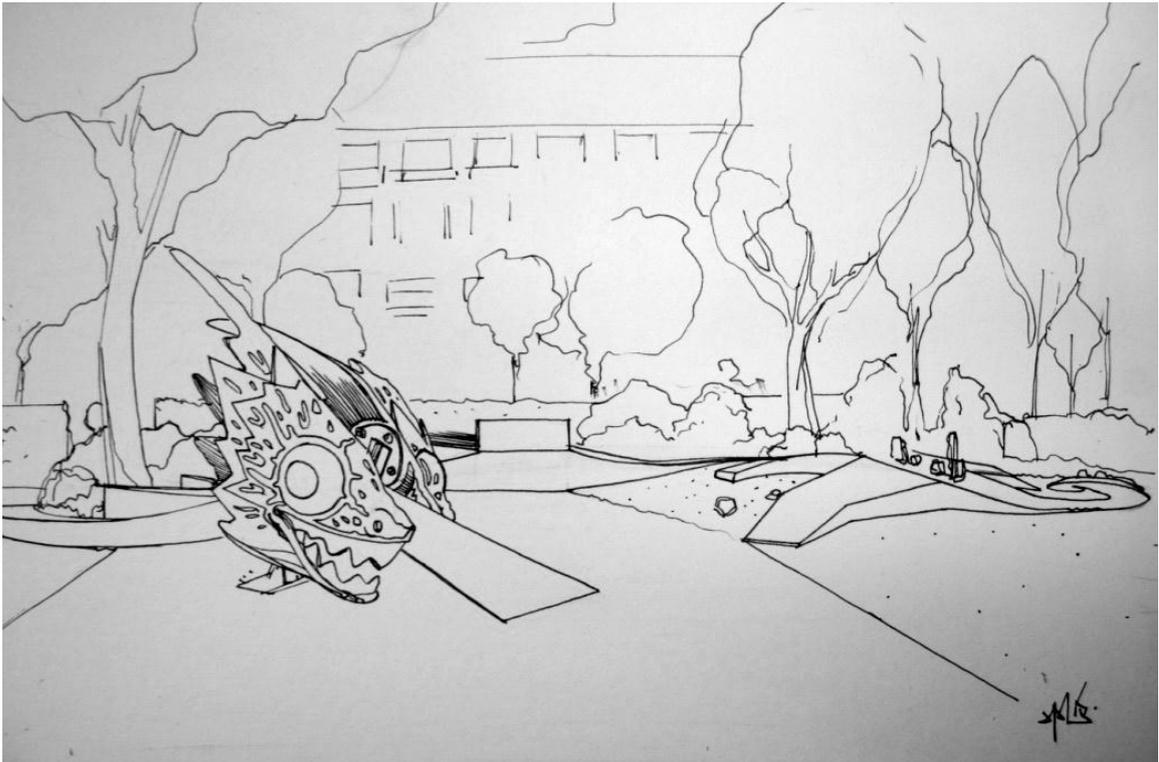
5.2. Stakeholders include regular park users, parks police, community and residential groups, Friends of Wormholt Park, Hammersmith and Fulham disability forum, Wormholt Primary, Canberra Primary and Phoenix High School, Parents Active and Mencap.

5.3. Community involvement remains strong even after the initial project establishment period. Currently we have three project elements with active public engagement:

5.3.1. Working with a wide range of stake holders including the Friends of Wormholt Park (FOWP) and Wormholt Residents Association, a Stage Two Expression of

Interest for funding for the proposed tennis court was submitted to Sports England on 11th of November. We will hear the outcome on the 8th of January 2016.

- 5.3.2. Hayley Wedgebury, a parent linked to the Parents Active group is currently fundraising for a wheelchair swing for one of the playgrounds.
- 5.3.3. Following a design competition at Wormholt Primary School, we are pleased to report that we are now in the process of commissioning artist and sculptor Joel Parks to create the winning Wormholt Dragon play sculpture for the under-fives playground.



Artist's impression of the Wormholt Park Dragon play sculpture

The sculpture will be made from beach tree trunk sections and decorated with pewter and coloured acrylics. Not only is Joel a very talented artist, but he is also a local resident and is very keen to be involved in his local park. West London Housing Partnership has contributed £5000 towards the cost of the artwork.

- 5.4. The FOWP are currently looking at Western Riverside Environmental Funding for possible wildlife projects such as community bulb planting event, creation of a wildlife corridor along the parks western boundary and other wild life ideas.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

No	Description of background papers	Name and number of holder of file/copy	Department/ location
1	N/A		