

NORTHALA FIELDS

Works progressing despite difficult winter weather

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Construction work continues on the £5.5 million regeneration of 'Northala Fields', the former Kensington and Chelsea Playing Fields. Work started on the site in August 2004 and is expected to finish this summer.

Only 500 truck loads of waste (uncontaminated material) are required to complete the park. Currently we anticipate the tip opening after Easter, for a few weeks. To date recent works have been concentrating on the Kensington Road entrances, car park and the planting of trees and shrubs.

Focal Core and Park Building

In last December's newsletter, a concept for the focal core area was developed by the projects Landscape Architects, LDA Design. A budget of £140,000 has been agreed to for the focal core area located south of Mounds 1 and 2 and north of the six fishing lakes.

The focal core landscape work will be implemented by CJ Pryors and Swift Landscapes, as an extension to their current contract. The works will take place over the next few months in time for the park to open in late summer.

As well as the focal core area, £163,000 has been allocated for a Northala Fields building with the primary focus to provide a fishing bailliff area with store, cafe/shop area, three public toilets and a covered outside cafe/education/teaching space with extended terrace. The building will not be operational until early next year and details will be provided in the summer newsletter.



Above: One of two snow 'dumps', on 24th January 2007, taken from the A40 Slip Road heading east. Mounds 2, 3 and 4 in the background.

Below: One of six fishing lakes with recycled plastic fishing platforms and tree planting surrounding the lakes. Mounds 2 and 3 in the background.



Below: Construction of Kensington Road carpark pedestrian and vehicle entrance. Mounds 3 and 4 in the background.

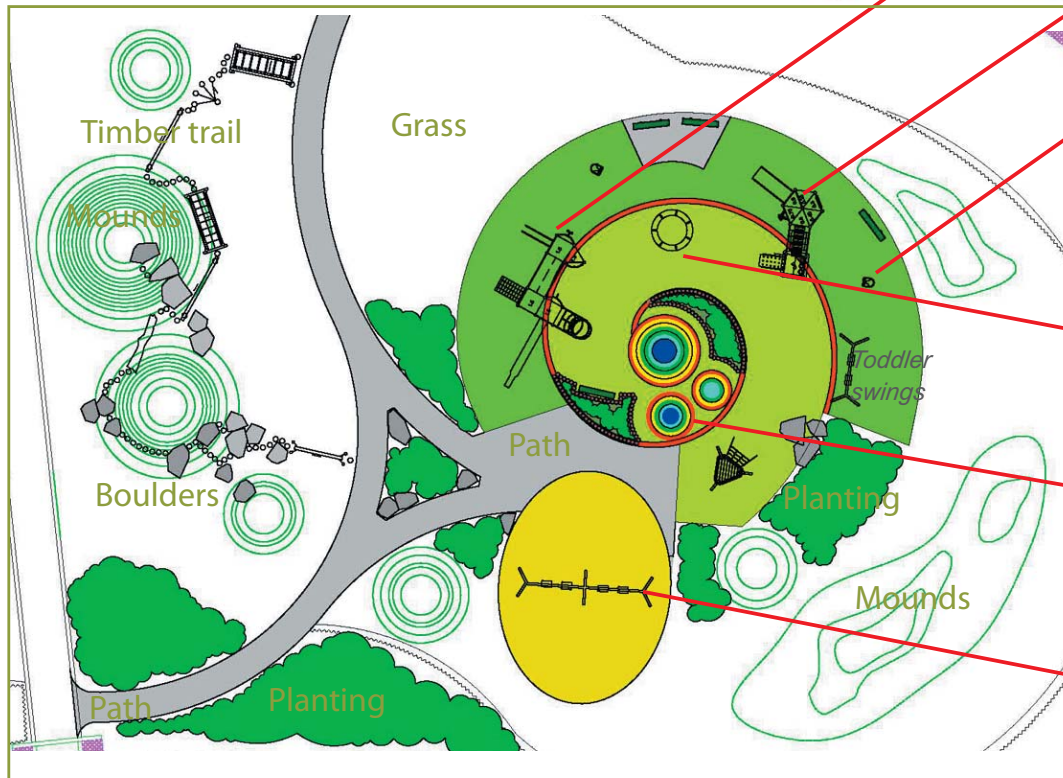
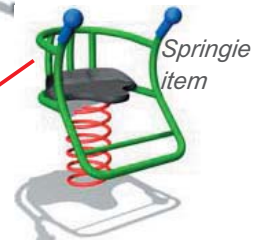
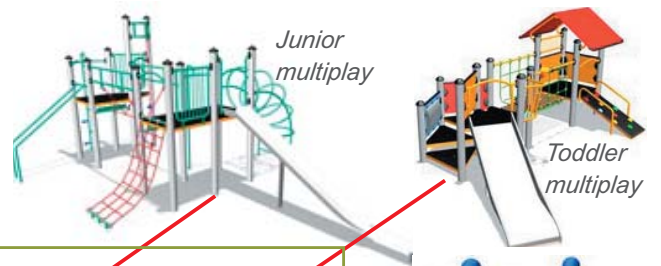


Dolphin Road play space concept design

Ealing Council is proposing to install a new play area as part of the Northala Fields development. (Refer to plan below)

The play area is for children up to 14 years of age and is to be located adjacent to Kensington and Dolphin Roads in the corner of the park. This location was agreed following public consultation in 2000-2002. Local residents felt that including a new play area in this location was easily accessible for Smiths Farm Estate residents and those who live in the Dolphin Road area.

As well as traditional fixed play equipment the play area will also incorporate colourful wetpour rubber safety surfacing mounds, site furniture, grass mounds, planting and other natural features. The playground surface design will be designed by Petts Hill Primary School children.



Further project information:

For more information or to raise any concerns please phone: **0208 836 3961**

This is the site office compound phone number and is accessible during working hours. After hours please phone and leave a message and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Easter shut down

The site will be closed during the Easter period from Thursday 5th April until Tuesday 10th April 2007.

