

St Matthews and Birchills-Leamore LNP
Transforming Your Space Programme - Project Update

Caldmore Junior School Multi-Sports Facility

Work on the project is well underway, however due to weather conditions there has been a delay in the overall completion. The majority of work including the fencing and spectators area will be complete by the end of January 2005 but the safety surfacing cannot be laid until March 2005 as this is temperature dependent. Once the surfacing is in place the project will be complete, however, the facility will be usable once the remaining work has been completed by the end of January.

Walsall District and Town Centre Project.

The schemes within this overall project that fall into the LNP's area other than the youth facility at Beechdale Park are Reedswood Park and WS2 Skatepark. The new facilities provided at the skatepark are ready to be used by the community. Completion of the scheme at Reedswood Park has been delayed slightly due to minor vandalism; however, the work is due to be complete in mid-January 2005.

Beechdale Park Environmental Improvements Project

Consultation for the environmental improvements proposed for Beechdale Park is now underway. The details for the Safe Routes to School element of the project are being developed with Frank F Harrison School and are nearing completion. The works planned for the Brook require planning permission and it is anticipated that this will be submitted in March 2005. The consultation for the project (except the statutory consultation undertaken for a planning application) is likely to be completed by the end of February 2005. This will include the residents surrounding the site, users of the Park and the LNP.

Beechdale Park Youth Improvements

Phase 1 of the work has now been completed to remove the old play area base and to re level the site in readiness for the area to be reseeded in March 2005 (please refer to *fig 1*)

The proposals for phase 2 included installing a new grass multi use games area on the site of the old play area (please refer to *fig 2*). However, after a recent meeting with the BCHA, it was decided that further consultation with residents needed to take place around Beechdale Park. Therefore 170 letters have been delivered to a selection of Beechdale residents, whose properties are near to the site, informing them of the work already carried out and the proposed improved facilities which will take place in March 2005. We have asked residents to contact us if they have any queries regarding the proposed project, and have informed them that these proposals will be taken to the next LNP meeting on the 18th January, along with any feedback we receive from residents.

FIG 1

Beechdale Park

Phase 1 (Work Completed November 2004)

Work began in November 2004 to remove the old play area base and re-level the site in readiness for the area to be reseeded in March 2005.

Before



After



In addition a programme of shrub thinning works is to be undertaken early in the New Year to improve sight lines and public views across the site.

FIG 2

Beechdale Park

Phase 2 (Due to Commence in March 2004)

Work is due to begin during March 2004 to install a new grass multi use games area on the site of the old play area through the installation of a new multi sports basketball and football goal ends (similar to those show below)

