

Collinson Park Land Drainage Works update

We are aware of the current problem in Collinson Park caused by our project to significantly improve the drainage of the site and reduce the mud during wet weather. We are sorry for the disruption this has caused and we would like to explain what has happened and where we are.

We have been aware that some areas within Collinson Park have over the past recent years been becoming muddier and more waterlogged earlier in the Autumn and later in the Spring which makes them unsuitable for use.

It's also made it difficult for our Grounds Maintenance Contractor to get on to do his last cuts at the end of the Autumn and his first cut in the Spring, which then also causes problems with the quality of the turf maintenance.

The existing land drainage system was installed about 15 years ago and has been gradually deteriorating and is no longer working efficiently; which we confirmed by camera survey.

To solve the problem we took the decision to fund the cost of new land drainage which replaces the existing drainage and also improve its coverage.

We didn't want to disrupt the use of the Park in peak usage season in the Summer and Autumn and took the decision to do the work in October when weather conditions and sub soil conditions are generally fairly dry and once the Schools had gone back and overall use is reduced.

Work began in October as planned and underground works were largely complete when the site was affected by heavy rain over a prolonged period . This has prevented completion of the work and in particular full restoration of the grass surface.

The contractor has returned to site to complete filling of the drainage trenches and remove trip hazards. General tidying has also been completed. However, it is not yet possible to complete surface reinstatement and reseeding at the moment. These works will be completed as soon as possible once the surface is sufficiently firm.,

The fact that we do now have improved land drainage which is working means the site will dry out quicker than it would have done previously.

Meantime the toddlers play area, the areas around the Teen Shelter and the orange swing are available for use.

We do understand that residents are concerned about the current appearance of the park and we will get the site restored as soon as we can. We're sorry that this is testing everyone's patience.