

# Ruskin Park Capital Works Project

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# Project Context

## Informed by / key inputs

- Ruskin Park Masterplan Strategy (2019) (link - [Park Improvements – Friends of Ruskin Park](#))
- Budget £950k allocation, unless additional funding can be confirmed (Capital Investment Plan June 2020 (CIP), and Parks Capital Plan published September 2021)
- List of priorities will outstrip budget

## Decision Making

- All key decisions - steering group, including ward councillors and FORP and parks operation
- Control / release of funding
- Membership - Friends of Ruskin Park (*Lucy Hadfield, Chris Norris & Kate Malleson*), Ward Members (*Cllrs Dickson, George & Thackray*), a Parks Officer (*Tom Smith*), the area Tree Officer (*Philip Louis*), the Parks Operations Manager (*Kevin Wallace*) and the PM from the Capital Studio.

## Engagement

- Key milestones and key components, driven by steer from FORP and Parks

# Principles for the future of Ruskin Park

From the Ruskin Park Masterplan, central to outcomes of the investment:

- Enhance and Maintain
- Legible, Accessible and Safe
- Engaging and Joyful

# Priorities

## Paddling Pool and Playground

- Improvement works to the paddling pool. This project will be wholly or largely funded from FoRP fundraising, grants and sponsorship.
- Procure an integrated design and build package for an enlarged play area including equipment for older children, incorporating the existing footprint and the current basketball area. Works to include entrance to play area and access arrangements overall.

## Sports facilities

- Commission a detailed design for the existing Redgra pitch based on accommodating a new all-weather football pitch.
- Commission construction of a new basketball court once the Redgra re-design is complete, in order to facilitate the play area works.



## **Refurbishment of Toilet Block and Refreshment Kiosk**

- Commission refurbishment of both toilet blocks – primarily installation of new fixtures and fittings to improve hygiene, e.g. sensor flushes and taps; toilets with integral seats.
- Commission modest refurbishment of refreshment kiosk.

## **Resurfacing and Fencing works**

- Identify any additional funding available for resurfacing internal roads and path. Commission priority resurfacing works – exact elements to be determined by Steering Group.
- Agree specification with Steering Group and commission improvement works to Northway Road entrance to make it more attractive and welcoming.
- Commission any changes to internal fencing and dog free areas agreed by Steering Group following public consultation.

## **Lamp Column Repairs**

- Bring the existing lamp columns on main East-West path back into operational use and integrate into PFI lighting contract if possible.

## **Drainage**

- Clarify any drainage and water supply issues which need resolving; undertake remedial works

## **Wayfinding/Signage**

- Cost the replacement or improvement of all signage, interpretation and wayfinding features; and commission works agreed by Steering Group if budget allows.

## **Heritage funding**

- Investigate feasibility of an external funding bid to the National Lottery Community Fund for a specific geographical section of the park, supported by a Conservation Plan. The exact nature of this bid will be determined once we have a clear way forward for restoration of the Stable Block.