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 AlderHeyHospital

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Following planning permission we have been able to update imagery of the park to include its key features including the MUGA, reserve football pitches and the new children's playground.



Alder Hey and Liverpool Council Host Community Days



Thank you to those who came to our community days in November. It was great to speak to local residents and councillors about the plans for the Alder Hey campus and to talk about Springfield Park. We received some really valuable feedback on both. Thank you.

Questions were raised about the need for better communication, closer working with community groups, and about some of the park features including the football pitches, MUGA, drainage and lighting. We will continue to provide updates on these areas when we can via our newsletter and on our website www.alderhey.nhs.uk.

We heard and accept concerns about the delay in the development of the park and the handover to Liverpool City Council. This has been a complex project and progress was slowed due to delays in completion of some buildings. But we accept the depth of frustration this has led to. We are sorry there has been a delay in handing back the park. Our commitment remains to work with the community to create a fantastic park.



Get Involved! Help us develop a park that's right for you!

Contact SpringfieldPark@alderhey.nhs.uk

Visit www.alderhey.nhs.uk for news about Alder Hey and Springfield Park!

MUGA Update

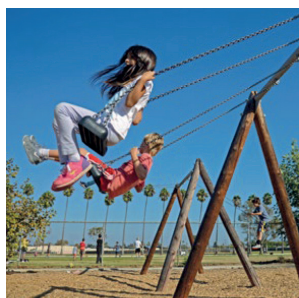
Work is continuing at pace on the Multi Use Games Area. MUGA construction will complete by the end of December 2022, with lighting being installed and connected in the new year.

Ongoing Care

We are continuing to support maintenance of the parkland returned as part of Phase 1. There have been some environmental challenges resulting in waterlogging and poor grass quality in some areas of the park. There will be independent inspections and a design review to ensure these issues are addressed.



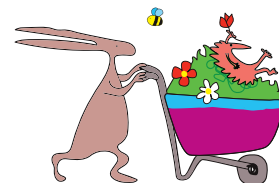
New Play Area Set to Start Soon!



Following demolition of the old Catkin building in the new year, work will begin on the remaining parkland. This includes the creation of a new children's play area featuring some of the equipment pictured above.

The wheelchair access seesaw kindly donated by Friends of Springfield Park will be relocated from the old playground to sit alongside additional accessible equipment within the new play area.

Planting in the Park



A wide variety of trees, plants, wildflower meadows, swales and other features will create different habitats and ecosystems within the Park, increasing both biodiversity and the health of local wildlife.

167 new trees will be planted, including 15 different tree species that will support native plants, insects, birds and other animals. Some will be great sources for pollinators, others caterpillar food sources for threatened butterflies. The trees will provide wonderful spring blossom, autumnal colour and winter nuts, catkins, peeling bark and berries.

Woodland areas, wildflower meadows and swales will provide shaded areas perfect for hedgehogs, bats, birds, insects and fungi. Nectar-rich plant species from a wide-range of flower types will attract butterfly and bee species. A wide variety of plants alongside vegetated swale and other wildlife features (rotting wood piles, bare soil, depressions and temporary pool areas) will provide food sources for caterpillars, nectar-rich planting, fruit bearing plants, winter seedheads, foraging areas, nesting sites, animal shelters and perches.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the new year!

