

IMPROVEMENTS TO STURGESS PARK – WE WANT TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

The owners of Brent Cross Shopping Centre are proposing a number of improvements to Sturgess Park as part of the redevelopment plan for the Shopping Centre: more play and seating areas for young and old, improved pedestrian access and new fencing.

New Park Fencing

The existing closeboard fence along the eastern boundary of the park will be removed to improve light and visibility into the park from the road. The closeboard fence will be replaced with new park railings. A new hedge will be planted along the western boundary to provide improved screening and security to the adjacent residential properties in this location.

Central Seating Area

A new central seating area will be provided, easily accessible from the main routes through the park. There will be generous seating provision, and a new canopy to provide a focus to this new community space.

Toddler Play Area

The children's play area for 1-5 years old is to be significantly improved and relocated to the south of the existing main path, where it will be easily accessible, and partly enclosed by existing trees, and a new fence and hedge. There will be a variety of play equipment provided for this age group, with a seating terrace and embankment slide to be provided to take advantage of the existing low embankment to the south of the play area.



Planting

Existing trees will be retained wherever possible. A number of existing trees will be removed, because these are dead, diseased or dying, and are therefore unsafe. The trees removed will be replaced by new tree planting where appropriate without overshadowing the park.

Youth Activity Area

A new youth activity area is to be created in the northern area of the park. This space is intended to be multifunctional, and could provide opportunities for basketball, informal football activities and skate boarding.

Play Space 5-12 years

A new play space for children aged 5-12 years is to be provided in the heart of the park, with good access to all sides. This space will provide for multipurpose play equipment, with slides, swings and climbing nets. There will be generous seating throughout.

New link to the South

A new pedestrian and cycleway link is to be provided in the south west corner of the park which will connect it more directly with the pedestrian routes to the south, and onwards to the new River Park to the southwest.

If you would like to suggest other ideas, please let us know. Subject to Barnet Council's agreement, the improvement works should be carried out during 2018.

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