

ALEXANDER STADIUM LEGACY, AND PERRY PARK ENHANCEMENT WORKS

Frequently Asked Questions and Further Information

What are the proposals for the north-west corner of the site in the area of the throws field? Will this area be publicly accessible?

It is proposed that a permanent fence line is installed around the warm-up track, throws field, beach volleyball facility, and main stadium bowl to secure the site.

The throws field cages would be fenced off permanently for security and safety reasons. However, this fence line would include a gate to allow public access to the throws field when not in use for throws. This gate would be locked when the throws field is in use to ensure the safety of park users. Advance notice regarding the closure of this area would be provided. If funds allow, we are also proposing to install a new beach volleyball facility, associated seating, and security fencing to enhance and diversify the sports and leisure offer for the community, visitors and athletes.

What is the rationale for the beach volleyball courts? Can the beach volleyball facility be moved elsewhere?

A beach volleyball facility is proposed, with associated seating and security fencing to enhance and diversify the sports and leisure offer for the community, visitors and athletes. This is subject to funding being secured but if funds allow it is intended to utilise sand reclaimed from the Games-time city centre venue at Smithfield, as part of a collaboration with Volleyball England.

The beach volleyball facility is proposed in the area shown on the masterplan as this area was not appropriate for use by pedestrians previously, due to the varying ground levels. This area also allows volleyball players access to changing and toilet facilities from the main community leisure centre at the GMAC.

Birmingham City Council welcomes feedback on the beach volleyball facility

What are the proposals for the children’s play area? What equipment will be provided? Where will this be located?

A new play facility is proposed, suitable for different age groups and abilities, as shown on the masterplan. We’d welcome your views on the location of this facility.

The exact equipment to be included in the children’s play area will be considered as part of the ongoing development of the design. Please refer to the pamphlet available for illustrative examples of the type and scale of play equipment we are considering within the play area.

So that we can ensure a fantastic play experience for all, we want to know your thoughts. Feedback will be considered in the ongoing development of the design, prior to the planning application being submitted.

What is the purpose of the oval-shaped ‘hub’ in the middle of the park?

The oval shaped design shown as point 3 on the masterplan is intended to provide a focal point within the park and create a destination ‘hub’ for all users of the park. This area is proposed to include a new café facility, play facility and associated car parking. This area is also proposed to link to the running and walking trails to formalise the existing routes and enhance accessibility. The oval track is a 400-meter informal track that users of the park can enjoy.

Why is the L-Shaped Road section of the former spectator transport mall being retained?

It is proposed that the L-shaped road is retained to provide vehicular access into Perry Park during major events only. When events are not being held, the route will not allow vehicular access and it will be dedicated for use by pedestrians, cyclists and park users.

The surface of this road, including whether it will remain as tarmac, is currently being considered as part of the ongoing development of the design.

What are the proposals for lighting?

Lighting to the throws field is proposed to improve usability of this area when in use for throws. Additional lighting within Perry Park is also proposed to improve safety and wayfinding.

A separate planning application will be submitted to Birmingham City Council’s planning department regarding the final adjustments to the legacy lighting solution in the main Stadium bowl, including the associated steel frames used to support lighting and cameras during major events (‘catenary structures’).

Further details on this separate planning application will be communicated late summer 2023.

A Lighting Assessment will be undertaken and submitted as part of this additional planning application, and available to view on the City Council’s website.

What are the proposals for the Northern Plaza area and the new access point to the canal? Will this allow disabled access?

We are proposing to re-design the Northern Plaza (the area between the canal and Stadium bowl). This will involve informal parkland planting with pathway linkages to the wider park, whilst still retaining a flexible and secure space which can be temporarily used for events or sports infrastructure.

It is also proposed to improve the access to the Tame Valley Canal in this area, by providing a new pedestrian connection from the park to the canal towpath. Please refer to number 14 on the masterplan for the proposed location of this connection.

Whilst there is a gradient in this location, design of the new access point to the canal will align with accessibility requirements.