# B2022 Legacy Proposals, Boldmere Gate (Sutton Park)

FAQ

1. Why was Sutton Park selected for the Commonwealth Games triathlon event?
* Options appraisal considered all suitable sites in Birmingham. Only Boldmere Gate fulfilled all the requirements for the triathlon event
1. What are the legacy benefits of the proposals?
* Improving the threshold at this location will deliver a more appropriate first impression and visitor welcome to Sutton Park reflecting its unique status as a National Nature Reserve, Site of Special Scientific Interest and Historic landscape as well as a local amenity; and now a commonwealth games venue as well
* The preparations required to enable the Games to meet the international triathlon standards at the site will result in:
	+ A tangible legacy of a world event, with:
		- Improve the site’s scope for use as a multi-purpose events space
		- Improved hard standing surface area
		- New entrance point to the events hard standing area
		- Improved accessibility.
1. When is the triathlon?
* The triathlon event will be held over 29th and 31st July 2022.
1. Where’s the money coming from for the works?
* Funding for the legacy project comes from the previously-agreed Games budget (specifically from the 25 per cent being contributed by the city council and other regional partners).
1. What will be the impact on surrounding roads?
* The landscaping work on the legacy events space will not impact surrounding roads, however local roads will be impacted by the triathlon event (details to follow closer to Games time).
1. When are the works due to commence and how long will the Boldmere Gate car park be unavailable?
* Construction works on site will begin in May 2021 and end August 2021.
* The car park will be unavailable for up to 14 weeks, however access to the park via Boldmere Gate will remain available.
1. What checks and balances will be in place to ensure the works are completed in a way that reflects Sutton Park’s special heritage e.g. as a Site of Special Scientific Interest?
* Consultation will take place with the statutory bodies (Natural England and Historic England) and their approval sought before works takes place
* A full planning application will be submitted and any requirements as part of the planning process will be completed
* Environmentally friendly materials will be used
* All care taken to ensure works consider the site’s special heritage status.
1. What engagement/consultation are you undertaking?
* As part of the planning application for the legacy works, a consultation will take place with stakeholders and members of the public, including:
	+ Presentation at Vesey Ward Meeting
	+ Direct mail
	+ BeHeard questionnaire (www.birminghambeheard.org.uk)
	+ Meetings with statutory agencies and key stakeholders e.g. Sutton Town Council and Sutton Park Advisory Committee.
1. Will I still be able to use the Miller & Carter restaurant and car park?
* The Miller & Carter restaurant will remain open during the project works, which will take place over the summer of 2021.
1. Will I still be able to access the Sea Scouts/Sea Cadets buildings?
* Yes, though at times vehicle access might be limited. Signage will be located on site.
1. Will access to the park via Boldmere Gate be restricted during the works?
* Yes, for health and safety reasons, but with most work activity taking place during normal working hours, this means evenings and weekends will be less affected. All the other parks sites and gates will be unaffected.
1. Is this linked to the proposed car park charging project?
* No. There is no connection between the Games and any previous BCC proposal.