

SERVICE UPDATE

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<u>Title of Update:</u>	Progress report for Hazlehead Play Park
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UPDATE:

This is an update to confirm that works are progressing on track to install the new destination play park at Hazlehead Park. This play park is being created on the site of the former play park which has been totally removed with some equipment being recycled / repurposed to other parks within the city. The project aim is to improve the play provision with more inclusive play items.

This project is funded through the Council's Condition and Suitability Capital expenditure (£100,000.00) and Scottish Government Play Area Grant (£900,000.00).

The new play park will provide a wide range of equipment, the highlights are:

- An 11-meter-high tower with tube slide.
- A fully accessible play tower where those with mobility difficulties can access. Having an accessible park was a key design aspect of the project.
- A zone sectioned off within the shrubs for a more natural play element to the space. The former site had many informal paths through the bushes therefore we would look to retain this option.
- A toddler zone for younger ones and families. There are many family groups who visit the site.
- An interactive unit spaced away from other items to allow for a quieter social play. This is targeted at those with additional support needs so they can attend the site but also have a space to meet their needs.
- A wide range of smaller play items so everyone has something to play with. There is musical items, interactive panels, games / puzzles, and bright and colourful features.

As well as the play equipment, significant drainage upgrades have taken place. The space has been designed to ensure that it can cope with flash floods that are getting more frequent due to climate change.

As of 13/05/2024, 65% of the new equipment has now been installed with the remaining equipment scheduled to go in over the next few weeks. Once this is complete, new safety surfacing will be installed. The works are slightly ahead of schedule with our target to be open the play area on the 1st weekend of July.



Large tower – more challenging unit with tube slide for older age ranges.



Accessible unit centre tower – smaller slides for all age ranges.



Accessible unit – wide access to allow those of all abilities to take part in play.



Accessible unit – wide access to allow those of all abilities to take part in play (alternative view)



Views from the top of the main tower unit.



The equipment has interactive and addition play points throughout the site.