

Golden Lane Playground Refurbishment

Barbican and Golden Lane Area Enhancement Strategy



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Project's Overall Programme:

- Site establishment: complete
- Drainage excavation works: complete
- Install screed to create drainage falls, incl. curing: complete
- Install new blockwork to create contours and foundations: complete
- Install Leca (infill) up to the level of footings to enable laying of bespoke stonework: ongoing
- Offsite manufacturing of bespoke metal railings and gates: ongoing
- Offsite manufacturing of bespoke slides and metal play elements: ongoing
- Install ductwork and set-up electrical connections: complete
- Install foundations for play equipment, street furniture and bespoke stone boulders: 04.09.2017 – 08.09.2017
- Installation of bespoke stone boulders as and when delivered: 18.09.2017 – 3.11.2017
- Complete infill (Leca) to finalise contours: 30.10.2017 – 03.11.2017
- Pour concrete slab over Leca: 06.11.2017 – 09.11.2017
- Installation of play equipment, street furniture and railings: 23.10.2017 – 09.11.2017
- Install rubbercrumb: 31.10.2017 – 09.11.2017

Project update:

Following extensive drainage investigations, officers have reviewed the design of the structural build-up in liaison with consultants and main contractor in order to provide a drainage design that can better cope with the existing drainage constraints. The new build-up design led to further revisions to structural foundations of all play elements, furniture and all individual stones.

The screed to the structural concrete slab was installed as well as all the foundation block work walls. The structural infill build up is nearing completion and all electrical ductwork and connections have been installed.

The offsite manufacturing of bespoke railings, metal and reconstituted timber play elements began in July.

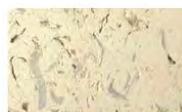
Orders have been put in for the bespoke stone; however due to the depletion of the Purbeck quarry, an alternative similar stone (Portland Roach) has been sourced and approved by City planners. Please see below revised palette.



*Existing wall
concrete
cleaned and
made good*



*Caithness
natural stone*



*Portland
Roach natural
stone*



*Doddington
natural stone*



*Impact
absorbing
surfacing*



*Ecodeck reconstituted
timber with subtle
colour variations in a
dark grey range.*

We have been advised by the main contractor that the lead-in times from some of the quarries are greater than originally advised. This takes the project completion into November and impacts the programme creating short periods during which the site could be idle.

As advised by some residents to resume the design of the new mural once the new playground shows its new contours and shapes; we are planning to run community interactive workshops during half-term. We also hope to provide community planting workshops. Details for both types of activities will be provided in next month's newsletter.

The architectural salvage pieces below have also been purchased to be laid with the rest of the stone boulders as per the approved general arrangement plan.



Saddle stone



*English weathered
limestone pedimented gate
pier caps (Victorian)*



*Stone pedestal (circ. 19th
century)*



*Salvaged pair of fluted
decorative stones (possibly used
previously as beam bases in a
medieval cart shed)*

Work planned to be undertaken in the next month:

- Finalise installation of Leca (infill) up to the level of footings to enable laying of bespoke stonework;
- Offsite manufacturing of bespoke metal railings and gates: ongoing
- Offsite manufacturing of bespoke slides and metal play elements: ongoing

Working hours:

The hours agreed with the City's Environmental Health Officer are set out below and in line with guidelines for works in residential areas:

- **08:00 to 16:00hrs Monday to Friday**
- **Restrictions on noisy works from 08:00 to 09:00, and from 12:00 to 14:00hrs**

Please note that officers have minimised noise disruption by containing most of the noisiest works related to stone cutting and core-drilling as well as steel cutting off-site.

No Saturday working is planned in the next month.

Access:

Impact on pedestrian access to the Golden Lane Baggers area and the Ralph Perring Centre will be minimum in the next month. Minor disruptions may occur when materials are brought to site from the compound, but pedestrian access will be maintained safely at all times.

Site photos:

1/ Block work walls installs to create contours of new design



2/ Structural build-up nearing completion



Contact information

Every effort is being made to keep disruption to a minimum. If you have any queries or require any further information please contact the project manager, Leila Ben-Hassel by email: Leila.ben-hassel@cityoflondon.gov.uk.

Any out of hours emergencies can be reported on Ground Control's Out of Hours number: 0800 334 5606

Thank you for your co-operation whilst these works are being undertaken