

Spine Road

Although the spine road has been signed off, the consortium will not open until they have received all the relevant physical paperwork, remaining fencing/rubbish will be removed immediately. The consortium will continue to maintain this road for another 6 months to oversee remedial works before it is likely to be adopted by NCC.

Sir Bobby Robson Way

A section of Sir Bobby Robson way is a bus only route, headed towards Park & Ride, this has always been the case from planning. New signs to remind residents that this is not a through road have been erected with enforcement cameras the next stage.

There has been an increase in ESH Plaza staff parking along SBW too. ManCo have been targeting and monitoring cars and businesses from ESH and will move to consider private parking enforcement. Changes to the road (ie double yellows) are sadly not an option until the road is adopted.

Park and Ride

This site will reopen in a few weeks when repairs and landscaping are complete. It is hoped that families will also use it to park and walk to the schools within Great Park

Accessibility compliance to playparks

With the backing of families on the estate, GPNA having been pushing for accessibility reviews on all playparks on GP. Additionally, the consortium have received communications via Catherine McKinell MP and a holding letter has been issued to pick up with her to discuss next steps. The families & GPNA will await communications from Catherine and continue to use her position to push for accessibility to be a key consideration to the development of this estate.

Q3 feedback

ManCo can report receiving a significant increase in communications around the Q3 and we would like to thank residents for persisting in communicating their experiences. The main themes are challenges around scholars, full buses and punctuality. As frustrating as it is to hear, driver shortages are proving a challenge across the North East but this wont deter us from continuing to challenge for change and improvements. Upcoming meeting will discuss:

- GPNA/TPS to discuss upcoming deployment of travel survey and sustainable travel options.
- Alternative routes in/out GP such as Newcastle via Kingston Park.
- Alternative services that miss out Jesmond.

Please continue to forward issues/concerns to both NGP Management Company and Go North East hello@gonortheast.co.uk & (ngpwebsite@newcastlegreatpark.com)

Town Centre repairs.

GPNA have kept pursuing a repair to the town centre renders, particularly Middleton North & South. We understand that there is commitment to complete this work with quotes now coming for rendering repair and reseal. This work would be funded by Bernicia and the Consortium. ManCo are on board with urgency to redress the unsightly state it is currently in.

Retail update

Some recent withdrawal of interest in units have been for individual operator reasons. However, there have been positive discussions with previously interested parties in the microbrewery with ManCo still negotiating. There are X3 active units going through pre-planning, with positive discussions with a bistro provider/café and an Italian restaurant operator. The Soft play continues in advanced planning, requiring acoustic survey. We understand there is also early interest in a craft shop operation.

ManCo discussed some positive contingency plans to attract more interest in the units including contract negotiations and reduction in unit sizes.

Morrisons have indicated a Quarter 1 opening timeframe for next year, the likelihood of physical store opening seems realistic nearer to or around Easter 2023.

Speed monitoring update

ManCo continues to collate speed updates across the park and engage with ManCo to monitor hotspots across the park. GPNA will offer advice for next positions of cameras.

Bridge between Greenside and Brunton update

The Consortium's technical team have carried out a site visit to the location on the plan GPNA provided and are in the process of put together a new remedial list. They are a looking to carry out the path works at the same time as the bridges.

Unfinished paths/routes update

A new project engineer in post for consortium how is completing a new schedule of work. GPNA have requested an update of planned works to be shared with residents when available.

Costs for gritting update

With landscaper (IDM) to raise a cost as well as the council.

Adoption of green spaces

A new Director for ManCo is coming to post soon so adoption signs off will take place when in place. GPNA and ManCo to coproduce a guide to adoptions.

Service Charges

Signed off by accountant and will be issued to residents by end of October. For any new or existing residents that are still unsure about the service charge on the estate please visit:
www.newcastlegreatpark.com/estate-management

Crime

Reporting of crimes/potential crimes. There is an unsettling increase of criminal activity in Great Park. From conversation, ManCo have attended meetings where areas of Great Park have been raised via Northumbria Police, this is reassuring that we are on NP agenda. ManCo to reach out to assigned officers to estate to ensure regular dialogue and information sharing with residents. GPNA will provide updates when we have them.

There have been several recent updates via NGP Website, please visit:

<https://www.newcastlegreatpark.com/latest-news>