

QUESTION BY MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC



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Question to be submitted no later than 5 clear working days before the meeting.

Question submitted by: Justin Legg
To the Cabinet Member or Chair for: Central Park
To be asked at the next (Council, Cabinet or Planning Committee) Meeting: City Council
Date: 15 September 2025
Question (to be no longer than 50 words): <i>The drains in Central Park don't work, resulting in chipping washing out and producing a trip hazard. How much money has been spent on the Central Park improvement project and how much of the park is currently fenced off?</i>
Will you be attending the meeting in person to ask your question? No.
Response: (for completion by City Council officers and Cabinet Members / Chairs) We are aware there are some issues with the drainage channels when there is a high rainfall event. The delivery of the works against the design is currently underway and this will include a review of the drainage channels and the pipework that connects them into the ponds. We are committed to resolving this issue and will complete remedial action once we have completed the review of the works. The total spend on the Central Park improvement project has been £9,445m. This has included delivery of the ponds project, the new café, play area, events field and community sports hub. Plus, improvements to playing pitches, some of the path network and works for nature. £7,550m has been Council funding and £1,895m from other funding sources. Areas in the Park are still fenced off; this is to enable landscaping to be delivered and establish. This includes a strip either side of the swale on the southern side of the works and the pitch plateau and the area around the pond on the northern side of the works. Keeping these areas fenced is needed while the landscaping works are completed and established and they are expected to be in place until spring next year.