

HATCH END

RIVERSIDE PARK NEWSLETTER 3



Where is it?	Behind Morrisons and the HAC Swimming Pool.
What is it?	It is a new Hatch End park, encircled by the River Pinn.
When can we use it	The new park should be ready by April 2023.

The Hatch End Association in conjunction with Harrow Council and the Harrow Arts Centre are in the process of creating a new Riverside Park

Following the second consultation on 4 September we had a steering group meeting on 6 October to progress the plans. We are forming a Community committee as the **'The Friends of the Riverside Park'** to support the park in the longer term. If you would like to participate please contact heacombs@aol.com visit our website www.hatchend.org



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Progress as of October 2022

On 6 October the Hatch End Association met with local Councillors, The Project Team from the Council, Harrow Parks Forum and the landscape designer to comment on the latest the design.

As the funding is committed for this year, this allows the baseline scheme to be built. This includes an accessible path around the site, a platform to connect the river to the park, the stage outside the dance hall and some seating in the park. Once these works are completed, we will need to fund additional trees plus the wildflower meadow and other ancillary items.

The current schedule is as follows:

Date	Activity
Start November 2022	Design development & final review
End November 2022	Produce tender documents
December 2022	Tender process starts
January & February 2023	Tender returns / review / mobilisation
March 2023	Start onsite
April 2023	Completion

Before the plans are finalised in November, we will be consulting with the Hatch End schools; we will also get a maintenance plan from the Council which should include responsibilities of the "Friends of the Riverside Park" to ensure the park remains safe and attractive over time.

We see the removal of the fence by the river as an essential feature so people can get to the water. The fence was erected to protect visitors from Giant Hogweed but that was eradicated some years ago, but the site needs to be monitored for possible regrowth. Monitoring the riverbanks will be done by the "Friends of the Riverside Park" as part of their activities.

We hope to arrange the first meeting of the "Friends" group in January and will be circulating details to all those who have expressed interest in participating.

Design and Layout of the Park

The base layout of the Park is developing and the latest plan is shown below. The orchard may well comprise mixed fruit and deciduous trees and will be planted after the initial works; depending on the availability of funds, these may be saplings or more substantial trees.

The path will be compacted gravel 1.2m wide and linking the dipping platform by the river and the dance stage by the dance studio and swimming pool. The dance stage will be a slightly raised brick platform.

