

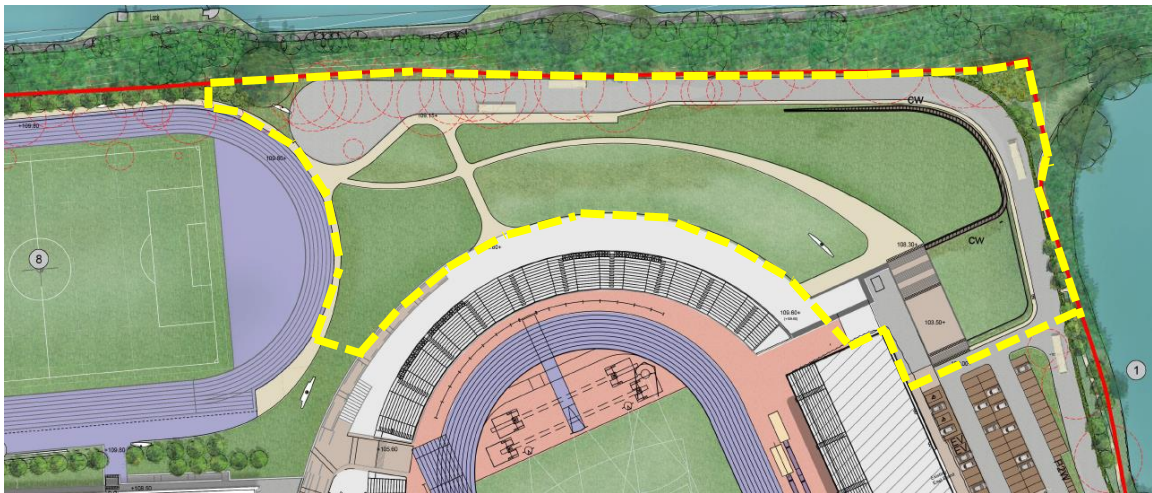


Alexander Stadium Redevelopment

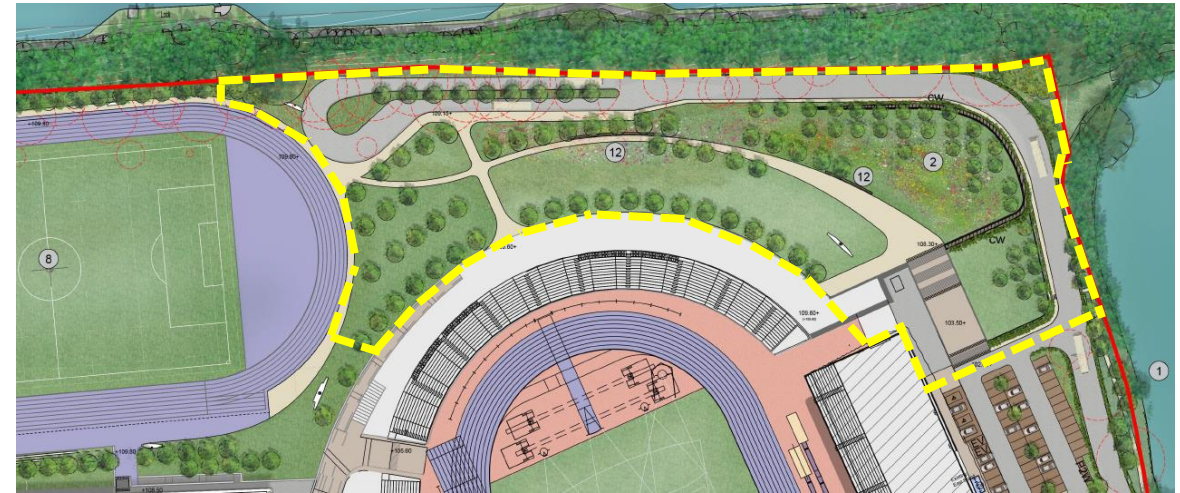
Summary of the updated design for the Northern Plaza
January 2021

Original design for the Northern Plaza

The 'Northern Plaza' area is outlined in yellow on the plans below. These plans were approved by Birmingham City Council as part of the original planning application for the Alexander Stadium Redevelopment.



Northern Plaza before the Commonwealth Games



Northern Plaza after the Commonwealth Games

Key

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| 1 Reservoir | 2 Wildflower meadow planting | 12 Curved timber park benches | | |
| Proposed macadam roads | Proposed amenity and sports field grassland - see planting drawings | Proposed feature block paving | Proposed coloured macadam pathways | Site Boundary |
| Proposed trees - see planting drawings for details | Proposed woodland mix planting - see planting drawings for details | Proposed wildflower meadow planting - see planting drawings for details | Existing scrub planting on canal embankment | Existing trees retained |
| Proposed levels | Existing levels | Timber crib retaining wall | Stadium lighting | Existing trees removed |
| | | | Curved timber seating | Stadium structure |

Updated design for the Northern Plaza

The following changes are required to the design of the Northern Plaza:

- Addition of a temporary tarmac area as part of the ongoing stadium construction works, to provide a flat surface for the temporary additional seating required for the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games. Originally, this work was going to be undertaken by the Commonwealth Games Organising Committee at a later date. After the Commonwealth Games, the tarmac surface will be removed, and the area will return to grass with new pathways, trees and wildflower planting.
- Changes to site levels in the area to provide a larger flat surface to ensure there is adequate space for the temporary additional seating, and enough room behind the seating stand to allow safe access. The original proposal included a gentle slope between the Northern Plaza and Athletes' Route, this area will now be made level, and the crib wall (*a wall made of timber slats containing stone used to prevent the movement of soil*) will be increased in height (by around 1.4 metres) and extended further to the west.
- Addition of a gently sloping pathway between the East Stand car park, and the Northern Plaza and East Stand levels. This will enhance access to the stadium, and is an improved scenario when compared to the original proposal which only included steps in this area. Ahead of the Commonwealth Games, the area surrounding the pathway will be planted with trees.
- In order to avoid drainage tanks in this area, the location and number of new trees across the Northern Plaza has changed since the original proposal. As a result, there will be three fewer trees provided in the Northern Plaza area, but consideration will be given to alternate locations to plant these trees.

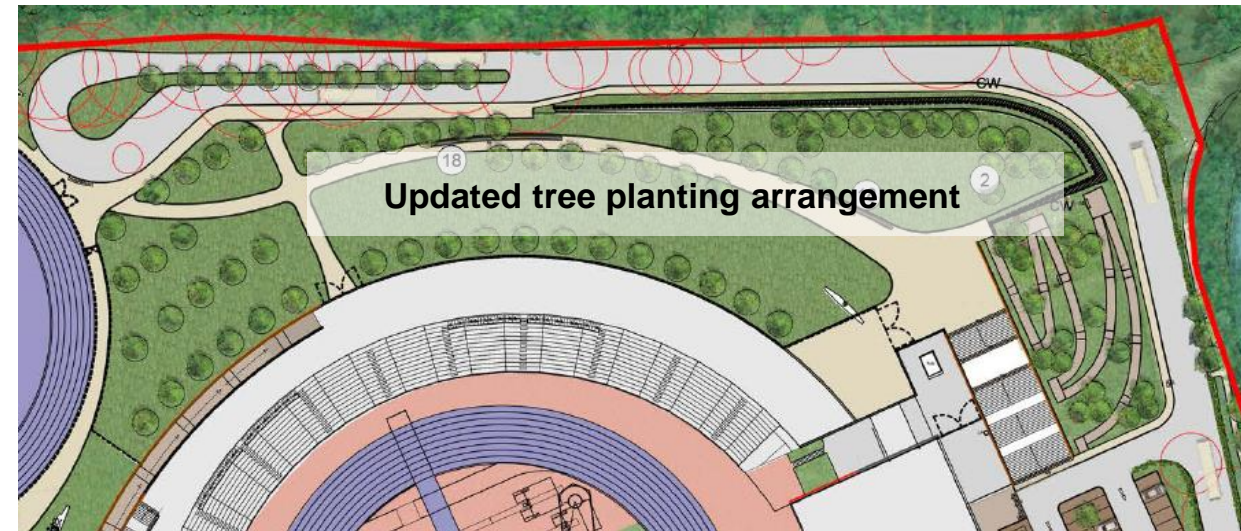
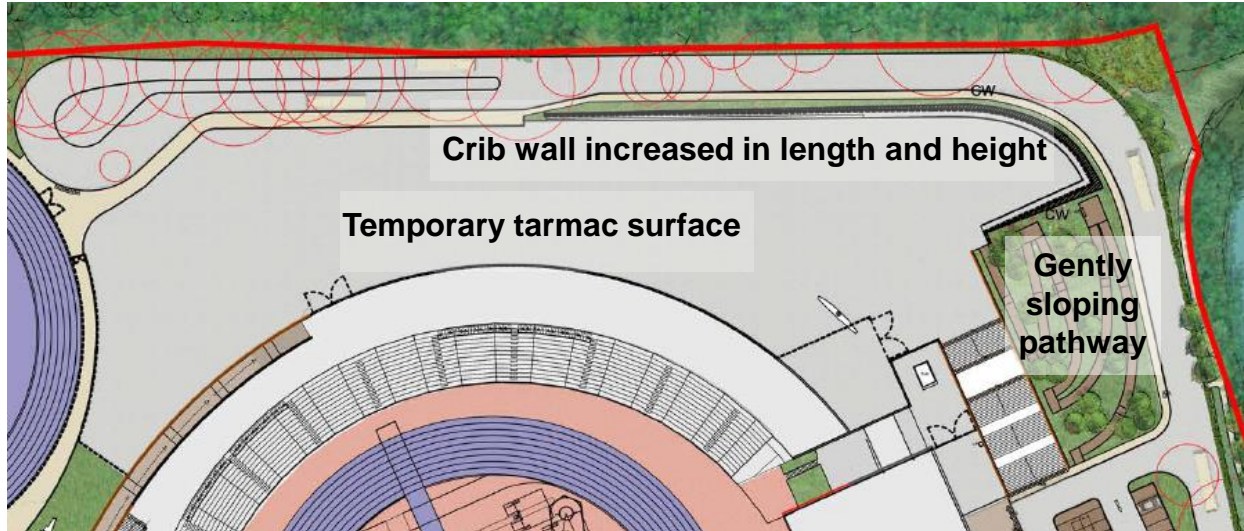
A 'non-material amendment' application will be submitted to Birmingham City Council in late January 2021 to seek formal approval of the updated design. Non-material amendment applications are used when minor changes are needed after planning permission has been granted.

Once the application has been submitted, it will be available to view on Birmingham City Council's Planning Online website: <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/planningonline>.

Some of these changes have already been made on site as part of the ongoing construction works to prevent any delays to the programme. This includes addition of the temporary tarmac surface, changes to the site levels and increase in the height and length of the crib wall. The non-material amendment application process is an opportunity for Birmingham City Council to consider the changes, to ensure that they are appropriate. If approved by Birmingham City Council, the gently sloping pathway and surrounding trees will be added before the Commonwealth Games. The remaining proposed trees in the Northern Plaza area will be planted after the Commonwealth Games.

Updated design for the Northern Plaza

The plans below show the updated design for the Northern Plaza.



Key

Northern Plaza before the Commonwealth Games

Northern Plaza after the Commonwealth Games

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| Wildflower meadow planting | Curved timber park benches | Site Boundary | Stadium structure | Stadium lighting |
| Existing trees retained | Existing trees removed | Proposed trees - see planting drawings for details | Proposed woodland mix planting - see planting drawings for details | Proposed amenity and sports field grassland - see planting drawings |
| Proposed wildflower meadow planting - see planting drawings for details | Existing scrub planting on canal embankment | Proposed feature block paving | Proposed macadam roads | Proposed coloured macadam pathways |
| Timber crib retaining wall | Precast concrete walls | Fence/ balustrade | Timber bench with back and arm rest on approach pathways | Curved timber seating |

Updated design for the Northern Plaza

The image below shows a proposed gently sloping pathway which will provide access between the East Stand car park, and Northern Plaza and East Stand levels.



Gently sloping pathway between the East Stand car park, and Northern Plaza and East Stand levels