

Leixlip to Saggart Water Main Project

Rathcoole Park FAQ

Irish Water will commence works in Rathcoole Park on the 1st October 2018.



Will increase resilience and connectivity of the water supply for the Greater Dublin Area



Will improve security of water supply



Will support economic and social development

Introduction

Irish Water is investing over €35 million in the Leixlip to Saggart Water Main Project. The purpose of the project to link Leixlip Water Treatment Plant with Saggart Reservoirs with a 6.8km pipeline which will increase the connectivity of water supplies within the Greater Dublin Area. Greater connectivity between water supplies means that we can call on different source types at different times of the year and during different weather events, helping to ensure a safe and secure water supply for all.

This project will also improve the resilience of the water supply the Greater Dublin Area.

As part of this project a new water main will be laid in Rathcoole Park. Construction works in the park are scheduled to start in October 2018.

How will the works impact me?

The works in the park have been designed to have the minimum impact on park users. However, some effects are unavoidable, as the water main is to extend underneath current amenities in the park, such as the sporting pitches and as a result some sports pitches will be closed.

The fitness stands will remain open for the duration of the works.

All existing entrances to the park will be maintained.

Will access to the playground be maintained?

The playground will remain open throughout the construction work and will not be impacted.

What footpaths will be affected by the construction works?

There will be no through access on the footpath at the most southerly end of the park and the footpath running east / west at the center of the park. Temporary rubber matting will be provided adjacent the construction fencing to ensure that a continuous loop is provided for park users.

A temporary pedestrian diversion will be installed within the Park adjacent to Fitzmaurice Road enabling park-users to traverse the Works area. Contractor's staff will be available at all times to provide a safe crossing of the works area.

How will heavy machinery enter the site?

A designated site entrance / exit will be developed for construction vehicles at Slade Road so that the Contractor can only gain access / egress to the construction site via this entrance / exit area.

How will noise be addressed?

The construction works will be fully enclosed by noise reducing barriers throughout the entirety of the works. The 2.4m high anti-climb barriers will provide noise insulation and provide a safe environment for park users..

When will the pitches be returned to use?

Reinstatement will be completed in late 2019 so the playing pitches could be brought back into service in mid 2021, this timeframe is weather and growth dependent.

Will wildlife be affected by the project?

Due to the pipeline route chosen, the impact on wildlife in the park will be minimal. The construction works will only affect a 25m section of trees and hedgerows that will be encountered in the centre of the park. A full assessment on the wildlife conditions will be carried out prior, during and subsequent to the construction works.

What will the park look like when the project is finished?

All areas affected by the construction works will be reinstated to a standard that is equivalent to or higher than existing at the beginning of the works.