

Quinton Ward Forum to be held on\line Tuesday 22nd September 2020

Highfield Farm Park Development. Phase 1 MUGA built /Phase 2 pending

It is with thanks to Birmingham Parks (Bob Churn) and Karen Creavin (TAWS) that the previous impasse over the building of the largest 40 X 20 MUGA was overcome and at a meeting on 3rd June 2019 costed plans were presented that included The MUGA as Phase 1 and a Phase 2 : 6 swings, a large adult climbing frame and, at TAWS suggestion, 5 lots of outdoor gym equipment.

Phase 1 : The MUGA was duly completed opening up far more options for use. Thanks to Carol Unwin (Parks) for her communication and completion of this.

Phase 2 : unfortunately this has dragged on and on, despite my repeated chasing as it has taken TAWs 14 months to get £20,000 funding to be added to the £100,000 leftover from the £ 256,000 original S106 money allocated (after deducting the cost of the MUGA build.)

Currently we await a resubmission to Finance for permission and this is obviously a concern.

IF Phase 2 is not completed then effectively we will be back to the original 2018 impasse – a large MUGA and nothing else. I sincerely hope this will not be the case and Quinton will have a Park to be proud of and, for the first time, secondary age & adult play/exercise equipment to kick start real community development.

B. Husband 14/08/20