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Dear Monica,

The Glebe Society is aware of wide-spread concern expressed by local residents about the lack of progress in completion of Harold Park. We are seeking information from you about the timeframe for drainage remediation and the opening of the park.

In a paper that went to Council in June the following project dates were given:

Critical dates for the program are as follows:

- (a) determine appropriate solution and procure services late July 2017;
- (b) commence remedial works July/ August 2017;
- (c) complete drainage remediation works November 2017;
- (d) complete embellishment to license area May 2018.

The remediation works are estimated to take five months.

The paper also stated that:

On finalisation and verification of the hydraulic drainage design, it will be necessary to submit a further report to Council. The subsequent report will seek Council approval for additional budget to implement the verified drainage design.

Remediation work has not commenced and neither have we noticed any report going to Council. It is clear that the park will not be opening in "early 2018" as promised on Council signs around the perimeter, although this is already delayed by twelve months from dates given in the original project plan.

At the moment the park is fenced off, something that angers many local residents. They fail to understand why the park cannot be used, and why there is a continuing delay in commencing the remediation. The areas that are not a health or safety risk could be opened for public use, while a form of fencing may be necessary for the playground. The stairs leading to Rock Lane should be opened.

We look forward to receiving an update on plans for the required remediation, and an honest appraisal of when this much-awaited community park will be completed.

Yours sincerely,



Allan Hogan
President