

## Environment Department

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## **Planned improvements to the Parliament Hill Athletics Track**

### **Information Event :**

### **Friday 24 March at the Parliament Hill Athletics Track from 3.30pm – 7pm**

The City of London Corporation is pleased to announce a £2million investment into the Parliament Hill Athletics Track in 2023 to ensure it remains one of London's best track and field facilities.

The essential works will include resurfacing the track, which, due to extreme weather in the last few years has started to deteriorate. The new surface, a non-porous sandwich system, will ensure the track retains the UK Athletics 'TrackMark' accreditation and can be used to host national and international athletics events alongside the regular school and club events.

Replacement of the existing floodlights, which were installed in the 1970s, is also part of the investment. The new LED lights will be more energy efficient and switchable which means they can be used at their current strength for competitions a few times per year, and will be dimmed, with less light spillage than the current lights, for the weekly evening track meetings, which is the vast majority of their use. There will be fewer masts and lights, with a higher mounting height and lower wattage, all of which means it will have less light spill and be more environmentally friendly than the existing setup.

There will also be improvements made to the high jump area and subject to budget constraints, further minor improvements such as hooks and storage which will improve the experience for those using the facility.

The works are scheduled to take place from early June 2023 until the end of September 2023 and the track will be closed while the works take place. There will be investigation work ongoing over the next few weeks and some intermediate works taking place from 10-15 April 2023.

If you would like to find out more, you are invited to attend the track on **Friday 24 March from 3.30pm to 7pm** where there will be an opportunity to speak to experts and see the plans. If you would like further information on this event please contact: Jennifer Wood, email: [jennifer.wood@cityoflondon.gov.uk](mailto:jennifer.wood@cityoflondon.gov.uk) tel. 07912 041328.

Best wishes

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