

Elliot Road playing field area

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Residents will recall that, when Dundee City Council made its proposals for 'naturalised areas' within some parks and open space areas across the city to improve biodiversity, I mentioned – and highlighted to environment management – that I felt the most problematic proposal in the West End would be at Elliot Road.

This is because it completely removed an amenity space and is very close to residential housing – and so it has proved to be as there has been much comment to both myself and the City Council very largely saying that the site was not appropriate.

I am very pleased to say that the council has listened to feedback and last week cut the grass along most of the site – see photos below.

The Service Manager – Environment in the department has advised me :

“Following our ongoing review and proposals and also the feedback we have received with regards to Elliot Road we have concluded that the majority of grass will be cut and can confirm that this was commenced yesterday. As the area is no longer used for formal football, the cut area will be maintained as amenity grass.

However, a proportion of the green space will be designated as a biodiversity / naturalised area. Access to the entrance of Balgay cemetery will be maintained through this. In the future we will be considering how this area can be improved for biodiversity and amenity.

The proposal plan currently on the council website will edited and updated accordingly.

On another note and for information the area next to the Play park at Lochee Park will also be brought back to standard.”



[Latest update during the COVID-19 health emergency](#)



Further update – for Tuesday 28th July – from Councillor Fraser Macpherson (West End) and Councillor Craig Duncan (Broughty Ferry)

SHIELDING PAUSED

Those who have been shielding can now meet indoors with up to eight people from two households, as long as physical distancing is observed. They can also visit indoor shops, markets and pharmacies, museums, galleries, libraries and cinemas, and attend hairdressers and barbers.

They can also meet outdoors in groups of up to fifteen people from a maximum of four households per day. They can also choose to go to pubs and restaurants with outdoor spaces, though it is advised that busy places are avoided.

They can now also use public transport, as well as taxis, as long as a face covering is worn, and children who live with someone shielding can now also attend formal childcare providers.

<https://news.gov.scot/news/shielding-to-be-paused>

CHILDMINDER SCHOOL DROP OFFS AND PICK UPS – BLENDED

Childminders will be able to pick up and drop off children at school in August. Parents and carers are still encouraged to limit the use of multiple childcare settings where possible.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-letter-to-scottish-childminding-association>

CHILDCARE

A new Transitional Support Fund will help childcare providers in the private and third sectors, including out-of-school care providers, meet extra costs incurred to comply with public health guidance in response to the pandemic.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/support-for-childcare-sector/>

TESTING FOR UNDER 5s

Children under the age of five who are displaying potential coronavirus symptoms are now eligible for testing. Under 5s or anyone else with any of the following symptoms should self-isolate and book a test at www.nhsinform.scot/test-and-protect or call 0800 028 2816 if they are unable to access the online service:

- a high temperature or fever
- a new continuous cough
- a loss of, or change in sense of smell or taste

ENDOSCOPY SERVICES

There are currently 19,000 patients recorded as waiting for a diagnostic endoscopy. New funding is now available to address that backlog. The NHS Golden Jubilee Hospital, mobile endoscopy units and commissioning of the private sector will all provide additional capacity.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/endoscopy-services-to-be-restored/>

LAND AND BUILDINGS TRANSACTION TAX

The threshold at which LBTT begins to be paid has increased from £145,000 to £250,000 and will remain in place until 31st March 2021. Excluding the Additional Dwelling Supplement, it means that 80% of home purchasers will pay no LBTT. Home movers buying a home costing more than £250,000 will save £2,100.

<https://www.gov.scot/news/action-to-help-home-buyers/>

EAT OUT TO HELP OUT

Restaurants, bars, cafes and other establishments which serve food for on-premises consumption can now sign up to the Eat Out to Help Out scheme – aimed at protecting jobs in the hospitality industry and encouraging people to safely return to dining out.

Customers do not need a voucher as participating establishments will just remove the discount from their bill. Businesses reclaim the discounted amount through an online service, supported by HMRC. Claims can be made on a weekly basis and will be paid into bank accounts within five working days.

Eligible businesses can register here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-your-establishment-for-the-eat-out-to-help-out-scheme>

DRIVE IN EVENTS

Drive-in entertainment events can now be held. This includes live concerts, comedy nights, theatre productions and local bingo events.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-events-sector-guidance/pages/overview>

HOMEWORKING AND SECTORAL ADVICE

The guidance for homeworking has been revised:

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-homeworking>

A comprehensive list of sectoral advice can be found here:

<https://findbusinesssupport.gov.scot/coronavirus-advice>

GUIDANCE ON OUTDOOR CAFES, RESTAURANTS AND PUBS

This letter includes details of special measures to enable the erection of temporary buildings.

<https://www.gov.scot/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-building-standards-special-measures-to-enable-the-erection-of-temporary-buildings-for-the-recovery-and-renew-phase-letter-to-local-authorities>

INFORMATION

UK Government news: www.gov.uk/search/news-and-communications

Scottish Government Updates: www.gov.scot/news

Dundee City Council updates: www.dundee.gov.uk/coronavirus-covid-19

NHS

Inform

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<https://www.nhsinform.scot/illnesses-and-conditions/infections-and-poisoning/coronavirus-covid-19>

NHS Tayside website: www.nhstayside.scot.nhs.uk

Helpline for those who do not have symptoms but are looking for general health advice Tel: 0800 028 2816.

Health

Protection

Scotland

Guidance

–
www.hps.scot.nhs.uk/a-to-z-of-topics/covid-19

Federation of Small Businesses: www.fsb.org.uk/coronavirus

Helpline for small businesses, Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.30pm. Tel: 0300 303 0660.

Ready Scotland Information – www.readyscotland.org/coronavirus

Tayside Cares – www.taysidecares.co.uk

SUPPORT AND ADVICE

This has been an anxious and uncertain time but we want you to know that we are here to try to help constituents in whatever way that we can.

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[Virtual Open Day at Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education](#)



Next Wednesday – 29th July – you can Zoom into Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education’s world of exciting career opportunities and new horizons its virtual Open Day.

The college’s admissions team and academic teaching staff will be on hand to answer any questions throughout the event.

To register for the virtual Open Day, click [here](#).

[GP and chemist services tomorrow](#)

Most GP surgeries across Tayside will be closed tomorrow – Monday 27th July.

However, many chemists in Dundee are open tomorrow and are listed below :

| Dundee |
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| Boots the Chemist 221/227 Brook St, Broughty Ferry, Dundee DD5 2AG 9am-5.30pm |
| Davidsons Chemists, 120 Gray St, Broughty Ferry, Dundee, DD5 2DG 9am-5.30pm |
| Baird's Pharmacy, 44 Old Glamis Rd, Dundee 9am-5.30pm |
| Boots the Chemist, 49/53 High St, Dundee 8.30am-6pm |
| Colin Lowe Pharmacy, 205 Perth Rd, Dundee 9am-7pm |
| Davidsons Chemists, Units 4/5 Lawers Dr, Panmurefield, Dundee 9am-6pm |
| Davidsons Chemists, 92 Clepington Rd, Dundee 9am-5.30pm |
| St Mary's Pharmacy, 14/16 St Giles Tce, Dundee 9am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm |
| Superdrug Pharmacy, Wellgate Centre, Dundee 9am-5.30pm |
| Well Pharmacy, 135 Nethergate, Dundee 9am-5.30pm |
| Well Pharmacy 236 Hilltown, Dundee 9am-1pm, 2pm-5.30pm |
| Well Pharmacy, 111/113 Albert St, Dundee 9am-5.30pm |
| Your Local Boots Pharmacy, 94 Albert St, Dundee 12noon-4pm |
| Your Local Boots Pharmacy, 146 Strathmartine Rd, Dundee 9am-6pm |
| Your local Boots Pharmacy, 323 Strathmartine Rd, Dundee 9am-5.45pm |

[Weekly Road Report – West End Ward](#) [#dundeewestend](#)



DUNDEE CITY COUNCIL – WEEKLY ROAD REPORT

Please note that most works are subject to change and late completion due to the restrictive measures in place following UK and Scottish Government advice that only emergency/urgent works and those considered essential should take place during this period.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – SATURDAY 25 AND SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020

Lower Pleasance (at junction with Lochee Road) – closed on Sunday 26 July for Scottish Water ironwork repairs.

Brook Street (at East Milnes Wynd) – temporary traffic lights on Sunday 26

July for Scottish Water manhole repair.

REPORT FOR WEST END WARD – WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY 27 JULY 2020

Guthrie Street (at Daniel Street) – off-peak temporary traffic lights on Monday 27 July for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Urquhart Street (Blackness Road to Larch Street) – closed on Tuesday 28 July for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Blinshall Street (Miln Street to Guthrie Street) – closed on Wednesday 29 July for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Guthrie Street (Blinshall Street to Session Street) – closed on Thursday 30 July for Scottish Water manhole repair.

Perth Road (at Invergowrie Drive) – off-peak temporary traffic lights on Thursday 30 and Friday 31 July for BT works.

Ash Street (Brewery Lane to Douglas Street) – closed on Friday 31 July for one day for Scottish Water ironwork repairs.

Forthcoming Road Works

Park Place (Old Hawkhill to Smalls Lane) – closed from Saturday 1 August for 3 days for crane lifting works.

Greenbank Place – closed from Wednesday 5 August for 3 working days for carriageway resurfacing works.