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Subject: Re: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Good to see - thank you.

Best wishes

B

On Thu, 10 Sept 2026 at 11:38, Marciniak, Joanna - Oxfordshire County Council

<Joanna.Marciniak@Oxfordshire.gov.uk> wrote:

Good morning,

Thank you for forwarding this, Derek.

I have seen some of the issues raised regarding the new path on local Facebook pages, including comments about standing water at the Kingsfield Crescent end. We are due to meet on site next week to inspect the completed works. As part of that inspection, we will raise any defects identified with the contractor and request that these are addressed as appropriate.

In relation to the surface finish, our understanding is that the vast majority of the developer funding was used to deliver improvements to Wood Green School itself. As a result, a blacktop surface was considered the most viable option within the available budget for the path works.

I will keep you updated on the outcome of the inspection and any subsequent actions.

Kind regards,

Joanna Marciniak

Officer (Traffic and Road Safety)

Oxfordshire County Council

From: Derek Mackenzie <derek.mackenzie@witney-tc.gov.uk>

Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2026 9:51:09 am

To: Marciniak, Joanna - Oxfordshire County Council

<Joanna.Marciniak@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Joanna

Please see below issues raised by a resident and my response. Please can you copy me to any reply.

Regards

Derek Mackenzie CiLCA

Committee Clerk & Senior Admin Officer

My working hours are Mon- Fri 8:30 am - 5pm (Fri to 4:30pm)

From: Info

Sent: 10 September 2026 09:49

To: B

Subject: RE: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Dear B

Thank you for your email and for taking the time to provide your feedback on the completed footpath works.

I am pleased to hear that you feel the edging has been carried out well and that the curved alignment of the path helps it sit more sympathetically within the recreation ground.

In relation to the standing water at the Kingsfield Crescent end of the path, and your suggestion regarding an alternative surface finish, these matters will be forwarded to Oxfordshire County Council for their consideration and response. As the project was commissioned and delivered by OCC as part of the Wood Green School expansion project, they are best placed to comment on the design specification, construction standards and any potential remedial works.

With regard to your question about future housing developments and the timing of the path, the works have been delivered now because the funding associated with

the Wood Green School expansion project was available and is a example of providing infrastructure at the earliest opportunity which we understand is a clear priority for many residents when development is proposed. This approach allows existing Wood Green School students, as well as local residents, to benefit immediately from the improved all-weather route immediately, rather than waiting until future development is completed.

It is also anticipated that the proposed residential development between the Cogges Hill Road junction and Shores Green will, in due course, generate additional pedestrian journeys to and from the school. The provision of the path in advance helps ensure suitable infrastructure is already in place to support sustainable travel as the area continues to grow.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact us. I will ensure your comments regarding the path are passed to Oxfordshire County Council.

Kind regards,

From:

Sent: 10 September 2026 08:57

To: Info <info@witney-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: King George IV (Newland) Recreation Ground (Field in Trust)

Good morning

Now the path has been completed, I should be grateful for your response on the following points:

- The edging has been very well done and it's good the path has been curved as that looks less urban.
- At the Kingsfield Crescent end, a wide pool of standing water formed after we had rain the other day. As this would mean people stepping onto the grass to avoid it, should the contractors not return to level the tarmac so it doesn't have a concave area like that?
- It's a shame that the path has been left as black tarmac as that is very urban. Would it not be possible - as the property developer is paying, not WTC - to add a layer of the non-slip gravel resin in a Cotswold stone colour we have been told will be added to the tarmac in the town centre, once alterations there have been completed?
- Where will there be the new houses where the Woodgreen school children will be living who need this path and when do you expect them to be built and inhabited? If, as I understand, the houses have yet to be built, why build the path in advance? As many children enter the King George field from the gates onto Newland yet no path for them!

Best wishes

B