



PRESS RELEASE

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Victoria Park Lottery Parks bid

Newbury Town Council has sadly been unsuccessful in its recent application for Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) and Big Lottery Fund (BIG) investment through their Parks for People programme. The details of why the application was unsuccessful have yet to be confirmed and are expected sometime in January 2012.

Cllr David Allen, the Chair of the Victoria Park Working Group said, "It is very disappointing that Newbury Town Council was unsuccessful in its bid to secure lottery funding for the regeneration of Victoria Park. The Council worked hard to prepare an application that included projects to enhance, modify and conserve the Park.

We will now prioritise the individual projects and establish alternative funding. The Town Council is committed to making further improvements to the Park and we will do our utmost to secure the funding needed.

In the meantime, we will progress our plans for a replacement café facility in the centre of the Park. We have the support of Greenham Common Trust and it has agreed to support Newbury Town Council with the costs of the developing the cafe with associated facilities and landscaping up to £250,000 or 50% of the total cost of the project as agreed."

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