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Holborn Park Upgrade

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We received an email from Cr Shaw asking if an upgrade of Holborn Park to a suitable standard for children's football is planned.

The response from officers follows:

Holborn Drive Playground Reserve was set up this year to cater for junior football with two fields being marked in.

When weather allowed, we increased the frequency of mowing and according to Capital Football's draw information:

- *17 matches were drawn and confirmed as playable on #1*
- *15 matches drawn and 13 matches confirmed as playable on #2*

Although we haven't got plans or budget to upgrade Holborn Park, there are renovations that can be done using the operational budget that will help the field perform better.

We can do the following:

- *Tumble Coring for light aeration of the surface*
- *Undersowing seed*
- *Isolated topdressing and seed in damaged areas*
- *Tremor (rotating discs) for deep de-compaction and aeration*
- *Fertiliser applications*
- *Herbicide treatment*

The above works would enable the field to recover better from wet weather and I believe this would allow more games to be played. The renovation work will be undertaken before the 2023 winter season, and we expect the cost of this work to be approximately \$5,000. We can cover this cost from our operational budget for sportsgrounds.

It is worth noting that it's been an exceptionally wet winter, the fields are wetter than they traditionally are with more restrictions across the board.

Ngā mihi nui,

Democratic Services Team