

# New park to be formed at Drumbrae



## WORK TO BEGIN THIS SUMMER ON NEW PUBLIC PARK FOR THE CITY

Details have been announced of a new park to be created in Edinburgh on the site of the former Drum Brae Primary School playing fields in the west of the city.

Work is set to begin this summer on Buttercup Farm Park, the first public park to be created in Edinburgh since Craigmillar Castle Park at the turn of the millennium.

[The new park design](#) will accommodate a mix of uses and includes tree-lined avenues, an outdoor gym, meadow areas and play facilities for children of all ages.



The design was drawn up following extensive local consultation and the name, Buttercup Farm Park, was chosen by the community to reflect the site's history. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century the site was the location of Buttercup Poultry Farm – the UK's largest poultry farm at the time with over 200,000 laying hens.

Councillor Lesley Hinds, the city's Transport and Environment Convener, said: -“This will be a modern, community park with exciting new features to make Drum Brae playing fields a publicly accessible green space again. We received huge, overwhelming local support for naming the new park after Buttercup Poultry Farm and it's extremely exciting that work will soon begin to transform this area.”

The £235,000 project, of which £35,642 has been contributed by landfill tax distributors WREN, will be completed in two phases. The initial phase of works, to begin in the summer, will see the creation of a number of pathways – including a central avenue and circular path bordering the site.

In addition landscaping works will plant a number of feature trees, including the reinstatement of the Dunblane Memorial trees. Also seating areas and play equipment for toddlers and juniors will be installed.

The second phase of works to the new park is estimated to start in 2014/15 and will include the installation of an outdoor gym, ball court, play facilities for older children and a central art feature.



East view in park