

All you need to know about Union Park

1. Who is behind the development of Union Park?

Union Park is part of Quintain's 85-acre regeneration at Wembley Park, one of Europe's most exciting urban transformations.

2. Why is it called Union Park and who chose its name?

The name 'Union Park' has two meanings. Firstly, it highlights the importance of community and coming together, a core part of the vision for Wembley Park. It also pays homage to Walter Citrine, the first Baron of Wembley and one of the leading British and international trade unionists in the 20th century. Baron Citrine was widely credited for providing the Trades Union Congress with the administrative backbone it needed to become the respected lobbying organisation it is today.

3. Why is the south section and north section of the park being delivered in different stages?

The park occupies the site of a 1,000+ space car and coach parked linked to events at Wembley Stadium. Quintain has created new parking areas as part of its transformation of Wembley Park, freeing up more space for the community's benefit, and this is being done in stages to deliver the best possible experience both for visitors to the new park and those visiting by car and coach.

4. How does Union Park differ to other London parks?

The location is truly iconic, with the world-famous Wembley Stadium arch in the backdrop. While Wembley Park is known throughout the world for the major events hosted either at the National Stadium or The SSE Arena, Wembley, Union Park is a fitting new community space for the new neighbourhood that has been created in the space surrounding the Stadium - much of which is former coach and car parks.

Union Park is a space for the people living and working in Wembley Park, the hundreds of thousands living nearby and across the Borough of Brent, and those visiting the area.

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Union Park takes inspiration from the design philosophy of Sir Humphry Repton, who designed the original landscapes at Wembley Park in the 1790s. The mixture of the formal and informal, borrowed landscape views, and the ways in which buildings can enhance a landscape and the other way around.

5. Who is allowed to use the park?

The park is open to everyone. This new community space can be enjoyed by anyone.

6. How is the park expected to benefit the area, and reduce pollution in Brent?

The physical and mental benefits of green and blue spaces are well-documented, and the park provides for both. Wembley Park is a 15-minute neighbourhood and places an emphasis on public transport and active travel, all of which helps to improve air quality in Brent.

7. Will the park host any community events throughout the year?

Yes. Union Park will be a new open space for community events, in addition to the existing spaces across the neighbourhood. It will feature year-round performances at key times of the year, including at a new bandstand, designed by world-famous architects Flanagan Lawrence, which will stage an eclectic programme of music performances, sound installations and concerts, featuring local and international talent. The park will further feature public art installations, which are already located around the Wembley Park neighbourhood.

8. How will anti-social behaviour be policed?

The Wembley Park Operations Team provides the security for Wembley Park as a whole, working in close collaboration with local police and local authority.

The Park operates as Privately Owned/Operated Public Space (POPS) and the “Share

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with care” philosophy that Quintain promotes ensures that Wembley Park is the “Top of The POPS”, encouraging everyone to respect each other so that anyone can enjoy the space.

9. Are barbecues allowed in the park?

No. Barbecues are not allowed in Union Park but Quintain has provided barbecues in the new residential buildings overlooking the park.

10. What age is the playpark suitable for?

The playpark is designed for families with children below the age of 8 years old.

11. When will the north section of the park be open to the public?

The public will be able to start enjoying the north section of Union Park from late 2024. The north section of the park will feature a rugged, natural landscape, perfect for the public to relax in or enjoy music performances and art installations.

12. Where will people who currently park in the car park be able to park their car when the car park is gone?

Union Park is being developed on the site of a 1,000+ space car and coach park, which is being moved to a state-of-the-art, multi-storey car park nearby. This is to help ensure that as much space as possible can be enjoyed by the community without losing parking spaces.

Union Park’s central location - moments away from Wembley Park tube station - will allow visitors easy access to fresh air and green space.