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ANGRY: Park campaigner
Shelly Quinton-Hulme

New parks blow

PLAYTIME could be over for thousands of youngsters as a central government grant for parks has been cut.

Thirteen parks selected to benefit from a £1.1m Playbuilder grant will be affected and may not be able to build new kids' facilities.

Shelly Quinton-Hulme, chairwoman of the Friends of Victoria Park, said: "I am absolutely gutted. Our scheme hadn't even finished being designed.

"We were going to consult the kids on what they wanted, so now they have been disappointed."

Margaret Woodhouse, director of the council's

children and young people's service, said the council hopes at least five planned schemes will go ahead.

She added: "The council remains committed to supporting communities, children and young people to help shape play opportunities and the development of local play spaces."

The parks affected are Lostock Park, Ashton Park, Davyhulme Park, Flixton Park, Walton Park, Victoria Park, Stokoe Avenue Playing Fields, Abbotsfield Park, Humphrey Lane Park, Gorse Hill Park, Seymour Park, Hornbeam Park and Kelsall Park.