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**Tennyson Street, Mickley Play Area Consultation
SUMMARY REPORT
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Background

North East Derbyshire District Council are considering the upgrading of the play and recreation facilities at Tennyson Street, Mickley.

Prior to making any decisions, views of local residents were sought via a public consultation, to gauge what improvements they would like to see at the site in the future.

Survey Methodology

The surveys were made available either online or via paper copy, with promotion within the local community through advertising posters and general community engagement, with additional social media promotion via the NEDDC Communications Team. The survey ran for 3 weeks, closing on Tuesday 22nd April.

Sample Size and Response Rate

The survey attracted a total of **24 responses**, all of which were completed online.

No demographic information was recorded for this consultation.

The percentages throughout the report may not always add exactly to 100% due to rounding.

A Snap standard report containing comments added by respondents has also been forwarded to the stakeholder distribution list.

Executive Summary

Tennyson Street, Mickley, Play Area Consultation

- 66.7% of respondents stated that they would prefer to see play area improvements made to play equipment, with 16.7% preferring to see improvements made to all surrounds (i.e., shrub bed etc.) and 12.5% opting for fencing and security.
- The main reasons cited by respondents for their improvement priorities were 'current equipment is outdated or in poor condition', 'updated fencing / security needed', 'currently there is a lack of play equipment / more needed' and 'more play equipment needed for older children'.
- When asked to consider play area priorities, 75.0% of respondents selected 'equipment which encourages active play', with 45.8% selecting 'sensory activities (i.e., movement, balance, touch etc.)', 45.8% choosing 'interaction with nature play', 37.5% 'improving physical access to the play area', and 37.5% 'inclusive activities for disabled and non-disabled children to play together'.
- In respect of pieces of equipment respondents would like to see introduced, the most mentions were for swings, climbing equipment, a water play section, roundabout, seesaw, skating / rollerblading track and new safe flooring.
- 65.2% of respondents to the consultation stated that they have children aged 14 or under and a further 5.0% stated that they have grandchildren aged 14 or under.
- In regard to the age groups of respondent's children / grandchildren / children within their care, 55.0% care for children between 5-8 years old, 50.0% care for children under 5 years old, 45.0% care for children between 9-12 years old and 45.0% care for children 13-14 years old.
- 90.0% of respondents care for children who use the Tennyson Street, Mickley play area.
- In terms of how often the children use the play area, the most popular responses were 1-3 times a week at 22.2%, 4-6 times a week at 22.2% and a few times each year also at 22.2%.
- 8 respondents (40.0% of the 20 respondents who answered the question) use or have children who use the 'teen shelter' currently.
- When asked if we were to replace the teen shelter with a new seating area, respondent priorities were 'Shelter from wind (solid sides)' at 52.6%, 'Shade (canopy above)' at 47.4%, 'Plenty of seating spaces' with 47.4% and 'Visibility / open feeling' with 36.8%.

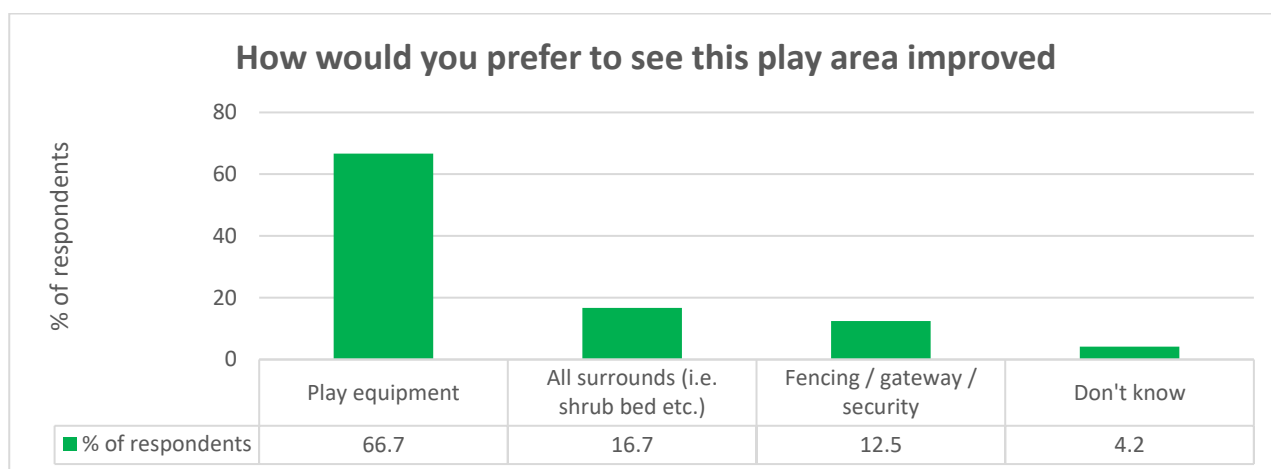
Tennyson Street, Mickley, Play Area Consultation - Survey Results

Overview

North East Derbyshire District Council are considering the upgrading of the play and recreation facilities at Tennyson Street, Mickley. The survey was designed to ascertain views of local residents to give an indication of what improvements they would like to see at the site in the future.

Detail

The respondents were asked to consider how they would prefer to see the play area improved, with 16 people (66.7%) selecting improvements to play equipment, 4 people (16.7%) selecting improvements to all surrounds (i.e., shrub bed etc.) and 3 people (12.5%) choosing improvements to fencing and security.



The consultation asked the respondents why they selected the above option, responses split into the following categories with 'Current play equipment is outdated or in poor condition', 'Updated fencing / security needed', 'Currently a lack of play equipment', and 'More play equipment needed for older children' being the most frequently cited: -

Consultation response category	No. of comments
Current play equipment is outdated or in poor condition / needs modernising	12
Updated fencing / security needed	5
Currently a lack of play equipment / more equipment needed	4
More play equipment needed for older children	3
Improvements needed (general comments)	3
Pump track improvements / extension	3
More play equipment needed for younger children	2
More play equipment needed for all age groups	2
Add an astroturf football pitch / nets	2
New safe flooring within the play area	1
Add seating / benches / picnic area	1
Add skate park	1
Add basketball / netball court	1
Address antisocial behaviour issues	1
Other comments	1

See Appendix 1 for comment details.

The consultation asked what changes the respondents would like to see made at the play area, 'Increase / add new play equipment', 'Variety of play equipment for all child age ranges', 'Add new swings', 'Add climbing equipment', 'Fencing / security improvements' and 'New safe flooring within the play area' were the most frequently cited. See below for the full list of response categories: -

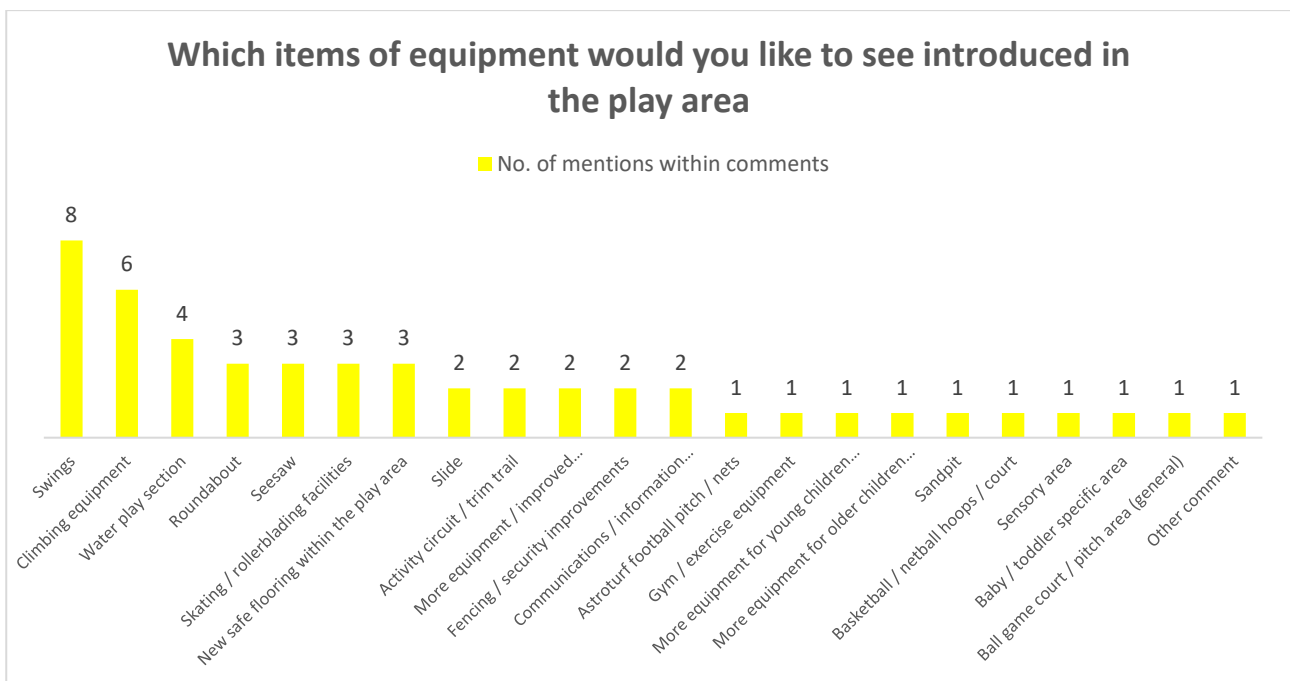
Consultation response category	No. of comments
Increase / add new play equipment	6
Variety of play equipment for all child age ranges	5
Add swings	4
Add climbing equipment	3
New safe flooring within the play area	3
Fencing / security improvements	3
Add a skate park	3
Add slides	2
Add safety conscious equipment	2
More equipment / improved accessibility for disabled / SEN children	2
Increase waste bins	2
Add basketball / netball hoops / court	1
Add seating / benches / picnic area	1
Improve and plant flower beds / shrubbery / trees	1
Improve signage	1
Add a baby / toddler specific area	1
Improve shelter / 'hang out' area	1
Add an astroturf football pitch and nets	1
Add a seesaw	1
Pump track improvements / extension	1
Add sensory equipment	1

See Appendix 2 for comment details.

The consultation asked respondents to suggest which pieces of play equipment they would like to see introduced into the play area. See below for the full list of response categories, but the most frequently listed within replies were swings, climbing equipment, a water play section, a roundabout, a seesaw and skating / rollerblading facilities.

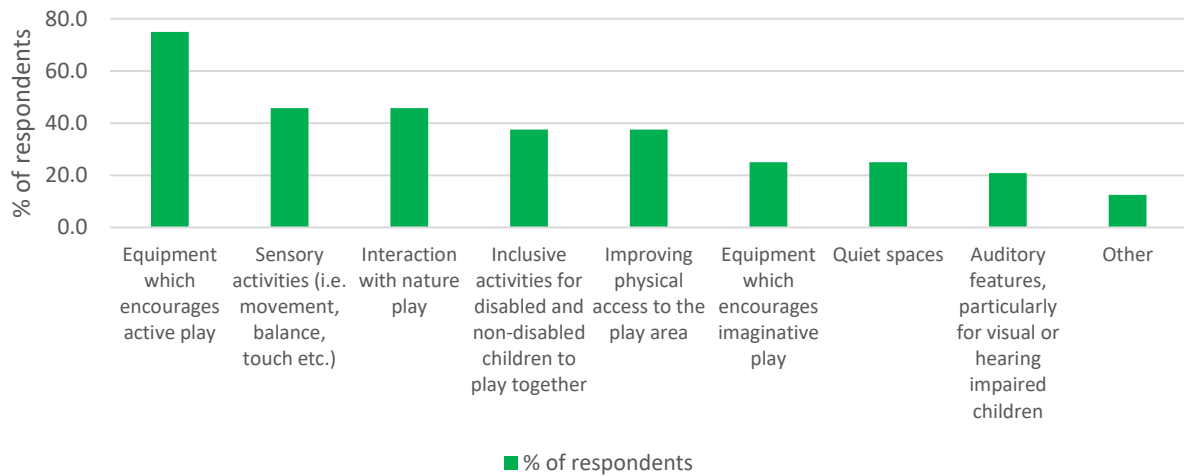
Equipment	No. of mentions within comments
Swings	8
Climbing equipment	6
Water play section	4
Roundabout	3
Seesaw	3
Skating / rollerblading facilities	3
New safe flooring within the play area	3
Slide	2
Activity circuit / trim trail	2
More equipment / improved accessibility for disabled / SEN children	2

Fencing / security improvements	2
Communications / information boards	2
Astroturf football pitch / nets	1
Gym / exercise equipment	1
More equipment for young children (general)	1
More equipment for older children (general)	1
Sandpit	1
Basketball / netball hoops / court	1
Sensory area	1
Baby / toddler specific area	1
Ball game court / pitch area (general)	1
Other comment	1



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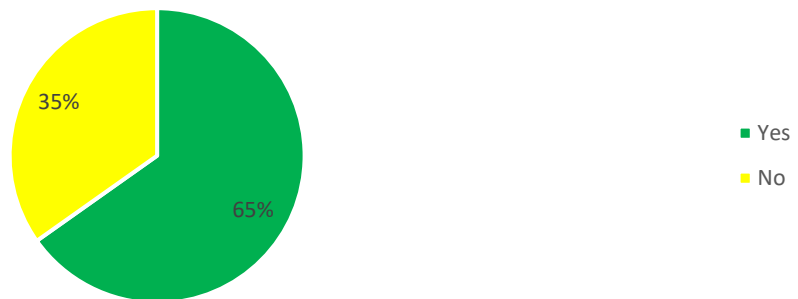
Which of the following do you feel are priorities for the Tennyson Street play area



Respondents selecting 'Other' referenced wheel chair access and equipment, and an older play area for teenagers.

The consultation asked respondents whether they have any children aged 14 or under, of which 65.2% of people who completed the survey said they did.

Do you have any children aged 14 or under

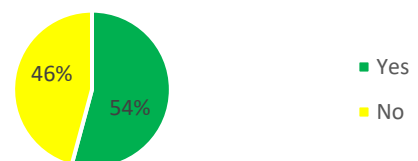


In a similar vein, respondents were asked if they have any grandchildren aged 14 or under (4.5% did), or if they look after / care for children (54.2% did).

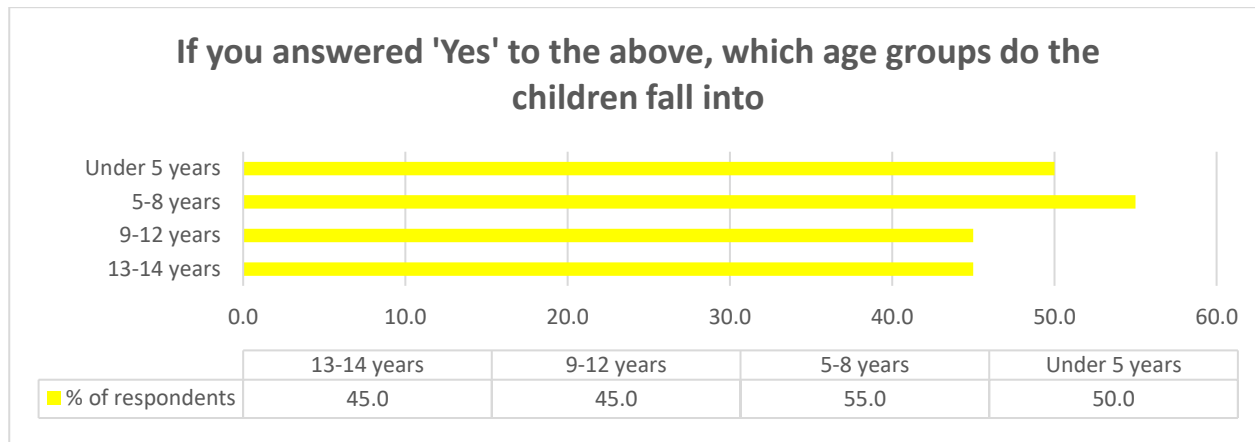
Do you have grandchildren aged 14 or under



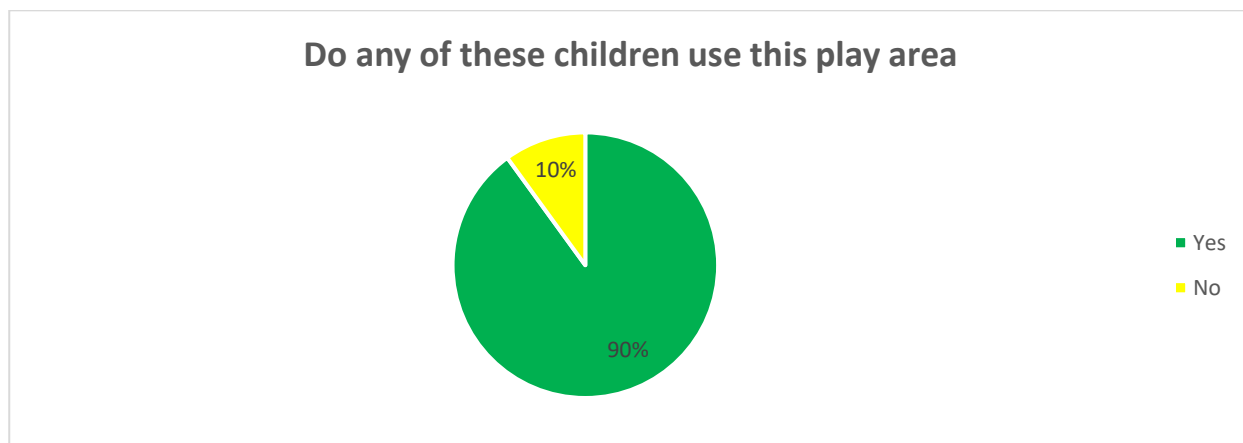
Do you look after children



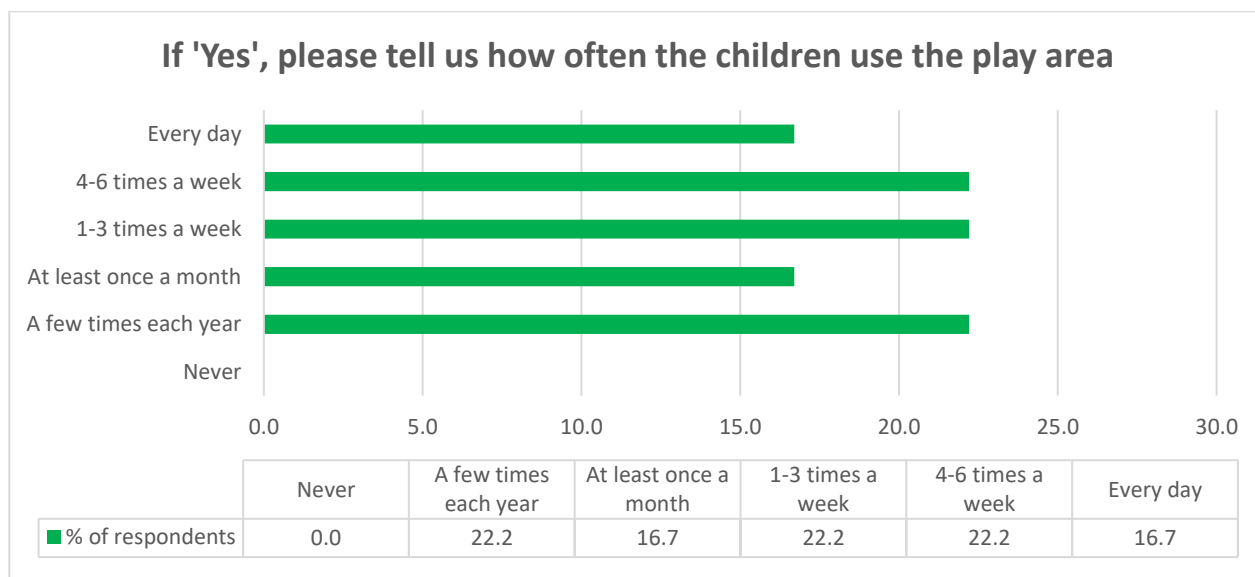
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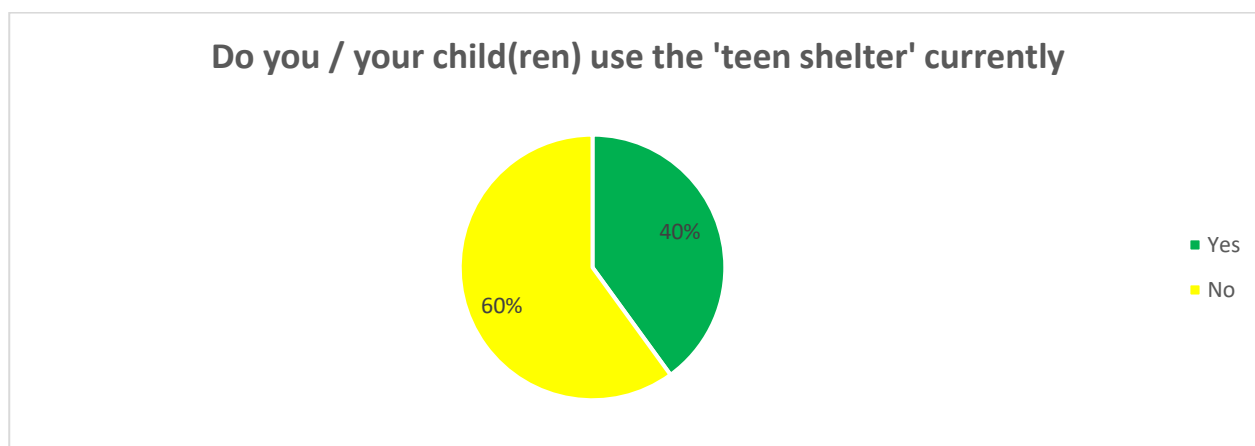
In terms of usage of the Tennyson Street play area, 90.0% of respondents care for children who currently use the facilities.



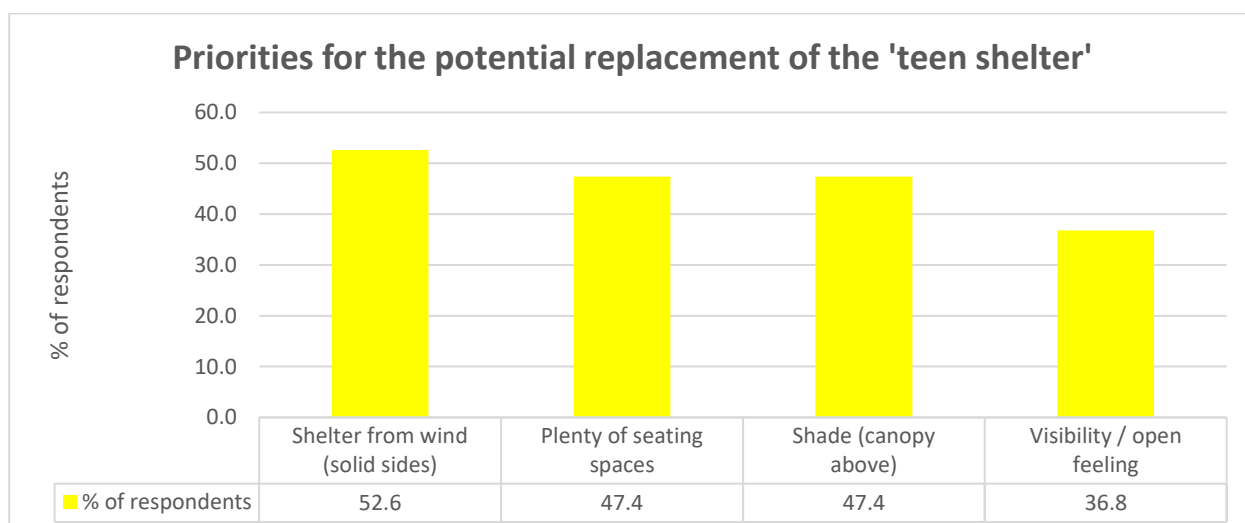
Respondents who answered that their children use the play area were then asked how often they use it, the most popular responses were 1-3 times a week at 22.2%, 4-6 times a week at 22.2% and a few times each year also at 22.2%.



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The consultation asked the respondents for any additional comments, 'issues with antisocial behaviour', 'security / safety improvements', 'removal and education re. litter disposal' and 'general improvement comments' were amongst those cited. See below for the full list of response categories: -

Consultation response category	No. of comments
Issues with antisocial behaviour	2
Other comments	2
Improvements needed (general comment)	1
Security / safety improvements	1
Current play equipment is outdated / in poor condition and needs updating	1
Add gym / fitness equipment	1
Increase waste / recycle bins	1
Move / update shelter area	1

See Appendix 3 for comment details.

Appendices

Please note: - it is not practical to include every comment within the report appendices, however, the comments below reflect the general feeling of the respondents with positive and negative responses (where applicable) for balance and focus on the more popular response categories (top 6 from each question). A full list of comments has been sent to the stakeholder group and should be read in association with this summary report.

Appendix 1 – How would you prefer to see the play area improved and the reason.

Current play equipment is outdated or in poor condition / needs modernising.

Better selection of equipment for all ages.

Play equipment requires maintenance and some new additions.

The play equipment that is already there is old and doesn't suit all ages.

The current equipment needs repairing/replacing so that the children can actually have full use of the play area.

The play equipment is very dated and nothing for babies or older children.

It's very outdated not much there for all ages.

Better play equipment for my little one.

Updated fencing / security needed.

All play areas should be fenced in to keep kids safe and animals out.

Fencing to keep safe and to keep dogs out.

Fencing to fence the small park off that stand at the side of the hut.

Fencing for improved security.

Currently a lack of play equipment / more equipment needed.

There isn't much for the younger ones. Plus, a normal swing would be great!

The play equipment is very dated and nothing for babies or older children

There's not much here at the moment.

More play equipment needed for older children.

Updated equipment needed but for older children as well.

The play equipment is very dated and nothing for older children

I think some equipment for older kids would be of benefit.

Pump track improvements / extension.

The pump track needs an extension because it's getting boring, ramps have holes in them.

Because it's so boring we need a new scooter park.

Because it boring and we need something new with either sports or the bike track.

Improvements needed / general comments.

Needs a good refurbishment.

Current playground is old and tired and in need of renovation.

Appendix 2 – What changes would you like to see made at the play area.

Increase / add new play equipment.

New equipment.

New equipment required for kids of all ages.

New play equipment to suit both the younger and older children.

The play area near the hut refreshed with new swings, a slide, and climbing area.

More equipment.

Variety of play equipment for all child age ranges

Get rid of the one near the school and make it varying ages suitable with different areas

Things for all age ranges.

New play equipment to suit both the younger and older children

More stuff for all ages starting from toddler age up and stuff for SEN/ASD children.

Add swings.

New swings for older children.

The nest swing needs fixing.

Swings need replacing.

The play area near the hut refreshed with new swings.

The basket swing to be replaced.

Add climbing equipment.

Traversing/climbing wall

The play area near the hut refreshed with a climbing area.

A safer / easier climbing frame.

New safe flooring within the play area

Wet pour flooring renewing.

I think a new coloured flooring would encourage children's imaginative skills.

Replace the flooring.

Fencing / security improvements

Fence around play area.

Add fencing.

Fence around the small play areas to keep smaller children secure and in one safe space.

Appendix 3 – Do you have any other comments about the children's play area.

Issues with antisocial behaviour

Possible re-siting of shelter to BMX field, or away from entrance to hut, to reduce impact of ASB on hut.

A focus on the litter and how they treat it should be done first rather than giving them new stuff to smash up.

Security / safety improvements.

Update CCTV system.

Improvements needed (general comment)

It's very out dated and broken, not much there.

Add gym / fitness equipment.

Could there be any gym type equipment available as that would be good for older teens and adults.

Current play equipment is outdated / in poor condition and needs modernising.

Boring need something new.
