

Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground

CONSULTATION RESULTS

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESULTS HORSEBDEN HILL RECREATION GROUND

Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground is an open space, located between the Perivale, Sudbury, and Greenford areas of West London. It is in the London Borough of Ealing, close to the boundary with the London Borough of Brent.

Ideas for this park include exciting new play and sports equipment for all ages and abilities, and new seating areas and outdoor gym equipment. Due to its location we will ensure that the design is sympathetic to the area and a range of natural materials will be used.

The consultation period for Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground ran for 6 weeks ending on 9 July 2021. A consultation drop in session was also held on 25 June 2021 between 3pm and 6.30pm at: Tillermans Court, Grenan Square, Greenford, London UB6 0FT

The following are the results from the consultation survey.

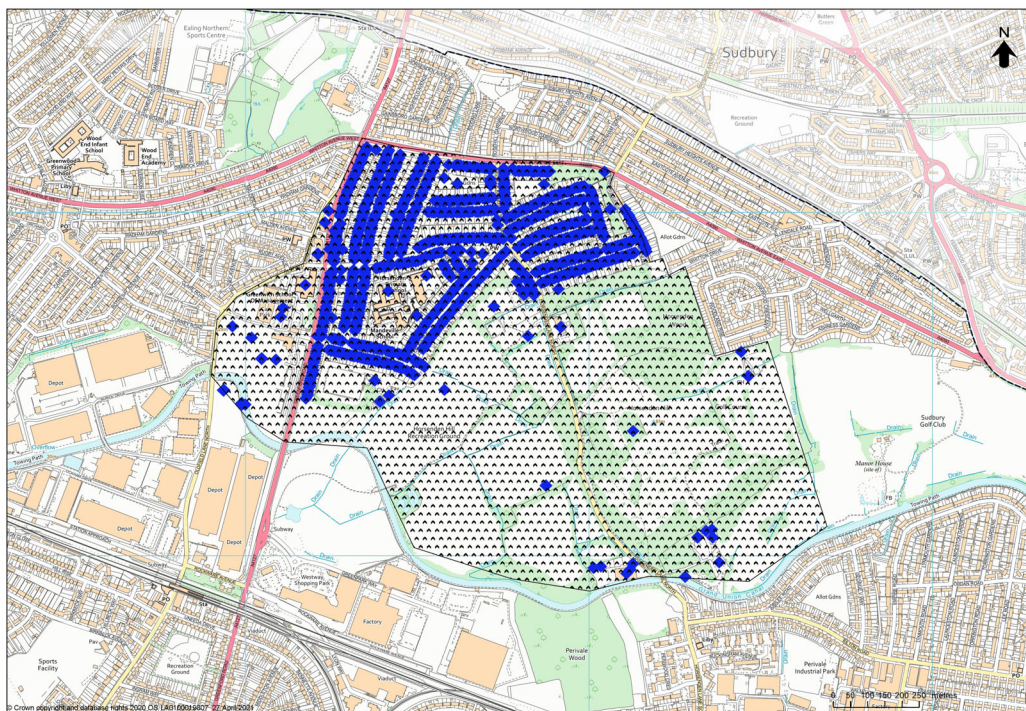
Summary

2157 leaflets were sent out together with posters put up advertising the consultation onsite at key points around the park, social media was also used to advertise the consultation including twitter, Facebook and a press release was issued. An onsite consultation event was also held on the 25th June between 3-6pm.

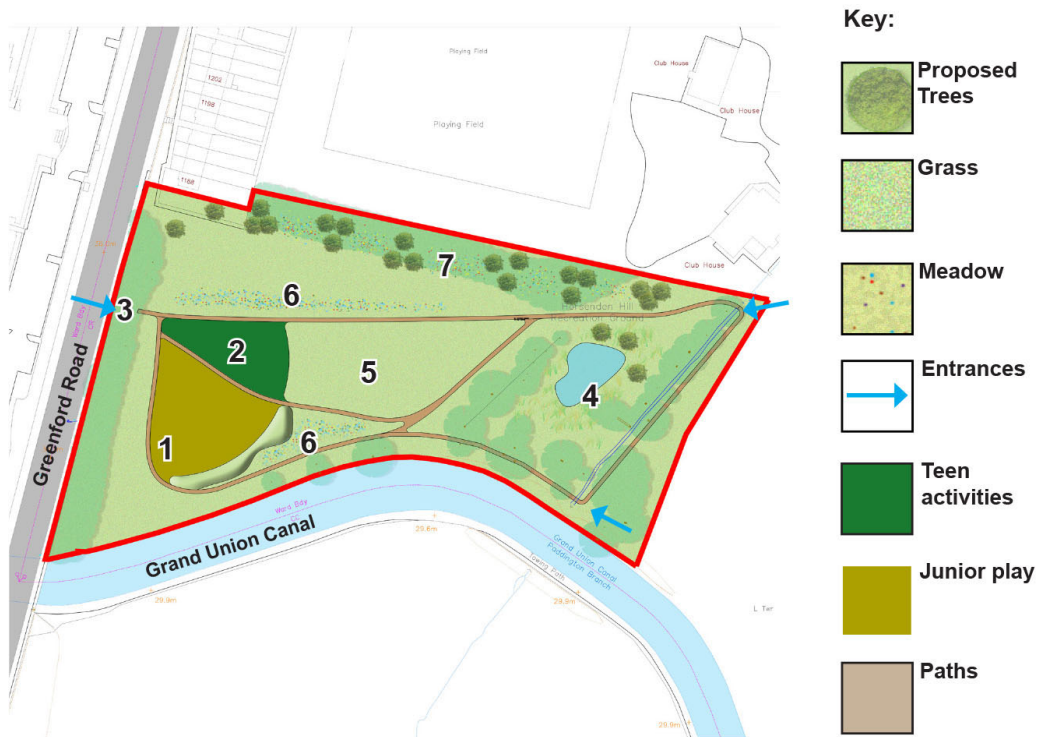
108 people responded to the online survey and around 20 people attended the onsite consultation event.

Based on these results a list of preferred items and activities have been chosen and these will now be used to inform the final design which will go forward to planning and tender stage.

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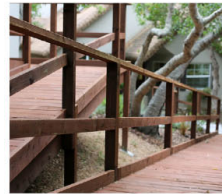
Conceptual masterplan for the site which was included in the consultation



1. Play spaces with a range of equipment for all ages



2. teen area for tennis, football and basketball, play on your own or with friends



3. New easy access ramp and steps into site from Greenford Road



4. Seasonal pond and wetland habitat for wildlife



5. informal ball games, sports, picnics, community events etc.



6. meadow planting



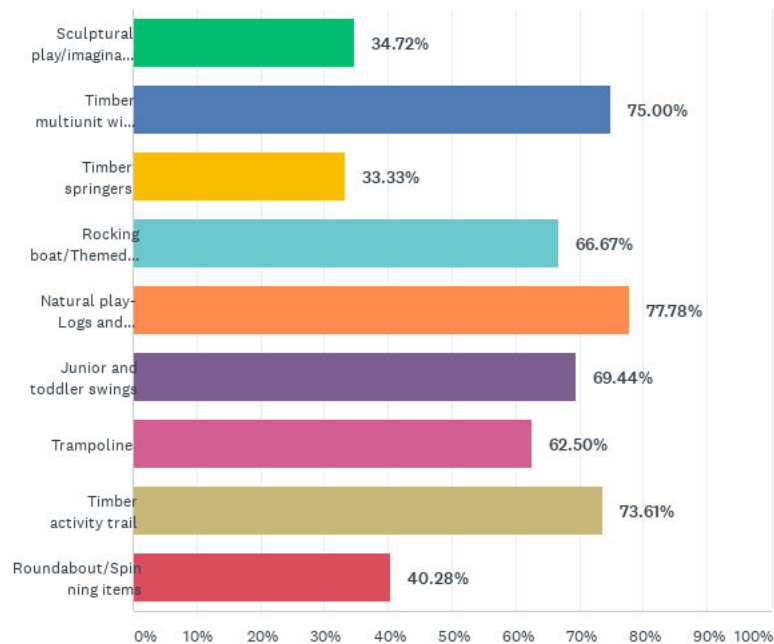
7. New tree planting in groups with wildflowers



New access paths

3.1 What type of play activity would you like in the Junior play area? Please tick all the items you would like to see within the park.

Natural play was very popular especially items: Logs and boulders, Timber trail and Timber multiunit.

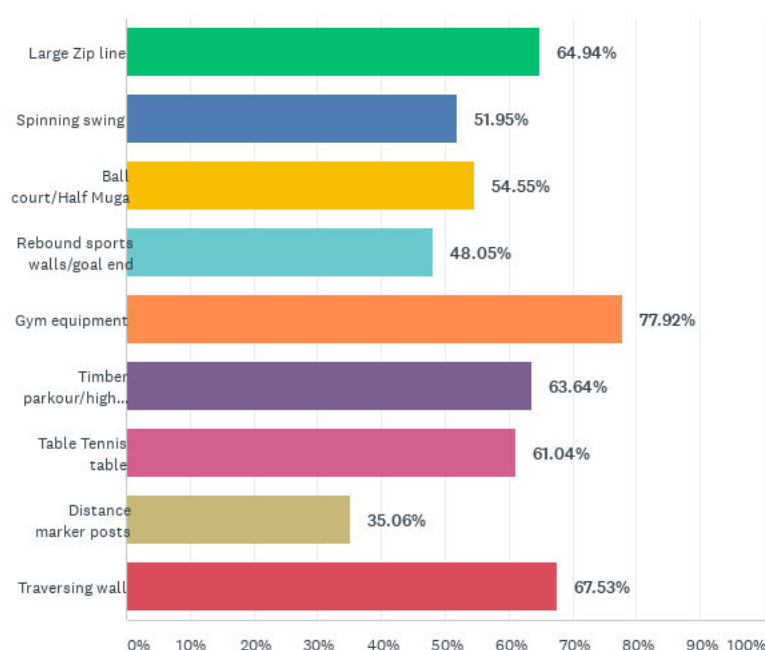


The following items are listed in order of preference below:

1. Natural play- Logs and boulders
2. Timber multiunit with slide
3. Timber activity trail
4. Junior and toddler swings
5. Rocking boat/Themed play
6. Trampoline
7. Roundabout/Spinning items
8. Sculptural play/imaginative play
9. Timber springers

3.3 What type of play activity would you like in the Teen and fitness area? Please tick all the items you would like to see within the park.

Gym equipment was the most popular item followed by a Traversing wall, zipline and Parkour equipment.

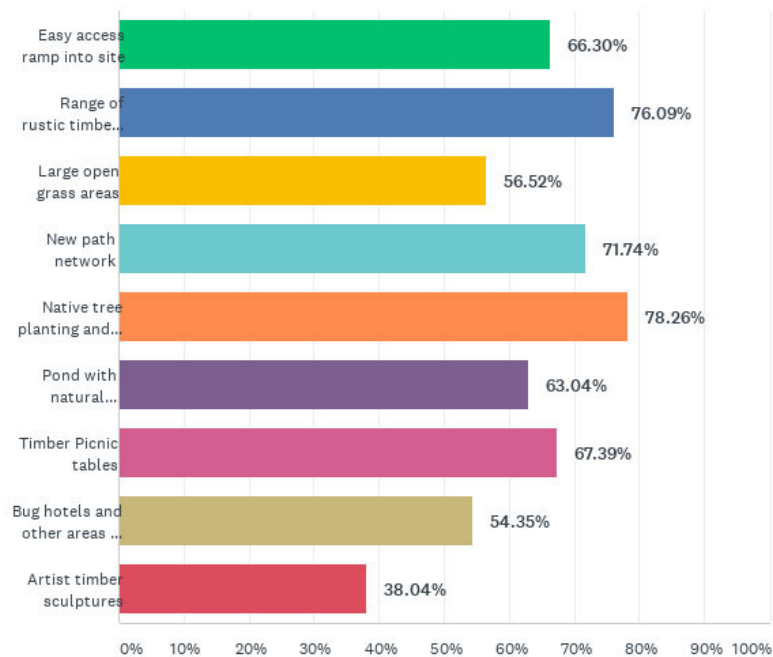


The following items are listed in order of preference below:

1. Gym equipment
2. Traversing wall
3. Large Zip line
4. Timber parkour/high wire balancing
5. Table Tennis table
6. Ball court/Half Muga
7. Spinning swing
8. Rebound sports walls/goal end
9. Distance marker posts

3.5 What items would you like in the wider park area? Please tick all the items you would like to see within the park.

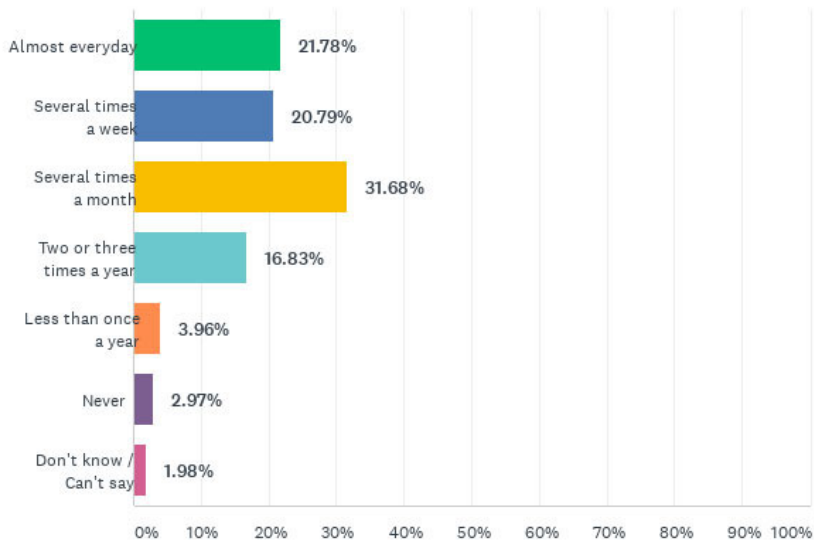
Most people wanted to see the area kept quite natural with more native trees planting, rustic timber seats and picnic tables and a new path network.



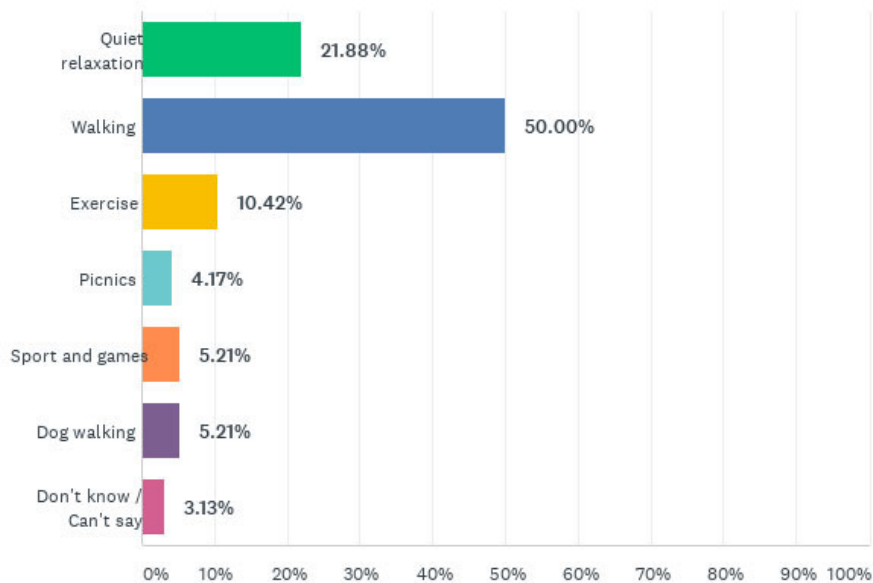
The following items are listed in order of preference below:

1. Native tree planting and meadows
2. Range of rustic timber seating
3. New path network
4. Timber Picnic tables
5. Easy access ramp into site
6. Pond with natural planting
7. Large open grass areas
8. Bug hotels and other areas for wild
9. Artist timber sculptures

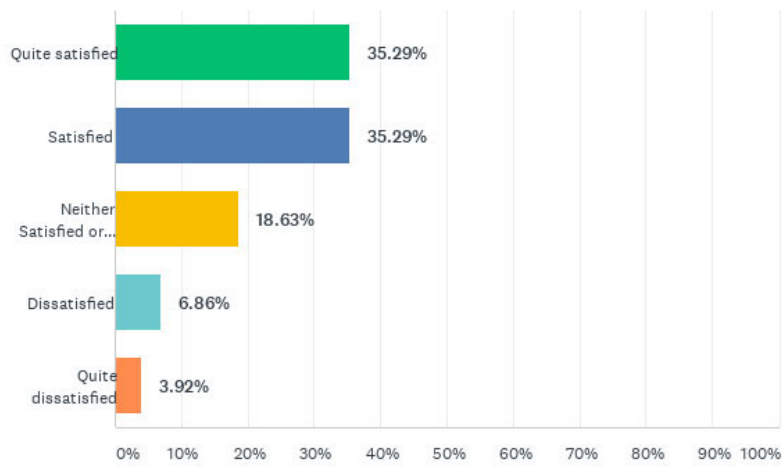
4.1 How often do you visit Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground? Please select one option only:



4.3 What is your main reason for going to Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground? Please select one option only:

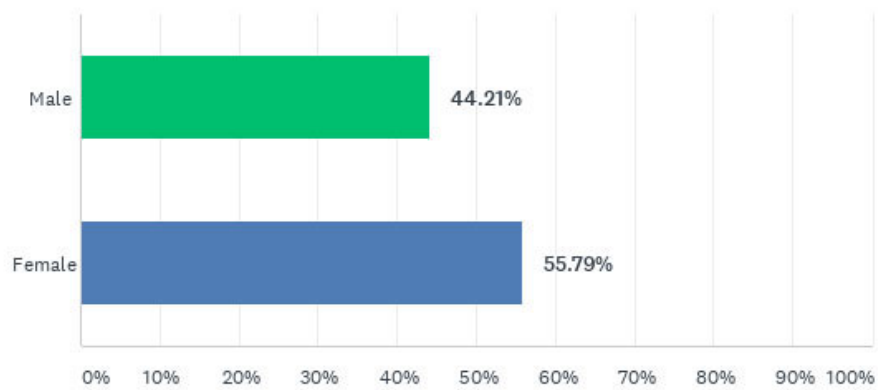


4.4 Overall how satisfied are you with Horsenden Hill? Please select one option only:

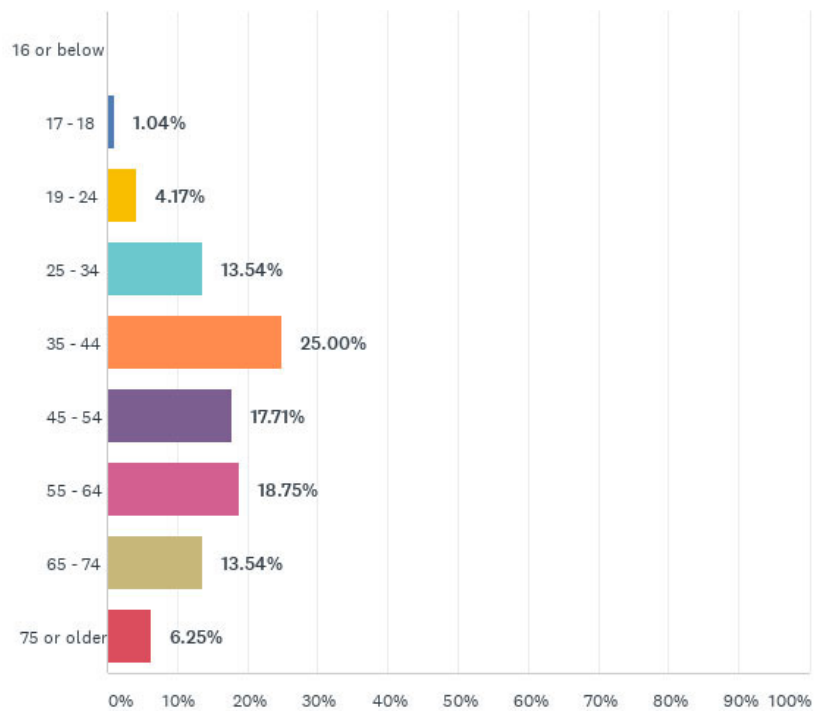


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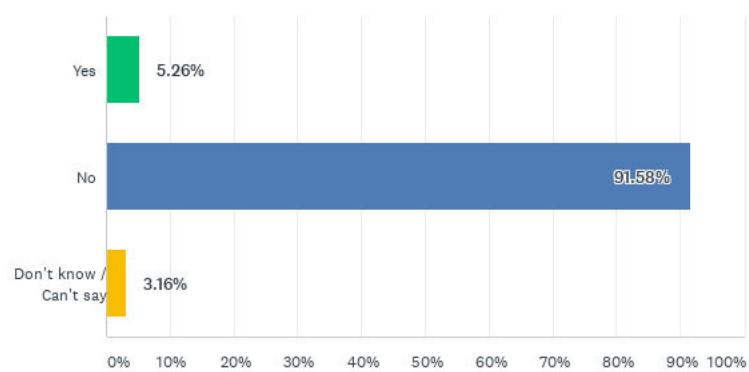
5.1. Gender:



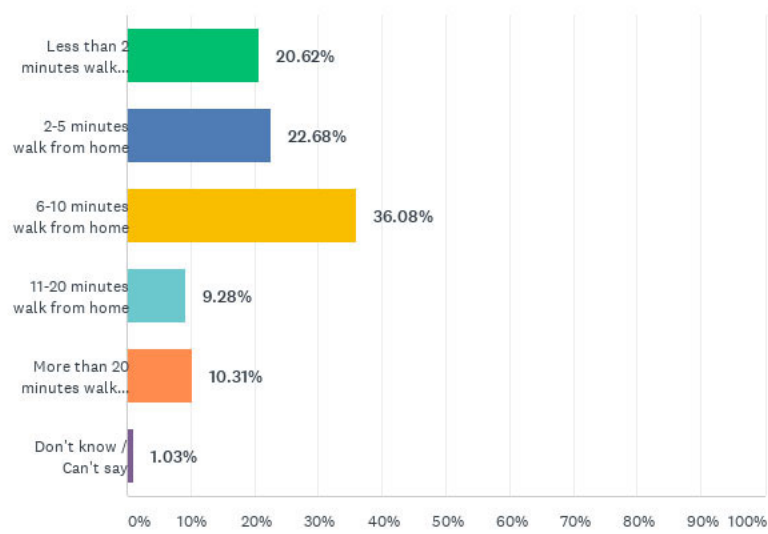
5.2. Age



5.3. Do you consider yourself to have a disability? Please select one option only:



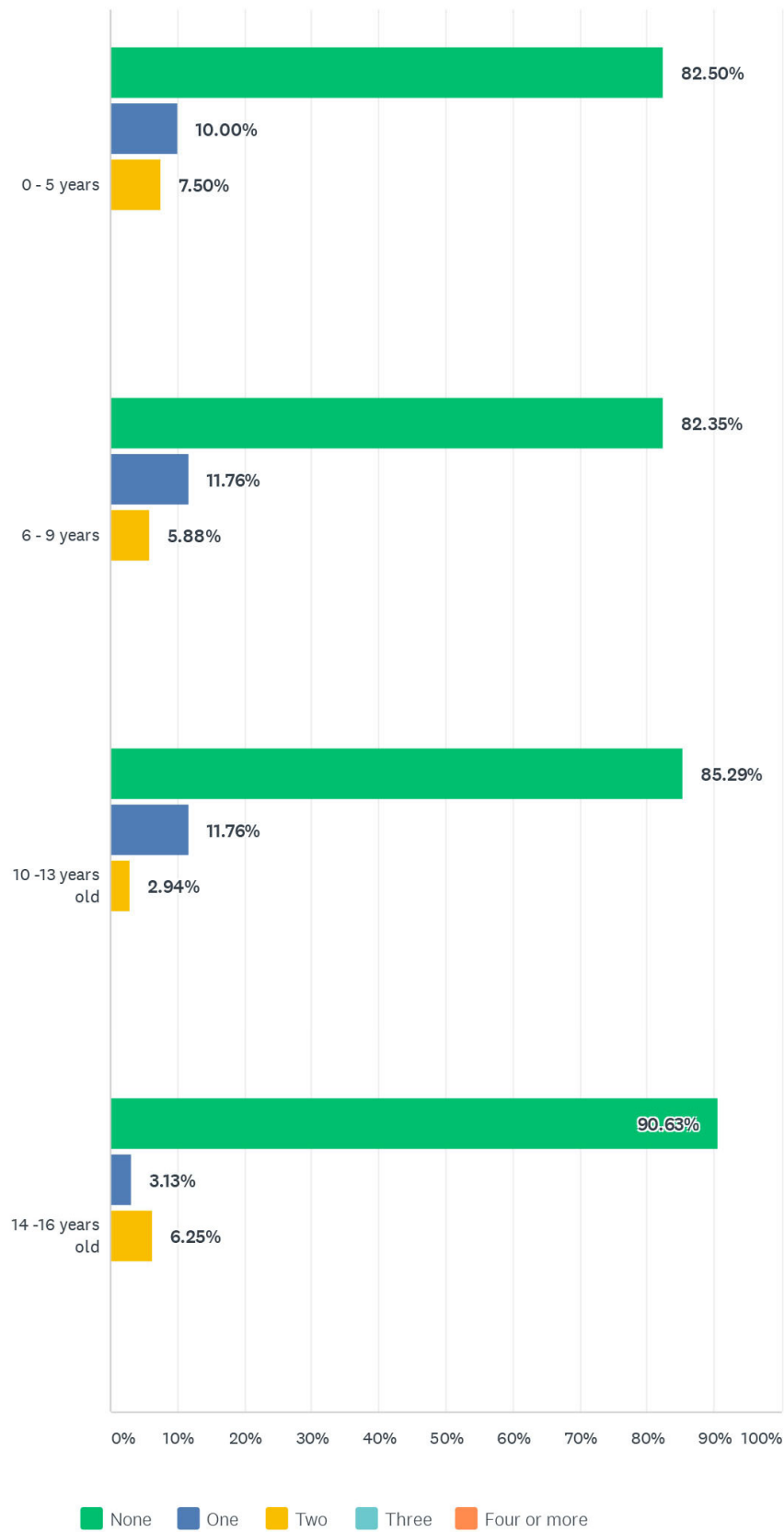
5.4 How far do you live from Horsenden Hill Recreation Ground? Please select one option only:



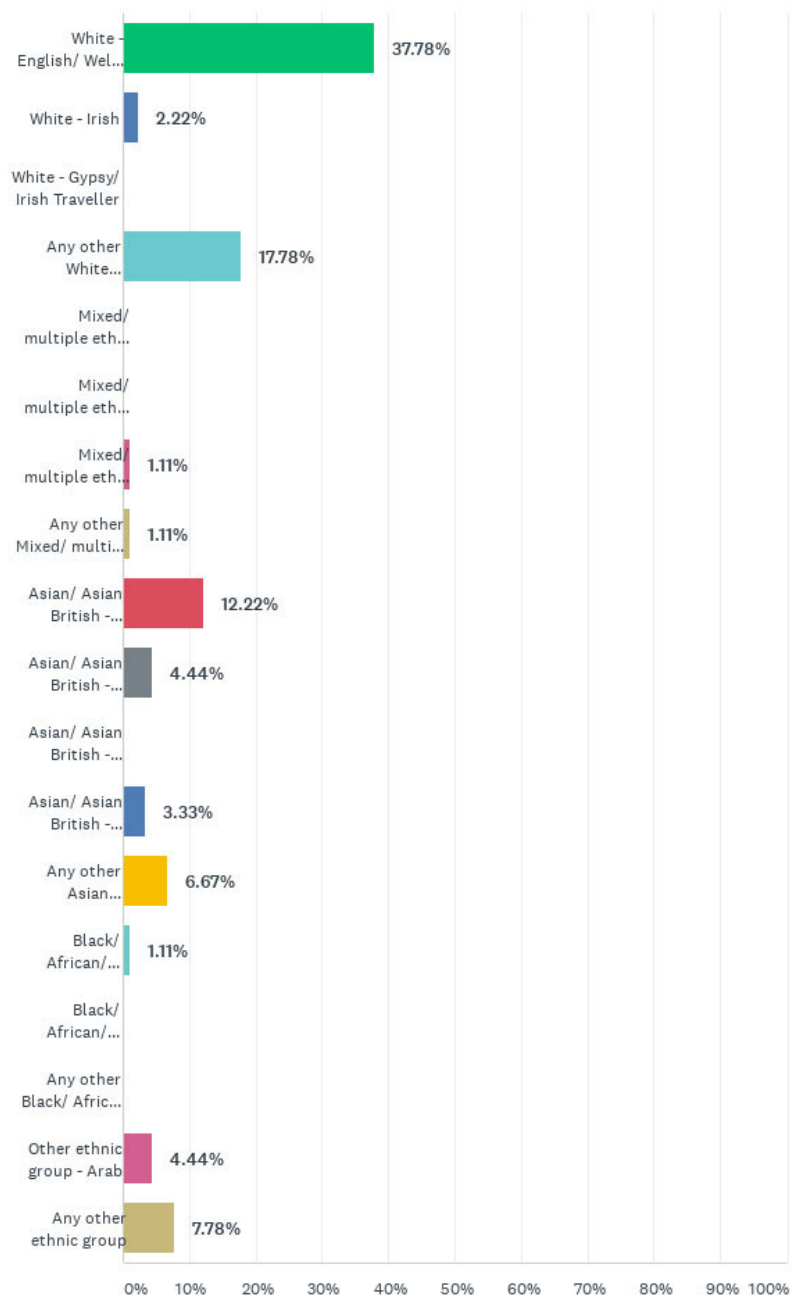
5.5 Which of the following roads do you live on? Please select other if you don't live on any of the listed streets.

Street	No. of responses	%
BERKELEY AVENUE	7	7.45
BOURNE VIEW	6	6.38
BURWELL AVENUE	2	2.13
CAMBRIDGE AVENUE	1	1.06
CLARE ROAD	2	2.13
DREW GARDENS	5	5.32
ELTON AVENUE	7	7.45
ENNISMORE AVENUE	5	5.32
GREENFORD ROAD	13	13.83
GRENAN SQUARE	2	2.13
HORSENDEN LANE NORTH	2	2.13
LINDEN CRESCENT	1	1.06
MELVILLE AVENUE	1	1.06
OLDFIELD CLOSE	1	1.06
OLDFIELD LANE NORTH	1	1.06
ROBIN HOOD WAY	9	9.57
ROSEWOOD AVENUE	1	1.06
ROTHESAY AVENUE	1	1.06
RUGBY AVENUE	2	2.13
SHERWOOD AVENUE	3	3.19
WADHAM GARDENS	2	2.13
WHITTON AVENUE EAST	3	3.19
WOODLAND RISE	1	1.06
Other	18	19.15

5.6. How many children and teenagers live in your household? (Please include grandchildren if they visit regularly).



To which of these ethnic groups do you consider you belong?



Comments received relating to the proposals:

3.2 Are there any other play activities you would like to see within the park? Please describe in the box below:

- Yes, similar exercise outdoor equipment like Burnham Park in Wembley; near- Harrow Road, Roundabout A404: Adult use and youngsters open park gym. Colour Orange & Black. 20 pieces of equipment minimum. Excellent facilities for current Covid avoidance with Anti Bacterial handles. Good for people like me with Blood pressure / Diabetes / slow easy exercises. Slow Chinese style exercise area for older people with a sign advising people of times when events take place etc. Group exercise events.. We all need exercise not just the youngsters / need cctv cameras for protection and safety. Model high tech leisure park with plenty of free parking to help families of all back grounds.
- Don't want any, leave the area alone.
- some under cover open areas to shelter in during rain and to avoid sun burn
- no
- No preference
- Splash pad
- See-Saw
- None at all. Leave the meadow as it is. No play equipment. No tarmac. No fake meadow planting. Just leave it alone.
- Gym equipment
- I do not wish to see any formal play areas in the park. Your questions do not constitute a consultation because they are based on the assumption that the proposals will take place. Why is there not an option to express opposition to the proposals?
- sand, water, sensory
- Sensory play for disabled children
- Something that will take a wheel chair
- Just maintain what ever you put in. I have been to loads of playgrounds in Ealing over the last year and the council has failed to complete repairs
- climbing,activitis for older childrens
- Anything challenging for children 10+
- Sandpit
- Sand area
- Slides, climbing frame, bouldering wall, skate area, children's cycle route.

- Toddler friendly Zip-line, see-saw, spinner bowl, jungle gym, rock climbing wall, nest swing, flywheel spinner/hold and spin spinner and monkey bars
- basketball pitch
- running track or path for elderly people to have a walk/ wheel chair
- something for older people to use for exercise
- Splash zone
- Teens and adults comprehensive set of exercise equipment on the trail around children playground. No boulders but more other proper play equipment as on any of the surrounding playgrounds they can seen not being used. Timber trails to be complemented with security ropes as timber is slippery when wet for most of times.
- do not change anything
- Sand pit
- Items that are accessible to children with disabilities.
- In the recreation area by the canal at Horsenden Farm, there is a large, circular wide swing for 2 or 3 people at a time, which I recall was very popular.
- Less swings etc that get broken and more natural ideas where children can use own imagination something different this looks like standard park. Maybe Large Musical play items, a natural maze
- No. Leave the area as it is.
- Please do not restrict the park only for juniors but also pre-adolescent children too
- There should be no addition of anything built on what is open green space.
- None of the above.
- Do we really need this?
- Equipment suitable for young children. A birds nest style swing, accessible for all children.
- My kids would love to see a zip wire activitie within the park & also some large swings for big kids to play on ..would be great.
- No
- The facilities arround this area are very limited and small, therefore a larger kids playground and open adult gym is welcome. A coffe shop will be lovely too, where parents can get a bite and watch their kids play. I live in Ennismore Avenue and use the playground on the north west corner which has verylityle seating area and always overcrowded.
- I wouldn't like to see any play activities.
- None

3.4 Are there any other teen/fitness activities you would like to see within the park? Please describe in the box below:

- As above; Free parking, with safe access for children and adults. CCTV to keep all safe. 20 different pieces of Outdoor gym equipment, like your example above which only has 6 items; this is cheap economy version I feel. Small outdoor LED flood lights for those winter dark days: lights should light up park up to 6pm.
- Don't want any, leave the area alone.
- drinking fountains
- no
- No preference
- None- not appropriate
- No "teen" play equipment. Leave the meadow alone
- See answer for 3.2
- Provision for disabled teens including things with handrails and wheelchairs
- I'd like to see a larger climbing wall feature that allows bouldering as well as climbing
- Sandpit and water fountain
- Skate area, bouldering wall
- I think having an extensive gym area would be great for promoting healthy living amongst Ealing residents - there is barely any facility in the area. Also if any of those features can be made from recycled materials or natural materials to promote green living
- Playground chessboard
- something for older people
- Much more gym equipment for the full training circle for min two persons at the same time. Traversing wall properly secured all around at the bottom with different high levels possibilities marked by colours or shape of the holds.
- Nothing
- Young people need more activities and facilities. The area allocated appears to be half the size for Junior play (whereas the teens are twice the size). Please consider extending it, if only to make sure there is space between facilities as at that age teens can be territorial and sometimes intimidating to others and their peers.
- Skateboarding/Rollerblading
- Covid friendly activities no zip ropes teens don't use these. Gym equipment gets taken over by grown men so teens can't get on it. Spinning swing is different so sounds great. A short running track bleep test style A large Rope climbing structure /tower a large climbing wall hill with tunnels through the hills

- No. Please just leave this land as it is and maintain the existing play facilities on the hill properly.
- None. There must be nothing built (ie. any of these) on open green space; there is already too much hard coverage of land in the borough.
- None of the above.
- Do we really need any of this?
- Parkour station should include chinning bar AND dip station.
- Trampolines
- No
- Adult open gym and coffe shop.
- Again, I would prefer no activities
- None

3.6 Are there any other items you would like to see within the park? Please describe in the box below:

- areas under cover for bad weather drinking fountains a book swap facility notice boards drinking fountain hand washing facilities toilet facilities
- no but keep the pond and other areas maintained.at the moment the pond is very dirty. paths have thorny plants which can damage eyes any scratch other areas
- Retention of existing mature trees, hedgerows and wetlands
- Unless 24 hour security was provided bug hotels and similar items would be vandalised.
- Cafe or coffee shops and toilets
- It doesn't need improvement. Leave the meadow alone.
- Toilet facilities, for example accessible composting toilets like those that were at Blondin Park allotments.
- Path wide enough for disabled wheelchairs and other park users on foot
- Provisions for disabled teens just tables so wheelchairs can be pushed in.
- Have more natural seasonal attractions, for example spring blossoms and colourful autumnal trees
- Clear enforcement and signs to stop People throwing rubbish and inviting rodents to the area The proposals need to include greenford road and access by bike onto to park. Cycle parking needed and a cycle station. A feature fountain that allows kids to play in the summer as well
- Well maintained items

- Sand pit,
- I am against the pond which will eventually be contaminated, if a wide range of trees can be planted with paths and benches, that would be more cost effective and pleasant. At the moment Horsenden Hill has about three/four benches and there is a single bench on the sports fields and very often people have parties there so there is nowhere to sit in peace.
- A quiet flower garden
- list of trees and flowers that have been planted
- Some small pebbles area for babies to play
- Shaded areas
- You might consider a further access point to Greenford Road adjacent to the canal - once Greenford Quay is fully populated this area may get busy. Or alternatively if the height is prohibitive there, additional, simple direct stairs alongside the necessary easy access ramp. I've seen the area marked '6' for meadow is sometimes heavily waterlogged with deep crevices, so perhaps you might consider a further natural pond in part of that area? (Also please check the earth there for ancient debris or pollutants - has the history of it been explored? There has on occasion been something very strange about that area, making it unwalkable in winter.) The canal alongside the site is regularly used for mooring for barges, and the barge-dwellers use that edge of the field for eating, cooking, relaxing - some have families. A little demarkation from the path to the edge of the canal might be an idea. You put a new path alongside the brook, which is a nice ideagood. There is also an access point indicated at the southern corner of that path. Currently I don't believe there is access to that point from Horsenden Hill, so if you are planning an entrance path to the recreation ground from that area of Horsenden Hill, you will need to open it up through the undergrowth of the Hill, outside the indicated area. It's currently a bit of a dead-end corner of the Hill, so I think it would be of benefit. On a related issue for across the canal in Paradise Fields - has it been considered for a further wildlife pond to be created from the brook that travels under the canal and eventually into the existing small nature reserve lake? The area of Paradise Fields north of the path, south of the canal has been left wild. If a further pond basin was made, fed from the brook, it would create a series of pond habitats for wildlife in close proximity, which would far better encourage wetland wildlife than the single, current Paradise Fields wetland habitat.
- just something that will not attract people and groups day/drinking etc/ we have a several areas where eastern europeans gather and day drink and therefore I say not to tables as this just makes it even more comfortable
- All of these. With sufficient places (size) for people to put rubbish litter.
- No hard infrastructure. This must be kept as an open, green, environmentally friendly space.
- None of the above.
- Toilets. If families come for a picnic and spent a long time in the area public toilets are a necessity. Perhaps the council could pay North Greenford United Football club to provide toilets.
- Lots of fun activities.
- None

3.7 If you have any comments/ideas regarding the design layout or activities please write them below:

- Leave this piece of land as it is. It is an unspoilt natural habitat visible from the canal, not a recreation ground. A few yards away on the other side of the canal is Paradise Fields which has good access points from Greenford Road, paths, wetlands and other features proposed in this consultation. The money would be better spent enlarging Horsenden Lane North playground near the bowling green and tennis courts which is well-used and adjacent to houses, shops and other facilities. I am worried this proposed 'recreation ground' will be a white elephant.
- Please rethink this proposal. This is a tranquil field, part of the original Black Lands group of fields, and is the western margin of Horsenden Hill countryside, protected by a green corridor along Greenford Road. It does not need 'improving' as this would destroy its uniqueness and result in a huge waste of public funds, especially providing a massive and costly access ramp. It is remote from the residential area and is unsafe for young children due to the unguarded canal bank. A better and safer location would be Berkeley Fields which has access via Berkeley Avenue, car parking and the potential for a shelter and much-needed toilets.
- The proposals are welcome however my main concern is that how would parents and children cross Greenford Road if they park their cars on the west of the road? This would be the case with people coming from the south of Greenford Road .
- Fit all of the above suggested Gym / Fruit trees exercise area and safety protocols then this will be model park in an affluent Ealing Gov sector.
- Leave it as it is.
- I think trees should be planted between the canal and the play/ sports areas.
- Yes, leave the area alone as a natural habitat. You'll create this area the leave it to become run down.
- No
- Broadly agree with plan, if the abomination that is the Greystar development needs more outdoor amenities for its residents - pending seeing detailed Design and Access Statement, if this gets to Planning. Most concerned about retention of existing stocks of natural capital - mature trees, hedgerows, plans to mitigate anti-social behaviour, litter, damage to water habitats.
- If this area is to be "improved" only a small playground for small children using mainly natural materials. The rest should be improvements to planting and ponds etc.
- This location has huge fields, which can be used to create amazing play grounds , cafe , toilets and walking trails which are quite vanished.
- They all look fine and should give a total face lift. Adequate lighting and safety for walkers should be included.
- Don't destroy this meadow by making it into a hot spot for antisocial behaviour. The council and police can't prevent it in existing parks and wrecking this meadow by "improving" it will make life a misery for those living near it.
- Play areas to be much smaller, with larger emphasis on Trees, ponds and meadows. Also to carry out a deep clean of rubbish along the Greenford Road boundary of the new park area.
- Please please keep it green and wild as much as possible.

- Construction should be kept to a minimum and be unobtrusive, in my opinion.
- Less use of stones/pebbles as this is difficult for wheelchair users. Car park area for disabled users who cannot use public transport to get to the park. Picnic tables on pavement rather than on grass, so that disabled wheelchair users can access. Picnic tables suitable for wheelchair users. As the timber picnic tables in photo provided on survey are difficult for older people and disabled people to transfer onto.
- Mechanisms must be put in place where by it doesn't become hangouts for druggies. It is imperative that disabled children/teens are catered for especially with Mandeville special needs school nearby
- You haven't accounted to bikes or for using the park as part of journeys through the park to support Ealing council and the Mayor's commitment to help and support walking and cycling journeys being easier. Why is there only on entrance and exit? Why no entrance/ exit onto the canal? Fully integrated design with local area needed
- Can you design the play so that little kid equipment is at one side of the site and big kid equipment at the other? This means when big brother is playing on the kit the little brother can't reach he has an aim so at the end of the summer he climbs that kit and they keep moving across It also helps flow. Thank you
- Maybe a cafe would be nice or toilet facilities near the area for parents to have a coffee/lunch while children are playing
- Activities provided for should not be ones which disturb the natural quiet of nature
- The play area is a great idea for families moving into the Berkley Avenue blocks of flats. For them it would be helpful to have safe access, perhaps from the canal path rather than having to cross the very busy Greenford Road. The play area should be secure to prevent children falling into the canal - shrubs and fencing perhaps? The area can get quite boggy in wet weather so site drainage and surfacing will be important. The site could include a community noticeboard signposting local services and clubs for young people. Would canal boat moorings be allowed alongside the park area? It would be helpful to have a water bottle refill station and waste bins
- Keep things simple and plant lots of trees, something like birches, maples or pines to make it a bit more colourful. Use recycled materials and make it an eco-friendly place
- It would be amazing and toddler friendly if at least the junior play area had a soft ground all over and a canopy rooftop so the play area can be used all year round (especially when it is raining and it is also good to have some sun protection). A great example is the Play Park in Wembley Designer Outlet.
- It is a great idea!!!
- We would like to have more paths to make it easier to walk and cycle in the winter And also a small area for mountain biking and a toilet would be great
- I wholly support this project!!!
- No, but I really like the proposals
- do not forget the not so young and their needs
- I am opposed to this proposal involving loss of MOL. This 'park' is aimed principally at residents of the new development. The Greystar site is surely sufficiently big enough to contain a number of play areas. Although not mentioned in this consultation I presume a new

pedestrian crossing would be required adding more delay and congestion on an already congested Greenford Road much of it created by Council "Improvements " in reducing traffic flow.

- Please make sure that any of the parts is closed to be booked in advance and paid for by local residents - it was a previous fiasco with tennis courts in the Horsenden area
- do not change natural beauty
- Please do not change anything as this is such a beautiful place the way it is. Do not spoil it adding and redesigning this park as it is a truly a gem! I beg you leave it untouched!
- Love the design and ideas
- I think this is a great idea and look forward to it.
- No
- Keep spaces very visible to keep people safe as it can be a secluded area. Keep it natural boat or canal/ water related. Put things in play area that allows free play. Not things like swings that gets over crowded and busy waiting turns. Make everything large oversized. This is a busy area well populated. Horsenden is a lovely natural area which should be kept this way but if not keep it close to nature as best can!
- Don't build on/repurpose this land. Wildlife is already using it and there are too few green open spaces in Greenford already.
- This is yet another encroachment by the council on what should be, and should remain, open, green and environmentally friendly space. Stop it!
- My view on proposal is do not build this. Its close to main road. It better to improve and expand existing at Horsenden Lane North next to tennis courts.
- It seems a waste of money and is probably too far away from the housing estates to be used to it's full capacity
- Site is offset from road, so should avoid items that would encourage vagrancy/drinking/anti-social behaviour. Outdoor gym/parkour area should include pull-up, dip and core workout area with small hard surface area for stretching/supplementary exercises. I have used an exercise ground somewhere in London that had logs on chains etc providing a range of outside resistance exercises.
- Good proposal but far too near to houses. Can it not be further away.
- As much visibility as possible from the road is needed with good flood lighting so the area doesn't become an area for drinking.
- Do not put other ball playing spaces as the adjacent fields provide ample areas for those activities. Encouraging other activities like traversing wall, fitness gym etc is lacking in this area.
- Maybe to the design could be towers wheres the kids could run from one to another via a bridge.
- This venture is far too near to the houses as the noise carries, especially during spring and summer evenings. Our evenings have been ruined in the past by youths using this area as a scrambling circuit for motorbikes. The pavements around that area are filthy with fly tipped bags and having a park so near to the houses would increase this further. We already

have a problem with rats and foxes around this area due to the filth left lying all around the pavements. I am a resident here and I am really not happy with this proposal

- I'm very concerned about disabled access. The scheme says there will be an "Easy Access Ramp" from the Greenford Road. There are currently 19 steps of approximately 20cm per step which equates to a height difference of 380cm. Current disability regulations state a maximum gradient at 50cm of 1:20 at which height the ramp should be 10m long. They also state that for every 10m of ramp there should be a 1.8m landing. So for a height of 380cm the total length of the ramp needed would be 78m! Would it not be better to have a cantilevered path coming under the Greenford Road bridge from Greenford Quay?
- More activities for kids and coffee shop please to keep the parents busy and relaxed as standing for two hours whilst your kids play is not very enjoyable.
- Picnic areas and bins for rubbish

Consultation fun day event 25th June 3-6 pm results and feedback

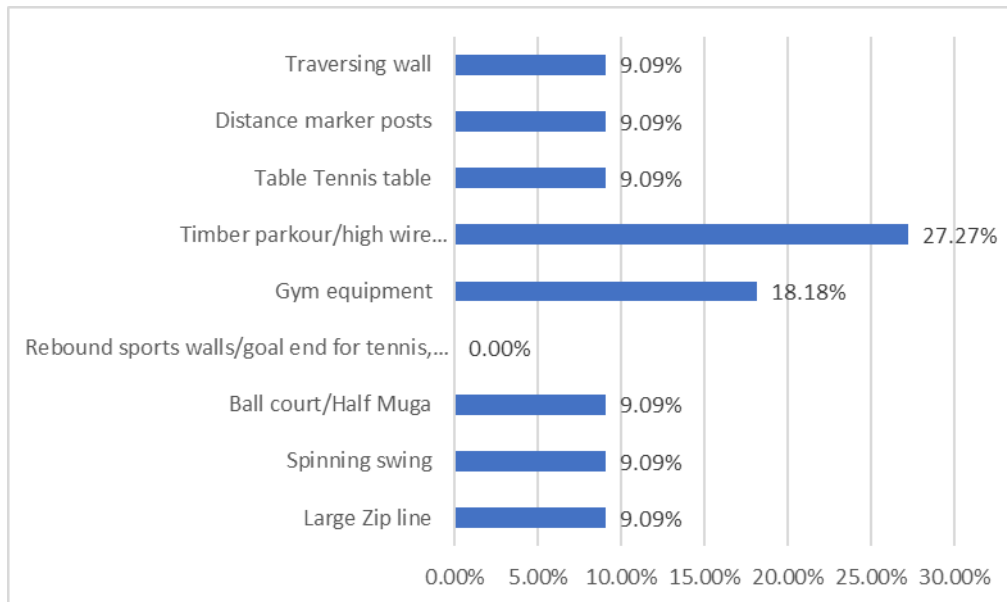
A consultation and information session was held at Tillermans Court, Grenan Square, Greenford, London UB6 0FT on 25th June 2021 between 3-6pm.

People had the opportunity to view the concept boards displayed inside the community centre and to select their favourite items as well as leave comments. People were also encouraged to complete the online survey.

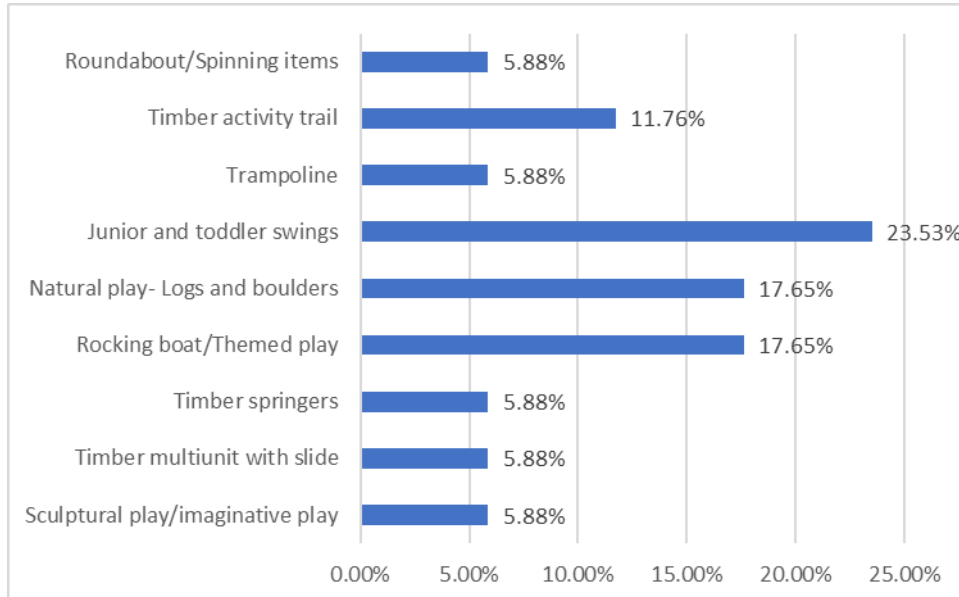


The consultation was attended by around 20 people consisting of a mix of families and couples leaving nearby, the 10 most popular items were:

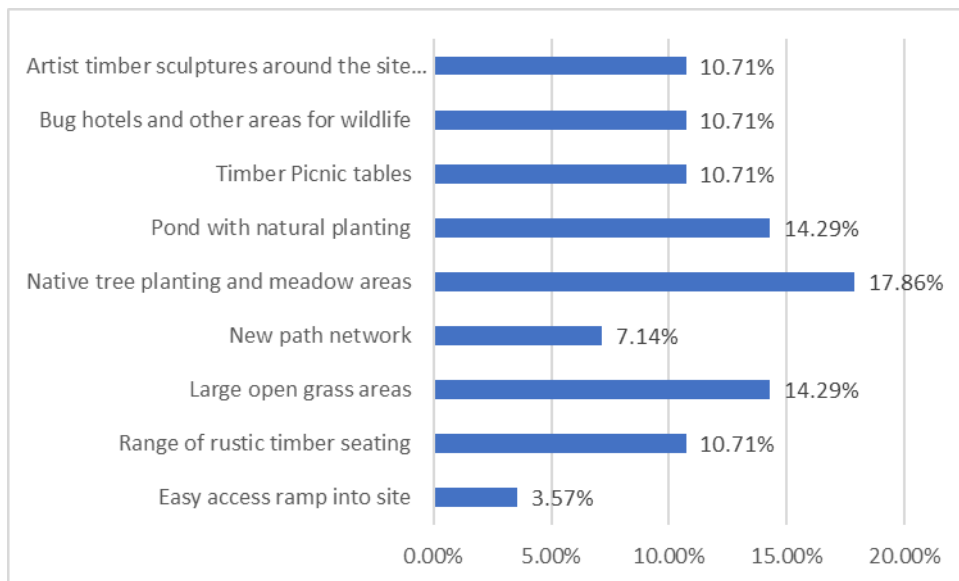
Q. What type of activities would you like in the junior play area?



Q. What type of activities would you like in the Teen and fitness area?



Q. What items would you like in the wider park area?



Comments received at the consultation event:

- Concerns on Security
- Fencing and fly tipping
- Below street level
- Behind my garden