

Playground Consultation Results

December 2023

Summary of Results

- 81 people responded to the consultation questionnaire on behalf of 194 individuals.
- 68% of responses related to children aged 0-14 years.
- 17.5% reporting disability or accessibility needs
- 65% report using the playing field at least once a week.
- 100% of people responding agree that it is extremely or very important to maintain the play equipment.
- 91.25% of respondents strongly approve or approve of the indicative designs.
- Overall, the results show support for ALL proposed equipment, swings, climbing frame and zip wire were the top three preferred play equipment with the least preferred stated as the Inclusive Springer, Sand Pit and Mud Kitchen.
- 96.2% support seeking funding for proposed designs.
- 96.25% of respondents are likely to use the playing field/area more once equipment has been upgraded.

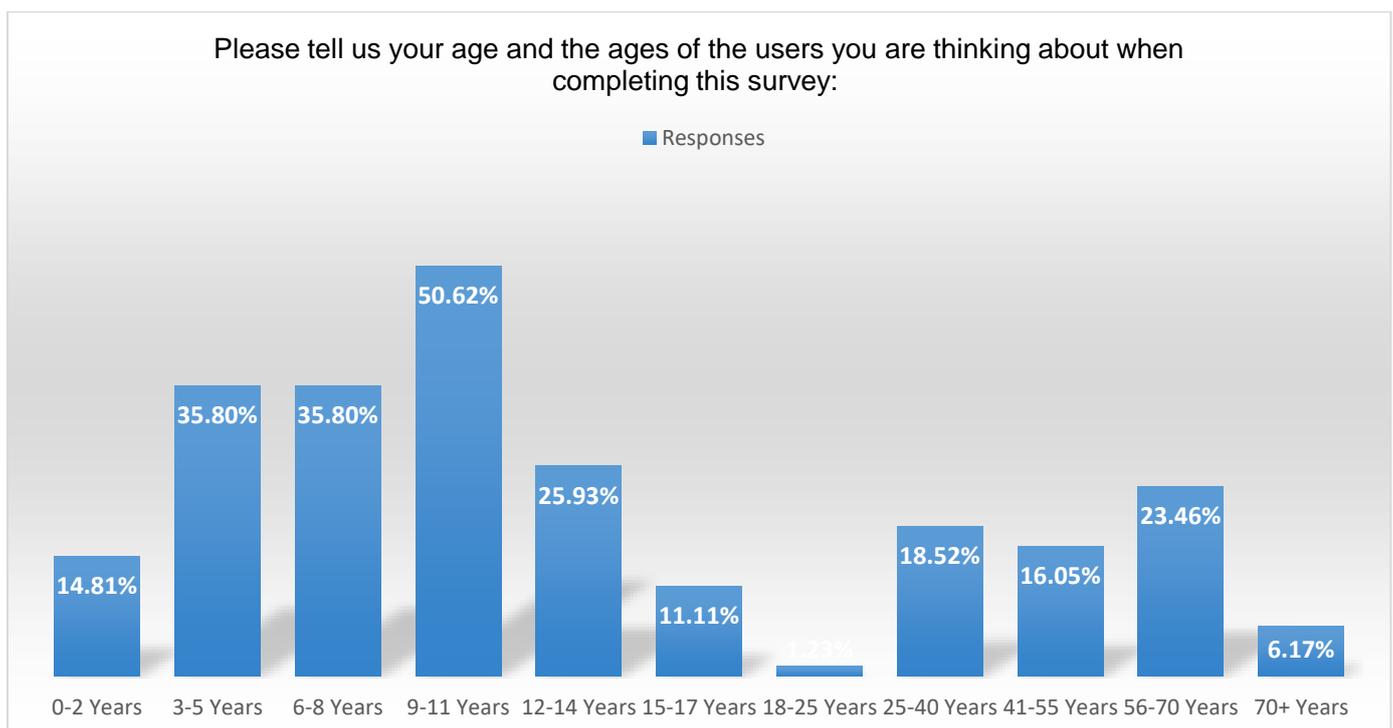
Survey Engagement

81 people responded to the consultation questionnaire on behalf of 194 individuals. Of which:

- 51 people (63%) completed online survey
- 30 People (37%) completed paper survey.

Age of users

68% of responses related to children aged 0-14 years.



Accessibility Needs

80 people responded to this question with 17.5% reporting disability or accessibility needs.

Users of the Playing Field

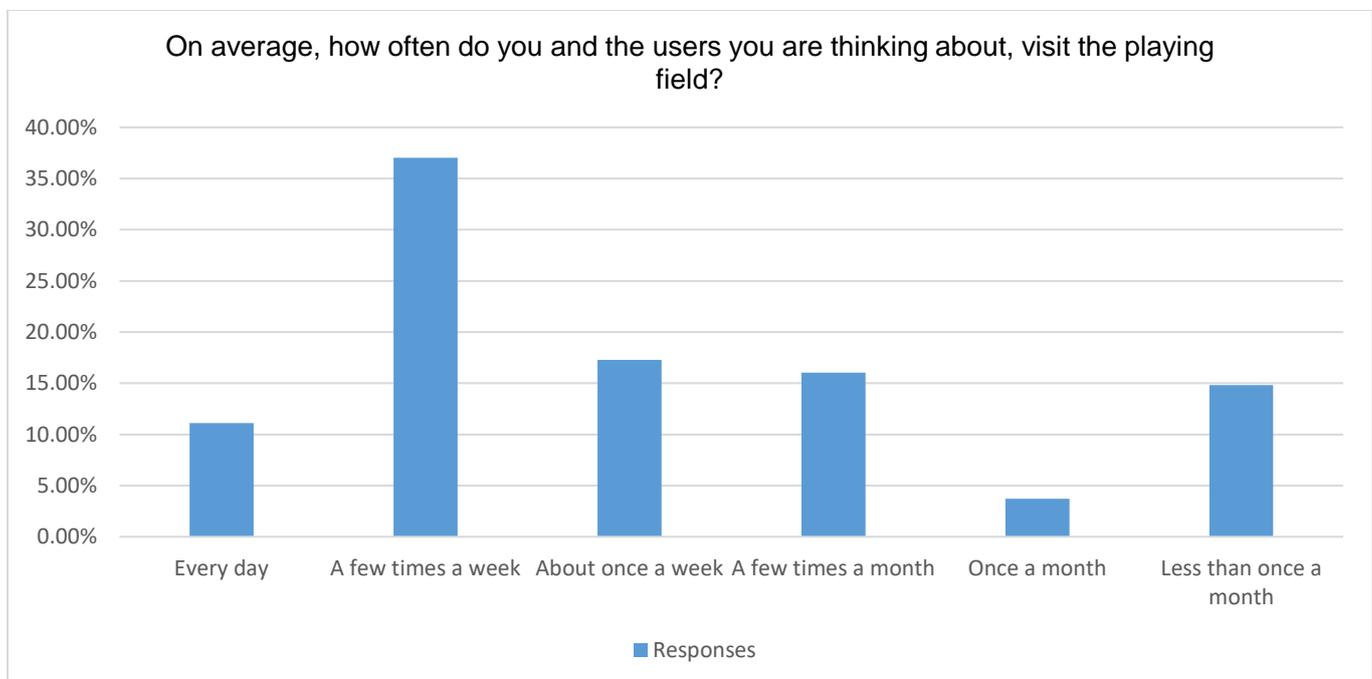
Reason for use:	Percentage	No. of People
Play equipment	91.36%	74
Playing field for dog walking, sports, meeting friends	64.20%	52
Tennis courts for clubs and activities	37.04%	30
Other (please specify)	8.64%	7

7 individuals provided other comments:

- None
- Village events
- Games in the summer on the field like rounders & football
- Children's sports days
- School sports days
- I have two children under three, Parracombe is our closest village and we'd love there to be updated play equipment. Swimbridge play park is one of the best locally, IMO, I believe it was also the community that fundraised for it. We would visit the village more if the play equipment was updated.

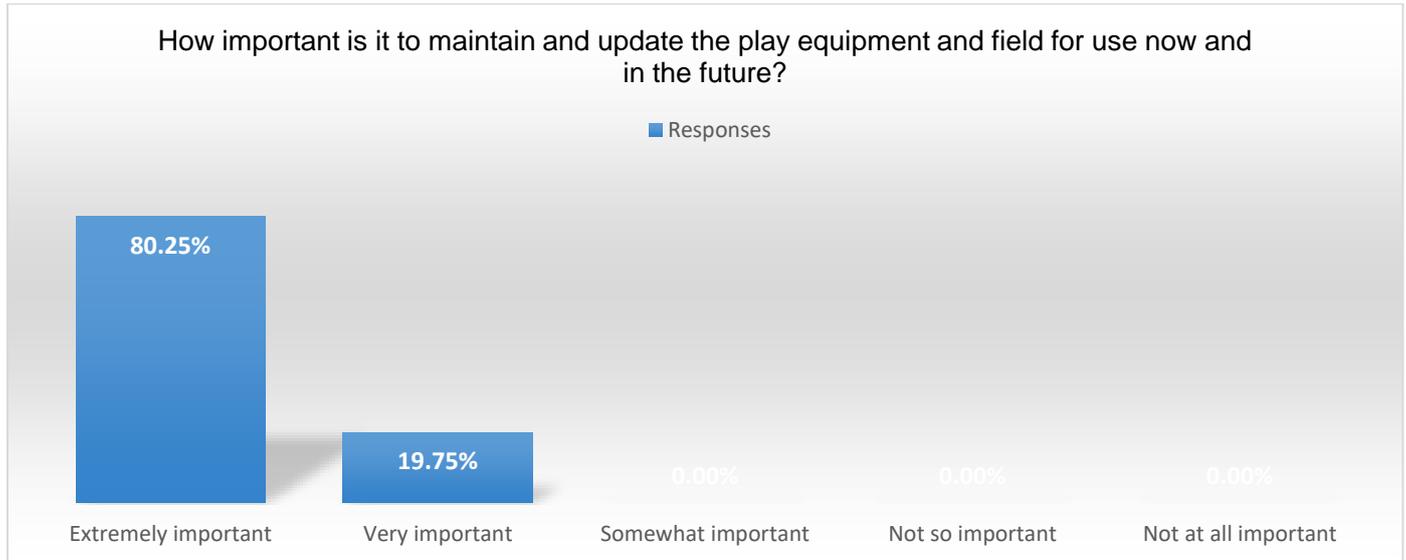
Frequency to use Playing Field

65% report using the playing field at least once a week.



Importance of Maintenance

100% of people responding agree that it is extremely or very important to maintain the play equipment.



Support for Indicative Design

Q6, The indicative playground designs have been created from the initial consultation completed in April 2023. Please look at the design and tell us if you approve of the proposed future play equipment:

91.25% of respondents strongly approve or approve of the indicative designs.

Of those noted who did not approve, the comments relate to technical questions of the layout and planning for the play area - not that they do not approve of the improvements to the play equipment.

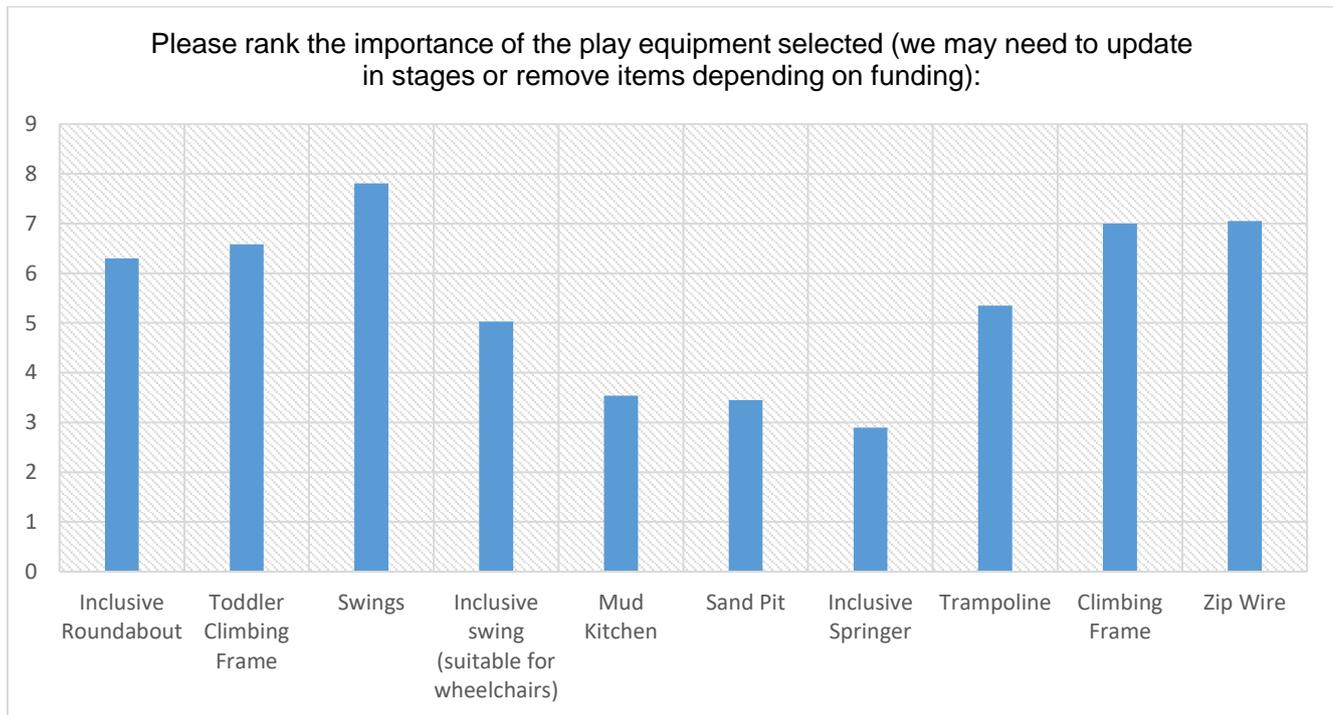
Answer Choices	Responses	
Strongly approve	63.75%	51
Approve	27.50%	22
Neither approve nor disapprove	6.25%	5
Disapprove	2.50%	2
Strongly disapprove	0.00%	0
Please provide any other comments here:	12.50%	10

Additional Comments

- What an asset to the village! Inclusivity!
- It looks like it has a range of different facilities for children.
- But hope the extent of the play area doesn't extend into the field beyond the line of the shop patio. Drawings on the final page suggest trampoline extends beyond this line.
- Looks functional and fun for children
- Strongly disapprove of all the equipment on the bank by the roadside. I would not be happy supervising more than 1 child when the equipment is so spread out and close to the car park. Also there are many dogs that are walked in that area, even when owners are responsible for cleaning up the dogs will still wee and there could be some residual mess. Strongly approve of the other items.
- I like the simplicity of the design. I would encourage the viewpoint of gaining alternative approaches such as self-build viability, costings etc versus corporate provider. Also a possible hybrid of both approaches. The costs associated with the current quotes are considerable and I hope that the funding is available.

Equipment type

Overall, the results show support for ALL proposed equipment, swings, climbing frame and zip wire were the top three preferred play equipment with the least preferred noted as the Inclusive Springer, Sand Pit and Mud Kitchen.



Support to seek Funding

Answer Choices	Responses	
Yes	96.20%	76
No	3.80%	3

Expected Increase in Use of Play Area Following Improvements

96.25% of respondents are likely to use the playing field/area more once equipment has been upgraded.

Answer	%	No. of People
Definitely would	86.25%	69
Probably would	10.00%	8
Probably would not	3.75%	3
Definitely would not	0.00%	0

Other Comments

- I feel the current equipment is unsafe for toddlers and needs updating.
- It would be a great benefit to the community. My mum comes to visit and when she does she likes to take the children to the play area. when she does this she will go to the shop and buy coffee and cake. I think that having the play park will be very beneficial to the shop and community.
- What a fantastic design, very much needed for local community.
- It would be an amazing addition to the area for all to enjoy.
- Although I don't have small children I think it is vitally important the field if put to good use, not least to enhance the nations health. All remote communities need a decent play area.
- The proposed plans look brilliant and a real asset to the village and community and for future generations. I am in total support and the children deserve those facilities!
- The plans look exciting. Completed on behalf of my child.
- The plans look great! Completed on behalf of my child.
- The proposed plans look really promising and great for the community (completed on behalf of my child).
- The proposed plans look great and my children will enjoy using the facilities.
- Where is the dog proof fence!
- Great Idea, keep going.
- Thank you to everyone who has worked so hard to reach this stage.
- This is a really important project as the existing play area has fallen into disrepair and children have no other play facilities, apart from those provided at school.
- Excellent scheme for a village play area especially as a shop/cafe in the same area. Vital these should work together to provide such a brilliant scheme
- We would visit the shop/cafe alot more if the playground was safe for younger children, it's not currently suitable to use.
- It is handy to have a park by the shop because when we come to visit, we can get our bits and bobs and have a play at the same time.
- Q8 without embarrassment equipment- yes
- I definitely think a slide should be incorporated in the climbing frames. Inclusive items such as wheelchair roundabout and wheelchair swing should be given serious consideration as we should try to attract less able bodied individuals to these facilities because such resources do not seem to be anywhere else in the area.
- Huge thanks to the playground team for all of the hard work to date. Happy to be approached for any advice or the exploration of self build options.
- Additional seating for parents/guardians
- There are two proposed designs, neither of which have sufficient detail about longevity of materials used or colour options available. I believe it is important that discussions are held with the planning authorities to ensure materials and colours used are in keeping with the surroundings. Maintenance of the equipment, who is responsible for the maintenance and how this is funded are also key factors. Assumptions that the PCT would be responsible for maintenance seem to have been made by members of the Play area group. I am keen that the Play area is updated. However, further work is required to ensure a good result. The designs also appear to come out further than the area currently being used as a play area - the current area is in line with the shop building, not the shop patio. One of the designs came out even beyond the shop patio.
- Great work well done everyone, please keep going!
- Would also be good to have a path around the perimeter of the field for walking and cycling
- A really exciting prospect! Many thanks to all who are putting their time and effort into improving the area.
- Please make sure there are enough benches for parents to sit down whilst their younger kids are playing. Standing around in current playpark was never fun and we were not able to have social meetings with other parents there. Also pushchair access needs to be suitable.
- This play area definitely needs updating as definitely is not suitable for my 4 year old to play on as it is
- I would love to visit this playground more, when the equipment has been upgraded I would definitely visit at least once or twice a week, and I know many others who would aswell. It will be an asset to the village and really help boost business in the shop. It is such a lovely place to have a coffee but

unfortunately my little one can't really play safely on the equipment that is there at the moment, sorry I can't make the meeting but if I can help in any other way I will ☺ Harriett Kift

- A simpler design would be better. Is it design 1 or design 2?
- And a slide! And gym equipment

One survey had an A4 typed response attached which said:

I have found it very difficult to give definitive answers to questions 6 and 8 on the survey questionnaire.

I very much support the idea of renewing the play area and I have actively supported fund raising events as well as organising work parties to clear the current play area and to make the existing kit as safe as it can be. Having said that, I do have concerns about the “indicative designs” to which questions 6 and 8 refer, which I will try to set out. In addition, the two “indicative designs” that were shown have so many differences to one another that make it hard to answer the question of whether I approve the “indicative designs”.

In answer to question 8, I think it might be easier to approach for the group to set out one definitive and fully researched design that could then be presented to parishioners for comment. Assuming parishioners give the thumbs up, then that is time to seek grant funding which the evidence of backing from the potential users and residents of Parracombe.

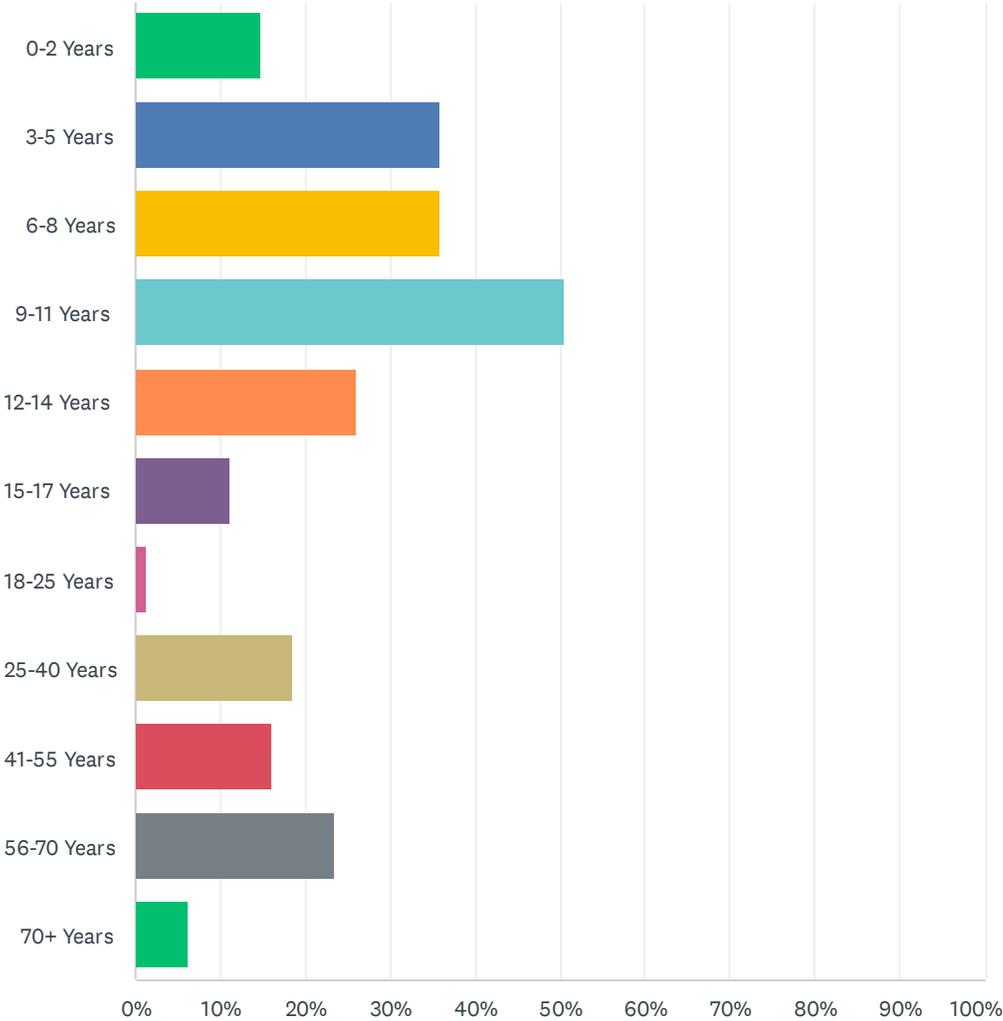
In terms of question 6, whilst fully supporting the renewal of the play area equipment, I am afraid I cannot approve the “indicative designs” as presented. My concerns would be as follows:

- The two designs have different footprints. My feeling is that the play area should not protrude beyond the line of the patio to the front of the shop. That way, the grassed playing area is preserved for events and games.
- I am struggling with the emphasis on accessibility. I would think that any potential grant funders will require detailed evidence that there is a local demand for such facilities. Even if we do get the necessary grant funding, if it turns out that the proposed pieces of accessibility equipment are not used very much, they risk becoming white elephants with considerable burden of ongoing maintenance to ensure safety etc.
- Whilst completely understanding the preference of younger children for ‘bright colours’, I do believe this has to be balanced with the fact that the site is very prominent within a conservation area located in a National Park. I believe careful consideration should be given to materials and colour choices, so that the play area can blend into its surroundings as well as being attractive to younger children.
- I believe it is important for the design to be mindful of the ongoing maintenance obligations that will be required, with a clear plan for how those obligations will be delivered and/or funded. As we all know, the site is very exposed and the equipment will need a lot of maintaining. This is particularly true of the equipment that includes complex moving parts such as the roundabout and the zip wire, and possibly the springer. No doubt those pieces of equipment that are aimed at wheelchair users will involve even more stringent maintenance regime.

Finally, I do hope that we will be able to self-build as much of the equipment as possible. Not only would this save cost, but more importantly I believe the act of building the play area would be an opportunity for people within our community to take pride in what was built and have a real sense of ownership, which can only be a good thing going forward.

Q1 Please tell us your age and the ages of the users you are thinking about when completing this survey:

Answered: 81 Skipped: 0

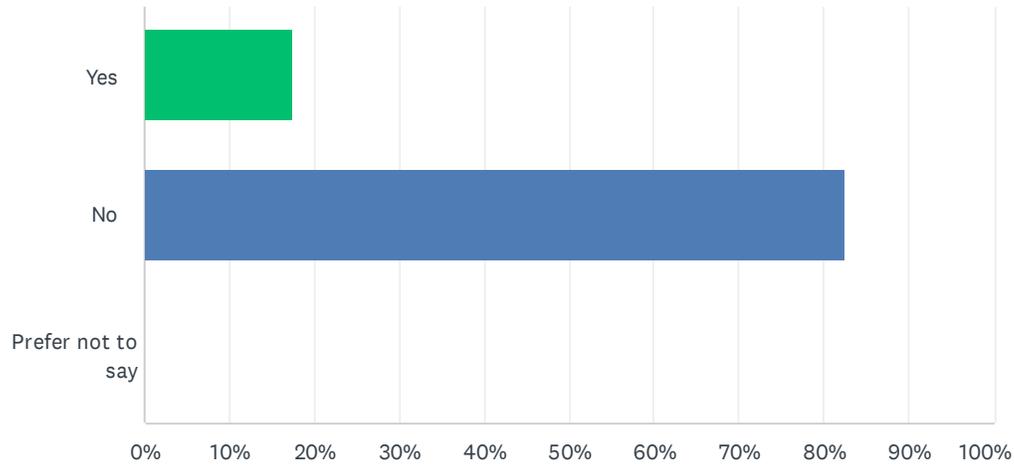


Coronation Playing Field - Consultation Oct 2023

ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0-2 Years	14.81%	12
3-5 Years	35.80%	29
6-8 Years	35.80%	29
9-11 Years	50.62%	41
12-14 Years	25.93%	21
15-17 Years	11.11%	9
18-25 Years	1.23%	1
25-40 Years	18.52%	15
41-55 Years	16.05%	13
56-70 Years	23.46%	19
70+ Years	6.17%	5
Total Respondents: 81		

Q2 Do you, or any of the users you are thinking about have a disability and/or any accessibility needs?

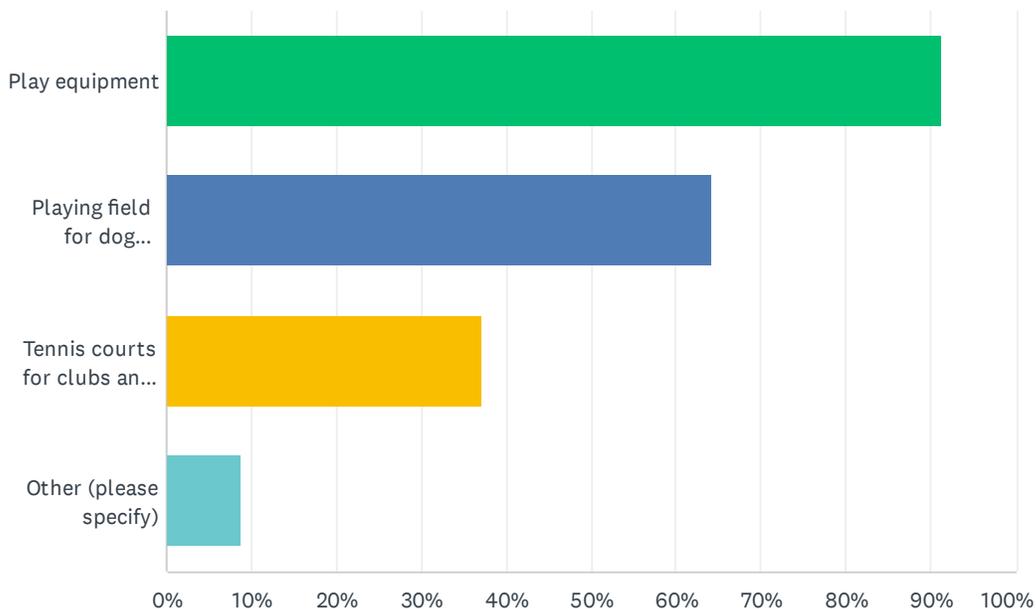
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	17.50%	14
No	82.50%	66
Prefer not to say	0.00%	0
TOTAL		80

Q3 How do you and the users you are thinking about, currently use the playing field? Please tick all that apply:

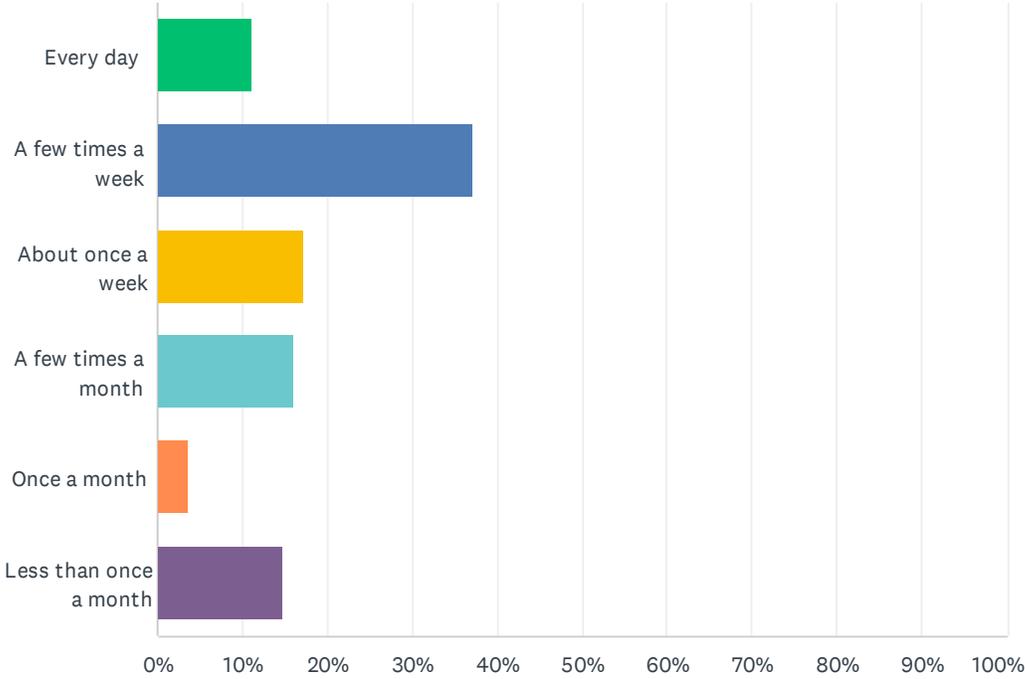
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Q4 On average, how often do you and the users you are thinking about, visit the playing field?

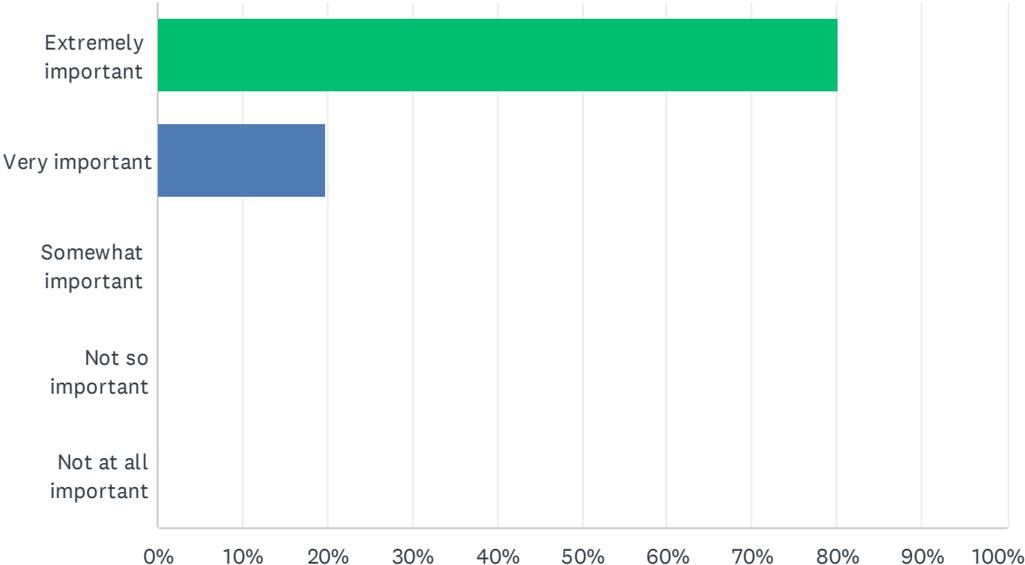
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Every day	11.11%	9
A few times a week	37.04%	30
About once a week	17.28%	14
A few times a month	16.05%	13
Once a month	3.70%	3
Less than once a month	14.81%	12
TOTAL		81

Q5 How important is it to maintain and update the play equipment and field for use now and in the future?

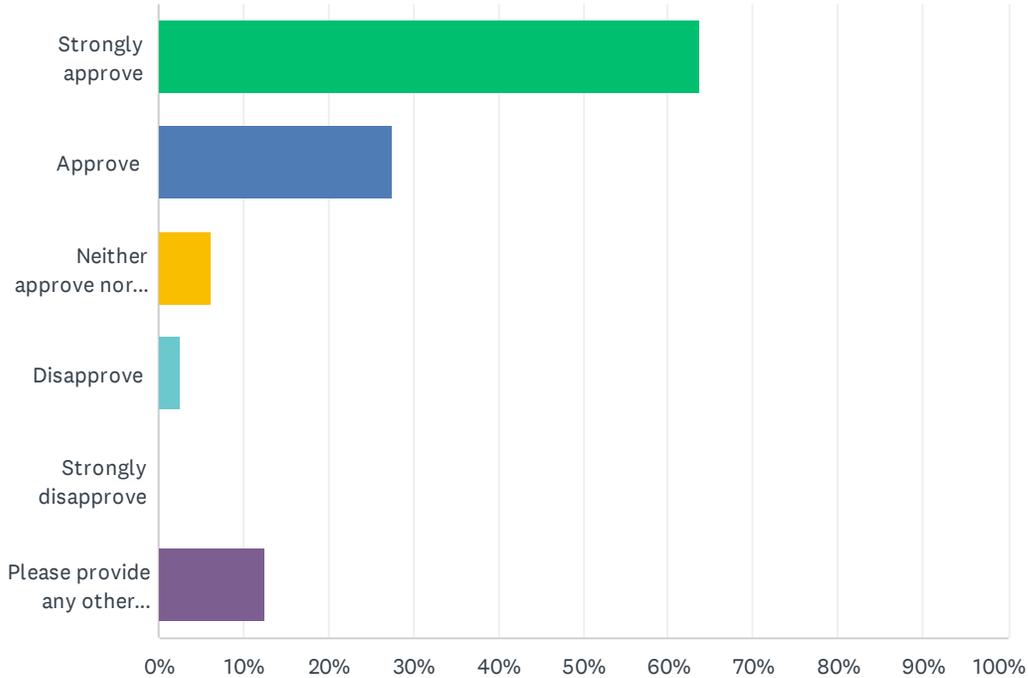
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely important	80.25%	65
Very important	19.75%	16
Somewhat important	0.00%	0
Not so important	0.00%	0
Not at all important	0.00%	0
TOTAL		81

Q6 The indicative playground designs have been created from the initial consultation completed in April 2023. Please look at the design and tell us if you approve of the proposed future play equipment:

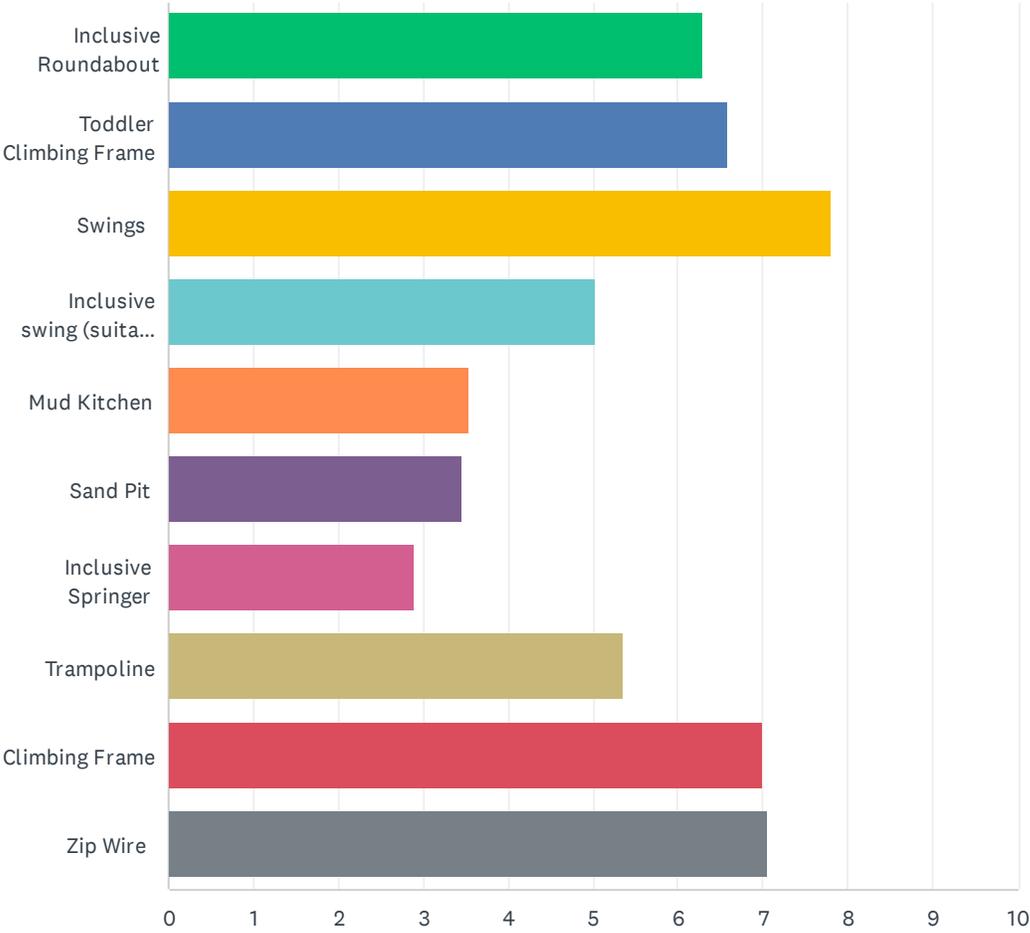
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Total Respondents: 80		

Q7 Please rank the importance of the play equipment selected (we may need to update in stages or remove items depending on funding):

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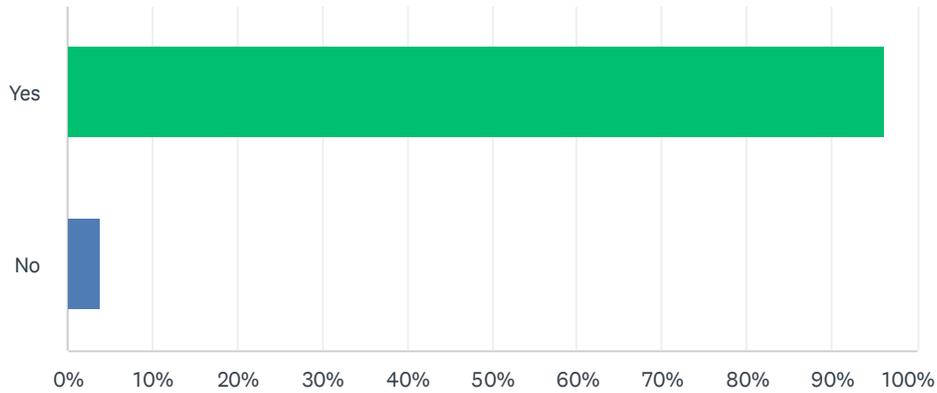


Coronation Playing Field - Consultation Oct 2023

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	TOTAL
Inclusive Roundabout	12.50% 10	11.25% 9	10.00% 8	15.00% 12	15.00% 12	12.50% 10	5.00% 4	10.00% 8	7.50% 6	1.25% 1	80
Toddler Climbing Frame	11.25% 9	21.25% 17	10.00% 8	10.00% 8	12.50% 10	12.50% 10	10.00% 8	3.75% 3	6.25% 5	2.50% 2	80
Swings	17.50% 14	23.75% 19	30.00% 24	11.25% 9	5.00% 4	6.25% 5	0.00% 0	2.50% 2	1.25% 1	2.50% 2	80
Inclusive swing (suitable for wheelchairs)	3.75% 3	3.75% 3	8.75% 7	15.00% 12	10.00% 8	11.25% 9	20.00% 16	12.50% 10	7.50% 6	7.50% 6	80
Mud Kitchen	0.00% 0	2.50% 2	5.00% 4	6.25% 5	5.00% 4	8.75% 7	17.50% 14	12.50% 10	23.75% 19	18.75% 15	80
Sand Pit	0.00% 0	1.25% 1	1.25% 1	6.25% 5	10.00% 8	15.00% 12	10.00% 8	13.75% 11	21.25% 17	21.25% 17	80
Inclusive Springer	0.00% 0	0.00% 0	2.50% 2	1.25% 1	7.50% 6	5.00% 4	13.75% 11	25.00% 20	16.25% 13	28.75% 23	80
Trampoline	1.25% 1	17.50% 14	8.75% 7	8.75% 7	8.75% 7	16.25% 13	11.25% 9	8.75% 7	10.00% 8	8.75% 7	80
Climbing Frame	13.75% 11	13.75% 11	20.00% 16	17.50% 14	12.50% 10	6.25% 5	6.25% 5	6.25% 5	2.50% 2	1.25% 1	80
Zip Wire	40.00% 32	5.00% 4	3.75% 3	8.75% 7	13.75% 11	6.25% 5	6.25% 5	5.00% 4	3.75% 3	7.50% 6	80

Q8 Should we seek funding for the replacement of the play equipment as set out in the indicative design shown?

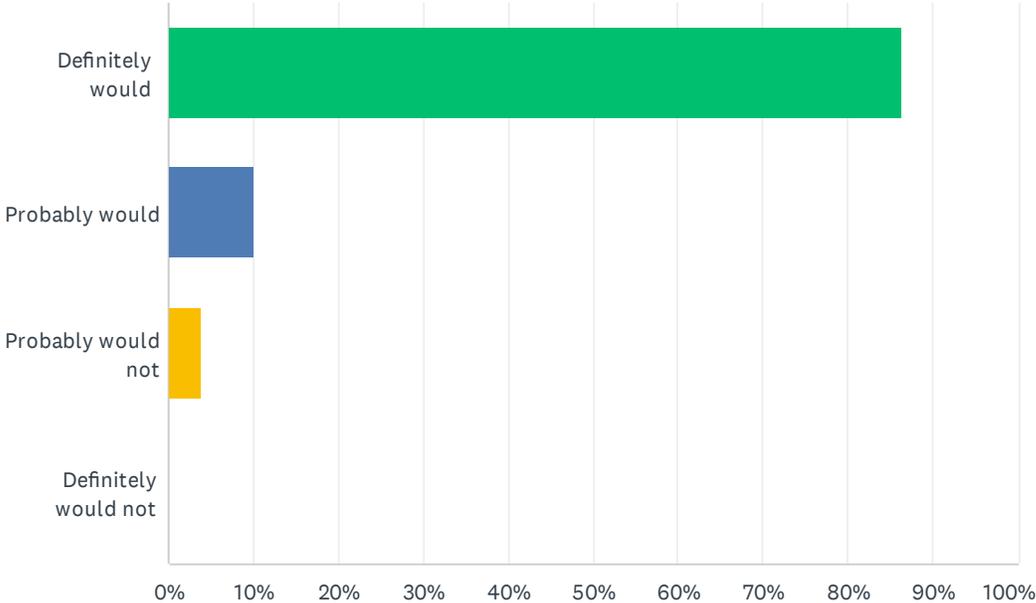
Answered: 79 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	96.20%	76
No	3.80%	3
TOTAL		79

Q9 Would the improvements proposed encourage you and those you are thinking about to visit the play area/field more frequently?

Answered: 80 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Definitely would	86.25%	69
Probably would	10.00%	8
Probably would not	3.75%	3
Definitely would not	0.00%	0
TOTAL		80

Q10 Please provide any other comments here:

Answered: 31 Skipped: 50