

Consultation Report

The consultation for Priory Park was undertaken over 3 stages.

500 surveys were delivered door to door to local residents. Surveys were also available from Town Council locations including the Town Hall, Library and Launceston Visitor Information Centre.

The survey was available online and publicised through the Town Council website and all social media channels. Posters were also displayed in Council buildings, in the park area and residential estates displaying the QR code which took them directly to the survey.

We also held an in-person Consultation Event (held in our Town Hall, not on site due to the weather!). This was alongside a free Family drop in event that was organised by the library, offering Lego and face painting. This was a chance for residents to hand in or complete the Consultation Survey, speak to Town Council Councillors, who were on hand to discuss any queries they had, Families to identify how they would use the park and what they would like to see there and a "dot" exercise for the children (and adults) to identify what type of play equipment they would like to see on the site. On the day we estimate that we saw between 130-150 residents.

Surveys returned as follows-

Door to door surveys- 42

Consultation Day surveys- 16

Library surveys- 10

TIC surveys- 3

TOTAL = 71

Online surveys- 28

Overall Survey response = 99

80% of the survey responses said they would walk or cycle to the park- indicating that it would be local residents who will be using the facilities provided and underpins Cornwall Council's Active Travel initiative. This was also emphasised in the online survey's responses. Issues regarding residents' current parking provision was strongly highlighted as a major cause for concern which has identified a separate issue that the Town Council will be looking at in the future.

Play equipment aimed at the 5–12-year-old bracket was the most popular with 84% requesting that this is the age it should be aimed at. However, there was a very positive response regarding gym equipment for Teens and Adults with 70% of responses keen for this type of equipment to be available.

Accessibility was an area that was identified strongly on the survey responses with access for wheelchairs and pushchairs. Mobility chairs was listed on 8.4% of the surveys as how people would access the park.

The type of equipment identified on the responses that residents would be keen to have on the site are

Outdoor gym

Calisthenics

Ball games area/netball

Swinging

Climbing

Sliding

Balancing

Sensory

The on the day 'dot' exercise was very informative with inclusive access, theming and sound being heavily 'dotted' alongside play house, roll runner, hurricane swing, and rocker. The outdoor gym equipment, group exercise bikes, street workout, ball games areas and ninja trail were also reflected as it had been on the surveys.

Picnic areas, benches, with bee friendly planting, shrubs, trees, shaded and sensory areas were listed on a large proportion on the surveys with resident's keen to be able to use this open and green space alongside the park provision.

Although statistically the results were very similar in regards to dog access, there was a high number of additional comments where residents felt that making the park dog free would be best as to ensure the safety of park users. If the park was to change to allow dogs, having a separate area for them was suggested. The need for dog bins alongside the importance of bins for general rubbish was commented on regularly and the council understands its responsibility in relation to the ongoing maintenance of any additional public realm.

There were concerns raised regarding Anti-social behaviour that has been happening at the site, with residents positively highlighting that having the park area used again would help to deter this, and that the replacement play provision should be designed so as not to encourage anti-social groups to convene.

The overriding theme from the consultation is how enthusiastic the local community are to have this play park re-instated, and the area to be fully accessible and used by the wider residents too. The lack of play provision on that side of town was identified as much-needed development.

The feedback suggests this would be a valuable and well used asset to the community, with residents excited to have this in place as soon as possible.

Example of the Dot Board Exercise



Consultation Event Day- Launceston Town Hall



Face painting & Lego

Priory Park Consultation

10th August, 10 - 1pm

A family gathering event to discuss the future of Priory Park.
In wet weather we will gather at Launceston Town Hall.

To complete the consultation survey online please scan the QR code



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Some Additional Comments from online Surveys

A large and great space, needing some more upkeep and diversity but should absolutely be kept as a park and green space.

This end of town we have nothing for kids, one small park up Ridgeway with three things there which aren't the best. Our kids deserve somewhere to play and us adults deserve somewhere we can let our kids play.

A community space which is child focused.

Seating areas are a must, plus shade/rain cover would be good. Needs to be suitable for multiple ages including teenagers as facilities are limited this side of town. Maybe a bike track around the outskirts of the field could be incorporated?

Monitoring of anti social behaviour is essential. CCTV would be beneficial.

We have missed the cycle track. Loads of children have learnt to ride their bikes here. A dry cement path would be good from one end of the park to the other. That's for all ages and abilities please.

Wheelchairs, mobility walkers, disabled groups of all ages. A sensory element would be welcomed along that path. Rub down pictures, textured surfaces. Visit the park in Camelford for ideas. Tavistock Park is also good. And seating for parents would be helpful.

Maybe to have a separate area for dog walkers so the dogs don't frighten the non-dog lovers in the park.

MY HUSBAND AND I WOULD NOT DO MANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES BUT IT WOULD BE A PLEASURE TO SIT AND CHAT WITH OTHER PEOPLE WHEN THEIR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN PLAY BUT BE DOG FREE, AS MYSELF DON'T LIKE DOGS RUNNING TOWARDS ME. THIS IS A PROBLEM WHEN I WALK IN THE AREAS AROUND THE TOWN.

Just an addition Could there be a painted number snake, alphabet, hopscotch, chess/draughts board painted on - or a maze with mazes. compass, clock? Thank you ☺

area long overdue to be made good for children

WELL DONE! THE NORTH SIDE OF TOWN'S BEEN NEGLECTED FOR THE LAST 20 YEARS

It is important that park remains DOG FREE for children and adults. Plenty of dog walking areas already.

SECURITY FOR RESIDENTS
ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR