



## **Public Consultation statement**

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# 1. Introduction

Situ8 Ltd have been instructed to act on behalf of Camborne Town Council to write a public consultation statement, (hereinafter referred to as 'the site'). the event themselves and the written findings in the appendices were carried out by the Camborne Town Council team.

## 2.Pre-application engagement and front loading

The NPPF (2021) clearly identifies that there is a strong need for public engagement prior to a proposal being formally submitted;

Pre-application engagement and front loading

39. Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community.

40. Local planning authorities have a key role to play in encouraging other parties to take maximum advantage of the pre-application stage. They cannot require that a developer engages with them before submitting a planning application, but they should encourage take-up of any pre-application services they offer. They should also, where they think this would be beneficial, encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community and, where relevant, with statutory and non-statutory consultees, before submitting their applications.

Camborne Town Council have engaged with the local residents on many different occasions and documented the reports which can be found in the appendices of this report.

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In the Planning statement we have also highlighted the pre-application feedback from Cornwall Council.

## 3. Public consultation events

### 3.1 July – August 2019

As part of the Town Council's commitment to continuing to improve amenities and ensure the community's needs are fully represented in decisions made for improvements to these public spaces; a consultation was conducted during summer 2019 to gain a better understanding of what the community felt was improvement priority for these areas.

The consultation focused predominantly of obtaining feedback for two green spaces in particular; Camborne Recreation Ground and Park Road Playing Fields (Park Gerry) in view that they would be priority areas for improvement investments to be made at this point.

The event took place between Monday 15th July 2019 and Monday 5th August and there were 245 respondents were surveyed for opinion. Children's picture feedback document is also included. (See Appendix 1 for full details)

### 3.2 October 2020

A 'Flash Consultation' was held regarding the: Park Gerry Improvement Survey in October 2020.

This survey took place between Monday 19th October and Monday 26th October 2020.

145 individuals responded to the survey that was available in digital format on the Camborne Town Council Website. The findings from this survey provides a snapshot of community opinion for improvements to Park Gerry. (See Appendix 2 for full details)

### 3.3 September 2021

In September 2021, the council presented a provisional designs for Park Gerry to the community.

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The Council then surveyed the community for their feedback, via face to face opportunities (Picnic in the Park fun day at Park Gerry, Library and Green Fair on the Square) and online (Website, Social Media). The following report details responses and offers recommendations for next steps. The number of survey respondents were 167. (See Appendix 3 for full details)

## 4. Key themes raised by local community

Appendix 4 contains a list of the issues raised at the most recent event where the outline proposals have been consulted upon. This final plan (as submitted) is the result of extensive consultation and design which has come about in order to address the majority of the comments raised. The themes below are a helpful snapshot of the issues raised at the most recent event in 2021.

### 4.1 Soft landscaping

Lake, trees, flowers, wildlife areas, pond, nature, garden, amphitheatre, sensory memorial garden.

### 4.2 Hard landscaping

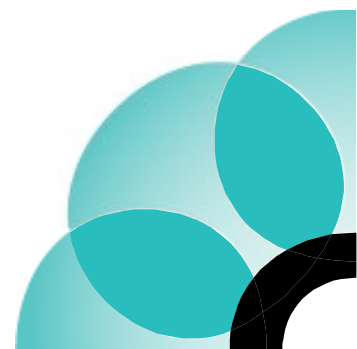
Shelters, benches, bins, seating, paths, bike stands, cycle path, sculptures, signage, safe paths aimed at the elderly.

### 4.3 Recreation

Skatepark, Sports areas, multi use games area, football pitch, basketball area, netball court, bike track, tennis court, playground equipment, outdoor gym, leisure, parkour area, changing rooms.

### 4.4 Leisure/ facilities

Café, toilets, picnic area, dog friendly areas, mud kitchen.



## 4.5 Key concerns raised

Potential for vandalism, noise generation from skatepark, antisocial behaviour especially at night, no more vehicle access, not enough parking, loss of wildlife to sports pitch, buildings will detract from the attractive green space, too much concrete a smaller children play area would be welcomed, need CCTV.

## 4.6 Key supportive comments

Improvements welcome, more for children of all ages to do, please include for roller-skating, skate park very welcome, sports pavilion a great facility, looks like a great plan all sounds amazing.

# 5.Responses and conclusion

We have commissioned a noise survey which will inform the design of any skatepark. The planning proposal is made in Outline with all matters reserved which gives us the chance to have full consultation with all the key consultees in Cornwall Council and their feedback will be used to inform the next stage of the design process. One of the key recommendations also made as a result of this latter stage of public consultation in addition to what is proposed is to include at least one piece of play equipment for under 5's in future designs.

Following the outcome of the Outline application it is proposed to have further public consultation, door to door of all the immediate neighbours to the site. It is hoped that we can demonstrate that the majority of neighbours will support the final details of the proposal made.

We trust that the information provided above provides clear evidence that we have involved the local community at an appropriate stage during the planning process, and that due consideration was given to concerns and issues raised.

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## 6.Appendices

### 6.1 Appendix 1: Green Spaces Consultation and Picture survey

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# PARKS & GREEN SPACES CONSULTATION

Summer 2019

## **ABSTRACT**

*Camborne Town Council is committed to putting the needs of the community first. This consultation offered members of the community opportunity to express their priorities for the parks and green spaces within the Parish to the Council.*



## Introduction

In December 2017 Camborne Town Council took the ownership of four parks in the Parish as part of Cornwall Council's devolution programme. Camborne Recreation Ground (Gwaridir Kammbronn), Beacon Recreation Ground (Gwaridir An Tanses), Treslothan Park Troon (Park Tesulwedhen) Park Road Playing Fields (Park Gerry- Park-Gwari an Park) were all taken into Camborne Town Council care after an extended period of neglect and poor maintenance by the county council. In the time since the ownership transferred, the CTC Amenities Team has carried out the following work in the spaces:

- Dead and diseased trees have been removed
- Boundary Cornish hedges have been repaired
- Play equipment cleaned, repaired and where possible replaced
- Wooden benches repaired and re-varnished and installed
- A new and improved grass cutting regime
- Flowers and trees reintroduced
- Waste facilities improved

As part of the Town Council's commitment to continuing to improve amenities and ensure the community's needs are fully represented in decisions made for improvements to these public spaces; a consultation was conducted during summer 2019 to gain a better understanding of what the community felt was improvement priority for these areas.

The consultation focused predominantly of obtaining feedback for two green spaces in particular; Camborne Recreation Ground and Park Road Playing Fields (Park Gerry) in view that they would be priority areas for improvement investments to be made at this point.

## Methodology

Keeping in mind an expiring opportunity to obtain Section 106 funding to use towards potential future investment of Camborne Recreation Ground, it was essential the consultation took place during Summer 2019 within a short time frame to ensure results could be considered before impending funding deadlines.

Between Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019 and Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August, 245 respondents were surveyed for opinion. Many of the responses were completed online, but some were completed on paper at face to face consultation events. The highest percentage of respondents were aged 30-44, many of whom would have been engaged in the consultation process to represent the needs of their children. It should be noted that in addition to the survey responses, children were also actively involved in representing their ideas by way of drawing; their contributions are also available in this report.

A breakdown of the age of survey respondents can be seen:

Age Group	Total Percentage of Survey Respondents
Under 10	2.90%
10-17	2.00%
18-24	3.20%
25-29	9.80%
30-44	40.80%
45-59	22.04%
60-64	6.10%
65+	12.70%

To ensure a diverse sample, the consultation process took place in various forms across a specific time frame. Staff and Councillors actively encouraged participation in the survey and promoted two key consultation events by knocking on doors in residential streets, basing themselves in public spaces such as doctors' surgeries, the train and bus station, the high street, cafes and the Library. Promotion also occurred across Camborne's various social media platforms and pages, the Camborne Town Council Website and on Councillor's social media pages. Two large consultation events (Fun Days) took part in Camborne Recreation Ground and Park Road Playing Fields. Attendance and participation were encouraged by delivering fliers to residences and at local schools. In addition, the public consultation was advertised on all Parish notice boards and within the Passmore Edwards Building.

As this is the first consultation of its type conducted by the Council it provides a performance baseline for comparison in future years. It is the aim of Camborne Town Council to continually improve amenities overtime to provide public spaces that are attractive and safe for community use and enjoyment.



**Image: Camborne Rec Fun Day 31/7/19**



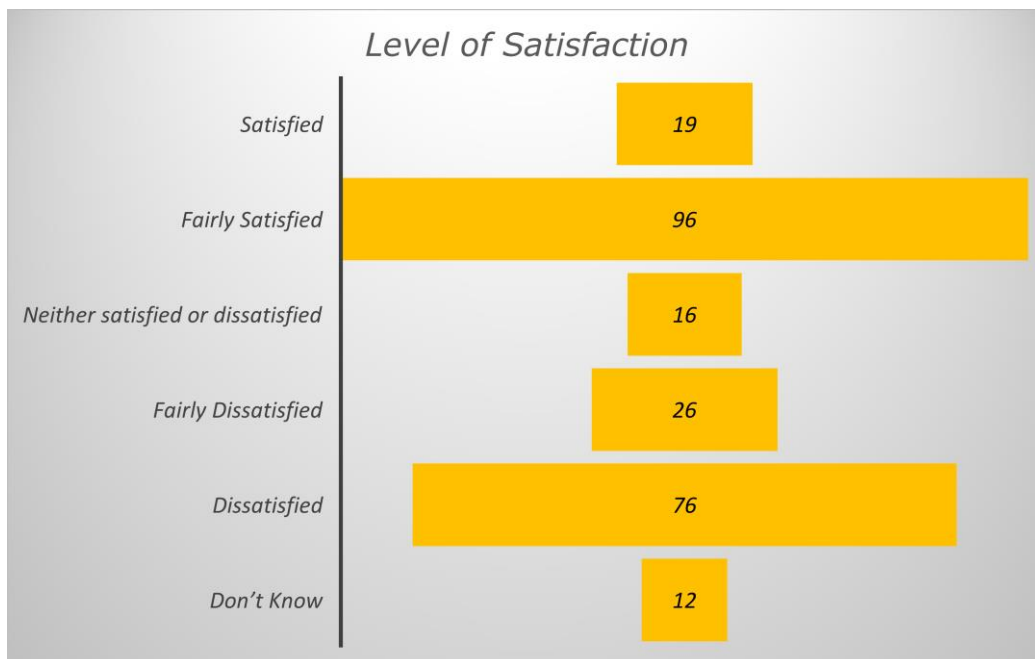
**Image: Park Gerry Fun Day 27/7/19**

## Results

Visual representations of the data is provided for simpler analysis along with a short-written summary of the findings.

Initially the survey focused on questions relating to respondent’s general satisfaction of Camborne’s parks and green spaces:

### Overall how satisfied are you with Camborne's Parks and Green Spaces?



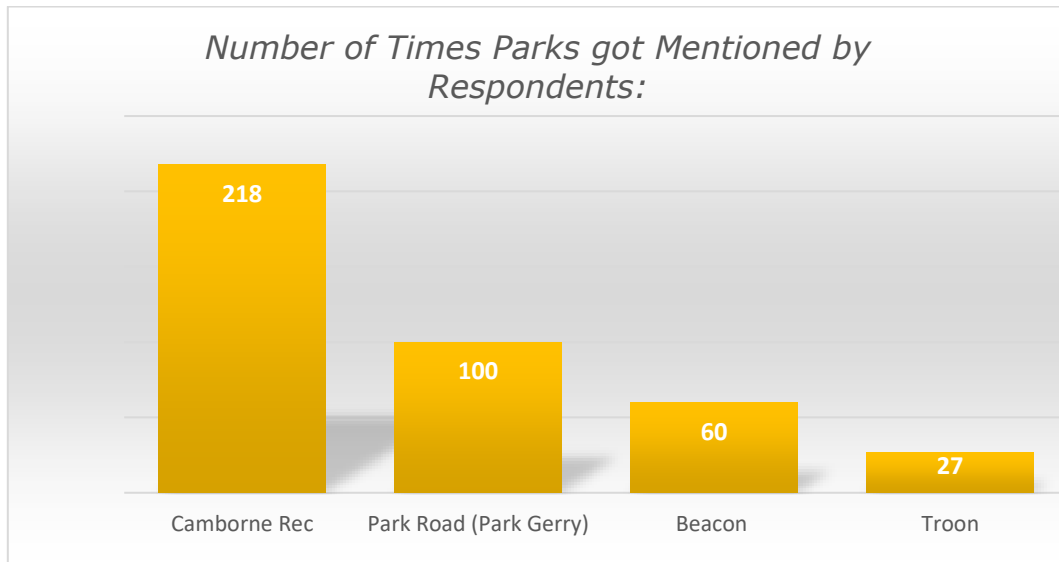
Over 39% of respondents indicated they were fairly satisfied with Camborne’s parks and green spaces, followed closely with 31% claiming they were dissatisfied.

When combining responses of *Satisfied/Fairly Satisfied* at 46.9% and comparing against the combined percentage *Fairly Dissatisfied/Dissatisfied* at 41.6% its clear to see amongst this sample there was almost an equal split of satisfaction level, with slightly more respondents indicating on the side of satisfaction. This provides a baseline figure satisfaction rate that can be used for comparison in future years or after enhancements have been made to the parks within the Parish.

### Have you visited any of Camborne Town Councils' managed parks/green spaces in the last 12 months? If so, which ones?

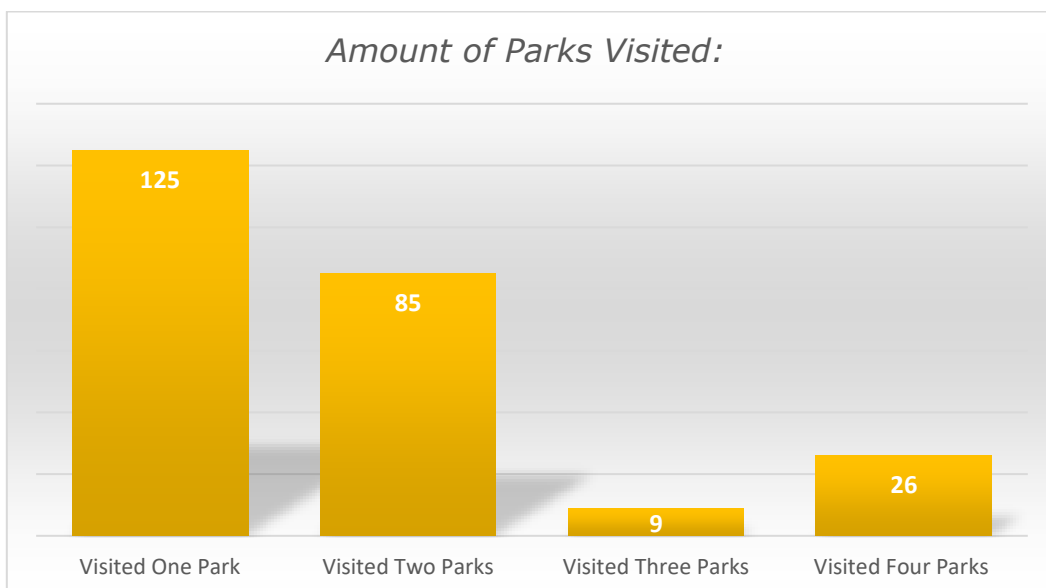
This question was asked to gain an understanding of which parks and green spaces under Camborne Town Council’s management were most popular and well known. It allows the opportunity to focus attention on spaces that are most

commonly used, but also start to gain an understanding of why other spaces are used less often.



It is important to understand that the two consultation fun days were held in Camborne Recreation Ground and Park Road Playing Fields and not held in Beacon or Troon (Treslothan) which may have skewed the data for this question. However, the data does demonstrate findings that are expected based on Staff and Councillor's current understanding of park use in the area.

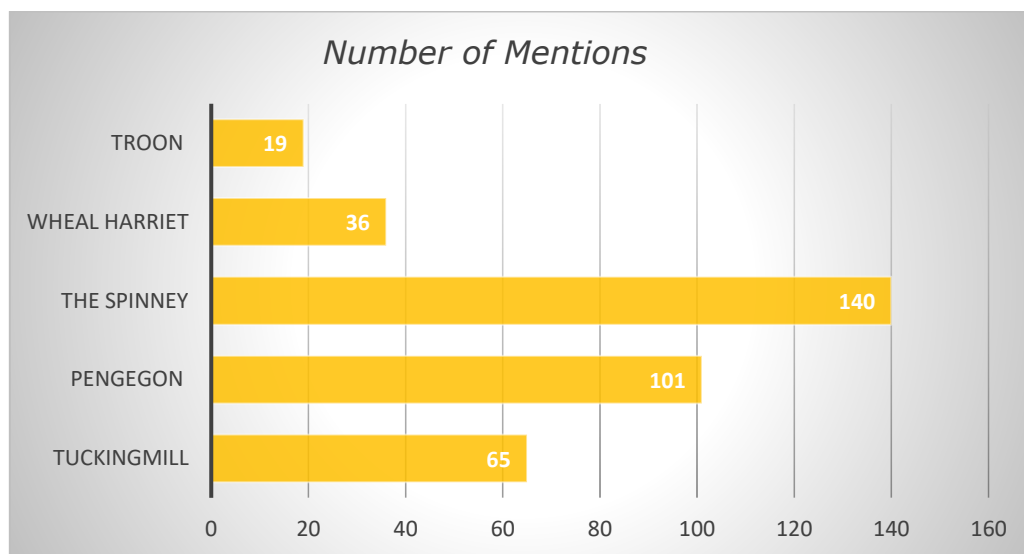
It is also interesting to understand how many of the parks had been visited by individuals. The majority of respondents had indicated they had only visited one or two of the parks under Camborne Town Council management.



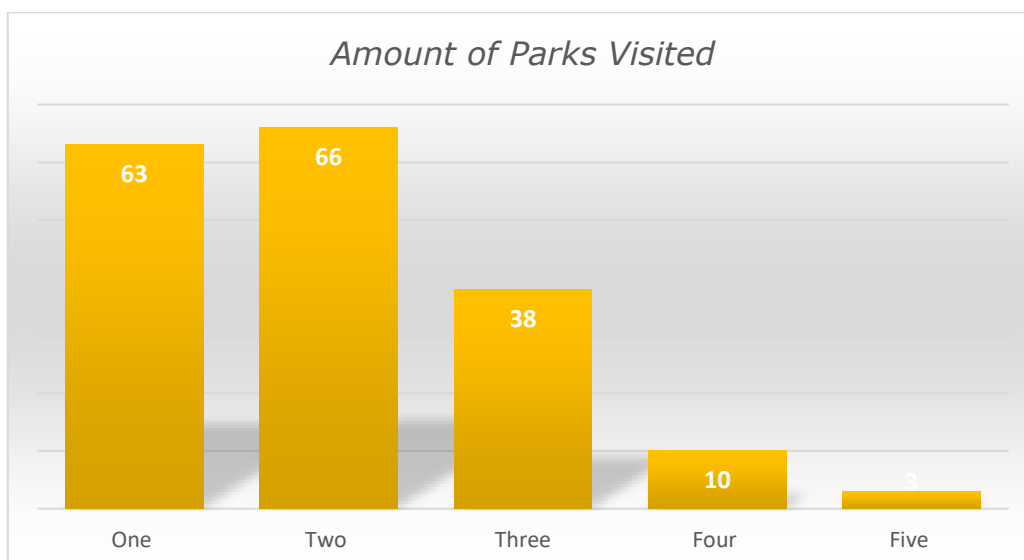
Many respondents took the opportunity at this point to comment that they were previously unaware of all four parks and tended to visit their most local park. Some respondents suggested the Council needs to create a map or visual on display in the parks to highlight and promote visiting other parks and green spaces in Camborne.

### **Have you visited any of these additional parks and green spaces within Camborne Parish in the last 12 months?**

180 people noted they had visited an additional park. Of those, respondents mentioned The Spinney and Pengegon the most.



This question was asked so to gain a better idea of the popularity of other green spaces in Camborne that may require Town Council support (financial or other) or may one day be offered as a transfer of asset from Cornwall Council.



The majority of respondents had visited two or more of the named parks and green spaces. For this question 'Troon' refers to Troon Grenville Recreation Ground.

**In Camborne area, which are your preferred parks/green spaces and why?**

The majority of respondents indicated Camborne Park. Respondents commented on the locality, accessibility of paths and gardens and the toilets as the most attractive features. There were many mentions of the play area being in disrepair, with some mentioning anti-social behaviour as a concern.

There were a number of responses regarding Park Road Playing Fields, again commenting on locality, but commonly mentioning walking dogs, the openness of the site, flatness and connection to nature.

Tuckingmill Valley Park was mentioned numerous times, but feedback was varied, some very complimentary relating to walking dogs & connection to nature, but other feedback was negative relating to antisocial behaviour and perceived lack of safety in the space.

Pengegon Park was mentioned on some occasions, comments relating to locality, design and abundant play features and cleanliness.

A handful of comments related to appreciation for the improvements to Beacon Park and expressed delight for the changes.

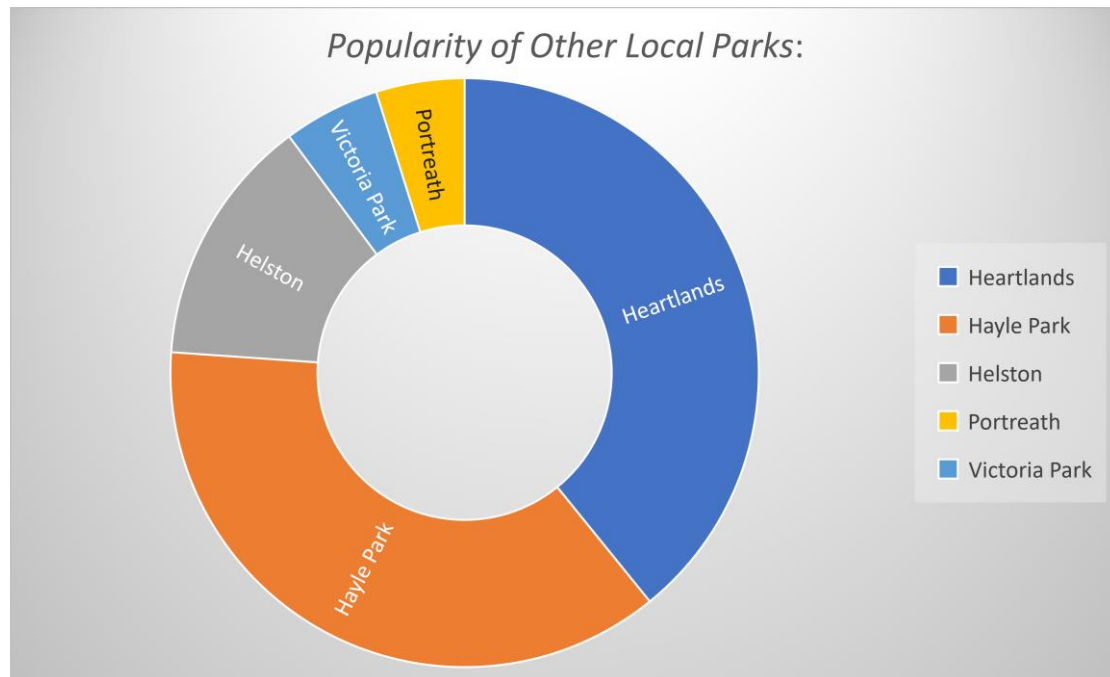
**If you do not visit any of the listed parks/green spaces, please indicate why...**

The majority of respondents referred to Camborne Park, The Spinney and Tuckingmill Valley Park describing play equipment as dilapidated, ill equipped, badly maintained. The general perception is that these locations are 'full of undesirable people' with 'teenagers hanging around' causing anti-social behaviour, drug use and drinking which is causing people feel unsafe and not visit the park. This perception is prevalent throughout the findings of the survey.

Some individuals commented they were not aware of all the parks or only visited the parks most local to them. A number of comments referred to access, some disabled and elderly residents claiming they cannot get access to or around many of Camborne's parks/green spaces.

**Please indicate if you regularly visit and enjoy these parks/green spaces in other towns & parishes:**

This question was asked to gain a better understanding of which parks respondents are travelling out of the Parish to visit and why they are doing that.



Heartlands and Hayle Park proved most popular with respondents. Both offer settings with a wide range of facilities, including children's play, toilets and outlets selling refreshments.

### **Please indicate why you like these parks:**

215 respondents indicated they liked to visit the parks in other towns and parishes for reasons relating to feeling of cleanliness and safety and most commonly, the standard of facilities. Many commented that they felt there was 'more to do' and that they appreciated refreshment vendors and toilets being on site offering the opportunity to spend all day at the site. Some comments included below:

*'Hayle park has a lovely zip wire and a nice climbing frame and different slides and swings for all age groups. Heartlands is fun as has rope bridge, climbing structures, tunnels, different swings and lots to keep them interested and playing all day.'*

*'Better areas for the children to play, tidier cleaner spaces with more than one type of area.'*

*'Hayle park is our favourite, there is a lot of age appropriate equipment, so all children are happy, they have a little cafe too which is lovely for ice creams. It's got toilets which are kept reasonably clean (for public toilets) it has a skatepark, football field, and tennis courts.'*

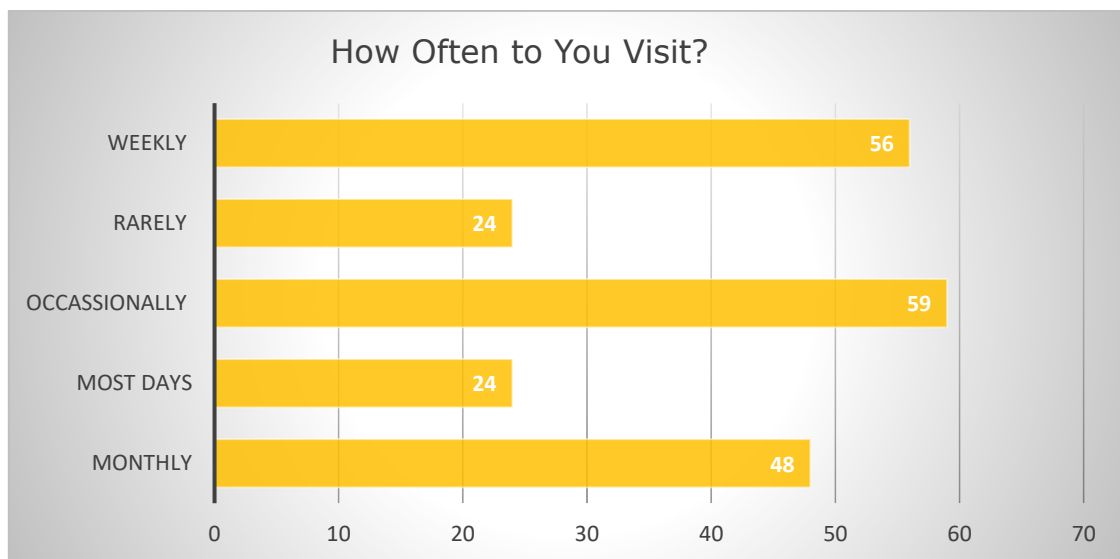
*'We love Heartlands as you can spend the day there because of the facilities and meet with friends and it's full of families with a nice safe friendly feel. Love Hayle park as has a cafe and toilets and a nice skate park unlike Tuckingmill.'*

## Camborne Recreation Ground

Questions were then asked that related specifically to Camborne Recreation Ground.

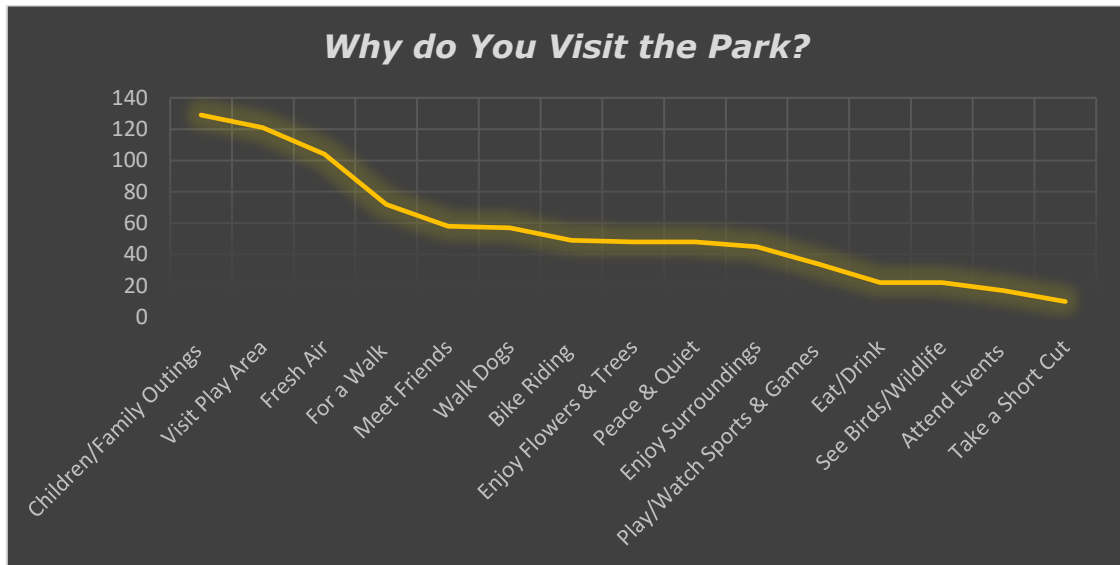
### How often do you visit this park or green space?

211 participants responded to this question, demonstrating that over 86% of respondents visit and use Camborne Recreation Ground. The majority indicated that they visit Camborne Recreation Ground occasionally, closely followed by a large majority indicating they visit on a weekly basis. Based on feedback it is fair to assume respondents make specific trips to the park to make use of the facilities, mainly the play area.

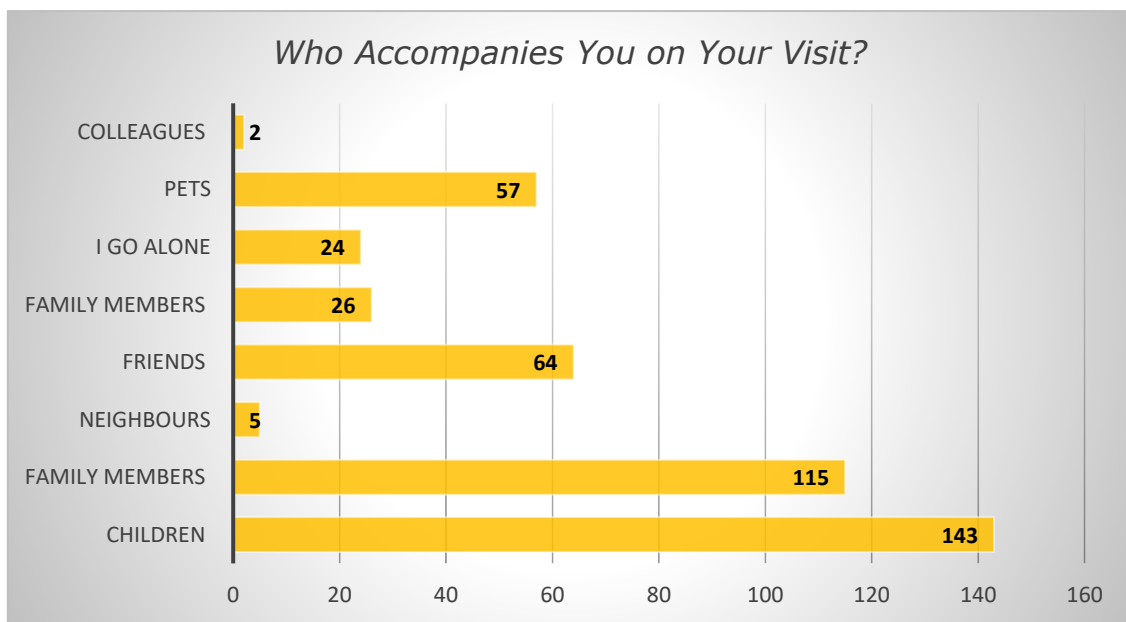


### Why do you visit the park or green space? (Please tick up to five main reasons)

Respondents indicated that they visit this site specifically for outings for family members and children, to meet friends and make use of the play area. Whilst there, they enjoy fresh air and walks in the grounds. Bike riding featured quite highly in the reasons for visiting the park and some comments had been made by respondents about providing secure bike parking in the space.



### Who usually accompanies you on your visit?

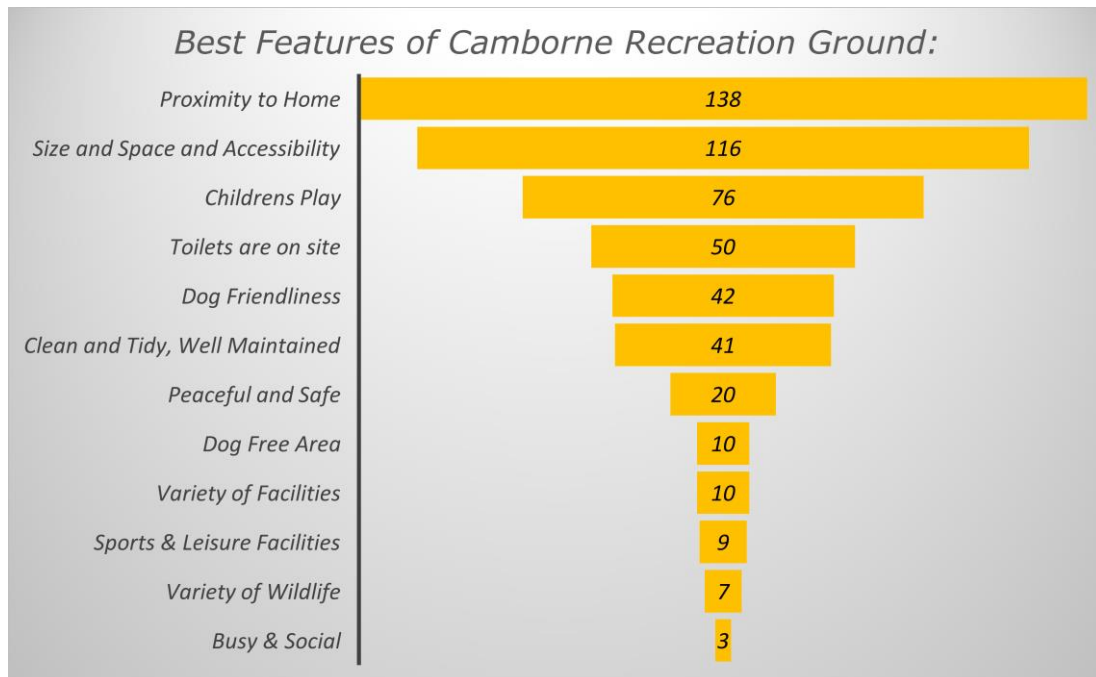


It is clear to see children and families are indicated as the principle users of Camborne Recreation Ground. The play area is a key attraction that draws in visitors and encourages families to go on outings together or to meet friends.

### What are the best features of this park/green space? (Please select three)

Participants were asked this question to indicate what they enjoyed most about the park. Camborne Recreation Ground is in an attractive inner-town residential location nestled between two primary schools and has a large secondary school near-by. It's a level site with a wide tarmac path that allows for good

accessibility. The existing play equipment, although now coming towards the end of its useable life, provides a variety of children's play opportunities. It is the only park managed by Camborne Town Council that has public conveniences on-site and it is clear to see they feature high on the list of 'best features' of the park.



**Other comments included in the responses on this section are:**

*'The park has gone downhill fast. I now refuse to take my children there.'*

*'I run around Camborne Park, the path area is good for this and leads on to the lanes either side.'*

*'Needs enough seating as cannot sit on the ground.'*

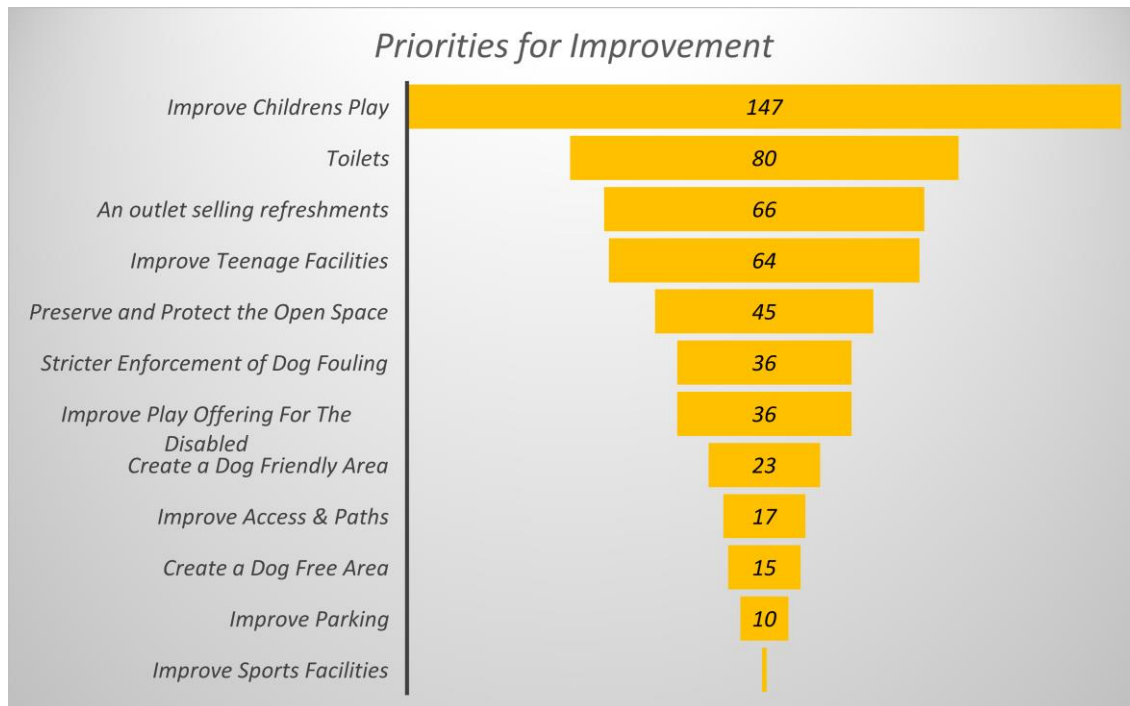
*'Really pretty surroundings.'*

*'There are few good points.'*

*'There are lawns and trees, hedges and nature.'*

**If you have improvement priorities what might they be? Please select three priorities:**

Respondents indicated 'Children's Play' as the key priority for improvement in Camborne Park. Many respondents indicated concerns with the condition and safety of the equipment and surface in the park and urged Councillors make improvements as priority for this site. Secondly, was improving the condition and management of the toilets.



#### **Other comments offered in this section:**

*'Get a horticulturalist in and improve the design/plants.'*

*'Bicycle parking and wildflower planting.'*

*'Stricter enforcement of alcoholics and drug takers and adult and teenage antisocial behaviour.'*

*'Not only improve by MAINTAIN the play equipment.'*

*'If the hedge was removed it would be more open. Make the park more open (Newquay, Hayle/Helston) so less likely to be used for drinking/drugs.'*

*'Be lovely to have a court area to play badminton/tennis etc.'*

*'I would like to see more places to sit, a variety of types of seating areas and more creative horticultural use of the plantable area, a water fountain that works. Also plant more trees to block the wind coming in from the ocean.'*

*'To actually maintain the flower beds and put colour back into the beds.'*

*'Priority is clean, updated play equipment.'*

*'Promote it more-hold events, signpost people there, make more visible from road.'*

*'Picnic tables, seats and benches to watch play.'*

*'None of the above...get rid of the drunks and homeless and lock the gates-used to be done in the past.'*

### **In your opinion, what should absolutely not change about this park/green space?**

The comments answering this question mainly focused on preserving the amount of space in Camborne Recreation Ground, ensuring the same amount of grassed area remains so activities such as ball games and dog exercising can continue. There was strong sentiment that the toilets must remain and so should the trees and greenery and that the area should never be used for developments such as housing. A few respondents' comments on keeping the layout the same, but making much needed improvements to play equipment. There was strong support for keeping a fenced off dog free area for children's play in the park, the fence also acting as a safeguard to keep children contained and safe.

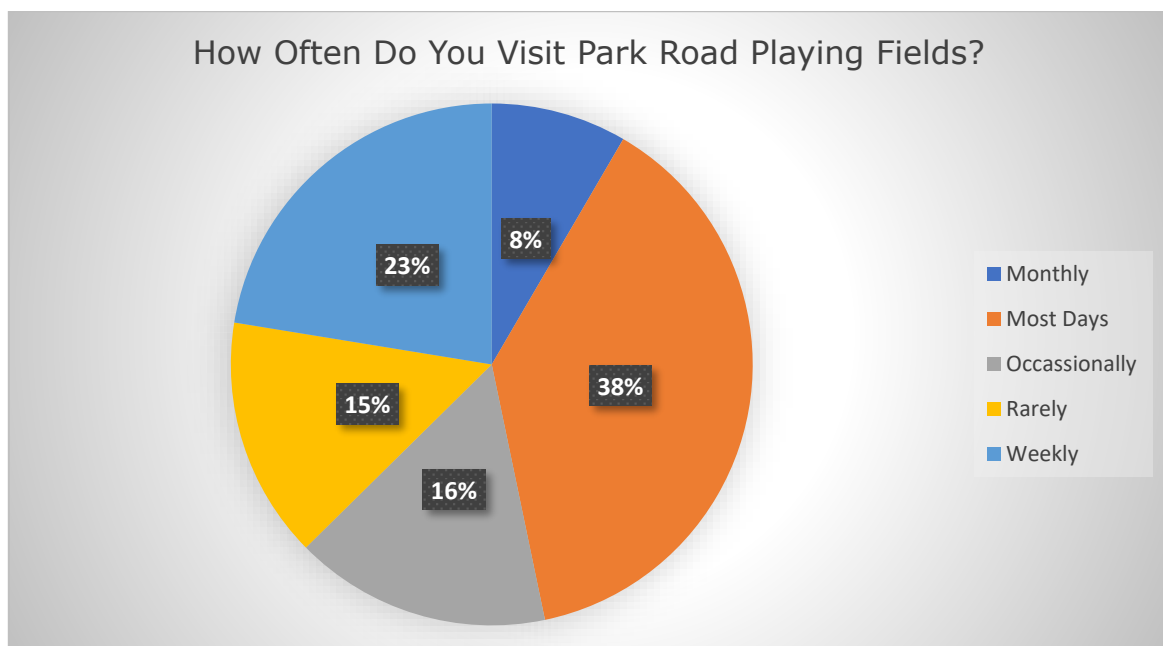
### **Do you have any further comments or suggestions for this park or open space?**

There was a variety of responses for these questions. Please see appendix one for responses listed in full.

### **Park Road Playing Fields (Park Gerry)**

The second part of the survey asked respondents to provide opinion about Park Road Playing Fields. 108 respondents felt they knew and used the area enough to provide answers for this section.

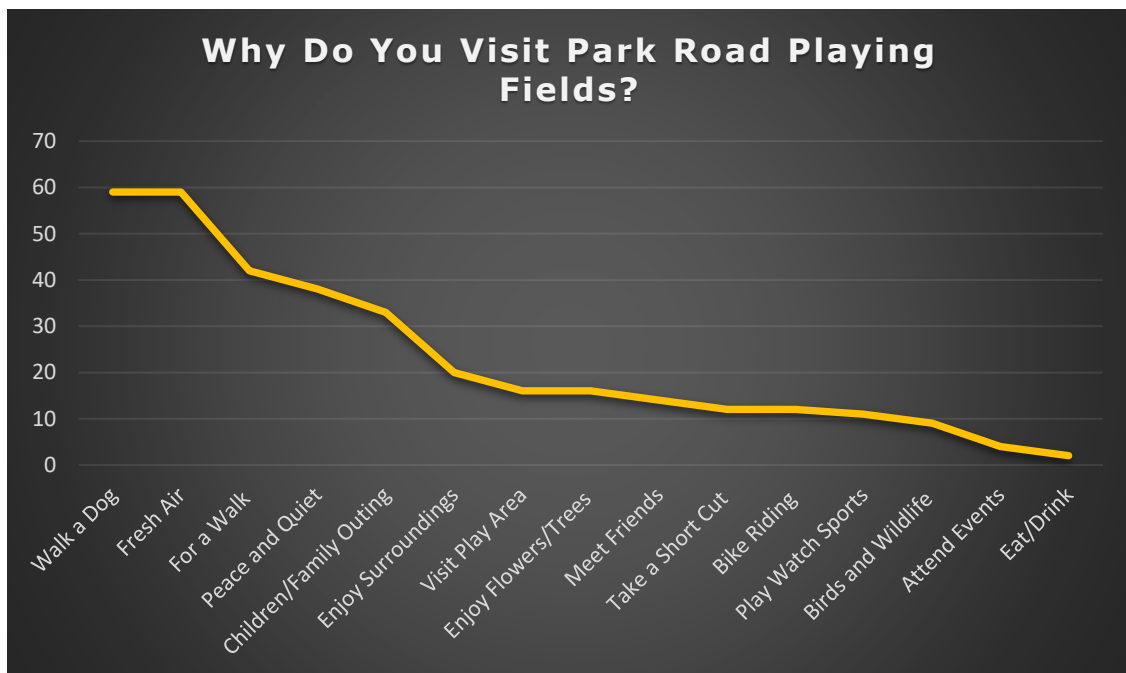
### **How often do you visit this park or green space?**



Respondents mainly indicated they visit the park on 'most days'. Based on what we understand from the additional data provided, this is likely due to the fact

the area is used regularly for dog exercising, so respondents make a visit to the site part of their usual daily dog walking routine.

**Why do you visit the park or green space? (Please tick up to five main reasons for normally visiting)**

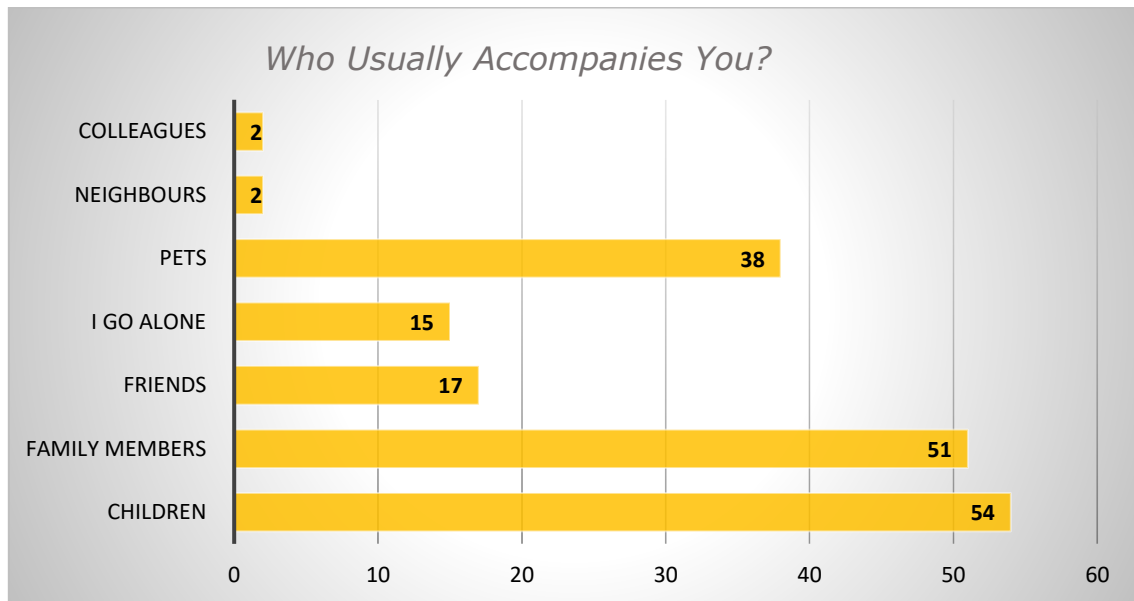


The reasons for visiting this site differ quite considerably compared to Camborne Recreation Ground. Many respondents have been eager to demonstrate in their answers the value held in the site being accessible for dog owners who want to exercise their pets and those who like to enjoy walking around the open space.

Some residents described using the site as an extension to their small gardens, so the children could play sport and families could sit as large groups.

**Who usually accompanies you on your visit?**

Like Camborne Recreation Ground, Children and Family members feature as the highest demographic to accompany respondents to the green space. Respondents also indicated 'Pets' prominently in their responses.



### **What are the best features of this park/green space?**

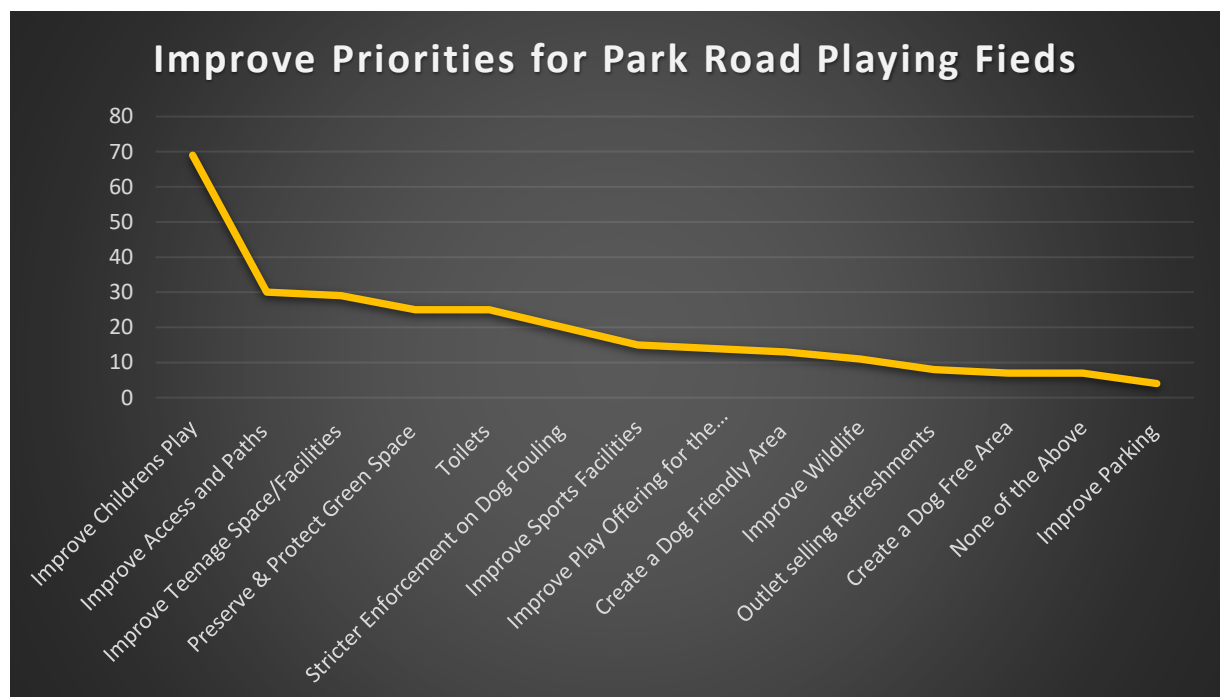
Respondents were asked what they felt were the best features of Park Road Playing Fields. The site is nestled between residential properties and provides a large flat open green space for residents to enjoy. Respondents have indicated that the openness of the space is very attractive, and its dog friendliness is a key reason for using the space.



**If you have an improvement priorities what might they be? Please three priorities:**

The survey asked respondents to indicate their three key priorities for improving the space. In the responses there seemed to be a high level of anxiety that the space was at risk of development. During the Park Road Playing Fields Fun Day/Consultation Event, Councillors and Staff found themselves regularly offering assurances to residents that there was no intention of building residential developments on the site. Nearby a lot of new housing had been built in recent years which is likely to have sparked resident concerns.

The three priorities for improvement indicated by respondents were: 'Improve Children's Play Opportunities' with many indicating they would like to see play equipment installed in the park for children to play on. 'Improve Accessibility and Paths' was the second key priority, with particular focus on disabled and elderly users. The third priority was listed as 'Improve Teenage Space/Facilities' as respondents felt it important to provide something for young adults in the area.



**Additional Comments Provided in this Section:**

*'There is a pathway from Fordh Adventurous that got blocked off. Now the children can't go safely on their own to play in the field with friends.'*

*'Benches, lots of elderly walk their dogs and may require/appreciate breaks.'*

*'Perhaps create a pathway for disabled and wheelchair users so they can enjoy a stroll around the park more easily. Please consider the needs of the older*

*population, so often overlooked, perhaps a few benches with some shady places would be useful.'*

*'Toilets that are open when we need them.'*

*'Provide seating- there are no benches or seats to rest on.'*

*'It needs to be thought about a bit better.'*

**What would you say should absolutely not change about this park/green space?**

The comments for this question mainly relate to retaining the size of the space, avoiding developments of residential properties. Respondents indicated they would like to keep the space open and uncluttered, retaining existing walls, hedges and trees where possible.

A very apparent theme was a keenness to keep the space dog friendly and suitable for exercising dogs.

*'Do not restrict dog walking. It is an ideal area for dog walking and there are too many restrictions already in this area on open spaces for dogs.'*

*'Keep as dog friendly area but also needs children/teen areas/play equipment.'*

Some comments demonstrate a keenness to avoid any change whatsoever, with a small handful of respondents saying they would not be happy to have a park or similar larger changes put in the area.

*'It should remain an open green space, no play equipment should be added as this would attract teenagers at night-time and this would be detrimental to the local houses.'*

In the same section, respondents took it upon themselves to offer some suggestions for change including;

*'The size is ideal and can be adapted for use by everyone. The top smaller field would be perfect for picnic areas and landscaping. Using the lower fields for age friendly play areas, walkways and dog exercising would mean a safe environment for all. Being surrounded by houses means the area has extra supervision from surrounding residents.'*

*'So many children around here special educational needs (SEN) that would benefit from sensory play, water/sand play. Sensory Garden (Lavender, Mint, Plants) skate park/graffiti boards, outdoor cinema nights.'*

*'It is a vast area which could house some interesting things for children to play on. Also it could provide useful equipment for adults exercise. It should be kept as a green space.'*

**Please provide any further comments or suggestions for this park/open space:**

Many suggestions were offered by respondents for this section. Please see Appendix 2 for comments in detail.

**Additional Contributions:**

At the two Fun Day's held in the focus spaces, children and young people were asked to contribute to the consultation process by drawing features they would like to see in the park in future. Appendices 3 & 4 highlights some of those images and feedback.

**Interest in 'Friends of' Groups:**

67 respondents indicated interest in being a part of a 'Friends Of Group' to support the parks. Camborne Town Council will now contact these respondents and ask if they would like to form focus groups for the two sites. This would allow the Council the opportunity to further consult engaged residents for any future developments and enhancements on the sites.

**Summary of Findings:**

To summarise the findings from the survey:

- Respondents indicated a split level of satisfaction in Camborne's parks and green spaces with a slight majority indicating satisfaction.
- Camborne Recreation Ground was indicated as most popular park managed by Camborne Town Council for reasons relating to locality, accessibility, the play area and toilets on site.
- The Spinney & Pengegon Park was mentioned as most often visited green spaces not managed by Camborne Town Council.
- Concerns were raised by respondents about the condition and perceived safety of Camborne Park, The Spinney and Tuckingmill Valley Park.
- Respondents told us their preferred parks outside of the Parish are Heartlands and Hayle Park due to the variety of facilities, cleanliness, safety. Many commented there was 'more to do' and having refreshment vendors and toilets on site meant they could spend the whole day in the park.

**Camborne Recreation Ground:**

- Respondents indicated they visit the site specifically to use the play area and facilities and would often visit on a weekly basis.
- The five most commonly indicated reasons for visiting the park are: outings with children and family, visiting the play area, getting fresh air and walking and to meet friends.
- Children and family members most commonly accompany respondents to the park.

- The best features of Camborne Recreation Ground were indicated by respondents as; proximity to home, size, space and accessibility and children's play.
- Respondents indicated children's play as the first priority for improvement, followed by improvements to the cleanliness and availability of the toilets and the possibility of an outlet selling refreshments in the space.
- It was clear respondents felt preserving the amount of space (particularly the lawned area) in Camborne Recreation Ground was a priority and should not change with any developments.
- Children's input: Water fountains, baby slides, zip wire, ice cream vans, roundabout, more toilets, fencing, water play, sandpits, monkey bars, Wendy house, trampolines, bucket swings, climbing walls, skate/scoot area, running track, swimming/paddling pools

#### Park Road Playing Fields (Park Gerry):

- Respondents most commonly indicated they visit Park Road Playing Fields most days.
- Reasons why they visit the site are to walk dogs, get fresh air, go for walks, get peace and quiet and take children and family for an outing.
- Children, Family Members and Pets were indicated as most commonly accompanying respondents to the site.
- The proximity to home, size of space and accessibility and dog friendliness were indicated as the best features of Park Road Playing Fields.
- Respondents most commonly indicated the improvement priorities for the site are improving children's play, improve access and paths and improve teenage space and facilities.
- There was a clear theme that respondents felt the Council should not change the dog friendliness of Park Road Playing Fields.
- Children's input: trampolines in the ground, roundabout, pond with ducks, dog agility course, café, play area, bird feeders, bushes and long grass, waterslide, unicorn swing, bat houses, bug hotels, more bins, flowers in the field, sand pit, toddler area.

#### **Next Steps:**

1. Camborne Town Councillors to consider findings and feedback and outline improvement priorities for Camborne Recreation Ground and Park Road Playing Fields. Camborne Recreation Ground to take priority at this point due to time constraints for funding and condition of equipment.
2. Funding budgets to be sourced and secured- Projects & Amenities Officer
3. Form 'Friends of' Focus Groups for both sites- Engagement Officer
4. Tender process to be conducted to invite interested contractors to present ideas.
5. Amenities Committee & Friends of Groups to meet and discuss tender returns, shortlisting three possible outcomes for each site.

6. Engagement Officer to manage a second phase of consultation presenting shortlist to the community for opinion poll.
7. Preferred options for each site to be agreed and contractors to be instructed.



## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX ONE: Camborne Recreation Ground Further Comments (Raw)

<i>A community support officer on hand regularly at the parks</i>
<i>A little refreshment hut would be nice, and updated play area, also the toilets were good when they were first done, but now commonly used by youngsters or drug dealing etc...not an ideal place for a young child or even anyone to use the facilities.</i>
<i>A park for children would be great</i>
<i>A park or play area for the children</i>
<i>A sheltered area, patrolled to stop vandals, bigger more upto date equipment including a lot more equipment for disabled people (swings, roundabout, easy access slide)</i>
<i>A small cafe with seating outside would be a great benefit to the older generation. A park for all ages not just a playground for the youngsters</i>
<i>A water play feature and sand put would be amazing along with a nature trail.</i>
<i>All the fences, play equipment and flooring needs replacing because no-one has weeded or maintained the wood protective treatment and it's rotted because the paint came off. What a waste!</i>
<i>I really hope you get the biggest spider swing you can find! Make sure it has four chains from frame to saucer though, because other types cause motion sickness in kids with sensory processing issues!</i>
<i>Although they need improving as they are broken and flooring in the park is very uneven and unsafe. Larger park area (play equipment) with larger selection for differing ages. Perhaps some skate ramps for older children with bikes and scooters. Outdoor gym equipment- free for all to use to help promote fitness.</i>
<i>An adventure playground similar to the one in Redruth would be amazing and much needed.</i>
<i>An outdoor gym for teenagers who can't enrol in a gym as under 16. Adult gym (outdoors).</i>
<i>Be nice to see community officers occasionally</i>
<i>More seats for those of us who can't sit low.</i>
<i>Benches &amp; Water fountain</i>
<i>Better toilets.</i>
<i>Car boot sales</i>
<i>Sports Days</i>
<i>Clean the toilets regularly to get rid of needles that children could easily pick up in the toilets, update the play equipment, you could add an area specifically for teenagers</i>

<i>Consideration to be given the running of funded Forest School sessions.</i>
<i>Court area to play basketball, badminton, tennis and netball etc. Maybe area for toddlers.</i>
<i>Create a skate park area.</i>
<i>Creation of a safer environment with improvement of natural surveillance.</i>
<i>Don't build houses on it!!!</i>
<i>Ensuring it is regularly checked so it is clean/safe for the children.</i>
<i>Exercise equipment /Trim trail for adults and children.</i> <i>Wildlife pond</i> <i>Refreshment cafe/van</i> <i>Bring back Camborne show , Donkey Derby etc -could generate income for park and rugby club</i> <i>Storytelling in the park</i> <i>Exhibitions in the park -artwork, sculpture, photos of local people who have impacted on Camborne (saw this in France )</i> <i>Park Keeper on patrol.</i> <i>Security cameras</i> <i>Water station</i> <i>Recycling bins and dustbins</i> <i>Make it dog free or a dog free area and definitely only dogs on leads</i> <i>Sensory area</i> <i>Gardening club</i> <i>Nice wooden shelters to sit and read or talk</i> <i>Music events</i>
<i>Holding events to make it a community area.</i>
<i>I feel the children's play area could do with more maintenance and maybe some options for the slightly older age group maybe Some bigger climbing stuff for the older energetic children</i>
<i>I love Camborne park and have been going there since I was a very little girl, took my own daughter too when she was small. Don't let that area change. It's a lovely quiet corner of Camborne.</i>
<i>I only rarely visit this site as it is so dangerous at present.</i>
<i>I think there should be allowed more for young ones and the park should be made bigger</i>
<i>I was 15 when the play equipment was put in this is over 30 years ago! This site is well overdue a overhaul not the pitiful addition they put in approx. 10 years ago - this was when the play equipment should've been upgraded. It was dirty &amp; poorly maintained then!! For the last 20 years Children's shoes &amp; clothes are ruined by the black matting &amp; seeing the equipment get a lick of paint when the wood is rotten! A poor example of the main park of Camborne! we need it brought back to the impressive standard it used to be and once again be proud of this play area, public garden &amp; grounds!</i>
<i>I would like to see a warden back on site who also knows how to do flower beds so that they do not look authoritative</i>

*I would quite like a space (even if it's small) where I could let the dog off the lead for a while, fenced off from the rest of the park, I understand why they need to be on the lead as it is, but it would be nice to have a dedicated area for dogs as so many go there.*

*If and when improvements are made to the park there should be provision for a park warden.*

*Improve off site access to the park for children and families on foot/bicycle, with additional refuges and re-organize the parking to slow traffic and improve visibility of pedestrians. off-site sign posting to park.*

*Consider replacing sections of the perimeter hedge with Victorian fencing, improving visibility of the Park and deterring anti-social behaviour*

*Improve planting for pollinators and other wildlife.*

*Improve the facilities in the park*

*Improvement of playground facilities. Better football / basketball ground. More benches & picnic tables. The toilets are smelly & unwelcoming. There needs to be more supervision. An ice cream can would be a good idea too!*

*It could be used for small events, similar to heartlands school holiday activities.*

*It has a lot of wasted space and could be updated for babies toddlers and young children ie climbing frames, slides, swings, playhouse just things for all ages it will get them outside in the fresh air and off the streets plus anything for disabled people*

*It would be good for to have the Camborne show back there again. It could be made into a great day for Camborne town and its residents and boost the towns shops etc. When it was held there in the past the Town and show were bouncing with people. It would provide revenue for the towns Rugby club. Camborne school could provide parking as well. The town could put on a firework display in the evening (as they used to) and possibly hold a music festival in the evening with local groups and bands participating. The council and the Chamber of Commerce could join together to support this with funding from the tourist board or whatever they are called now. It would be a big boost for Camborne and would I am sure attract a lot of people.*

*It would be lovely too see flower beds and beautiful gardens like Malpas, it would be good to see new play equipment and picnic benches too*

*It's in dire need of help*

*It's just fine. Leave this one how it is and put your efforts into creating new outdoor green spaces.*

*Just maintain the play areas better for children's benefit/safety*

*Keep the path as kids love riding there bikes on it*

*Listen to the Community & their response to the survey.*

*Make it a safer space and hold events there to encourage it's use and have a refreshments facility.*

*Make it Bigger. And facilities for teenagers*

*Makes bits for younger and older children.*

<i>Management of play area and graffiti (bad language stays on play area for ages, also a lot of rust.)</i>
<i>Maybe split sections for younger children and older children</i>
<i>Mire seating inside the play area. And a general overhaul of the equipment as its a bit old. The flooring also needs replacing</i>
<i>More concrete hard standing for the Basketball Court. An Art Wall.</i>
<i>More flowers (used to have big flower beds) Splash area.</i>
<i>More flowers, community area where schools/people can get involved with plants/wildlife/outdoor events and learning.</i>
<i>More for children, More dog bins, Toilet Block</i>
<i>More trees bushes &amp; plants to attract wildlife, especially bees &amp; insects.</i>
<i>Needs a whole new design and look, it has been the same forever!</i>
<i>New children's play area which is bigger and offers something for all ages like Kimberly park in Falmouth. Toilets being open.</i>
<i>New equipment maybe a water play area</i>
<i>No bike riding as it used to be, fence in football area, this will make it safe for the older generation to walk the paths and enjoy the park without having to go out so early am and late PM.</i>
<i>Not allow the area to be used for camping or overnight sleeping as it is at the moment. To close the toilets at night to stop rough sleepers from using it to sleep in and possibly shut the park overnight with better gates.</i>
<i>Open it up. More community events. It's a lovely space but needs to be made more safe and secure. In some situations, it can feel threatening and isolated as unseen by surrounding areas.</i>
<i>Organised play days/ activities from sports, crafts, adventure</i>
<i>Plant more trees, leave some areas unmown to create native, perennial wildflower areas for Insects.</i>
<i>Play equipment for children, including swings slides and climbing equipment. Skate, scooter ramps. More bins. Benches. Water foundation for drinks.</i>
<i>Please please please put in new equipment for the children. So many children come here on their way home from school. They deserve something nice like the Heartlands play equipment. My children have almost outgrown this equipment, but I still visit regularly walking dogs and helping with younger nephews who like to climb on things.</i>
<i>Please resurface the entrance</i>
<i>Please upgrade the playground</i>
<i>Police patrols and start penalizing anti-social behaviour</i>
<i>Proper facilities for children to use for play, better toilet facilities</i>
<i>Remove bushes that screen views and replace with railings.</i>

<i>Sensible refreshments could work</i>
<i>Skate area or somewhere for children to play on scooters and bikes</i>
<i>Skate Park</i>
<i>Skate park and more for teenagers to do</i>
<i>Skate park, Cafe, Update play equipment</i>
<i>Small Cafe</i>
<i>Some separation between activities for secondary age children and younger children would be good</i>
<i>Someone should look after toilets as they stink and I refuse to let my kids use them. Swings are dangerous and maybe should be away from other equipment. Dogs should not be allowed in the park and neither should smoking. Definitely no dogs they are disgusting they climb on children take their food</i>
<i>Sort the toilets out. Better toilets. More play area for all ages. More equipment.</i>
<i>Teenagers need to behave better parents need to teach kids to behave</i>
<i>Tennis court</i>
<i>The Children's play park needs to be updated and made safer as many parts of the play equipment is old and coming apart. I feel like there needs to be equipment for small children to older children. I also like the outdoor exercise equipment that is available in other parks such as St Day Park. This can be great for Teenagers to use and for adults when they visit with their children.</i>
<i>The local parks are great spaces for adults and kids alike. Camborne park is well used for picnics, playing, bike riding, football, dog walking and many other reasons, as locals we really appreciate the time taken to look after this facility and use it regularly.</i>
<i>The park first of all needs to have the play area addressed as I'm surprised the insurance company actually cover it as it is in a state. Then start to reintroduce the annual flower beds and possibly some bee/bug friendly beds to help the wildlife.</i>
<i>The park itself is an absolute embarrassment! I have visited today with my two year old, and a friend of mine with a two and four year old. The younger children struggled to use the smaller equipment due to it being broken!! They live in Illogan, and we too have been to that park....there's ALOT we can learn from visiting there! Now, that's what you call a park. Come on Camborne, you can do better!</i>
<i>The Park Play area needs completely updating. The flooring is slippery. The equipment is old. A more natural feel equipment such as heartlands would be great.</i>
<i>For the older children, they tend to use the green space to play football, so rather than Goals etc I would like to see a some skate ramps, However, keeping the Park area fenced in separately.</i>
<i>The Park area also needs to be larger. 4 swings for the amount of children in this area etc doesn't go far. This could be a fantastic project for the community. Good luck.</i>

*The Play area in this park is in desperate need of replacement/repair. The flooring is lifting quite badly and causes my young toddler to trip. The small climbing frame for young children is rotting. The climbing frame and roundabout is rusting. The roundabout screeches. According to the sign outside the park, it was last refurbished in 1997? Over 20 years ago! We want to get our children away from screens and out in the fresh air but there are literally no decent parks/exciting play areas in Camborne at all. It's not been mentioned but theres also a park near Roskear church which I think hasn't been modernised since I was a child. Even the fairly new park at Tuckingmill valley park was looking in need of serious repair last time we went. Look at Boscawen Park in Truro. Every time I go there, it's filled with happy families and active busy children. It has inclusive equipment suitable for a variety of age ranges and abilities and we've spent hours there in the past. Would be amazing to have something like that locally for Camborne's children and young people.*

*It would be great to have exercise/gym equipment or such like around the perimeter of the park as I've seen in parks before e.g Tavistock. It's a great space for running around and this might encourage teens to be more active too.*

*The play area needs a complete overall of new equipment and flooring. Park keeper needed to patrol and maintain. A small snack hub, clean accessible toilets, bins emptied regularly. Dogs to be kept on a lead and cleaned up after themselves (dog bin supplied and emptied)*

*The play equipment is so old and rusty and the floor is damaged and uneven. The park is always full of children it would be good for them to have a better and safer play area. The open space is lovely but often there is dog poo in the grass.*

*The play equipment needs to be more varied and needs to offer something for most age ranges*

*The playground equipment need updating*

*The spaces are being well maintained and grass kept short.*

*The toilet could definitely do with an upgrade. It would be great to have some sort of skate bowl and a better football and basketball area.*

*The toilets are disgusting and should be cleaned more often and the lighting is too dim, id rather walk back into town or go home than let my children use it*

*The toilets need attention. The play area needs more variety for younger kids. The fences need to be maintained in order to keep dogs out of the play area*

*The toilets need to be accessible at all times and kept clean!*

*The toilets need to be closer to the play area. If you have more than one child, this can be quite an issue. There are no refreshment facilities and the park itself is very dilapidated*

*This is a lovely park but needs some general maintenance , the ground surface is unsafe. Also some more additional activities, eg : see saw, climbing ropes etc, and the park space made bigger, this would be a bonus.*

*this is a really good sized park but it would be much improved with a better play area/equipment, we have a disabled son and at present there is nothing on the park that he can access. A wheelchair accessible swing or roundabout would make a good addition. Also some scooter/skateboard ramps would benefit the older children giving them a place to go instead of hanging round the streets or using car parks.*

*The park would really benefit from somewhere to buy food/drink/ice creams and picnic benches would be great too*

*This needs a revamp, a skate bowl and better play facilities. I would say stone bbqs but I fear they would be vandalised*

*Perhaps have events there like that could be ticketed for an evening event (outdoor cinema for example) raising funds for the park etc*

*To update the children's play area*

*toilets for the disabled*

*Toilets must be open daily, new swings needed, we need new equipment swings*

*Toilets need improvement. Some new play equipment.*

*Toilets!*

*Try and get people using it again, I have two children and have rarely used the park as it is so grubby but it would be perfect for us to visit after school or days off*

*Use it for the Camborne Show*

*Warden for the park like parks used to.*

*We just want it updated now. New flooring for the parc and broken parts replaced.*

*Would be good to have a court area to play tennis, badminton, netball, volleyball etc.*

*Would be lovely to have dedicated picnic area and more seating with shade during the summer. Exercise equipment to encourage people, not just children to use the park. Couple of events in the summer for families.*

*Would be lovely to have some picnic tables*

*Would like to see picnic tables dotted around the field and benches within the park.*

*My children would like to see a pond, a seesaw, a toddlers corner, a sandpit*

## Appendix Two: Park Road Playing Fields Additional Comments (Raw Data)

<i>Paths needed around the fields as most times of the year only accessible if wearing wellies.</i>
<i>Adult gym equipment. Control on dog fouling. Children's play facilities. an area for some sporting activity but I would not like it to be to the detriment of everything else.</i>
<i>Park road playing fields needs more wildflowers and plants. The hedges in the top field are often full of dumped rubbish. There has been quite a few dog attacks by unleashed dogs on dogs that are on leashes. There are no amenities at all. Create more natural areas of wildflowers and cut back on some of the mowing. Leave a few wildflower patches. Something needs to be done about the loose dogs and dog attacks.</i>
<i>A nice nature type walk similar to St George's walk, Hayle</i>
<i>Access from social housing estate sorted out. Dog mess dealt with. More tree planting. a play area, better integration with built surroundings.</i>
<i>Adults outdoor gym/teenager/park for children/toilets built in swimming pool for children to enjoy.</i>
<i>Art wall, graffiti space, single skate ramp, half pipe. Improve sports facilities</i>
<i>As before</i>
<i>As mentioned before</i>
<i>As suggested above perhaps plant more trees have a quiet garden space where People can sit, be looked after by those interested.</i>
<i>Benches</i>
<i>Benches and flower beds</i>
<i>benches would be a great idea</i>
<i>Better park facilities. Replace broken park bits.</i>
<i>Create more life for the wildlife</i>
<i>Don't use enough to suggest anything</i>
<i>Ensure fence is put back up-enabling safer to walk dogs. Move bins.</i>
<i>Few benches around to sit down and few more dog bins.</i>
<i>Free outside exercise equipment and something for the children to play on.</i>
<i>Great location, nothing there to do though! Needs a play area, seating areas, few trees to sit under and flowers would be nice.</i>
<i>I feel there is a lot of space that could be used more efficiently. I feel a children's play area would be great. Could these fields not be used to hold local fetes?</i>
<i>I'd love to see a nice park for all ages for the children and lovely flowers. Also, I think CCTV would be a great idea. Tennis court? Basketball and underground trampolines.</i>
<i>If decent play equipment was here my children would be there all the time. Dog walkers need to pick up after their dogs though. It's disgusting how much poo I see when walking my dog. Also, I know it's fields but people are taking vicious dogs there and letting them off lead. Would be better if there was a lead rule</i>
<i>Improve sports facilities and improve play offering for the disabled.</i>
<i>It needs better access from the new estate and needs a playground.</i>
<i>It needs pay equipment and a reason to go there.</i>

<i>It would be fantastic if this area had a play park, toilets, football nets.</i>
<i>It would be great if there was some simple play equipment fenced off or a seating area. This green space is great for dog walkers but only really used as a short cut by most people I know.</i>
<i>It would be nice to have some seating. It is not really possible to only pick three areas in which the area could be improved because at the moment there is only fields and no facilities although it is a nice place to be</i>
<i>It's such a large space, a play park would be lovely.</i>
<i>More equipment</i>
<i>More equipment</i>
<i>More regular grass cutting during summer, with attention paid to the entrance ways (these are often left with tall grass and could frequently use the attention of a strimmer!)</i>
<i>More things to do.</i>
<i>N/A</i>
<i>Needs something for the children to do and ban all dogs! The mess is awful!!</i>
<i>CCTV installed to catch the drunk teenagers doing drugs</i>
<i>Needs something there all these houses going up and nothing for the kids to do</i>
<i>Needs swings, slides something for kids to play on.</i>
<i>Needs swings/slides and something for the kids to play on.</i>
<i>Needs to designate an area for dog/pet walking and bring back the football goals and maybe a park for the children.</i>
<i>New swings, and stuff. Toilets that are open. Fun Days. Water feature maybe?</i>
<i>None</i>
<i>Outdoor gym for adults and teenagers. Splash pool water fun day for kids.</i>
<i>Outdoor sports/gym equipment, tennis or badminton courts, a shaded shelter open up the pathway at Fordh Adventurous.</i>
<i>Park Gerry could do with more facilities and not just for dog walkers, could be made more accessible for families, with a park included and sports related equipment.</i>
<i>Perhaps a closer eye could be kept on the new tree's that were recently planted. Some-one has pulled the protective covers off some. We try to put them back but not being very successful.</i>
<i>Plant more trees and maintain them. Those planted along the central Cornish hedge look battered and dry and forgotten about.</i>
<i>Play area, CCTV, Teenage Area</i>
<i>Play equipment for the park.</i>
<i>Playing area for children, place for dog walking.</i>
<i>Please the needs of the aging population, many of whom enjoy this space at present.</i>
<i>Put in paths that would make it more accessible to disable in buggies and wheelchairs</i>

*Skate park- suggested by a 10 year old.  
Play equipment for all ages.  
Football area. Toilet. Refreshment Cart.*

*Skate park. With big and small bowls for younger and older children.  
Climbing wall or boulder to climb.  
Trampolines set in the ground.*

*Sometimes get worried by drug use/ alcohol use in evenings, I do not use it later in the day, only mornings*

*Stabilise the entranceways, they can get inaccessible during wet periods, can be hazardous.*

*Stricker with dog mess*

*Stricter dog fouling enforcement and late night patrols*

*Swing for the disabled. Toilets.*

*The brick area is dangerous and should be a cafe for refreshments.  
Better football pitch.  
Climbing wall.  
Trampolines.  
Play area.*

*There are 3 distinct areas- one could easily be developed for a children's play area similar to the Boscowen Park, Truro with picnic tables.*

*There is a significant issue with unsociable behaviour. It would be nice if there was one filed for a children's play area that was dog free. Last week there were 3 dog attacks- 1 on a child and two on other dogs.*

*There is nothing at the moment to encourage me to go to this park and it's too far from Weeth area.*

*This area has no children's play equipment.*

*This space does not require development- sometimes things work as they are. There are other spaces for children's playgrounds we don't need one here adding to noise and litter.*

*This space is already well used by dog walkers and children playing sports it would be a shame to spoil this.*

*Was difficult to select only three options from those that were made available.*

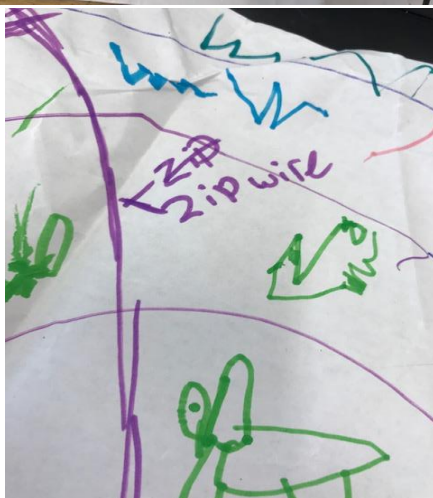
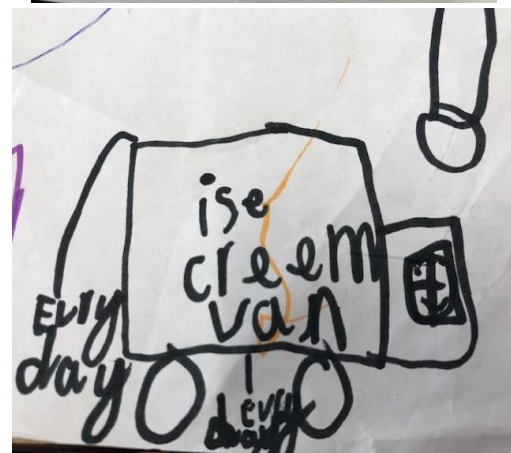
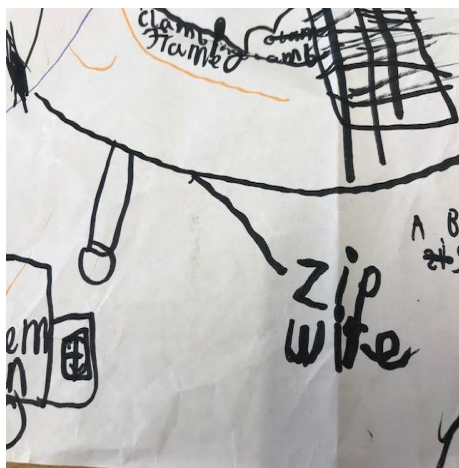
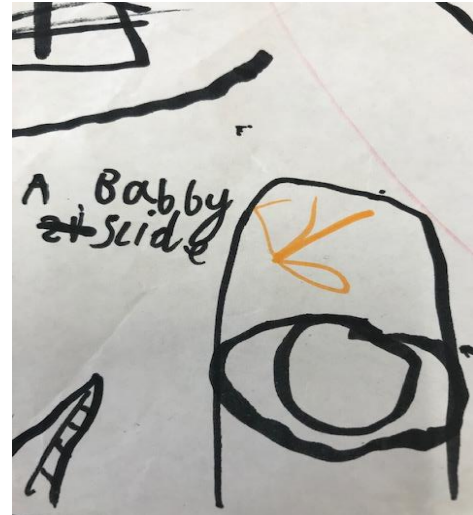
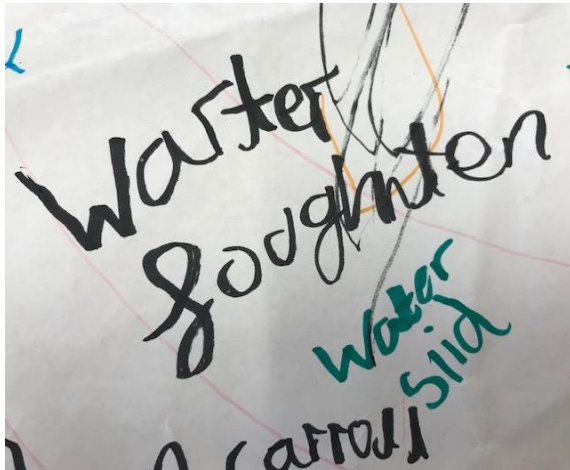
*Water facilities for people to enjoy space who don't have a garden,. either a red river similar to heartlands or a tap for paddling pool.*

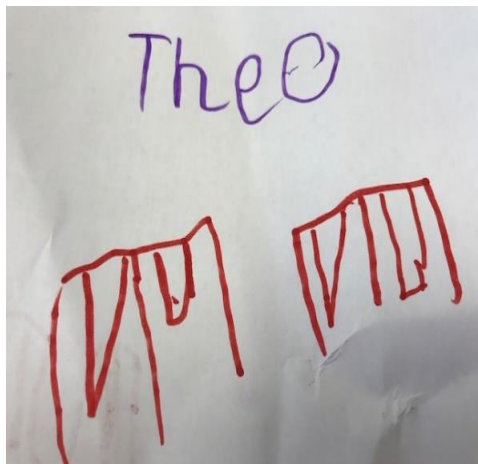
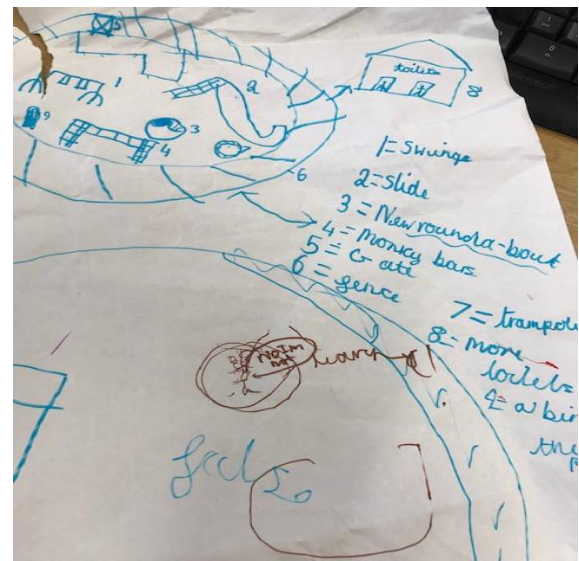
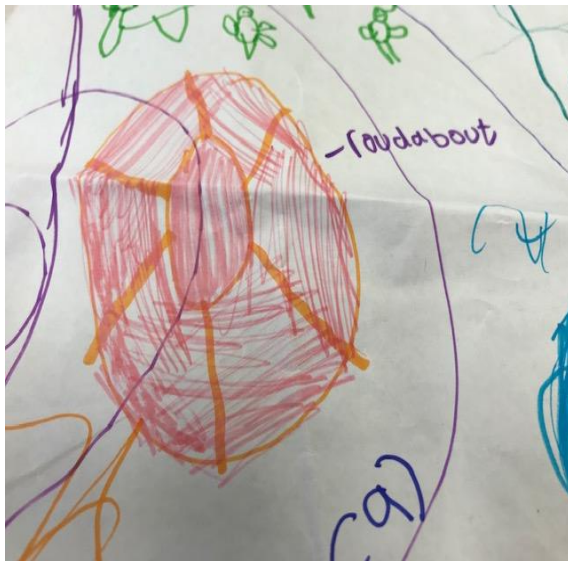
*With careful planning, the area could be adapted without losing too much of the current grass and trees, meaning that we have an environmentally friendly area with a functional use.*

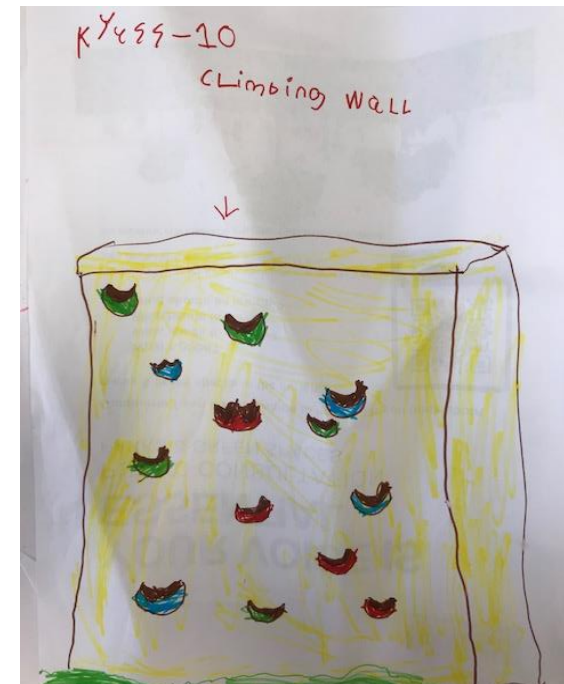
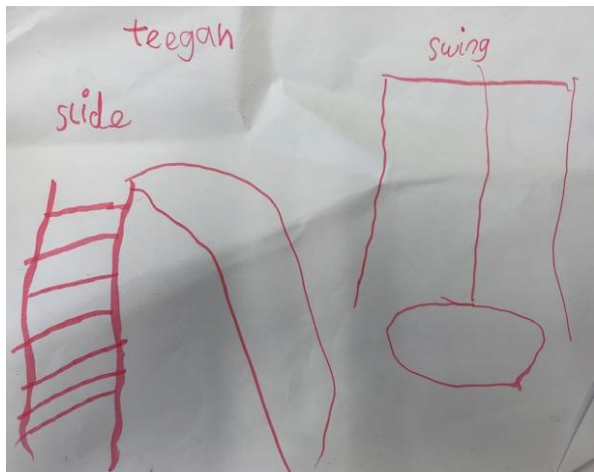
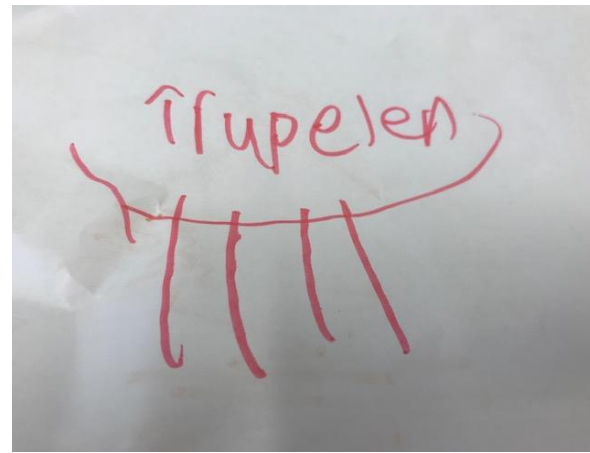
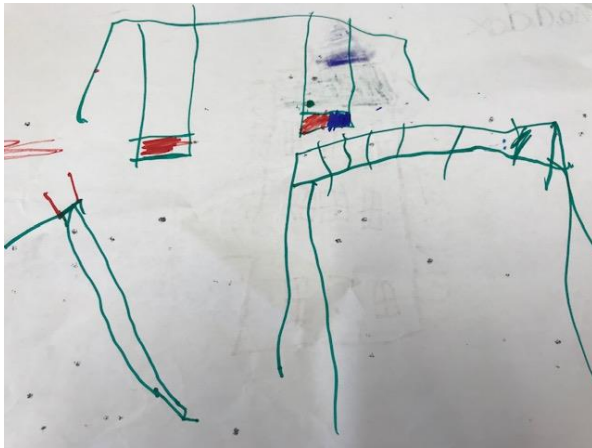
*Would be lovely to have a play area here it's got so much space that could be the best park in Camborne if it had the equipment*

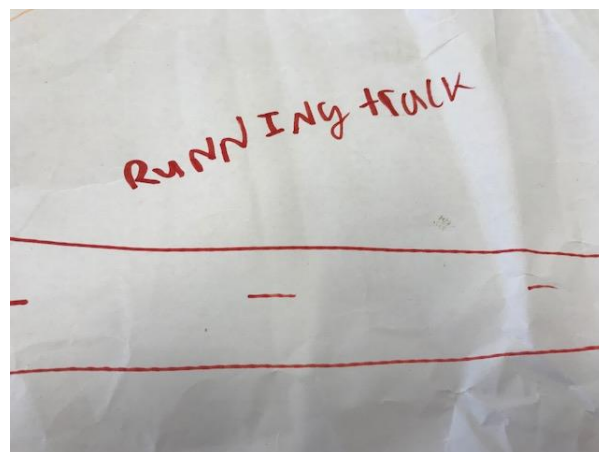
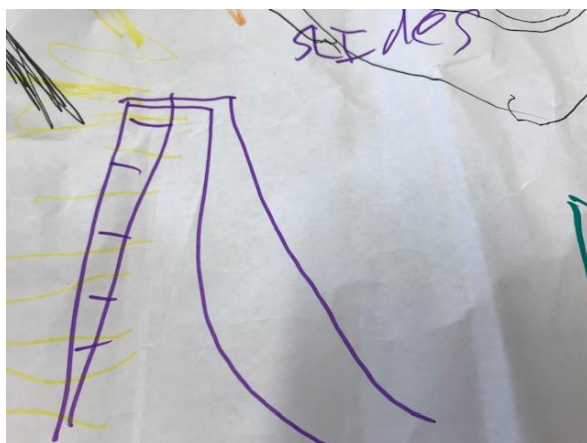
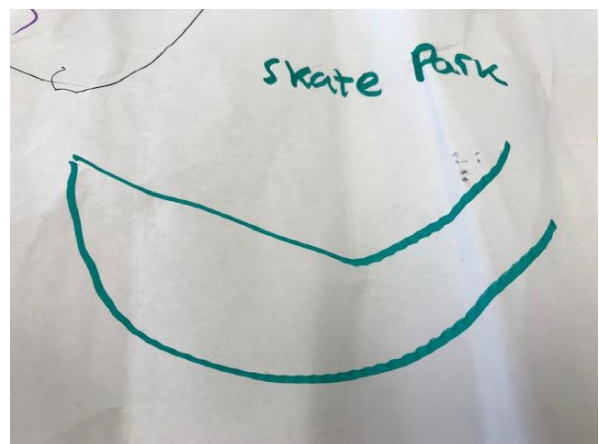
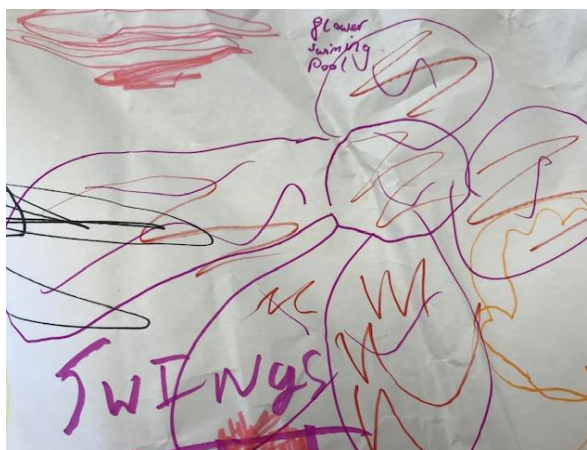
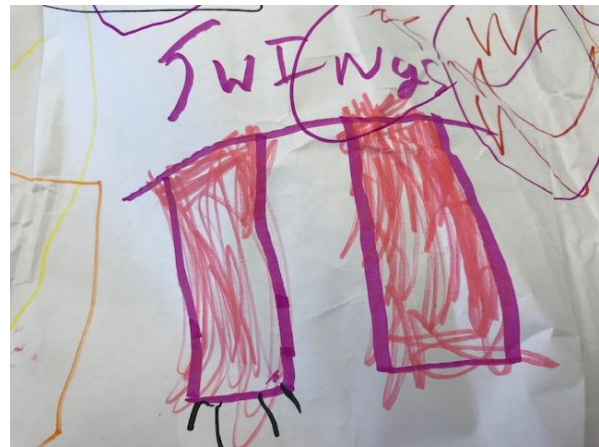
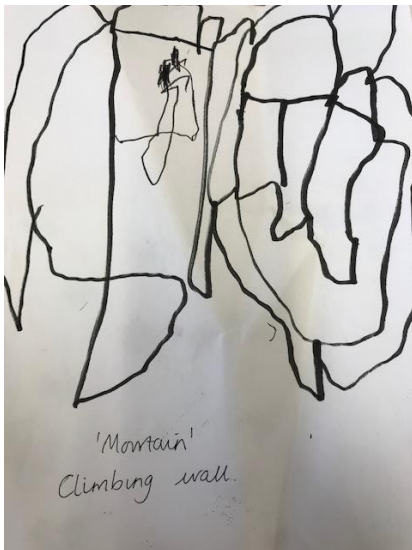
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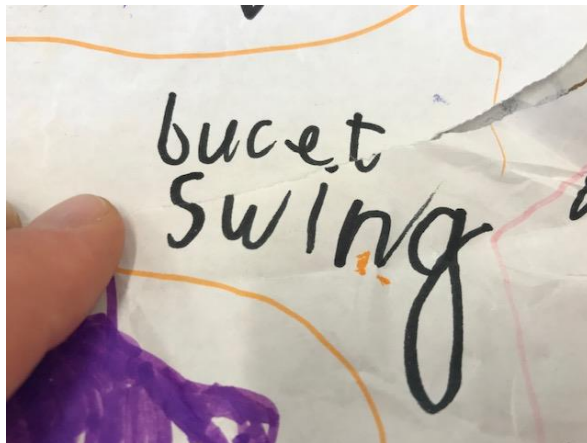
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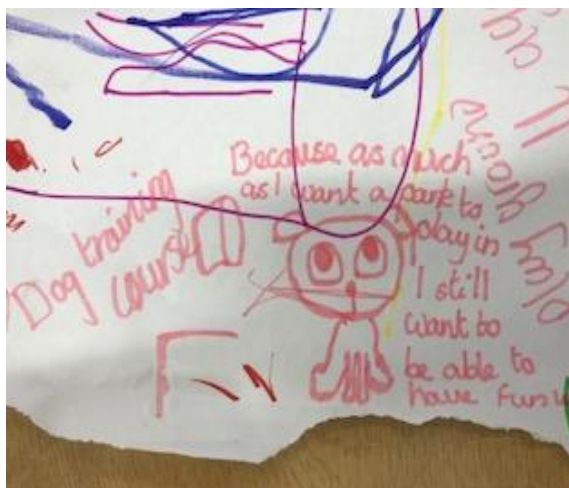


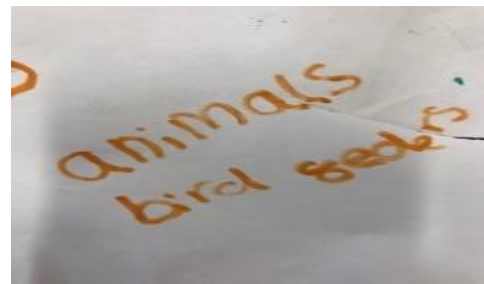
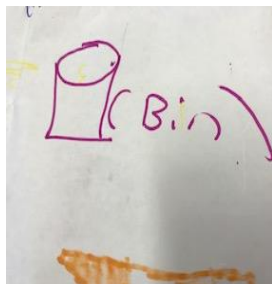
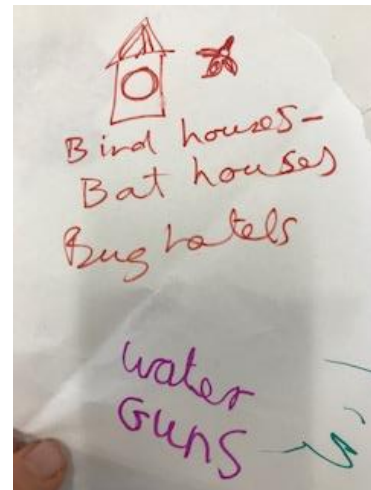






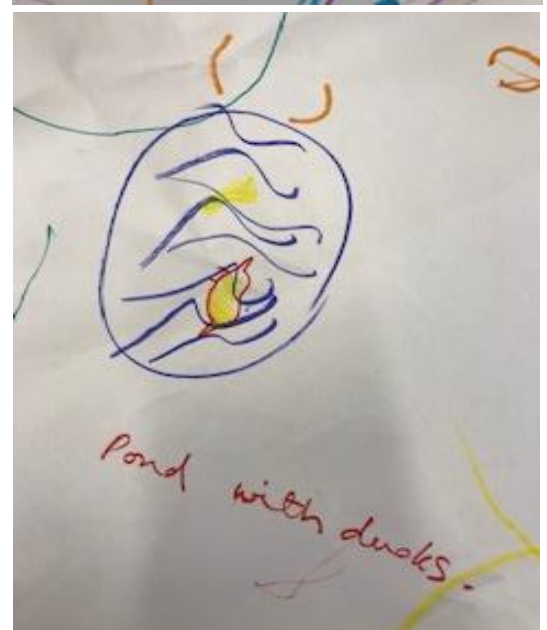
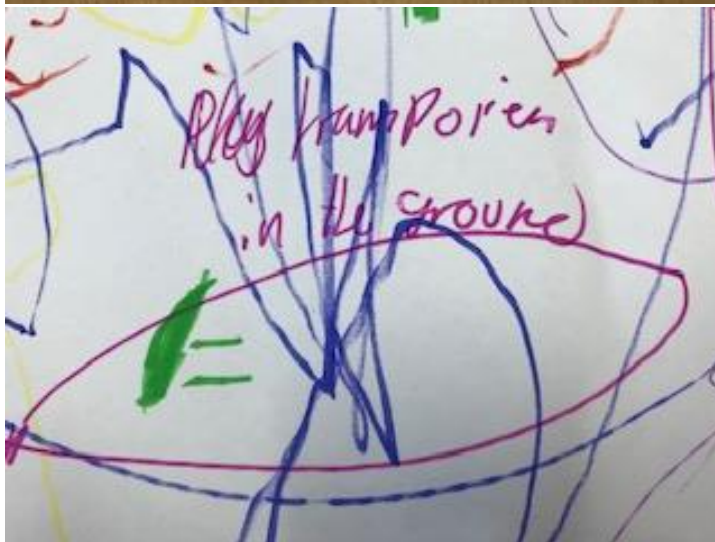
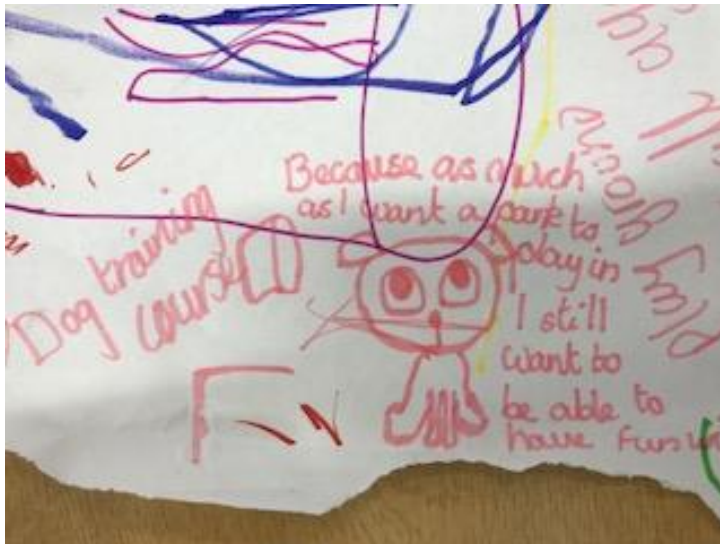
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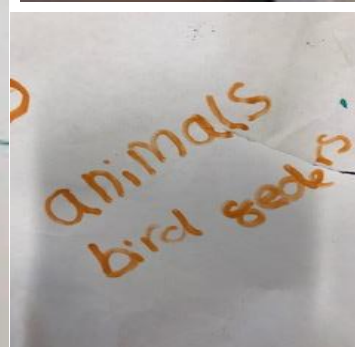
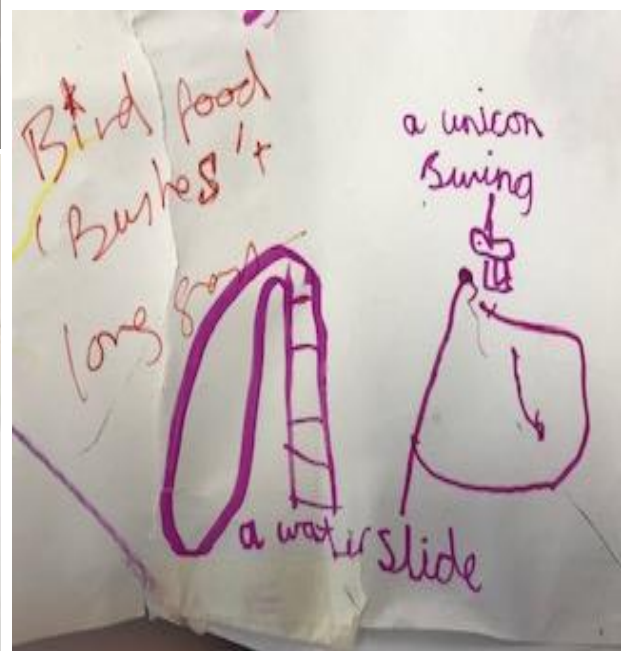
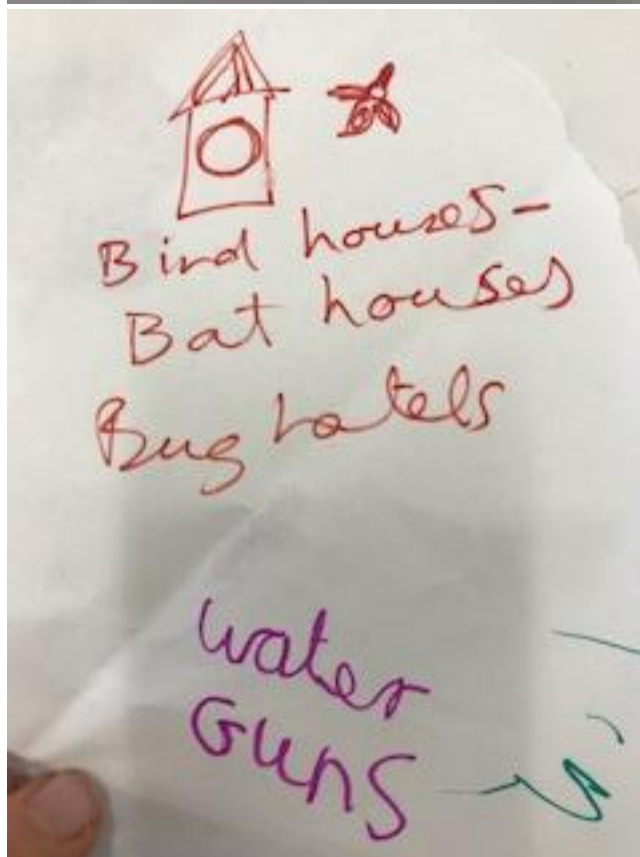




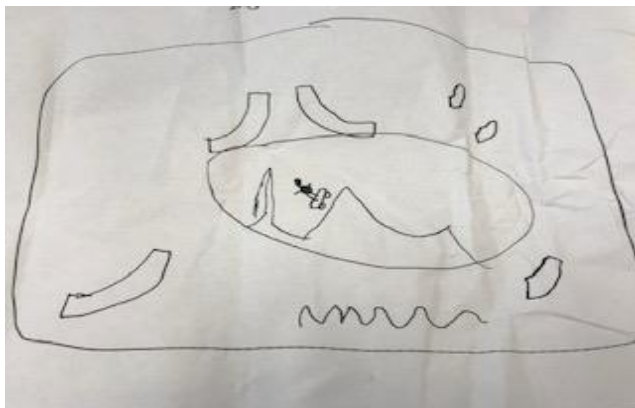
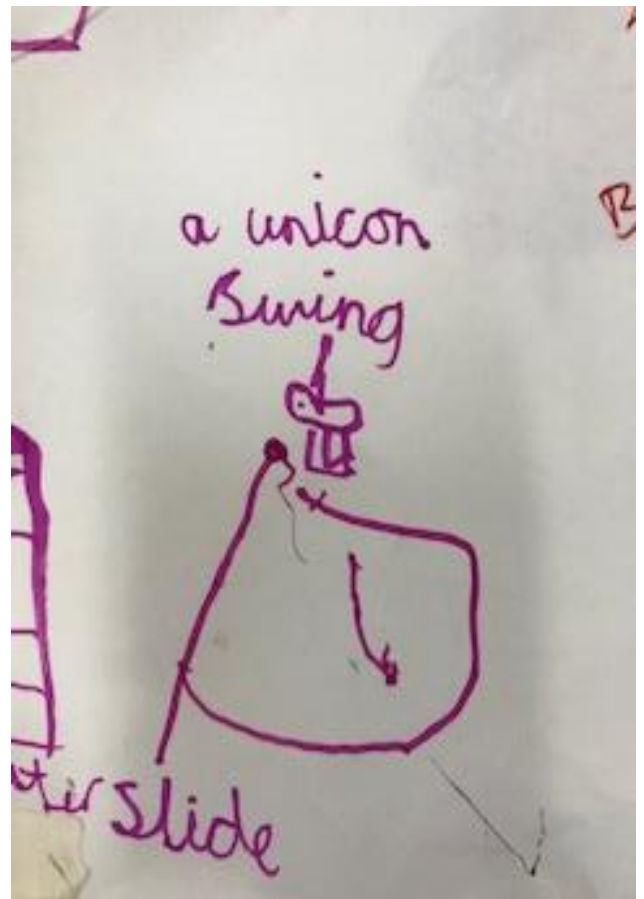
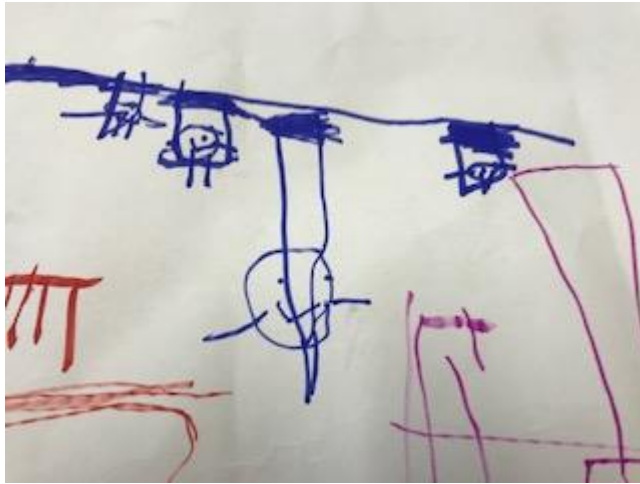


Park Gerry- Children's Feedback





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## 6.2 Appendix 2. Park Gerry Survey

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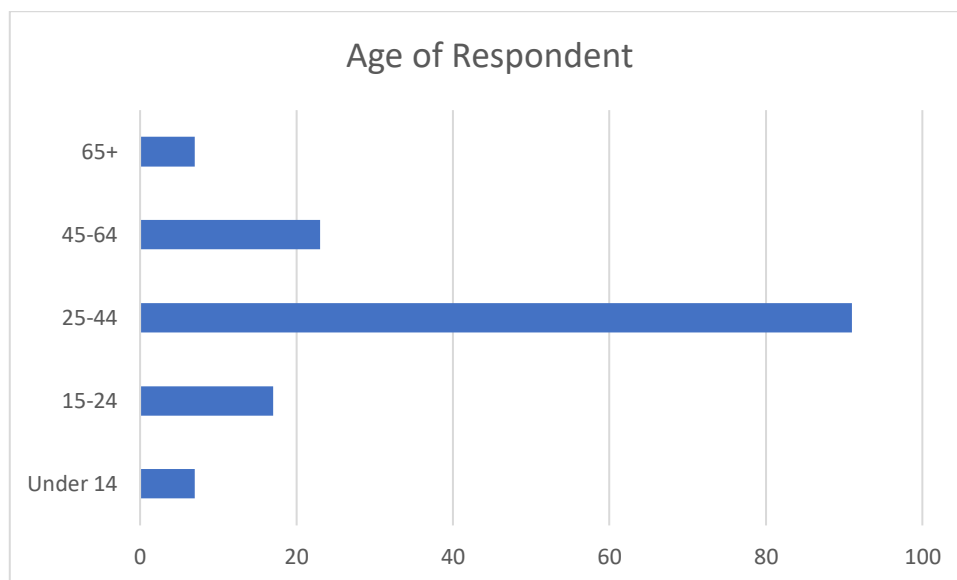


This survey took place between Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

145 individuals responded to the survey that was available in digital format on the Camborne Town Council Website.

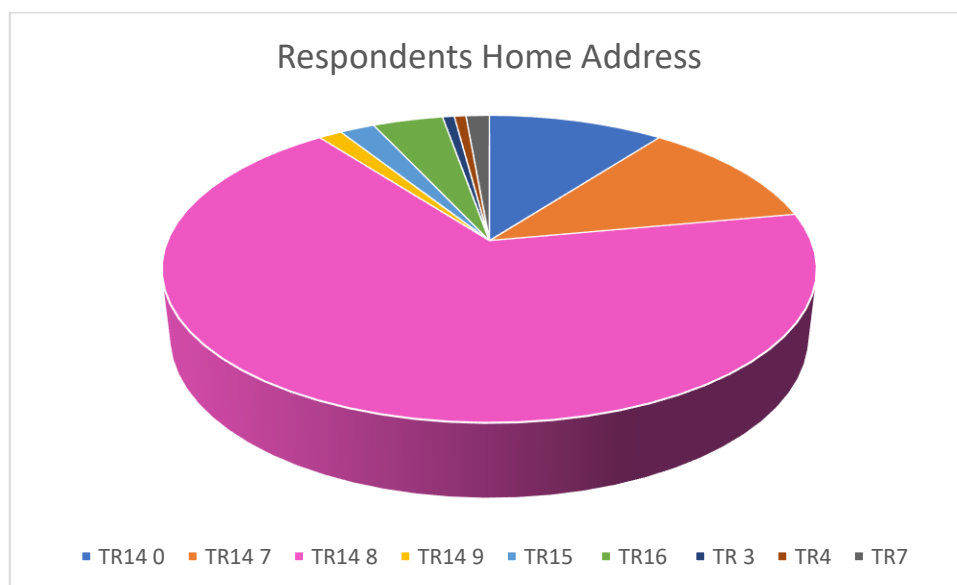
This survey was promoted via social media, the website and via email to community figures.

The findings from this survey provides a snapshot of community opinion for improvements to Park Gerry.

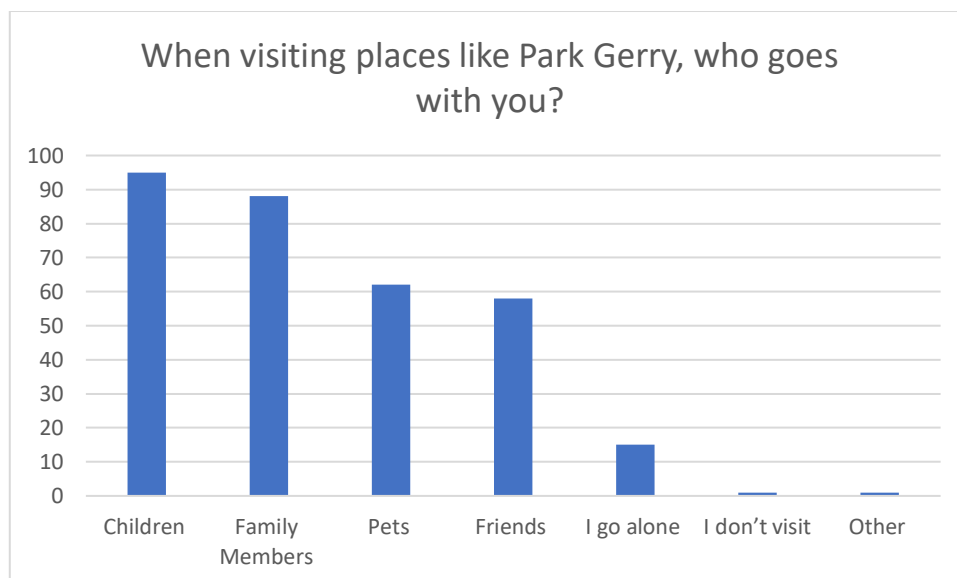


Most respondents where aged between 25-44. This is our most engaged audience on social media.

Those who are digitally excluded have not been fairly represented in this feedback.



The majority of respondents live in the TR14 postcode. Of those, most live in the TR14 8 postcode (most local to Park Gerry).



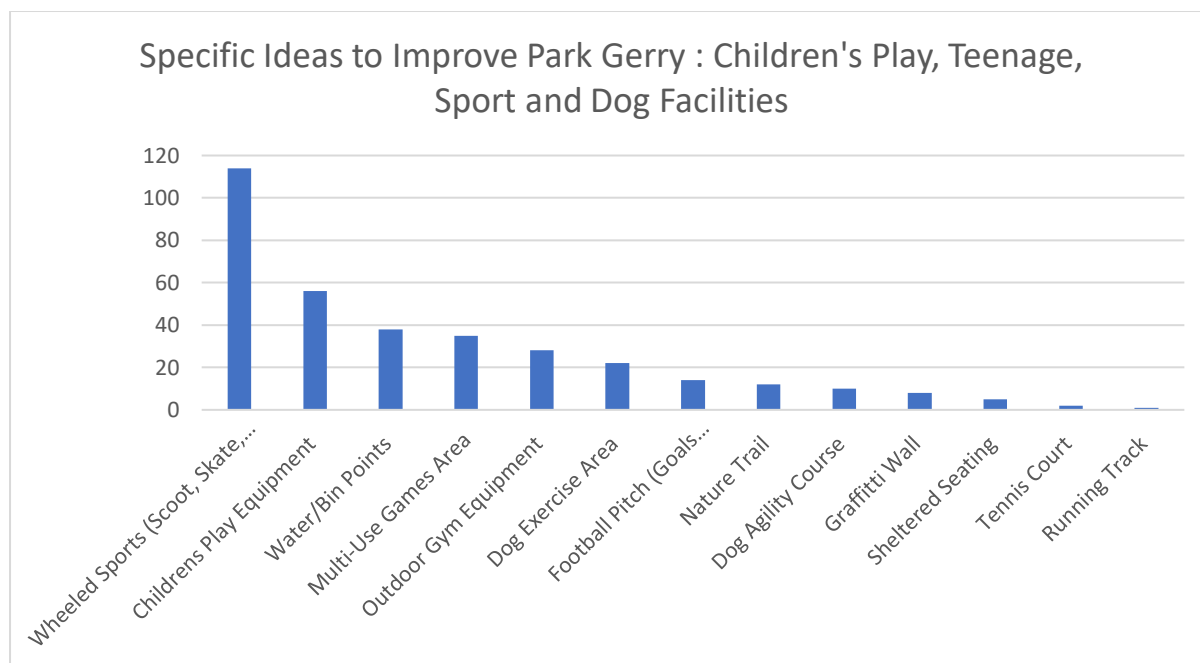
Most respondents indicated they visit green spaces like Park Gerry with children and family members.



Most respondents indicated they visit Park Gerry regularly. Many had been before but don't go often. Some suggested they would visit Park Gerry if changes were made.

**We understand users currently use Park Gerry for walking, exercising dogs and to get fresh air. Please indicate three improvements would you like us to prioritise for future use of the site?**

Children's Play	95
Nature, Plants and Trees	71
Teenage Facilities	67
Sports Facilities	66
Dog Facilities	43
Parking, Paths and Seating	40



**Is there anything you feel strongly we should not improve/provide at Park Gerry?**

Teenage Facilities	25
Children's Play	12
Dog Facilities	12
Parking, Paths and Seating	9
Sports Facilities	6
Plants, Trees, Gardens	4
Access	1

**FREE TEXT RESPONSES: Please explain why we should not improve/develop this idea for Park Gerry**

A lot of dog owners do not pick up after their dogs. If the area is to be developed for children/teenagers I think dog walking areas should be totally separate and no dogs allowed with it he children's area. I think parking facilities would make the area too busy and people living locally to the area will suffer. However, Benches would be great for people to sit and eat at.

Any improvements would be great for the local community. Some families have dogs, children, teenagers so something that would suit everyone.

Be too regimented. Keep it natural.

Because it shouldn't be built into parking. They are fields and the grass and trees are there for a reason, it makes it a nice place to be. There's a small amount of "parking" it doesn't need a whole car park.

Because they will not respect it like they don't respect the area now. They just use it for drug use which they will continue to do with the changes. This needs to be for the community not for people with no respect for the area.

Concentrate on usable things not ascetics

Everywhere is being built on, leave the grass, plant trees, let's just have some easily accessible green fields!

I don't agree there should be parking but definitely more paths and seating area. It should be somewhere for the local community to walk to and have fun

I don't think the new builds should have access. Coastline closed it off, it would stop everybody using our estate as a cut through. Plus we already only have one space to park and most of us have 2 cars. Random people would use our carpark, causing us and coastline problems. CCTV would need to put into place as we already have drug problems in the flats that coastline and the police know about. We don't want damage etc to our cars. Therefore the access by the shop needs to be safer its uneven and not disabled friendly.

I feel park Gerry is a perfect place to walk your dog. I feel parking would minimise the amount of field there is for dogs to exercise I also feel that sports facilities would minimise the field space aswell. When I walk over to the field regularly with my dog I notice a lot of elderly people walking there dogs aswell and I feel if this space became a space for teenagers I feel the elderly may not feel as safe to go there, as sometimes there's a big group of teenagers sitting on the floor around the trees smoking and drinking and this can be off putting and also can be scary for the elderly

I like the green, the fields the grass and the trees. Car parks would ruin it

I think lots of dogs are walked in parks like this that are out of control. Perhaps you need to section off a part of the park for dogs and not allow them into the rest of it.

I would love to suggest sheltered seating with out attracting homeless drug addicts to the area. It turns the opportunity for teenagers hard to recommend

Id like to see a green area without cars everywhere. The streets are rammed with cars which makes them unsafe to play on, and I also feel that people should be encouraged to walk or cycle to the area.

If you build anything for teenagers it will become a drug area and alcohol use.

I'm not sure what 'teenage facilities' are that are different to sports facilities.

It's a community space for all, and we don't need to create an area purely for teenagers to loiter. They'd be able to make use of facilities provided for all

Park Gerry is fine as it is as there is plenty of room to socially distance and a nice quiet area to relax and at the moment we have no anti social behaviour issues.

Parts and seating absolutely, but I'd hate to see the size of the park shrink to make space for parking. You can access the area via the road in front and walk through already

I have walked my dog in this field for over two years a minimum of 5 times a week and have lived by this field for 8 years.

This field is the only quiet public field in Camborne where dog walkers can go and walk/run their dogs in peace. It would be amazing if this field could just be left for people to enjoy a spacious green area. There are plenty of parks within a 5 minute walk, there is a skate park for teenagers less than 10 minutes away or boiler works field with a small area for skate boarders, bikes and scooters- this is a 5 minute walk from the field.

I have always loved this field to take my children and dog for proper chill out time. We go to fly kites, walk the dog, have a picnic, kick a ball, run around and the kids can use their imagination to have fun! Without lots of equipment etc this kids can just enjoy being outdoors.

Please improve on another areas in Camborne that need it more and leave one small area of Camborne as a natural loved area.

This area will be ruined if you make it into something it is not. As mentioned there are plenty of other nearby parks, one being less than a two minute walk from the field.

Please do not put in skateboard facilities. My property backs onto Park Gerry and it would be very noisy. It's amazing the amount of noise skateboards make. At the moment it is a lovely peaceful area ideal for dog walking.

Plenty of other options

Skatepark would be amazing

Teenagers will only vandalise it anyway or use it as an area for antisocial behaviour/ drinking and drugs

The area is already full of dogs and doesn't need anything added to them

The area needs money spent on good skating facilities. This park and Tuckingmill skatepark need investment.

The area should not have parking provided.

The cut through from the new builds next to the old t.a centre should remain blocked off as if this access is opened will mean a lot of people using the estate as a cut through and will cause more problems with parking etc, there has been enough visits from the police and we don't want more due to youths hanging around by the flats

The only thing would be to turn it into a more natural and woody areas for all sorts of wildlife as we are losing Greenfields far too much to concrete jungles...dogs and kids area but quiet area for wildlife as well. More native trees.

Unfortunately, where there are dog walking facilities, there is dog mess. That would not be good next to a children's play area.

We need more wildlife areas.

We real could do with a local skate park it's great for all ages children teenagers.

Keeps them busy off the street and great sport

Worried this would be a skateboard park and would bring in under age drinking, drugs and vandalism

This is a well used and looked after walking and dog meet up for young and old, that otherwise would not see people on a daily basis.

As a mental health practitioner I feel it is vital for this to be taken into consideration as I have socialised with people as old as 80yrs to wheelchair users.

It is so nice that with the confidence of there faithful dog companion, they all have the confidence to socialise.

I have to be honest I have only seen teenage kids and also around 10yr olds totally disrespecting nature of the fields to scattering daily rubbish which we all try whilst walking to pick up.

Never seen young children only ever teenagers which abuse it and use it as a place to get drunk leave rubbish and disregard natural.

I strongly feel this should be community dog friendly based.

Benches ,new plants ,trees and maybe a couple of picnic benches.

And a wheelchair friendly path around edge of field ,I know would be throughly appreciated.  
Many thanks

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#### **Free Text Responses: Further Comments**

A border of grass and wild flowers needs to be left uncut around the edge not where people walk , this will help the wildlife and still not interfere with people walking around the field.

Bees in the spring/ summer as they feed on the dandelions, earlier this year the grass was cut so short it was brown but 2 weeks prior to that the field was full of dandelions and bees. All types of are bees are slowly dieing out with numbers dwindling every year due to the lack of food and habitat.

Long grass helps butterflies, fieldmice and other animals such as headghogs which are under threat and have become another animal on the vulnerable to extinction list.

Headghos also need the long uncut headges to make a nest in to raise young and as they can produce young right up to end of September or some times later, they need this habitat all year round. And there are hedgehogs in the field as I have them coming in to my garden nightly .

From the RSPB website: Long grassÂ has loads ofÂ benefitsÂ for wildlife. It is a mini jungle, moist and sheltered at its base, producing abundant flowers, pollen and seeds. Beetles, caterpillars of various moths and butterflies, grasshoppers “ they allÂ benefit, and so then do birds, bats, Hedgehogs and others.

There are bats roosting in the few trees that are in the field and bats are also on the vulnerable to extinction list due to habitat lost, so more trees would be a massive benefit to all wildlife

And being out in nature has benefits for human well-being aswell as having mental health benefits.

A cycle/running track like the one recently installed at the Rosemellin school site for the school, would be an excellent addition as children and adults alike could use it. Itâ€™s almost damage proof as itâ€™s more like an Astro turf so once itâ€™s down it will stay down and need little maintenance. More bins and dog bins would also be very useful as people would more inclined to use them if there are more dotted around the field. The track could outline the field and within the that could be 4 areas.....a small enclosed park. A section for dogs. A sports equipment section for the teens and something else.

A plaza skate park with a range of features for all ages would be ace for families.

A pump track or bike trail or jumps would be great for budding riders and ace for families.

A pump track for bikes and a nature trail would be the best things you could do for the community. There are no free pump tracks for children to ride bikes on in the locality.

A pump track would be better than skate park as there are very few free ones locally and can be used by all wheeled sports. It also encourages bike use later in life which is currently a government priority

A skate park would be better placed at the waste ground near tescos garage central and well lit easy to keep an eye on

A skatepark would be a fantastic addition to Camborne for all ages of wheeled sports enthusiasts.

An Astro pitch would be nice similar to portreath. Easy to up keep and cctv can be used  
An out door gym would be a great installation, so long as it's simple, ie, a pull up station, dip station etc.

An outdoor gym would be great. More trees and shrubs and margins left at the edges of fields for wildlife. Wide made up paths so that wheelchair users can use the area and plenty of seating which could be commemorative seating.

Are house backs onto the field it was so lovely during lockdown when family's and lot of people were using the area. People having picnics, playing sports and having fun. It was great to hear the laughter and joy.

As a local person a stones throw away who doesnt have a garden it would be amazing to have a decent park in walking distance

As a long time skateboarder I would very much like to be involved if a wheeled sports ( skatepark ) was to be included. I have seen over the decades many parks appear that are not suitable for the target audience. I think the ctc are in a great place to provide the right facility at the right time ( now ).

Camborne need a proper skate park area (See Helston, Penzance, Truro, Hayle and Porthleven-Tuckingmill does not count). All camborne has for teenagers is the high street...what can they do in a high street that is healthy and constructive?

I feel strongly that Camborne needs more areas that engage teenagers and creates a healthy culture (think cycle paths and routes for families as well).

Camborne needs a decent skatepark. I roller skate, my fiance skates and my kids scooter/skate. We have to leave Camborne to do this and go to places like porthleven, Newquay or Penzance. Tuckingmill, does not count, that place is dreadful!

Camborne needs a new skatepark, get the kids off the streets and on a board

Concrete skateparks (when done properly) give very long service, tarmac deteriorates and makes the surfaces unusable for small wheeled devices such as scooters and skateboards  
Consult msvaricks whom built concrete waves newquay

During lockdown teenagers particularly have found it very hard. I know two very young people within 5 days that took their own lives they are suffering massively with mental health issues and outdoor gym would give them Focus and something that could build their self-confidence they cannot afford to go to the gym and they are underage therefore using the equipment releases endorphins which is the Feelgood hormone which in turn should lift their mood CCTV would be a must as you don't want to encourage alcohol or drug taking. The young children need somewhere to go too so like an area for 2 year olds then an older area then teen area. Seagull proof bins, so families can picnic, benches with shelter to avoid the rain, but enjoy the space.

From someone who lives very close to the area please leave as it is.

I feel with the history of many football teams that have played their through the years a football pitch should be kept for future teams and for teenagers to play sport.

I firmly believe we need this park to be similar to recruiting grounds in Hayle. Maybe turn the furthest field in to enclosed dog area so that on lead dogs also have a safe place to run freely. It would be used by so many.

The kids area needs a toddler and a older kids section and something for the teenagers to do.

A path could do with being put around the outside we have older people walking their dogs some even on mobility scooters who ive witnessed get stuck (we are the new estate)

I have lived in Camborne all my life and Let's be honest, there's not a lot for youngsters to do! Bringing back a skate park will give them something to occupy them as it did for me!

Another idea which would not cost a lot would be to build a bmx / bike track. This would involve just sculpting the earth' in the park which is already there to be a continuous track with humps and small jumps!! We need to get youngsters off the streets and think this would help!

I live at St meriadoc road and completed a survey about the park a while ago. I think the overall comments were about making improvements. I have since heard that houses will be built there please can you confirm. Thank you

I think that paths around the edge of the park to improve accessibility for wheelchairs would be good. Also seating and more trees and bushes for wildlife.

I think the outside gym would be a great idea for the teenagers aswell as the adults as both can use it. Also a skate park could also be good as lots of children around who could benefit from it. Some picnic benches could be a great idea for the families to have picnics etc.

I think there needs to be across section of things for people of all ages and abilities. There is at present no way for disabled people to use the fields unless the ground is dry. It would be good to have proper paths and seating for everyone.

I would like to see facilities for the children and teenagers as park gerry is safer than allowing them down the valley park.

I'd like to see the area remain as open as possible to allow the current wildlife to continue to live there. We don't have many open spaces left so 'improving' the area too much could ruin it.

It has been a great space for sports and free play for locals for a long time.

It would also be really good if there was a nice smooth path or circuit which roller skaters could use.

It would be lovely to have a space for everyone to enjoy. A skate park, graffiti wall, play equipment, sensory garden with seating, space to kick a ball around or just somewhere to walk the dog..

It would be nice to have these facilities in Park Gerry because it is closer to home and would feel safer there than Tuckingmill Valley Park.

It's a really beautiful field- I look forward to seeing what is done with it!

None, thanks

Plant more trees and discourage the growth of sycamores. Discourage dog fouling and littering, perhaps through better signage and bins

Play equipment with separate sections for little ones that teens won't be playing on. (Also including disability friendly equipment as this is lacking in most play areas) Probably need CCTV in the area given the vandalism of most play areas. More bins if extra facilities are added, and maybe some picnic benches too!

Please add a child's play area, there is nothing locally for younger children to do, all the soft plays have closed down and Tuckingmill play Park is unusable it's horrid.

Please don't make this attractive to teenagers as it will be trash as they really have no respect atm .

And it will have a big impact on adults that's come to meet like-minded people with dogs, that otherwise would be isolated what will impact on there mental health.

Please make improvements to stop motor bikes using the field.

Pump track and or mountain bike track

seating in sunny south facing areas for the elderly would be nice - perhaps a dedication scheme to pay for it

Separate areas for younger and older children.

Security and lighting.

Some nature trails, benches and dog facilities would be lovely and respected.

Stop developing every spare piece of ground, plenty of empty shops in town to be used to provide youth centres etc, the Recreation ground is being updated, leave these fields as fields, we don't have many left in Camborne!

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my views on such an important community space.

The area is large enough to incorporate all of the ideas above if planned correctly and as someone who uses the area a lot I believe you could even get the community fund raising to ensure all ideas are met not just one. I also believe cameras covering the whole area would be beneficial to make sure it's not damaged or vandalised.

The fence between the park and park road back lane to be reinstated to stop balls bouncing off our fences and gates and to separate the lane from the park as we get alot of dog poo outside our back gates of our property's speed humps to stop speeding and to protect the residents and children from speeding

vehicles on the back lane it is getting very dangerous with all the motorcycles that speed down the lane at very fast speeds

The provision of some more bins and perhaps a light or two will definitely improve the area. There are NO decent children's play areas local to this area, Tuckingmill park is a dump and the kids play area is awful and unusable.

A normal play area with a small fence around it to keep dogs out and kids in would be amazing, swings (both babies and kids size), slide, roundabout, climbing frame, monkey bars etc please don't install one of those super modern weird ones that you can't use like in Tuckingmill park

There is an awful amount of dog mess on Park Gerry fields, it would be good if something could be done about this

We need somewhere for children and adults to be able to roller skate outdoors. A smooth path or circular route also and area to practice and a new skate park for the skateboarders. Look at the parks in London like Hyde park and green park. The skaters skate the paths, the wildlife is still in the park in the ponds, lots of birds and squirrels in the trees. People can walk their dogs. An outdoor gym would be great for teenagers, tennis courts, Astro turf, basketball for the older kids would be good, Camborne Park is being regenerated for the younger kids which is great. A small cafe/kiosk type thing serving drinks and snacks would be great also keeping an eye on the site and a point of cctv.

Would be lovely to have a children's play area here for all the local residents

The nearest park to me is Roskear and it's really small and run down.

Even Camborne park is having improvements currently but it's mostly equipment for older kids would be nice to have a bit fir older kids and. Separate park for younger kids

Would be nice to have something for children with additional needs special needs I have son with autism likes the outdoors. If there's facilities for children with additional needs

Would love some sort of pond area Camborne is lacking in this department fully

**51 people signed up for further updates/e-newsletters.**

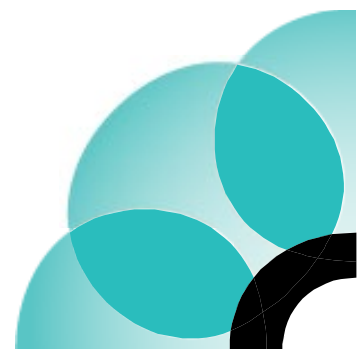
## 6.3 Appendix 3 September 2021 Consultation

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## **Introduction**

In September 2021, we presented the attached provisional designs for Park Gerry to the community.

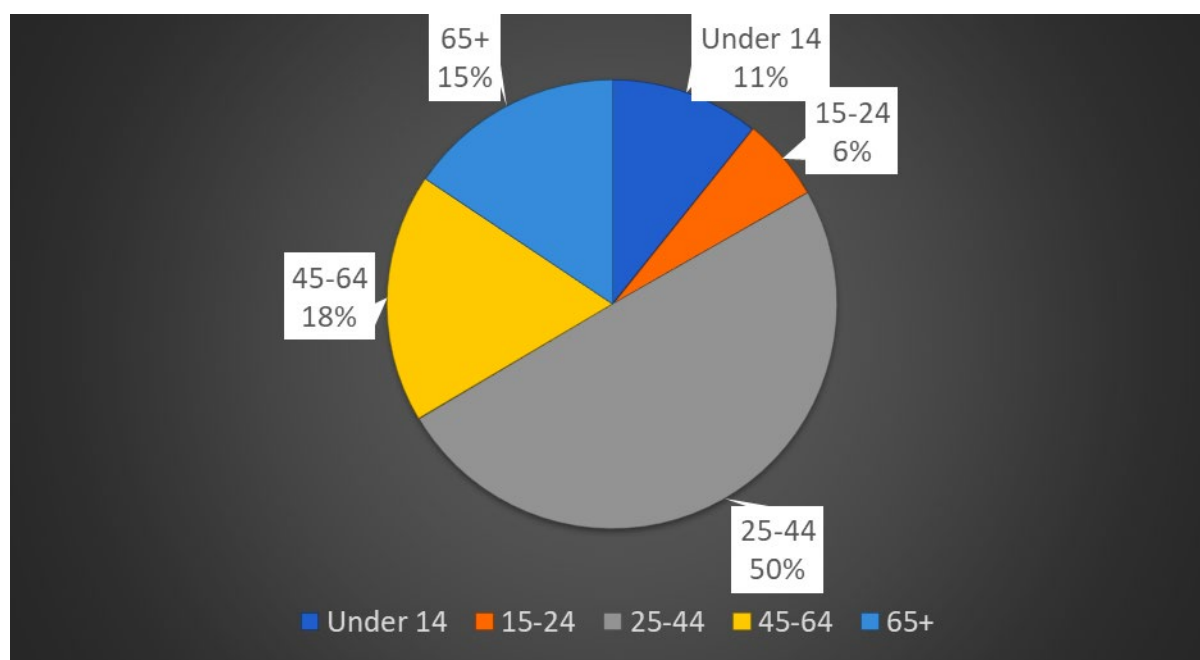
We then surveyed the community for their feedback, via face to face opportunities (Picnic in the Park fun day at Park Gerry, Library and Green Fair on the Square) and online (Website, Social Media). The following report details responses and offers recommendations for next steps.

## **Survey Findings**

### **Number of survey respondents: 167**

We have had a relatively good number of respondents in this initial consultation. We do expect further phases and methods to be used in future to continue to provide more people with the opportunity to respond.

### **Age of Respondents:**



Most respondents to the survey were aged 25-44. We manage to capture a good range of ages in this survey. To continue to enhance the representation in our findings, we may want to offer some focus groups for ages 24 and under and 65+ to ensure we have balanced input from all ages.

### **Postcodes**

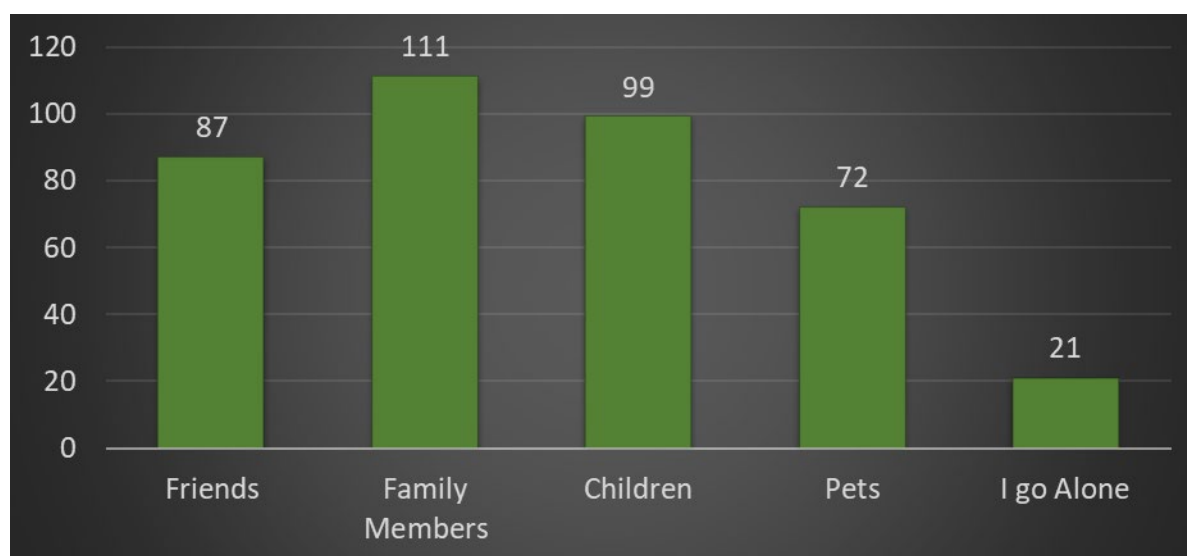
We asked the respondents to offer their postcodes, so we understood where they were based. 62% of respondents came from a TR14 8 postcode which is within a mile of Park Gerry. A small percentage of respondents come from Hayle,

Pool and Portreath. We had two out of Cornwall respondents. One from Rugby & the other Tavistock. Both of these respondents provided insignificant response to the survey.

### **Who do you go to Park Gerry with?**

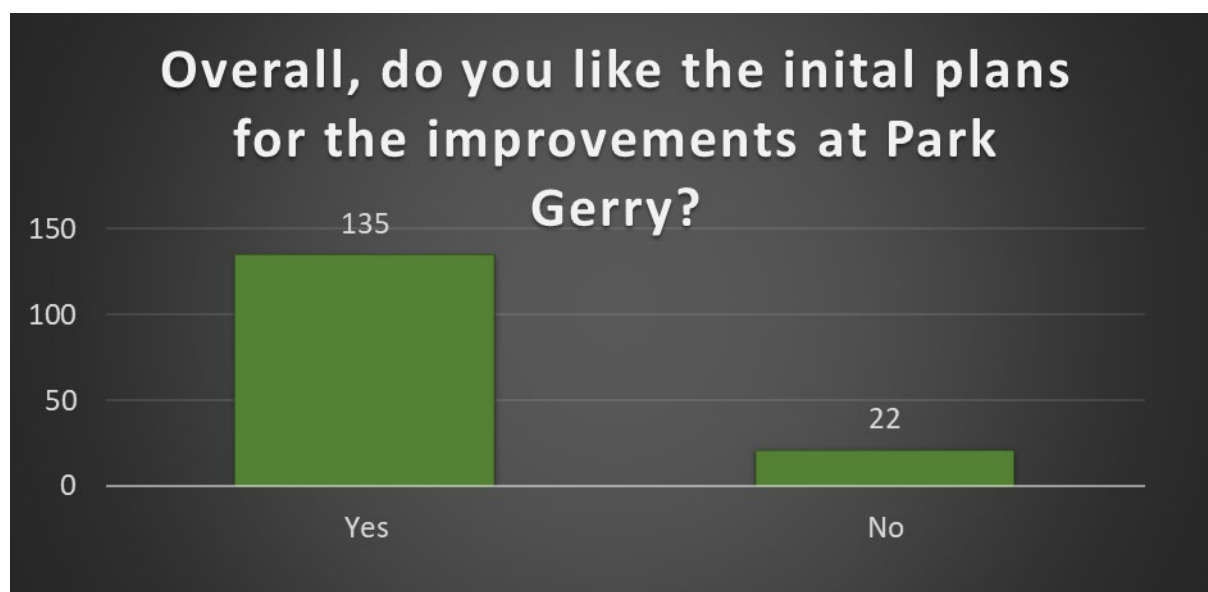
This was a multiple-choice question, with most people indicating on average two responses.

The most popular answers were family visits, children, and friends. It is vital the space continues to accommodate the needs of young people and families. It should be noted that nearly 50% of respondents indicated they take pets with them to the space.



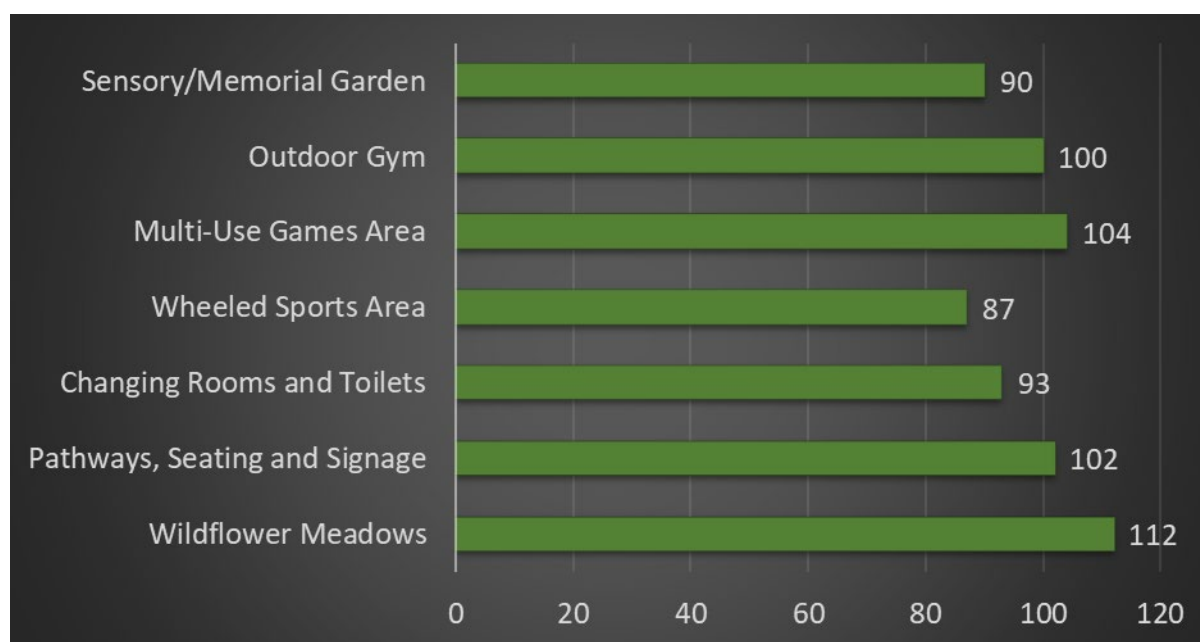
### **Overall, do you like the initial plans for improvements at Park Gerry?**

There is an overwhelming majority in favour for the provisional plans for Park Gerry.

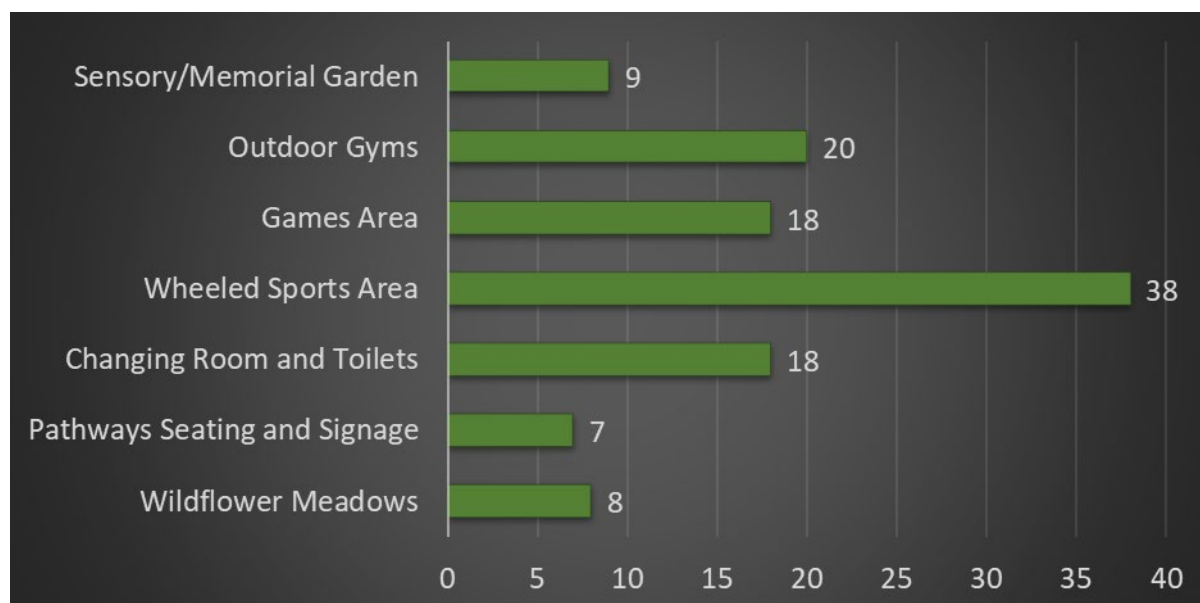


**What do you feel are the best features of the initial design idea?**

Most respondents indicated a keenness for all the features in the provisional plans. This question asked what was the best features of the initial designs. The most popular being Wildflower Meadows, Pathways, Seating & Signage and a Multi-Use Games Area. Over 50% of respondents indicated the best features were a Wheeled Sports Area & Changing Rooms/Toilets.



**Is there anything you feel strongly we should not improve/provide at Park Gerry?**



A small handful of respondents felt they needed to respond to this question.

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Thirty-eight respondents (23%) out of 167 indicated they had concerns and felt the wheeled sports area is not a good proposal. We asked respondents to explain why they felt we should not develop ideas.

Many indicated concerns over ASB, drugs and crime. They often base their opinion on what they have heard and witnessed about Tuckingmill Valley Park. It is important to note the differences between the two sites, the differences in managing Councils and it is important to acknowledge the importance of a continued positive involvement in community safety.

There is no current plan to have the wheeled sports facility, or any areas of Park Gerry lit in the evenings and at night. This should alleviate concerns regarding behaviours after daylight hours.

### **RAW DATA RESPONSES TO – Please explain why you feel we should not improve/develop this idea for Park Gerry (49 response):**

This could be a good investment, but only if there is a way to, in the long term, maintain and facilities for use buy local kids/groups. You will need to base some kind of club house or something to encourage engagement otherwise it won't get used and fall into disrepair

There is already one at Tuckingmill and Heartlands. I feel a third is unnecessary and there could be other uses for the park that aren't already available in the local area

Keep it as it is. Not many green spaces left. Skateboard park causes noise and anti social behaviour. Two parks here now. This will encourage more anti social behaviour- bad ideas.

Less of the wild meadows as getting around with a wheelchair is not good.

Skatepark absolutely NOT. One at Tuckingmill/Hayle/Redruth. Constantly trouble, rubbish, drinks/drugs. Don't want to encourage that here. Enough drugs smoked around here. Vandalism.

Need more for younger children and pets. Don't want skatepark etc as don't want to attract older children as if like Camborne park is always full of teenagers vandalising and causing a nuisance.

Think its all good but dog walked need this space too.

More for the children.

No more vehicular access

I would personally not use these. I do like the open area for walking my dog.

Ugly toilets not good. Would bring youngsters, drugs, drinking etc.

Toilets cause vandalism, attract wrong people.

Not interested in football.

I feel we need something to encourage active living with a range of ages. Especially now skating is in the Olympics. Skating is inclusive.

Please develop for teenagers and children. Skatepark!

Because wheeled sports is dangerous

We have places to play football already in Camborne. We need more diversity.

Wheeled sports park need a mix of paths with obstacles for scooters.

As long as its maintained I'm happy. Toilets and drugs is the biggest concern as I already pick up needles near the trees.

There are 2 skateparks already within a 5 minute walking distance. Encourages antisocial behaviour. Instead of digging up green land, preserve it! Provide

something for younger children.
Please do not implement a wheeled sports area as it will be too noisy! Have you heard someone on their skateboard on the pavement? It's ridiculously noisy and to have a lot of them in the field will be unbearable.
Nothing for young ones. No to skate park one at Tuckingmill one in Redruth and Hayle and Helston. Tuckingmill Valley is being left in awful state draws teenagers who leave alcohol bottles n drugs.
The provision of a wheeled skate park would encourage the gathering of teenagers, antisocial behaviour - smashed glass bottles etc which would deter younger people and dog walkers. Outdoor gyms are hardly ever used and prone to expensive repair bills.
There is already wheeled sports areas nearby. What this park is lacking is children's play equipment. Suitable for under 5s.
Many people use this park for just getting back to nature and walking their dogs most of these areas will end up being vandalised and as others have said where is a play area for children why another skateboard park we already have one at least and the increase of noise and anti-social behaviour for local residents as to the outdoor gym with our weather how much is that going to be used this is spoiling the one area that is left for people to enjoy
We are running out of places to exercise our dogs, the field behind North Roskear Road was sold to the school, this is all we have left that is peace and quiet and nature. The dogs love to run around and play. We certainly don't need another area of green removed from our town.
As I literally live on the edge of the park I walk out my door and I'm on it I think this is awful there's already a drug problem over there selling and taking so at night with more things to attract people is a drug dealers Dream! Plus the anti social behaviour will be great for us that live there! Are they putting more police to patrol it (Don't think so), also the council didn't do what it says on the site I never had anything through my door about it and no one knocked to discuss it and I've asked others like me it's the same. Plus there discussions on the field were basically disguised as children's days seems they had a target ordinance really upset about this.
I am aware of blatant regular drug dealing in this area as it is now, nothing is done about it, no presence whatsoever. I feel that if there are facilities for 'wheeled' sport in other words a skateboard park, this will increase as it has in other areas. There are already a few skateparks near by that are easily accessed by those who wish to use them. Intimidation from gangs of young people happens to walkers already in the evenings. I feel the plans will add to this! The council says it wants to be inclusive and the pathways, open gym and seating will help disabled, elderly and slightly infirm make more use of the park but not if intimidation and anti social behaviours are not addressed. It's great that we have signs up about dog fouling and dog waste bins but again there is no enforcement or signage indicating what to do when you are aware of a persistent few who never clean up. Finally though I admit I will never understand the desire to build on anything green, why nature cannot be simply enjoyed. Nowadays it appears you have to have personal transport to access a natural green areas and not everyone has this. A simple green area in a town situation with meadow fields would be such an asset - Park Gerry for example. With imagination play can occur too.
Doubt the gym would be used much and like will be, sadly, vandalised. Probably

be better spent on a hard-standing pathway around the area (if that's not what is already planned)
<p>I feel the wheeled park would encourage anti social behaviour in a location that is central to many residential areas.</p> <p>Tuckingmill already has a share area that is located away from residential and only a 5 minute walk away.</p> <p>This area is beautiful to go and play with family such as cricket, football etc and to keep a large roaming area clear is important. Trying to fit in too much I feel will ruin the area. Outside gym, football pitch is an awesome idea with small nature areas</p>
Don't think they would get much use overall
No
I think this should happen
<p>There isn't enough parking, which currently means people think the parking at the back of my house - which is my drive is a free for all parking &amp; they can park there. In the recent fun day the road was full due to people parking &amp; I couldn't even park on my drive because people attending the fun day had decided it was ok for them to park there</p>
<p>I think Park Gerry is lovely as it is and an a peaceful oasis in the middle of town that is great for wildlife too. Developing it will ruin this and increase noise and anti-social behaviour in the the area. Leave as is and spend the money elsewhere where it's needed. If it ain't broke don't fix it.</p>
<p>I believe there is little need for the Wheeled sports area when there is already a dedicated skate park in Tuckingmill. A child's play area with slide etc. would be a better facility, or at least something else to fit in to the plan.</p> <p>I lived in Park road (next to the fields), before and after the Tuckingmill park was built, and can say there was a noticeable passage of youth groups using Park Road as a route (presumably to/from it) after it was built and fear that the wheeled area will only encourage youths to adopt the fields as a hang out until late at night, upsetting residents.</p> <p>Though I am not against the idea of having an outdoor gym either, I fear it may cause parking issues, and maybe double the parking at the end of the pitch (this would help too if a football club took on the pitch and had regular games). It is my experience that gym users around here tend to want to park as close as they can to them and with little regard to anyone else - I used to regularly run the gauntlet of the gym by Tesco Extra on my work commute (now working from home), and know there is an issue with parking in Bridge where the gym is there.</p>
<p>Wild Flower Meadows will only grow once you discourage the brambles, bindweed, (in the past Japanese knotweed), this area of the field has also been a dumping ground for the flytippers, whilst the grass is short this has been eradicated, please rethink how you will deal with my area of the field , I have no objections to the memorial garden near my residence, but wild meadow does not work for me being an asthmatic. Would love to walk out of my gate which is situated on the field and meet and chat with people in a memorial garden, at the moment the grass is too high even to open the gate. A Wheeled Sports Park could be disaster for residents, in the past we have had motor bikes making a horrendous noise, and when challenged would be verbally abusive.</p>
<p>As I live on the boundary to the field, I have a legitimate worry about the noise some of these facilities would bring to area area and the possibility of anti-social behaviour. Whilst I believe investment is needed I think it should be to favour the wildlife. It should be kept as a green space and have no buildings on it, especially</p>

as the town grows. It's important to preserve green spaces.
The area is mainly used as a good walking area by people with people rarely use it for sport and I mean rarely. These plans would force out the only people using it and bring noise and traffic to my estate. The parking on our estate is already bad and adding to that whilst a match is on is unfair and dangerous as elderly an vulnerable people live here. Blocking access for ambulances once again. The skate park down Tuckingmill is all but abounded so that's always a waste. A small enclosed play area would be nice but the park on our estate is basically never used.
I prefer the park how it is. At the moment you walk on paths cut through the grass and wildflower meadow. These are full of insects, birds and bats in the evening. A football pitch or skate park is a sterile area unable to support any wildlife. Creates noise and light pollution and unfortunately does lead to anti social behaviour. The destruction of these habitats will be to the detriment of the area and adversely affect the insect, bird, bat and other wildlife populations. And as others have commented. The council seem unable to maintain any of their other facilities, which have become eyesores and dens of criminality.
The only green area left around here and you want to concrete it. There is no need for a 'wheeled Sports park' It will be magnet for vandals to destroy anything that will be there.
I can see these areas being ruined and broken very quickly.
The noise caused by people skateboarding is extremely loud, which would be awful for the people living in the many houses surrounding the fields as it would be going on all day, every day. In my opinion this is totally the wrong place for a skatepark.
It's not a great idea completely and could be made far better but as we all know the council never listen to what residents want and the people on the boundary should be listened too we have our homes here which we bought and should be considered but we all know this won't happen as usual take the complaints of noise you have already had from Camborne park before you make another mistake that costs thousands to replace or sort problems the local residents have the right to live in piece as well
Think of locals who live directly by field like me we don't want loads of teenagers around causing hassle like they do already at Camborne Park! Also we use the field all the time but since you've had the 'wild flowers' area that part of the field is now un usable!! Leave as it is pr make suitable with a little equipment for younger ones!! Nothing for them anywhere around here!
Because a lot of children usually hang around in groups after dark at these facilities
It's a popular dog walking/ball throwing spot. As I have to push a pram and walk the dog in Camborne the pavements down the back roads are a nightmare, as I live a stones throw away from the fields it's nice to just be able to go across the road and spend time throwing the ball for the dog and having a nice quiet place where people can still socially distance and still spend time with family and friends.
These things will all require maintenance and disruption to the locals, the roads are not large and are easily blocked. There is a large elderly population that use the field, the path and access would

be good for them.
They all look adequate as they are
There is one at heartlands which is empty, seems a waste of money
Park Gerry is a rare Green area that needs some protection, it is surrounded by Residential developments who appreciate this. Constructing buildings will and laying concrete for another Skatepark will detract from the attractive green space. Currently it is used significantly by locals as a way of shortcut ting access to and from both the local shop and the Town centre. Dog Walkers, non Dog Walkers, Youngsters to sit in groups and socialise, Football and other Ball games played by all age groups. With this in mind in my opinion it would be more beneficial to provide better all weather paths, low impact exercise and games areas as well as natural grass, tree and floral growth. Other buildings will be high maintenance and subject to Vandalism.
Not appropriate for area, too much concrete and too much disruption for locals.

### **Final Comments**

We asked respondents to provide any further comments at the end of the survey. Most of these comments were very positive. Some were not relevant to the consultation.

Many indicated they felt there needed some provision for younger children in the plans. A small area of play equipment would be welcome. It should be noted there is a small park on Trenance Road next door to Park Gerry, so provision for younger children (below 5) need not be too extensive.

<b>RAW DATA RESPONSES: Thank you for completing this survey. If you have any further comments please provide them here (92 Responses)</b>
Although I am aware there are play parks around, and I believe there is development/improvements over by the boiler works, it would be good to have a small play area. Swings and slide perhaps. This would be especially useful for children of anyone using the facilities at park Gerry
I like that paths have been incorporated. As I has a small child, and without a path I can't negotiate these spaces and become excluded. If anything it would perhaps be nice the see a few more so small children can ride bikes and parents can used Trikes..
Whilst I think the plans overall are very good, I live nearby and I am concerned that as residents of roskear fields that an increase of traffic in the field will lead to an increase of people using the lane and potentially blocking cars in. Are there any plans to ensure that this does not happen? Especially since the council do not own the tarmac stretch at the bottom of this lane that borders the field. An increase of traffic without any signage to let people know that it's not a car park for the field could lead to problems for local residents.
It will be lovely to have things for the children to do, doesn't look like there is really anything for younger children but really like the plans and my older children will love it. I am excited to see the wildflowers grow.
Dog agility area, more poo bins/rubbish bins.
Dog area
Grass needs cutting more often.

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More for younger children
Wheeled sports would be great to see. More for children under 10, some low level ramps, bumps, windy paths for scooters etc.
Cafe/community kitchen. Graffiti wall, organised games and fitness for older folks. Wildlife gardening demos. Orchard trees?
Children from 7-18 have a great need as there is a deficiency in places to go with things to do. Particularly with the olympics skateboarding has come to the forefront. The existing skatebowl has not been maintained and is dirty and a let down.
Play park for younger children
Dog bins
Skate park PLEASE
There doesn't seem to be anything for younger children, swings etc.
Some provision for younger children
Can we suggest CCTV for safety of all. Especially after incident at Dorchester Court. Think you need to contact them as a danger to members of the public.
CCTV should be installed. Think of houses near by.
Group activities.
It would be great if there were outdoor events held here. Cinema (outdoor). Theatrical shows. Dance/clubs. Things for babies too. Sensory items.
Please let us walk dogs in peace.
Please plant more trees.
Have a wheelchair friendly park area so children who are in wheelchairs or have other disabilities are able to use as well such as swings roundabouts etc.
Good funday.
Please go ahead as soon as possible
Please include a place to rollerskate.
Seating/picnic areas
More trees (more shade and good for the planet)
Water feature for kids to play, more seating.
All sounds and looks impressive. Look forward to seeing it.
I'd like to see cricket.
Please can we have a skatepark! Stay up to date with other towns!
I think a small area of childrens play equipment would be a good idea.
this park is fun and good for kids.
Skatepark
I feel the council are doing well to provide great areas for the community, especially the younger community. We need facilities for all needs/additional needs too.
An area where younger kids can play so under 5s. An area to run around.
Multi games area to include hockey/basketball
Love the way we have started cutting the grass. Been beautiful.
Looks like a great plan.
I have concerns about people riding motorbikes and quads in the field. It's a big issue.
I think it's important people my age have somewhere to go with friends and play sports.
It looks fantastic but such a shame you haven't included a little play area for

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younger children. I as well as many others was really hoping for a small play area.
I have used this area for dog walking for the past 20 years. It would be a shame to over develop this area and reduce the area available for dogs and walkers.
Would be nice to see some play equipment instead of a wheeled sports area.
Nothing for smaller kids I personally have 3 under 5 and would love a small play area just for younger kids no where in Camborne has a small area that's separated off , And my friend has older kids and small kids so if we went there for the day the older kids will all enjoy it but nothing for the ones under 5
A children's play area is much needed as the ones nearby are seriously limited and in poor condition. Natural adventure play equipment would really improve local children's health and well-being and make this a destination park. My 8 year old son said 'please can we have a zip line'. My 10 year old daughter said 'something good to climb on please'.
I just feel having kids myself we live in a lively friendly community so why can't we have the best . I seem to travel out of our town to find things so what better than have more on our doorstep
Is there any way to include a child's (younger and teenage) play area or climbing frame?
So unhappy with all of I have mental health problems and mobility problems I use this park a lot for me and my dog and also now at night it will be awful for those living around the park! I find the way the council went about this disgusting!
Budget for CCTV to try and stop vandalism!
Here's my full comments from the FB page: Looks very good. Brilliant to see the footy pitch reinstated Sports pavilion - great idea to encourage a new local side and grass-roots football (keep dogs off it please); Changing rooms and community hub - perfect to encourage better community engagement; more trees - excellent as I remember them being loads down the centre line but bare nowadays; plenty of mixed activities, wild areas and dog walking space so all-in-all I personally feel it encompasses pretty much everything a true community area requires. Let's hope it all comes to fruition. Best of luck CTC !!
I'm gutted a play park hasn't been included for children similar to the new park at Camborne recreation ground. The area is a massive built up area with hundreds of families living here and there isn't a park nearby to take our children to play
A park / play area would be great for younger children
There doesn't appear any area for a playground for children as in Camborne park. There are a lot of young families in this area who would benefit from a playground.
A child's play park with zip wire like the one at Camborne park would be amazing, also a sand area similar to heartlands.
Please ensure dog bins and other bind. May be useful to have a small park for kids to use?
I would recommend a path all the way around the site for dog walkers, with benches, people could let children play and walk the dog also it would keep the area active as the dog walkers would be keeping a public eye on proceedings should any anti social behaviour happen
The area left with just a path through it and the sensory garden in one corner

would be a great designated dog park. At present the space is mainly used by dog owners to walk around or let the dogs run free. It would be ashame to lose that function but also ashame to have loose dogs running all over the football pitch/play areas so if there was clear signage inviting people to use the "top" field to allow their dogs to roam but staring dogs on leads in other areas I think that would be the best of both worlds and keep everyone happy.
Used to live just round the corner, now live at Heartlands. The skatepark is a definite must. The tiny skate park at tuckingmil is in an awful location. This would be great for my 7 and 10 year old.
This would be fantastic for the area
Roller skating has really taken off since lockdown and itâ€™d be great to have another area (not just ramps and things, but flat skatable surface) to use! Skating is great exercise and great for mental health. Check out: Skate Cornwall Facebook page has hundreds of members :-)
I grew up in Enys Road in the late 70s and all of the 80s, and lived in Park Road from 1997 to 2008. Having used the area for play when young, and for dog walking later, I think it is great that this area is being given some well deserved attention and can be a facility that Camborne is proud of. There are a lot more houses in this part of Camborne now, and the town's park was always too far to go. Please leave the tree near the driving school pin, and all of the other trees. Adding to them only.
Please, please take into consideration the problems that can arise for individuals like me, I have two areas of viewing block in my wall, how sad to see the field as it is. Park Road residents need to be considered and kept informed not via the computer.
This is a fantastic idea and money well spent. Growing up on the wimpy estate I played in these fields all the time and I think this would be before local children and sports teams alike.
The main users of the field, as said yourself, is dog walkers. By building on the field you may be ousting these many dog walkers. I'd like if more wildlife was planted/maintained.
You are not consulting the people who live here obviously as this is on our doorstep and I've heard nothing.
Still have some area for dogs.
I think this is exactly what Camborne needs, an inclusive space where adults, children and teenagers alike can get fit, have fun and let 9f steam. Wonderful plans and I wouldn't change a thing. Big thumbs up from me!
Why do you need two skate parks (wheeled sports area) within half a mile of each other? Where is the continued funding for wardens and ongoing maintenance costs coming from? The council do not seem able to maintain Tuckingmill Skate Park. Therefore any investment at Park Gerry will be a waste of tax payers money, as it will soon become a derelict eyesore. We need more pesticide free, wild meadows, not sterile concrete jungles.
It is the only green space that is left and you want to concrete areas of the fields. How long do you think that it will be before vandals destroy anything that they can get their hands on? There is a skatepark not far from these fields so I am sure that another 'wheeled sports park' is not needed.

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I could mention a lot more but would be wasting my time.
I would much rather there was park equipment for small children included in the design. There are many local families that live around the field that have small children, why are they not being provided for?
There is also no provision for younger children at all. Whilst I appreciate the need for outdoor activities a lot of people of all ages just like to sit and talk in pleasant surroundings , enjoying the outside with their friends and families and children able to play safely.
We have to live on the boundary of this park with our back garden backing on to it we don't want the noise or footballs bouncing off our fencing or back gates we won't be able to enjoy our gardens with all the noise wheeled park will create and anti social behaviour more cars up and down the lane when it's bad enough with people speeding up and down on motor bikes and cars everyday there's not any plans in your design to put in fencing around the boundary asked for by many to suppress noise or stop footballs hitting our property's no speed humps on back lane too slow drivers as asked by many residents and no kids playground which we would certainly prefer to a wheeled Park and why cant the football pitch go in the middle of the field instead of so close people's property's and the memorial garden so small and hidden in a corner bring that more central would be far better like the idea of toilets changing rooms could do with a built in BBQ and picnic area with tables and bench would be fantastic for the people that can't afford expensive days out but could bring kids to play and have a BBQ/picnic
So pleased to see wheeled sports area great for children of all ages!
Looks like a fantastic plan am particularly pleased about the skate park
Better exits for motor vehicles at both ends of Park Road, and plenty of parking
I think it would make more sense to have to changing rooms and toilets are the Arkwright's end by the improved parking and next to the football pitch. Also the proposed improved parking next to the proposed changing/toilets at the Roskear Fields entrance should not be extended as it's a small dirt track past a lot of people's houses to get to the park, with limited turning and passing spots which could result in people's drives being used. I currently use the park for walking my dog on a daily basis and would love to see improvements as long as there is still adequate off the lead areas for dogs.
I think it will be a great improvement and provide a real positive place for people of all ages to visit. I would have liked to see an area of children's play equipment like that at Camborne Park as other facilities in the immediate vicinity aren't great (Tuckingmill Valley Park usually has most things out of action, very small amount of equipment on the new estate near Hilderley Park, nothing at the recently upgraded Boiler Works Rd field). Whilst Camborne Park isn't a huge distance away, for small children it's a long walk and is also often extremely busy due to how fantastic it is, and with all the new housing developments in the Roskear and Tuckingmill area, it would be a huge asset to our area and very well used.
What a tremendous ideas you have all put forward, and I hear that you have unlocked large amounts of funding to complete the works at no extra cost to the tax payer. Truly wonderful, I hope it goes ahead, so that we can begin building the reputation of our once and soon to be once again Great Town. Cracking job everybody!
I am excited for the work to get underway at Park Gerry and I would like to suggest that maybe there could be a separate toddler/young child park/play area

as a lot of the local parks only provide a small slide and or 2 baby swings. I think to have a part off on its own for younger children to play would be great. As a mother I have found that older kids/teens tend to take over any equipment for the younger children when it's all in the same area as the slightly older equipment.

I also think that the outdoor gym is a fabulous idea, I have previously used one over St.day way but without transport it's impossible to get to in the times I, and others, have available.

Furthermore, the sensory/memorial sounds like a lovely idea if there was to be further funding to keep it maintained and looked after as to go there and find the flowers sparse or things run down would be gutting if you were to go for some quiet time or to reflect or use as a memorial space. Multilevel sensory experiences so even differing floor textures ie. cobbled, sandy etc and overhead smelly flowers, water feature, light bouncing mirrors etc obviously you know what sensory gardens entail but again locally to us there seems to be some lavender planted and a couple boulders and they call that sensory!

I think this is a fab idea and somewhere all can enjoy. Please keep enough space for dog walking as we love taking our pooch there and she can have a good run. Also if toilets are going to be put there think of a way to keep them safe (pay to use or locked after a certain time) Thanks

I think that the park should also include a play area for young children as these have not been catered for. I think there should be restrictions on access for dogs in the whole area as having any dog mess in a recreation/sports area is undesirable to say the least. I know there is a lot of opposition to the wheeled sports facility, but I feel if there is something like curfew on the access to this it shouldn't be a problem. One issue I have concerns with is the possibility of antisocial behaviour especially late at night. Perhaps the area could be regularly patrolled. My other thought is for the toilet block - how often would it be cleaned and what would the scheduled opening times be. Leaving a lot of the area as wildflower meadow and with new tree planting is the very best thing!

I think it's a really positive and balanced plan for the park taking into consideration a wide range of uses for the space, promoting both physical and mental wellbeing. As a skateborder for over 30 years, and local for longer, I'm personally interested in the possibility of a wheeled spots area. Camborne is much in need of a more up to date facility for riders of all ages and abilities. Many towns and villages in Cornwall can already boast of new facilities with parks more to come, Redruth for example. I know from speaking to other skateborders in the town we have been missing a 'mini ramp' since the old council ramp at Pendrea Park was taken down. In fact they are a rarity now with the more archetypal concrete park and bowl taking their place. Currently many skateborders from all over Cornwall have to drive to either Mt.Hawke or Probus to ride one. I feel this, combined with an area focused on 'street skating'(curbs/rails and such), would be a huge draw for the area. If at all you would like to contact myself regarding further advice or feedback then please do. I know other skateborders in the town that have had previous experience of skatepark design would also be very interested in getting involved with this. Aside from that I wish you all the best in going forward with the overall project. Kind Regards - Chris Odgers

Place for kids to exercise on wheels.

Something for seniors exercise wise.

keeping area safe and clean from litter please

more native and fruit trees over large areas

It will be great for people of all ages from tots to older people with lots of different places to play or just sit in peace. love the wildflower idea, may bring more wildlife into the area. Thank you for developing the area.
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Seems Great
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Children need something like this to keep them entertained - with the nearest skate park outside of Camborne at Hayle it's a car ride or bus journey away.
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All sounds amazing
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### **Recommended Resolutions**

- 1. Receive the report from the Engagement Officer.**
- 2. To use the initial plans and features for the Park Gerry Improvement Project as a starting point but to recommend the inclusion of at least one piece of play equipment for under 5's in future designs.**
- 3. To recommend further consultation using the following methods:**
  - Doorstep Consultation for all residents that immediately surround/border Park Gerry, to be carried out by members of this working party and Officers.**
  - Focus Groups: Deaf & Vision Impaired, Disabled & Wheel Chair Bound, Youth, Elderly & 'Friends of Park Gerry'.**

## 6.4 Appendix 4 list of issues raised

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## **Features**

Shelters

Sports Areas

Football Pitch

Toddler Section

Lake

Basketball Area

Trees

Flowers

Benches

Netball Court

Café

Café

Bike Track

Tennis Court

Basketball Area

Football Pitch

Bins

Seating

Seating

Paths

Café

Café

Benches

Football Pitch

Skate Park

Pond

Benches

Playground Equipment

Café

Skate Park

Playground Equipment

Wildlife

Basketball Area

Seating

Toddler Section

Pond

Playground Equipment

Pond

Outdoor Gym

Toilets

Café

Dog Friendly

Tennis Court

Playground Equipment

Sensory Garden

Playground Equipment

Café

Skate Park

Playground Equipment

Picnic Area  
Trees  
Dog Friendly  
Dog Friendly  
Wildlife  
Football Pitch  
Skate Park  
Mud Kitchen  
Skate Park  
Parkour Area  
Benches  
Football Pitch  
Toilets  
Bins  
Ampitheatre  
Rugby Pitch  
Playground Equipment  
Seating  
Trees  
Seating  
Football Pitch  
Wildlife  
Pond  
Tennis Court  
Skate Park  
Football Pitch  
Dog Friendly  
Picnic Area  
Basketball Area  
Skate Park  
Toilets  
Café  
Football Pitch  
Trees  
Nature  
Garden  
Pond  
Shelters  
Nature  
Dog Friendly  
Car Parking  
Pond  
Pond  
Nature  
Orchard  
Plants  
Cycle Paths  
Flowers  
Skate Park  
Parkour Area

Shelters  
Bike Stands  
Ponds  
Outdoor Gym  
Pond  
Pond  
Skate Park  
Playground Equipment  
Football Pitch  
Shelters  
Shelters  
Playground Equipment  
Climbing Wall  
Skate Park  
Café  
Parkour Area  
Outdoor Gym  
Outdoor Gym  
Nature  
Skate Park  
Football Pitch  
Basketball Area  
Football Pitch  
Basketball Area  
Seating  
Sculptures  
Shelters