



# 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 to 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?



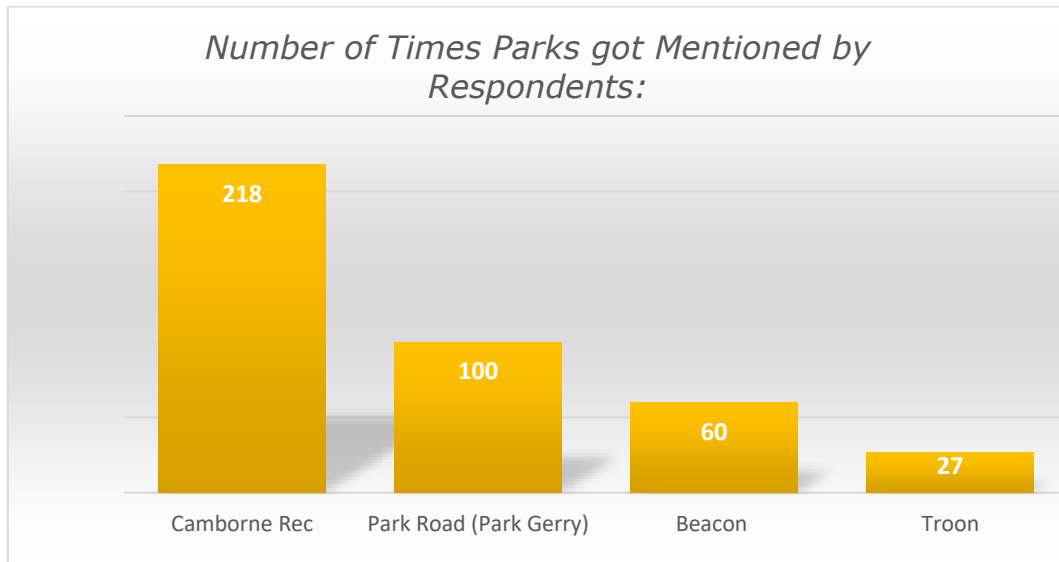
Over 39% of respondents indicated they were fairly satisfied with Camborne's parks and green spaces, followed closely with 31% claiming they were dissatisfied.

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?

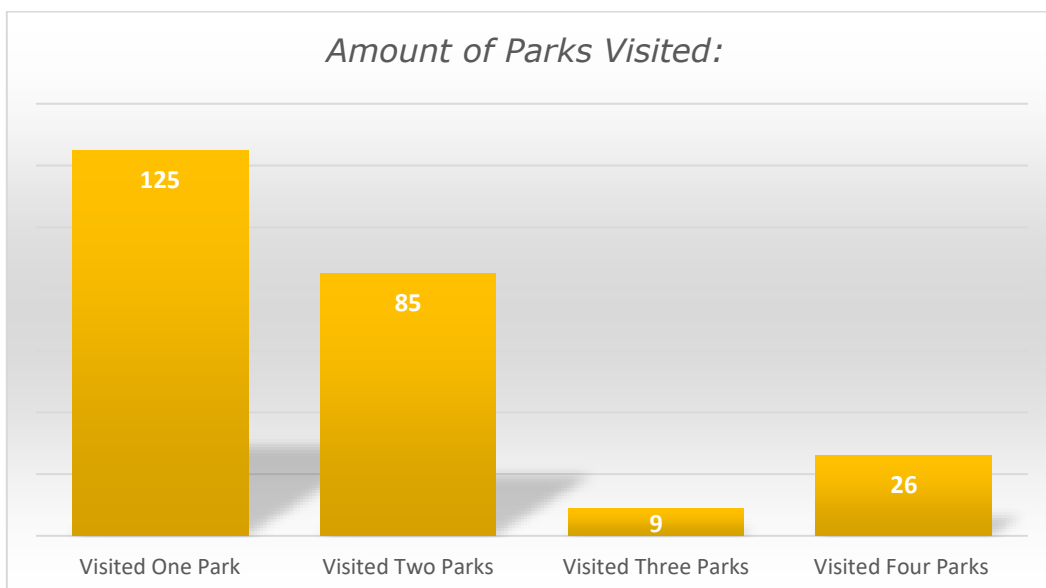
This question was asked to gain an understanding of which parks and green spaces under Camborne Town Council's management were most popular and well known. It allows the opportunity to focus attention on spaces that are most

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.

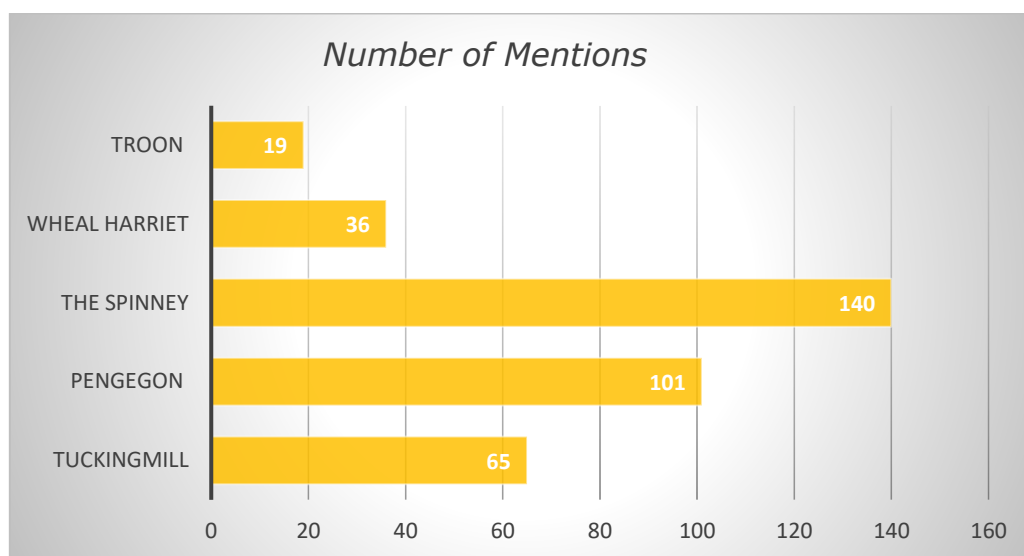
It is also interesting to understand how many of the parks had been visited by individuals. The majority of respondents had indicated they had only visited one or two of the parks under Camborne Town Council management.



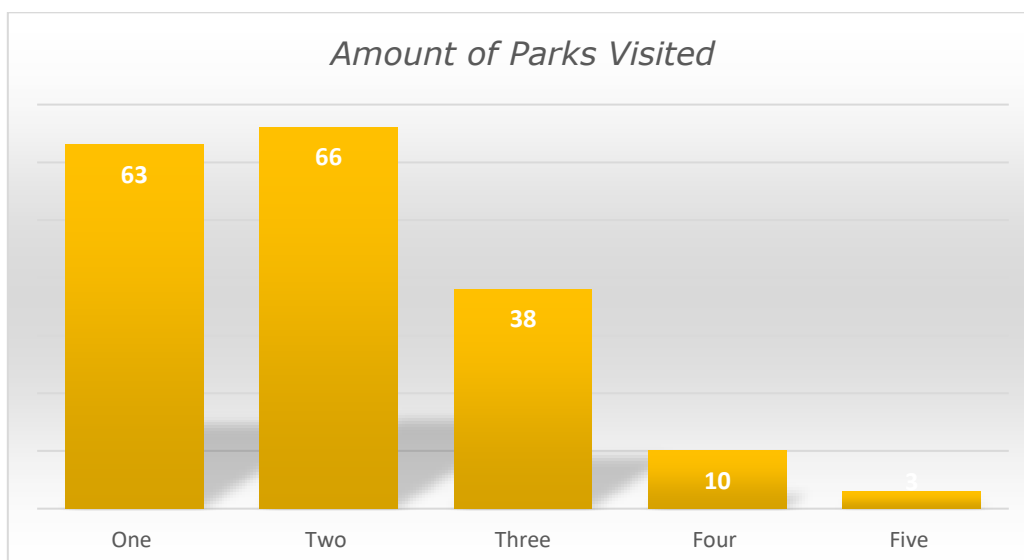
Many respondents took the opportunity at this point to comment that they were previously unaware of all four parks and tended to visit their most local park. Some respondents suggested the Council needs to create a map or visual on display in the parks to highlight and promote visiting other parks and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

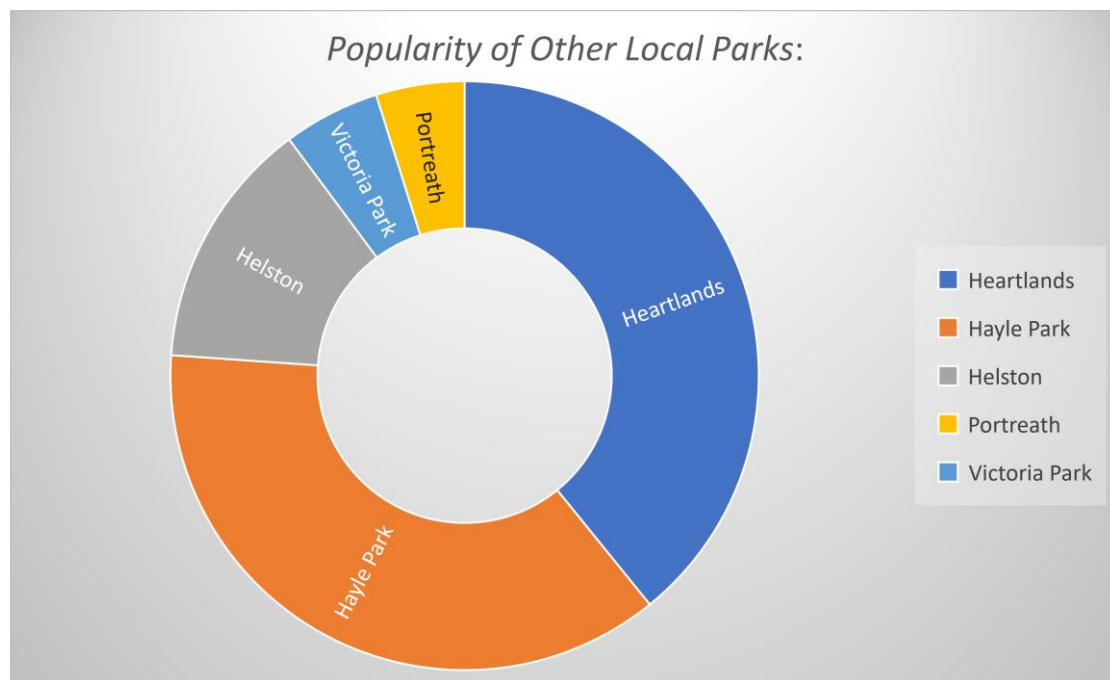
**If you do not visit any of the listed parks/green spaces, please indicate why...**

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.'*

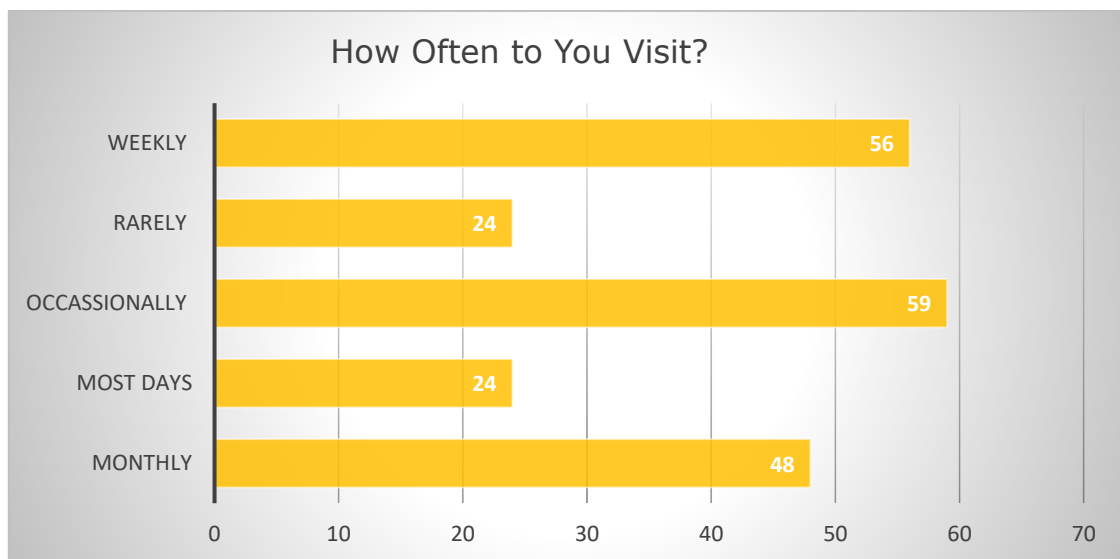
*'We love Heartlands as you can spend the day there because of the facilities and meet with friends and it's full of families with a nice safe friendly feel. Love Hayle park as has a cafe and toilets and a nice skate park unlike Tuckingmill.'*

## Camborne Recreation Ground

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

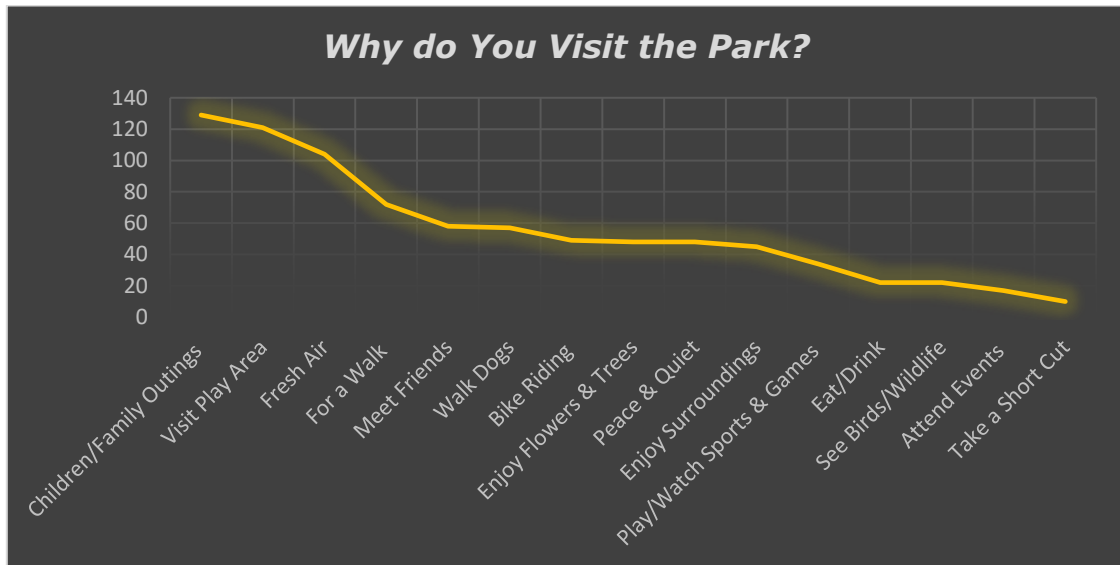
### How often do you visit this park or green space?

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.

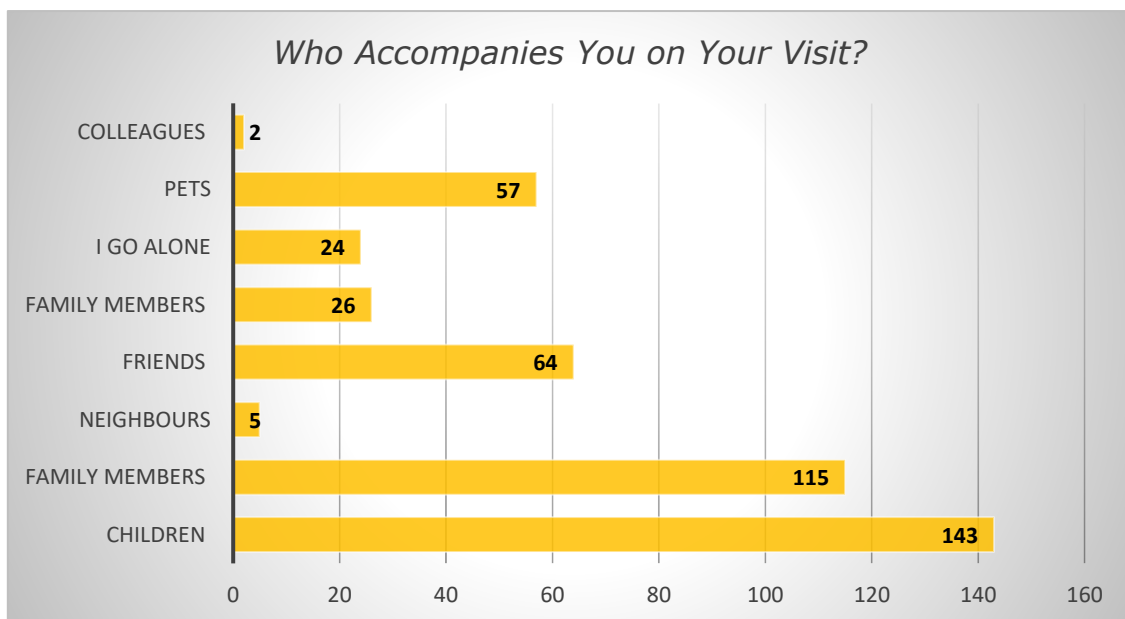


### Why do you visit the park or green space? (Please tick up to five main reasons)

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?

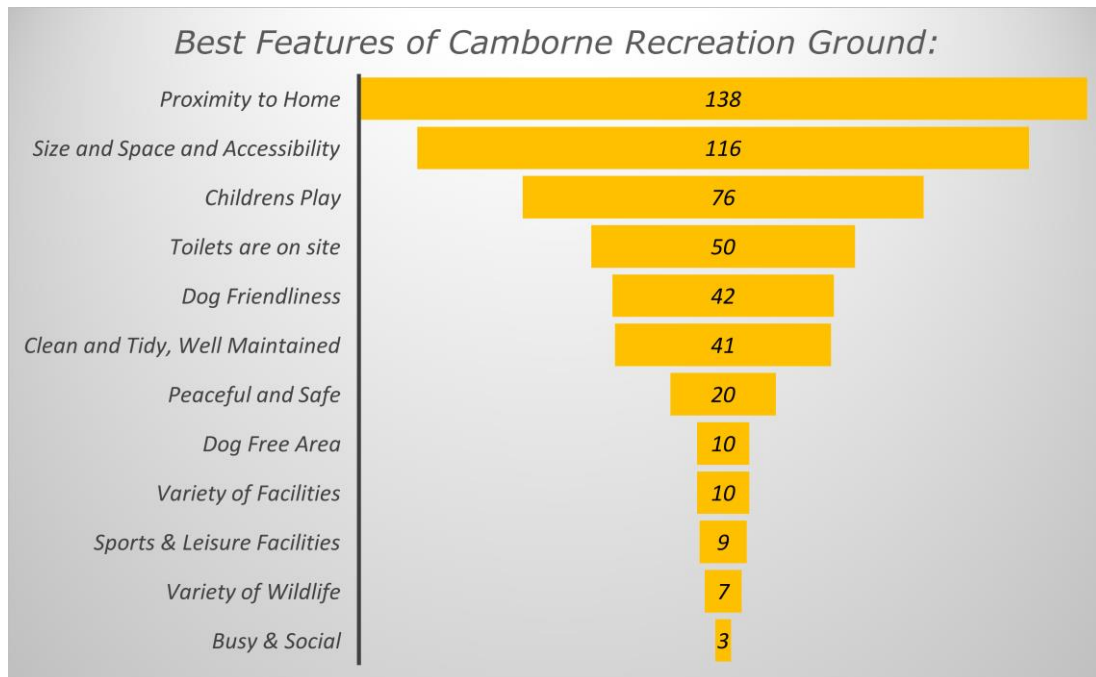


It is clear to see children and families are indicated as the principle users of Camborne Recreation Ground. The play area is a key attraction that draws in visitors and encourages families to go on outings together or to meet friends.

### 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.'*

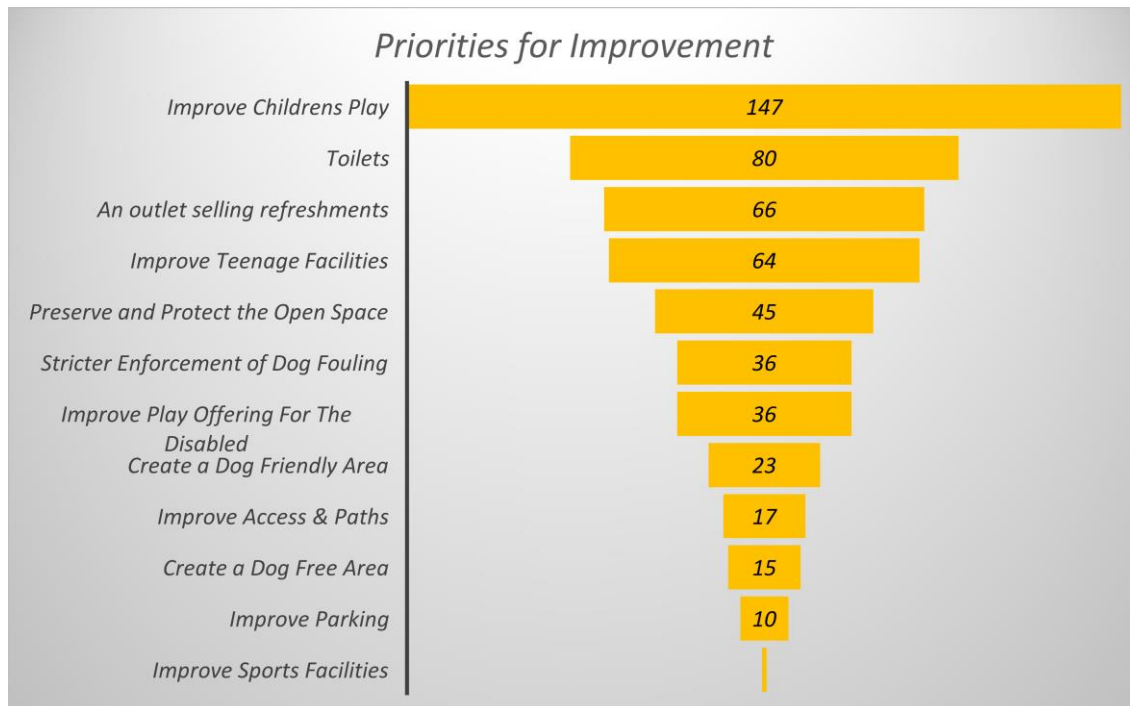
*'Really pretty surroundings.'*

*'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.

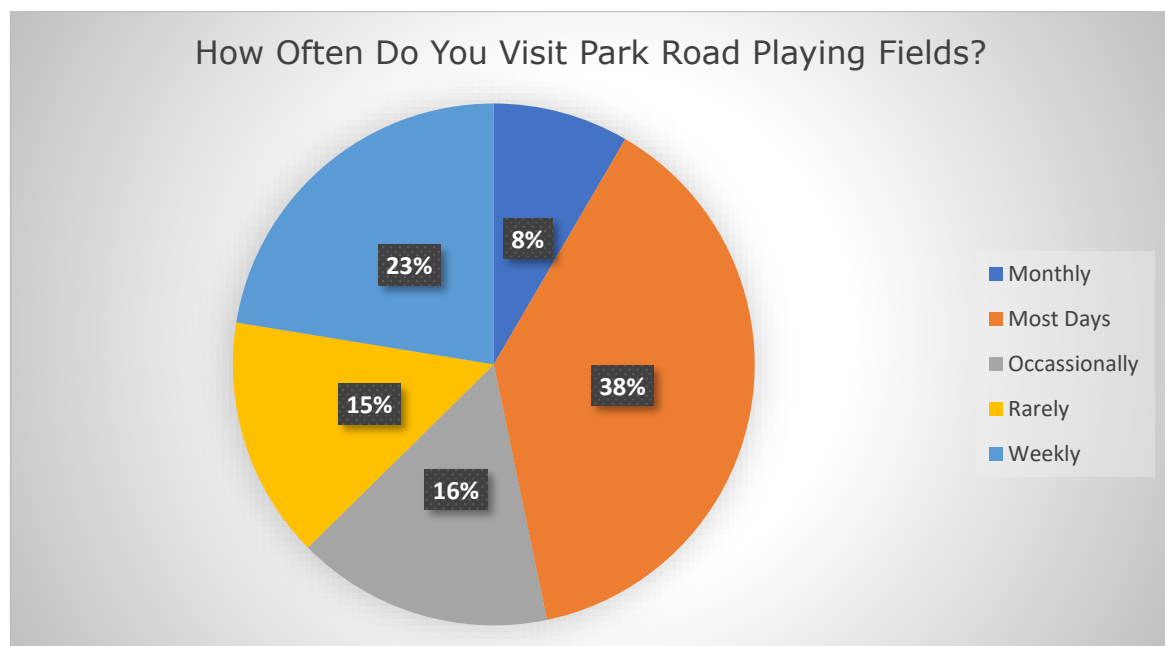
### **Do you have any further comments or suggestions for this park or open space?**

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.

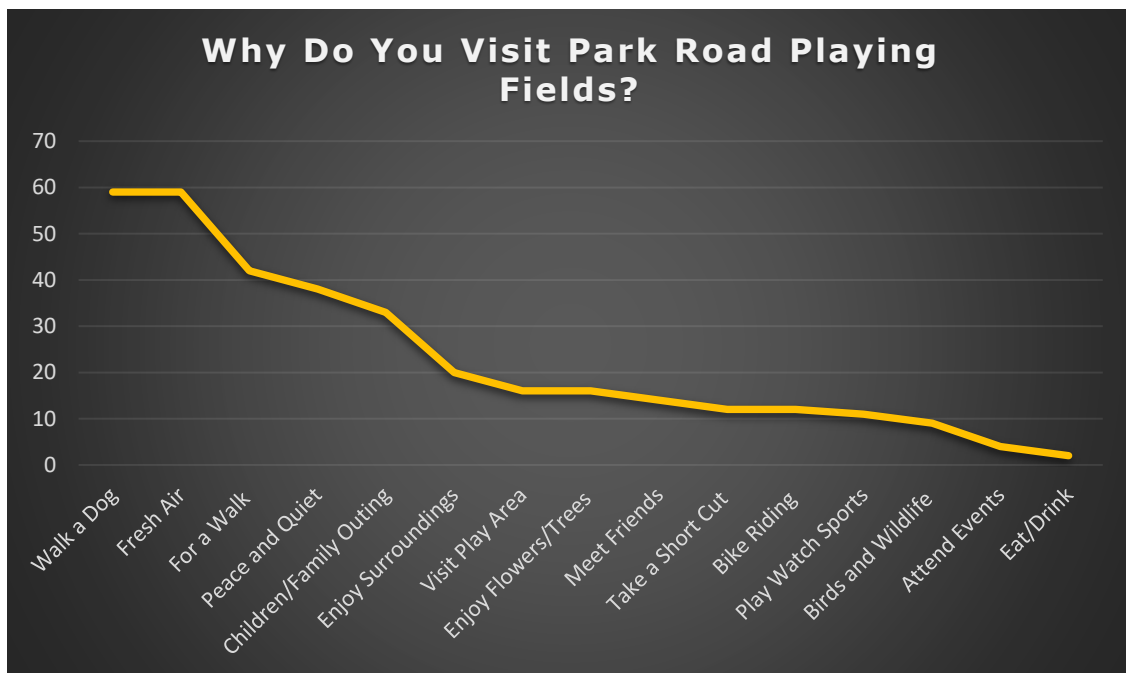
### **How often do you visit this park or green space?**



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)**

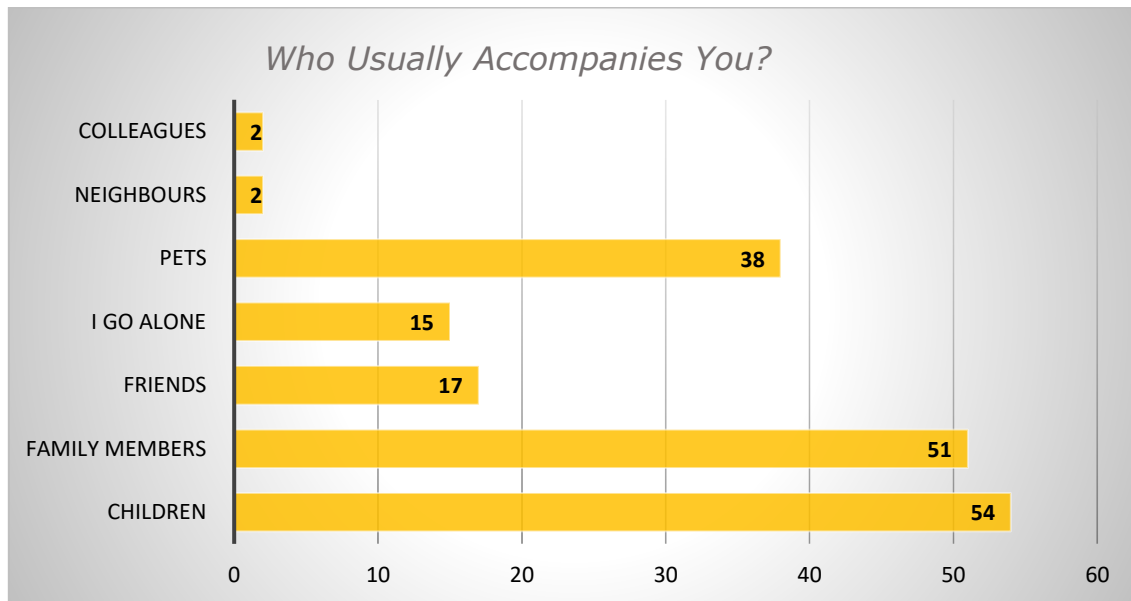


The reasons for visiting this site differ quite considerably compared to Camborne Recreation Ground. Many respondents have been eager to demonstrate in their answers the value held in the site being accessible for dog owners who want to exercise their pets and those who like to enjoy walking around the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

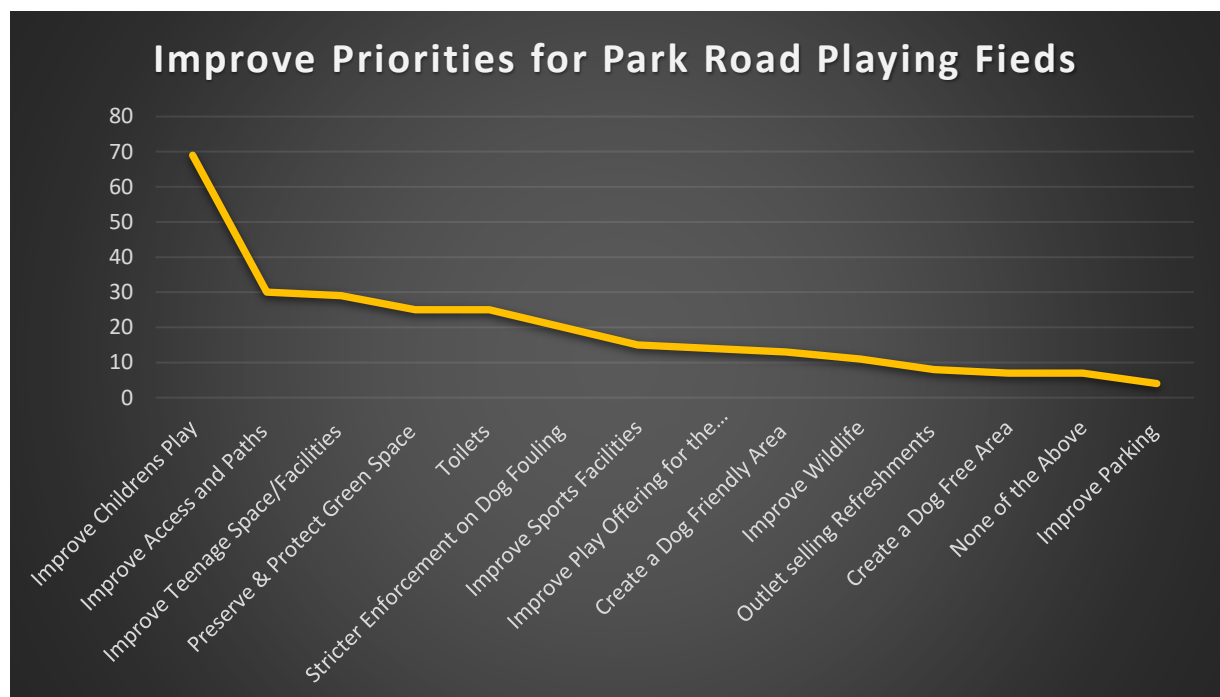
Respondents were asked what they felt were the best features of Park Road Playing Fields. The site is nestled between residential properties and provides a large flat open green space for residents to enjoy. Respondents have indicated that the openness of the space is very attractive, and its dog friendliness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

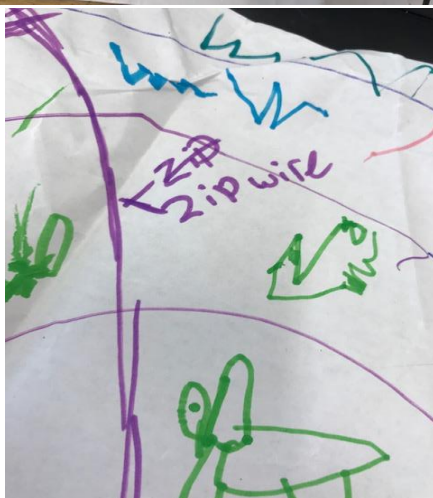
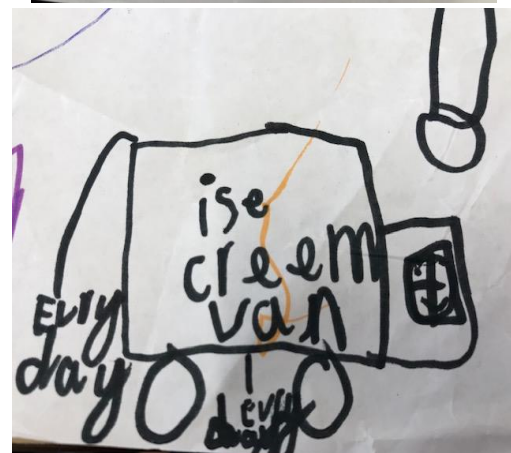
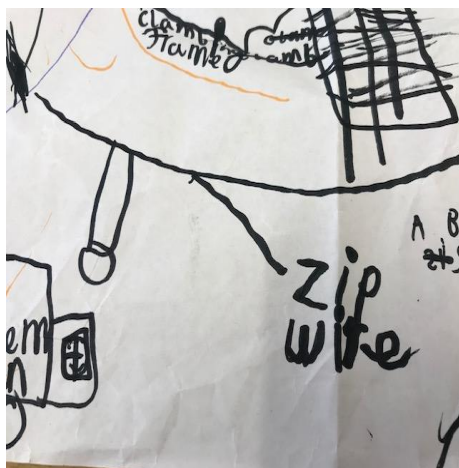
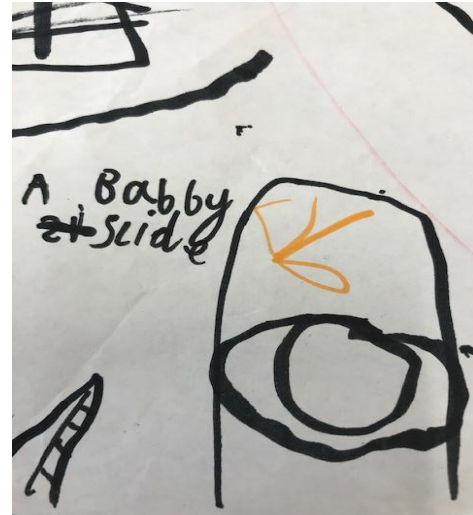
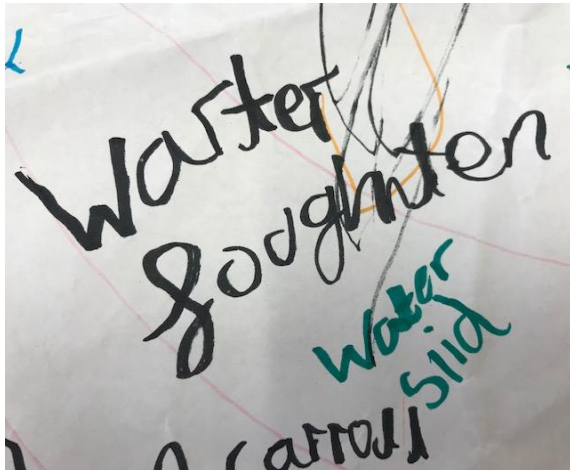
*Water facilities for people to enjoy space who don't have a garden,. either a red river similar to heartlands or a tap for paddling pool.*

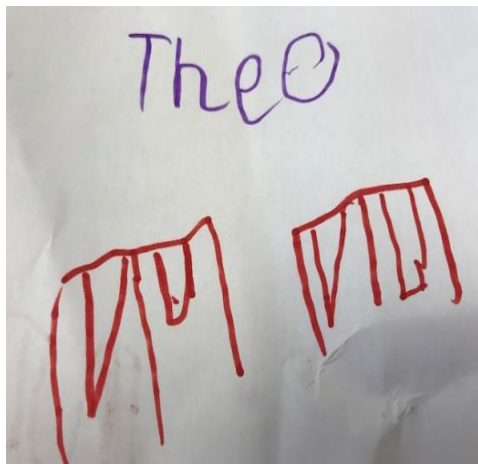
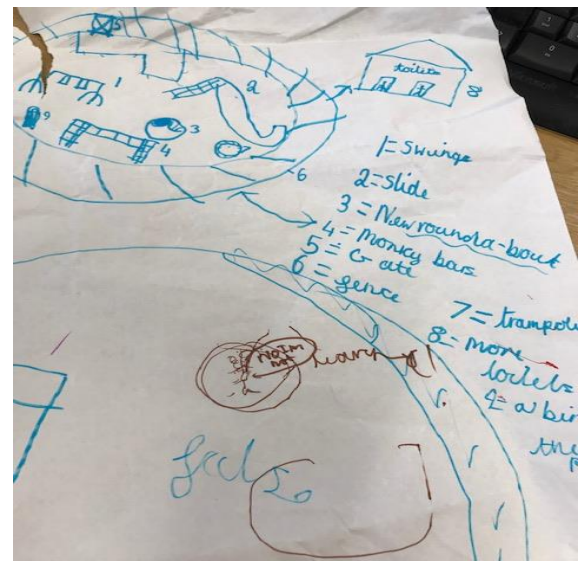
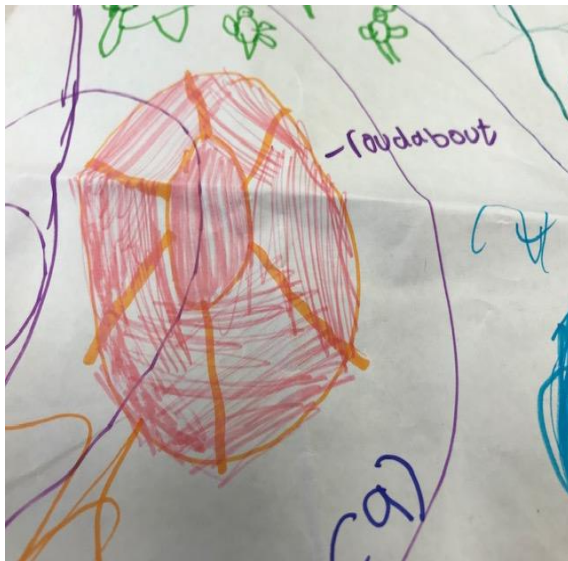
*With careful planning, the area could be adapted without losing too much of the current grass and trees, meaning that we have an environmentally friendly area with a functional use.*

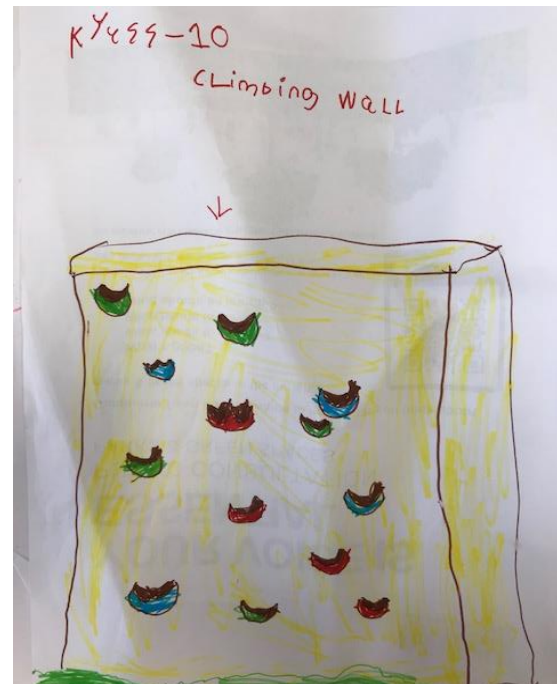
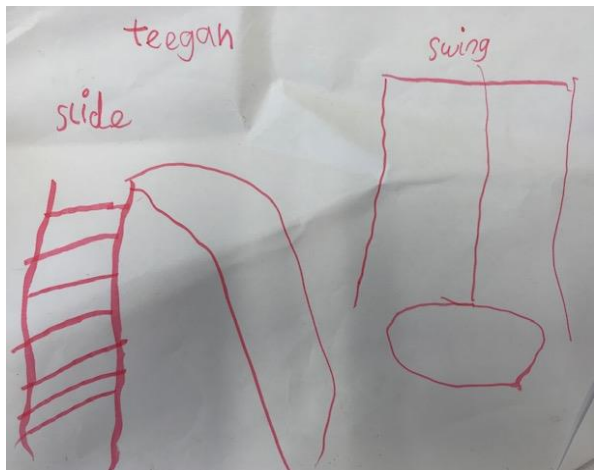
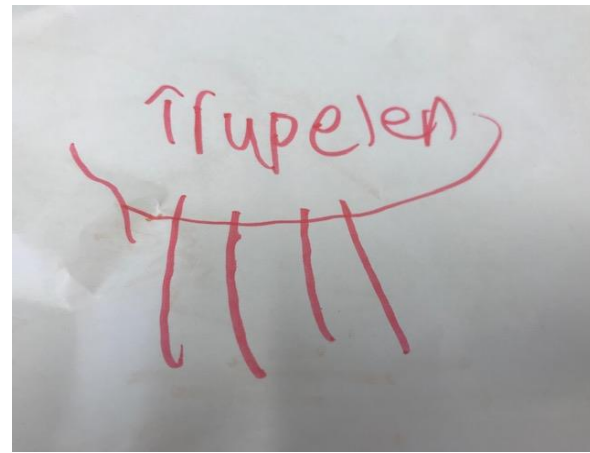
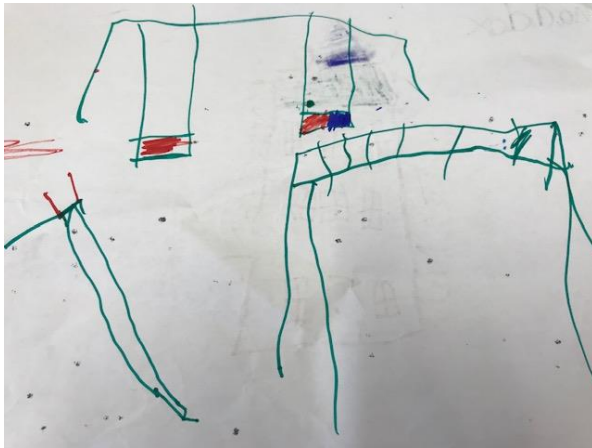
*Would be lovely to have a play area here it's got so much space that could be the best park in Camborne if it had the equipment*

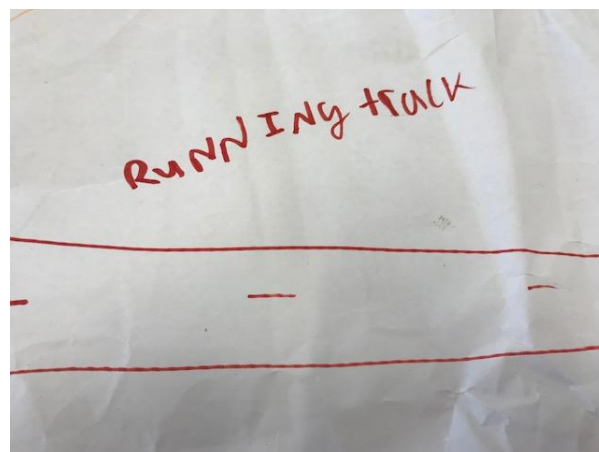
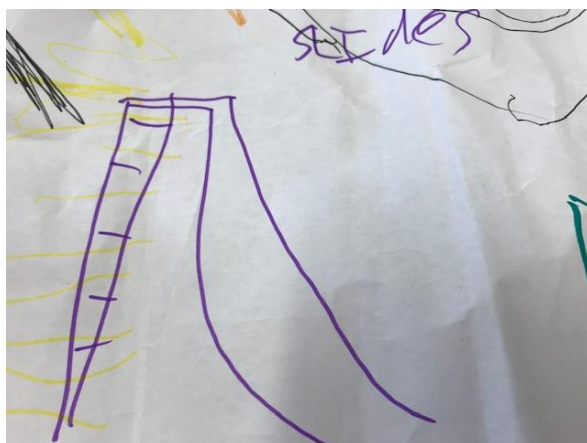
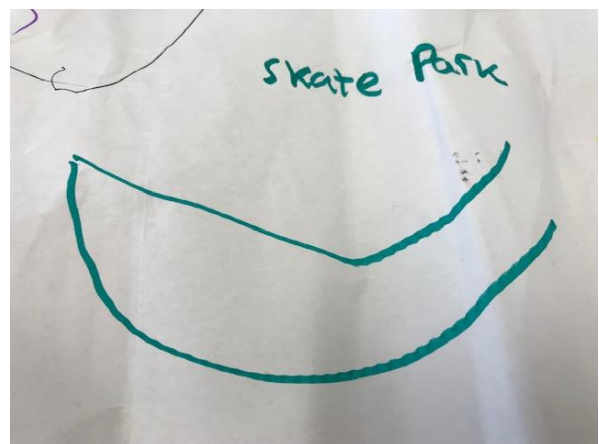
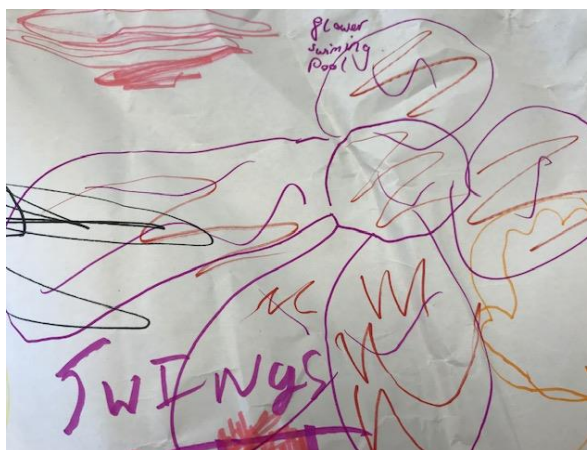
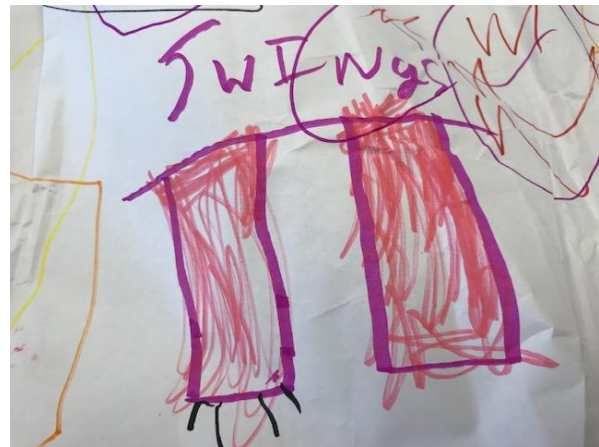
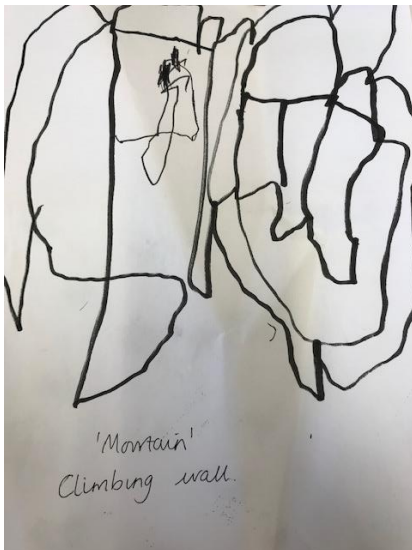
*It's more in the middle of Camborne so easy access for everyone locally.*

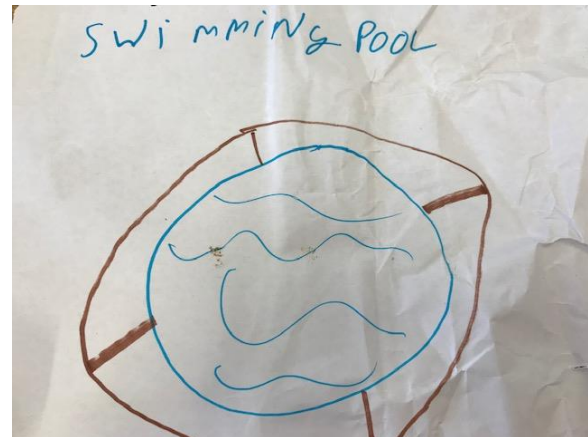
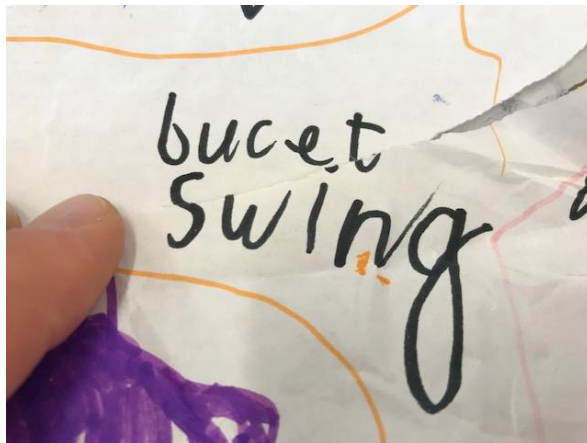
### Appendix Three: Children's Pictures Camborne Recreation Ground











#### Appendix Four: Children's Pictures Park Road Playing Fields

