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I Objectives

- 1.1 This report has been undertaken to achieve the following objectives:
- To audit and review the various green open space provision within the North Meets South Big Local Partnership area including:
 - Establish ownership and maintenance responsibility
 - Assessment of the facilities available
 - Assessment of their quality
 - Map green spaces
 - To carry out research and consultation with local residents and stakeholders
 - To develop a two-year strategy to improve access and usage of the green open space, recommending areas of opportunity, priority and possible actions for the Big Local Partnership.
- 1.2 Whilst a general need for improvement has been established in the North Meets South(NMS) area's green open spaces, its effective implementation requires a more detailed picture of local provision. Looking at how green open space is used, perceived, maintained and is presently operating will establish a current picture of the scope of the work that may be put forward and where it will be best placed. This report sets out that picture and uses the information to inform a two-year strategy. It culminates with an action plan that maps out a way forward over the next two years.

2 The Process and Approach

2.1 The Green Open Space Assets

- 2.1.1 An initial desk-top review was carried out to identify green space sites within the Big Local area that could form part of the project. The main requirement for this search was that the spaces are open for public access and therefore potentially able to benefit the community. This initial audit was discussed with the partnership and the agreed findings form the scope of the sites to be assessed. The resulting green open spaces vary in nature and can be grouped into different types which are:
- Parks (including play areas)
 - Green spaces on the street and within housing areas
 - Cemeteries
- 2.1.2 To assess the spaces, we visited each site and filled out an assessment form. This included not only a record of the facilities on each site but also an assessment of the quality of the facilities. One of the sites also contains formal play provision and in order to assess this appropriately a 'Play Area Assessment' was carried out using guidance from 'Play England'.
- 2.1.3 Given that the project area is fairly small and contains relatively few areas of formal green space, we also visited the largest local park (St Chad's Park) which is just outside the Big Local area. This park is not included in the assessment but it became clear, when we carried out the public consultation, that many people were visiting the park and that it provides the main recreation space for the part of the Big Local area to the south of the A12.
- 2.1.4 As part of our consultation we also visited Wellgate Community Farm. The farm is a well-established charity which provides an opportunity for the community to visit a working farm and also provides training in partnership with Lambourne End Outdoor Centre. The farm also provides outreach learning and estimates that 18,000 young people a year benefit from learning

opportunities either on the farm or through their mobile visits. We introduced the NMS Green Spaces project to the farm and put forward potential ideas of how it, as a local organisation closely linked with green space, could get involved with any events or training offered in the area in the future. Ideas discussed included taking some of their animals out into the local community as part of a family event day on Tantony Green or assisting with the training of small groups of local volunteers. We also learned that the farm has its own picnic area that would benefit from some small capital works improvements. Although time-limited, access to the picnic area is free and as such can be considered as a potential area of local green space under the NMS project. Overall, the Farm as an organisation and community proved to be very open and cooperative to further discussions and there is an opportunity for a mutually beneficial relationship to be explored.

2.2 Consultation

- 2.2.1 In order to understand how the spaces are viewed and used locally it was necessary to gather public opinion. This was achieved through a range of consultation events and public surveys. The information gathered through this work has been used to inform and underpin the strategy for the green spaces.
- 2.2.2 A one-day consultation event was held at the Marks Gate Community Centre. It ran from 11.30am – 5pm Monday 18th July, intentionally scheduled before the schools' summer holidays so as to maximise footfall from parents and guardians doing the school pick-up run. The main objectives of this event were to
- increase awareness of the project,
 - introduce the project to local people and
 - gather responses in a face to face setting.
- 2.2.3 Publicity for the consultation day included posters displayed in local shops, leaflets distributed to the parents/guardians of children at Marks Gate Junior and Infant schools and on-line via the North Meets South Facebook and Twitter groups. On the day, members of the WWA team also went out on the street talking to local people and letting them know about the event.



Image 1: consultation poster displayed in local shops

2.2.4 The display presented on the day included boards to introduce the project, a local map showing the areas being reviewed and example ideas of projects in other areas (refer Appendix A). People were also encouraged to post their opinions and experiences on feedback boards and a 'community washing line'. Children's and adults' surveys were laid out on a central activity table and collected during the day.



Image 2: Project introduction and information display boards

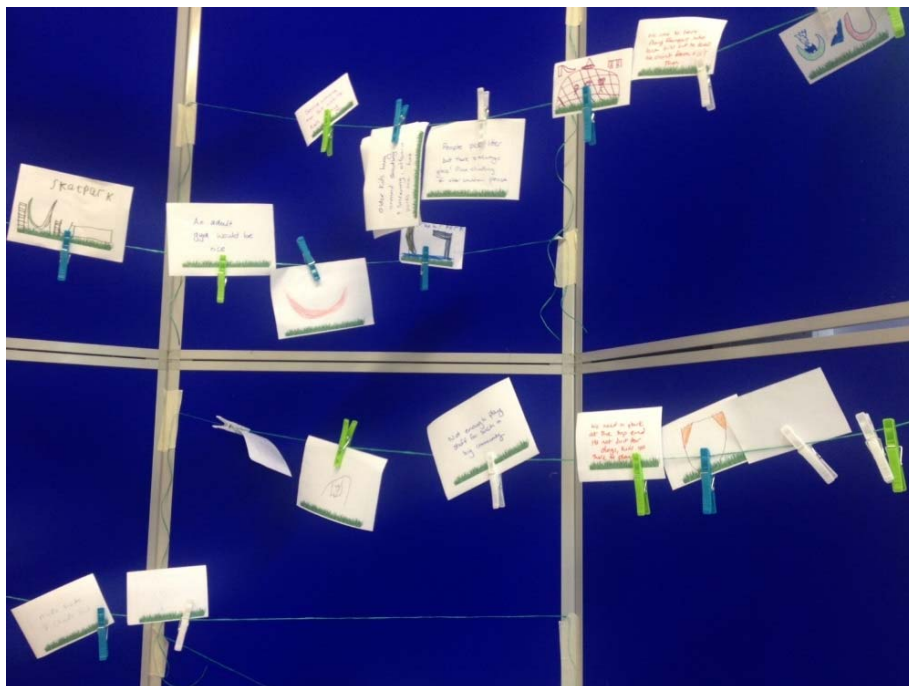


Image 3: 'Community washing line' comments at the July consultation event



Image 4: Activity table at the July consultation event

- 2.2.5 Following on from the first consultation event, additional activities were undertaken to reach a wider audience. This was done to both increase the number of responses to the survey and capitalise on other local events happening in the area in order to promote the project to the community and increase awareness.
- 2.2.6 The Creative Café, a community project that runs at the Community Centre every Tuesday, draws in a significant number of people. One member of the WWA team set up a 'pop up' station at the entrance to the café to encourage people to fill out questionnaires.
- 2.2.7 Further consultation was also carried out at a second event, the 'DIY Street Party' run by charity 'Sustrans' on Rose Lane on 23rd September 2016. Two members of the WWA team ran a stall with display boards presenting the project information as well as questionnaires for children and adults and the 'community washing line' for people to make quick suggestions or comments.



Image 5: DIY Street Party stall

2.3 Surveys

- 2.3.1 Two questionnaires were designed; one for children and one for teenagers and adults (refer Appendix B). The children's questionnaire focused on aspects of play both in formal provision and more informal spaces such as streets. In order to make the survey quick and easy, the large majority of the questions were multiple choice, there was one unled question and also one question with an area for either drawings or comments.
- 2.3.2 Contacts were established with the local Junior School which gave over some of its Year 6 class time to filling out the questionnaire and other responses were received from children who attended consultation events. The younger respondents were given one to one assistance to help them understand the questions.
- 2.3.3 The adults' survey was divided into three main sections; Parks, Green Spaces on the Streets and the Cemetery. It sought to establish some baseline information on how people view and use their green spaces, their reasons for going or not going there, perception of safety in these spaces as well as capturing opinion on how things may be improved. Questions were largely multiple choice with only a few unled in nature so as to maximise the uptake of feedback.
- 2.3.4 The survey was available on the consultation day as a hard copy for people to fill out and also posted on-line through 'Survey Monkey'. The on-line link was advertised locally on posters in shop windows and given out on flyers on the streets.
- 2.3.5 As the research and consultation phase of the project progressed and more contacts were made, additional copies of the survey were distributed through various means. Another 100 hard copies were delivered by a local volunteer through doors in the south side of the area to encourage feedback from this section of the community, members of which have previously felt outside of the project area. Wellgate Community Farm proved to be very helpful and cooperative and held another 30 or so copies on site for their own visitors to complete. Finally, 20 copies were taken by another local volunteer connected with the church and distributed at a local coffee morning.

2.4 Timeline of public consultation activities

The table below summarises the consultation activities organised and/or undertaken by the team.

Date	Activity	Description	Surveys available	Approximate Numbers of attendees
7 th July – 4 th October	Online Survey	Public adult survey freely available on-line through website 'Survey Monkey'.	Adult	5
18 th July	Consultation Day	A full day event at Marks Gate Community Centre with 3 members of the WWA team and representatives from NMS team facilitating surveys and project introduction.	Children and Adults	45
19 th July	Primary School Survey	Two Year 6 classes at Marks Gate Primary School completed surveys, facilitated by teachers.	Children	50
4 th August – 22 nd August	Survey distribution	Local volunteer delivered 100 hard copies of the questionnaire to homes in the south part of the project area.	Adult	10
23 rd August	Survey Station	One member of the WWA ran a survey station at Marks Gate Community Centre alongside their Creative Café event.	Adult	10
23 rd August – 4 th October	Survey distribution	Approximately 30 hard copies of the questionnaire were distributed through the local Community Farm.	Adult	6

23 rd September	Sustrans Street Party	A marquee ran by 2 members of the WWA team situated alongside the NMS stall at a local charity event ran by another stakeholder in the area.	Children and Adults	15
23 rd Sept – 4 th October	Survey distribution	Local volunteer delivered 20 hard copies of the questionnaire to the local coffee morning at the church.	Adult	10

3 Local Authority Connections

- 3.1 Part of the research into the open spaces included establishing the land ownership. Meetings were arranged with the local council officers responsible for housing and parks to raise awareness of the project and to establish land ownership and achieve an understanding of how the spaces are managed and maintained.
- 3.2 All of the public green spaces within the area are owned and maintained by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham council (LBBD) with the exception of a small strip of green space alongside the south of the A12 (which is under the control of the Highways Agency).
- 3.3 A secondary aim of meeting the Borough Council was to find out to what extent it could be engaged in achieving the project aims. Key contacts were established at the Borough Council from both housing and parks departments and both departments were interested in hearing about the Big Local green spaces project. These contacts, now established, can be used in the next stage where working with the Borough Council will be essential to achieving any improvements to the green spaces in the area.
- 3.4 Contact details for LBBD and other useful contacts are listed in Appendix C.

4 Current Local Initiatives

- 4.1 A number of local initiatives are running in the neighbourhood which have a connection to use of the open spaces. These are:

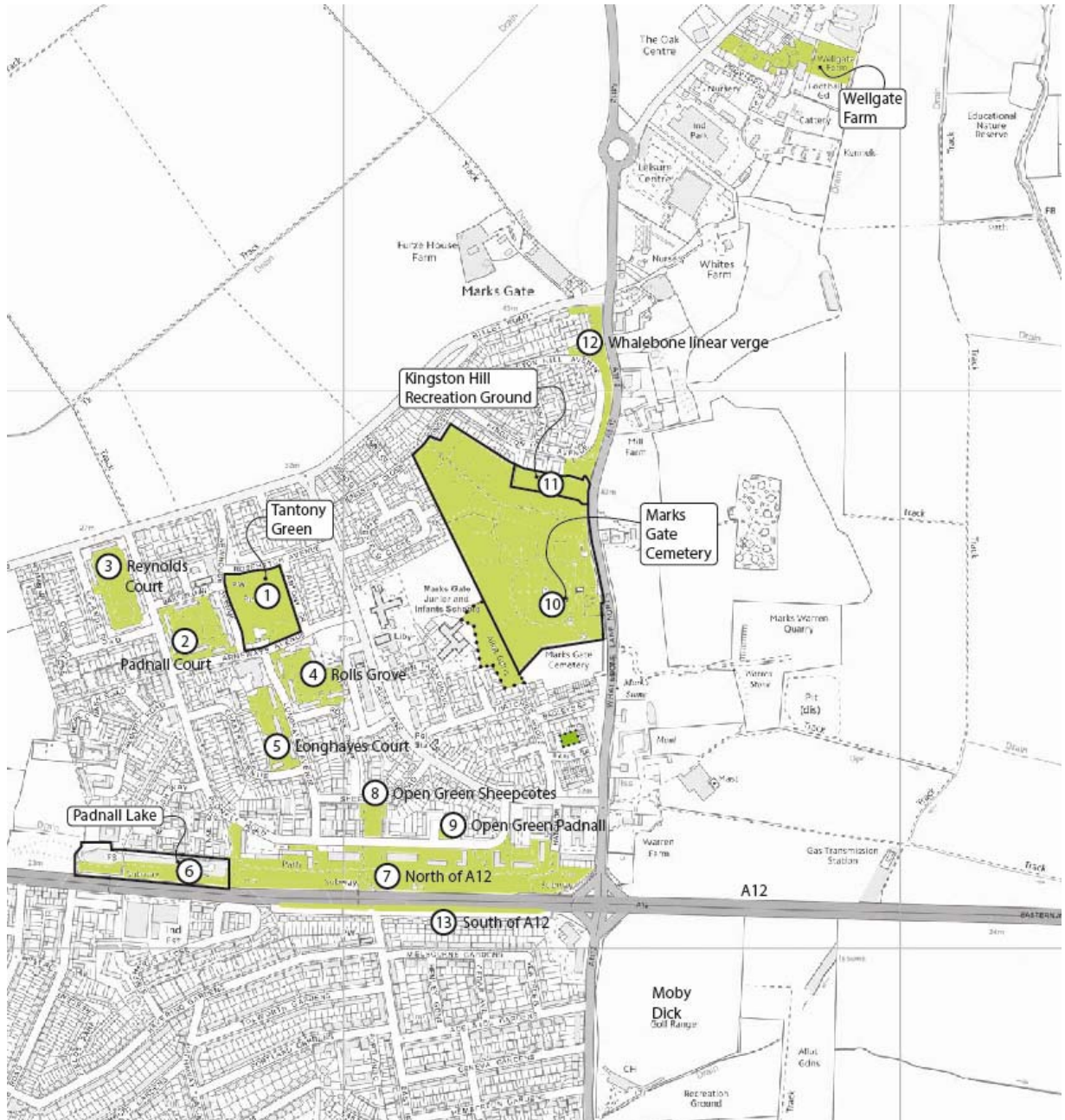
- Sustrans
- Agenda 21
- City farm
- Community Centre

The NMS Partnership is already liaising with these organisations, through different initiatives and working alongside them for the benefit of the community. As works to improve the green spaces and their use take shape, the support of other local initiatives and those running them will be extremely helpful.

5 Green Spaces' Audit

5.1 The tables in Appendix E set down the results of the green spaces audit. Each space was visited and assessed and the tables show the facilities available in the spaces and the quality of those facilities. The green spaces have been mapped for reference.

5.2



5.3 From the audit some general conclusions can be drawn about the spaces in the area and these are summarised below.

5.3.1 Lack of open space to the south of the A12 within the study area

5.3.1.1 There are no open spaces of any size within the Big Local area to the south of the A12. There is one strip of land adjacent and running parallel to the A12 road. However, just outside of the study

area there is a local park, St Chad's Park (also known as Chadwell Heath Park) which has a good range of facilities and is used by residents from the Big Local area, particularly those in the south.

5.3.2 Parks within the study area are lacking in facilities

5.3.2.1 It is clear from the audit that there are minimal facilities in the two out of the three open spaces which are used for recreation. Kingston Hill Recreation Ground and Padnall Lake have limited facilities and therefore limited appeal to users. Tantony Green is better served for facilities, although the quality of those facilities is variable. Tantony Green is regarded by many local people as 'the park' and would be a good location to focus improvements to reach the widest number of people.

5.3.3 Open Spaces on housing estates lack facilities

5.3.3.1 Although there are some large open areas within the estate to the north of the A12, these spaces associated with the residential blocks are lacking in facilities and are mainly laid to grass and trees.

5.3.4 Open spaces along the streets and the cemetery

5.3.4.1 Most open spaces on the streets are laid to grass and trees. They do provide a visual benefit to the area and the spaces next to the A12 and Whalebone Lane (North) are valuable green 'buffers' separating residents from traffic and providing green routes to walk through. The Cemetery is the largest open space in the area but its use is limited and potential for increasing use is restricted as its primary purpose is as a burial ground.

6 Consultation Findings and Results

6.1 Anecdotal Responses

- 6.1.1 During the consultation a number of opinions were also collected from the public through conversations and general interaction. Whilst these people were encouraged by team members to complete a relevant survey, it was not always the case that they did so and so their comments were captured either on comment cards displayed on the 'Community Washing Line' or recorded in a working research document (refer Appendix D).
- 6.1.2 Many of the comments were related to Tantony Green which, given that it is the only formal park with children's play in the Big Local area, is not surprising. The main aspects that people expressed dissatisfaction with were
- Poor level of maintenance
 - General Safety
 - Condition of facilities
- 6.1.3 In terms of maintenance people commented on the general lack of cleanliness and tidiness, with dog mess and a number of people mentioning broken glass as an issue. When speaking to locals, the issues raised concerning safety mainly revolved around other children or teenagers and their intimidating behaviour. Groups of teenagers shouting and swearing, as well as their presence at night time were seen to be threatening by others. The facilities at Tantony Green were not thought of very highly with a general lack of things to do being the overarching message both from children and adults. 'More equipment' and 'more seating' were two key requests that were repeated during conversations as well as several people requesting adult gym equipment.
- 6.1.4 General comments around the green spaces in the area revealed that people tend to drive further afield to other parks because those locally are either not well cared for or do not have enough facilities.

6.2 Children's Survey

- 6.2.1 A total of 53 responses were received from children aged between 3 and 12, the vast majority being aged 11 due to the surveys being completed during Year 6 class time. The split between boys and girls was fairly evenly matched with just over half the respondents (58%) being girls.
- 6.2.2 'The Park' is ranked as the second most popular answer for the children's favourite place to play behind 'Home/Friend's House'. If the answers for all outdoor public spaces are combined then they at least equal that of home/friend's house, showing just how important the green space is as a provision for children. When children play outside their most enjoyed activity is playing with friends, other popular answers included cycling/skating, relaxing and running around so a mixture of both active and passive diversions are enjoyed and outdoor public space should aim to accommodate this.
- 6.2.3 It is useful when developing a strategy for long term improvements to understand the barriers to play that are perceived by children. The biggest barrier to children playing outside is that it is 'Boring' (21%) and whilst this is not currently ideal in terms of provision, it is an aspect that highlights a key opportunity and one which can be addressed through provision of better facilities, events and activities. Other significant barriers worth reporting are 'Grown-ups' (17%) and 'Safety/Scared' with 16%. Feeling safe in public spaces is key if those spaces are to be well-used and successful. When 'Safety/Scared' responses are combined with those respondents that chose 'Bullying' then this general aspect of safety makes up 27% of answers, becoming the most perceived barrier to play and it highlights an important issue.
- 6.2.4 What is encouraging is that children are saying that they use the park frequently, with 50% going every week, and spending a good amount of time there; with over 35% staying for more than 2 hours.
- 6.2.5 Overall the children gave mixed opinions about local play equipment and it should be noted that it is hard to determine where they were thinking of when answering this question as the survey was not specific to one park in particular. Both ends of the Really Good / Rubbish scale got votes from equal numbers of children but overall the vast majority rated the equipment just 'Ok'. 'Play Equipment' as a facility scored significantly higher than other options for improving the green spaces. These results are encouraging in terms of the children's desires to be active. This was an unled question where the children were free to write anything they thought would make the play area better and their answers were analysed in order to see the most popular ideas. The second most popular answer was cleanliness and tidying up, something reflected by adults' comments during consultation events.
- 6.2.6 The majority of the children (78%) had not joined in activities or events in the park which, again, shows there is an opportunity to engage more of the community with the public green space in this way. Half of the children go or have been to clubs, play centres or after school clubs which shows a healthy level of interest in sports and hobbies in the area that could be developed and / or extended through the use of green space.
- 6.2.7 When asked about what would make their perfect place to play the children were positive towards many of the suggested answers with the most popular being places to cycle/skate which ties in with their earlier answers concerning ways to play. This was closely followed by play equipment and cleanliness/tidiness. In the final section of the survey there was a blank section for the children to relay any other suggestions, these responses were coded by the theme of their comments or drawings and the most popular, again, was 'play equipment' followed by keeping it clean and well maintained.

6.3 Adults' Survey

- 6.3.1 Responses were offered by 74 adults living in Marks Gate and Chadwell Heath and a full breakdown of these results with charts can be found in Appendix F. Respondents were predominantly female (84%) and represented a comprehensive mix of age groups although those under 25 were in the minority with no responses gained from teenagers. Nearly half of respondents were between 25 to 44 and almost a third were over the age of 65. Just over a quarter of people consider themselves to have a disability. The majority of those surveyed were British, other nationalities given include Ugandan, Polish, Nepali, Dominican, Congolese and Lithuanian. Of those respondents that follow a religion the majority were of Christian faith, others include Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism.
- 6.3.2 The most used parks were reported to be Tantony Green and St Chads Park. Although it is outside the boundary of the Partnership, St Chads was deemed to be the most popular space with 45% of respondents using it more than any of the others surveyed. This raises questions as to why people would rather travel to a park slightly further away than go to their local green space. 8% of those surveyed stated that they do not use local parks at all.
- 6.3.3 A quarter of respondents that use local parks go daily and nearly half go at least weekly which is encouraging. Over two thirds of people spend between thirty minutes and two hours at the park. 67% of respondents feel either very safe or generally safe whilst in the park which is somewhat contradictory to the anecdotal opinions received during consultation. Those who do have safety concerns, a portion of which are only at night make up the remainder of respondents.
- 6.3.4 As can be expected, people use local parks for a variety of different activities both passive and active with the main reason being to take the kids to play (59%), followed by sitting and relaxing (50%). Parks are also an important place for meeting friends and walking through for just over 40% of those surveyed.
- 6.3.5 A range of suggestions for improvements to parks was given to respondents to gauge their popularity; the most popular suggestion was more seating (63%), other ideas backed by more than half of respondents were better play facilities and the parks being cleaner and tidier. All three suggestions reflect the anecdotal responses received by the team. Other popular suggestions with more than 40% include adult gym equipment and better lighting. The nature of events people would most like to see are family events (68%) and outdoor exercise (54%).
- 6.3.6 The second section of the survey related to green spaces on the street and people were shown a local map with various parcels of land numbered and named. 46% of people say that they do not use the green spaces on the street with their main reason being that they don't live there or have no reason to use them. Of those that are used, the space north of the A12 running parallel to the road is the most popular (39%) and 20% of people use the space along Whalebone Lane, both these spaces are alongside busy and well-used routes.
- 6.3.7 Just over half of respondents use the green spaces on the street either daily or weekly and a similar proportion feel either very safe or generally safe. Concerns about safety in these green spaces were slightly higher than concerns in parks.
- 6.3.8 People use these spaces to enjoy some green space (53%) and, encouragingly, to play (47%) with some using them for stopping, sitting or talking a walk (42%).
- 6.3.9 Over two thirds and nearly 70% of respondents want the green spaces on the streets to be cleaner or tidier and 65% of people voted for more seating. More than half of those surveyed wanted more bins and nearly 40% were in favour of community gardening.
- 6.3.10 We also asked people about the Cemetery however 85% of people asked say they never go there, of those that do most only do once or twice a year so it is not a location with a large

number of regular visitors. People who do use the space use it for either tending a grave or walking or sitting.

- 6.3.11 The final question was an open one and asked people for their general comments and ideas on how to improve local green spaces of any type, however many of the comments appear to relate to parks above any other type of green space. All the comments are listed in Appendix F and can be grouped into the main themes of their content which were
- Better play and general provision for children
 - Improving safety
 - Community taking responsibility
 - Improving maintenance
 - New provision and events.
- 6.3.12 In terms of new provision, suggestions that were repeatedly backed by a number of people included adult gym equipment and facilities for dog walkers. In particular, there were a large number of the comments made relating to maintenance issues with people suggesting more bins and the park being cleaner.

7 Conclusions

7.1 Quality and Quantity of green space

- 7.1.1 From the surveys we found out that although the area is relatively well provided with green space the quality of the spaces could be better – both in terms of the facilities provided and the maintenance and cleanliness of the different sites. The area to the south of the A12 has almost no green space within the Big Local area and there is no opportunity to create new spaces because of the character of this residential district.

7.2 Usage

- 7.2.1 From the survey we found that most people want to use the green spaces and a great many of them want to use the spaces for exercise and activities. The spaces are important from a social point of view as people use them as meeting places and many of the survey respondents visit the open spaces on a daily or weekly basis. Relatively few people are taking part in events – this may be due to a lack of events or that events which do take place are not appealing to the community.

7.3 Opportunities

- 7.3.1 The survey findings show that there is a good level of interest in the open spaces and that people are keen to use the green spaces for recreation and exercise. The main opportunities lie within the areas which are used by the local community as 'parks' spaces as these are accessible to all and not within the boundaries of residential blocks. This suggests that to get the most from the Big Local opportunity that the Partnership should concentrate energy and effort on improvements to those spaces and in promoting more activity within them.
- 7.3.2 The housing spaces and street side green areas would also benefit from improvement and there may be opportunities for community gardening initiatives to take place within these spaces. The crucial first step in achieving this would be to carry out more consultation with residents to find out where, and if, community gardening could be an option.
- 7.3.3 Almost all of the open space is owned and managed by the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham. It is therefore important that a working relationship is established with the council in order to get any open space initiatives off the ground.

- 7.3.4 The council were interested in exploring the possibilities of training initiatives based around skills which would be used in their open spaces, such as maintenance and horticulture. There may be potential for apprenticeships which would not only benefit those enrolled but also the wider community if the work was based around open space improvements.
- 7.3.5 The Partnership could also look for training opportunities in partnership with local businesses and colleges or potentially the Wellgate Farm.

8 Action Plan

- 8.1 Bringing together the results of the asset survey and the consultation an action plan has been drawn up with suggestions of how progress could be made over the next two years in improving green space and its accessibility and usage.
- 8.2 For any community lead project there needs to be recognition that people involved are giving their time voluntarily and that time to spend on projects may be limited – for this reason the action plan offers an approach to the different spaces which the Partnership can review and then decide priorities.
- 8.3 Several things have become very clear in the course of the research for this report:
- Most of the open space within the Big Local area is to the north of the A12, but the area to the south of the A12 does benefit from close proximity to St Chad's park which has reasonable facilities.
 - Tantony Green is the most central open space in the northern area. It is regarded by the community as 'the park' and has the potential to be a really good local open space. Over the past 20 years Tantony Green has had investment and this means that some expensive items (MUGA, paths, fencing, lighting) have already been installed (even though some now need repair). Tantony Green would make a good location for quick win projects – for example an adult gym and, if the Partnership decides it is a priority, a larger project to install new facilities (for example a new play area).
 - Other 'parks' spaces – Kingston Hill recreation Ground and Padnall Lake would benefit from some new facilities and an improved maintenance regime. In the past Padnall Lake had a Friends Group and if this could be revived then potentially some maintenance tasks could be taken on by the community.
- 8.4 The following tables bring together the ideas for the different spaces into a 2-year plan for each space.

8.4.1 Table 1 – All sites: training

Location	Ideas for Change	Actions in Year 1	Actions in Year 2	
Across all sites	Training opportunities - apprenticeships	Set up a working group with partners in the council	Advertise apprenticeships	
		Look into the types of apprenticeships which could benefit the green spaces and at potential training providers	Recruit apprentices	
		Research funding for apprenticeships and establish employers	Apprentices start work with a focus on local green spaces	
	Training opportunities - to build community capacity for working in green spaces	Research schemes elsewhere e.g. Camden Garden Centre/ Bankside Open Spaces Trust	Run community action days in green spaces	
		Seek local partners and champions for the project e.g. garden centres, British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, Wellgate Farm, schools and colleges	Review success and adapt programme of work to suit	
		Put together training programme / action programme	Start local training programme	
		Establish costs - apply for funding	Establish group of community volunteers to work in the green spaces	
		Liaise with the Council on the initiative		
	Quick win projects to involve the community in green spaces	Establish small improvements which could be completed by volunteers - soft landscape & maintenance projects are the easiest to achieve	Continue projects	
		Seek funding for tools / event leaders		
		Purchase tools / equipment required and find location for storage that may be required	Publicise the improvements	
		Find leaders to lead the projects or work with organisations e.g. the Wellgate Farm to lead events		
		Liaise with council and involve ranger service		
		Carry out risk assessments		
		Programme of quick win projects developed		
		Start projects		

8.4.2 Table 2 – Tantony Green

Location	Ideas for Change	Actions year 1	Actions Year 2
Tantony Green	Improvements to facilities and better maintenance of the Green	Set up working group including partners in the Council	Publicise project
		Establish a Friends Group	
		Commission help with presenting / costing of proposals	Works happen on site
		Draw up detailed proposals for improvements which could include: refurbishment of the MUGA with new line markings; new play equipment; installation of additional skate equipment; refurbishment of the natural play area to make easier to maintain; installation of adult gym equipment to replace the trim trail recently removed	Working group continues to manage the project
		Consult with community on proposals	Volunteers / apprentices contribute to maintenance
		Establish costs	
		Agree proposals with the council	
		Apply to spend Big Local funds or seek funding	
		Check if planning permission required and make planning application if required	
		Seek tenders / quotes for the work	
	Development of activities on the Green	Discuss with Council and involve ranger service	
Toy library, sports activities, fun days, DIY street party, picnics	Seek sponsors for events / volunteers to run events	Review events programme	
	Put together a programme for events / activity plan	Continue with events programme	
	Run events		

8.4.3 Table 3 – Padnall Lake

Location	Ideas	Actions year 1	Actions Year 2	
Padnall Lake	Community involvement	Try to re establish former Friends Group	Continue with community maintenance initiatives	
	Better maintenance	Establish links with the council		
		See if apprenticeships / community training could be used to improve the maintenance on this site		
		Run maintenance sessions - quick win to clean up the lake		
	Improve facilities			
	Expand the orchard area	Speak to the Council about proposed orchard enlargement		Community maintenance of the orchard
		Seek funding / donations		
		See if the farm are interested in partnering on this		
		Hold community planting day to plant trees or school planting day		
	Install more seating	Put together plan for seat locations and type of seating		
		Discuss with council		
		Seek funding or apply to spend funds		
		Get quotes		
		Install seats		
	Improve planting	Review the current planting with the council maintenance team		Community maintenance of the new planting or planting used for apprenticeship training
		Establish where new planting could be located		
Apply to spend funds or seek sponsorship				
Hold a community planting day / school planting day				

8.4.4 Table 4 – Kingston Hill

Location	Ideas for improvements	Actions Year 1	Actions year 2
Kingston Hill Recreation Ground	Better seating	Put together plan for seat locations and type of seating	
		Discuss with council	
		Seek funding or apply to spend funds	
		Get quotes	
		Install seats	
	Play equipment	Liaise with council on feasibility of installing and maintaining equipment	Install equipment
		Hold consultation to establish types of equipment and age groups	
		Develop plans and get costings	
		Establish if planning permission is required	
		Seek funding	
		Get quotes / tenders	

8.4.5 Table 5 – Housing Sites / Roadside Sites

Locations	Ideas	Actions Year 1	Actions Year 2	
All housing / roadside sites	Better cleaning regime	Make links with housing department to discuss the cleaning regime and look for opportunities to improve including residents taking responsibility for some areas.		
	Bins, cycle storage, seats	Discuss with housing department. If locations can be found, then seek funding for trial installations		
	Community Gardening / more planting		Consult with residents and council about potential community gardening sites	Implement project/s using volunteers / contractors
			Set up working groups for individual sites or start with one site as a pilot project	Monitor success and consult to see if there are other sites which could be community gardens within the area
			Seek funding for start-up project/s	
		Could start small / temporary gardens as a pilot scheme		
List of potential sites				
Whalebone Lane				
Reynolds Court				
Padnall Court				
Rolls Court				
Longhayes Court				
Sheepcotes Road				
Padnall Road				
Next to A12 (north)				
Next to A12 (south)				

9 Appendix A – Consultation Boards

NORTH MEETS SOUTH GREEN SPACES

THE PROJECT

What is the project about?

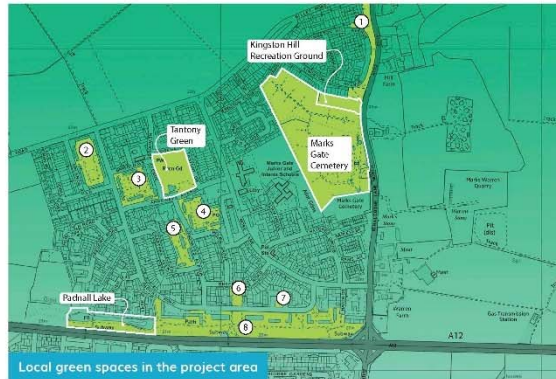
'North Meets South Big Local Partnership' is a local group that has received funding from 'The London Community Foundation' to improve the community in Marks Gate and Chadwell Heath. Some of the funding will be used in the local green spaces. It aims to help make them better and increase how much they are used by local people.

What spaces are in the project?

The project is looking at different types of green spaces such as local parks, green spaces on the street and the cemetery. The map opposite shows the local green spaces in the project area.

What can you do?

Before any decisions can be made about how to improve the green spaces, we need to understand how they are being used at the moment and what local people think. You can help by taking a look at some of the examples here today and letting us know what you think. We would also appreciate it if you could fill out the survey, either on-line or here in person today. Thank you.



THE GREEN SPACES



Tantony Green



Kingston Hill Recreation Ground



Whalebone Road



Padnall Lake



Edge Court



On Sheepcotes Road



Next to A12



Longhayes Court



On Padnall Road



Reynolds Court

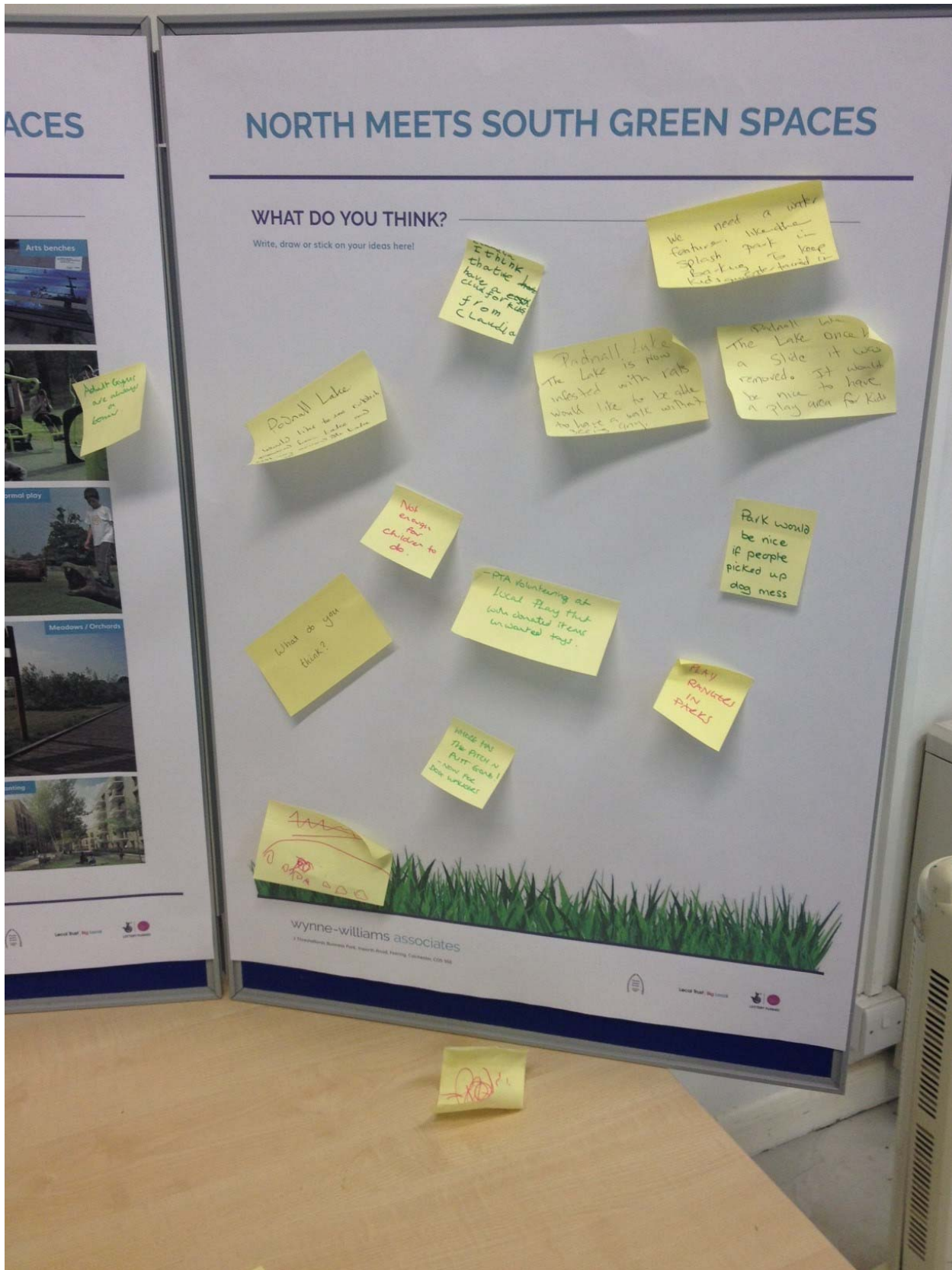


Padnall Court

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WHAT OTHER PEOPLE ARE DOING

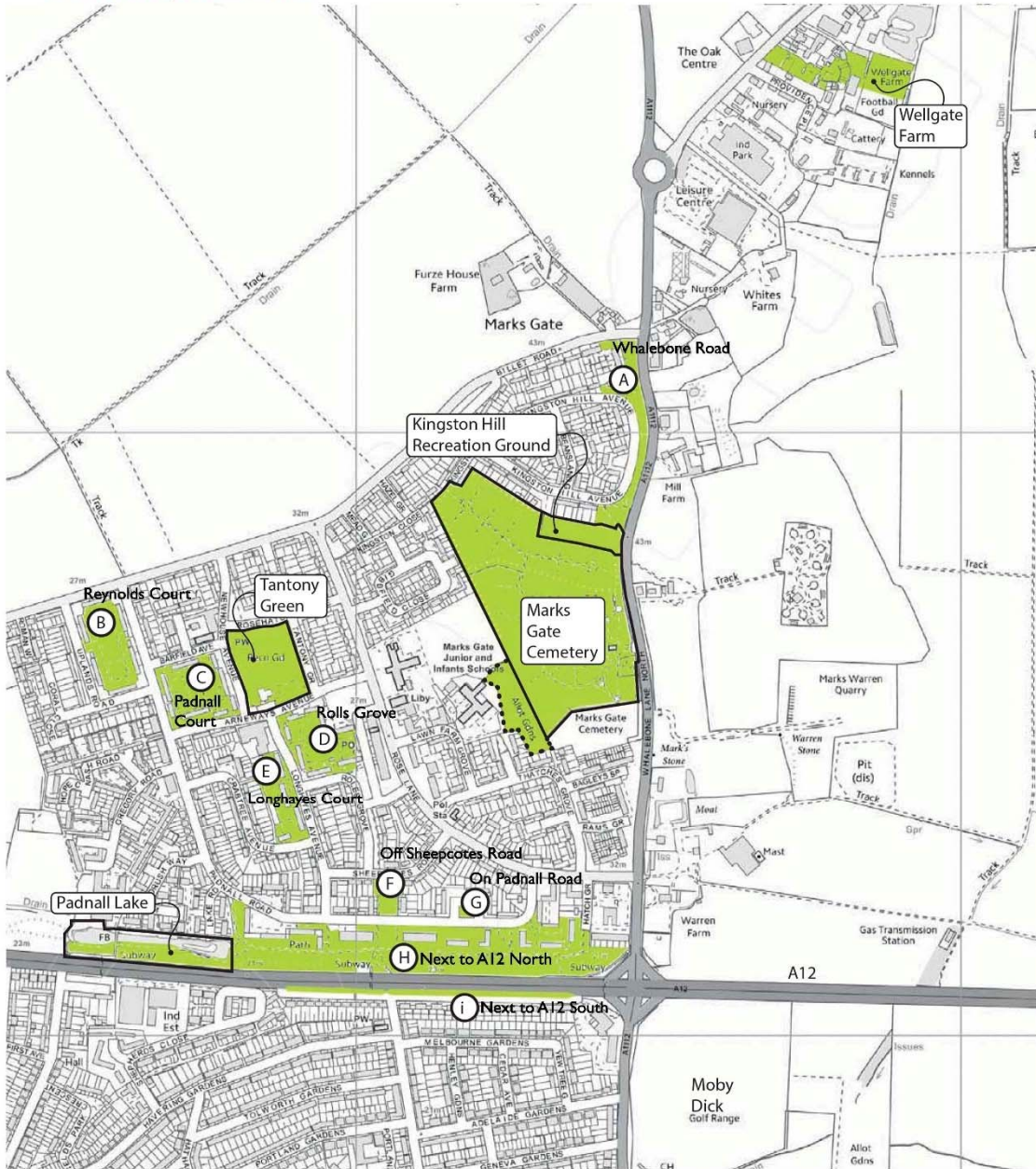




NORTH MEETS SOUTH GREEN SPACES

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Write or stick on your comments here!



10 Appendix B – Surveys

10.1 Adult Questionnaire

North Meets South Green Spaces Survey

'North Meets South Big Local Partnership' is a group of local people working to improve their community.

We would like to know what you think about some of the different types of local green spaces and how you use them so that we can decide how to make them better. This survey will take about 10 minutes and your answers will really help us. Thank you very much!

Please return completed questionnaires by Tuesday 4th September to:

'North Meets South Survey'
Coffee Stop at St Marks Church
Rose Lane
Marks Gate, Essex RM6 5AG

Or you can complete it online at: www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/northmeetsouthgreenspaces

1. Which road do you live on? _____

2. Do you work or volunteer in the Marks Gate area? Yes No

Local Parks

3. Which of these local park spaces do you use? Tick all you use.
- a. Tantony Green
 - b. Padnall Lake
 - c. Kingston Hill Recreation Ground
 - d. Chadwell Park

If you do not go to any local parks, please say why: (Go to question 8)

- Too far or hard to get to
- Not enough to do
- Not clean
- Feels unsafe or unfriendly
- Other: _____

4. Which local park do you use the most? Tick one.
- a. Tantony Green
 - b. Padnall Lake
 - c. Kingston Hill Recreation Ground
 - d. Chadwell Park

Why is that? _____

5. How often do you go to the local park? Tick one.
- a. Daily
 - b. Weekly
 - c. 1 or 2 times a month
 - d. 1 or 2 times a year

6. How long do you spend at the local park? Tick one.
- Less than 30 minutes
 - Up to 1 hour
 - 1-2 hours
 - More than 2 hours
7. How safe do you feel in the park? Tick one.
- Very Safe – I almost never feel threatened
 - Generally safe – it's fine, but sometimes I've noticed a threat
 - Unsafe – I don't feel safe there
 - Safe during the day but not at night
8. What do you do when you go to the park? Tick all you do.
- Passing through
 - Sit and relax
 - Play sport
 - Riding bike / skate
 - Taking kids to play
 - Join in activity or event
 - Meet friends and other people
 - Take the dog for a walk
 - Something else: _____
9. What would you like to see to make the park better? Tick all you would like to see.
- More seating
 - More or better paths
 - Better lighting
 - Cleaner and tidier
 - Better play facilities
 - More planting and trees
 - Sports facilities
 - Adult gym equipment
 - More activities or events to join in with
 - Something else: _____
10. What kind of activities or events would you enjoy? Tick all you would enjoy.
- Community gardening
 - Bicycle classes / workshops
 - Photography or art
 - Outdoor exercise activities
 - Team sports
 - Family events
 - Something else: _____



Green Spaces on Local Streets

11. Which of the local street's green spaces do you use? Look at the map showing the green spaces, tick all you use:

- a. Next to Whalebone Road
- b. Reynolds Court
- c. Padnall Court
- d. Edge Court
- e. Longhayes Court
- f. Off Sheepcotes Road
- g. On Padnall Road
- h. Next to the A12 (North)
- i. Next to the A12 (South)

If you do not use the green spaces, please say why: (Go to question 14)

- I don't live there
- No reason to use them
- Not clean
- Feels unsafe or unfriendly
- Other: _____

12. How often do you make use of the green spaces on the street? Tick one.
- Daily
 - Weekly
 - 1 or 2 times a month
 - 1 or 2 times a year
13. How safe do you feel in the green spaces on the streets? Tick one.
- Very Safe – I almost never feel threatened
 - Generally safe – it's fine, but sometimes I've noticed a threat
 - Unsafe – I don't feel safe there
 - Safe during the day but not at night
14. How do you use the green spaces in the streets? Tick all that apply.
- For stopping, sitting or taking a rest
 - Walking the dog
 - To enjoy some green space
 - Meet neighbours and other people
 - To play
 - Park my bike
 - Something else: _____
15. What could make the street's green spaces better? Tick all you would like to see.
- Cleaner / tidier
 - Seating
 - More planting features or trees
 - Bins
 - Bike parking
 - Community gardening
 - Something else: _____

The Cemetery

16. How often do you visit the Cemetery? Tick one.
- Never
 - Once/twice a year
 - Once every few months
 - Once every few weeks
 - Weekly
17. What is your main reason for going there? Tick one.
- Visit or tend a grave
 - Go to a service
 - Walking or sitting
 - Other: _____

General comments

18. Do you have any ideas of how to make the local green spaces on the streets better? Please tell us about them here.

About You (optional)

19. Would you be interested in joining a local 'Friends of Green Spaces' group?
- Yes – please provide your email _____
 - No thanks
20. What gender do you consider yourself to be?
- Female
 - Male
21. What age group are you in?
- 13 or Under
 - 14 – 17
 - 18 – 24
 - 25 – 34
 - 35 – 44
 - 45 – 54
 - 55 – 64
 - 65 +
22. Do you consider yourself to have a disability?
- Yes
 - No
23. What is your religion?
24. What is your nationality?

10.2 Children's Questionnaire

This survey is to find out how the green spaces and parks nearby could be better for you.

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About you

1. How old are you?
2. Are you a boy or girl?
3. What is the name of the road you live on?

About how you play

4. Where is your favourite place to play outside? Tick one.

- The Park (please say where):
- Other green spaces (where):
- The street
- At home or a friend's house
- Somewhere else (say where):

5. What do you enjoy doing when you play outside? Tick all those you enjoy.

- Ride bikes or skate
- Playing games or running around
- Hanging out with friends
- Something else (say what):
- Going on play equipment
- Outdoor sports
- Relaxing and chilling out quietly

6. Is there anything that stops you playing outside more often? Tick all those that stop you.

- Feeling unsafe or scared
- Places to play are too far to go
- Grown-ups stop you playing out
- Too much rubbish or graffiti
- Bullying
- Traffic
- Boring when you get there
- Something else:

7. How often do you go to the local park?

- Every day
- Every week
- 1 or 2 times a month
- 1 or 2 times a year
- Never (go to question 13)

8. How long do you normally spend in the park?

- Less than 30 minutes
- Up to 1 hour
- 1-2 hours
- More than 2 hours



9. How would you rate the play equipment in your local park? Pick one.

Really good Good Ok Not good Rubbish

10. Is there anything that would make the play area better? Tell us below.

11. Have you ever joined in any organised activities or events in the local parks?

Yes (please say what):
 No


12. Do you go to any clubs, play centres or after school clubs?

Yes (please say what):
 No

13. If you think about the perfect place to play... what would be the most important things about it? Tick three.

<input type="radio"/> Landscape; trees, plants, paths, mounds	<input type="radio"/> Being clean and tidy
<input type="radio"/> Play equipment	<input type="radio"/> Places to sit
<input type="radio"/> Places to ride bikes or skate	<input type="radio"/> Places to hide
<input type="radio"/> Places to play sport	<input type="radio"/> Wild and natural areas
<input type="radio"/> Events	<input type="radio"/> No traffic
<input type="radio"/> Being able to help look after it	<input type="radio"/> Growing areas
<input type="radio"/> Something else:	

14. Please give us any other of your ideas, comments or drawings below.



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12 Appendix D – Consultation comments

Comments were made on post-it notes during consultation events and attached to various boards displayed which have been recorded below. Opinions conveyed during discussions and interactions were also recorded either on comment cards on the community washing line or noted under a separate heading in this document.

12.1 ‘Post-it’ notes on example ideas board ‘What Other People Are Doing...’

Photo Number	Description	Comments
Photo 1	Shaded Seating	‘Yes please.’
Photo 2	Adult Gym	‘Yes please.’
		‘Yes’
		‘Adult gyms are always a bonus.’
Photo 3	Arts benches	‘Yes!’

12.2 ‘Post-it’ notes on ‘What do you think?’ board

- “I think that we should have clubs for kids.”
- “Play rangers in the parks.”
- “The park would be nice if people picked up their dog’s mess.”
- “There isn’t enough for children to do.”
- “Where has the pitch and putt gone?! Now it’s for dog walkers.”
- “PTA volunteering at local play area, with donated items and unwanted toys.”
- “Padnall Lake – would like to see rubbish removed from lake and pathway around the lake tidied up.”
- “Padnall Lake is now infested with rats; I would like to have a nice walk without seeing any.”
- “Padnall Lake had a slide; which has been removed. It would be nice to have a play area for the kids.”
- “We need a water feature, like the splash park in Barking to keep kids entertained in the summer.”

12.3 Comments pinned to the ‘Community Washing Line’

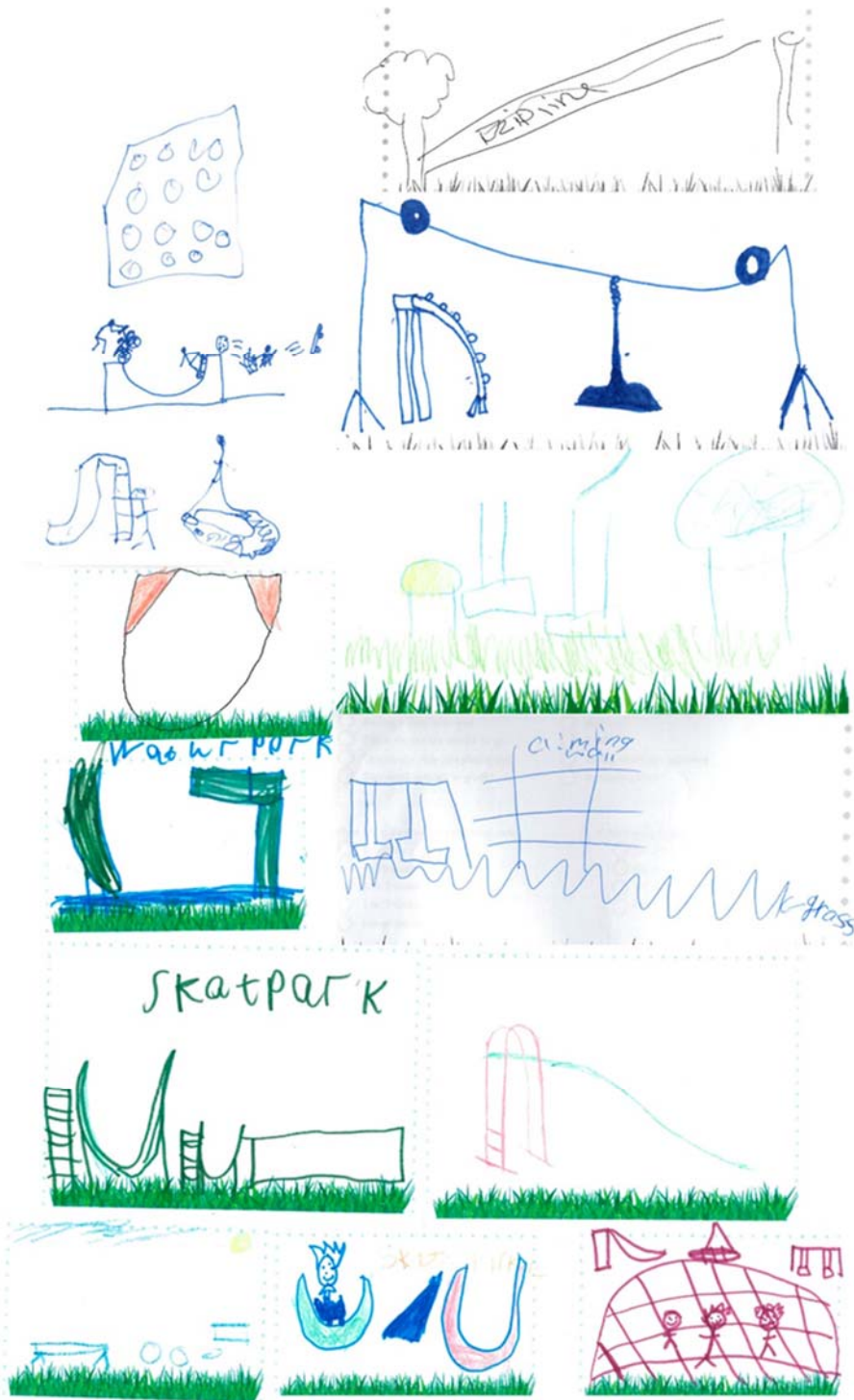
- “Somewhere to sit while children play”
- “Adult Gym”
- Street Park No. 1 – “cars park across gate to let dogs out”
- St Chads Park – “repair and reinstall elements on roundabout”
- “Parks around here are rubbish”
- “Children run around shouting and swearing”
- “People pick their litter but there is always glass”
- “Adult gym”
- “Not enough play equipment for a large community”
- “We need a park at the top end, it’s not suitable for children or dogs”

- “Community events and awareness, not just built facilities”
- “St Chads Park – “more seating”
- “Keeping the parks cleaner, adding some more equipment”
- “mess, seating, teenagers, safety, access”
- “we used to have play rangers who lent bits out to the kids”

12.3.1 Anecdotal comments from conversations with the WWA team and members of the community

- “Green [space] is important”
- Years ago they had a manned play ranger hut where you could go to hire different toys and play games, then they would gather it all back in at the end of the day
- Kids end up in the park at night and god knows what they are doing there you see all these little canisters lying around
- I tend to drive to other places as they're not well cared for round here
- There used to be a pitch and putt in Chadwell Park – where has that gone, it's taken over by dogs now
- That space at the top – people call it a dog walking park – it's not, kids play there, there's nothing there but they go I wish they wouldn't just call it the dog park, it's from when they extended the cemetery.
- The cemetery was really bad before, they've done it up now and its top notch – really good, looks smart. If someone was coming with you to tend your husband's grave it was embarrassing but not now.
- I don't let my little sister play in the park because it's too dangerous with all the glass around, we go to Chadwell Heath to go to the park but I don't like walking through the subway and down an alley to get there
- The park is good, the problem is teenagers hanging around, shouting and swearing
- The park would be fine if there wasn't so much glass there, even after its been litter picked there's still a lot of glass
- There isn't enough green space around here for the size of the community, especially since they've been building new houses and flats
- The park around here is rubbish, we don't use it and I live right next to it
- We used to cycle around Tantony Green because there's a track around the outside, but now we have children I realise the park is not very good for them. It's important for them but it's just not very good.
- I think there should be more stuff for the older kids to do, more play that involves climbing
- It would be nice to have something for adults to do while kids play – even just some nice seats to sit on
- There is always dog mess around and it stops me letting my children play outside, the parks here just aren't well maintained
- People always say “we've got to do something about the park” but nothing has ever happened, as long as I've lived here it hasn't got better
- We take the children somewhere else to ride their bikes and play
- I think an outdoor gym would be popular, I'd definitely use it!

12.3.2 Drawings pinned to the 'Community Washing Line'



13 Appendix E – Green Spaces Audit

The green spaces identified were audited according to the following scoring system.

Attributes	Descriptions	Scores
Main entrance	Easy to find, with a welcome/advisory sign, appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting	4
	Appropriate size, clear, clean, tidy, well maintained and inviting	3
	Obvious, open inviting and clean	2
	Apparent as an entrance and clean	1
Boundaries (including hedges, gates etc)	All clearly defined and well maintained	3
	All clearly defined – maintenance 'patchy'	2
	All clearly defined – maintenance needed	1
Roads, Paths, cycle-ways and accesses	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, surfaces clean and debris and weed free, good disabled access throughout	5
	Suitable materials, level for safe use, edges well defined, disabled access in most areas	4
	Suitable materials, level for safe use, some disabled access	3
	Suitable materials but with some faults, disabled access poor	2
	Road/paths in correct place, but in need of obvious repair, disabled access poor and very restricted	1

Attributes	Descriptions	Scores
Planted Areas (trees, shrubs, floral areas etc)	Numerous planting, with appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a very high standard	5
	Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants, installed and maintained to a reasonable standard	4
	Numerous plants, with an appropriate mix of plants and 'patchy' maintenance	3
	Limited range of plants, maintenance acceptable	2
	Limited planting with limited maintenance	1
Grass areas	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut	5
	Full grass cover throughout, dense sward, good colour and cleanly cut, few weeds, grass cut frequently to keep length short	4
	Full grass cover throughout main area but some 'thin' patches evident; some bald areas discreet; grass cut frequently but length excessive between cuts, cut quality good (no tearing)	3
	General grass cover average and patchy with some bald patches, cut infrequently or at poor frequency, clippings obvious or cut quality poor	2
	General grass cover poor, wear has led to patchy and poor cover with little or no serious attempts to correct the problem, clippings obvious and cut quality poor	1
Facilities: Bins	Numerous and in good condition	5
	Numerous and in average condition	4
	Adequate number in good/average condition	3
	Insufficient number but in good condition	2
	Insufficient number in poor condition	1
Seats	Numerous for the size of the site and in good condition	5
	Numerous for the size of the site and in average condition	4
	Adequate number in good/average condition	3
	Insufficient seats but in good condition	2
	Insufficient seats in poor condition	1
Toilets	Provided within the park, easy to access, signed and well maintained	5
	Provided within or adjacent to the park, difficult to find, maintenance/condition is average	4
	Provided within the park or adjacent to it and visible, but not well cared for and generally uninviting	3
	Provided within the park or adjacent to it, but in very poor condition and generally avoided by park users	2
	Temporary toilet provision for events only	1

Attributes	Descriptions	Scores
Parking	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces, site clean, tidy, in good condition and well signed	5
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, adequate spaces but maintenance could be better	4
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited spaces, maintenance good or reasonable	3
	Parking provided integral to, or adjacent to the park, limited space, maintenance poor	2
	Parking provision very limited	1
Lighting	Good lighting scheme installed and well maintained	3
	Reasonable lighting scheme installed	2
	Poor lighting scheme	1
Information	Information available for locals and visitors (could be on boards or leaflet form) in some detail	2
	Limited information about the park made available	1
Cleanliness	No evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti	5
	Very limited evidence of litter, dog fouling or graffiti	4
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade B	3
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade C	2
	Litter, dog fouling no worse than Grade D	1
Events programme	Full events programme with supporting leaflets	5
	Full events programme	4
	Events programme is in place which delivers at least one major event each year with some minor events	3
	Some events	2
	An event	1

Note: 'boundaries' includes all types of boundary, such as hedges, railings and gates. the scoring system for bins and seats is essentially the same but scored separately in order to give a comprehensive assessment. In addition, litter is often the subject of public complaints. The 'lighting' category may cover only the main part of a park.

13.1 Green Space Audit Tantony Green

Name	Tantony Green					
Location	1					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	16300 m sq.					
Open / locked	open					
Connections	residential roads around perimeter					
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y	4	1-4	2	M	
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	Y	8		2	M	
Litter bins	Y	6		3	M	More needed
Recycling	N					
Lighting	Y	2		2	M	
Pathways / cycleways	Y			4	G	perimeter path
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			1	G	
WCs	N					
Play equipment	Y			2	P	
Sports Courts	Y			5	G	Fairly new
Pitches	Y			3	P	Small football pitch with no markings
Car parking	N			1		
Historic features	N					
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			2	M	
Grass areas	Y			2	M	Lots of weeds
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			1	M	
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			3	G	
Easements or licences for access	Y					
Services routes	Y					
Storage / depot	N					
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme	Y			3		Weekly women's cycle club run by Sustrans
Information	Y			1		
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			1			
ISSUES						
Maintenance						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.2 Play Area Audit

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Assessment sheet</h2>		Tantony Green
Type of play space or facility		
Type A: Doorstep <input type="checkbox"/>	Type B: Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Type C: Neighbourhood <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Type A: Door-step space or facility: A small space, within sight of home, where children, especially young children can play within view of known adults</p> <p>Type B: Local spaces and facilities: A larger space which can be reached safely by children beginning to travel independently and with friends, without accompanying adults and for adults with young children to walk to with ease.</p> <p>Type C: Neighbourhood spaces and facilities: A larger space or facility for informal recreation which children and young people, used to travelling longer distances independently, can get to safely and spend time in play and informal recreation with their peers and have a wider range of play experiences.</p>		
Name of assessor	Pamela Rayfield	
Date of assessment	5th July 2016	
Time	13.30	Weather Windy, cloudy/partly sunny
<h4>Description of the site and its surroundings</h4> <p>Which aspects of the site are being assessed?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - two fenced / gated play areas with equipment and hard surfacing - equipment set into grass, unfenced with elements of 'natural play' 		
<h4>First impressions of the site</h4> <p>Include first impressions about the site, including location, hazards, overall look and feel, for example: does it look and feel friendly?</p> <p>Unfriendly; untidy, messy, lots of weeds and rubbish, generally not well-maintained. Equipment in grass is broken and equipment in fenced area is old and tired. Traffic cones suggest hazards and exposed scres and glass are noted. Two areas being fenced presents an excess of fencing in an already fenced park.</p>		
<h4>Judgements for planning (to be completed after the assessment)</h4> <p>What needs to be considered for this site when making future planning decisions?</p>		

5	Excellent	2	Weaknesses, improvements needed
4	Good	1	Serious weaknesses, improvement needed
3	Average, needs some improvement		
Involvement of children		Score	Comments
Involvement of children		NA	
Location (max score A=35, B=35, C=35)		Score	Comments
Informal oversight		4	Lots of perimeter housing
Well used by children		2	Using MUGA, football pitches not play areas
Getting there		3	
Personal safety, lighting and security		2	MUGA lights off at 7.30pm
Accessibility in getting there		3/4	Paths are wide and well surfaced
Meeting other children			
Designed for the site		2	Off the shelf area not many bespoke features
TOTAL		16	
Final score: total as % of max			
Play value (max score A=40, B=50, C=50)		Score	Comments
Enticing to children to play		3	
Inclusion of disabled children		2	Lack of DDA kit, 1 basket swing in long grass
Play needs of different ages (Type B and C only)		3	Lack for teenagers & juniors (old kit)
Movement		3	swinging, spinning, rocking
Imaginative play ages (Type B and C only)		1	
Ball games		4	MUGA & Basket ball hoop, football goals
Loose parts		1	
Access to the natural environment		2/3	Mounds, trees and grass but overgrown
Places for children to sit		3	Boulders & teenage seating area
Play opportunities for disabled children		2	
Added play value			
TOTAL		24	
Final score: total as % of max			
Care and maintenance (max score A=25, B=35, C=35)		Score	Comments
Well maintained		1	
Health and safety		1	
Seating for adults		2	3 x benches on one side of fenced area
Litter bins		3	2 bins in fenced area
Dog free zones		4	
Presence of supervisory adults (Type B and C only)		1	
Toilets/changing facilities (Type B and C only)		1	
TOTAL		13	
Final score: total as % of max			

13.3 Green Spaces Audit – Padnall Court

Name	Padnall Court					
Location	2					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	5600m sq.					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y	4	1-4	1		
Buildings	Y	4		2	P	
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	N					
Recycling	Y	6		3	M	
Lighting	Y	2		2	M	Not enough
Pathways / cycleways	Y	1		4	G	
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	N					
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	Y	2		2	M	
Historic features	N					
TPO trees	N					
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			1	P	
Grass areas	Y			4	M	
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	N					moderate weeding needed
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y	1		4	G	
Easements or licences for access	N					
Services routes	Y					
Storage / depot	N					
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme	N					
Information	N					
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			2			Few bits of litter floating around, no graffiti
ISSUES						
Balconies for 1st/2nd floor flats only						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.5 Green Spaces Audit – Rolls Grove

Name	Rolls Grove					
Location	4					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	5080m sq.					
Open / locked	locked					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	1	G	very private pleasant feel
Buildings	Y			3	M	
Seats / benches	Y			3	G	
Litter bins	N					
Recycling	Y			5	G	
Lighting	Y			3	G	
Pathways / cycleways	Y			3	G	
Cycle parking	Y			4	G	
Signage / information	N					
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	N					
TPO trees	N					
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			5	VG	
Grass areas	Y			4	G	
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			4	G	mature shrubs and trees
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	N					
Easements or licences for access						
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			5			
ISSUES						
Private ownership?						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.6 Green Spaces Audit – Longhayes Court

Name	Longhayes Court					
Location	5					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	5580m sq.					
Open / locked	open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	3		
Buildings	N					not surrounded by buildings all around, much nicer feel to other courtyards
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	Y			5	G	
Recycling	Y			5	G	
Lighting	Y			2	G	
Pathways / cycleways	Y			2	G	
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			2	G	New recycling information
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	Y			1		
Historic features	N					
TPO trees	N					
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			3	G	
Grass areas	Y			5	G	
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			2		view of mature trees borrowed from gardens to the rear
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			5		Lots of through traffic
Easements or licences for access						
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness						
ISSUES						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.7 Green Spaces Audit – Padnall Lake

Name	Padnall Lake					
Location	6					
Ownership	LBBDD					
Approximate Size	14850m sq.					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	1		
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	Y			5		
Litter bins	Y			3		
Recycling	N					
Lighting	Y			2		Not fully lit
Pathways / cycleways	Y			4		
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			1		
WCs	N					
Play equipment	Y			3		Balance trail
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	?					
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			2		
Grass areas	Y			2		
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			3		
Water bodies	Y			2		Lots of birdlife, good species variety. Water quite dirty
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			4		
Easements or licences for access	Y	1				
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme	N					
Information	?					Friends of Padnall Lake Group'
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			1			
ISSUES						
bird faeces						
noise from A12 on South side of lake						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.8 Green Spaces Audit – North of A12

Name	Linear space just North of A12					
Location	7					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	30127					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	3	G	
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	Y	3		2	M	
Recycling	N					Only for residents
Lighting	Y			3	G	
Pathways / cycleways	Y			5	M	
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			2	G	Excellent maps generated by local children - see images
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	Y			1		
Historic features	N					
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			2	M	Mix of chicken wire and rails
Grass areas	Y			4	G	
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			2		long grass edges and sides to subway, some mature trees
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			5	M	
Easements or licences for access						
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						mounded grass area under trees provides pleasant place for sitting and comfortable refuge
USEAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			5			
ISSUES						
One small bit of graffiti						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.9 Green Spaces Audit – Open Green Sheepcotes

Name	Open green					
Location	8					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	1110m sq.					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	N		1-4			
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	N					
Recycling	N					
Lighting	Y			3	VG	
Pathways / cycleways	N					
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	N					
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	N					
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	N					housing adjacent
Grass areas	Y			3		
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			2		
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			5	G	
Easements or licences for access	N					
Services routes	N					
Storage / depot	N					
Other						trees give area some definition and shade
USAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			4			
ISSUES						
Small amount of litter						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.10 Green Spaces Audit – Open Green Padnall

Name	Open Green Padnall					
Location	9					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	858m sq.					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	N		1-4			
Buildings	Y					Bungalows on 3 sides
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	N					
Recycling	N					
Lighting	Y					
Pathways / cycleways	N			3		
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	N					
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	N					
TPO trees	N					
Boundary types / hedgerows	N					
Grass areas	Y			5		
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	N					
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	Y			5		
Easements or licences for access						
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						Very nice setting for bungalows, mature trees give pleasant definition and focal point
USEAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			5			
ISSUES						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.11 Green Spaces Audit – Marks Gate Cemetery

Name	St Marks Cemetery					
Location	10					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	66350m sq.					
Open / locked	Open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	4	G	
Buildings	Y			4		
Seats / benches	Y	6		2		
Litter bins	Y	5		3		
Recycling	N					
Lighting	N					
Pathways / cycleways	Y			3	G	
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			1		
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	Y			1		lack of clear parking area
Historic features	?					Cultural and heritage value
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			3		
Grass areas	Y			5		
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			4		
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	N					
Easements or licences for access	Y					
Services routes	Y					
Storage / depot	Y					Top soil storage area
Other						
USAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			5			
ISSUES						
Parking						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

13.12 Green Spaces Audit – Kingston Hill Recreation Ground

Name	Kingston Hill Recreation Ground					
Location	11					
Ownership	LBBD					
Approximate Size	4830m sq.					
Open / locked	Open with gate					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	Y		1-4	4	VG	
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	Y	3		3	VG	
Recycling	N					
Lighting	N					
Pathways / cycleways	N					
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	Y			1		
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	N					
TPO trees	N					
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			3	G	
Grass areas	Y			5	G	
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			2		
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	N					
Easements or licences for access						Good strong double gate
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						
USEAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness						
ISSUES						
Resident asked for path and seats						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

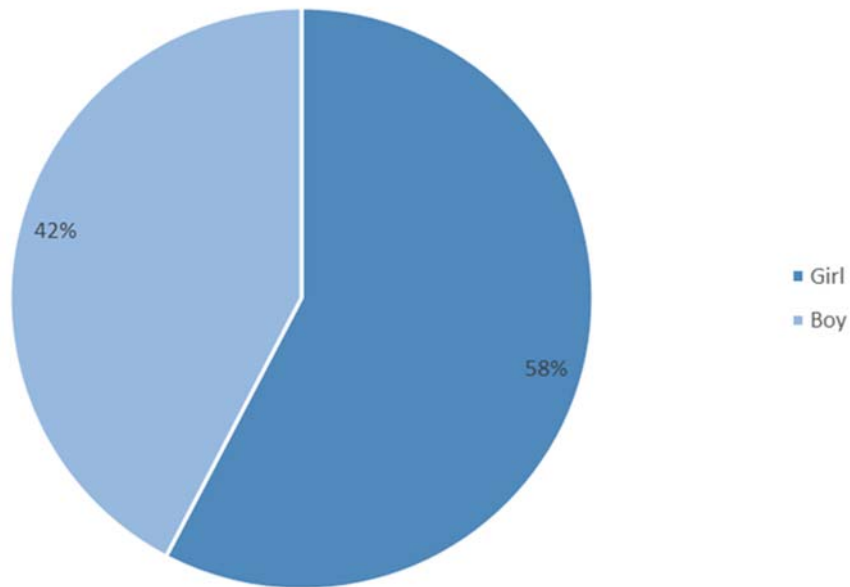
13.13 Green Spaces Audit – Whalebone linear verge

Name	Whalebone linear verge					
Location	12					
Ownership	LBDD					
Approximate Size	5720m sq.					
Open / locked	open					
Connections						
FEATURES	Present? Yes/No	No.	Quality - higher number better		Condition P,M,G, VG (see below)	Comments
			Allowable range	entry		
Entrances	N		1-4			
Buildings	N					
Seats / benches	N					
Litter bins	N					
Recycling	N					
Lighting	Y			3		
Pathways / cycleways	Y			3		Minimal connections
Cycle parking	N					
Signage / information	N					
WCs	N					
Play equipment	N					
Sports Courts	N					
Pitches	N					
Car parking	N					
Historic features	N					
TPO trees						
Boundary types / hedgerows	Y			2	M	Low knee rail on road side, broken in places
Grass areas	Y			4		
Ecology / habitats / planted areas	Y			4		Shrubs and trees
Water bodies	N					
Public footpath / rights of ways	N					
Easements or licences for access						
Services routes						
Storage / depot						
Other						Screens the road to give houses more private feel
USAGE						
Events programme						
Information						
MAINTENANCE REGIME						
Cleanliness			4			
ISSUES						
Notes						
Condition should be rated as:	poor	items in need of replacement or substantial repair				
	moderate	items in need of some maintenance but fundamentally sound				
	good	items are well maintained and functioning				
	very good	items are in excellent condition, functioning well and maintained to a high standard				
Quality should be rated with reference to the quality scoring system. This can range from 1-2 to 1-5						

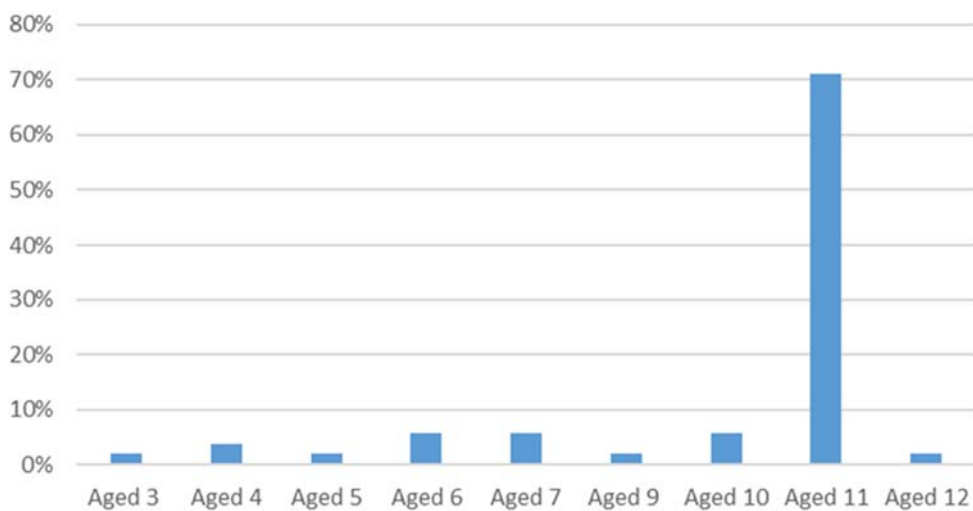
14 Appendix F - Questionnaire Results Data

14.1 Children's Survey

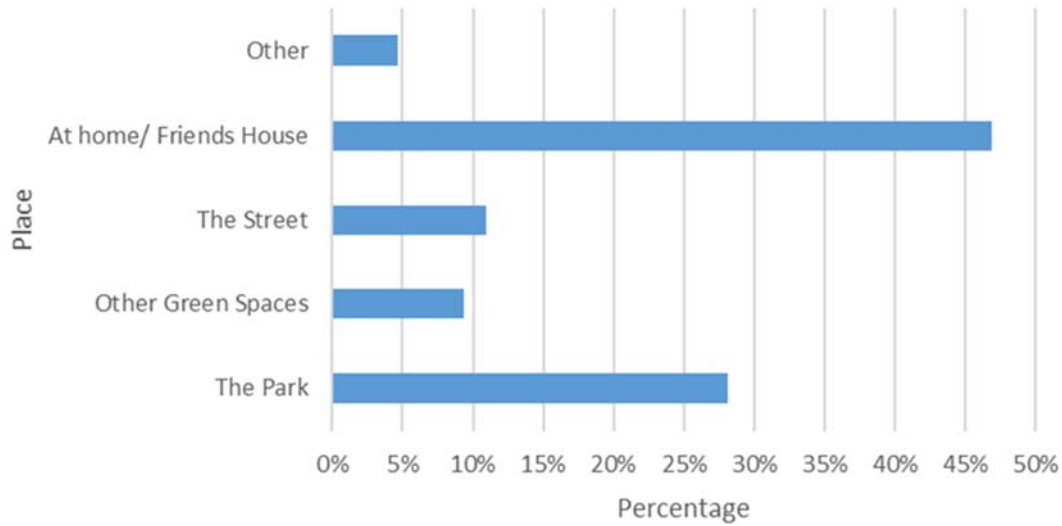
14.1.1 Are you a boy or a girl?



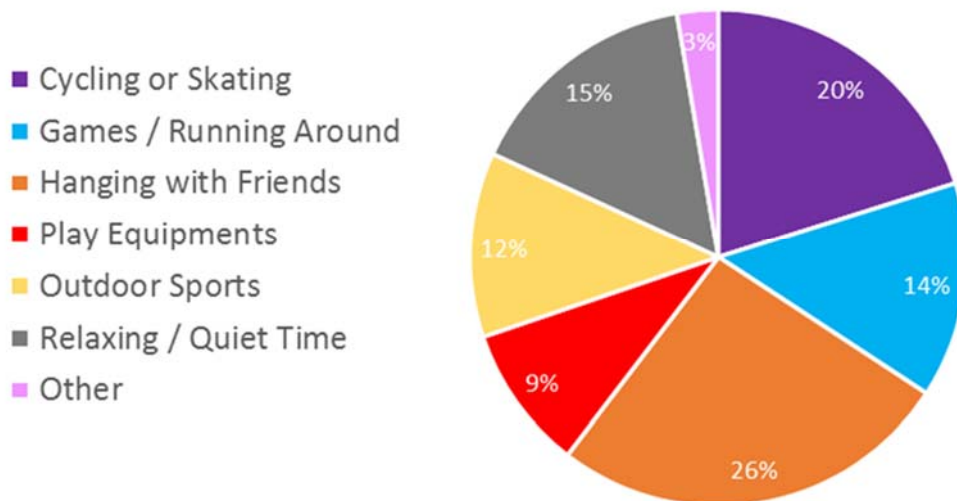
14.1.2 How old are you?



14.1.3 Where is your favourite place to play outside?

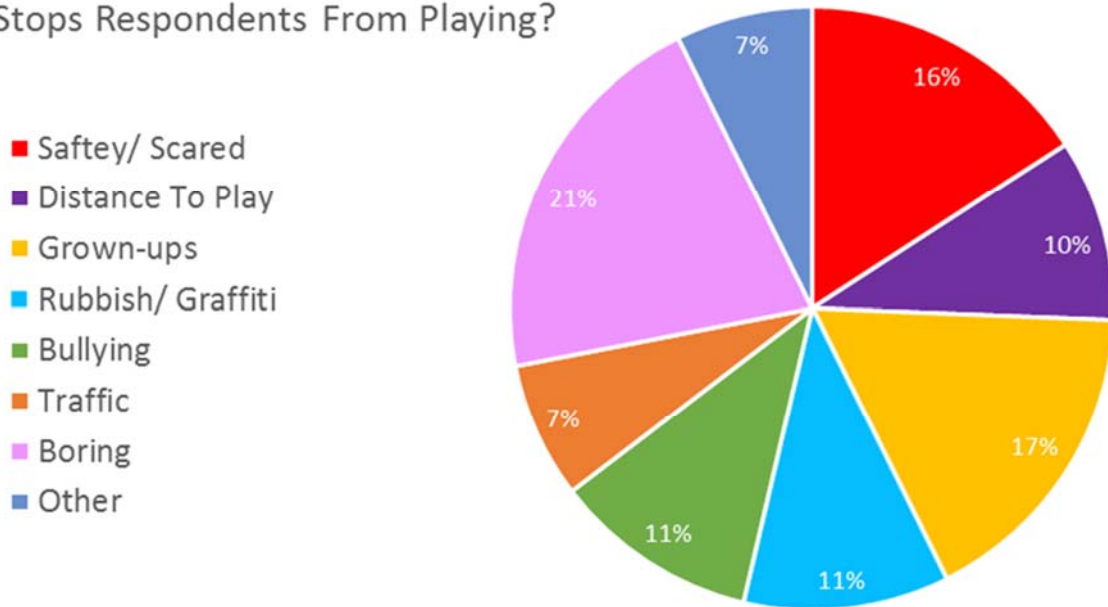


14.1.4 What do you enjoy doing when you play outside?

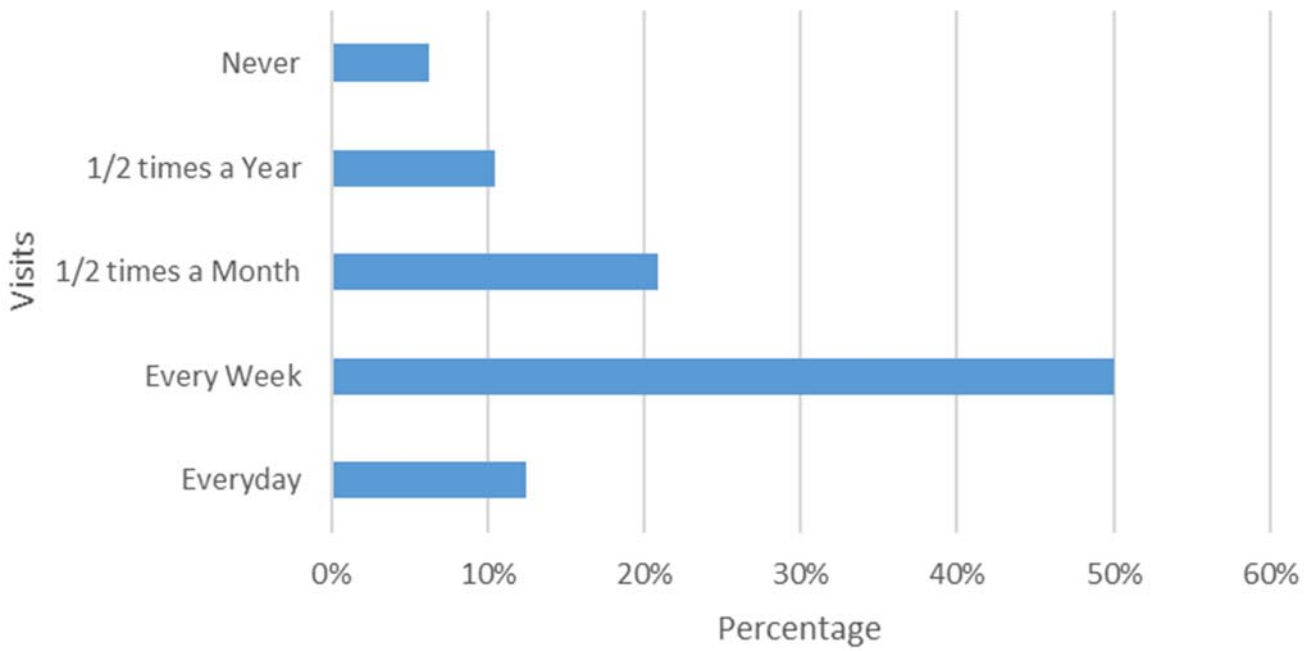


14.1.5 Is there anything that stops you from playing outside more often?

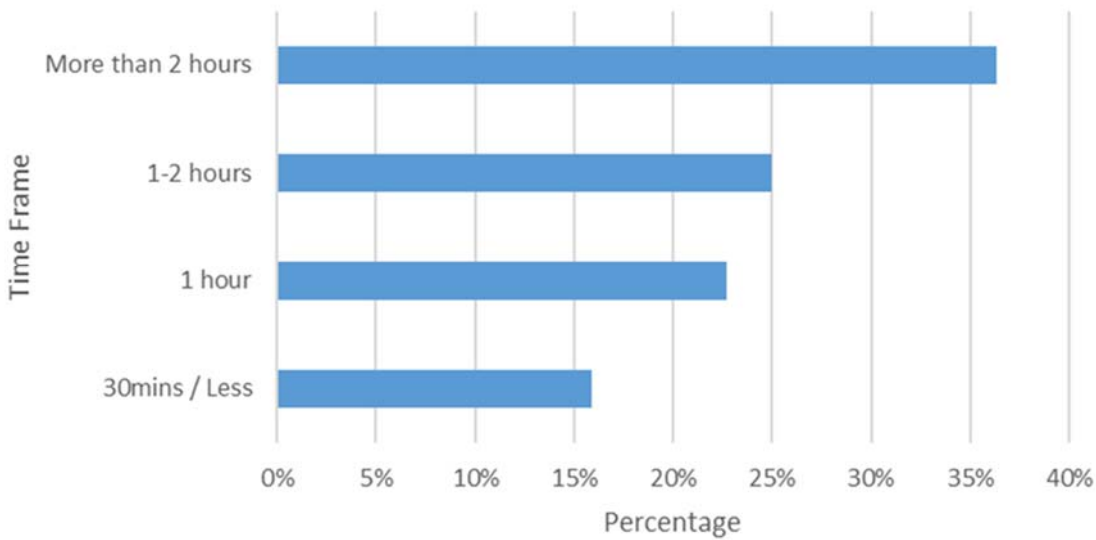
What Stops Respondents From Playing?



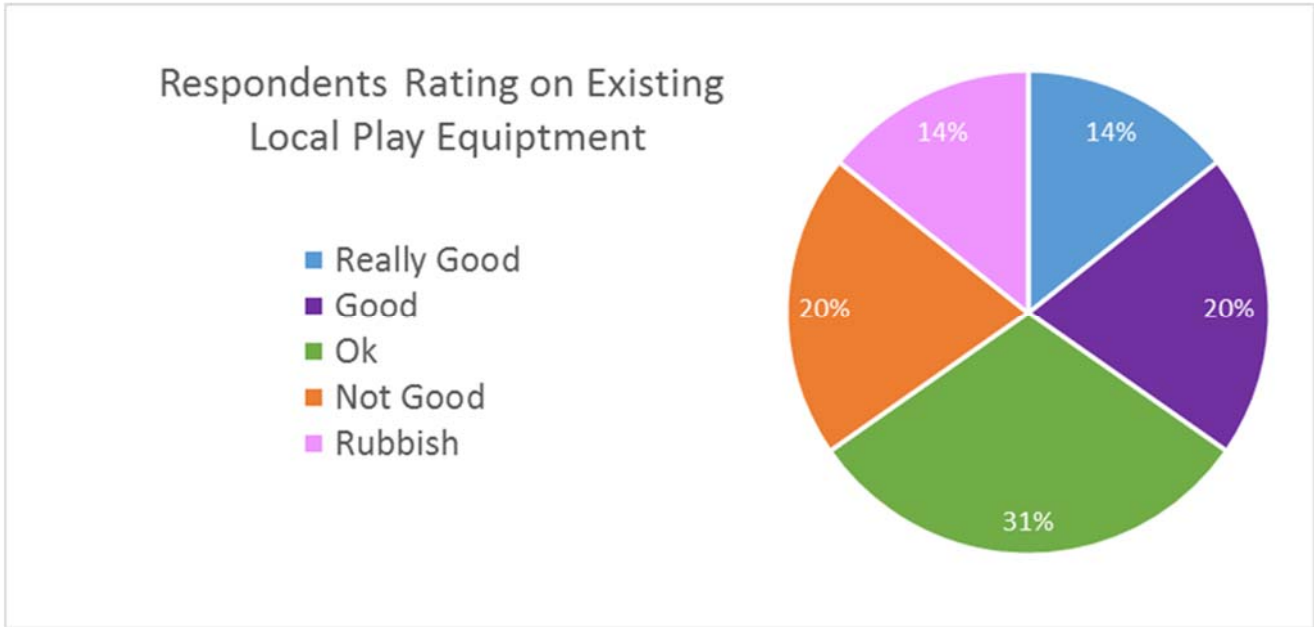
14.1.6 How often do you go to the local park?



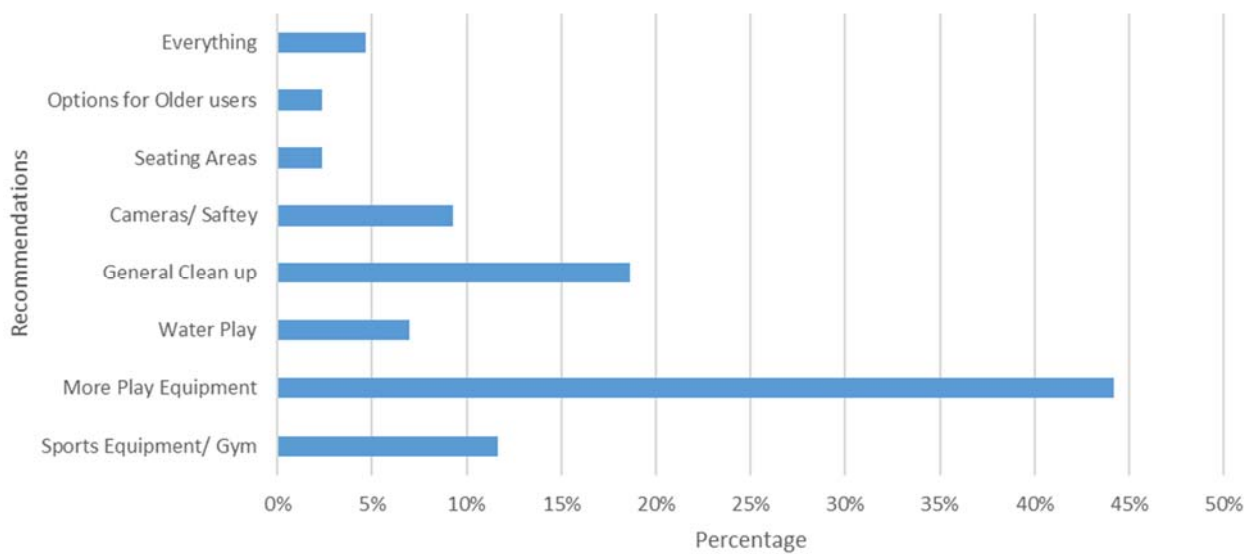
14.1.7 How long do you normally spend in the park?



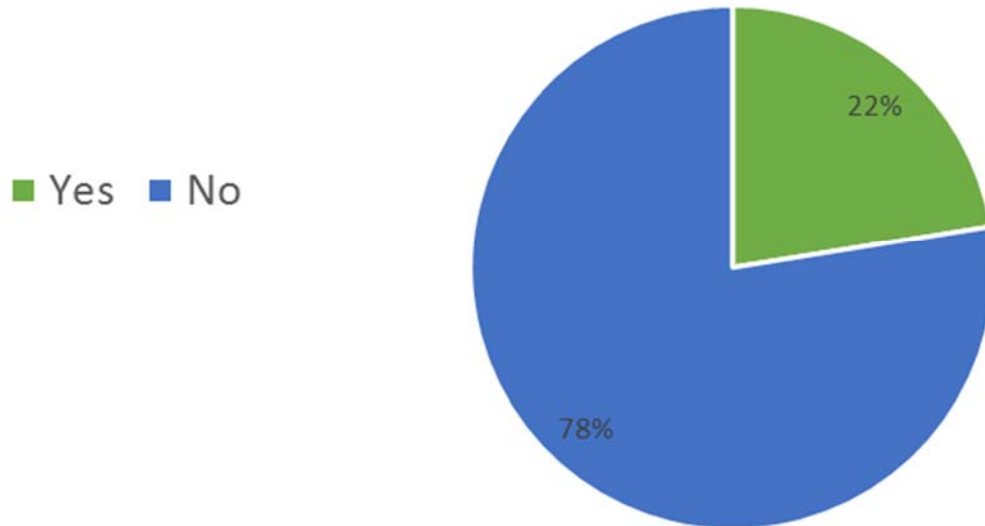
14.1.8 How would you rate the play equipment in your local park?



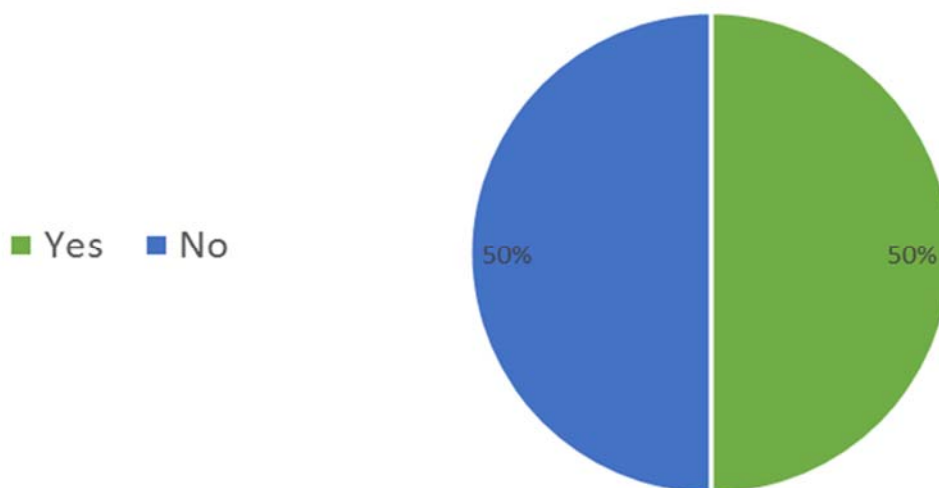
14.1.9 Is there anything that would make the play area better?



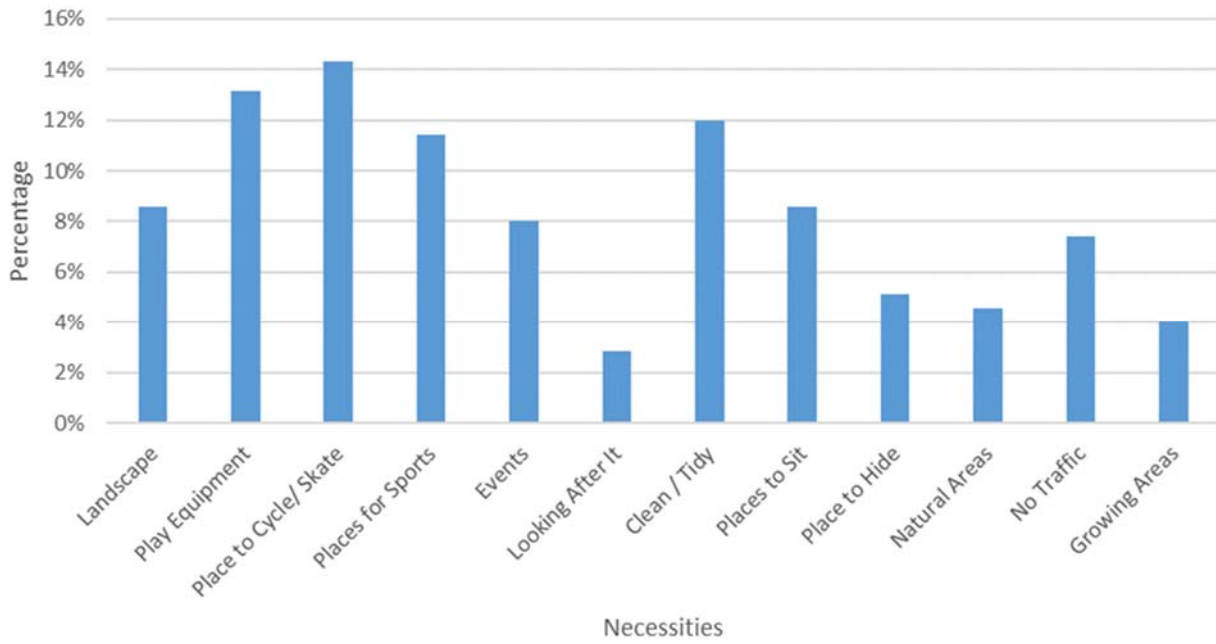
14.1.10 Have you ever joined in any organised activities or events in the local parks?



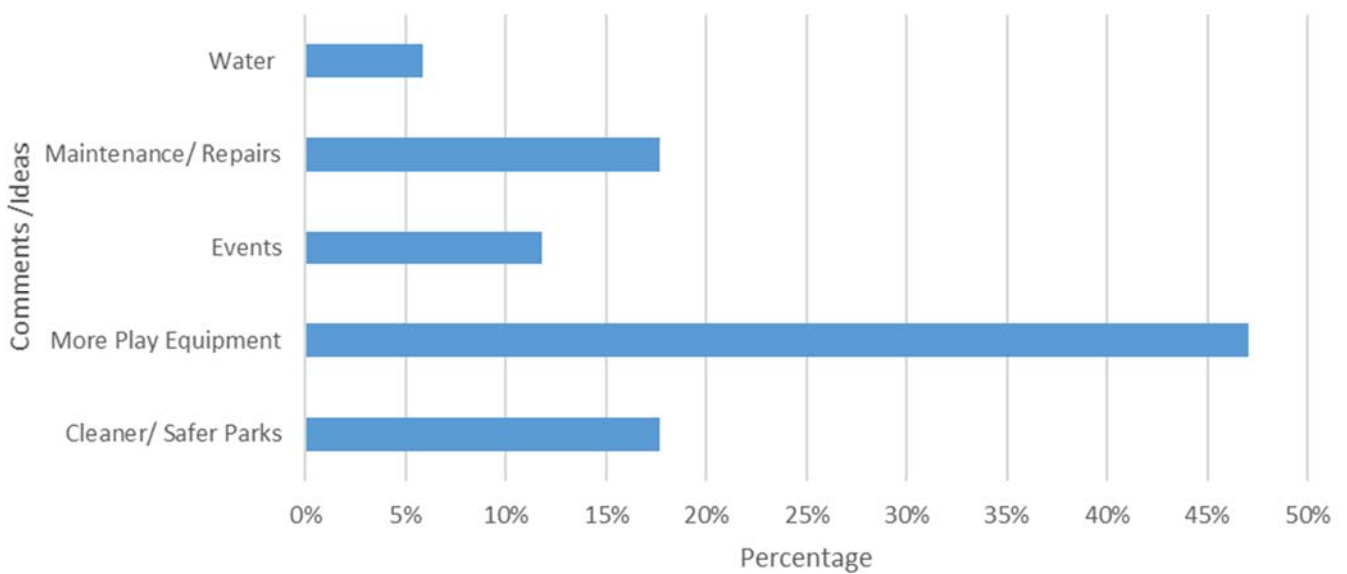
14.1.11 Do you go to any clubs, play centres or after school clubs?



14.1.12 If you think about the perfect place to play... what would be the most important things about it?



14.1.13 Please give us any other of your ideas, comments or drawing below.



14.2 Adult's Survey

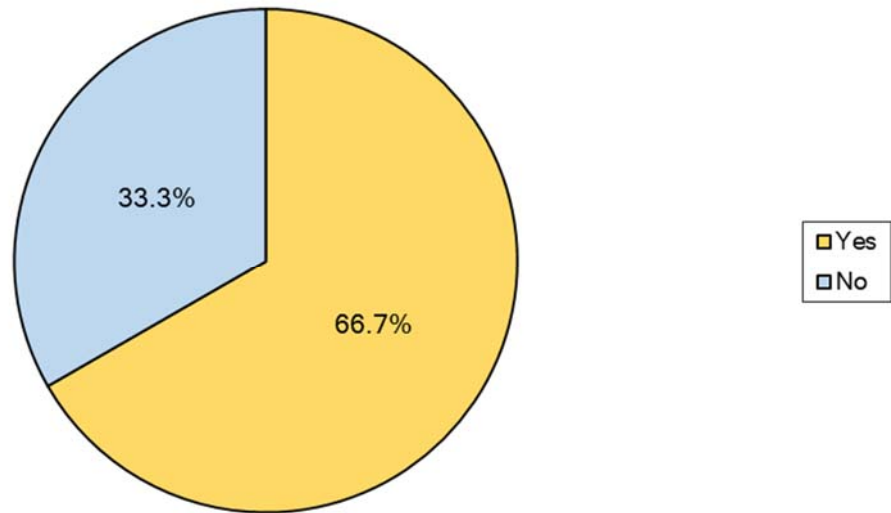
14.2.1 Which road do you live on?

14.2.1.1 The roads that were given are included in the table below, those highlighted bold indicates multiple representatives from that road.

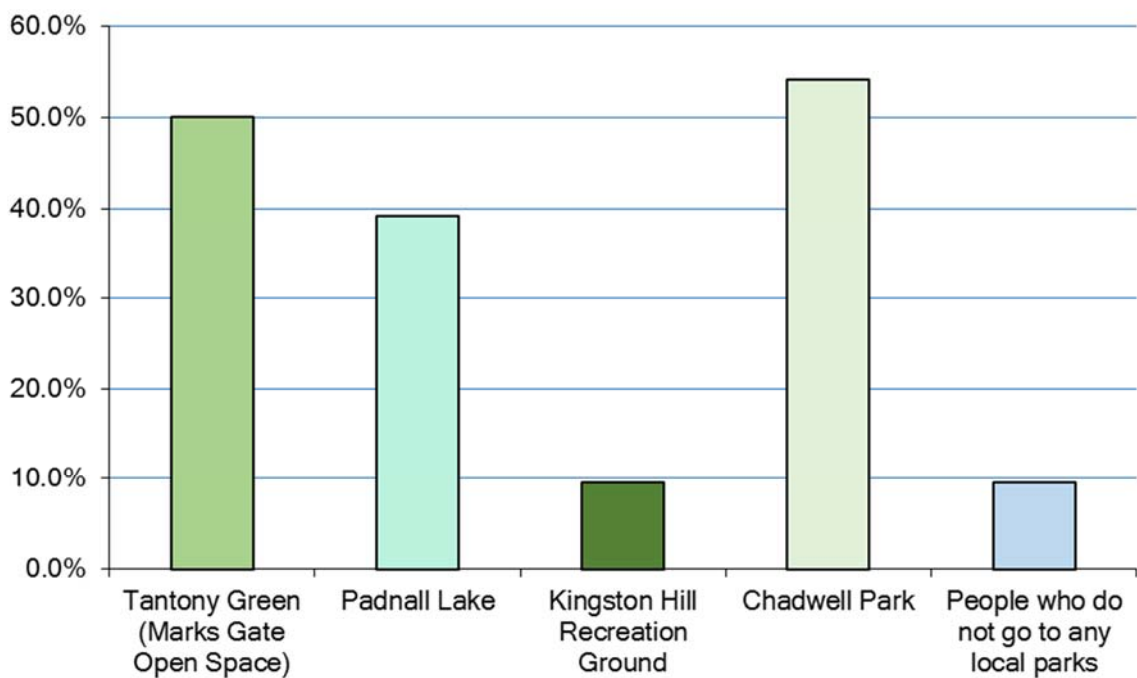
Adelaide Gdns	Huxley Drive
Arneways Avenue	Kingston Close
Beansland Grove	Kingston Hill
Beresford gardens	Kingston Hill Avenue
BILLET road	Lansbury Avenue
Chadville Gardens	Lake Road
Chadwell Heath Lane	Longhayes Court
Coral Close	Newhouse Avenue
Crabtree Avenue	Padnall Road
East Road	Portland close
Dagenham East Station	Portland Gardens
Donald Drive	Roles grove
Gibbfield Close	Rose Lane
Gregory Road	Thatches Grove
Havering Gardens	Tolworth Gardens

Hatch Grove	Uplands Road
Hazel Grove	Verney Road
High view house	Whalebone Grove

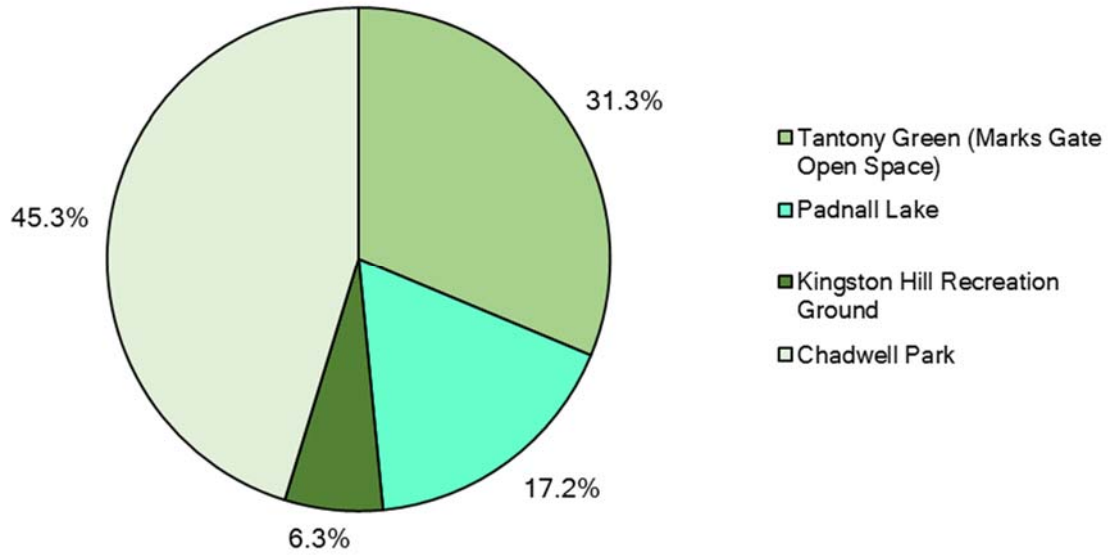
14.2.2 Do you work or volunteer in the Marks Gate area?



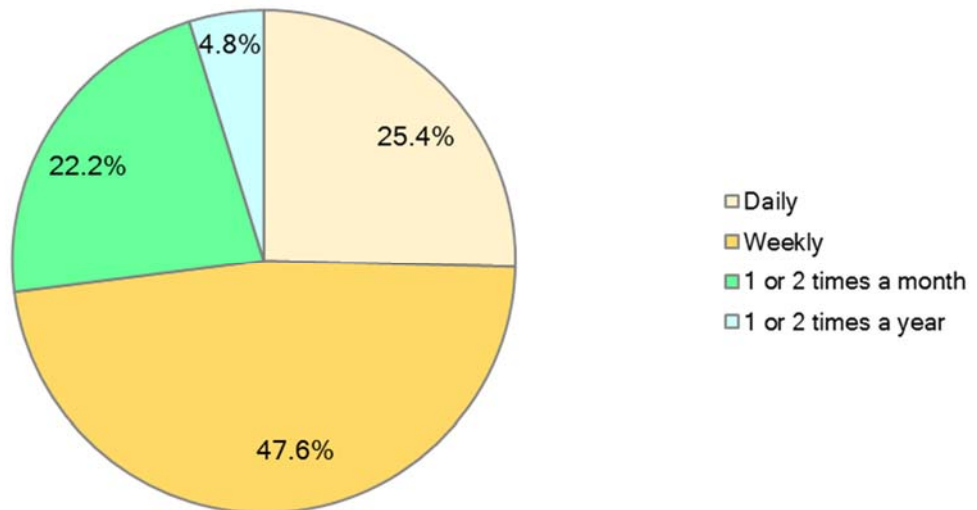
14.2.3 Which of these local park spaces do you use?



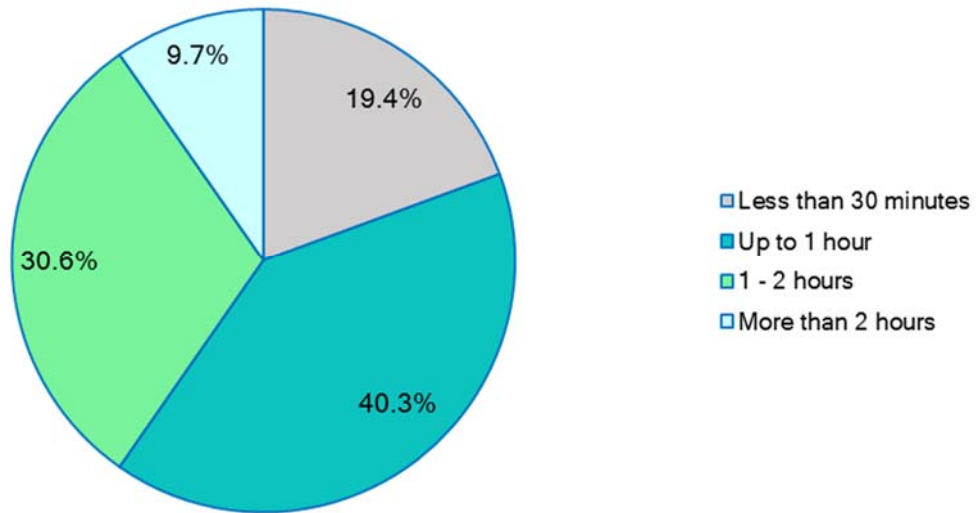
14.2.4 Which local park do you use the most?



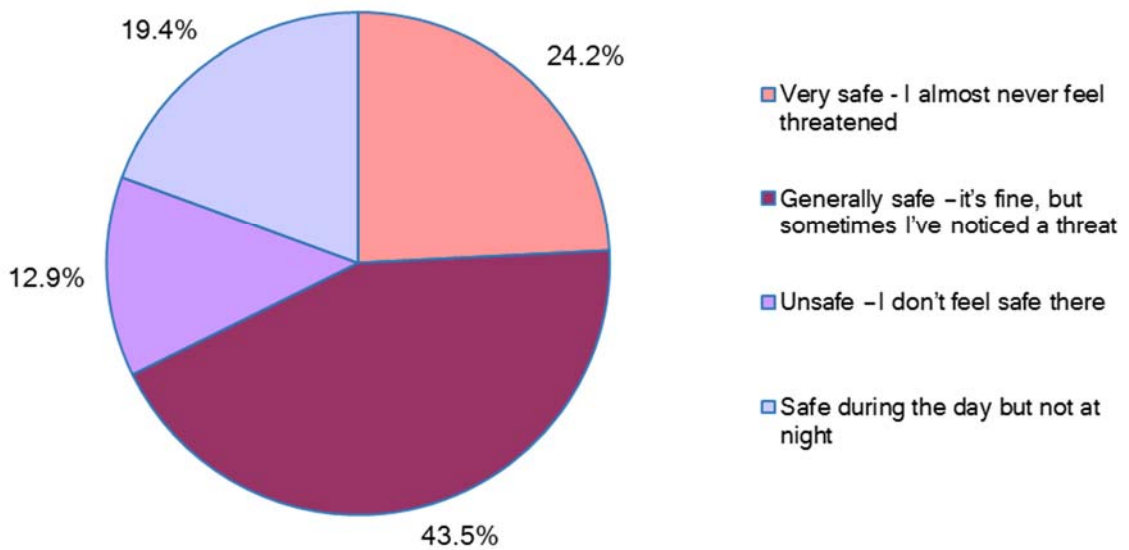
14.2.5 How often do you go to the local park?



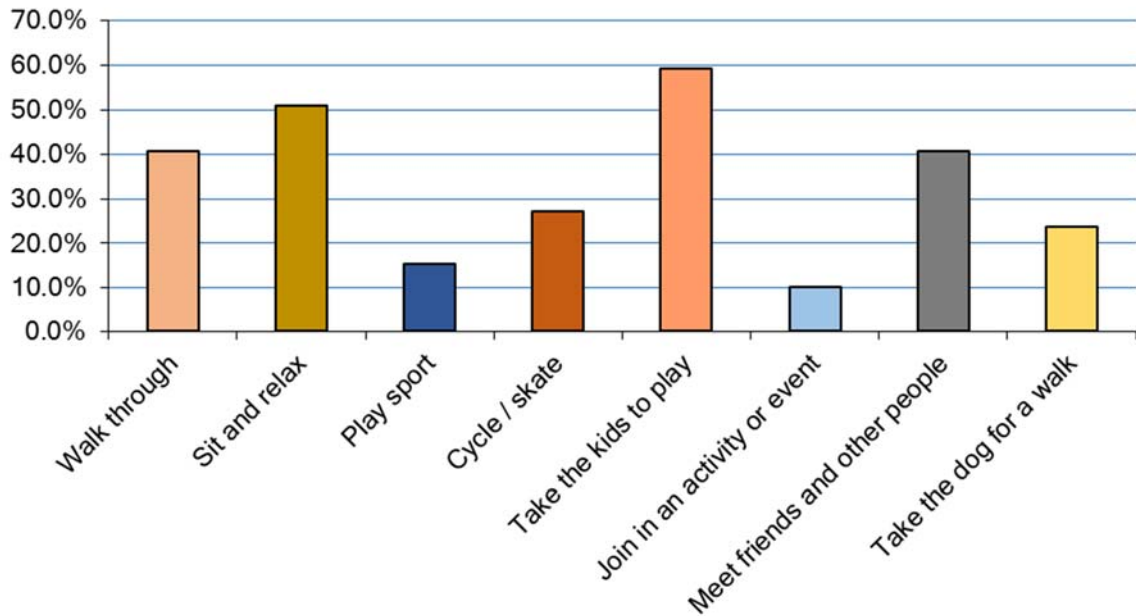
14.2.6 How long do you spend at the local park?



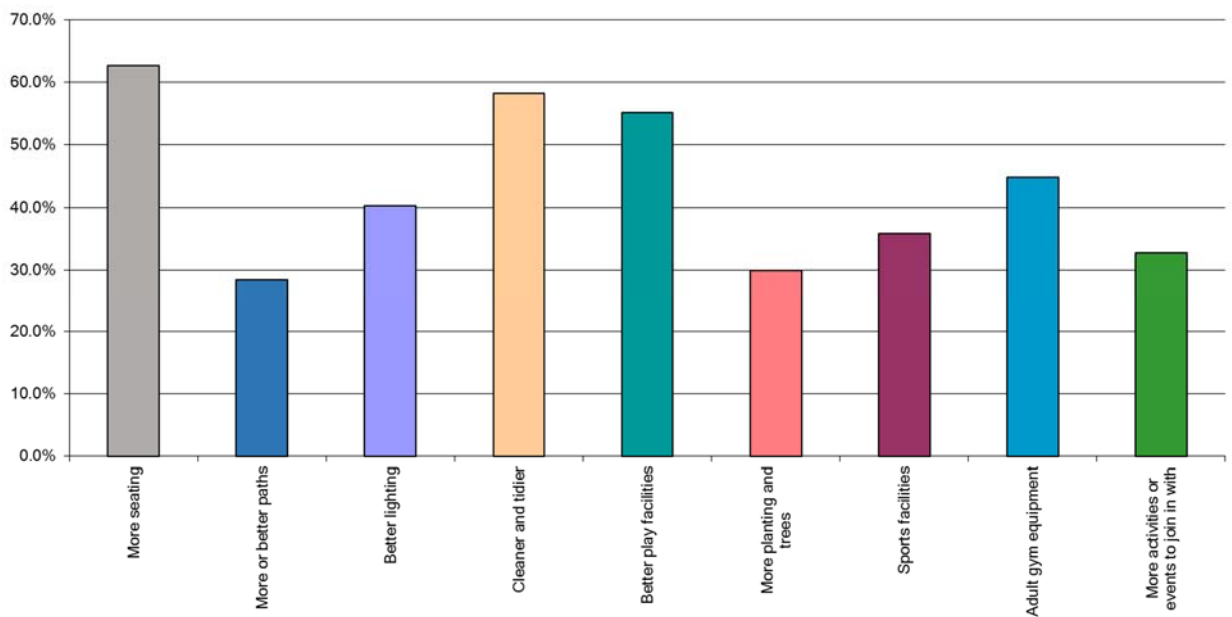
14.2.7 How safe do you feel in the park?



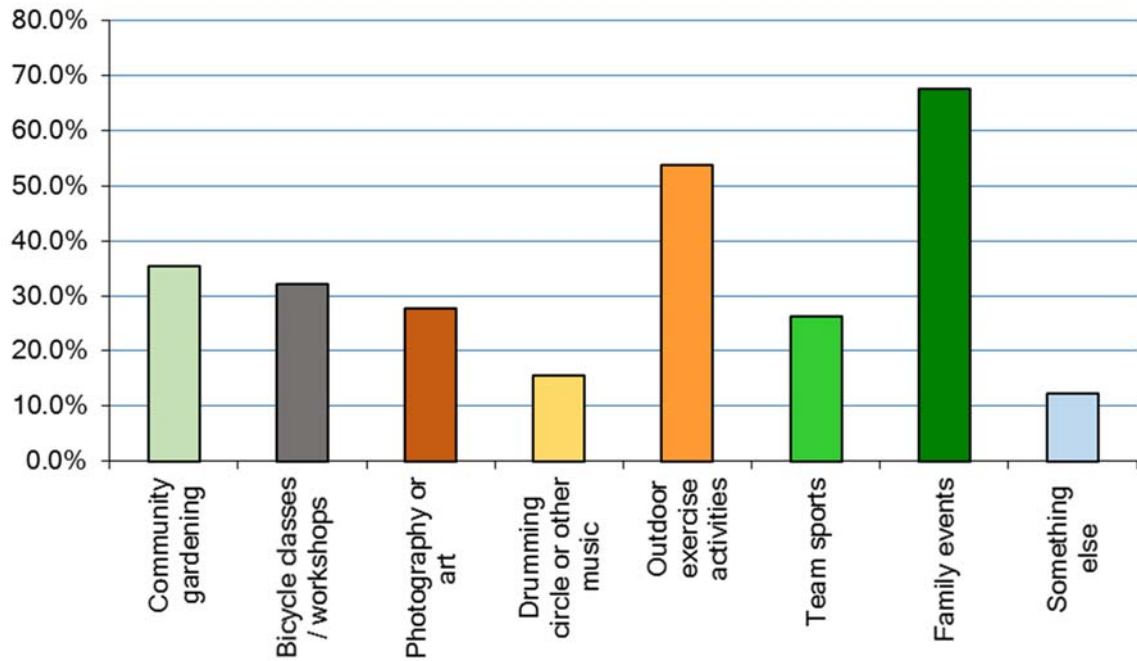
14.2.8 What do you do when you go to the park?



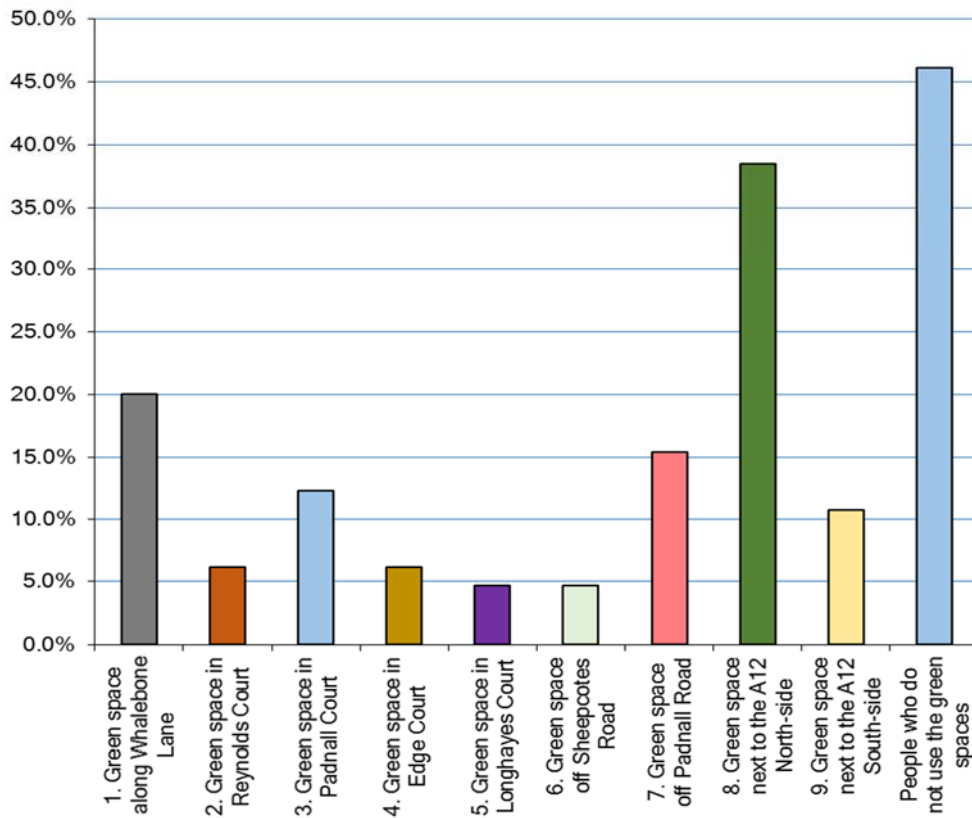
14.2.9 What would you like to see to make the park better?



14.2.10 What kind of activities or events would you enjoy?

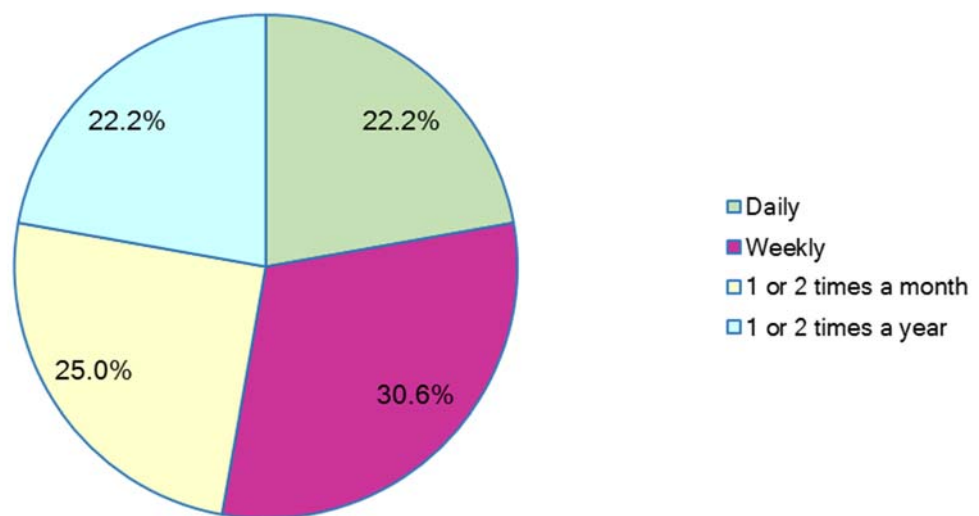


14.2.11 Which of the local streets green spaces do you use? If you do not use the green spaces, please say why.

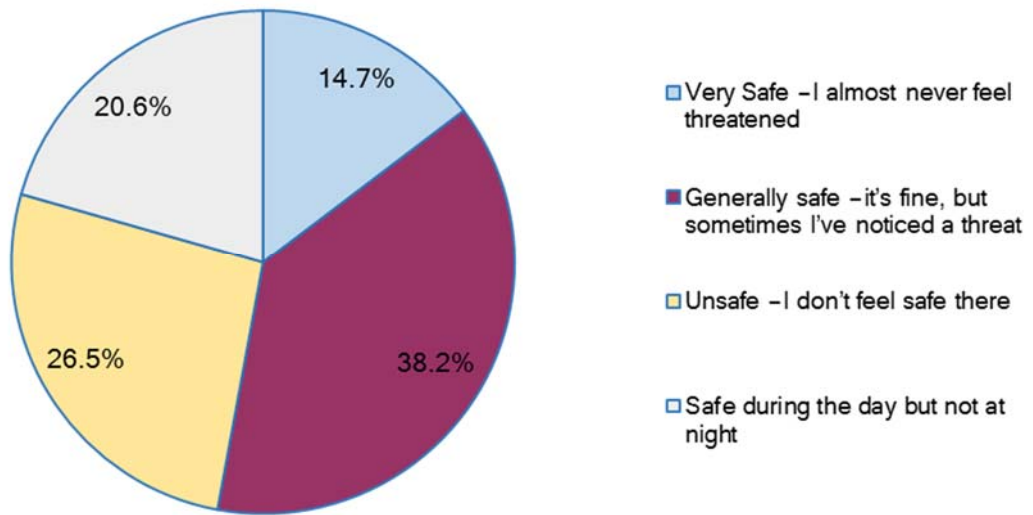


14.2.11.1 Many respondents do not use the green spaces because they do not live there with some stating they had no reason to use them. However, some also felt that it is too dangerous and unclean, particularly so if visiting with young children.

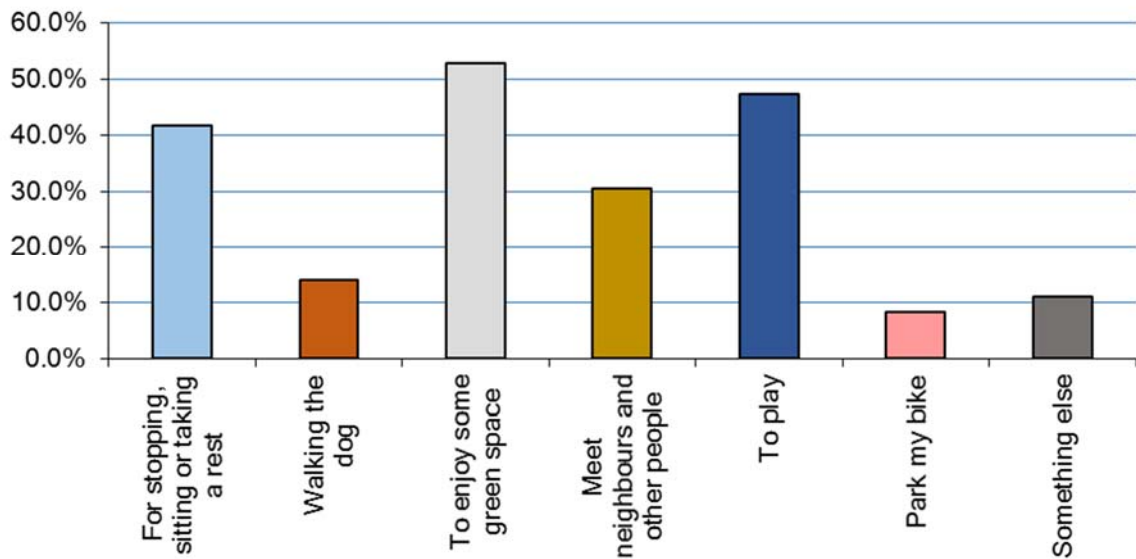
14.2.12 How often do you make use of the green spaces on the street?



14.2.13 How safe do you feel in the green spaces on the street?

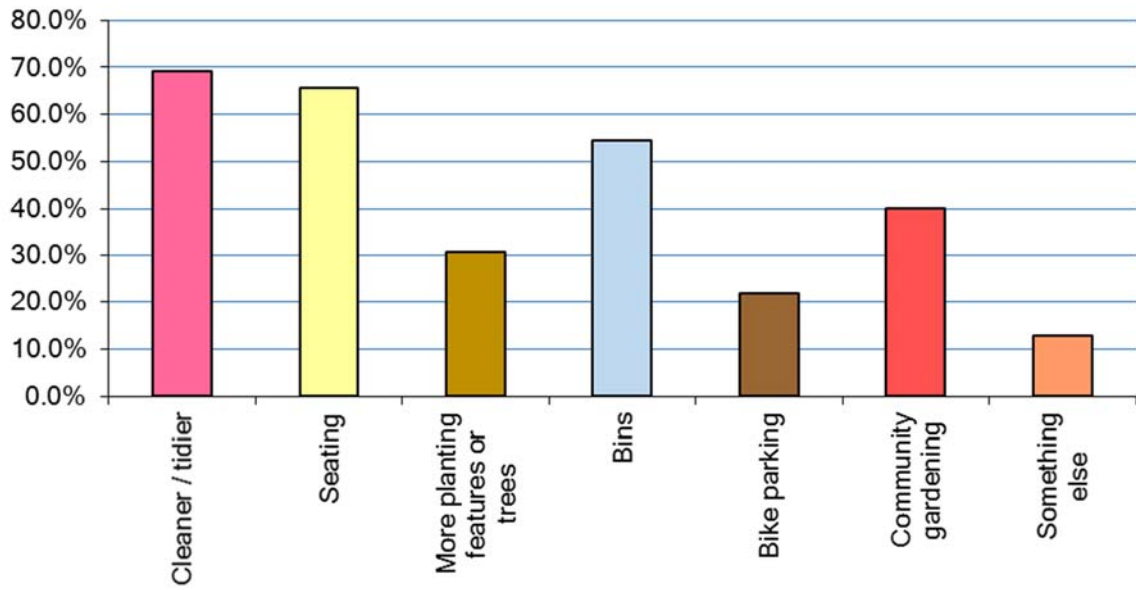


14.3 How do you use the green spaces on the streets?



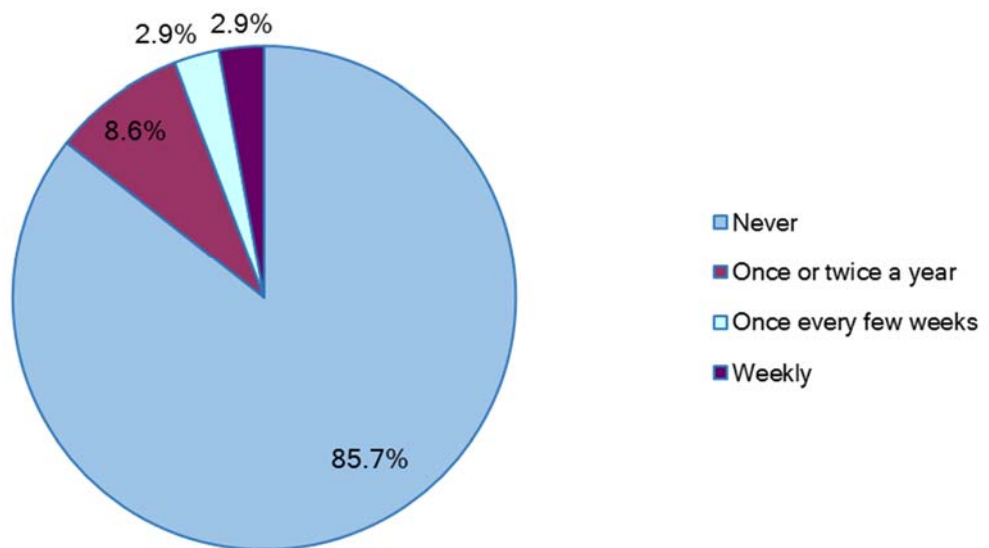
14.3.1.1 Others also used the green spaces in the streets for walking with their children or for using the lake to feed the ducks.

14.3.2 What could make the green spaces better?

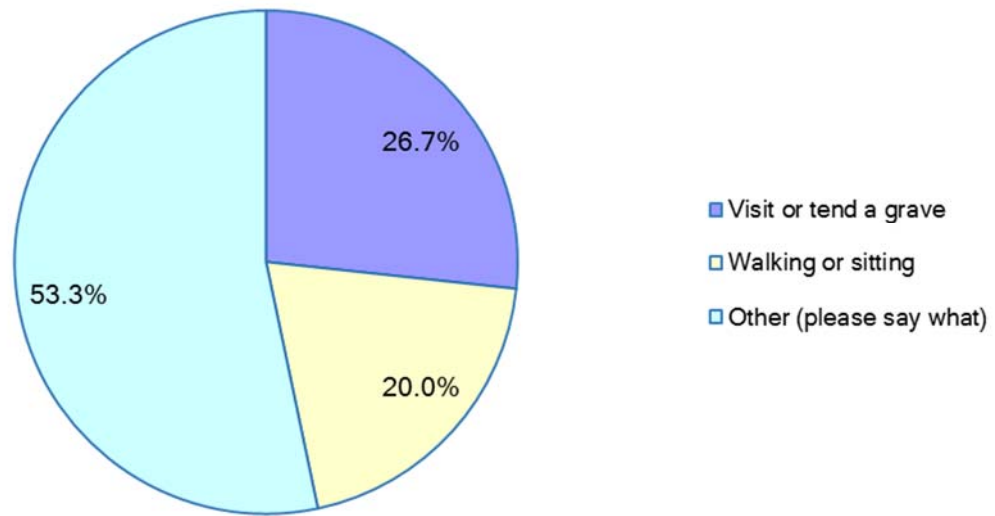


14.3.2.1 Others suggested a multi-gym, chess boards, toilets, water fountains and community policing.

14.3.3 How often do you visit the cemetery?



14.3.4 What is your main reason for going there?



14.3.5 Do you have any ideas of how to make the local green spaces on the streets better?

14.3.5.1 The comments received can be broadly grouped into several overarching themes:

Play and children:

- Bring back the park keeper and the hiring of bat and ball etc. like when I was a kid.
- Play parks for kids
- And have activities for kids to get involved in ...i.e. football on Saturday and Sunday mornings... yoga for all
- More playing facilities for children
- Have more there for the kids to enjoy with an area for picnics.

Safety

- Control unsafe behaviour; people smoking, drug use, alcohol abuse.
- Safer for children

Community

- Community taking responsibility
- Community litter walks - we all need to take responsibility for our local parks etc - Doesn't cost anything - could also be something the park rangers could get involved with. Teaching our young people the impact on our environment.

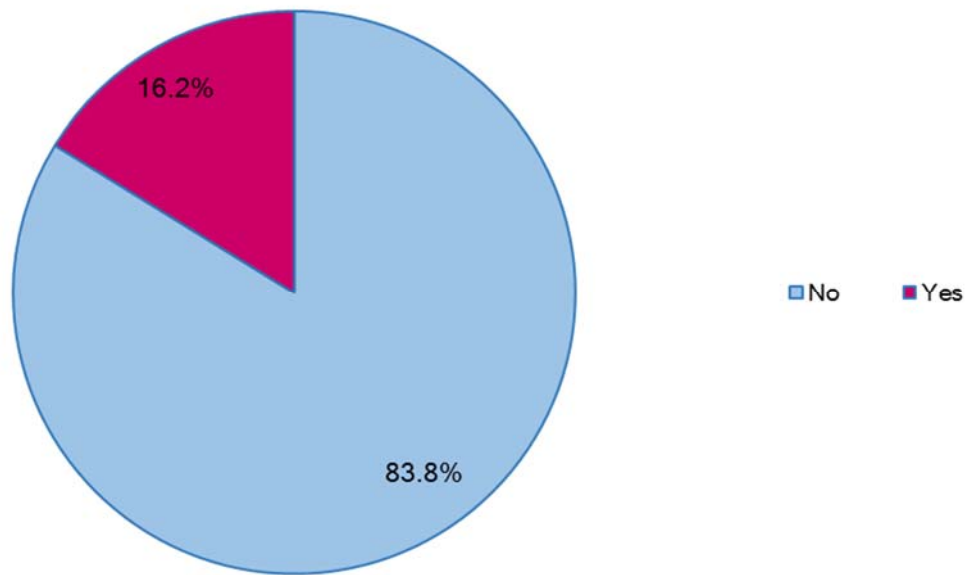
Maintenance

- More rubbish bins and some encouragement for people not to drop litter
- More bins, cleaning and tidying
- Cleaner, more lighting, cameras
- Cleaner and better equipment
- Make it cleaner and safer
- Cleaner, more bins
- Get bin men to do their job daily and pick up all the trash, gardeners need to cut the grass and supervision of local park also gym equipment and seating areas
- By keeping them clean, safe, plenty of bins for dog fouling/Rubbish. Someone to be available, if possible, in case of problems. As in the good old days. 😊
- "First by having them clean and having the grass cutting more regularly would be nice.
- Better monitoring and tending
- Park in Tantony green needs major upgrading. Always untidy and full of glass.

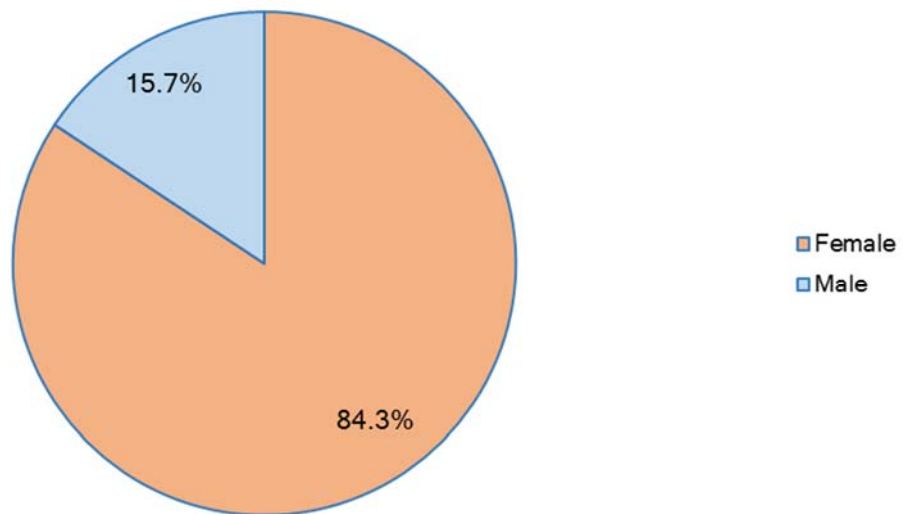
New provision / events

- Seating in Chadwell Park. There are only 3 seats for the whole park. This makes it difficult for elderly or disabled people to go for a walk.
- Water feature, sitting areas, tennis court, flowers, more playground features, equipment, gym, bike park
- Hut for activities, toilets, water features
- Specific area for dog walkers
- Gym in the park is a good idea
- More green and planting, benches.
- More things for adults
- It would be ideal to clear the park and update it new swings new everything. Security as well.
- More seating area.
- Adult gym would be brilliant - very beneficial to all.
- And summer events for local families to enjoy."
- More local shops
- Green along a127 has been abandoned and could be used as a centre for the disabled

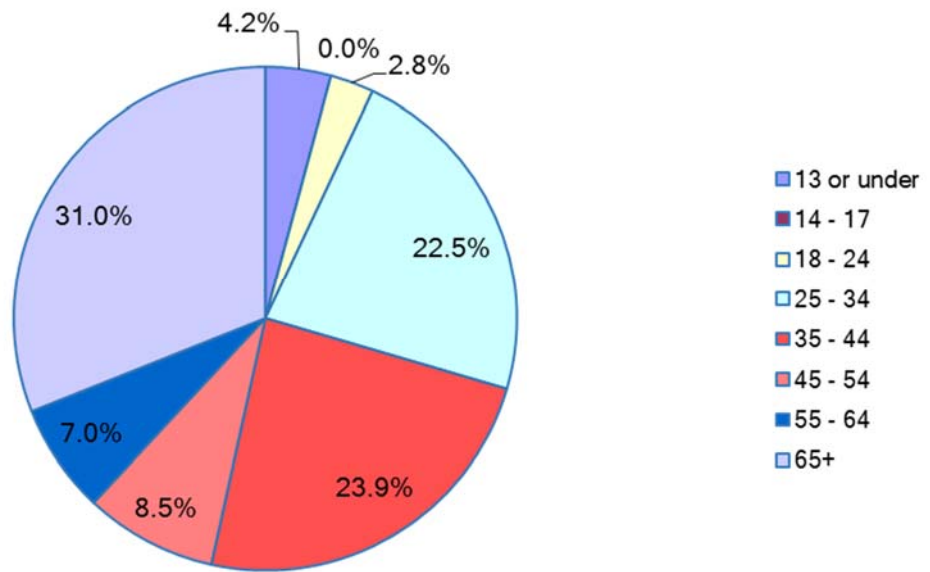
14.3.6 Would you be interested in joining a local 'Friends of Green Spaces' Group?



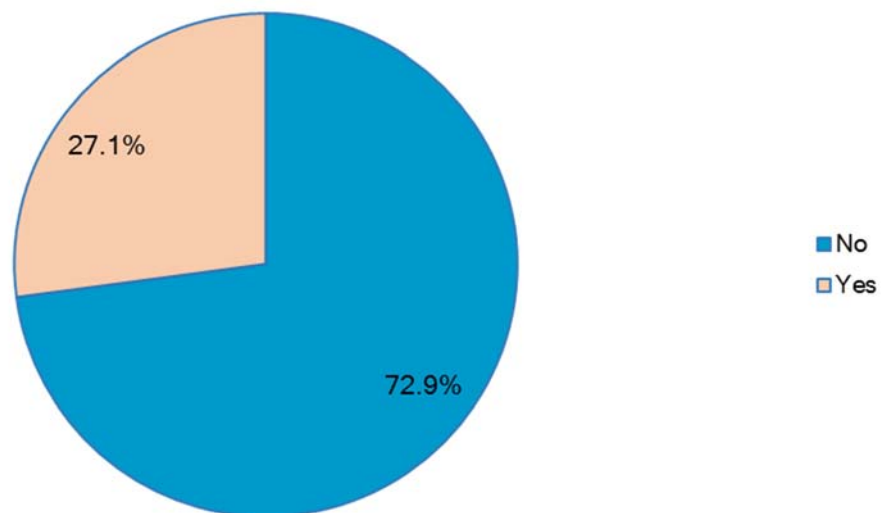
14.3.7 What gender are you?



14.3.8 What age group are you in?



14.3.9 Do you consider yourself to have a disability?



14.3.10 What is your religion?

14.3.10.1 The respondent's religions consisted of Christianity, Church of England, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Catholicism.

14.3.11 What is your nationality?

14.3.11.1 Most of the respondents were of British nationality, with some being Dominican, Congolese, Nepalese, Polish and Lithuanian.