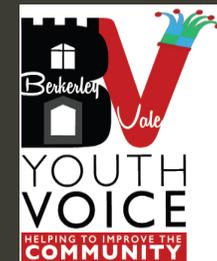


BERKELEY TOWN COUNCIL

CANON PARK DEVELOPMENT



Consultation Results:
Public Consultations
Online Survey
Youth Club & Youth Forum



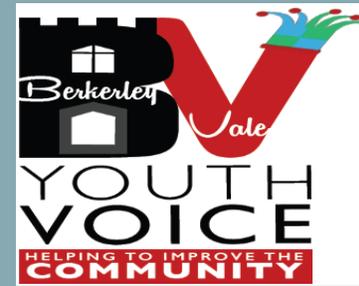


Background

Berkeley Town Council has formed a committee working towards the development of new facilities at Conon Park Recreational Ground, to encourage and extend the benefits of playing outdoor games and sports as well as having an open space, available to all.

Members of the Canon Park Development Committee ran a consultation process throughout March 2020. You could take part in the following ways:

- By visiting one of our two consultations days with one being held at Canon Park on Saturday 7th March (12-4pm) and the other at Berkeley Town Hall on Saturday 14th March (9-12noon).
- By participating in our online survey which was advertised on our website, on social media, in the local Gazette and in the 'Berkeley Flyer' newsletter
- By completing a paper based survey which was available at the consultation events and also printed in the 'Berkeley Flyer' newsletter
- By submitting your comments by email to the Clerk
- By attending the Youth Club consultation evening run by the Berkeley Vale Youth Forum



Consultations

Throughout the 2 consultation days, we interacted with over **70** people, ranging from families with young children to older residents. The figures would have been higher but due to the onset of the Covid-19 virus, we saw a reduction in attendee's on the second consultation.

This, and the article in the 'Berkeley Flyer', resulted in **74** feedback forms being completed and the online survey had **105** responses.

Berkeley Vale Youth Forum also hosted an event at Berkeley Youth Club which resulted in another **44** responses and a report showing their ideas and support for the project (the results are combined on the attached slides).

We also corresponded with the following organisations: Berkeley Estate, Berkeley & Severnside Football Clubs, local shops, Berkeley Harriers Run Club, WI, local playgroup, District & County Councillors and Berkeley Primary School.

By allowing so many different feedback methods, we hope to accommodate to a large demographic and capture data from as many of the residents of Berkeley.

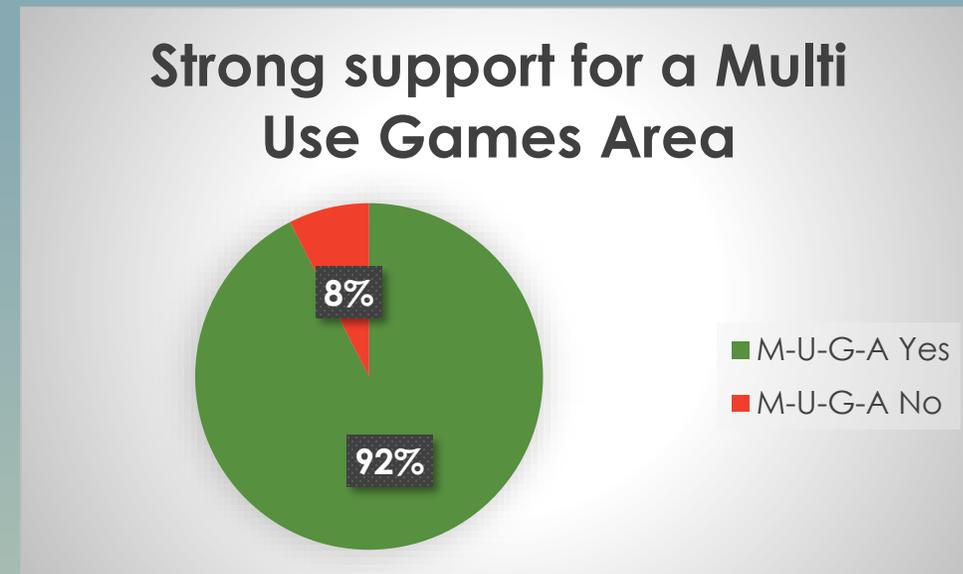
Question 1. Support for resurfacing/making larger the car park area

Resurfacing Carpark	
Yes	No
137	29
82%	18%



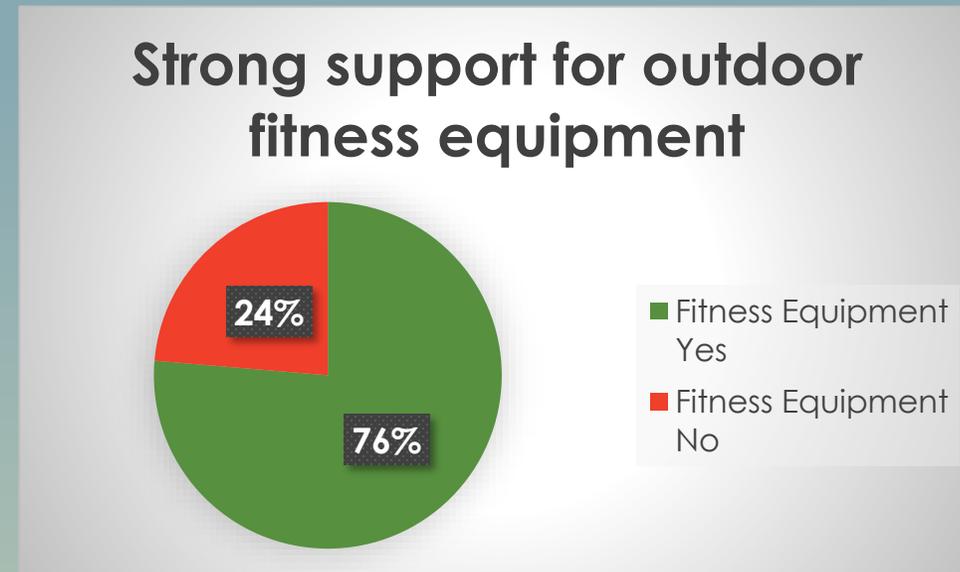
Question 2. Support for a Multi-Use Games Area

M-U-G-A	
Yes	No
186	15
92.5%	7.5%



Question 3. Support for outdoor fitness equipment

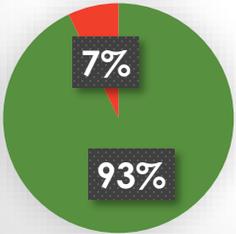
Fitness Equipment	
Yes	No
142	44
76.34%	23.65%



Question 4. A new and safer play area near the pavilion

Pavilion Play Area	
Yes	No
183	14
92.9%	7.10%

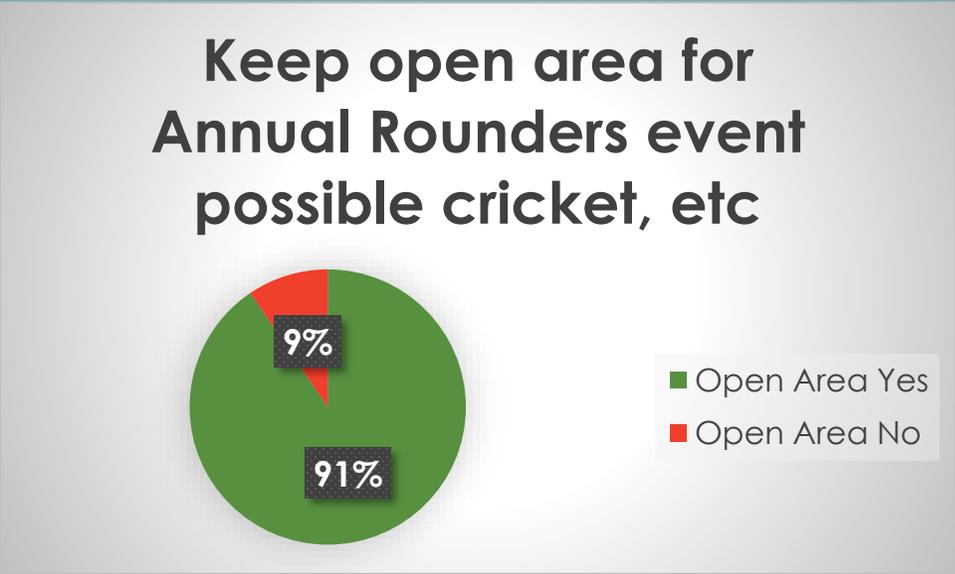
A new safer play area near to the Pavilion, with a fence around and seating for parents/carers



- Play Area Yes
- Play Area No

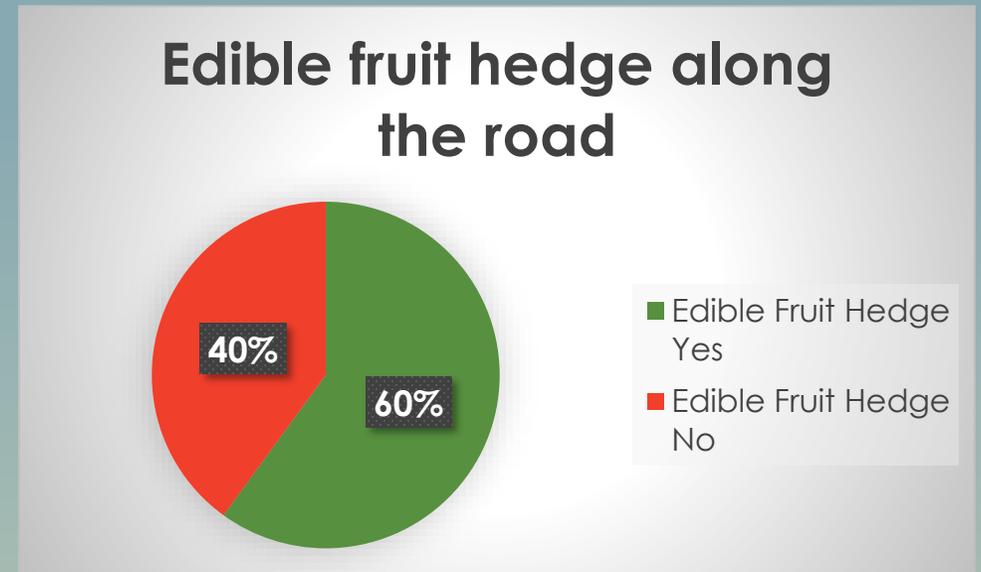
Question 5. Keep an open area for Annual Rounders event and possible cricket, etc

Keep Open Area	
Yes	No
153	16
90.53%	9.46%



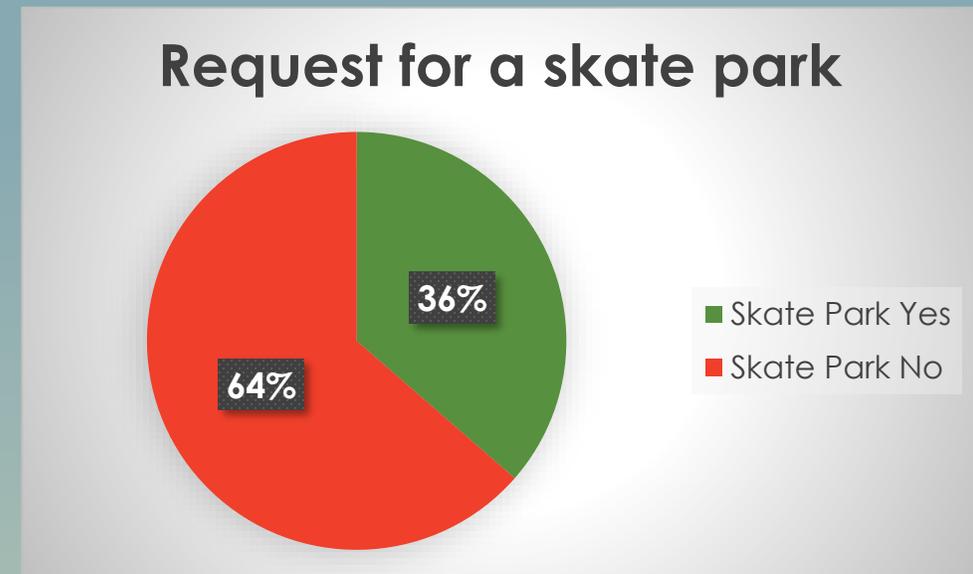
Question 6. Edible fruit hedge along the road

Edible Fruit Hedge	
Yes	No
105	70
60%	40%



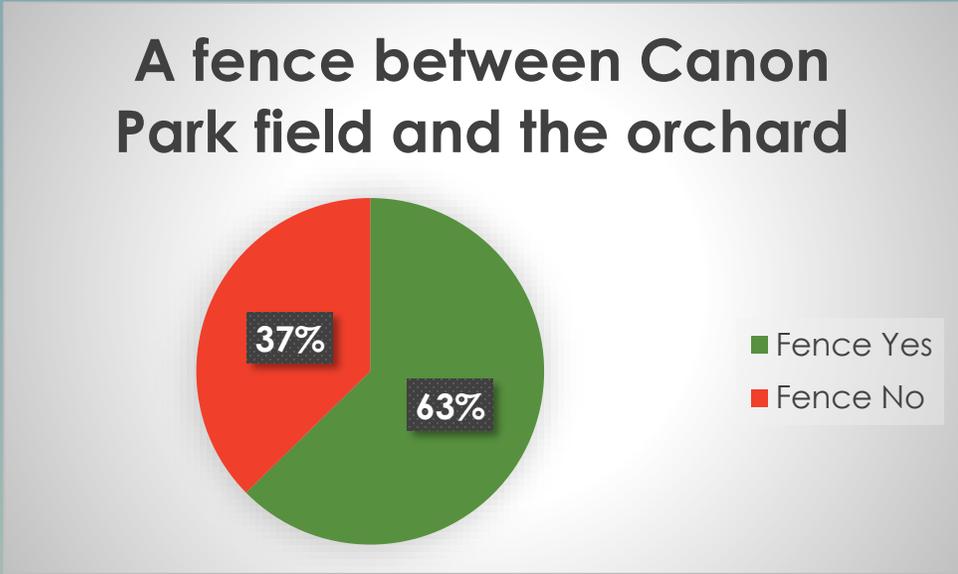
Question 7. Request for a skate park

Skate Park	
Yes	No
59	103
36.41%	63.58%



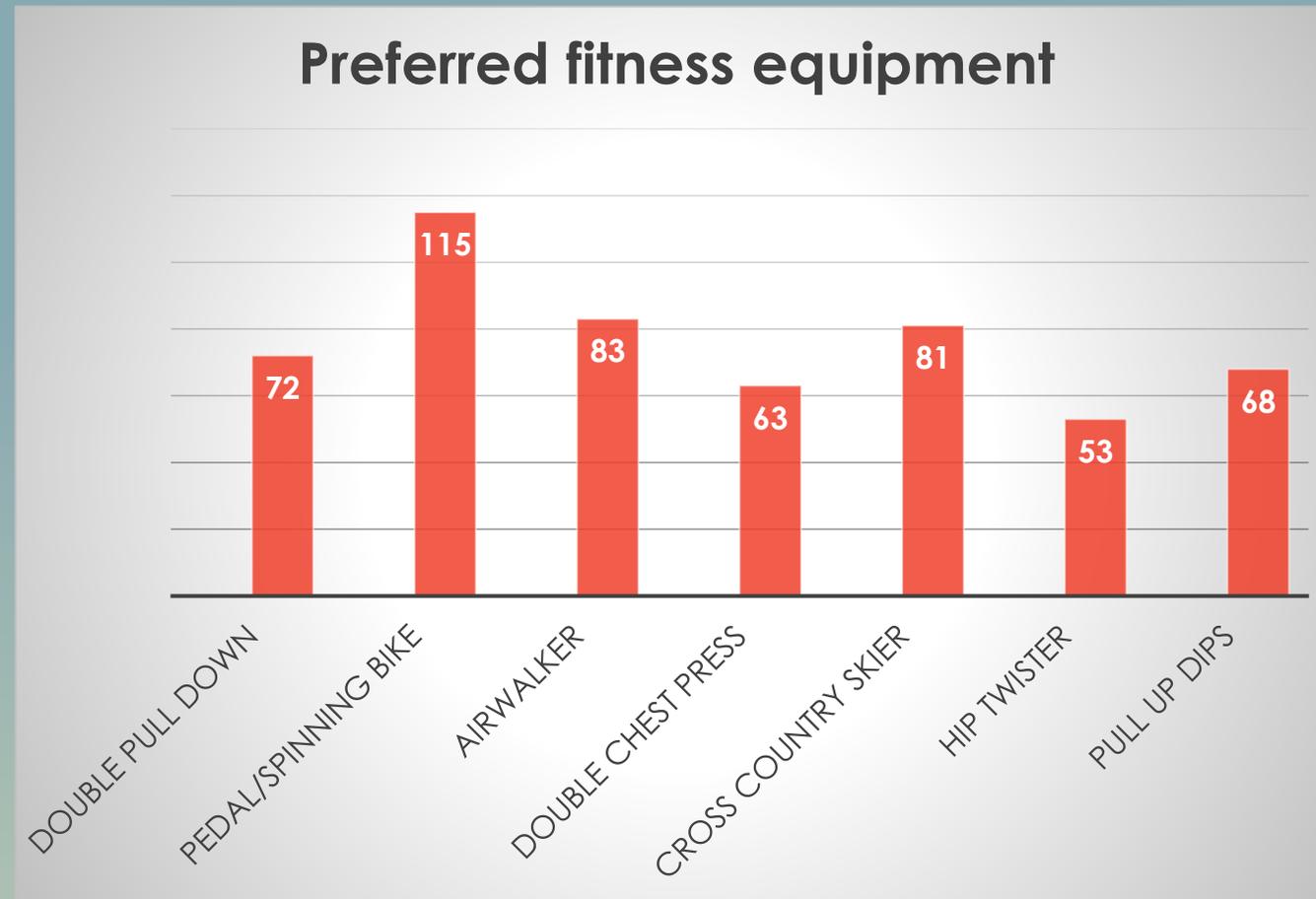
Question 8. A fence between the orchard and field

Orchard Fence	
Yes	No
99	59
62.65%	37.34%



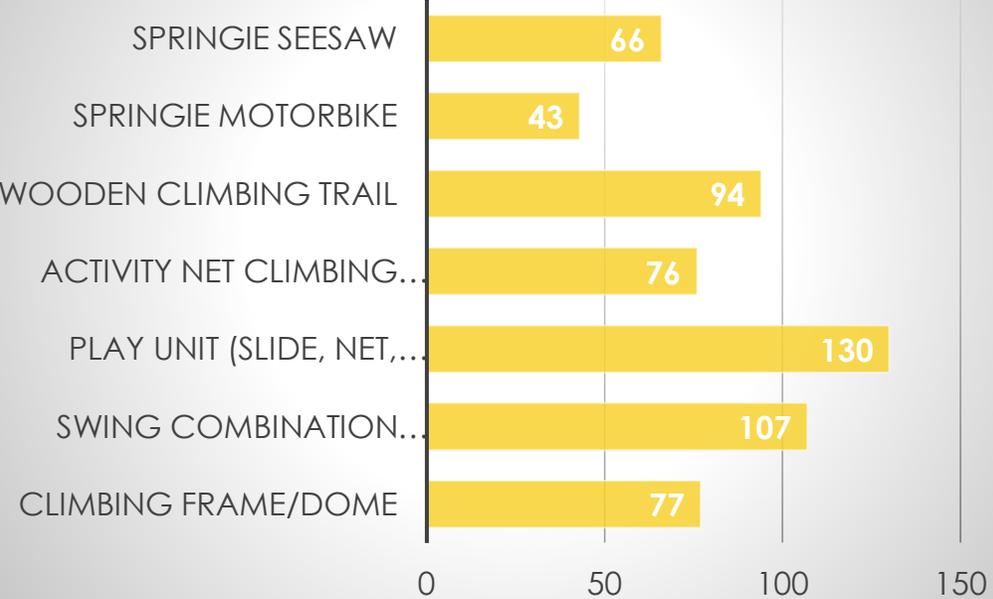
Which fitness equipment would you like to see?

(35 responses for the pedal/spin bike were votes for a spin bike which was only asked on the online survey)

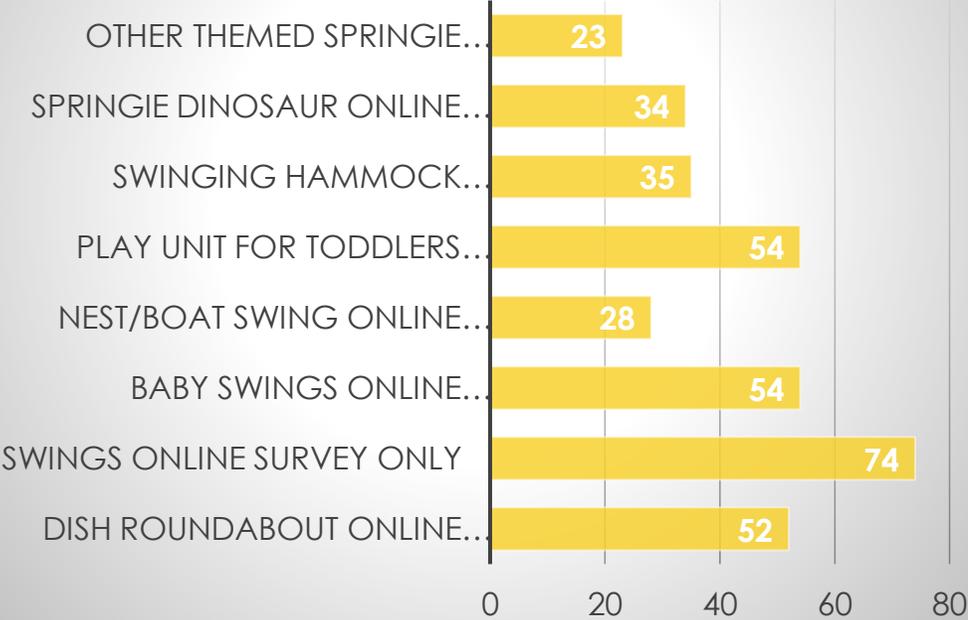


Which play equipment would you like to see?

Play Equipment

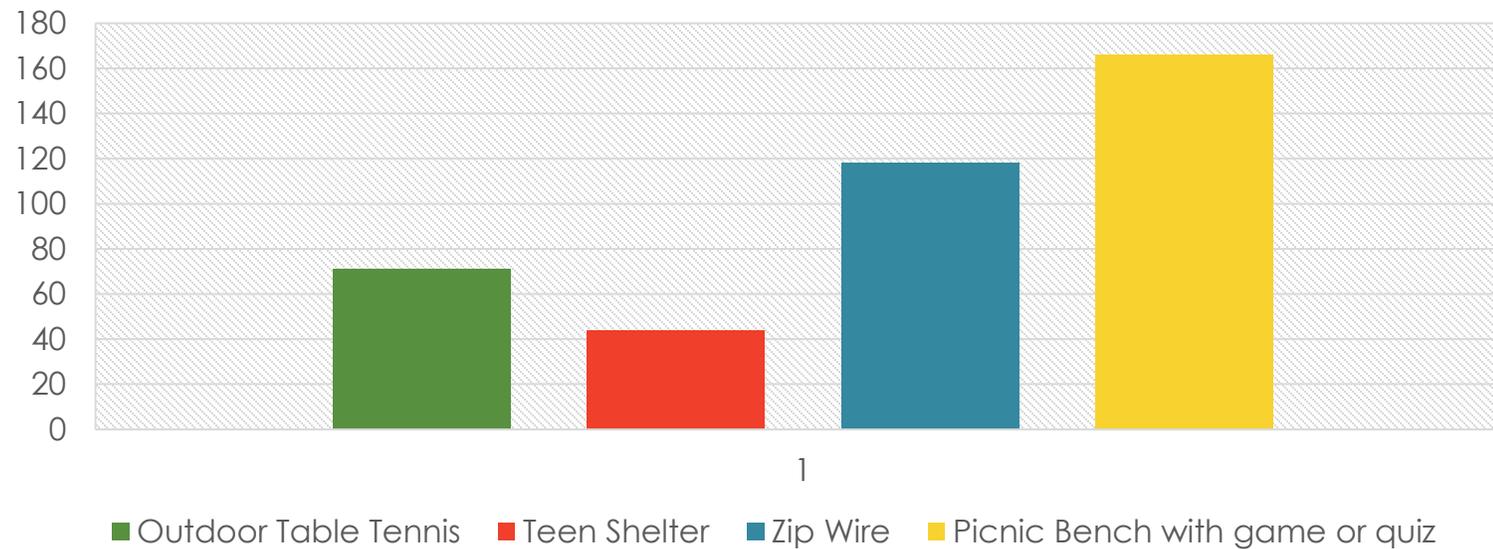


Play Equipment (only asked on the online survey)



Other equipment?

Table Tennis, Teen Shelter, Zip Wire, Themed Benches



Public participation comments:

Parking / Trees & Greenery:

- Parking facilities should be vastly improved before other projects are started, sounds like a good idea but sort out the parking, Improve parking / Parking concerns, too many cars already parking on Canon Park (when football or running taking place, in excess of 20 cars!), on the weekend the parking is bad on both sides of the road. A larger car park with lined spaces would help this greatly
- I think a fruit hedge is a great idea – great for wildlife and a natural sound barrier. Nice to have.
- Youth club members preferred the idea of the trees going along the hedgerow and into the Pavilion end corner and near the road, can they help to plant the trees? Lots on interest in this. Youth club members would like a veg patch and blackberry bushes with benches for picnics, wild flowers and flower beds (they would like to water and look after), it would be good to be responsible, also bird houses.
- Edible fruit hedge-nice idea but realistically this will become full of empty bottles, cans and plastic food wrapping – Who will be responsible for cleaning this up?, edible hedge could encourage children to pick from any hedge (not good)
- Current fence (or lack of it) is dangerous for small children. Needed for toddler safety etc, wooden slats between field and orchard

Public participation comments:

Play Area:

- Upgrade to play equipment is a great idea and have it enclosed for safety, play area for children improved but not near the Pavilion, would be great to have an enclosed safe play area for children away from the road, play equipment for little ones will be welcomed
- The park at park view is aimed at smaller children so to have the 10+ years old children catered for to would be fantastic, children's play equipment is great but think given the lovely new play area at Park view focus on things that are a bit different
- Put the children's play area behind the pavilion/houses which surely would be a lot safer for kids?
- The field badly needs a safe and entertaining area for our children
- Youth club members would like to see play equipment (11) including a super nova (like at Sharpness), different types of swing (miram, double swing seat). Zip wires are expensive to fix and need a lot of maintenance to ensure they are tight enough.
- Seating for adults around children's play area please and some shade for when the sun shines
- Some simple picnic tables along with a small children's play area fenced in (to keep dogs out). There is a good playground at Park View for young families
- In the floor trampoline

Public participation comments:

Play Area:

- Youth club members thought play equipment would be better away from the road and near the Pavilion so parents can oversee. Could keep the original equipment at the top for the older children. They also like the following: Silver bowl that spins, baby swings, grass hills with tunnels, non metal slides are hot in the summer and cold in the winter, scooter ramps, climbing wall, lots of bins, a water fountain, new benches. They would like to see the football stand made into a nice seating area, clean it up as it is full of rubbish, cigarette ends and glass.
- Replace current children's equipment and enclose, not enough room for a zip wire, consider a ground level trampoline (with drainage), More play equipment than exercise
- More baby/toddler equipment. Disabled equipment, swings for wheelchair users
- Focus of park needs to be on children not adults, updated child's play area outside clubhouse
- Need more for teenagers and a safe place for little ones, Much needed (safer with a fence around)
- Equipment would all need safe permanent 'all weather' bases
- If it has a fence around, what difference does this make on the position of the park area, we do not want any anti-social hot spots/hang outs at the end of our gardens (Canon Park). How will this be monitored/prevented to stop equipment being damaged. Drug use/drinking already happens at night, must keep park safe.

Public participation comments:

Skate Park:

- Skate park great idea but if Orchard is not available not sure there is space
- I think we need a skate park in the area which means not having to travel further afield and children utilising facilities within our own area. It doesn't take up a huge expanse of ground and would mean a great deal to many of the older children, keeping them engaged with outdoor activity. Sharpness Park has a good mix of everything. The recent overhaul of Park View Park was an improvement but is more aimed at younger / toddler children, not much for the older ones, not great use of space
- I feel that any project must benefit our older children within the community first. There is a distinct lack of recreational areas for them within the area. Skate park is an excellent idea.
- Why cram everything into Canon Park, put a skate ramp/park in Park View
- Really like to see a skate/BMX/scooter park for the younger age groups spanning from teenage down to 4 years, which I see regularly whilst visiting the surrounding areas skate parks with my own children. These are always in use and I think are the way forward to getting a wider age groups out playing.
- Skate Park please
- Too few will benefit, Unless it is away from homes

Public participation comments:

Multi-Use Games Area:

- 4g Football Pitch, 3G Astro turf needed for football in winter when pitch gets waterlogged. I feel we are in desperate need of a 4g pitch at canon park to help with both the youth football and the adults team for training and playing matches. With the poor weather we've had over the last few winters the kids aren't getting the match time they need to develop and this is very important
- 9 A Side all weather pitch required 80x 50 yards (73m x 45m), 3G Astro turf needed for football in winter when pitch gets waterlogged.
- Can we have an extension to house other sports equipment ie. Basketball, Netball goals, Basketball area on concrete
- Making sure the field is appropriate to use is all weather to prevent the pitch getting waterlogged and football training and fixtures thus being cancelled
- 4g pitch would be amazing as now the home of Severnside would mean it could be used all year round and with the drainage sinkage being a constant issue it would prevent any injuries going forward..
- A MUGA will be too intrusive for residents of Canon Park, not only the design but the constant noise and thats before it becomes an attraction for older kids/young adults who can't resist setting fire to the stand! Why not position the MUGA on the roadside of the pavilion and the childrens play area behind the pavilion/houses which surely would be a lot safer for kids?

Public participation comments:

Multi-Use Games Area:

- An all weather pitch would be an amazing resource for local sports teams particularly given amount of matches and training that have had to be cancelled. Outdoor activity space is a key community asset. Addition of floodlights would significantly increase usability of areas in winter months.
- A 9 a side 4G surface would be really useful, 4G football pitch (all weather), 4G-All weather pitch/floodlights with online booking, 4G pitch for all sports, 9 a side 3G football pitch, 3G all weather pitch
- Berkeley has been lagging behind for years the play area near a busy road has always looked dangerous an all weather all sports facility would be a great asset to Berkeley
- An all purpose pitch would be amazing all 3 of my boys play for Severnside juniors and have missed so many games this season due to weather!
- I think it would be good to provide a fenced off area with a general purpose surface marked out for 7 a side, tennis, basketball, and netball. To encourage participation by all ages and by both sexes. It would create division and bad feeling is the football club stole this community benefit
- Playing field should be more football pitch, MUGA which does not use up all of the money

Public participation comments: Multi-Use Games Area:

- I would ask who the MUGA benefit apart from the football club
- Youth club members (21) would like to see a MUGA
- Youth cub members suggested the following: Good for footballers to practice their shots, could the flood lights be solar panels, other people on the field won't get hurt, lots of lighting, could the pitch be pink, locked at night, can play all year, don't want to have to book it, can the pitch be blue to see the ball better, netball pitch, can the pitch be green.
- Can it be positioned along the hedgeline?, Outside lighting
- Check surfacing, can football be played on polymeric?
- 9 A Side all weather 4g pitch to enable Severnside youth to continue to train and play matches during the winter (the younger team have lost 6 weeks in 2020 due to extreme wet weather). The pitches become unplayable due to standing water and are unsafe. 50 x 80 is the largest required however, on all weather pitches you can mark smaller pitches inside. There also needs to be a minimum of 6 metres around the outside of the pitch for goals and spectators.
- A bigger MUGA pitch would be good so that the Severnside matches and training can take place even when theres lots of rain

Public participation comments:

Multi-Use Games Area:

- Flood lighting-living opposite the Pavilion I do not want the intrusion of lighting-impacts on wildlife etc
- MUGA, strongly disagree with this as it will prevent the space being used for community events
- Would love to see an all weather pitch for local sports clubs
- Kids football training has been cancelled most weeks due to bad weather/waterlogged pitch. A MYGA will definitely be used!
- Make sure the area is not just given over to football, many residents have other activities they take part in and this is meant to be for the whole community , not just the football club. Playing surfaces need to be for many different sports.
- MUGA needed – flooding on the up and predicted to continue
- I like the sound of netball posts/hoops as well as basketball. A small MUGA could perhaps be left open to create an all weather ball, exercise, training space, accessible to all (similar to one in Kingsway) using the normal built up 'curfew' expectations around noise etc

Public participation comments:

Multi-Use Games Area:

- As a member of a group of approximately 10-15 guys who play football as KLB an all weather pitch would be ideal if only 5 a side
- 7 a side 3G pitch for midweek training/weekend training and matches. Flood lights to hire.
- Good all weather surfaces. Is it planned to have a nature element to the scheme?
- As long as it is not floodlit late at night causing our homes to be filled with strong/bright light
- 4G pitch to allow the 100 children having training and marches cancelled on a regular basis every week during the winter.
- Look into the possibility of turning the pitch around to make room for the biggest 4g/artificial grass area
- In corner by new housing
- A MUGA will be too intrusive for residents of Canon Park, not only the design but the constant noise and that's before it becomes an attraction for older kids/young adults who can't resist setting fire to the stand! Why not position the MUGA on the roadside of the pavilion

Public participation comments:

Fitness Equipment/Workout Zone:

- Really love the idea of fitness equipment for the community. Love the idea of the fitness equip but need a good range to help work out range of muscles. Ones selected not the best mix of workout. Looking at Caloo.co.uk they have a good range. Would include Lat Press, Chest Press, Air Walker, Cross Rider, Skier, Body Twist, Combi bench, Leg Raises. Also the fitness equipment would support local fitness groups.
- Do not see the need for fitness equipment similar to what is in sharpness, every time I have used those play facilities the fitness corner is never used.
- I know people who live by a park with gym equipment and say they have never seen anyone use them and neither have, seems like a waste of valuable space and money when there are plenty of gyms
- I would ask who will use the fitness equipment, Some adult exercise items
- Youth Club members (26) would like to see a circuit syle workout equipment
- Like the idea of a street workout (x 2)
- Can it be at the top end of the field, bootcamp style
- I think a street workout area would be better than the 'gym equipment' which in my experience doesn't get used

Public participation comments:

Fitness Equipment/Workout Zone:

- Youth club members preferred a circuit/street type workout (21 to 8) but were concerned it may take up too much space. They thought it would be good for people to get/keep/stay fit/healthy and it is more fun. Some thought it was useless and no one would use it (6). They were also concerned it could get vandalised.
- Circuit for fitness equipment
- Gym equipment will not be used
- Fitness equipment dangerous especially the airwalker as swings back and forth very quickly
- I really don't think the gym equipment is very useful, other parks, it is hardly used. Very exciting though!
- Perhaps stagger the gym equipment around the whole outer edge so that a 'course' could be developed with different 'activity stations'! Even perhaps 'stations' for exercises not requiring equipment (as in Hereford Canal Development at the bottom of Aylestone Hill)

Public participation comments:

Teen Shelter:

- I have some concern that the teen pod will create antisocial behaviour and encourage teenagers to hang around the area | however I also appreciate there isn't much available for teenagers these days. I think a well lit area could possibly prevent this, and if organisations are also able to use the area for adult football/netball etc this may also help.
- I don't think a teen shelter is required. A teen shelter suggests that no other members of society can use it. It is also an enabler in that it will enable teens to remain out after dark with shelter from all the elements when their parents find it difficult enough to get them home where it's safe and they are supervised. It will attract antisocial behaviour which is not only unfair on the residents within the vicinity but also the council and the police who will no doubt be called to deal
- A teen shelter is a terrible idea and will attract anti social behaviour, noise complaints and will inevitably frustrate and alienate those that live nearby. It will pose as a nuisance and simply provide youths somewhere to congregate when they should be at home. If it is dark or the weather is poor children should be indoors or at home | not huddling or hiding under a shelter. Statistically play areas with teen shelters have higher rates of anti social behaviour than those that don't.
- Youth club members said that it would be useful but they are worried that some people would ruin it.
- No to a teen shelter (they already use football stand & leave in a mess)
- Definitely do not want another enclosed 'Teen Shelter', the existing football shelter is already used by Teens for smoking/drugs and other anti-social activities. No Teen Shelter it will only encourage groups to meet up in the rain. The name Teen Shelter is a put off
- Would much prefer to see teenagers in a shelter than think of them isolated at home on social media

Public participation comments:

Other:

- Toilet facilities for all
- CCTV (x 4 requests) to stop/monitor vandalism or damage, a sign to say they are being watched and any bad behaviour will be dealt with
- I'm up for improvements to the play equipment, but not at the detriment to my life. Sound selfish, I like the quiet residential area that I live in. It should not be ruined by outsiders inconsiderate parking, banging of doors, shouting, littering and urinating up against hedges and against the pavilion. What are the toilet provisions? Who's going to ensure alcohol isn't being consumed on the field or bought from the pavilion? Who will lock up, ensure residents get there undisturbed sleep?
- As a Canon Park resident I'm concerned about the added noise. It is already far too loud when discos are held. The loud thudding vibrates through my home. This has a major impact on my life, Meanwhile, I believe an upgrade to play equipment is a great idea and to have it enclosed for added safety. I understand that young people need somewhere 'to go'. I don't however feel that Canon Park, Station Road and the new development residents need late night noise returning. Who will Police the area?
- Nothing canvassed for the large elderly and retired population, what about boules, bowls and other pursuits
- Want to see things to help with mental health in teenagers and obesity
- Tennis Courts please
- The area needs to be suitable for all – not just Berkeley FC
- A case of if we keep trying we will get our way, not the first time that this has been raised (like the planning for the houses).I understand some items have their merit but there are an order in which they should be addressed.

Public participation comments:

Other:

- Hoping for somewhere we could walk our dogs, to be able to let them off lead safely, to socialise and have fun. Dog friendly on the field but not inside the kids play area. Would be nice to have designated dog walking space as play areas would be fenced in anyway. Dogs on field not allowed (sometimes on field at football games).
- Youth club members would like a chocolate shop, summer ice cream van and a winter donut van
- An independent coffee hut that could be open in the summer. Some trees or nice covering to sit under in the summer. A splash pool, like the one at Munday playing fields for the kids
- Drainage on the main pitch – 3 strips – every 100 yards, possible drainage survey required
- Decking Area for parents to sit and watch play areas and matches, Bigger club house, Decking/roofed area for front of club house
- Benches for table top games will take up a large space and will not be used enough to justify them
- The rounders tournament brings the whole community together and provides money for good causes. I would not want to loose this to yet another football pitch, with many of those using it not living in Berkeley
- Lighting left on at night, The thought of gangs of youngsters hanging around at night
- Painted running track would be of benefit please.
- No cricket – Young children and cricket not compatable, Zip wire always seem to get broken
- Table tennis table – surely this will be destroyed?

Public participation comments:

Other:

- Would love to see pathways to bring people to the communal area. Works for all ages. Suitable for scooters, dog walkers, wheelchair, etc. Hopefully encourage more people to walk around/watch sport/pop in for a coffee/pint. Can be used for jogging/exercise etc
- Main issues are childhood obesity, social isolation and mental health. Social isolation of elderly – create accessible pathways and help all generations enjoy one space together.
- I think this looks like a fantastic idea. I like how the ideas cater for lots of different ages. Some straight forward benches around the outside might be a good idea.
- Any project to enhance a public used area is a good idea as long as it is sensitive to the environment and other people.
- I am in favour of the field being used for all of these things (except skate park) I think it could become an amazing space for families to spend the day. It would be great to see it used every day and not just for football. I am one of the organisers of the annual rounders tournament and would like to ensure that we can still use the space the way we usually do (get a lorry in for our stage etc) Any improvements would be brilliant and a secure fence essential
- Get it done!
- Good idea hope it works out

Next steps....

- The next steps for the Council are to put together a Project Proposal, using the results of this consultation, and then it will go out to tender.
- Thank you to everyone in the community who participated in this consultation and helped the Council achieve such great responses.