

Foxhill Parks Project

CONSULTATION RESULTS

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INTRODUCTION

The Council is currently reviewing, and planning to improve, council-owned green spaces in the Foxhill area of Bath. You can read more about the project at <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/foxhillparks>

A community consultation was carried out between July and September 2021 to invite feedback, opinions and ideas for green spaces in and around the Foxhill area of Bath.

The consultation was primarily delivered through an online survey which was made available on the Council's website. Staff from the Parks Department also spent time at the parks reviewing facilities and observing use, and held two pre-advertised drop-in consultation sessions at which people had the opportunity to come and speak to members of the team.

The consultation was promoted in the following ways:

- Over 200 printed consultation flyers were posted to residents living in the immediate vicinity of the five parks being consulted on
- Printed posters were displayed at local parks in and around Foxhill
- A press release was issued through Bath & North East Somerset Council's Newsroom
- A campaign email was sent to community organisations, residents' groups and other stakeholders in the Foxhill area
- Social media promotion on Twitter and Facebook
- A consultation website hosted by Bath & North East Somerset Council

A total of 90 online survey responses were received and an estimated 40 people attended across the two drop-in sessions.

The full results of the survey are provided in the following pages.

A note about how the consultation results are displayed:



A **word cloud** is a collection, or cluster, of words depicted in different sizes. The bigger, bolder and more colourful the word appears, the more often it was mentioned in survey responses to the question, and the more importance is attached to it.

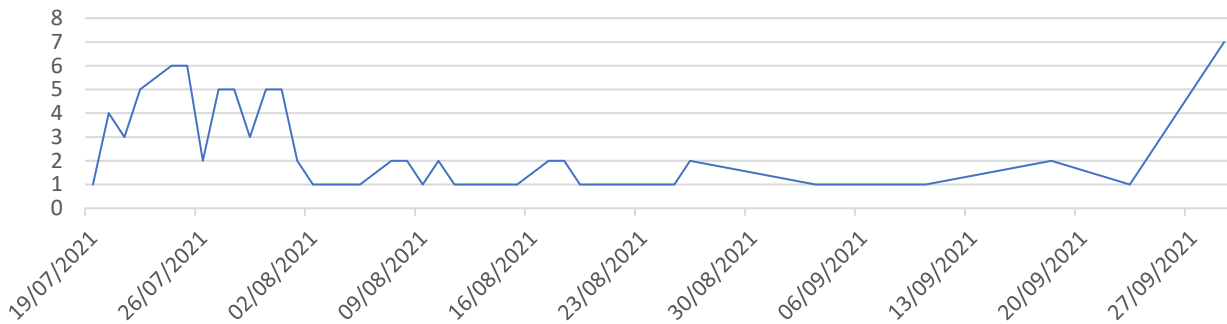


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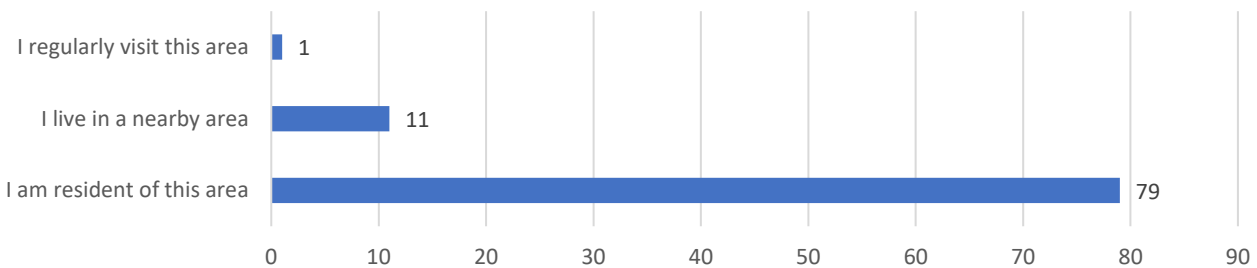
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SECTION 1: RESPONSE RATES & ABOUT YOU

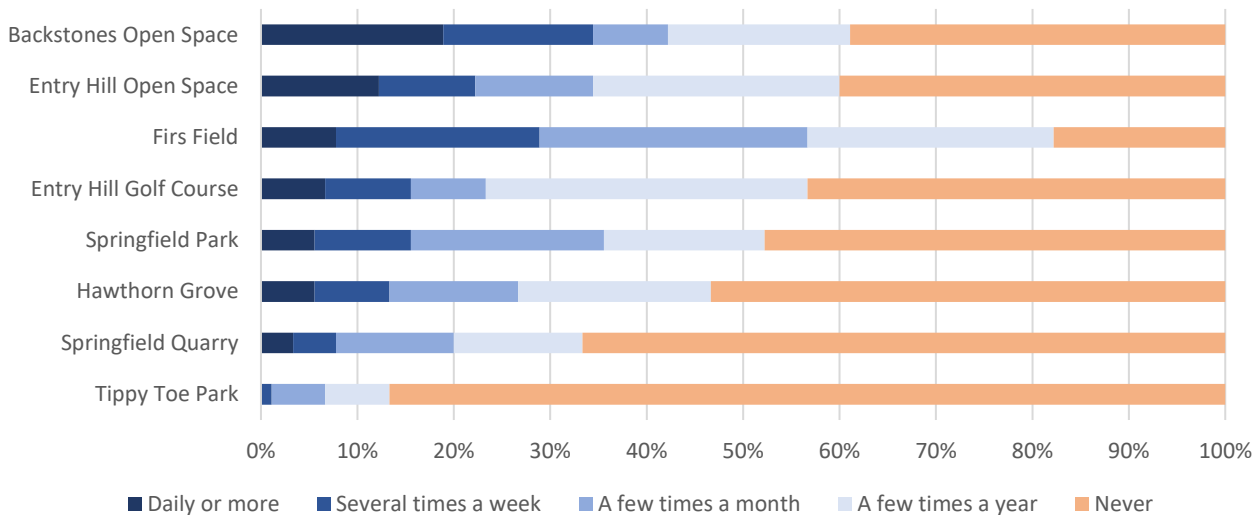
1.1 Number of surveys completed by date (Total of 90 responses)



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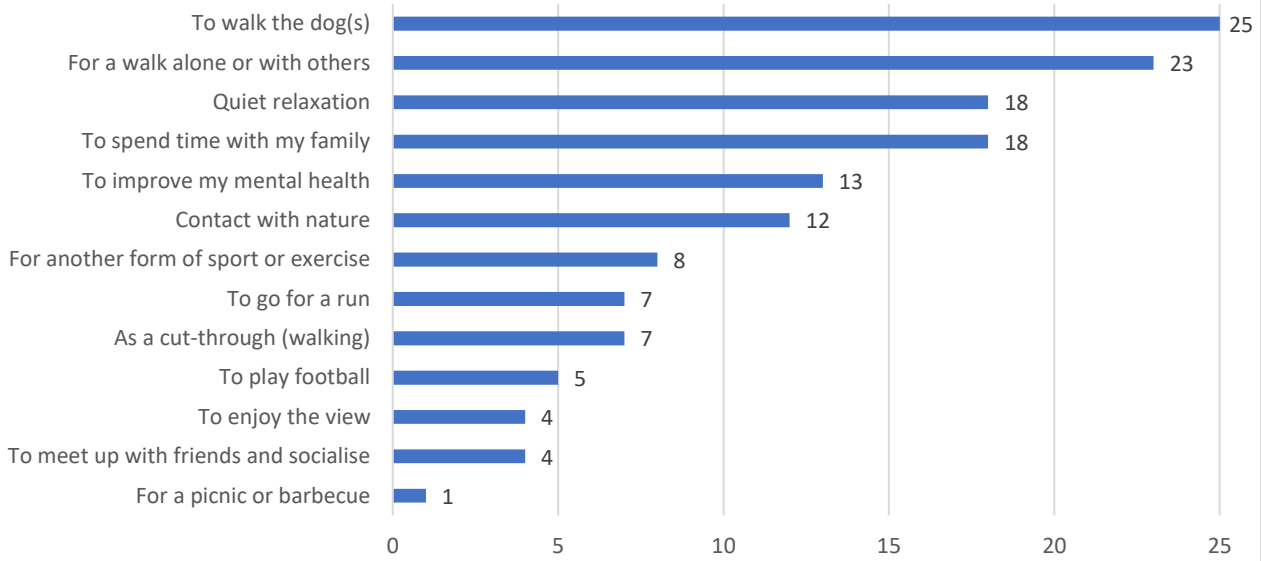


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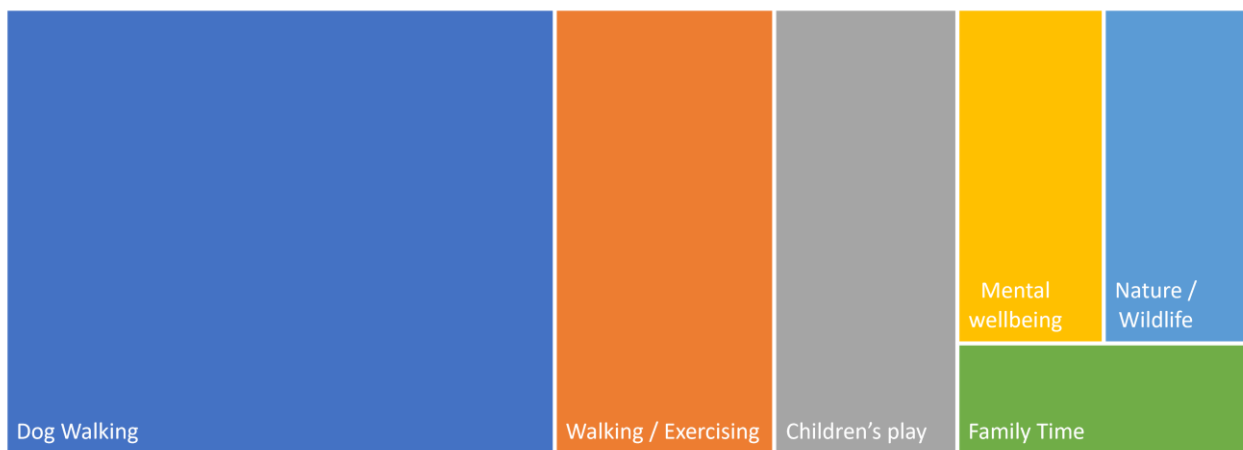


SECTION 2: ENTRY HILL OPEN SPACE

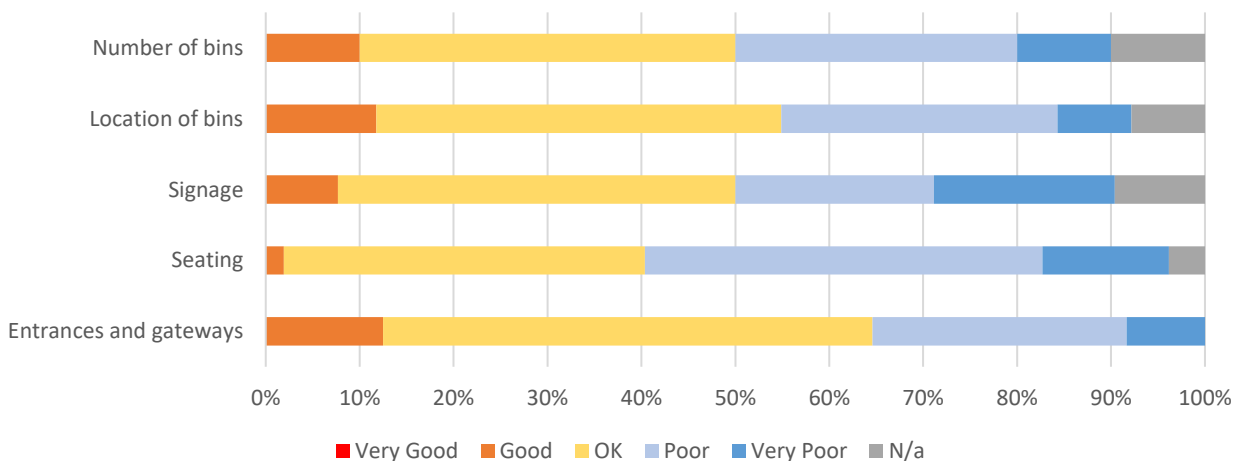
2.1 Why do you visit Entry Hill Open Space?



2.2 Which of these reasons is most important to you, and why?



2.3 How would you rate the facilities at Entry Hill Open Space?



2.4 Best points about Entry Hill Open Space

Dog Walking



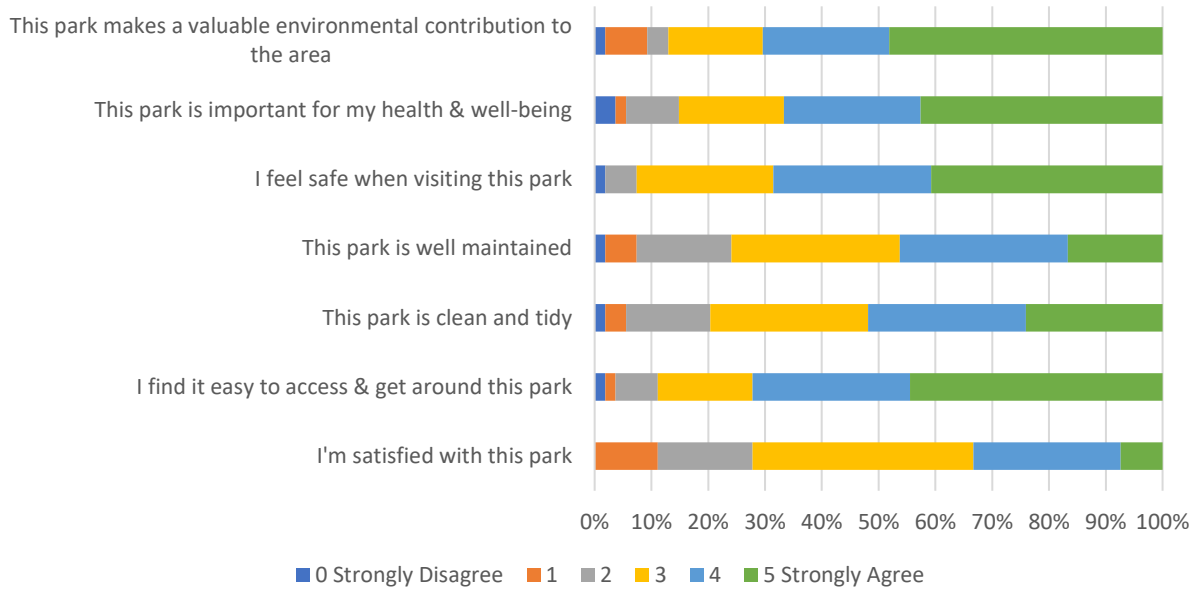
2.4.1	The location, right on the corner makes it nice and easy to turn into entry hill. It's lovely and quiet, never too busy	2.4.24	Proximity to home
2.4.2	It's a community meeting space used for informal recreation, especially for dog owners; an increasingly large part of the community) It's visible from main pedestrian routes so provides a sense of being connected to those using it without actually being part of it.	2.4.25	the spot and easily accesible
2.4.3	Enclosed space and used by many dog owners	2.4.26	Good vision of other dog walkers (incase dog needs to be put on lead etc) nice even ground for people with mobility issues.
2.4.4	The fact it's fully gated and most of the time dog poo free.	2.4.27	Used by the same type of people.
2.4.5	Enclosed and relatively clean (no dog poo)	2.4.28	It is right by our house and great to have more space to kick a ball/run around etc
2.4.6	It's an enclosed space	2.4.29	Nice open space.
2.4.7	Nearby, spacious	2.4.30	Secure fencing makes this the safest dog play area in Combe down
2.4.8	Green, open space and nature	2.4.31	It's open to give space to play and nearby
2.4.9	It helps inject some nature near a few busy roads	2.4.32	Green space nearby. Trees to mitigate climate catastrophe
2.4.10	Fairly accessible once inside for exercise that's flat and safe!	2.4.33	Good open space
2.4.11	It doesn't have a set use and isn't dominated by one thing	2.4.34	A green oasis
2.4.12	Quiet, secluded good short walks for dogs	2.4.35	Green area right by houses
2.4.13	Its near to where I live.	2.4.36	It is open and free of other things
2.4.14	Size of space for kicking a football around with our son/playing	2.4.37	Large area within which various people can be accommodated at the same time. I often played football with my son when he was younger in and around the old goalposts. At the same time people would walk their dogs and it was rarely a problem to share space.
2.4.15	Brilliant dog walking area.	2.4.38	just that the Open space
2.4.16	Vastness	2.4.39	Good green space
2.4.17	The diverse wildlife.	2.4.40	The openness and ability to allow dogs to run free
2.4.18	Sad about the golf course not being financially viable - it was a nice course and I knew several people who regularly played there.	2.4.41	Local. Safe for dogs off lead. No goal posts so generally it's just walkers there.
2.4.19	A decent space not far off the road.	2.4.42	Large field with safe perimeters
2.4.20	It's safe and secure. Well lit and easily accessible. Not intimidating or scary for lone women to access.	2.4.43	It attracts local people with dogs and is nearly secure
2.4.21	Good size	2.4.44	It's a large, bright and secure open space with a lot of potential.
2.4.22	Open slave is great.	2.4.45	It's an enclosed space where dogs can run free, and isn't really used by non-dog walkers
2.4.23	It is an open field so very versatile; it can be used for walking, running, dog-walking, flying kites, picnicking or even kicking a ball around - many things! I like the open nature of the field.		

2.5 Worst points about Entry Hill Open Space

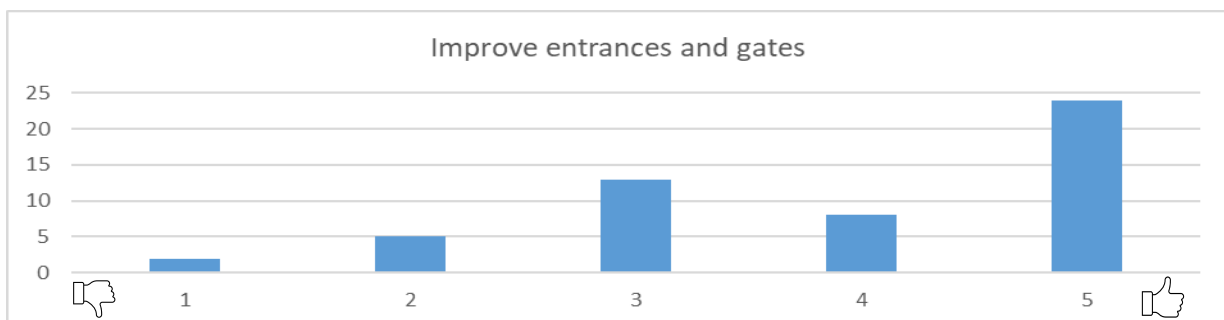
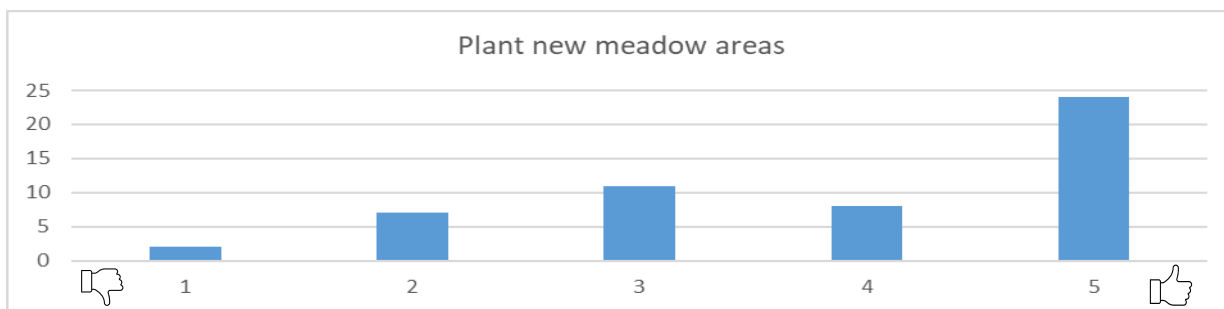
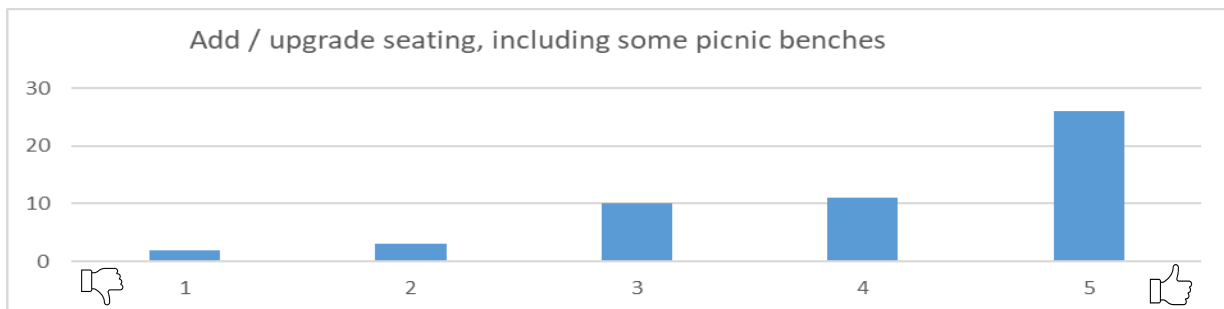
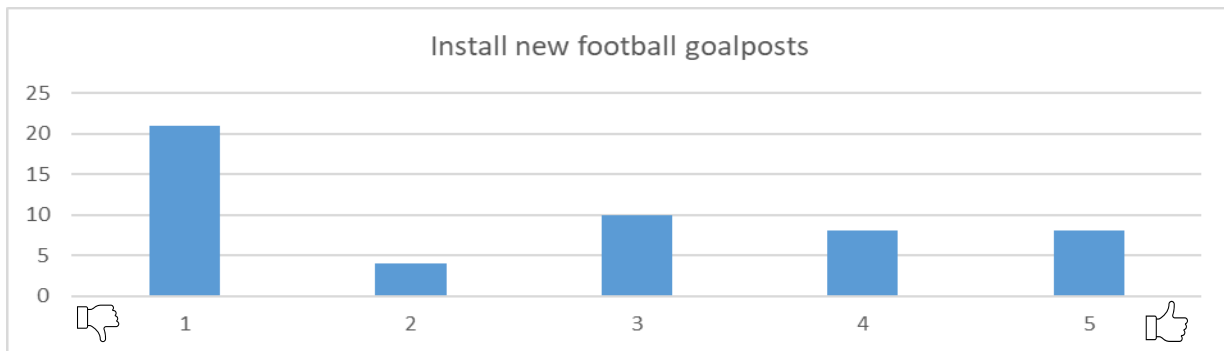
Travellers
Poor accessibility
Nothing for children
Proximity to busy road/traffic
Litter & Dog Mess
Poor maintenance
Lack of facilities
Lack of seating/picnic tables
Lack of wildlife/trees
Too many dogs

2.5.1	Dog mess	2.5.25	Lack of a reason to use it
2.5.2	It is used as a dog walking field that is full of dog faeces. There should be health warnings about the risk of toxoplasmosis There should be marked areas for dogs.	2.5.26	no good facilities for people with wheelchair
2.5.3	The really bad fencing that lets travellers in	2.5.27	Not enough seating. Only one bench, no good whilst social distancing.
2.5.4	Dog poo everywhere!	2.5.28	Finding broken glass etc
2.5.5	The entrances have gates. Please remove them in order to improve accessibility.	2.5.29	Could have more there like a playground
2.5.6	Gates	2.5.30	When we have been quite a lot of dogs which made my little boy nervous.
2.5.7	No seating.	2.5.31	Lack of seating, could do with more trees
2.5.8	Next to the busy road and could be more bins	2.5.32	Little of interest.
2.5.9	The fact over the last few years it has become a destination (albeit for only about 2-3 weeks) for a group of the travelling community who blatantly break the law, forcing entry. New gate has been installed but as this doesn't have a height barrier is unlikely to deter future attempts.	2.5.33	2 gates make it difficult to keep an eye on your own dog and potential new dogs and owners entering the park, if there was only one entrance it would be much safer, also if the 1 new entrance had a 2 gate system) it would give advance warning to other dog owners that they may need to potentially put their dogs back on lead, and also make sure dogs cant run out on to the busy main road
2.5.10	It is not very accessible to enter, and can only be entered from one side	2.5.34	So many dogs are being walked there.
2.5.11	Bad inaccessible entrances	2.5.35	Gates , lack of facilities
2.5.12	Needs more seating	2.5.36	Don't use it much because of the dog poo
2.5.13	Not particularly big	2.5.37	Not enough bins
2.5.14	Not any facilities just a green field. Would be nice to have a tennis court or table tennis.	2.5.38	Litter
2.5.15	Dog owners who don't pick up after their dogs (particularly a certain group of older men). Litter	2.5.39	Dog mess
2.5.16	Probably a bit of a wildlife desert, could do with improving biodiversity with shrub planting along the edges. Also more benches for people to sit on although this has led to noise at night in the past for residents whose houses back onto the park.	2.5.40	Intermittent use and disruption by travellers
2.5.17	Could have some more trees and benches. It feels quite exposed to the traffic on the main roads. Would prefer it to be more park/woodland like.	2.5.41	The unexpected visits of the travellers
2.5.18	I do not think the deer will remain long when the bike park is open.	2.5.42	Bins are often full. Would be good to have more play equipment for children
2.5.19	Bit hilly but that is Bath. The fact that it was once a rubbish site is a bit concerning when talk of digging it about is proposed.	2.5.43	Litter - particularly at the weekends if people have been drinking there the night before. There is no regular litter bin located in the space itself - only on the outside, which doesn't help those who are idle to put stuff in there. The dog poo bins also need emptying more frequently.
2.5.20	Keeps getting invaded by travellers	2.5.44	When the grass isn't cut or just cut and not picked up.
2.5.21	There is poor lighting at the far end of the field but enough visibility from street lights to not matter too much.	2.5.45	the low wall that runs along the road near the gate
2.5.22	No resources or play equipment for children. Not enough seats or tables.	2.5.46	Being popular with dog walkers means there is an inevitable dog mess issue. This prevents us from taking our toddler to use the space.
2.5.23	It's essentially derelict, not looked after at all.	2.5.47	The entrances are looking rather shabby
2.5.24	Travellers breaking in for the last few summers and setting up camp, although hopefully the new bollards will deter this in future.		

2.6 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



2.7 How can we improve Entry Hill Open Space?



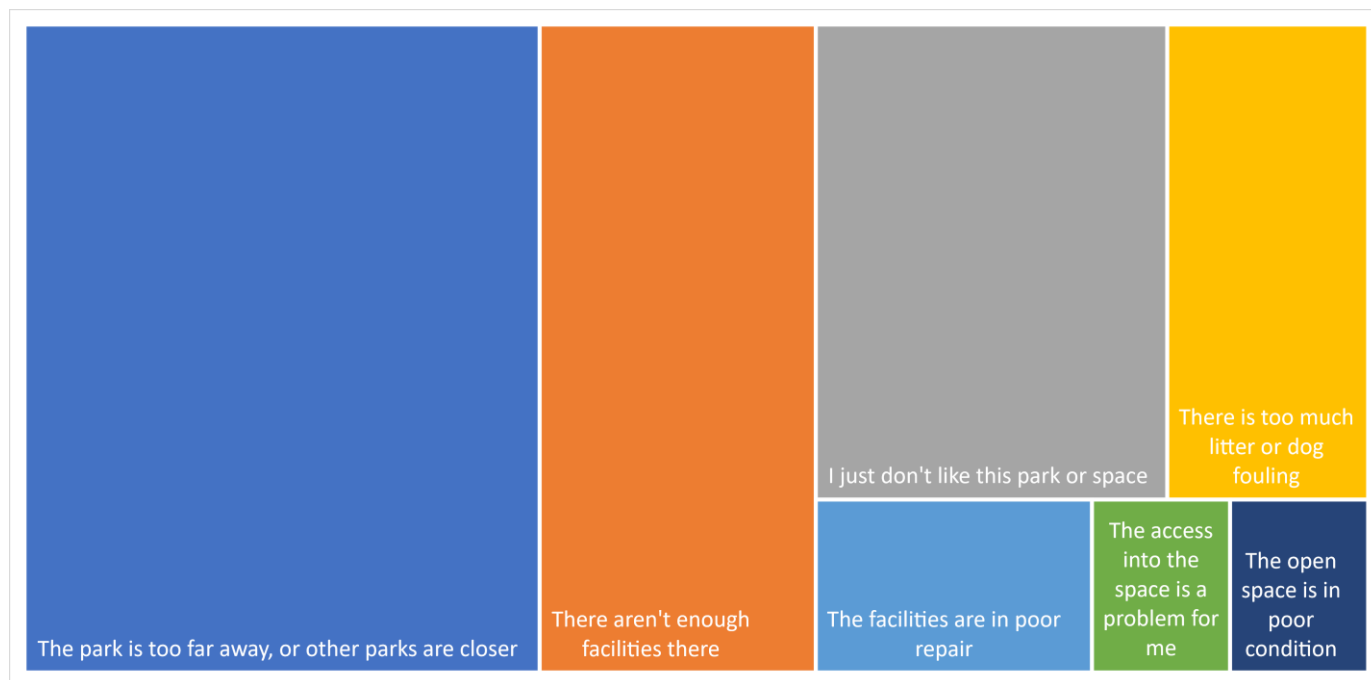
2.8 Please add any comments you have about these suggestions

2.8.1	If the seating was improve it would enable greater ad hoc social users to visit Isit and stare and if meadow planting was created where it backs into houses it would probably deter use by travellers if that part of the space should they return (inevitable if gates aren't adequate fir that purpose)	2.8.23	2 gates make it difficult to keep an eye on your own dog and potential new dogs and owners entering the park, if there was only one entrance it would be much safer, also if the 1 new entrance had a 2 gate system) it would give advance warning to other dog owners that they may need to potentially put their dogs back on lead, and also make sure dogs cant run out on to the busy main road
2.8.2	Remove all gates and make sure that there are trees near all benches.	2.8.24	As this is the main park for dog walking how about a purpose built dog area , they have them in other authorities parks which include dog agility facilities and dog bins , the football facilities are better suited to other parks ,
2.8.3	Tree planting - so important for wildlife and mental health Do not agree with goal posts as football and fox's running around don't mix	2.8.25	Must sort dog poo issue before spending money on goal posts
2.8.4	Seating and football nets	2.8.26	Goal posts for kids to play plus trees
2.8.5	More seating as there's currently none.	2.8.27	Install outside keep fit equipment. Set aside secure space for children's play area.
2.8.6	Muddy in entry to park	2.8.28	Improvement to access must be done securely, so that travellers cannot get easy access as in the past.
2.8.7	Focus on what could support wildlife in the space	2.8.29	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a networ of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
2.8.8	Improved accessibility would be amazing so I can bring my wheelchair in on days when I can't use my walking stick or rollator, which are much easier to get into the park with.	2.8.30	picnic area
2.8.9	The seating areas as it makes the space more useful and the meadow areas as it increases biodiversity	2.8.31	The space is undulating, so not ideal for football. I would also feel that I had to keep my dog on a lead if there was a game going on in case he got in the way accidentally. When seating has been added before it has been found to encourage anti-social behaviour i.e. drinking, so has been removed again. Meadow areas would be great - just adding some wildflowers around the edges More trees have recently been planted, they are good, although as previously mentioned I do like the openness of the space as a safety aspect. One of the gates is really creaky, just needs some WD40 and must drive the nearest house mad!
2.8.10	Dog warden engagement	2.8.32	Please don't put in goal posts. There are plenty of other places for sports in the area. When there were goal posts in the past the littering was awful and sometimes those playing football were intimidating.
2.8.11	Plant more trees/shrubs - but must be around the edge so as not to impede ball throwing for dogs	2.8.33	Having gates which spring shut would be useful to make it a safer space for dogs off lead as would building the wall up on the left hand side near the gate so the road cannot be accessed either
2.8.12	Another entrance needs to be added instead of just the one on Entry Hill.	2.8.34	Creating more visual interest and the provision of more seating and picnic benches is the most important improvements to me and my family.
2.8.13	It should be allowed to mature as a GREEN space for everybody's enjoyment - not just visiting cyclists who will not ride to it because of the steep incline in Entry Hill therefore parking is going to be a big issue.	2.8.35	Although it's a flat space, I think the idea of encouraging football here is a bad idea as it's so close to the main road; also, unlike the Firs, I'm not sure a mixed-use style park would work that well. More screening from the main road, though, would be welcome.
2.8.14	Too much meadow means fewer people visit and it'll get anti social behaviour. Improve the access for people but make it so the travellers vehicles cannot get in.		
2.8.15	I'd be happy for the changes above as long as more tree planting didn't affect visibility and safety issues.		
2.8.16	Upgrade and provide more seating. Install goal posts.		
2.8.34	Creating more visual interest and the provision of more seating and picnic benches is the most important improvements to me and my family.		

2.9 Your Suggestions for Entry Hill Open Space

2.9.1	Small play area for young children Rather than a football goal posts what about a basketball/netball net (similar to Firs Field) Perhaps providing an enclosed area to ensure they are safe from dogs	2.9.17	more benches, tables, accessibility for people in wheelchair
2.9.2	Reduce the speed limit on Bradford Road.	2.9.18	Lovely safe and secure space. Dog walkers and picnics love it. Could do with a couple of benches as there is only one currently.
2.9.3	Access to a toilet	2.9.19	Considering this is a yearly site for traveller's personally I'd leave it as basic as possible.
2.9.4	I think people view this primarily as a dog walking park, even though the space could be usable for sports/leisure for those nearby. Seating would help show it's for everyone and maybe more signs, and even play equipment for kids.	2.9.20	Might be nice to add some interest or small nature trail if planting trees.
2.9.5	I think it's good in general	2.9.21	Outdoor gym equipment, a mix of open space and paths through meadow of trees
2.9.6	Consider a gate in the far corner so it can be walked through along the main road	2.9.23	Separate areas for dogs and children
2.9.7	I would like another entrance further down the main road so I can incorporate a nice walk through the park into my walks to Sainsbury's and Tesco.	2.9.24	Fitness for adults area perhaps
2.9.8	It would be good to have local tennis courts that residents can use. If not it would be nice to have table tennis courts.	2.9.25	Separate dog walking from leisure
2.9.9	Dog warden engagement to encourage people to pick up more after their dogs. Empty bins more regularly. Wildflower areas. Outdoor gym equipment.	2.9.26	Leave it as it is
2.9.10	The park is so heavily used by dogwalkers that footballers would have a hard time with the dogs making off with their balls/interfering with the game.	2.9.27	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
2.9.11	Its a great space as it is. See previous comments.	2.9.28	Some play equipment for children.
2.9.12	Leave it alone - just provide facilities for it to be kept an open green space for everybody to enjoy walking around.	2.9.29	See previous comments
2.9.13	More security	2.9.30	Could this be labelled as a dog friendly field with more notices about picking up dog waste? I know some people already drive to use the park to safely walk their dogs off lead.
2.9.14	I like it just the way it is. No need for any changes!	2.9.31	Is there space for a tennis court as there are none in the area?
2.9.15	Provide interesting play equipment for children. It will keep them active and they will enjoy it. Install some outdoor gym equipment that adults could use to keep fit.	2.9.32	Increase the wall height which runs along the busy Bradford road especially near the gate on the left hand side as your facing the road. Add self closing gates to stop risk of gates being left open since it is a busy park near a busy road.
2.9.16	I haven't seen the plans by Pedal Progression to see how they are going to improve the area and make it a facility for all as well as bike people.	2.9.33	The risks posed by dogs running free is the main reason why my family, friends and neighbours don't use the space as a destination. Therefore the provision of secure segregation for dogs to exercise would be extremely welcome. The reintroduction of goal posts is good however a greater diversification of activity equipment such as outdoor ping pong table(s) and outdoor gym and play equipment would be more inclusive. The road and pavement arrangement around the open space prioritises the movement of cars over pedestrians which makes it unnecessarily unsafe to access the space. Installing zebra crossings and continuous footways would greatly improve access to the park. There is currently nowhere to securely lock bikes. The installation of bikes stands would help encourage people to travel to the space using active travel (if they are not put off by all of the speeding traffic in the local area). Introduce more shrubs and trees around the periphery of the open space to reduce the noise and pollution from Bradford Road.
		2.9.34	I think there's scope for making it a dedicated dog-park like you see abroad, with extra bins, running water, and even a smaller fenced off area for pups and small dogs.

2.10 Reasons for not visiting Entry Hill

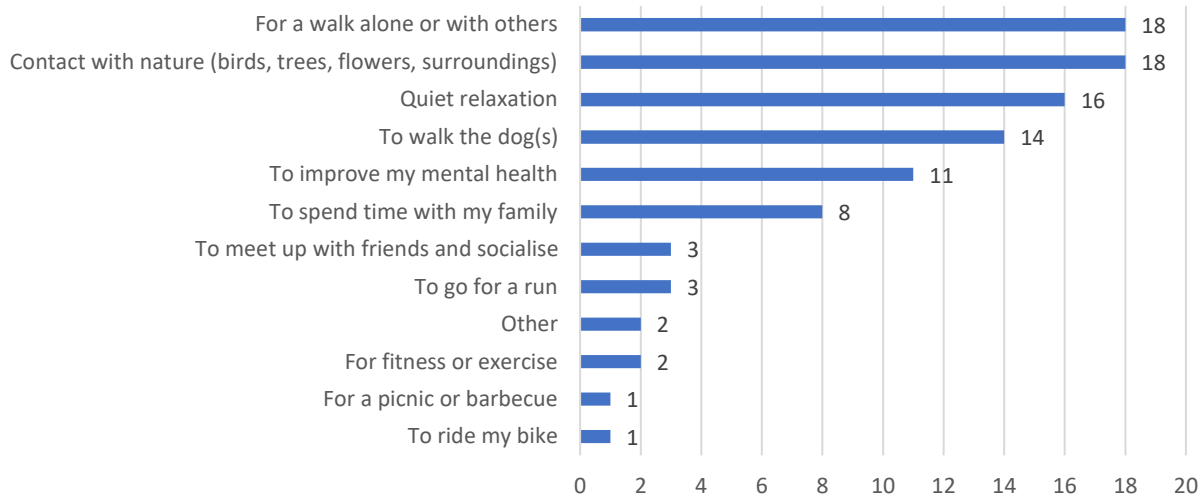


2.11 Primary reasons for not visiting Entry Hill

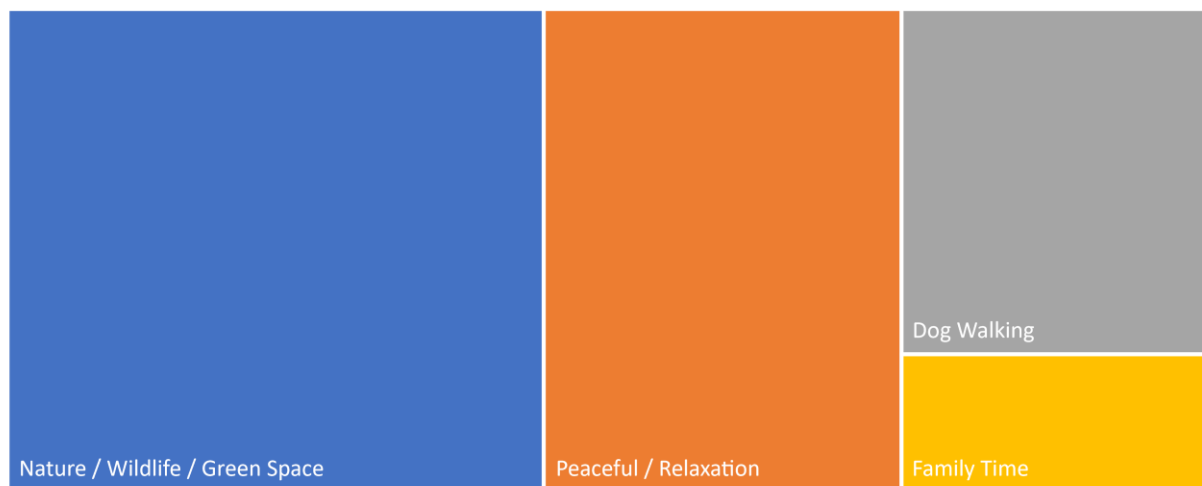
2.11.1	making it more unique/having more natural features
2.11.2	Easy free parking
2.11.3	If there were more facilities there
2.11.4	More facilities
2.11.5	If I want to go for a walk, there are nicer places to go. This is just a field, fine for dog walkers and sports but those aren't for me.
2.11.6	Put something there so it's not just for dog walking: Football, skateboarding, play park, timber trail, picnic area - I don't mind which. It's under used because there's no attraction.
2.11.7	It is too near a main busy road. I am not happy for my children to go off alone on those roads.
2.11.8	There is no reason to visit - it's completely uninteresting with no facilities. I walk past frequently and have never seen anyone there apart from dogwalkers
2.11.9	skating facilities
2.11.10	I am too old!
2.11.11	<p>This space is a dog space primarily.</p> <p>I don't have a dog and wouldn't walk for pleasure where there are dogs racing around, some of which are not under the control of their owners.</p> <p>It is great that dog owners use this area in preference to other spaces, I assume because it is open and safely fenced. For me to use this site I would want to have a safe dog free refuge in which to walk/sit. More trees to quieten the traffic would also be good. But I would prefer this site to be the most dog friendly in the area so that other sites don't have to accommodate more of the local dog population.</p>
2.11.12	It's not a space that attracts my interest, very little if any wildlife habitat, just still feels like an old football field.
2.11.13	Dedicated spaces with no dogs for picnics or exercise.
2.11.14	Maybe a possible division to allow some open space for dogs to be let off but also a separate space for dogs to be walked on leads
2.11.15	It's next to a main road and therefore unsafe for kids.
2.11.16	More publicity.
2.11.17	Nothing - I like the Golf course and the quarry. One cannot enjoy time and peace etc at every park. If one tried one would not enjoy any! Get a grip
2.11.18	I think a good change, would be to make the park feel more of an appealing space - planting trees or a natural hedgerow along the Bradford Road boundary would mask the road noise and traffic to make the space seem more enclosed and hidden away from busy everyday life.
2.11.19	Buying a dog!
2.11.20	Tennis court(s)

SECTION 3 – SPRINGFIELD QUARRY

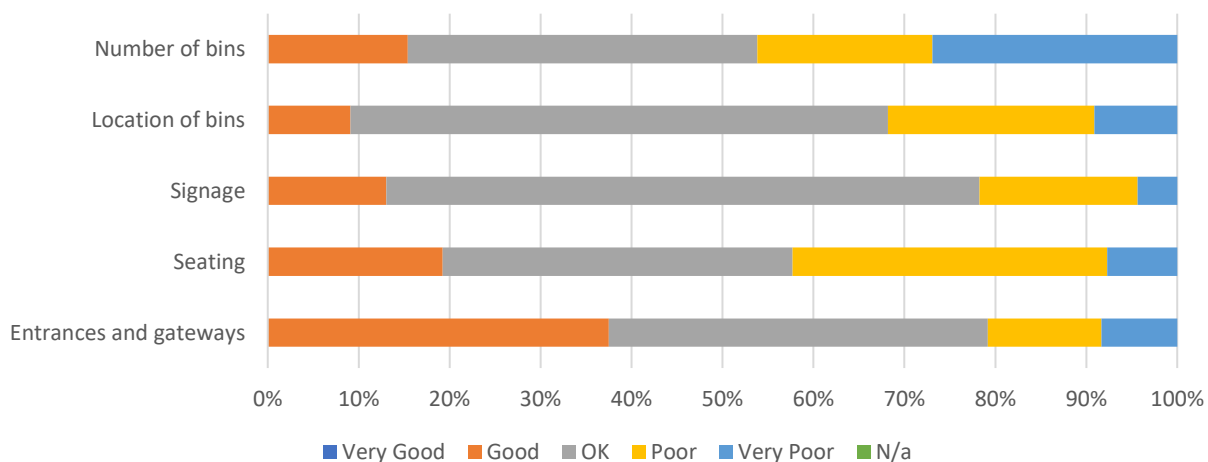
3.1 Why do you visit Springfield Quarry?



3.2 Which of these reasons is most important to you, and why?



3.3 How would you rate the facilities at Springfield Quarry?



3.4 Best points about Springfield Quarry



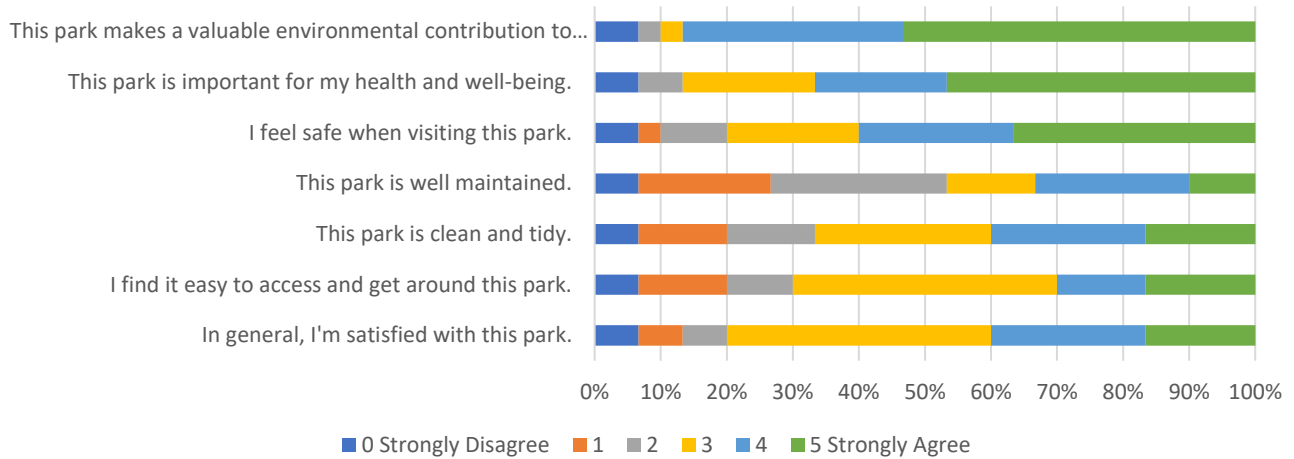
3.4.1	Quiet
3.4.2	Beautiful, natural
3.4.3	Its like a nature reserve
3.4.4	The combination of nature and the impressive man made impact
3.4.5	Its full of peaceful nature!
3.4.6	Good for dog walks
3.4.7	It is a peaceful oasis and should remain so....PLEASE!
3.4.8	The quiet space
3.4.9	close to my house
3.4.10	It's beautiful and peaceful.
3.4.11	Feels wild
3.4.12	It is completely unspoilt, and haven for wild life - birds, badgers, foxes, even deer occasionally. A perfect place for dog walkers, enjoying nature etc.
3.4.13	It has a wild quality not found elsewhere in the Foxhill area. Is it where the tawny owls and foxes hang out? Who knows? I love the mature trees and that it is not a manicured park. It has insects galore and colourful wild flowers, random paths and is sheltered from the traffic and road noise. I like going right to the Hawthorn Grove end. It's very atmospheric with the cliff-like stone walls.
3.4.14	Great enclosed space
3.4.15	Nature , quiet space
3.4.16	Near houses
3.4.17	Enclosed
3.4.18	nature, history and quiet space
3.4.19	quiet
3.4.20	It is isolated, quiet, peaceful and is not a thoroughfare! Your proposals will ruin it
3.4.21	Naturalistic.
3.4.22	The wild nature of this space makes it a very relaxing and interesting place to visit and reconnect with nature.

3.5 Worst points about Springfield Quarry

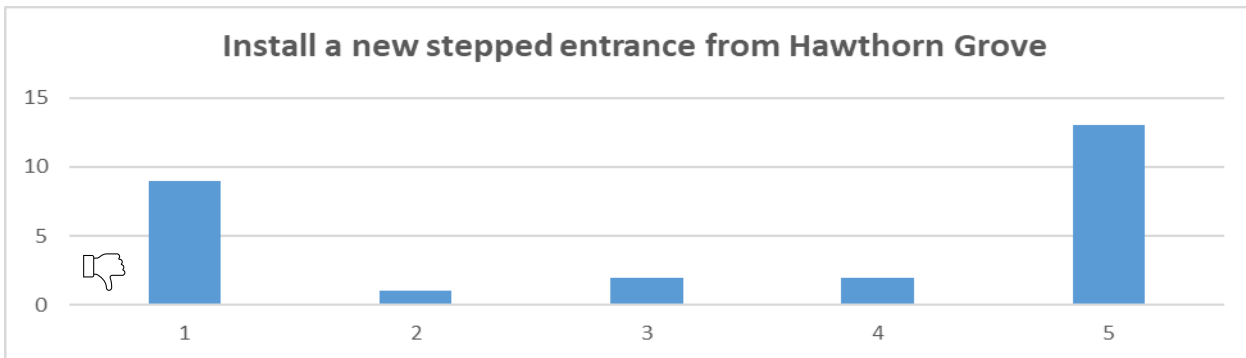


3.5.1	Seems a bit abandoned, there's no entrance on the south side, no level access from the north entrance.
3.5.2	More poo bins and signs
3.5.3	Doesn't feel very safe - only one way in and out
3.5.4	Litter
3.5.5	The state it seems to be left in sometimes with litter and burned things
3.5.6	Its hard to access with my mobility issues.
3.5.7	The occasional visits by some young teenagers from the Foxhill Estate who can leave litter (which we residents clear up) and they have started fires and generally been a bit antisocial.
3.5.8	No exit to Hawthorn Grove
3.5.9	sometimes its so quiet that I scared
3.5.10	Nobody knows it's there! No signs anywhere.
3.5.11	Only one way in, cannot connect through it to enjoy it as part of active travel. Temporary fences are also horrible
3.5.12	Nothing. Don't spoil it.
3.5.13	It doesn't feel safe when there are people there being anti-social- leaving rubbish, spray painting etc., Part of this is because there is only one way in and out. In the unlikely event that the exit is blocked by people then it could be a bit intimidating.
3.5.14	no gate
3.5.15	Bad paths , overgrown and maintenance
3.5.16	No benches
3.5.17	Poorly maintained
3.5.18	not used enough for organised vists like a Forest school and nature trail
3.5.19	paths can be difficult to access, particularly with a pushchair
3.5.20	The lack of maintenance the council has given to it in the recent years. Having used the quarry since I was 9, I am now 50, I remember all the works that have been carried out and how it was originally. Its failing has been the council. The grass is only cut a few times a year - making in less enjoyable to walk and allowing brambles and weeds to encroach on the space. The new trees planted by the council are not managed, the ridiculous Harris fencing the council installed has been left and is now a hazard to all. You the council have neglected it for years and now want to spend money destroying it! Save the money, cut the grass once every two weeks, manage the weeds and trees, remove the Harris fencing and all will be well
3.5.21	A bit secluded.
3.5.22	Overgrown towards the far end.
3.5.23	The evidence of anti-social behaviour.

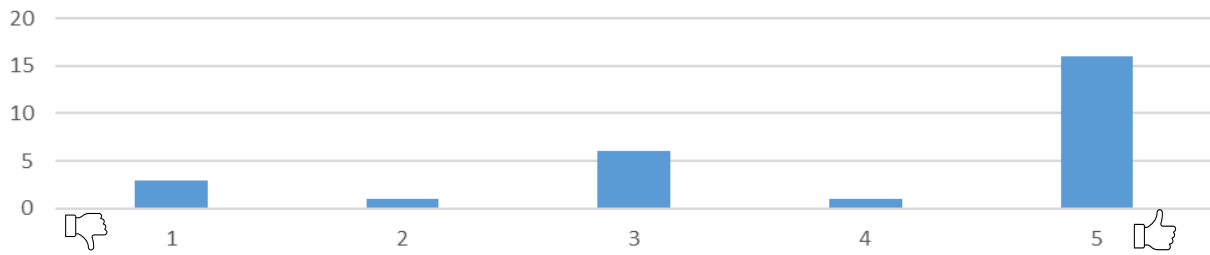
3.6 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



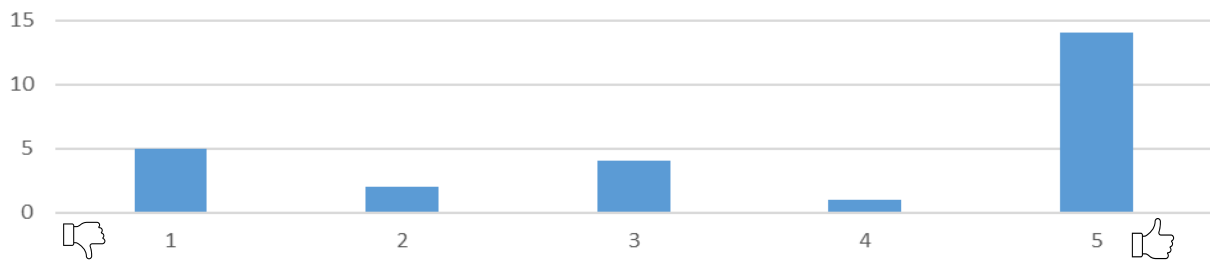
3.7 How can we improve Springfield Quarry?



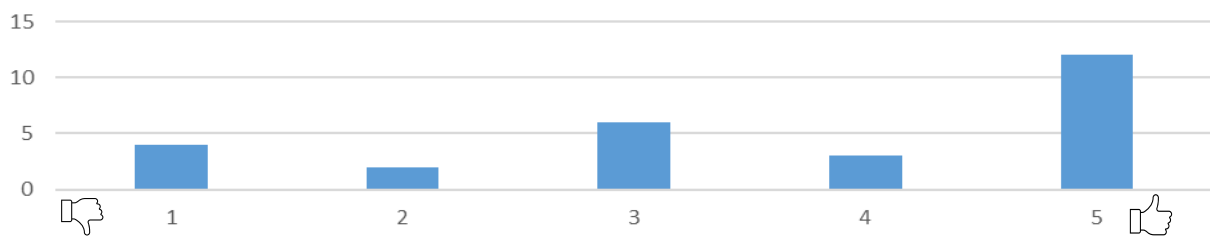
Designate the site as a Local Nature Reserve, and develop a Friends group to do conservation work



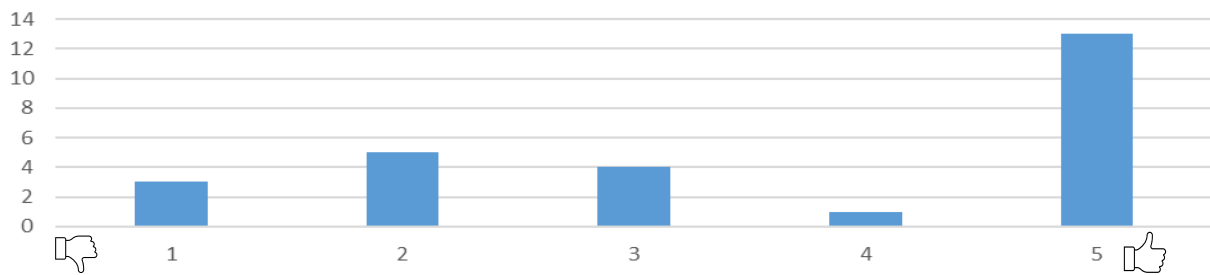
Add features to encourage natural play



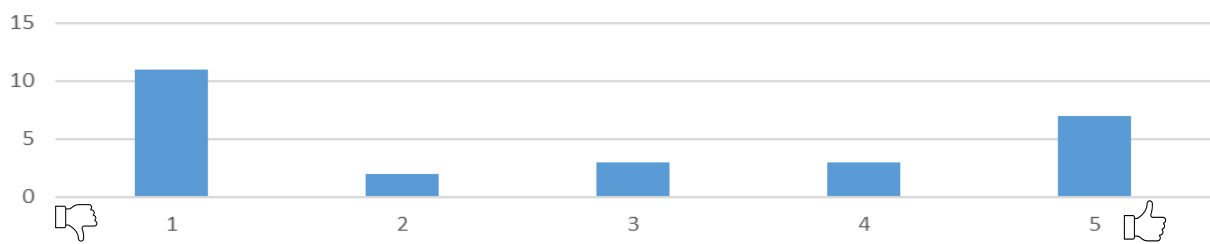
Add / upgrade seating, including some picnic benches

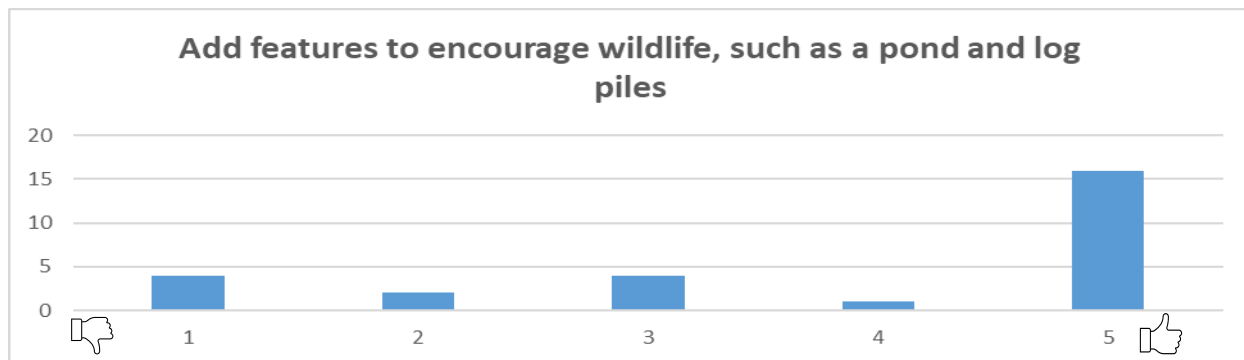


Carry out tree works to improve safety



Install fencing and signage to stop visitors from going near quarry walls





3.8 Please add any comments you have about these suggestions

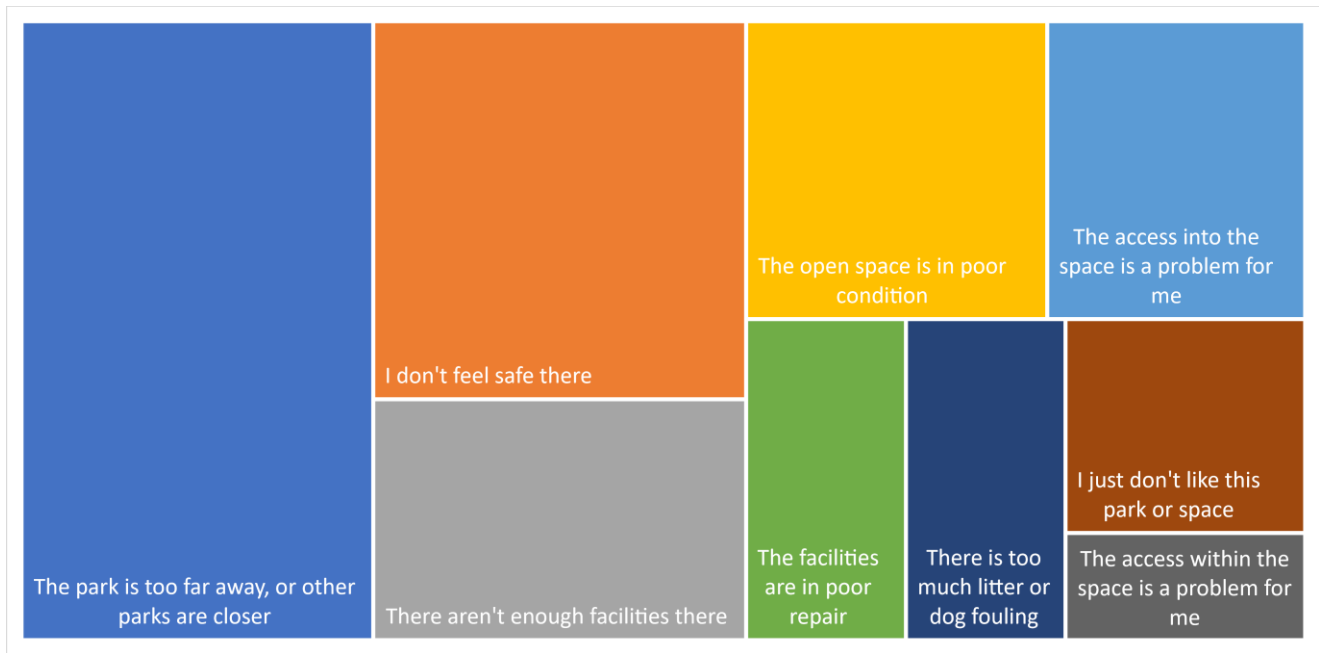
3.8.1	Whilst I support the addition of a Hawthorn Grove entrance, is there any way this can be made accessible instead of having steps?
3.8.2	Another entrance would be brilliant and make it much more accessible and likely to be used by Foxhill residents. It would also feel safer as there'd be higher foot traffic and more than one way in and out - currently it feels quite secluded in a dangerous way.
3.8.3	I think it should be preserved as a nature reserve and not encouraged as a play area specifically. My children love climbing on the dead trees.
3.8.4	I love the idea of a nature reserve with local people getting involved. Nature is crucial.
3.8.5	Please do not ruin this area with signs and a lot of benches etc and a pond. Car parking in Entry Hill Park is difficult enough at times and to enlarge and 'improve' the park will cause a lot of distress to residents who enjoy their peace and quiet.
3.8.6	New entrance to Hawthorn Grove. It would provide continuity for walking locally
3.8.7	Signage so new residents know it's there! Maybe benches close to entrance, so wildlife isn't disturbed.
3.8.8	Ponds and bridges would be amazing for the kids and nature
3.8.9	Access from Hawthorn Grove would be incredible and change active travel routes in the area
3.8.10	Quite frankly I don't think we should meddle with nature. Leave it be
3.8.11	<p>Opening up the access to Hawthorn Grove- creates a circular walk for dog walkers and enables better access for Foxhill folk.</p> <p>I would not like to see lots more signage- call it a nature reserve by all means but keep it wild. May be opportunities for GPS-linked interpretation points, accessed by mobile phone, rather than a static sign. This would enable people to access the site in different ways and move through it freely, for exercise, exploration and sense of wellbeing.</p> <p>I would like rustic paths with wood chip for at least the far end. I know this isn't user friendly for buggies and wheelchair users but hopefully a compromise can be reached.</p> <p>I think picnic benches can attract anti social loitering and would want these placed prominently in the public eye to deter anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Encouraging wildlife is as much about maintaining conservation interest that is already there and managing it appropriately- the sunny grassy glades are brilliant for insects and butterflies, the scrub and brambles are also great habitat. Adding features can add diversity but please NOT at the expense of what is already there.</p>
3.8.12	Please add a secure gate
3.8.13	Better paths access to all , bins and grass cutting improvements
3.8.14	Hawthorne entrance a great idea
3.8.15	Don't go over the same old subjects. Fences were torn down by the kids and brambles form a natural barrier. A walk through from Hawthorn Grove is a nonsense open to abuse and drug dealing
3.8.16	If the Bath Bike park opens then there needs to be a link-- Not for mainstream biking but for the physically and mentally challenged bikers outreach.The land is flat unlike EH golf course.Pedal Progression could carry out coaching for these minority groups in the safer environment of Springfield quarry. This would be a good location for a Forest school, which could be managed out of the EH site.Parking could then be in the EH car park and bikes could be brought up to the site.The PP toilets and Cafe could be used.
3.8.17	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
3.8.18	natural play area would be lovely, as would access from hawthorn grove
3.8.19	<p>By your own statements the quarry is an isolated peaceful site.</p> <p>One would argue, although not officially classed as one, it is already a nature reserve.</p> <p>In the evenings one can watch numerous bats flying around the quarry - a habitat that may be destroyed by your proposals!</p> <p>As a true nature reserve the only thing that can spoil it is your proposals of "easy access, additional signage, picnic benches, footpaths" etc.</p> <p>If one wants a picnic - take a picnic blanket or sit on the grass or one of the downed trees like humans have done for generations.</p> <p>There is already a path going around the quarry, enough for its size!</p> <p>Children do not require play things to encourage them to enjoy nature. Giving play things will stop them from playing with the true nature in the quarry - bushes, trees, sticks and mud!</p> <p>If you build your pond who will maintain it and repair it when it is vandalised and overgrown - the pond itself is not natural to the quarry. There is a stream 400 yards away running through pipes in the golf course - put your water features there.</p> <p>You simply need to down the weeds, manage some of the trees, remove the dangerous fencing and then cut the grass every other week.</p>

	This will maintain its natural beauty, promote quiet use and maintain the habitat which has developed there which includes bird song in the day and bats hunting in the evening
3.8.20	A stepped entrance from Hawthorn Grove would be great!
3.8.21	Retaining and enhancing the naturalistic feel of the space is the most important improvement. Installing a stepped entrance from Hawthorne Grove may ruin the magical seclusion of the space.

3.9 Your suggestions for Springfield Quarry

3.9.1	Information boards about the former quarry - similar to at Firs Fields. Play area for kids.
3.9.2	Conservation group to help clean up litter. Control graffiti and burning
3.9.3	I think improving access and boosting the wildlife there is important, and then creates opportunity for signage about the site for education
3.9.4	Your ideas are what I was going to suggest - though I was going to suggest perhaps working with Avon Wildlife Trust for establishing a conservation group.
3.9.5	Just leave it alone = PLEASE! The Parks Department could do a bit more maintenance but on the whole they do a splendid job.
3.9.6	A garden/flower area
3.9.7	pop up shops
3.9.8	More natural, cost friendly wildlife enhancements.
3.9.9	Make cliffs safe and install rock climbing and bouldering routes to give another health and wellbeing activity in an area which includes deprivation
3.9.10	See my previous comments
3.9.11	<p>I think opening up the Hawthorn Grove end of the quarry creates a link with the opposite open space/allotments - a green corridor. If the allotment site is also upgraded for community use then the whole area benefits as a green space, as the lungs of the area and enables better circulation for walkers, children's outdoor play, exercise and relaxation.</p> <p>If it were possible to resurrect the hawthorn trees along Hawthorn Grove then that would also be visually stunning, good for pollinators and winter berries for the birds. Those trees could really do with some help!!</p> <p>May be opening up the view from the HG end down into the quarry would make it appear more enticing -I'm not sure people even realise the quarry is there as they pass by.</p> <p>I like the idea of a Friend's group as long as it has support from the Council if there are problems with anti-social behaviour. near neighbours will need reassurance that the site will not become more of a problem with greater public access. It comes down to creating appropriate access and opportunities for quiet recreation, education, improved wellbeing and social interaction.</p>
3.9.12	Please add a gate
3.9.13	Orchard
3.9.14	Leave it alone you will only make a mess of it. Just cut the grass and keep it tidy.
3.9.15	see previous page
3.9.16	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
3.9.17	<p>Give it to someone that will manage it correctly - the National Trust</p> <p>Failing that: Clear the fencing, Clear the weeds, Manage the trees, Cut the grass on a regular basis - every two weeks</p> <p>No signs!</p>
3.9.18	Install bike stands to enable people to lock their bikes and encourage active travel.

3.10 Reasons for not visiting Springfield Quarry

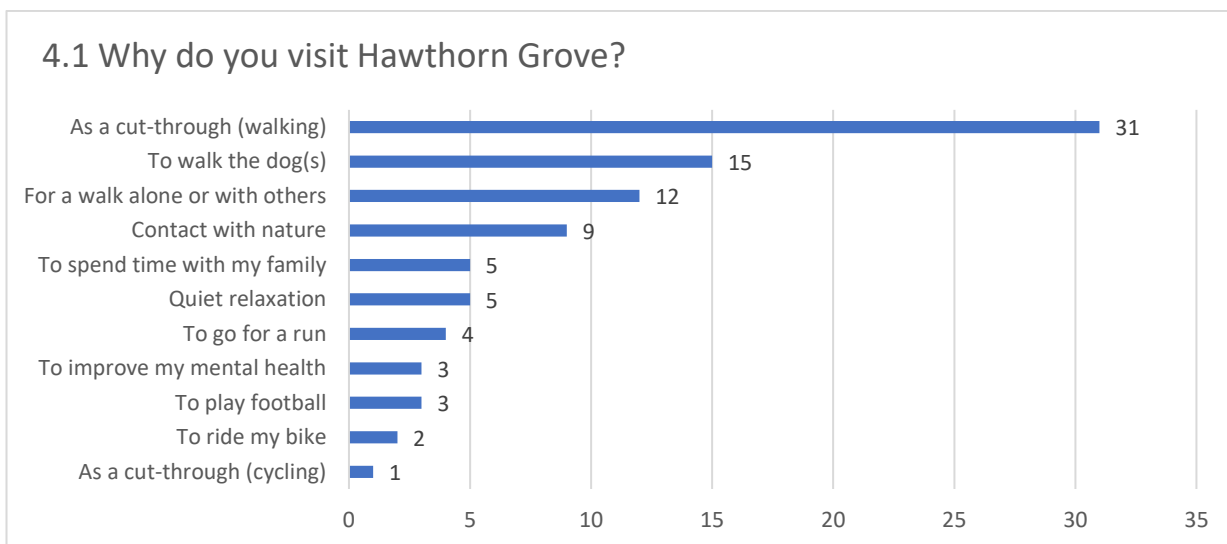


3.11 Primary reasons for not visiting Springfield Quarry

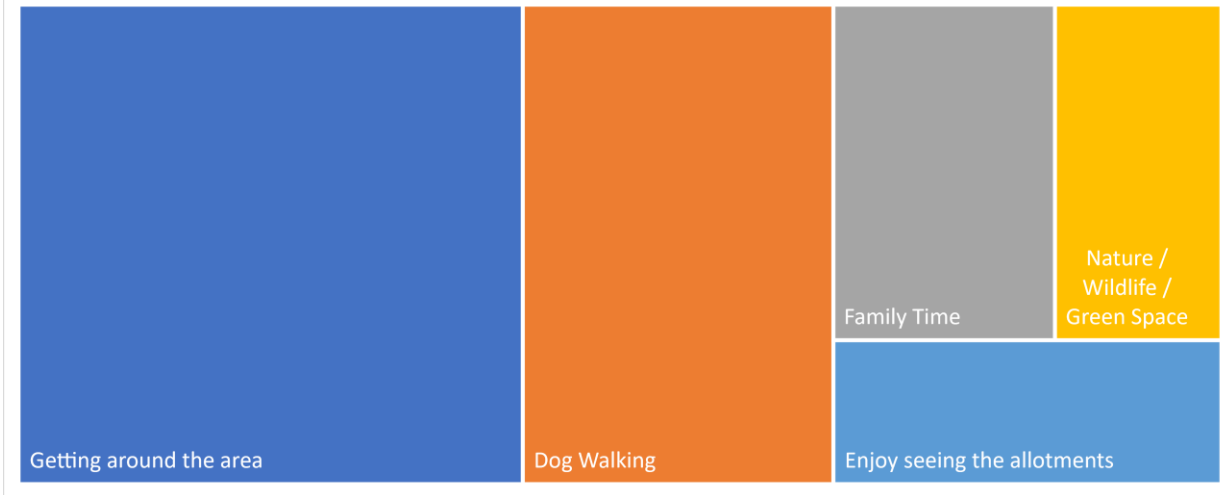
2.11.1	I didn't know it existed, I'm off to investigate...
2.11.2	I didn't know it existed
2.11.3	I didnt know it was there!
2.11.4	Not aware of it
2.11.5	I didn't even know it was there.
2.11.6	I didnt know it was there
2.11.7	Never heard of it
2.11.8	Dont know it was there and its right by my house!!
2.11.9	I didnt know it was there.
2.11.10	Location?
2.11.11	I never knew this existed!
2.11.12	I would never think of just sitting in a park.
2.11.13	I dont know where this is
2.11.14	Don't know where it is.
2.11.15	I didn't realise it was a public space & thought it was just where people went to do dodgy things.
2.11.16	Wasn't aware that it was there!
2.11.17	Not convenient
2.11.18	Don't know anything about it.
2.11.19	i just haven't been there yet
2.11.20	Not sure where it is, new to the area
2.11.21	Don't think about it
2.11.22	Access is only really from one direction I.e Entry hill side and not Combe Down or Foxhill
2.11.23	I was unaware that this park was located here
2.11.24	Accessibilty
2.11.25	I didnt know about it.
2.11.26	I don't know where it is our that it was a space you can access
2.11.27	Don't know where this is

2.11.28	Wasnt aware it existed, no access from Hawthorn Grove
2.11.29	Didn't know it was there

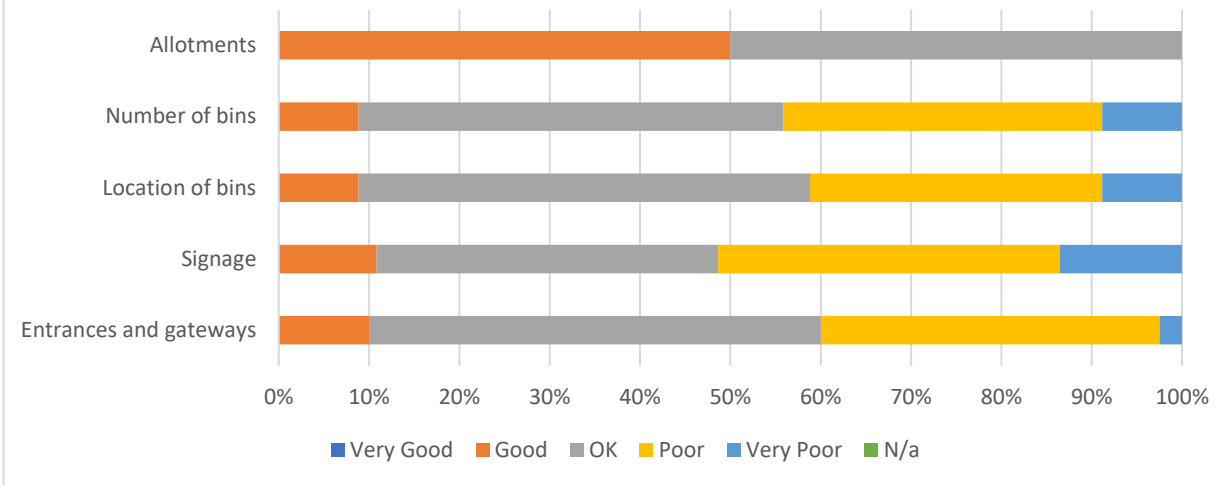
SECTION 4 – HAWTHORN GROVE



4.2 Which of these reasons is most important to you, and why?



4.3 How would you rate the facilities at Hawthorn Grove?



4.4 Best points about Hawthorn Grove

Getting around

Peaceful Well maintained
Sociable Safe
Walking Nearby
Allotments
Secure Nature Shrubs
Mature trees
Green
Accessible route

4.4.1	Could be an useful cut-through if you sort out the entrances.
4.4.2	Peaceful
4.4.3	Green open space
4.4.4	Its location
4.4.5	It's a fairly accessible route to cut through for me with my mobility aids to have some time in nature when walking back from the shops!
4.4.6	It exists. It's better than no green space.
4.4.7	Allotments
4.4.8	Nice green area, good to have the allotments there for locals
4.4.9	It's great to see some allotments there but I never found this space as an attractive space -- just a run through that I once entered out of curiosity.
4.4.10	The best thing about Hawthorn Grove are the allotments. It has stopped most ball games and antisocial behaviour.
4.4.11	N/A as I only use this space now for walking through.
4.4.12	Struggling, sorry!
4.4.13	The allotments
4.4.14	On the doorstep
4.4.15	The allotments are well maintained. It is a green space near where I live. The grass is generally mowed, so easy for walking. I like the mature trees and shrubs as a backdrop to the site, even at the community building end where it looks a bit scruffy. It adds greenery to the area which otherwise is rather bland.
4.4.16	Nice to see allotments, but don't have one. Green space
4.4.17	The allotments
4.4.18	Allotments
4.4.19	Peaceful area by homes
4.4.20	Green space to break up the buildings
4.4.21	A quiet cut through.
4.4.22	Secure perimeter, easy access for me.
4.4.23	Hawthorn Grove is a nicely kept space, it seems to be fairly sociable and feels safe during the day or when getting darker in the evening. Overall this parks seems to be well used and looked after.
4.4.24	Green space
4.4.25	This space provides a nice traffic free route to and from the Bradford Road shops.
4.4.26	It's always fairly quiet

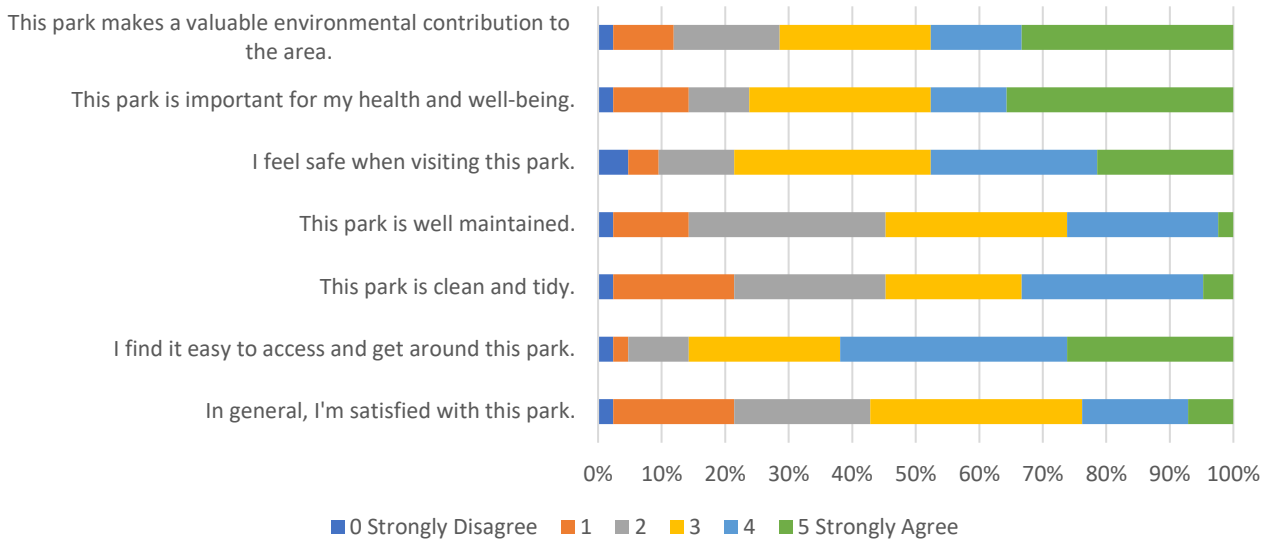
4.5 Worst points about Hawthorn Grove

Dog Mess

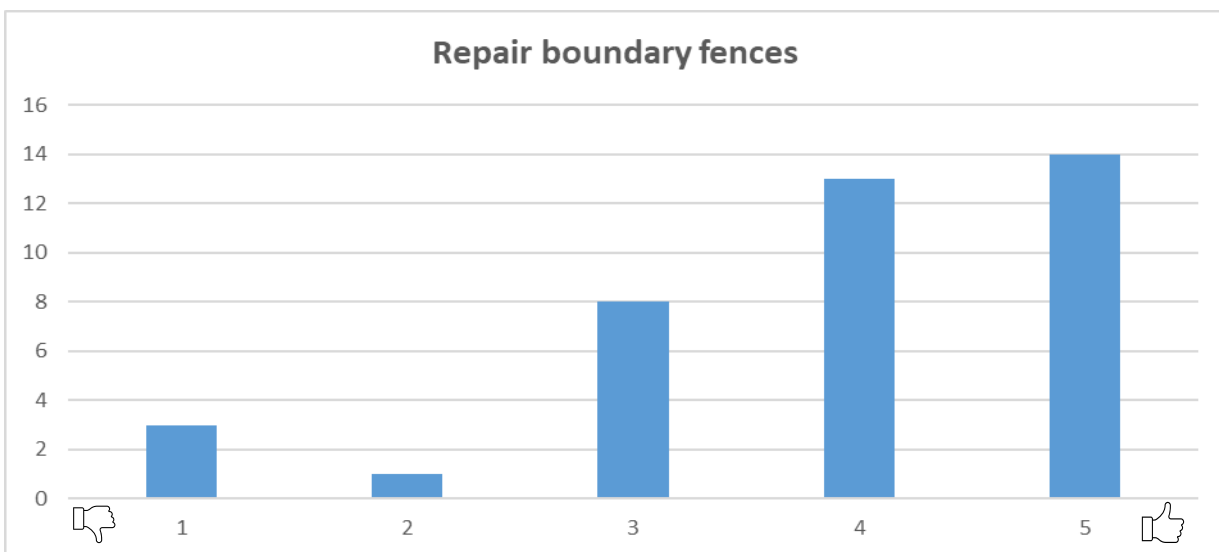
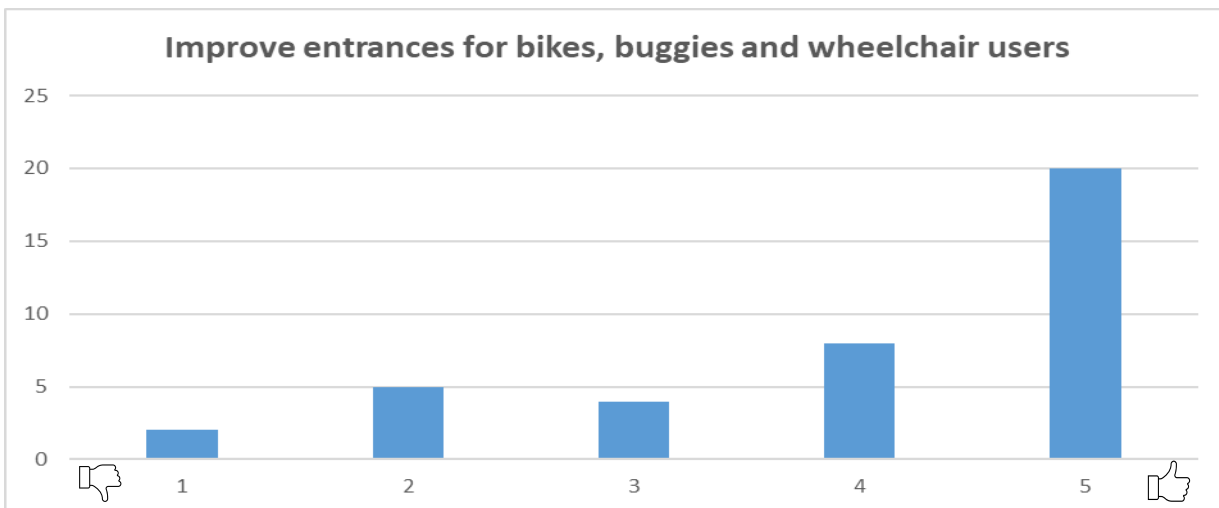
Dark Gates Fencing
 Uninteresting Pathway Dangerous Dogs Signage
 Intimidating
Entrances & Access
 Too small Litter No Seats
 Long grass Too few bins
 Poor maintenance
 Litter Unsafe
 Allotment Waiting List

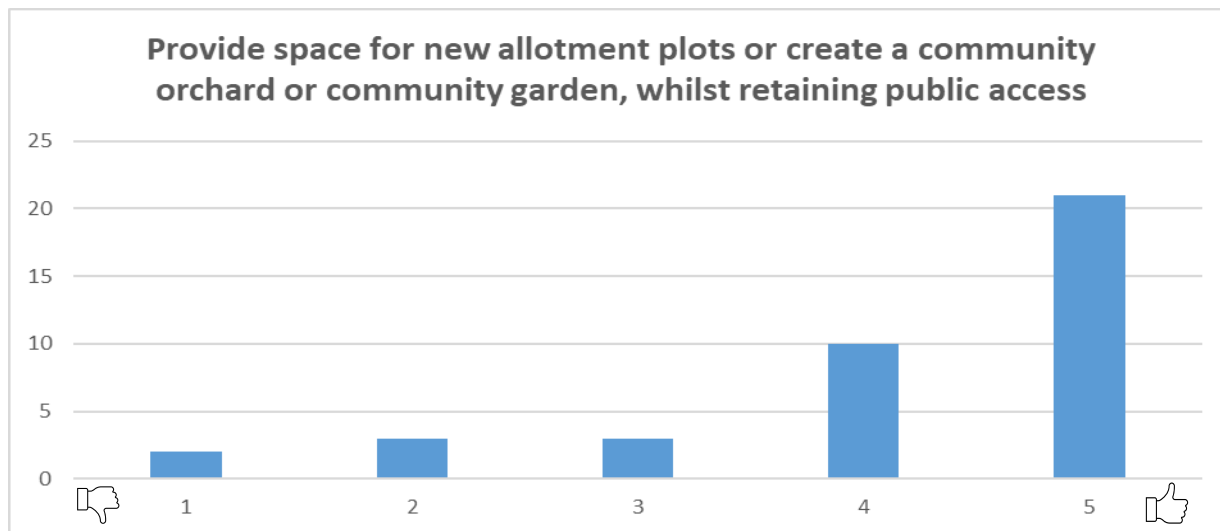
4.5.1	Entrances are not accessible, please remove all gates and barriers.
4.5.2	The size
4.5.3	Dog poo and litter
4.5.4	It is very plain and as such I think not treated well in terms of picking up dog poo
4.5.5	Dog mess means I'm reluctant to take my mobility aids with wheels through here so I use it less than I would if there were a pathway through so I could clearly avoid dog mess.
4.5.6	Dog poo and holes in the ground to twist your ankles.
4.5.7	Dog poo Long waiting list for allotments. Fencing is pretty intimidating/makes it feel an unsafe area.
4.5.8	It is often used by owners of unsocialised dogs for dog walking, so sometimes can be a bit intimidating to go in there. Can be messy underfoot(dog poo) so not a place to linger
4.5.9	If I recall well it wasn't very convenient to tackle it with a buggy.
4.5.10	The lack of bins for dog excrement bags. Some bags are thrown over into my garden(this runs adjacent to the park) when people cannot be bothered to find a bin. The unsafe part of the fencing which was taken down definitely needs to be replaced as it will stop youths jumping over into my garden and dog mess bags being thrown over.
4.5.11	N/A
4.5.12	Dark, poor lighting and dangerous and full of dog poop.
4.5.13	Entrances
4.5.14	No pathway, but that's not always a bad thing.
4.5.15	A dull corridor full of dog poo
4.5.16	Fly tipping, rubbish around the Hawthorn Grove end of the site. I always think there could be twice as many allotments here and still room for a cut through path. The space doesn't lend itself to sitting down or spending time here.
4.5.17	double gates on each end would add safety for dogs off lead and new dog owners entering
4.5.18	Nothing there to make it attractive to use as a park
4.5.19	The rubbish
4.5.20	Soulless
4.5.21	Grass is too long for small children to play. Entrance way with the bushes doesn't feel that safe, wouldn't go near here if getting dark.
4.5.22	Poorly maintained, poor gate which a small dog can escape underneath (it happened to me when there was a larger dog mine ran away from!).
4.5.23	Litter.
4.5.24	The access and signage is not good at all, there should be better entrances which make the space look more encouraging to use. I think more of a defined pathway through the main walk though would also be quite beneficial, this would help create a good walking/cycling route that is not along roads and pavements.
4.5.25	Don't always feel safe
4.5.26	Only a few people can use the allotments
4.5.27	Access and egress from the space.
4.5.28	There's not much to it!

4.6 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



4.7 How can we improve Hawthorn Grove?





4.8 Please add any comments you have about these suggestions

4.8.1	I general, I am absolutely against park fences, as often these only limit access and obstruct desire lines, without serving any useful functions. As such, I don't think you need to repair the fences - you need to remove them.
4.8.2	Something to engage in without an allotment would be good, also consider how nature can be boosted
4.8.3	A clear flat accessible footpath would improve my experiences with a wheelchair and rollator.
4.8.4	Allotments and community orchards. Needs some love/community engagement to make it feel safer/better cared for by community.
4.8.5	Repair the gates so that dog owners and parents don't have to worry about children/dogs running out onto the road
4.8.6	Using it for more allotments sounds like a good idea. It's not attractive enough to be a park on its own so why not use it so that more people can grow veggies?
4.8.7	The repair of the boundary fencing is very important to me as at 77 I do not want youths jumping into my garden and bags of dog mess thrown in.
4.8.8	It should be maintained as a place for the residents to enjoy.
4.8.9	I always find the lighting very poor so only ever use this park in summer as a cut through. The few occasions that I have it's been littered with needles, cans and dog poo. I wouldn't use this space in winter (dark or dusk).
4.8.10	Improve the entrances, and a community orchard is a nice idea.
4.8.11	More allotments would be great. So many people want to learn to grow their own fresh produce.
4.8.12	A community allotment would be fantastic and combine with the space being used for active travel. More allotments just means enclosing a public space to benefit a handful of people and would be counter productive
4.8.13	I strongly agree with adding allotments. I have been on the waiting list for two and a half years and I'm way down the list! There is a lot of demand for growing spaces locally, particularly as we are being encouraged to live more sustainably by our local council. I think there is a strong case to be made for looking at all the green space provision as a whole. Creating allotments here whilst retaining a path through would mean the site can still be part of the cyclists/dog walker's itinerary but would provide much-needed allotments. Given the proximity of the Entry Hill/Bradford Road area, which seems to me to be the main dog exercising space, then enclosing this green space could be justified as a way to diversify the types of green land uses overall. I would prefer allotments to community orchard/garden in this location as it makes sense to extend existing infrastructure and no-where else in the proposals is there land identified for allotments, whereas community garden/orchard could be a complementary land use eg at Entry Hill or the Mulberry Park development.
4.8.14	This is a nothing park , no facilities always messy and full of litter , would be better to turn the whole thing into allotments
4.8.15	Orchard a great idea
4.8.16	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
4.8.17	I use it as a cut through to Foxhill shops. It's preferable to the disgusting snicket by St Andrew's church, but still has lots of dog poo and litter often.
4.8.18	I would love to see it used more.
4.8.19	I think the key change required for Hawthorn Grove is the access for people, bikes and all users. At the moment the gate is tricky to open and negotiate at times (especially during Winter when wet and muddy underfoot). A space for a community orchard or flower display is also a welcomed idea.
4.8.20	Orchard for more environmental improvements
4.8.21	Community orchard sounds good.
4.8.22	Making better use of the grassed area to improve biodiversity is the most important improvement.
4.8.23	I think expanding the allotments while ensuring that it's a safe, attractive cut-through to avoid Bradford Road would be a good idea

4.9 Your suggestions for improving Hawthorn Grove

4.9.1	Remove all gates and barriers.
4.9.2	An accessible path through by wheelchair would be good
4.9.3	I like the suggestions, but would like also to see something done about dog poo.
4.9.4	Community space for events Community orchard. Trees and wildflower planting. Improved bins/seating. More allotments - with community engagement activities. Safely fenced wildlife pond.
4.9.5	More allotments might be a very good idea - there is a big demand
4.9.6	I would be very happy if the boundary fence was fixed. More bins for dog mess.
4.9.7	More lighting, children's trails and play area to discourage other uses after dark.
4.9.8	A proper path between the gates could improve accessibility for cyclists and wheelchair users.
4.9.9	Community orchard with natural play and a route through for active travel. Take down the prison fences and combine with the community centre site
4.9.10	Allotments please in the HG green space. Please. Please. Please. Are you considering the green spaces in front of the Bradford Road shops? These were once planted up with edibles but have been poorly maintained. These areas could be planted with orchard fruits above the existing fruit bushes- it could be a forest garden - a low maintenance option, adding diversity to the street scene, more trees and an attractive feature for wildlife and residents. Wildlife would make use of these adjacent sites.
4.9.11	install a 2 gate system each end so it gives dog owners a chance to put there dogs on lead before new dogs and owners enter park
4.9.12	More allotments and a path , better bins and fencing
4.9.13	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a networ of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
4.9.14	Children's play area
4.9.15	Maintain more frequently. Plant wildflowers in areas along borders where noone walks
4.9.16	I think the following would be good improvements: - Proper signage at the park itself and also around Combe Down - A footpath that follows the route of the cut-through (properly laid to tarmac or chippings to keep pedestrians and cyclists off the grass) - Maybe a link that is accessible down to Shepherd's walk and across to Springfield Quarry/Entry Hill Open Space
4.9.17	Orchard for environmental improvement

4.10 Reasons for not visiting Hawthorn Grove

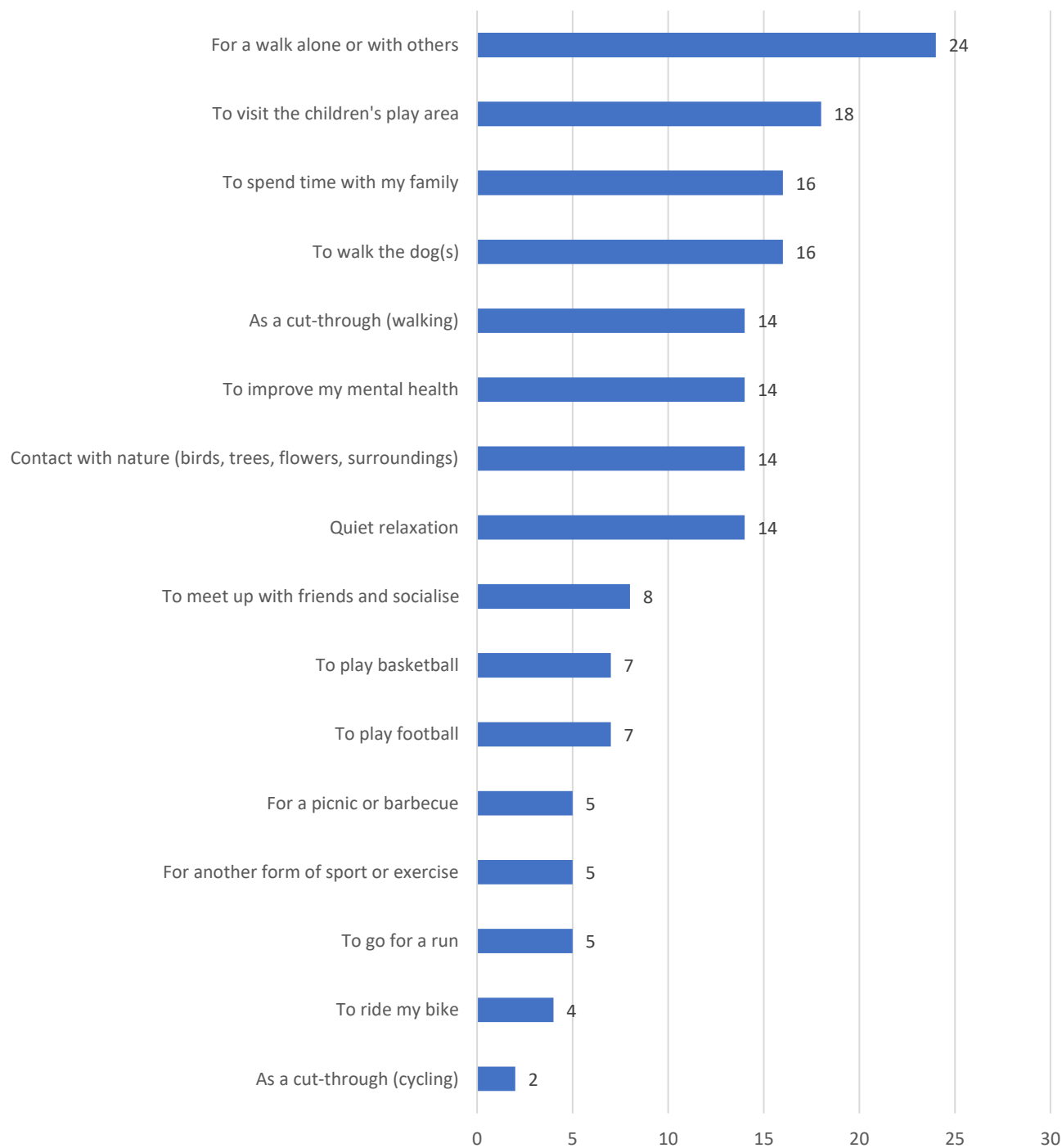


4.11 Primary reasons for not visiting Hawthorn Grove

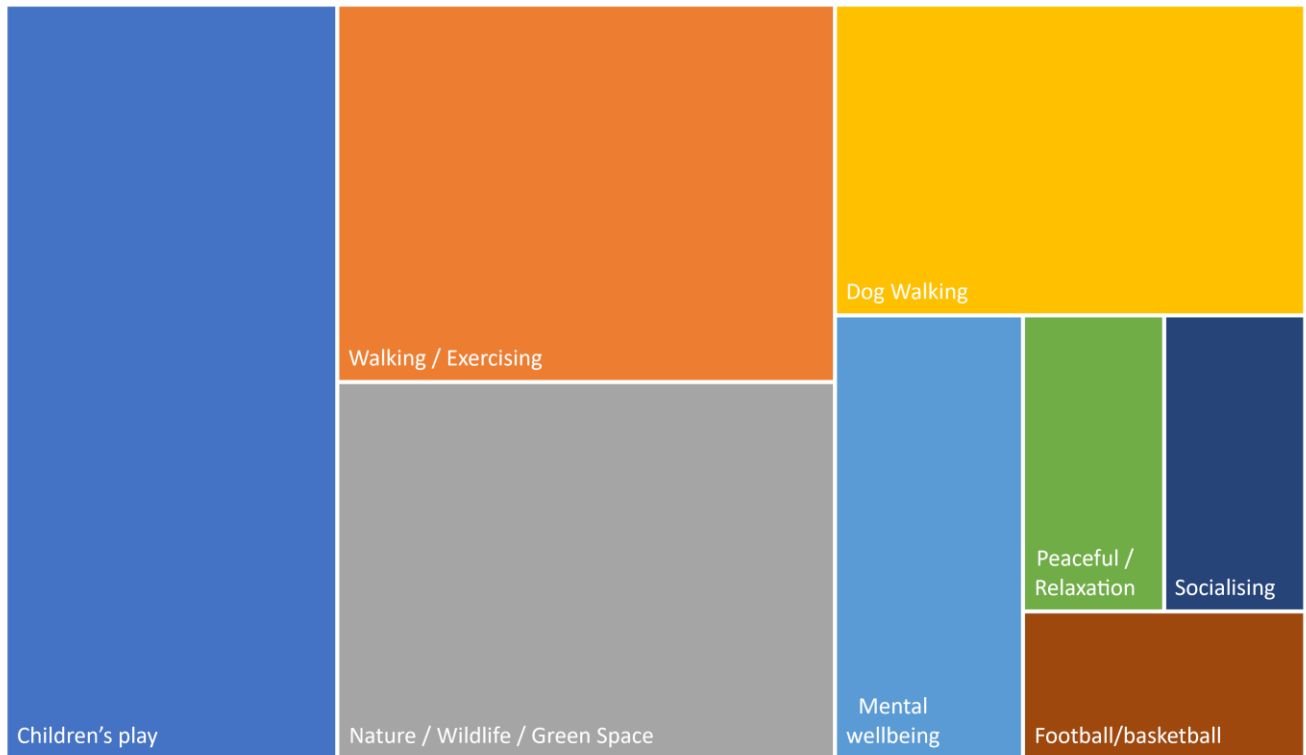
4.11.1	If this were to become a dedicated dog walking area well secured to do so
4.11.2	More natural features
4.11.3	Something to do eg play equipment
4.11.4	More facilities
4.11.5	Awareness of it and it's facilities
4.11.6	Never heard of it
4.11.7	Put something there so it's not just another dog walking field.
4.11.8	Too near a main road, again my children are too young to go with their friends unattended to enjoy a space near so much traffic.
4.11.9	Make it feel safer
4.11.10	It's not a park but it would make a lovely community orchard
4.11.11	Nice sitting area with flowers shrubs.
4.11.12	Better use of the land. More allotments. I like the idea of a community orchard but would need to keep access from Bradford Road to Hawthorn Grove - maybe create a walkway using the trees; it would be lovely to walk through an apple blossom avenue!
4.11.13	If there is a need then I think it would be better if it was all allotments.
4.11.14	Given amount of space there is not much that can be done.
4.11.15	More publicity.
4.11.16	Same as previous question
4.11.17	Allotment availability

SECTION 5 – SPRINGFIELD PARK

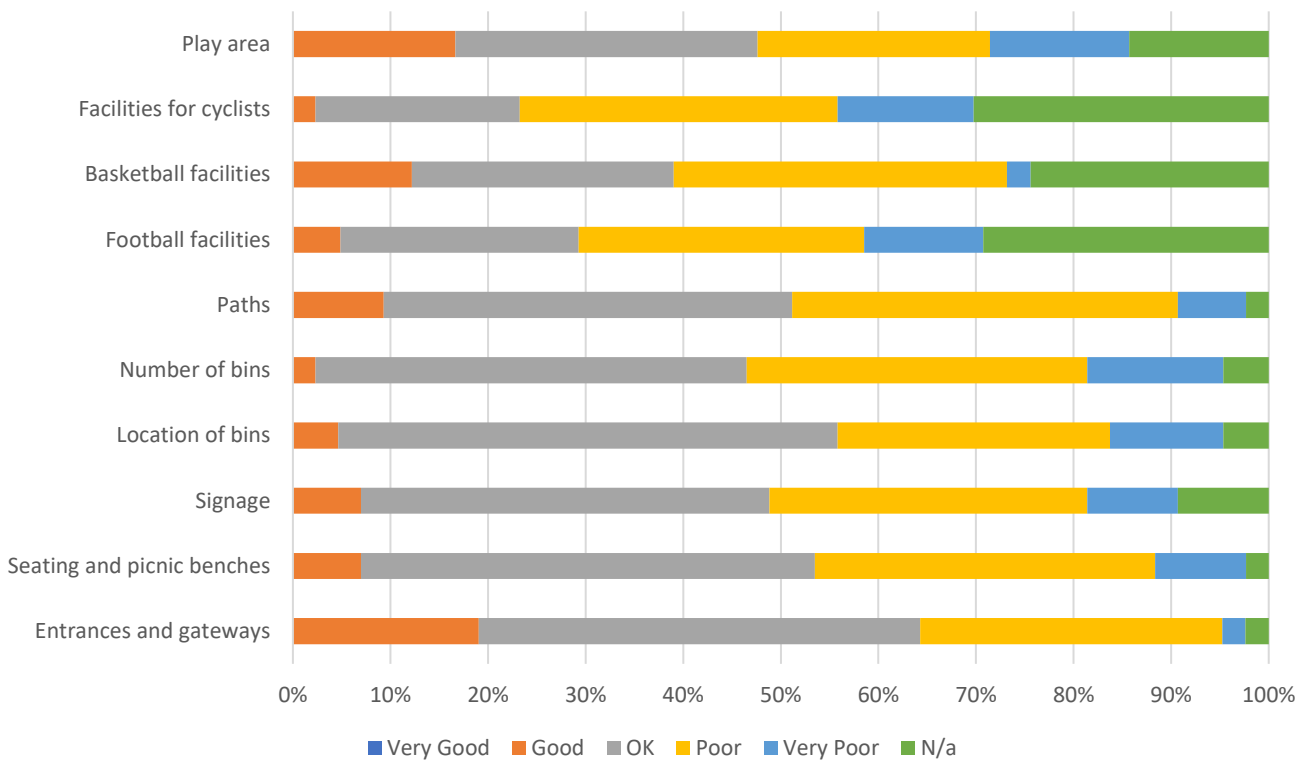
5.1 Why do you visit Springfield Park?



5.2 Which of these reasons is most important to you, and why?



5.3 How would you rate the facilities at Springfield Park?



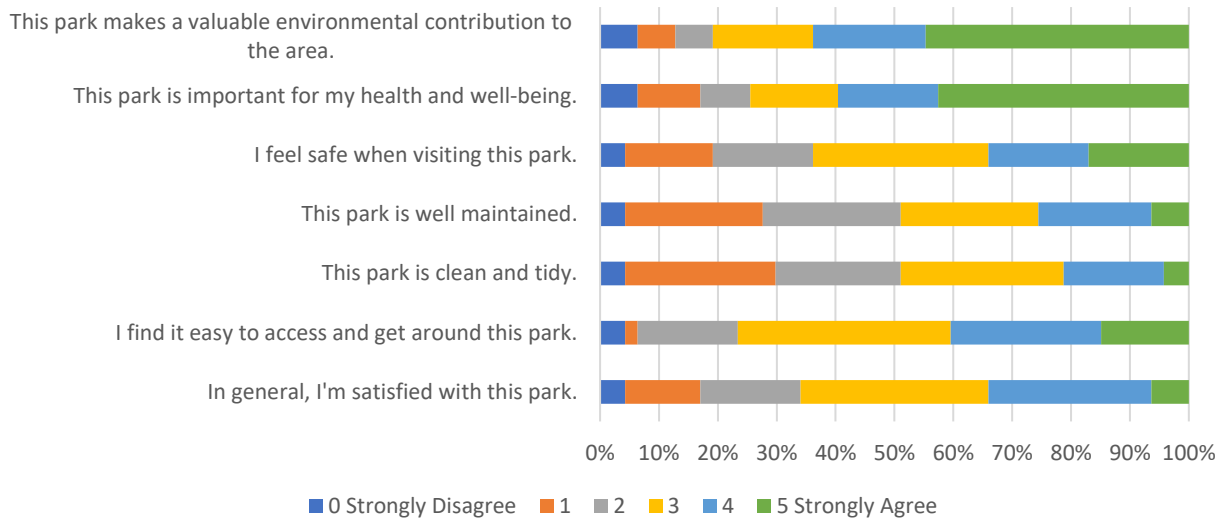
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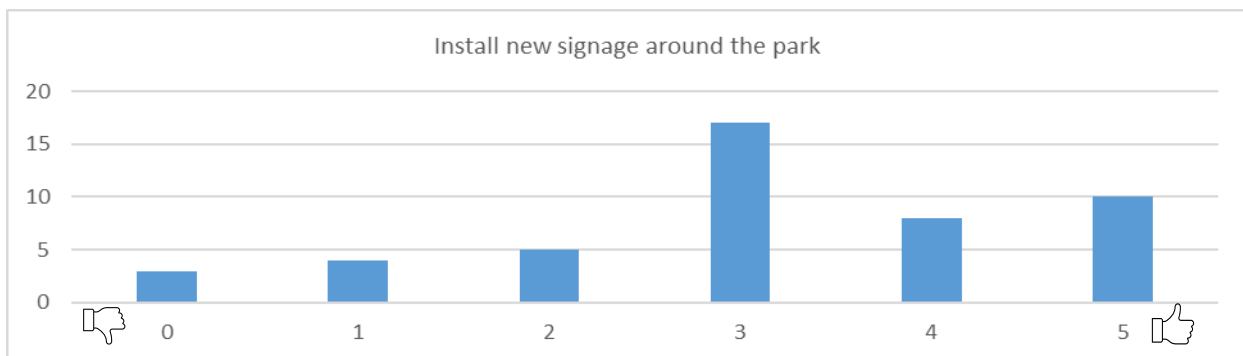
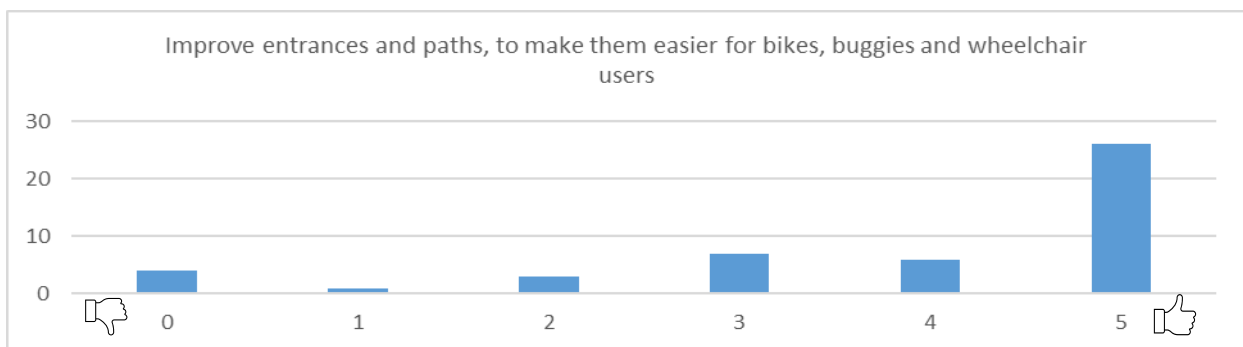
5.5.1	Safety, would prefer some more lighting. I think the mini bike track could be brought to life a bit more	5.5.19	people go and make a mess living behind loads of trash
5.5.2	The pump track is badly damaged and no longer usable. Can you provide a sealed-surface pump track in its place? Velosolutions, who are designing Bath Bike Park, can build one. And, again, no dropped kerbs + there are barriers limiting possible access points and desire lines.	5.5.20	Goal posts have now gone. In need of new ones as they were used a lot. Basketball court could do with minor repairs and seating. There aren't many bins! So lots of dog mess around. Bike area is unkempt and all the woodland play area, which was better for the older children, was taken away and never replaced.
5.5.3	litter and dog mess	5.5.21	The litter and basket ball court
5.5.4	Dog poo. More bins needed. It's the same people every day who don't know I've up after their dog. Lack of picnic areas/benches. Basketball area has been neglected. Football posts are a must. Bike track overgrown. Park equipment needs updating including more seating. Where the grass has been left the whole park is full of ticks. Whilst I appreciate leaving areas for nature (I work for an ecological company), it needs to be a shared space.	5.5.22	The maintenance. It feels very forgotten - the play equipment is old and in poor condition. The new(ish) play equipment is not very functional: climbing frame inaccessible for small children, yet not interesting to older children; snowboard swing easily tips over. A slide would be good. The rubbish in the wooded area. It's such a beautiful spot but the littering is atrocious. Could a 'skip day' entice residents to use these instead of dumping old furniture down the park? More bins could also possibly help. I would like to see the area where the large swing used to be redeveloped for older kids. They have nowhere to hangout so end up in the small kids park.
5.5.5	Lots of dog poo No fence / perimeter Very poor play facilities Often broken glass and rubbish around Lots of nettles and poor entrance off Axbridge Road No paths within park	5.5.23	The access is rubbish for prams, paths are uneven and steep in some areas. Steps on the actual paths so hard to take a pram on your own
5.5.6	Amount of dog mess	5.5.24	Run down, full of dogs mess and connections to other routes poorly laid out and maintained
5.5.7	Lack of equipment for very young children	5.5.25	Litter, general waste dump.
5.5.8	Dog poo, litter, play park is tired	5.5.26	Lack of facilities
5.5.9	There could do with being more spread out seating areas, so loud kids can enjoy the park but there are still places to sit undisturbed. Sometimes the paths are not very accessible	5.5.27	It can be hard to access for me as I can't tell where the flat places to walk are without clearer footpaths and it has limited places to sit other than the floor. I'm not opposed to sitting on the floor on a sunny day but a rest on a bench during my daily winter walks would improve accessibility for me.
5.5.10	Antisocial behaviour	5.5.28	Lack of paths
5.5.11	The overall poor condition of the whole park	5.5.29	underinvested in
5.5.12	Not many facilities	5.5.30	park could be smartened up
5.5.13	Rubbish / dog poo Older Kids hanging out on play equipment Poor play equipment. Not clean/safe	5.5.31	litter, not all of it feels safe, particularly bits that are 'tucked away' and can attract gangs like the basketball area.

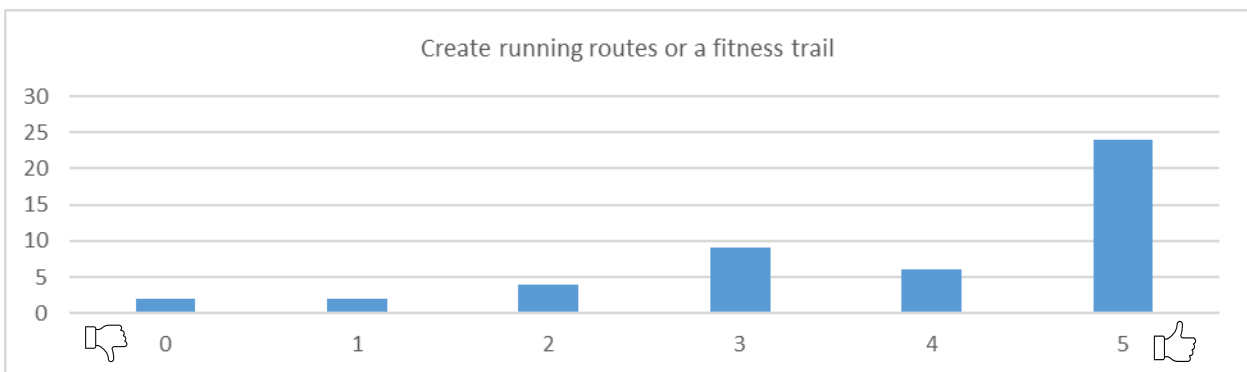
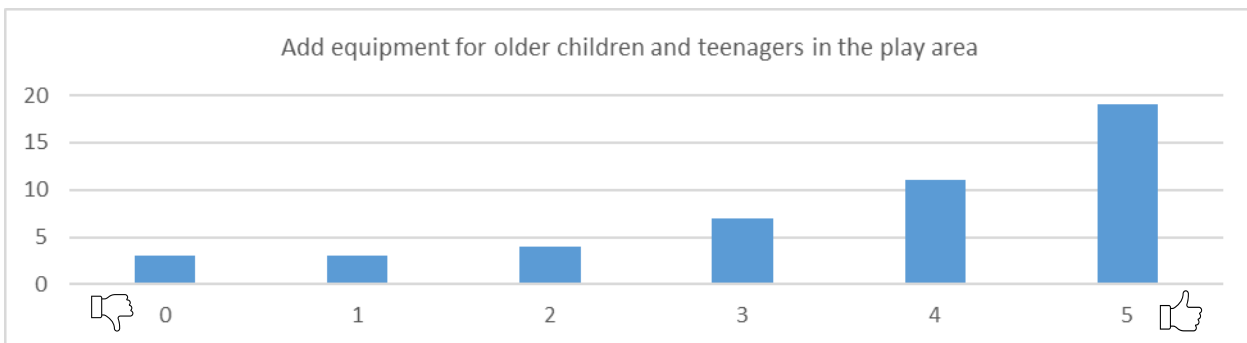
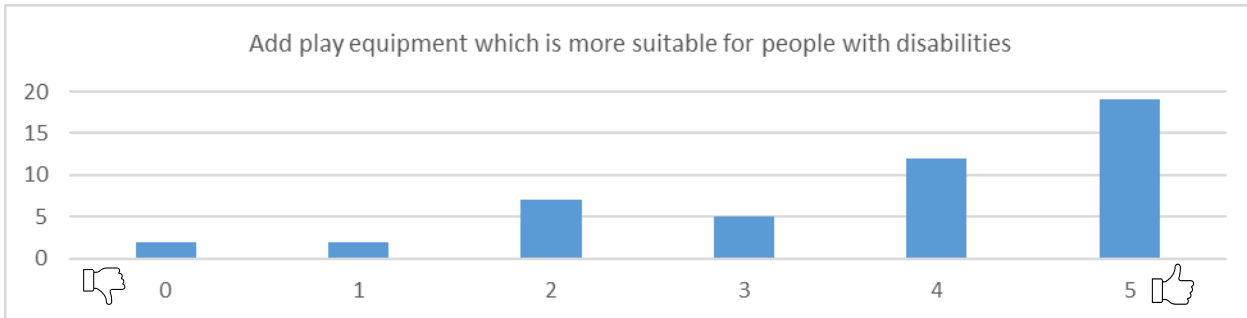
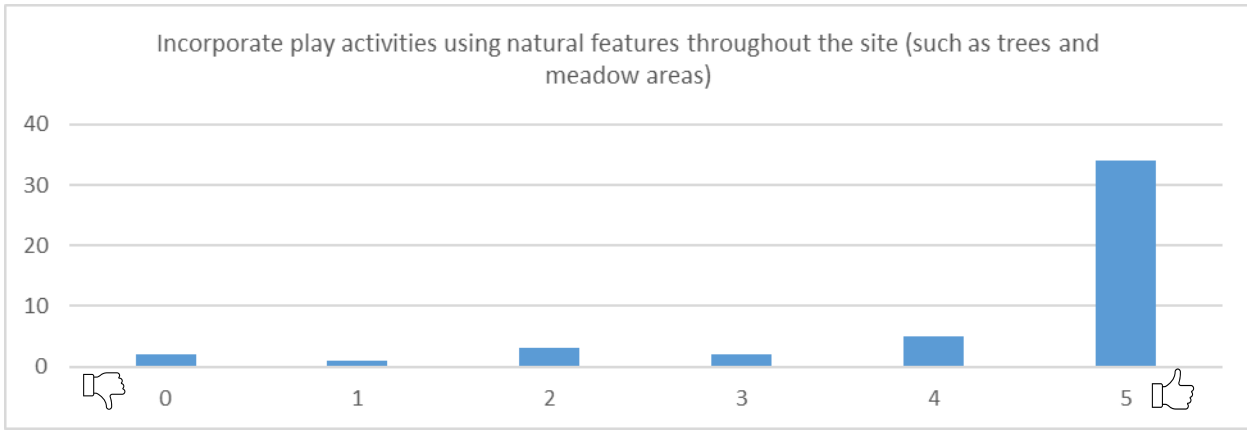
5.5.14	Ineffective shelter next to the old football pitch. Lack of football goals. Uneven surface of basketball court.	5.5.32	I don't always feel safe there.
5.5.15	Dog poo - tired facilities	5.5.33	outdated, poorly maintained
5.5.16	The path down to entry hill is very muddy and the actual gate has been blocked by a tree for ages. It's still really well used but very poor surface.	5.5.34	Dog mess and the facilities don't quite offer enough for the number of children in the area. A lot of people don't even know it's there and often it gets misused and there is a lot of evidence of drinking or drug use lying around which makes it tricky to allow children just to run around. You have to check all the areas first.
5.5.17	The amount of dogs that roam around.. the play equipment is very dated now and not enough play equipment for older children	5.5.35	There can sometimes be a lot of litter, leftover food, abandoned objects etc
5.5.18	The play area doesn't look very inviting	5.5.36	Dog poo everywhere

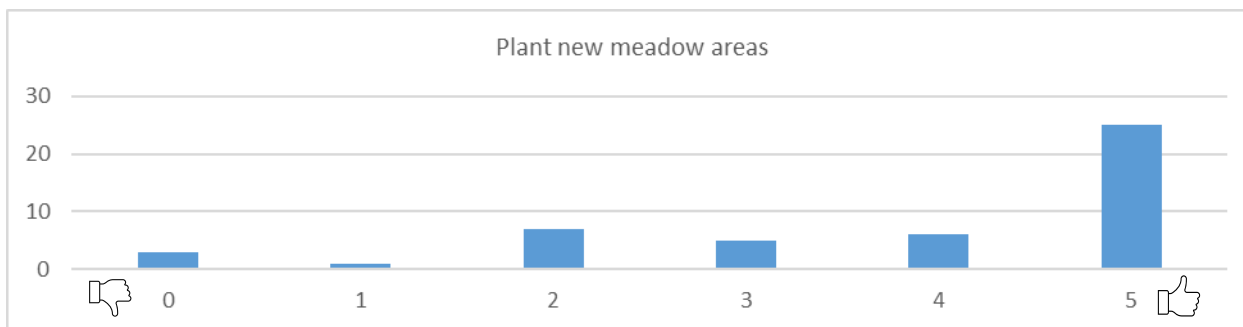
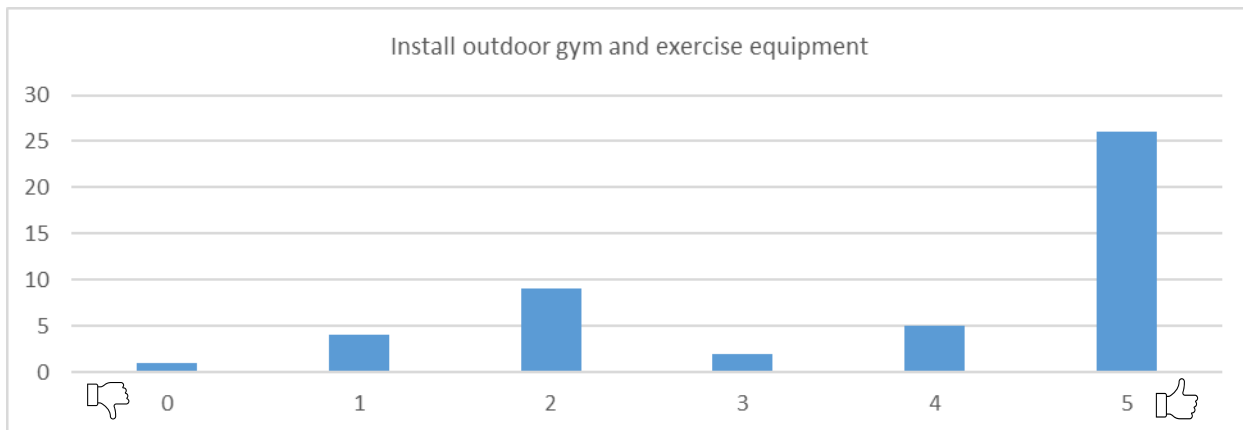
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5.7 How can we improve Springfield Park







5.8 Please add any comments you have about these suggestions

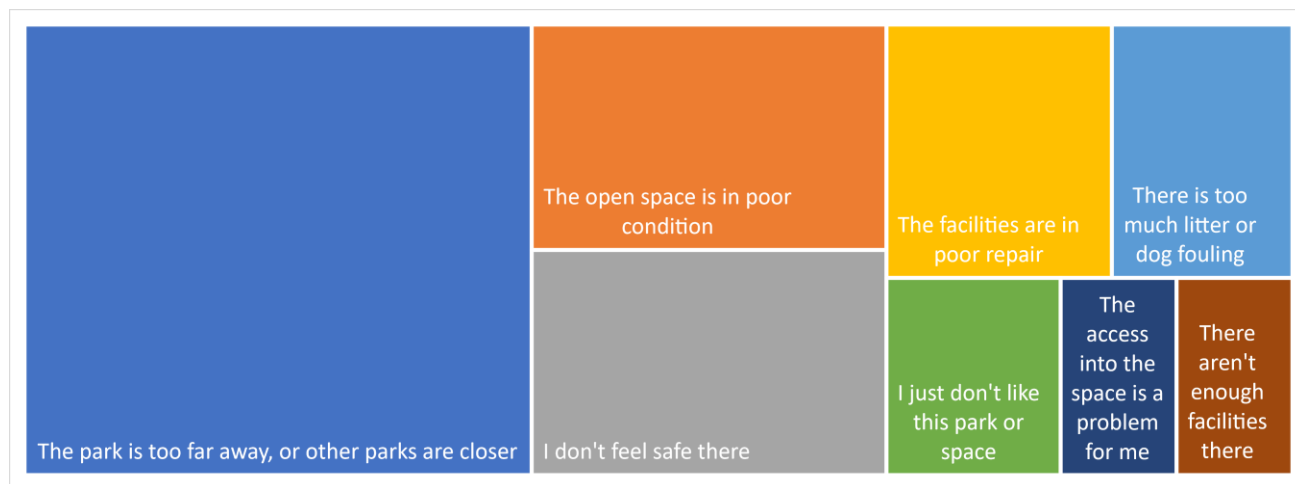
5.8.1	Fitness track and cycle/footpaths (with lighting)	5.8.14	Using natural features of the site for play equipment
5.8.2	Most are pretty good, but please also do something about the pump track - it's in need of refurbishment.	5.8.15	Need a pond or something. Need a slide and sand pit in the park! And better climbing tower for under 10s
5.8.3	planting new meadow areas - I work in environmental management and know that increasing natural benefits is much more than planting trees! Springfield park already has good mature trees in and around it so I feel that having more meadows would be a great next step. Particularly if they were well designed and integrated into other aspects of the park e.g. play areas	5.8.16	More dog poo bins, especially around the bike track. More seating inside and outside of the play area. I stay outside the play area with my dog whilst my children play but there's no seating. Improving the play equipment, basketball court, bike track and please add some football goals. My children and I often meet other families in this area and quite a lot of them setup a game of football.
5.8.4	Regenerate the area by removing the rubbish, wheelie bins and a burnt out car have long been features of the area.	5.8.17	The routes and signage should include connections to encourage active travel
5.8.5	Play and sport equipment for children and young people as this is such a family area and I have a young son.	5.8.18	Yes to adult fitness
5.8.6	Outdoor gums have proven to be popular, so would be a lovely asset. Play area for older children is needed, as is more accessible equipment for wheelchair users etc. Bins to help prevent litter and dog waste.	5.8.19	This park has so much potential and could really be a destination for the wider community. Running adapted routes would be great and could even be a case for it being part of the skyline route. I would love for it to have better disabled facilities as well
5.8.7	Outdoor gym	5.8.20	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths - linking to Scholars Way

5.8.8	Nature maintenance is so much more important to me than anything else given the climate crisis but also the connection with nature whilst walking every day during the COVID lockdowns has been so vital for my wellbeing. With that in mind though the idea of gym equipment is wonderful provided it is maintained!	5.8.21	Improve the play area for younger children
5.8.9	Reinstate the bmx track	5.8.22	All of them are good, putting signs up is less important to me, but the rest are great suggestions, particularly wheelchair access to parks, particularly from axbridge rd.
5.8.10	I'd use an outdoor gym if there was one.	5.8.23	Improve entrances and paths.
5.8.11	Update play area with equipment for older children/teens. Reinstate football goals, update and clear up basketball area, install new picnic facilities/seating, add a new feature - woodland play equipment would be great but big stuff like a climbing net/adventure course/zip wire not small stuff.	5.8.24	Really just tackling the poo and litter would make a big improvement. The play park is tired. There's a lot of scope for improvement but I'd be reluctant to encourage tarmac over large areas so if this could be done in a nature friendly way that would be desirable.
5.8.12	Entrances. A proper entrance to the path between entry hill and Foxhill would be very useful and make a proper car free route.	5.8.25	I think this is a great mixed-use park, and I would support anything that helps 'zoning'. Signage into and through the park would also be helpful.
5.8.13	Just do not ruin another green area with too much 'progress'.	5.8.26	Add more diverse equipment suitable for older children, adults and disabled

5.9 Your suggestions for improving Springfield Park

5.9.1	A connection down to the two tunnels track would be ideal (in a blue sky world) The mini bike bmx track could be much improved/paved so that the younger kids can make use of this.	5.9.14	ts a great park with an amazing view , needs more benches, a sitting area, more facilities for kids, organize some markets, pop ou shops, events
5.9.2	Fix the pump track	5.9.15	Definitely improve equipment and seating to make it more appealing to all
5.9.3	No more trees or long grass.	5.9.16	Slide sandpit ponds and logs. Climbing tower in play park for 10s and under
5.9.4	All previous suggestions welcomed. Also some more enforcement of picking up dog poo would be welcomed.	5.9.17	Skate park.
5.9.5	People need to take responsibility for putting their litter in the bin and picking up the dog poo. Not sure how to get people to do this!	5.9.18	Make it a key hub in a network of active travel 'Green Routes' spanning the ridge and connecting to town
5.9.6	Incorporating the woodlands might make them be more respected and littered in less. Perhaps a bin by the woods would help the community keep on top of it too.	5.9.19	Deal with the fly-tipping - skip days, more bins. Better play park equipment. Better gates to the play park to prevent dogs from being able to enter. This currently happens at the moment because they can push them open.
5.9.7	It would be so valuable to encourage native wildflowers and plant life to grow here rather than cutting the meadows down constantly - I appreciate that, as I'm one of the people who needs this, for accessibility the meadows need cutting but particular patches designated to wildflowers to support pollinators is vital given the climate crisis! Perhaps even community groups to support that - I have considered trying to find a contact for a while finding to start this up! I think it would be valuable to use the rich bird life that visit the wooded area for education of the community through providing signage of what birds you could spot, some community maintained bird feeders to support the wildlife and give people space to watch! There is a local photography group who would perhaps enjoy this too! Nature is so important for wellbeing, educational and the environment. Especially here where many people don't have gardens or rent and cannot encourage their gardens to grow.	5.9.20	one or two tennis courts would be great. This would allow local residents to enjoy this sport locally without charge, thus enabling those who cannot afford expensive memberships at Bath's tennis clubs to play and improve. This is a game/sport that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities/disabilities. Some courts can be set up to be relatively low maintenance as well. I think this would get more use than the basketball court for instance. It could be a caged court surrounded by trees, and there could be a nominal membership fee but affordable to get the combination lock/key for the court but ensure that the court maintenance is paid for and the court(s) are respected.
5.9.8	Better planting and maintenance of the whole park	5.9.21	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a networ of off Road Cycle paths - linking to Scholars Way
5.9.9	Improved play equipment for children Community engagement to take better care of facilities Events	5.9.22	Community Garden, edible planting /orchard
5.9.10	Between the road and the bmx track there's a random bit of astroturf. I guess it used to be as toddlers play park or something. A flat area suitable for petanque/boules or kubb or molky would go nicely here. I'm thinking similar to the ones in Alexandra park. Some of my neighbours & I were discussing this the other day. I think we'd use it & maybe set up a casual league. Also, please bring back the goal posts.	5.9.23	Need to use the amazing space to have lots of different things to do. Allow there to be pride in the area rather than letting the equipment get old and damaged and then more damage happens. Use nature much more in the design and landscaping. Add tennis courts to attract a greater number of people there. I used to go with my young children regularly and was usually the only person there. No one knows about it or they don't feel it is a welcoming space. There is a lot of dog mess which also makes it very tricky with small children.
5.9.11	Zip wire Big woodland play equipment	5.9.24	Improve childrens play area, rewild around this for better environmental area
5.9.12	Cycle route down to entry hill for a traffic free route.	5.9.25	Improve the NW footpath access, especially to the path leading down to Lynbrook Lane.
5.9.13	Play equipment for older children, a better path way to the park	5.9.26	Tennis courts. More area needs to be fenced off from dogs and/or dog owners held accountable for the mess.

5.10 Reasons for not visiting Springfield Park

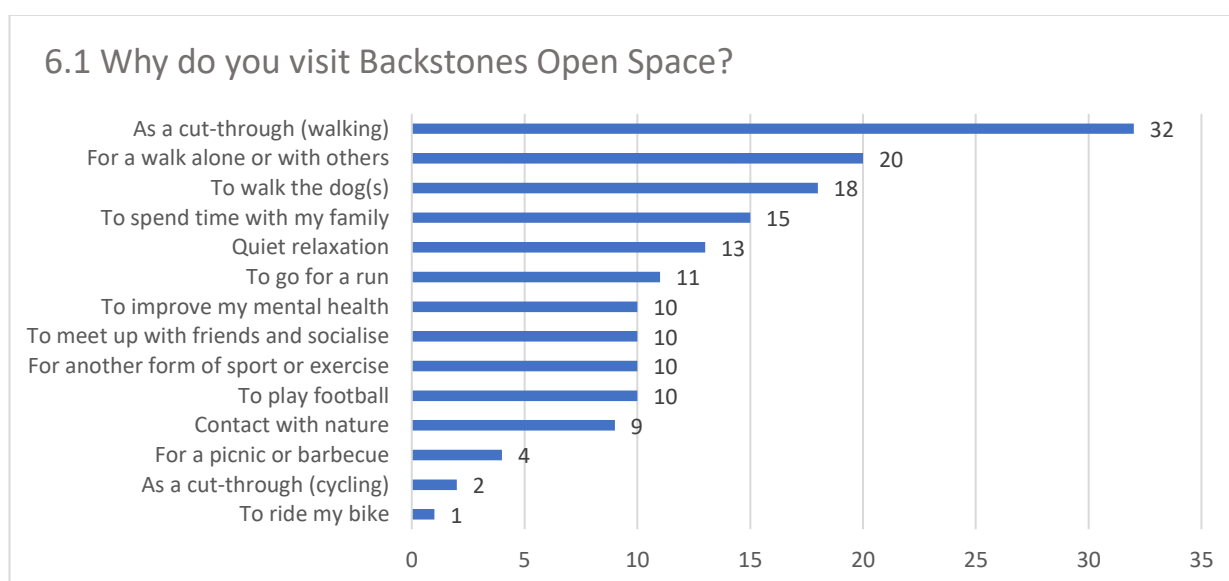


5.11 Priority reasons for not using Springfield Park

5.11.1	I always thought that this park was for small children so the upkeep of facilities would be important.	5.11.9	clean well managed skate park like Glastonbury council regularly clean and maintain the skate park. ps I am a 50 yr old mum of 2 who likes to skate with my family.
5.11.2	More facilities	5.11.10	Picnic area.
5.11.3	Unlikely to go unless there was some particular attraction.	5.11.11	Better equipment
5.11.4	More information on the park, it's size and facilities	5.11.12	More publicity.
5.11.5	Don't know, never visit it.	5.11.13	More regular maintenance.
5.11.6	Making it feel safer and more well known	5.11.14	Clear weather-proof path to Entry Hill
5.11.7	Please bring back the skatepark, a lot of kids rode scooters and skateboards now and the nearest place is victoria park in bath, used to always use it when i was younger but i still skate and would use it a lot more considering i live 2 minutes away	5.11.15	Springfield Park I think lacks mostly from access and knowing where it actually is - once found it is a nice large open space and most of the boxes are ticked. It could do with some general maintenance but overall the space is good, just needs to be signed or made easier to find.
5.11.8	Again, not a great surrounding - sometimes some men hanging around there which is not good when you are their with your young daughter. We haven't returned.	5.11.16	It doesn't feel great - sad and a bit neglected. It would be good to see it updated and more families using it.

SECTION 6 – BACKSTONES OPEN SPACE

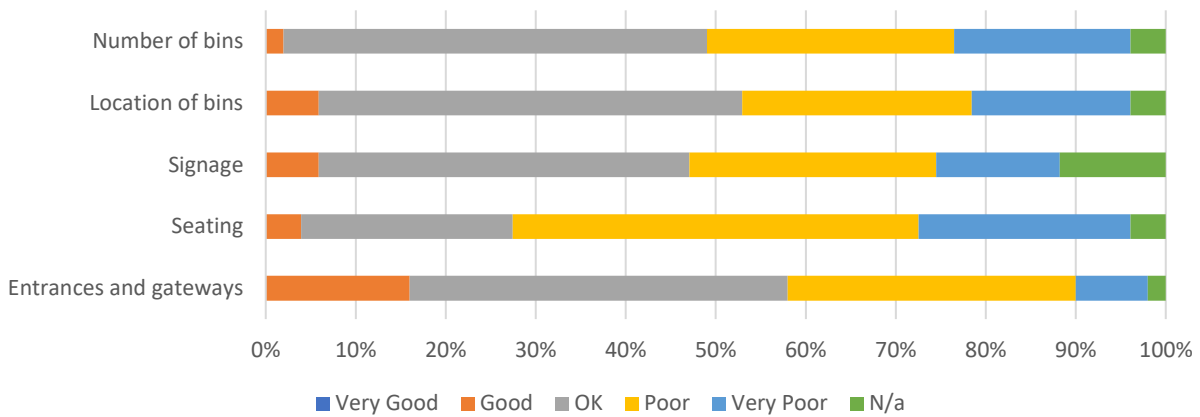
6.1 Why do you visit Backstones Open Space?



6.2 Which of these reasons is most important to you, and why?



6.3 How would you rate the facilities at Backstones Open Space?



6.4 Best points about Backstones Open Space



6.4.1	It's ideal for walking my dog	6.4.20	Nice to have open space rather than more houses
6.4.2	It's a little oasis	6.4.21	Closer to where I live, large open space.
6.4.3	Good size park. It is good to have a green space in a residential area.	6.4.22	small park easy accessible
6.4.4	That it is there! It is a lovely open space	6.4.23	Natural safe space. Good for dog walkers ans to cut through.
6.4.5	Lovely open shared space. Much better now there is an entrance through Mulberry Park	6.4.24	The sense of village history, and the charming old bollards.
6.4.6	It is good for walking or running around.	6.4.25	Nice to have a space near our home to go to. Feel like it is well used.
6.4.7	Location	6.4.26	Location
6.4.8	Good open space	6.4.27	Open area used by all
6.4.9	Big open space that feels very safe	6.4.28	It used to be a quiet place to walk with a rich diversity of calcareous flora and fauna in the heart of a built up area.
6.4.10	Nature, open space	6.4.29	It offers a great space for families and young children to play in a save environment away from roads.
6.4.11	It's a big, open space to run around	6.4.30	Handy as a shortcut
6.4.12	Sorry I rarely use	6.4.31	Open space
6.4.13	Meadow flowers	6.4.32	Backstones has a nice friendly atmosphere and is a good space to meet other people from the local area. It also acts as a nice green backdrop to the Mulberry Park development.
6.4.14	Open space. Would be useful for bar and ball games but too many dogs use it so it ends up just bring a dog walking field.	6.4.33	Lovely large open space
6.4.15	Convenient location close to home.	6.4.34	It's location
6.4.16	It's used by so many people in our area -- it's a very social space that allows Mulberry Park residents to get to know one another. It's also a good gathering spot for neighbours because our gardens tend to be small and the space can accommodate a larger group.	6.4.35	Meadow grass and being flat
6.4.17	The space!	6.4.36	It is a public open space near housing with little or no garden space.
6.4.18	A great traffic free route from mulberry park to Combe down village. A nice open space.	6.4.37	Its proximity for residents in Mulberry Park
6.4.19	I don't know where this is?!	6.4.38	Large open green space

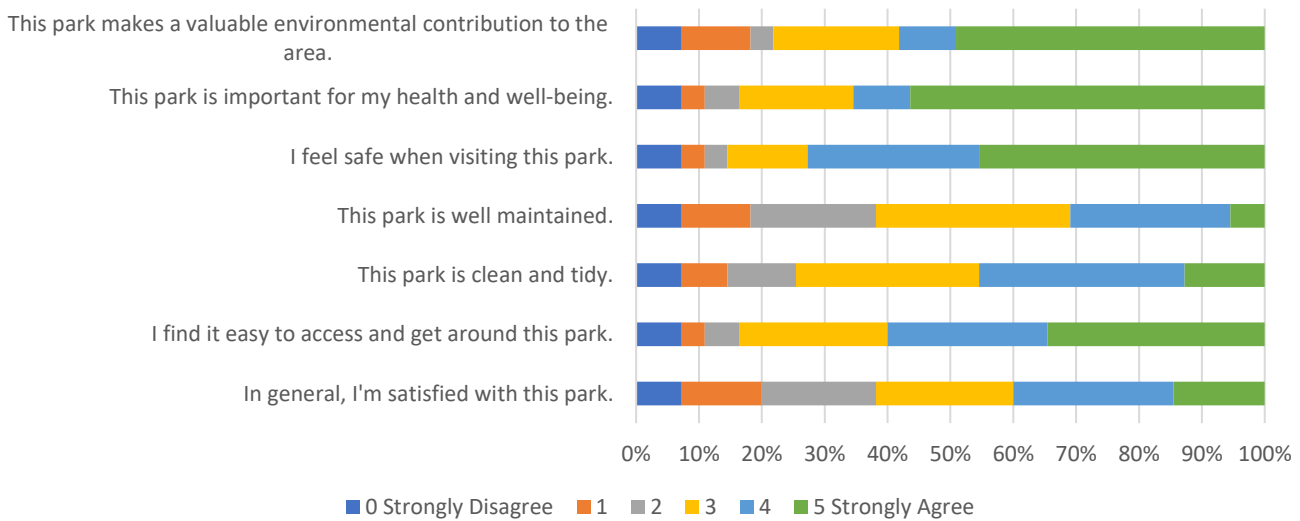
6.5 Worst points about Backstones Open Space

limited value for wildlife
 Dog Mess
 Dogs
 Condition of Walls / boundaries
 Unsafe
 Lack of trees
 Cars
 Ticks
 Entrances / Access
 Boring / Signs
 Uninspiring
 No Seats
 Noise / Anti-Social-Behaviour
 Slippery
 Grass cutting
 Litter / lack of bins

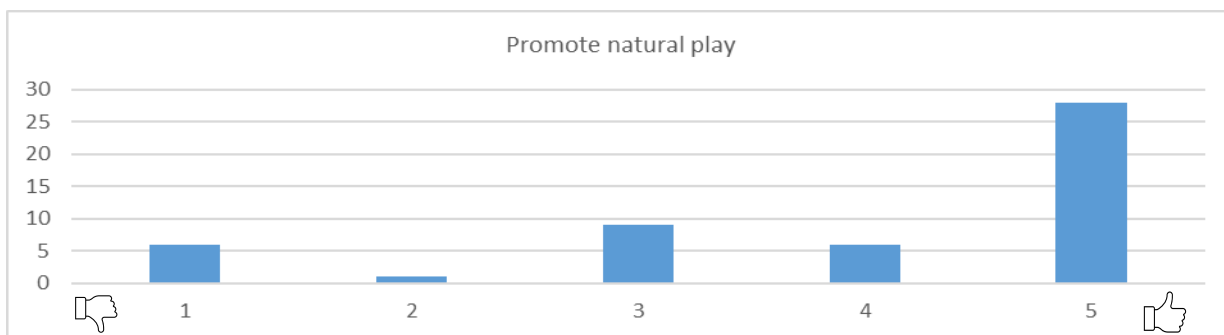
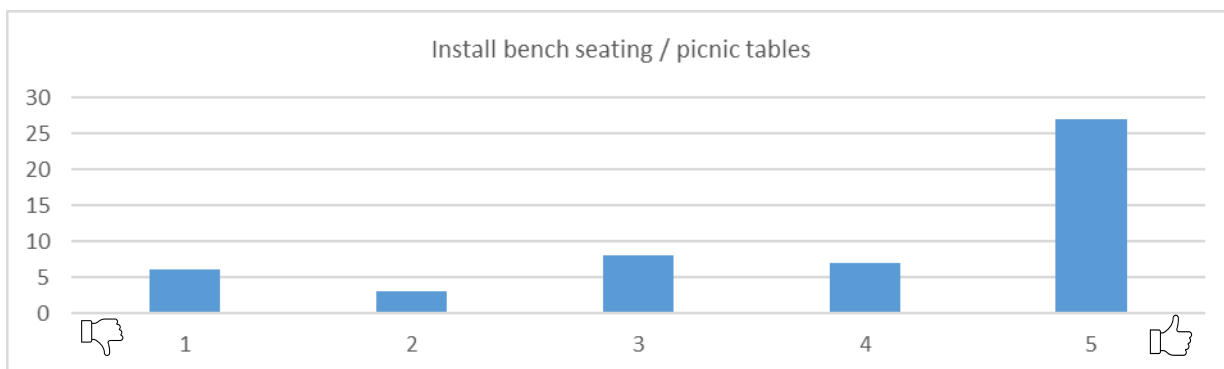
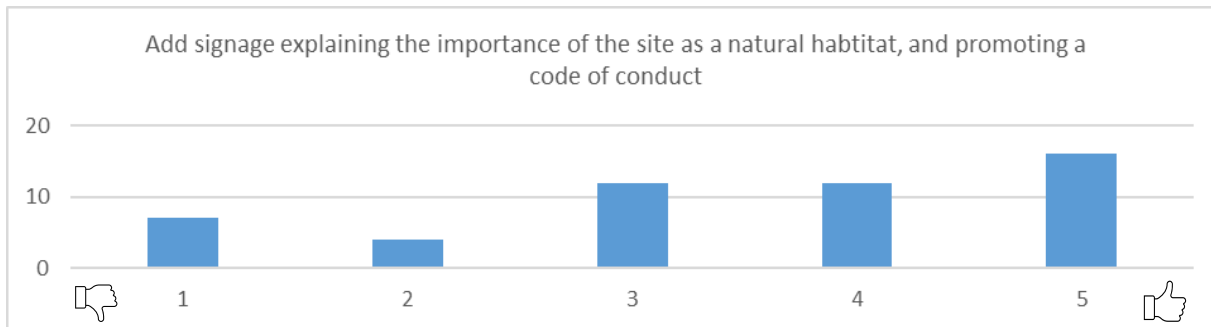
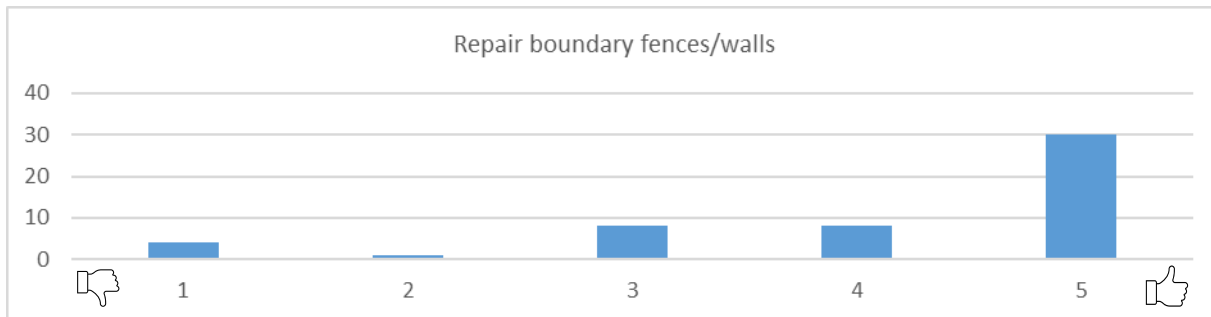
6.5.1	That people are not looking after the dry stone walls around it .	6.5.21	It's almost abandoned, the single bin is always full, not very well enclosed.
6.5.2	Seating and entrances could be improved	6.5.22	no wheelchair accessibility
6.5.3	It's a sad patch of mowed grass, there's nothing particularly notable about it. It has fencing on all sides, and the only view you have is of the badly parked cars on Windell Street. Please remove the fences, deal away with the cars (these properties have off street parking, why are you letting them park on the street?), plant trees, and add more seating.	6.5.23	It's a plain square of short grass. There are no trees, benches, or wildlife. At present, it is primarily used for walking dogs. The walls are in need of reparation. The entrance from the main road side is not very pleasing aesthetically.

6.5.4	A bit plain.	6.5.24	Nothing
6.5.5	Access from Mulberry Park is "informal" and muddy	6.5.25	No distinct boundary onto the main road.
6.5.6	Lack of seating	6.5.26	Dull
6.5.7	Soulless	6.5.27	Nothing there apart from grass
6.5.8	You have decided to leave 3/4 of the field to go wild, several people (including myself) and pets have been bitten by ticks as a result. Also children playing various sports either are trampling the 'wild area' making it pointless or are squeezed into 1/4 of the space the field could provide. The bins are often overflowing and the seating is unusable.	6.5.28	It is quite a dull expanse of grass, with no flowers, trees only around the outside, and very little variation. There are currently railings on one side of the park, where the wall is in need of attention. There is far too much rubbish, especially around the entrance from the main road.
6.5.9	Amount of dog poo left is disgusting. Ticks when the grass is longer making it unsafe to play in	6.5.29	It is no overused for dog walking and ball games which has started to destroy the diversity of the fauna and flora associated with an SNCI.
6.5.10	The fencing around the broken walls. The entrances in and out could be more user friendly.	6.5.30	The space cannot be fully utilised as only a small section of the grass is cut. Walls are falling down.
6.5.11	There was no entrance at the bottom but now a fence panel has been removed it's better. Slippery and muddy by the entrance though	6.5.31	Boring
6.5.12	Dog mess in the grass - more signage and bins needed!	6.5.32	access
6.5.13	Sorry I rarely use	6.5.33	Further from my home to walk to.
6.5.14	Not good gateways and not any benches	6.5.34	lack of easy access from where i live on Bradford road
6.5.15	Just for dog walking.	6.5.35	Dog poo
6.5.16	Backstones I think seems to lack any key focal point - why would you want to visit there? Then again that is also quite nice aspect, you can do what you want in the area as you would like to.	6.5.36	Hardly any seating and no gate through to the rugby club. The wall is broken down as people just climb over it. If a gate was put in this would protect the wall and the vegetation from damage.
6.5.17	The gate has been hacked by the residents. We are very glad about that but would prefer for it to be formalised and recognised by the council. The walls at the back of the field are crumbling and fenced off but a toddler can still go around the fence and hurt themselves. There are not enough bins -- people come there with their dogs all the time and leave a lot of dog poo behind so it is quite problematic when it comes to hygiene. The space could benefit from planting more trees. The streets and gardens in Mulberry Park are very, very windy and more trees could prevent that in the long run.	6.5.37	How the grass is cut given the number of users it has. Long grass means it is much more likely that some people won't pick up dog mess. Long grass makes it much more difficult to play sport. One third of the area is simply not enough given the amount of people that use the area. Another bin should be installed so that people can dispose of rubbish as they walk out of the park.
6.5.18	The grass isn't cut and children are getting tics, and dog mess is encouraged when grass is long and owners cannot see it to remove.	6.5.38	Noise from drunks on seat being a nuisance to (at least) numbers 1, 2 & 3 Wendell Street after closing time during summer when windows are open. Also dog mess a hazard!
6.5.19	The mulberry park entrance has a tree planted in the middle of it.	6.5.39	Its entrances
6.5.20	It's not very interesting to want to spend time in		

6.6 To what extent do you agree with the following statements?



6.7 How can we improve Backstones Open Space?



6.8 Please add any comments you have about these suggestions

6.8.1	I don't want play area in this park . There is one in the firs and there will be one in the new park on Mulberry Park . I would rather this was a natural open space	6.8.15	The boundary isn't great as it's often falling over.
6.8.2	Generally I believe it's important just to have some understated and not overly 'engineered' green areas and this is appropriate here	6.8.16	Seating, tables and natural play area would make the area more appealing
6.8.3	Nobody reads "Code of conduct" signs, don't waste money on that. Don't waste money repairing fences either - these fences need to be gone, and you need to provide many more entrance points.	6.8.17	Some hedges to suicide the park in several areas would be nice.

6.8.4	Install bench seating/picnic tables. I believe it is very useful to have a place where you can sit and relax, or where you can have a picnic enjoying the surroundings.	6.8.18	We don't need signs telling us how to play thanks.
6.8.5	I did not know that was an important natural site and I think signs and other ways to promote it's uniqueness are very important	6.8.19	Would be nice to have some play equipment even if just some large logs etc.
6.8.6	Repair boundary fences/walls. It would improve the aesthetic value of the park immensely.	6.8.20	The dry stone walls have required maintenance for a long time now and in immediate need of repair. A sign explaining the importance as a wildlife habitat. Maybe two natural type/style benches would be welcome but not picnic tables.
6.8.7	Repairing boundary walls & fences. The walks have become dangerous	6.8.21	Install proper gates and fences as this is often used for walking dogs and would make it safer for people to allow their dogs to walk freely and still feel safe
6.8.8	Cut the grass and let people enjoy this space! It is simple, it has more use than any of the other green spaces mentioned in this consultation put together. The use of this space has changed massively since Mulberry Park has been added. If this money is coming due to the build of Mulberry Park - let Mulberry Park residents see the benefit by having a lovely open clean space to play. The other areas are not really used by Mulberry Park residents. They come together socially in Backstones. Many people do not have gardens, and it is a hazard to let toddlers who live in flats play in long grass around lots of dog mess.	6.8.22	Promote natural play - by cutting the grass! The management of this green space lacks any perspective. I recognise the importance of biodiversity and also understand that Backstones contains calcareous grassland. However, to put things into perspective, Backstones covers a surface area of approximately 0.60 ha [1] and the total area of lowland calcareous grassland in England is 38,687 ha [2]. Therefore, Backstones represents a tiny proportion (approximately 0.0016%) of calcareous grassland in England. Each available greenspace should be considered on a case-by-case basis. Biodiversity requires Global action Backstones will not contribute a measurable effect on this scale, but the impact of not cutting the only available greenspace, on an estate with 750 homes, cannot be understated. [1] Distmeasure V3.5.7 [2] Climate Change Adaptation Manual Evidence to support nature conservation in a changing climate 20. Lowland calcareous grassland
6.8.9	A few benches would be nice. Signs to say why it's a unique site of interest would help people appreciate it. Repairing the stone wall would be good.	6.8.23	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
6.8.10	Add proper gates at both sides Have signage and bins by both entrances Fix the walls where they are damaged	6.8.24	Promoting the fact local wildlife exists and lives in the area is important, that needs to thrive as well as the space for people to meet and play in. More benches would perhaps be beneficial, as that would encourage people to spend more time in the park and have picnics etc.
6.8.11	Repair boundary fences	6.8.25	Repair boundaries and add a gate into the Combe down rugby club road
6.8.12	Natural play: Chuck in a timber trail or something	6.8.26	Add access from near/behind the chip shop/Mulberry park
6.8.13	More trees and more bins for dog poo please!	6.8.27	The stone walls are a hazard. Children climb on them.
6.8.14	Walls are in a poor state.	6.8.28	Definitely agree that there should be more signage. I don't think the extra money available here should be used for maintenance/repair.

6.9 Your suggestions for improving Backstones Open Space

6.9.1	The grass to be mown	6.9.15	Provide seating, tables and play/gym equipment
6.9.2	Keep it simple	6.9.16	Conserve the original bollards, utilising them instead of destroying them. Reuse and recycle, not replace.
6.9.3	Plant trees and add extra entrances.	6.9.17	Access each corner to increase utility for active travel to places like the Rugby Club
6.9.4	I would love to have more trees and plants in the park, wilder areas, so that it will be suitable for wildlife. I also believe that benches and picnic tables will allow people to enjoy the place more.	6.9.18	Install child secure play area
6.9.5	I would like to see more flowers and trees, more variation, more colour. I think the park should be cleaned more frequently by the council (I do a daily litter pick here), as it seems to be ignored - but I would also say that is true for Combe Down and the city of Bath in general. (Royal Victoria Park is an embarrassment.)	6.9.19	Cut the grass and incorporate an additional dog bin. This will allow the space to be utilised and enjoyed fully by families.

6.9.6	Cut the grass fully to enable users to use the space properly. The amount of users has increased significantly in the last 12 months due to the number of homes being built and the delay with the new park being built. The amount of dog mess that gets left behind is dreadful. As a dog owner it is more difficult to pick up dog mess from long grass. This area is used by alot of small children. Including the nursery, and the dog mess is a hazard. I have been informed that there is rare grass that grows on the green however, given the lack of signage no-one is aware and it is trodden on every day by hundreds of people, using the space as a cut through/dog walking etc. Until the new park is built this area should be allowed to be fully used by the residents without the risk of ticks/dog mess etc. Once the new park is open usage of Backstones would decrease and could then be reviewed again	6.9.20	A modest amount of strategically positioned tree planting of suitable native trees. Continue to leave at least half of the space on a reduce/twice yearly mowing regime to allow the grassland and its associated flora/fauna to flourish. Along with signage to explain why this is important. A sign explaining the importance of a dry stone to wildlife. Ensure that the mature trees adjacent to the open space are maintained properly in the interest of public safety and for the benefit of wildlife. Consider the installation of bat and bird boxes where possible/feasible. Retain a small amount of the existing "scrub" with the possibility of installing one or two hedgehog boxes.
6.9.7	Bins for dog mess or have an area that dogs are not allowed like you would at a playground. The amount of dog mess left does not make it a safe place for children in the area to play.	6.9.21	I would like the Green Spaces to be part of a network of off Road Cycle paths -linking to Scholars Way
6.9.8	Gate in fence behind chip shop and another bin	6.9.22	A fenced play area to reclaim some of it from dog walkers would be good.
6.9.9	Would be good to have table tennis tables for families to play. Along with picnic fences.	6.9.23	Play equipment for kids
6.9.10	On the whole I think what has been proposed for Backstones looks good, nothing too much needs to be done other than maintaining the space to keep it in good order for the future. More signage would be good (as it would be for all our local parks and green spaces).	6.9.24	I really like the fact this park is an open space to allow free play. Whilst some more seating would be good I wouldn't want to loose any of the space and think this should only be a bit around the edge.
6.9.11	STOP leaving 3/4 of the field to go wild, several people (including myself) and pets have been bitten by ticks as a result. Also children playing various sports either are trampling the "wild area" making it pointless or are squeezed into 1/4 of the space the field could provide.	6.9.25	Add proper gates at both sides. Have signage and bins by both entrances. Fix the walls where they are damaged. Add picnic benches. Add a small / natural play area. Have clear areas for play and for nature . Fill in holes in the land - there are some pretty big holes in the field. Install a fence at the top end nearest to the main road and chip shop.
6.9.12	More trees to make the area less windy and more bins for dog poo! The amount of people walking dogs in this space is astounding. Hopefully the traffic will disperse a little when the Mulberry Park comes in but that's not going to happen before 2024 so it's still a long time away.	6.9.26	Come up with a viable plan to protect the habitat and allow viable play space
6.9.13	Put a cycle route through it to connect mulberry park and Combe down with a route that doesn't require you to go on the narrow really busy road or the roundabout. This almost connects up with Foxhill which then only needs a short link to join the village with the 2 tunnels.	6.9.27	It a space that is getting a heavy use, and will continue to do so as the Mulberry Park's park has been so delayed in its development. It's not a very large space so I don't think there's much that can be done to 'zone' it: even trying to retain any meadow will be tricky at the moment. However, it does work well as a community park: it's get used by lots of different people (walking, dog-walking, playing, sport etc). The entrance-way at the Mulberry Park end should be improved: Bellway promised to install a gate but never did, so Curo removed the fence (which was getting dangerously damaged with people climbing over it).
6.9.14	Please cut the grass! Add a new bin and a new bench.	6.9.28	Keeping half as a wildflower meadow would be great. Keep the ability to use as a cut through from mulberry park to the rugby club's drive.

6.10 Reasons for not using Backstones Open Space



6.11 Priority reasons for not using Backstones Open Space

6.11.1	Another entrance to make it part of a running or walking route
6.11.2	It's not signposted enough for me to even think about visiting when I'm near! If it had a feature that attracted me to it like a beautiful nature space or pond or something I'd be likely to visit. Same if there was fitness equipment perhaps.
6.11.3	Maybe make it a bit more interesting somehow - but I expect it has much higher value for people who live nearby.
6.11.4	Sorry I can't make a suggestion about this park as I have never visited.
6.11.5	Not sure where this is!
6.11.6	It would be great to see the neglected open spaces below this and Springfield Park better integrated to create safe and interested walking routes in and out of the city. Better signposting would raise awareness of walking routes and open spaces
6.11.7	Access gate on Hawthorn grove
6.11.8	I don't even know where this is
6.11.9	More publicity.
6.11.10	Ditto