

Telham playing field responses

Response no	paper or email	1a	1b	2a
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1	paper	yes	yes	yes
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2	paper	yes	yes	yes
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3	email	yes	yes	yes
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4	email	yes	yes	yes
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5	email	yes	yes	yes
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6	email	yes	yes	yes
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7 email	yes	yes	yes
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8 email	yes	yes	yes
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9 paper	yes	yes	yes
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10 paper	yes	yes	no
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11 paper	yes	yes, when we had small children	
12 paper	yes	lots	yes
13 paper	yes	Every day for a walk	no
14 email	yes	yes	yes
15 paper	yes	yes	no

16 Paper	yes	no	no
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17 email	yes	no	no
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18 email	yes	yes	no
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19 paper	yes	no	no
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20 email			
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21 paper	yes	yes	yes
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22 email	yes	y	no
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23 paper	yes	yes	no
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24 paper	yes	yes	yes
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25 paper	yes	no	yes and no
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26 paper	yes	no	no
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27 paper	yes	yes	yes
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28 paper	yes	yes	yes
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29 paper yes yes yes

30 paper yes yes yes

31 email yes yes yes

32 email	yes	yes	
33 paper	yes	yes	no
34 paper	yes	yes	yes

2b

3a

3b

regularly. I also use ot for dog walking/exercise

yes

maintain
and retain

2 per week on average

yes

maintain
and retain

sometimes

no

sometimes

no

maintain
and retain
extend &
improve

sometimes

yes

sometimes

yes

maintain
and retain

usually

yes

maintain
and retain

always

yes

extend &
improve

yes

extend &
improve

once a month

yes

n/a

yes

maintain
and retain

no

yes

maintain
and retain

Not often - see response in no 4

yes

extend &
improve

n/a

no

n/a

n/a

everday in the summer

yes

extend &
improve

no

yes

maintain
and retain
- yes.
Extend
and
improve -
maybe

no

approx every 2 weeks

yes

maintain
and retain

once a week

yes

extend
and
improve

3 x a year, when younger fortnightly

yes

maintain
and retain

every week

yes

either

rarely

no

rarely

yes

maintain
and retain

yes

maintain
and retain
Maintain
and

When we walk the dog

yes

provide a
shelter

if this playing field is taken away another rone needs to be provided in Telham. It would be good if the drive to the playground is tarmaced and card parking added inside the field

Please leave the playing equipment there as it is the only play area this end of Battle

The area is mainyl populated by mature people and there are not many young children in the immediate rea. I personally do not believe the equipment is vital

We live in Hastings Road, it's an area of outstanding beauty and having more equipment does not feel it will be in keeping with the location, views etc. the existing equipment is fine and feels right.

I think it's important to maintain the children's play area for families who live in Telham. It's the only open space in Telham available for public use and is much valued by residents.

Flower meadow with paths for walking. Absolutely not for solar panels! The land was left for the use of Telham people for recreation. You can't do that with solar panels around.

I do not have nay suggestion as to what the open space could be used for

None other than a wild meadow. Any use behind that would be very negative to the environment such as solar panels etc. This area needs to stay either as a basic play area or go to a wild meadow.

definatly NOT for solar panels

My family and I use this area frequently, as do many other families. As alluded to on the leaflet that has been posted, it is a secluded spot which is part of its charm and should be treasured. People we see there walk to the playing field so the lack of parking is not an issue. We understand that improving the facilities probably isn't the best use of councils money at the moment, hence the reason we've selected to "Maintain and retain". However if you are able to improve the equipment, that would be fantastic.

none

We absolutely love the play area, it is a highlight of living here and we use it all the time with our children. It is our favourite place. Being in Telham it is not easy with small kids to walk into town etc so it is great to have somewhere to walk to that doesn't need the car. I believe it will be used by generations to come and if the play equipment was updated it would attract more people. Thank you for keeping it so nicely. We also love the wild flower meadow fitness equipment for adults. Wildflower planting English country hedging wild flower planting to help bees and butterflies so young people and children can enjoy and participate in nature.

Please don't take this space away from the children of Telham.

Adult gym classes. I should be registered as a nature reserve.

provide some equipment for oldies.

I believe it is very important that there are some facilities for children to play together. The problem we had when we used it as a childrens play park was dog excrement on the grass playing field. Adult gym equipment would be a great asset. Wild flower would be nice too.

It would be great if it was a nature reserve

grass needs cutting on a more regular basis so ball games can be played. A small meadow planting as you go in on the right. Pathway to Telham Lane kept clear of brambles. A small football goal posts - basket ball hoop. Apparatus that is not just for 205 year olds.

Play park sign that is easily seen.

All the times that I have walked through the field I hardly see anybody there on the play equipment. There is no need to improve the equipment because you know what I'm getting really fed up with, everytime something changes with you think is better we have to pay more & more Council tax.

Name and address pro

We believe there are actually very few young children in the area to take advantage of the facilities and for those that there are access to the playing field is so dangerous that we wouldn't encourage them to visit it anyway. Better to encourage their parents/grandparents to take them into town to use the facilities there. These should continue to be maintained to a high standard.

So long as it is not built upon thereby adding to the already considerable dangers of this section of the Hastings Road, we have no strong views. Probably it's best just to leave it as an open space where the flora and fauna can flourish and fo rambles on the footpath that crosses it to enjoy.

Name and address provided.

a wildflower meadow with maybe some additional trees around the perimeter would be a good option

Name and address provided.

We can not really comment as we know of no children in our neighbourhood but our property (Telham Lane) is adjacent and have never seen kids playing there, only dog walkers using the public footpath.

We consider the solar panels would be a fantastic project for all its benefits and would back this 100%

leave as a field help towards green gap concept/meadow

Thank you for your recent leaflet drop regarding the above we feel this would be better as a wildflower meadow

cut back hedges along Hastings Road, which at times block sections of the footpath. Add parking for 2 cars at childrens play area, as access is there to maintain field/area. Do not visit due to limited/poor facilities and no parking provision. Would be nice not to drive into Battle for children's play equipment.

Terrible idea to add solar panels, might as well concrete over the area...

Plant trees and shrubs that are native for wildlife

First of all - are the Council aware of how many children and young people live in the Telham area? We have lived here nearly 7 years and we don't see many - mostly older folk with dogs. I am down in the of the play area everyday on a regular basis and most of the people using the are are dog walkers exercising their pets. The access is not good, no parking. We don't want the area to become a meeting place for teenagers.

Unless the area is sold to private people or organisation whatever is done with it will involve cost to the Council. Wild flower meadows need regular maintaining, you cannot just not mow the grass!

Maybe a picnic area and more bins would be great

A wild garden for the young kids to explore bugs etc. like the lower area already there. In the summer it's beautiful with flowers and insects etc.

1. I would take my grandson there but it's too far to walk. 2 Could a few parking spaces be provided with possibly a matting base. 3 a track for walking/running/childs bikes ans scooters round the perimeter would be good for local dog walkers etc. 4 a dog waste bin be provided. 5 maybe child proof gates so they cannot run out of the field. There are a lot of local dogwalkers who need somewhere nice to go so 'Dogs on leads only' to walk on the track provided. The houses on Hastings Road and Telham lane all have large enough gardens for children to play in their own gardens. Some already have swimming pools and tennis courts etc.

Upgrade the equipment, extend the wildflower meadow, improve for dog walkers and kids on bikes.

I recommend making it all a wildflower meadow for wild animals, birds and bees, more a natural open space for nature

The use is ideal as it is. The play equipment, although quote limited, is sufficient for children to play and get seomf fresh air and exercise. It is also a valuable area for isolated mothers to have met during the covid crisis and talk while their children play. The grassy space is used to enable parents and children to play ball games in safety.

The playing field should be sign posted more clearly and advertised within the area. It should also have lighting leading up to the gate. This is a wonderful playing field which can met the needs of children and young people if better promoted.

It should be treated as a village green and afforded protected status.

address provided

would be against covering it with solar panels!
The views are magnificent and maybe it would be possible to provide better access even if narrow and a small parking area with benches arranged to view the vista. Extending the wild flower area plus a maze?

Improve access

there is no other thing in place to meet the needs of children/families in Telham. No village hall/no groups or space for families/children to meet others. This green space/play equipment is the only thing that exists and if this were to go it would be a travesty.

It should be left as an open space for families to enjoy/get exercise/meet others and play area for children. Look at what Catsfield have achieved for their villagers. We must not lose this precious family area.

The key problem is lack of decent pavements-but this is not going to change, neither is the speed limit..The work that the council has done at Battle rec is excellent and I think most families would prefer to make the relative short journey into town. Also, most of the houses on Hastings Road have large gardens so the need not perhaps great.

Our family really likes your eco-friendly suggestion of hedge planting and wild flower meadow. We would also support solar panels - but it is nice having a green space nearby.

The public footpath that crosses this green open space makes it uniquely accessible to many users, even in the absence of parking and a foot way on the road. The presence of the children's play area is appropriate. The area is well settled, but there aren't any other dedicated play areas nearby. We would worry about the removal of the play area. Please leave it as is, and maintain the existing equipment for now. This open green space is also attractive to dog walkers and walkers. Preserving this open green space is essential, not only for the health of local residents, but also for the health of the Weald and this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty in general.

Keeping this open green space sown with local wildflower species is excellent; this provides a valuable corridor for invertebrates and their predators, as well as making the area more attractive. At all costs, this open green space must not be made available to developers. As we have seen, it has many uses, and the green corridor between Battle and Hastings is under intense pressure already.

it is preferred that this 'open space' should remain, planting wild flowers over part of the area sounds attractive and hedge planting around the boundaries would be advantageous.

Better pathways, have people cut back hedges

A dog waste bin, also encourage picnic

vided.