

Telham playing field responses

No.	paper or email	1a	1b	2a	2b	3a	3b	4	5	Name and address provided
1	paper	yes	yes	yes	regularly. I also use it for dog walking/exercise	yes	maintain and retain	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	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.	
2	paper	yes	yes	yes	2 per week on average	yes	maintain and retain	Please leave the playing equipment there as it is the only play area this end of Battle		
3	email	yes	yes	yes	sometimes	no		The area is mainly populated by mature people and there are not many young children in the immediate rea. I personally do not believe the equipment is vital	I do not have nay suggestion as to what the open space could be used for	
4	email	yes	yes	yes	sometimes	no	maintain and retain extend &	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.	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.	
5	email	yes	yes	yes	sometimes	yes	improve		definatly NOT for solar panels	

6 email yes yes yes sometimes yes maintain and retain 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.

7 email yes yes yes usually yes maintain and retain 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.

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.

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.

It would be great if it was a nature reserve

8 email yes yes yes always

9 paper yes yes yes

10 paper yes yes no once a month

11 paper yes yes no often I use the field to cut across the corner to Crowhurst dairy

yes extend & improve

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yes

yes maintain and retain

12	paper	yes	lots	yes	Winter - weather determines. Summer lots	absol utely	extend & improve	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 samll footbaell goal posts - basket ball hoop. Apparattus that is not just for 205 year olds.	Play park sign that is easily seen.	
13	paper	yes	Every day for a walk	no			maintain and retain	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.	Yes	
14	email	yes	yes	yes	often	yes	maintain and retain			
15	paper	yes	yes	no	n/a	no	n/a	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 ramblers on the footpath that crosses it to enjoy.	yes

16	Paper	yes	no	no	n/a	yes	maintain and retain	a wildflower meadow with maybe some additional trees around the perimeter would be a good option	Yes
17	email	yes	no	no		no		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%
18	email	yes	yes	no		yes	maintain and retain		
19	paper	yes	no	no					leave as a field help towards green gap concept/meadow
20	email							Thank you for your recent leaflet drop regarding the above we feel this would be better as a wildflower meadow	
21	paper	yes	yes	yes	Not often - see response in 4	yes	extend & improve	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
22	email	yes	y	no	n/a	no	n/a		

23	paper	yes	yes	no	n/a			<p>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.</p>	<p>Unless the area is sold to provate 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! 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.</p>
24	paper	yes	yes	yes	everday in the summer	yes	extend & improve	<p>Maybe a picnic area and more bins would be great</p>	
25	paper	yes	no	no	no	yes	<p>maintain and retain - yes. Extend and improve - maybe</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Upgrade the equipment, extend the wildflower meadow, improve for dog walkers and kids on bikes.</p>

26	paper	yes	no	no		no	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.	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
27	paper	yes	yes	yes	approx every 2 weeks	yes	maintain and retain	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.
28	paper	yes	yes	yes	once a week	yes	extend and improve	It should be treated as a village green and afforded protected status. yes would be against covering it with solar panels! The views are magnificent and maye it woule be possible to provide better access even if narrow and a small parking area with benches arranges to view the vista. Extending the wild flower area plus a maze?
29	paper	yes	yes	yes	3 x a year, when younger fortnightly	yes	maintain and retain	Improve access

30	paper	yes	yes	yes	every week	yes	either	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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31	email	yes	yes	yes	rarely	no	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
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32	email	yes	yes		rarely	yes	maintain and retain	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
33	paper	yes	yes	no		yes	maintain and retain		
34	paper	yes	yes	yes	When we walk the dog Only a handful of times as we also go to the Battle Recreation Ground. Bu if some of the	yes	provide a shelter	Better pathways, have people cut back hedges	A dog waste bin, also encourage picnic
35	email	yes	yes	yes	equipment there is changing	yes	extend & improve	A cycle track around the filed would be a great addition, especially for those just learning	

36	email	yes	yes	no	no	Play area should be dismantled - it's not used enough to justify maintenance	This space should be enclosed and used as a dog exercise area i.e. a dog park. These are very popular in the USA where friends can meet with their dogs while they run free and play. It would meet a need in the community and all you would need is it securely	
37	email	yes	yes	no	yes	maintain and retain open, green spaces, vehicle free and with public access are assets proven to enhance the well being of residents. They encourage parents to spend more family time outside participating in healthy activities such as walking, playing, learning to ride a bike or walking dogs. This is the only facility in Telham, the other facilities being a 3+/- car journey to North Trade Road. This play area and field help meet the needs of young children.	I have regularly walked in the field and commend Battle Town Council for their commitment to improving their environmental credentials with the sowing of the wild flower meadow. I suggest that this green space remains as it is, and not develop or build a solar panel development which would destroy this natural open space and asset for the residents of Telham.	yes
38	email	yes	yes	no	yes	maintain and retain By retaining the playing field as it is to serve the Telham community with an amenity for all. It is an open space available to parents, children, joggers, walkers, dog walkers and the elderly for health and recreation. It is for Telham plus all others who wish to use it. The only other recreation space is cited 2.7 miles away in Battle, whereby is accessible only by using a polluting vehicle. Hardly environmentally friendly for Battle!	I consider the balance that exists is the premium option- suitable for all age groups and abilities. Keep this green space for Telham	yes

39 paper yes yes yes

Very rarely - only when they visit - 4 times a year

not if it is not cared for maintain and retain

Would like to see it left as park area and also, as suggested trees, shrubs etc. maybe a shelter for rainy days but no housing. To much of Battle area going as it is.

Keep equipment as long as safe, reassess in 3-4 years for rethink

On behalf of CPRE Sussex, we are responding to your survey which you addressed to 'residents of Telham Ward'. We believe that, as we have members within Telham ward we can address this response to you from the CPRE perspective, but feel that you were remiss in addressing the survey only to residents within your Telham ward, because they are not the only people who benefit from the Telham Playing Field. We note with concern that the survey with its first two questions tries to pre-empt the results of the survey by creating the possibility of discounting many of the responses, were they to have negative answers to those questions. Your newly endorsed Neighbourhood Plan (BNP) recognised the value of green spaces within the civil parish and this site has been registered as Local Green Space site BA GS18. Why then so soon after the result of the massive public participation in the preparation of the BNP contemplate its possible loss? Has BTC looked at the deeds of the site to confirm whether there are any restrictive covenants

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							maintain and retain as a bare minimum. Extend and improve - a shelter of som kind would be great. Please keep the benches extend and improve	First of all, better pathways, clear of peoples hedges. It can be almost impossible to walk the length of Hastings Road unless single file and if you meet another person one of you has to step into the road. Please make it safer. Beter signage for the playing field and a few car parking spaces	Please canit have a dog waste bin to encourage people to pick up. Children like to use the whole field to play and picnic. Football. Tennis court.Cricket? Cycle track. Adult outdoor exercise. Wild flower meadow/gardens. Solar panels
41	paper	yes	yes	yes	used especially in lockdown. Used by own child and Crowhurst friends. When we walk the dog it's a brilliant stopping point	yes			
42	email	yes	no	yes	a few times	yes			
43	paper	yes	yes	yes	As various intervals due to ages and visits of grandchildren over the course of the past years- since 1997	yes	maintain and retain	I have also used the area for walking exercise sometimes with family and dog - other times alone- especially during the covid times and occasionally for an extended walk when posting a letter	- Sorry I don't have any firm thoughts about this - maybe it could be included as a suitable place for a picnic during a longer walk

							It provides a safe pla area for families in the area and is good for the community to meet in and socialise especially during covid lockdowns where children wwere isolated as all other child friendly projects were shut. This will continue to be a place to meet. By maintaining the playing filed as tit is. Thank you forthe new gate to get into the field, mush easier to use now. Anything that woudl nake it more community based like another bench for peopel to sit on in the sunshine. It's a great place to meet the neighbours - Hastings Road is very nusy and we all go in and out of our drives in cars which can make it difficult to meet new neighbours etc maintaining the cleanliness inthe field, so regular emptying of the dog waste bin is a priority as it is well used.	I understand thisland was given "in perpetuity" for use by the people of Telham. I would not be in favour of it being developed into housing. It is mentioned in the Battle Civic Neighbourhood Plan as a green open space and I absolutely agree this is how it should be kept.	
44 paper	yes	yes	no	when friends and relatives visit we use the playing fields- once a month if not more	yes	maintain and retain only if there is a need	* as evidenced by positive response to this survey. However in 15 years using the footpath I cannot recall seeing the equipment being used.	Would definitely support an extended wild flower meadow. However, if there are responses from families requesting to retain then think this hould be supported	yes
45 paper	yes	yes	no			maintain and retain			

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46	email	yes	yes	yes	during lockdown we went weekly, now weekends and school holidays	e in lockd	maintain and retain	it is perfect as it is, a place for children to play and dogs to run around	No other suggestions, happy with it as it is The Telham playing filed should have village green status to protect it. NB the late Mrs Pamela Harrison donated play equipment some years ago. Her family could well donate extra/new equipment if approached	
47	paper	yes	yes	yes	used by my godchildren	yes	maintain and retain	extra signage would be helpful on the footpath entrance (Telham Lane) and on Hastings Road to.		
48	paper	yes	yes	yes	once a month at least	yes	extend and improve extend	by providing signage on the road, ahead of the site, would bring more awareness to motorists of it's existence. A timber play area or a small fort would bring more variety to the existing play equipment. Several items of play equipment were actually paid for by my late aubt (Pamela Harrison) as she loved hearing children play in the field.	If the pathway to the space could be block paved, then 2-3 car parking spaces could be provided to attract families to the site or perhaps just casual visitors who'd enjoy the fine views across to the South Downs. Alternatively, solar panels could be set up on the site but the plot ins't that large to accommodate a sufficient no of panels to make it viable.	
49	paper	yes	yes	yes	weekly	yes	improve	Ass a basketball hoop. Small football goal. Exercise equipment.	For a local village green for local activities	yes

50	email	yes	yes	yes	once a week	yes	extend and improve	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 wonderful playing field which can meet the needs of children and young people if better promoted.	It should be treated/re-classified as a village green and afforded protected status.
51	paper	yes	yes	no			both	it would be nice to have some adult exercise equipment like Egerton park as we have more older people here than young people	Would be nice to have a few more benches to sit on, the wild flower meadow sounds good continue that but no solar panels also maybe something an adult could exercise on like Egerton Park, Bexhill has, just a
52	paper	yes	yes	yes	weekly	yes	maintain and retain		