

Outcome of Telham Recreation Ground Consultation 2022

Number of questionnaires distributed 208
Number of respondents 52

1 (a) Were you aware of the location of the playing field?

Yes = 50, blank = 2

1 (b) Have you ever visited it?

Yes = 44, No = 6, blank = 2

2 (a) Do you have children/grandchildren who use or have used the children's play area?

Yes = 30, No 17, Yes & No = 1, blank = 4

2 (b) If so, how often do/did they use it?

Of 38 responses

Less than monthly = 14

Regularly = 19

Time not indicated = 5

3 (a) Do you think that it is important for the Council to continue providing play equipment at the playing field?

Yes = 37, No = 8

If not used/only if cared for = 2

3 (b) If so, which of the following options do you prefer?

(i) Maintain and retain equipment as is = 26

(ii) Extend and improve the equipment = 12

Response both/either = 2

Questions 4 and 5 provided an opportunity to put forward suggestions in relation to young people's needs and the open space as a whole.

Common Themes and Other Improvements have been extracted.

Common Themes-;

- Enhance wildlife meadow
- Additional trees, shrubs and hedge-planting
- Improved signage/access
- Routes for dog-walkers
- Car-parking facilities
- No additional costs to rate-payers

Other Improvements suggested-;

- Additional bench
- Additional picnic table
- Shelter from rain
- Exercise equipment for adults
- Registering as a nature reserve/village green status
- Lighting for access

Conclusion.

The outcome of this Telham Residents questionnaire demonstrates that many residents appreciate Telham Rec as it is, with children's play equipment and green space wishes for this open space to remain as one. Although we do not have a specific number, a significant number of those who completed the survey are suggesting that the biodiversity be enhanced. There are some additional features that Battle Town Council may, over time, be able to take forward for further improvements.

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