



**Consultation Report for Cowdray Square
Playpark**

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Summary

Dover District Council has undertaken a consultation with the local community, at the request of local ward councillors, to get an idea of the need for a playpark in Cowdray Square. The consultation has allowed us to gain the opinion of residents on the type of equipment and facilities they would like to see put into the area.

Background

Local councillors approached the community services team after residents in the local vicinity of Cowdray Square raised concerns over the current playpark in Cowdray Square. After meetings between DDC and local councillors, a community engagement event was held in the play park to consult local residents on what they felt the space should be used for. The consultation included questions around the age the equipment should be aimed at, types of equipment, and areas to benefit the local wildlife.

The consultation included the production of a questionnaire, which was circulated to residents prior to the event for them to complete online, as well as copies available at the event.

Consultees

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- Dover District Ward Councillors
- Deal Town Ward Councillors
- Kent County Ward Councillors
- Local Schools
- Local Businesses
- Local Organisations
- Local Residents

Promotion –

- Online questionnaire sent to local primary schools

- 500 Questionnaires delivered locally to residents
- 15 Questionnaires delivered locally to businesses
- Posted online via the Dover District Council Social Media pages
- Emails sent to Town, Ward and County Councillors
- Promotion in the members newsletter
- Communication via email and telephone
- Pop up event held with all residents invited to attend

Results and Recommendations

Summary of results –

There were two hundred and forty-nine respondents to the Cowdray Square Play Park consultation questionnaire.

- 241 respondents would like to see improved equipment in the play park
- 7 respondents would not like a new park
- 29 respondents think equipment should be for ages 5 and under
- 95 respondents think the equipment should be aimed at age 5-12
- 3 respondents think equipment should be for ages 13+
- 121 respondents would like equipment for all ages
- 182 respondents would like to see outdoor gym equipment

Other ideas and recommendations for the green space included –

- Wildflower area
- Green area with picnic benches
- Dog exercise area
- Community orchard
- Community garden
- Woodland area
- Slides
- Swings
- Zipwire
- CCTV instillation over the park
- Rubbish bins
- Better access gates to the park and green space

- Goal posts for football
- Multi sports muggger
- Disability friendly equipment
- Dog waste bins

Other suggestions that we had from the community –

A local community group, Mill Hill community forum, would like to support local residents in setting up a 'friends of Cowdray Square' group where residents would come together to look after the community garden and orchard. Support has also been offered from another local community group, Pick Deal Clean, who have offered to support the local residents with keeping the park clean and tidy of litter.

Conclusion

Valuable information has been gathered from the community, which can be used to help inform the design brief for the new play space in Mill Hill's electoral ward. The community and the young people locally are now aware of the project and are very excited.

Appendices

Appendix A – Cowdray Square Play Park Consultation Questionnaire
Appendix B – Analysis of the combined questionnaire results

Appendix A



1. Would you like to see improved equipment in the play park?

Yes

No

2. What age should the equipment be aimed at?

Under 5's

5-12

13+

3. Should there be outdoor gym equipment available for teenagers and adults?

Yes

No

4. Would you be interested in a community garden area?

Yes

No

5. If you said yes to number 4, would you be interested in joining the community forum to help support this?

Yes

No

6. Would you like to see a wildflower area in part of the park, which would be cut annually?

Yes

No

7. Would you be interested in a green meeting space with benches?

Yes

No

8. Would you like to see a wooded area?

Yes

No

9. Would you like there to be a community orchard?

Yes

No

10. Would you like there to be an area allocated for dog exercise?

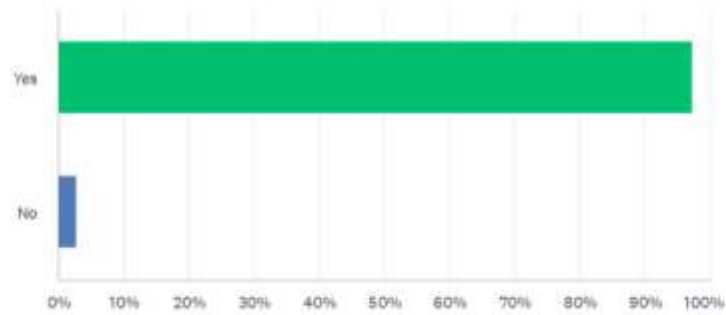
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Appendix B

Q1 Would you like to see improved equipment in the play park?

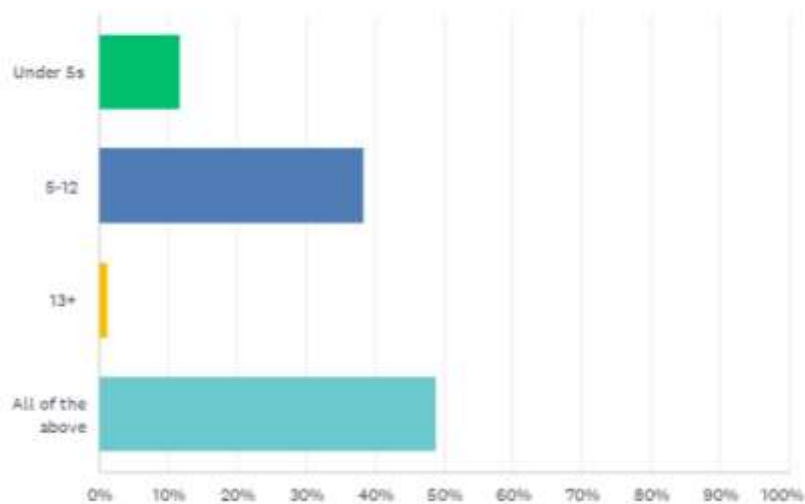
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	97.18%	241
No	2.82%	7
TOTAL		248

Q2 What age should the equipment be aimed at?

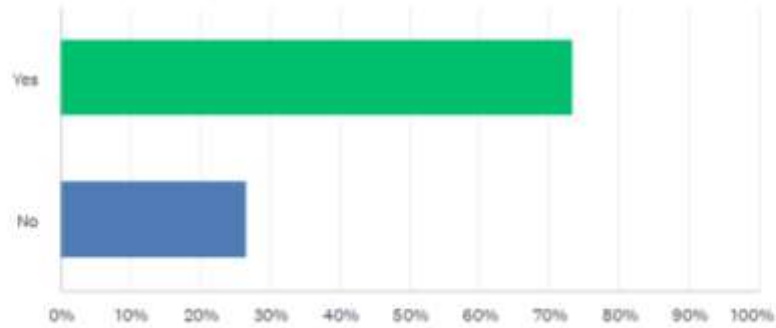
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Under 5s	11.69%	29
5-12	38.31%	95
13+	1.21%	3
All of the above	48.79%	121
TOTAL		248

Q3 Should there be outdoor gym equipment available for teenagers and adults?

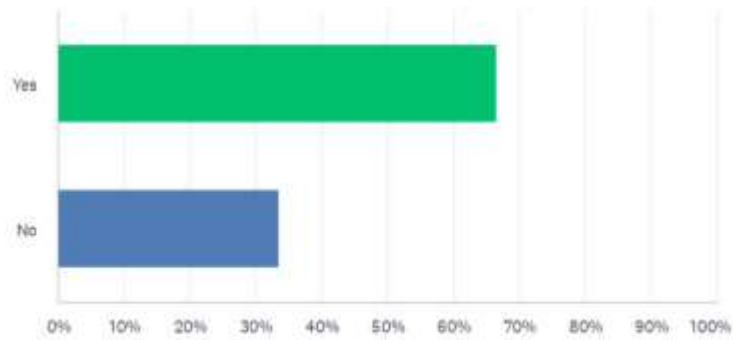
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	73.39%	182
No	26.61%	66
TOTAL		248

Q4 Would you be interested in a community garden area?

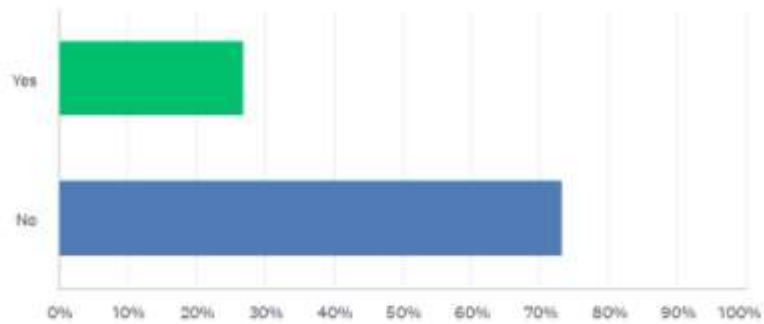
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	66.53%	165
No	33.47%	83
TOTAL		248

Q5 If you said yes to number 4, would you be interested in joining the community forum to help support this?

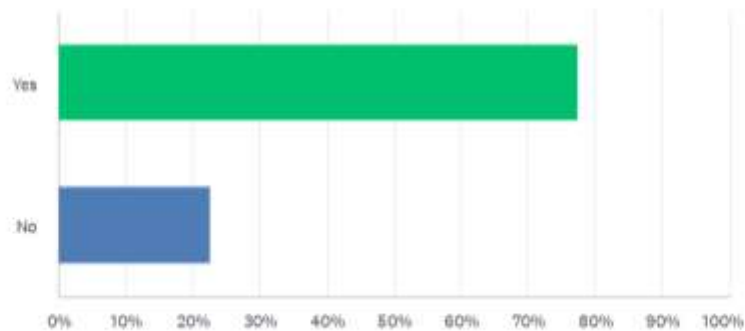
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	26.86%	65
No	73.14%	177
TOTAL		242

Q6 Would you like to see a wildflower area in part of the park, which would be cut annually?

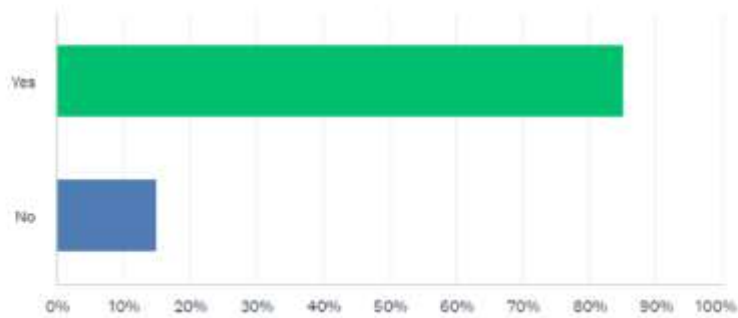
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	77.42%	192
No	22.58%	56
TOTAL		248

Q7 Would you be interested in a green meeting space with benches?

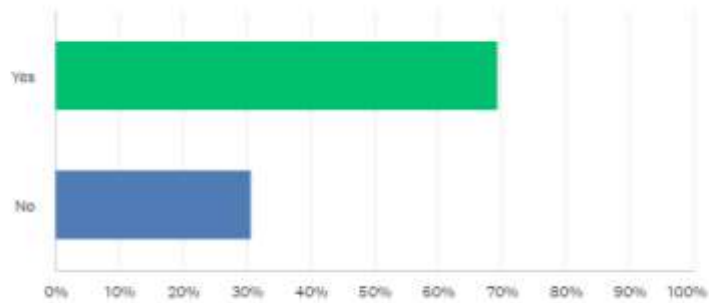
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	85.08%	211
No	14.92%	37
TOTAL		248

Q8 Would you like to see a wooded area?

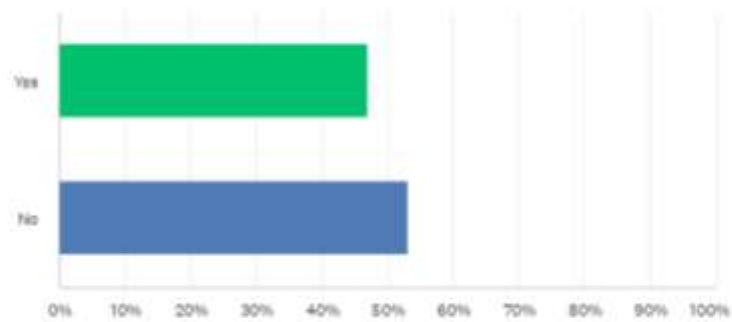
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	69.35%	172
No	30.65%	76
TOTAL		248

Q9 Would you like there to be a community orchard?

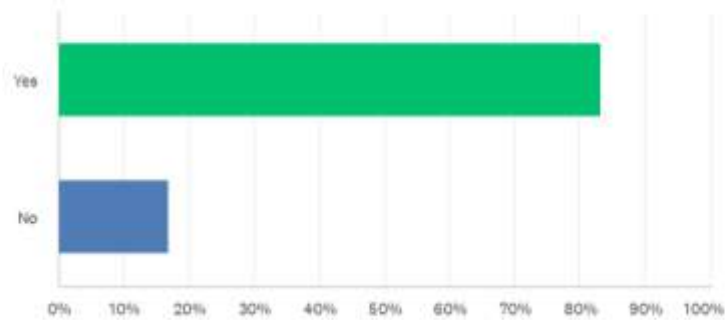
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	46.94%	115
No	53.06%	130
TOTAL		245

Q10 Would you like there to be an area allocated for dog exercise?

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.06%	206
No	16.94%	42
TOTAL		248