Kinning Park Community Council ‘We deserve better’ parks: Research Report



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Kinning Park Community Council - ‘We Deserve Better’ Parks

Report Summary

General:

- Demographics: Total population of KPCC is 4,828. 88% of community council population live in flats; 45% of households don’t have access to a vehicle; the area is ethnically diverse (69% white British).
- Festival Park is the most used park in the area, Plantation Park Play Park is the most used play park in the area (based on total number of individuals who answered questions about the play parks)
- The primary uses of both Festival Park and Plantation Park are: enjoy walking through/around the park and go for the play park.
- The state of the play parks (in Plantation Park and Festival Park) feature prominently as issues for the parks among both those who have children and those without
- Main issues for both Plantation Park and Festival Park (which prevent more use of the park) are: rubbish and broken glass and inadequate lighting.
- There is a desire for designated areas for natural features within Plantation Park and continued access and enhancement of natural features within Festival Park.
- More paths within the wooded areas of Festival Park are desired as both a recreational and safety benefit
- Adult exercise equipment is more a priority in Festival Park than Plantation Park, but it is desired in both.

For the play parks:

- All the play parks are well used. Plantation Square is seen in the most positive light. The play parks in Plantation Park and Festival Park are in a dire state.
- Types of play respondents would most like considered:
  - Plantation Park Play Park: 1 - Adventurous, 2 - Classic Play (only one vote difference)
  - Festival Park Play Park: 1 - Classic Play, 2 - Adventurous
  - Plantation Square Play Park: 1 - Classic Play, 2 - Adventurous, 3 - Sensory (only one vote difference between 2 and 3)
- When asked about the play park area for older children in Festival Park, the parks most quoted as an example to follow were: **Glasgow Green**, **Pollok Park** and **Kelvingrove Park**
- Additional features respondents would most like considered:
  - Plantation Park Play Park: places to shelter, colour, fencing and gates, additional seating areas, natural features and relocating the play park within the park.
  - Festival Park Play Park: natural features, place to shelter, integration of local context, colour, additional seating areas
  - Plantation Square Play Park: adding a mural, enhancing the landscape, colour, and additional seating
- If moving the play park within Plantation Park is possible, there doesn’t seem to be a massive difference in preference between the proposed locations.

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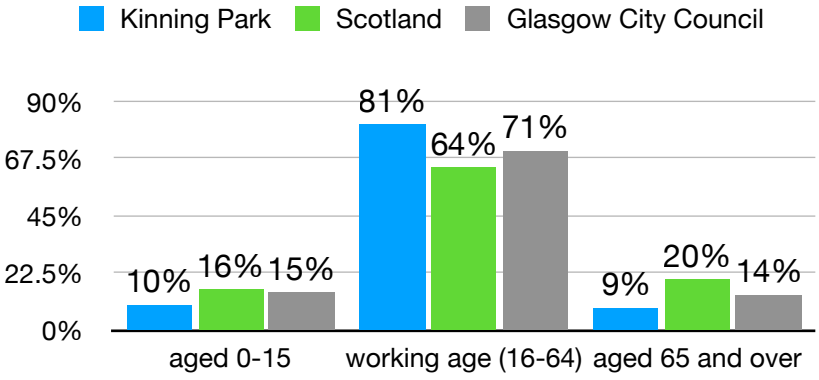
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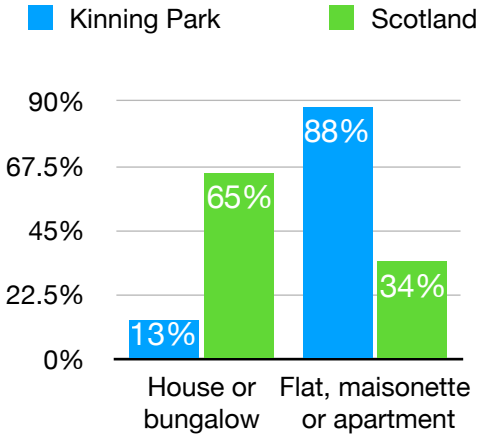
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Demographic profile of the KPCC area

Although the survey was promoted to residents in the Kinning Park Community Council (KPCC) area, the Cessnock and Ibrox Community Council area, and the Govan East Community council area the following profile is only on the KPCC area. This is due to the KPCC initiating the work and given that two of the three parks discussed in the survey sit within the KPCC boundaries. However, we acknowledge that residents of the area do not live their lives by community council boundaries, which is why it was important to get responses from those around the parks, regardless of what community council they are in. All data is from the 2021 Scottish Census data.

The total population of the KPCC area is 4,828. The area has fewer young people (aged 0 - 15) than the national and regional averages, 10% vs 16% and 15% respectively. It is a more ethnically diverse area than the Scottish average, with the population of KPCC being 69% white British, 20% Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British, 2% African, African Scottish or African British, and a further 8% other or mixed ethnic group (the national averages are 93%, 4%, 1%, 2% respectively).





88% of the population live in flats and 13% are in house/bungalow accommodation (34% and 65% nationally). The housing tenure of the area is 42% owned, 14% socially rented, and 43% privately rented, compared to the national averages of 63%, 23% and 12% nationally.

Household composition is as follows: 43% are single-person households, 22% are couples no children, 5% are couples one child, and 5% are couples with 2+ children, 5% are lone-parent households and 18% are other household types (eg all students).

45% of households have no access to a car or van.

83% of people say they are in very good or good health, 12% say they are in fair health, and 6% say they are in bad or very bad health. 10% of people have their day-to-day activities limited a little by disability and 8% of people have their day-to-day activities limited a lot by disability. The following are the percentages of the population with long-term health conditions and disabilities: 4% are deaf or hearing impaired, 2% are blind or vision impaired, 6% have a physical disability, 14% have a mental health condition (11% nationally), and 17% have a long-term illness or condition.

62% of the working age population is economically active; 54% are employees (majority full-time), 6% are self-employed, 2.4% are unemployed and available for work (2% nationally). 9% of the working age population is an economically active full-time student. 29% of the working age population is economically inactive, with the two largest groups of economically inactive people being either retired or in education (both 9% of the working age population), and fewer people are looking after the home/family or are long-term sick/disabled (both 4% of the working age population).

In the KPCC boundaries, there is one primary school Lorne Street primary school, with a capacity of 328 and current enrolment of 224 (as of 2024). There is also 2 nurseries within the boundaries, a council nursery - Festival Park Day Nursery (capacity of 79 children) - and Hyde-n-Seek Nursery,

a private company. It is also home to Sense Scotland - Touchbase, a location that provides specialised services and support in a welcoming, safe and accessible environment, for disabled children, young people and adults. All of these communities will likely use and benefit from the parks and play parks in the area.

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD)

This community council area is made up of the following data zones: S01010031, S01010032, S01010036, S01009866, S01009867, S01009868, S01009869, S01009870. Although generally ranking as relatively average in overall SIMD ranking, with many of the data zones which make up this community council sitting within the 4th decile, there are some domains which rank very low across this area. **All of the data zones in this area rank in the lowest first and second deciles for housing.** In addition to this, many of the data zones (5) rank in the lowest 2nd decile for crime. And there are data zones in the areas which rank low, lowest 1st and 2nd deciles, for education and health.



Community Survey - Analysis

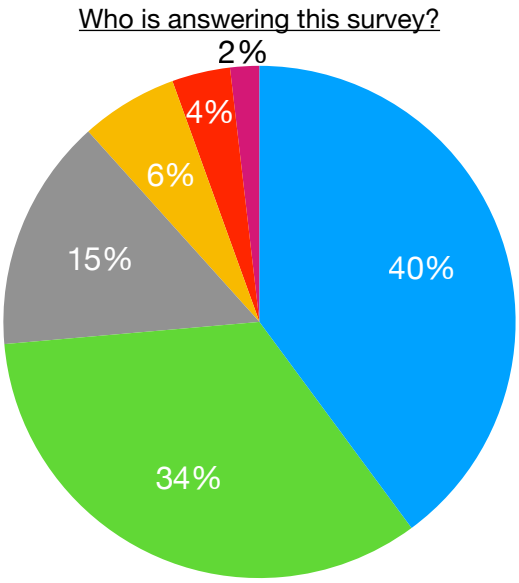
The survey was launched May 11 and closed June 5. There were 163 respondents to the survey, with a further 84 incomplete responses. The survey was long, given that it was covering 3 parks. This may have led to the high number of abandoned surveys.

The survey was posted around the Kinning Park and Cessnock/Ibrox Community Council areas, the two areas that benefit from the 3 parks. Posters were put within housing areas, on bin hubs, in the parks, and within business in the area. The posters were also shared with the relevant community councils, two local nurseries and the local primary school. Given that there is not centre or hub to these areas, it was necessary to post many posters in various locations to try and catch as many residents and visitors as possible.

About the Respondents

The following is a breakdown of who responded to the survey.

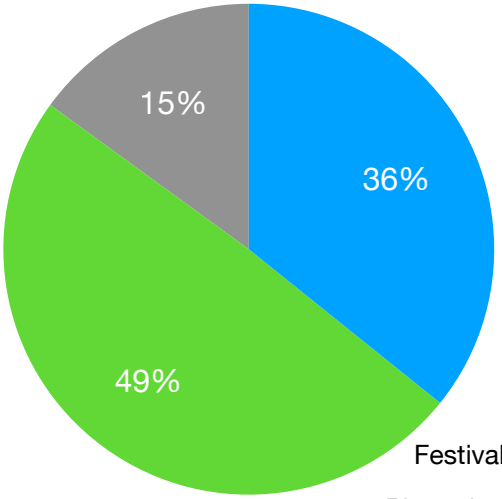
Respondents were asked which of the parks and play parks in the area they visited most often. They were able to chose more than one.

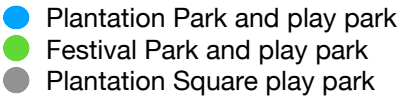


Who is answering this survey?	
I am an adult	65
Carer/parent of preschool aged child/children	55
Carer/parent of primary school aged child/ children	24
Carer/parent of children at different school stages	10
I am a teenager/young person	6
Carer/parent of high school aged child/children	3

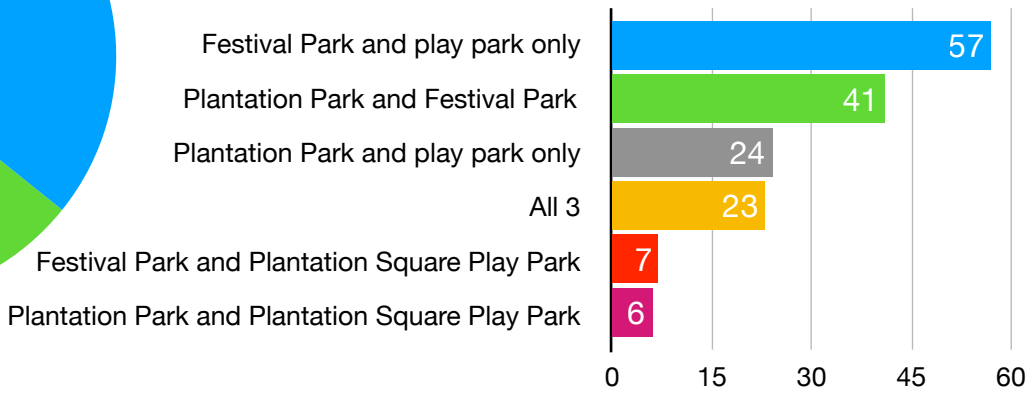
The most visited individual park and play park is Festival Park, 128 respondents indicate they use it, whether it is the only park they visit or in combination with other parks in the area. Plantation Park is used by 94 respondents and Plantation Square Play Park is used by 36 respondents.

Please indicate which of the local parks and play parks you visit most often?

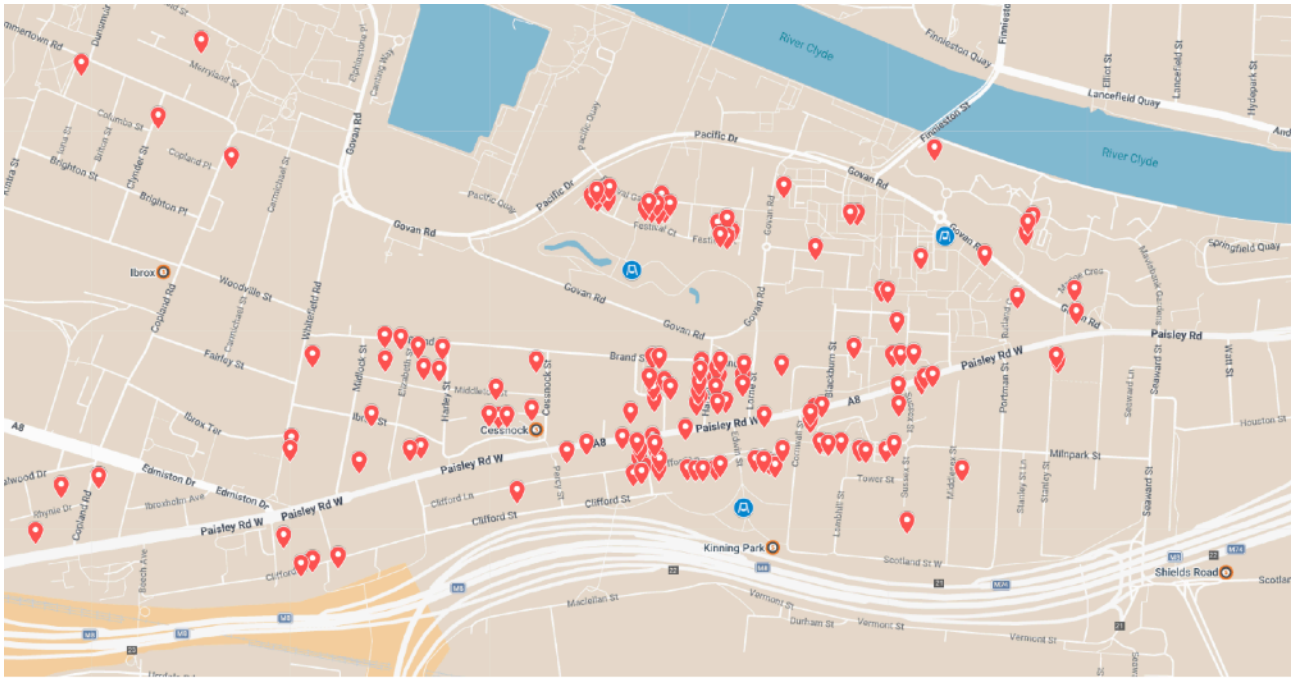




Please indicate which of the local parks and play parks you visit most often? - Broken down



Respondents were also asked to leave their postcode. The following map indicates the location of survey respondents. Each red marker is a respondent, the parks are indicate on the map with blue icons.

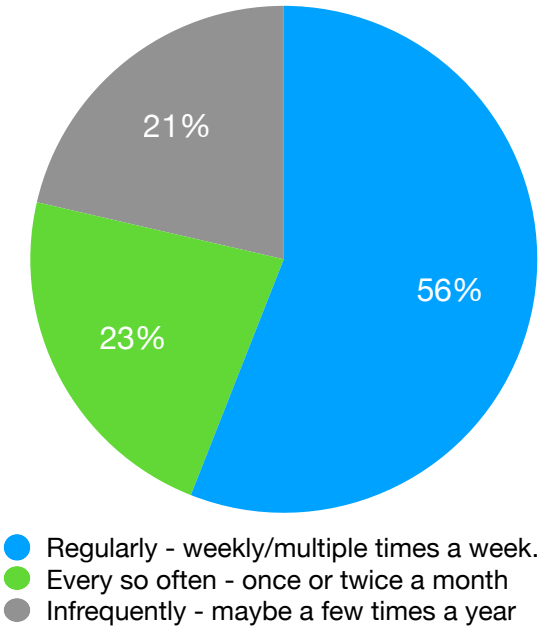

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Plantation Park and Play Park

For each park and play park combination, respondents were first presented with questions about the park more generally and then given the option to answer questions about the play park or not. The two elements of Plantation Park are covered separately.

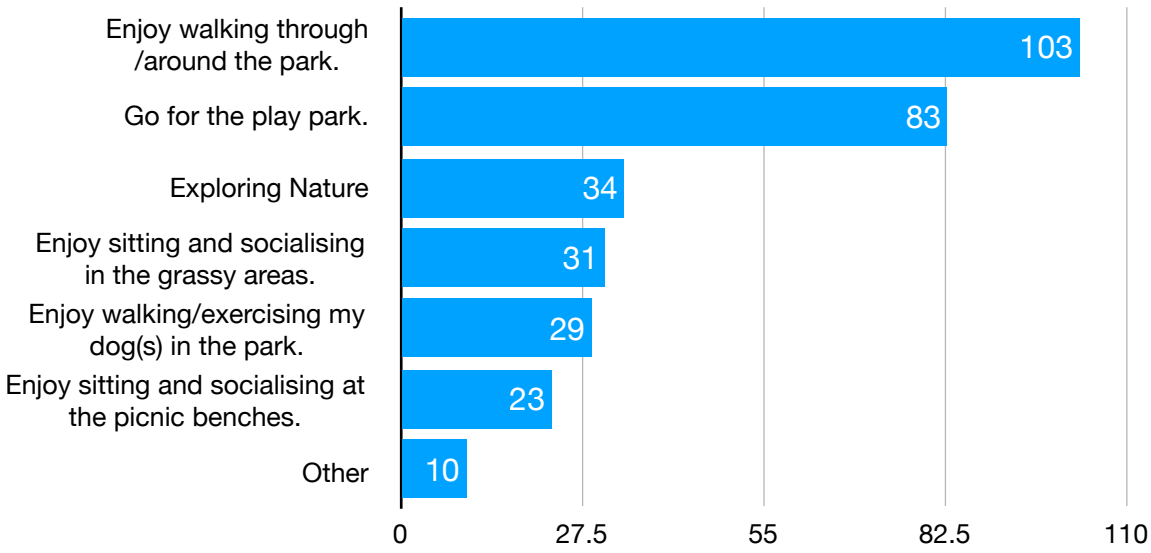
Respondents were asked “How often would you say you use this park and/or play park?” 159 individuals responded to this question. 89 respondents (56%) regularly visit, 36 respondents (22.6%) visit every so often, and 34 respondents (21.4%) visit infrequently. **The majority of those who indicate they use this park use it relatively regularly.**

How often would you say you use this park and/or play park?

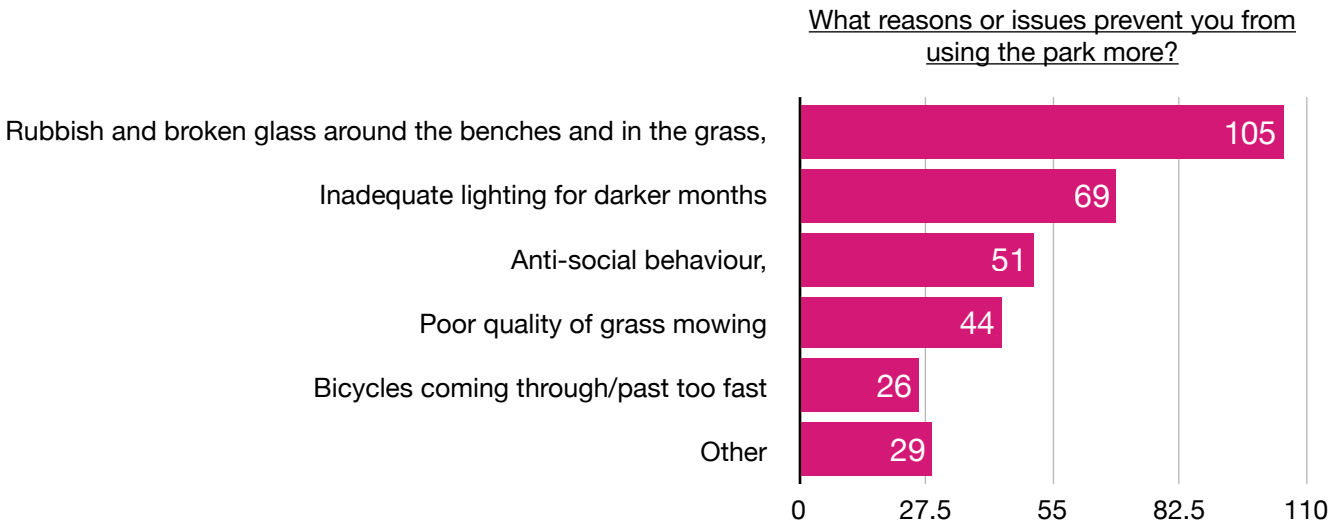


Respondents were then invited to list up to 3 reasons why they visit the park. The majority of respondents indicate they they **‘Enjoy walking through / around the park’** (103 respondents) and ‘**Go for the play park’** (83 respondents). Frequency of responses for the remaining reasons are listed in the graph below. Of the 10 respondents who indicated ‘other’, 4 said ‘on their way to the subway’, 2 indicated the play park but that it is inadequate, 2 us it to socialise (picnics and with friends), 1 said they pass the time in the park, and 1 said it is their only outdoor space.

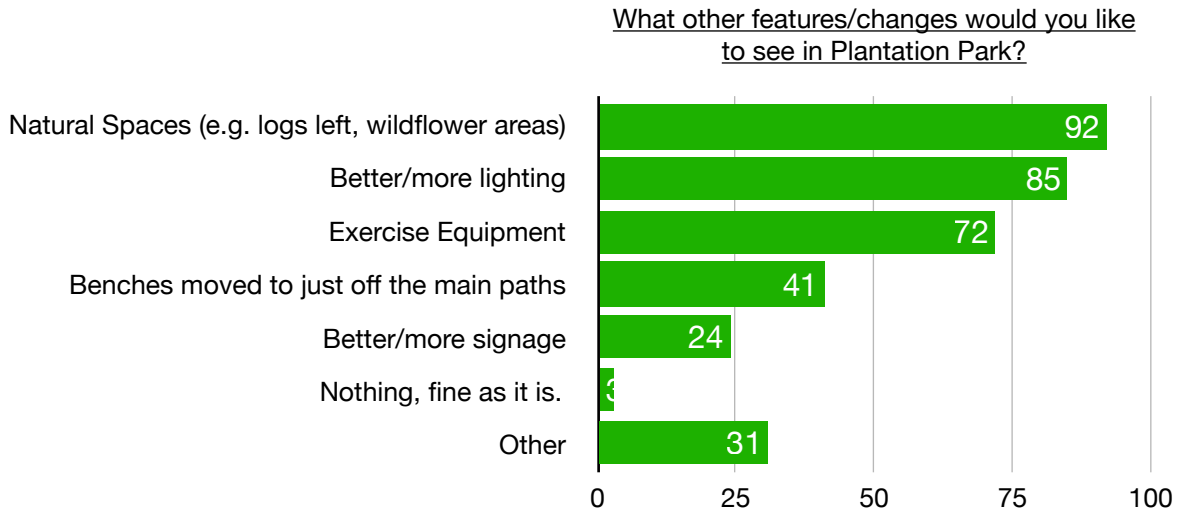
Reasons for visiting Plantation Park



Respondents were also asked to indicate the reasons or issues which prevent them from using the park and they were limited to selecting a maximum of 3 things; 150 individuals responded to this question. By far, the biggest issues is the **rubbish and broken glass throughout the park (105 individuals)**. The next most common issues are inadequate lighting (69 individuals), anti-social behaviour (51 individuals) and poor quality of grass mowing (44 individuals,). Of those who listed a different/other reason, the two most common issues indicated are issues with the play park (19) and with dog mess or rubbish (4).



Respondents were then asked what features or changes they would like to see in Plantation Park. There were no limitations on how many they could select. 152 individuals responded to this question. The most common change respondents would like to see was **natural spaces (92 individuals), better or more lighting (85 individuals)** and **exercise equipment (72 individuals)**. Of the 31 respondents who indicated an 'other' feature or change, 10 were comments on the play park, 5 were about general maintenance, 4 requested a MUGA (multi use games area), 3 were about motorway barriers, and 3 about bins.



Respondents were then offered an opportunity to leave any thoughts or ideas about Plantation park and how their experience of and in the park could be improved. 87 individuals responded. The following table is a summary of the major themes and ideas presented by the various comments.

Plantation Park: summary and frequency of open text responses

Themes:	Frequency:
Improved/additional recreational facilities: Play Park, MUGA, exercise equipment	54
General maintenance and landscaping: tidiness, regular grass cutting/collection and wild flowers/landscaping	24
Safety: Improved lighting, generally feeling unsafe, anti-social behaviour in the park	20
Issues with the paths/benches: paths too narrow and uneven, location of benches on the path, more seating near the play park	12
Issues with rubbish, dog poo and bins	9
Issue with motorway: sound and air quality	4
Bikes too fast	3

Grass and bushes being trimmed back regularly also overhanging branches. Better lighting in the park, repairs being carried out in a timely manner.

Please invest in these spaces to make sure they are used frequently by the communities. It's such a waste and shameful that they are left to ruin. Make sure they are lit properly and safe for everyone to use and enjoy.

Larger playground for children; Exercise equipment; More benches

The kids play area is non existent. The kids play area deserves to be 5 to 6 times bigger. Most of the green grass area is not used unless there is a heatwave then there are sunbathers. Thousands of kids in the area are forced to travel far for a decent play area and some with no car don't go often.

Better play park … picnic tables … exercise area… flowers … more light … more bins …

Needs a lot of loving, needs mores variety of equipment for the kids

The park is very poorly maintained. Grass is rarely cut and when it is, cuttings are left. Flowers are not maintained. Benches on the path can prevent walking along. Addition of picnic tables is very welcome!

The new picnic benches are nice but should not be on that particular, very busy path. Grass needs to be picked up after mowing. The benches along the path take up too much of the path, makes it uncomfortable to walk past when people are sitting there.

I seldom use this park as it is so run down it needs a total revamp

Lack of screening from the main road detracts from the tranquility of the park. The paths look pitted and tired. There very poor out of date play equipment.

Plantation Park - Play Park

In total, 49 individuals responded to questions about the play park in Plantation Park. Currently the play park is a ladder to the platform at the top of a slide and a broken seesaw. Respondents were asked to use 3 words to describe the play park in Plantation Park. 43 individuals respondent, the following word cloud is a visual depiction of the words used.



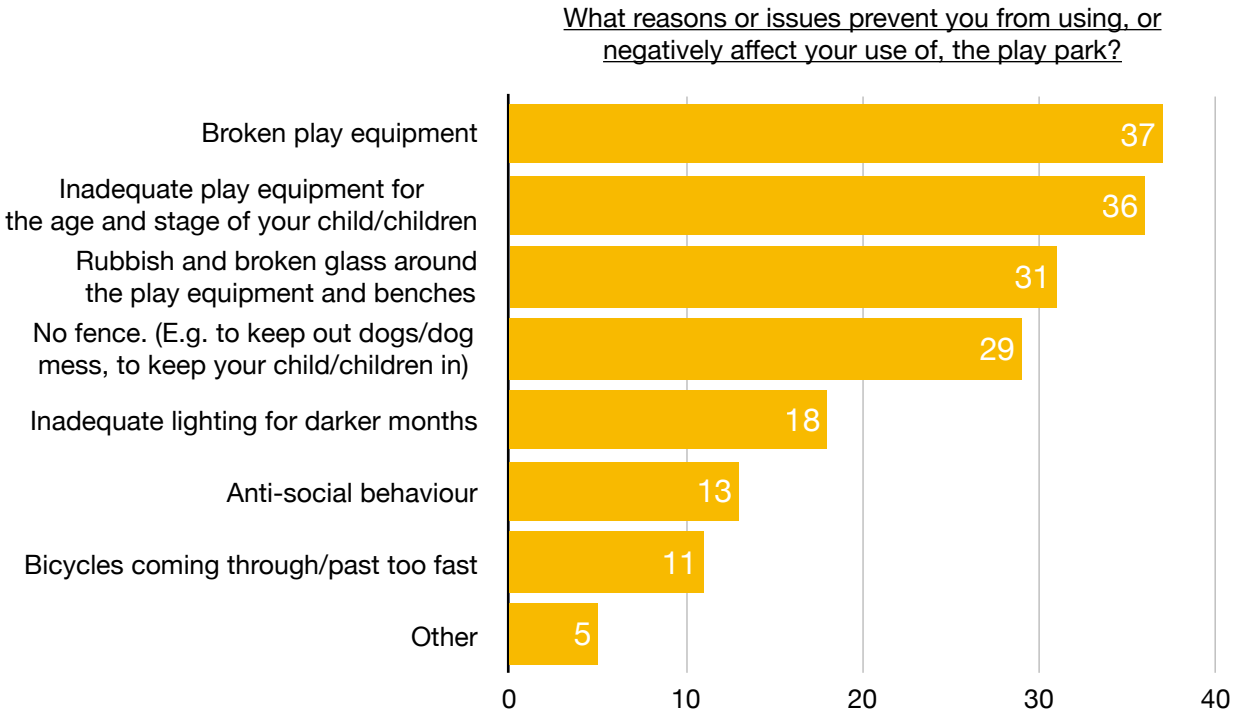
Respondents were asked which feature of the park was their child(ren)'s favourite? 41 individuals responded. Unsurprisingly, the favourite features are the two only fully functioning elements of the play park, the slide (25) and the climbing structure (23) (ladder and platform to the top of the slide). And despite the seesaw being broken, it is still a favourite for some children (14). 16 respondents indicate that their child(ren) enjoying running about. Of those who indicated other, 6 comments were about the missing swings and 4 comments were that there is nothing worth noting in the play park.

Respondents were then ask, as the adult/ carer, what is their favourite part of the play park? 41 individuals responded. The most popular feature amongst adults/carers is the slide (19), wide spaces to run about (19), benches (18), the climbing structure (16, the ladder and platform), and the see saw (13 - despite it having only one side). Of the other comments, 5 indicated that nothing is their favourite and 3 reflected on pieces being broken or gone (the swings). ***These answers are evidence that the play park is used and appreciated even in its depleted, inadequate state.***

Favourite features of Plantation Play Park

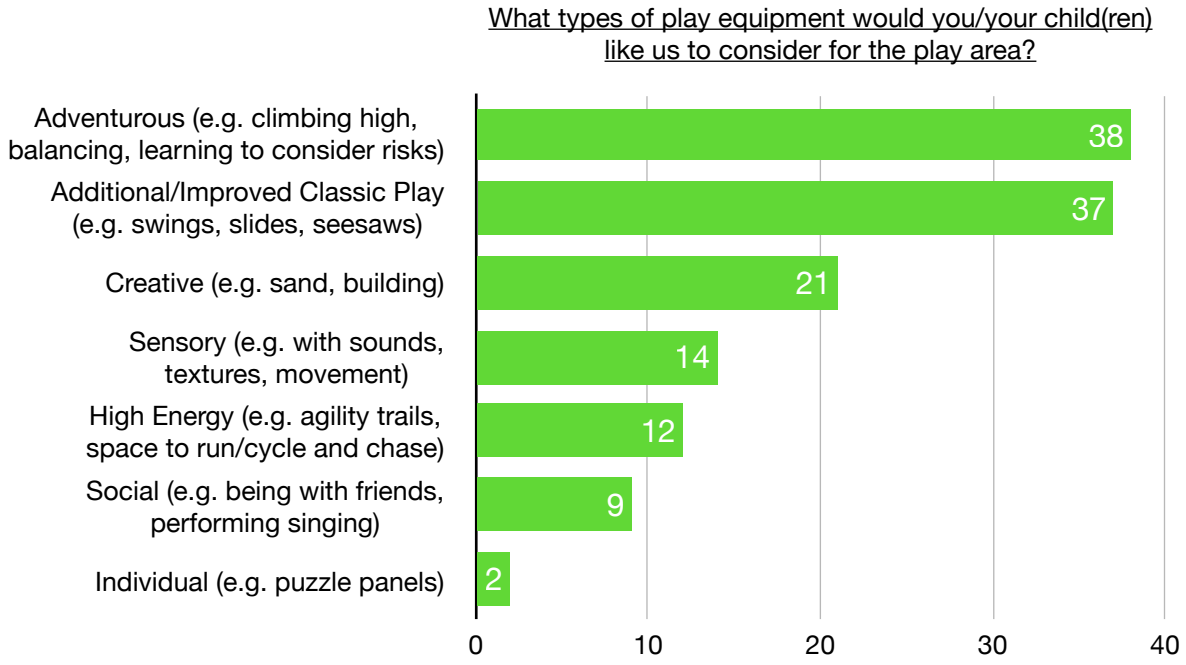
	Child/Children	Adult/Carer
Slide	25	19
Climbing Structure	23	19
Wide spaces to run around	16	18
Seesaw	14	16
Benches	7	13
Other	11	10

Respondents were asked "what are reasons or issues prevent you from using, or negatively affect your use of, the play park?"; 49 individuals responded to this question. There was no limit in how many of the 5 suggested issues they could select and respondents were given the opportunity to fill in any additional/other reason. **Broken play equipment** and **inadequate play equipment for the aged and stage of the child/children** were the two most common reasons preventing use of the Plantation Park play park (37 and 36 selections respectively). Following these, and with only slightly less frequency, were the issues of rubbish and broken glass around the play equipment and benches as well as no fence around the play park (31 and 29 selections respectively). Frequency of responses for other reasons are listed in the graph below. Of those who said other, the reasons included uneven paths/pavement, inadequate play equipment, dog poo, and concerns for safety. Generally, these additional comments are reflected by the answer options provided, so reinforce all of the issues with the play park.



Thinking about the future of the play park, respondents were asked "what types of play equipment would you/your child(ren) like us to consider for the play area?", 48 individuals responded. Respondents were limited to 3 options. The options presented were the same listed in the Glasgow City Council play park survey being conducted at the same time, this way assessment of the replies would be comparable with GCC findings. The two most popular play equipment respondents (and the child/children they are responding on behalf of) would like to see are **adventurous equipment** (38 individuals chose this) and a**dditional/improved classic play**

equipment (37 individuals chose this)**.** The other options given were chosen in this order: creative (21), sensory (14), high energy (12), social (9), individual (2). There was one person who indicated an 'other' and this was for a flat concrete space.



In addition to play equipment, respondents were asked what other elements or changes would they like to see in the play area. Respondents were able to choose up to 4. 49 individuals responded to this question. The most selected options are **places to shelter (from rain or sun)** (29), followed by **colour** (21), **fencing and gates** (21) and **additional seating areas** (20). **Natural features** and **relocating the play park within the park** were not too far behind (17 and 15 respectively). Of the 4 respondents who indicated other, 2 comments were for lighting, 1 to have an additional path not so close to the play park (akin to moving the play park within the park) and one for a concrete space.

What other elements or changes would you/your child(ren) like to see in the play area? (Select up to 4)	
Places to shelter (e.g. from rain or sun)	29
Colour (e.g. colourful equipment, surfacing)	21
Fencing and gates	21
Additional seating areas	20
Natural features (e.g. mounds, logs)	17
Relocating the play park within Plantation Park	15
Good visibility and sightlines (e.g. easy to see across the space)	11
The wider landscape and setting (e.g. trees, views, planting, wildlife enhancing)	10
Easy access to the play area (e.g. clear paths, signage)	8
Integration of local context (e.g. local stories reflected in play themes, sculpture, information boards)	6
Other	4

Finally, respondents were asked to reflect in their own words how the play park could be improved or for any feedback they have not felt able to give in previous questions. 24 individuals replied. Some direct quotes have been provided but the table (to the right) is a summary of the content within these comments. In addition to the table, the following themes were mentioned by 1 or 2 people, the play park is dangerous, request for a MUGA, the need for community engagement, a themed play park, and that it is too small. **The comments reflect the feedback from the survey. The equipment is inadequate and the play park is in need up updating and modernising, making it a useful and enjoyable space for the many families in the area who live in tenements/flats with no other outdoor alternatives.**

Plantation Park Play Park: summary and frequency of

Themes:	Frequency:
overall improvements needed	13
Comment on play park equipment	8
Fence or move (bikes)	5

Anything meaningful would be an improvement. Everything is broken and instead of fixing the council just removes features. If the park stays where it is, then it needs a fence, as bikes travel close and too fast to the play park. I cannot relax and let my child play because the bikes.

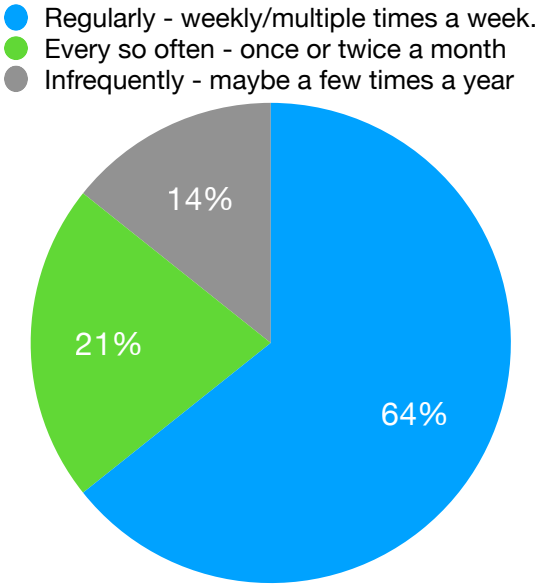
Literally anything, there are no swings and everything else is neglected

The playpark is too small for the number of children who try to use it and it is poorly placed. Playing children are often in competition for space with people trying to pass through to get between the subway and Paisley Road West.

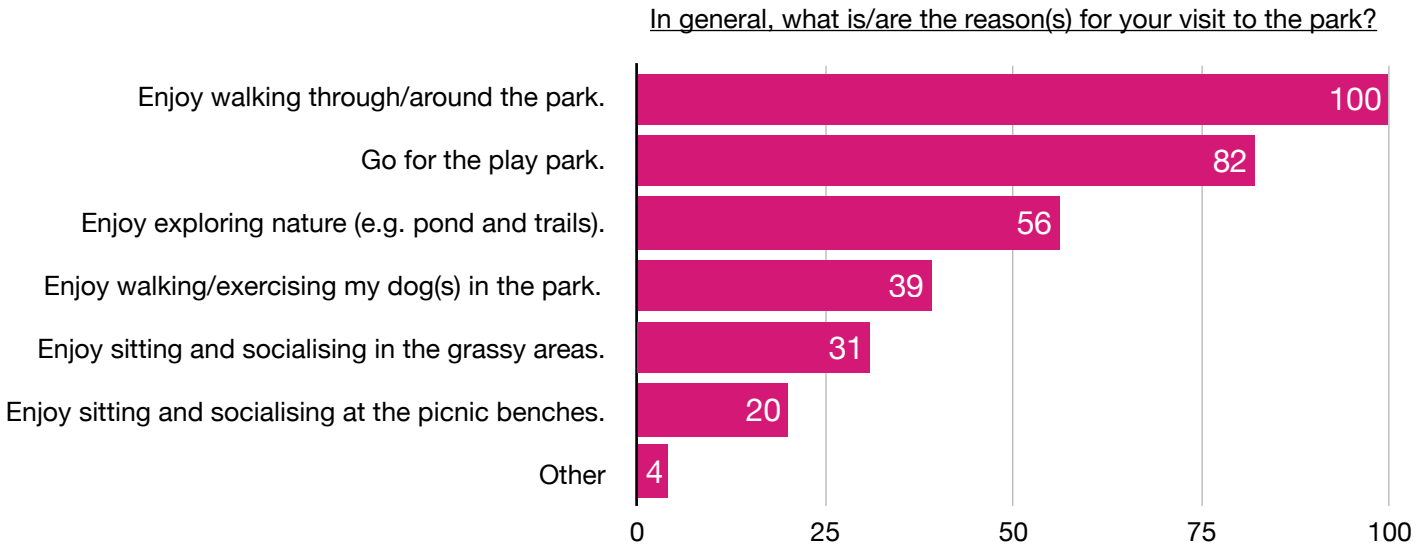
The play park could have a theme, or at least a consistent aesthetic. It could work a lot better as there is a large, most underused lawn space which could better accommodate play. It could cater to more ages, stages and abilities. It could help identify the local area as family friendly, there is good park infrastructure/space available here, and a primary school. This area could really use some more families to balance the tenure however it needs to be safe, cared for and pleasing to the eye to achieve this.

Festival Park and Play Park

Festival park and play park was the second park covered in the survey given. Questions and format were consistent across the areas surveyed, so just as with Plantation Park, respondents were first presented with questions about the park more generally and then given the option to answer questions about the play park or not. The two elements of Festival Park are covered separately.



Community members were asked "How often would you say you use this park and/or play park?" 154 individuals responded to this question. 99 respondents (64%) regularly visit, 33 respondents (21%) visit every so often, and 22 respondents (14%) visit infrequently. **The majority of those who indicate they use this park use it relatively regularly.**

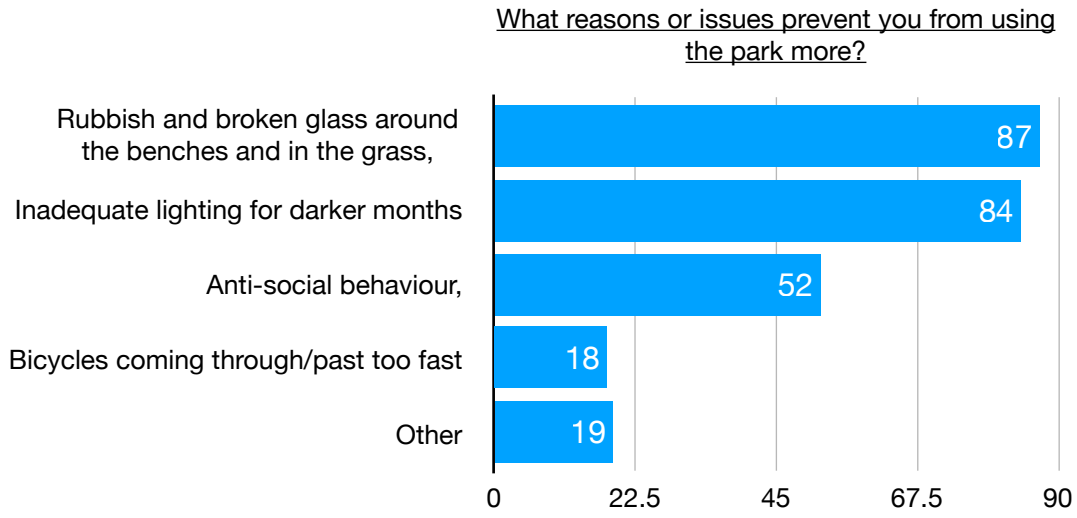


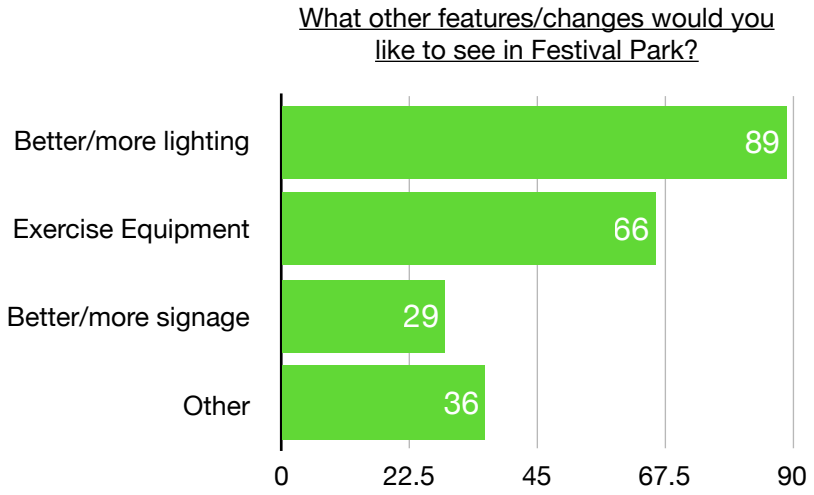
Respondents were invited to list up to 3 reasons why they visit the park. The majority of respondents indicate they they '**enjoy walking through / around the park**' (100 respondents) and '**go for the play park**' (82 respondents). These are the two primary reasons people visit Festival Park. The other reasons to visit were ranked as follows: *explore nature* (56), *enjoy walking/ exercising my dog* (39), *enjoy sitting and socialising in grassy areas* (31), and *enjoy sitting and socialising at the picnic benches* (20).

Respondents were then asked to select reasons or issues which prevent them from using the park more, they were limited to a maximum of 3. 133 individuals responded. The top two reasons or issues which prevent survey respondents from using Festival Park more often are **rubbish and broken glass around the benches and in the grass** (87) and **inadequate lighting** (84). 52 individuals indicated anti-social behaviour is an issues for them, 18 said bikes coming through too fast, and 19 offered an alternative reason. Of these 19 'others'; 10 were issues with the play park and 3 were issues with bins and dog fouling.

Respondents were asked to reflect on what other features/changes would you like to see in Festival Park, with no limit on the options they could choose. 132 individuals answered this question. The most popular feature or change respondents would like to see is **better/more lighting** (89). 66 respondents would like to see exercise equipment, 29 indicated better or more signage and 36 respondents provide an other/alternative feature. Of those who said other, 15

comments were about the play park, 9 were about the lack of bins, and 4 comments were about improvements to the water features in the park. (*Note - at the time of writing the report, bins have been placed back in the park.)*





Finally, respondents were offered an opportunity to leave any thoughts or ideas about Festival Park and how their experience of and in the park could be improved. 74 individuals responded. The following table is a summary of the major themes and ideas presented by the various comments.

Festival Park: Summary and frequency of open text responses

Theme:	Frequency:
Improved/additional recreational facilities: Play Park, benches in play park area, more benches/picnic areas throughout	42
Safety: Improved lighting, generally feeling unsafe, anti-social behaviour in the park	28
Issues with rubbish, dog poo and bins	16
Appreciate new changes, extend those into other parts of the park	14
General maintenance and landscaping: regular grass cutting/collection and overgrown in places	10

A proper maintenance programme!

Consistently dark during winter months. As a young woman in my 20s, I do not feel safe walking on my own late at night through festival park, whenever I have done there have been men wandering through the bushes alone, as well as bins being set on fire … only slightly more enjoyable to walk around now the paths have been added … It's great we have that green space on our doorstep, but nobody sits there during summer / sunny days like other parks in the city due to the mess & how run down it ultimately is. I'd definitely like it to look tidier, with nice flowers … even some safety features such as some CCTV … I feel for the children around who are suffering as a result of this, and it also puts myself & my husband taking our own future children to the park

Maybe add some lights as it can be really dark when the sun goes down. (Especially early in winter months)

Provide more lighting. Barbecue facilities similar to those recently installed in Plantation Park would be good. A water fountain and recycling bins would also be great.

I love festival park, it is beautiful and green. However i would love to see more open areas from forests to create a safer environment as well as more play resources

New play park as there is hardly anything for kids to play with

The park itself is great would just be good to make the play park more exciting and inviting. It's so well used and the kids are always super sociable around the pond bit, making friends and playing with each other but the playground doesn't seem to inspire them as much!

I like what's been done the new paths and the pond is nice I think they should fix the flowing stream to the pond as it's obvious that's did up. The play parks are very neglected and I was disappointed when I first moved here. Only having swings and a slide I expected more and the paint is falling off. It just makes the area look bad aswell considering it's right next to the new builds facing the Clyde and the bbc. It should definitely be more modern to match the area around it!

Play Park - Festival Park

In total, 37 individuals responded to questions about the play park in Festival Park. There are two play areas within Festival Park, one with a climbing frame for older/larger children and one with a small slide and swings for younger children. At the time of the survey and this report, the play are for older children was locked with Harris fencing surrounding the climbing frame and the sets of swings in the 'younger/middle' play area are fenced off. There are two play areas within Festival Park, both are covered in the survey.

Respondents were asked to use 3 words to describe the play park in Festival Park. 32 individuals respondent, the following word cloud is a visual depiction of the words used. Respondents were asked what their child/children's favourite feature is within the play park area, as well as what their favourite feature is. 33 individuals responded. There was no limit to what they could select. Most popular feature for children and adults is the **swings** (24 and 16 respectively). The adult/carers also equally appreciate the fencing around the area (15). Notably, 5 respondents indicate 'none of the above' for each of these questions.

Favourite features of this play park?

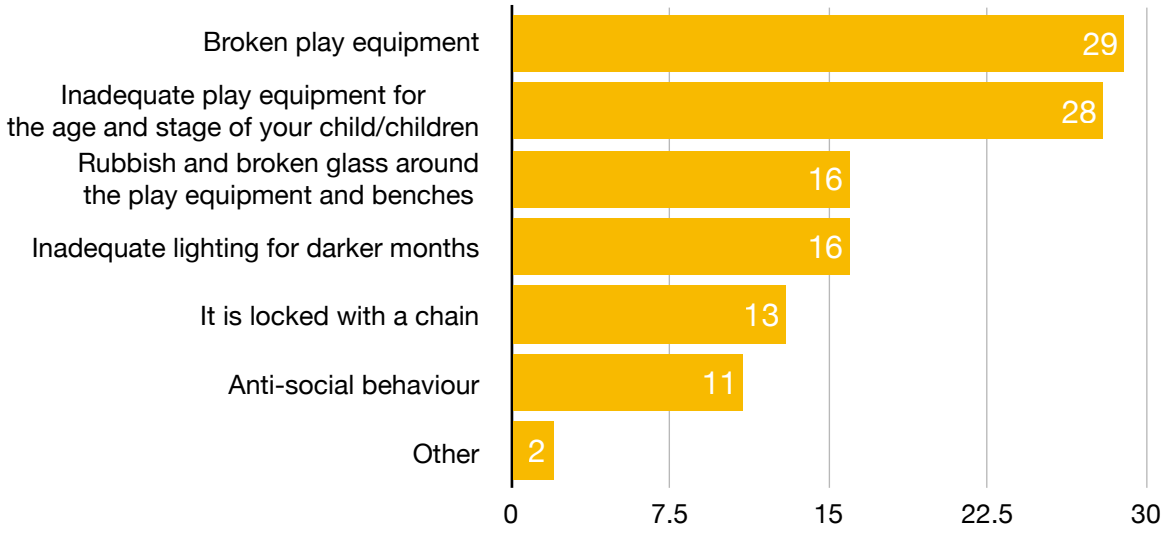
	Child/Children	Adult/Carer
Swings	24	16
Fencing around the area	N/A	15
Slide	17	8
Climbing structure	10	8
None of the Above	5	5
Other	N/A	2

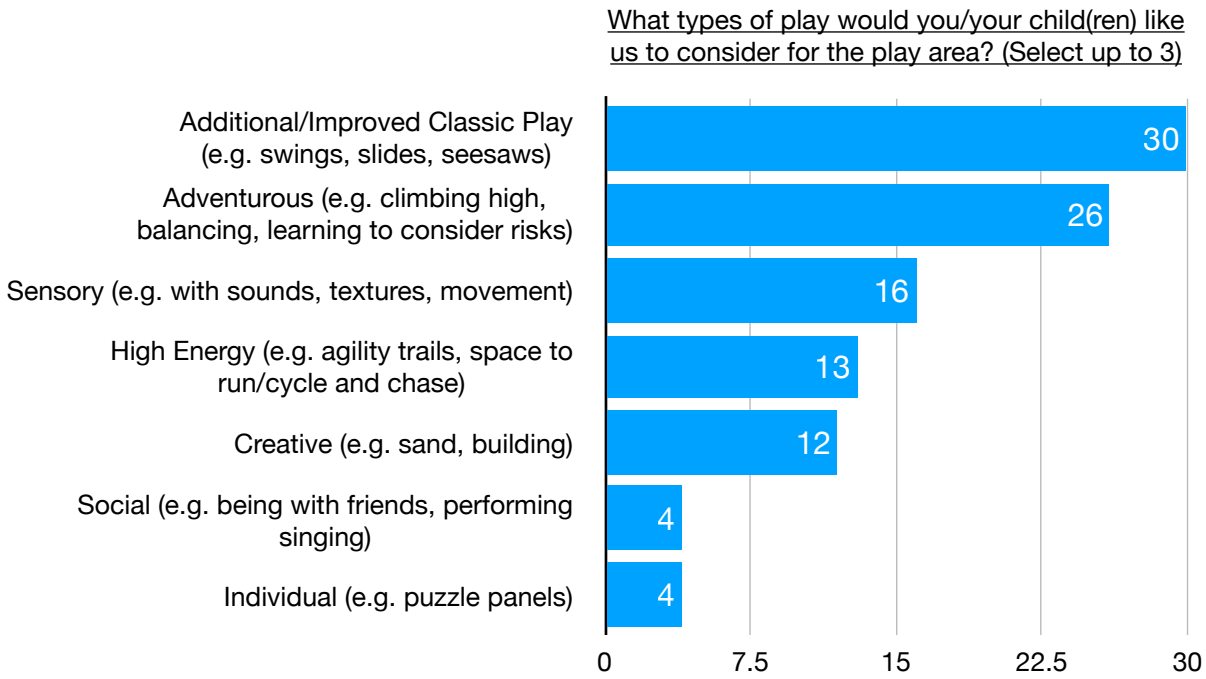


Respondents were asked “would you/your child(ren) like an updated/redeveloped older play area? (Specifically, the play area near the Lorne Street entrance?)”. 32 individuals responded to this question and **28 said yes**, the other 4 indicted the question was not applicable to them. Respondents were then asked to provide any play parks for older children they would like to see replicated in Festival Park, 19 individuals responded. **Glasgow Green**, **Pollok Park** and **Kelvingrove Park** were mentioned most frequently (6, 4, 4 - respectively). It was the variety and challenging nature of play which were commented on.

Respondents were asked “what reasons or issues prevent you from using, or negatively affect your use of, the play parks?”. Respondents were provided with a list of options, were not limited in their choices and could leave an alternative/additional reason. 34 individuals responded. The most common two reasons or issues which prevent the use of the play parks is **broken play equipment** (29 responses) and i**nadequate play equipment for the age and stage of the child/ children** (28 responses). Rubbish/broken glass around the equipment and inadequate lighting in the darker months ranked equally as reasons which prevent use of the play parks in Festival Park (16 responses each). And the space being locked with a chain and antisocial behaviour were the lowest ranking issues, but still issues affecting use.

What reasons or issues prevent you from using, or negatively affect your use of, the play park?





Respondents were then asked what types of play equipment they would like to be considered for the play areas and they were limited to 3 choices. 37 individuals responded. The options presented were the same listed in the Glasgow City Council play park survey being conducted at the same time, this way assessment of the replies would be comparable with GCC findings. The top two most request play features are **additional/improved classic play** and **adventures** (30 responses and 26 responses respectively). The other options given were chosen in this order: sensory (16), high energy (13), creative (12), social (4) and individual (4).

Respondents were then asked “What other elements or changes would you/your child(ren) like to see in the play area?” and they were they were limited to 4 choices. 35 Individuals responded. The most selected options are **natural features** (21), followed by **place to shelter** (17), **integration of local context** (16), **colour** (15), **additional seating areas** (14) and **wider landscape and setting** (12). The frequency of other options is listed in the table below. The ‘other’ suggestions were to open up the water features within the park, add toilet facilities, and a comment about play features (reflecting previous question).

What other elements or changes would you/your child(ren) like to see in the play area? (Select up to 4)	
Natural features (e.g. mounds, logs)	21
Places to shelter (e.g. from rain or sun)	17
Integration of local context (e.g. local stories reflected in play themes, sculpture, information boards)	16
Colour (e.g. colourful equipment, surfacing)	15
Additional seating areas	14
The wider landscape and setting (e.g. trees, views, planting, wildlife enhancing)	12
Good visibility and sightlines (e.g. easy to see across the space)	9
Fencing and gates	9
Easy access to the play area (e.g. clear paths, signage)	6
Other	3

Finally, respondents were asked to reflect in their own words how the play park could be improved or for any feedback they have not felt able to give in previous questions. 20 individuals replied. Some direct quotes have been provided but the following table is a summary of the

content within these comments. In addition to the table, the following themes were mentioned by 1 or 2 people: better lighting, unlock the play area, bins, moving the pay areas closer together, connect to the past and increase community engagement.

Festival Park Play Park: Summary and frequency of open text

Themes:	Frequency:
overall improvements needed	13
regular maintanence	5
more equipment	4
comment on state of the parks	4
seats	3

More equipment so we can spend more time playing than just walking

Updating equipment and removing locks on existing play equipment would be great.

As above. This is one of the better small parks in Glasgow that is being massively let down by the quality of the playparks. They are not inviting nor usable. Either broken or locked up.

The council have removed more features than it has fixed. A picnic bench in the play park was nice, and would be good to have a few more play features. Anything added would make the parks better. And lighting near the play park.

They could be updated in general as the play park has been the same since I was a young child 20+ years ago. Safer and better climbing equipment/wider slides for toddler area

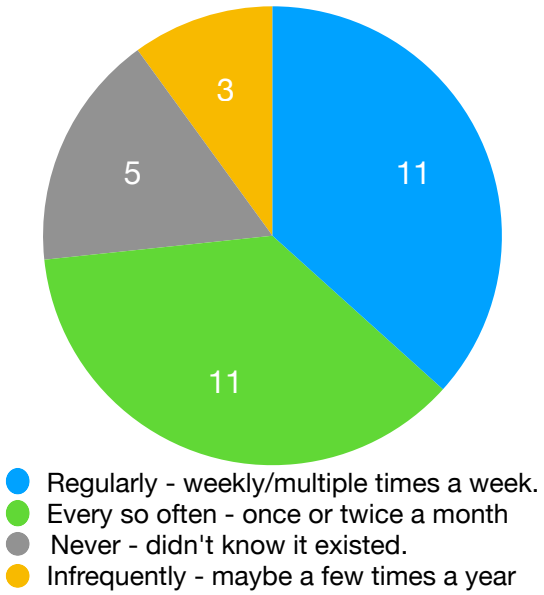
Lovely nature space, play equip needs love, picnic bench back please!

Plantation Square Play Park

In total, 30 individuals responded to questions about the Plantation Square Play Park. Respondents were asked how often they use this play park. There was an even split between **regularly** (11 individuals) and **every so often** (11 individuals). The remaining respondents either used it **infrequently** (3 individuals) or **never - they didn't know it existed** (5 individuals).

Respondents were asked to use 3 words to describe the play park in Plantation Park. 18 individuals respondent, the following word cloud is a visual depiction of the words used.

How often would you say you use this play park?





Respondents were asked what their child/children's favourite feature is within the play park area, as well as what their favourite feature is. There was no limit to what they could select. Most popular feature for children are the **swings and trampoline** (18 each). The remaining features ranking relatively evenly (10 - 13 responses each) and they are listed in the table below. The adult/ carers appreciate the **fencing with swinging gates** (17), **multiple swing options** (15), and **variety of play options** (15). The remaining features ranked relatively lower: benches (10) and guard-rails for swings (8).

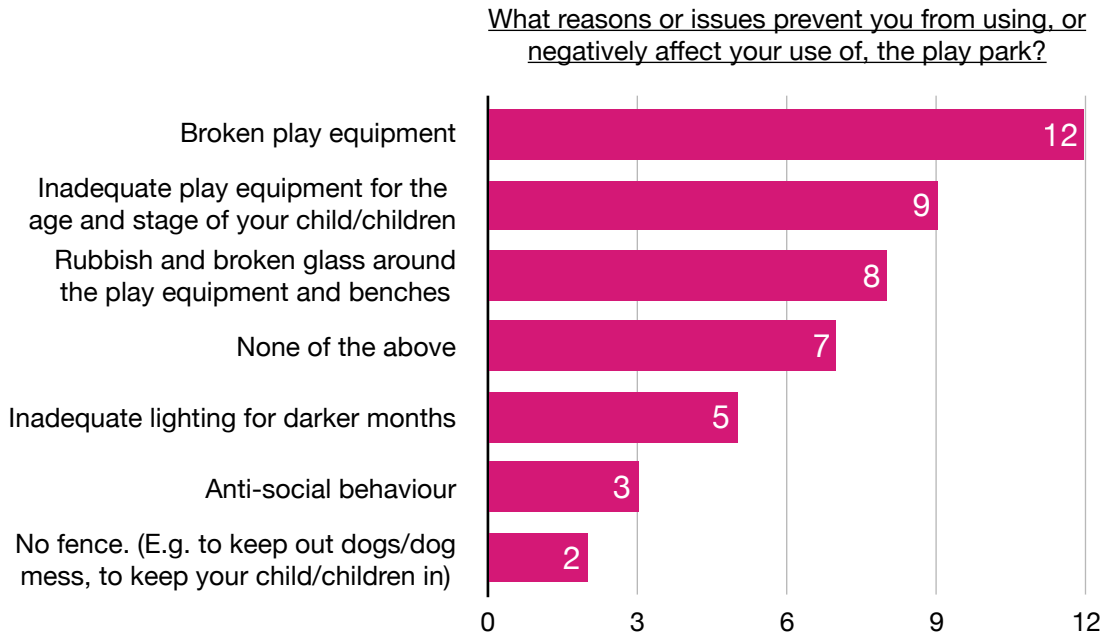
What are your child's/children's favourite features of this play park? (Click all that apply)

Swings	18
Trampoline	18
Climbing structure	13
Slide	12
Spinning bowl	12
Rocking chairs	10

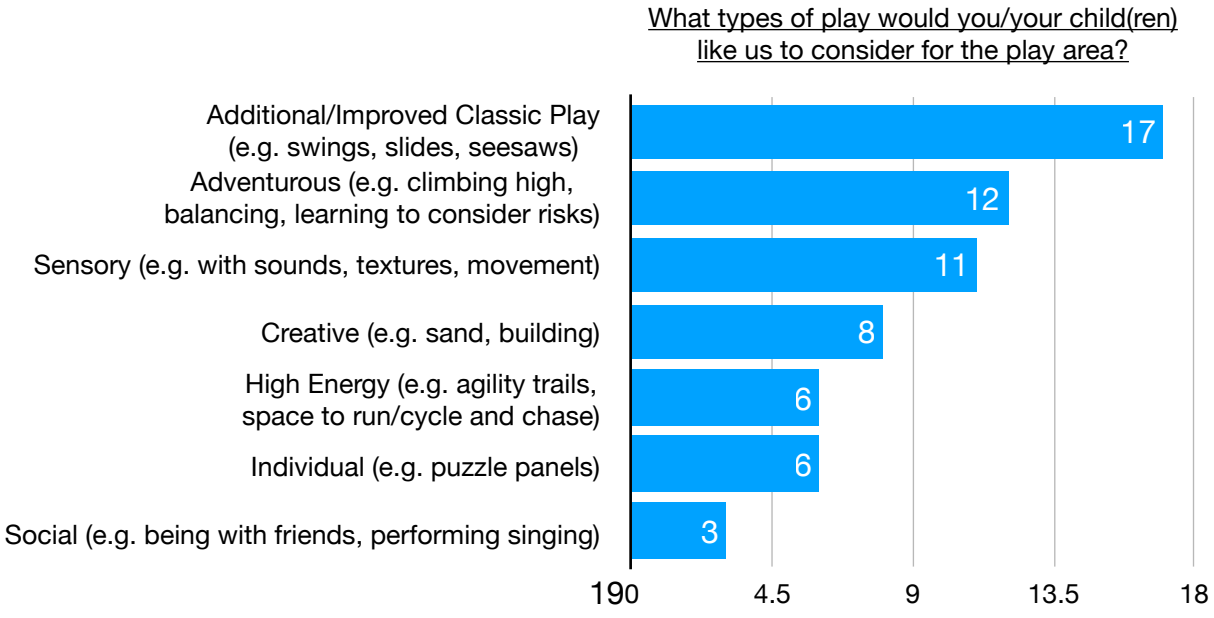
As the adult - what are your favourite features of this play park? (Click all that apply)

Fenced in area with swinging gates	17
Multiple swing options	15
Variety of play option	15
Benches	10
Guardrails for the swings	8

Respondents were asked what reasons or issues prevent them from using, or negatively affect their use of the play park, 24 individuals responded. The most prominent element negatively affecting play park use is the **broken play equipment**. (*A note from the community researcher - at the time of survey and report writing, it is not clear what elements of the play park are broken. All swings, trampolines, seesaws, etc are functioning. There are a few missing features from the top of the climbing frame.*) The next three highest ranking answers are **inadequate play equipment for the age and stage of the child/children** (9), **Rubbish and broken glass around the play equipment and benches** (8), and notably **none of the above** (7). The relatively high frequency of the 'none of the above' answer suggests for a number of respondents their use isn't negatively affected by anything. One respondent listed an 'other' reason, which reflected that the setting of this play park is worse than Festival Park, so they go there instead.



Respondents were asked what types of play features they would like to have considered for this play park. They were limited to 3 responses. 24 individuals responded. The options presented were the same listed in the Glasgow City Council play park survey being conducted for other play parks in the area at the time. The most common response was **additional/improved classic play** (17), followed by **adventurous** (12) and **sensory** (11). The remaining options were ranked in the following order: creative (8), high energy (6), individual (6) and social (3).



Respondents were asked what other elements or changes they would like to see in the play park area, 24 individuals responded. The most common response was **places to shelter** (19), followed by **colour** (12) and **additional seating** (11). The frequency of responses for other reasons are listed in the table below.

What other elements or changes would you/your child(ren) like to see in the play area? (Select up to 4)	
Places to shelter (e.g. from rain or sun)	19
Colour (e.g. colourful equipment, surfacing)	12
Additional seating areas	11
Good visibility and sightlines (e.g. easy to see across the space)	9
Integration of local context (e.g. local stories reflected in play themes, sculpture, information boards)	8
The wider landscape and setting (e.g. trees, views, planting, wildlife enhancing)	8
Natural features (e.g. mounds, logs)	6
Easy access to the play area (e.g. clear paths, signage)	6

Finally, respondents were asked to reflect in their own words how the play park could be improved or for any feedback they have not felt able to give in previous questions, 12 individuals responded. The themes reflected in the comments, and the frequency they were mentioned are broken down in the following tables.

Themes:	**Frequency:**
Overall general maintenance	4
Greenery/landscape and setting	6
More/better features - including benches, gate lock and mural	3
It is a nice play park	6
Increased signage/awareness	2

This play park is the best in the area for children but it is not being properly maintained and if this continues it will go the way of the others in the area and become unusable

Advertise it better. It's actually a nice, fairly new park but people don't seem to know about it.

This is a lovely and fun wee playpark that is mostly in good condition. However, it's not in a nice environment being surrounded by urban landscape. Festival park has more potential and allows the integration of play and nature exploration

Literally can't find where this park is.

Murals on the brick wall would be great. Also, the gable-end that overlooks the park would be a great place for a youth/child-focused mural. Additional plants within the greenspace would be good and perhaps things like bug hotels.

Community Consultation Events - 23 May, 18 June, 21 Sept -

3 different community consultation events were hosted to give the community an opportunity to come and speak with KPCC members, comment on maps, view intermediate results, etc. The first two of these community consultation events took place as part of the Kinning Park Complex's 30th Anniversary celebrations. They were stand alone events but advertised on the KPC's programme of events. The first consultation was also included in the posters put up around the community. The third event was held during one of the KPC's community meals, in an effort to increase participation and access. Roughly **30 individuals were engaged** with as part of these community consultation events, with the majority coming to the first session on May 23, including local MP Dr. Zubir Ahmed.

The following notes reflect the content covered at these events. Although maps of Plantation Square Play park were printed and presented, no notes were made on those maps so it is not included the in following activity notes.

Plantation Park & Play Park - Map activity





Notes made on the maps have been grouped into themes.

<u>Play Park & Recreational Facilities:</u>
- Move play park (areas highlighted at the join of the paths near Edwin Street)
- Request for:
  - Multi sports court
  - Small cafe/van
  - Fetes
  - Band stand
  - Orchard
  - Outdoor gym
- More variety of play facilities
- Timely repair of facilities
- Basic services in the park (especially for those who live in flats):
  - Bin
  - Toilets
  - BBQs
  - Uplift
- Seats to enjoy coffee/cake from The Good Coffee Cartel (local cafe)
- Community events / sign boards
- Stage for events
- Play Park: needs swings and climbing frame
- Bins by tables / benches to avoid littering
  - (Reply - may attract wasps?)

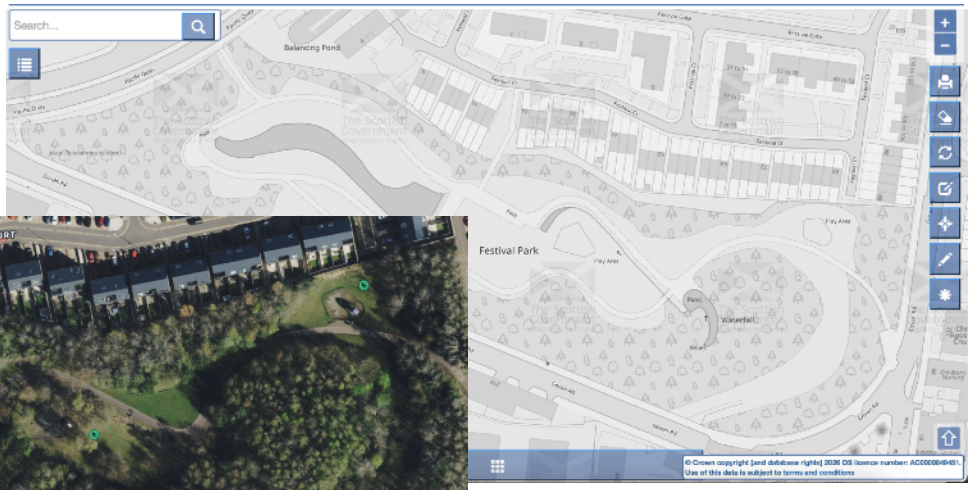
- Outdoor Gym
- Some sort of events area

Natural Environment & tidiness
- Wild garlic (in the overgrown area along the motorway fence)
- Add wild flowers (on motorway side of the path going from Clifford Street to Subway)
- Keep wild (area backing the fence of the flats on Cornwall Street)
- The park is looking amazing when “overgrown”. It attracts local wildlife. See such as hedgehogs, birds. It is good to leave bushes, tall grass during nesting season (April to August).
- Flowers (under/around the trees along the Plantation Park Gardens flats)
- (Building near pedestrian overpass on Cornwall Street) - This area is useless / dirty. Could become / be utilised better

Safety
- Very busy path near play park (path going from Clifford Street to Subway)
- Lights and police cameras
- Separate cycle path
- There is a hole in the fence which makes the motorway accessible to dogs - needs to be fixed. (Near the Clifford Street entrance to the park)

Festival Park & Play Park - Map Activity





Notes made on the maps have been grouped into themes.

Play Park & Recreational Facilities:
- Proper seating area needed. People cannot sit on this. (Indicated the square blocks arranged in a circular next to the pond.)
- We love the new paths. People have been using using them a lot more.
- Request: new walkway through forest (indicating area at the north west corner, junction of Pacific Drive and Govan Road).
- Request: building a new small path at the back, while preserving the biodiversity (indicating the bend of the park that follows the bend of Govan Road at the South/East corner).
- Putting on regular events would encourage people to respect the area.
- Activity area eg for music / performances

- Outdoor gym?
  - Reply: would attract adults who could see what's on offer
- Circle around the play area at the north west area of the park, for older kids) It's locked for months! Needs Repaired.
- Trails that link Festival and Plantation parks, eg birds, plants, wildlife
- Request: Nature trail? Lots of trees / plants here but a bit scary looking! (indicating area at the north west corner, junction of Pacific Drive and Govan Road)
- Request: Sun spot! Maybe pallet style seating for lounging (Note from community researcher: the area indicated is where the ground nesting bee space is now.)
- Benches for picnics / playing at flat grass area (middle of the park)
- Remove and rebuild (older kids play area).

<u>Natural Environment & tidiness</u>
- Excessive trash around the perimeter of the park / all along the edge by the roads, attracts rats.
- We see hear a lot of birds, its beautiful.
- There is an issue with people leaving mountains ob bread in the park and mostly at the entrances. This needs to stop as it attracts rats.
- Wild garlic beside pond
- Clean out pond
- Make more attractive (indicating area near old waterfall).

<u>Safety</u>
- Stewards / police regular watch
- Cameras / Lights
  - Reply: Making sure it doesn't disturb birds.

<u>General Comments</u>
- Smaller parks build communities, help decrease local isolation - more welcoming than larger parks.
- More celebration of rich history and origin of park
- Issue = poor publicity around attacks.
- Could support come from the BBC/STV etc for some corporate social responsibility funding? Eg outdoor gym

KPCC - Park and Play Park Priorities

The following are lists of priorities pulled from the survey responses. These were presented at the latter 2 community consultation events (18 June, 21 September) and one community council meeting, as well as via a survey linked to on the Kinning Park Complex website. The survey was only publicised for roughly one week and had 45 responses.

Plantation Park & Play Park

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
Play Park & Adult Recreation	Improve play park - complete overhaul and increase play options	35
	Add a fence and/or relocate play park (away from cycle path)	6
	Move benches off main path (into the grass)	3
	Add adult exercise equipment	2
	Add more benches around play park	1

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
Improved Safety	Better and more lighting.	25
	Fewer benches and tables on the main through ways & spread them apart	9
	More police presence when Rangers are at home	6
	Add bike gates at all entrances to reduce bike speed	5

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
General Maintenance and landscaping	Designate areas for natural features, flowers and landscaping (left logs & wild flowers)	22
	Cut grass more frequently in spring/summer months and remove cut grass to allow for recreational/social activities	17
	Move bins closer into the park where users are / near the tables	9

Community members were also asked to consider where within Plantation Park they would move the play park, if that were possible. They were given 3 options. Those options are pictured below and the responses are in the table.



Proposed location	Number of votes
A	15
B	12
C	15

Festival Park & Play Park

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
Play Park & Adult Recreation	Improve both play parks and open play park for older children	36
	Add adult exercise equipment	8
	Add water fountain	6
	More benches/tables within middle play park area	3

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
Improved Safety	Increase lighting	23
	Replicate new paths in other areas (reduce places for anti-social behaviour)	19
	More police presence when Rangers are at home	9

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
Natural features	Continue to enhance and open water features (including overgrown stream)	24
	Add new paths - nice having wooded / dynamic areas to explore	22
	Cut back overgrown areas	9

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
General Maintenance	Regular maintenance (of grass area and of new pond)	29
	Cut back overgrown areas	13
	Put bins back in the park *(Was originally listed but over the summer the council put the bins back, so this was not listed as an option on the online survey.)*	5
	Add signs to features and locations	4

Plantation Square Play Park

	Ideas / Suggestions from survey	Number of votes
General Upgrades	Ensure broken play equipment is fixed (currently elements of climbing structure)	25
	Improve area / landscaping - to enhance area and reduce impact of road traffic	5
	Paint mural on wall or gable-ed of flats over looking the play park	4
	Increase / add signs toward play park	2
	Add benches / picnic benches	2
	Add a sheltered area	0