

Appendix 3

Public Consultation Compiled Results

Wheatfield Drive Play Area

New Teenage Play Area

17th March 2025 to 10th April 2025

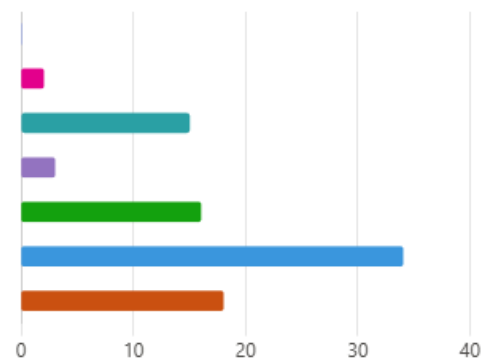
Introduction

From 17th March to 10th April 2025 STC held a public consultation on the proposed 1st phase of the parks refurbishment / improvement. We canvassed views on a proposed new teenage play area at Wheatfield Park.

The consultation was held on line and marketed via our website and social media channels, we also had paper copies available in the council offices and library. STC collaborated with the local schools and youth groups to promote the consultation. We received eighty-nine full and partial responses the results of which have been compiled below.

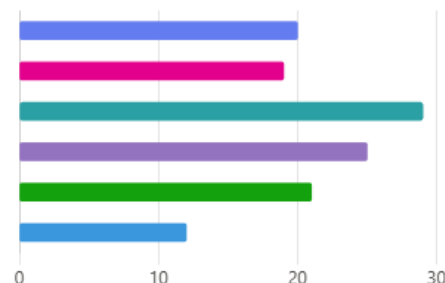
Age of people replying

0 - 5 Years Old	0
6 - 10 Years Old	2
11 - 15 Years Old	15
16 - 25 Years Old	3
26 - 35 Years Old	16
36 - 45 Years Old	34
45+ Years Old	18



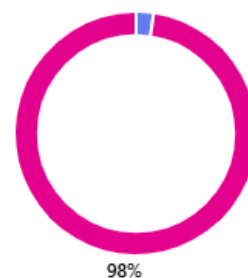
How old are the children in your household?

0 - 3 Years Old	20
4 - 6 Years Old	19
7 - 10 Years Old	29
11 - 13 Years Old	25
14+ Years Old	21
No Children in Household	12



Do any of the children in your household have disabilities or difficulties based around access to or within Wheatfield park play area?

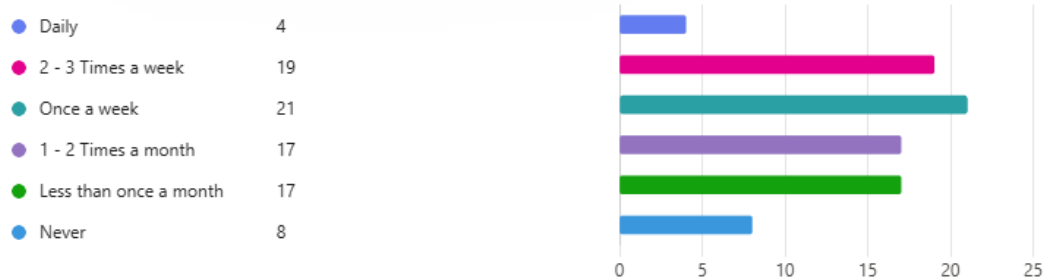
Yes	2
No	84



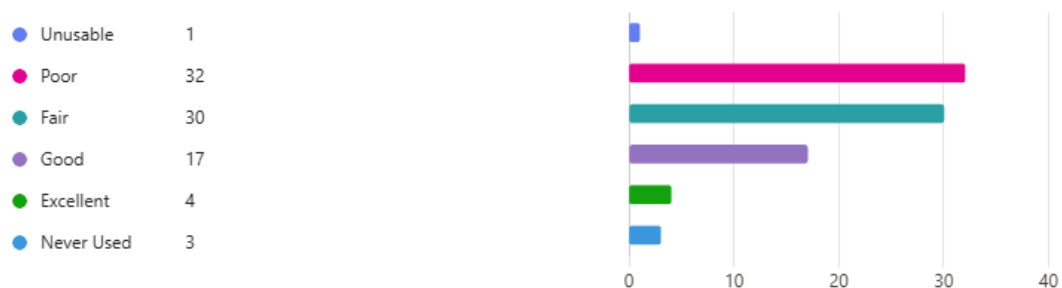
If yes, please provide further information along with equipment that would be of benefit to you and your family e.g. wheelchair adapted swing, large swing seat.

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1	anonymous	N/a
2	anonymous	Skate Park
3	anonymous	A swimming pool would be great for him
4	anonymous	Brother Spinifader

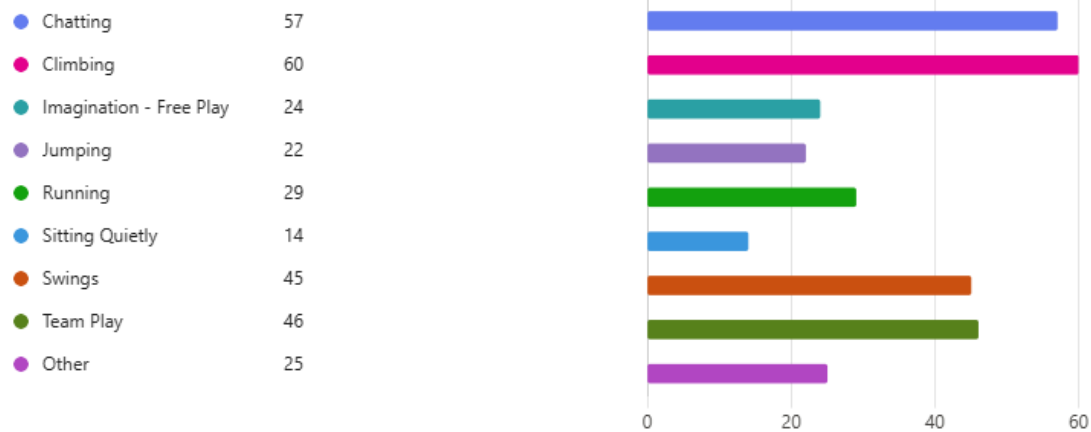
On average how often do you or your family use the Wheatfield Park play area?



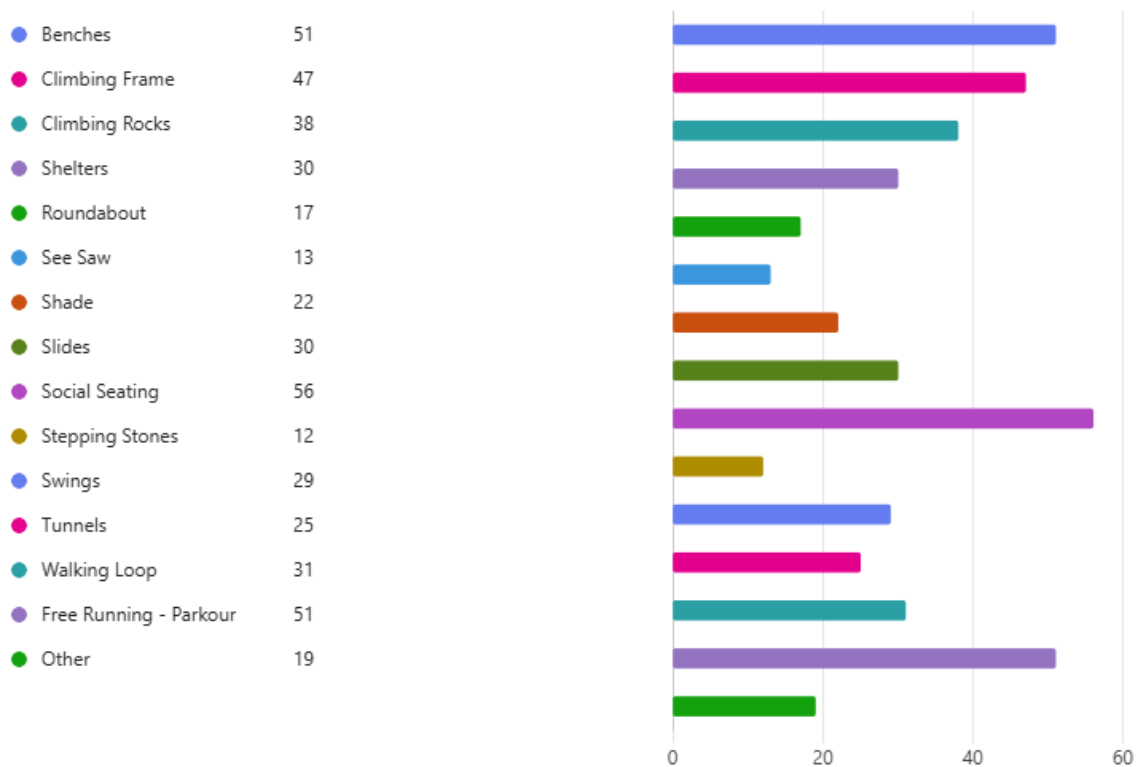
Thinking about the Wheatfield Park play area in general, what is your view of the overall state and appearance of the equipment at the park?



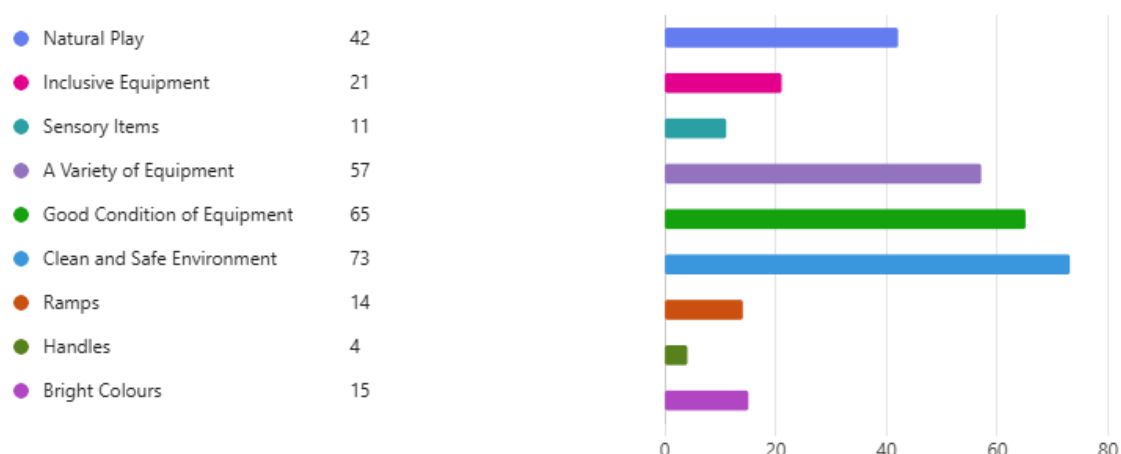
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What elements of play are important to you and your family



Any further comments regarding the proposed teenage play facilities at Wheatfield Park?

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1	anonymous	Provide additional bins as currently parks can be unusable when there is broken glass or litter covering them. The bins are not located near the parks so I think this encourages littering
2	anonymous	There are no play facilities for children over pre-school age since the play area was turned into a gym.
3	anonymous	It would be nice to have more selection on swings , slides , shelter , ramps , course for bike riding , jumps ect for riding scooters and roller blades , areas for socialisation and shelters to sit under with seating
4	anonymous	The image shared on social media looks age appropriate for under 10s. The MUGA already in place is ideal for team play but there needs to be somewhere for teenagers to sit, a see saw and slide are not age appropriate
5	anonymous	This a ridiculous proposal. They need places to sit and chat under cover not a park to climb or go on slides. My teenage daughter laughed when I showed her as she wouldn't be playing on the swings at 13/14 years old.
6	anonymous	The proposed play area is more suited to younger children. Older children need somewhere they can skate/bike/ socialise with safe equipment and lighting. Even putting potentially an adult gym section.
7	anonymous	More security cameras so that the area isn't abused or anti social behaviour experienced

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8	anonymous	Shifnal needs a decent skate park!
9	anonymous	Social seating/shelters are great for teenagers when teens supported by youth workers. Without some kind of friendly monitoring this type of area can at times have issues. I hope that teenagers themselves will have most input into the type of equipment that is installed for them. Not mentioned above is outdoor gym equipment that could be used by both teenagers and older people while teens at school.
10	anonymous	The play area shown in the illustration would suit ages 8 to 12 in my opinion and not teenagers.
11	anonymous	Do teenagers really want this, and do the local residents? Why don't you survey the teenagers at Idsall School?
12	anonymous	I think it's about time we made space for teenagers in our community
13	anonymous	Please make sure that the area will be appealing and accessible to teenagers, easy to maintain, and well lit.
14	anonymous	Please could you consider adding a skatepark and revamp the BMX Track
15	anonymous	Include the teenager as part as this. It need to be user friendly but importantly the teens today all about fitness and going some where with there mates for there emotional well being
16	anonymous	Lots of different equipment
17	anonymous	Teenage equipment does NOT include gym equipment, this is a poor use of space as it does not get used and it is intended for adults but young children frequently play on it and hurt themselves. Instead, I think that there should be equipment for older children/teenagers as there is only pre-school equipment and the gym equipment.
18	anonymous	Ask the teenagers what they want
19	anonymous	Absolutely need something for ages 7 plus. Not sure what 'teenager' refers to. I couldn't see a link on the post to see proposed plans. Would love a skate park, bouldering wall, proper bike track, big climbing equipment, anything to develop open ended play. I would avoid shelters personally as we all know they'll add to antisocial behaviour.
20	anonymous	I think most of the option this form lists are not suitable for teenagers. They are more suited for under 10s. A tennis court, better basketball court,

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		refurbished bmx dirt track, skate park and table tennis table would be a lot better for teenagers. Regarding the possibility of a skatepark, there a shifnal resident that built outdoor skate parks do many years who I'm sure would be able to help
21	anonymous	Outdoor gym equipment would be beneficial to everyone.
22	anonymous	Teenagers (like my 14 year old son) want skate park/parkour type equipment with an area to sit n chat with their friends.
23	anonymous	The main point is most kids want to play football or basket ball but once they hit 14 they are too big for the existing area. They need football goals full sized so they have somewhere to play rather than being on the street, I've raised this before but the council did not seem to accept that older kids don't have anywhere to go
24	anonymous	While I do think the play provision should be improved please remember the park is not just for teenagers it is also used for football, recreation and dog walkers. There should be a balance of uses across the site. Also please factor in addressing the litter and dog fouling issues park users should use the park responsibly.
25	anonymous	As already stated parks are for ages 2-11 not teenagers your asking for trouble having a teenager park who is going to police this? Likely be used for drinking causing issues to neighbourhood that we simply don't need. Have a oark but for the little ones
26	anonymous	The football cages are most popular, having more or making the current one larger would allow more users. Alternatively, a marked out grass pitch with goals. Tennis courts would be a great addition. Also more age appropriate play equipment for children 8-12 i.e larger swings, slides, climbing frames. The current bike track is great but in need of some modernisation such as a concrete bmx/skate park like our Telford neighbours have. Attraction of ASB is a concern
27	anonymous	Teenagers don't want childish play equipment, they want and need skate parks.
28	anonymous	I have said shelter and seating, I think this is what older teenagers would like. Having said that we need to ensure it's safe and that it doesn't open the park up to gang or drug use
29	anonymous	spend your money better on either a skate park or even better a swimming pool that we meant to have years ago. but looks like people have pocketed the money

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30	anonymous	A swimming pool would great. I take my niece and nephew to the park, I'd love to be able to take them swimming.
31	anonymous	Teenagers do not want play areas like this, they want a swimming pool or more realistically here a skatepark, they are too old for swings and slides etc. please don't put shelters where they can get up to trouble, smoking and congregating thinking they are hidden either. Better for everything to be open and safe for everyone
32	anonymous	Do not feel this would be beneficial to the teenagers of shifnal. The design is far to childlike and feel this area will be misused and more inclined to be used for anti socialising activities. Feel a swimming pool would give teenagers an activity and social space in a much more safer environment
33	anonymous	How many teenagers do you know who want to go on swings and slides???? There is a field for running/jumping/free play so why are these options?? Has no one is Shropshire Council got teenage children? Are you consulting the children of Shifnal - those who attend Idsall school may are your target audience so a sensible way forward would be to ask all children - warning, they may laugh at you if you ask them if they want space for jumping though!! Parkour, climbing wall, skate park would be my suggestions - and sheltered areas for them to socialise.
34	anonymous	Maintaining of equipment must be a priority, regardless of what is installed. I've seen local parks take part in litter picking schemes, can we not adopt this? Encourage younger generations to take care of what is provided to them
35	anonymous	Your proposal is good for the children over 7 who are too big for the current play area, but maybe a skate park would be better for the actual teenagers.
36	anonymous	I hope this is not to replace the smaller park aimed at younger children?
37	anonymous	A skate park would be really good
38	anonymous	i think the entire design should have a rethink considering it's for teenagers (coming from a 15 year old) it looks extremely childish and i think teenagers would benefit from more places to sit and chat, like shelters and benches ect rather than actual equipment i'd love for some places me and my friends could sit and catch up rather than sitting on a seesaw.
39	anonymous	Teenagers meet at the park but just to meet and sit there - I can't see any slides etc being age appropriate. Too young/babyish the proposed pic is! I think picnic areas will just show mess of what they will probably leave

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40	anonymous	A skate/bike facility
41	anonymous	Shade is really important none of the parks in Shifnal have shade. Apart from curriers lane. Curriers lane in my opinion is in more need of regeneration than wheatfield. So on a nice sunny day I feel I can't take my child for long. Because you just cannot escape the sun.
42	anonymous	There are plenty of parks and areas for younger children (slides and swings etc) but nothing for older teenagers. Goal posts would be a great addition for both boys and girls given the rise in girls football. A zip line would also be great.
43	anonymous	Consider a skate park
44	anonymous	for teenagers ideally need equipment related to team games rather than slides/swings...so football goals on the grass area etc
45	anonymous	What is there is already very good, just needs seating or a hangout area.
46	anonymous	Please don't build the play area in the open grassed area because we like to play football there.
47	anonymous	Dog Running Area
48	anonymous	Don't make it too kid like e.g. slides, see-saw
49	anonymous	I'm a secondary school teacher & although some of these ideas are good, they really aren't aimed at teenagers. They need somewhere undercover to sit and chat (with somewhere to charge phones maybe when they forget to tell parents where they are), some spaces for football & maybe some gym type equipment / ninja warrior style equipment.
50	anonymous	Ninja Course

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