



Appendix B

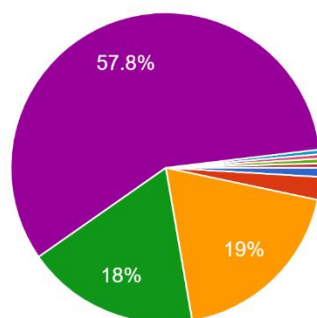
**Summary of feedback from local residents
to online survey**

March 2025

N.B The data needs fully reviewing and cleansing, but should give an indication.

Q1. How long have you lived in the Uckfield area?

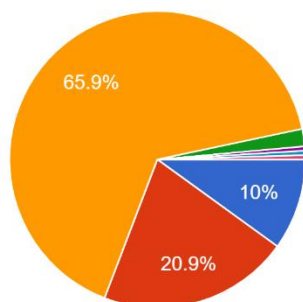
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- Less than six months
- Between six and 12 months
- Between one and five years
- Between six and 10 years
- More than 10 years
- 30 years!
- We visit Uckfield twice a week to look after grandchildren.
- 56 years
- 35 years was there when the park wa...

Q2. When did you/your family tend to visit Victoria Play Area?

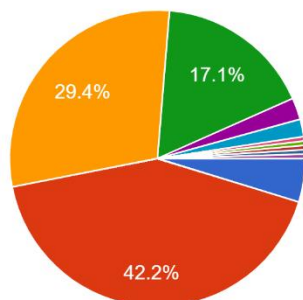
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- Weekdays
- Weekends
- Both weekdays and weekends
- We didn't visit Victoria Play Area
- I live next to the park
- Currently only on occasion due to the state of it
- We rarely do as the equipment is poor condition

Q3. How often did you/your family visit Victoria Play Area?

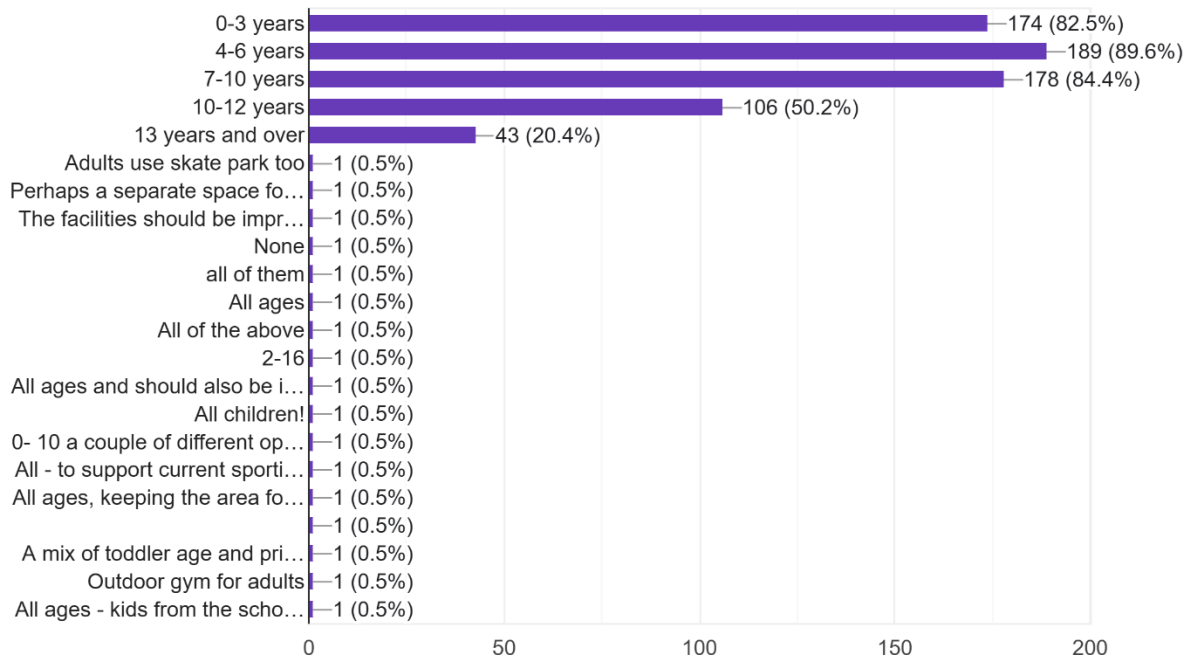
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- Daily
- At least once a week
- At least once a month
- Every two to three months
- At least once a year
- We didn't use Victoria Play Area
- we only visited once as the equipment...
- We used to visit a lot many years ago...

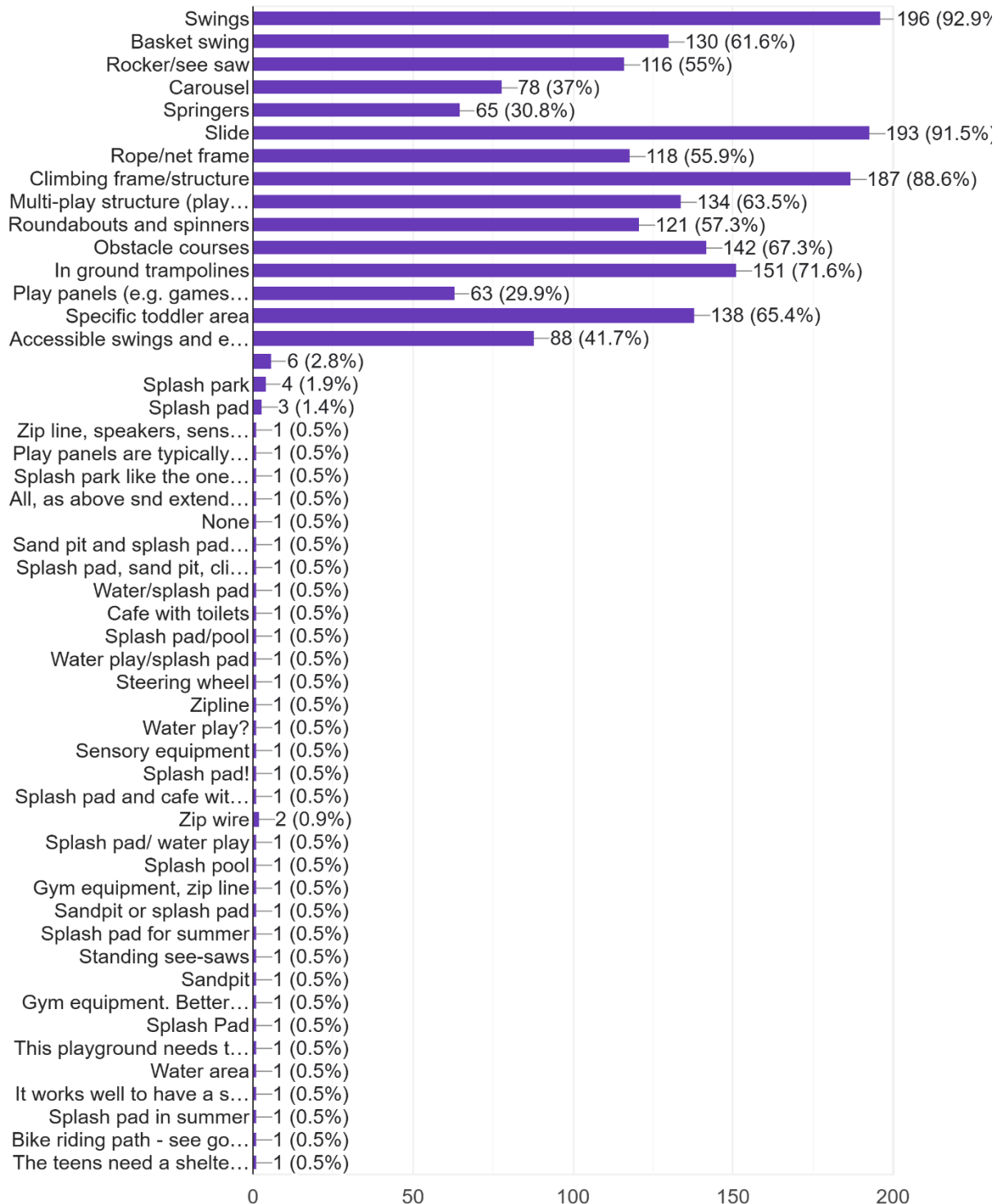
Q5. For which age groups, should Victoria Play Area provide facilities?

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Q6. From the following list, what pieces of equipment would you like to see in the play area for children/young people? (Please select all that apply)

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Q7. Are there any other pieces of equipment you would like to see in the play area?

Adult swing

Wooden climbing equipment with multiple levels, different entry and exit areas.

Monkey bars and high climbing equipment

A sandpit and a waterplay area

Trees & plants / green spaces

Gym equipment, zip line

Accessible swings and equipment for children with disabilities

Zip Wire

Benches for parents to sit on

Splash pad

Zip line

Bouldering wall along cricket fence, rope jungle

Hopscotch or activities/games on the ground

a scooter track would be great, the playground by Malling community centre in Lewes is a great example of what a kids playground should have.

More for babies and toddlers

Climbing wall/climbing shape

Splash pad! Would be so amazing to have a local splash pod area for the children

Gym equipment

In the area, facilities for all age groups and outdoor adult exercise empty and for young adults 18+. A coordinated effort for designing safe cycling across our town safe for primary children before development approved, it's a mess what they're doing

Things catered towards younger children a simple swing set & slide for little ones or those who aren't confident climbing up high

Toilets

A mixture of luxfords and the Peacehaven big park

A splash pad would be SO popular

A little track around the play area for toddler bikes/scooters

Maybe a sand pit?

Zip wire

A zip wire if there is space

Splash pad, monkey bars

Splash pad , toilets

As above in stated in other, please consider the teens

Obstacle courses are best providing they are still usable if it has been raining so it isn't slippery.

Musical items

Markings on the ground of more traditional games such as hopscotch, snakes and ladders etc these are ideal for the younger kids & toddlers love a trail on the floor to follow (not balance beams as they are not steady enough on their feet for those)

Water area for the warmer months, something better than Haywards heath one (waterfall activities maybe). Haywards heath gets extremely busy in the summer, would be great to have our own one in Uckfield.

Green gym equipment, table tennis tables

Ones that encourage creative play

Zip line

Water play/splash pad

Monkey bars
A splash pad for the summer would be a very welcome piece of equipment for the community, particularly for toddlers to use in the summer
Splash pad
More summer activities, splash pad, water pipes and sand pit
Mud kitchen sand pit
In ground trampoline
Zip line, sand pit
Just toddler suitable equipment
Splash pad/ water play/ pump track as the skate park is only suitable for older children
Monkey bars and zip wire
Ringmer park have by far the best park around. I suggest looking at that one and replicating it as much as possible for the space. I personally know many that travel there.
Zipwire
Not known
Equipment generally aimed at autistic children, calm spaces, hideaway areas away from main noise.
Zipline
The play park in Ringmer is amazing for inspiration the younger children love the pirate ship elements. Also marked out scooter or bike roads inside would be good fun like at goldsmiths park in Crowborough.
Mud kitchen/forest area
Something to provide shade for when it gets really hot (for all)
Swinging monkey bars, rock climbing wall,
Splash pad
Just as long as there's baby, toddler, and child sections
Splash pad
As above
All weather flooring - not big muddy patches
Splash pad
Wooden obstacle course would be amazing and a more versatile climbing frame / frames. Zip wire
Monkey bar
Benches and bins
No extra stuff, more swings would be good.
Water play or sand play area.
Monkey bars
Zip wire
Wheelchair swing would be amazing! Musical items like drums, xylophone.
Splash park
Painted games on the ground e.g. snakes and ladders
Splash pad/ water play
Splash Park
Splash pad!
Splash pool
Sand pit
Seating and toilets close by
Smaller equipment for toddlers
A splash pad for warmer months or water jets

Splash area
Splash park
A Splash park area would add considerable appeal to this park
Improved skate park to match other local investments- better drainage so can be used year round, surface is not up to required standard. Good local examples - Horam, Lewes, Crowborough and Hove is a great
Splash pad and fountains
A splash pool/area for the summer months
Small cafe for simple drinks and snacks and ice creams with toilet and baby change facilities and disabled changing. A splash pad and a scooter/balance bike track like Crowborough would be amazing as my small kids LOVE the skate park but its better suited for the older children
Splash pads for summer and zip wire
Scooter/bike track for young children
Splash pad
Splash pad
Splash park
A splash pad or some form of water play
Splash pad and scooter track
A range for different ages, maybe include some musical elements
Splash park
Zip line and rotating swings like Ridgewood and Hempstead lane parks
Splash pad/ mini football area for toddlers
Splash pad area, sand pit area, scooter/ bike track
Zip slide
Wheelchair accessible roundabout, wheelchair in floor trampoline
Splash park
Splash pad, pump park
Splash area?
Zip line
Classic slide please
Splash pad
Splash pad and cafe
Splash pad, monkey bars
Water play or splash pad would be amazing!
Splash pad
A play area similar to goldsmiths in Crowborough would be amazing!
Splash pad, scooter/skate board/balance bike track. Cafe. Toilets.
Splash pad
as above
Splash pad for summer
Splash pad
If you have to have one provide toilets as these disgusting people who use the grass as their own public toilet
Splash pool
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Splash pad
Separate adult exercise equipment area

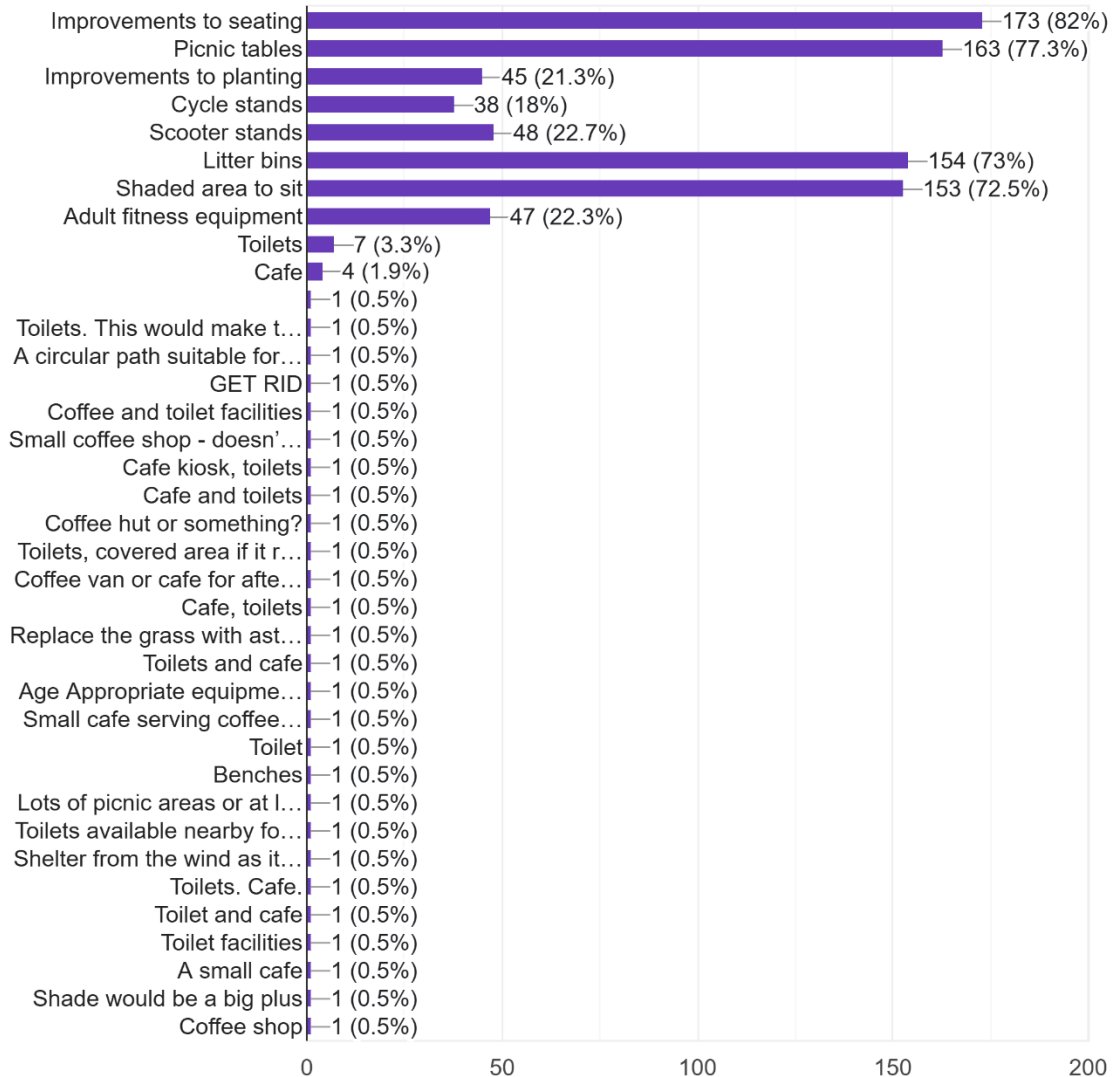
Child/ adult swing to be on together
Splash pad. Pump track for balance bikes / scooters.
Splash pool
Obstacle course
Splash pad
Refurb the basketball courts
Splash pad
Signs for drivers to take more care.
Adult gym
Zip line, splash pad/ paddling pool, climbing wall, outdoor gym
Splash pad
Softer ground
Up dated climbing frame
A pump track
More benches for adults and more flower beds
Fun stuff - ninja course
Benches (for both parents to observe and for teenagers to sit and chat)
In ground trampoline sounds brilliant!
Sandpit and/or water play.
Outdoor gym equipment, zip line.
Picnic benches, splash pad, sensory area
Zip wire and running track for adults (obviously not in the play area)
Splash park would be lovely
Fitness equipment like a trim trail
Spring mounted jeep
Equipment suitable for older kids.
Sand pit?
All listed
Zip wire
Zip line
Tunnels!
Splash pad
The jeep like they have at Hempstead play area would be fun. Or at the play area in Stanmer Park they have a large stand-on wooden see-saw. More wood and less metal would be nice. Also the swings in Hempstead play areas are brilliant and some like that would be welcomed by my kids
Stanmer Park's newish park is nice
Something for imagination play! A little window to be used as a cafe, or a house or a drive through! Extend the visit!
The large structure at Luxford park that has the pole, slide, rope climb, monkey bars etc is really popular with the children. Something like this would be great.
Boat swing
Sensory based equipment
A sand pit with a sand tray or sand based toys. Our main thought is for it to offer something different from Luxford Park and for it to be sustainable in that it's made to last. For example Luxford park continues to be damaged and can't be fixed. Simple structures that the council can fix themselves would be best.
Monkey bars

Zip wire

Water area would be great

Q8. From the following list, what facilities would help you as an adult whilst visiting the play area with family members? (please select all that apply)

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Q9. Is there anything we've missed to support on your visit to the play area? If there is, let us know:

Dog hook area outside gate

Perhaps some ground details such as hop scotch or other games.

Toilets would be necessary

Gates not going straight into car park. An area where kids can play with their dogs with poo bins. Or where dogs can sit with adults.

Toilet facilities would be very useful

More nature and planting around the site

A splash pad or cafe would increase visits alot

try not to cover all the grass with flooring if poss

The paths around the Victoria are all too narrow and the access to the first gate to the children's play area floods and needs to be a hardcore path.

Access to toilet would be good, as well as a place to shelter if it starts to rain

Coffee shop would be so beneficial!

Keeping the car park shut off from the park

Access to the playground and seating would benefit from hardstanding or paving as currently all on soft, muddy ground which is poor for accessibility purposes. Same with gated access - better solution needs to be in place to allow wheelchairs etc

The developers should fund these changes, and improve facilities as they will overwhelm a small park and playing area, and a new football area mixed sport and developers pay for toilet facilities. They want to use our facilities and should contribute especially woodland protected areas across our parks

Sand pit

Toilets

Thank you for improving this park! :)

Toilets! Luxfords has Tesco or civic centre, and unless the centre is open Victoria isn't somewhere to spend all day at in the summer

Nothing too over-engineered or that breaks easily and takes 6 months to fix. It just needs to be fun, challenging and accessible.

Toilet/baby change facility

Would love to have a playground next to the cafe in Uckfield like Peckham rye park in London where families can socialise.

Seating near each section so adults can spread out

A splash pad would be an amazing addition to this play area , it is such a beautiful location and it would be great if more people could make use of the space. It was lovely to see it so vibrant in the summer post lockdown when all ages were using it. The courts, football pitches and bike ramps are great facilities if not a bit dated they do the job. Proper open toilet facilities and a cafe truck would encourage people to stay and in the summer a splash pad area would be so popular.

I feel like the play equipment is actually quite good my kids have always played in the park for hours. I would ask that anything which replaces it is not too dangerous/high for smaller children. The monkey bars are a favourite,

A shelter for the teens lit by solar lights and communal benches facing each other so they can sit chat play music, smoke as we know all teens break rules, and a graffiti wall so they can practice art, a space catered to teens will help as they are left out. And who wasn't a mayhem maker as a teen, think of the spaces you would have liked, instead of sitting on random benches in the parks at nite, because you couldn't afford activities like cinema and bowling, they need a free space to create and socialise backed by the community.

Public toilets &/or a cafe with toilet facilities.

Toilets/Cafe
Toilet facilities
Space for a coffee van.
Safe entrance and exits, the amount of times I've been to a play park and they swing hurting kids is ridiculous. Also signs that can't be snapped off of the equipment with clear instructions about age limits and rules for the area
Some of the equipment is broken and all of it outdated. Some equipment is missing altogether. Not enough play for toddlers. Something similar to victoria park in Haywards heath will suit children of all ages and adults.
More swings and things for tweens
Toilets, cafe
Area where dogs are allowed. We often go for a walk with our dog and toddler.
More secure gating
Suitable gates with some form of clasp to make difficult for young children to escape
Not known
Toilet and changing facilities available and clearly sign posted.
Cafe and toilets, shade in the summer, more seating areas
Probably unreasonable but a coffee shop would be amazing and would make us visit more.
Can't think of anything
Toilet facilities!
Toilet facilities
Not as long as the public input is heard
Toilet facilities - not sure if the pavilion ones are open to the public?
Toilets
I know the area, signage would help others
Personally I would like dogs to be allowed (on leads) in the play area but I realise that some people don't.
Nicer facilities, well maintained
A changing places toilet somewhere locally would really help.
Splash park
Something different like a splash pool !!
Toilets
Toilets
There needs to be improved pedestrian access from the main road, particularly on the blind bend into the car park.
See comments on skate park - this is becoming more popular with adults who are skating again and need a facility locally to go and enjoy and to inspire children to take up the sport
Level ground without muddy puddles and cracks
Sand area like in Crowborough please! Id be happy to help litter pick and help maintain on a volunteer basis, definitely splash pad for summer and scooter park for young children we would love to be able to stay for the whole day in the summer so need toilets/drinks and a variety of equipment and a small cafe
I think better signage for the park would make it easier for people to find and enjoy.
Somewhere to scoot/cycle would be great.
Splash park
Upkeep! Regular checks on area
Cafe

Sand feature would be nice
More kid friendly use of the area - some of the equipment is quite basic - kids only play on swings and want to leave quite soon
If a splash pad, scooter track or sand pit couldn't be accommodated at Victoria park maybe they could be planned for a bigger site such as Ridgewood park next the village hall - the park behind Crowborough is an excellent example (minus a splash pad)
Improve the skatepark area in conjunction with the play area. It remains flooded for a long time after the last rain has fallen
Good well maintained pathways
The equipment must be safe as I have seen apparatus in other parks which are dangerous if the child was to slip or fall off
Cafe, toilets similar to Crowborough leisure centre
A cafe and modern more challenging equipment would make it more user friendly
Cafe
Cafe and accessible changing areas
Facilities would be great such as somewhere to get a drink and snack.
A coffee truck / snack stop if the park is improved people are more likely to spend more time up there
Somewhere to get drinks/snacks
access to toilets, water - even a small cafe
As there are new houses are going to appear next to the park, get rid of this one
Gets easily very muddy by gates
Toilets would be really useful
Refreshments and toilets
Only pavement access from the road where the cars drive.
The skate park needs attention aswell. This is such a popular sport for a lot of children and it is constantly flooded making it unusable and dangerous. The drainage needs to be rectified and then it would be such an asset to the park! Also where are the toilets? Can visitors use the club house? The park needs some public toilets if people are to enjoy the space.
Importance of multiple seats and access pathways from carpark that doesn't require going across grass. Importance of secure fencing so children cannot slip out of the joins with the tennis courts
Paint lines in car park
The skate park is in desperate need of attention. It's half flooded a lot of the time due to poor drainage. It's dangerous, I've seen countless children slip over and injure themselves. Please can this be addressed urgently.
No but definitely need lots of seating. Sometimes we have none as lots of parents after school.
A proper path from the new barn Lane entrance so parents don't need to walk down and then up the steep hill along a road with busy traffic when there is a safe green route available - it would mean we can take the children there on their bikes and scooters
We love the play area next to Crowborough Leisure Centre (by the pump track). We would love to see an area similar to this in Uckfield.
Access to toilets
Path on bottom field buggy or scooter friendly
Dog free areas!!
Would still be good to keep most of the climbing frames wooden as its better for the environment plus it doesn't get super hot in the sun. Same as maybe swapping the metal slides to plastic as when the sun is out it's a hazard.

Accessible toilets
Herb and community veg patch would be lovely.
Coffee Bar
Toilets
Cafe
Engaging play equipment for imaginative play. Pipes that you can connect and roll balls down- e.g. Scotney Castle playground. Natural, good quality equipment.
Football/sports area for younger kids
Perhaps a pod area/covered bench - having a child with SEN who needs pockets of downtime, it would be beneficial for there to be zones of the park where children could regulate if they need a break.
Public toilets including baby changing area
The flooring around done climbing equipment, age it with the spongy rubber matting, Also some sort of tunnel, there's a great example in Dorking by the Surrey FC ground. Also Haywards Heath has the water park area, it's great in the summer.
As mentioned, for it to last, rather than things slowly breaking and being taken away.
I have nothing to answer this question with.

Q10. What role are you undertaking when visiting Victoria Play area?

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