

COLLEY PARK CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

MARCH 2018

Sheffield City Council has access to funding from the housing development on the Former Parson Cross College site to make improvements to Colley Park on Remington Road and to provide play facilities local to the development.

We recently carried out consultation to understand local people's priorities for Colley Park and to find out if the play facilities funding should be invested in this site. This leaflet gives a summary of the consultation and results, and outlines what we plan to do next.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

Consultation period – 23rd August 2017 – 6th October 2017

- Online survey and paper questionnaires with options plans
- Posters and flyers produced giving information on how to access the survey were distributed locally.
 - Flyers were delivered to properties on the roads on the boundary of the park and new housing estate
 - Information to circulate to community organisations and local contacts
 - Advertising on social media
- Collection boxes and paper questionnaires at Parson Cross Forum and The Learning Zone
- Consultation at Mt Tabor Community Fun Day
- Consultation with Local Police and Crime Reduction Officer
- Consultation in Chaucer and Yewlands Schools

RESULTS SUMMARY

Questionnaire results

A total of **96** responses were recorded to the consultation questionnaire. There were responses from a range of postcodes, with **75%** coming from S5. **91%** of those responding had visited Colley Park.

66% of respondents were fairly or very unsatisfied with Colley Park with the most frequent comments for why people were unsatisfied being: **Lack of facilities and play areas; concerns about safety; lack of maintenance; vandalism and motorbikes.**

72% of respondents thought that we should invest the play facilities funding in Colley Park but many felt this would need to be designed to be very robust.

The top scoring options (from a list of 21) that respondents felt would encourage them to use Colley Park more: **New play equipment; Lighting; CCTV; More Seating; More young people's facilities.**



The most popular improvements included in the options plan were:

- New play equipment for younger children **74%**
- Tarmac Scooter & Bike Track for younger children **66%**
- New play equipment for older children **58%**

64% of respondents felt facilities for older and younger children should be kept apart whilst **17%** thought they should be together.

Schools and Young People Consultation

A total of **215** responses were recorded from the schools consultation

What did they like about Colley Park? The majority of comments either stated 'nothing' or mentioned the pitches, ball courts or space.

What did they dislike about Colley Park? Comments focussed on litter, graffiti, vandalism and lack of facilities

Highest scoring items from the schools questionnaires:

- **Parkour 121 votes**
- **More Seating 120 votes**
- **Play Equipment 109 votes**
- **More litter bins 104 votes**
- **Climbing boulder 103 votes**

A further **30** responses were received from young people's questionnaires with the top scoring items:

- Parkour
- Tarmac Bike Track
- Climbing Boulder
- Climbing Play Equipment 5-12
- Swings

Police Consultation

Suggested improvements that could improve the safety and security of the site

- Mark the boundary between the housing and the park with low metal railings
- Provide CCTV surveillance
- Reduce the height of shrubs around bowling green
- Site play facilities away from housing but in visible areas
- Restrict seating areas

Bowling Club

The bowling club would welcome the following improvements

- A new building
- Sheltered seating for waiting between games
- More accessible accommodation, particularly the toilet unit

CONCLUSION

There continue to be issues with antisocial behaviour in Colley Park, in particular motorcycles and vandalism. Comments and votes from the consultation confirm that safety is an important issue for many respondents. It is therefore critical that the Colley Park Improvements budget is used to tackle these issues and make the park safer before any investment in new facilities takes place.

A clear majority of respondents supported the investment of the play facilities money in Colley Park and were particularly supportive of the provision of facilities for younger children such as play equipment and a bike track. Young people consulted supported the provision of new play equipment with votes suggesting Parkour and climbing type equipment were more in demand than skate facilities.

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NEXT?

Based on these results, we have updated the Colley Park Improvements Plan (see attached) and will deliver the improvements outlined below in two phases.

Phase 1 – General Site and Security Improvements – Spring / Summer 2018

- Demolition / Removal of old play equipment
- Boundary Improvements
 - Small scale repairs of boundaries and repainting frontage
 - Demarcation of boundary with properties (in consultation with owners)
- CCTV*
- Thinning of copse and woodland area (Outside bird nesting season)
- Planting of whips on banking area
- New goals
- Provision of dual waste bins
- Bowling green seating

Phase 2 – Play Improvements –Spring / Summer 2019.

This Phase will include further work with local schools and groups to develop the detailed design of the play facilities

- Re-profiling of mound to improve sightlines
- Play equipment for younger children
- Tarmac bike track
- Climbing and Parkour equipment for older children
- Repairs to the Multi Use Games Area fencing
- Resurfacing car park & link path to play facilities (if the budget allows).

If you would like a more information contact Parks & Countryside on 0114 2500500 or email parksandcountryside@sheffield.gov.uk

*NB. Sheffield City Council is currently carrying out a review of CCTV provision across the City. The results of this review will impact on exactly what is provided at Colley Park.

