

COLLEY PARK PLAY FACILITIES

CONSULTATION REPORT JUNE 2019

Following consultation in 2017 to develop plans for Colley Park, we carried out further consultation on the play facilities proposed in 2018. This report gives a summary of the play facilities consultation and results, and outlines what will happen next.

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

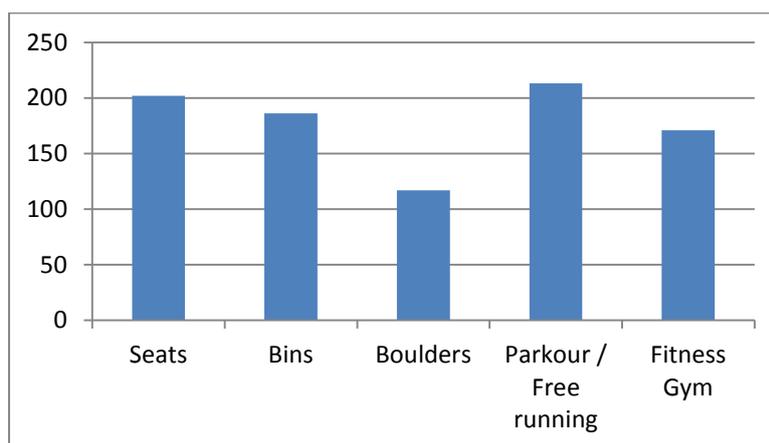
- Online survey and paper questionnaires with play proposals
- Posters and flyers giving information on how to access the survey were distributed locally and advertised on social media.
- Plans displayed and questionnaires available at Parson Cross Development Forum.
- Consultation sessions with pupils at Montenev Primary School, Chaucer School and Yewlands Academy.

RESULTS SUMMARY

Schools and Young People Consultation

Secondary School Consultation

A total of **336** pupil responses were recorded from the secondary school pupils. Previous consultation had highlighted Parkour as a priority for the Older Children's Area. This consultation focused on what should be in this area. Parkour equipment, seating and bins were the top voted items (see below). **225** respondents said they wanted to use the area for meeting with friends. **142** respondents had tried Parkour before and **95** were interested in Parkour Coaching



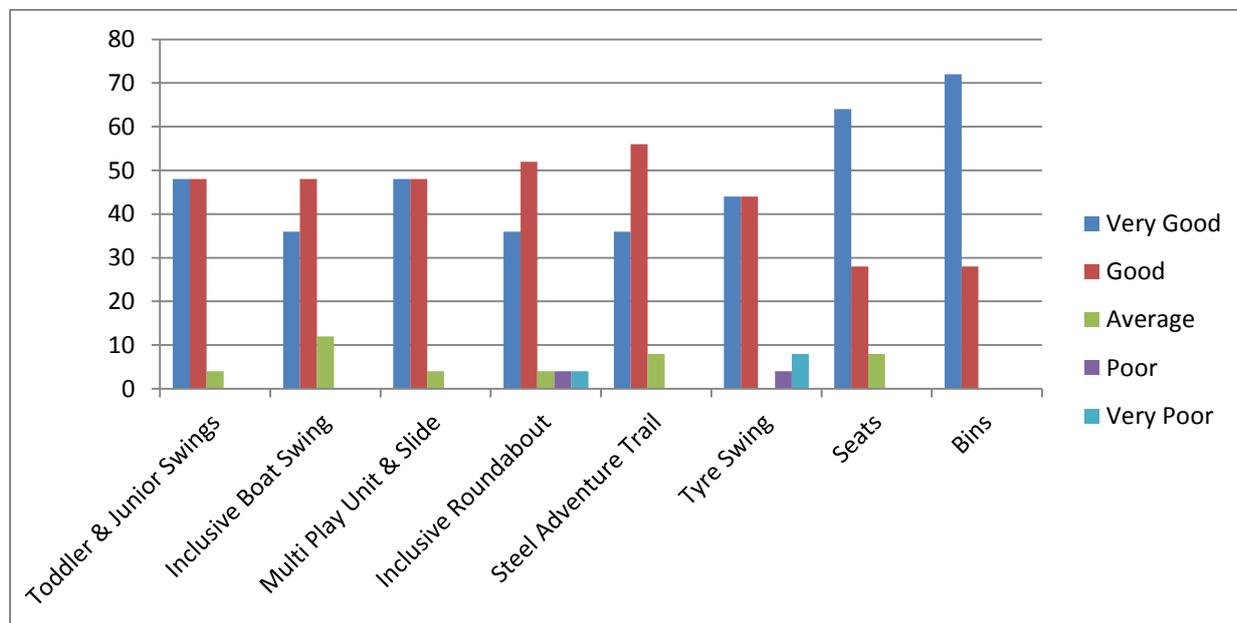
Primary School Consultation

166 responses were received from primary school pupils. All items proposed were popular. The top scoring proposals were **fitness or parkour equipment, swings and multi climbing unit and the tarmac bike track**. Lots of suggestions for equipment were received, with popular items including long / big slides, trampolines and tyre swings.

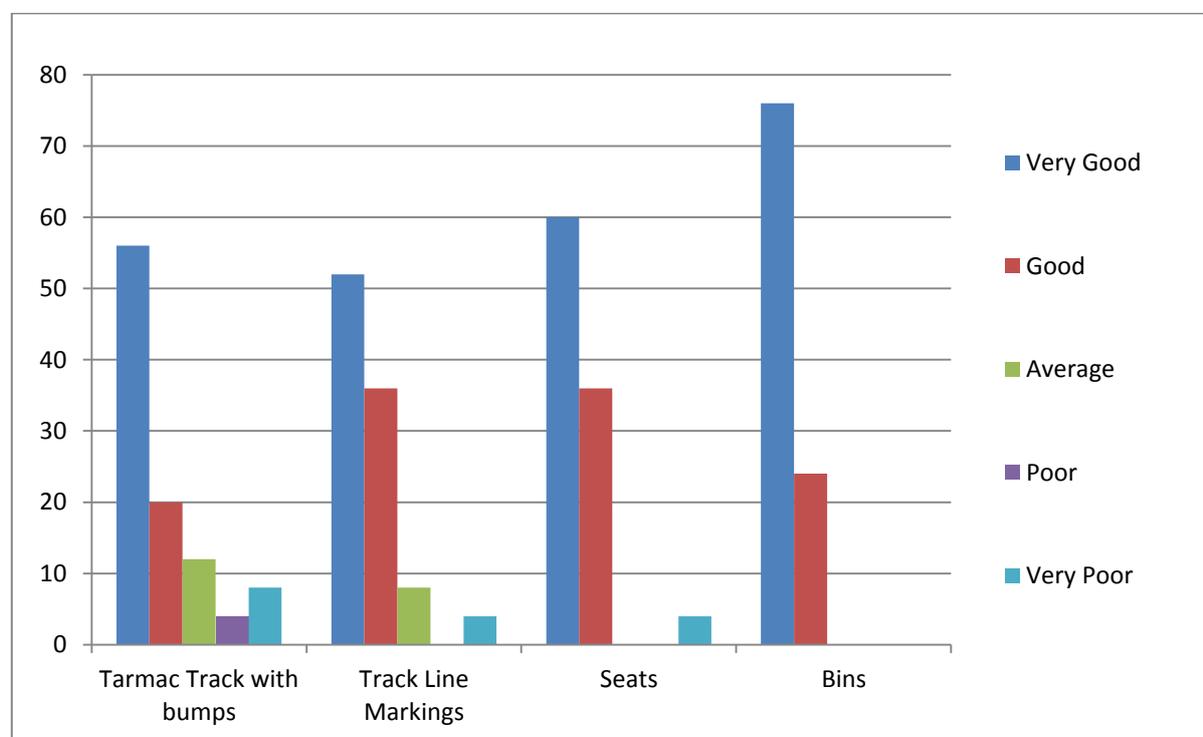
Online Questionnaire results

A total of **26** responses were recorded to the consultation questionnaire. Responses were from S5 and S6 postcodes, with **90%** coming from S5. **88%** of those responding had visited Colley Park before.

Play Equipment - The majority of respondents thought all proposals were good or very good (see below)

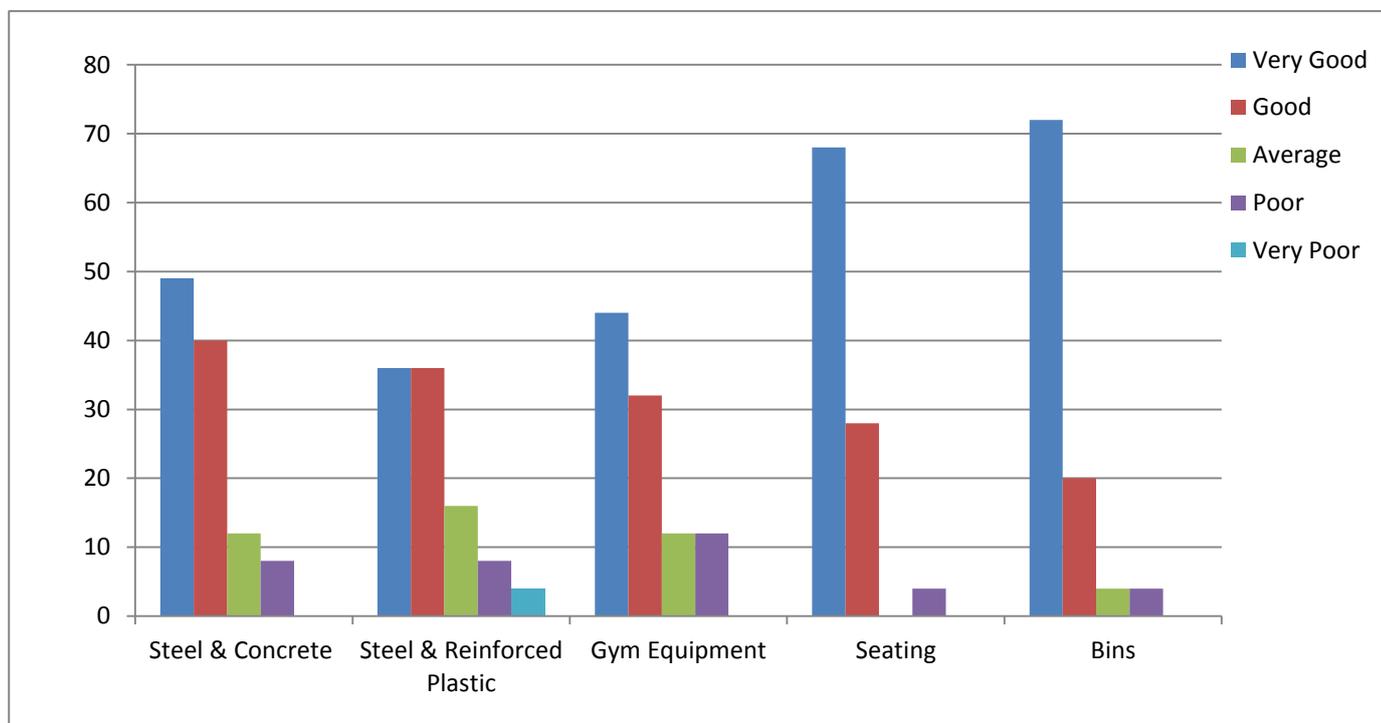


Mini Bike & Scooter Track – The majority of respondents thought proposals were good or very good (see below)



Parkour Area

Steel and Concrete Parkour had more very good or good responses than the Steel & Reinforced Plastic Equipment and Gym Equipment (see below). Discussion with Secondary School pupils also suggested a preference for the Concrete and Steel Parkour facilities as they felt they would be more robust and vandal resistant.



Parkour Community

Representatives of the Parkour Community in Sheffield were consulted about initial designs for the parkour area. They favoured the concrete and steel equipment over steel and re-enforced plastic equipment and advised on the layout and elements required in the area to ensure better usability.

General feedback from neighbours

Alongside feedback about the play proposals, we have also received feedback from site neighbours about the usage of the car park area which have been considered when finalising phase 2 plans.

CONCLUSION

The play facilities proposals were well received during the consultation. The wider online consultation only had a small number of responses but previous online consultation which was also considered when developing these plans had a good response (96 responses). Many local children have been able to have a say through the consultation carried out at their local schools on both the wider park plans in 2017 and play facilities in 2018.

Suggestions and ideas have been considered alongside the need to select equipment that is suitable for the site and is robust and able to withstand vandalism.

As a result of the consultation feedback, the following changes have been made to the proposals

- All Parkour Equipment to be steel & concrete
- More seating and picnic tables throughout the area
- Embankment slide included in scheme due to school consultation responses
- Climbing boulder omitted from the scheme - this was the least popular in all school consultations
- Car park to include barriers to prevent vehicles spinning around

WHAT HAVE WE DONE TO DATE?

A range of general improvements have been carried out to improve the site and in preparation for the new play facilities:

- Demolition / Removal of old play equipment
- Boundary Improvements
 - Small scale repairs of boundaries and repainting frontage
 - Demarcation of boundary with properties on Parkhouse Court
- Thinning of copse and woodland area
- Planting of whips on banking area
- New goals
- Provision of dual waste bins
- Bowling green welfare unit

WHAT DO WE PLAN TO DO NEXT?

Following amendments to the design as a result of the Play Facilities Consultation, the following improvements will be carried out as part of Phase 2. These will include:

- Play area for younger children (including toddler, junior, boat and basket swings, roundabout, multi-play unit and embankment slide,)
- Mini bike and scooter track with bumps and line markings
- Steel & Concrete Parkour Area for older children
- Seating and bins throughout all play facilities
- Repairs to the Multi Use Games Area fencing
- Resurfacing to car park
- CCTV

It is expected that work will start on site in October 2019.

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