



Causeway Crescent

Report on the findings from feedback received during a public engagement on the proposed changes to Causeway Crescent play area, Linthwaite, Huddersfield.

Summary

- The Causeway Crescent play area consultation took place from 20th July to 20th August 2021.
- The purpose of the consultation was to communicate the draft proposals for a new play area directly with the public and gather feedback.
- The methodology used was a short online survey.
- The survey involved sharing the draft plans and asking for views via several closed and open questions.
- Overall, 27 respondents completed the online survey.

Headline Results

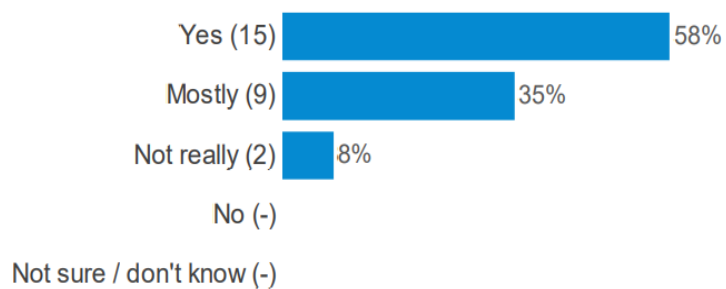
- The **majority of respondents (89%) agreed** to some extent with the proposals for the redesigned park (**56% Yes / 33% Mostly**) with **7% not in full agreement.***
- The design feature to generate the biggest concern was the **proposed sheltered seating area**. People were worried that it would attract **vandalism, littering and anti-social behaviour** from teenagers and gangs. **17%** of participants selected the angry or sad emoji response when asked if they approved of this feature.
- The most popular suggestion was to include a **larger, fenced-in playing court** including a **netball/basketball hoop** that could also be used for multiple different sports. The proposed ball court area is considered too small and more for younger children.
- Other popular suggestions included a **skate park** and **picnic tables**.
- The field being **waterlogged** and unusable was mentioned by 2 respondents.

Results

A summary of results for each question as it appeared in the survey is detailed below.

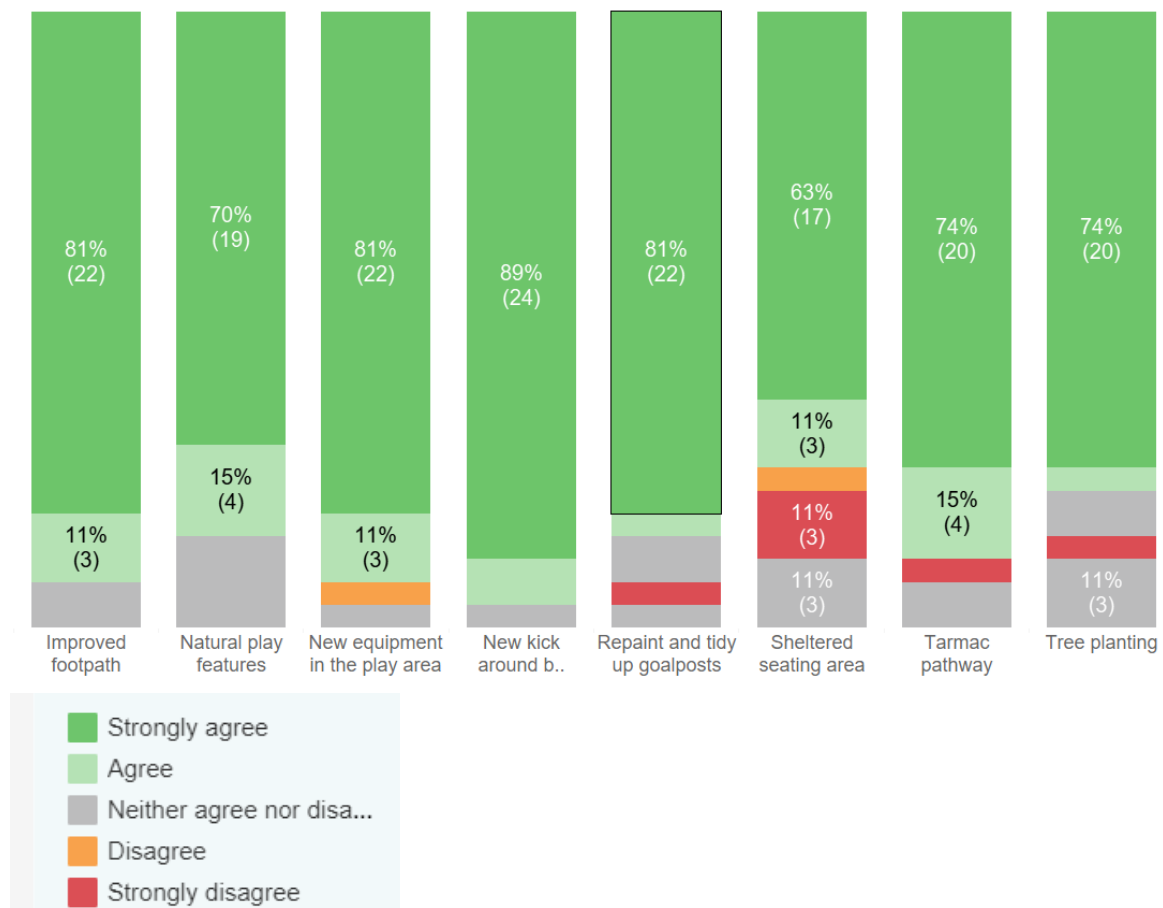
Please note percentages may not always total 100%, due to rounding.

The map/images show an overview of the proposed designs. Are you generally supportive of these proposals? (Phase 1)



A total of 93% of respondents agreed to some extent with the proposals, with 8% not in full agreement.

Respondents were then asked to what extent they agreed with the 8 key features of the proposed plan:



An overwhelming majority of respondents agreed to some extent with all 8 features of the plan. The new kick-about ball court area was the most popular feature, followed by the improved footpath. The sheltered seating area was the most controversial, with 15% of respondents disagreeing to some extent with the proposal.

Respondents were then asked three open questions:

The play area has been designed to cater for a wide range of ages and abilities. Do you have any suggestions for how the proposed improvements can better meet local needs?

There were 21 comments received on this question.

- The most popular suggestion was to include a larger, fenced-in playing court including a netball/basketball hoop that could also be used for multiple different sports. The proposed ball court area is considered too small and more for younger children.
- Other popular suggestions included a skate park and picnic tables.

Do you have any specific concerns about the play area renovations?

There were 22 comments received on this question.

- The majority of respondents commented that they had no concerns.
- Teenagers disrespecting the park was by far the biggest concern – and that vandalism, littering and crime could thrive if the teen shelter went ahead and wasn't properly lit at night.
- General safety concerns were the second biggest theme.
- The drainage issues at the park were also mentioned by two respondents.

Please use the space below to provide any other comments about these proposals:

There were 13 comments received on this question.

- The majority of comments were positive and in full support of the proposals.
- Several comments reiterated concerns over safety, drainage and ensuring the park was properly maintained.
- Extra equipment, especially for younger children was also mentioned several times.

And lastly, respondents were asked if they agreed or disagreed with a series of statements regarding smoking in play areas in Kirklees:

Inspiring a Smoke-free Generation in Kirklees with Smoke-free Playable Spaces

To help us create a smoke-free generation in Kirklees we are proposing to introduce smoke-free playable spaces. Your views, opinions and suggestions are important to us and we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

	Agree	Disagree
I support a voluntary code of not smoking within playable spaces across Kirklees	25	0
I support a voluntary code of not using e-cigarettes within playable spaces across Kirklees	22	1
I am in favour of not smoking in front of children	21	3

Please see <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/countryside-parks-and-open-spaces/playable-spaces.aspx> for information about our next steps going forward following this consultation.