

Appendix A

Victoria Park, Finchley Masterplan Consultation 2018

Final Consultation Report

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Public Consultation**

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1. Consultation Methodology and Respondents

The council sold The Lodge in Victoria Park in 2015 and it is a requirement that any funds raised from the sale will only be spent on Victoria Park. Following on from this decision the council appointed Groundwork London (GWL) to identify how best to use this money to enhance the park and its facilities.

Earlier this year GWL engaged with the local community to get a better understanding of the priorities and improvements that residents would most like to see. Over 400 survey responses were received. Based on the findings of this engagement, GWL drafted a Master Plan complete with design options.

This report sets out the full findings from the public consultation on the draft Victoria Park Master Plan. The findings will be considered by the meeting of the Environment Committee on 28 November 2018, where the final decision on the Victoria Park Masterplan will be taken.

1.1 Technical details and method

In summary, the consultation was administered as follows:

- The Consultation was open for eight weeks, from 18 June 2018 to the 13 August 2018 inclusive.
- The consultation was published on Engage Barnet <http://engage.barnet.gov.uk> together with the Masterplan Base Plan, Masterplan Options 1 & 2 for play, multi use games area and tennis. There was also a Victoria Park public consultation Frequently Asked Questions document published on the webpage which provided detailed information.
- Respondent's views were gathered via an online survey. Paper copies and an Easy Read version of the questionnaire were also made available on request.
- Relevant members of the Council were contacted and made aware of the consultation.
- The consultation was widely promoted via the council's website; local press; Twitter; Facebook; the July issue of the Barnet First magazine, the Communities Together Network Bulletin, the Facebook page of the Friends of Victoria Park, an email to local schools and 22 posters in and around the park.
- The council ran eight pop up events in the park, for residents to look at the overall draft Master Plan and the two options proposed for play, tennis and a multi-use games area. Council staff were on hand to answer questions. These events were at different locations across the park and at different times and days to capture as broad a selection of visitors as possible. People were encouraged to complete the online questionnaire and comments were also captured on post it notes. Paper copies of the questionnaire were also available to those who could not complete the questionnaire electronically.

Figure 1: Dates, times and locations of pop up consultation events in Victoria Park

Date	Time	Location
Wednesday 27 June	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Near the Long Lane entrance
Saturday 30 June	12:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Between the café and the under 5s playground
Tuesday 10 July	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Between the café and the under 5s playground
Sunday 15 July	11:30 am - 2:30 pm	Near the Long Lane entrance
Thursday 19 July	8:30 am - 11:30 am	By the Oak Tree
Wednesday 25 July	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Between the café and the under 5s playground
Sunday 29 July	12 midday - 2:00 pm	By the market
Thursday 2 August	1:30 pm - 4:30 pm	By the Oak Tree

- The council appointed Groundwork London to carry out targeted youth engagement, as it had been identified from the engagement carried out earlier in the year that “youth” had not been very well represented.
- The Easy Read questionnaire was taken to a local MENCAP group and discussed. The attendees completed the questionnaire.
- Comments were also sent via email and by telephone calls.

1.2 Questionnaire design

The questionnaire was developed to find out which of Groundwork’s Masterplan design options residents’ and other stakeholder’s preferred and their opinions on the different elements of each plan. The consultation invited views on the:

- The options proposed for play, tennis and a multi-use games area
- Preference as to what infrastructure improvements should be implemented with the money that is available
- Any comments on the overall draft Master Plan, Option 1 and Option 2.

To enable further understanding and in-depth analysis the questionnaire also included:

- Open ended questions, where respondents were invited to write in any comments on the reason behind some of their answers, if they believed the masterplan options were appropriate, or if any were missing, as well as more general comments
- Key demographic questions to help understand the views of different demographic groups.

Throughout the questionnaire and where applicable hyperlinks were provided to the relevant sections of the consultation document. Paper copies were available upon request.

1.3 Response to the consultation

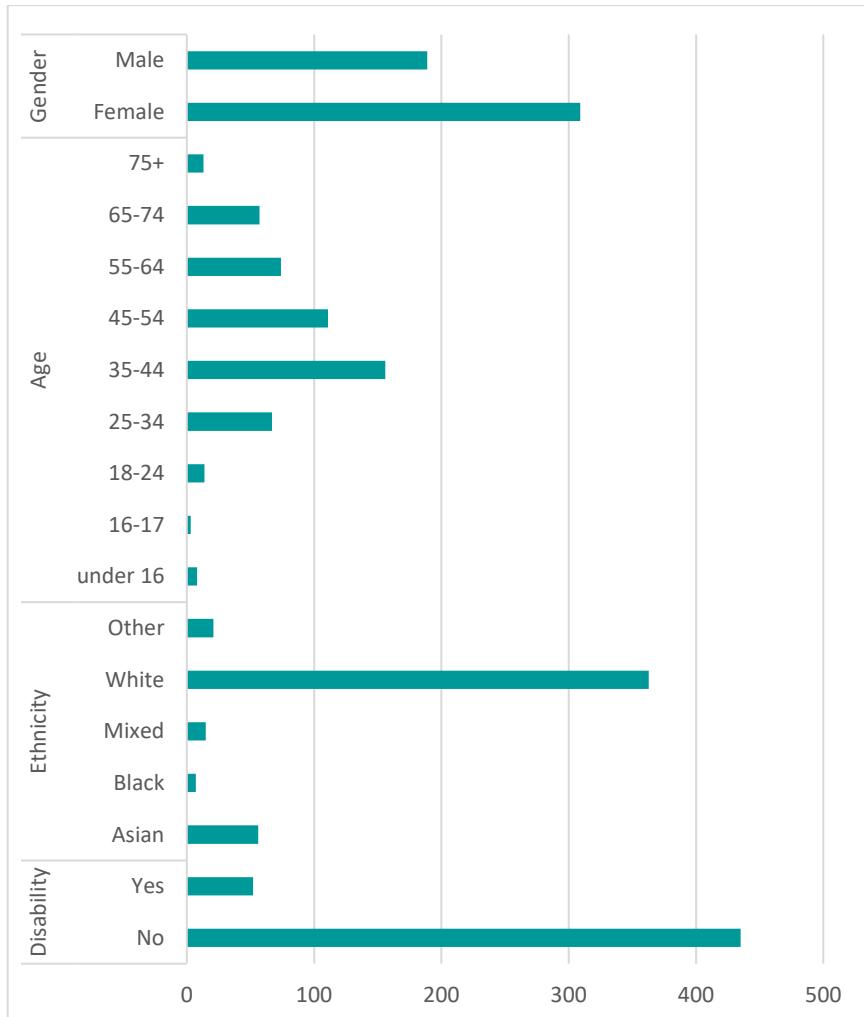
A total of 1077 took part in the online questionnaire. In addition, a further 11 responses were gathered from a SEND group through Easy Read paper copies. The results from these two questionnaires have been combined together.

1.4 Respondent profile from questionnaire

The chart below shows the demographic profile of those who responded to consultation questionnaire, online and Easy Read, in terms of key demographics.

There is an over representation of females compared to the Barnet population. There is an over representation of white respondents, and a significant under representation of black respondents. Disabled respondents are also slightly under represented.

Figure 2: General public consultation sample profile – key demographics



1.5 Interpretation of the results

In terms of the results of the questionnaire it is important to note that:

- The public consultation is not representative of the overall population of Barnet but provides information, in particular on the opinion of a specific demographic

- of residents and stakeholders who are more engaged with the council and their local park.
- The responses although not representative of the borough's population, do provide an important indication on the favoured Masterplan option and the elements within this consultation.
- All open-ended responses to the public consultation have been classified based on the main themes arising from the comment, so that they can be summarised.

1.6 Calculating and reporting on results

The results for each question are based on “valid responses”, i.e. all those providing an answer (this may or may not be the same as the total sample) unless otherwise specified. The base size may therefore vary from question to question.

2. Consultation Results

The results are provided under the following headings:

- Online questionnaire
- Easy Read questionnaire
- Pop Up Events
- Youth Engagement
- Other Contact including emails and phone calls.

2.1 Online Questionnaire

(a) Residents current use of the park

In this set of questions, we wanted to find out if residents used the park. If they didn't visit the park we wanted to know why not, and if they did visit the park we wanted to know what they used the park for, who they visited with and how often they came. The responses provided are combined for the online questionnaire and the Easy Read questionnaire. In both questionnaires it was the first set of questions that were asked.

i. Respondents were asked 'Do you use Victoria Park?'

In summary:

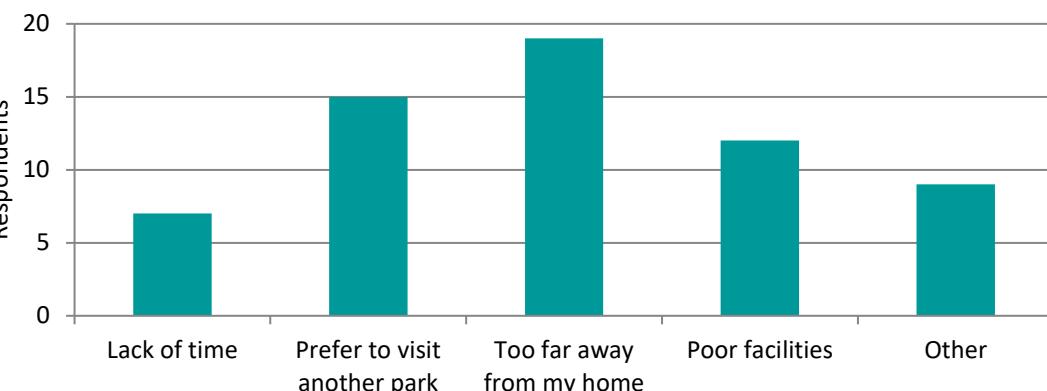
- 1088 people answered this question
- 1045 people said 'yes'
- 43 people said 'no'.

ii. If respondents answered 'no' to the question 'Do you use Victoria Park' they were asked 'Please give details as to why you do not visit Victoria Park: Please tick all that apply'

In summary

- The most common response was 'Too far away from my home' with 19 responses.

Figure3: Why you do not visit Victoria Park?

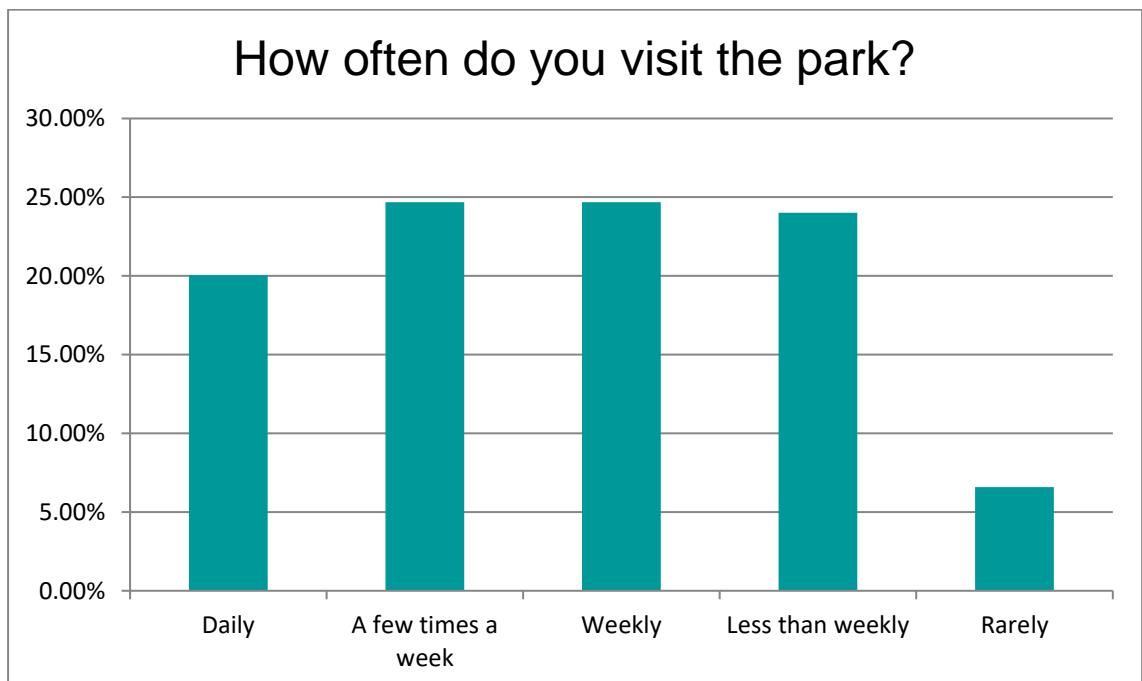


- iii. If respondents answered 'yes' to the question 'Do you use Victoria Park' they were asked 'How often do you visit the park? Please tick one option only'

In summary

- 1033 people answered this question.

Figure 4: How often do you visit the park?

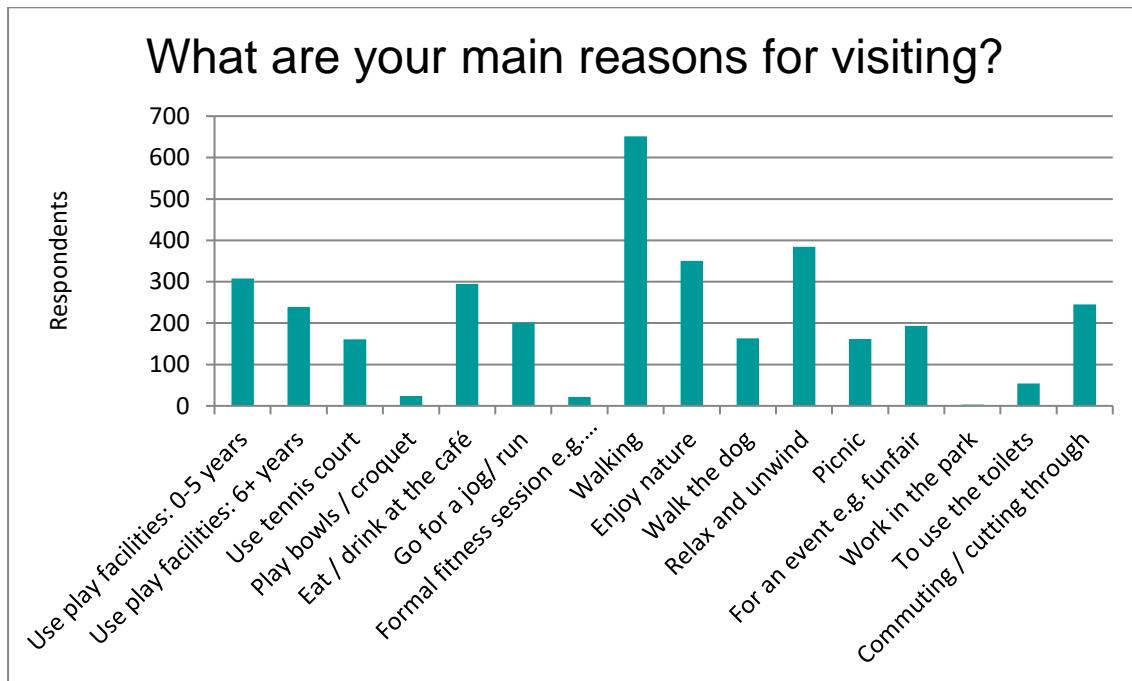


- iv. If respondents answered 'yes' to the question 'Do you use Victoria Park' they were asked What are your main reasons for visiting? (Please tick up to five options)

In summary

- 1001 people answered this question
- The most common reason for visiting was walking
- The next most highly scoring reasons were: using play facilities, eat/drink at café, relax and unwind, enjoy nature and commuting/cutting through.

Figure 5: What are your main reasons for visiting?

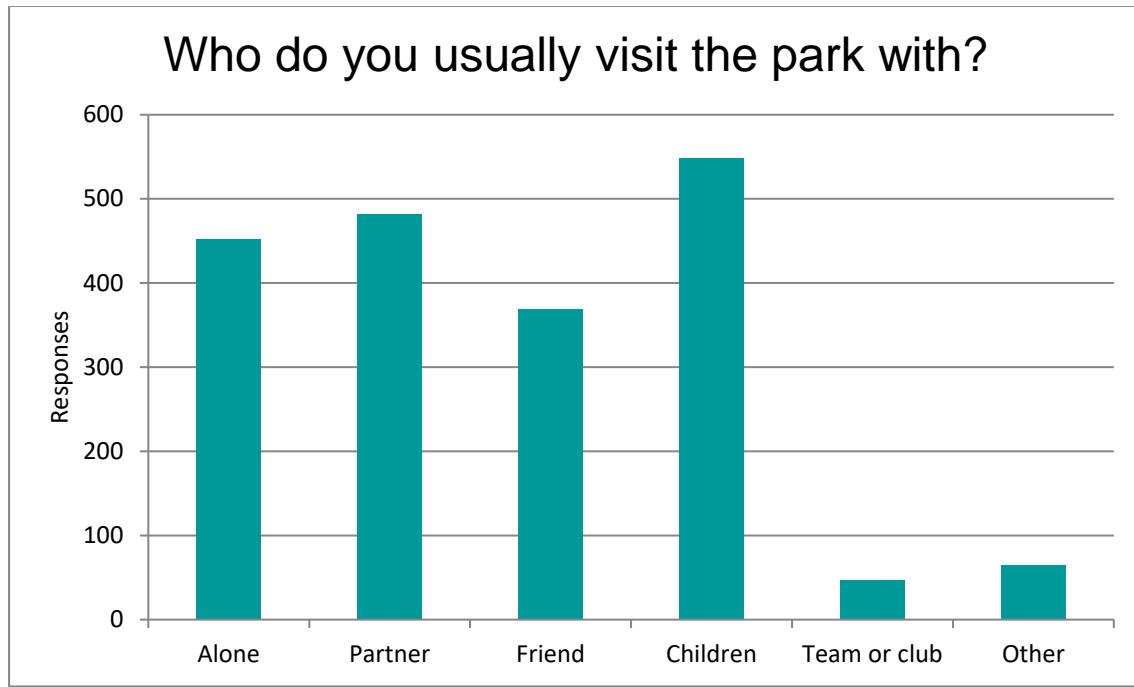


- v. If respondents answered 'yes' to the question 'Do you use Victoria Park' they were asked Who do you usually visit the park with? (Please tick all those that apply)

In summary:

- 993 answered this question
- The most common 'other' response was visiting with a dog, with 18 responses.

Figure 6: Who do you usually visit the park with?



(b) Views on the options proposed for play, tennis and a multi-use games area

In this set of questions, we wanted to find out residents' preferences for play, tennis and multi use games area in Victoria Park. As well as which elements of the masterplans were a priority.

i. Views on which proposal was preferred for play activities (Masterplan option 1 or Masterplan option 2)?

Respondents were asked '**For play which proposal do you prefer?**'. This was in reference to Masterplan option 1 and Masterplan option 2. In summary:

- 677 people responded to this question
- 47% of respondents chose Option 2, the highest scoring option.
- 37% of respondents chose Option 1
- 16% expressed an alternative opinion to the two proposed Masterplans.

Figure 7: Views on which play proposal was preferred (Masterplan option 1 or Masterplan option 2)

For play, which proposal do you prefer?		
	%	Number
Masterplan Option 1	37%	251
Masterplan Option 2	47%	320
Alternative	16%	106
Total	100%	677

Analysis of respondents who indicated they preferred an alternative plan can be seen below. Comments were made by 106 respondents. There were 156 comments made including 19 which provided no comment on the proposals for play.

The most frequently made comments were: install water play facilities (6 comments), improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing (6 comments), preference is option 2 (17 comments), preference is option 1 (6 comments), install calisthenics equipment/outdoor gym (16 comments), leave park as it is (13 comments) and leave playgrounds as they are (7 comments).

Figure 8: Comments made by respondents on alternative play options and elements.

Comment description	Number of mentions
Preference is Option 2	17
Install calisthenics equipment/ outdoor gym	16
Leave park as it is	13
Leave playgrounds as they are	7
Preference is Option 1	6
Improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing	6
Water play	6
Buy The Lodge back	6
Better play equipment including removing bark	5
Resurface tennis courts	5
Link to maps did not work	4
Create dog free area	3
Sensory garden	3
Allow dogs in play area	3
Option 1 with larger older play area	3
More trees	3
More flowers	3
Older play and MUGA near The Lodge	2
Convert tennis court to basketball court, or another sport	2
New seating	2
Better public toilets including facilities for disabled	2
No MUGA next to tennis courts	2
Turn The Lodge into café	2
Drinking water fountain	2
Skateboarding area	2
Better café	1
Do not spent money until legal issues with The Lodge are resolved	1
More bins	1
Running track	1
Put all play areas including MUGA in one location	1
Restaurant	1
No gym equipment	1

Convert The Lodge into public use	1
Don't resurface tennis courts	1
Secure perimeter of the park	1
Install toilets near Long Lane entrance	1
Facility for the Arts	1

ii. Views on which proposal was preferred for a multi-use games area (MUGA) (Masterplan option 1 or Masterplan option 2)?

Respondents were asked 'For a multi-use games area which proposal do you prefer?'. This was in reference to Masterplan option 1 and Masterplan option 2. In summary

- 626 people responded to this question
- More residents preferred Masterplan 2 with 48% opting for Masterplan 2 when considering a multi-use games area.
- 39% of respondents chose Option 1
- 13% expressed an alternative opinion to the two proposed Masterplans.

Figure 9: Views on which proposal was preferred for a multi-use games area or Masterplan option 2)

For a multi-use games area which proposal do you prefer		
	%	Number
Masterplan Option 1	39	243
Masterplan Option 2	48	300
Alternative	13	83
Total	100%	626

Analysis of respondents who indicated they preferred an alternative plan can be seen below. Comments were made by 83 respondents. There were 91 comments made including 32 which provided no comment on the proposal for a multi use games area.

The most frequently made comments were: install calisthenics equipment/ outdoor gym (8 comments) and leave park as it is (13 comments).

Figure 10: Comments made by respondents on alternative options and elements for a MUGA and its location.

Comment description	Number of mentions
Leave park as it is	9
Install calisthenics equipment/ outdoor gym	8
Link to maps did not work	5
Preference is Option 2	4
Preference is Option 1	4
Improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing	4

Buy The Lodge back	3
Allow dogs in play area	2
Water play	2
Convert tennis court to basketball court, or another sport	2
More flowers	2
Don't resurface tennis courts	1
Resurface tennis courts	1
Better public toilets including facilities for disabled	1
Drinking water fountain	1
New seating	1
Older play and MUGA near The Lodge	1
Running track	1
Facility for the Arts	1
Remove young play park	1
Keep six tennis courts	1
Table tennis table	1
Install picnic tables	1
Need more nature/ wildlife areas	1
Put MUGA at end of six tennis courts	1

iii. Views on the use of a multi-use games area

Respondents were asked '**Would you use a multi-use games area at Victoria Park'**. with the option yes, no, or other reason. In summary:

- 50% of 626 respondents said they would use a MUGA
- 38% said they wouldn't use a MUGA because they didn't play a game
- 11% said they wouldn't use a MUGA because of another reason
- Therefore a total of 50% of 626 respondents said they would not use a MUGA.

Figure 11: Views on the use of a multi-use games area at Victoria Park

Would you use a multi-use games area at Victoria Park'		
	%	Number
Yes	50%	314
No, because I don't play games	38%	238
No, because of another reason	11%	74
Total	100	626

Analysis of respondents who said, 'No, because of another reason' can be seen below. Comments were made by 74 respondents, 24 of which provided on comment on the proposal provided. The responses were spread across seven subjects. 23 respondents said they wouldn't use the a MUGA because they were too elderly/disabled/had ill health or were too young, and 11 respondents wanted to keep the six tennis courts.

Figure 12: Comments made by respondents on ‘no I would not use a MUGA, because of another reason’

Comment description	Number of mentions
Too old/disabled/ill health/too young	23
Keep six tennis courts	11
Over development, keep natural	5
Older children will dominate	3
Use other facilities	3
No dogs are allowed so can't use	3
Anti social behaviour	2

iv. Views on which Masterplan option was preferred for tennis (Masterplan 1 or Masterplan 2)

Respondents were asked ‘**For tennis which proposal do you prefer?**’. The Figure below shows that 0.5% more residents preferred Masterplan 2 over Masterplan 1 with 263 respondents opting for Masterplan 2 when considering tennis compared with 260 respondents choosing Masterplan 1. In summary:

- 586 people responded to this question
- 44.4% preferred Masterplan option 1
- 44.9% preferred Masterplan option 2
- 63 respondents (10.8%) expressed an alternative opinion to the two proposed Masterplans.

Figure 13: Views on which proposal was preferred for tennis courts at Victoria Park (Masterplan Option 1 or Masterplan Option 2)

'For tennis which proposal do you prefer?'		
	%	Number
Masterplan Option 1	44.4	260
Masterplan Option 2	44.9	263
Alternative	10.8	63
Total	100	586

Analysis of respondents who indicate they prefer an alternative plan can be seen below. Comments were made by 63 respondents. There were 65 comments made including 26 which provided no comment on the proposal related to tennis. The responses were spread across 13 different subject areas.

The most frequently made comments were: resurface tennis courts (6 comments) and keep six tennis courts (13 comments).

Figure 14: Comments made by respondents on alternative options and elements for tennis provision.

Comment description	Number of
Keep six tennis courts	13
Resurface tennis courts	6
Don't resurface tennis courts	5
Don't play tennis	3
Preference is Option 2	2
Link to maps did not work	2
Preference is Option 2 without the loss of a tennis court	2
Neither option	1
Add a tennis club house	1
Preference is Option 1	1
Do not spend money until legal issues with The Lodge are	1
Leave the park as it is	1
Reduce tennis court to four	1

v. Views on the use of the tennis courts at Victoria Park

Respondents were asked '**Do you use the Tennis courts at Victoria Park**'. With the options: 'yes', 'no, because I don't play tennis', 'No, because most of the tennis courts are not in a good condition', 'No, because the tennis courts are always busy', or 'No, because of another reason'. There were 586 respondents to this question. In summary:

- 24% said yes, they use the tennis courts at Victoria Park.
- A total of 76% said that they do not use the tennis courts.

Figure 15: Total responses for use of the tennis courts at Victoria Park

'Do you use the tennis courts at Victoria Park?'		
	%	Number
Yes	24	140
No, because I don't play tennis	49	287
No, because most of the tennis courts are	8	44
No, because the tennis courts are always	10	58
No, because of another reason	10	57
Total	100	586

Analysis of respondents who indicate that they do not use the tennis courts at Victoria Park for another reason, can be seen below. Comments were made by 56 respondents. There were 58 comments made, including 16 which provided no comment on the question. The most frequently made comments were: use other facilities (10 comments) and too old/disabled/ill health/too young (8 comments).

Figure 16: Comments made by respondents on other reasons they do not use the tennis courts at Victoria Park.

Comment description	Number of mentions
Use other facilities	10
Too old/disabled/ill health/too young	8
Not interested	5
Don't know how to book	5
Courts are bulk booked	4
Time	3
Courts are in poor condition	2
Play another sport	2
Didn't know that tennis courts were there	1
Don't have someone to play with	1
Do not spend the money	1

vi. Views on which Masterplan option was preferred overall for play, MUGA and tennis (Masterplan 1 or Masterplan 2)

Respondents were asked ‘Overall which Option for play, multi-use games area and tennis do you prefer?’.

Following advice from our Legal Team responses to this question have been excluded from the evaluation as respondents were not able to select an alternative option or skip responding. It is recognised that this was a mistake so the responses have been excluded from the evaluation.

(c) Preferences as to what infrastructure improvements should be implemented with the money that is available.

In the third part of the questionnaire residents were asked to comment on what their preferences were for infrastructure improvements. Respondents were asked to prioritise their preferred improvements.

i. Views on how residents and users would prioritise where the money is to be spent

533 people responded to this question. Respondents gave each potential change a rating from 1 (very low priority) to 5 (extremely high priority). The total score for each question (value multiplied by the number of respondents) divided by the number of respondents, has been used to generate the average score for each infrastructure improvement. The top five improvements identified are:

- New playground facilities (2-14 years). Score 3.38
- New café with indoor toilet. Score 3.25
- Resurfacing paths where tree roots have led to uneven surface. Score 3.22
- Additional tree planting. Score 3.10
- New multi-use games area. Score 3.06.

Figure 17: Views on how respondents would prioritise where the money is to be spent, with the results shown by total average score for each change, with the improvements listed from highest to lowest score

Potential Change	No. of respondents	Total score	Average score
New playground facilities (2 – 14 years) (£200,000)	496	1675	3.38
New café with indoor toilet (£500,000)	516	1676	3.25
Resurfacing paths where tree roots have led to uneven surface (£5000)	502	1614	3.22
Additional tree planting (£500 per tree)	499	1545	3.10
New multi-use games area (£80,000)	496	1516	3.06
Additional and replacement park furniture (Bin - £310, Bench - £1500)	505	1503	2.98
New café terrace with table tennis and cycle parking (£9500)	497	1479	2.98
New children's nature garden (£5,000)	493	1454	2.95
Extending and enhancing wild area (£5000)	496	1424	2.87
Enhancement and new habitat areas (Cost dependent on scale)	489	1403	2.87
New perimeter circuit for walking and running (£6000)	501	1429	2.85
Resurfacing tennis courts (up to 4) (£25,000 per court)	497	1407	2.83
Existing depot converted for community activities (£200,000)	493	1382	2.80
New calisthenics equipment (£16,000)	492	1379	2.80
New reflection/sensory garden (£5000)	494	1355	2.74
Traditional bedding replaced with contemporary, sustainable planting (£2000 for grass, £5000 for plants)	486	1282	2.64
New seating under oak tree (£3000)	489	1257	2.57
New stumpery garden created from logs and dead trees (£10,000)	485	1238	2.55
New community orchard (£3000)	482	1219	2.53
New tree trail (£6000)	483	1221	2.53
New trim trail (£10,000)	482	1177	2.44
Widening paths where vehicles overrun the grass (£12,000)	488	1115	2.28
Reduce and remove hedge to increase openness (£1000)	489	1069	2.19
New path from northern playground to café (£4000)	486	1049	2.16
Widening path between tennis courts and northern playground (£10000)	485	1001	2.06
Improved signage and interpretation (£6000)	489	996	2.04
New entrances to northern playground (£1000)	483	970	2.01
New path from tennis courts to oak tree (£9000)	483	956	1.98

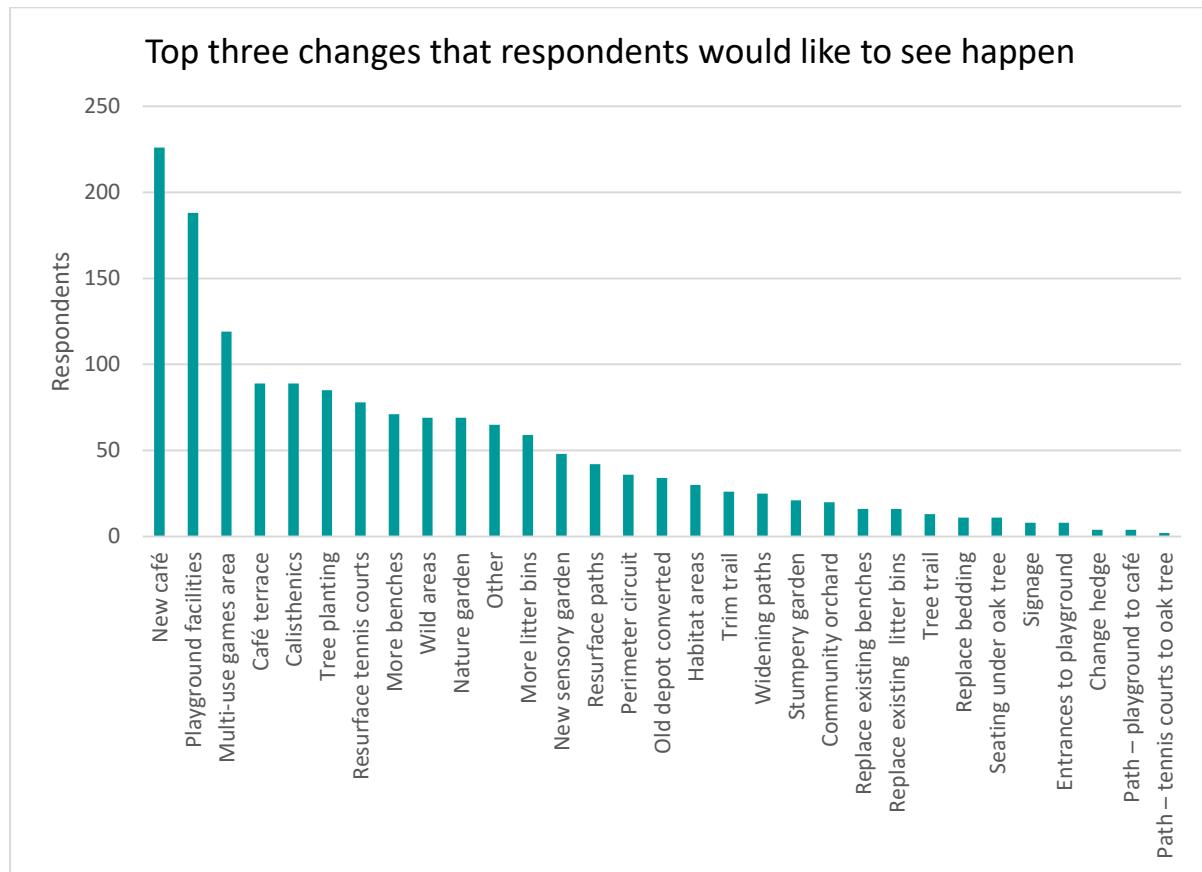
ii. Residents' views on the top three changes they would like to see happen

Respondents were asked ‘**Which top three changes in the park you would like to see happen?**’ 526 people responded to this question. In summary:

- The highest priority is a New Café with 41% of respondents chose this option

- The second highest priority was new play facilitates. 36% of respondents chose this option
- The third highest priority was a multi-use games area with 22% of respondents choosing this option.

Figure 18: The top three changes in the park that you could like to see happen



Analysis of respondents who indicated “other (please specify)” can be seen below. Comments were made by 64 respondents. There were 65 comments made, including 3 which provided no information on another option.

The most frequently made comment made was better public toilets including facilities for disabled (23 comments).

Figure 19: Comments made by respondents on “Other” when responding to which top three changes in the park you would like to see happen

Comment description	Number of mentions
Better public toilets including facilities for disabled	23
Dog restrictions and enforcement	4
Outdoor gym	3
Improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing	3
Reduce anti-social behaviour	3

Skateboarding area	2
Basketball court	2
More flowers	2
Water play	2
Secure perimeter of the park	2
Enclosed area for dogs	2
Table tennis table	2
Employ Park Keeper	2
Mini golf	1
Cricket pitch	1
Poor value for money	1
Use park for temporary events	1
Defend restrictive covenant	1
Water feature in sensory garden	1
Dog wash facility	1
Sensory garden	1
Allow cycling in the park	1
Buy The Lodge back	1
Spend Council money not money from the sale of The Lodge	1
Rain cover good for café terrace	1
Cleaner benches	1

(d) Residents' further comments

Respondents were asked 'If you have any further comments about the proposals for Victoria Park please provide them here' Comments were made by 212 respondents. There were 292 comments made, including 22 which had no specific comments on the proposals.

The most frequently made comments were: better public toilets including facilities for disabled (22 comments), install calisthenics equipment/outdoor gym (18 comments), improve/new café (17 comments), better play equipment including removing bark (16 comments), improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing (13 comments), do not allow fair/review frequency (12 comments), The Lodge should not be knocked down/sold (10 comments), need more nature/wildlife areas (10 comments), challenging play area for older children (10 comments) and cost of facilities is very high (10 comments).

Figure 20: Comments made by respondents when asked if they had any further comments about the proposals for Victoria Park

Comment description	Number of mentions
Better public toilets including facilities for disabled	22

Install calisthenics equipment/ outdoor gym	18
Improve/new café	17
Better play equipment including removing bark	16
Improve safety, maintenance and litter clearing	13
Do not allow the fair/review frequency	12
The Lodge should not be knocked down/sold	10
Challenging play area for older children	10
Need more nature/wildlife areas	10
Cost of facilities is very high	10
Keep tennis courts	8
Water play	7
More flowers	6
Dog restrictions and enforcement	6
Allow cycling in the park	6
Sensory garden including water feature	6
Enclosed area for dogs	5
Basketball court	4
Make no changes	4
Resurface tennis courts	4
Secure perimeter of the park	3
Table tennis table	3
Very exciting	3
Preference is Option 1	3
Fund by alternative means	3
Don't spend money on tennis courts	3
More trees	3
Drinking water fountain	2
Create fund for annual capital schemes/local events	2
No cycling in park	2
Preference is Option 2	2
Recycling bins	2
Use park for temporary events	2
Community forest garden	2
Do not spend money all at once	2
Seating outside café	2
Final plan to have something for wide range for users	2
MUGA	2
Keep café as it is	2
Park keeper	2
Make exit from park into Etchingham Park Road safer	1
Automatic External Defibrillator	1
Bike racks by park entrances	1

Skateboarding area	1
Electronic proposals for youth	1
Proposals for garden areas unworkable, spend money on	1
Wheelchair friendly park	1
Create dog free area	1
Link didn't work	1
Very well used park	1
Prioritise value for money	1
Bowling Club building should become café	1
Remove hedges	1
Cricket ground	1
Golf course	1
No orchard	1
Swimming pool	1
Wheelchair accessible sports facilities	1
Fix potholes in paths	1
Park should be well lit	1
More shade in playground	1
Pond	1
Use volunteers	1
Nesting sites for birds	1
Do not remove hedge	1
No bench under oak tree	1
More seating	1
No path between tennis courts and oak tree	1
New changing rooms	1

2.2 Easy Read Questionnaire

Responses to four questions which were the same as the Survey Monkey questionnaire have been incorporated with the online survey results and presented above. Responses to the questions which were only asked in the Easy Read questionnaire are presented below.

i. What is really good at Victoria Park?

Respondents were asked ‘What is really good at Victoria Park?’ and the following responses were provided:

Figure 21: Comments made in Easy Read questionnaire on ‘What is really good at Victoria Park?’

Comment description	Number of mentions
Big park	2
Fun fair/carnival	2

Tennis Courts	2
Easy to get to	1
Nice location	1
Lots of trees	1
Sights and sounds	1
Café	1
Different entrances	1

ii. What could be better at Victoria Park?

Respondents were asked 'What could be better at Victoria Park?' and the following responses were provided:

Figure 22: Comments made in Easy Read questionnaire on 'What could be better at Victoria Park?'

Comment description	Number of mentions
Improved toilets	3
More things in the park	2
Car park	2
Café open longer	1
More open space	1
Football pitches	1
Hockey pitches	1
Dog free area	1
More trees	1
More accessible for	1
Better tennis courts	1
Disabled toilet	1
Fix the pavements	1

2.3 Pop Up Events

Eight pop up events were held during the consultation period at different times and locations in the park. Over these events council staff spoke to approximately 400 people. Visitors were encouraged to complete the online questionnaire and paper copies of the questionnaire were available for those without access to the internet. 57 comments were also gathered at the events, which are summarised in the table below.

Figure 23: Comments from Pop Up events

Theme	Comments
General	Invite bands to play, drug users use benches in evenings, DEFIB provision next to café, look after the wisteria, have a non dog

	area, open air cinema, tennis courts well uses in the evenings, free wifi, spend money on patrols to prevent anti social behaviour, have a theme.
Sensory Garden	Could a beech tree be part of it? Have a water feature, benches to sit on, tactile surface or colour
Oak Tree	No seating underneath as busy area, how healthy is the tree?
Depot	Funded the conversion from other sources
Multi use games area	Have netball marked out, Option 1 is easier to get to from Long Lane, bus stop is on Long Lane, have multiple basketball hoops so smaller children can practise
Playgrounds	More shade, remove bark, have a fence between different ages of play, current young play area is taken over by older play, within play areas don't encourage footballs, grass over older play area, all play in middle will mean some people have to walk further
Cycling in the Park	Should allow cycling in the park, no cycling in the park
Café	Low cost changes, keep existing café, install a water fountain, have a tap with a hose, charity should run café, provide information on what selling
Toilets	Need accessible toilets, be individually self contained
Sale of The Lodge	Money should be set aside to defend the restrictive covenant

2.4

Youth Engagement

This work was carried out by Groundwork London. A Walk and Talk session took place with young people in the park, as well as consultation sessions with pupils from Bishop Douglass School, which is the nearest secondary school to the park. 61 young people were engaged in total, ranging from 12- 17 years of age.

Sessions encouraged young people to share their views, perceptions, current usage, as well identify any issues. GWL presented the two options developed (using the same resources and visuals as the online questionnaire), including exploring locations for a possible MUGA or other sport/ physical activity provision and development options for the Long Lane play area.

Participants were all encouraged to fill out the online questionnaire and publicise it to friends and family by the deadline.

Out of the 61 young people engaged, only 1 was keen on the Long Lane play area being transformed into a MUGA. 45 of the young people engaged would like to see one of the tennis courts converted into a ball court, with more challenging play and informal sports provision at the Long Lane play area. 15 young people were undecided between the options. There was a general agreement that if Option 2 went ahead, then there should also be provision for informal sport/ball games at the Long Lane area (in addition to the ball court by the tennis courts).

The young people would like to have an informal ball area near to the families, food and facilities available in the central hub of the park, but also have the opportunity to enjoy unsupervised play and fitness activities (with hoops and goals) at the Long Lane site.

Access to toilets and drinking water were seen as key improvements needed, while seating (benches/ picnic tables) was also frequently mentioned.

2.5 Other Contact

Correspondence was received via emails and telephone calls regarding the public consultation. 19 individuals made contact, and their comments are summarised in the table below. A bracketed number indicates that this comment was made by more than one individual:

Figure 24: Comments from Other Contact

Theme	Comments
General	Widening paths and grassing over flower beds does not seem to be the best use of resources and unnecessary and wasteful use of the money allocated, need a park ranger, amount of carnivals is excessive, benches are falling apart and rubbish remains uncollected for weeks especially in bushes, the 4 old tennis courts need to be resurfaced, Why not use narrower and lighter electric vehicles instead of widening the paths? [2], Install recycling bins, Why install Callisthenic Equipment and similar if once installed, there is unlikely to be maintenance? the annual flower beds will possibly be grassed over at a cost of £2000. When the park was given to the Finchley Borough Council it was on the condition that they maintain certain features, some of which are on this list. There is no requirement to spend the money from the sale within a specific time period. As the trustees have not met, no money including funds for the so-called "Master Plan" can be spent. Asphalt is not pedestrian friendly. When paths require replacing they need to be replaced by new materials that incorporate recycled rubber.
Sensory Garden	Have tactile paving to get to there, install a fenced off area with push/pull entry gate, needs to be near main park entrance, install benches not all in the sun, be able to put a wheelchair next to a bench, stock with harmless tactile plants, some having an odour, have a sculpture ideally with

	water, do not spend large amounts of money on the park just maintain it.
Depot	To spend £200,000 on converting a depot into a 'community' resource is utterly unnecessary. It would have been better to use the Lodge itself for this purpose, in fact.
Playgrounds	It is not all that long ago that equipment in both playgrounds was replaced.
Cycling in the Park	Victoria Park is no cycling, cycle stands belong at entrances.
Café	Why spend £500,000 building a new cafe?
Toilets	Toilets should be available regardless of when cafe is open [3], toilets need a total refurbishment, be individually self contained.
Sale of The Lodge	Money should not be committed until any legal issues surrounding the Lodge are resolved, to ensure sufficient funds are available to defend potential legal action, or to buy back the Lodge. [6 comments], one option proposes the moving of a playground that poses a serious obstacle to the ludicrous attempt to build flats on the Lodge site.