

Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Open Spaces Master Plan

Final Consultation Report

May 2018 to July 2018

1. Consultation Methodology and Respondent Profile

As is usual practice, the proposed enhancements and developments of five specific parks and open spaces across Barnet as part of the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan has been subject to a formal public consultation

- Copthall Playing Fields
- Mill Hill Park
- Sunny Hill Park
- Arrandene Open Space
- Bittacy Hill Park

This report sets out the full findings of this consultation, which will be considered by Environment Committee on the 8th October 2018, where the decision will be taken on which alternative delivery model option to progress.

1.1 Methodology

The process for delivering the consultation was as follows:

- The consultation was open for six weeks; commencing on the 21st May 2018 and finishing on the 2nd July 2018.
- The consultation questionnaire was published on [Engage Barnet](#) together with the consultation document, which provided detailed background information on the five parks and open spaces included within the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan, the proposed enhancements and development of each of these parks and open spaces, as well as reasons for consultation. Links were also provided to the full and summary versions of the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan, which can be found on [Barnet Open Data Portal](#).
- Respondents' views were gathered via an online survey. Paper copies and an easy read version of the consultation were also available on request.
- The consultation was promoted via the following channels;
 - Council website
 - Local press
 - Social media (Twitter, Facebook etc)

1.2 Questionnaire Design

The questionnaire was developed to ascertain residents and stakeholder views on the proposed enhancements and development of five specific parks and open spaces included within the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan.

The consultation invited views on:

- The use of particular parks and open spaces within Barnet
- The key outcomes of the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan
- The long-term vision (proposed enhancements and development) for each of the five parks and open spaces included within the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan.
- The overall Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan.

To enable further understanding and in-depth analysis, the questionnaire included some open-ended questions, where respondents were invited to elaborate on their views and express any concerns.

The questionnaire also recorded key demographic information in order to help officers understand the views of different demographic groups.

Throughout the questionnaire, and where applicable, hyperlinks were provided to the relevant sections of the consultation document.

1.3 Consultation Response Rates

A total of 40 questionnaires have been submitted. Further written responses were received from the following organisations:

- Middlesex University
- Saracens RFC
- Middlesex Country Cricket Club/England & Wales Cricket Board
- Mill Hill Preservation Society
- Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers and Barnet & District Athletic Club
- CSJ Planning Consultants (on behalf of Hasmore School)
- Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum
- Friends of Mill Hill Park
- Mill Hill RFC
- Barnet Residents (x2)

1.4 Respondent Profile

Of the 40 public questionnaires responses received, all were via the online questionnaire. No paper questionnaires were returned.

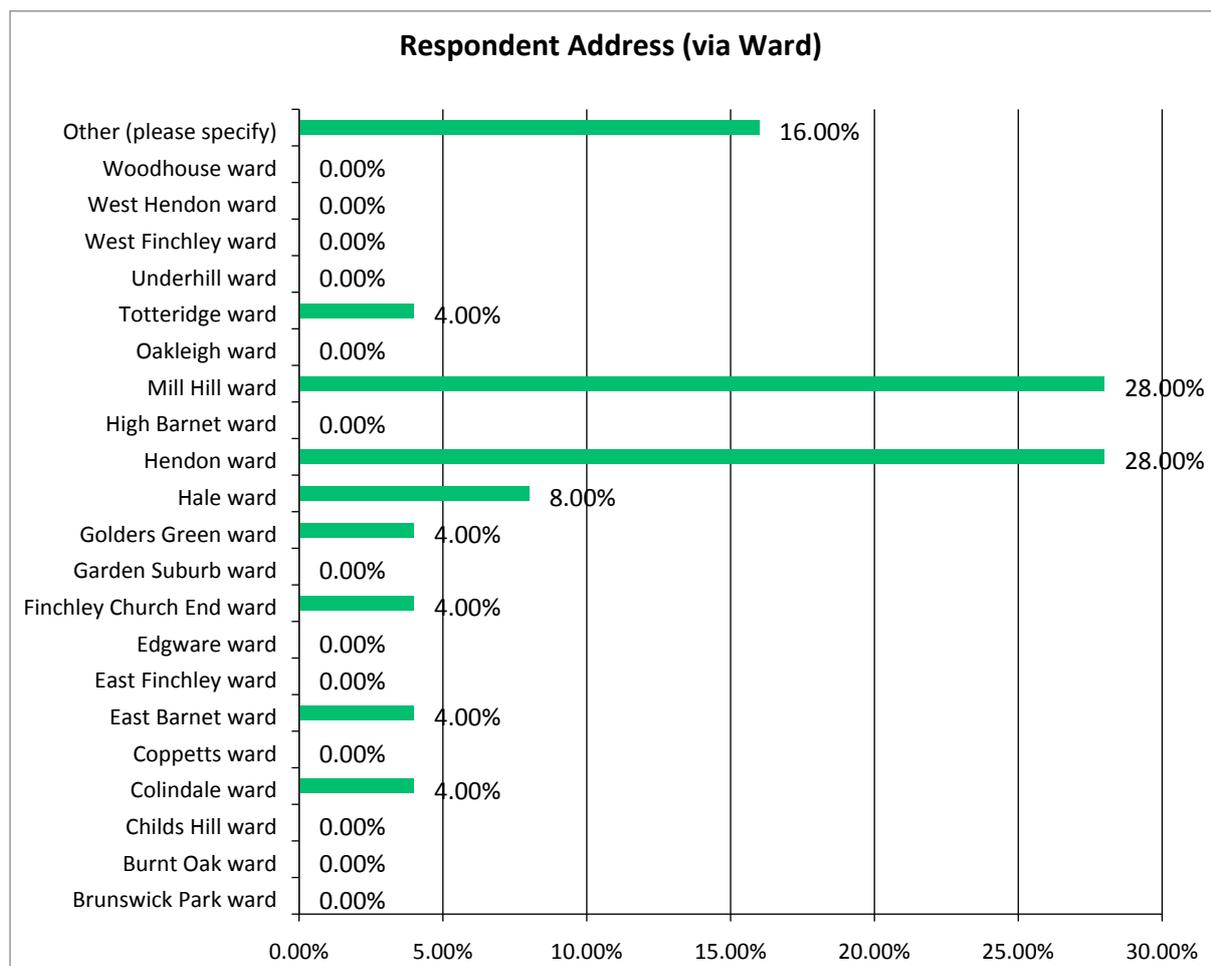
The council is required by law, Equality Act 2010, to pay due regard to equalities in eliminating unlawful discrimination, advancing equality of opportunity and fostering good relations between people from different groups.

The protected characteristics identified in the Equality Act 2010 are age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy, maternity, religion or belief and sexual orientation.

To assist us in complying with the duty under the Equality Act 2010 we asked the general public consultation respondents to provide equalities monitoring data and explained that collecting this information will help us understand the needs of our different communities. All personal information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be stored securely in accordance with our responsibilities under the Data Protection Act 1998.

The graphs below summarise the demographic profiles of those who responded.

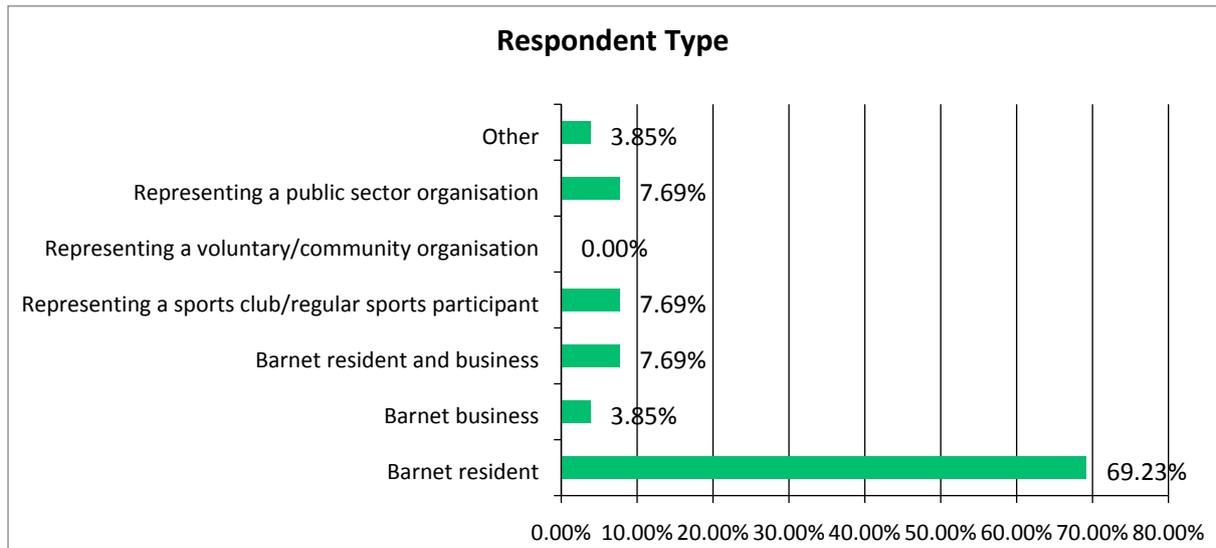
1.4.1 Respondent Address (via Ward)



28.00% of respondents were residing in the Mill Hill ward, whilst a further 28.00% of respondents were residing in the Hendon Ward. A further 16.00% of respondents indicated that their address was not within across the borough. The following specific responses were provided for this:

- *'South Wales – planning agent for Hasmonian School'*
- *'Central London'*
- *'Represent Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers and Barnet & District Athletic Club'*
- *'Essex'*

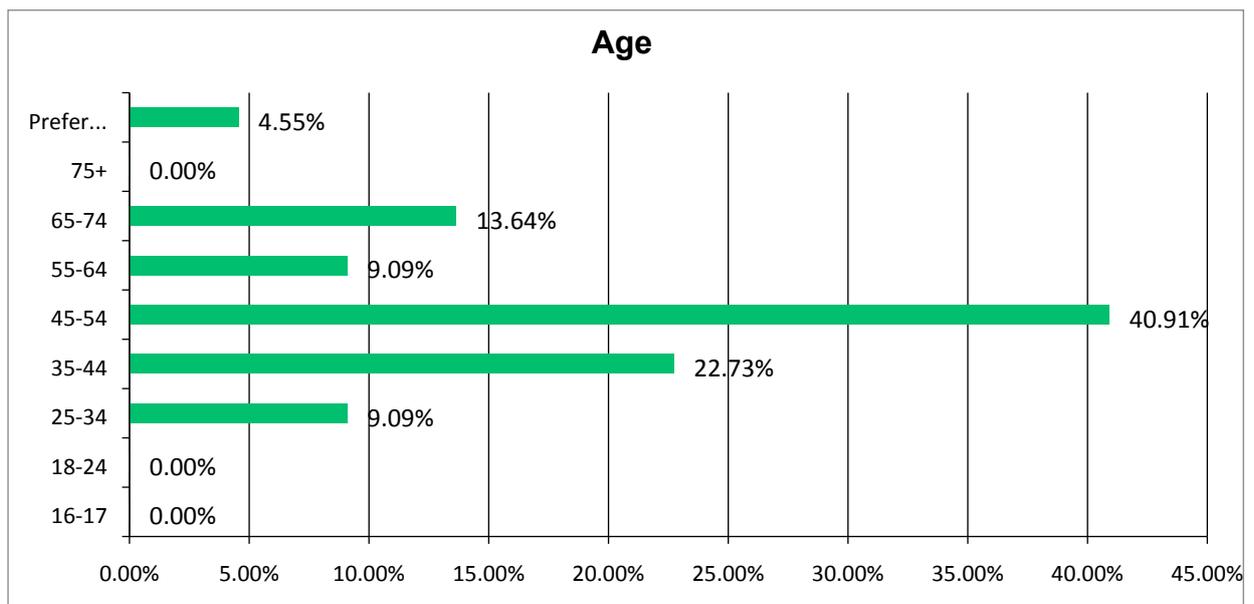
1.4.2 Respondent Type



69.23% of respondents were Barnet residents, compared with 7.69% of respondents who were representing a public-sector organisation, 7.69% of respondents who were Barnet residents and local business owners, and 7.69% of respondents who were representing a sports club or a regular sports participant. The following organisations provided responses:

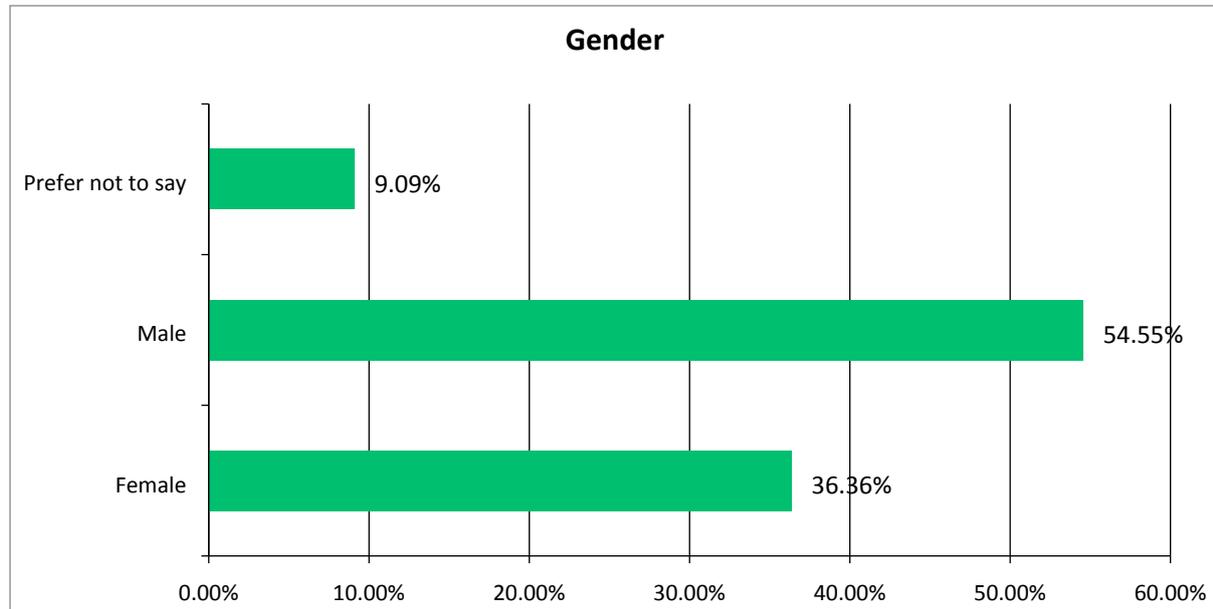
- Middlesex County Cricket Club
- Hasmonian School
- Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers and Barnet & District Athletic Clubs

1.4.3 Age



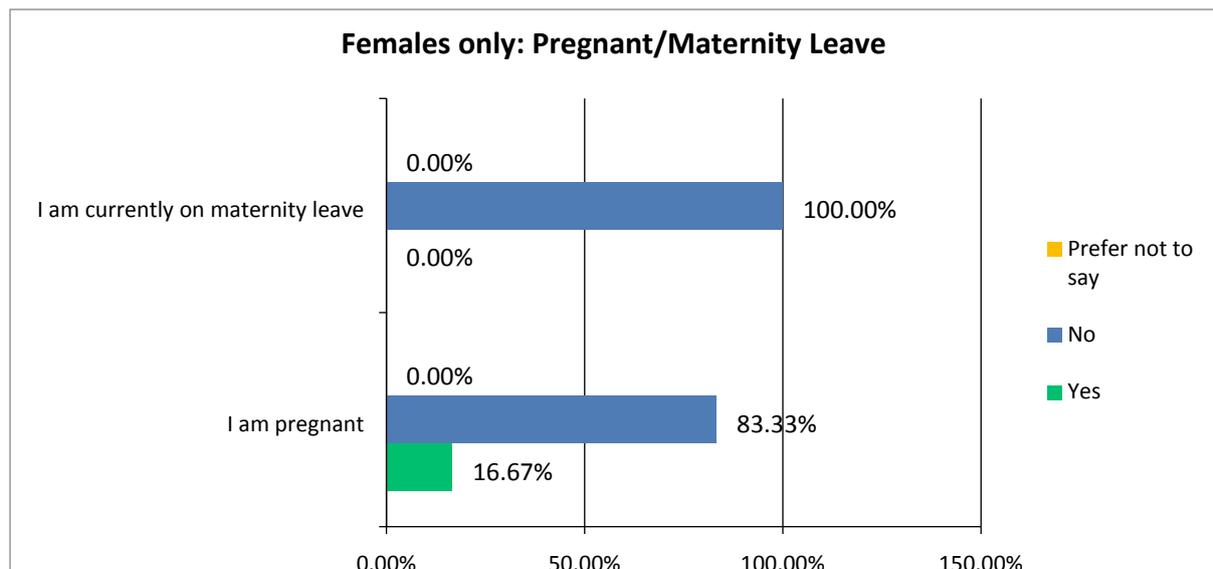
72.73% of all respondents were aged between 35 and 64. The highest response rate was from respondents aged between 45 and 54, at 40.91%, followed by respondents aged between 35 to 44, at 22.73%, and respondents aged 65 to 74, at 13.64%.

1.4.4 Gender



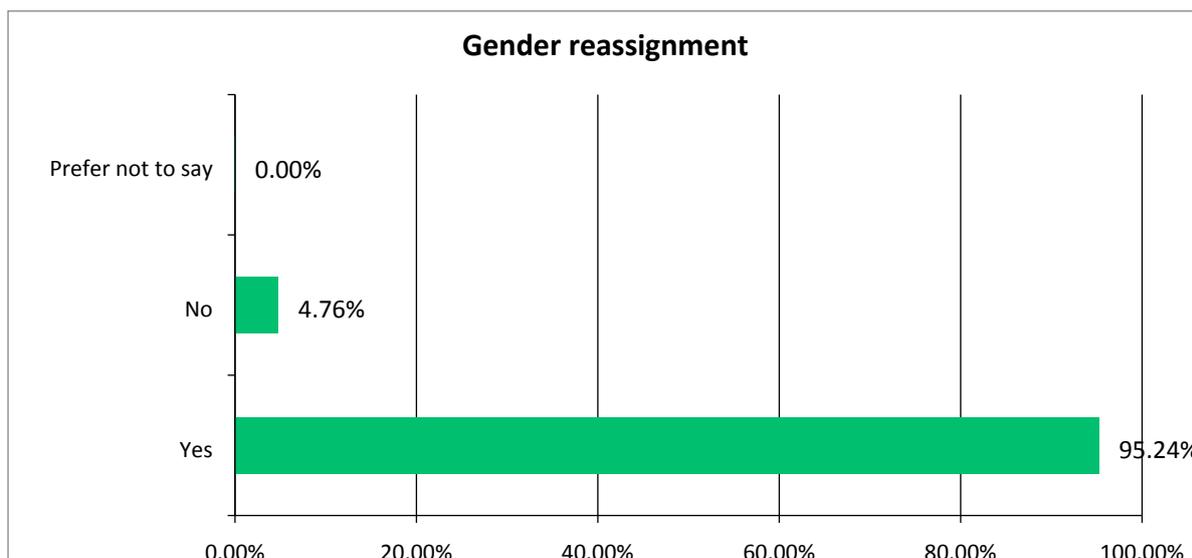
The majority of respondents were male, at 58.7%, followed by female respondents, at 36.36%, and 9.09% of respondents who preferred not to state what their gender was.

1.4.5 Females only: Pregnant/Maternity Leave



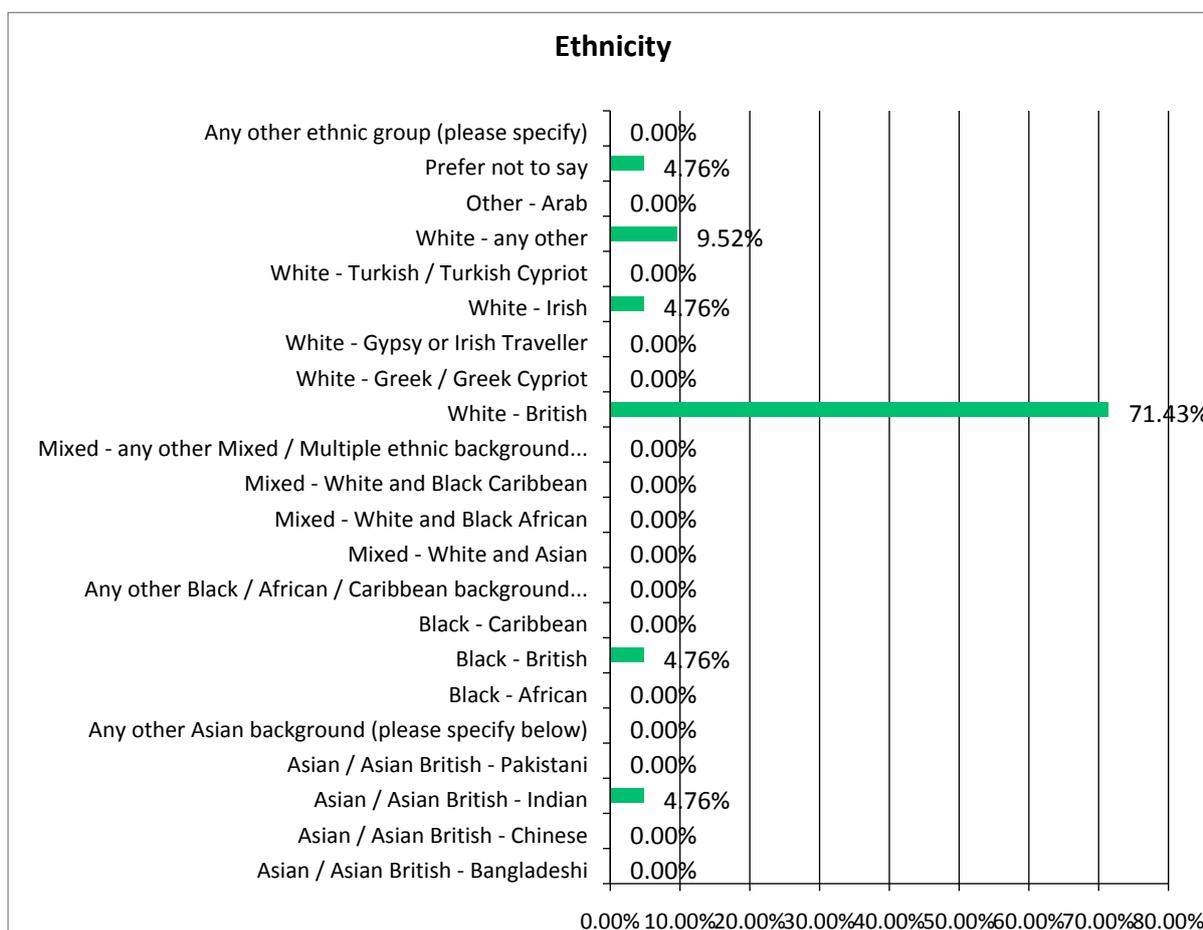
Of the females' respondents to this question, 100%, indicated that they were not currently on maternity leave. Whilst 16.67% of respondents indicated that they were pregnant, with 83.33% indicating that they were not pregnant.

1.4.6 Gender reassignment



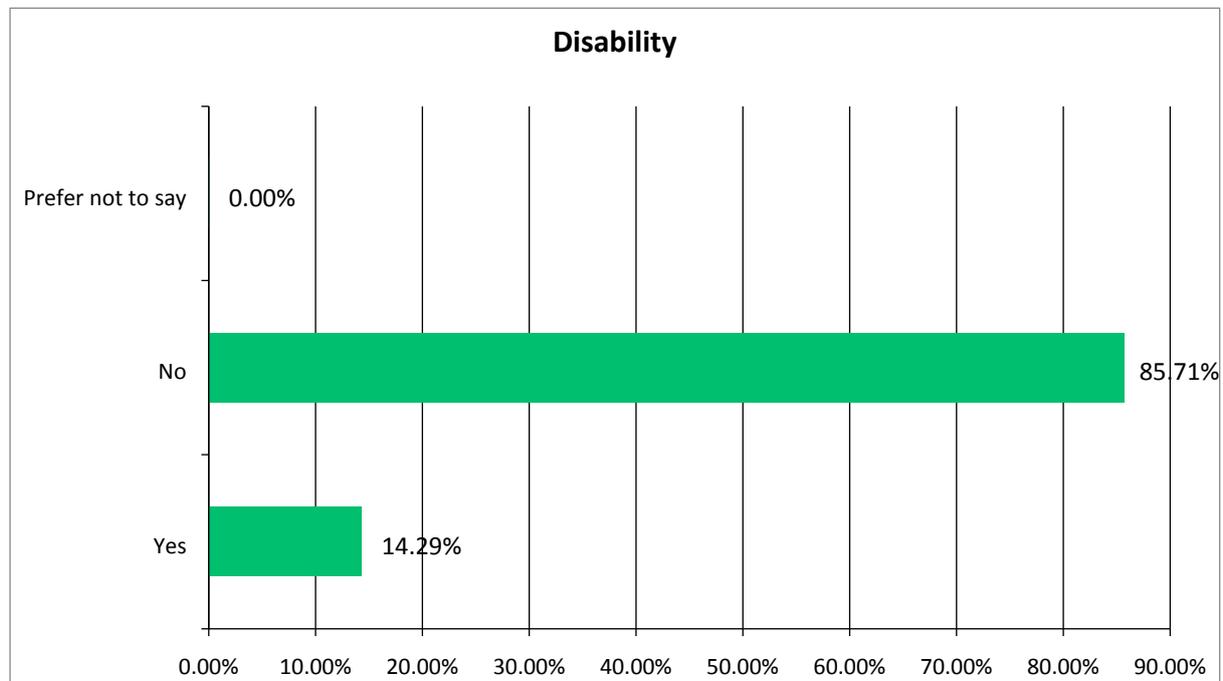
The majority of respondents, 95.24%, have the same gender identity as the gender they were assigned at birth. 4.76% of respondents, indicated that their gender identity was not the same as the gender they were assigned at birth.

1.4.7 Ethnicity



The majority of respondents described themselves as being of White British origin, at 71.43%. The next largest group of respondents, at 9.52%, described themselves as being of White any other origin.

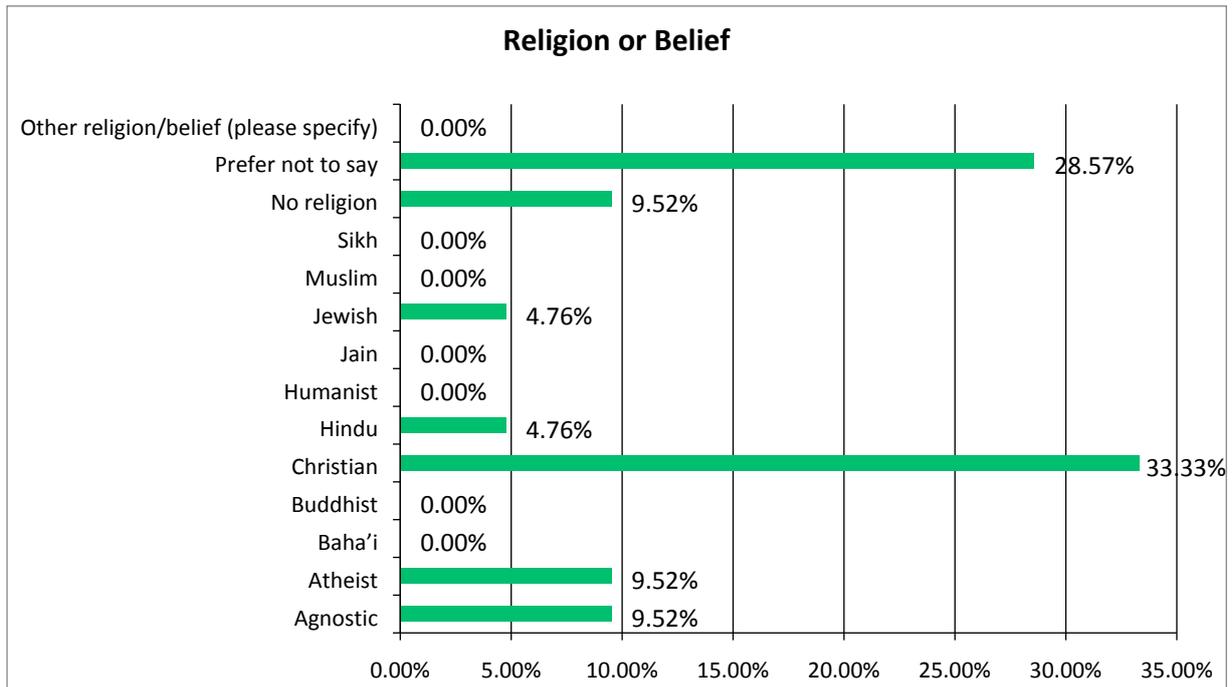
1.4.8 Disability



85.71% of respondents identified as not having a disability, compared with 14.29% of respondents who did identify as having a disability, and 0.00% of respondents who preferred not to say.

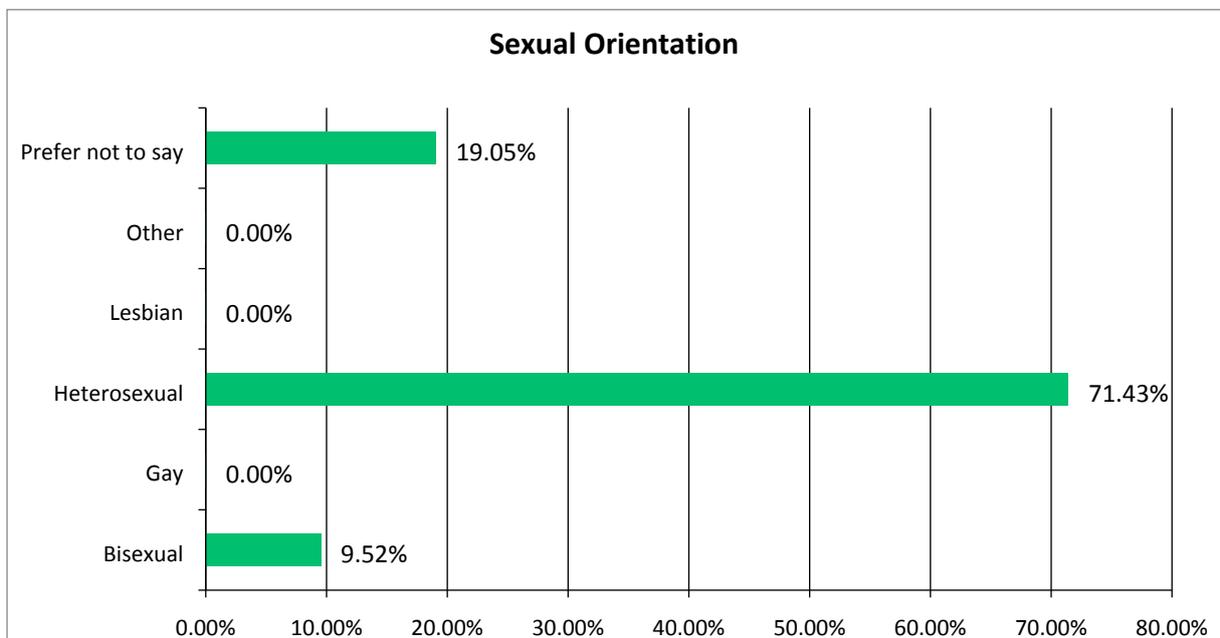
Of the 14.29% of respondents who identified as having a disability, 33.33% of these identified as having a disability in relation to mobility (e.g. use of a wheelchair), 33.33% identified as having a disability in relation to vision (e.g. blind or fractional/partial sight) and 33.33% preferred not to disclose their disability.

1.4.9 Religion or Belief



The largest group of respondents identified themselves as Christian, at 33.33%. The next largest group of respondents preferred not to say, at 28.57%.

1.4.10 Sexual Orientation



The largest group of respondents identified themselves as heterosexual, at 71.43%. The next largest group of respondents preferred not to say, at 19.05%. Followed by the next largest group of respondents, 9.52%, who identified themselves as bisexual.

2. Consultation Results

2.1 Preface to the Results

Regarding the results of the questionnaire, it is important to note the following:

- The respondent profile for the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan public consultation is not wholly representative of the overall population of Barnet.
- The results provide information about the opinion of those who have chosen to engage with this particular consultation.
- The results should be not treated as a definitive guide to the overall public opinion of the borough.
- Where percentages do not add up to 100, this may be due to rounding, or the question may be multi-coded.
- All open-ended responses to the public consultation have been included in their entirety.
- The results for each question are based on “valid responses” (i.e. all those providing an answer).
- The base size may vary from question to question (i.e. not all respondents answered every question).

2.2 Consultation Questions

The consultation set out the Councils commitment to ensuring that everyone can enjoy our good quality parks and open spaces and that they are amongst the best in London.

The consultation explained that as a result of the Barnet Council Parks and Open Spaces Strategy (2016) and the Barnet Council Playing Pitch Strategy (2017), a number of ‘Master Plan’ activities are taking place.

These Master Plans look at the detailed specific enhancements and developments required for particular parks and open spaces in Barnet. This particular consultation is seeking initial views on the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan.

The consultation explained that the Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan set outs an ambitious and long-term vision for the following five parks and open spaces:

- Copthall Playing Fields

- Mill Hill Park
- Sunny Hill Park
- Arrandene Open Space
- Bittacy Hill Park

The consultation stated that extensive consultation has already been undertaken with tenants and users of the five parks and open spaces through the development of the Master Plan. Through this consultation and the development of the Master Plan, the following key outcomes that the Master Plan wanted to achieve were finalised:

- The development of a regional sports hub
- The development of wider leisure & cultural activities
- Increases support for nature conservation & biodiversity
- The development of better connected parks

The consultation then explained that we now want to give everyone, regardless of whether they currently use the particular parks, the opportunity to have their say on the Master Plan as it progresses.

The consultation contained questions on the following key areas:

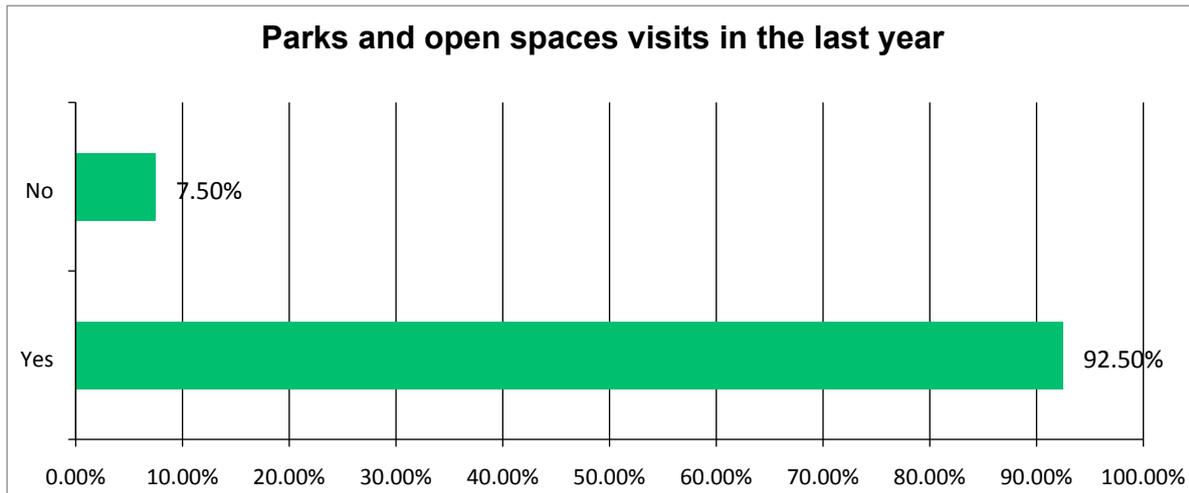
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2.2.1 Use of the parks and open spaces

The consultation asked respondents the following question regarding their use of parks and open spaces within Barnet.

1. *'In the last year have you visited Copthall Playing Fields or any of the adjoining sites: Mill Hill Park, Sunny Hill Park, Arrandene Open Space or Bittacy Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)'*

The results are shown in the graph below:

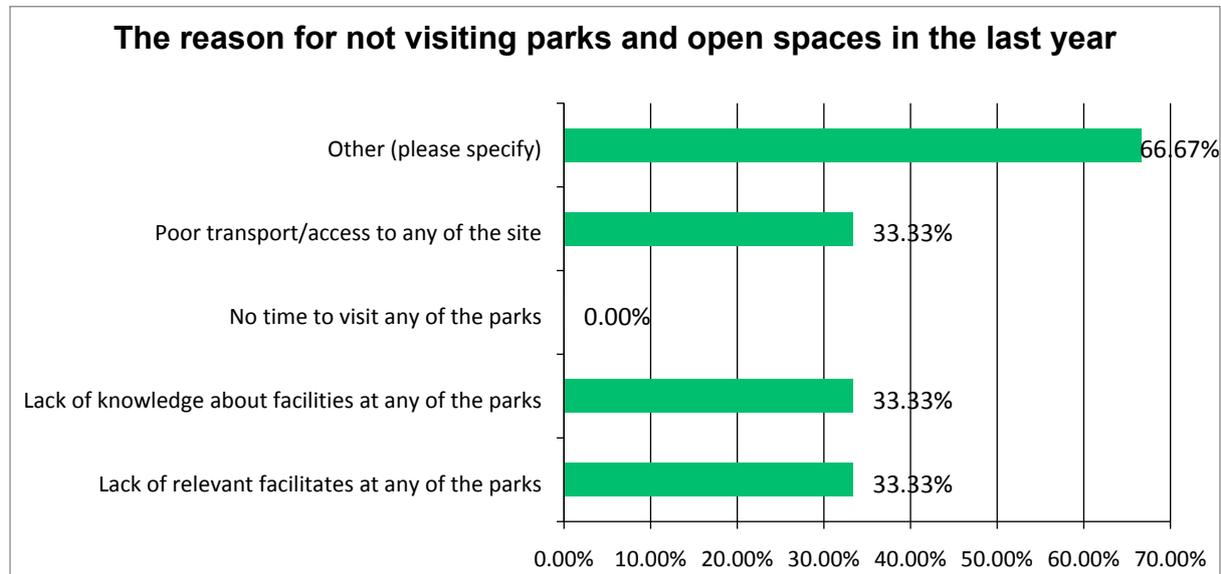


The majority of respondents, 92.50%, indicated that they have visited any of the five parks and open spaces included in the overall Master Plan, in the last year. 7.50% of respondents indicated that they have not visited any of the five parks and open spaces included in the overall Master Plan, in the last year.

For respondents who answered No to question one, they were asked the following question:

2. 'Please indicate why you have not visited any of these parks in the last year: (Please tick all that apply)'

The results are shown in the graph below:



66.67% of respondents identified other reasons not listed as to why they have not visited any of the five parks and open spaces within the last year. Specific reasons provided included:

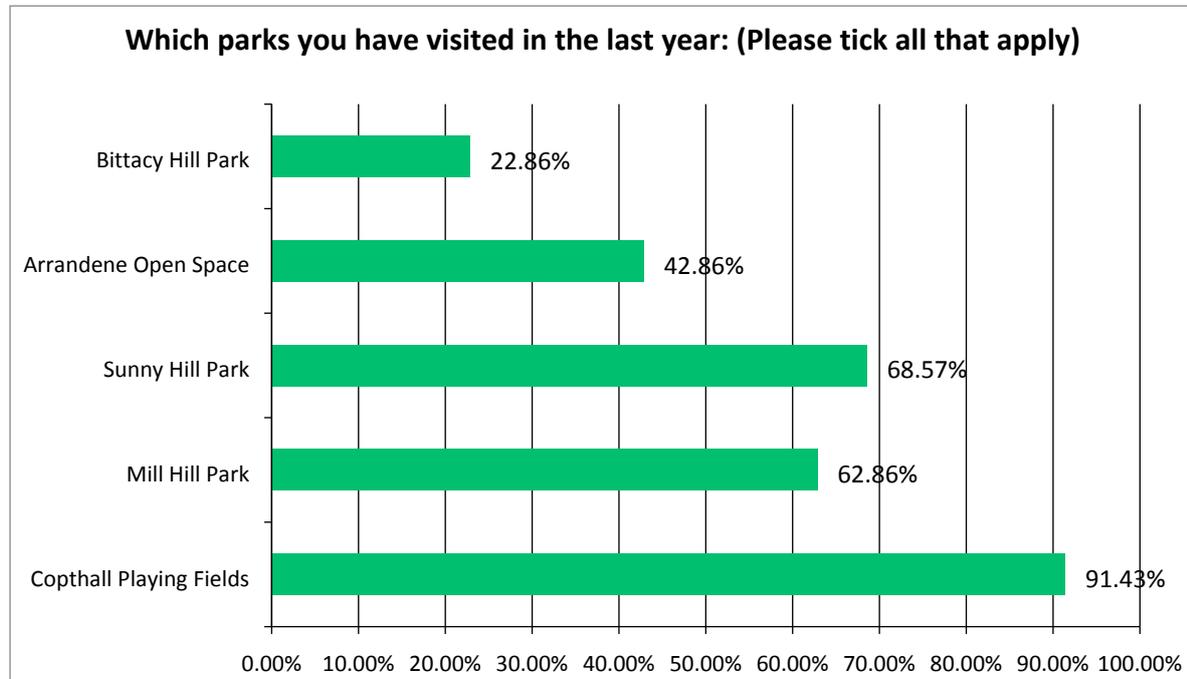
- The parks and open spaces not being local
- Anti-social behaviour (alcohol abuse) and a lack of litter facilities (dog litter bins)

33.33% of respondents identified poor transport/access to any of the sites as the reason why they have not visited any of the five parks and open spaces within the last year. 33.33% of respondents identified a lack of knowledge about facilities at any of the parks as the reason why they have not visited any of the five parks and open spaces within the last year. Whilst 33.33% of respondents identified a lack of relevant facilities at any of the parks as the reason why they have not visited any of the five parks and open spaces within the last year.

For respondents who answered Yes to question one, they were asked the following question:

3. *Please indicate which parks you have visited in the last year: (Please tick all that apply)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



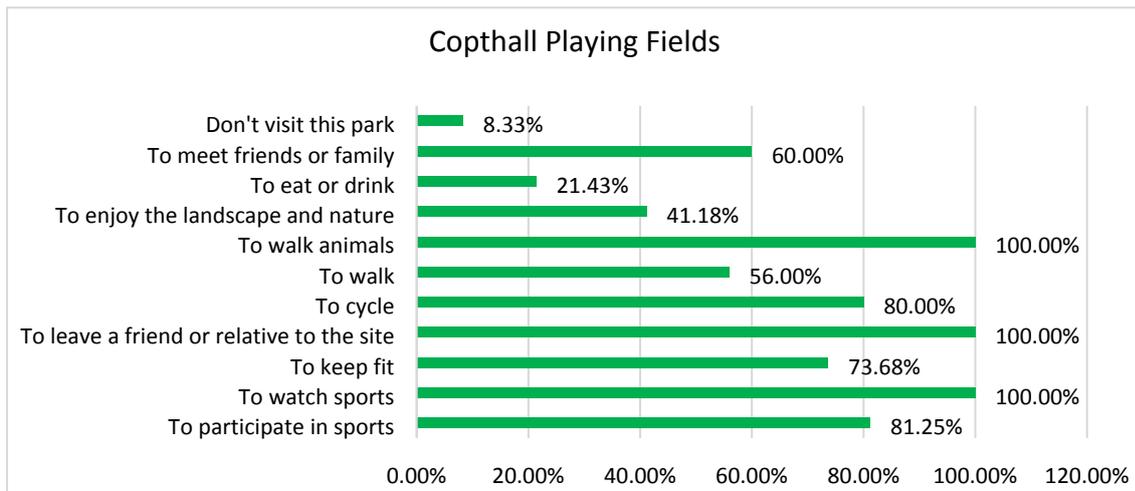
91.43% of respondents indicated that they have visited Copthall Playing Fields in the last year. 68.57% of respondents indicated that they have visited Sunny Hill Park in the last year. 62.86% of respondents indicated that they have visited Mill Hill Park in the last year. 42.86% of respondents indicated that they have visited Arrandene Open Space in the last year. Whilst 22.86% of respondents indicated that they have visited Bittacy Hill Park in the last year.

Following on from question three, the respondents were then asked the following question:

4. *Why do you visit these parks? (Please tick all that apply in each column)*

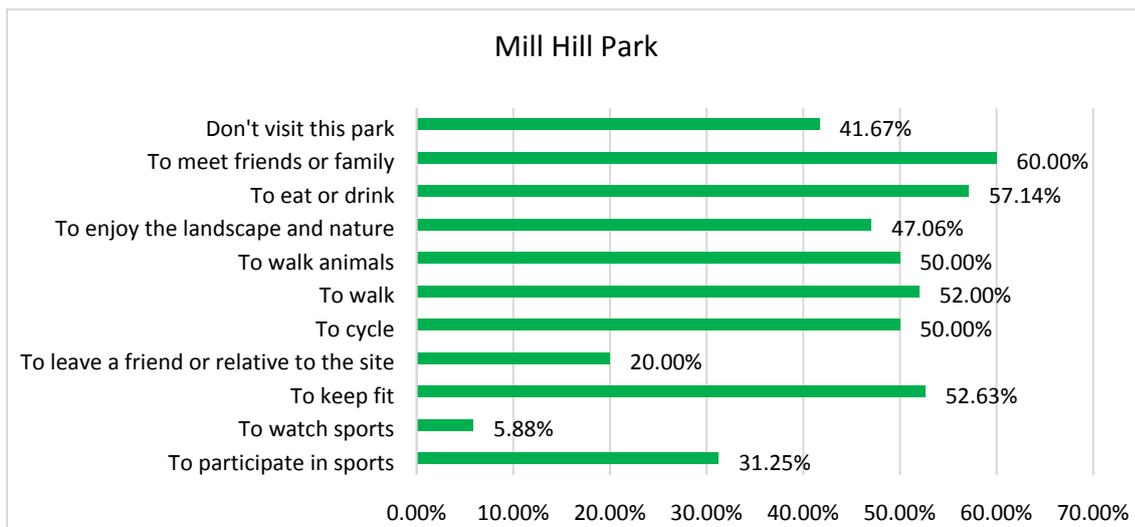
The results for each of the five parks and open spaces are shown in the graphs below:

Copthall Playing Fields



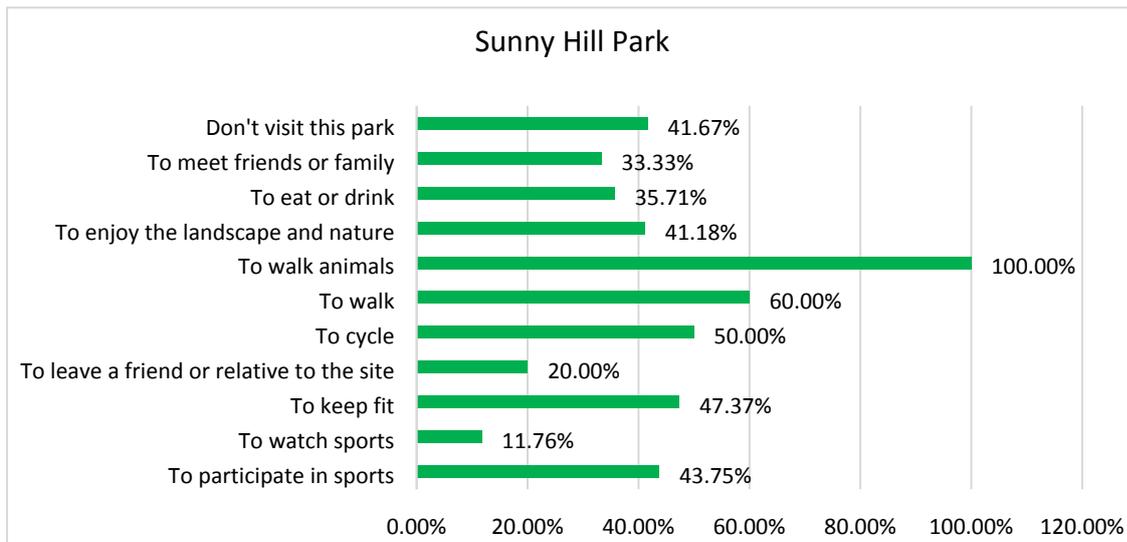
100.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Copthall Playing Fields to walk animals, to leave a friend or relative to the site and to watch sport. 81.25% of respondents indicated that they visit Copthall Playing Fields to participate in sports, whilst 80.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Copthall Playing Fields to cycle.

Mill Hill Park



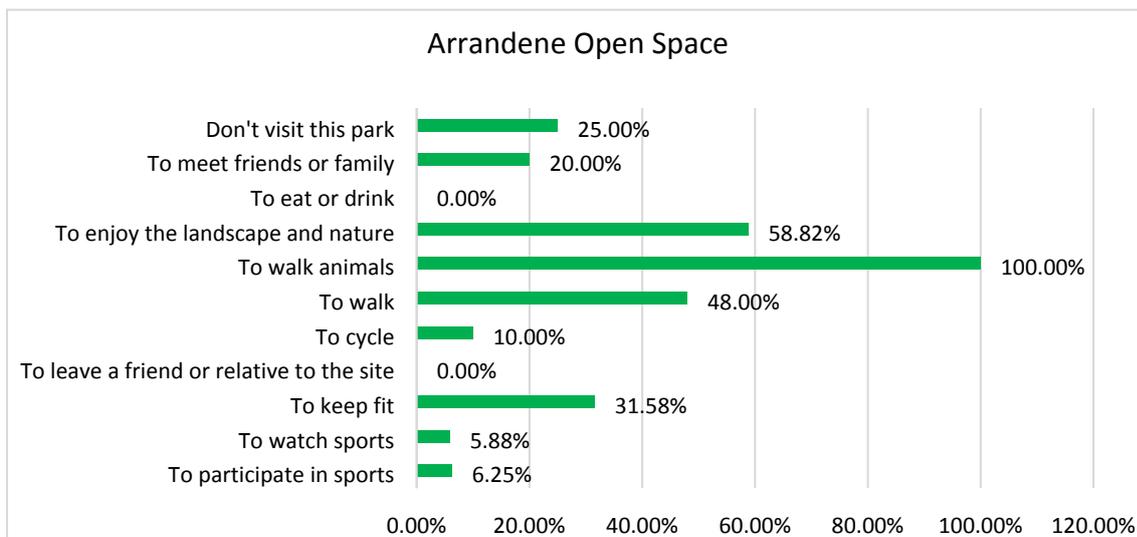
57.14% of respondents indicated that they visit Mill Hill Park to eat or drink. 52.63% of respondents indicated that they visit Mill Hill Park to keep fit, whilst 52.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Mill Hill Park to walk.

Sunny Hill Park



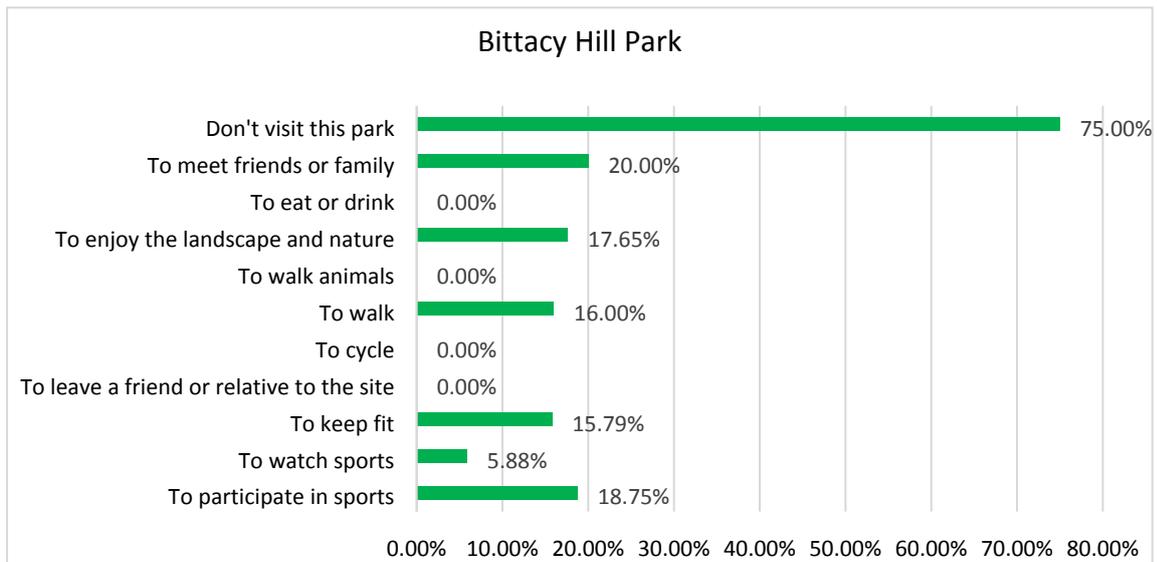
100.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Sunny Hill Park to walk animals. 60.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Sunny Hill Park to walk, whilst 50.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Sunny Hill Park to cycle.

Arrandene Open Space



100.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Arrandene Open Space to walk animals. 58.82% of respondents indicated that they visit Arrandene Open Space to enjoy the landscape and nature, whilst 48.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Arrandene Open Space to walk.

Bittacy Hill Park



75.00% of respondents indicated that they do not visit Bittacy Hill Park. 20.00% of respondents indicated that they visit Bittacy Hill Park to meet friends and family, whilst 18.75% of respondents indicated that they visit Bittacy Hill Park to participate in sports.

Respondents were also given the opportunity to detail other reasons not listed why they visited the five parks and open spaces.

The following responses were received:

- *to use the playground with the kids*
- *Site visit for planning purposes for adjoining Hasmonian School*
- *Site visit for planning purposes for adjoining Hasmonian School*
- *Athletic training and competition*
- *To work*
- *To work*
- *To go to playground*
- *The old mill hill railway behind copthall*

2.2.2 Project Aims

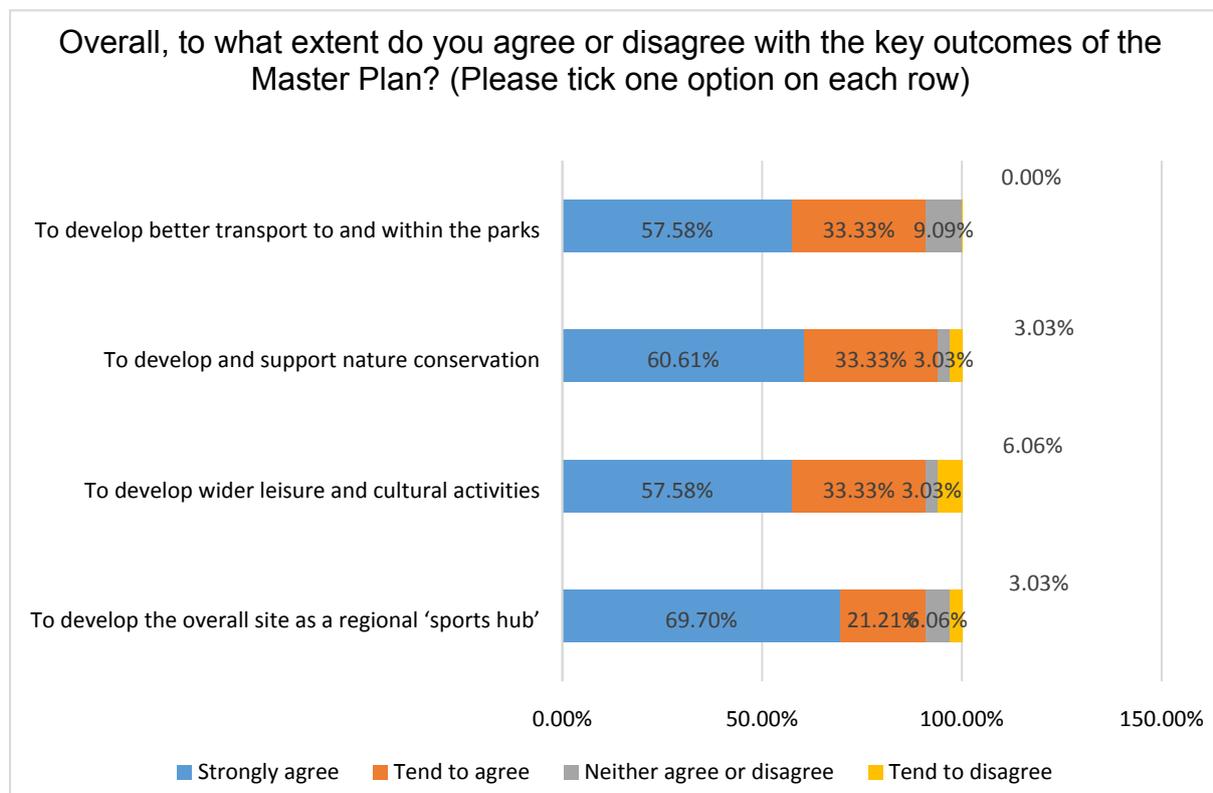
The consultation then described the aims of the Master Plan. These are:

- The development of a regional sports hub
- The development of wider leisure & cultural activities
- Increases support for nature conservation & biodiversity
- The development of better connected parks

Respondents were asked the following question:

5. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the key outcomes of the Master Plan (Please tick one option on each row)

The results are shown in the graph below:



- **To develop better transport to and within the parks** – 57.58% of respondents strongly agreed with this key outcome, 33.33% of respondents tended to agree with this key outcome, 9.09% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with this key outcome, 0.00% of respondents tended to disagree with this key outcome, 0.00% of respondents strongly disagreed with this key outcome and 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure.
- **To develop and support nature conservation** – 60.61% of respondents strongly agreed with this key outcome, 33.33% of respondents tended to agree with this key outcome, 3.03% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with this key outcome, 3.03% of respondents tended to disagree with this key outcome, 0.00% of respondents strongly disagreed with this key outcome and 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure.

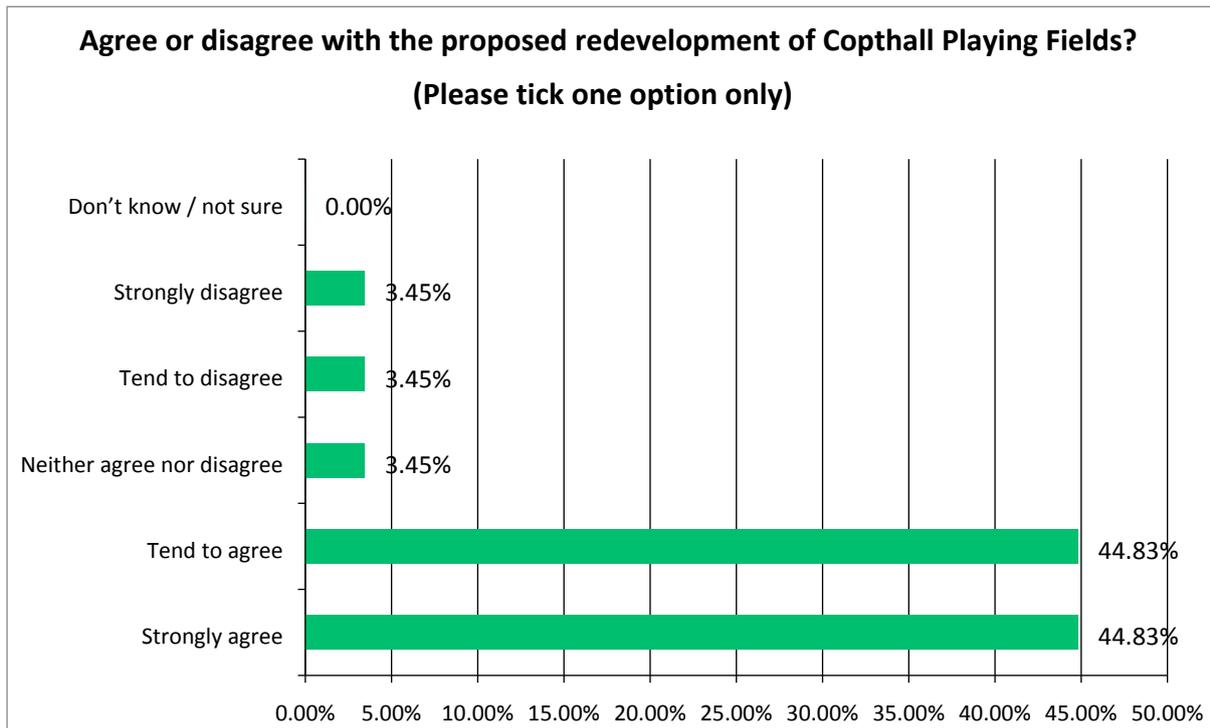
- **To develop wider leisure and cultural activities** – 57.58% of respondents strongly agreed with this key outcome, 33.03% of respondents tended to agree with this key outcome, 3.03% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with this key outcome, 6.06% of respondents tended to disagree with this key outcome, 0.00% of respondents strongly disagreed with this key outcome and 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure.
- **To develop the overall site as a regional 'sports hub'** – 69.70% of respondents strongly agreed with this key outcome, 21.21% of respondents tended to agree with this key outcome, 6.06% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with this key outcome, 3.03% of respondents tended to disagree with this key outcome, 0.00% of respondents strongly disagreed with this key outcome and 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure.

2.2.3 Copthall Playing Fields

The consultation included background information regarding the Copthall Playing Fields site, as well as descriptions and diagrams of the proposed enhancements and developments to the site, as proposed through the Master Plan. Based on this, respondents were asked the following question:

6. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



89.66% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields. Within this, 44.83% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 44.83% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

6.90% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields. Within this, 3.45% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment and 3.45% of respondents tended to disagree with the proposed redevelopment.

3.45% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields, whilst 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents who either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment were asked the following question:

7. *If you disagree, please say why (Please type in your answer)*

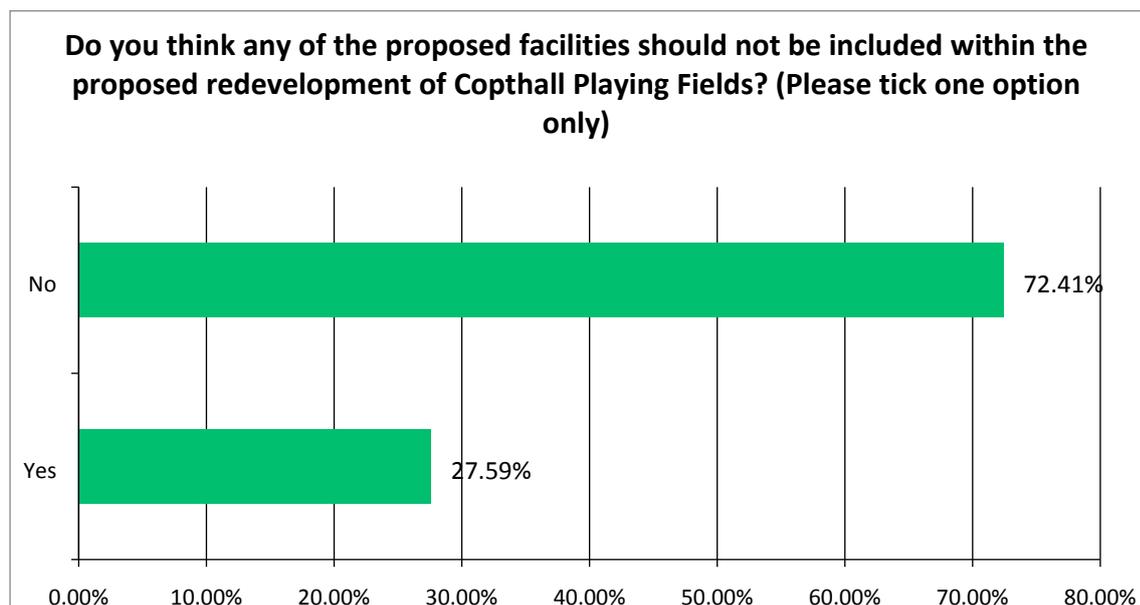
The following responses were received:

- *The plans should include a deep water pool for all abilities*
- *Strongly disagree with some aspects of sunny hill park proposal*
- *Whilst agree with objectives, the design layouts should be adjusted to account for Hasmorean proposals which not compromise overall objectives of sports hub*
- *There is potential to create an elite sports hub, a community sports hub and to maintain the openness of the green belt area; this potential has been only partially realised.*
- *The Master Plan is extremely unclear in terms of proposed Athletic provision*
- *I'm very concerned that a proper ecological survey has not been done. There are slow worms in the railway line and I saw one once by the field that has already been built on. You want to put artificial grass in, this will severely affect the biodiversity of the site and the way wildlife can move between the area; hedgehogs included. The wetlands is a good idea, there are already wetlands there though which have been thoroughly neglected for years. the bridge is nice idea improve the green infrastructure and access.*
- *We are losing more and more green spaces that are left for general use, not everyone wants sport facilities*

All respondents were then asked the following questions in relation to the proposed facilities to be introduced at the Copthall Playing Fields site:

8. *Do you think any of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



The majority of respondents, 72.41%, indicated that all of the proposed facilities should be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields. 27.59% of respondents indicated that all of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields.

Respondents who answered Yes to question eight were then asked the following question:

9. *If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)*

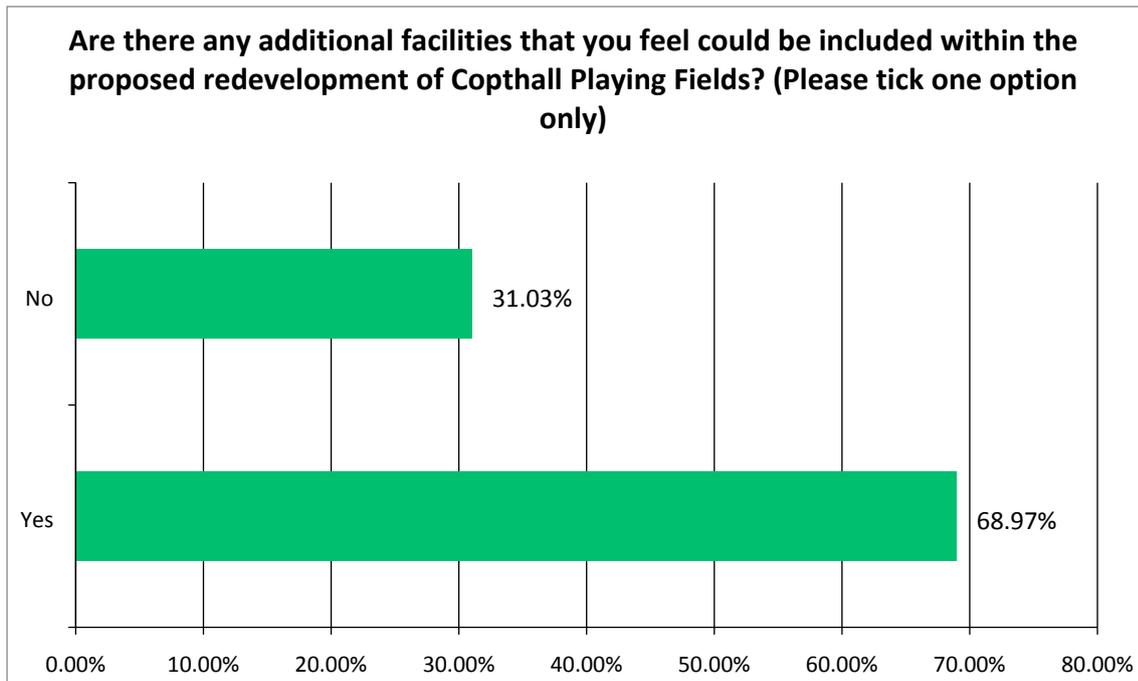
The following responses were received:

- *Diving, Synchro, Water Polo, Scuba etc*
- *Please please do not spend scarce funds on a totally needless path through the middle of sunny hill park. This destroys the integrity of the green space and is not needed as there is an existing path around the perimeter*
- *The nature conservation footpath loop should be adjusted to accommodate School proposals. All-weather pitch locations should be adjusted to show one in NW corner provided for school use but with full community use out of hours*
- *The Community sports hub seems to large, and would be better adjoined to an elite sports area.*
- *Athletics should be incorporated into the Mater Plan*
- *I think the artificial pitches for football are unnecessary as there is a Power league site just to the north of the area. Instead I think a hockey facility would provide a new and better addition to the area as the other major sports seem to be well catered for with the exception of hockey*
- *We do not need retail units and grass pitches are better than 3G as they are natural, we do not need more rubber crumb, it goes it children's eyes and is not environmental like real grass.*
- *the artificial grass- see above answer. And this underground parking facility sounds like it will be disastrous for the nature around there.*
- *More sports fields. The existing fields are already well used and at busy times access is difficult due to the heavy number of cars parking/accessing the space*

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the proposed facilities at the Copthall Playing Fields site:

10. *Are there any additional facilities that you feel could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



68.97% of respondents indicated that additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields. 31.03% of respondents indicated that no additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Playing Fields.

Respondents who answered Yes to question ten were then asked the following question:

11. If yes, please say which facilities and why:(Please type in your answer)

The following responses were received:

- *To develop a true regional sports hub, the site should include a road cycling race track. At the moment there are three tracks in north London - Hillingdon, Lee Valley Velopark and Redbridge. This leaves a gap for anyone wishing to race south of Welwyn Garden City and inbetween the existing tracks in north London. There are many active racing clubs in or near the borough including Finchley, London Phoenix, Islington Cycling Club (650+ members), Regents Park Rouleurs, Cycle Club London and Southgate. All of these clubs could benefit from a local track. When considering a BMX track, a good 1 mile circuit could be easily designed in the same space, and interact with the nature plans. A great example is Lee Valley, which provides an excellent circuit alongside a BMX track and through grassland design. The track would be able to draw extra funds for the project by charging for use by clubs to train, as well as charging race organisers. Local clubs would be more than happy to help organise and support such a scheme.*
- *As above a deep water pool for disability water sport*
- *Please spend the money saved on the needless path on improving the playground. It badly needs some attention and will improve fitness of local children and their families.*

- *Proposed new combined Hasmorean School at Copthall providing play and sport within master plan site and dual use community use via 16/6662/FUL amended application in consultation support with Barnet and Mayor*
- *A cricket oval and facilities for Middlesex Cricket on the area to the south of Allianz Park.*
- *Athletics should be included in the Master Plan*
- *PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY TENNIS FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE OLD LEISURE CENTRE AT BARNET COPTHALL. INTRODUCTION. Plans have been approved and construction has begun to relocate the Leisure Centre to a new location on the Copthall site. The relocation of the leisure centre has created an opportunity for the development of a small but dynamic Floodlit Community Tennis facility on a small area outside our current boarder alongside and in Partnership with, the very successful and well established adjacent Metro Golf Centre. Clear Plan It is important to have a clear Plan of the current position of Tennis Facilities in the area and the contribution that a dynamic Community Tennis Centre could make towards Tennis Development for all sections of the Community within the Borough. This Community Tennis Centre at Copthall as proposed, could make a significant contribution to Tennis Development and should be regarded as an essential part of the local Tennis Development in the Borough and in the wider North London Area and should be included as a viable Project in any future Borough. Tennis Strategy. 1 Position Statement. The Copthall Complex has a fine array of top class sports facilities foremost of which is the Alliance Park- home of the famed Saracens Rugby Club. Copthall's Athletics facilities together with Club Rugby, Football and Cricket Pitches are of the highest standard however there are no tennis courts on the Site which the proposed Community Tennis Centre seeks to redress. 2 What do we want to achieve? The development of a dynamic Community Tennis Centre attracting the whole Community and in particular Coaching Courses and Tennis Activities for local Schools who are without tennis facilities, disadvantaged Groups but most importantly for 'all sections of the Community' in line with the Inspired Facilities Programme. The Centre will be managed by Metro Golf Centre and its team which itself 'boasts' attendance figures of over 190 000 together with 10000 coaching lessons per annum catering for all levels of golfers from 'beginners' to tour players and also work closely with 18 schools in the local area together promoting the game of golf. The proposed Centre, when operational, could quickly become the 'hub' of Tennis activities in the Area, 'reaching out' to provide tennis coaching on Council Courts in neighbouring Parks. 3 Outline Plans and Costs. The aim is to construct 6 Synthetic Grass Courts, with fencing and low level Floodlights in line with Lawn Tennis Association's Advisory Notes on Tennis Court Construction. Metro Golf Centre is an established business that has a clubhouse, car park, restaurant, retail area and adequate space for Changing Facilities so what is unique about our proposal is that we already have a clubhouse and grounds that can facilitate the professional oversight, Management and Running Costs of the tennis facility. What do we need to do to achieve our Aims and Objectives? 4 Clarification from the London Borough of Barnet on the timescale of the proposed relocation of the existing Leisure Centre. 4.1 Formal support for the proposed Community Tennis Centre. 4.2 Inclusion of the proposed Centre in the Borough's Tennis Development*

Strategy. 4.3 Support from the Borough of an Application to the National Lottery Sports Fund. Comment. The opportunity therefore arises for the Construction and Development of a dynamic Community Tennis Centre that will benefit all Residents and prospective 'Tennis Champions' of the Future. -- Brenden Van Rooyen and Fintan Daly Metro Golf Centre Champions Way Hendon London, NW4 1PX Tel: 0208 202 1202 <https://www.metrogolfcentre.co.uk/>

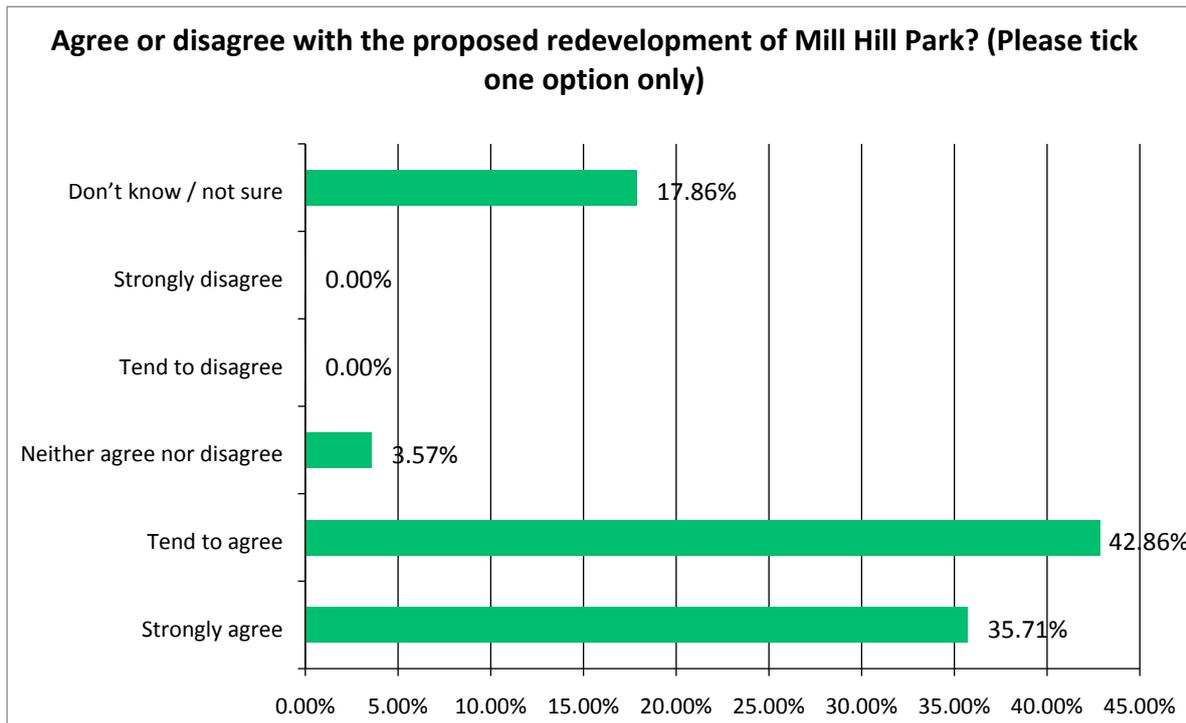
- *Enhanced Nature Conservation*
- *A grass hockey pitch and a few storage facilities for new clubs that may want to base themselves on site. Providing a secure outbuilding for clubs to store training equipment and accessories would provide a good long term prospect for new clubs and teams to develop with the provision of costly new facilities like this development. First aid or a small health centre should be considered with all the variety of activities which could lead to minor injuries.*
- *Diving facilities*
- *Parking, especial controls on match days at Saracens*
- *Indoor Court/ Sports hall for multi use. This would allow for indoor games to be played and for the facility to be used more often all year round. Much of the development will be used by public during spring and summer months with late autumn and winter meaning far less use. Would be nice for the facility to be utilised by larger groups year round*
- *Where the community centre? How is the area going to be maintained? What about an environmental education centre? Orchard. Bike hire*
- *Alternative sports which are becoming popular such as American Football, Baseball etc*
- *Wildlife centre and wildlife guides.*
- *Improvements to the cycling routes connecting with the "Feature bridge to connect the Copthall Playing Fields site with Sunny Hill Park".*
- *A 50m swimming pool would transform the hub into a national center for excellence.*
- *1 mile cycle circuit (tarmac) - for fitness and competition purposes*
- *Proper cycle circuit to allow development of a cycle club in Barnet; the borough lacks any safe space for children or adults to ride with a club and obtain proper coaching. Look at Hillingdon Slipstreamers at Minute Country Park in Heys for an example of what is possible. Barnet is the ONLY London borough with no cycle club or safe cycle space for children (and adults!)*

2.2.4 Mill Hill Park

The consultation included background information regarding the Mill Hill Park site, as well as descriptions and diagrams of the proposed enhancements and developments to the site, as proposed through the Master Plan. Based on this, respondents were asked the following question:

12. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



78.57% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park. Within this, 35.71% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 42.86% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

0.00% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park.

3.57% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park, whilst 17.86% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents who either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment were asked the following question:

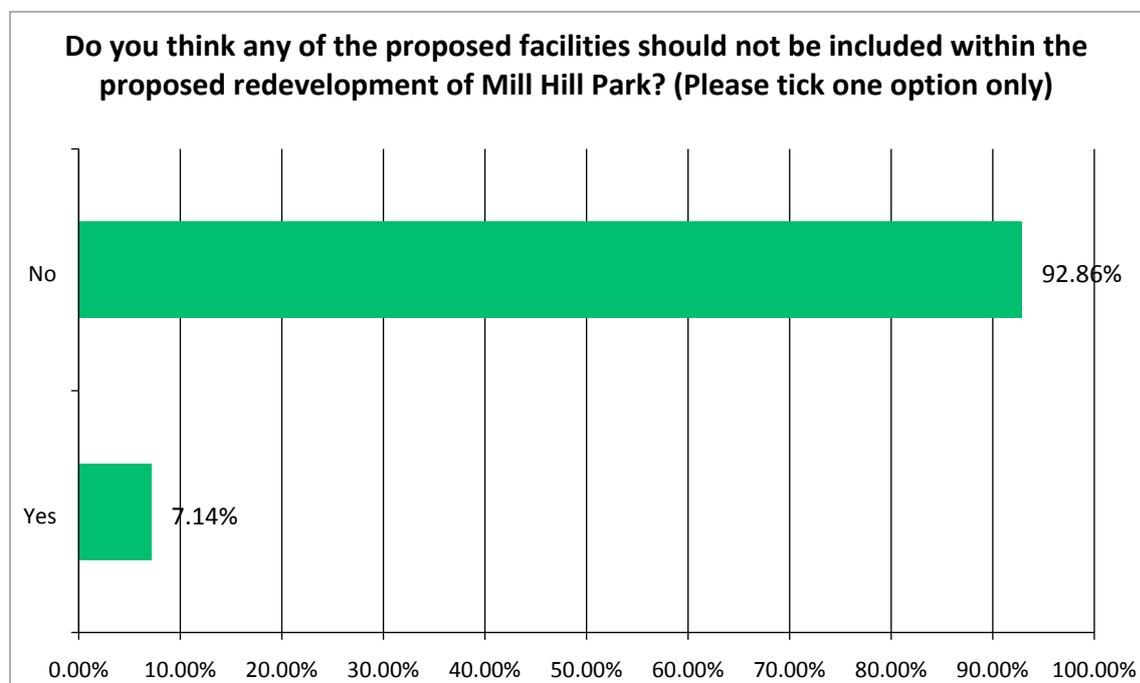
13. If you disagree, please say why (Please type in your answer)

As no respondents either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment, no responses were received for this question.

All respondents were then asked the following questions in relation to the proposed facilities at the Mill Hill Park site:

14. Do you think any of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



The majority of respondents, 92.86%, indicated that all of the proposed facilities should be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park. 7.14% of respondents indicated that all of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question fourteen were then asked the following question:

15. If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)

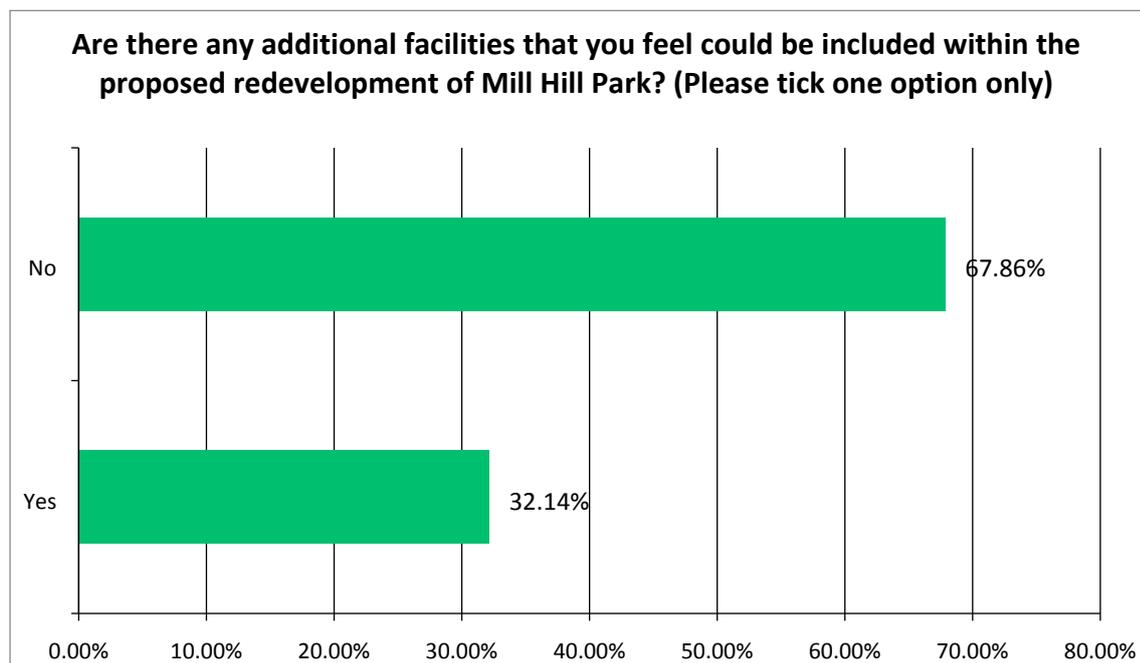
The following responses were received:

- *Water Fountains*
- *I don't see why the skate facility is placed at Mill Hill away from all the other facilities at Copthall. I think keeping these sort of facilities together would be a better idea, especially with the BMX track.*

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the proposed facilities at the Mill Hill Park site:

16. *Are there any additional facilities that you feel could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



67.86% of respondents indicated that no additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park. 32.14% of respondents indicated that additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Mill Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question sixteen were then asked the following question:

17. *If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)*

The following responses were received:

- *An area safe from cars to help children learn sports such as cycling and skateboarding would be a great addition. The skatepark will inspire children, but they need somewhere to learn the basics as well. Already the park is somewhat of a desirable location to teach children to cycle, but it is always on shared paths*
- *Decent coffee*

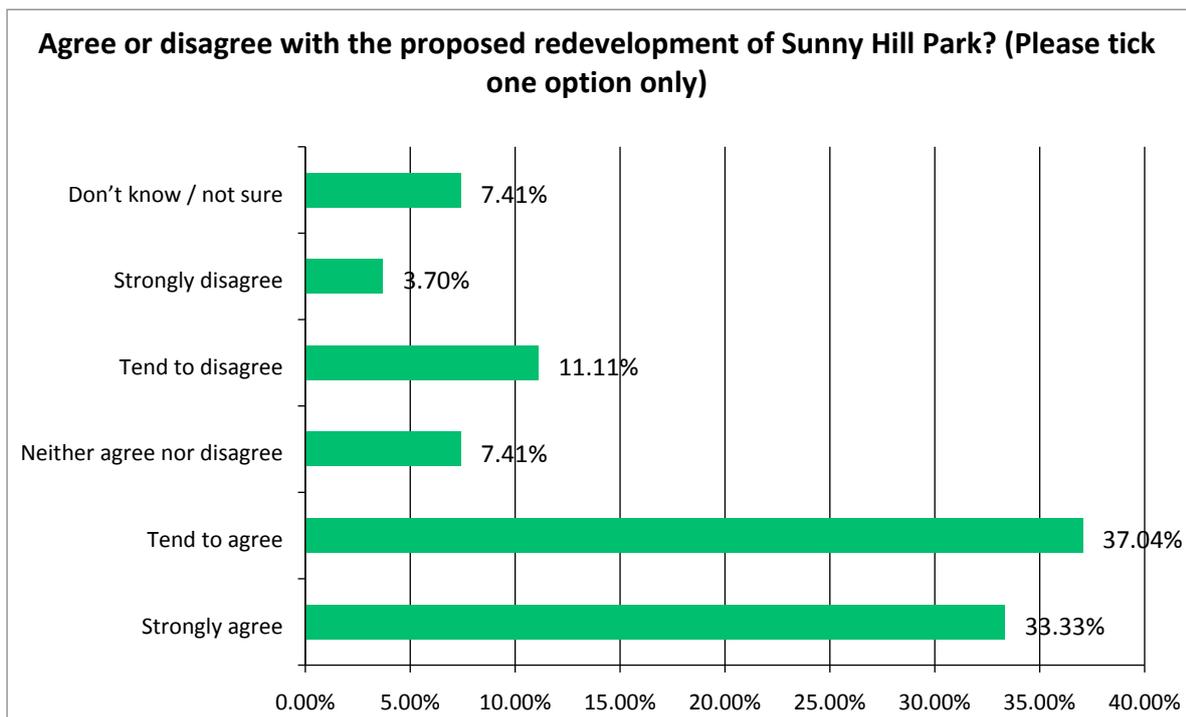
- *An outdoor splash pool and sand pit in the playground*
- *There is currently a basketball court which is often used in the summer. An updated court with new fittings would be a great addition to the area. It would also be nice to see a potential volleyball court introduced (or one of the courts made multi-purpose). It would also be sensible to have a first aid area if a skate park is to be introduced as it is often a site of small injuries and it should be accessible for an ambulance if necessary.*
- *Mobile coffee shop.*
- *Toilets aren't mentioned and 5ey are required.*
- *Maybe the tennis courts could be MUGAS to include a wider variety oif sports to be played on them. Also skate area should maybe be closer to the park keepers lodge for observation as these are typically frequented by older youths without parental guidance, so may be more beneficial to be closely situated to the lodge to maintain proper use*
- *I believe it would be beneficial if the tennis courts had floodlights*
- *Cricket pavilion, marked cycle path, dedicatod dog walking area, fitness run with exercises.*

2.2.5 Sunny Hill Park

The consultation included background information regarding the Sunny Hill Park site, as well as descriptions and diagrams of the proposed enhancements and developments to the site, as proposed through the Master Plan. Based on this, respondents were asked the following question:

18. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



70.37% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park. Within this, 33.33% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 37.04% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

14.81% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park. Within this, 3.70% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment and 11.11% of respondents tended to disagree with the proposed redevelopment.

7.41% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park, whilst 7.41% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents who either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment were asked the following question:

19. If you disagree, please say why (Please type in your answer)

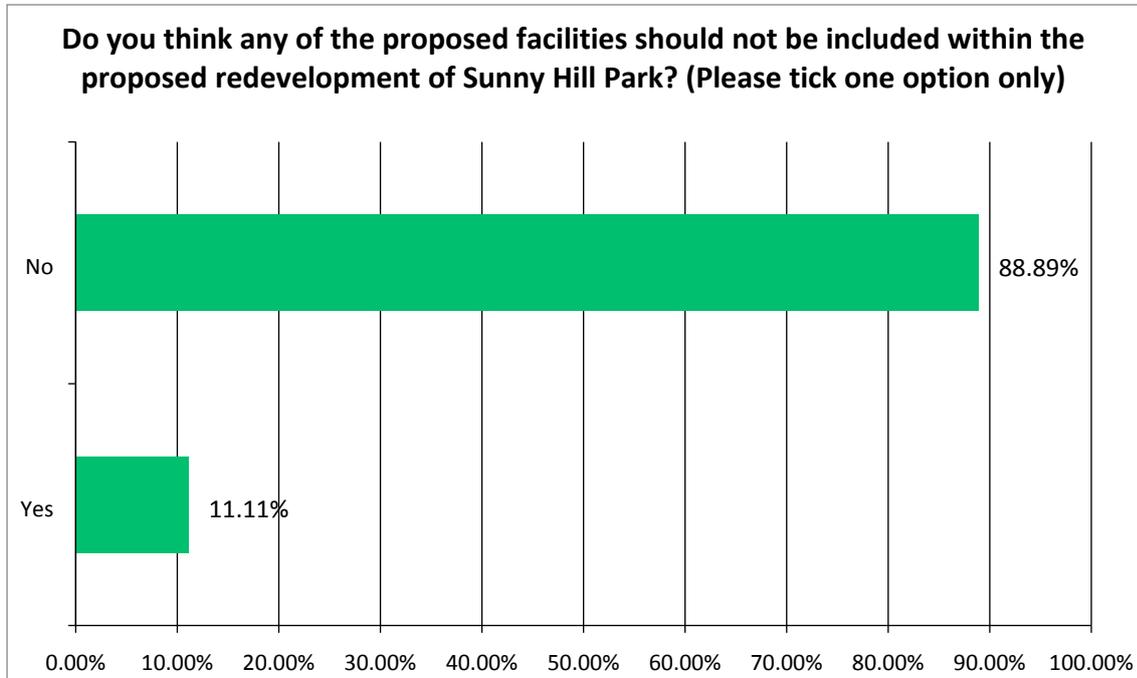
The following responses were received:

- *Most of the plan is good but please do not put a path through the middle of the park.*
- *Sunnyhill park is very close to Middlesex University with a large population on site. With the Copthall Allianz park partnership it would be nice to see more done with this site as it could benefit from greater use. The development of the tennis courts would be nice to see more MUGAS for greater use. Also the park in wetter months has a tendency to flood/ become very sludgy. Better drainage for the cricket pitch. More open space to play/ have picnic. Not enough benches or areas to sit. The cafe is nice, would be great to keep this and maybe add more outdoor seating provision. Cycle route improvement is def a must due to the MDX uni students using this, especially in the darker months to get to Allianz park. Lastly I was a police officer at Colindale station and on a few occasions had incidents late at night in the open car park areas of Sunnyhill park with youth in cars, drinking, and driving dangerously as well as taking illegal substances. The entrances to car parks to be locked, greater lighting of open routes such as cycle routes etc, more visibility from the highway into the park*
- *The cycle path through the park is unacceptable, improve and repair the paths on the outside of the park. Not only would it be harmful for wildlife, it's dangerous for people and dogs too as cyclists will go haring through*
- *Sunny Hill is a very large park that is greatly under used. Better facilities ie. skateboarding could be accommodated within this park*

All respondents were then asked the following questions in relation to the proposed facilities at the Sunny Hill Park site:

20. Do you think any of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



The majority of respondents, 88.89%, indicated that all of the proposed facilities should be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park. 11.11% of respondents indicated that all of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question twenty were then asked the following question:

21. If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)

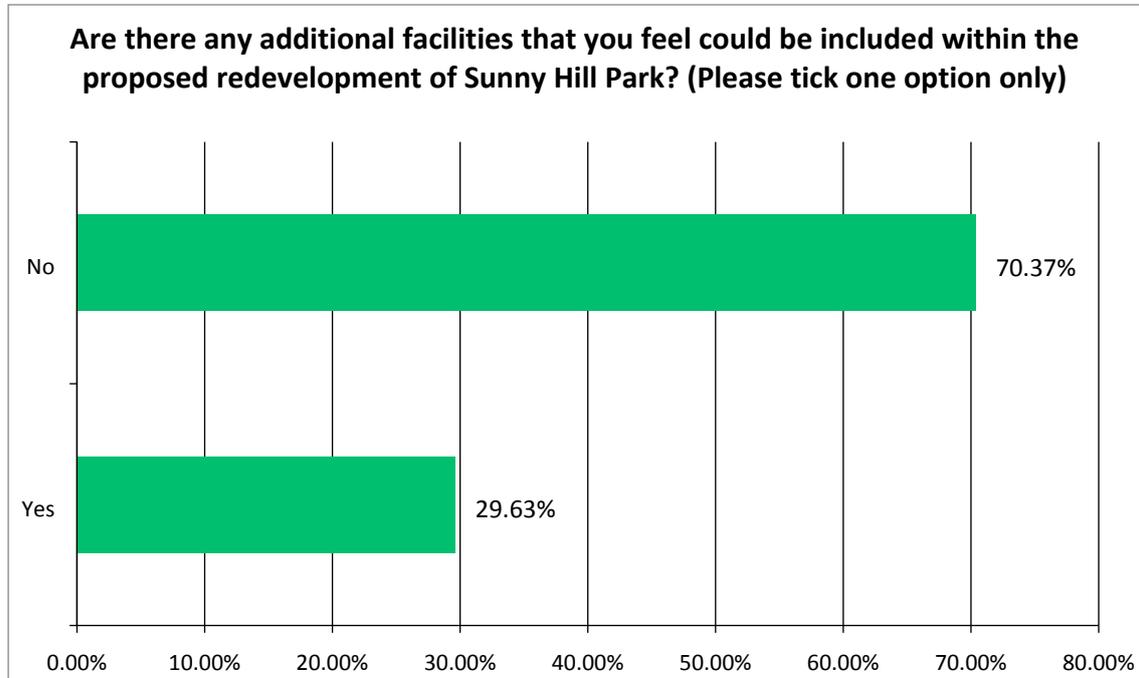
The following responses were received:

- *Path through the middle of the park is a waste of scarce funds and not needed. There is an existing path around the perimeter. Adding a path would destroy the integrity of the park*
- *Tennis courts for MUGAs. Also how widely would the cricket squer be utilised? would this be better suited to the main sports hub at Copthall, especially due to the drainage issues at Sunnyhill?*
- *the cycle path through the park.*

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the proposed facilities at the Sunny Hill Park site:

22. *Are there any additional facilities that you feel could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



29.63% of respondents indicated that additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park. 70.37% of respondents indicated that no additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Sunny Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question twenty-two were then asked the following question:

23. *If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)*

The following responses were received:

- *Improve the playground please. Much needed and will encourage children and their families to keep active*
- *Very important to create links to Copthall playing fields and provide most informal use here rather than the sports and Hasmorean school area. Segregated pedestrian access very important for school pupils using the park for access*
- *Coffee shop*
- *More seating areas, open 'play zones' for games. Better drainage, lighting. Maybe some sort of a 'garden' area for people. More 'park like' with a variety of attractions*
- *Tennis courts should be provided with floodlights to enable use during winter month*
- *Repair the pond for people and wildlife*

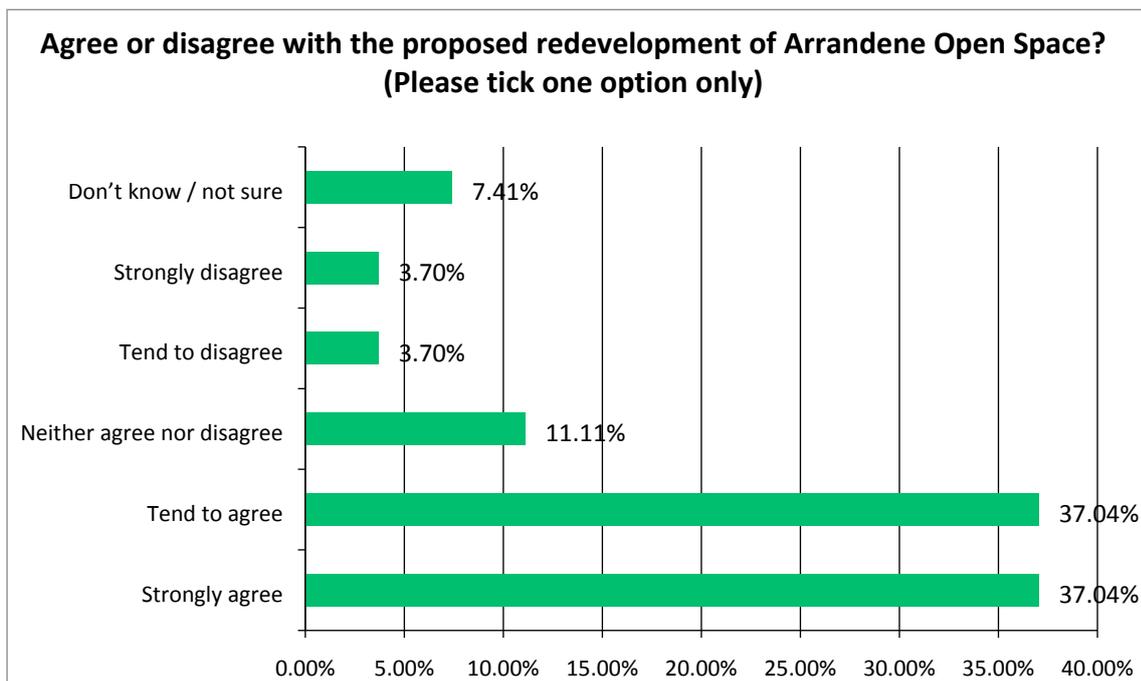
- *Putting green could be reintroduced. The pond area could be redeveloped. An improved playground area*
- *Wildlife centre and guides*

2.2.6 Arrandene Open Space

The consultation included background information regarding the Arrandene Open Space site, as well as descriptions and diagrams of the proposed enhancements and developments to the site, as proposed through the Master Plan. Based on this, respondents were asked the following question:

24. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



74.08% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space. Within this, 37.04% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 37.04% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

7.40% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space. Within this, 3.70% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment and 3.70% of respondents tended to disagree with the proposed redevelopment.

11.11% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space, whilst 7.41% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents who either tended to disagree or strongly disagree with the proposed redevelopment were asked the following question:

25. *If you disagree, please say why (Please type in your answer)*

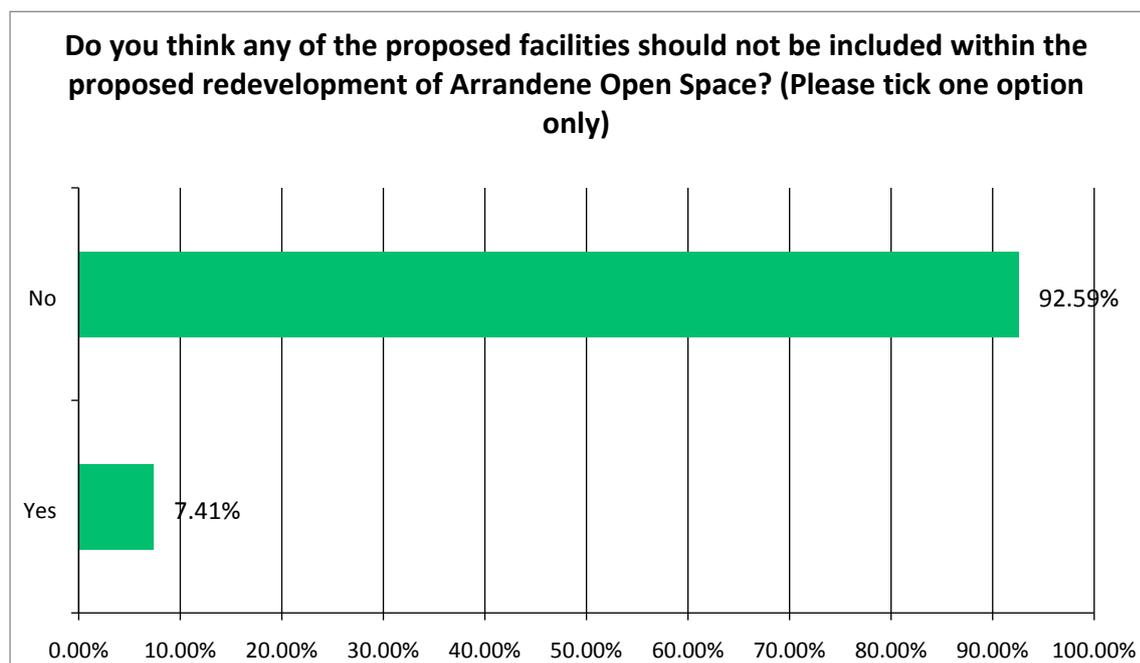
The following responses were received:

- *It should be left naturally, it's not a park it's a different kind of open space. Please leave it as natural as possible.*
- *this park/ space seems to be simply the development of better access to other sites, so not much to comment on*
- *That 'improved' path is very vague. Please don't put a pavement through it, it will utterly destroy the character of the space. Another site barnet has neglected for years.*

All respondents were then asked the following questions in relation to the proposed facilities to be introduced at the Arrandene Open Space site:

26. *Do you think any of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



The majority of respondents, 92.59% indicated that all of the proposed facilities should be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space. 7.41% of respondents indicated that all of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space.

Respondents who answered Yes to question twenty-six were then asked the following question:

27. *If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)*

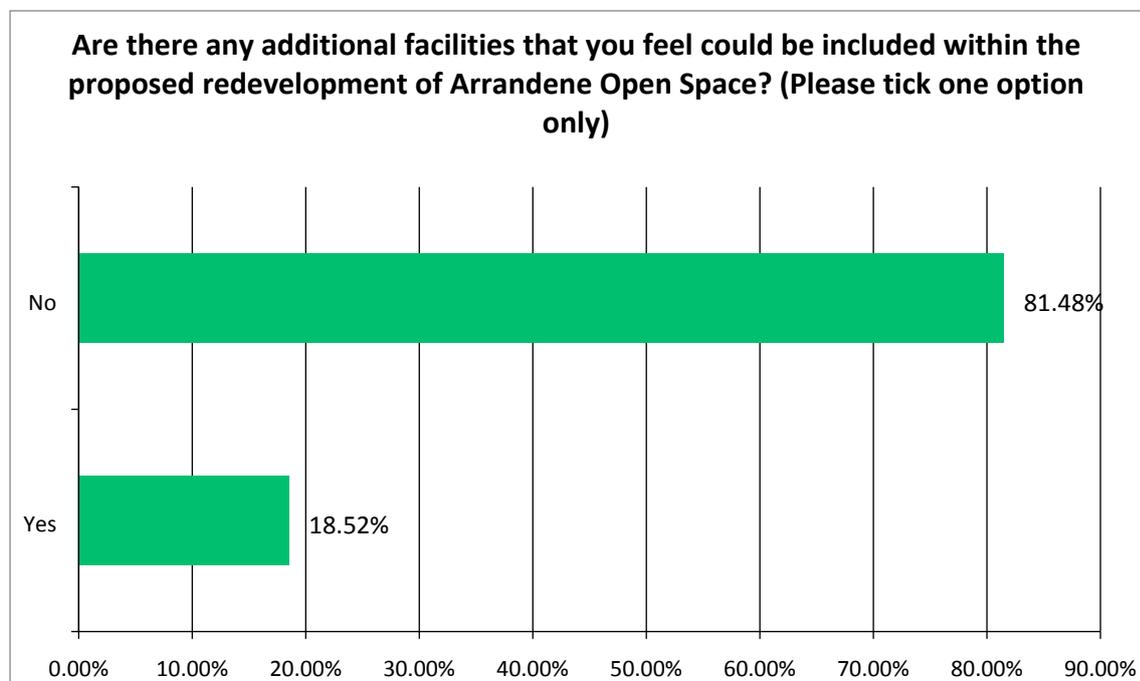
The following responses were received:

- *should be left untouched*
- *The pathway as above. DON'T DO IT.*

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the proposed facilities at the Arrandene Open Space site:

28. *Are there any additional facilities that you feel could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space? (Please tick one option only)*

The results are shown in the graph below:



18.52% of respondents indicated that additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space. 81.48% of respondents indicated that no additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Arrandene Open Space.

Respondents who answered Yes to question twenty-eight were then asked the following question:

29. *If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)*

The following responses were received:

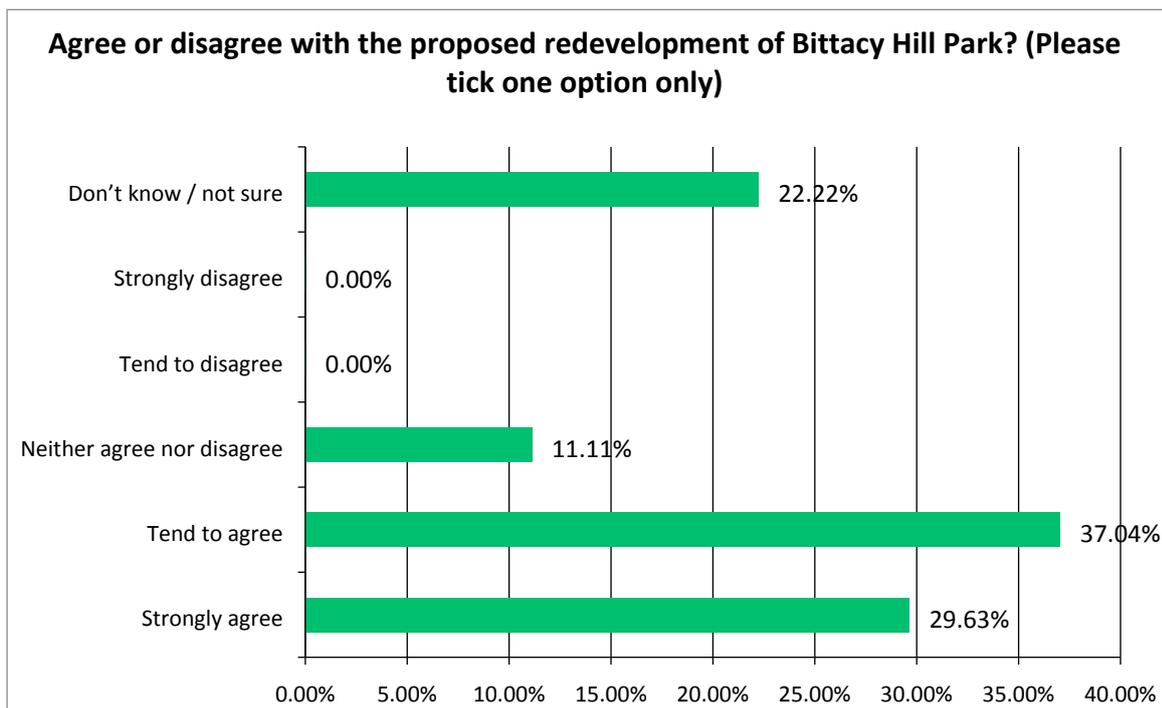
- *An area reserved for promoting certain plant species naturally occurring in the fields would be nice so it can be used as a facility for local schools to use for teaching*
- *Cycle route linking all parks*
- *there are plenty but the focus is on pushing traffic to the main hub, so this seems to be an access route/ green space to the HUB*
- *manage the pond and wetlands in the woods.. Stop the succession of the fields. This site is crying out for a nature conservation project.*
- *Cycle access to the western entrance (Featherstone Hill) from Wise Lane near to the entrance to Mill Hill Park. The. last time I was there, you could not get a bicycle through the gate..*

2.2.7 Bittacy Hill Park

The consultation included background information regarding the Bittacy Hill Park site, as well as descriptions and diagrams of the proposed enhancements and developments to the site, as proposed through the Master Plan. Based on this, respondents were asked the following question:

30. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



66.67% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park. Within this, 29.63% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 37.04% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

0.00% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park.

11.11% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park, whilst 22.22% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents who either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment were asked the following question:

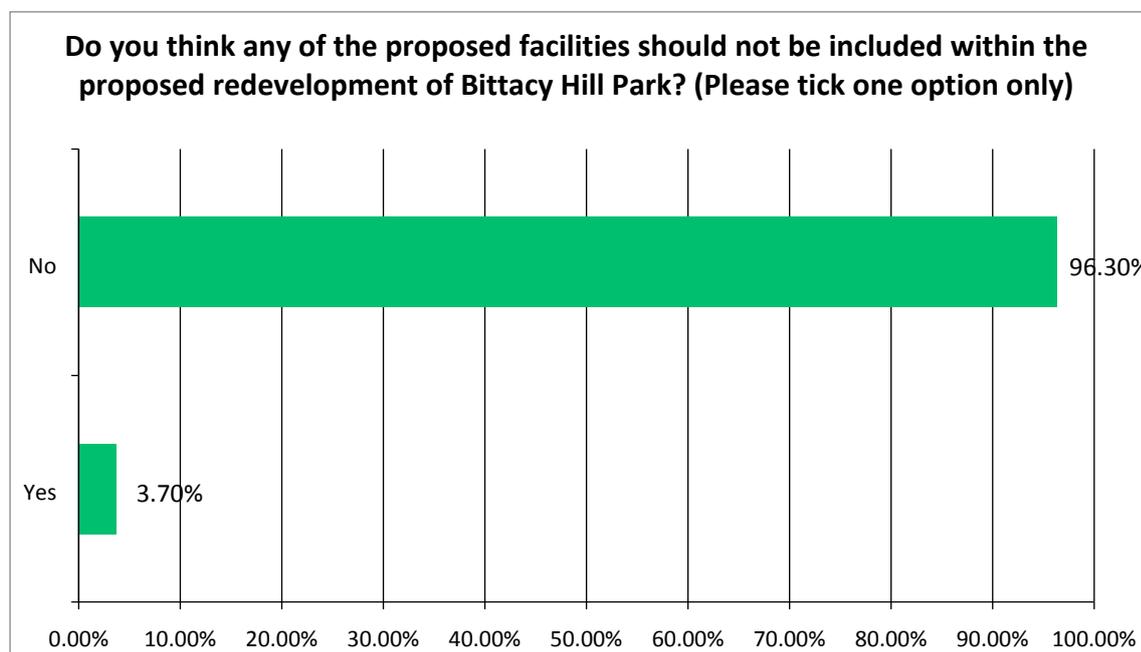
31. If you disagree, please say why (Please type in your answer)

As no respondents either tended to disagree or strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment, no responses were received for this question.

All respondents were then asked the following questions in relation to the proposed facilities at the Bittacy Hill Park site:

32. Do you think any of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



The majority of respondents, 96.30%, indicated that all of the proposed facilities should be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park. 3.70% of respondents indicated that all of the proposed facilities should not be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question thirty-two were then asked the following question:

33. If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)

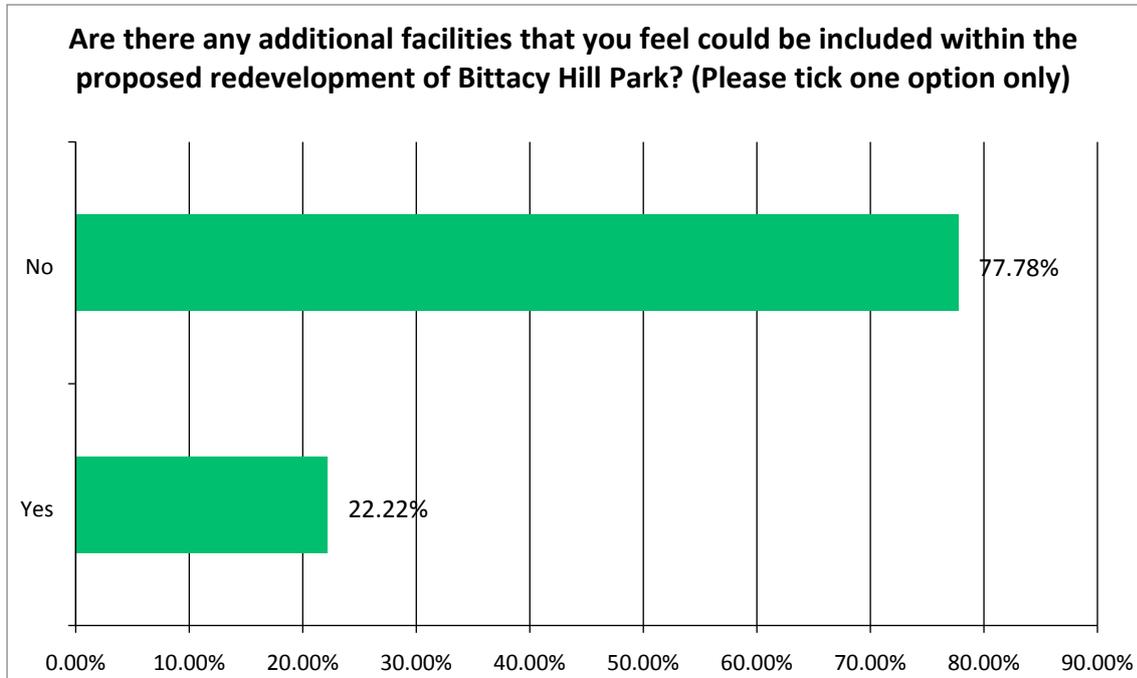
The following responses were received:

- *Can't comment as have only visited the park once.*

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the proposed facilities at the Bittacy Hill Park site:

34. Are there any additional facilities that you feel could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



22.22% of respondents indicated that additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park. 77.78% of respondents indicated that no additional facilities could be included within the proposed redevelopment of Bittacy Hill Park.

Respondents who answered Yes to question thirty-four were then asked the following question:

35. If yes, please say which facilities and why: (Please type in your answer)

The following responses were received:

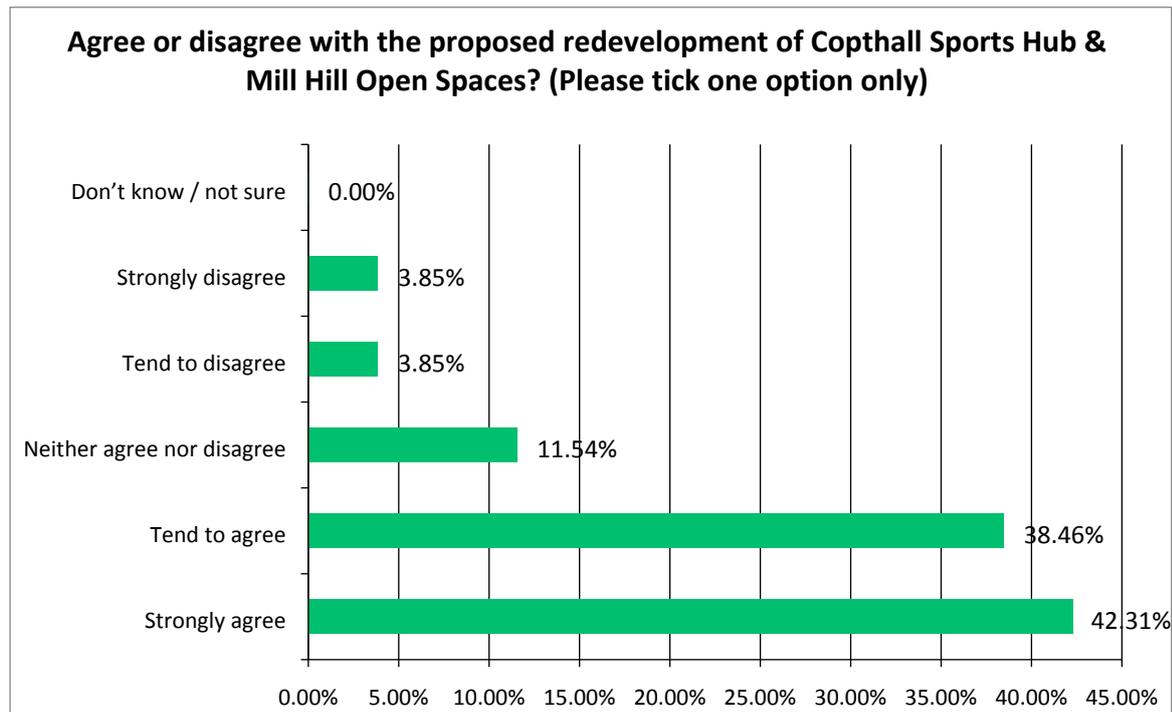
- *It would be nice to have a small outdoor splash pool and sand pit in the playground*
- *Cycle route. Coffee shop*
- *An outdoor gym would be fantastic*
- *Toilets and a café*
- *again plenty, but this has a small attraction in the courts and better pathways, again these smaller areas are making way for greater focus on the larger areas, but still maintains some attractive features for a small facility. main thing is to make sure pathways are well kept, maybe clear cycle and walking lanes! which are well lit*
- *Can't comment as have only visited the park once*
- *Water fountains.*

2.2.8 Overall Master Plan

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to the overall Copthall Playing Fields and Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan:

36. Overall, to what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces? (Please tick one option only)

The results are shown in the graph below:



80.77% of respondents indicated that they agreed with the overall proposed redevelopment of Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces. Within this, 42.31% of respondents strongly agreed with the proposed redevelopment and 38.46% of respondents tended to agree with the proposed redevelopment.

7.70% of respondents indicated that they disagreed with the overall proposed redevelopment of Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces. Within this, 3.85% of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposed redevelopment and 3.85% of respondents tended to disagree with the proposed redevelopment.

11.54% of respondents neither agreed or disagreed with the proposed redevelopment of Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces, whilst 0.00% of respondents didn't know or were not sure about the proposed redevelopment.

Respondents were then asked the following question in relation to providing additional comments or feedback regarding the overall Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan:

37. Please provide any additional comments or feedback that you have regarding the proposed redevelopment of the overall Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan: (Please type in your answer)

The following responses were received:

- *The London Borough of Barnet should have access to a deep water facility at the Copthall site.*
- *I live in Sunningfields Road and my local neighbours and friends who are regular park users did not know about the consultation. No visible signs in Sunny Hill park that I saw. I don't think this gives people the chance to respond. More publicity of consultations please.*
- *It is fantastic and I look forward to see the development progress!*
- *Hasmonean school is currently amending its application for a new combined school 16/6662/FUL to provide new school buildings on the existing girls school site, but the informal open space at Copthall can be enhanced by the school and used as dual use with the community. The school proposes delivery of a new all-weather pitch within Copthall playing fields that will be available for community use. The school is a key stakeholder as adjoining landowner and can provide funding to deliver objectives of the Master Plan, however, the illustrative design layouts should be adjusted in consultation with the school (Omitted from all previous consultation on this master plan) so that 1400 pupil residents of Barnet and their parents can be accommodated for education, open space and sport along with all residents. The school can be an important contribution to the delivery and funding mechanisms without adverse impact to nature conservation. The amended proposals retain and enhance nature conservation and open space in line with the master plan*
- *A cricket facility for Middlesex cricket would sit well on the area to the south of Allianz Park*
- *We acknowledge the asset and potential of Copthall open space and welcome the Council's decision to prepare a Master Plan for the space. Copthall is the home of Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers (SBH) with over 100 members being present on Sunday 26 July 1964 when the track opened. SBH is one of the premier athletic clubs in the Country for track & field, cross country and road. The Club boasts 37 Olympians since 1972 as well as many more Commonwealth Games and World Championship athletes out of a current membership of around 500. Currently the club has about 150 young athletes regularly training at Allianz Park often two or three times each week. SBH also has its own clubhouse with a 30 year lease at the southern end of the stadium which it allows both Middlesex University and Saracens to use free of charge on a regular basis. The stadium is home to Barnet & District Athletic Club (BDAC) which also has a long history of training and competing at Allianz Park, and in providing an alternative offer to SBH. The stadium is also the home of athletics for most if not all the schools in Barnet and is the only venue suitable for inter-school competitions in the Borough. The stadium provides*

an important local, regional and national facility for athletic competitions. With the exception of the Olympic Stadium, Allianz Park is the premier venue for athletics in London. Working in partnership with Saracens, a high-quality facility has been created which supports and nurtures club and school athletics, as well as regional competitions. Despite all the above the Master Plan documents contains little or no real reference to Athletics or any material reference to the usage of the facilities by schools, clubs and the community other than a cursory comment made by SBH members at the consultation meetings; “Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers supportive of the better footpaths and routes proposed. They currently use Sunny Hill Park for training.” (Page 125) and a reference at a meeting with Saracens on 12 May 2017 where Saracens advised the consultants that they “Host 2 Athletic clubs” (Page 118). No official approach or consultation was carried out with either SBH (even though they have a leasehold interest) or BDAC. We found this very disappointing particularly as meetings were held with both rugby clubs who, with due respect, have significantly less use of the facilities in terms of numbers of participating members. It is understood that the consultants also met with Saracens and the Rugby Football Union. Given the importance of Allianz Park to local, regional and national athletics, it seems surprising and disappointing that the consultants did not seek to formally consult with the National Governing Bodies, England Athletics / UK Athletics. SBH & BDAC therefore requested an urgent meeting to put our case due to what appears to be the virtual complete failure to take into account the long term future of athletics on the Copthall site. This is of great concern to the clubs. We are grateful to Dennis Holmes and Cassie Bridger for agreeing to meet us on 26 June 2018 to discuss our concerns. What is also worrying, is that the document makes reference to Saracens with a new stand would have capacity for 15,000 (Page 118). Whilst this may be technically correct, the actual planning permission granted states that capacity will be 10,500 after the new stand is built with an ability to increase the capacity to 15,000 on 2 occasions out of the 16 home matches in a rugby season. However, when this happens it puts the track out of commission for virtually 2 weeks at a time. We are unclear whether the document merely refers to the temporary capacity twice a year or a longer-term vision for the Master Plan. This has real implications for athletics. The report also states that the number of people who attend matches at Allianz Park annually is 750,000, this is an impossible figure as it equates to over 14,400 per week for 52 weeks of the year. It is useful to note that the “regular” athletic competition season runs for six months from the beginning of April to the end of September. When the new East stand was constructed in 2012 we agreed to the loss of April and September for competitions as per the S106 agreement which stated that the track would be operational by the beginning of May. This has never been achieved and effectively the season for athletics at Allianz Park starts in June and ends in August, thus cutting three months out of the six-month season. This is even worse for schools as their season ends in July when the school term ends. Any further encroachment on the athletics season will effectively end the viability of athletic competitions at Allianz Park. It has been widely reported in the press that Saracens are losing millions of pounds each year. Their current economic model is clearly not sustainable. Saracens have a long lease and are obviously a key factor if the future viability of the proposed Master Plan and if its vision is to be realised. In order to break even, Saracens will

clearly need to increase their capacity – perhaps to 15,000 or more for every match. This would make the use of the stadium impossible for both athletics and rugby on a fit for purpose basis. For instance the track is already reduced to four lanes in rugby mode which proves extremely challenging for both athletic clubs. Rugby is also actively considering extending their season beyond the middle of May towards the end of June. This would reduce the full-time athletics use of the stadium from the three months to less than two months and hence inoperable for both sports. On face value these issues may not seem to be Planning Policy / Master Planning issues. However, the vision for Copthall needs to set out how both rugby and athletics can survive successfully and hopefully continue to operate in partnership for the greater good. Realistically this may well mean that the athletics track needs to be removed from within the stadium, a proposal that may be welcomed by Saracens. However, in terms of the athletic clubs, school, regional and national athletics it is critical that a fit for purpose alternative is made available. The only way this could be adequately achieved is through the provision of a new track with appropriate associated facilities i.e. club house/changing rooms and toilets. We already have limited usage of the track for both training during the rugby season and during a shortened athletic season. The report states that as the LBB population grows there's a need for more community space. We agree and believe that Copthall, with the right facilities will lead to increased athletics / fitness usage by all the community. As it is, there are insufficient days when Allianz Park is in athletics mode for all LBB schools to be able to book the facility for Sports Day events let alone training days. Encouraging the community, and in particular young people, to participate in athletics activities can only benefit the health, opportunities and well-being of the LBB population as a whole. The draft report, in its present format, begs the question 'does the London Borough of Barnet want to provide the option of athletics activities for all its residents'?

- PROPOSAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COMMUNITY TENNIS FACILITY ON THE SITE OF THE OLD LEISURE CENTRE AT BARNET COPTHALL. INTRODUCTION. (As response in question 11)
- I think the focus should be on long term development for the area to bring clubs into the area and build a strong sporting platform for other facilities to create more competitive options in the future once there is a visible demand for these facilities. There is a variety of backgrounds in the area and having a mix of facilities will enable youngsters to try different sports and settle with the one they most enjoy, hopefully making them more active and healthier adults in the future. I think there should however also be consideration made to the care facilities, supervision and security for these areas in the evening and at night (particularly during the winter months) to avoid them becoming a site for anti-social behaviour.
- More parking.
- How will you manage the parking and traffic? Recently my children and I went for a long bike ride around Mill Hill via Copthall, the parking on Sunday relating to children's football on the pitches was horrendous. We had to get off our bikes and walk as it was so dangerous. People parking everywhere and anywhere. I am concerned generally about the over development of our green borough
- I have commented on each section so hopefully these comments will be taken into account. The main thing with improving routes and access would be to indicate

clear walking and cycle routes, which are clearly marked for the different traffic, also that routes are wide enough and well lit for year round use, especially if it is an access route to another facility (Sunnyhill to Copthall) . Would be nice to see an indoor sports hall facility at Copthall to incorporate indoor activity and promote year round use of the facility. All other comments are laid out individually

- *Within the Copthall Sports hub development, efforts should be made to centralise the rugby offering. There are effectively 3 rugby clubs on site, with their own facilities. This doesn't make sense, to anyone not involved with the existing clubs.*
- *I'm very concerned that an ecological survey has not been carried out. Or that regular users of the park have been properly consulted- I wasn't and I'm a very active user of those parks and known to the council. Barnet show no regard for their green spaces, they seem to be more about making money than caring for the environment. There is no provision for any community facilities. Access, infrastructure and signage all need to be improved but Barnet's branding is generally hideous and negative*
- *I would support any plans that give a continuous cycle route from the Middlesex University area to Wise Lane and beyond.*
- *I support creating a new central link to connect pedestrians and cyclists from Middlesex University to Mill Hill Park via Sunny Hill Park, Copthall and Arrandene. However, West Hendon Playing Fields is isolated west of the A5, which has no safe cycling route. East-west cycling routes are also very important. Direct on-road cycle routes are needed, linking sports facilities to Mill Hill Broadway, Mill Hill East, Grahame Park and Finchley. Connections from Mill Hill East should be improved by converting the railway path to shared use between Sanders Lane and Page Street. This would be a good alternative to Pursley Road. Detailed comments on the 4 routes crossing the Rail/M1/A1: Route 01. A semi-segregated cycle track is needed on Bunns Lane / Page Street. Lighting and speed restrictions under the rail tunnel on Bunns Lane would help, but a safer route from Mill Hill would be to use Station Road, Woodland Way & Flower Lane instead and this should be developed as a Quiet Route. Route 02. Cycle lanes on Grahame Park Way are inadequate. A two-way segregated cycle track needs to be constructed using the wide verge on the east side of the road, with suitable Toucan crossings to access the estate on the west side. Route 03. Given the change in levels, a tunnel would be preferable to a bridge. Either option would be very expensive and it may be better to focus resources on high quality improvements to nearby routes. Route 04. A safe cycle route along the whole length of Aerodrome Road is needed. Where possible, this should be segregated from pedestrians as well as motorists. We look forward to seeing a similar plan for accessing the new leisure centre in Victoria Park.*
- *As mentioned previously in the questionnaire, the redevelopment is a fantastic opportunity to make space available for a cycle club to be set up with a proper space and track for coaching and a safe environment for children and adults to ride.*

2.2.9 Written responses to the questionnaire

Please see attached the following written responses as Appendices:

Appendix 1 - Middlesex University



Appendix 1 -
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Appendix 2 - Saracens RFC



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Appendix 3 – Middlesex County Cricket Club and England & Wales Cricket Board



Appendix 3 -
Middlesex CCC & Eng

Appendix 4 - Mill Hill Preservation Society



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Appendix 5 - Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers and Barnet & District Athletic Club



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Appendix 6 - CSJ Planning Consultants (on behalf of Hasmorean School)



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Appendix 7 - Mill Hill Neighbourhood Forum



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Appendix 8 – Friends of Mill Hill Park



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Appendix 9 – Mill Hill RFC



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RFC.pdf

Appendix 10 – Barnet Resident A



Appendix 10 -
Resident A.pdf

Appendix 11 – Barnet Resident B



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