

Ifield Road Playground improvements

Consultation report

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Background

Ifield Road Playground is a small outdoor play area located along Ifield Road, next to Earl's Court Youth Club.

It has toddler swings, a wooden see-saw and a metal climbing frame on blue safety matting. It also has trees, flowers and shrubs. The play equipment and its blue safety surfacing are coming to the end of their life and need to be replaced.

Consultation Methodology

An online survey was promoted to residents via a variety of means (like posters in the playground and within Earl's Court Youth Club), including the Council's website and e-newsletter and Council officers also visited the park and distributed paper versions of the survey for residents to complete.

Report

A total of 22 surveys were returned by the deadline. This report contains data tables and comments detailing the responses to the survey questions. Percentage figures are not included in in this document as these figures can be misleading due to the low number of responses.

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Results of the consultation

The below is a brief summary of findings from the consultation.

1: How often do you visit Ifield Road Playground?

Eight respondents said they visit the playground once a week and seven two to three times a week.

| Option | Total |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Everyday | 4 |
| Two to three times a week | 7 |
| Once a week | 8 |
| Once a month | 2 |
| Rarely | 1 |
| Never | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

2: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with the following aspects of the current playground?

Current satisfaction - Play equipment

A total of seven respondents were satisfied, to some extent with the playground equipment. However, fifteen people are dissatisfied.

| Option | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Very satisfied | 1 |
| Satisfied | 6 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 0 |
| Dissatisfied | 15 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0 |
| I have not visited the playground | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

Current satisfaction - Playground surfacing

A total of 11 respondents were either very satisfied or satisfied with the playground surfacing. However, eight respondents were dissatisfied.

| Option | Total |
|------------------------------------|-------|
| Very satisfied | 2 |
| Satisfied | 9 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 3 |
| Dissatisfied | 8 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0 |
| I have not visited the playground | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

Current satisfaction – Trees

A total of 14 respondents were satisfied, to some extent, with the trees.

| Option | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Very satisfied | 1 |
| Satisfied | 13 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 5 |
| Dissatisfied | 3 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0 |
| I have not visited the playground | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

Current satisfaction – Hedges

A total of 13 respondents were satisfied, to some extent, with the hedges.

| Option | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Very satisfied | 1 |
| Satisfied | 12 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 5 |
| Dissatisfied | 4 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0 |
| I have not visited the playground | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

Current satisfaction – Plants

Eleven people are satisfied with the plants and five are dissatisfied.

| Option | Total |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Very satisfied | 0 |
| Satisfied | 11 |
| Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied | 6 |
| Dissatisfied | 5 |
| Very dissatisfied | 0 |
| I have not visited the playground | 0 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

Those who were not satisfied with one of the above options were asked to comment further. Comments are listed in the following page.

If you are dissatisfied with any of the above, please tell us why and what changes you would like to see.

There were 14 responses to this part of the question:

- Older children's swings needed. Tarmac too hard when falling.
- Swings for older kids. No tarmac-when falling it hurts.
- Rattling cage when ball hits it or kicked. Netting at pitch damaged. Noise in general, no older teenagers on pitch (pitch timings late and closed at weekends).
- Not much for older kids. Climbing frame dangerous.
- Like it as it is.
- More activities for example: -slides and older swings (flat seat). Floor quite dangerous (more soft play). Sand pit and seating. More colourful shapes on ground (painted).
- Move equipment.
- A little bit more equipment.
- Small fence next to youth club (black railing fence): -small children can walk through as vertical bars are too wide. Planted areas attract dogs. More dog bins in the area. Self closing gate please for safety.
- Would it to be a bit more natural. Playing in "nature"
- Got bored of swings. Need older swings and slide please. Gates-need to be self-closing (safety). Play frame can be dangerous,
- Update it. Children between 5 and 12 years old not enough to do.
- Modernise, More safer surfacing, Sand pit, Slide.
- More safer surfacing-not tarmac.

3: We are looking to replace the current play equipment. What age groups do you think new play equipment should be aimed at? (Please note, respondents could select more than one answer option for this question)

Twenty respondents would like to see play equipment aimed at 0 to 4 year olds and twenty-one would like to see equipment aimed at 5 to 8 year olds.

| Option | Total |
|--------------|-------|
| 0 to 4 | 20 |
| 5 to 8 | 21 |
| 9 to 12 | 18 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

**4: What type of equipment would you like to see in the new playground?
Please rank your top four choices in order of preference (One being your first choice, through to 4 being your 4th choice)**

Respondents were asked to choose the top four pieces of equipment they would like to see installed. Each option was assigned a score, and a mean score was calculated to establish the priority order, which can be found in the chart below.

| Item | Ranking |
|---|---------|
| Climbing frame with hanging bars and slide | 1.77 |
| Junior children's swings (with flat seat) | 1.64 |
| Toddler swings (with 'cradle' seat) | 1.09 |
| Sand pit | 0.95 |
| Spinning item such as roundabout | 0.59 |
| Rocking/springing item | 0.55 |
| See saw | 0.41 |
| Learn and play items, such as coloured shapes and numbers | 0.27 |
| Other | 0.14 |

Respondents were asked to specify what other type of equipment they would like to see.

There were 19 responses to this part of the question:

- Trampoline. And no. 4 keep the existing climbing frame with boulder wall.
- Trampoline please.
- Trampoline.
- St. Luke's playground spinning item you can sit on.
- Basket swing.
- Basket swing.
- Basketball Hoop.
- Any of the above.
- Seating for adults. More soft flooring. Basket swing. Roundabout like in St. Luke's Park.
- More safer surface please.
- More soft flooring.
- Roundabout.
- See-Saw (for younger and older).
- Possibly with a lid to stop animals soiling? Updating what basically is already here.
- Trampoline. Not for children over 12 years please (under 12 years only)
- Trampoline.
- Gym equipment.

- Woodchip/both surfacing.
- Monkey bars.

In the above comments, 'Trampoline' was mentioned five times.

5: What colour theme would you prefer for the play items and safer surfacing?

Thirteen respondents would prefer bright colours, such as red, blue and yellow.

| Option | Total |
|--|-------|
| Bright colours, such as red, blue and yellow | 13 |
| Pastel, softer colours | 9 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

6: What materials would you prefer the play items to be made from?

Sixteen respondents chose the combination of wood and metal/painted metal option.

| Option | Total |
|---|-------|
| Mostly natural wood/timber | 5 |
| Mostly metal/painted metal | 1 |
| Combination of wood and metal/painted metal | 16 |
| Not Answered | 0 |

7: What planting would you like to see in the play area? (Please note, respondents could select more than one answer option for this question)

Colourful shrubs and flowering plants was chosen twelve times and sensory plants was chosen eight times.

| Option | Total |
|---|-------|
| Colourful shrubs and flowering plants | 12 |
| Sensory plants such as herbs and grasses that feel and smell nice | 8 |
| Wildflowers that attract birds and butterflies | 6 |
| Not Answered | 6 |

8: Would you like to see more small trees, plants and flowers in the playground?

Thirteen respondents would like to see more small trees, plants and flowers.

| Option | Total |
|--|-------|
| Yes, more small trees, plants and flowers | 13 |
| The same amount of trees, plants and flowers | 7 |
| No, less trees, plants and flowers | 1 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

9: Is there anything else you would like to see in the playground?

There were 14 responses to this part of the question.

- Definitely a trampoline please!
- Make planting area (wooden edge) smaller to get more play equipment in hopscotch/bench. Don't like tarmac-hard when falling.
- 1. Ball Games. 2. Hopscotch. 3. Make fences higher to stop balls and intruders. 4. Bench. 5. Remove tarmac, it hurts when falling.
- A very popular little playground. Most used item are the toddler swings. Junior swings should be avoided as they will attract older children who may be too boisterous for such a small site. Keep/update the centre island as this provides seating for adults and allows small children to play chase around it.
- No mural on wall. Well maintained after planting. No cricket stump painted on wall. The board for Earl's Court Youth Club no longer lives on Ifield Road. (should be more representatives of local area).
- No wildlife please.
- More access to the fenced kickabout area in holiday periods.
- More colour in the planting.
- Something that is green or flowers all year round.
- Whole playground should have soft surface and a bench.
- Seating for parents. Safety very important.
- Not bees (they sting).
- Shade from sunshine.
- Exercise equipment.

Demographic information

12: What is your postcode?

| Postcodes | Count |
|--------------|-------|
| SW10 | 18 |
| SW14 | 1 |
| SW6 | 1 |
| SW3 | 1 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

13: What is your sex?

| Option | Total |
|-------------------------|-------|
| Male | 4 |
| Female | 17 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Prefer to self describe | 0 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

14: Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?

| Option | Total |
|---------------------|-------|
| Yes | 21 |
| No | 0 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

15: Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

| Option | Total |
|--------------------------|-------|
| Straight/Heterosexual | 15 |
| Gay or Lesbian | 0 |
| Bisexual | 0 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Other sexual orientation | 0 |
| Not Answered | 7 |

16: Which age group do you belong to?

| Option | Total |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| Under 18 | 7 |
| 18 to 24 | 1 |
| 25 to 34 | 1 |
| 35 to 44 | 7 |
| 45 to 54 | 5 |
| 55 to 64 | 0 |
| 65 to 74 | 0 |
| 75 plus | 0 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

17: How do you describe your ethnic origin?

| Option | Total |
|---|--------------|
| White - English/Welsh/Scottish/Northern Irish/British | 4 |
| White - Irish | 0 |
| White - Gypsy or Irish Traveller | 0 |
| White - Other European | 1 |
| Any other White background | 0 |
| Black or Black British - African | 2 |
| Black or Black British - Somali | 0 |
| Black or Black British - Caribbean | 2 |
| Any other Black background | 4 |
| Asian or Asian British - Indian | 0 |
| Asian or Asian British - Pakistani | 0 |
| Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi | 0 |
| Asian or Asian British - Chinese | 1 |
| Any other Asian background | 1 |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Black Caribbean | 0 |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Black African | 0 |
| Mixed/multiple ethnic groups - White and Asian | 0 |
| Any other mixed background | 0 |

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| Other ethnic group - Moroccan Arab | 3 |
| Other ethnic group - Other Arab | 2 |
| Other ethnic group - Filipino | 0 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Any other ethnic group | 0 |
| Not Answered | 2 |

18: What is your religion or belief?

| Option | Total |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Christian | 11 |
| Muslim | 6 |
| Jewish | 0 |
| Buddhist | 0 |
| Hindu | 0 |
| Sikh | 0 |
| No religion or belief | 3 |
| Prefer not to state | 1 |
| Other religion | 0 |
| Not Answered | 1 |

19: Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

| Option | Total |
|---------------------|-------|
| Yes | 0 |
| No | 19 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Not Answered | 3 |

20: If yes, what is the nature of your physical or mental health condition or illness?

| Option | Total |
|--|-------|
| I have a physical impairment | 0 |
| I have a mental health condition (including depression, dementia, obsessive compulsive disorder, and other mental health conditions) | 0 |
| I have a mobility impairment | 0 |

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| I have another illness or disability e.g. hidden impairment (diabetes, epilepsy etc.) | 0 |
| I am a wheelchair user | 0 |
| I use medical equipment requiring an electricity supply | 0 |
| I have a hearing impairment | 0 |
| I have a visual impairment | 0 |
| I have a learning difficulty | 0 |
| Prefer not to state | 0 |
| Prefer to self-describe | 1 |
| Not Answered | 21 |