

# Sunbeam Gardens Improvements

Analysis of stakeholder consultation

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# Introduction

## Background

Kensington and Chelsea Council sought to gather the views of the local community on a wide range of improvements to Sunbeam Gardens. The potential improvements include the following:

- Installation of a drinking water fountain;
- New seating;
- Art sculpture and mural;
- Repainting existing railings;
- New planting; and,
- Outdoor gym.

## Methodology

An online survey was promoted via the Council's Consultation and Engagement Hub. The consultation was also promoted via posters on site, the Sunbeam Gardens web page and on Nextdoor. Drop-in sessions were also held in Sunbeam Gardens to gather the views of users. The exercise opened on 29 June 2023 and closed 13 August 2023 with a total of 25 responses.

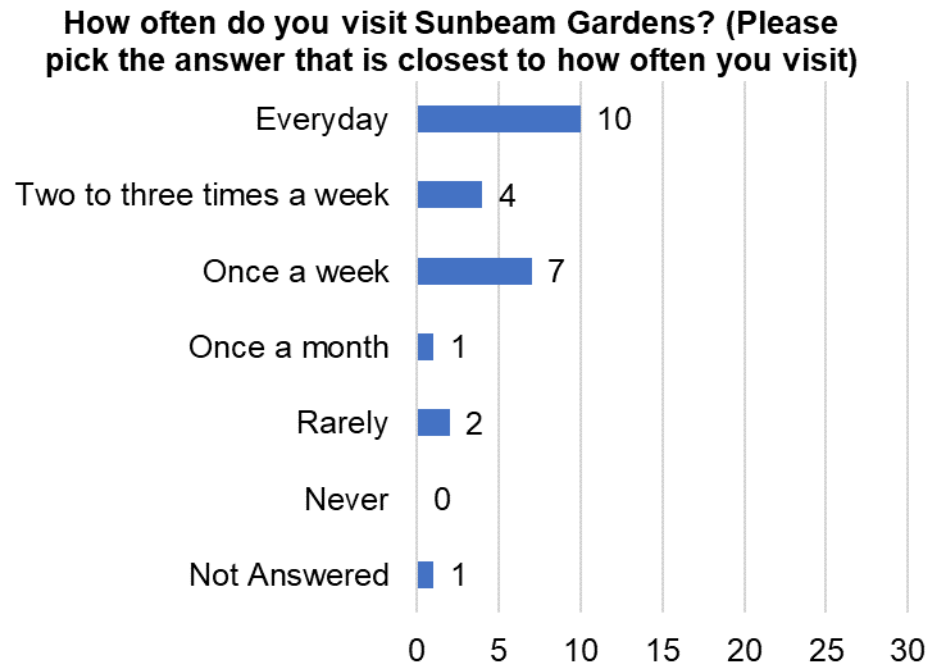
## Acknowledgements

The Council would like to thank all residents that took the time to provide feedback on Sunbeam Gardens improvements.

# Visit Frequency

Respondents were asked how often they visit Sunbeam Gardens.

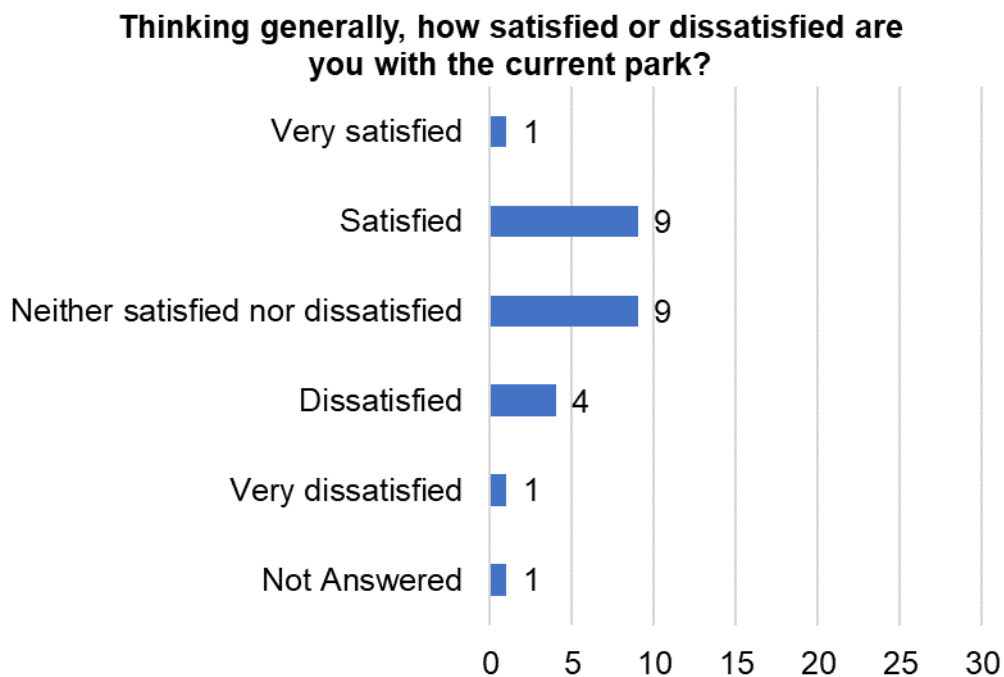
- The most selected answer was 'everyday' (10 respondents), and seven respondents selected 'once a week'.
- Four respondents said they visit the gardens 'twice to three times a week', and two said 'rarely'.



# Satisfaction levels

Respondents were asked how satisfied or dissatisfied they are with the current park.

- A total of ten respondents selected 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied'.
- Nine respondents selected 'neither satisfied nor dissatisfied', and five said they are either 'very dissatisfied or 'dissatisfied' with the park.

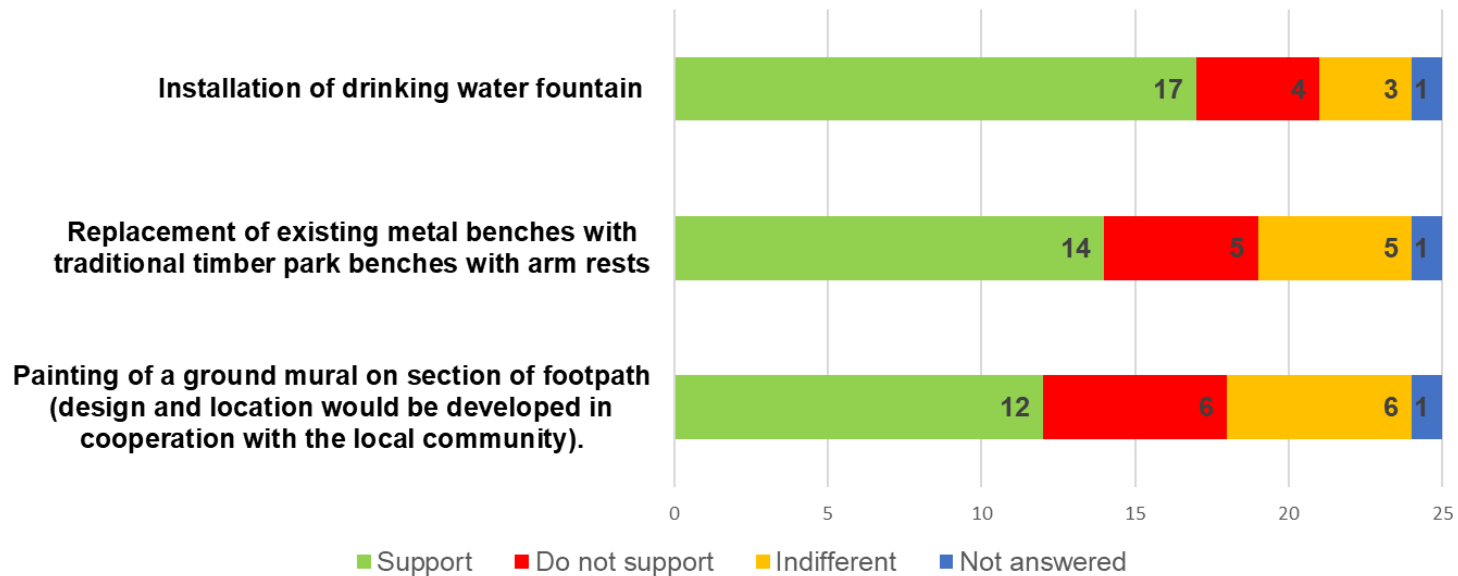


# Improvements

In this section of the survey, respondents were presented with seven possible improvement ideas and were asked to indicate their level of support. The responses to the improvement ideas are shared across the next three pages.

- 17 respondents said they support the installation of a drinking water fountain, 14 support the replacement of existing metal benches, and 12 said they support the proposal of painting a ground mural on a section of footpath.
- However, six respondents did not support painting the ground mural on a section of the footpath, and five did not support the replacement of existing metal benches and four were against the installation of a water fountain.

As part of the improvement works, please indicate which of the following proposals/ideas for the park you support.

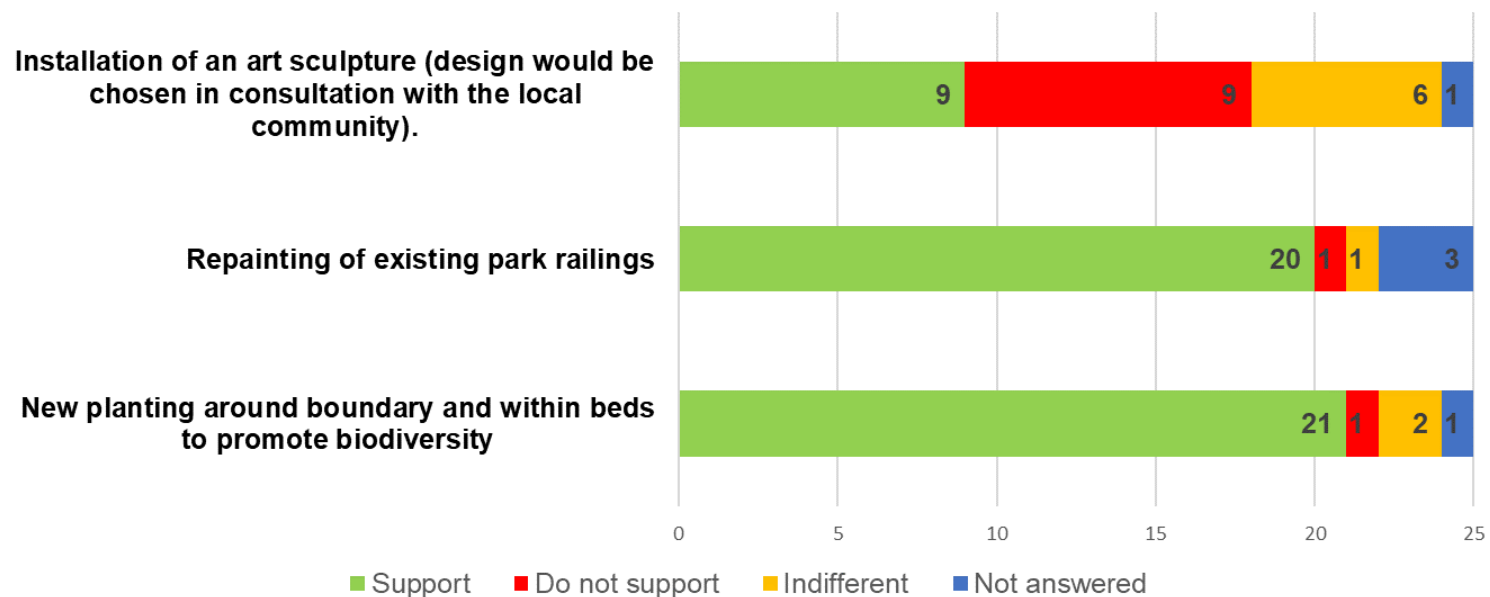


# Improvements- continued

In this section of the survey, respondents were presented with improvement ideas and were asked to indicate their level of support.

- New planting around boundary and within beds to promote biodiversity was the most supported proposal out of all proposals (21 respondents in support).
- Also, the majority of respondents (20) selected that they are in support of the repainting of existing park railings.
- Nine respondents said that they do not support the proposal of the installation of an art sculpture, and six selected indifferent to this proposal.

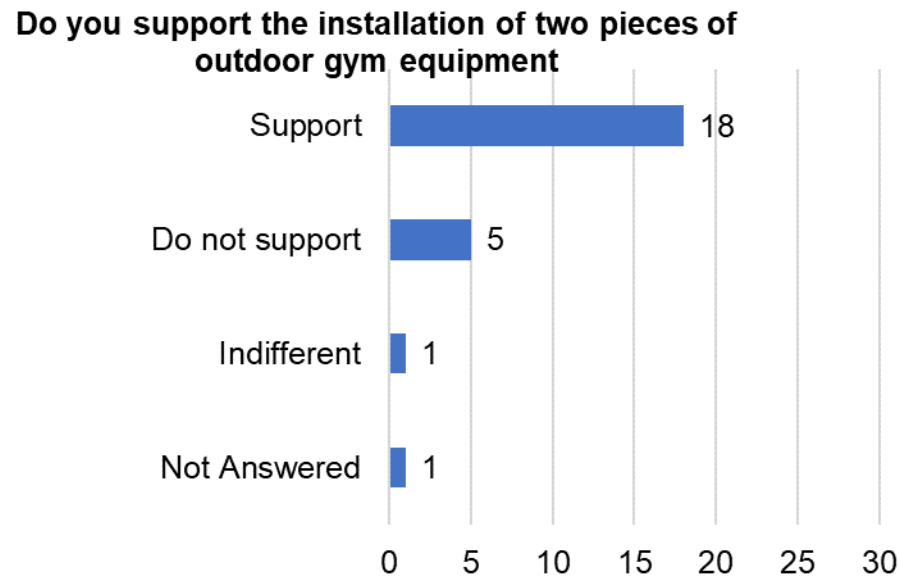
As part of the improvement works, please indicate which of the following proposals/ideas for the park you support.



# Improvements continued- outdoor gym equipment

Respondents were also asked if they support the installation of two pieces of outdoor gym equipment.

- The majority of respondents (18) said that they support the installation.
- However, five said they 'do not support' the proposal.

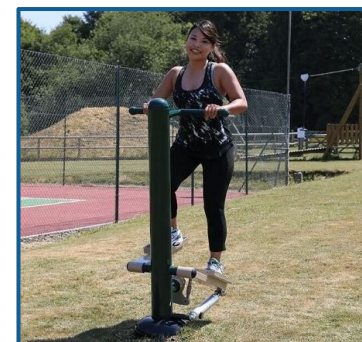
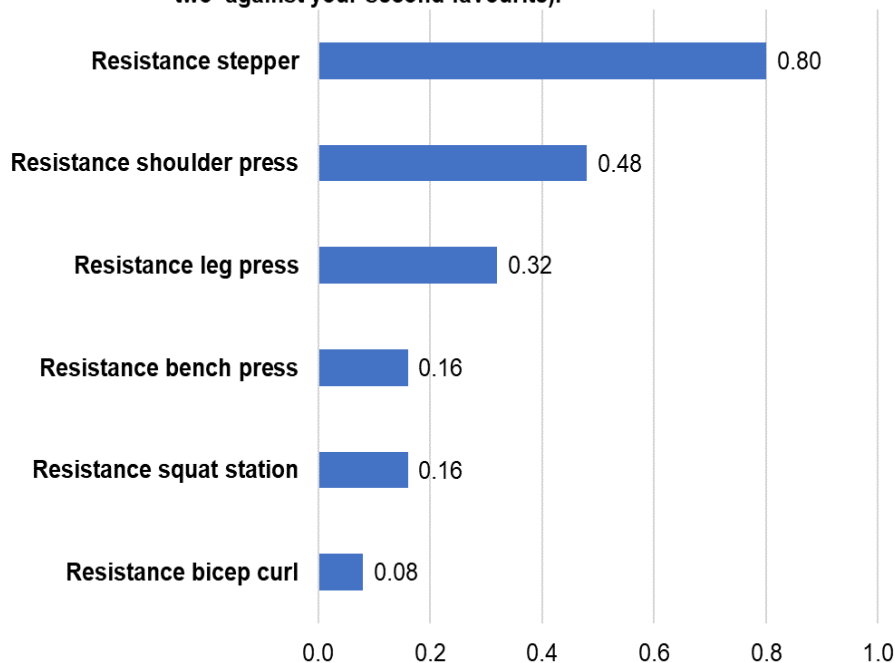


# Gym equipment- ranking

Those who selected that they supported gym equipment installation were asked to choose the top two 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.

- The top two selected pieces of equipment are the resistance stepper (0.80) and resistance shoulder press (0.48).

If you support the installation of gym equipment, please choose your top two pieces of equipment you would like to see installed (by answering 'one' against your favourite and 'two' against your second favourite).



**Resistance stepper**



**Resistance shoulder press**

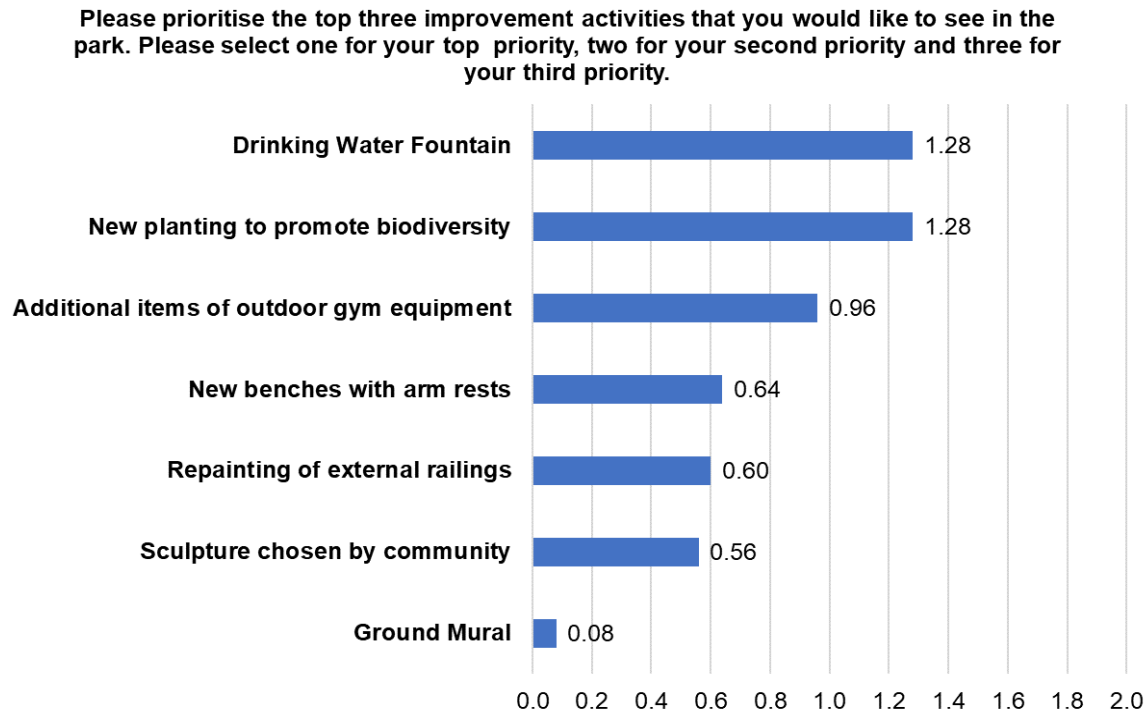




# Priority of improvements- ranking

Respondents were asked to prioritise the top three improvement activities they would like to see in the park. 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.

- The top two selected improvement activities, which received the same ranking (1.28), are the installation of a drinking water fountain and the new planting to promote biodiversity.



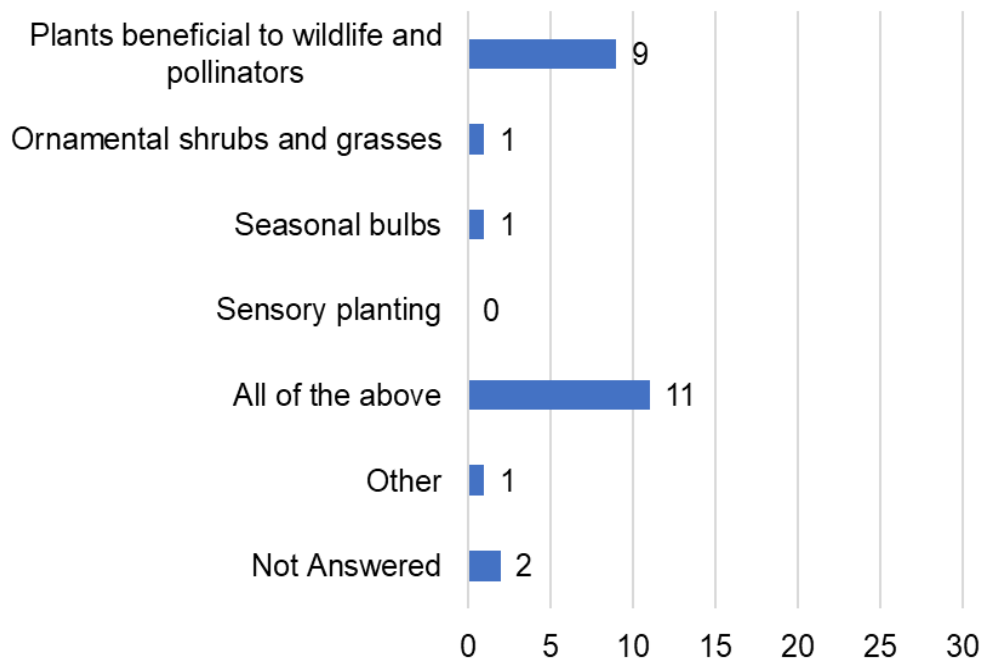
# Planting

Respondents were asked to select their preferred planting theme for the planting improvements at Sunbeam Gardens.

- Around half of respondents said they liked all proposed planting themes (11 selected 'all of the above').
- The second most selected option was 'plants beneficial to wildlife and pollinators' (nine respondents).

Respondents were given the opportunity to specify other answers to this question. There were three comments to this question, which can be found below.

**For the planting improvements at Sunbeam Gardens,  
please select which planting theme you would like?**



## Comments

*“Roses, beautiful flowers and trees as seen in Hyde Park”*

*“Grass in the playground”*

*“Safe for animals”*

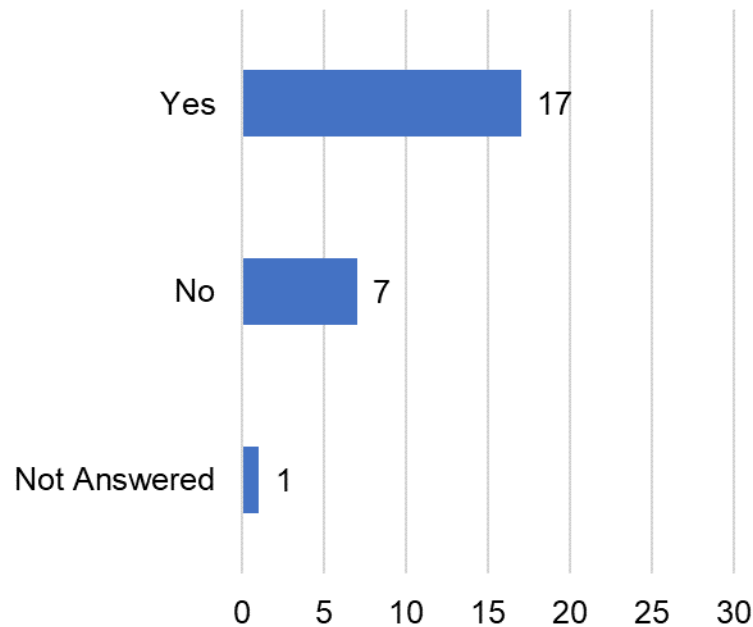


# Picnic Tables

Respondents were asked if they would like picnic tables installed in one of the grass areas outside the playground.

- The majority of respondents said that they would like to see picnic tables installed (17 respondents).
- However, seven respondents selected 'no' for their answer.

**Would you like to see picnic tables installed in one of the grass areas outside the playground?**



*Base: All respondents (25)*

# Any other ideas

Respondents were given the opportunity to say if they have anything else they would like to see in Sunbeam Gardens that had not already been covered in this survey. There were 18 comments to this section.

Comments made have been themed and themes are summarised in the table below. Examples of comments made can also be seen on the next page. Full list of comments can also be found in the appendix page.

Theme	Count
Proposed improvements	7
Dogs should be restricted	6
More security measures	5
Entrance improvements	4
Other	2
Dogs should be allowed in the park	1
Not in support of some proposed equipment	1



# Any other ideas- comments

*“Repaint the sign at the entrance as well!”*

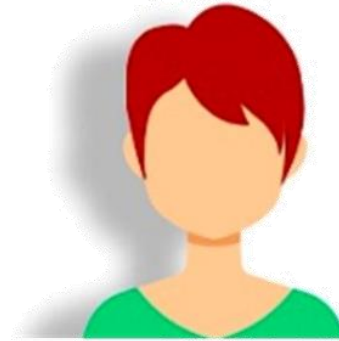
Entrance improvements

*“Dog poo in the grass area, dog fouling a problem  
Parks police evening patrols  
Cage to lock gate to playground”*

More security measures

*“More rubbish bins  
Dog poo rubbish bins”*

Proposed improvements



*“I would like the big council estate sign at the  
front of the park entrance removed.  
It is so ugly, very unnecessary and creates a low  
vibrational vibe.”*

Entrance improvements

*“Natural Play  
Dogs on lead  
Sand pit in the playground and the basket swing  
replaced.”*

Dogs should be restricted

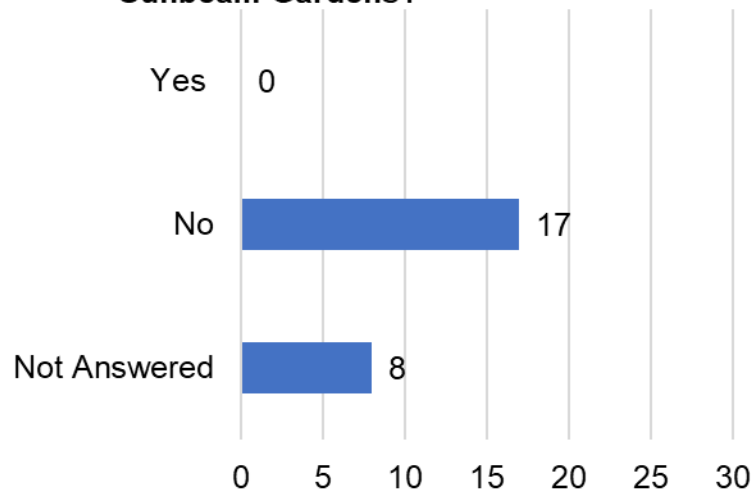


# Accessibility

Respondents were asked if they would like to be contacted about accessibility in Sunbeam Gardens.

- All respondents who answered this question said they did not want to be contacted (17 respondents).

**Would you like to be contacted about accessibility in Sunbeam Gardens?**



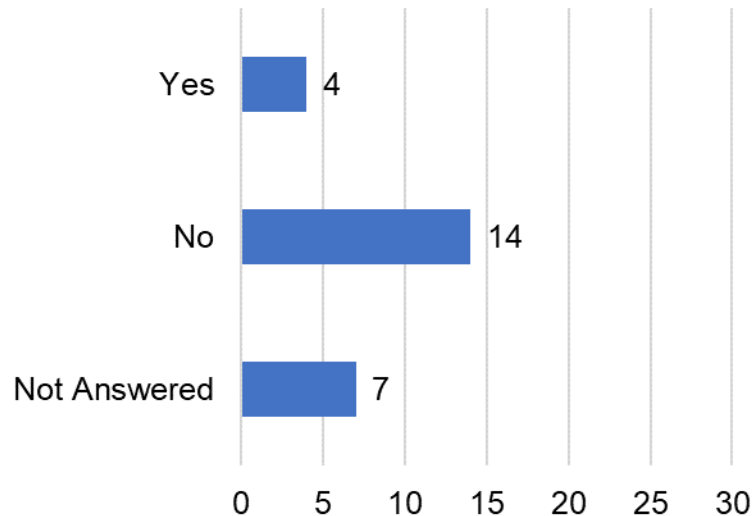
# Affiliation with local groups

Respondents were asked if they are affiliated with any local groups or businesses.

- Most respondents said they have no affiliation with any local groups or businesses (14 respondents).
- Four respondents said that they are affiliated with local groups or businesses.

Respondents were given the opportunity to specify which groups or businesses they are affiliated with. There were four comments to this section, which can be found below.

## Are you affiliated with any local groups or businesses?



## Comments

*“Cllr”*

*“Mayhew Animal Home”*

*“I am a local business owner and resident”*

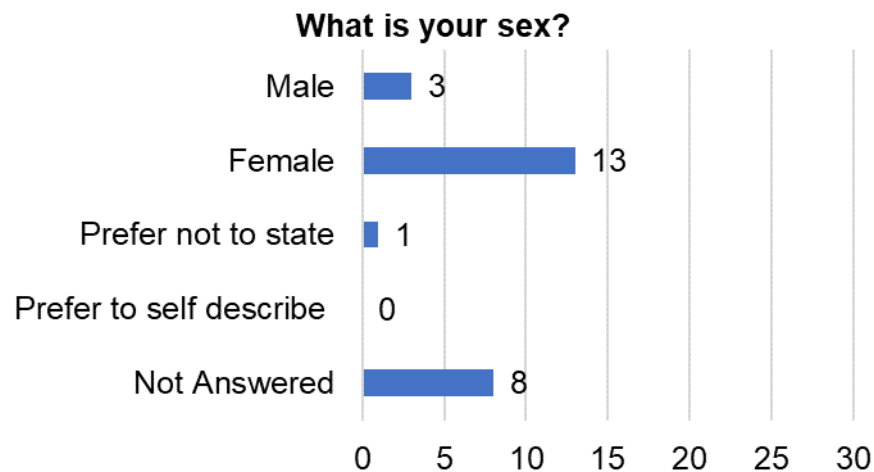
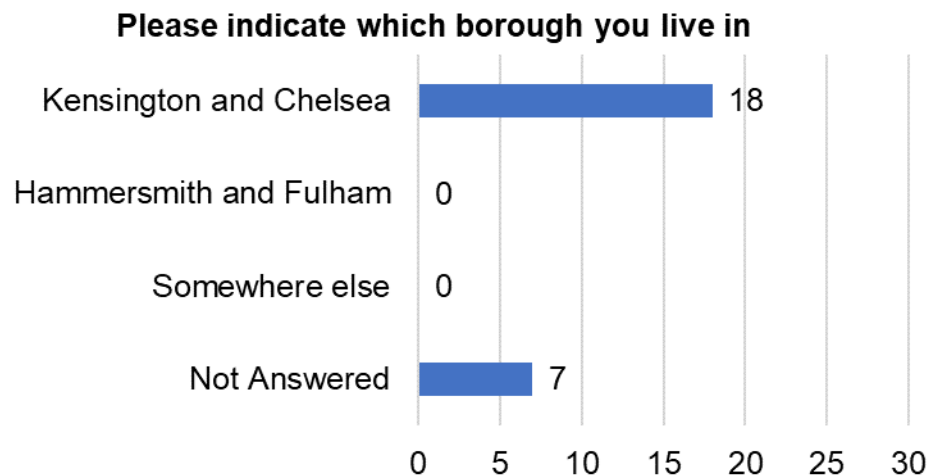
*“Provided consultation and delivery of local art”*



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# Profile of respondents

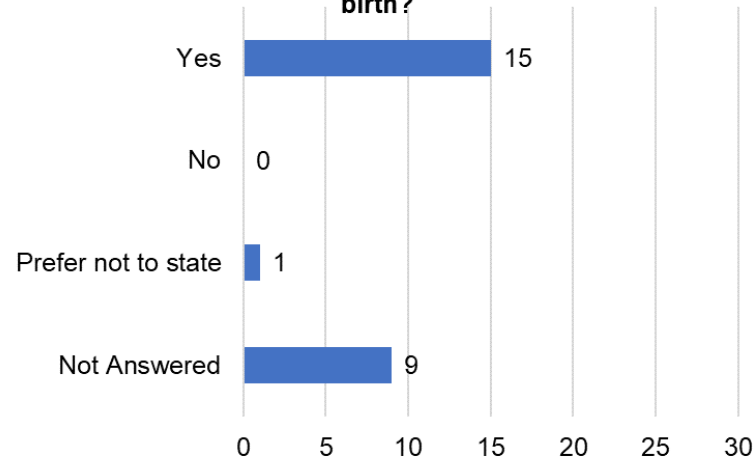
Respondents were asked a series of questions about themselves, to understand who had responded to the consultation.



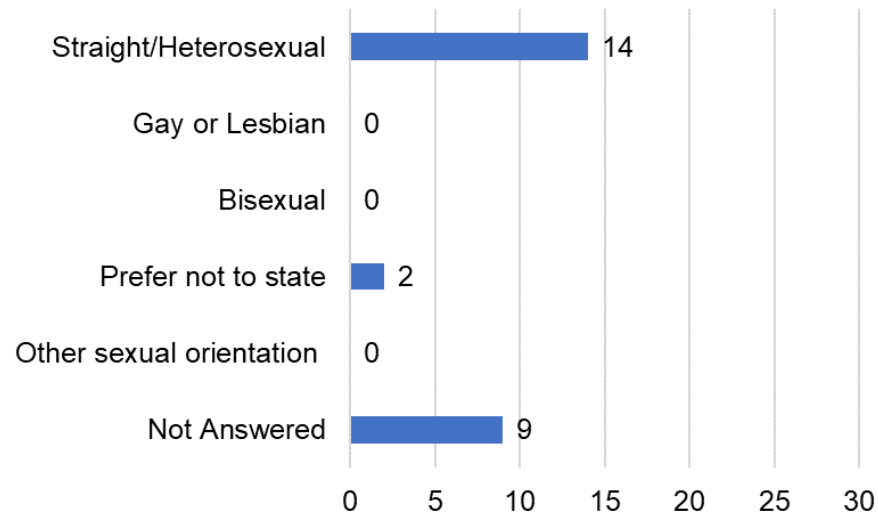


# Profile of respondents

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

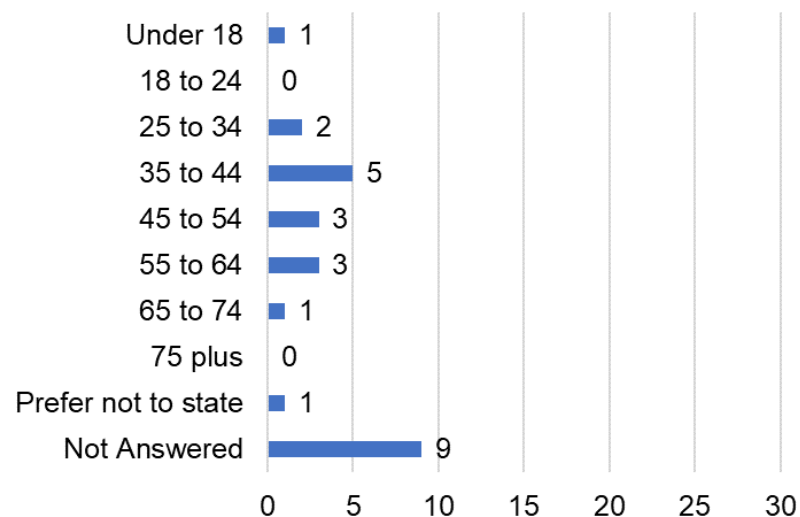


Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?

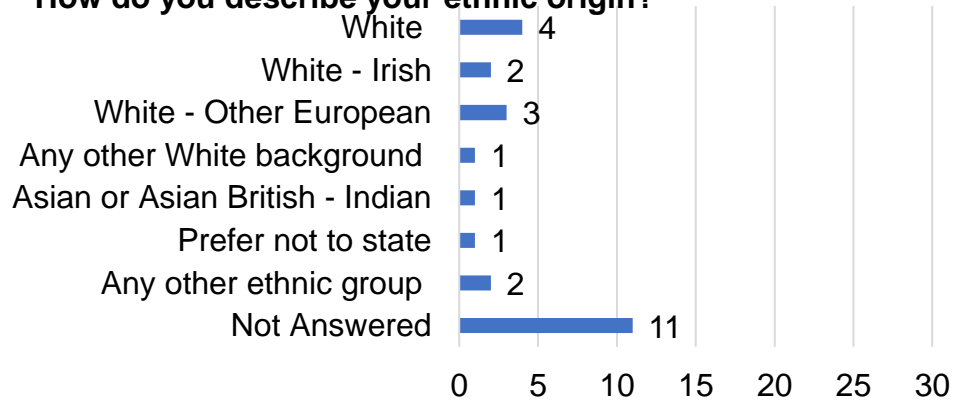


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## Which age group do you belong to?



## How do you describe your ethnic origin?

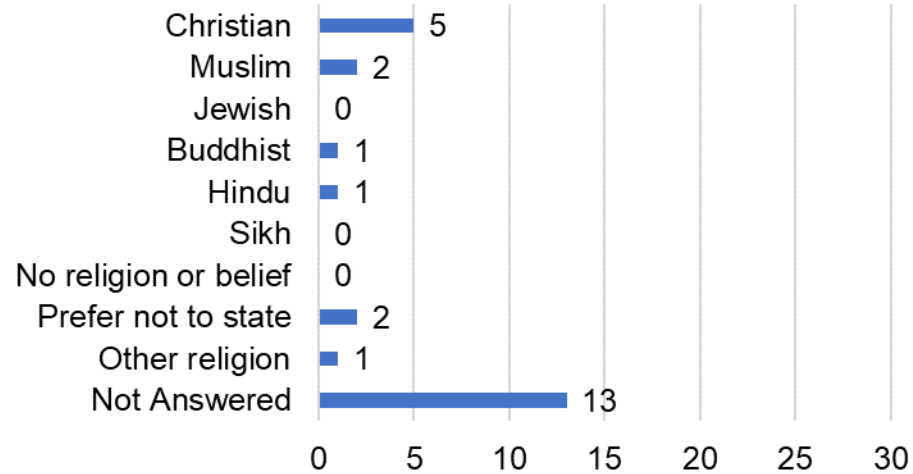


The graph shows the ethnic origins that were selected by respondents

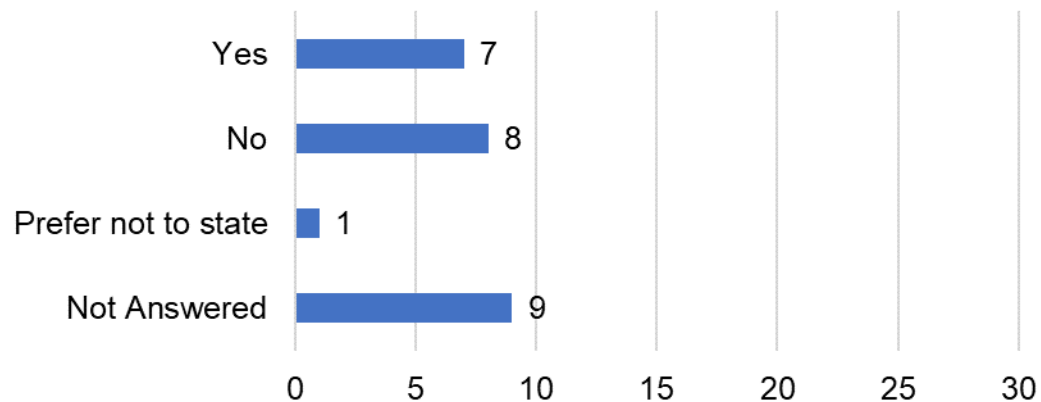


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## What is your religion or belief?

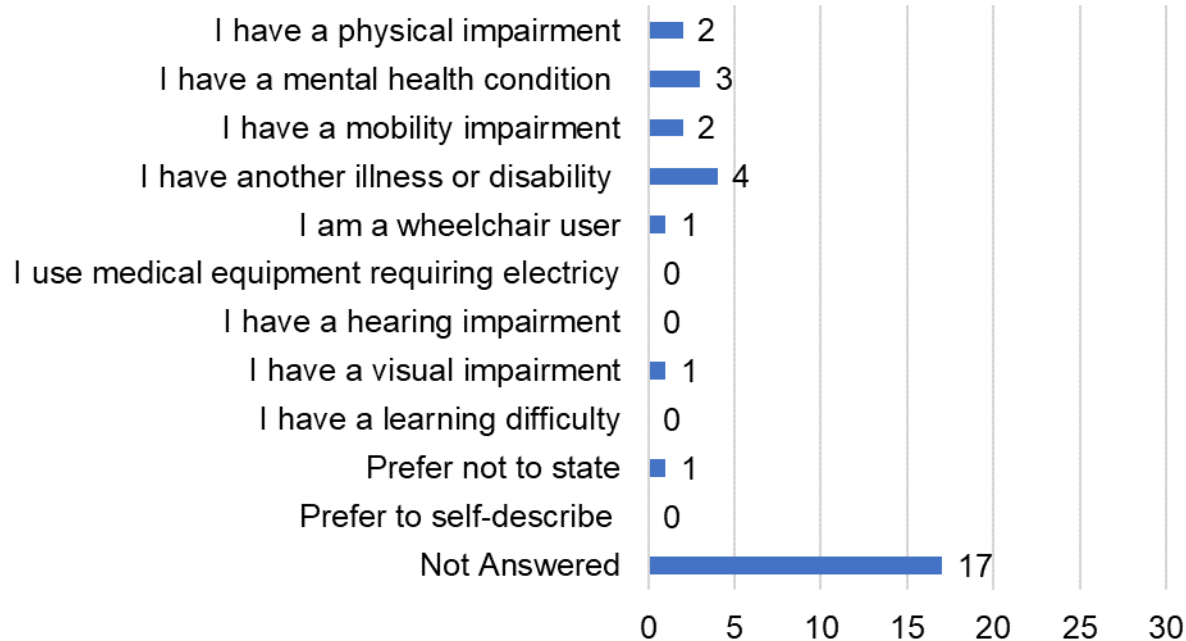


## Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illnesses lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?



# Profile of respondents

**If yes, what is the nature of your physical or mental health condition or illness? (Select all that apply)?**



# Appendix one: Comments made in the survey

This section of the report lists all comments made in response to the following question:

## Is there anything else you would like to see in Sunbeam Gardens that is not already been covered in this survey?

### Proposed improvements

- *Dog poo in the grass area, dog fouling a problem. Parks police evening patrols. Cage to lock gate to playground. Bigger slide. Football goals. Small water play point.*
- *Fixed resistance gym equipment not need and likely to attract children to play on. More callisthenic equipment and replacement of current equipment including different height bars. Big community of people from the estate using the current equipment and would appreciate more bars and would get more use out of this type of equipment.*
- *More rubbish bins. Dog poo rubbish bins.*
- *Natural Play. Dogs on lead. Sand pit in the playground and the basket swing replaced.*
- *There is not enough sports facilities for young people - basketball for example. Why has sports not been included in your survey?*
- *Tree located in southwest corner of park to be cut back as blocking light into properties opposite. No buildings. Dogs not a problem in the park. The park is well maintained. A quiet area with sensory planting would be nice to have in the park.*

### Dogs should be restricted

- *7.30am, afternoon - dog fouling, black Labrador, chihuahua, Pitbull. Dog owner happy to be on lead, potential CCTV. Builders (working on corner) drinking in park in morning, 1pm lunchtime. Urinating. Lighting not bright enough Maintenance: food litter not being picked up. Staff not approachable, have cigarette and don't come into park, drive off. Caretakers abrupt. More signage: dog reporting detailing fine if caught. Drugs - weed smoking, smashing glass bottles. Canopy / shade - people who don't have gardens.*
- *Dog area - northeast area fenced off. Park well used with dog walkers and would be well used. Majority of people have animals. Dog park to be left open with separate entrance on to street. High and secure fencing. Trial. Safe for children Cameras for safety. More lighting.*
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- *Dogs are a problem in the playground and are damaging equipment. Football inside the playground is also an issue. New signage for playground saying no dogs or ball games allowed. Parks Police to visit and speak with problem dog owners. The sculpture for the park should be orientated towards children. Outdoor gym equipment can be dangerous for children.*
- *Dogs on leash sign please. There are dogs running. Free with owners elsewhere, it has ended up becoming a dog park rather than children park/garden.*
- *Natural Play. Dogs on lead. Sand pit in the playground and the basket swing replaced.*

## More security measures

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- *A camera please. I don't support the picnic or sports equipment as in the past people have turned up at the park while using very loud sound systems and screaming and arguing well into the night. This will increase if there is more equipment. The picnic table will attract people acting more drunkenly in the park also.*
- *Community support officers visibly patrolling.*
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## Entrance improvements

- *Change the Sunbeam sign outside the park.*
- *Entrance improvements. Community volunteering or friends' group.*
- *I would like the big council estate sign at the front of the park entrance removed. It is so ugly, very unnecessary and creates a low vibrational vibe.*
- *Repaint the sign at the entrance as well!*

## Other

- *No.*
- *Roundabout noisy.*

## Dogs should be allowed in the park

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## Not in support of some proposed equipment

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