

Hatherleigh Island Park
Community consultation results
September/October 2021

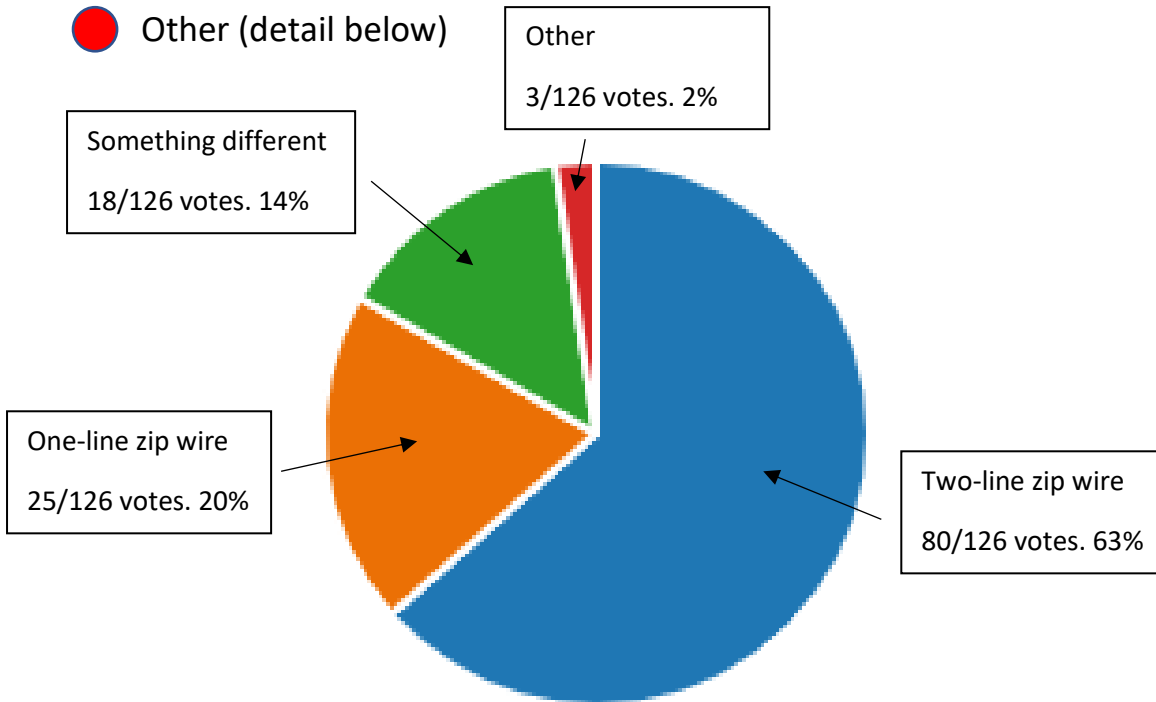


126 respondents

Average time to complete 11.06 minutes

Question 1: What should replace the zip wire?

- Replace with a two-line zip wire (same as existing)
- Replace with a single line zip wire
- Replace with something different (Detail in next question)
- Other (detail below)



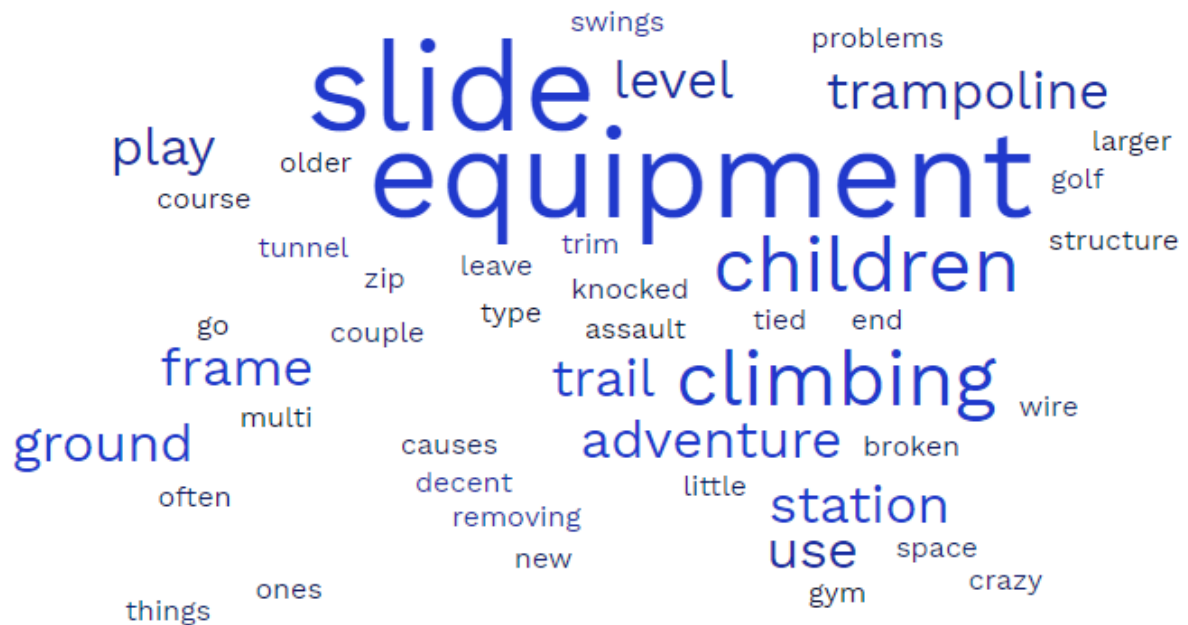
'Other' responses:

1. *'A four-line zip wire'*
2. *'A massive slide'*
3. *'My children love the double zip line, always well used and more fun with two at a time'*

Question 2: You chose 'Replace with something different'. What would you like to see in the park instead of the zip wire?

Only asked to participants who answered 'replace with something different' in question 1.

18 responses.



5 respondents mentioned **slide**.

5 mentions of **equipment** all relate to equipment multiple children can use

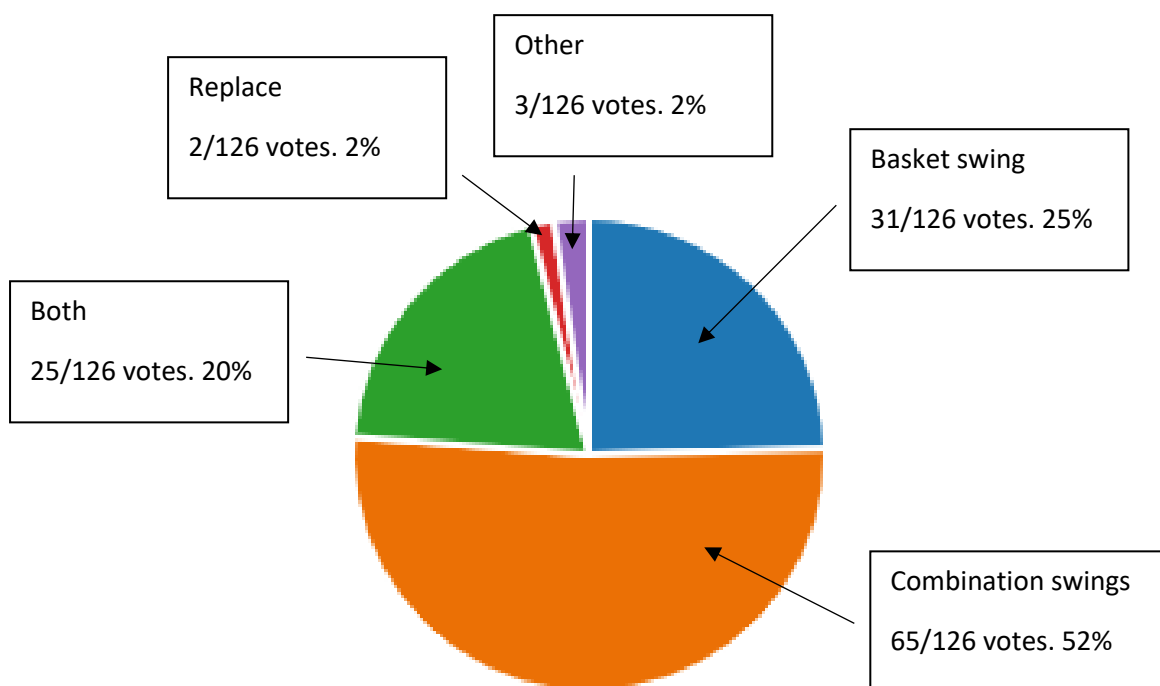
3 respondents mentioned **climbing**

2 respondents mentioned **trampoline**

Most respondents indicated they'd like to use the space to provide equipment more than 2 children could use at once.

Question 3: What should replace the basket swing?

- A new basket swing (same as existing)
- Combination swings
- I would like to have both (Combination and basket)
- Replace with something different (Details in next question)
- Other (Details below)



'Other' responses:

1. *'A much bigger basket swing'*
2. *'Trampoline'*
3. *'More normal swings would be better than a basket swing. Allows more children to use them rather than just the groups who attend the park together. I also think a baby swing or two would be great so that more families are able to use the park without separating between the two.'*

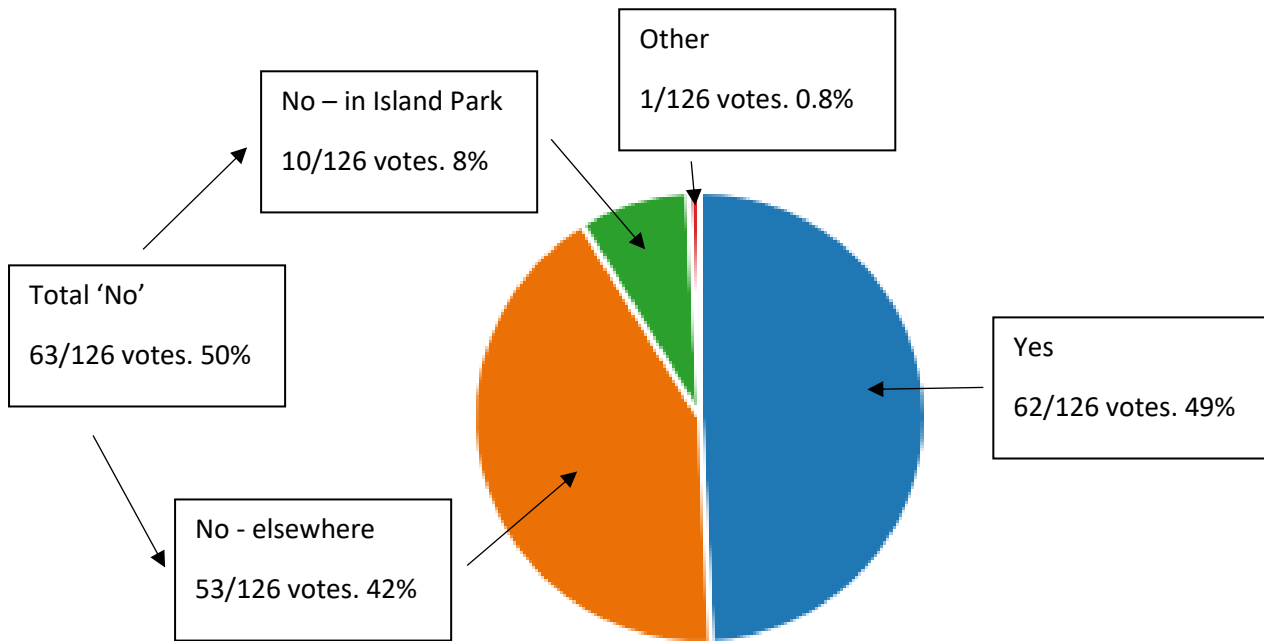
Question 4: You chose 'Replace with something different'. What would you like to see in the park instead of swings?

Only asked to respondents who answered 'Replace with something different' in Question 3. 2 responses.

1. *'Slide, sand pit, spring jumping mat'*
2. *'Roundabout'*

Question 5: Do you think Island Park needs more facilities for younger children (Under 8s)?

- Yes, I'd like to see more items for Under 8s
- No, this is catered for elsewhere in Hatherleigh
- No, Island Park already has things for Under 8s
- Other (Detail below)



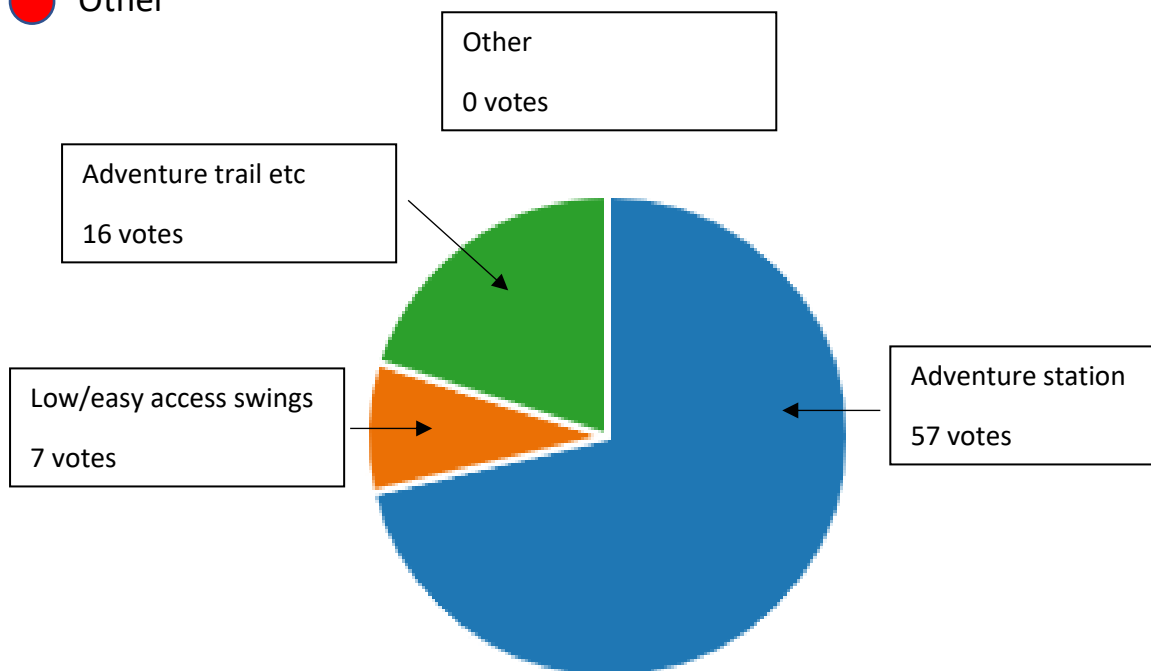
Other responses:

1. *'The skatepark could do without the younger ones because they can't do what they want to do properly so they should have their own mini skate park'*

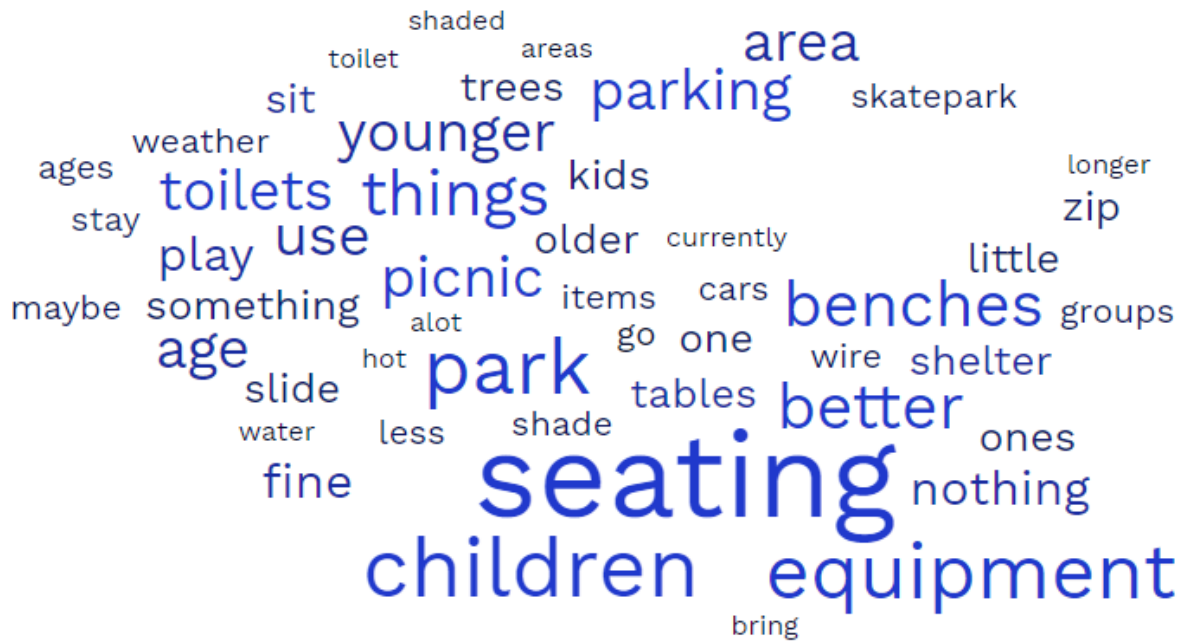
Question 6: You said you wanted to see more items for Under 8s. What sort of things would you like to see?

Only asked to those who answered 'Yes' in Question 5 – 62 respondents. More than one answer allowed.

- An adventure station
- Lower / Easier access swings
- Adventure trail / balance beam etc
- Other



Question 8: What would make your family use the park more/stay longer?



26 mentions of seating, benches or other associated words

12 mentions of equipment for younger children

8 mentions of toilets

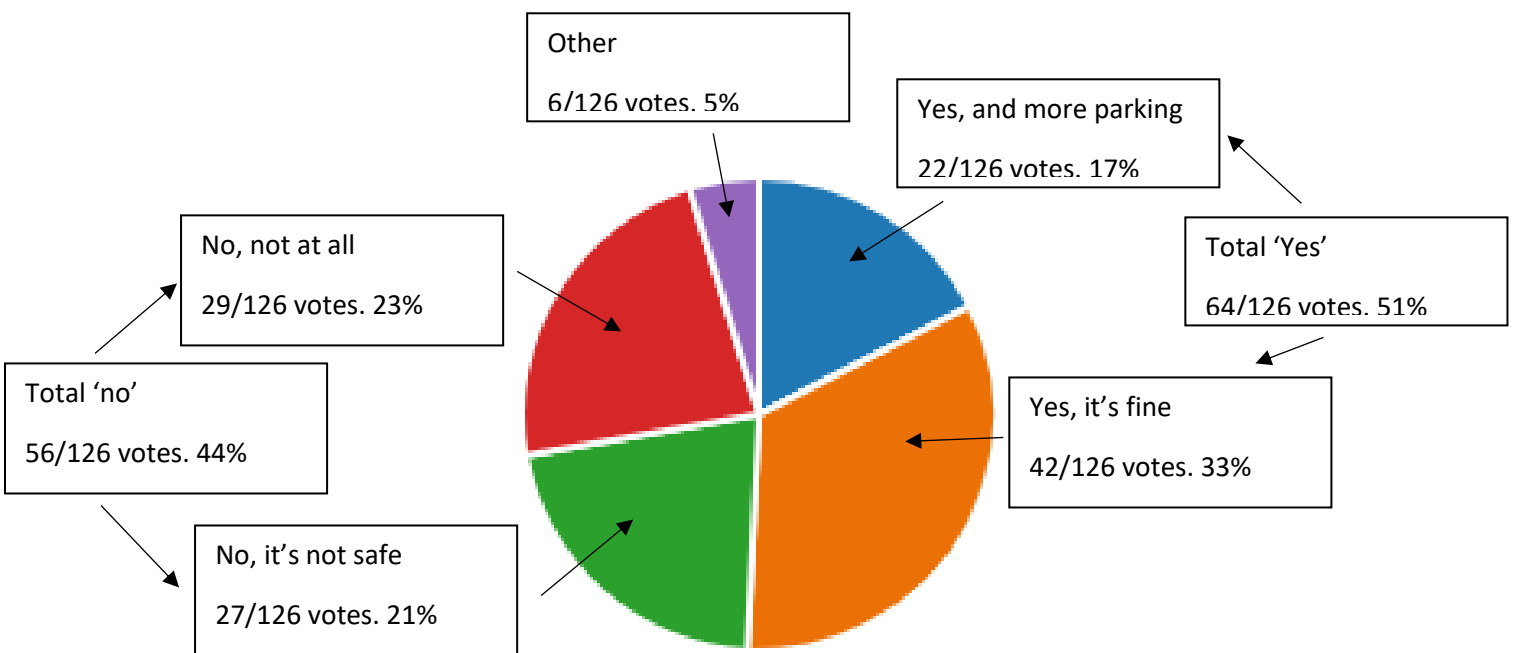
6 mentions of parking

4 mentions of shade or shelter

4 mentions of trees

Question 9: Do you feel it is appropriate to have parking in the cul-de-sac outside the park?

- Yes, and I'd like more parking
- Yes, it's fine as it is
- No, I want parking but it's not safe as it is
- No, I don't think cars should park there at all
- Other



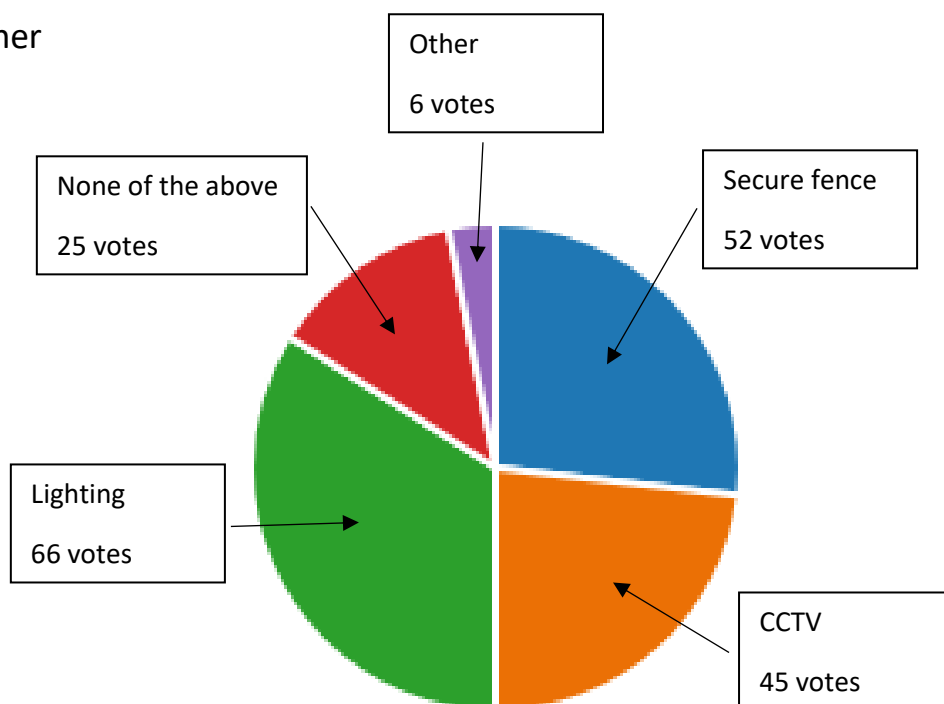
'Other' responses:

1. *'Block the road so cars can park in the road alongside the park'*
2. *'Don't mind either way. There is plenty of parking nearby and most people who will use the park will live in town, most places are a walk away.'*
3. *'I think the parking should be made for park/skate park users only I'm very aware that this is hard to police but usually people leave cars there all day even when not using the facilities.'*
4. *'I would only walk to the park'*
5. *'More parking would be lovely but unfortunately it be just used for non park parking'*
6. *'Yes, for park users only.'*

Question 10: Do you feel the park needs to be made safer with any of the following:

More than one answer allowed.

- Secure fence on all sides with spring gates
- CCTV
- More lighting for evenings
- None of the above – it's fine as it is
- Other

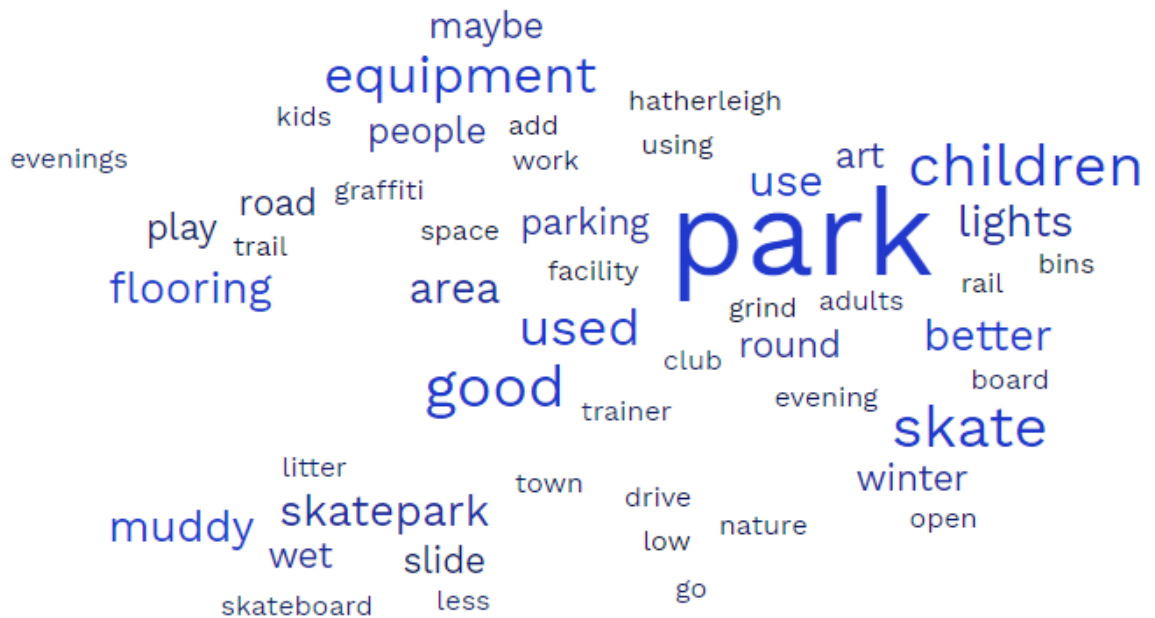


Other responses:

1. *'A skateboard trainer to help keep people doing the right things with their skateboards so they don't have an injury.'*
2. *'fencing so children can't run straight into the car park- around to the skate park'*
3. *'For the road passing the garage to be a no through road, terminating after the entrance to the housing estate'*
4. *'I think it's OK as it is given its aimed at older children mostly. Lighting could be a plus as the evenings draw in'*
5. *'The main reason I think cctv would be useful is it may reduce graffiti, litter etc?'*
6. *More lighting means the park can be used for longer and less chance of vandalism*

Question 11: Do you have any other comments or suggestions on how to rejuvenate Island Park?

49 responses.



11 mentions of flooring, surfacing or other associated words

Lots of mentions of reducing litter/anti-social behaviour

Lots of mentions of bridging the gap for younger/older children.

Question 2 full responses:

Removing would leave more space for a couple of new things...

A slide or gym type equipment

equipment that more than 2 children can use at once.

Crazy Golf.

Multi use equipment

Adventure station with slide, climbing equipment, tunnel.

Ground level trampoline

Ground level trampoline

Larger play structure

Swings and a decent climbing frame

Play station

Slide

Adventure trail

Slide

Trim trail

Climbing frame

Equipment more children can go on

The zip wire causes no end of problems. It is often broken or tied up and the little ones get knocked off by older children.

Assault course, and a slide.

Question 7 full responses:

A skateboard trainer/club

Toilets

Seating area, baby swings, balance trail

More baby/toddler

So siblings with age gaps of between the two stages can use it.

Picnic tables

Seating

picnic benches might be nice

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Crazy Golf.

More bins

Picnic bench

Seating with shade, none of the seating has shade currently.

More seating for parents maybe more under cover due to weather and my children would like slides and climbing frame type things.

A slide

Picnic benches and or seating

Bigger signs to say no dogs with in the play park. As always see parents in the park with children and dogs

What about a slide?

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Picnic benches

Maybe 'monkey bars' or a spinning ring (like the one in Simmons Park)

Picnic benches closer to the park for families to use not just by the skatepark. Preferably so parents can see between both areas.

Seating, lighting

Seating

There's enough

Picnic benches would be good

Exercise equipment

More benches around park

Seating

Toilets

A slide and Picnic benches

Picnic benches, slide, more shelter

Maybe a couple more picnic benches or seats

Lighting for skate park!

Benches

Seating, and lights at the skatepark.

More seating and lights for the skatepark

Picnic benches

No but a few more activities.

Picnic tables bins

Adult fitness training equipment

Monkey bars

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Shelters for rainy weather for parents . Kids dont mind the rain

Seating

Na

Seating

Picnic tables and a loo

Some seating for parents while they wait for their children

No I think there is a good amount of seating etc. It's a great park.

Hedgerows to replace fencing

No

Picnic benches would be great or some sort of permanent marquee/tarp/covering for rainy days?
Maybe a musical thing?

No

Seating/picnic benches

More seating

More bins

Covered seating

Seating

More benches

More seating

Benches

Seating

More seating

Surfaces under each activity that can cope in the winter/wet.

No.

More benches and bins

More seating

No

Fine as is

Seating

Seating

Picnic benches

N/a

It's just right as it is.

No

Seating (bench seats) would be good.

Picnic benches and other seating. A small scooter track, possibly figure of 8.

I would like to see more seating and picnic benches around that area as it is a lovely spot and great for the family. Also a few activity boards would brighten up the park lots more (for example similar to the ones in the smaller park near the community centre)

Picnic benches

Seating for parents/accompanying adults.

Picnic benches

Trees for shade

A few more picnic benches would be nice.

Benches

Recycled plastic benches to sit on

Benches with backs next to skate park please! Pavilion with a fixed bbq maybe?

6 Swings in an sexagonal frame like at Simmons park.

Definitely more benches

No

Picnic benches

more seating would be good for the parents!

More seating for grown ups and a gate to stop younger siblings from escaping!

no

More Seating

More seating and bins

More bins

Yes, a really good spiral slide, more swings than suggested, a shelter for families, a really high chain link fence alongside the main road hedge for safety and a sand pit

A slide.

More tabled seating

Better foam safety matting

Seating

Seating

Benches

Canopy for pretction from weather

Seating

No I think there is enough

Climbing wall

Seating

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A covered area for the teenagers when it rains

Seating

Jumping spring mat

More seating

Yes picnic tables and outside shelters

Activities wall

shaded seating area

More seating and bins

Benches

Seating and picnic benches

Picnic benches

It would be great to have some picnic benches like the ones opposite the skate park.

N/a

Picnic benches and more general benches facing different areas of the park instead of just 2 facing the climbing thing

Picnic benches and benches that face different ways in the park (currently a couple facing the climbing equipment with backs to the rest of the park), more bins, sensory items, slide.

Question 8 full responses:

A skateboard trainer/club

Toilets

More items for mixed ages

Set of baby swings

No zip wire

More multi use equipment

picnic tables!

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Yes if there was crazy golf.

Less litter

Nothing

Shade to sit under.

More things to do particularly the zip wire which is a firm favourite. So sad if keeps being vandalised. Also, undercover seating so protect from weather.

More benches

If it felt safer

More for all age groups

More picnic benches and a couple with a cover over them

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Under 8s equipment so whole families can be together.

A toilet!

More variety, maybe some sensory items, musical tubes or something.

Seating

Seating around park

A big slide

A slide would be awesome

Parking is the only thing that's ever been an issue, with 3 kids it's nice to have the van close

More activities

Unsure

Toilets

More seating

More shelter and more things to do

It's nearly there ... always enjoy spending time down there

Lighting

Shelter

Yeah

Better parking(always full from the garage)

Lights for the skatepark.

Lights at the Skatepark better parking.

Better parking (not filled with the garage cars)

More all weather surfaced areas. Better rubbish collection.

Toilet

Adult fitness

More trees

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Trees

It s fine

Toilets

More items for kids to play on

Nothing

Loos. More seats, maybe picnic tables on the side of the swings etc.

Seating

We stay longer when it's not too busy.

A more attractive area to sit and have a picnic.

An older child, but the small park is fine for my little one

Having something to entertain both age groups in one place....I have one that wants to go to the under 5's and one that want to go to island park.....having something for younger siblings would be great.

Toilets :-0

Maybe a roofed seating area

More seating

It's fine but you need to fix the zip line

More variety of things to do for all ages although primarily for older kids

more seating

Sunshine!

area of shade for sun or rain

All age equipment

More equipment

More all age equipment

Shelter.

Nothing

Picnic tables

A slide

Nothing

Fine as is

Seating

Zip wire was a big draw for us!

More to do there

N/a

Sometimes the amount of mud from the kids running between activities puts me off going, they go get really muddy so we may as well have stayed home! Toilets would be a real help too.

Nothing

A decent tall slide would be good. Like we had in the 70's!

N/A

A bit more shaded space would make it more accessible to people who bring younger children to the area as currently no where to sit without being in the direct sunlight on a hot day.

Facilities for under 8s and seating

Better parental supervision.

Shade in the summer

Gates- as there have been a few incidents where dogs have come up to my children while the owners are on the other side of the road.

Better parking

Rubber or stone surfacing to use when wet and muddy.

More secure fencing to avoid cars I'm cul de sac

Water fountain for filling water bottles.

More picnic tables, some need to be sheltered.

Things for all ages so the little ones don't get bored

More equipment

We use the toddler park more at the moment

It's fine as it is!

More shady areas for hot weather

no

Things for little ones

Play equipment for all age groups so families with mixed aged children can happily play

If it was safer for younger children

A sheltered area and a sand pit

A shelter

More tabled seating. Litter warden.

Street lighting

More things to do

Somewhere to sit more parking

Benches

Benches

More seating

We use it a lot

We do use it a lot

Less cars,

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Seating

More things to do

Less rude children

Better play equipment

Benches

shaded seating area and toilets

More for younger children to do

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If there was more seating

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We come nearly everyday after school to the park and skatepark as my children are keen skateboarders (7 and 10) and stay for 3 hours on a Sunday/Saturday! So, I don't think I'd want to stay any longer!! :)

N/a

Facilities for both older and younger children.

The older children can't play in the under 5s park and island park is currently aimed at more 8-10 years upwards

Equipment that can be used for various age children so that the little ones also have something to do as well instead of waiting for the bigger siblings/family to finish before the younger ones can use under 5's park.

Picnic benches and benches spaced out around the park.

Question 11 full responses:

A skateboard trainer/ club
A way of making it less muddy
Crazy Golf!
Some way of tackling the litter problem would make it more pleasant
No
Just anything that prevents antisocial behavior in the evenings. My children are too scared to go there in the evening.
To discourage the parking being used all day for people who do not use the park. As I have to drive as live outside the village can usually not park near island park as full of people parking for work
Have open evenings or weekends. Ie skate board intro lessons / bbqs / toddler meets
It's very wet so rubber crumb under the equipment.
Install gym equipment for young adults / adults
A graffiti wall would be good, somewhere kids can go to practice their art rather than all over the equipment and town. It gets really quite muddy through winter so maybe better flooring somehow so it can be used all year round.
Lights would be good as we'd like to come to the skate park in the evening.
Nature trail and wild flower beds
A slide would be good and maybe more swings
Slide, more shelter picnic benches
Art/sculpture/ notice board
Please add lights to the Skatepark and a round low grind rail.
Lights at the Skatepark, a round low grind rail at the Skatepark and more better parking. It's always filled with cars from the garage.
We've loved using the park since moving to Hatherleigh but could do with more selection of stuff and maintained better.
We're very lucky to have this facility. Well done Hatherleigh
I think it's great. I know many children who are desperate for the zip wire to be back in action. It's a good fun speed abs height and as my son says 'it's the best around'. I've been sad to see the recent graffiti at the park.
Create a landscaped area by the river and between the road and skate park. Add more shrubs, herbs and nature. More pride normally means more respect, so less litter, vandalism etc.
More art, flowers, recycling bins!
A well used local facility, good luck securing funding!
All weather flooring
Drainage so it's not so wet
Flooring so it can be used in winter
Social areas. The children need places to 'hang out'. The kids could do with an open space to play ball games, closer/ safer to get to than the sports field. The road is too dangerous. The town could do with a bike trail but probably not in the play area.
Having a skateboard trainer/club at the skate park
No
N/A
How about an adult area for use while the children play, like Black Torrington park.

No

Surfaces under the equipment? It can get very wet and muddy.

Access gate on roundabout side of park. More rubbish bins.

Ball games area.

A Basketball/netball hoop

Many people still using it to exercise their dogs, especially non locals

As a mother of children of different ages, something for the younger ones on the same site is a must.

Flooring for when muddy.

More trees planted on the road side

More structure climbing with a slide and fireman's pole and rope climb to get down. Extension of existing pole climb structure would work.

Some would appreciate toilets as public ones are a short drive or moderate walk (with children) but for most it is fine.

No

Better safer pathways

Bridge the gap between skate park and park use the the spaces between the two so parents can sit, use the space by skate park

Be nice to have a memorial of sort to norman who picked up after so many

No more

Some lights over the skatepark/park would be good so it could be used for longer after school during the winter months.

Something for everyone.

Maybe a pathway leading to different parts of equipment.