

Hammersmith Park Consultation 2015

Summary Report

Overview

From 14/05/2015 to 03/06/2015, London Borough of Hammersmith and Fulham ran a consultation entitled 'Hammersmith Park' to find out people's views on the Park and how it could be improved.

322 people responded to the consultation. This report covers the online and postal elements of the consultation process. The online element was conducted on Citizenspace.¹ The report summarises the main comments received during the consultation.

Additional comments were made through consultation meetings, drop in sessions, letter and email responses which have been considered separately.

Questions summary

About you

Question 1: What is your name?

There were 312 responses to this question.

Question 2: What is your email address?

There were 231 responses to this question.

Question 3: What is your organisation?

There were 60 responses to this question.

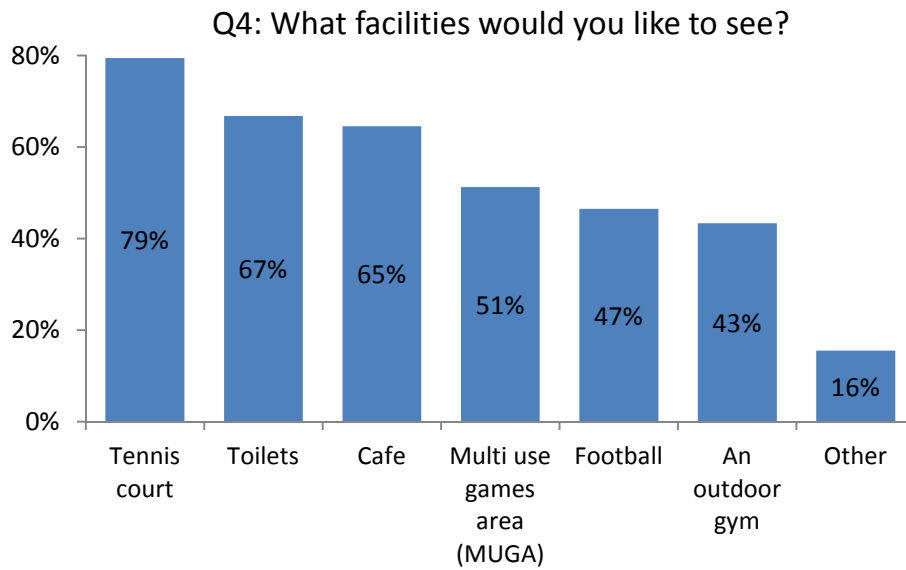
Hammersmith Park facilities

Question 4: What facilities would you like to see in Hammersmith Park?

The majority of respondents (79%) would like to see tennis court facilities in Hammersmith Park; this is followed by toilets (67%), cafe (65%), multi use games area including basketball courts (51%), football pitches (47%) and an outdoor gym

¹ <https://lbhf.citizenspace.com/environment-leisure-and-resident-services/hammersmith-park>

(43%). 'Other' responses included bigger play area for children, green space for picnics, paddling pool and table tennis facilities.



* Due to a multiple choice question, percentages not add up to 100%

Most common 'Other' responses:

"Bigger play area for children"

"An open green space for picnics / flower gardens"

"Quiet space - no games allowed"

"Paddling pool / water play area"

"Table tennis"

"More toddler play areas"

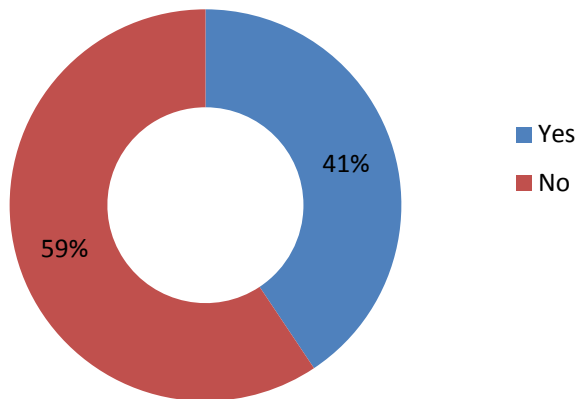
"Dog free space"

Question 5: What time should the floodlights operate?

Floodlights will be installed and it is proposed that they will operate until 10.15pm Monday to Saturday and until 9.15pm on a Sunday. Do you think these timings are acceptable?

Nearly three out of five (59%) respondents do not think these timings are acceptable.

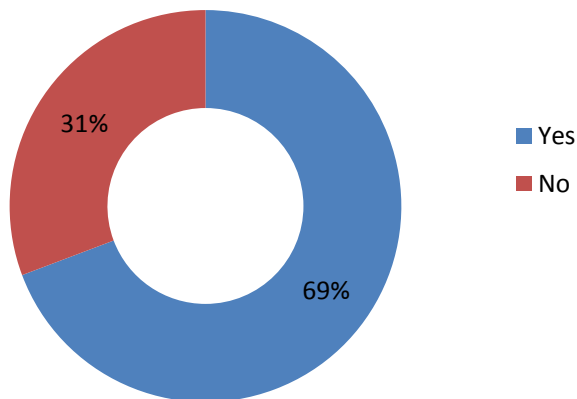
Q5a: Do you think the above timings are acceptable?



Or would you prefer an earlier time of 9.15pm on all days (pitches would be exited at 9pm)?

69% of respondents would prefer for floodlights to be turn off at an earlier time of 9.15pm on all days.

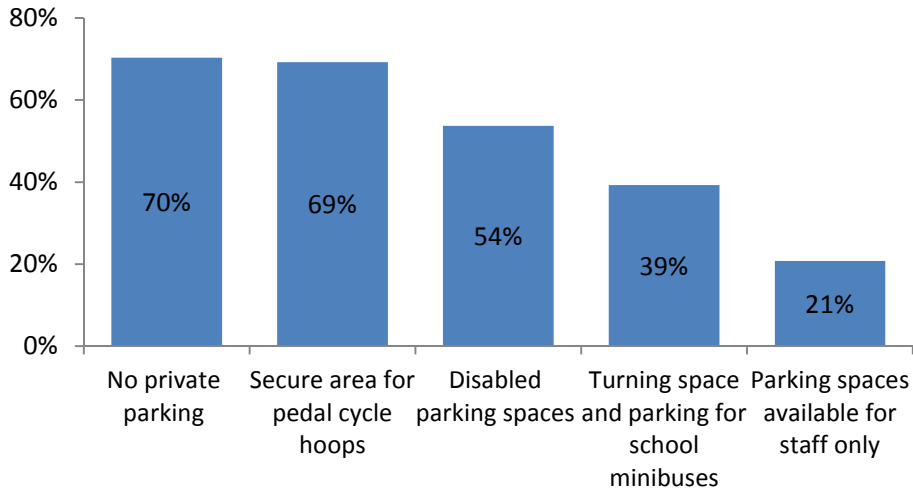
Q5b: Would you prefer an earlier time of 9.15pm on all days?



Question 6: The car park in the development is currently approved. Please check the boxes if you agree and leave the box blank if you don't agree.

70% of all respondents would like there to be no private parking and 69% of all respondents would like there to be space for a secure area for pedal cycle hoops. Over a half (54%) agree that there should be disabled parking spaces and 39% would like there to be turning space and parking for school minibuses. Just over one in five (21%) of all respondents agree for parking spaces to be available for staff only.

Q6: The car park in the development is currently approved. Do you agree with...?



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Most common responses:

"There should be No Car parking at all"

"Schools to be given free access to the football pitches"

"Parking for staff and disabled people only"

"Promote health means of getting to the park - walking and cycling"

"No parking and No licenced bar or cafe"

"More focus on encouraging cyclist and offering the London bikes"

"Free access to tennis courts and MUGA"

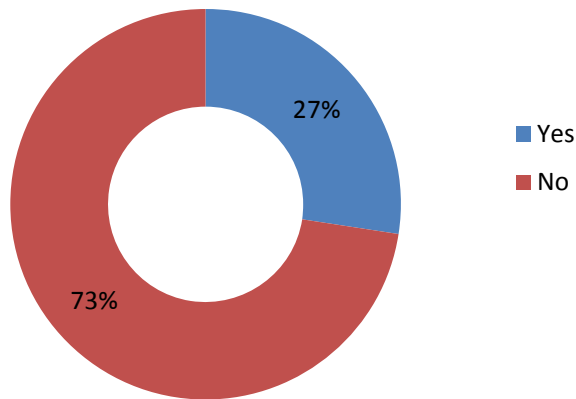
"No free parking for visitors"

Question 7: The Pavilion licensed bar and cafe opening times.

The bar and cafe can currently be used Monday to Saturday until 11pm and Sunday until 10pm. Are you happy with these times?

Nearly three out of four respondents (73%) are not happy with the current times.

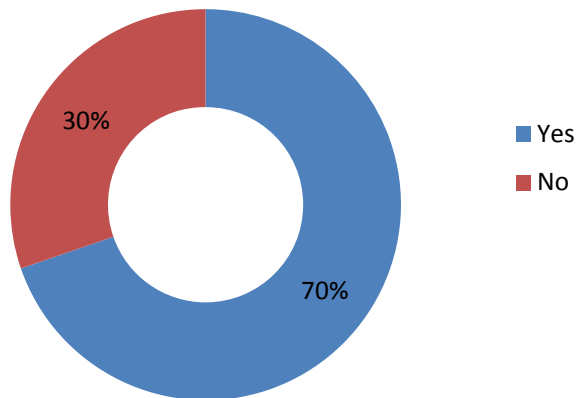
Q7a: Are you happy with Pavillion bar opening times?



Would you prefer to see the Pavilion licensed bar and café closed earlier? Monday to Friday 10.30pm, Saturday and Sunday 9pm?

70% of respondents would prefer the bar and cafe to close earlier.

Q7b: Would you prefer to see the Pavilion licensed bar and cafe closed earlier?

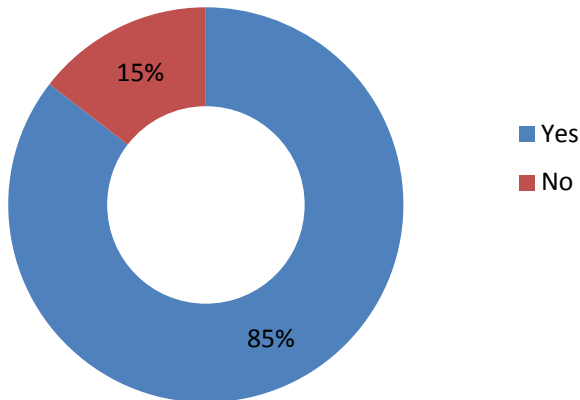


Other sports at Hammersmith Park

Question 8: Would you like to see other sports being played in Hammersmith Park as well as football?

The majority (85%) of respondents would like to see other sports being played in Hammersmith Park.

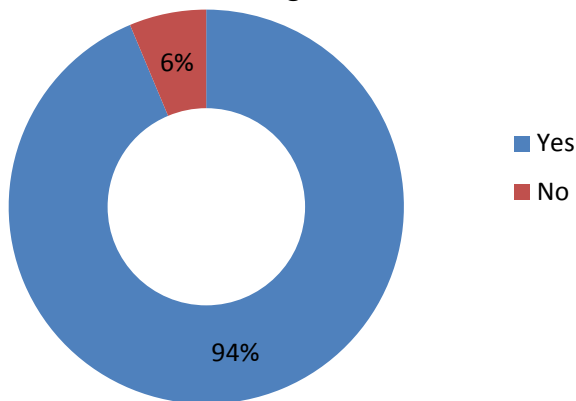
Q8: Would you like to see other sports being played as well as football?



Question 9: Would you support the refurbishment of the tennis courts and multi-use games area?

The majority (94%) of respondents would support the refurbishment of the tennis courts and multi-use games area.

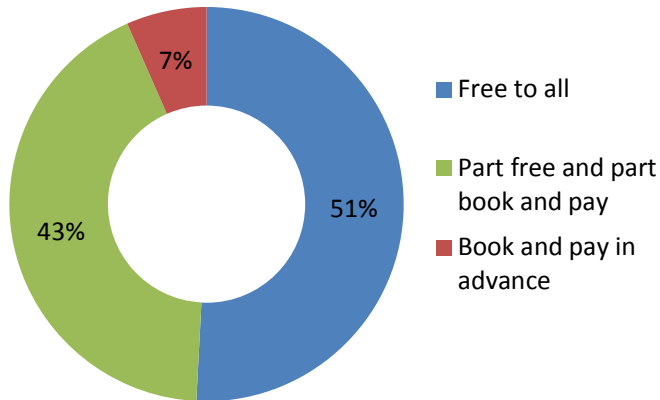
Q9: Would you support the refurbishment of the tennis courts and multi-use games area?



Question 10: Should provision for any other sports be free for all, part free and part book and pay, or book and pay in advance?

Over a half (51%) of respondents think that provision for any other sports should be free for all. A large proportion (43%) of respondents think that it should be part free and part book and pay, while 7% think it should be book and pay in advance.

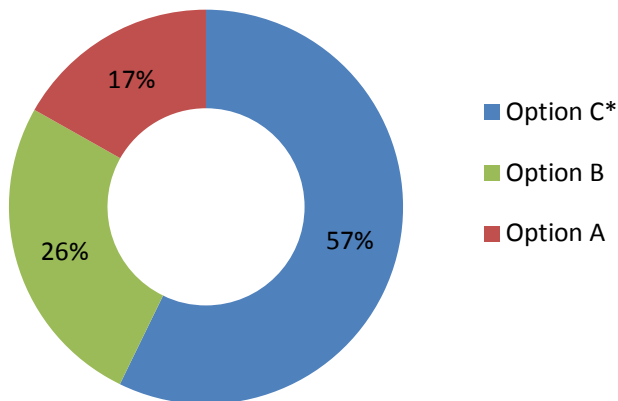
Q10: Should provision for any other sports be...?



Question 11: Which location would you prefer for the tennis and MUGA site as detailed on the display boards?

The majority (57%) of respondents would prefer Option C, 26% would prefer Option B and 17% would prefer option A.

Q11: Which location would you prefer for the tennis and MUGA site?



*Option C: This is a potential third option in which the tennis courts could be aligned singly, at a right angle, adjacent to the football pitches following the alignment of the basketball court in Option A, creating a single line of equal width. This option is currently subject to professional advice.

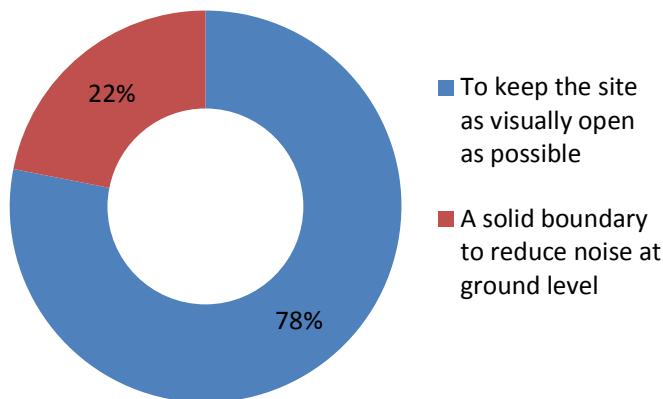
Display boards area available to view in this document (pdf)

http://www.lbhf.gov.uk/Images/HAWP%20Consultation%20booklet_tcm21-195788.pdf

Question 12: An acoustic fence could be installed which would reduce the impact of noise at ground level, but would create a 12ft solid boundary around the site. Would you prefer: - Acoustic fence

Nearly four out of five (78%) of respondents would prefer to keep the site as visually open as possible while 22% would prefer a solid boundary which reduces noise at ground level.

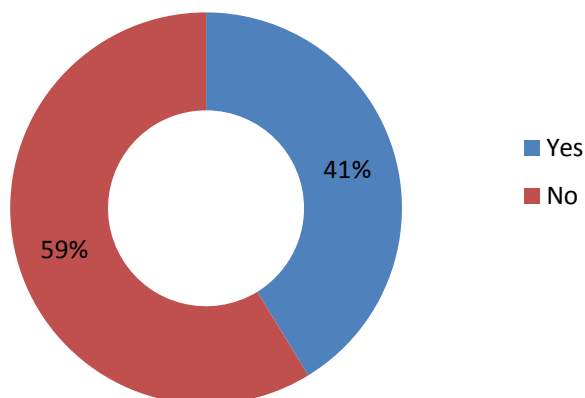
Q12: An acoustic fence could be installed.
Would you prefer...?



Question 13: Should there be the option to use the Pavilion licensed bar and cafe area for events at weekends?

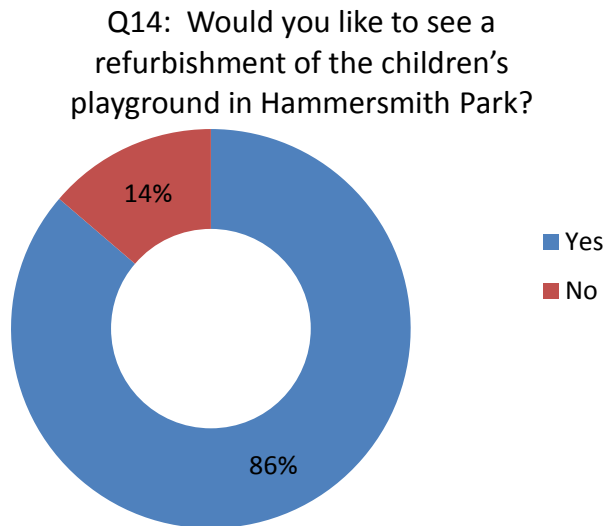
59% of respondents think that the licensed bar and cafe area should not be used of for events at weekends while 41% think it should.

Q13: Should there be the option to use the Pavillion licensed bar and cafe area for events at weekends?



Question 14: Would you like to see a refurbishment of the children’s playground in Hammersmith Park?

The majority (86%) of respondents stated that they would like to see a refurbishment of the children’s playground in the park.



Most common responses:

“Better play equipment, more modern slides”

“Monkey bars, swings, slides, climbing frames”

“Play activities for younger children”

“Great but needs refurbishment”

“An Adventure playground”

“Things that help children's physical development”

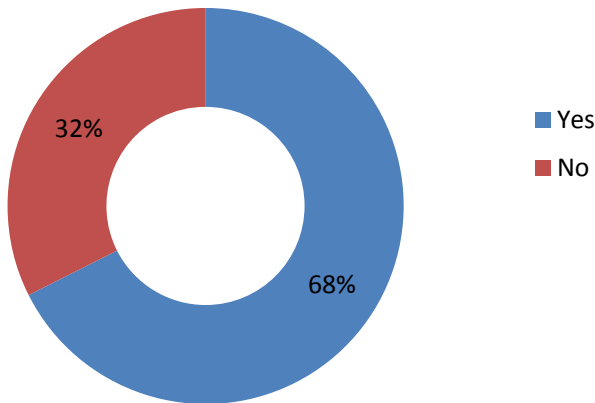
“Sandpits, roundabouts, soft surface”

“Lots more play equipment – family oriented”

Question 15: Do you think the implementation of an adult outdoor gym area in Hammersmith Park is a good idea?

68% of respondents think that the implementation of an adult outdoor gym area in the park is a good idea while 32% think that it is not.

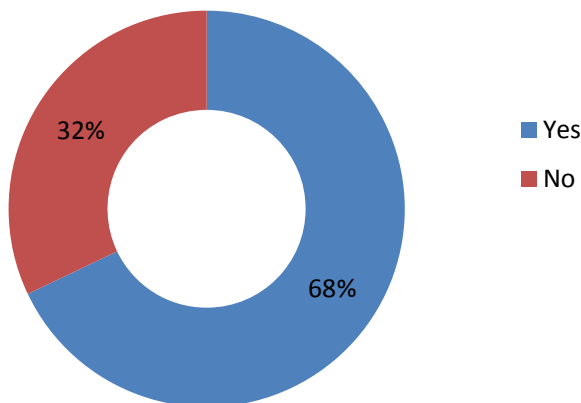
Q15: Do you think the implementation of an adult outdoor gym area in Hammersmith Park is a good idea?



Question 16: There is potential to put in a gate to Hammersmith Park leading from White City Close in order for residents to access the park from this direction. Do you agree with opening access to the park from the White City Close?

68% of respondents agree with opening access to the park from the White City Close while 32% disagree.

Q16: Do you agree with opening access to the Park from the White City Close?



Question 17: Do you have any other comments or issues regarding this development?

Respondents could enter free text to comment on issues regarding the development. There were 161 comments to this question and a broad analysis of the free text answers is shown below.

Most common responses:

"No licenced bar"

"Free tennis courts"

"No to alcohol being served in a cafe"

"I have a deep concern about the late opening of the pitches"

"No public parking on site"

"Don't reduce the green space"

"The noise impact of people shouting while playing football until 9pm or 10pm every night will be extremely disruptive"

"An equal number of tennis courts and football pitches"

"Low or No fees for local residents"

"Remove Play football from the park"

"Free toilet facilities"

"I feel very strongly that the pitches should close at 8pm"

"The sports area should promote healthy living; alcohol will not help this"

"Dogs to be kept away from the kids play area"

"Don't agree with a gate in White City Close"

"For those with gardens on the park side the noise and light pollution will be terrible, so the pitches should close earlier"

"Generous cycle hoop solution and a bank for London Bikes"

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