

# Appendix 1: Results of children’s survey

## Overview

Children are important users of Wimbledon Park. Recognising that children are less likely to take part in formal consultation activity, Merton Council engaged separately with children who use Wimbledon Park as part of the consultation on options that took place between 3 July 2016 to 22 August 2016. This appendix sets out the results of this engagement.

## Methodology

Merton Council sought the views of children who use Wimbledon Park through a survey conducted in the Park during the consultation period. The objective of the survey was to help Merton Council understand children’s priorities for the future. Responses were collected by Merton Council consultation team members using iPads over a range of dates and times during the consultation period.

The survey consisted of a number of optional questions, designed to help Merton Council understand how children use the Park and what their priorities are for its future. PPS Group has analysed the results of the survey on behalf of Merton Council.

This survey was conducted to supplement consultation on masterplan options for Wimbledon Park and should not be read outside of this context.

## Results

47 responses to the survey were received in total.

### Q1. What's your favourite thing about coming to the Park?

This question asked respondents about their favourite thing about coming to the Park. Its intention was to understand what children most value about the Park. The question welcomed open comments, and respondents were invited to list as many aspects of the Park as they wished. 46 children answered this question.

The table below sets out the results of this question:

Response	Frequency
Playground	15
The ducks	7
Playing (general)	7
Minigolf	6
Playing football	6
Open space	6

Athletics	4
Running around	4
Swings	3
Café	3
Playing in the woods	3
Playing tennis	3
Riding bike/scooter	3
Watersports	3
Range of activities	3
Sandpit	2
Climbing trees	2
Fountain	1
Waterfall garden	1
Sailing	1
Park run	1
Toddler playground	1
Slides	1
Walking dog	1
Feeling safe with my friends	1
Fresh air	1
Lake	1
Playing cricket	1

**Q2: What don't you like about the Park at the moment?**

This question asked respondents what they did not like about the Park at the time of the survey. Its intention was to understand what children felt could be improved in the Park. The question welcomed open comments, and respondents were invited to list as many aspects of the Park as they wished. 44 children answered this question.

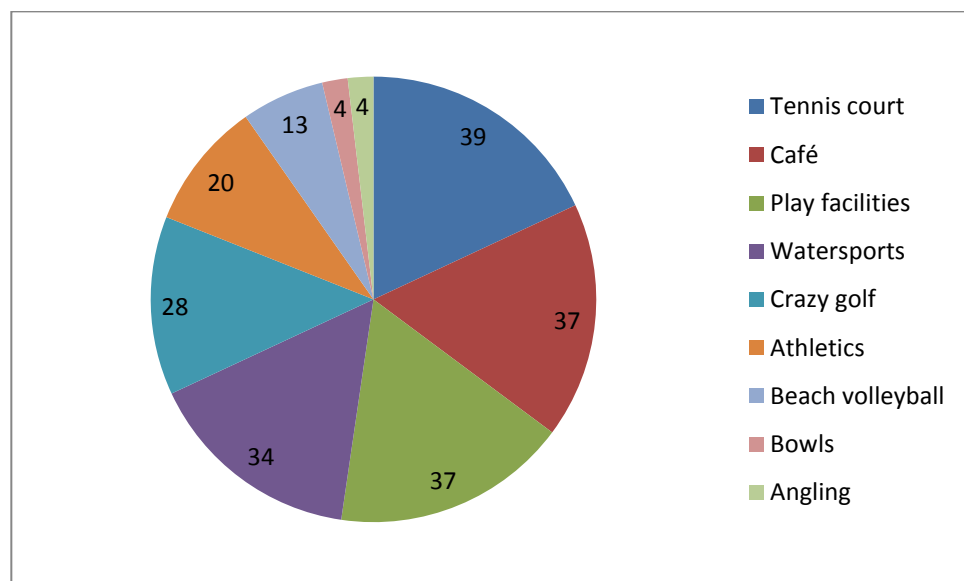
The table below sets out the results of this question:

Response	Frequency
Toilets	8
Nothing	5
Level of maintenance	2
Limited play equipment for older children	2
Minigolf	2
Barbecues	2
Mud	2
Quality of food in café	2
Cleanliness	2
Too busy	2
Distance from car park to playground	1

Distance between playgrounds	1
Slides	1
Location of the lake	1
Too much parking	1
Difficulty using park during events	1
Playground	1
Tennis courts	1
Pond	1
People should not be allowed to feed ducks bread	1
Overcrowding in the play areas	1
Too many tennis courts	1
Lack of sun in the play area	1
Too noisy	1
Bowls court and picnic areas break up park too much	1
Athletics track	1
The fountains get too busy in the summer	1
Prices in the café	1
Cleanliness of the splash pool	1
Wayfinding	1
Cars driving on footpaths	1
Athletics track changing rooms	1

**Q3: If you were making a dream park, what would you choose to put in it? (choose 5)**

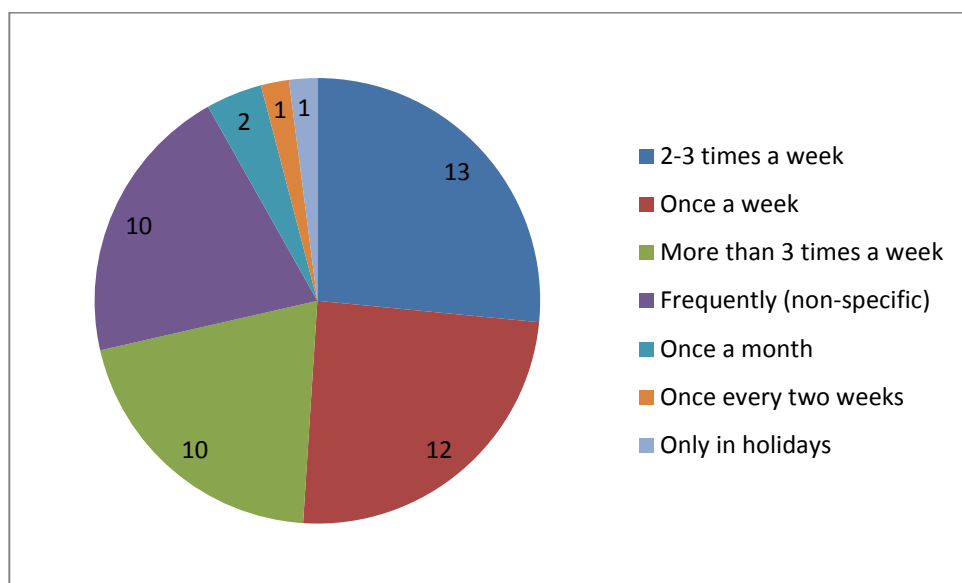
This question asked respondents what they would put in their dream park. Its intention was to understand what children would most like to see in the Park in the future. The question provided a series of options and asked children to choose five from them. 47 children answered this question.



Response	Frequency
Tennis court	39
Café	37
Play facilities	37
Watersports	34
Crazy golf	28
Athletics	20
Beach volleyball	13
Bowls	4
Angling	4

**Q4: How often do you come to the Park?**

This question asked respondents how often they came to the Park. Its intention was to help understand how children use the Park. The question welcomed open comments – these have been coded to provide an overview of how often respondents visit the Park. 47 children answered this question.

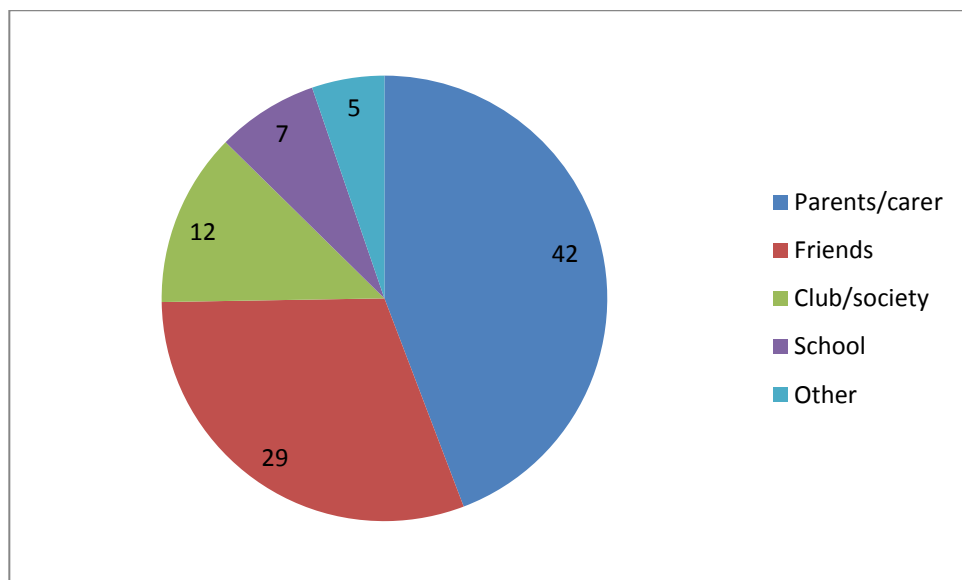


Response	Frequency
2-3 times a week	13
Once a week	12
More than 3 times a week	10
Frequently (non-specific)	10
Once a month	2
Once every two weeks	1
Only in holidays	1



**Q5: Who do you come to the Park with?**

This question asked respondents with whom they came to the Park. Its intention was to help understand how children use the Park. The question provided a series of options – respondents were welcome to choose more than one. 47 children answered this question.



Response	Frequency
Parents/carer	42
Friends	29
Club/society	12
School	7
Other	5

**Q6: Where do you live?**

This question asked respondents with whom they came to the Park. Its intention was to help understand how children use the Park. 47 children answered this question.

Response	Frequency
Wimbledon	21
Southfields	17
Earlsfield	5
Raynes Park	2
Wandsworth	1
East Sheen	1



