

# Moormead & Bandy Recreation Ground

## The Self Made Man Sculpture Consultation

### Summary of Results

#### 1. Background

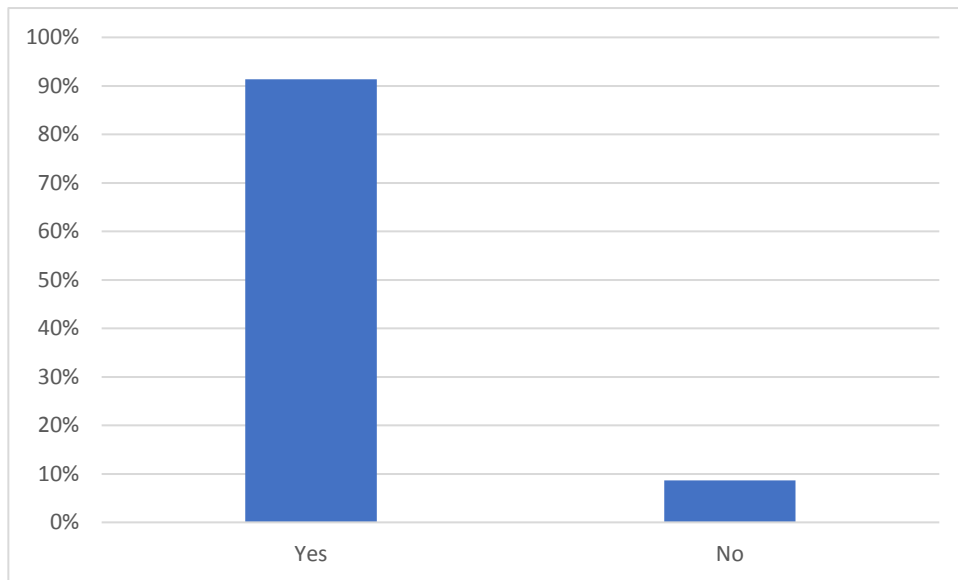
The Parks and Open Spaces Team carried out a consultation which proposed to carve a tree stem into a sculpture in Moormead Park. Tree stems can be found within parks across the borough as: deadwood habitats, benches and carvings.

The Council received a suggestion from a local resident, that the tree stem in Moormead Park could be carved into a sculpture by the Barnes based artist Derek Pearce. After consulting with Derek about all possible options, Derek developed a piece of artwork called the “Self-made man”, a sculpture appearing to show a man carving himself out of an old tree stem.

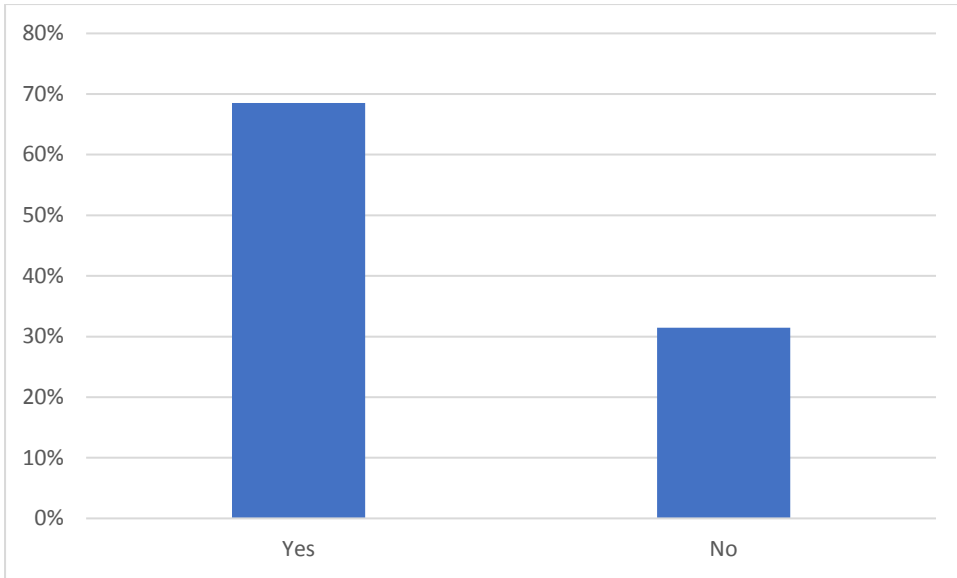
This consultation took place between Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018

#### 2. Summary of Results

162 people responded to this consultation. Out of the people who responded, 148 people (91.36%) supported the Council’s proposal to install the tree sculpture in Moormead Park while 14 people (8.64%) did not support the proposal.

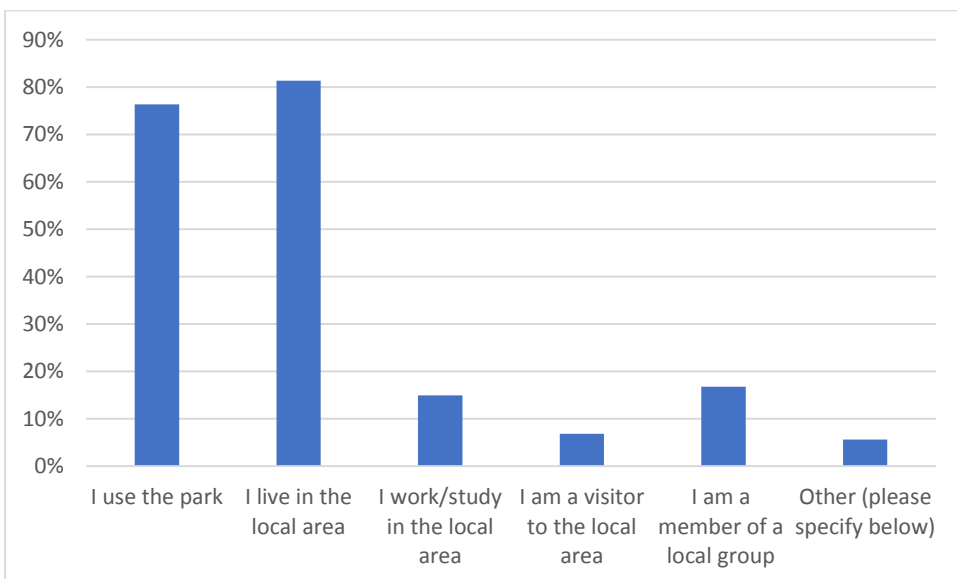


A follow up question was asked, regarding the proposal to create the “self-made man” sculpture by the artist Derek Pearce in Moormead Park. This question was answered by 162 respondents. 111 people (68.52%) were in support of the proposal. 51 people (31.48%) did not support the proposal.



### 3. User Information

161 people responded to the question indicating in what capacity they are responding to this consultation (Respondents were able to select more than one option, so percentages add up to more than 100). It is important to know this as the sculpture aims to be something for everyone. 123 people (76.4%) responded that they were park users. 131 people (81.4%) live in the local area. 24 people (14.9%) responded that they work/study in the local area. 11 people (6.8%) responded that they were visitors to the local area. 27 people (16.8%) responded that they belonged to a local group or organisation. 9 people (5.6%) responded "other".



#### **4. Other Comments**

121 respondents provided “final comments” with regards to the consultation. 65 all in support of the design think it would be an excellent addition to the park for the community, 33 in support of a sculpture but would prefer a different design.

Other comments included:

- Invest in the pavilion rather than the park
- An animal/nature themed design would be more appropriate than the Self Made Man
- Happy to see the council support small, local artists and businesses

The majority of comments received were positive. The purpose of The Self-Made Man is to inspire and encourage discussion amongst park users and visitors, which lots of the responses thought it would do. Beyond this, it is hoped the sculpture will encourage people to visit the park who would not normally visit; and connect people to art who would not normally have access to it.

There were a few comments worried about vandalism, graffiti and safety. It was stated in the consultation that the safety of park users is priority and that the sculpture would be monitored by the parks team and enforcement contractor as part of routine maintenance.