

# Mortlake Green New Playground Consultation

## Summary of Results

### 1. Background

The Parks and Open Spaces Team carried out a consultation to garner public opinion on improving the play provision on Mortlake Green. The Council's proposal was to improve the play experience both within the existing playground perimeter and to install additional play items on parts of the green itself. Within the playground the Council proposed to install a new play train, space net, a number of play and activity panels that are to be installed on posts and to print play and activity markings onto the existing safety surface. Outside of the play area the Council proposed to install a new basket swing and a trim trail that comprises of six individual items. A log seating area would also be installed on an area of the Green. The proposals had been revised from the previous consultations with the trim trail and log seating being the latest addition to the proposal.

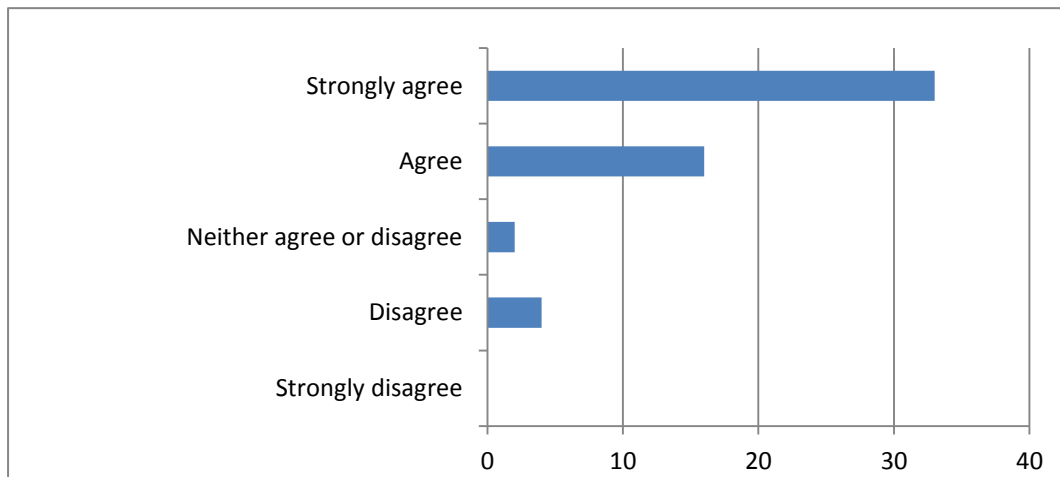
The consultation also asked respondents whether they would be in support of installing fitness equipment at a later date and whether they would like to consider forming a friends group. The consultation ran from Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

### 2. Summary of Results

There were 55 responses submitted online to this consultation. The Parks and Open Spaces Team received no paper responses and no phone calls, emails or letters were received in response to the consultation.

#### 2.1. Proposal for play provision improvements.

There was a strong showing of support shown for the proposal with 89.09% (49/55) of respondents stating that they either agreed or strongly agreed with the improvements. 3.64% (2/55) or respondents were neither for nor against the proposal and 7.27%(4/55) disagreed with the proposals altogether. The full results are displayed in the below graph:



2.2.

### Comments supporting the proposal

The majority of comments that were in support of this consultation were from residents who had said that they were pleased with the latest proposals and felt that the new equipment would benefit the whole community and extend the play provision for older children (7-11 year olds). Other respondents said that the improvements were desperately needed and long overdue.

### 2.3. Comments against the proposal

4 of the 55 respondents disagreed with the proposals and felt that further improvements should be considered to improve the playground. One respondent was concerned that the play train did not add any additional play value and was similar in design to the existing multi-play unit which had an existing slide. Other respondents were concerned that play panels would not be used and that over the years the improvements have been “a bit of a mish mash” and have not been thought out, they feel that the latest additions are continuing this trend and the playground needs to be re-designed from scratch. One resident was concerned about the impact that the basket swing will have on the adjacent trees and properties.

Alternative improvements that should be considered are:

- A zip wire
- Water/splash activity area
- Sand pit

### 2.4 Proposals for new fitness equipment to be installed at a later date

Of the 55 respondents who took part in the consultation, 31 stated that they would support the installation of outdoor fitness equipment at a later date. This is something that the Council will now consider in the future. 7 respondents said that they were not in favour of the addition of fitness equipment and 17 were not sure either way.

### 2..5 Support for respondents to form a Friends Group

Respondents to this consultation were also asked if they would be interested in forming a new Friends Group for Mortlake Green where local people would have greater ownership of

the site and would work with the Council on future improvements. Of the 55 people that took part 20 individuals stated that they would be keen on forming a friends group and have provided their contact details. These will now be collated and the individuals will be contacted and ask to liaise with the South West London Environment Network (SWLEN) who will co-ordinate the group and help to set up the new friends group.

### **3. Next steps**

The Parks and Open Spaces Team plan to:

- Share this report with ward Councillor's and the Joint Deputy Leader who is the Cabinet Member for the Environment, Business and Community.
- Publish this report on the Council's consultation finder website.
- Develop a project specification for the proposals that have been outlined above and invite suppliers to tender for this contract. apply for the contract within a three-week period.
- Assess the results and award the contract with a view that installation is complete by the end of Summer (September)