**North Sheen Recreation Ground New Fitness Equipment Consultation**

**Summary of Results**

**1. Background**

The Parks and Open Spaces Team carried out a consultation to propose the installation of new fitness equipment at North Sheen Recreation Ground. This consultation took place between Tuesday 4th October and Monday 17th October 2016. The results of this consultation has been used as supporting information for an application of funding with the London Marathon Charitable Trust. Results of this application will not be known until January 2017.

**2. Summary of Results**

58 people responded to this consultation online. All of the respondents were local residents.

**2.1. Location of Equipment**

This consultation proposed the location of the new equipment would be within the corner of the larger play area by the North Road entrance into the recreation ground. Out of the people who responded to the consultation, nine in ten (91%) supported the proposed location for the equipment. 5 respondents were unsupportive. One felt the grass area should be preserved and another commented that it is an area where children usually play. The results are shown in the graph below:

**2.2. Type of equipment**

Respondents were then asked to pick five pieces of equipment that they would most like to see in the park. The graph below show the popularity of each piece amongst respondents:

The five most popular pieces were as follows:

* Cross trainer
* Stepper
* Pull ups
* Bicycle
* Body twist

**2.3. Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground**

Respondents were next asked to provide an e-mail address if they were interested in becoming a member of the North Sheen Recreation Ground. 13 respondents provided an e-mail contact, which indicates that 13 local residents would be interested in becoming a part of the Friends Group.

**2.4. Other Comments**

18 other additional comments were given by residents at the end of the consultation. 13 of the comments given showed support for the proposal, many respondents commented that it would be an excellent addition to the park for the community.

One respondent was not necessarily against the proposal, but suggested that the selection of proposed equipment was not very good.

Other comments suggested some additions to the new proposed equipment, shown below:

* New developments should include a trim trail
* Installation of a tennis table, then residents can bring their own bat and ball
* Installation of adult climbing bars
* To consider this type of development in a Twickenham park

As previously mentioned, all respondents of this consultation were local residents, with nearly half of residents falling into the 35-44 age bracket category.

**3. Next steps**

The Parks and Open Spaces Team plan to:

* Share this report with the Friends of North Sheen Recreation Ground to provide any additional comments
* Publish a brief report and summary of next steps on the Council’s consultation finder website
* Await the results of the London Marathon Charitable Trust funding application which will be disclosed in January 2017
* Following a successful application, develop a project specification for suppliers