PLAY SURVEY REPORT

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1 Executive Summary

1.1 Respondents

- 506 respondents completed an online or paper form during the consultation period.
- 77% of respondents are female. 23% male.
- 13% have a limiting illness or disability.
- 22% are aged 18 to 34, 46% are aged 35-44, 15% are aged 45 to 54, 6% are aged 55 to 64 and 11% are aged over 65.

- 51% have a child aged 0-4, 63% have a child aged 5-12, 22% have a child aged 12-17 and 5% have no children.
- 70% of respondents have a son and 66% have a daughter that uses at least one of the types of play spaces. 162 respondents have a son and a daughter.
- The sample is over-represented by females and those aged under 45, which is to be expected given the subject of the survey.

1.2 Interactive Map

- **32 contributors** dropped **165 pins** on a map to show the play spaces they used.
- **73 play spaces** had a pin dropped on them.

1.3 Vision

- Overall, 92% agree with the draft vision (59% strongly agree and 33% agree), with 7% disagreeing.

1.4 Use of play spaces

- 70% use their local/nearest play space about once a week or more often
- 73% use play areas/playgrounds about once a week or more often
- 16% use wheeled play about once a week, with 42% never using them.
- 14% use MUGAs about once a week, with 43% never using MUGAs.
- 93% of respondents visit play spaces at the weekend

1.5 Satisfaction with play spaces

- 40% are satisfied with their local/nearest play space, with 51% dissatisfied.
- 49% are satisfied with play areas/ playgrounds for children aged 0-12, with 40% dissatisfied.
- 12% are satisfied with play areas/ playgrounds for teenagers, with 66% dissatisfied.
- 16% are satisfied with inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities, with 63% dissatisfied.
- 43% are satisfied with wheeled play, with 31% dissatisfied.
- 38% are satisfied with MUGAs, with 24% dissatisfied.

1.6 Views on play spaces

Levels of agreement that *'there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for:…'*

- children aged 0-12 - 66% agree and 22% disagree.
- teenagers - 14% agree and 63% disagree.
- boys - 58% agree and 18% disagree.
- girls - 55% agree and 19% disagree.
- children with a disability - 10% agree and 66% disagree.

1.7 Local play spaces

- 80% agree that they use their local play space because it is the closest to their home. 16% disagree.
- Just over one third (35%) agree that their local play space has a range of good equipment. 55% disagree.
- The main reasons that stop people from visiting their local play space are: it's run down / has poor and broken facilities and equipment (54%). This is followed by lack of suitable equipment (48%). Lack of toilets (36%), not clean, graffiti, litter (36%), not enough for young children (34%) and it feels unsafe/there's antisocial behaviour (30%) are the next key barriers.

1.8 Play space used the most

- 56% are satisfied with the play area they use the most and just under one third (32%) are dissatisfied.
- The main reason respondents use their most used play area is because it is within walking distance from their home (55%), followed by it has good equipment/facilities for children aged 0-12 (50%), feels safe for me and my family (43%) and is my local play space (42%).

The following factors had the top three levels of agreement:

- It is easy to access with buggies/pushchairs or wheelchairs (84%)
- Myself and my family feel safe in it (77%)
- I have the opportunity to feel close to nature when in it (75%)

The following factors had the top three levels of disagreement

- There are opportunities for flexible play (52%)
- It has suitable facilities (e.g. café, toilets) (52%)
- There is adequate seating (e.g. benches, picnic benches) (41%)

1.9 Key differences in response

The main differences in usage and satisfaction with different play spaces are by **age, gender** (adults and children/young people), **age of child** and **whether the child has a disability.** There are also some differences by **ethnicity** and **religion**.

1.9.1 Use of play spaces

Generally, usage of local play spaces and playgrounds are slightly higher for **females** and amongst those aged **18-34** and **35-44;** those aged **55-64** have the lowest usage. This is expected given the main users are parents or grandparents of children aged 0-12. There is also lower use for those with a **child with a disability** than those with no disability across most play spaces.

Boys are slightly higher users of Wheeled play and MUGAs than **girls**. **Adult males** are also more frequent users of wheeled play and MUGAs than **females**.
Usage increases with **age of child** and usage is also higher among those with no children/grandchildren. There is also higher use of these play spaces amongst those **aged 45-54** and high non-use amongst those aged over 55**.**

There are differences in the times when play spaces are used by **age**, **gender** and whether a **child/grandchild has a disability**.

1.9.2 Satisfaction with play spaces

Females have higher levels of dissatisfaction with play areas/playgrounds for teenagers, inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities and wheeled play compared to **males**.

Respondents **with a disability** have higher levels of dissatisfaction with their local play space and play areas/playgrounds for 0-12s compared to those **with no disability.** Those with a **child with a disability** also have higher levels of dissatisfaction with their nearest/local play space compared to those without.

There is slightly higher satisfaction with local play spaces amongst those aged **65 and over** compared to other age groups. Those aged **55-64** have the highest levels of dissatisfaction.

Those with **no children** have higher levels of satisfaction with their nearest/local play space, wheeled play and MUGAs than those with children.

Those with **children aged 4 to 11** and **12 to 17** have higher levels of dissatisfaction with play areas for teenagers and MUGAs than those with **children aged 0 to 4** or those with **no children**.

White British respondents have higher levels of satisfaction with play areas/ playgrounds for 0-12s compared to those from **Minority Ethnic Groups**. However, **White British** respondents are more dissatisfied with MUGAs than those from **Minority Ethnic Groups**.

1.9.3 Views on play spaces

- 44% of those with **no children** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area for teenagers, which is much higher than those **with children**.
- 39% of those with children **aged 12-17** strongly disagree that there is a good variety of spaces for teenagers.
- 50% of those with children **aged 5 to 11** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces for boys, compared to 38% of those with children **aged 12 to 17**.
- 49% of those with children **aged 5 to 11** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces for girls, compared to 36% of those with children **aged 12 to 17.**
- 17% of respondents with a **child/grandchild with a disability** agreed that 'My local play space has a range of good equipment' compared to 32% of those with a child with no disability.
- 41% of respondents with **children aged 0-4** strongly agreed that they 'use their local play space because it is closest to their home' compared to 33% of those with 5-11s, 20% of those with 12-17s and 20% of those with no children.
- Not enough for teenagers is more of an issue for **White respondents** than **Minority Ethnic Groups.**
- It's too far to walk and unappealing location/surroundings were higher for **Minority Ethnic Groups,** as was 'nothing'.
- Poor lighting and dog mess and poor dog control is higher for those with **no religion** than **Christians**.

1.9.4 Satisfaction with play space most used

- 40% of those with an illness that limits their ability a lot are dissatisfied with the play space they use the most compared to 14% whose activities are limited a little and 22% of those with no disability.
- more white respondents (18%) are very satisfied with the play spaces they use the most than minority ethnic groups (5%)

2 Introduction and background

The Play Survey was designed to seek views to help develop a draft vision for play in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.

We wanted to hear about the play spaces people use and their opinions of them.

By play spaces we mean:

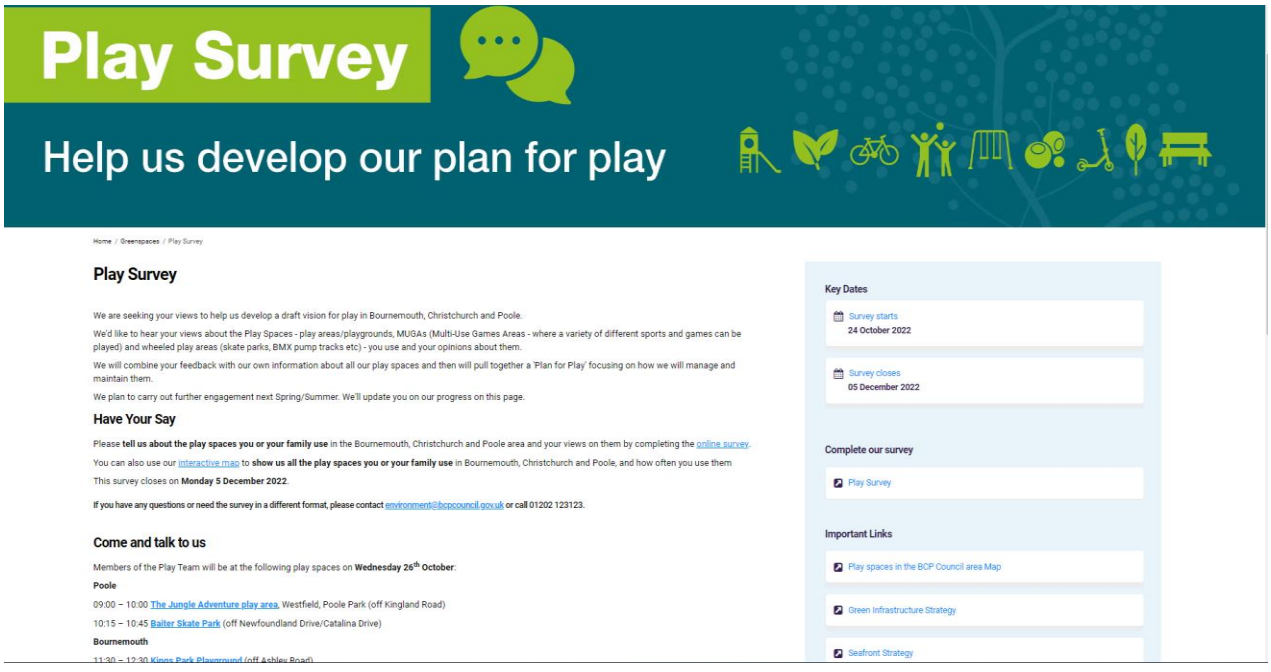
- play areas/playgrounds
- MUGAs (Multi-Use Games Areas - where a variety of different sports and games can be played)
- wheeled play areas (skate parks, BMX pump tracks etc).

2.1.1 Methodology

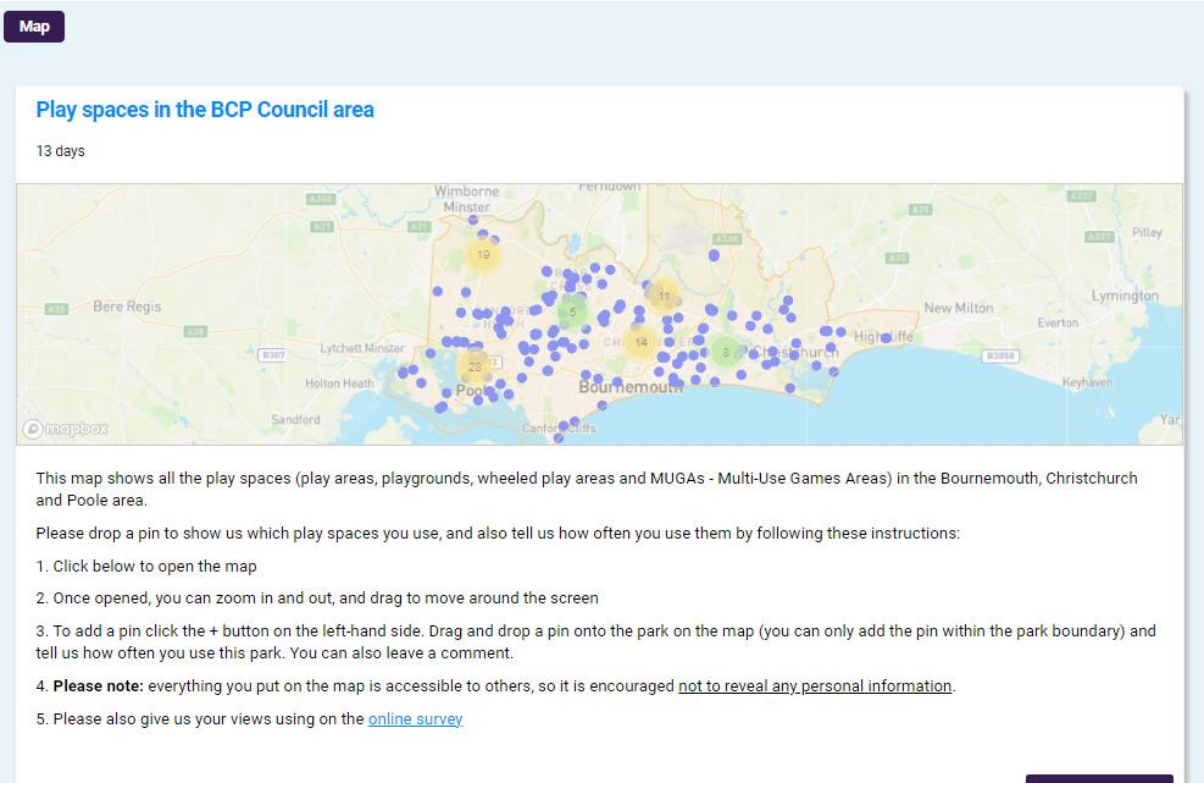
We asked respondents to tell us about the play spaces they or their family use, and their views on them, in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area using an online survey.

The survey ran from Monday 24 October 2022 and until Monday 2 January (it was extended from Friday 5 December 2022).

The survey was available at haveyourssay.bcpcouncil.gov.uk/Play. Paper copies were also available upon request from BCP Council libraries and from Environment Services, with a contact phone number and email address provided for alternative formats.



Respondents could also use our interactive map to show us all the play spaces they or they family use, and how often they use them



Members of the Play Team were at the following play spaces on Wednesday 26th October to talk to users of play areas, inform them about the survey, and to answer any questions:

Poole

09:00 – 10:00 **The Jungle Adventure play area**, Westfield, Poole Park

10:15 – 10:45 **Baiter Skate Park**

Bournemouth

11:30 – 12:30 **Kings Park Playground**

12:45 – 13:15 **Kings Park Skate Park**

Christchurch

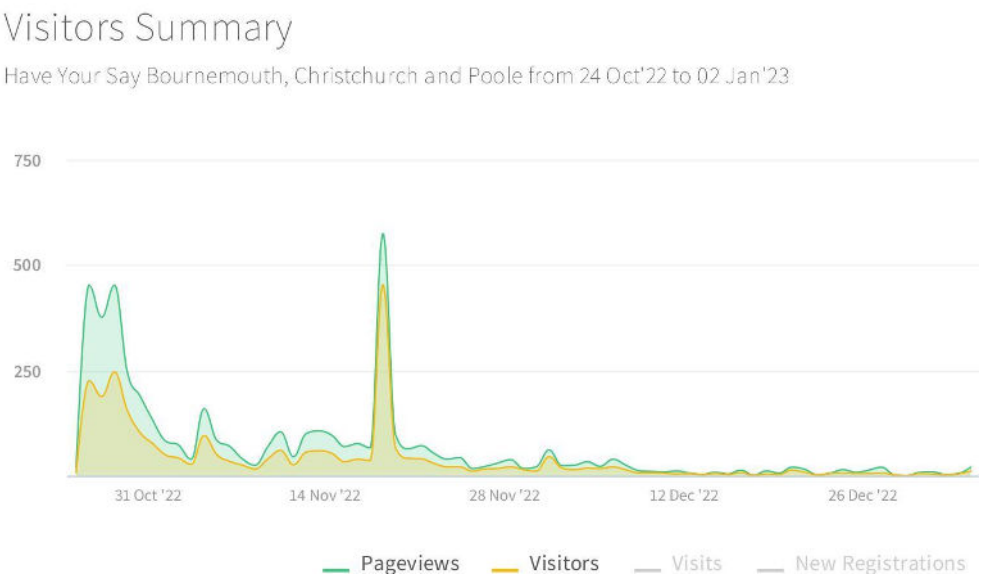
14:00 – 15:00 **The Quomps**, Christchurch Quay Play Area

15:30 – 16:00 **Two Riversmeet Skate Park**

3 Engagement HQ Analytics

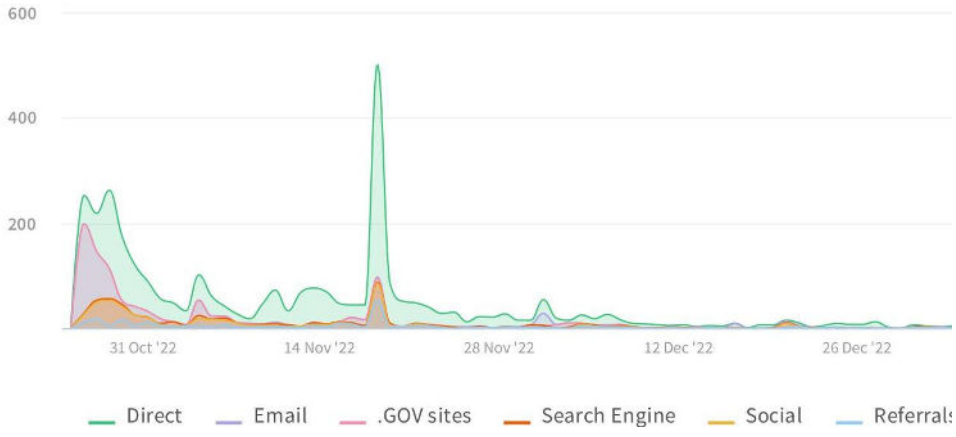
The consultation was hosted on the council's engagement platform 'Engagement HQ' from Monday 4 October 2022 to Monday 2 January 2023. Almost 3,200 people visited the consultation page: there were approximately 2,400 **aware visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has made at least one single visit to the webpage) and 487 **informed visitors** (i.e. a visitor who has taken the 'next step' from being aware and clicked on something). There were 32 **engaged visitors** (i.e. visitors who contributed to an activity on the platform) who contributed to the Ideas Board.

Engagement HQ Measurement Figures



Visits by channel

The majority of visits came directly through direct channels and .gov.uk sites (namely the BCP website), followed by social media.



4 Communications

Below is a breakdown of the communications activity carried out by BCP Council to promote the engagement as widely as possible.

The council used a variety of methods to promote the engagement including a press release and social media posts (Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram).

Posters were put up in each of the play areas in BCP and postcards were handed out by Officers at play areas.

Posters and survey return boxes were also displayed on Have your Say Boards in all BCP Council libraries to promote the survey.

Social media

Social media posts had a total reach[1] of 31,788, a total engagement[2] of 2,066 people and total impressions[3] of 35,573. Below are details of how people interacted with our social media profiles during the engagement period:

Facebook		Instagram		Linkedin		Twitter	
Reactions	72	Likes	70	Likes	2	Likes	6
Clicks	612	Saved	4	Clicks	14	Retweets	2
Other clicks	1.1K	Comments	21	Comments	0		
Comments	102			Shares	1		
Shares	53						

Below are the best performing social media posts based on reach and engagement:

Oct. 25 2022

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PLAY

Reach	16K
Impressions	17K
Engagement	1.1K

Nov. 3 2022

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PLAY

Reach	7K
Impressions	7.3K
Engagement	236

Nov. 15 2022

HAVE YOUR SAY ON PLAY

Reach	4.8K
Impressions	5.1K
Engagement	138

5 Analysis and results

Percentages

Figures in this report are presented as a percentage of people who answered the question. The percentages in this report will not always add up to 100%. This can be because of rounding, or because for some questions, respondents are allowed to select more than one response.

Analysis by protected characteristics

Where sample sizes are large enough, results are broken down by protected characteristics, age of child and whether the child has a disability to show any significant differences. Where gender is used, this refers to the survey respondent. Some results are shown by boys and girls, when this is the case this is clearly labelled.

Please note, results are only shown in charts or reported where there are significant differences between subgroups.

The base may be small for some groups shown in the charts. Results are not shown where the base is less than 10, and where the base is between 10 and 30, it is marked with an * to highlight the low base number. Caution must be taken when using these findings.

Qualitative comments

Qualitative responses (write in text) to questions were exported into Excel and were thematically analysed. The most common themes are reported on in this report. Anonymised quotes from participants have been used to illustrate the themes identified.

Please note that while the purpose of qualitative data is to provide deeper insights into reasoning and impact rather than to quantify data, the numbers of respondents who mentioned the most prevalent themes are provided in this report to give an indication of the magnitude of response. However, given the nature of qualitative data, it should be noted that this does not provide an indication of significance in relation to the question asked.

In addition, where respondents have provided comments that relate to more than one theme, their feedback has been categorised into multiple categories.

Word clouds have also been used to count the number of times words are used by respondents in responses.

6 Results

6.1 Overall response

506 respondents completed an online or paper questionnaire during the consultation period. 113 surveys were completed on a PC/laptop, 373 on a Smartphone and 20 on a tablet.

6.2 Respondent profile

The respondent profile is shown in full in Appendix 1, including the respondent profile and ward profile.

Survey respondent postcodes by area is shown in Appendix 2.

- 77% of respondents are female. 23% male.
- 22% are aged 18 to 34, 46% are aged 35-44, 15% are aged 45 to 54, 6% are aged 55 to 64 and 11% are aged over 65.
- 13% have a limiting illness or disability.
- 51% have a child aged 0-4, 63% have a child aged 5-12, 22% have a child aged 12-17 and 5% have no children.
- 70% of respondents have a **son** and 66% has a **daughter** that uses at least one of the types of play spaces.

6.3 Draft vision

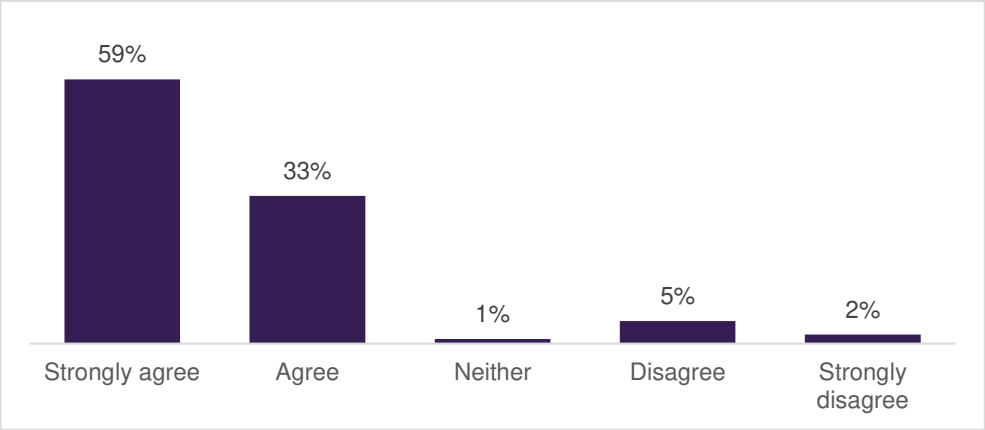
Respondents were asked to what extent they agree or disagree with the draft vision.'

The draft vision is:

To deliver high quality, accessible, safe and inclusive play spaces, where everyone of all abilities, across Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole, can learn, have fun and be active through play. All ages and abilities should feel safe, confident and excited to use our play spaces as part of leading fulfilled lives with brighter futures.

Overall, 92% agree with the draft vision (59% strongly agree and 33% agree), with 7% disagreeing, as shown in the chart below.

Figure 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the draft vision?



Base: 455 respondents

6.3.1 Differences in agreement with the draft vision

Levels of agreement with the vision differ by **age of children/grandchildren**.

- 76% of those with **no children** strongly agree, compared to 51% of those with **children aged 12 to 17**.

6.3.2 Reasons for disagreement with the draft vision

Comments on the vision

21 people explained why they disagreed with the vision. The reasons included some play areas are poorly maintained/in need of upgrading/outdated; that play spaces shouldn't be for all ages; they should be "within a short walk for everyone" and the vision should acknowledge the need for risk taking and other types of play spaces:

21 comments

I agree that some parks are great, however ***some are terribly in need of upgrade*** *(including our local park).*
Many play spaces are horribly run down and are not high quality *- take the Millfield play area in Creekmoor. Or parts of the main Broadstone park off Ridgeway. Play areas do not seem suitable for all ages, or attempts to make them all inclusive lead to a poorer offering. Many play areas have very poor efforts at inclusive equipment which has not been thought through who had advice from people who use them, or from an Occupational Therapist. Parks should be focused at every age, from cradle to grave - to ensure everyone is active. Parks are social environments, for all ages and this statement does not reflect that aspect of play. The statement should reflect the principles of universal design. As well as potential equipment within playgrounds, you need to consider accessibility from the point of view of parking, gates, steep or stepped access, visibility and so on - and consider how this is a barrier to accessibility.*

Townsend playground is outdated*, the neighbours have to clean the litter constantly, and we have had to contact the council several times to cut the grass. Because it's just grass if it rains, or it's too humid it cannot be used because it's all muddy.*
Parks are dirty, poorly maintained*, dog poo in them. Unsafe gates. Ruined by poo or spit on equipment. Grass overgrown / mud puddles under certain equipment which makes it unusable. Not enough equipment for variety of ages.*
I love inclusive playgrounds but ***I want to see play equipment that also challenges and encourages every child to stretch themselves****. I don't want bland spaces that don't have enough equipment for the children who use them. I want community spaces that also provide safe well lit spaces for ball games, learner bikers, learner skaters, scooters, and boarders.*
*I agree with the first sentence****. I do not agree with the second sentence*** *stating that these areas should be appropriate for all ages. I think this is not an achievable aim and I would prefer the council aim to achieve age-appropriate safe spaces.*
Playgrounds and parks can not necessarily be suitable for all ages*.*
Younger children have different needs
No wheelchair friendly parks *in the whole of the BH11/BH12 area. That is not being inclusive of all abilities.*

I am a resident on the Quomps and in 2022 there has been a massive increase in the activities. This is an area where ***local residents are furious that BCP are accepting activities without any information or confirmations, or contacts****. There are enough activities on the Quomps already, the swing park and the splash pool. Most families bring young one to feed the wildlife. This area is owned by C. Town Council and NOT BCP. Any changes must go to the Community Committee on CTC.*
When talking about play, ***it is children who should be the target group****, not "everyone".*
There are three play parks in Southbourne/Tuckton that are within walking distance from us. They ***lack play equipment in general*** *and especially for school age children, they are not maintained in an acceptable condition, equipment has been removed and not replaced. The play park by Tuckton Tea Gardens has play equipment for young children only, i.e. toddlers, it needs to include something for older children and teenagers. Seafield Gardens used to be appealing for a bigger age range but earlier this year the big play equipment with slide has been removed and now there is not enough for older children and a big empty space in the middle. This area should have priority in your planning as it is part of a bigger park with a fairy garden, bowls area, tennis courts, café that should be looked after better and attract all ages. The sand play park by café Riva on Southbourne Overcliff Drive has been neglected for a long time too. It has had a barrier in the middle of the play park for a very long time where a sand digger used to be. I feel that local children and their needs for outdoor play spaces are not important for the council and instead there is a focus on making tourists happy.*
Needs to include ***being welcoming for visitors to the region****, not just 'people of BCP'. Should mention something about helping people enjoy being outside for wellbeing and enjoy nature.*

Some ***play areas are looking run down****. For example the play area in Westbourne Close, Westbourne*
I think as it stands, the draft vision is good. ***My question would be, what about those children who need something outside the definitions of play spaces you have given?*** *It sounds like you are only talking about outside spaces. What about those who need the warmth and/ or quiet of indoor spaces? Quiet spaces? What about those who need someone to help them access play and parents who need an hour's break? would you work with private play space providers? Can you include bookable specialist play staff in some play areas? I am concerned that there is not enough provision for the growing number of children with sensory difficulties/ children who get overwhelmed and present as having behaviours that challenge like ADS/ ADHD. Parents tell me there is not enough provision for them to manage to help their children access play regularly or in the school holidays.*
The playground at ***Scot's Hill Lane****, Christchurch, has been* ***closed for about 2 years****, with no reason or explanation. With so many young children in the surrounding roads this seems unfair, unnecessary and unsafe (forcing children to play on the street).*
Some parks are not suited for all ages*. Maybe guideline signage on suggested age ranges on parks would help.*
The ***vision should acknowledge the value of risk-taking in play environments and avoid sanitising play areas to the point that they***

***do not allow children to develop**. Modern playground designs in the BCP area prioritise safety to the exclusion of adventure, discovery and (controlled) risk-taking*
*I believe the **vision should include "within a short walk for everyone"** There are **some play areas not suitable for ages 4-12, but are for 0-4 and 12 upwards**, so we can't use our nearest parks for our children at the moment as there isn't adequate facilities for them.*
***Keep Beaufort and other pocket parks as they are**, with the addition of some accessible playthings. Do not upgrade them with the kind of structure in King's Park as it would not look right. Install security cameras and floodlights in every single play space and park to deter the drug addicts and antisocial behaviour. Keep the fun elements from the 70s combined with modern equipment.*

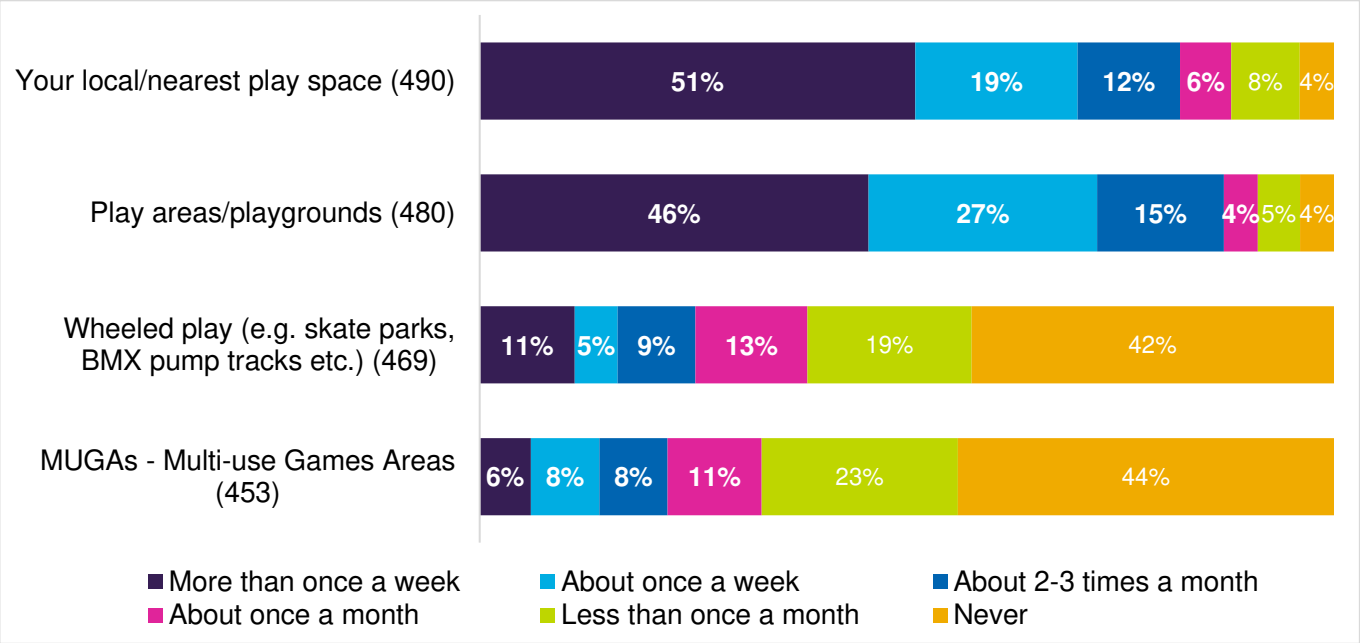
6.4 Your use of play spaces

6.4.1 Frequency of use of play spaces

Respondents were asked how often they, or members of their family, use the following play spaces:

- their local/nearest play space
- play areas/playgrounds
- wheeled play
- MUGAs - Multi-use Games Areas)

Figure 2: How often do you, or members of your family, use each of the following play spaces?



Bases: (as shown)

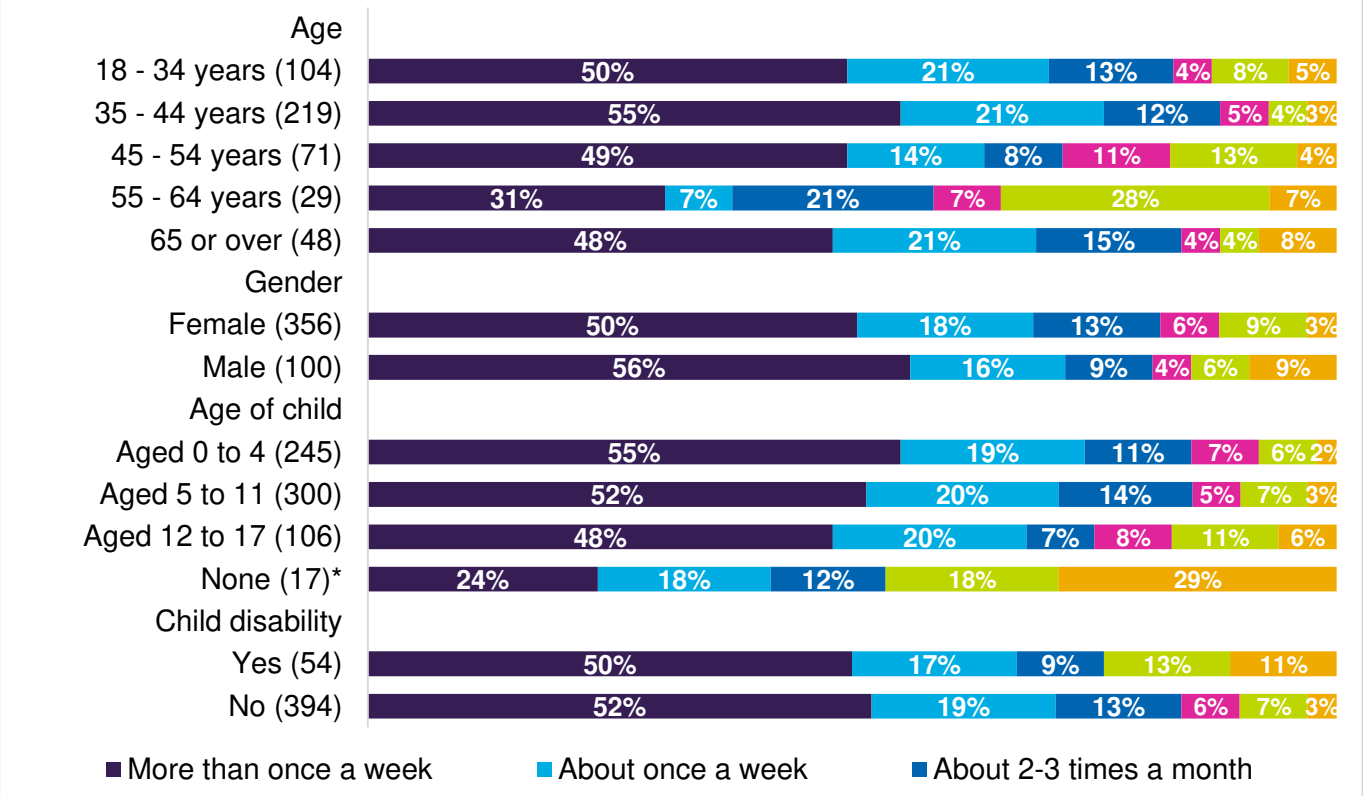
- 70% use their local/nearest play space at least once a week
- 73% use play areas/playgrounds at least once a week
- 16% use wheeled play at least once a week, with 42% never using them.
- 14% use MUGAs at least once a week, with 44% never using MUGAs.

Significant differences

There are differences in the use of each of the types of play spaces by **age, gender**, **age of child** and **sexual orientation**. Details are provided on the next few pages.

Local/nearest play space

Figure 3: How often do you, or members of your family, use your local / nearest play space by protected characteristics



Bases: (as shown)

Age

- There are higher percentages of those aged **18-34** (21%) and **35-44** (21%) using their local play space about once a week compared to **55-64** (7%).
- 55% of those **aged 35-44**, 50% of **18-34s** and 49% of **45-54s** use their local/ nearest play space more than once a week compared to 31% of **55-64s**.
- those **aged 55-64** (28%) use their local/nearest play space less than once a month, compared to those **aged 18-34** (8%), **35-44** (4%), **45-54** (13%) and **65 or over** (4%).
- those **aged 65** or over (8%) never use their local/nearest play space compared to other age groups.

Gender

- 9% of **males** never use their local/nearest play space compared to 3% **females**.

Age of child/grandchild

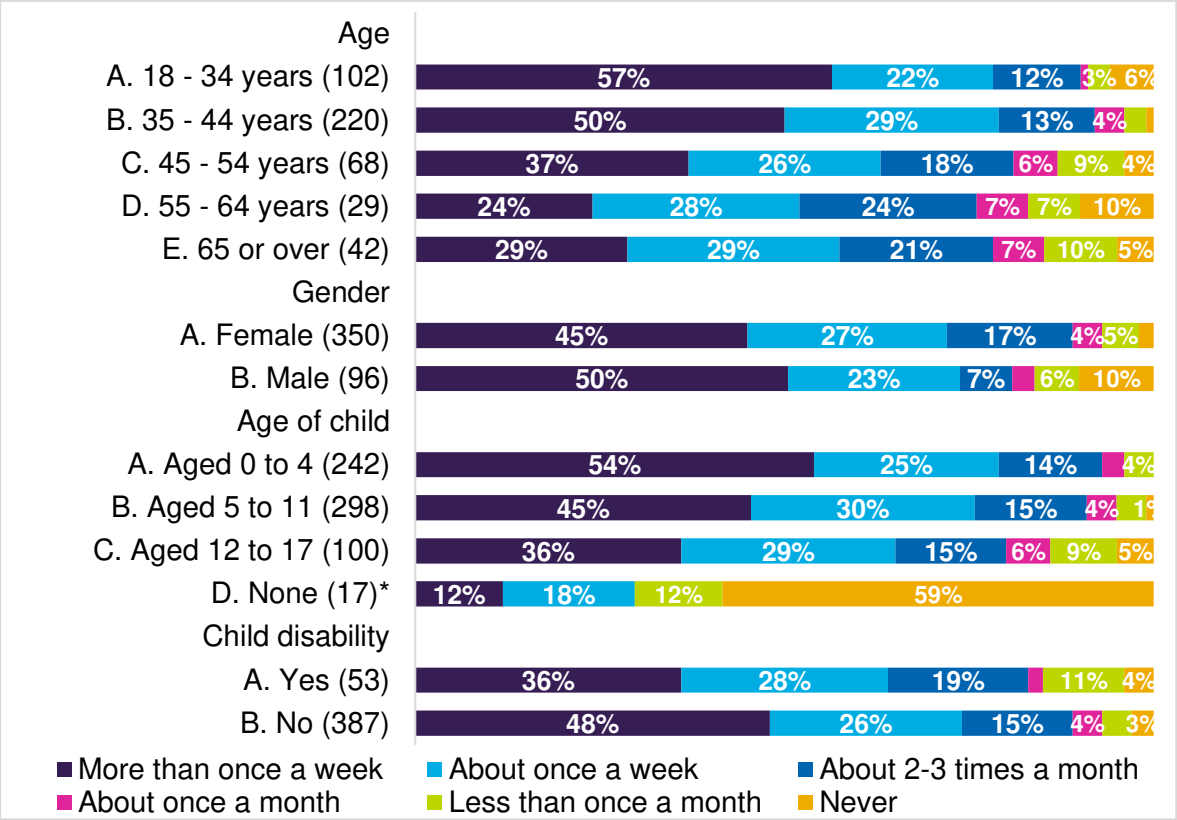
- 68% to 74% of respondents with **children** use their local/nearest play space at least once a week compared to those with **no children/grandchildren** (42%*).

Child with a disability

- those respondents with a **child/grandchild with a disability** are more likely to use their local/nearest play space at least once a month or never (24%) compared to those with a **child/grandchild with no disability** (10%).

Play areas/playgrounds

Figure 4: How often do you, or members of your family, use play areas/playgrounds by protected characteristics



Bases: (as shown)

Age

- more respondents aged **18-34** (57%) and **35-44** (50%) use play areas/playgrounds more than once a week compared to those **aged 45-54** (37%), **55-64** (24%) and **65 or over** (29%)
- more people **aged 55-64** (10%) never use play areas/playgrounds, compared to those **aged 18-34** (6%) and **35-44** (1%).

Gender

- more **males** (10%) never use play areas/playgrounds than **females** (2%).
- more **females** (17%) use play areas/playgrounds about 2-3 times a month compared to **males** (7%).

Age of child/grandchild

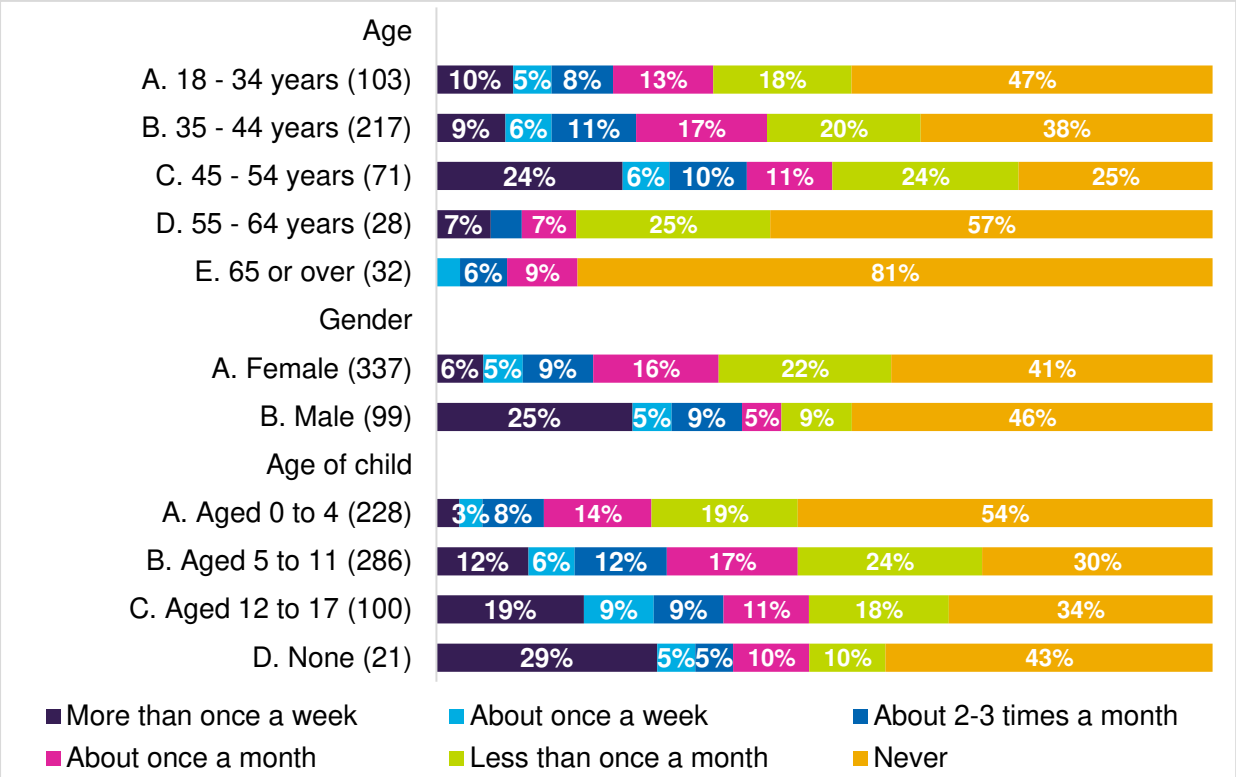
- more respondents with **children aged 0-4** (54%), **5-11** (45%) and **12-17** (36%) use play areas/playgrounds more than once a week compared to those with **no children/grandchildren** (12%*)

Child with a disability

- 36% of those **with a child with a disability** use their playgrounds at least once a week compared to 48% with **no disability**.

Wheeled play

Figure 5: How often do you, or members of your family, use wheeled play by protected characteristics



Bases: (as shown)

Age

- more respondents **aged 45-54** (24%) use wheeled play more than once a week than other age groups.
- those aged **55-64** (57%) and **65 and over** (81%) never use wheeled play compared to those **aged 18-34** (47%), **35-44** (38%) and **45-54** (25%).

Gender

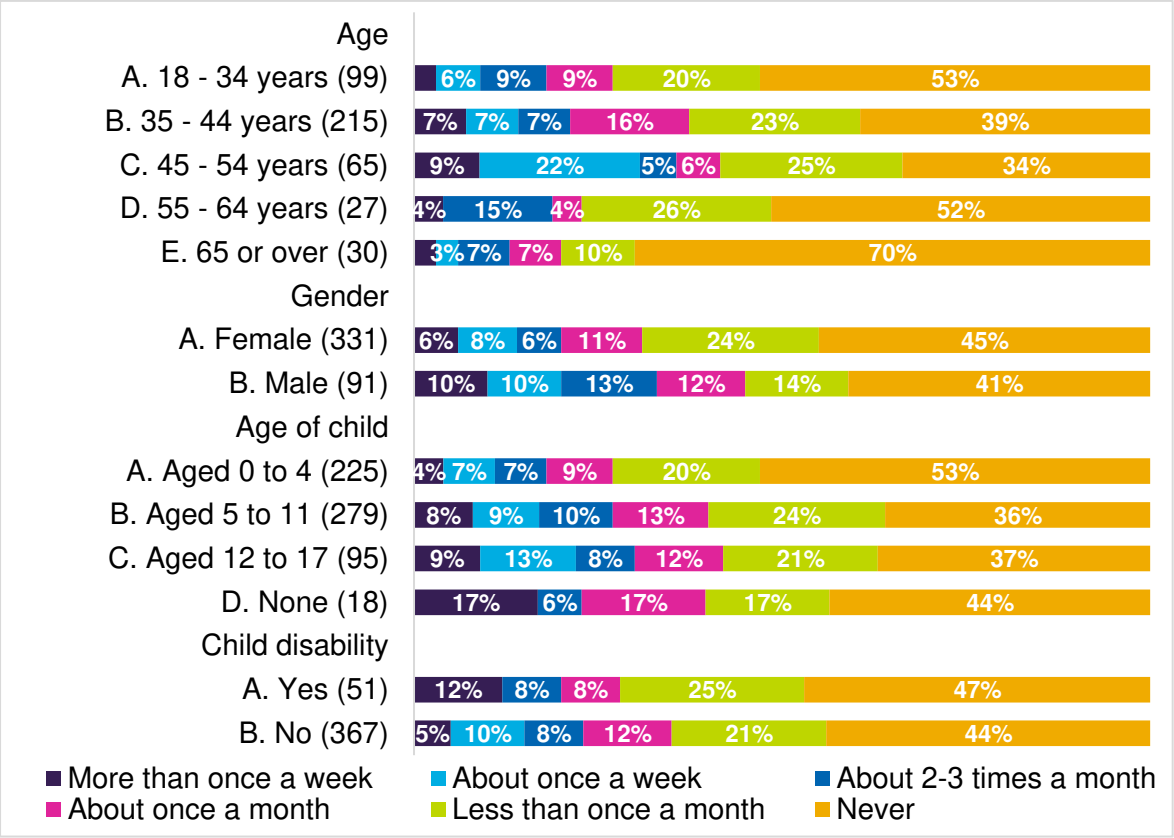
- males are more frequent users than females.
- fewer **females** (6%) use wheeled play more than once a week than **males** (25%).
- more **females** (16%) use wheeled play about once a month than **males** (5%).
- more **females** (22%) use wheeled play less than once a month than **males** (9%).

Age of child/grandchild

- Usage increases with **age of child** and is higher among those with **no children/grandchildren.**
- fewer respondents with **children aged 0-4** (3%) use wheeled play more than once a week compared to those with **5-11s** (12%), **12-17s** (19%) and those with **no children/grandchildren** (29%*).
- those respondents with **children aged 0-4** (54%) are more likely to never use wheeled play than those with **children/grandchildren aged 5-11** (30%), **12-17** (34%) and those with **no children/grandchildren** (43%*).

MUGAs

Figure 6: How often do you, or members of your family, use MUGAs by protected characteristics



Bases: (as shown)

Age

- more respondents **aged 45-54** (22%) use MUGAs about once a week compared to those **18-34** (6%), **35-44** (7%) **45-54** (0%) and **65 or over** (3%)
- those aged **18-34** (53%), **55-64** (52%) and **65 and over** (70%) were more likely to never use wheeled play than those aged **35-44** (39%) and **45-45** (34%).

Gender

- males are more frequent users than females.
- more **males** (13%) use MUGAs about once a month than **females** (6%).
- more **females** (24%) use MUGAs less than once a month than **males** (14%).

Age of child/grandchild

- more respondents with **no children** use MUGAs more than once a week (17%*) than those with **0-4s** (4%), **5-11s** (8%) and **12-17s** (9%).
- more respondents with **children aged 0-4** (53%) never use MUGAs compared to those with **5-11s** (36%), **12-17s** (37%) and those with **no children/grandchildren** (44%).

6.5 Number of play spaces used

Respondents were asked how many play spaces they, or members of their family, have used in the past 12 months.

Figure 7: How many play spaces have you, or your family, used in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area in the past 12 months?

Number of play spaces visited	Number of people
None	3
1	16
2	23
3	44
4	53
5	53
6	67
7	27
8	36
9	9
10	65
More than 10	86

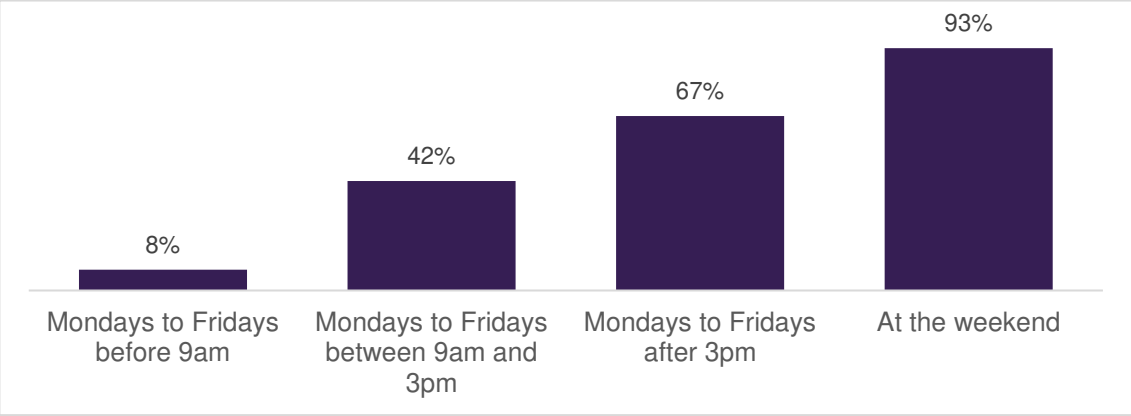
Base: 484 respondents

189 respondents use 1 to 5 play spaces, 204 use 6 to 10 play spaces and 86 people use 10 or more play spaces. 3 people do not use any play spaces.

6.6 When play spaces are used

The survey asked when respondents and their families visit play spaces.

Figure 8: When do you, or your family, visit play spaces?



Base: 493 respondents

- 93% of respondents visit play spaces at the weekend.
- Just over two thirds (67%) visiting them Monday to Fridays after 3pm.
- 42% use play spaces between 9am and 3pm on Mondays to Fridays.
- Less than one in ten (8%) visit play spaces Mondays to Fridays before 9am.

Significant differences

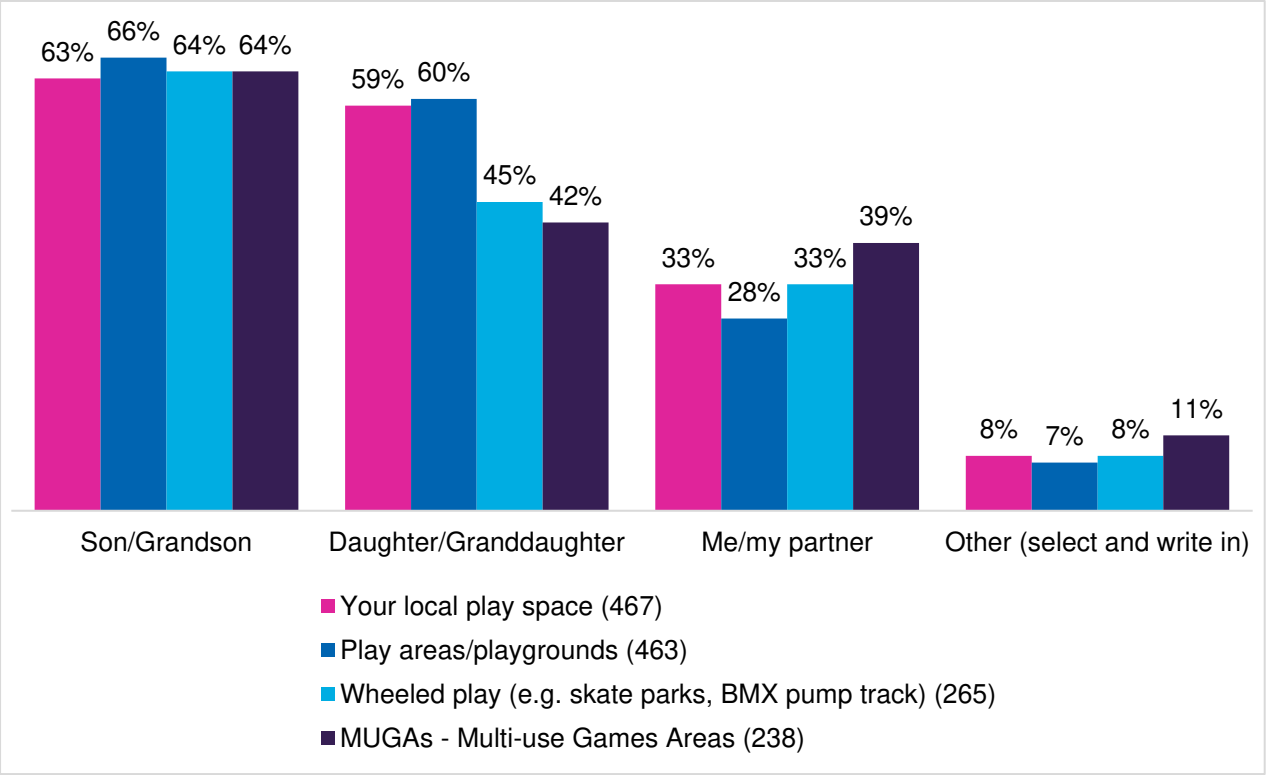
There are differences in when play spaces are used by **age**, **gender** and whether a **child/grandchild has a disability**, as follows:

- 58% of **18-24s** and 64% of **65 or over** use play spaces Mondays to Fridays 9am to 3pm compared to 52% of those aged **55 to 64**, 38% of **35-44s** and 15% of those aged **45-54**.
- 45% of **females** use play spaces Mondays to Fridays 9am to 3pm compared to 32% of **males**.
- 70% of those who have a **child/grandchild with no disability** use play spaces Mondays to Fridays 9am to 3pm compared to 56% of those with a **child/grandchild with a disability**

6.7 Who uses play spaces?

The survey asked who uses the different types of play spaces.

Figure 9: Who in your family uses the following play spaces..



Bases (as shown)

The chart above shows who uses play spaces, with 'my son/grandson' being the highest users of all play spaces.

70% of **respondents** have a **son** and 66% has a **daughter** that uses at least one of the types of play spaces.

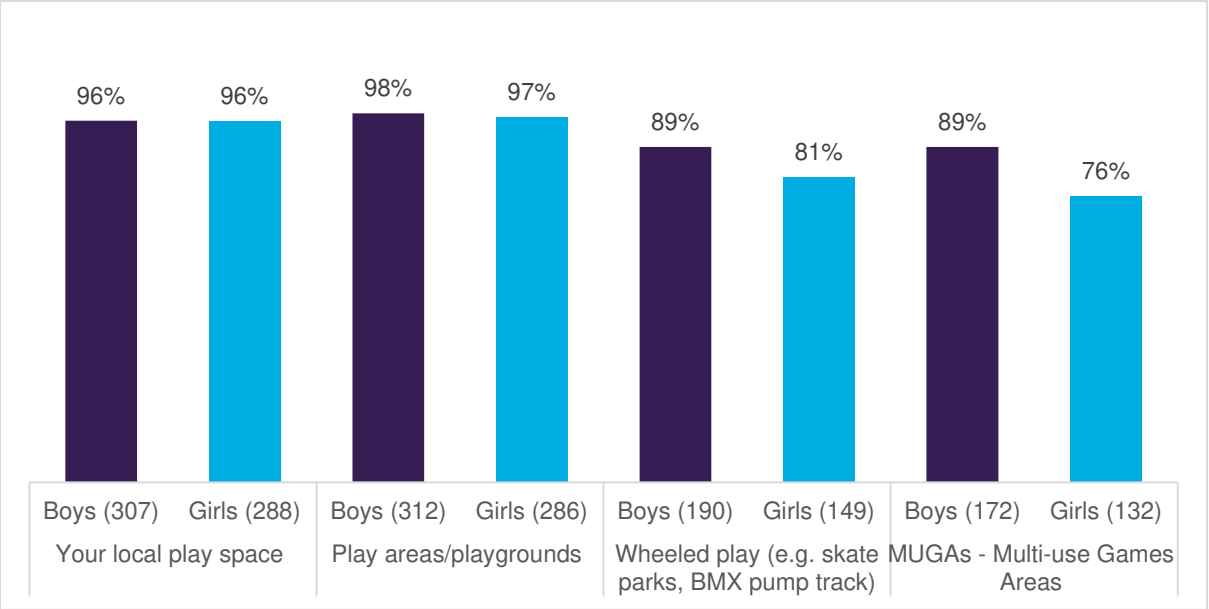
- 63% of respondents have a **son** that uses their local play space, 66% use play areas/playgrounds, 64% use wheeled play areas and 64% use MUGAs.
- Usage of play spaces amongst **daughters** is lower, with 59% of respondents having a daughter that uses their local play space, 60% use play areas/playgrounds, 45% use wheeled play and 42% use MUGAs.
- MUGAs (39%), local play space (33%) and wheeled play (33%) has a higher use amongst **me/my partner** than play areas/play grounds (28%).
- Other includes the whole family, other friends, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews and aunts and uncles.

The next page shows the proportion of boys and girls that use the play spaces.

6.7.1 Uses of play spaces by gender of child

The chart below shows the use of play spaces by the gender of children.

Figure 10: Uses of play spaces by gender of child



Bases (as shown)

There are significant differences in use of Wheeled play and MUGAs by **gender**, with more **boys** using both of these play spaces than **girls**.

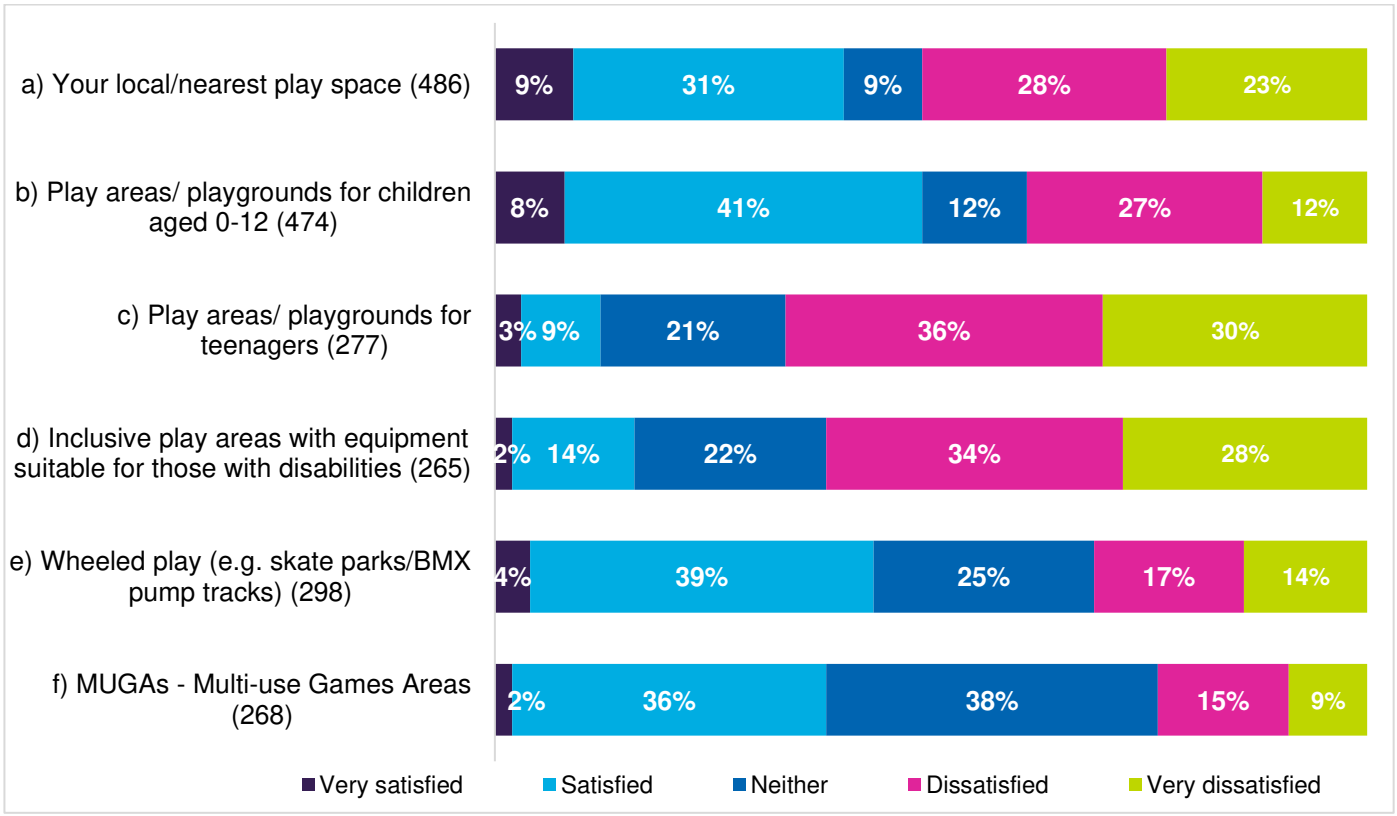
- 89% of **boys** use Wheeled play compared to 81% of **girls**.
- 89% of **boys** use MUGAs compared to 76% of **girls**.

7 Your views on play spaces

7.1.1 Satisfaction with play spaces

The surveys asked how satisfied or dissatisfied respondents are with the types of play spaces.

Figure 11: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you overall with the following:

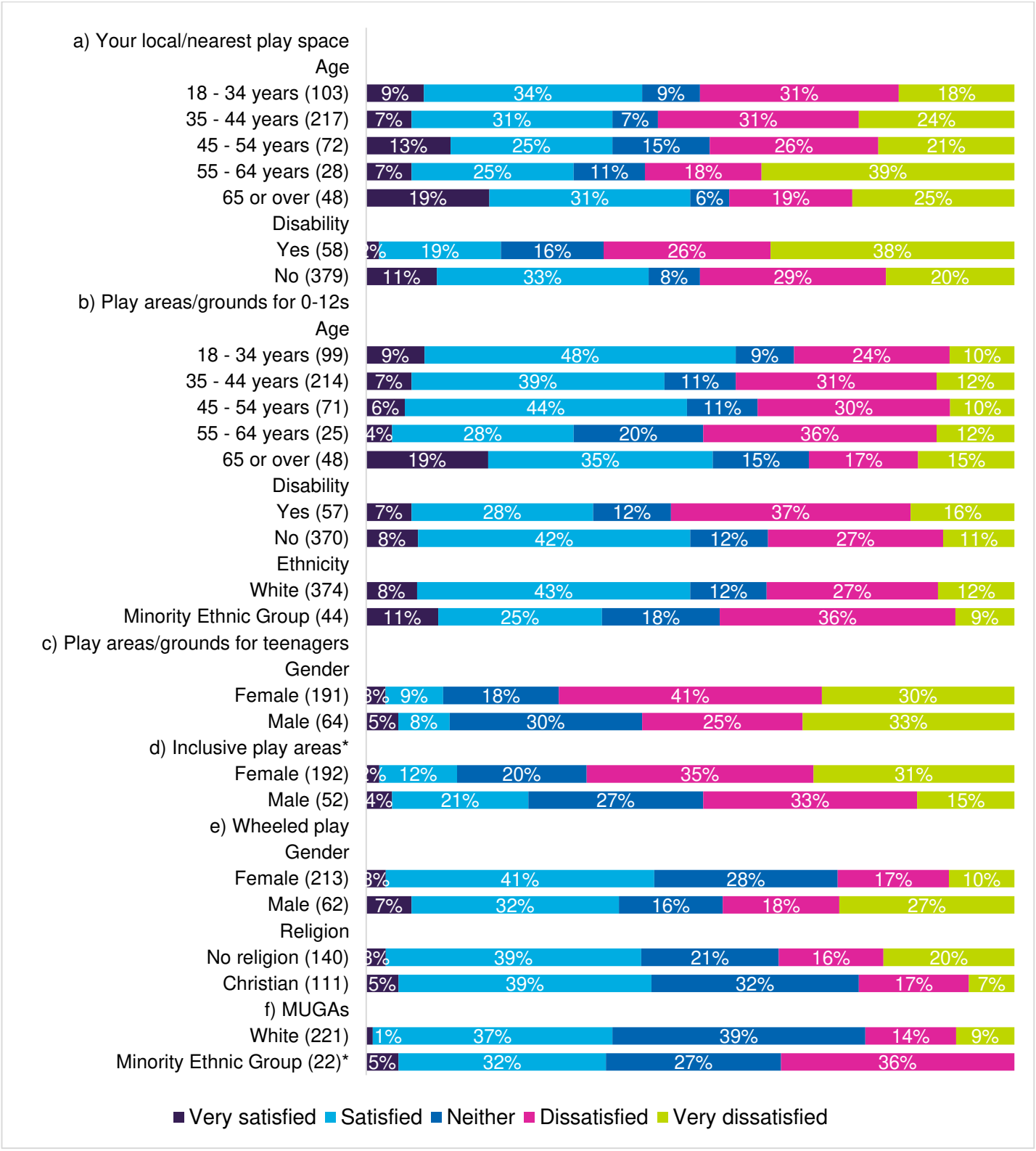


Bases (as shown)

- 40% are satisfied with their local/nearest play space, with 51% dissatisfied.
- 49% are satisfied with play areas/ playgrounds for children aged 0-12, with 40% dissatisfied.
- 12% are satisfied with play areas/ playgrounds for teenagers, with 66% dissatisfied.
- 16% are satisfied with inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities, with 63% dissatisfied.
- 43% are satisfied with wheeled play areas, with 31% dissatisfied.
- 38% are satisfied with MUGAs, with 24% dissatisfied.

Significant differences

Figure 12: Satisfaction with play spaces by protected characteristics



Bases: (as shown)

*d) Inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities

Age

- 39% of **55-64s** are very dissatisfied with their local/nearest play space, compared to 18% of **18-34s**
- those aged **65 and over** have higher levels of satisfaction with play areas/playgrounds for 0-12s (19% are very satisfied) compared to other age groups

Gender

- 41% of **females** are dissatisfied with play areas/playgrounds for teenagers compared to 25% of **males**.
- 31% of **females** are very dissatisfied with inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities compared to 15% of **males**.
- 27% of **males** are very dissatisfied with wheeled play compared to 10% of **females**.

Disability

- 38% of those respondents **with a disability** are very dissatisfied with their local play space compared to 20% of those **with no disability.**
- 28% of **those with a disability** are satisfied with play areas/playgrounds for 0-12s compared to 42% of those with **no disability.**

Ethnicity

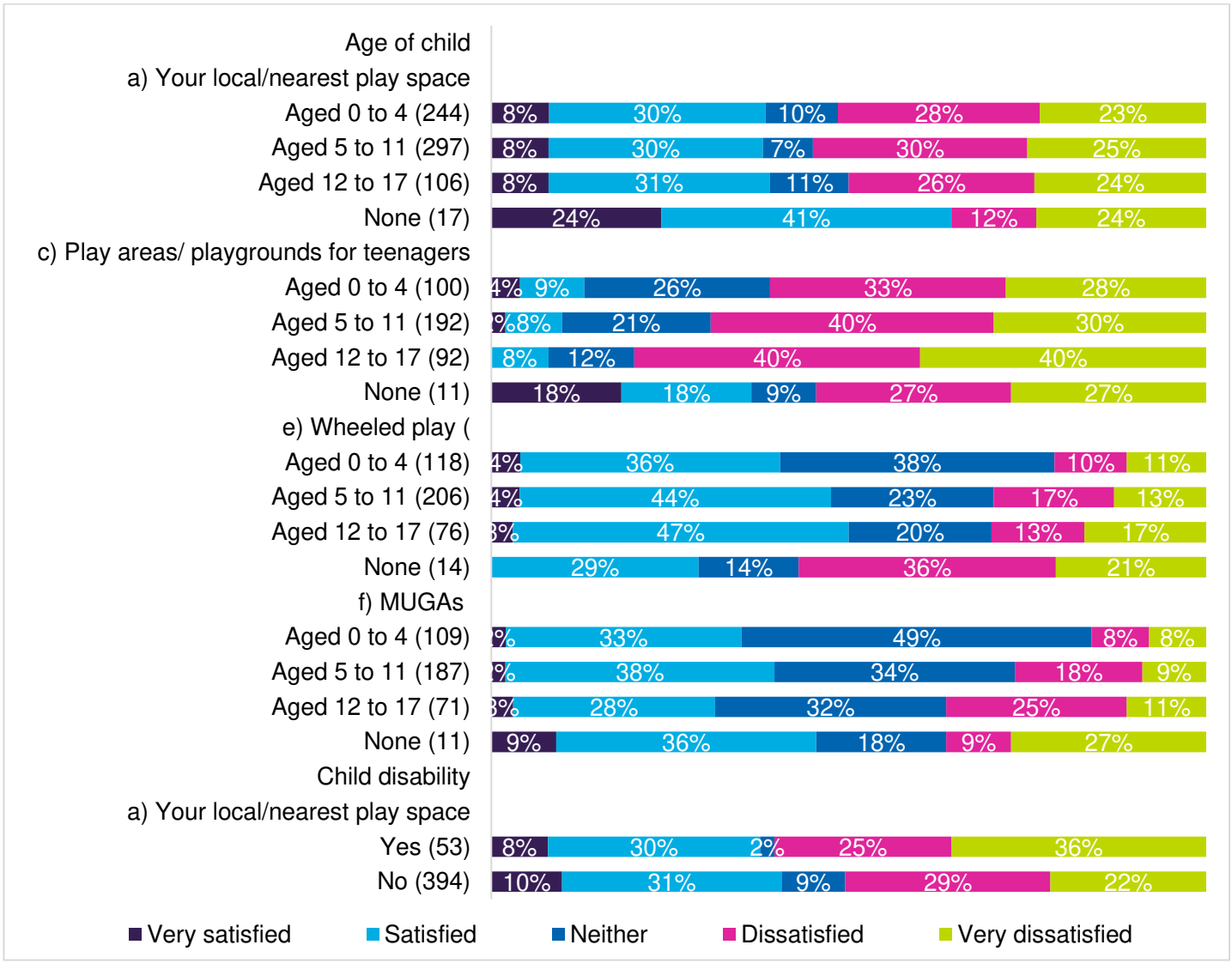
- 43% of **White British** respondents are satisfied and 8% are very satisfied with play areas/playgrounds for 0-12s compared to 25% of those from **Minority Ethnic Groups**. (11% are very satisfied).
- 14% of **White British** respondents are dissatisfied with MUGAs compared to 36% from **Minority Ethnic Groups**.

Religion

- 20% of those with **no religion** are very dissatisfied with wheeled play compared to 7% **Christian**.

There are differences in satisfaction by age of child, as shown in the chart below.

Figure 13: Satisfaction with play spaces by age of child and child disability



Bases: (as shown)

Age of child

- Those with **no children** have higher levels of satisfaction with their nearest/local play space and MUGAs than those with children and lower satisfaction with wheeled play.
- Those with **children aged 5 to 11** and **12 to 17** have higher levels of dissatisfaction with play areas for teenagers and MUGAs than those with **children aged 0 to 4** or those with **no children**.

Child disability

- 36% of those with a **child with a disability** are very dissatisfied with their nearest / local play space compared to 22% of those with a child with **no disability**.

7.2 Reasons for dissatisfaction with play spaces.

375 comments

375 respondents wrote an answer to explain why they were dissatisfied with the six types of play spaces.

- their local/nearest play space
- play areas/ playgrounds for children aged 0-12
- play areas/ playgrounds for teenagers
- inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities
- wheeled play areas
- MUGAs

The comments have been provided in an Excel spreadsheet for the Greenspaces Team to identify any issues with play spaces.

Specific play spaces

199 respondents named a specific play space. This includes **81 local play spaces**.

The graphic below shows the play spaces that were named, with Seafield Gardens having the most mentioned (14), followed by Muscliff (9), Westbourne (8) and Kings Park (7).

Their local/nearest play space

156 respondents mentioned their local play space. This included 82 comments on the condition of the equipment, 60 about the suitability of the equipment for 0-12s, 34 about equipment for teenagers, 33 on cleanliness/vandalism and 27 about facilities for children with disabilities.

These comments will be explained in the following sections.

Reasons for dissatisfaction with play spaces

The main codes are shown in the table below.

Code	Number of respondents
The condition of the equipment/maintenance	170
Play areas/playgrounds for children aged 0-12	117
Play areas/playgrounds for teenagers	89
Cleanliness, litter, dog mess, vandalism and anti-social behaviour	76
Wheeled play	69
Inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities	66
Safety: of equipment, play areas and feeling safe in play areas	47
Old play area/equipment removed	24
MUGAs	19
Other	

The condition/quality of the equipment

170 comments

There were 170 comments relating to the condition of the equipment. 101 of these mentioned a specific play space in their comment.

The main words mentioned in the comments are: **broken** (40), **replaced** (33), **poor** (31), **removed** (24), **dated** (21), **updating** (18) **dangerous** (16), **run down** (14), **damaged** (7).

many play areas have broken equipment not repaired or just removed

***Broken** equipment, run down.*

*Often equipment is **broken**, it is always full of rubbish broken glass and I have even found a knife in one play area. Equipment not clean or looked after.*

*They are **run down** and uncared for. half the equipment is missing*

*Slade's Park Farm play area pretty **run down**, and not much play equipment anymore*

***poorly** maintained*

*It is a real mix. The newly upgraded play areas in Poole Park and the new one in Upton Country Park are excellent, which is reflected by the fact that they are very very busy. The quality and design of the structures are excellent and visually very appealing. However other play areas in the local area are very poor. The Oakdale Road play park, Whitecliff Playground and Green Road playground are all very very **poor**. They are old, tired and are mostly the metal design play equipment which look very **poor** and rusty. The Whitecliff one in particular has spent a significant amount of time in the last year closed. Green Road had lots of broken glass from bottles all over it when last visited. The Canford Cliffs Pirate Ship play park is quite good, but again some of the equipment is looking a bit **tired**. The Baiter skate park is looking very **tired** and due to it's positioning etc. is not appealing to visit with young children due to anti social behaviour.*

*Seafield Gardens - old, **tired** equipment. **Broken** multi frame unit not replaced, leaving lack of play facilities and forcing older children onto the smaller yellow house play unit making it less inclusive and safe for smaller children for whom it's designed for*

*Lack of play equipment, **badly maintained, broken** or **damaged** play equipment, graffiti, fly tipping, litter*

*Alexandra park is our closest play space and [in five years] we have seen the play space degrade, with play items taken away and not **replaced**, to the point that it*

feels more like a prison yard than a play area. The climbing web on the new climbing area/slide ***broke*** *within a couple of weeks of install and was simply removed.*

Our closest playpark is Lingdale Road by the allotments in Southbourne. The play equipment is ***old and dated****.*

There's nothing for *teenagers and because of this, they wreck the equipment for younger kids.*

Mallard Road play park is our nearest play space. Equipment is in ***poor condition*** *e.g. rusty, some items missing. Lots of litter...Lots of room for more equipment. Surfaces underneath equipment is uneven and carpet ripped up.*

Play areas/ playgrounds for children aged 0-12

117 comments

There were 117 comments about play areas/playgrounds for children aged 0-12. 29 of these also mentioned play spaces for teenagers.

Many of the comments were generally about playgrounds, with people putting (b) to show that their comment relates to play areas/playgrounds for children aged 0-12. 70 of the comments mention a **specific play space**. 68 of the comments related to the **condition of the equipment**.

Key words mentioned in the comments included: **suitable** (18), **toddlers / 0-5s** (17), **up to 12s**/**5 to 12s** (10) **not enough** (6) and **nothing** (6).

Westbourne close playground - old style, ***nothing for toddlers accept swings****, flooring under the high climbing is ripped and falling apart. It would be great to have something for all ages toddler to teenage.*

play areas are ***not toddler friendly*** *- huge slides, giant steps, ladders with huge gaps.*

b) I find that there could be ***more play equipment suited to the younger age bracket, so 3 and under****. Sometimes the climbing equipment/slides etc are quite high with difficult ways to access that means there's very little for toddlers to do at a park, maybe one swing and that's it.*

B) Given the amount of space available at Moordown and Redhill the ***variety of equipment for all ages is poor.*** *There is lots of equipment that is rarely used which could be replaced with something more suitable for younger children especially.*

B and E- would be nice to ***have parks/wheeled play designed more towards younger children*** *(2 and under)*

*B) **Poole Lane Park is not really suitable for my children** age 4-7 the climbing frame goes out of the park which makes no sense to me as were the seats are for adults to sit on and watch their children they are in a position where you can't see if your child had climbed down the other side and got out on to the field. There needs to be more swings as it only has baby swings and 2 bucket swings. There is also lots of space for more equipment my 7 year old suggest older swings I would suggest a in ground small trampoline... I would get rid of the sand as its always dirty from the leaves off the tree.*

b) Redhill park is a busy park but it's very neglected by the council and needs to be upgraded. Compared to parks in more affluent areas of the town it's in a poor state

*b), the playground at **Seafield Gardens is lacking sufficient equipment** since the removal of the larger play frame. More equipment or a larger structure is needed to cater for the large numbers of children in the area. The swings, zip line and small equipment are always crowded.*

***Limited play spaces for young children** close to Broadstone*

Not enough play areas

Not enough play structures, some broken, take a long time to get repaired or replaced

*needs **more provision for older children** (5-12).*

Nothing for toddlers or teenagers

***Not enough age-related equipment** in a lot of play areas all for older children*

Play areas/ playgrounds for teenagers

89 comments

89 comments related to play areas/playgrounds for teenagers. 29 of these also talk about play spaces for 0-12s, 6 mention **MUGAs** and 6 **Wheeled Play**.
16 also mention the condition of equipment. 5 people mention feeling safe.

*C Alexandra park **needs more for older children** and is not a safe place for older children / teens to play unsupervised*

*A. [Local Park] Frequently used as gathering space for drug taking (particularly NO2) and, despite regular reporting nothing changes, nobody attends. I've just collected 32 empty cannisters to dispose of that have appeared overnight. C. **There aren't enough organised activities [for teenagers] hence a. above**.*

*C) All play areas in **Canford Heath are regularly frequented by teenagers** causing trouble & do not feel safe for younger children.*

*All the parks need to be redone, half the equipment is missing, and there is broken glass all over the place, **there is nowhere for teenagers to go that is separate from younger children and they abuse the area***

*c) **we assume teenagers = skate parks. We try to 'lock them out' of play.** they want community swings, interesting seating, risk taking through height, they love to swing, we love to see makeshift rope swings over streams...that's what they need to give them to them*

*In **Hamworthy Park** there is very **few facilities for teenagers** i.e., no wheeled play areas and minimal MUGA.*

***Merley** (and surrounding local BCP Council area) has **no facilities for teens/young** adults, nothing - no MUGAs, pump tracks or skateparks etc. We use the many in Dorset Council area (Wimborne)*

*Local park is awful, mainly concrete a dying bowling club taking up half the space, and waterlogged tennis courts. **Virtually nothing for teenagers other than rubbish skate parks and old fashioned MGUA's.** No consideration is given to teenage girls who are expected to simply watch the boys performing.*

*c) **there is no challenging play space for this age group**, the equipment had never been replaced what there is, is for infants*

Teenagers don't play as such; they need more places like Limelight's

Cleanliness, vandalism and anti-social behaviour

76 comments

76 comments relate to cleanliness and anti-social behaviour issues, including **dog mess or keeping dogs out with fences** (26), **rubbish / litter** (22), **broken glass** (21), **cleanliness** (14), **anti-social behaviour**/**vandalism** (16).

Some play spaces were mentioned by respondents and are shown in the comments below, but it must be noted that none stood out more than any other play spaces.

*Beamish Park in Canford Heath. I spend a lot of time in here **litter picking and sweeping up glass**, the teenagers are so disrespectful in here and it ruins it for the younger children.*

*Out local park (pine rd winton) **Lighting is very poor, so teenagers/adults hang out at night. Often drug paraphernalia left, and rubbish, beer cans** etc.*

*Both parks in Westbourne are closest to me, they are often **trashed with litter or vandalism.***

*a) Cyril Road, equipment tired and not maintained, **litter including sharps and dog waste,** needs more provision for older children (5-12).*

*My **local play space is quite old and suffers from anti-social behaviour**. People often let their dogs into the park and there is often broken glass on the basketball court. I think teenagers really benefit from more challenging play, the big exercise swings are great for them and the gym spaces. They need fun things too though. I think some nice bmx areas would be great for them also.*

*In Shelley Park Boscombe there is **so much dog poo on the grass** that when we finish playing both the children's hand and knees, and the ball are covered in poo. You should make a corner of the park surrounded by fence where the dogs should do their business. And also, every person owning a dog should pay at least 5 fines per year for not collecting their dog's poo. I see every day how people chat and don't pay attention where the dog is pooing or the dog is so far away from them that until they arrive to collect the poo, they forgot where it was. With all the money from fines you can put more equipment in Shelley Park playground because in the last 5 years you kept taking away the equipment and not bringing anything new instead.*

*Slades farm is our nearest play park. **The equipment is frequently vandalised and there is no protection for younger children playing against intimidation by older teenagers.** Furthermore, the surface is grassed which becomes incredibly muddy in wet weather in turn making all the equipment mucky and unusable.*

Wheeled play

69 comments

69 comments include wheeled play/skate parks/BMX tracks/pump tracks.

32 respondents mention a specific play space or area, as shown in the word cloud below.

14 respondents mentioned there are **no wheeled play / BMX / skate parks** nearby, with others requesting wheeled play for **teenagers** and **younger children**. There are also comments about **updating/upgrading** existing wheeled play areas that are in **disrepair** and more **off-road cycle tracks for all ages (including adults)**. There was one suggestion relating to giving teenagers the responsibility for keeping their skate park clean using rewards.

*There aren't really any accessible playgrounds/ **wheeled play/MUGAs** local to us we have to travel a long way and they don't have much in them.*

the facilities for my 14 year old twin boys are non-existent. *The skatepark facilities that I use myself are good (duck lane skatepark), however there is a need to fix those parks in disrepair (Kings Park and Slades Farm)*

*It would be lovely to have a **safe skate area for people in Poole** it's something we lack.*

MUGA's and wheeled facilities are generally in need of considerable investment

would be nice to have parks/wheeled play designed more towards younger children

***BMX and Velodrome settings require upgrading** to modern standards to keep the interest and regular use of all age groups.*

***Slades farm BMX park needs updating cracks** in the concrete poorly cleaned*

*There are some great new parks and skate parks in the BCP area, but **Muscliff seems to have missed out.** The local park equipment is dated and there are no skate parks/pump tracks/dirt jump areas. This seems odd considering how many family houses there are.*

***I am a middle-aged man that loves to cycle**. I cycle to commute every weekday. I cycle in the evenings and weekends. I love mountain biking…The only decent cycle tracks in BCP are Iford BMX track and 2 Rivers Meet pump track. These are a considerable distance to cycle to from Poole. Any local 'Illegal' mountain bike tracks that have been made near me are quickly removed by BCP...If a purposed made off road cycle track was situated in the Poole area I along with many other would use it weekly.*

***More provision of playgrounds for teenagers** and some kind of ownership over the maintenance of it to give them some responsibility in keeping it tidy and clean for both their and other people's use. They generally become hotspots for graffiti, litter and drug use and this makes them dangerous to take younger children to. Maybe a scheme where they sign up for a small fee to 'join' and **use the skate park/other and there is some reward for litter picking it?** A free drink from a nearby cafe or something. Could see this working at Redhill Play area, possibly.*

Inclusive play areas with equipment suitable for those with disabilities

66 comments

66 comments were made about play spaces for children with disabilities. Most of these (39 people) simply said that there is **not enough for children with disabilities** or **they are not aware of any**. Others commented on **all the types of play spaces,** saying there are not enough.

*Most local play spaces or playground are **inaccessible** to kids with disabilities*

*Almost **never have any toilets** which is not inclusive nor sensible for young children*

*The two nearest and largest parks (moordown & Redhill) to us have **zero pieces of equipment to allow/encourage inclusive play** for those with disabilities.*

*there are **nowhere near enough inclusive equipment for disabled children** and **teens with mobility issues** like roll on round abouts and swings and flat ground with access to all equipments.*

*I feel **there are not enough inclusive (physically/mentally) play spaces** in the BCP area. I feel that is at all age groups and abilities there needs to be more, but there is even less for older children/disabled adults, and all ages and ability need more inclusive equipment in more places.*

Most parks have old frame and are non-inclusive

lack of swings for disabled children lack of everything for disabled children

*Yet to find a **swing suitable** for a child with physical disabilities in the area.*

*we go to a lot of play parks across BCP and **very few seem to cater to disabilities**.*

not enough play equipment for people with disabilities

*at my local park Hamworthy Park the **only accessible part is the ramp** to go from paddling pool to park and even then, it's narrow and not well maintained.*

*the **only local park with anything suitable for disabilities is Christchurch Quay**. There should be something at every park*

7 people spoke from their **personal experience** of play spaces, having a child with a disability or working with children with a disability.

*there just isn't enough for disabled children. My [child] was in a spica cast for 18 weeks and **there wasn't anything I could put them in for them to enjoy** at any of the parks near to us or that we know of.*

***More parks need disabled access and more options of play, it's an afterthought** and could be changed so easily - sensory park with chimes, wooden marimba's, disabled access roundabouts, more suitable disabled swings, sensory walls would also help - my 6 year old who is in a wheel chair can play a little at poole park and winton rec, that's about it...*

***They aren't safe for neurodivergent children** and it makes it extremely difficult to take my [children]. My child has limited awareness of safety and will run in front of swings, swings should be in a separate area to make playgrounds safe.*

*My child is a wheelchair user with a brain disease, so **cannot go on a roundabout** (spin) but would love an accessible seesaw like the old one at Springdale Park. **Swings are not wheelchair accessible without a hoist**.*

*Being disabled myself, **apart from 2 level access viewing platforms on the lake, there is nothing for the differently able in the reserve***

*I have worked in residential care with physically disabled and neurodiverse children for several years. **Outings to BCP owned play spaces are minimal because they are not suitable - unstimulating, inaccessible, no suitable toilets..***

*as someone who works with children with disabilities, it would be nice to see **fenced off equipment suitable for special needs in every park**. It would ensure inclusion of all and would provide these children with a safe space to regulate and meet their sensory needs or, for those with a physical disability, opportunities to access the playgrounds too.*

A few people suggested **ideas** about what is needed or could be done to make play spaces more inclusive.

Very little disability friendly equipment is provided, or where it is provided it has been poorly considered. Too much emphasis is placed on 'equipment' when a

***well-designed, inclusive play space would better meet the needs of all ages**…*

*disabled children in our community definitely get forgotten about when it comes to park design. **I think you should reach out to parents who have disabled children and get their ideas**.*

They are hardly any parks that are properly inclusive of a wheelchair user. They want to be able to swing and spin of roundabouts too!

*it often feels like 1 piece of equipment ticks the box for disability. **I think we should have at least one really excellent accessible park in each of the three towns.** add signage to our parks directing to specialist parks for teens, those with disabilities, skate etc*

Safety

47 comments

47 comments concerned **safety**. This included 26 comments about unsafe play spaces or equipment and 26 comments about feeling safe. The comments below highlight concerns people have raised about specific play spaces.

***Clifftop playpark at Fisherman's Walk** also needs maintenance. Sand is at a very low level and build up against the fence is a hazard to small children who could fall from a great height onto the pavement below.*

*The small pump track at **2Riversmeet** isn't maintained or floodlit. My son won't ride it as he thinks it is 'sketchy' and is likely to have an accident on it.*

*The playground in **Churchill Gardens** is in bad condition. There are old, broken pieces of equipment and we have been promised a new playground since before joy cafe moved...This park is packed after school especially and there needs to be more for the children to play on and to be made safe.*

***Broadstone Recreational** playground. The floor surface is unsafe and incredibly slippery (especially when wet/frosty). This feels irresponsible and poorly managed.*

*The park we use on **Rossmore Road** some of the equipment is broken and beaten down, it's all rusted this can cause serious health and safety risks*

*the play area at the end of **Rutland Road** in Christchurch has had a new climbing structure, this is totally inaccessible and quite dangerous for young children,*

*B) the local park at **Alderney heathland** is not suitable as it is broken and unsafe for general use*

*(b) **Wick Lane play park** is a disgrace and has been so for many years. The trampoline has needed repairing for the last 12 months at least. The remaining equipment comprises of 2 toddler swings two child swings, one dangerous see saw (small children hit their face on the handles) and one slide/climbing frame*

combination which is adequate...The whole grass area is a trip hazard which all of our grandchildren have fallen on and hurt themselves.

*B) **littledown park with the paddling pool**. The tarmac free play area should be softer material. Many kids inc mine have naturally fallen over but have endured injuries from cuts to grazes on the surface.*

***Mitchell Road play area**, Canford Heath is very outdated…. The metal slide (with metal steps) is dated and dangerous after wet weather as the steps are slippy.*

***Westbourne playground** is wery old and not safe for kids*

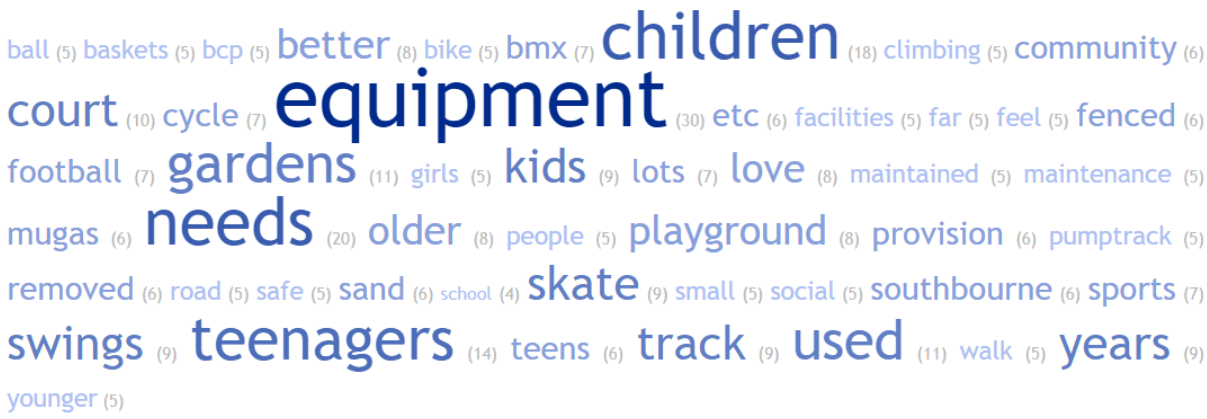
***Muscliff park** is in a terrible state. The floor is torn and a trip hazard*

*The play area at **Scott Road** is unsafe for younger children. The climbing frame is really for older children, the same as the zip wire*

Improvements

40 comments

The word cloud below shows the keywords in comments relating to improvements. Many of the respondents suggested improvements to particular play areas. Many of these comments come up under other comments in this section.



Access and facilities

34 comments

34 comments were about access and facilities. This includes needing **better access** (11), **more seating or repair seating** (9), **having a café** (5) and **lack of toilets** (4).

> *There needs to be **better access** at Queens Park*
>
> *Muscliff green area and park. **Access is awful in winter as no path** to the park just across wet muddy grass.*
>
> ***No toilet or cafe facilities** at Malvern Road*
>
> *Muscliff park is our nearest play space and it really **needs the community centre open and functioning** - a cafe would be the heart of our community!*
>
> ***Almost never have any toilets** which is not inclusive nor sensible for young children*
>
> ***Difficult for access through gate**, grass often too long for wheelchairs.*

Good examples of play spaces in and outside the BCP area

19 comments

Some of the comments gave good examples of play spaces. The following places were given as good examples of play spaces that people use or are aware of: **Canvers Ringwood**, **Duck Lane Skatepark**, **Highcliffe Park**, **Mudeford**, **Poole Park**, **Queens Park**, **Springdale Park** and **Upton Country Park**.

> *Inclusive play areas are poor compared to **Carvers Ringwood**.*
>
> *There are no modern multi wheel use pump tracks in the entire area, only two rivers meet where the surface only allows bikes to be used, baiter park and slides farm have huge potential, Bartley skatepark in Totton is a great example of what could be achieved at these sites. The small skatepark in **Fordingbridge** would be another good example of a design that could compliment existing urban play areas in the more built-up areas within BCP.*
>
> *A lot of the local parks have had a lot of equipment taken away and not replaced. For ideas on what a good park should be like for a variety of ages **Highcliffe Park** is very popular. Appeals to parents and children.*
>
> *The skatepark facilities that I use myself are good (**Duck Lane Skatepark**), however there is a need to fix those parks in disrepair (Kings Park and Slades Farm)*

*The area makes me feel my children are not important enough to have a decent play area close to home. We have to travel by car to a suitable area. C**orfe Mullen Broadstone, Poole Park, Oakdale or Whitecliff***

*Most of the play parks locally to us (Canford Heath) are well overdue a freshen up. Whilst **Verity Park** has been revamped there are many other play areas in Canford Heath that are very worn out. Canford Heath desperately needs a fresh skate park putting in place that is functional. We travel out to **West Moors** from Canford Heath to use the skate park there, or **Wimborne**. There also needs to be somewhere for teenagers to hang out - bit the same space as younger children/skaters/a field*

Some respondents commented on the differences in the parks in the BCP area, with most of these people feeling that **Bournemouth** has lower standard of parks compared to **Christchurch** and **Poole**.

*Our local parks are in need of serious regeneration (cranleigh road park and seafield). The equipment is at the end of its life and/ or has been removed. We have visited parks in other areas such as **Poole** and **Christchurch** and it's difficult to explain to children why the park need their house isn't as good as other places. The range of play spaces in the BCP is very uneven with Bournemouth coming off worse.*

*How come the 2 parks in **Poole Park** are amazing yet Bournemouth parks are forgotten!*

*The play parks in **Christchurch** are all lovely and have had investment in them. Why has the same not been given to Bournemouth parks?*

*Kings Park by the nursery and Seafield Gardens, both in need of new equipment and refurbishing. Compared to parks in **Christchurch** and **Poole** feel our local parks are very poor*

*It is a real mix. The newly upgraded play areas in **Poole Park** and the new one in **Upton Country Park** are excellent, which is reflected by the fact that they are very very busy. The quality and design of the structures are excellent and visually very appealing. However other playareas in the local area are very poor. The Oakdale Road play park, Whitecliff Playground and Green Road playground are all very very poor. They are old, tired and are mostly the metal design play equipment which look very poor and rusty. The Whitecliff one in particular has spent a significant amount of time in the last year closed. Green Road had lots of broken glass from bottles all over it when last visited. The Canford Cliffs Pirate Ship play park is quite good, but again some of the equipment is looking a bit tired. The Baiter skate park is looking very tired and due to its positioning etc. is not appealing to visit with young children due to anti-social behaviour.*

*The local park for us is on Townsend and seems the forgotten park…we take our kids further afield which does mean using a car as the other local one at Bradpole Road is just as bad…but when you visit **Queens Park** not that far away and the see the money spent there? Does seem you don't care about the other two at all?.. but then look at the areas Queens Park and Townsend so the Council won't spend on Townsend will they ? very disappointing really*

A few people recommended places such as **Australia**, **New Zealand**, **Europe** and **London**.

*More quality equipment is required in all play areas for more diverse age groups as seen in **Europe***

*We were back in **Australia and Nz** and the play areas there are all amazing in comparison. Disappointed there are only a few I know of in bcp area and they are in Poole (Whitecliff and Poole Park). There is nothing in Bournemouth, in particular southbourne.*

*In **London** there are playground or adventure playgrounds at every park, easy to get to, walking distance, free to use, something for everyone. Here in Bournemouth adventure playground have to pay…all other playgrounds are basic and boring, broken or unloved and not looked after. Only decent free playground we like is at **Poole Park,** but we have to travel 45 minutes on a bus to get there. Everything else further away, you need to drive to get to.*

Old play area/equipment removed

24 respondents mentioned **Seafield Gardens** or **Scotts Hill,** play areas that have had their equipment removed and not replaced.

MUGAs

MUGAs were mentioned by **18 respondents**, with most saying that there is no MUGA in their area (Hamworthy Park, Lingdale Park, Fairmile, BH9, Southbourne, Creekmoor).

*I play basketball all the time with my friends at **Highcliffe Park.** I love the hoop so much but the only way to improve is adding a net.*

*again, the **fairmile** area of **christchurch** doesn't have these - one tiny basketball hoop area on jumpers - why not atleast gove it 2 hoops and set at regulation height and a kids height*

Every play space and MUGA and playground I have seen/visited in the local area seem to lack sufficient maintenance, nature, and suitable educational areas about the environment, food growing, nature etc.

*we need these in every community so young people can play out all year round. **Broadstone** has no MUGA and we really would like one*

*BCP took away the MUGA in **Merley** when new builds were developed…There is not much for older children in Merley at this time.*

***Merley** (and surrounding local BCP Council area) has no facilities for teens/young adults, nothing - no MUGAs, pump tracks or skateparks etc. We use the many in Wimborne area, but my children cannot safely get to them on their own as the small connection of infrastructure between the two councils are too dangerous and not fit to use. How is this ok to miss us out...*

*we would love more football goals around **Kinson** as we only have a Couple of small goals.*

***No MUGAs spring to mind locally** other than afcb trainjng pitches where our son plays football.*

*There is not a single multi use games area in the **Poole/Creekmoor** area, there is nowhere for kids to play football in the winter months as the ground is wet.*

Other

14 comments

Other comments included **girls** (5), 5 respondents mentioned provision for **adults** who enjoy play equipment or would like cycle tracks or skating rinks, with one mentioning older disabled people. 2 mentioned families with **dogs** being able to use open spaces and another 2 talked about a focus on tourist parks (2).

*There is a particular lack of park/play areas designed for and/or suitable for **teenage girls**. Girls have different wants/needs to teenage boys, and can often be deterred from using public spaces due to feeling intimidated by or crowded out by boys (or made to feel out of place by the space being dominated by very young children) Some of the skate parks/pump tracks are in poor condition and need updating - e.g. Hamworthy, Slades Farm.*

*I do not think that teenagers, particularly teenage **girls** have suitable play equipment anywhere in BCP. d) I have worked in resdential care with physically disabled and neurodiverse children for several years. Outings to BCP owned playspaces are minimal because they are not suitable - unstimulating, inaccessible, no suitable toilets etc*

*Local park is awful, mainly concrete a dying bowling club taking up half the space, and water logged tennis courts. Virtually nothing for teenagers other than rubbish skate parks and old fashioned MGUA's. No consideration is given to **teenage girls** who are expected to simply watch the boys performing.*

*play area at merley ways, great space but lacking football goal, we have boys and girls on our small estate playing football for local football teams and would be great to have that for them to practice and encourage others to play outside (**especially girls**)*

*Not aware of many inclusive play areas. Also, my **girls** love a skate park but often feel intimidated by the older children there. The teenagers are actually really friendly and polite to my girls, but they are still fast and my girls feel nervous to go on the skate park even though they desperately want to. Could there be small skate parks for, say, 5 - 10 yr olds?*

A few comments (2) were made about a focus on tourist parks rather than local parks.

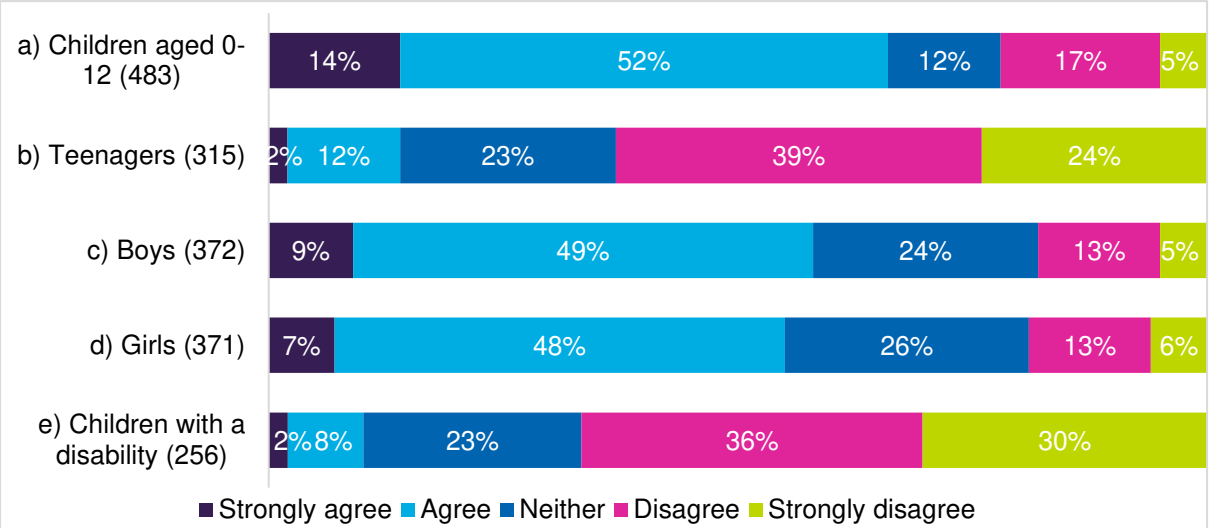
The parks local to me are run down and neglected…They are frequented by lots of local families (particularly as close proximity to primary schools). Pine road park is a great, but wasted, space - barring the new addition for toddlers - it is in dire need of renovation. Again, strouden playground has been completely forgotten about and is a gem for families with dogs due to the field space. Winton Rec could do with a revitalise…Poole Park mudeford quay park and the playground by cafe riva (southbourne) on the other hand have had lots of make overs when it is local families - in residential areas - that would benefit the most from upgraded play equipment.

It is clear that BCP is a tourist destination and only the playgrounds with high tourist numbers have had investment recently. Yes they look good to visitors and make a good impression but the play infrastructure for local residents and local tax payers doesn't match up.

7.3 Agreement about the variety of play spaces for different groups of children and young people

Respondents were asked how strongly they agree or disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for boys, for girls and for children with a disability.

Figure 14: How strongly do you agree or disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area for:

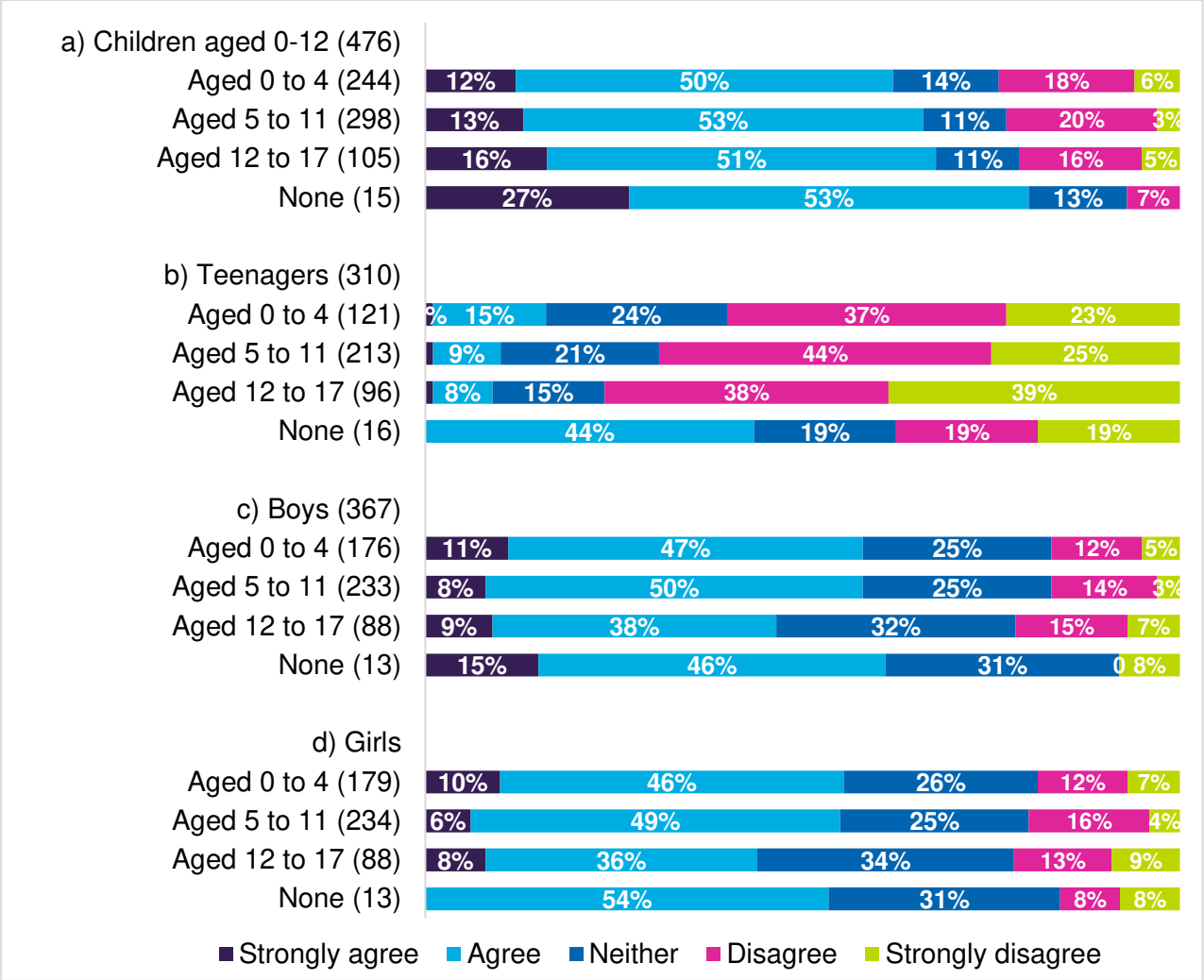


Bases (as shown)

- 66% agree and 22% disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for children aged 0-12.
- 14% agree and 63% disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for teenagers.
- 58% agree and 18% disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for boys.
- 55% agree and 19% disagree that there is a good variety of play spaces in the BCP area for girls.
- 10% agree and 66% disagree that there is a good variety of pay spaces in the BCP area for children with a disability.

Significant differences

Figure 15: How strongly do you agree or disagree that there is a good variety of the following play spaces by protected characteristics



Bases (as shown)

There are differences by age of child.

- 44% of those with **no children** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area for teenagers, which is much higher than those **with children**.
- 39% of those with children **aged 12-17** strongly disagree that there is a good variety of spaces for teenagers.
- 50% of those with children **aged 5 to 11** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces for boys, compared to 38% of those with children **aged 12 to 17**.
- 49% of those with children **aged 5 to 11** agree that there is a good variety of play spaces for girls, compared to 36% of those with children **aged 12 to 17.**

7.4 Reasons for disagreeing with the variety of play spaces for different groups of children and young people

221 comments

221 respondents who disagreed that there is a good variety of play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area for different groups of children and young people gave an answer.

Where possible, comments have been grouped into themes; the table below shows the number of comments relating to each theme.

Theme	Number of comments
play spaces for children aged 0-12	42
play spaces for teenagers	81
boys	27
girls	23
boys and girls/gender	32
children with a disability	91
general comments	54

Children aged 0-12

42 people explained why they are dissatisfied with play spaces for children aged 0-12. Many of these comments mirror the responses to dissatisfaction with local play areas, covering things like maintenance of play areas and equipment, none nearby/have to travel to play spaces / the differences in the quality and availability of play spaces across BCP, safety and anti social behaviour.

*for the amount of housing being built and provided there should be more **facilities** to accommodate new comers, we have great schools, great play spaces are a no brainer.*

*Age band 0**-12 is too wide to consider together**. There seems to be good facilities for pre-school 0-4 and young children aged approx 4-6. But not that much available for the 7-12 age group that is sufficiently engaging and physically demanding for them. The playground at West Field Poole Park is a good example, but a lot of other playgrounds are too young for our 8 year olds.*

*my 6year old even commented he wanted to move to NZ as their playgrounds were so much better than here. There **has been money spent, but nothing in Bournemouth area**. We have **nothing within walking distance** that is any good, or safe enough… the concrete disaster that is at the end of Lingdale Road in east Southbourne should be dismantled immediately as such a danger and awful people use it for other purposes*

*my **most local ones** (Canford Heath nr Asda) are all **similar.** Ones further afield such as Hamworthy Park is more toddler friendly. My local one has funding for a new climbing frame apparently but again, it's only suitable for older children.*

*Not enough modern, safe play spaces. **Equipment is old and tired**. We need investment to make the parks like the Quomps Park in Christchurch*

*Our **nearest play spaces do not have play areas suitable for ages 4-12**, instead of being able to walk to a park we have to drive to one.*

***the nice play spaces seem to go to the more affluent areas**. For example the splash park in Christchurch.*

***there are no playgrounds at all within child's walking distance**…apart from Lingdale Road which is vandalised, has poor equipment and the council is apparently wanting to sell the site for building. Parks in our area are very poor*

*There is a lovely play ground in Poole Park but **local smaller parks are somehow neglecte**d. Kids need challenging activities.*

***lack of variety/age appropriate play equipment in various locations**. Some are good (Quomps/Christchurch green).*

*In the **town centre there is no playground for small kids** (0-4) apart from the Frances Road small playground that unfortunately is very deprived spot, full of drug users. Looks like kids from the town centre have been forgotten - you need a car to get to some nice safe playground*

*…Compared to the Warwickshire parks, the parks here are actually awful! **They're small, old, tired/worn out, they don't have a lot of play equipment. There's often litter...There's also a very limited choice there aren't many parks at all**… if there were good play parks, bike tracks and skate parks too, it would be amazing! Have a look at Victoria park in Leamington spa. There's an amazing one on the Europa Way new housing estate too.*

*Not many **safe equipment for toddlers**. Too many high places with no barriers and a drop to the ground.*

*Generally the play areas appear to be **poorly maintained** after they were first built*

*On the whole the parks for young children are good around the council areas but I feel **Merley Ways has been overlooked** for a number of years.*

*Plenty of recreational space so agree with that but **not specific activities for 0-12**s.*

***We end up having to travel to Poole park, Highcliffe Rec, Moors Valley, Farmer Palmers, just to use their playgrounds**. We should be able to use the ones nearest our home but many of them **lack equipment that is suitable for toddlers.** Those that do have toddler equipment, don't tend to have much. They're usually centred towards older children or teens.*

***there is a good variety surrounding us it's just a shame we have to travel to them** when we have a great space on our doorstep that's dilapidated!*

Teenagers

81 people said why they disagree that there is a wide variety of play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole for teenagers.

Most of these (57 respondents) said they are not aware of play spaces or equipment for teenagers or that we need more.

24 people gave suggestions, including 11 ideas of equipment/activities for teenagers:

*Teenagers are hard to cater for but **basketball courts** and bmx/skate facilities would be good (in Muscliff!)*

*teenagers need youth facilities **skate parks and youth clubs***

gym equipment

*I believe teenagers need more space for **wheeled sports** in the Town Centre area.*

*Other areas have **MUGAs, pump tracks or skateparks** etc for teens but Merley (and surrounding local BCP Council area) has no facilities for teens/young adults. We use the many in Dorset Council area (Wimborne) but my children cannot safely get to them on their own as the small connection of infrastructure between the two councils are too dangerous and not fit to use. How is this ok to miss us out. Our crime rate in the area has been on the decline recently and there has to be a connection. There are a few disabilities equipment in the newer parks but overall, this could be a lot better.*

*Plenty of parks aimed at under 10's. In desperate of skateboards **facilities, bmx tracks, scooter parks** for exercise and learning skills.*

*Swanmore could have a play area. Or a **meeting hub** for teenagers*

*Teenagers need **designated spaces that are safe***

*We don't appear to have the same amount of **youth clubs** as when I was younger*

*We should bring back **youth clubs***

*You **need a panel of 13-15 year old young people to help you plan these**. Areas and also include wheelchair users.*

Some people commented on teenagers hanging around and they need somewhere they can go.

*I feel if there were **more local parks for teenagers (skate/bmx ramps) they would be less likely to hang out** in alley ways or be bored and cause vandalism, there is none locally that you can get to on foot). E) Also all my local parks having nothing for disabled youngsters.*

Teenagers seem to be the biggest problem for play areas in Canford Heath**. I do not have one myself yet but from my understanding **there are little free things for them to do.

teenagers roam the streets of Bournemouth, Poole and Christchurch ***without having much space or any community centres as the council had cuts and took away most of them*** *after that criminal activity and antisocial behaviour became the norm.*

Teenagers go to places that are unsuitable*. Using younger children's play areas for anti social behaviour.*

Teenagers just seem to hang about bored so start causing trouble

Teenagers often use the younger playparks to hang out in*, occasionally causing rubbish and damage but not exclusively or always. This is often because there are limit if any spaces for them to be in.*

Teenagers would benefit from their own spaces *instead of taking up the park when smaller children are there to play. There are a few items for disabled children at Poole Park but very few others in the area.*

The park at Scott's Hills was used by teen badly so ***broke regularly****. Now it is shut. Needs to be functional for all.*

There needs to be ***more teenage spaces keep them off streets and making trouble****, there needs to be better playground equipment for younger years*

There was a suggestion of park wardens.

I think it's difficult with teenagers as they have very few places where they can feel safe and the rest of the public view the area as safe. I think it would help to have dedicated park wardens to check when there are large groups of teenagers hanging about parks where families do to, ***perhaps separate areas are needed??*** *It's tricky as there needs to be safe places where teenagers can socialise with their friends without others feeling intimidated.*

Boys and Girls

27 respondents commented about boys and 24 comments about girls. 32 people commented on boys and girls, with 16 respondents saying that boys and girls use the space the same and do not need different play spaces.

It ***shouldn't make any difference*** *if for boys or girls they play the same, sometimes use the equipment differently.*

I ***disagree that play areas should be gendered*** *- play is play. There needs to be more opportunities to roleplay in general.*

There ***should not be a difference*** *as all children's play areas should be suitable for boys and girls!*

why would this need to be separated*? Boys and girls playground.. what would the difference be?*

Boys and Girls play the same *- that is a very odd question! Are you expecting boys to want more space to run and girls to want more mud kitchens? Do better!*

***Why on earth are you asking about girls and boys as if they have different playground interests**?? It's 2022! What exactly does that even mean? This entirely reflects the backward nature of the whole system here*

***Why would boys and girls have different needs in terms of outdoor play**? They're all children...*

***Why would play spaces be gendered?** What exactly factors in to 'girl equipment' or 'boy equipment'. It just needs to be safe and fun.*

*c) and d) are ridiculous categories and **gender specificity shouldn't be a feature of the play plan!!** Surely more appropriate to canvas opinions on age appropriate areas e.g 0-5 5-8 8-12 given the play equipment needed is completely different to accommodate the different stages of physical development.*

Boys

One person said that there is not a good variety of play areas for boys in Bournemouth and another talked about MUGAs for boys and girls.

***It is not a lot of good variety of play area for boys in Bournemouth** for free.play grounds need modernisation and more equipment, especially sport equipment to develop strong phisical skills for boys.*

*For **boys (or girls) who want to informally go for a kick about with friends in the park there is a lack of suitable kick about/multi use games areas** in my part of BCP. The grassed parks are too wet in winter and there are no suitable surfaces in easy reach.*

Girls

Five people mentioned girls specifically.

more social spaces please

*not a lot of spaces suited to girls in general - being that **they prefer to congregate and chat or do a creative activity** rather than actively play for the most part.*

*I attended community play events in Shelley Gardens, Boscombe. The teenage girls sat at the side chatting with each other on the floor while the boys played football. **Football nets were purchased for the boys. Sociable seating was not purchased for the girls. "Make space for Girls" have a really interesting document** e) It seems like disabled children can only go to Moors Valley or Avon Heath where there are suitable toilets and accessible woodland paths. Still very little play equipment locally for wheelchair users or with neurodiverse children in mind.*

Lack of spaces for older girls

Older and teenage girls are completely ignored and yet girls taking up skateboarding is rocketing,** but nothing in BCP that would work for them. **Our play locations need toilets and cafe's, this is especially important for the safety of girls.

Children with a disability

Most of the comments about play spaces for children with a disability relate to the lack of play spaces or equipment, with 31 mentioning equipment, 16 mentioning accessible and 14 mentioning wheelchairs.

*Of the parks we regularly visit I **don't see any particular play equipment for disabled children and young people***

*I have **not seen or am aware of any adaptive play equipment** for children with disabilities*

*Not all parks I visit have **accessible swings***

***very few play parks have accessible equipment**, and even when facilities are upgraded, they don't always include accessible equipment - appalling for today's standards.*

*I don't have child with disability but…**i've only seen one [park] with accessibility and minimal equipment***

*I **have not seen a huge variety of accessible play equipment** in the BCP area. The best park I have used for inclusivity and excitement is actually in Southampton on the common. That truly is a great park!*

***lack of swings and lack of all equipment** for disabled children to play and enjoy*

***Most play spaces are unsuitable for those with disabilities**. Lack of equipment that they could use easily.*

***Only accessible piece of equipment I've seen is a roundabout**, usually over taken by able bodied kids. But wheelchair users have nothing else to go on. Activity boards etc are generally boring for them (more for toddlers)*

***The 2 local parks to me have no disability friendly equipment** that can be used, and the **3rd one which has one swing isn't safe to use if disabled**.*

***no equipment suitable for disabled children in the winter the grounds of Poole Lane Park** are **too muddy it would be difficult to push a wheelchair** in there. Also Phelms Park has sand, so a wheelchair would not be easy to push. There is no disabled swings or equipment.*

***It seems like disabled children can only go to Moors Valley or Avon Heath where there are suitable toilets and accessible woodland paths.** Still very little play equipment locally for wheelchair users or with neurodiverse children in mind.*

***It is more difficult to find play spaces with equipment for children with a disability** or **if there is one then there is usually only one thing for them to use like a swing** but there could be more things, especially at height of a wheelchair user.*

5 people mentioned the need for more sensory play.

Apart from the very large main parks eg the one in Poole Park, playgrounds are not inclusive or accessible for disabled children. ***More needs to be added for children who use disability aids (such as wheelchairs) and sensory areas for neurodivergent / visually impaired children***

*I only ever see 1 disability swing****, nothing much to cater for children with disabilities or sensory needs.***

Insufficient play areas provided for those with disabilities, ***not enough sensory play spaces***

More sensory play needed *like water play, sand play, splash parks*

whilst there is growing provision for physically disabled children (and long may that continue), ***there needs to be more provision for neurodiverse children*** *ie those with sensory needs, climbers, absconders, those who need quiet, or space, or somewhere staffed with specialist staff for parents to rest for an hour or two; somewhere where transitions can be managed well for children. Bearing in mind that exhausted parents will probably not benefit from travel plus having to supervise children in an unfamiliar environment then travel again... I can see why parents might not travel to take their children to a place and just make do at home*

The other comments related to toilet facilities and considering non-physical disabilities and adults with disabilities.

Very far parks have toilet or changing facilities *open*

Not all disabilities are physical*. My grandson will not go on equipment if others are on it because he feels suffocated by close contact. We take him to Carvers Ringwood where the slides do not cause close contact to other children*

Please consider adults with disabilities *who continue to enjoy outdoor equipment i.e. swings, keep fit equipment.*

7.5 Suggestions to create better play spaces

Respondents were asked to give up to three suggestions about would create a better play space for boys, girls and children with a disability.

7.5.1 What would create a better play space for boys

86 comments

Respondents were asked to give up to 3 suggestions for what they felt would create better play spaces for **boys**. 86 comments were made.

The majority of respondents made comments that did not relate specifically to boys (74 comments) and focused on improvements and/or changes to equipment. This code has been broken down into sub-codes to make it easier to interpret. (Note that some comments make multiple points and may be coded against more than one theme):

Theme	Number
Equipment/Facilities	68
Maintenance/Management	7
Equality between sexes	7
Age	7
Activities/Schemes	5
Safety/ASB	5
Play site	4
Transport	1

The top sub-codes for the 'Not boy-specific' theme were 'equipment/facilities' (68 comments), 'maintenance/management', 'equality between sexes' and 'age' (all 7 comments). Below is a selection of these comments:

Equipment/Facilities

These respondents suggested improvements to play equipment and facilities within, and around, play areas:

*"**Areas that provide physical challenges**, like climbing frames and monkey bars."*

"Parkour, street skate, adventure (campfires, streams, cabin building)."

*"**Variety** of challenge."*

*"**Safe flooring** in playgrounds, imaginative play, interactive play."*

*"**Suitable surfaces** for football, challenging climbing equipment."*

*"**Free brain games/problem solving/group activities** with area for sitting/talking etc. Include snack bar."*

Maintenance/Management

These respondents wanted to see a higher standard of maintenance of play areas in BCP:

*"Play equipment which is **maintained to a higher standard** and some for younger ages."*

*"All the equipment **to be maintained well/ not be broken**."*

*"An adventure playground staffed by trained playworkers that **can support teenage boys with deep play.** Play spaces that show respect to women so our next generation of men show more respect to women."*

*"**Zip wires that actually work and that are maintained**, lots of them are damaged or children can reach them easily."*

Equality between sexes

These respondents felt it was unnecessary to distinguish between the play needs of girls and boys:

*"**It shouldn't matter if it's girls or boys**. You just need more durable equipment on all sites."*

"Don't distinguish between sexes."

*"**Young boys and girls shouldn't be treated differently**. If you have playgrounds designed with equipment that can be accessed at different heights etc. it will appeal to boys and girls."*

*"**Really think they should be equal** .. so climbing walls .. more zip wires .. spinning wheels."*

*"**Young boys and girls can use and should use the same play equipment** to help their development."*

Age

These respondents made suggestions for improving play areas according to the age of children:

*"More challenging equipment for **8 to 12 years**."*

*"**More variety for all ages**. **Young children (under 3)** tend to have limited options in the bigger play spaces."*

*"Climbing equipment **for teenagers** climb swing on and run around."*

*"An adventure playground staffed by trained playworkers that can support **teenage boys** with deep play. Play spaces that show respect to women so our next generation of men show more respect to women."*

*"Swings for **younger children**."*

*"Brighter colours, more interactive equipment, taller structures and softer surfaces to land on. **More baby swings** - one in each park is never enough."*

Only two boy-specific comments were made:

*"With the support of university students, **he could have free sports classes** in different modalities after classes to encourage sports."*

*"**For younger boys up [to] 3 years** somewhere to run around in the play area where they will not be knocked over the [removed] [older] ones using the swings."*

7.5.2 What would create a better play space for girls

71 comments

Respondents were asked to give up to 3 suggestions for what they felt would create better play spaces for **girls**. 71 comments were made with the main themes to emerge outlined in the table below. (Note that some comments make multiple points and may be coded against more than one theme):

Theme	Number
Not girl-specific	38
Same as Q11a	13
Criticism/Query	12
Girl-specific	3
Don't know/not sure	2
General	1
Not applicable	1
Not relevant	1

The majority of respondents made comments that did not relate specifically to girls (38 comments) and focused on improvements and/or changes to equipment. Below is a selection of these comments:

Not girl-specific

These respondents suggested improvements to play equipment and facilities within, and around, play areas:

*"**Relaxed spaces** as you'd find in a youth centre with creative opportunities to try new activities."*

> *"Play spaces for **8+**."*
>
> *"**More areas for ball games** (cricket, football, rounders, etc)."*
>
> *"**Outdoor kitchen**. **[Wooded] area**, place for make-up practice."*
>
> *"**Nature, food growing, fun educational areas** for games/equipment."*
>
> *"**Big swings, informal "hangout" space, lighting** to make the space accessible in the evenings."*

Criticism/Query

These respondents criticised the need to separate the genders when thinking about how play areas can be improved for girls:

> *"**You shouldn't be asking gendered questions - it's inappropriate**. Please get an [Occupational Therapist] to help you set up an appropriate questionnaire asking better questions, in correct language."*
>
> *"As above, **there's no reason to differentiate genders**."*
>
> *"This is **sexist**."*
>
> *"**I am a bit confused why we are considering boys vs girls play?** Surely children should be playing together?"*
>
> *"Boys and girls should have the same opportunities and **gender should NOT be a factor in play spaces**."*
>
> *"**There should not be a difference between gender**, the facilities should appease all young people."*
>
> *"Why make this question about gender?"*

Girl-specific

Only three girl-specific comments were made:

> *"Not sure we should be gendering play, but skate parks, hang out spaces, multi-use but **more attractive to girls**."*
>
> *"An adventure playground staffed by trained playworkers **that can support teenage girls** with deep play. Social seating, **girls only exercise spaces**."*
>
> *"Space to run around or play in **that doesn't get monopolised by boys** playing football."*

7.5.3 What would create a better play space for children with a disability

67 comments

Respondents were asked to give up to 3 suggestions for what they felt would create better play spaces for **children with a disability**. 67 comments were made with the main themes to emerge outlined in the table below. (Note that some comments make multiple points and may be coded against more than one theme):

Theme	Number
Disability-specific	34
Not disability-specific	21
Don't know/not sure	6
General	2
Same as Q11a+b	2
Expert advice	1
Not applicable	1

Disability-specific

The majority of respondents made comments that related specifically to children with disabilities (34 comments) and focused primarily on improvements and/or changes to 'equipment/facilities/activities' (18 comments), 'accessibility' (14 comments) and 'places/areas' (12 comments). Below is a selection of these comments:

Equipment/Facilities/Activities

These respondents suggested improvements to play equipment, facilities activities within, and around, play areas for children with disabilities:

> *"**Suitable swings. Low balance equipment. Wheelchair friendly play equipment** - tracks with inclines and turning areas, slaloms."*
>
> *"**More sensory options**, facilities that can be handled."*
>
> *"**Indoor and outdoor play spaces, sensory rooms, swimming/heated pools**. The 'Gympanzee' project in Bristol is a good example."*
>
> *"Wheelchair swings."*
>
> *"Play spaces **with very close parking for disabled people**."*

Accessibility

These respondents made comments relating to the level of accessibility children with disabilities have to play areas:

> *"**More wheelchair access**, some of the gates to parks are small and spring loaded."*
>
> *"**Ramps up to the treetops** so children in wheelchairs can experience tree climbing. Loose parts play pods with."*
>
> *"Accessing height, sensory play, planting."*
>
> *"Accessible roundabouts, swings, maybe bouncy floor?"*
>
> *"**Making the same activities as abled children accessible for those with a disability**. Anybody with a disability should be catered for to feel that there are not being segregated or treated differently, this is more important in children."*
>
> *"**More accessible equipment** such as the chair swing in Poole Park.*
>
> *"**Wheelchair access to higher structures**. **Roundabout for wheelchairs**, more musical gardens."*

Places/Areas

These respondents made comments relating to the creation of areas/places for children with disabilities:

> *""There needs to be a creatively designed space for children in wheelchairs or with mobility needs or learning disabilities to offer them the opportunity to play."*
>
> *"Indoor and outdoor play spaces, sensory rooms, swimming/heated pools. The 'Gympanzee' project in Bristol is a good example."*
>
> *"Sensory areas involving music."*
>
> *"Safe areas to reduce chance of running into roads, wheelchair accessible activities."*
>
> *"Quieter areas for children with autism."*
>
> *"Make mainstream places inclusive of all children and disabled parents."*
>
> *"More accessible areas."*

7.6 Your local/nearest play space

7.6.1 Local play spaces

Respondents were asked to name their local play space. 472 respondents gave a name. The play spaces named by three or more respondents are shown below.

Figure 16: Please tell us the name of your local/nearest play space in the box below.

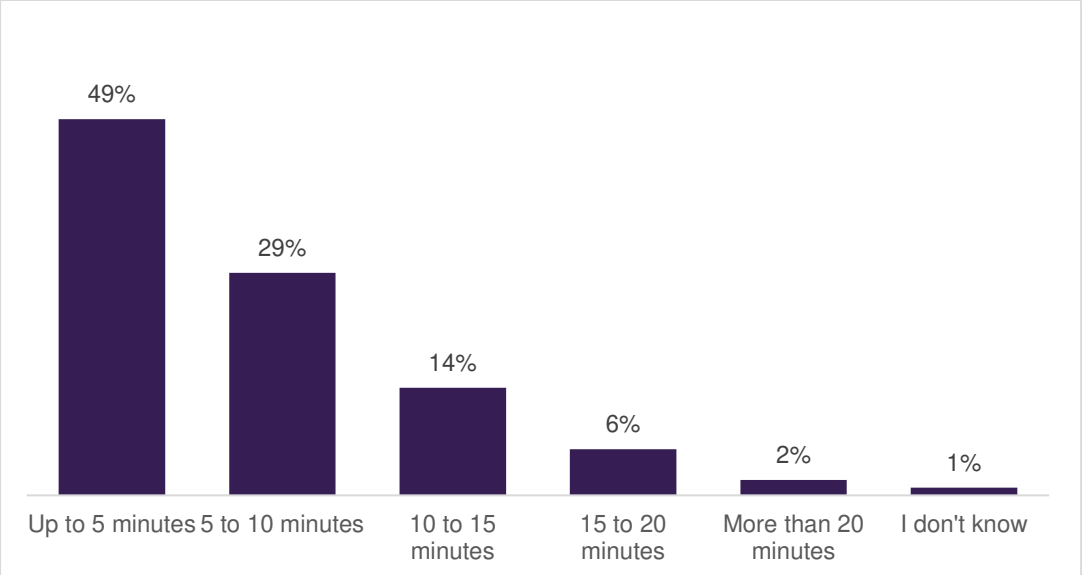
Base: 472 respondents

The most frequently mentioned play space was Muscliff Park (25), followed by Kings Park (22).

7.6.2 Walking distance to local play space

The survey asked roughly how long it takes respondents to walk to their local/nearest play space

Figure 17: Roughly how long does it take you to walk to your local/nearest play space?



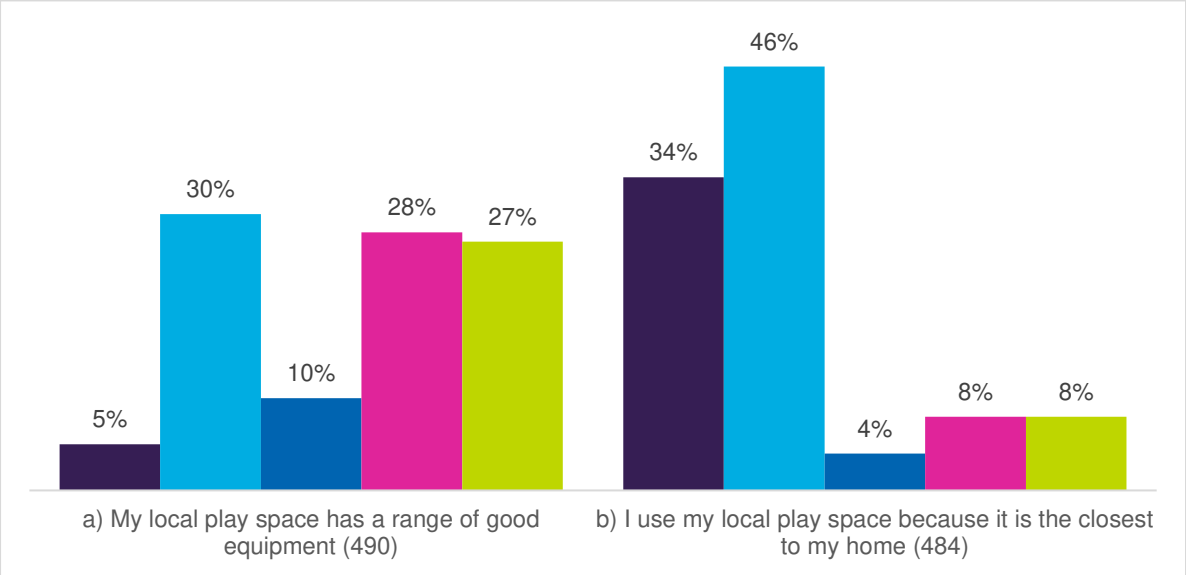
Base: 498 respondents

- It takes just under one half of respondents (49%) up to 5 minutes to walk to their nearest play space.
- Just under one third (29%) take 5 to 10 minutes to walk to their nearest play space.
- 14% take 10 to 15 minutes to walk to their nearest play space.
- 6% walk 15 minutes or more to their nearest play space.
- 2% walk 20 minutes or more.
- 1% do not know how far their nearest play space is.

7.6.3 Agreement with factors about nearest/local play spaces

The survey asked strongly respondents agree or disagree with two statements about their local/nearest play space.

Figure 18: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following about your local/nearest play space?



Bases (as shown)

- Just over one third (35%) agree that their local play space has a range of good equipment. 55% disagree.
- 80% agree that they use their local play space because it is the closest to their home. 16% disagree.

Significant differences

- 17% of respondents with a **child/grandchild with a disability** agreed that 'My local play space has a range of good equipment' compared to 32% of those with a child with no disability.

- 41% of respondents with **children aged 0-4** (41 %) strongly agreed that they 'use their local play space because it is closest to their home' compared to 33% of those with 5-11s, 20% of those with 12-17s and 20% of those with no children.

7.6.4 Reasons for disagreeing with statements about nearest/local play space

Respondents were asked to explain why they disagree with the following two statements about their nearest/local play space.

- My nearest/local play space has a range of good equipment.
- I use my nearest/local play space because it is the closest to their home.

306 respondents provided an answer to this question. The figure below shows the play spaces mentioned by at least 3 respondents.

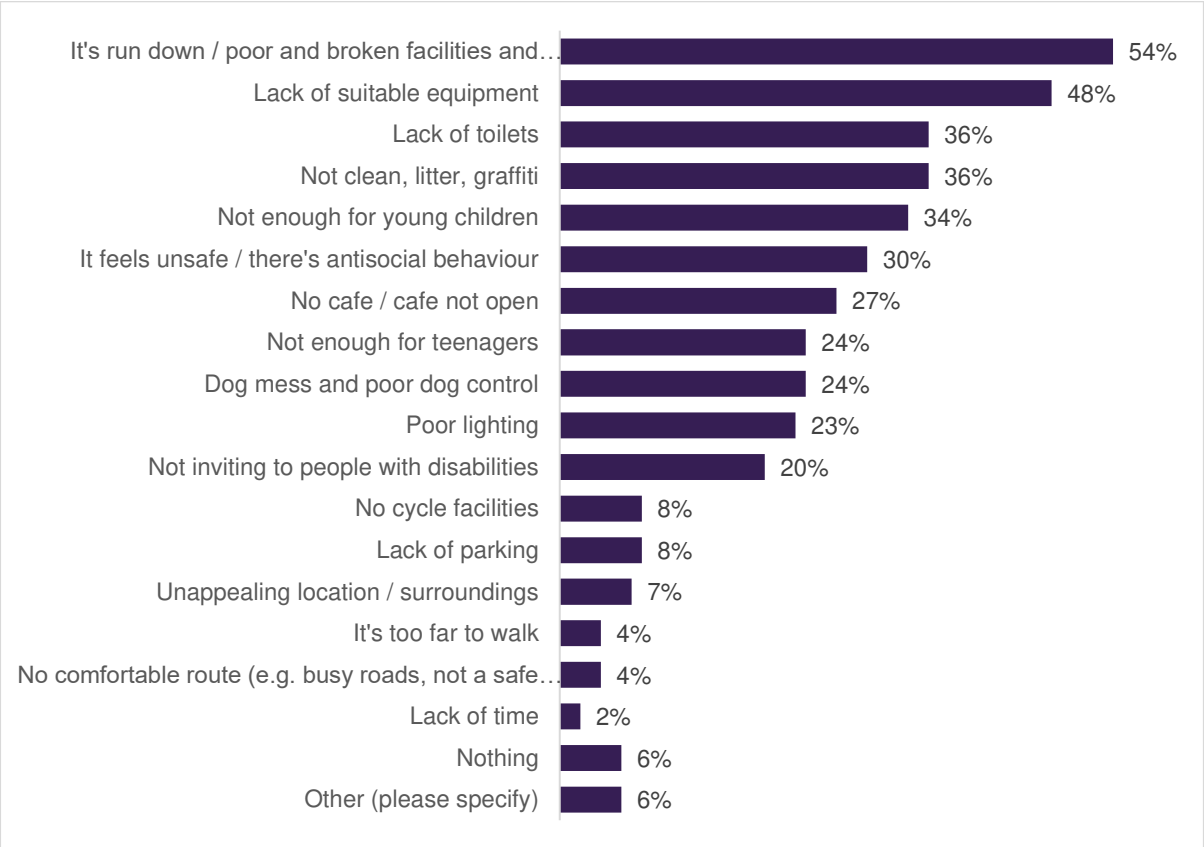
Comments

The spreadsheet with the comments about each play area will be provided to the Greenspaces Team to look through and identify any issues, concerns or improvements that could be needed and addressed through the Play Strategy.

7.6.5 Barriers to using nearest/local play space

Respondents were asked what stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space.

Figure 19: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space?



Base: 469 respondents

The main reason that stops people from visiting their local play space is because it's run down / has poor and broken facilities and equipment (54%). This is followed by lack of suitable equipment (48%). Lack of toilets (36%), not clean, graffiti, litter (36%), not enough for young children (34%) and it feels unsafe/there's antisocial behaviour (30%) are the next key barriers.

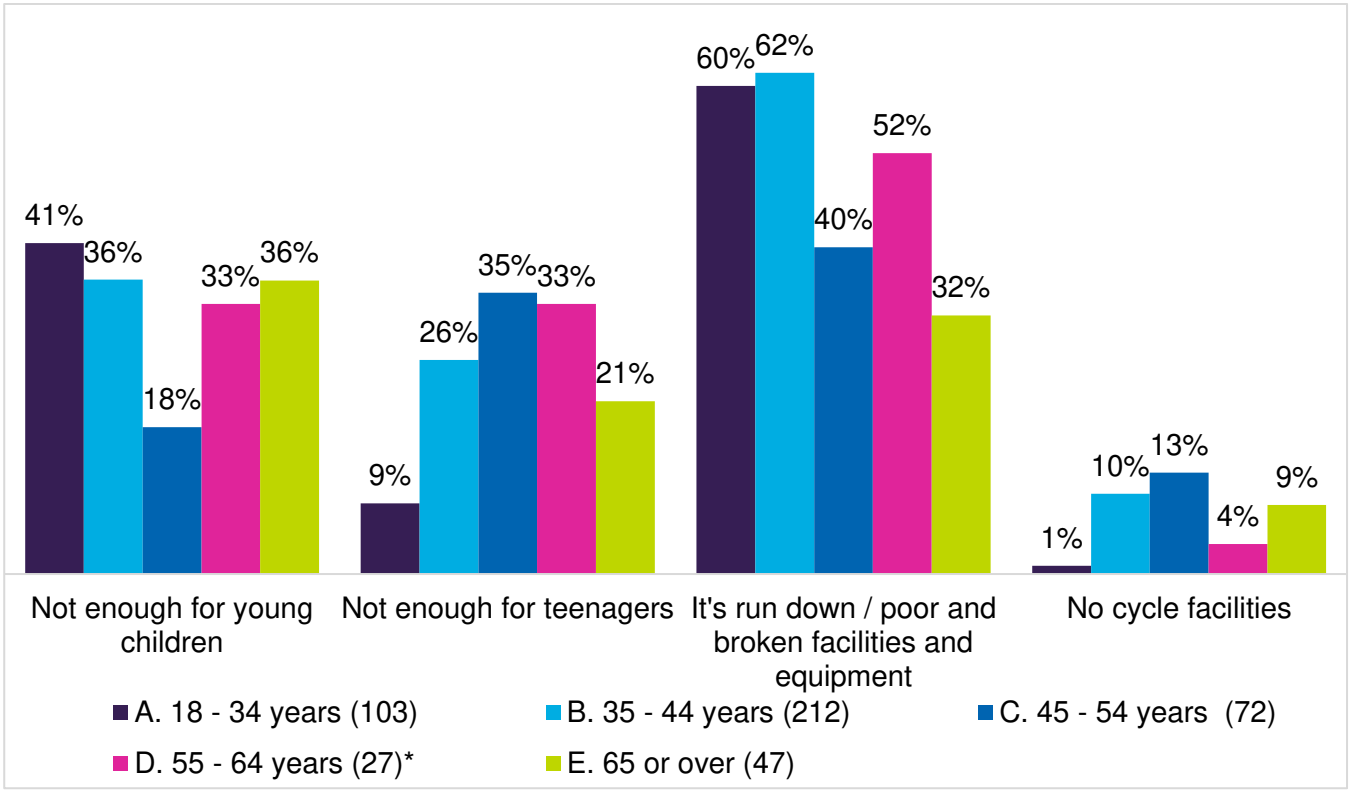
Significant differences

There are differences in barriers to using local play spaces by age, gender, disability, ethnicity, religion, age of child and whether the child has a disability.

Age

- Not enough for young children is a barrier for those aged **18-34** (41%), **35-44** (36%), **55-64** (33%) and **65 or over** (36%) compared to those **aged 45-54** (18%).
- Not enough for teenagers is a bigger barrier for those aged **45-54** (35%) and **55-64** (33%) than other age groups.
- It's run down/poor broken facilities and equipment is a greater barrier for those aged **18-24** (60%), **35-44** (62%) and **55-64** (52%) than other age groups.
- No cycle facilities is more of an issue for those aged **35-44** (10%), **45-54** (13%) and **65 or over** (9%).

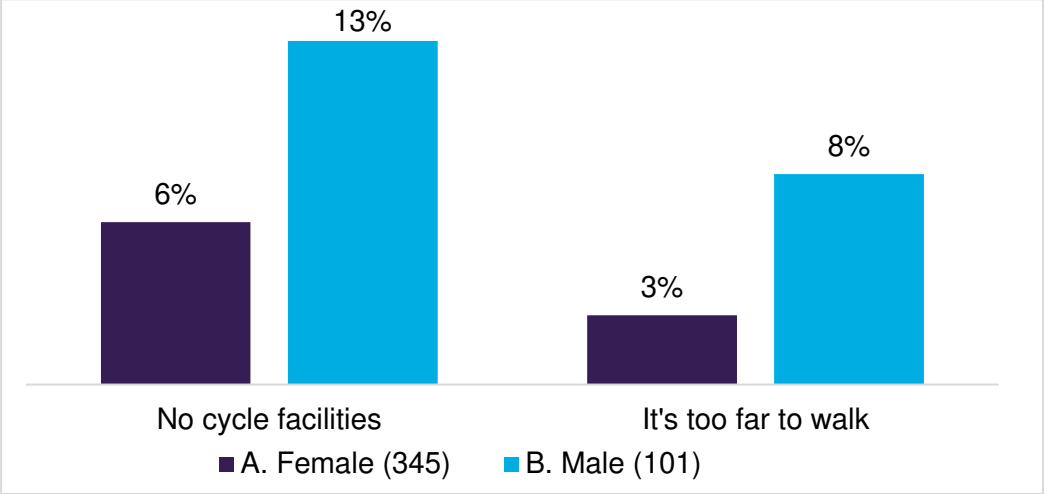
Figure 20: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by age



Bases: as shown

Gender

Figure 21: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by gender

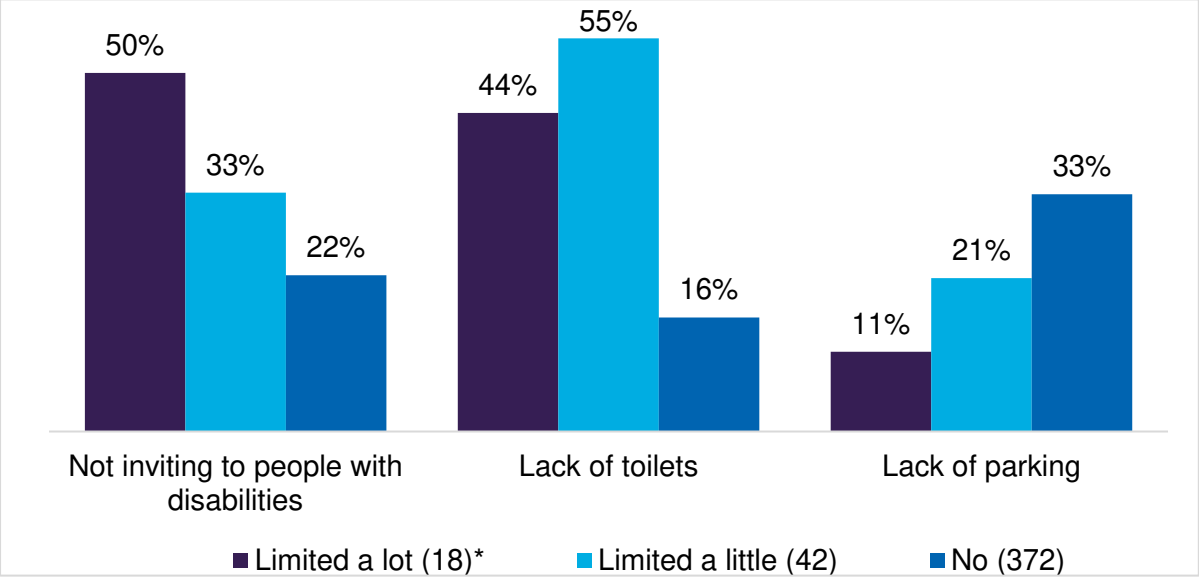


Bases: as shown

- No cycle facilities and it's too far to walk are more of an issue for **males** than **females**.

Disability

Figure 22: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by disability

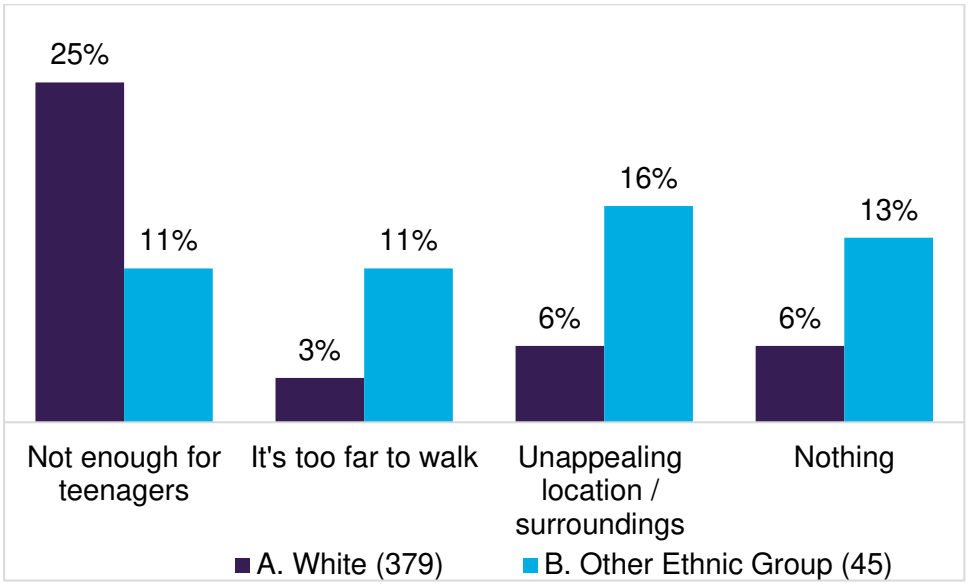


Bases: as shown

- Not inviting to people with disabilities and lack of toilets are bigger issues for those **with disabilities**.
- Lack of parking is more of an issue for people with **no disability**.

Ethnicity

Figure 23: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by ethnicity

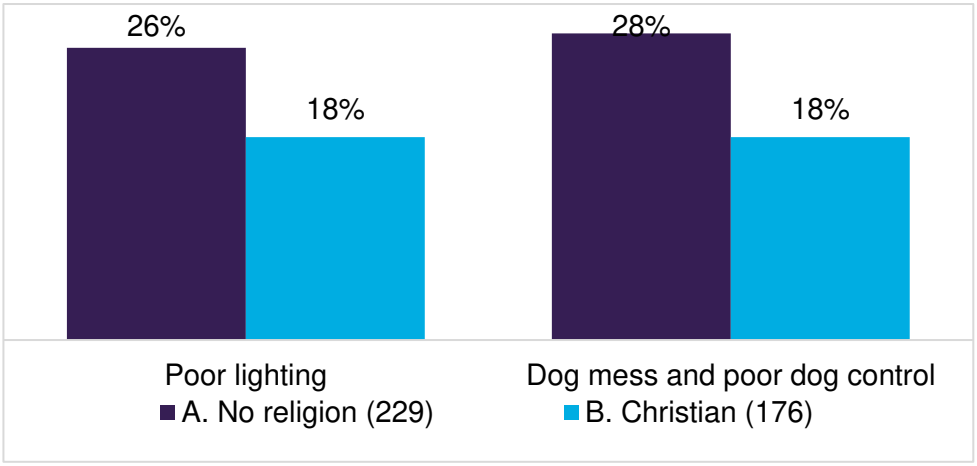


Bases: as shown

- Not enough for teenagers is more of an issue for **White respondents** than **Minority Ethnic Groups.**
- It's too far to walk and unappealing location/surroundings were higher for **Minority Ethnic Groups,** as was 'nothing'.

Religion

Figure 24: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by religion

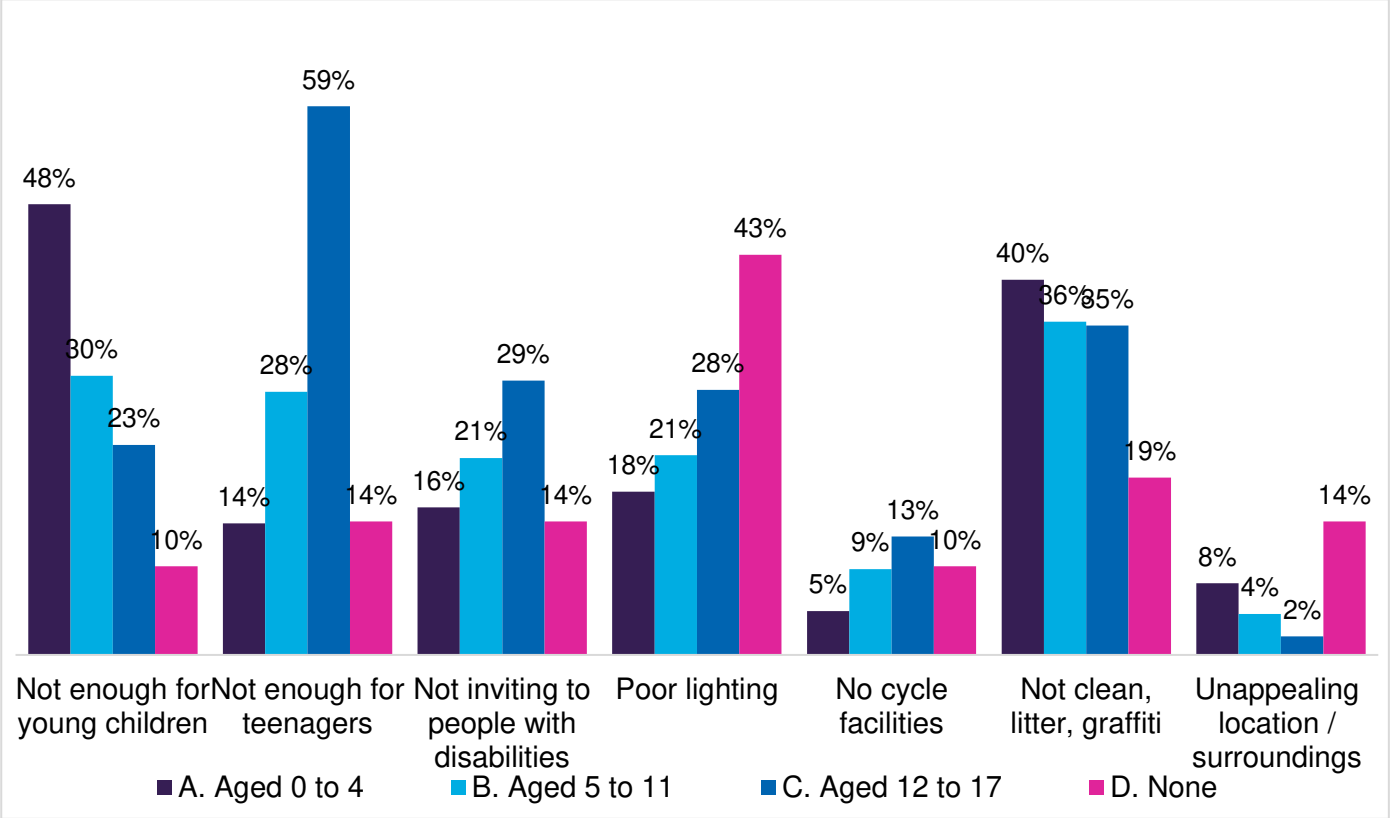


Bases: as shown

- Poor lighting and dog mess and poor dog control is a higher for those with no religion than Christians.

Age of children

Figure 25: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by age of children

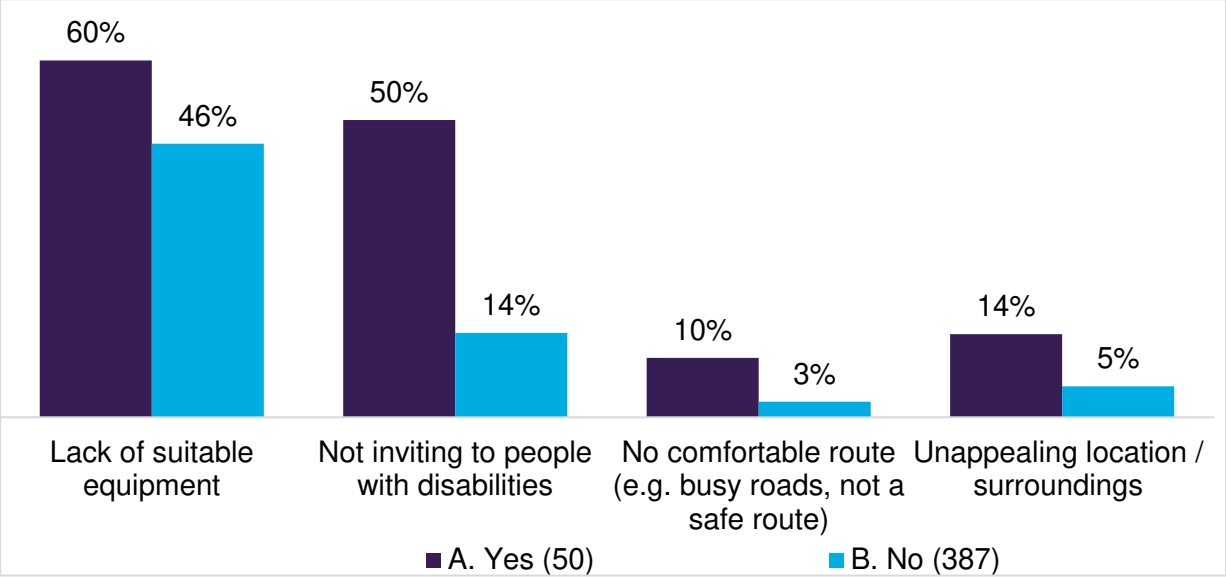


Bases: as shown

- Not enough for young children was greater barrier for those with children **aged 0-4** (48%)**.**
- Not enough for teenagers is a barrier for 59% of those with **children aged 12-17.**
- Not inviting for people with disabilities was more of a barrier for those with **children aged 12-17** (29%) and **aged 5-11** (21%)**.**
- Poor lighting is a bigger issue for those with **no children** (43%) and those with children **aged 12-17** (28%).
- No cycle facilities is one of the lowest barriers, however 13% of those with children **aged 12-17,** 10% of those with **no children** and 9% of those with children **aged 5-11** feel it is an issue.
- Not clean, litter, graffiti is more of an issue for **those with children** than those without.
- Unappealing location is a barrier for 14% of those with **no children.**

Child with a disability

Figure 26: Which (if any) of the following stops you from visiting your local/nearest play space by child with a disability



Bases: as shown

- Lack of suitable equipment, not inviting to people with disabilities, not comfortable route and unappealing location/surroundings are greater issues for those with a **child with a disability**.

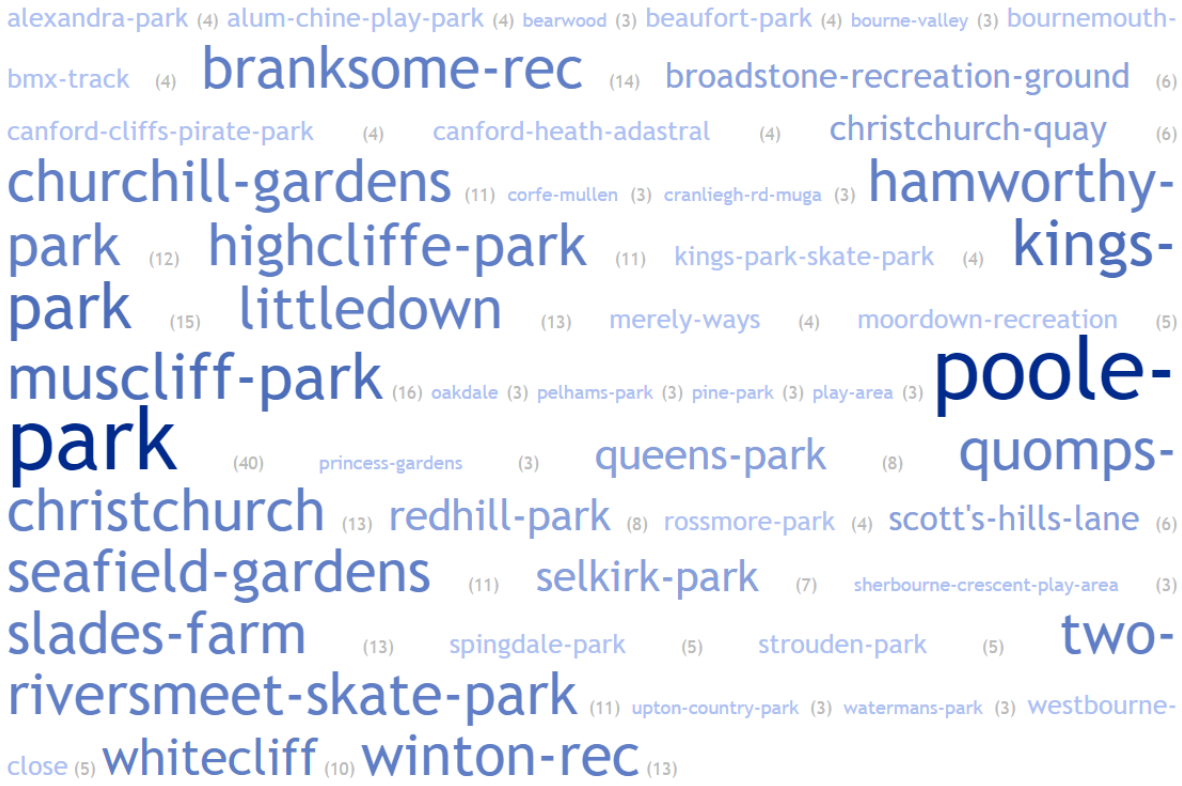
7.7 The play space you use the most

7.7.1 Play spaces used most often

The survey asked respondents to name the play space they use most often, and then to answer a series of questions about this play space.

The figure below shows the play spaces mentioned by three or more respondents.

Figure 27: What is the name of this play space?

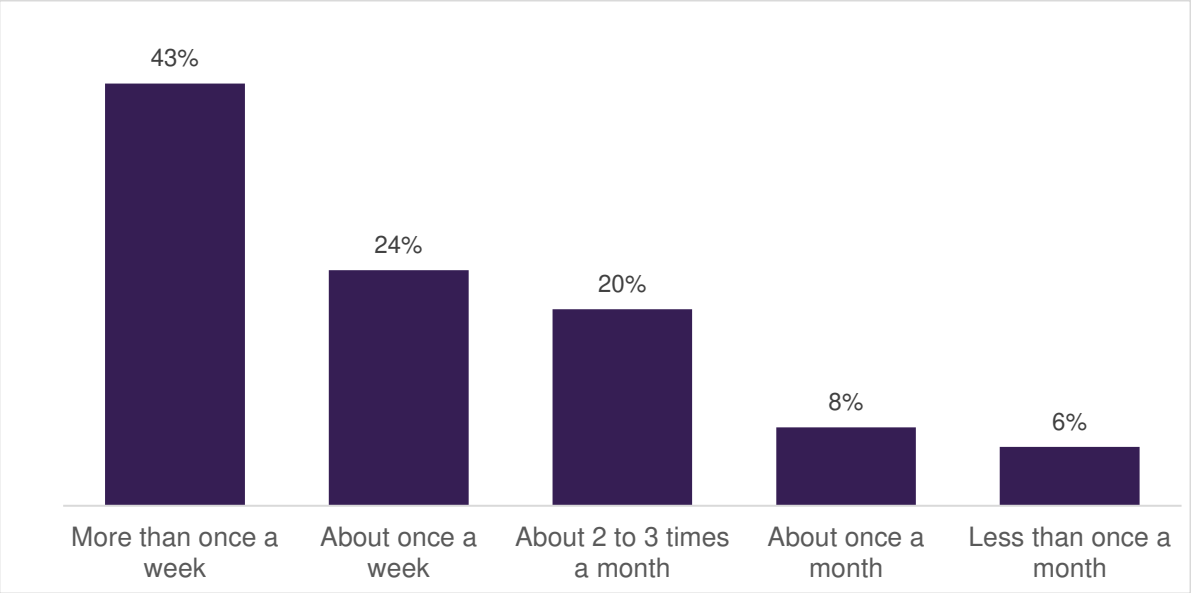


Base: 454 respondents

The most commonly visited play space was Poole Park (40), followed by Muscliff Park (16), Kings Park (15), Branksome Rec (14), The Quomps (13), Slades Farm (13), Littledown (13), Winton Rec (13), Hamworthy Park (12), Two Riversmeet Skatepark (11), Churchill Gardens (11), Highcliffe Park (11) and Seafield Gardens (11).

7.7.2 Frequency of use

Figure 28: How often do you visit this play space?



Base: 459 respondents

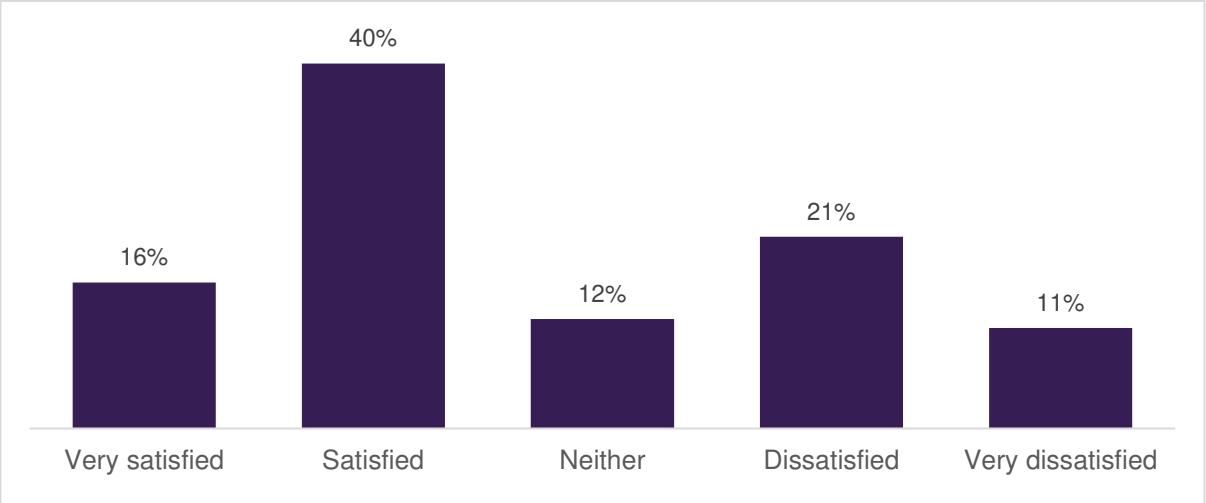
Around two thirds of respondents (67%) visit the play area they use the most at least once a week, with 43% using it more than once a week and 24% at least once a week. 20% use it 2 to 3 times a month, 8% use it about once a month and 6% use it less than once a month.

Significant differences

- 14% of those with no children use the play area they visit most often less than once a month compared to those with children **aged 0-4** (5%), **5-11** (3%) and **12-17** (10%).

7.7.3 Satisfaction with play spaces used most often

Figure 29: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with this play space?

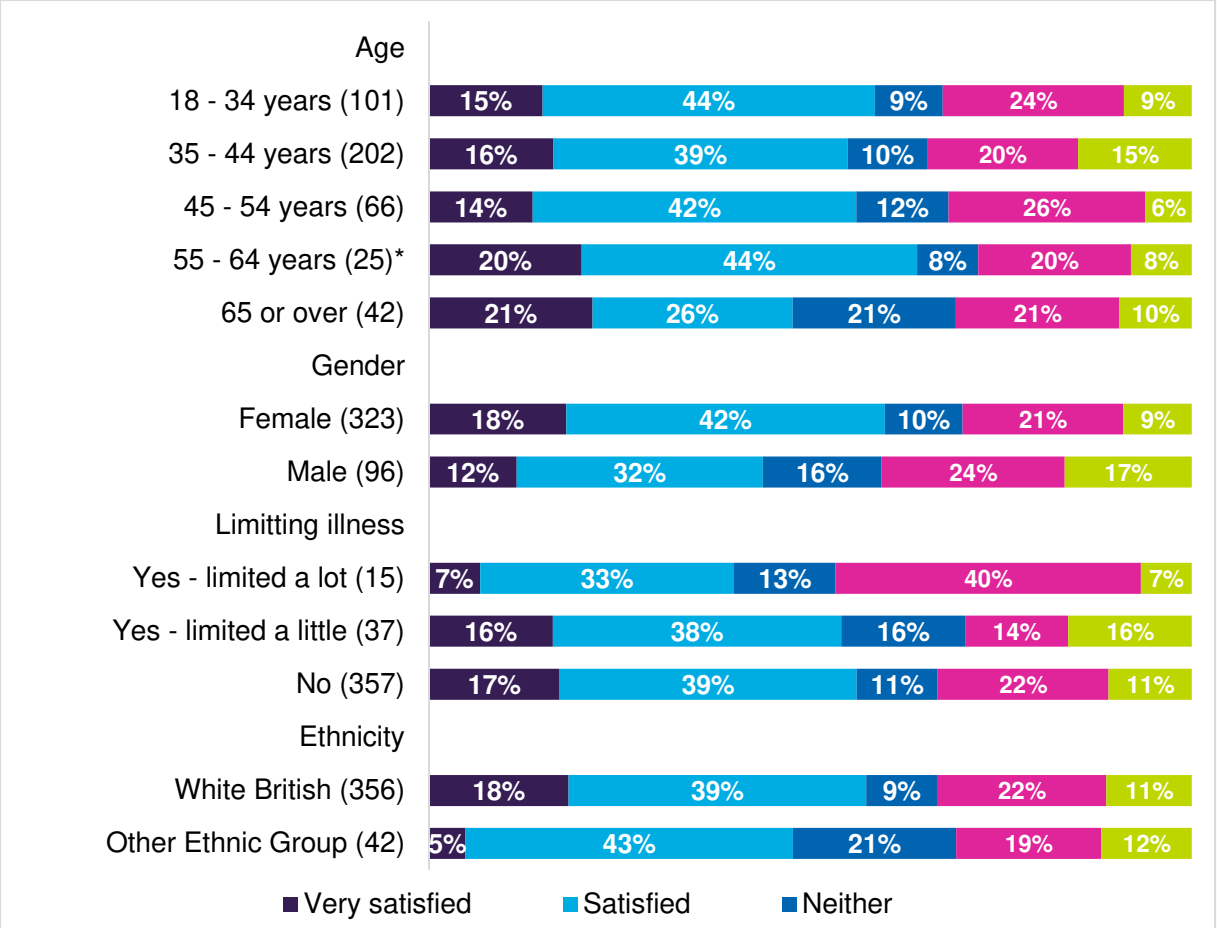


Base: 448 respondents

56% are satisfied with the **play area they use the most** and just under one third (32%) are dissatisfied.

Significant differences

Figure 30: How satisfied or dissatisfied are you with this play space by protected characteristics



Bases: as shown

Age

- those aged 65 or over have lower levels of satisfaction (26% are 'satisfied') than other age groups.

Gender

- 17% of males are very dissatisfied, compared to 9% of females.

Limiting illness/disability

- 40% of those with an illness that limits their ability a lot are dissatisfied compared to 14% whose activities are limited a little and 22% of those with no disability.

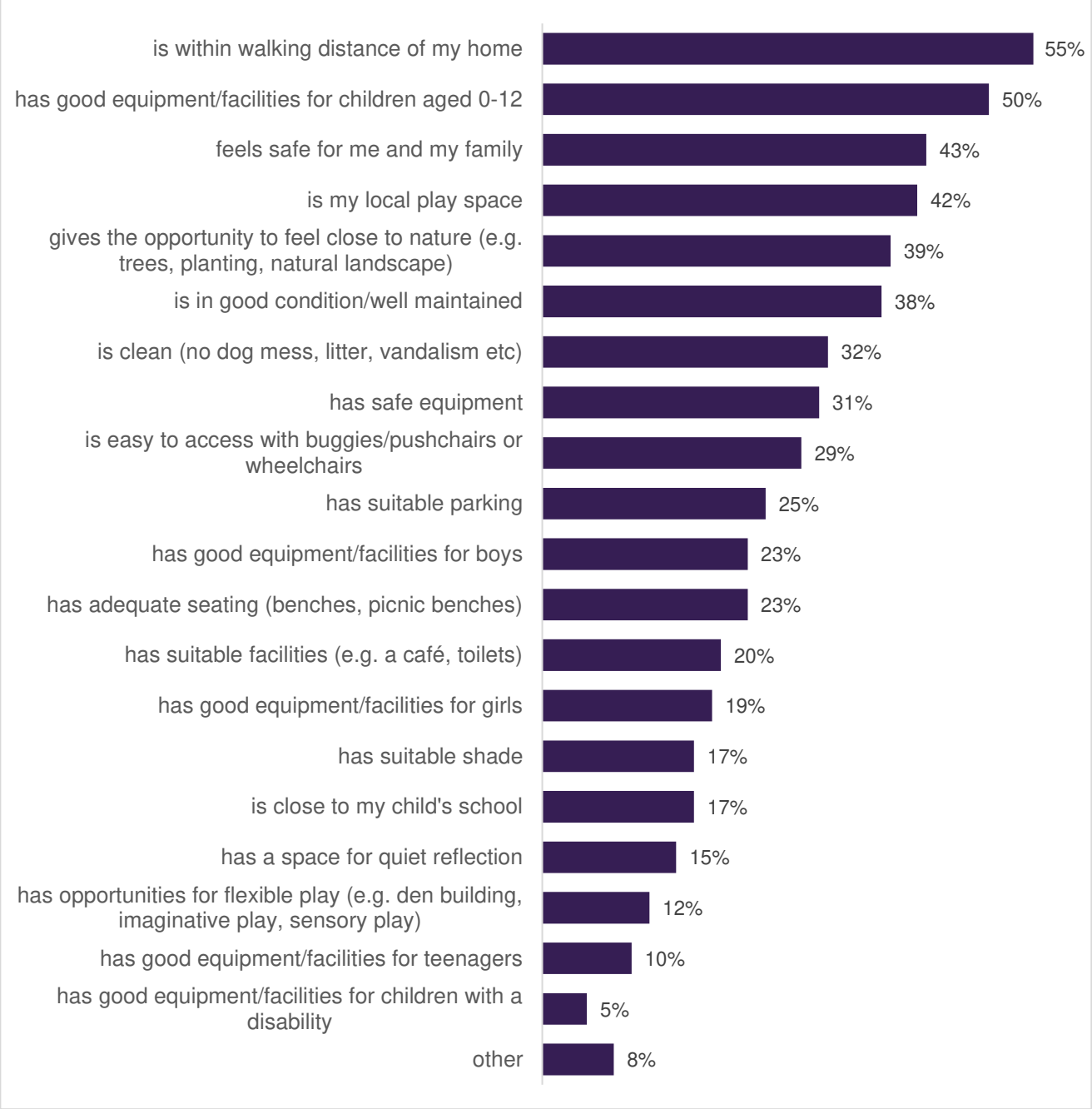
Ethnicity

- more white respondents are very satisfied (18%) than minority ethnic groups (5%).

7.7.4 Why used

Respondents were asked why they use this play space most often.

Figure 31: Why do you use this play space most often?



Base: 458 respondents

The main reason respondents use their most used play area is because it is within walking distance from their home (55%), followed by it has good equipment/facilities for children aged 0-12 (50%), feels safe for me and my family (43%) and is my local play space (42%).

Differences by age of child

The table below shows the top 5 reasons (these are shaded) why people with children of different ages use the play area they use most often.

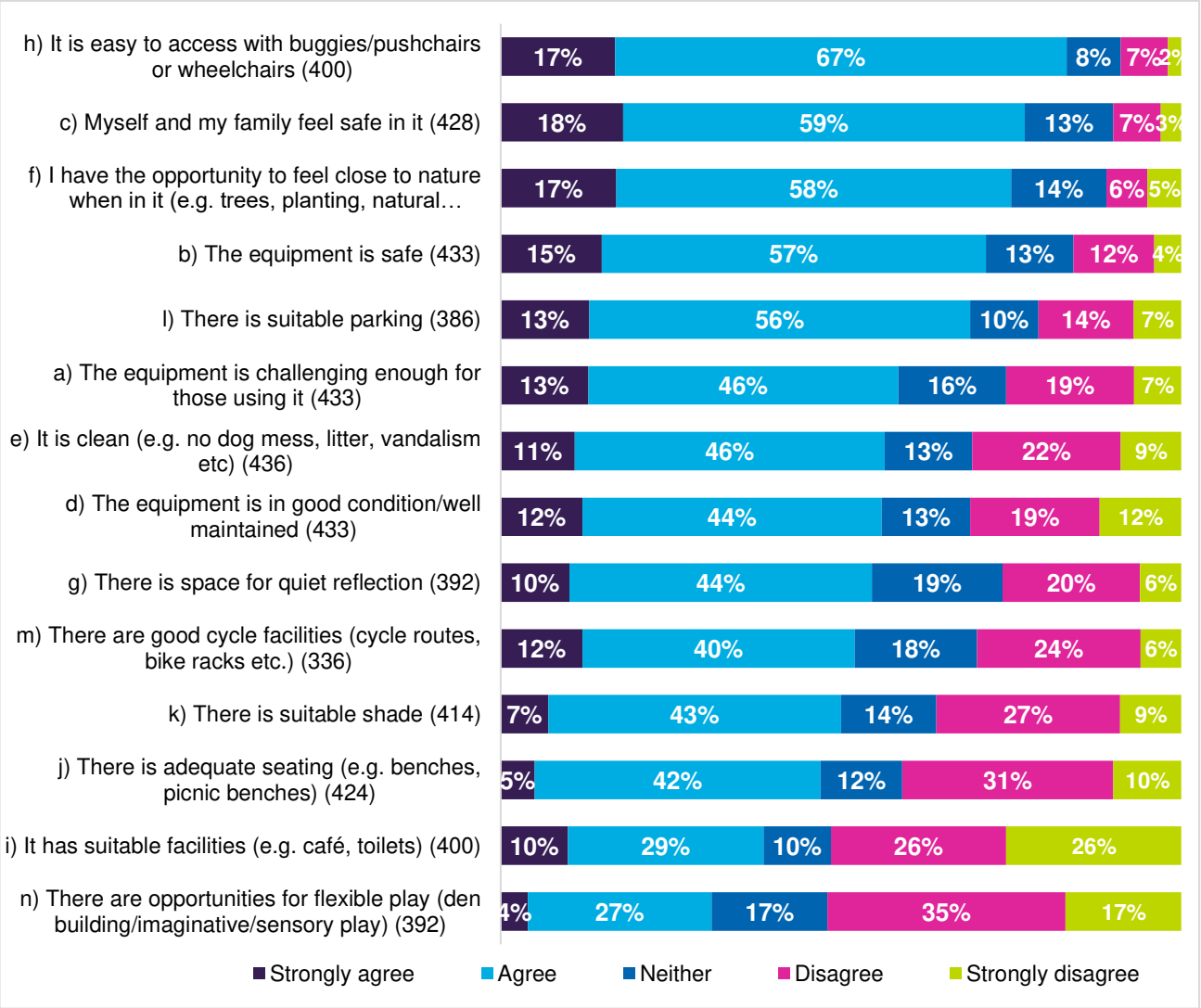
The percentages that are underlined show where the results are significantly different from other groups.

Figure 32: Why do you use this play space most often?

	A. Aged 0 to 4 (236)	B. Aged 5 to 11 (279)	C. Aged 12 to 17 (96)	D. None (20)
has good equipment/facilities for children aged 0-12	**56%**	52%	42%	15%
has good equipment/facilities for teenagers	5%	12%	**24%**	20%
has good equipment/facilities for boys	21%	24%	27%	20%
has good equipment/facilities for girls	18%	20%	23%	15%
has good equipment/facilities for children with a disability	4%	6%	7%	5%
is in good condition/well maintained	38%	38%	38%	30%
has safe equipment	33%	29%	25%	30%
feels safe for me and my family	44%	44%	37%	30%
is clean (no dog mess, litter, vandalism etc)	34%	31%	25%	15%
is easy to access with buggies/pushchairs or wheelchairs	**41%**	22%	22%	10%
gives the opportunity to feel close to nature (e.g. trees, planting, natural landscape)	39%	40%	38%	45%
has a space for quiet reflection	12%	14%	16%	20%
has opportunities for flexible play (e.g. den building, imaginative play, sensory play)	12%	11%	5%	5%
has suitable shade	19%	14%	16%	10%
has adequate seating (benches, picnic benches)	25%	23%	24%	15%
has suitable facilities (e.g. a café, toilets)	22%	19%	16%	10%
has suitable parking	23%	25%	24%	35%
is within walking distance of my home	**63%**	54%	47%	55%
is my local play space	47%	41%	40%	40%
is close to my child's school	15%	22%	18%	10%
other	6%	7%	9%	**25%**

7.7.5 Agreement with factors about the play space used most often

Figure 33: How strongly do you agree or disagree with the following about the play space you use most often?



Bases (as shown)

The following factors had the top three levels of agreement (over 75%):

h) It is easy to access with buggies/pushchairs or wheelchairs (84%)
c) Myself and my family feel safe in it (77%)
f) I have the opportunity to feel close to nature when in it (e.g. trees, planting, natural landscape) (75%)

The following factors had the top three levels of disagreement:

n) There are opportunities for flexible play (den building/imaginative/sensory play) (52%)
i) It has suitable facilities (café, toilets) (52%)
j) There is adequate seating (benches, picnic benches) (41%)

7.7.6 Reasons for disagreeing with statements about the play space used the most

If you disagree with any of the above, please tell us why briefly in the box below.

Respondents were asked to explain why they disagree with the following 14 statements about their nearest/local play space.

a) The equipment is challenging enough for those using it
b) The equipment is safe
c) Myself and my family feel safe in it
d) The equipment is in good condition/well maintained
e) It is clean (no dog mess, litter, vandalism etc)
f) I have the opportunity to feel close to nature when in it
g) There is space for quiet reflection
h) It is easy to access with buggies/pushchairs or wheelchairs
i) It has suitable facilities (café, toilets)
j) There is adequate seating (benches, picnic benches)
k) There is suitable shade
l) There is suitable parking
m) There are good cycle facilities (cycle routes, bike racks etc.)
n) There are opportunities for flexible play (den building/imaginative/sensory play)

272 respondents provided an answer to this question. The figure below shows the play spaces mentioned by respondents in their answers.

Comments

The spreadsheet with the comments about each play area will be provided to the Greenspaces Team to look through and identify any issues, concerns or improvements that could be needed and addressed through the Play Strategy.

7.7.7 Comments and suggestions

200 comments

Respondents were asked if they had any further comments or suggestions about play spaces in Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole. There were 200 comments.

As this section was completely open rather than asking about a particular topic or play space, the responses are quite diverse. Many comments echoed those already made.

Where possible, comments have been grouped into themes; the table below shows the number of comments relating to each theme. There were 58 comments that could not be grouped into themes. (Note that some comments make multiple points and may be coded against more than one theme)

Theme	Number
Type / range of equipment	27
General improvements / updated	26
Wheeled play / Skate park / cycling	26
Facilities (café / toilets / etc)	19
Age appropriate	17
Personal safety / ASB	16
Equipment condition	15
Teenagers	14
Challenging / inspiring	13
Good example	11
Funding / Investment	11
General positive	10
Disabilities	9
Cleanliness	9
Equipment safety	8
Parking / Travel / Getting there	7
Seating	6
Dogs	6
Nature	5
General negative	5

The most common themes were the type and/or range of play equipment, the need for general improvements / updates of play equipment, facilities for wheeled play (including skate parks, scooters, BMX and other cycling facilities), park facilities (such as a café or toilets) and age-appropriate equipment.

Some examples of comments made are shown below.

*"**Overall, they are pretty average. Many are in dire need of replacement and upgrading to todays standards**. Many don't include sufficient equipment for younger children up to age 3 which is incredibly frustrating, and was hard when covid struck and play parks were heavily relied on for outdoor activity. I generally drive to parks outside of BCP as they provide much more variety of equipment, tend to be more recently updated, and in better locations. They also tend to be safer with better fencing and safer access/exit points. Have a look at Bytheway Park, Wimborne, and Braeside play park, Ashley Heath - both great examples of play parks which provide something for all (bytheway could be more disability friendly though)."*

*"Growing up parks were an important place to play. **Some of the modern parks have educational play, but it's rarely used. Children like swings, slides and climbing.** Poole seem to have better parks than Bournemouth. Bournemouth have neglected park investments for years and it shows."*

*"Most children love a good park. For us we try and visit new parks as much as possible and are happy to drive to a park. They aren't always easy to find. Play is important. Kids need to push pull climb spin and swing. Safety is Important. I feel that there are some lovely new parks in Poole park and at Christchurch Quomps. **But our local parks around Southbourne and Boscombe are run down, unsafe and have had equipment removed without plans to replace because it is outdated and deemed unsafe.**"*

*"**Please replace all of the old style metal climbing frame play areas with the much better quality wooden style ones like what has been put in Poole Park and Upton Country Park.** The ideally other play parks where possible should also have a café with seating areas as close as possible. For example, the play area at Whitecliff is very very popular, despite it being quite tired. It is usually very busy. **There are not enough benches or seats for parents to sit on while supervising children and a café next to it would help fulfil this and provide a much needed amenity for the many, many visitors to the park.** So many parents visit this park, especially at weekends to watch football matches, go for a walk, visit it the play area and there is no permanent structure selling coffees or food."*

*"**We are crying out for a great skate park and pump track in the Poole area, specifically Canford Heath** - there is space here to do it! More focus on things for teenagers to do away from younger childrens parks"*

*"**The Poole area needs a proper pump track of its own. Two Rivers Meet Pump Track needs to rebuilt as a proper tarmac pump track**."*

*"Might be good to make specific ages for equipment clear, to discourage teens from using toddler equipment. **Would love a mini cycle track for under 11s with twists & turns to test the cyclist skill**."*

*"**Merley is in absolute dire need of a skate park for older children**. Local children are bored and have to travel an unsafe distance to their local one so as*

parents we have to ferry them around rather than giving them independence. There are several open green spaces that could facilitate this. Or, a local cafe to teens/families to meet for socialising. It would bring people together in the community much more! Especially those parents with older children or teens that have gone to secondary school further afield."

*"**Please more toilets!!!! I tend to avoid parks without toilets Love slades farm and Winton rec for their lovely cafes and loos**."*

*"**There are no changing facilities for babies ,toddlers in nappies at littledown park** , having to deal with a dirty nappy in a public space is not very nice"*

*"Working with children and young people with disabilities, it would be great to have increased opportunity for movement/outdoor fun for children. The Gympanzee project in Bristol is a good example or Swings and Smiles in Berkshire. **Spaces need to be physically accessible to wheelchair users, have hoisting, changing facilities** as well as accessible for children with ASD/sensory processing needs. They do not have to be exclusively for children with disabilities but to ensure inclusive design in the planning."*

*"Generally the standard is OK to poor. **We need investment, new play equipment suitable for different ages.** With the cost of living crisis continuing to bite, access to safe and enjoyable outdoor spaces for children is of huge importance so families can entertain their little ones without a huge expense. All too often our parks are forgotten about, not invested in and broken equipment left or not replaced."*

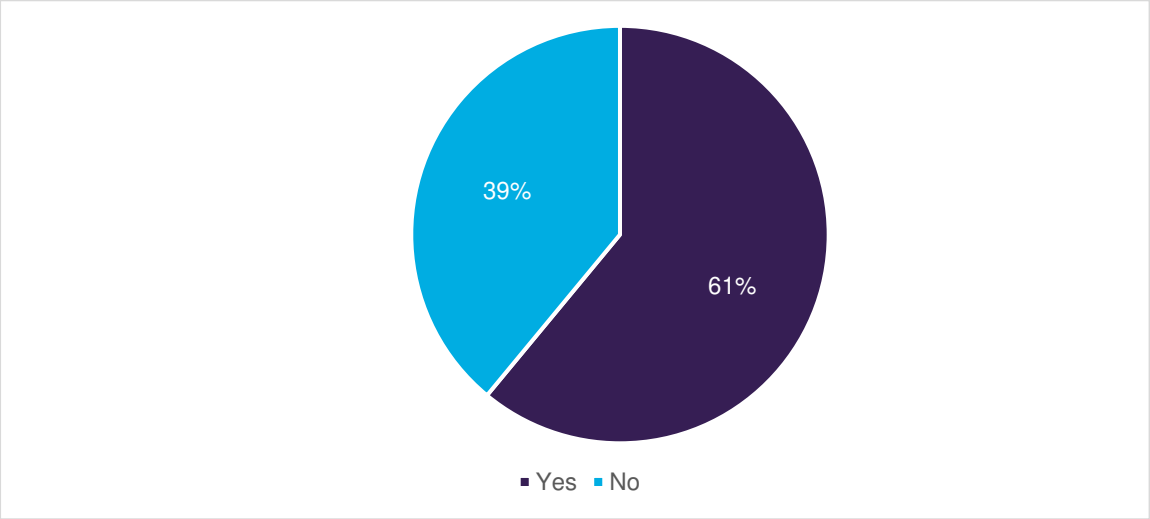
*"I've lived on Townsend for over 30 years **and there's just the 1 park left now and it is only suitable for toddlers apart from a swing and slide. The zip line was taken away and never replaced and all the equipment is very old now. I have 3 grandchildren aged 5, 8 and 10 and it's of no interest to them. I took them to Whitecliff on Tuesday, what a fantastic park that is but as a non driver, it's difficult for me to take them there . We spent 2 hours there and they didn't want to leave**. Townsend has loads of children living there and this is the kind of park they need. We mainly go to Setley park but there's only 1 bench there,I have rheumatoid arthritis and need to sit down. It's not a bad park but needs more than 1 swing and a better roundabout for smaller children and maybe a big climbing frame."*

*"Please can the climbing frame/slide be replaced at Seafield Gardens in Southbourne. We loved visiting this one but now that has gone its not the same. It's the perfect location for a play area, we can park, we love the fairy garden & can use the cafe/toilets at the bowling green. Now that climbing frame as gone there isn't as much for the younger kids to do which is a shame. **We love the design of the play area in Highcliffe (on the rec) which goes from young to teenagers so that the different ages are not trying to use the wrong size equipment.** It can get really busy though as every one heads to that one as its so good. They have just built a new play area in New Milton, off Stem Lane at Doe Copse Way and that is brilliant. Please go see for reference!"*

7.8 Getting involved

7.8.1 Interest in finding out more

Figure 34: Would you like to find out more about our plan for Play?

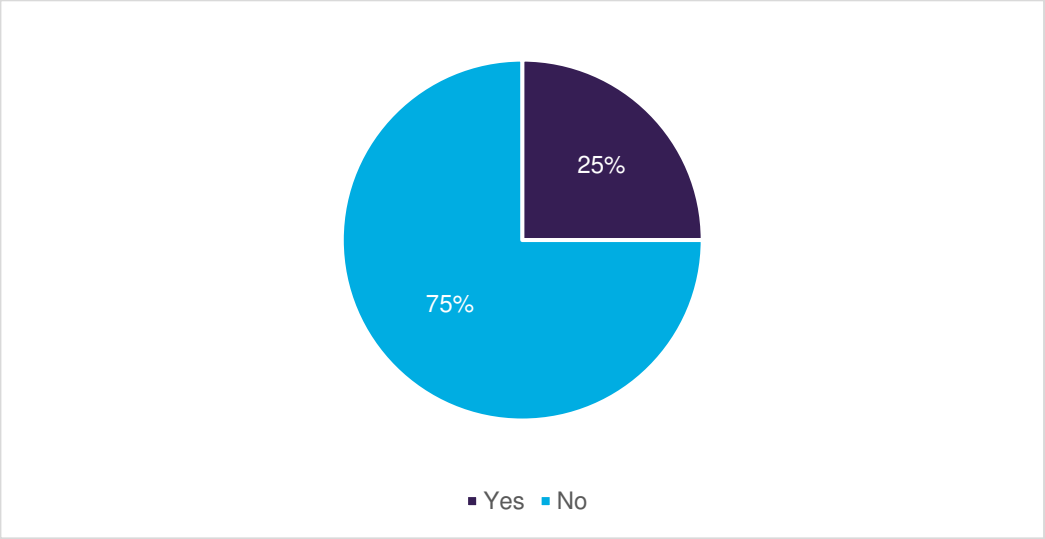


Base: 452 respondents

61% would like to find out more about our plan for Play.

7.8.2 Interest in getting involved

Figure 35: Would you like to get involved/volunteer with play spaces?



Base: 437 respondents

25% would like to get involved/volunteer with play spaces.

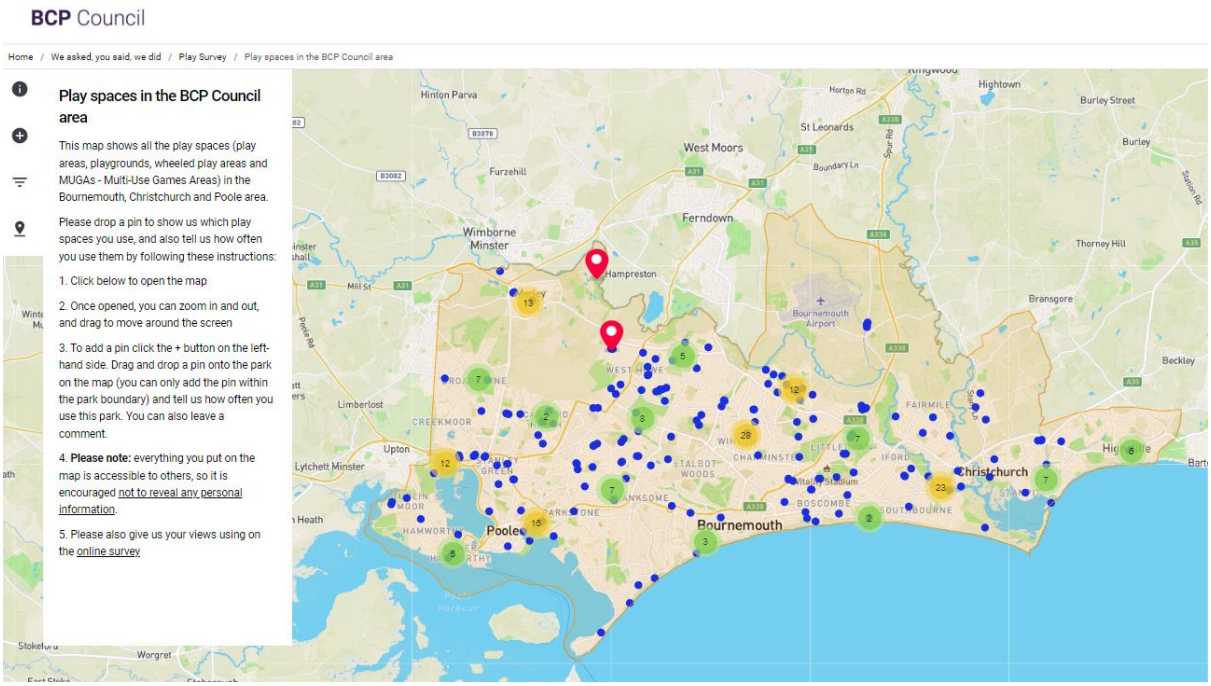
8 EHQ Map analysis

8.1 Play spaces in the BCP Council area

The Places map on EHQ shows all the play spaces (play areas, playgrounds, wheeled play areas and MUGAs - Multi-Use Games Areas) in the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole area.

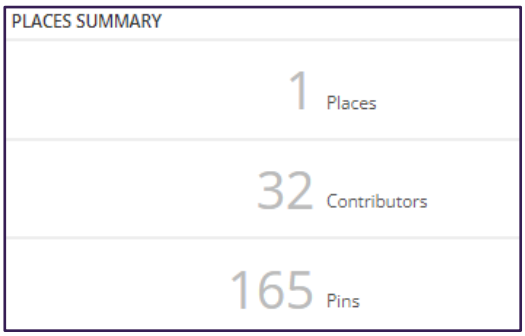
Respondents were able to drop a pin to show us which play spaces they use, and also tell us how often they use them. They could also add a comment.

Figure 36: Places Map on EHQ



32 contributors dropped **165 pins** on the map to show which play spaces they used.

73 play spaces had a pin dropped on them.

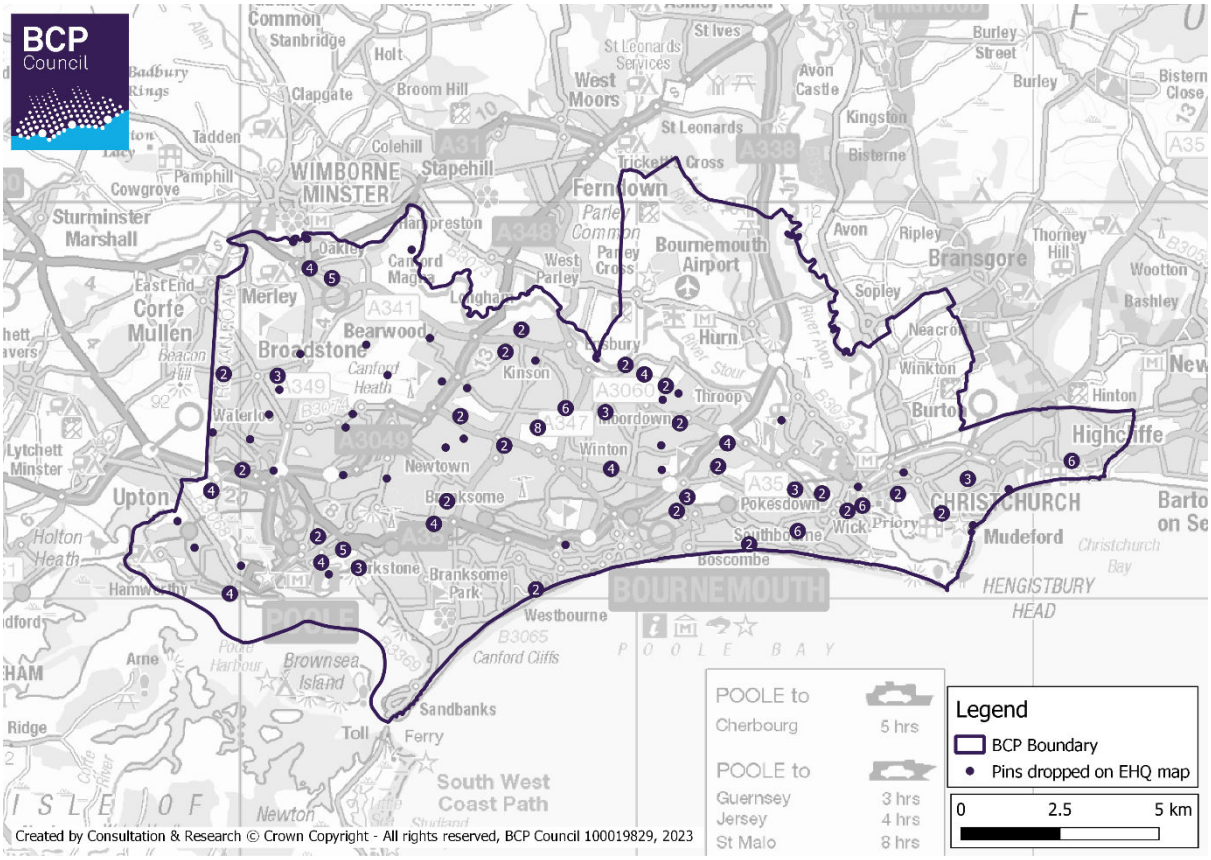


8.2 Interactive map comments on Play spaces in the BCP Council area

The maps below show the location of pins dropped by respondents. 165 pins were dropped on the map. Please note this map shows the approximate location of comments.

63 pins were dropped outside of play spaces. These were investigated and moved to the nearest play space, where it was apparent which play space they belonged to. 16 pins showed a location where there used to be a play space, with some showing play spaces used outside of the BCP area (eg Wimborne).

Figure 37: Map showing number of comments for each play space



8.3 Frequency of use of play spaces

Respondents were asked to drop a pin to show which play spaces they use, and also to say how often they use them. Pins were dropped in 73 play spaces.

The following play spaces had 4 or 5 pins dropped.

Play space	Total
Christchurch Quay Quomps	6
Redhill Park	6
Seafield Gardens	6
Highcliffe Recreation Ground LEAP	5
Plant Explorers Poole Park	5
Selkirk Close	5
Fenners Field Recreation Ground	4
Hamworthy Park	4
Jungle Adventure Poole Park	4
Spurriers Play Park Upton Country Park	4
Winton Recreation Ground	4

The table below shows the frequency of use of each of the play areas that had a pin dropped.

Play space	About 2-3 times a month	About once a month	About once a week	Less than once a month	More than once a week	Total
Alexandra Park Rebound Wall		1				1
Allenby Rec		1				1
Alum Chine				2		2
Arena Skate Park	2					2
Baiter Wheeled Play Area	1					1
Barrack Road rec ground LEAP				1		1
Blackfield Road	1			1		2
Bourne Valley Wheeled Play				1		1
Bournemouth BMX track	1				1	2
Bradpole Road		1		1		2
Branksome Rec				1		1
Broadstone Rec.	1	1		1		3
Cadnum Way			1			1
Central Gardens			1			1
Charter Road BMX				1		1
Chesildene Avenue					1	1
Christchurch Quay Quomps	2	1		2	1	6
Churchill Gardens					2	2
Cornish Gardens		1				1
Cranleigh Road	1				1	2
Dawkins Road					1	1
Epiphany School	1					1
Fenners Field Recreation Ground	2	1		1		4
Fishermans Walk		1		1		2
Fleetsbridge BMX Track			1			1
Hamworthy BMX Track				1		1
Hamworthy Park		1		2	1	4

Play space	About 2-3 times a month	About once a month	About once a week	Less than once a month	More than once a week	Total
Harewood Seniors				1		1
Harewood Toddlers				1		1
Haskells Rec				1		1
High 5 Teenzone					1	1
Highcliffe Recreation Ground LEAP	1	2			2	5
Jungle Adventure Poole Park	1			3		4
Kingfisher Barn			1			1
Kings Park Ashley Road		2		1		3
Kingston Road		1		1		2
Kinson Common		1		1		2
Littledown Park		2		1		3
Littledown Seniors				1		1
Littlemoor Avenue				1		1
Long Road		1				1
Mandale Road				1		1
Merley Ways Recreation Ground				1		1
Millfield			1	1		2
Moordown Recreation Ground		1	1		1	3
Mudeford Quay LAP	1					1
Mudeford Recreation Ground LAP		2				2
Mudeford Wood Community Centre LAP	2		1			3
Muscliff Park	1				1	2
outside	2	2	4	5	3	16
Parkway, Puddletown Crescent	1					1
Pelhams Park				2		2
Plant Explorers Poole Park	1	1	1	2		5
Queens Park	1					1
Redhill Park	1	2	1	2		6
Riggs Gardens	1			1		2
River Way Recreation Ground LEAP	1					1
Riverlands	1	1				2
Scott Road Play Area	1					1
Scotts Hill Lane					1	1
Seafield Gardens		4			2	6
Selkirk Close	2	1		1	1	5
Sherborn Crescent BMX				1		1
Slade Farm			2	1		3
Slades Farm Skate Park		1		1	1	3
Springdale Rec.	1				1	2
Spurriers Play Park Upton Country Park	2			1	1	4
Stratton Road		1				1
Strouden Park	1					1
Talbot Drive				2		2
The Rookery	1					1
Turlin Moor Pavilion				1		1
Whitecliff Rec.		1		2		3
Winton Recreation Ground		1	1	2		4
Total	**35**	**36**	**16**	**55**	**23**	**165**

8.4 Number of comments on each play space

The table below shows the number of comments made about each play space using the EHQ places tool. The comments have been provided to the Greenspaces Team.

Play space	Number of comments
Alexandra Park Rebound Wall	1
Allenby Rec	1
Alum Chine	2
Arena Skate Park	2
Baiter Wheeled Play Area	1
Barrack Road rec ground LEAP	1
Blackfield Road	2
Bourne Valley Wheeled Play	1
Bournemouth BMX track	2
Bradpole Road	2
Branksome Rec	1
Broadstone Rec.	3
Cadnum Way	1
Central Gardens	1
Charter Road BMX	1
Chesildene Avenue	1
Christchurch Quay Quomps	6
Churchill Gardens	1
Cornish Gardens	1
Cranleigh Road	2
Dawkins Road	1
Epiphany School	1
Fenners Field Recreation Ground	4
Fishermans Walk	2
Fleetsbridge BMX Track	1
Hamworthy BMX Track	1
Hamworthy Park	4
Haskells Rec	1
High 5 Teenzone	1
Highcliffe Recreation Ground LEAP	5
Jungle Adventure Poole Park	4
Kingfisher Barn	1
Kings Park Ashley Road	2
Kingston Road	2
Kinson Common	2
Littledown Park	3
Littledown Seniors	1
Littlemoor Avenue	1
Long Road	1
Mandale Road	1
Merley Ways Recreation Ground	1
Millfield	2
Moordown Recreation Ground	3
Mudeford Quay LAP	1

Mudeford Recreation Ground LAP	2
Mudeford Wood Community Centre LAP	3
Muscliff Park	2
outside	15
Parkway, Puddletown Crescent	1
Pelhams Park	2
Plant Explorers Poole Park	5
Queens Park	1
Redhill Park	5
Riggs Gardens	2
River Way Recreation Ground LEAP	1
Riverlands	2
Scott Road Play Area	1
Scotts Hill Lane	1
Seafield Gardens	6
Selkirk Close	5
Sherborn Crescent BMX	1
Slade Farm	3
Slades Farm Skate Park	3
Springdale Rec.	2
Spurriers Play Park Upton Country Park	4
Stratton Road	1
Strouden Park	1
Talbot Drive	2
The Rookery	1
Turlin Moor Pavilion	1
Whitecliff Rec.	2
Winton Recreation Ground	4
Grand Total	**158**

Appendix 1 – Survey Respondent profile

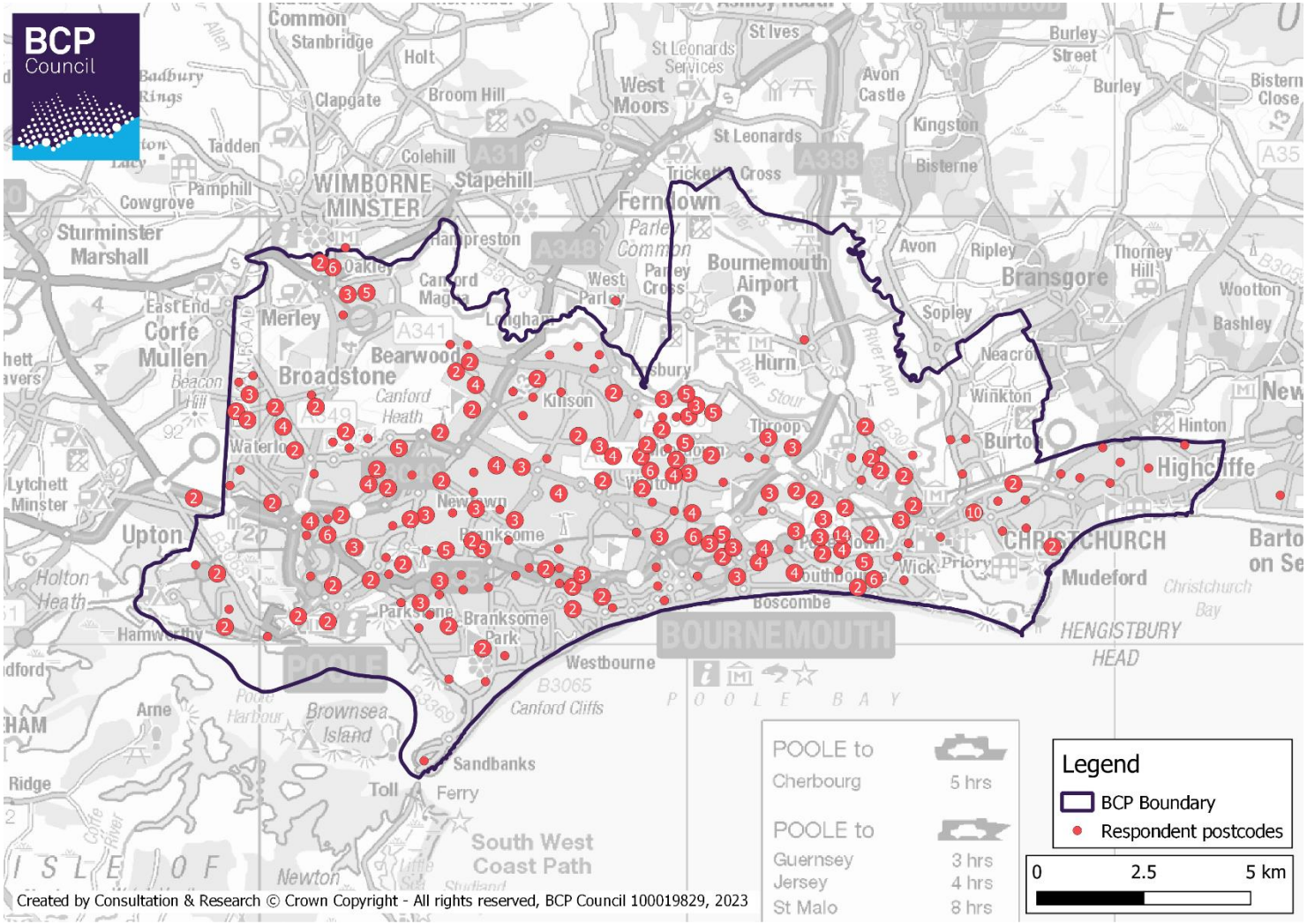
Category	Number	Percentage
Age groups		
18 - 34 years	106	22%
35 - 44 years	221	46%
45 - 54 years	75	15%
55 - 64 years	30	6%
65 or over	52	11%
Sex at birth		
Female	362	77%
Male	107	23%
Sexual orientation		
Straight / Heterosexual	401	97%
Other	13	3%
Disability		
Yes - limited a lot	18	4%
Yes - limited a little	43	9%
No	393	87%
Ethnic group		
White English / Welsh / Scottish / Northern Irish / British	399	90%
Minority Ethnic Group	46	10%
Religion		
No religion	240	55%
Christian (Church of England, Catholic, Protestant and all other Christian denominations)	182	42%
Other religion or belief	11	3%

Children / grandchildren+	Number	Percentage
Children/grandchildren		
Aged 0 to 4	249	51%
Aged 5 to 11	304	63%
Aged 12 to 17	109	22%
None	23	5%
Child/grandchild who has a disability or long term limiting illness		
Yes	54	12%
No	407	88%

Ward profile

Ward	Numbers
Alderney & Bourne Valley	18
Bearwood & Merley	29
Boscombe East & Pokesdown	16
Boscombe West	10
Bournemouth Central	<10
Broadstone	18
Burton & Grange	<10
Canford Cliffs	<10
Canford Heath	19
Christchurch Town	18
Commons	12
Creekmoor	<10
East Cliff & Springbourne	13
East Southbourne & Tuckton	15
Hamworthy	<10
Highcliffe & Walkford	<10
Kinson	11
Littledown & Iford	15
Moordown	14
Mudeford, Stanpit & West Highcliffe	<10
Muscliff & Strouden Park	36
Newtown & Heatherlands	20
not matched	21
not provided	36
Oakdale	17
Parkstone	11
Penn Hill	11
Poole Town	<10
Queen's Park	14
Redhill & Northbourne	<10
Talbot & Branksome Woods	13
Wallisdown & Winton West	11
West Southbourne	24
Westbourne & West Cliff	<10
Winton East	11
Outside BCP	<10

Appendix 2 – Survey respondent postcodes by area

The maps show the postcode of respondents. Of the 506 respondents, 441 respondents provided a postcode that could be mapped. 36 people did not provide a postcode and 29 provided a partial postcode.

The number shows the number of respondents from each postcode.