

Victory Community Park Project

September/October 2020
2nd consultation survey report



Summary

1. Dates

This public engagement took place from Friday 18 September to Wednesday 28 October 2020 with an online survey open for responses. A public online consultation meeting was held on Wednesday 21 October from 6:30pm to 8pm. This session was held on Zoom and run by the Project Manager and Landscape Architect.

2. Promotion

The consultation was promoted through posters (appendix 1 & 2) displayed in and around the park.

The previous consultation exercise was in January 2020, and involved a letter drop to the 2,000 households closest to the park which enabled us to create a mailing list of interested people. The mailing list was informed about this 2nd consultation.

Local stakeholder groups including schools, community and residents groups were also asked if they could promote the consultation, and were sent posters if requested.

The consultation was carried out during a period of Covid-19 restrictions which meant that unfortunately face to face events could not take place. The Friends of Victory Community Park assisted with delivering paper surveys to local residents who could not access the online survey.

The consultation was promoted via social media.

3. Survey

The design team used the feedback from the [previous consultation](#) to create draft designs for the park. The consultation presented three masterplan options for the park, as annotated 3D images and asked for comments.

This consultation allows the public to influence the final design before a planning application (if required) and building works in the park.

4. Executive Summary

Key points from the survey responses with our analysis are shown below. These points will help progress the designs:

- ***Some of the Improvements which respondents mentioned that they like are:***
 - a) ***improvements to the play area***
 - b) ***improved and increased seating and picnic tables***
 - c) ***retention and improvement of the World Planting Border***
 - The responses included detailed suggestions on how to make these improvements which will be considered by the design team.

- ***More of the respondents do not want the bridge to be retained***
 - It would be beneficial to have a path which goes through the whole park linking Victory Place to Rodney Place. Raising by infilling the sunken ball-court to the same level as the rest of the park was popular and would achieve this connection. Raising this area is shown in design 3 (see page 7), which was most frequently commented as the favourite design. However the creation of a new walkway at street level above the sunken ball-court as in design 2 (see page 5) was also popular.
- ***Responses indicated that a park which is accessible to all is very important***
 - The design team have explored ways to make the park accessible for people with disabilities. Filling in the ballcourt to raise it to ground level would provide people with disabilities with access to all areas of the park.
 - Some residents suggested creating an access ramp to the sunken ballcourt that can be used by people in wheelchairs. This has been explored and unfortunately due to the gradient required, it would need a very long ramp that would take up a significant area of this small park, and inconvenience those with disabilities.
- ***There is local support for sports provision in the park, primarily for young people***
 - Design 3 aimed to increase the number and range of sports facilities on offer, including a smaller basketball half-court and separate 'Panna' for street football without reducing the area of sports provision significantly.
 - National guidance (National Playing Fields Association) suggests this small park may not be the right location to significantly increase sports provision, as we need to consider the close proximity of residents and keeping disturbance to a minimum is important.
- ***Improving the fencing was an element of the project which received a strong and varied response. There was significant support for reducing the height and improving the quality of the fencing. There was also a point of view that tall fencing was needed***
 - The design team has reviewed the height of the fencing and increased it from 1 metre to 1.2 metres.
- ***The associated suggestion of no longer locking the park received split opinions, with equal numbers of people both in support and not in support of this idea***
 - There has been no final decision on locking of the park and this will be with the Parks Operational team. Gates will be included to allow the park to be locked.
- ***The idea of opening up the nature garden was popular, with many residents in favour of the opportunity to make more use of it. However there were also concerns that the area could become subject to anti-social behaviour if opened up and that increased use would be detrimental for wildlife***
 - Public land should be accessible to everyone wherever possible, however the designs for the nature garden will be considered carefully given peoples' concerns. The Met Police Design out Crime Officers will be consulted on this and the wider design.

5. Results

There were 82 surveys returned (including both online and paper) alongside comments at the Zoom consultation meeting and from the Friends group.

The comments have been grouped according to common theme to indicate how frequently these views were expressed. These common themes are shown in the graphs below. Often each comment would contain more than one theme.

Common responses across all designs

There are ideas/features which are the same across all designs, such as improving the play area, and changing the fencing. Responses to these design ideas have been summarised below.

Improvements to the **play area** were well supported. Comments about the play area included; 'children should be involved with the design of the play area', 'play area should use natural and sustainable materials' and 'play area is too shaded and needs more light'. These will be explored in the next stage of the design including involving children from Victory Primary school.

The low **fencing** was included in all designs as a result of the first consultation, where 26% of people mentioned without prompting that they did not like the current high fencing. In this consultation, 28% of respondents to question 4 disliked the proposed lower fencing and 51% liked it. The wider issues around fencing and not locking the park are reviewed in more detail as part of question 4 on page 10.

The new **benches** and **picnic tables** and the improvements to the **World Planting Border** also received support.



Photo of the World Planting Border

Other general comments received include:

- 'dropped kerbs are important for access' and we will look at the surrounding pavements to ensure there are dropped kerbs in the right places.

- ‘Play area would still need fencing’ which we agree with, and the play area will remain fenced.
- ‘agree with lower/better fencing but must be high enough to lock and keep people out’; however there are reports of people in the park at night, so the current fencing, although very high, does not prevent some people from getting in.

Question 1; Having reviewed **design option 1**, what are your thoughts on this design? What do you like/dislike about it?



The graph on the following page shows comments occurring 6 times or more. The full table of responses are shown in the appendix 1.

The most commonly mentioned comment was disliking the fact the bridge is retained (24 comments). The reasons given include ‘it wouldn’t be cost-effective’, ‘dislike the space under the bridge’ and ‘(when it was open) the bridge was difficult to access for youngsters, elderly and mobility impaired’.

The design keeps the full-size sunken ball-court and explained that it cannot be accessed by some people with mobility disabilities. The council has a public sector equality duty under the Equality Act (2010) and should improve access for less able people wherever possible. 13 respondents agreed that making the whole park usable by people of varying mobility is important.

Comments on Design 1



The suggested improvements to the nature garden received both positive and negative feedback. Many residents said that they would like it unlocked, so they can freely enter, while other residents did not believe this was a good idea. Concerns raised include disturbance of wildlife and that open access could attract anti-social behaviour.

Question 2: Having reviewed **design option 2**, what are your thoughts on this design? What do you like/dislike about it?



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Comments on Design 2

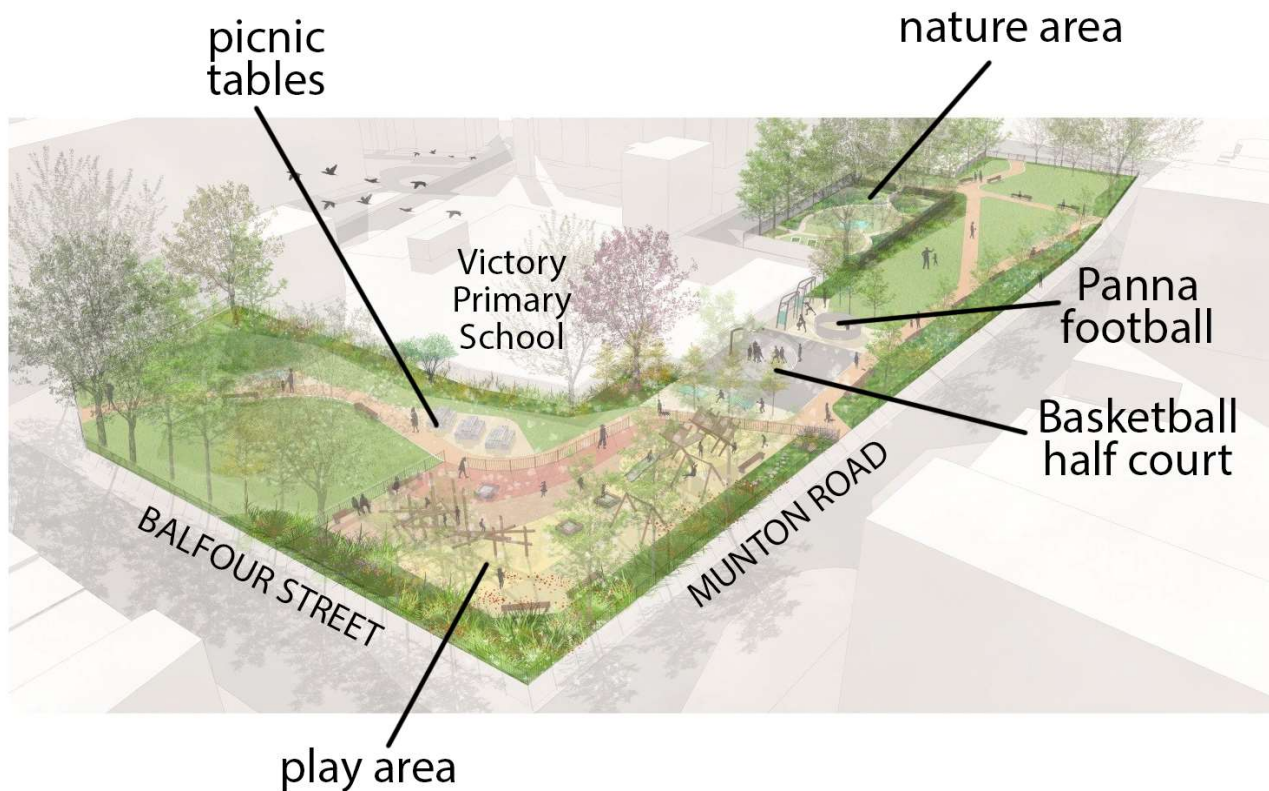


The bridge remains a key issue; in this design it is removed and 19 respondents said they like this. The new pathway along the edge of the park alongside Munton Rd was mentioned positively by 18 respondents.

17 respondents said the ball-court should stay the same size. It is currently 28 x 13 metres which is slightly smaller than standard basketball regulation size of 28 x 14 metres. It may not have been clear to everyone that the ball-court does remain the same size in this design, because it is extended on the side where the bridge is removed.

Other responses to this design were; my favourite option (13), not my favourite option (6) and some support for retaining the bridge (5)

Question 3; Having reviewed **design option 3**, what are your thoughts on this design? What do you like/dislike about it?



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This design shows a more dramatic change to the park, and this received strong feedback, both positive and negative.

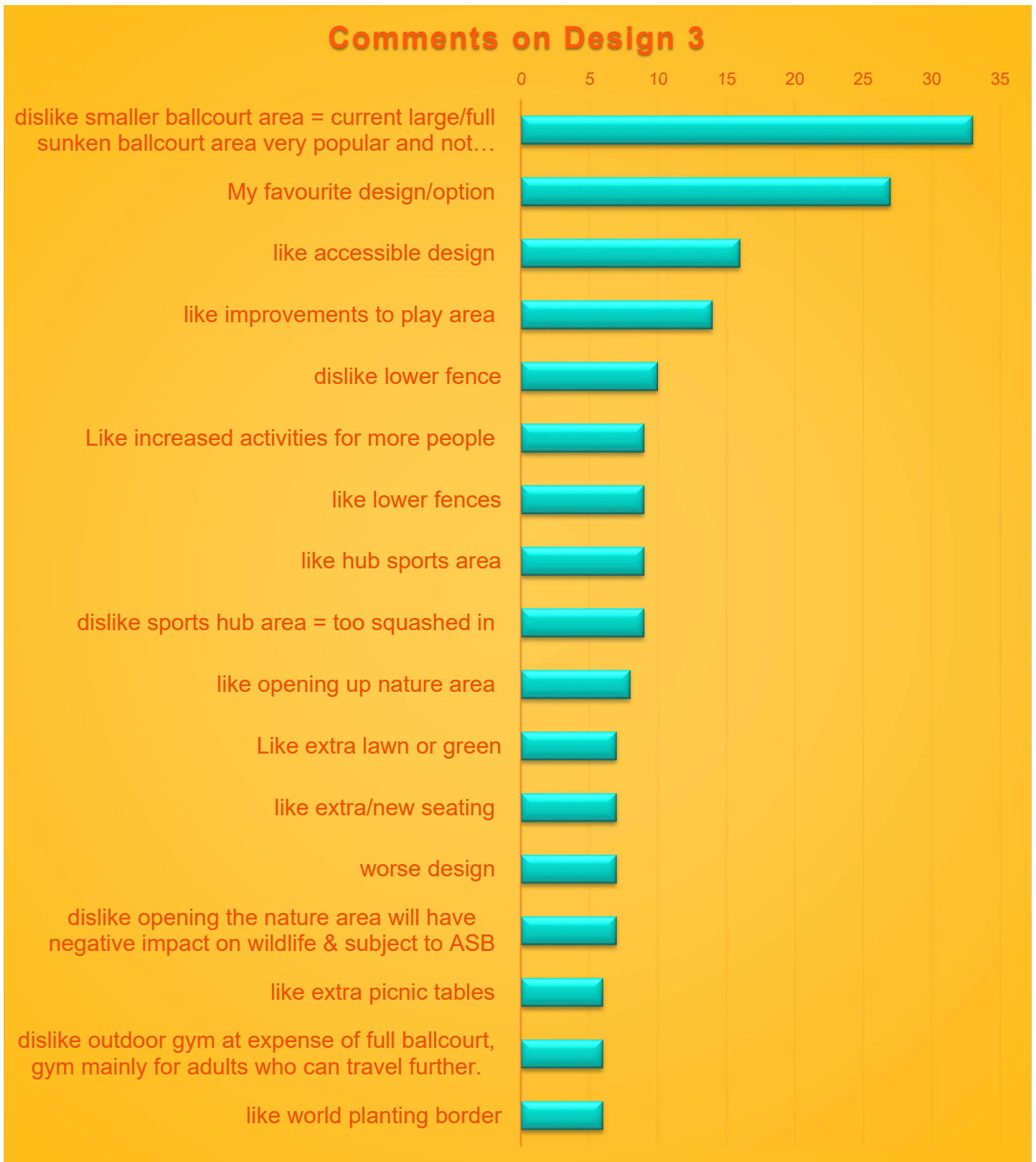
The most common comment was about provision of sports facilities in the park. Some residents did not like the removal of the full-sized ball-court, instead providing two smaller areas for sport (33). The popularity of the ball-court was highlighted. However it should be taken into account that this design could provide the opportunity for more people to play different sports at the same time; a basketball half-court will allow for a pick-up game with up to 10 players, while street football could be played in the Panna at the same time, keeping the full-sized ball-court would only allow for one sport to be played at a time.

27 respondents said this was their favourite design. Reasons given include liking the raising of the sunken area and positive opinions regarding accessibility for people with disabilities, and improving sightlines across the park, which experience has shown can have a positive effect in reducing antisocial behaviour issues.

Comments specific to this design were:

- 'like increased activities for more people' (9)
- 'like new sports hub' (9)
- 'dislike new sports hub; trying to provide too much in a small area' (9)

- like extra lawn and green' (7) which is good for wildlife
- 'dislike outdoor gym, mainly for adults'. (8)

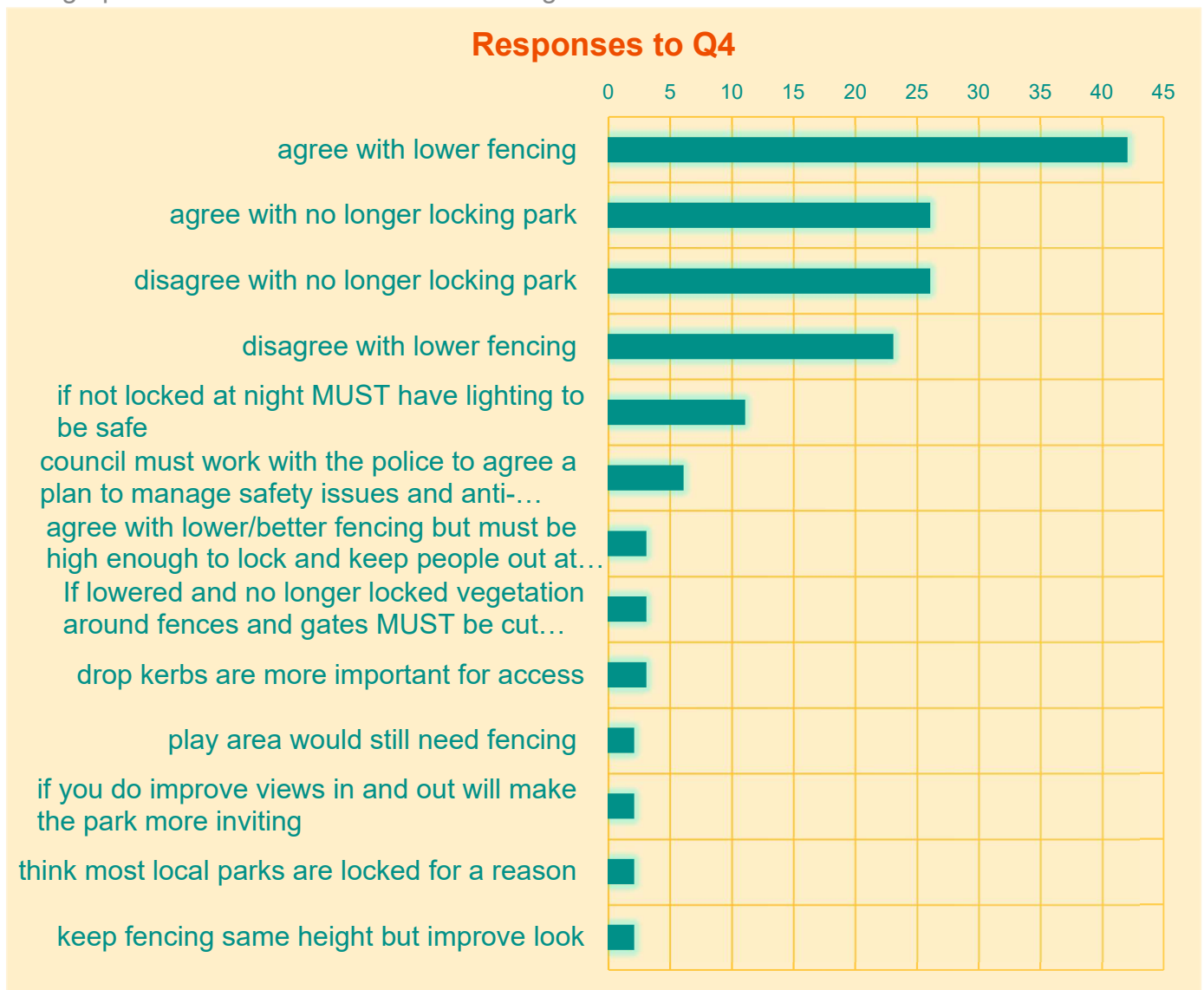


Question 4: What do you think about replacing the high fences with low railings, improving views in and out of the park for safety, and no longer locking the park at night?

This question included the following supporting information:

“Victory Park has been locked at dusk for the past 5 years, originally to address antisocial behaviour issues at the time. The fencing is unusually tall for a public park and in poor condition. Along with better located entrances, replacing with regular height fencing (about 1 metre high) would improve views into the park, encouraging more people to come in. Improving views looking out of the park would also make it feel safer. Almost all parks in Southwark are not locked at night and low fences are not intended for security so locking them becomes ineffective. Experience has shown that opening up views can reduce antisocial behaviour. Entrances with gates may also be difficult for some people with disabilities and this will be explored further during an Equalities Impact Assessment”

The graph below shows comments occurring 2 times or more.



The responses are similar to opinions from the first consultation held in January, with 42 respondents saying they agree with the suggestion of lower fencing. Supporting comments include:

- 'views in and out will make the park more inviting'
- 'vegetation around entrances should be managed better' to allow views in

Fewer people (23) stated they do not agree that the fencing should be lower, although some added 'keep the fencing the same height but improve the look', so they agreed the current fencing was in poor condition and unattractive, but felt it served a purpose at its height.

Comments regarding the associated suggestion of no longer locking the park at dusk were split equally, with 26 agreeing, and 26 expressing that it should continue to be locked. Respondents who agreed it should not be locked added supporting comments which included; 'if not locked at night park should be lit' and 'council must work with the police to agree a plan to manage safety issues in the park'. Those residents who want the park to remain locked added 'parks are locked for a reason' (although relatively few parks in Southwark get locked at night) and described the antisocial behaviour issues historic problems that led to the locking of the park.

Question 5; Any other comments on the design or the project?

The table below lists comments received.

Q5; any other comments?	Additional comments/responses
Please consider more how teen/youth sports are delivered. The existing ball-court is very popular and all these designs reduce provision	The new sports facilities suggested in design 3 would allow football and basketball to be played at the same time. We intend to work with local teen/youth groups and sports teams to find out what they think about sports provision in the park
The council also need to find a solution for the large amount of litter that is dropped in and around the park. The majority of this comes from the kebab shop on the New Kent Road.	Council teams collect litter and empty bins in the area regularly however resources are stretched and collections cannot be increased. Experience has shown that instilling pride in the local area through high quality design can help reduce issues such as littering.
If you have money left over to invest, spend it on Henshaw Street paving and planting (please!) because Henshaw Street is a mess.	This will be raised with the Council Highways team
Use wood in the play area	Wooden play equipment can be included
Deal with the boarded up stalled building site on the Rodney Place side of the park	Unfortunately this building site is not owned by the council
money saved from no longer locking park should be put into maintenance of the park including low level planting allowing views in/out.	No longer locking the park at night would result in more staff time that can be spent on other important duties, rather than money saved
The paving surfaces selected for the park as part of the last renovation were attractive initially but degraded quickly becoming unsightly and unstable. I would hope more long lasting choices are made this time	High quality, long lasting materials will be used
Bridge is only about 10 years old. What a waste of resources! I hope it can be recycled somehow.	The requirement to recycle materials where possible will be included in the contract discussed as part of the demolition works with the appointed contractor.
no mention of cycle parking or toilets	Cycle racks will be included. Toilets are not installed in local parks that do not have site based staff available for their management and upkeep. However there are publically accessible toilets nearby at Walworth Library (5mins

	walk) and The Castle Leisure Centre (10mins walk)
I think the Council should encourage Lend Lease to put more facilities for older kids and teenagers (gym equipment??) in Elephant Park too. I don't think they have included such provision which is ridiculous when it will be surrounded by 3000 homes.	A previous agreement with the Planning Department is that LendLease will provide £300,000 towards sport and play facilities at Victory Community Park as part of this project. At Elephant Park LendLease have provided a range of play facilities which are designed to be used by the full range of ages, from hammocks in sand pits, to interactive water features, and numerous play/exercise trails around the park and within the estate.
Community involvement will benefit the park and help counter antisocial behaviour	The community could get involved with tree and bulb planting at the park, and we will explore this as the project progresses
Ensure that there are comfortable benches away from picnic tables and the playground particularly for older people and those who want to sit in a quieter spot	This is a good idea, and the locations of benches will be looked at
install CCTV	CCTV can help reduce antisocial behaviour but is expensive to install and has running costs; we would need to make sure that it can be afforded This will be explored further with the Environment and Community protection team CCTV unit
I hope the work doesn't mean the park will be unavailable for too long, as we use it a lot. It would be nice to know timetables etc. to prepare my children for when it will happen.	The works will be planned to make the least disruption to park visitors. Timescales are difficult to estimate at this stage, as we won't know if planning permission will be required until the design is finalised, but we hope to start building at the beginning of 2022
would like an additional consultation on the developed designs	Feedback on the 3 options will be used to create a masterplan design, which will be published for final comment
how can we be involved as volunteers with the nature area	The Friends Group help manage this space, please check the notice board in the park
Request to consider skateboarding	There is a large new skate park planned for Burgess Park. However, multifunctional skate-able features such as a grindbox that can also be used as a seat could be included

Equalities information and the profile of respondents

The 82 surveys returned a typical respondent as white (78%) and aged 35-64 (46%).

Within the Borough, Bankside and Walworth Community profile data, the East Walworth profile (shown below) has a young demographic with 18.5 % under 15 and 16.9% aged 16-24.

The local population are 48% white whereas respondents were 77.5% white.

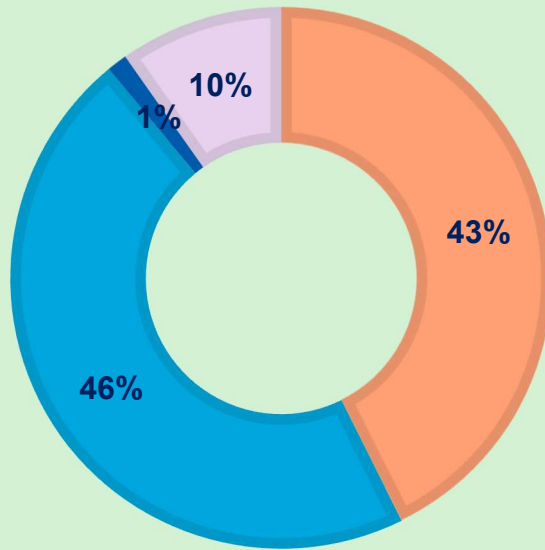
This shows that the views of local young people and those of Black, Asian and Minority Ethnicity background have been under represented in the survey responses.

Unfortunately due to the COVID-19 pandemic we are unable to carry out more targeted consultation face-to-face in the park, so instead we need to keep in mind the limitations of this survey. We will seek to consult local sports teams, which will help us to better understand the views of young people.

Ethnicity of respondents	number	%	Grouped categories
Any other Asian	1	1%	Asian 1%
Black British	2	2.5%	Black 2.5%
Mixed White Black African	1	1%	Mixed 2%
Mixed White Asian	1	1%	
Other Mixed	2	2.5%	
Other Ethnic	2	2.5%	Other Black, Asian and minority ethnic 2.5%
Other European	3	4%	White 77.5%
Other White	9	11%	
White British	40	49%	
White English	8	10%	
White Scottish	2	2.5%	
White Irish	1	1%	
Not answered	10	12%	Not answered 12%
Total	82		

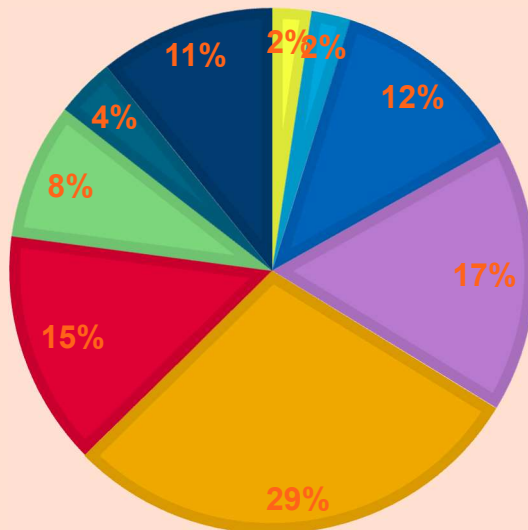
Sex of respondents

Male female non binary not answered



Age of respondents

under 16 17-24
25-34 35-44
45-54 55-64
65-74 75-84
not answered



Local community profile data for East Walworth

Characteristic	Category	East Walworth
Demography		
Gender	Male	49.7%
	Female	50.3%

Age	Under 15	18.5%
	16-24	16.9%
	25-29	12.0%
	30-34	9.7%
	35-39	7.8%
	40-44	7.7%
	45-49	6.9%
	50-54	5.3%
	55-59	3.8%
	60-64	3.3%
	65+	8.3%

Ethnic Group	White	48.2%
	Mixed/Multiple Ethnic Groups	6.7%
	Asian/Asian British	10.3%
	Black/African/Caribbean/ Black British	30.5%
	Other Ethnic Group	4.4%

Appendix 1. Consultation response analysis

Feedback about Design 1	
Theme in comment	number
Dislike this design, it keeps the bridge which is not good idea	24
Dislike the lower fence, the park needs a high fence	20
The whole park needs to be accessible for people with mobility disabilities	13
Like the improved play area & new play equipment	12
Like the new seating and picnic tables	12
Like the improved planting to the world border	11
Like that you can now freely enter the nature area	11
Dislike opening the nature garden and the new hedge around it - area will become focus for Anti-Social Behaviour and damage	9
This design is not my preferred option	9
Like that this design keeps full-size sunken ballcourt	9
Sunken ballcourt needs disabled ramped access	8
Like the new lower fencing, its better	8
Like the new entrance on the corner of Balfour Street	7
Dislike keeping the bridge, it is not cost effective to repair it	6
Like the new and/or improved paths	6
Dislike the space under the bridge, it attracts anti-social behaviour, litter, public urinating	6
Dislike opening the nature garden to the public, it is not good for the wildlife	6
Dislike the sunken area kept in this design - it divides the park	5
Like this design that fixes and re-opens bridge	5
My favourite option	4
Dislike single new entrance to Balfour Street; don't see the reason for changing from two	4
Doesn't seem much change from current park in this design	3
Like sunken ball-court below street and cars, contains the ball	3
Like the new hedge around the nature garden	3
Dislike trees cut down on the corner of Balfour St / Victory Pl. Suggest closing one entrance/keep the other and the return to unused path to grass	3
If park is open at night lighting is essential	3
The bench outside the park on corner Balfour St / Victory Pl is a noise nuisance at night	2
Like more open sight lines, good idea	2
Play area should use natural materials	2
Waste of money and resources changing perfectly good playground equipment	2
The footpaths do need improving, make them softer / use natural materials	2
What will be done to combat Anti-Social Behaviour in nature area?	2

Dislike the reduction in green areas for more seating; the children like this hill area	2
Doesn't feel welcoming	1
Doesn't feel like a safe design	1
Lots of local basketball courts already, don't need to keep this one	1
Not enough lawn space in this design	1
Locking park is good, it's a home for foxes at night	1
Dislike extra picnic tables;they cause litter/ too much 'furniture'	1
Dislike the ballcourt, its too big, doesn't leave space for people to sit and enjoy park	1
Remove playground altogether, not enough space in park and others close by	1
Bridge access is difficult for youngsters, elderly and mobility impaired	1
Like extra grass areas created near Balfour street	1
Make the nature garden bigger	1
Needs a community growing area	1
Boring / bland design	1
Please ensure no cyclists on the path	1
Dislike the mural, its awful	1
This design needs exercise options / outdoor gym	1
New entrance to the nature garden from within the park is good	1
Elba Place does have anti-social behaviour issues. Highways design/security is needed to improve this	1
The play area looks too shaded; needs more natural light	1
Teenagers hang out in play area	1
Park needs to be opened up and not imprisoned	1
Keep the trees given from LendLease	1
Like terraced seating around sunken ballcourt	1
Dislike removing grass areas for extra picnic tables	1
New entrance to park on Balfour street is dangerous with scooters going wrong way at speed	1
Like that design retains / increase trees	1
Children should be involved with the design of play area	1
The park with low fencing opposite the school has teenagers hanging out each night. Same will happen here	1
If more picnic tables are included park, it needs bigger bins	1
Need to stop men urinating in world border - put in a toilet	1
People like the bridge, able to look down on the sports area	1
Make the play area bigger	1
The play area needs to be fenced	1
Could you add a gate from the school for the children to use the play area?	2
Larger picnic area	1
Existing fencing looks ok	1
High fencing is good for security and child safety	1
Retain all green benches as condition is ok	1

Need to consider councils carbon reduction strategy	1
Please consult on choice of plants for world border	1
Deep pond in nature garden, danger to public if opened up	1
Open nature garden to the public once a month	1
All gates need pavement dropped kerb	1
Possible to open gaps in the brick wall to school. Maybe with metal design grille?	1
Sunken ballcourt needs resurfacing	1
Picnic tables are located near to my flat - wrong location too noisy and will get worse if park is open at night	1
Dislike removal of fencing. A hedge wont stop children running into road	1
Like views from my flat into the park	1
1m high fencing is too low. Could be slightly lower than it is now though	1

Feedback about Design 2	
Theme in comment	number
Like that this design removes the bridge	19
Like the new raised path alongside Munton Road	18
Design must keep full size of existing ballcourt –it is very popular	17
Like the improved play area and new play equipment	14
Dislike the lower fence	14
My favourite option	13
The whole park needs to be accessible for people with mobility disabilities	12
Like the new seating and picnic tables	9
Like that you can access the nature garden	8
Not my favourite option	6
New path is better than the bridge	6
Like the new lower fencing, it is better	6
Like improvements to the world planting border	6
Like the bridge it shouldn't be removed	5
Sunken ballcourt needs disabled ramped access	5
Dislike opening the nature area : Anti-Social Behaviour issues	5
Dislike Balfour Street entrance staying same	4
Like sunken court keeps balls from going on road	4
Dislike opening the nature area, it would be bad for wildlife	4
Like the new planting	4
Dislike extra picnic tables	3
Don't like sunken area it attracts anti-social behaviour and illegal activities, not safe	2
Dislike sunken area. It splits the area : feels less welcoming	2

If the park is open at night MUST have lighting	2
A straight path alongside the road doesn't seem appealing	2
Dislike removing fence, park needs a fence	2
2nd favourite option	2
Please keep the table tennis tables, can we have more than one?	2
Prefer if the ballcourt is filled in and raised	2
Not enough lawn	1
Bench on corner of balfour street outside the park attracts anti-social behaviour	1
Dislike opening the whole park at night. Will disturb wildlife	1
Dislike the ballcourt it takes up too much space, not enough for people to relax and use park	1
Dislike the play area should be removed. Not enough space and 2 close by Bodley Way and salisbury	1
Keep grass and planting	1
Like increased visibility of nature area	1
Dislike that design 2 has kept both entrances on corner of Balfour Street and Victory Place. I preferred one entrance on design 1	1
Like improvements to the paths	1
This is a better design for everyone	1
Sunken ballcourt is not attractive	1
Dislike removal of mural and sloped bank	1
Nature area should be larger	1
An area for people to contribute to the running of the nature area should be provided	1
Not a good design, won't make much difference	1
Not clear how the path is protected from the street	1
Will people walking on new path be hit by balls	1
Lack of exercise options - popular at Burgess Park and Elephant Park	1
This design is much better	1
Like new stepped seating	1
Can you add more planting around stepped seating	1
Triangle of land outside the park should be made use of	1
Prefer extra picnic tables in option 1	1
Dislike losing mural - can it be replaced on other side of ballcourt?	1
Like keeping trees and adding new ones	1
Love that the nature area will be opened up but how will you protect against Anti-Social Behaviour?	1
Awful and dull design	1
Like improvements to all paths	1
Don't think the nature area should be opened up fully to public - but agree more access should be allowed	1
A more attractive fence should be 2.0 - 2.5 metre high	1

Design 2 is very similar to design 1	1
Like new path into nature area	1
Extra picnic tables means extra bins are needed	1
Don't like replacing sloped bank and mural with seating. Will create more litter	1
Play area needs to be fenced	1
Sad to see old play equipment go	1
If the fences are removed, worried dogs will run into the road	1
Like stepped seating	1
Need extra tree planting along Munton Rd	1
Good to see facilities for older children	1
Like Balfour street entrance remaining as it is	1

Feedback about Design 3	
Theme in comment	number
Dislike smaller ball sports area = current larger ballcourt area is very popular	33
This is my favourite design/option	27
Like design because it is accessible for people with disabilities	16
Like improvements to the play area	14
Dislike lower fence	10
Like increased activities for more people	9
Like lower fences	9
Like new sports hub area	9
Dislike sports hub area = trying to provide too much in small area	9
Like opening up of nature garden	8
Like extra lawn / green space	7
Like extra/new seating	7
Dislike; feel it is a worse design	7
Dislike opening up the nature garden	7
Like extra picnic tables	6
Dislike outdoor gym at expense of full ballcourt, gym mainly for adults (who can travel further)	6
Like world planting border	6
Like better planting	5
Waste of resources removing bridge	4
Like removal of bridge	4
Dislike extra picnic tables	4
Like improvements to paths	4
Lighting is needed if the park is open at night	4
Design feels safer	3
Like outdoor gym	3
Dislike ballcourt at street level : ball will go out on road / hit pedestrians	3

Like new single entrance on corner of Balfour Street and Victory Place	3
Most cohesive design	3
Dislike new hub facilities, seem aimed at adults and not kids like existing ballcourt which is much needed	3
Dislike panna	3
Dislike new single entrance on Balfour St and Victory Place	3
Like that design removes the sunken area and creates one park	2
Please use sustainable materials for play and gym equipment	2
Park must have a fence	2
Like half-sized basketball court. Existing full court is never used	2
Larger nature area / community growing area is essential	2
Council needs to 'keep on top' of maintaining new equipment	2
Wildlife and greening enhancements are important for improving the area	2
Changes to world planting border must be consulted with group that maintains it	2
Changes to nature garden must be consulted with group that maintain it	2
Keep the sunken area	2
Like more open layout	1
Dislike extra lawn at expense of ballcourt space	1
Bench on corner of Balfour St and Victory Pl causes anti-social behaviour. We were promised this area should be in the designs	1
Dislike improvements to play area; there are 2 more close by so not needed	1
Dislike removing green 'hump'	1
Picnic tables by the play area is good idea for parents	1
No idea what panna football is	1
Like split basketball and football	1
Lawn near Balfour Street is muddy and in shade	1
Good to have new areas of grass in sun	1
Dislike mini-football	1
Need a barrier between paths and roads for air quality	1
Bikes should not be allowed, not enough space	1
Like that design gets rid of the bridge	1
Like that design removes mural	1
Park needs lighting for safety	1
Like hedges at nature area. Should benefit wildlife	1
Replace pond with shallow dish for birds in nature area	1
Looks like the most expensive design	1
Concerned about extra litter, will council have extra budgets to collect this?	1
Looks like trees will be cut down. Need more trees not less	1
New hub seems aimed at adults	1
Dislike design, will encourage drug addicts, homeless people & anti-social behaviour	1

Ballcourt should be made bigger not smaller. Add new hub to ballcourt	1
Barely room to picnic in summer	1
Put in a toilet	1
Disagree with changing level, unnecessary and goes against draft council carbon reduction strategy.	1
The entire park is a SINIC and biodiversity must be protected	1
Would use the outdoor gym but not at expense of ballcourt	1
Emphasis should be on improving what is there, not this radical transformation	1
Like table tennis	1
Is there evidence of need for outdoor gym?	1
Dislike new sports hub, more suited to Elephant Park when it opens	1
Sports hub location blocks route through park	1
Like this design makes more use of Rodney Place end of the park	1
Prefer sunken ballcourt area	1
Must have full size football	1

What do you think about replacing the high fences with low railings, improving views in and out of the park for safety, and no longer locking the park at night?	
Theme in comment	number
Agree with lower fencing	42
Agree with no longer locking park	26
Disagree with no longer locking park	26
Disagree with lower fencing	23
If not locked at night, must have lighting to be safe	11
Council must work with the police to agree a plan to manage safety issues and anti-social behaviour	6
Agree with lower/better fencing but must be high enough to lock and keep people out at night	3
If lowered and no longer locked vegetation around fences and gates must be cut back to allow views in; no secluded spots	3
Low kerbs are more important for access	3
Play area would still need fencing	2
If you do improve views in and out will make the park more inviting	2
Think most local parks are locked for a reason	2
Keep fencing same height but improve look	2
Fencing should be removed altogether	1
Statement is vague on how opening park will not be problematic	1
Would the ballcourt be accessible after dark for sports in winter?	1
Also deal with the boarded up site on Rodney Place	1
Need to keep high fence by ball-court to stop balls	1
Park should not have lighting due to light pollution	1
Views into the park were opened up with the 2007 improvements but planting hasn't been maintained to a low level	1

Worried litter will increase if park isn't locked; extra bins needed	1
Please make sure the fencing is more attractive than standard park fencing	1
Nursery Row is close by and unlocked at night, it attracts rough sleepers, drinkers and anti-social behaviour. This will be the same	1
Better lighting is needed in Munton Road	1
Make entrances accessible & lockable	1
Paragon Gardens has better lighting and other forms of security i.e. brick wall and railings to deter antisocial behaviour, whilst still looking attractive	1

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We have three designs for the park following ideas from the public consultation in January 2020. We need your thoughts on these to help shape the final design.

How to get involved

- View the designs and tell us what you think at southwark.gov.uk/victorycommunitypark by 23 October 2020.

If you have any queries, want a paper copy of the consultation, or to join the mailing list for updates contact 020 7525 1604 or parcs@southwark.gov.uk.

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- We are holding a **public online consultation meeting via Zoom** on Wednesday 21st October from 630pm – 730pm. Please email matthew.hill22@southwark.gov.uk if you would like an invite? All welcome with any questions about the project.

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