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## **SUPPLEMENTARY PACK**

**HELENSBURGH & LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE –  
TUESDAY, 14 APRIL 2015 at 9:30 AM  
in the PILLAR HALL, VICTORIA HALLS, HELENSBURGH**

I enclose herewith an additional paper in relation to Item **5 (HERMITAGE PARK UPDATE)** which was not previously circulated with the Agenda for the above meeting.

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## **BUSINESS**

- 5. HERMITAGE PARK UPDATE**  
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## **HELENSBURGH AND LOMOND AREA COMMITTEE**

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COMMITTEE

DEVELOPMENT AND  
INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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## Hermitage Park Update

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### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.0.1 This report provides an update on the current development phase of Hermitage Park.
- 1.0.2 A consultation on the three options for the park took place on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 alongside ongoing consultation with various groups and individuals.
- 1.0.3 A draft masterplan has been developed for public presentation on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015.
- 1.0.4 A report on options for delivery of associated car parking (outwith scope of HLF funding), and also management and maintenance resourcing, will be prepared for the May 2015 business day.
- 1.0.5 A final masterplan will be presented for approval by the area committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015.
- 1.0.6 The project is on track for a 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 deadline for the application to Heritage Lottery Fund.

### 1.1 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee note the content of this report.

**Hermitage Park Update**

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**2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 This report provides the Members attending the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee with an update on the current development phase of Hermitage Park. It focuses on the results of the public consultations on the three options presented to the February area committee, and a presentation on the draft masterplan based on these results which will take place on the day of the meeting.

**3. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 The Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee note the content of this report.
- 3.2 A report on options for delivery of associated car parking (outwith scope of HLF funding), and also management and maintenance resourcing, will be prepared for the May 2015 business day.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Following a number of area committee and business day reports, the Heritage Lottery Board met on the 17<sup>th</sup> December 2013 and the Hermitage Park bid was awarded a first round pass and development grant. Subsequently the full council approved HLF terms of grant on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014.
- 4.2 Through the process all groups were supportive of the desire to improve Hermitage Park and the overall general vision and values the Friends of Hermitage Park had presented. This vision which included proposed works was detailed at the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee Business Day on 14<sup>th</sup> August 2012.
- 4.3 These works include;
- 4.3.1 Restoration of historic fabric including walled memorial garden, pond and gates, old mill remains, Hermitage Well and the Millig Burn paths, bridges and walls,
  - 4.3.2 Restoration/reinterpretation of historic planting, including open up lines of site to improve safety of visitors,

- 4.3.3 Celebration of heritage through interpretation and community involvement – and upgrading of the paths and drainage to increase access to the Park,
  - 4.3.4 Reconsideration of the recreational elements which include the children’s play park, bowling green, tennis courts, putting green and recreational pavilion, shelter and toilets.
  - 4.3.5 Consideration of relevant car parking (outwith scope of HLF funding).
- 4.4 These works would meet the wider social needs of the community, allowing for traditional leisure needs, whilst encouraging use of the Park as a location for education and learning. The vision includes a greater heritage and environmental aspect to the Park, with the possibilities of interpreting the heritage and exploring the potential of community gardens, sensory gardens, increasing the habitat for wildlife, birds, etc. and minimising future maintenance requirements.
- 4.5 The timeline agreed between HLF and council officers is as follows:
- 4.5.1 Appoint consultants - 24<sup>th</sup> October 2014 - COMPLETED
  - 4.5.2 Draft masterplan for consultation - February 2015 - COMPLETED
  - 4.5.3 Final masterplan and all documents - July 2015 – ON SCHEDULE
  - 4.5.4 Second stage application prepared - August 2015
  - 4.5.5 Notification of second stage - December 2015
  - 4.5.6 Works commence on the ground - March/April 2016
  - 4.5.7 Project completes (revenue/interpretation/training) - 2019/2020.
- 4.6 The Hermitage Park Steering Group continues to meet monthly and includes representatives from The Friends of Hermitage Park Association, Schools and Youth, Ministry of Defence, Leisure Services and Helensburgh Community Council. The group is chaired by Tom Murphy, Amenity Services Manager and is governed by a partnership agreement.

## 5. DETAILS

- 5.1 The HLF Parks for People is a two stage application process. The first stage pass which was awarded includes a development phase to take the project to RIBA Work Stage 3 for the second stage application. The proposed final costs in stage two should not differ greatly from those proposed in stage one.
- 5.2 Work is progressing to schedule with the following milestones being met;**
- 5.2.1 Public consultation on the three options for the park, as presented to area committee in February 2015, took place on 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2015 in Victoria Halls and Colquhoun Square. In addition, direct feedback was gathered from user groups and harder to reach groups, as well as from a public questionnaire.
  - 5.2.2 Results from the public questionnaire have been collated and are attached to this report. This shows the demographic of those responding and provides useful feedback on heritage, access and opportunity, facilities and events, sports and play, and planting and wildlife.

- 5.2.3 A review meeting with Heritage Lottery Fund took place on 7<sup>th</sup> April to ensure that the project was progressing as per the funding agreement and that the timescale for delivery of the final bid for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 is on track.
- 5.2.3 Information from the events, dialogue and questionnaire have been judged against the scoring matrix, presented at the February area committee, and as appropriate, fed in to the draft masterplan. The draft masterplan is being presented to the Helensburgh and Lomond Area Committee today, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

### **5.3 Hermitage Park Draft Masterplan**

- 5.3.1 The draft masterplan contains the most popular and most relevant elements from the three options that were presented to the public.
- 5.3.2 The list of project development areas for the park including restoration of heritage elements and upgrading the paths is set out at item 2.2.2.
- 5.3.3 In addition, the main changes to the current park layout and function as presented in the draft masterplan are as follows:
- Belvedere at outer wall of memorial gardens
  - Bedding area next to Hermit's Well to be redesigned as footprint of former Hermitage House
  - Play park to become kitchen garden (with play equipment resited)
  - Redesign of sports area to adventure play, crazy golf and fountain plaza/event space/informal play
  - New pavilion with covered deck area to incorporate café, toilets and community space for volunteers/other
  - Removal of Japanese style shelter
  - Introduction of seating both formal and informal
  - Introduction of sheltered areas
  - Additional car and cycle parking with provisional installation of electric charging station

### **5.4 Next Steps**

- 5.4.3 There will be a public presentation of the draft masterplan on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015 in Victoria Hall and Colquhoun Square.
- 5.4.4 Following this, the associated documents required for the park such as a conservation plan, activity plan, management and maintenance plan and business and marketing plan can be fully developed for the final bid to HLF.
- 5.4.5 A report on options for delivery of associated car parking (outwith scope of HLF funding), and also management and maintenance resourcing, will be prepared for the May 2015 business day.
- 5.4.5 The draft final masterplan will be presented to the area committee on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2015 for approval.
- 5.4.6 The associated documents required for the stage two bid to HLF will be finalised and submitted for 31<sup>st</sup> August 2015 with notification of the outcome in late December 2015.
- 5.4.7 The Hermitage Park Project Development Officer post will end on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2015.

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

6.1 Following continued extensive consultation with stakeholders and the general public, and utilising a weighted matrix system, the consultant has developed a draft masterplan for the park. This draft masterplan will be presented to the public on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2015. Work on the associated documentation can progress and a draft final masterplan developed for consideration of the area committee in June 2015. The project is on track for a 31<sup>st</sup> August submission to Heritage Lottery Fund.

## 7.0 IMPLICATIONS

- |     |                   |   |
|-----|-------------------|---|
| 7.1 | Policy            | None.   |
| 7.2 | Financial         | £20,000 has been allocated within the budget process for development in 2014/2015. A further £280,000 has been allocated for potentially 2015/16 onwards depending on HLF approval. |
| 7.3 | Legal             | Bound by HLF terms of grant approved by Council 23 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2014.  |
| 7.4 | HR                | New staff post funded by HLF ends 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2015.  |
| 7.5 | Equalities        | None but the proposed improvements increase accessibility of the Park to those with mobility problems and visitors with pushchairs.   |
| 7.6 | Risk              | Further match funding must be secured.  |
| 7.7 | Customer Services | None.   |

## 8. APPENDICES

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| 8.1 | Appendix One | Hermitage Park Masterplan (to follow) |
| 8.2 | Appendix Two | Hermitage Park Questionnaire Results  |

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14<sup>th</sup> April 2015

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**Results for: HERMITAGE PARK - PUBLIC CONSULTATION****Page: 1/6****Hermitage Park - Public Consultation**


The three options presented contain many elements that have been suggested by people we have spoken to either individually, through social media or at previous events. The purpose here is to gather opinion as we still need to apply for the grant to undertake this work.

**Please note the budget will not cover all of these items or any of the options in entirety.**



This is your chance to have a say in what elements may be contained in the new park.  
Please fill in as much as you can - your views are valuable.

**1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**




1) 1.1 Do you live in Helensburgh?

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Yes		91.91	125
No		8.09	11
Answered Question			136
Skipped Question			1

2) 1.2 Are you a park neighbour?

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Yes		24.26	33
No		75.74	103
Answered Question			136
Skipped Question			1

3) 1.3 Are you a park user?

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Yes - more than once a month		47.76	64
Yes - less than monthly		42.54	57
No		9.70	13
Answered Question			134
Skipped Question			3

4) 1.4 What would make you use the park more frequently?

ID	Responses (117)	View
11129124	Café, interpretation and events.	<a href="#">View</a>
11129504	A cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11129829	Better facilities. More pram friendly paths. Better care of the gardens. Bigger play area for toddlers.	<a href="#">View</a>
11130015	More activities for children.	<a href="#">View</a>
11130272	Dog Walking	<a href="#">View</a>
11130454	Toilets and or cafe. Visits with small children problematic when they "need to go NOW"".	<a href="#">View</a>
11130467	More child friendly activities and more benches to sit on!	<a href="#">View</a>
11131126	I have two young kids so things that would engage them would make me go every day - I come from Glasgow so the Botanics was always good. Something has got to be done with the burn. I would also like to make the park a stop on my route when I go out for a jog - I would like to see exercise equipment like they have up in Glasgow. I used to use it all the time in the Botanics - there was sometimes a Q for equipment.	<a href="#">View</a>
11131893	Good paths. Not suitable for Prams or disabled	<a href="#">View</a>
11131941	More amenities for all age groups.	<a href="#">View</a>
11133210	Better playpark facilities, especially for older kids and a hard court for football/ basketball. Also a cafe and better car parking	<a href="#">View</a>

11133352	Better pathways for when the ground is wet underfoot & lighting	<a href="#">View</a>
11133366	If it was cleaner, tidier and better looked after	<a href="#">View</a>
11133373	A nice cafe? It's too short a loop for a nice dog walk. The path ways are very uneven and the gardens have nothing interesting to look at.	<a href="#">View</a>
11134324	Better play equipment, cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11134641	a cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11134757	A good cafe and toilets.	<a href="#">View</a>
11134839	Tennis, putting, interesting informative information about the things in the park eg the wishing well, trees, burn, memorials etc for schools to use. Orienteering points.	<a href="#">View</a>
11135075	More lovely flower beds that are interesting all year round. Better things for teenagers to be able to do and go but also for young kids.	<a href="#">View</a>
11135731	More seating for adults. Some sheltered areas.	<a href="#">View</a>
11135809	A decent play park for kids with a good coffee shop. Maybe some fitness stances around the place too, in order to encourage runners.	<a href="#">View</a>
11137657	Community events; art & sculpture installations (changed regularly); more seating; make more use of the burn as a feature; enhance the tree and plant collections; have the war memorial open all year as a quieter area of the park; park wardens/volunteers; facilities for older children/teenagers; the space needs to be a public amenity space rather than a garden.	<a href="#">View</a>
11137968	Children's play. Exercise	<a href="#">View</a>
11138086	Better weather	<a href="#">View</a>
11138423	If it were attractive; if the paths were maintained; if trees and shrubs were managed to clear the views and remove hiding places; if events were run;if it was like Rouken Glen or Levensgrove Park	<a href="#">View</a>
11138667	i would like to see some or all of the pathways to be tarmacadamed so younger kids could scooter, older kids could in-line skate etc. An area given over to built-in trampolines would be good, with potential to be covered over for other uses such as a skating rink or whatever else. An actual business/businesses of some kind opening up in the park would bring a bit more life to it too. Cafe/cooking school/public allotment/plant nursery? Now that Helensburgh is more pedestrian friendly with bigger pavements and slowed traffic so could there be potential for bike hire/segway hire ? What about a fenced-off area for a dogs-at-play area?? Ive always felt the area around the war memorial/Roman Bath is a great, bright space sadly under-utilised too. How much would it cost to line the bath and make some use out of it in the summer months? It's what it was intended for after all! There's no reason this couldnt be developed imho while retaining protection and respect for the memorial itself.	<a href="#">View</a>
11138682	Better paths, more colour.	<a href="#">View</a>
11138758	More organised events in the park.	<a href="#">View</a>
11138928	Dedicated car Parking,especially who are less agile/walking	<a href="#">View</a>
11140106	Much better Children's play area, cafe, nicer planted areas	<a href="#">View</a>
11142541	more to see and do	<a href="#">View</a>
11142837	Improved facilities around the pavilion, including resurfacing of tennis courts perhaps with astroturf	<a href="#">View</a>
11146466	Imoroved paths would encourage more people. We use it on a regular basis, but you do have to be careful in places.	<a href="#">View</a>
11148095	More family events Crazy golf Exercise equipment Cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11148151	A more varied selection of games/apparatus for the kids of all ages along with decent seating areas/picnic tables	<a href="#">View</a>
11149216	Excellent play park for all ages - activity gym for adults - Skate board park - good area with seating around for older people to watch the antics	<a href="#">View</a>
11149468	Better paths	<a href="#">View</a>
11149601	If it had a skate park in it.	<a href="#">View</a>
11151219	better paths, better plant displays, cafe, toilets	<a href="#">View</a>
11152861	Less noisy children	<a href="#">View</a>
11152901	Usually as a transit into Victoria Halls/taking grandchildren to play park / coming to see how flower beds are developing/taking photos of trees and features for painting references.	<a href="#">View</a>
11152984	Good lighting especially of improved paths. Seating to watch activities. More children activities.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153030	Properly main tended with interesting events, cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11153417	The improvements being planned	<a href="#">View</a>
11153427	Lighting, Astroturf and more even paths	<a href="#">View</a>
11153435	Model boating pond	<a href="#">View</a>
11153444	Better security	<a href="#">View</a>
11153473	Vegetable community area - better kids play	<a href="#">View</a>
11153479	Improved putting green, better cafe facility, layout improvement	<a href="#">View</a>
11153481	Access for those with mobility problems	<a href="#">View</a>
11153526	1. Better access to Paterson's War Memorial	<a href="#">View</a>
11153532	Better pedestrian access, cafe, enhancing the good floral displays, better pathways through park	<a href="#">View</a>
11153544	Improve play facilities for children	<a href="#">View</a>
11153566	yes	<a href="#">View</a>

11153596	More activities	<a href="#">View</a>
11153597	Better paths More seating Cafe	<a href="#">View</a>
11153603	Interpretation of the features, places to sit and enjoy the surroundings	<a href="#">View</a>
11153616	The project as proposed - sounds great!	<a href="#">View</a>
11153643	Improved amenities Toilet Celte maintained	<a href="#">View</a>
11153663	good paths	<a href="#">View</a>
11153693	Improved paths and general maintenance	<a href="#">View</a>
11153704	Better walking root from Charlotte street via Victoria road - no pavement at the moment. Improve health through walking	<a href="#">View</a>
11153713	Better maintenance - less litter	<a href="#">View</a>
11153730	Fitness/calisthenic park, for adult and older children/teenagers. "Parkour" course Dedicated runner/jogger course round pathway Dedicated enclosed dog park area for off leash	<a href="#">View</a>
11153733	Already use the park a lot but would want spaces to play	<a href="#">View</a>
11153739	More to do other than walk through on way to town	<a href="#">View</a>
11153742	if it was more open	<a href="#">View</a>
11153760	Better paths could encourage more winter use. Cafe + tables essential for stays in summer	<a href="#">View</a>
11153780	Probably	<a href="#">View</a>
11153781	Nothing specific, it would be nice to see it given a face lift.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153810	Continued availability of a bowling green Better paths	<a href="#">View</a>
11153813	We walk through it four times a day on nursery and school runs and it usually involves at least one long play. We also visit it most weekends with bikes etc.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153817	Better footpaths + lighting	<a href="#">View</a>
11153828	Better maintenance Fuller use of water Greater show of colour ie rhododendron varieties	<a href="#">View</a>
11153844	Complete refurbishment to attract visitors	<a href="#">View</a>
11153995	Being updated with more to do as a family	<a href="#">View</a>
11154750	Additional facilities, eg cafe or fitness equipment.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155880	Better walkways; better landscape; toilet facility; seating; areas of interest for children	<a href="#">View</a>
11155883	Better walkways; better landscapes; toilet facilities; seating; areas of interest for children	<a href="#">View</a>
11155919	Better maintenance (especially less mud in play park) More attractive layout and more colour.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155950	Safer at night	<a href="#">View</a>
11155953	Exercise Peace and quiet	<a href="#">View</a>
11155964	? Café More Cultural amenities Places to do things in bad weather	<a href="#">View</a>
11155984	Good children's playpark with café/restaurant - Like Kidston	<a href="#">View</a>
11156000	Adult recreation facilities More pleasant and tidy walk through the park	<a href="#">View</a>
11156015	More things to do in the park such as crazy golf.	<a href="#">View</a>
11156017	Better facilities for our grandchildren and a café for us	<a href="#">View</a>
11156081	More child friendly for our grandchildren + small coffee shop	<a href="#">View</a>
11156199	Grandchildren; safer pathways; reduce dark dank areas; better maintained surfaces and vegetation; cafe; toilets.....	<a href="#">View</a>
11156256	Nature walks	<a href="#">View</a>
11156308	A better bike route round it but we do walk through it everyday to get to school/nursery. We also love to play football in the pitch. If this was a better surface we may come more too.	<a href="#">View</a>
11158436	Better facilities , a good cafe with decent coffee and produce Educational facilities A dog poo free area	<a href="#">View</a>
11158707	Broadband	<a href="#">View</a>
11158711	Broadband	<a href="#">View</a>
11164331	Lighting and security cameras? More social activity during the day (e.g. Cafe)?	<a href="#">View</a>
11165022	General upgrade of facilities for all age groups	<a href="#">View</a>
11165265	Exciting play equipment for older children, places to picnic free from dog poo, nice seating area, fountain, more interesting plants, art etc.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167027	Improved paths - more suitable for pram-pushing.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167190	I use as often as I would. For others, more activity, etc	<a href="#">View</a>
11167201	Band stand with concerts in the summer.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167216	Better paths, better neating, better planting (less regimented bedding plants), more activities and events. draining and shed. Courses on men shed community garden. A good cafe sailing healthy and organic food. More nature and wildflower planting	<a href="#">View</a>
11167246	More security patrolling park	<a href="#">View</a>

11167260	Mainly just to have a stroll found and sit down to have a think	<a href="#">View</a>
11167270	Better paths More activities More seats	<a href="#">View</a>
11167281	1 A decent place to have a coffee 2 Somewhere to exercise for the over 60's	<a href="#">View</a>
11167287	Better paths - wild flower gardens.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167293	Improved maintenance of existing facilities, especially, paths and flowerbeds/ borders.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167302	Attractive gardens, play area for grandchildren centrally located	<a href="#">View</a>
11167311	Yes if I felt super walking around and the paths are better. I would like more to see or do in the park	<a href="#">View</a>
11167317	Paths resurfaced to make them less uneven and suitable for use by wheel chair and mobility scooter users. Provision of toilets and cafe.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167324	Conservatory/cactl hse	<a href="#">View</a>
11168656	Covered place to sit down and a small cafe open more hours than the present one by the bowling green	<a href="#">View</a>
11169553	Café High ropes etc for kids doggy play area (fenced in dog area)	<a href="#">View</a>
11191593	Tree house Picnic spot camping area baby play area swimming pool	<a href="#">View</a>
11191754	CAFE OR SHELTER TOILETS CRAZY GOLF	<a href="#">View</a>
11191861	TENNIS TOILET CAFE BETTER QUALITY EVENTS	<a href="#">View</a>
11191886	CAFE WIDER RANGE OF TREES AND SHRUBS TENNIS PUTTING PLAY AREA BENCHES	<a href="#">View</a>

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5) 1.5 What age are you?

		Response (%)	Responses
Under 10		2.22	3
10-15		0.00	0
15-20		0.00	0
20-30		1.48	2
30-50		30.37	41
Over 50		65.93	89
Answered Question			135
Skipped Question			2

6) 1.6 Are you satisfied with the park?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		21.09	27
No		78.91	101
Answered Question			128
Skipped Question			9

7) 1.7 How do you feel about the area?

	Positive	No Impact	No	Responses	Total
Is there a good community spirit?	58.73%	30.16%	11.11%	126	34%
Does the park enhance the quality of your life?	59.20%	28.80%	12.00%	125	33%
Do you feel safe and secure?	53.23%	25.00%	21.77%	124	33%

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8) 1.8 We are looking to get as many people as possible to play an active part in improving the park through volunteering. Would you be in a position to help?

		Response (%)	Responses
I volunteer already		8.55	10
I would be willing to help		47.01	55
I cannot help		44.44	52
Answered Question			117
Skipped Question			20

## 9) 1.9 For our records could you please give us your post code?

ID	Responses (118)	View
11129504	G84 9JD	<a href="#">View</a>
11133210	G84 7sp	<a href="#">View</a>
11133352	G84 9sb	<a href="#">View</a>
11133366	G84 9SA	<a href="#">View</a>
11133373	G84 9qw	<a href="#">View</a>
11134324	G84 7HA	<a href="#">View</a>
11134641	g84 9nh	<a href="#">View</a>
11134757	G84 9bj	<a href="#">View</a>
11134839	G84 7IE	<a href="#">View</a>
11135075	G84 7rb	<a href="#">View</a>
11135731	g84 9ea	<a href="#">View</a>
11135809	G84 9LH	<a href="#">View</a>
11137657	G84 9LH	<a href="#">View</a>
11137763	G84 7EZ	<a href="#">View</a>
11137968	G84 7HQ	<a href="#">View</a>
11138423	G84 7HQ	<a href="#">View</a>
11138667	g847er	<a href="#">View</a>
11138682	G849PJ	<a href="#">View</a>
11138758	G84 7SX	<a href="#">View</a>
11138928	G84 7AT	<a href="#">View</a>
11140106	G84 9JP	<a href="#">View</a>
11142541	g84 7dh	<a href="#">View</a>
11142837	G84 9DQ	<a href="#">View</a>
11146466	G84 9HR	<a href="#">View</a>
11148095	G84 7tn	<a href="#">View</a>
11148151	g84 7ue	<a href="#">View</a>
11149216	G84 8HA	<a href="#">View</a>
11149468	g84 9dx	<a href="#">View</a>
11149601	g849lh	<a href="#">View</a>
11151219	G84 8	<a href="#">View</a>
11152778	G84 8	<a href="#">View</a>
11152861	G84 8JP	<a href="#">View</a>
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**2. HISTORY**

10) 2.1 Do you have a good understanding of the heritage of the park?

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Very Good		12.96	14
Good		28.70	31
Average		41.67	45
Below Average		10.19	11
Poor		6.48	7
Answered Question			108
Skipped Question			29

\*11) 2.2 Please select any other things that might be of interest - please pick three

		<b>Response (%)</b>	<b>Responses</b>
Repairs to the well and the hermits hole		22.30	68
Provide additional memorials		2.30	7
Repair walls		18.03	55
Reinstate the reflecting pond		18.03	55
Highlight links to local artists		3.61	11
Show where the house used to be		5.90	18
Make the mill safe		10.82	33

Reinstate the mill lade		8.52	26
Show how water can make power		7.21	22
IF NO RESPONSE CHECK THIS BOX		3.28	10
		Answered Question	114
		Skipped Question	23

12) 2.3 Which historical themes would you find most interesting? Please place the most interesting first

	1	2	3	4	5	6	Responses	Total
The mill	39.56%	23.08%	19.78%	9.89%	1.10%	6.59%	91	20%
The mansion house and park	18.75%	15.63%	15.63%	18.75%	20.31%	10.94%	64	14%
The families who lived in the house	3.45%	17.24%	10.34%	18.97%	17.24%	32.76%	58	13%
The history of the park	37.78%	31.11%	15.56%	6.67%	8.89%	0%	90	20%
The remembrance garden	11.27%	22.54%	28.17%	9.86%	15.49%	12.68%	71	16%
The gardens and the gardeners	20.27%	17.57%	27.03%	18.92%	8.11%	8.11%	74	17%

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### 3. ACCESS and OPPORTUNITY

13) 3.1 There are a number of things we can do to make the park more accessible. In your opinion which of these are the most important. Please give the most important tasks the most stars.

	1	2	3	4	5	Responses	Total
Improve paths and drainage	3.81%	2.86%	6.67%	8.57%	78.10%	105	477
Provide cycle parking	21.13%	23.94%	26.76%	14.08%	14.08%	71	196
Repair bridges	4.04%	5.05%	18.18%	25.25%	47.47%	99	403
Create through routes	9.59%	12.33%	26.03%	21.92%	30.14%	73	256
Improve lighting	7.69%	12.09%	19.78%	14.29%	46.15%	91	345
Gateways	8.57%	21.43%	37.14%	21.43%	11.43%	70	214
Open up views	8.75%	17.50%	23.75%	27.50%	22.50%	80	270
Better signage	22.35%	12.94%	29.41%	12.94%	22.35%	85	255

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14) 3.2 Should the memorial garden be kept open?

	Response (%)	Responses
Strongly Agree		56.36 62
Agree		27.27 30
Neutral		14.55 16
Disagree		0.91 1
Strongly Disagree		0.91 1
		Answered Question 110
		Skipped Question 27

15) 3.3 Does the park need additional car parking?



		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly Agree		28.83	32
Agree		28.83	32
Neutral		22.52	25
Disagree		15.32	17
Strongly Disagree		4.50	5
		Answered Question	111
		Skipped Question	26

16) 3.4 Do you think the park would be more popular if it had WiFi coverage?

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly Agree		16.22	18
Agree		25.23	28
Neutral		35.14	39
Disagree		12.61	14
Strongly Disagree		10.81	12
		Answered Question	111
		Skipped Question	26

17) 3.5 Should the park be locked at night?

		Response (%)	Responses
Strongly Agree		28.18	31
Agree		20.00	22
Neutral		25.45	28
Disagree		11.82	13
Strongly Disagree		14.55	16
		Answered Question	110
		Skipped Question	27

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### 4. FACILITIES and EVENTS

18) 4.1 We are developing some activities that will take place in the park. Which of the following would be of interest to you?

		Response (%)	Responses
Theatre in the park		18.30	71
Traditional garden show		13.92	54
Storytelling		8.51	33
Holiday activities		14.18	55
Volunteering in a community garden		7.47	29
Volunteering in a cafe		4.90	19
Stone wall building and making things for the park		10.05	39
Learning about gardening		11.86	46
Community archaeological dig		9.02	35
Contributing to further memorials in the garden		1.80	7
		Answered Question	102
		Skipped Question	35

## 19) 4.2 Which of the following would encourage you to use a cafe in the park?

		Response (%)	Responses
Visible and easily accessible building		16.62	59
Toilets		26.48	94
Open all day		15.77	56
Serving snacks and hot drinks		23.66	84
Serving daytime meals		10.99	39
Serving evening meals		6.48	23
		Answered Question	106
		Skipped Question	31

## 20) 4.3 We hope to create a multi purpose activity space which will be available for rent. Please list any groups who you think might use this?

Wedding receptions	Dog training	Keep fit
enable	Alzheimer's	
Childrens parties	sports clubs	
Exercise group		
SOS Fitness	Ardencaple Boys Club	Hermitage Primary
Local schools and nursery schools	Loca brownies/guides/Cubs/scouts etc	
Market stalls		
not sure about rental market but displayscould be put on for charity events dancing martial arts etc		
Hermitage Primary School - though cost may prohibit this	The local Guides and Brownies etc	
SOS, hockey club, athletics club for training, football clubs?		
Men's Shed		
People without much space in their home.		
SCHOOLS		
Groups for the elderly		
With careful management, the "option 3" solution might yield facilities for a model boat club		
Sport	Fitness	Children activities
local schools/pipe bands		
Scouts, Boys' and Girls' Brigades		
health and fitness		
Local Schools	Play Groups	
Fitness clubs, 5-A-side football		
Brownies, Guides - Play groups		
Dance schools	Choral society	
Cubs, Scouts, Girl Guides and model boat club		
Mens shed		
Five a side football teams / families like ours wanting to play tennis	Hire for kids party - would love to do a 'fitness party' outside as have done three already inside as no space I can hire outside	Five a side, fitness etc.
Fitness clubs	any other people wanting to use a activity areas with a spotting partner	
cubs/scouts brownies/guides	special needs groups/schools	
Schools, adult fitness classes, youth groups		
Men's Shed		
Children		
Theatre/ orchestra practice	Local Societies	

Market traders		
Why for Rent?		
Will many rent this? can only think of keep fit/possible holiday activities		
Depends whether this is outdoors - children's organisations	Tai chi classes for older age group	
Theatre groups / dance groups		
Floral art etc.	Community groups	
Convert memorial 'pool' into a pool suitable for model yacht sailing so	attracting children of sailing club members, or make new pond in what is	presently the children's play area next to the memorial garden
yoga	tai chi	running
Community groups+charities clubs and associations		
SOS Fitness	Local Youth Groups	Local Sports Groups
Hermitage primary school although cost may prohibit this	The Local guides and etc	
Outdoor gym? mini football		
Men's shed very good idea		
Tennis	Bowls	
Art groups (lack of art teaching for kids)	In Helensburgh, bands, orchestra	film groups, pop up shops, pop up cafes.
TEAM BUILDING		

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21) 4.4 There may be the opportunity to provide a drop in centre where people can learn practical skills associated with parks and gardens. How do you feel about this idea?

		Response (%)	Responses
Love		22.22	24
Like		47.22	51
Neutral		26.85	29
Dislike		3.70	4
Hate		0.00	0
		Answered Question	108
		Skipped Question	29

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### 5. SPORTS and PLAY

\*22) 5.1 There have been many ideas for what facilities should be included in the park. Please help us by selecting your top three.

		Response (%)	Responses
Activity trail / running track		16.56	52
Concrete Table tennis		4.46	14
Skate park		8.28	26
Natural / Adventure play		21.66	68
Crazy golf		11.15	35
All weather Bowling Green		6.05	19
Ice skating		6.37	20

Football pitch		2.55	8
Water jets		3.18	10
Tennis courts		7.96	25
Zip wire		10.19	32
IF NO RESPONSE PLEASE CHECK THIS BOX		1.59	5
		Answered Question	112
		Skipped Question	25



23) 5.2 To try to make the park work better we have shown a new improved play area next to the central cafe. The equipment that can be relocated will be supplemented with new equipment. What are your thoughts on this?

		Response (%)	Responses
The play area does not need to be improved and should stay where it is		7.48	8
As long as equipment is re-used and the play area improved I'm for it		89.72	96
Neither of the above		2.80	3
		Answered Question	107
		Skipped Question	30

24) 5.3 If you answered Neither of the above - please explain what you would like to see

ID	Responses (6)	View
11167302	New area	<a href="#">View</a>
11164331	How about a climbing wall?	<a href="#">View</a>
11158436	Both , a play area near cafe for younger children/activities so parents can have a coffee and watch kids	<a href="#">View</a>
11152861	A place of peace and quiet	<a href="#">View</a>
11149216	Spider web climbing frame large size	<a href="#">View</a>
11140106	There has to be substantial investment in excellent play facilities for wide range of youngsters. Having seen some very impressive play facs. elsewhere I would say this is the single most important item which has the power to bring people to use the park and the cafe. Cafe will never be viable unless it gets at least the sort of visitors seen at Kidston. The play areas could help make the Park an attraction in its own right, bringing people here where they know the facilities are extra special.	<a href="#">View</a>

25) 5.4 If there was an outdoor gym in the park, would you use it?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		32.71	35
No		67.29	72
		Answered Question	107
		Skipped Question	30

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### 6. PLANTING and WILDLIFE

26) 6.1 The burns running through the park create the opportunity to create ponds. Do you think this is a good idea?

		Response (%)	Responses
Very Appropriate		35.19	38
Appropriate		30.56	33

Neutral		23.15	25
Inappropriate		7.41	8
Very Inappropriate		3.70	4
		Answered Question	108
		Skipped Question	29

27) 6.2 There is an opportunity to rationalise the planting in the park. High maintenance areas could be reduced. Please comment on the following.

	It would be a good idea to reduce the amount of bedding plants	Many of the trees could be thinned out to improve views	The introduction of community gardens would be an asset	I would like to see fruit trees in the park	A sensory garden would be a good idea	The Millig Burn should be kept clear of weeds	Responses	Total
Strongly agree	10.13%	13.92%	16.46%	8.86%	18.57%	32.07%	237	40%
Agree	13.81%	18.57%	20.00%	15.71%	20.48%	11.43%	210	36%
Disagree	30.77%	19.23%	8.65%	28.85%	10.58%	1.92%	104	18%
Strongly disagree	32.43%	18.92%	16.22%	29.73%	2.70%	0%	37	6%

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28) 6.3 Which of the following would have your support?

		Response (%)	Responses
Create an ecology trail		19.16	50
Create a wildlife garden		26.05	68
Install bird and bat boxes		26.82	70
Remove overshadowing conifers to increase light levels		27.97	73
		Answered Question	108
		Skipped Question	29

29) 6.4 Do you think the park overall, is kept in good condition?

		Response (%)	Responses
Yes		32.67	33
No		67.33	68
		Answered Question	101
		Skipped Question	36

30) 6.5 This is the last question. Please add any comments you would like to make on any subject relating to the park..

ID	Responses (75)	View
11129504	This is a test	<a href="#">View</a>
11129829	I think adding nature trails, ponds and wildlife areas would be great for children. Done well this could be used by local nurseries and primary schools as part of outdoor learning. I can think of lots of activities as a biology teacher that would benefit from such things.	<a href="#">View</a>
11130272	I am concerned about the amount of time any of the 3 proposals would take to implement. I consider the park to be a great asset to the town and would not like to see it replaced with something more "modern" which could be seen in any town.	<a href="#">View</a>
11130454	In recent years the park has suffered from neglect. Lack of toilets cafe or anything for children to do has led to families not using it..Kidston is always busy due mainly to facilities being avail. It will be lovely to spend an afternoon there without worrying about dangerous fences and unfenced bridges.muck less stressful when you have a 2 and 6 year old in tow! Thank you for all your efforts.	<a href="#">View</a>
11130467	Would love to see the park upgrade to include lots of activities for all ages so the whole community can enjoy together. Would especially love to see addition of childrens activites for 8+ as park equipment (apart from swings) are less appealing for this age group and above.	<a href="#">View</a>
11131126	As a relative newcomer to (one year) I see a lot of positives in Helensburgh. I also hear a lot of people complaining about their being not much to do. If you visit the parks in Glasgow (kelvingrove and botanics) they are jam packed full of people with kids and folk out for a stroll. A lot of the ideas in this survey appear to be aimed at boring old farts as opposed to what parks are all about - somewhere for families to go. I cannot seem to go to a park without being stung for an ice cream and a couple of Teas.	<a href="#">View</a>
11131893	Good management of the park is critical - gone are the days when it is run on a buget. Activities and materials shoulo be costed and fund made available to suit..Staff need to be under park management control and not be used for other purposes.	<a href="#">View</a>

11133210	The park is currently maintained for its bedding plants only, and if it were a well planned activity centre the young people of the town would have something to do, and somewhere to play safely. There are examples all over scotland of hard football/ basketball courts, skate parks and play parks all attracting young people who will 'play' if the correct facilities are there, but who will get up to no good in other parts of town if there is nothing for them to do. This needs to be the NUMBER ONE priority for the park refurbishment, the mill and heritage should come firmly down the list, in terms of the number of people who that would benefit.	<a href="#">View</a>
11137968	Good luck	<a href="#">View</a>
11146466	The trees are an essential part of the park. I am in favour of removing overshadowing conifers but not other trees. A cafe and toilets are also essential as is improved lighting. To reduce vandalism a permanent person should be present in the park, funding is a problem , perhaps a team of volunteers.	<a href="#">View</a>
11149216	Better directional signage from all areas in the town - not every visitor knows Hermitage Park is.	<a href="#">View</a>
11149468	1. The number 1 priority must be to install good drainage and put down good solid paths which will stand the test of time ie tarmacadam and which will allow pushchairs, wheelchairs, kiddies bikes etc to move easily round the park. Gravel paths are unacceptable. Without good paths any facilities in the park will be underused. 2. The proposal to have a Community Garden is a waste of time as it will become a bit of a wasteland in due course. I say this as a long term allotment holder where I've seen many people bursting with enthusiasm in year one fade from the scene very quickly as they realise maintaining a garden is hard work. Getting groups to maintain it is also a waste of time as getting volunteers for any outdoor manual work is extremely difficult. I say this with experience of beach cleaning, maintenance of footpaths round Helensburgh and maintenance on the golf course. If the children's play area is moved this area could be fenced off and either used as a grassy play area for informal ball games or as a dog exercise area off the lead (dogs should be on a lead in the main park). 3. The cost of installing lighting and the addition of it as a running cost to the community is a waste of resources for the very small number of people who would use the park after dark. A daft idea I suspect on the back of over zealous health and safety issues. 4. The installation of an all weather activity area is a duplication of the facility next to the school for the disabled on Charlotte Street. This was funded from public resources and is maintained by public funds and therefore the public should be allowed to use it when not being used by the school. 5. There should be a minimum installation of signs, benches etc or anything else which will require maintenance in the longer term. The upgrade of the Skating Pond many years ago has highlighted the waste of resources in putting in picnic tables, benches, decking and fencing which all deteriorated pretty quickly and were hardly ever used. The installation of a good path round the pond is the only feature which has stood the test of time and serves its purpose. Any seating in the park should be installed round the children's activity area and the pavilion/cafe and be of such a nature that it sheds water, as wet/damp wooden seating does not serve its purpose. 6. The proposal to remove the hedge along the Sinclair Street edge is a crazy idea. The hedge serves as a barrier in keeping a certain amount of noise and fumes away from the park, its low maintenance and its attractive providing green colour in winter. If visibility into the park is wanted then lowering the height of the hedge is the obvious answer. 7. If possible car parking should be extended beside the Victoria Halls. Similarly car parking on the Victoria Road edge of the current children's play area should be extended by using part of the play area ground and having the cars park nose to the kerb. 8. Limited cutting out of conifers and a few other trees may be necessary but wholesale removal of many trees would be totally unacceptable.	<a href="#">View</a>
11151219	Don't try to squash too much in bette to have less that is good than lots that is half-done.	<a href="#">View</a>
11152901	Could be publicised as Helensburgh feature to visit at Hotels etc	<a href="#">View</a>
11152984	1. A hydro electric generator in the burn would be a great reminder of its historic roll. 2. Clean up the remains of the mill as a reminder of the origins of the stream's name. 3. A shelter from the rain showers, preferably associated with the proposed cafe building 4. It would be nice if the Hermitage Primary School pupils were formally involved in the community gardens. 5. The formal structure of the community garden must help the gardeners, i.e. raised beds and good paths, not hinder it with lots of shade giving trees. 6. Entry via the memorial gardens is a good idea as it brings this area into the active part of the park.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153340	Excellent site for location of a new 'Men's Shed'	<a href="#">View</a>
11153417	I favour option 3 but with additional car parking	<a href="#">View</a>
11153435	Likes water option. Pond for boats? Maintenance vital.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153461	I hope that whatever final plan is chosen, the ongoing maintenance is considered	<a href="#">View</a>
11153463	More car parking	<a href="#">View</a>
11153479	Excellent presentation, doubt if bowling green will create much interest.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153513	Any facility that encourages young people to enjoy being outdoors would be a bonus. A cafe for teenagers to be allowed to meet would be more valuable than a cafe for everyone. The town is already full of cafes. Families often take picnics to a park. Daily litter-picking-collection must be essential therefore a park keeper on site should be employed.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153526	Paterson's War Memorial is effectively hidden away, it deserves better treatment.Part of its restoration should include consideration of access by formal bodies (military/RBL/Youth) to enhance the structure of remembrance events.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153532	Improve pedestrian access from Charlotte street by signage resurfazing most north-east entrance	<a href="#">View</a>
11153566	All improvement would be very welcome by the community.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153596	Car parking is needed but should not be overdone. Many day visitors will be unaware of the park's existence and facilities, what can be done about this? Vandalism has been a recurring problem. CCTV? The beauty of existing shrubs and trees should not be compromised	<a href="#">View</a>
11153597	Provide teenage zone Memorial pond for sailing boats for youngsters Organised tree planting of natural species Would prefer 5 a side football area than a bowling green	<a href="#">View</a>
11153603	Foregoing is mainly about the Park for locals, it could be promoted more as an attraction for visitors.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153616	This is a great concept that deserves full community support. I'd suggest a strategy to bring about a fairly high profile+ responsible user presence to help better potential anti-social activity. eg community garden, allotments, children's garden area - make people feel they have real stake in project	<a href="#">View</a>
11153643	like plan 2 but do we need bowling green & refurbish rather than new pavilion. I like idea entering through memorial garden	<a href="#">View</a>
11153656	Bring back the PARKIE!	<a href="#">View</a>
11153663	Maintain as much of the original park with minimal loss of trees, shrubs, green grass etc with minimal maintenance required. Visitor attractions kept to appreciate areas. Boundaries kept	<a href="#">View</a>
11153704	Improve walking access from Charlotte st via Victoria road, needs pavement, improved paths in park	<a href="#">View</a>

11153713	Small / natural and well kept is good	<a href="#">View</a>
11153714	A now tidies & safe park would be wonderful. How would you encourage people to use this facility children+parents+grandparents will be the main use you must consider them Cafe really important	<a href="#">View</a>
11153730	More visible bins and benches.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153733	I would be sad to see a chunk of the park taken over to be an overspill for visitors Halls parking. I think an adult fitness zone will equipment would be used very little. I think the park has a lot of natural planters already, that could be kept and utilised.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153739	I have watched the park deteriorate for many years so I'm excited that at last it may be given a much needed user friendly face lift	<a href="#">View</a>
11153742	Basically anything that brings in people to use the park	<a href="#">View</a>
11153760	We are a young family and use the park in summer quiet often, so do our friends. We always walk or cycle here but often leave eaten than we would like due to lack of tables & cafe facilities.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153810	There has been a bowling club in the park since 1926. The bowling green should be kept or replaced by an all weather green. The general public also use the bowling green and there are no other greens open to the public.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153813	We must not forget how good the park is already. It is lovely to add to it but I do think it is not good to take too much away i.e. too many trees etc. We would be at a loss without the equivalent of the old tennis courts and football pitches and I can see my boys using this more and more as they get older. I see some of the plans reduce this to just one space. However in my experience the 2 spaces we have at present are often both in use. Please, please keep two spaces so we can play tennis while others are playing football etc, with some discussion between the two so our ball does not ruin their games and vice versa. We do not have an easily accessed / booked football pitch space connected with the lea sure centre etc which so many other towns have and I see this being used all the time in the park. It would be lovely if we kept this so a five a side club could start up or something as this is great for both kids and adults and really importantly teenagers!!!!. I think it would be in great demand so another space for other games, tennis, bikes, scooters etc would still be needed.	<a href="#">View</a>
11153844	Being a member of a bowling club I hope due considirative should be living to provide recreation facilities for an age groups	<a href="#">View</a>
11153995	I think option 2 is my preferred choice but any redevelopment is a good idea as long as it also includes a reintroduction of some of the parks history, Maybe even some information plaques in places like the hermit holes and other such places.	<a href="#">View</a>
11154750	Following on from the excellent work and installation of play equipment by HPPA, the usage of the playpark increased significantly. It would be good to see this improved further. Also, having visited Battery park in Greenock recently I noticed that the fitness equipment was being used all the time. I feel that equipment of this sort would prove to be very popular.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155883	Keep the memorial space open! Toilets please!	<a href="#">View</a>
11155896	A balance needs to be struck to attract all types of users at all times of year. Shelter for poor weather important. Cost of maintenance must be an important consideration when deciding on facilities.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155919	I like all three designs, with preference for the 'formal' layout. Families need to be encouraged to use the park - more activities for children. A lot more all round colour required. Good drainage essential.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155932	There is too much rubbish thrown about and not enough bins.	<a href="#">View</a>
11155953	Disability Access Putting car parking spots in Victoria Road creates problems	<a href="#">View</a>
11155964	Open up the park and integrate it into the town = gates, vista, paths, cycleways Make a really good café with space for workshops and events indoors Keep it open at all times	<a href="#">View</a>
11155984	1) A good idea to use Parklands facilities for MUGA. 2) If pierhead proposals go ahead, there would be problems in using events area in the park 3) Make as much use as possible of the old mill lade in different ways; also of mill ruins	<a href="#">View</a>
11156000	Any tidy up and opening up trees would be of benefit	<a href="#">View</a>
11156015	The park needs attractions to make locals and visitors use it more often. Once this is done then it has to be advertised say at the train station so day visitors know there is a park and what facilities are there.	<a href="#">View</a>
11156017	Get the infrastructure sorted - In fact work that out first and ring finance it cost wise. It has to be low maintenance, don't depend on the community to look after it physically Do whatever is done well (rather than a whole lot of things that are done half well) Just upgrade the landform - keep it simple (but effective) - with good new trees and a lot of the old stuff cleared out. Get the memorial garden up to a high standard (additional funding from the forces?) Good Luck I hope it goes well.	<a href="#">View</a>
11156081	Most important to get infrastructure right first, will take lots of money to do this but will save more long term. I think the main entrance to the park needs careful thought and the additional parking at the Vic Hall - both with allocated children's area and small café/ toilets will improve the public perception. Need to consider long term maintenance in everything chosen	<a href="#">View</a>
11156199	You will deal with parking, drainage and paths, no matter which plan is selected. How assured are we of continuation of maintenance eh? It will be lovely to have a park to be proud of, interested in and respected by all.	<a href="#">View</a>
11156256	Paths need to be maintained most of all because muddy, potholed or uneven paths mean that you need to be wearing suitable shoes before you even go in - a turn off.	<a href="#">View</a>
11156308	We both love the park - S (aged 4) likes the play part and taking his bike to the old tennis courts - he finds it too hard to cycle on the loose gravel round the rest of the park. He also loves playing in the trees. A (aged 5) loves the old tennis courts for his bike and tennis and the football pitch. He also can now manage cycling round the rest of the park although there are still tricky bits. Both boys loved sledging in it recently. As for new stuff they both love the idea of an adventure play ground for older kids and a better cycling paths. Some of the park is kept in good condition and some isn't. Grass cut and plants tended to but bridges falling down. Lack of fences near water! Taking down some trees is ok, but please do not take down too many, we love climbing them and hiding in amongst them. But we would really want a cycling track best of all!!	<a href="#">View</a>
11158436	Make this a park for the community first and foremost. Tourists are a bonus but this park should be accessible to old and young, able-bodied and disabled, somewhere to bring generations together.	<a href="#">View</a>
11164331	Try to think of some way of making exit in a vehicle safer at the junction of W Montrose St and Sinclair St. Even before any future development it is presently dangerous. Cut back the grass verge on W Montrose St South side?	<a href="#">View</a>
	Would love to use the park more but don't really have a reason to go there. Using it as a through route would help plus cafe and activities to	

11165265	attract older kids.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167027	Please keep the park as 'natural' as possible with few, if any, additional buildings and artificial structures.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167190	To ensure social inclusion is at the decent of any development. To promote cross-generational activities and to support learning and appreciation of not only the context of the park, but also providing opportunities for those , particularly locally, disadvantaged with society.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167216	Resist the negative voices going on about; ? and vandalism! Get a commitment from groups and schools to use and enjoy and help maintain the park. Look at shuttle bus service when special events on at the E.Victoria Halls to help encourage people and families to not drive those who live in Helensburgh.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167281	I think that the park is a very good amenity some of the proposed alterations would be extremely beneficial. An important feature will be the ongoing upkeep of the park and very important is the strong maintenance of security.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167317	The memorial garden should be retained as a peaceful oasis for quiet contemplation. Toilet facilities are a must for families with young children, and for the elderly. The mill area, Lily pond, and wishing well should be sympathetically restored.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167324	Must be made user friendly for older/ less mobile people. Cheap regular transport (road-train)	<a href="#">View</a>
11167331	I hope that whatever final plan is chosen the ongoing maintenance is considered.	<a href="#">View</a>
11167357	There is too much rubbish thrown + not enough bins	<a href="#">View</a>
11168656	I am delighted that awareness of our beautiful park is being widely made. The many improvements suggested are very welcome. Sorry that I can't help in a physical way with changes or maintenance	<a href="#">View</a>
11169553	I would like to see some if not all the paths tarmac'd or similar so user could skate/scooter/Segway through the park. I'm sure this would increase footfall passing through. If there is a dog area created it would be great. If part of the burn (or any ponds created) it could be incorporated into it as both my dogs love the water. The park is crying out for zip wires, preferably od varying levels of speed / height to entertain both young and old. Ice skating rink is a wonderful idea. I'd like to see any cafes et up to have a strong healthy eating ethos and not be supported by soft drinks companies. Cold food served there could come from the newly created commercial garden? How about a community kitchen in the park? Scotland aims to become a good food nation by 2025, so setting up a community café / kitchen could be a part of this effort. See www.communityfoodsandhealth.org.uk	<a href="#">View</a>
11191593	NO BULLYS NO DOG POO	<a href="#">View</a>
11191861	INTEGRATE HALLS WITH PARK THIN OUT SHRUBS	<a href="#">View</a>
11191886	LINK PARK TO HALL	<a href="#">View</a>

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