

Results for: HERMITAGE PARK - PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION




1) 1.1 Do you live in Helensburgh?

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

2) 1.2 Are you a park neighbour?

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

3) 1.3 Are you a park user?

		Response (%)	Responses
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.	View
11129504	A cafe	View
11129829	Better facilities. More pram friendly paths. Better care of the gardens. Bigger play area for toddlers.	View
11130015	More activities for children.	View
11130272	Dog Walking	View
11130454	Toilets and or cafe. Visits with small children problematic when they "need to go NOW".	View
11130467	More child friendly activities and more benches to sit on!	View
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.	View
11131893	Good paths. Not suitable for Prams or disabled	View
11131941	More amenities for all age groups.	View
11133210	Better playpark facilities, especially for older kids and a hard court for football/ basketball. Also a cafe and better car parking	View

11133352	Better pathways for when the ground is wet underfoot & lighting	View
11133366	If it was cleaner, tidier and better looked after	View
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.	View
11134324	Better play equipment, cafe	View
11134641	a cafe	View
11134757	A good cafe and toilets.	View
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.	View
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.	View
11135731	More seating for adults. Some sheltered areas.	View
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.	View
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.	View
11137968	Children's play. Exercise	View
11138086	Better weather	View
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	View
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.	View
11138682	Better paths, more colour.	View
11138758	More organised events in the park.	View
11138928	Dedicated car Parking, especially who are less agile/walking	View
11140106	Much better Children's play area, cafe, nicer planted areas	View
11142541	more to see and do	View
11142837	Improved facilities around the pavilion, including resurfacing of tennis courts perhaps with astroturf	View
11146466	Imoroved paths would encourage more people. We use it on a regular basis, but you do have to be careful in places.	View
11148095	More family events Crazy golf Exercise equipment Cafe	View
11148151	A more varied selection of games/apparatus for the kids of all ages along with decent seating areas/picnic tables	View
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	View
11149468	Better paths	View
11149601	If it had a skate park in it.	View
11151219	better paths, better plant displays, cafe, toilets	View
11152861	Less noisy children	View
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.	View
11152984	Good lighting especially of improved paths. Seating to watch activities. More children activities.	View
11153030	Properly main tended with interesting events, cafe	View
11153417	The improvements being planned	View
11153427	Lighting, Astroturf and more even paths	View
11153435	Model boating pond	View
11153444	Better security	View
11153473	Vegetable community area - better kids play	View
11153479	Improved putting green, better cafe facility, layout improvement	View
11153481	Access for those with mobility problems	View
11153526	1. Better access to Paterson's War Memorial	View
11153532	Better pedestrian access, cafe, enhancing the good floral displays, better pathways through park	View
11153544	Improve play facilities for children	View
11153566	yes	View

11153596	More activities	View
11153597	Better paths More seating Cafe	View
11153603	Interpretation of the features, places to sit and enjoy the surroundings	View
11153616	The project as proposed - sounds great!	View
11153643	Improved amenities Toilet Celte maintained	View
11153663	good paths	View
11153693	Improved paths and general maintenance	View
11153704	Better walking root from Charlotte street via Victoria road - no pavement at the moment. Improve health through walking	View
11153713	Better maintenance - less litter	View
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	View
11153733	Already use the park a lot but would want spaces to play	View
11153739	More to do other than walk through on way to town	View
11153742	if it was more open	View
11153760	Better paths could encourage more winter use. Cafe + tables essential for stays in summer	View
11153780	Probably	View
11153781	Nothing specific, it would be nice to see it given a face lift.	View
11153810	Continued availability of a bowling green Better paths	View
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.	View
11153817	Better footpaths + lighting	View
11153828	Better maintenance Fuller use of water Greater show of colour ie rhododendron varieties	View
11153844	Complete refurbishment to attract visitors	View
11153995	Being updated with more to do as a family	View
11154750	Additional facilities, eg cafe or fitness equipment.	View
11155880	Better walkways; better landscape; toilet facility; seating; areas of interest for children	View
11155883	Better walkways; better landscapes; toilet facilities; seating; areas of interest for children	View
11155919	Better maintenance (especially less mud in play park) More attractive layout and more colour.	View
11155950	Safer at night	View
11155953	Exercise Peace and quiet	View
11155964	? Café More Cultural amenities Places to do things in bad weather	View
11155984	Good children's playpark with café/restaurant - Like Kidston	View
11156000	Adult recreation facilities More pleasant and tidy walk through the park	View
11156015	More things to do in the park such as crazy golf.	View
11156017	Better facilities for our grandchildren and a café for us	View
11156081	More child friendly for our grandchildren + small coffee shop	View
11156199	Grandchildren; safer pathways; reduce dark dank areas; better maintained surfaces and vegetation; cafe; toilets.....	View
11156256	Nature walks	View
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.	View
11158436	Better facilities , a good cafe with decent coffee and produce Educational facilities A dog poo free area	View
11158707	Broadband	View
11158711	Broadband	View
11164331	Lighting and security cameras? More social activity during the day (e.g. Cafe)?	View
11165022	General upgrade of facilities for all age groups	View
11165265	Exciting play equipment for older children, places to picnic free from dog poo, nice seating area, fountain, more interesting plants, art etc.	View
11167027	Improved paths - more suitable for pram-pushing.	View
11167190	I use as often as I would. For others, more activity, etc	View
11167201	Band stand with concerts in the summer.	View
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	View
11167246	More security patrolling park	View

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

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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	View
11133210	G84 7sp	View
11133352	G84 9sb	View
11133366	G84 9SA	View
11133373	G84 9qw	View
11134324	G84 7HA	View
11134641	g84 9nh	View
11134757	G84 9bj	View
11134839	G84 7IE	View
11135075	G84 7rb	View
11135731	g84 9ea	View
11135809	G84 9LH	View
11137657	G84 9LH	View
11137763	G84 7EZ	View
11137968	G84 7HQ	View
11138423	G84 7HQ	View
11138667	g847er	View
11138682	G849PJ	View
11138758	G84 7SX	View
11138928	G84 7AT	View
11140106	G84 9JP	View
11142541	g84 7dh	View
11142837	G84 9DQ	View
11146466	G84 9HR	View
11148095	G84 7tn	View
11148151	g84 7ue	View
11149216	G84 8HA	View
11149468	g84 9dx	View
11149601	g849lh	View
11151219	G84 8	View
11152778	G84 8	View
11152861	G84 8JP	View
11152901	G84 7HJ	View
11152984	G84 7EL	View
11153030	G84 9QH	View
11153340	G82 5QF	View
11153386	G84 9RA	View
11153417	G61 4NW	View
11153427	G84 7JG	View
11153435	G84 9PA	View
11153444	G84 9JG	View
11153461	G84 8HA	View
11153463	G84 8NP	View
11153473	G84 8LL	View
11153479	G84 9DD	View
11153481	G84 8XU	View
11153498	G84 9LJ	View

11153507	G84 9LJ	View
11153513	G84 9LJ	View
11153526	G84 9A2	View
11153532	G84 7SH	View
11153544	G84 8KX	View
11153566	G84 9LL	View
11153596	G84 4RT	View
11153597	G84 7EW	View
11153603	G84 8LY	View
11153616	G84 0EJ	View
11153643	G84 8TL	View
11153656	8EY	View
11153663	G84 5UH	View
11153693	G84 8UX	View
11153704	G84 1SH	View
11153713	G84 8VK	View
11153730	G84 8BZ	View
11153733	G84 9HX	View
11153739	G84 7HQ	View
11153742	G84 8BA	View
11153760	G84 9BJ	View
11153780	G84 8YL	View
11153781	G84 8TU	View
11153796	G84 9OT	View
11153810	G8A 7PE	View
11153813	G84 9HX	View
11153817	G84 7QZ	View
11153828	G84 1ES	View
11153844	G84 8BF	View
11153995	G84 7QW	View
11154750	g84 7tn	View
11155880	G84 8YL	View
11155883	G84 8YL	View
11155919	G4 9QE	View
11155932	G84 9JW	View
11155950	G84 7BX	View
11155953	G84 7BX	View
11155984	G84 7SQ	View
11156000	G84 7HN	View
11156015	G84 8XL	View
11156081	G84 8LL	View
11156199	G84 7ES	View
11156256	G84 9LG	View
11156308	G84 9HX	View
11158436	G84 8XL	View
11158707	g84 8tr	View
11158711	g84 8tr	View
11164331	G84 8UU	View
11165022	G84 8xn	View
11165265	g849dh	View

11167027	G84 7RJ	View
11167190	G84 98ON	View
11167201	G84 9PJ	View
11167216	G9H 8DD	View
11167246	G84 8HG	View
11167260	G84 8TU	View
11167270	G84 7RT	View
11167281	G8H 9HR	View
11167287	G84 7RT	View
11167293	G84 9LJ	View
11167302	G84 9PY	View
11167317	G84 8BA	View
11167324	G84 7AT	View
11167331	G84 8HA	View
11167357	G84 9JW	View
11168656	G84 9EJ	View
11169553	G84 7ER	View
11191593	G84 7TQ	View
11191754	G84 7TQ	View
11191861	G82 SNJ	View
11191886	G82 SNJ	View

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2. HISTORY

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

		Response (%)	Responses
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

		Response (%)	Responses
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	View
11164331	How about a climbing wall?	View
11158436	Both , a play area near cafe for younger children/activities so parents can have a coffee and watch kids	View
11152861	A place of peace and quiet	View
11149216	Spider web climbing frame large size	View
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.	View

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	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View

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.	View
11137968	Good luck	View
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.	View
11149216	Better directional signage from all areas in the town - not every visitor knows Hermitage Park is.	View
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.	View
11151219	Don't try to squash too much in bette to have less that is good than lots that is half-done.	View
11152901	Could be publicised as Helensburgh feature to visit at Hotels etc	View
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.	View
11153340	Excellent site for location of a new 'Men's Shed'	View
11153417	I favour option 3 but with additional car parking	View
11153435	Likes water option. Pond for boats? Maintenance vital.	View
11153461	I hope that whatever final plan is chosen, the ongoing maintenance is considered	View
11153463	More car parking	View
11153479	Excellent presentation, doubt if bowling green will create much interest.	View
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.	View
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.	View
11153532	Improve pedestrian access from Charlotte street by signage resurfazing most north-east entrance	View
11153566	All improvement would be very welcome by the community.	View
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	View
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	View
11153603	Foregoing is mainly about the Park for locals, it could be promoted more as an attraction for visitors.	View
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	View
11153643	like plan 2 but do we need bowling green & refurbish rather than new pavilion. I like idea entering through memorial garden	View
11153656	Bring back the PARKIE!	View
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	View
11153704	Improve walking access from Charlotte st via Victoria road, needs pavement, improved paths in park	View

11153713	Small / natural and well kept is good	View
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	View
11153730	More visible bins and benches.	View
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.	View
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	View
11153742	Basically anything that brings in people to use the park	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
11153844	Being a member of a bowling club I hope due considirative should be living to provide recreation facilities for an age groups	View
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.	View
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.	View
11155883	Keep the memorial space open! Toilets please!	View
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.	View
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.	View
11155932	There is too much rubbish thrown about and not enough bins.	View
11155953	Disability Access Putting car parking spots in Victoria Road creates problems	View
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	View
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	View
11156000	Any tidy up and opening up trees would be of benefit	View
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.	View
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 (butt 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.	View
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	View
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.	View
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.	View
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!!	View
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.	View
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?	View
	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.	View
11167027	Please keep the park as 'natural' as possible with few, if any, additional buildings and artificial structures.	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
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.	View
11167324	Must be made user friendly for older/ less mobile people. Cheap regular transport (road-train)	View
11167331	I hope that whatever final plan is chosen the ongoing maintenance is considered.	View
11167357	There is too much rubbish thrown + not enough bins	View
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	View
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	View
11191593	NO BULLYS NO DOG POO	View
11191861	INTEGRATE HALLS WITH PARK THIN OUT SHRUBS	View
11191886	LINK PARK TO HALL	View

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