

Parsloes Park Consultation Summary of results

Q1. Improvements most like to see?

No.	Improvement requested	%
1	Public toilets	16.92%
2	Park furniture (e.g. more seats, bins, signs etc)	15.38%
3	Increased or improved children's play facilities	14.23%
4	Footpath improvements	10.00%
5	Sport facility improvements	10.00%
6	Kiosk facility for sale of refreshments	8.46%
7	Improvements to the Gores Brook stream	7.69%
8	Creation of a 'community hub'	7.69%
9	Environmental & habitat improvements	6.54%
10	Community food growing (e.g. allotment)	2.69%

Other suggested improvements

Common themes: investment in play areas, more climbing frames and swings for kids, bmx/mountain bike track, bring back tennis, more park wardens, more flower beds, greater community involvement, new football changing rooms, improvements to the lake environment (e.g. landscaping, better fencing etc), address dog fouling and littering, tackle ASB (e.g. cars driving on to field, kids climbing on buildings etc), more flower beds, more litter bins and improved lighting, improve standard of football pitch maintenance, make it more family orientated.

Q2. What do you like most?

Common themes: the presence of the lake, wildlife, trees, large open green space, its local, peaceful atmosphere, historic links, play ground, somewhere to exercise dog, best place for Sunday football.

Q3. What do you like least?

Common themes: play areas are awful and in a state of disrepair, not enough play equipment, lack of toilets and refreshments, dog mess and irresponsible dog owners, drunks, rubbish and lack of waste bins, not very landscaped, lack of benches, bit dated in parts, dark and lack of lighting, the way it has been run down.

Q4. Standard of cleanliness

Very good	12.16%
Good	16.22%
Fair	43.24%
Poor	10.81%
Very poor	10.81%

No opinion	5.41%
No response	1.35%

Additional comments

Common themes: litter left by football teams after weekend matches, litter in bushes, dogs mess, drunk adults and rubbish, need more bins, need more Park Rangers and maintenance staff, more cleaning, more patrols and enforcement (e.g. issue of fines),

Q5. Standard of park environment (e.g. maintenance of grass areas, trees etc)

Very good	12.16%
Good	32.43%
Fair	33.78%
Poor	8.11%
Very poor	6.76%
No opinion	5.41%
No response	1.35%

Additional comments

Common themes: used to be well maintained with lovely flowerbeds, more work with resident to improve standards, upkeep of plants and trees is fantastic, overzealous pruning, loss of flower beds, need more tree planting, nothing left to see, just a lake surrounded by trees, clean but boring, need more bins, tennis courts and adventure areas badly neglected.

Q6. Additional comments

Common themes: should be park keepers patrolling and breaking up gangs/groups, bring back park keepers, more patrols, doesn't feel safe, park needs to be busier to make it feel safe, dark at night, lighting is an issue, need to improve the children's play facilities, address irresponsible dog ownership (i.e. fouling and control), need toilets and café.

Q10. Would you be interested in joining a Friends Group?

Yes	36.49%
No	59.46%
No response	4.05%

Q11. Would you be interested in volunteering?

Yes	24.32%
No	64.86%
No response	10.81%

Equalities and Diversity

- **Gender** - There was a roughly equal split between Male (45.95%) and Female (51.35) respondents
- **Age** - The majority of respondents were aged 40-50 years (33.78%), followed by Under 20 years (29.73%) and 20-39 years (24.32%)
- **Ethnic group** - The vast majority (70.27%) of respondents were White British, with only 5.40% from Mixed /Multiple Ethnic Groups
- **Disability** – only 5.41% of respondents confirmed that they had a disability
- **Religion** – Christian (52.70%) was the most popular religion, with 35.14% indicating that they had No Religion
- **Sexual orientation** – Heterosexual (64.86%), Gay man (1.35%), Lesbian (1.35%), Bisexual (1.35%) and Other (1.35%)