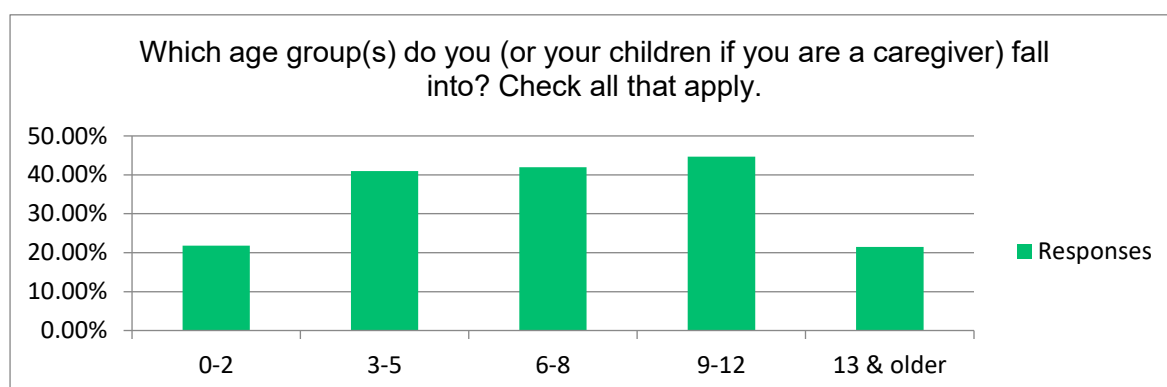


Sandy Lane Play Area Consultation Report

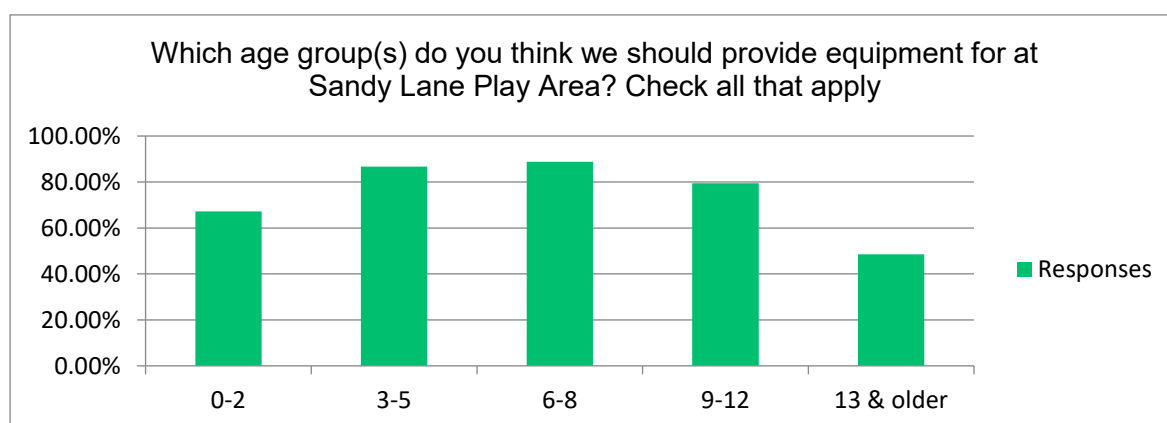
Taverham Parish Council requested information from residents to aid with producing a specification for a replacement play area at Sandy Lane, Taverham, Norwich. The consultation ran on SurveyMonkey for a period of 1 month. Posters displaying a QR code link to the survey were displayed around the parish at various locations, concentrating on areas where there was a heavy footfall of parents and children. There were 293 responses received in that time. Each question required a response before the next question could be answered.

Question 1



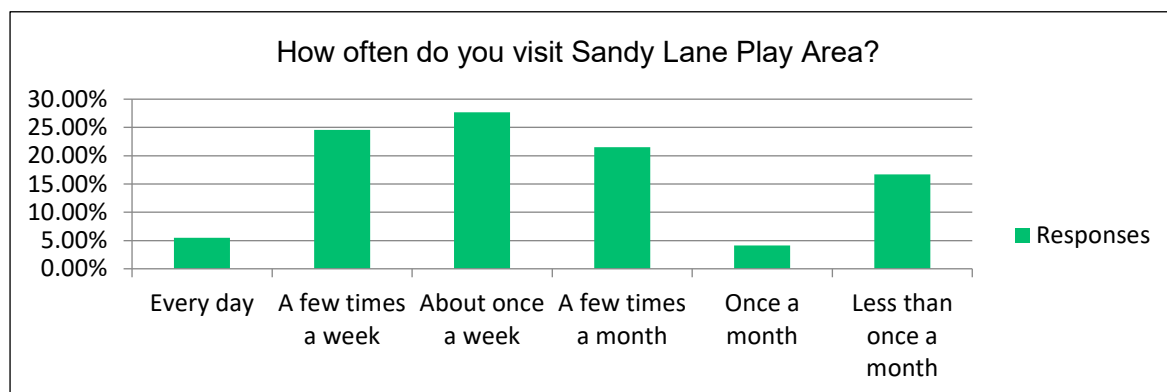
The majority of responses were from children (or caregivers of children) between the ages of 3 and 12.

Question 2



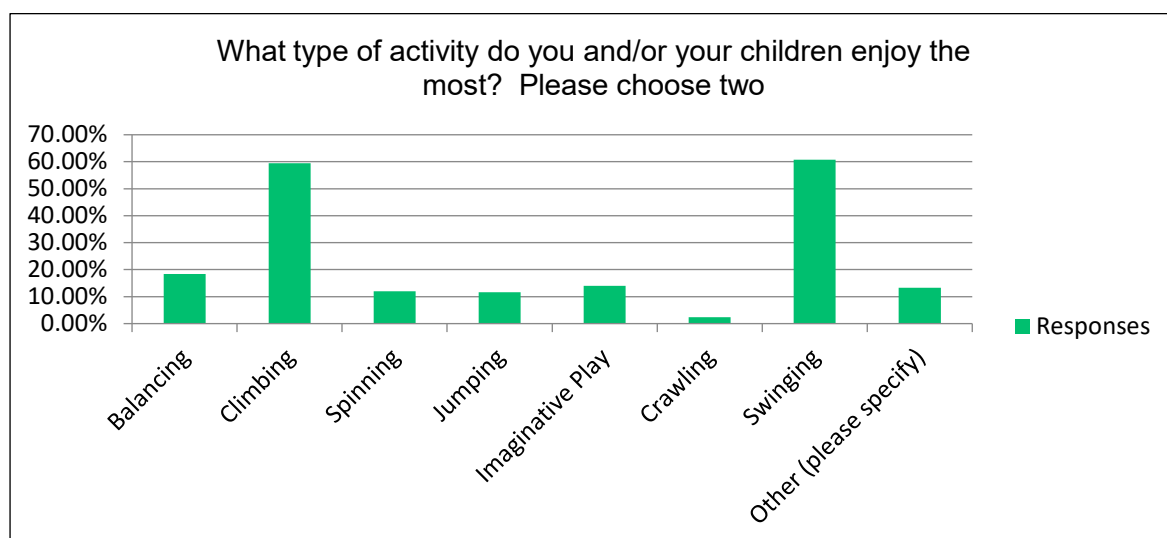
The play area at Sandy Lane is currently suitable for children aged approximately 3 to 10. The Council has previously considered that the new play area could cater for ages 5 to 10 years with a small area suitable for toddlers. Although the percentage of respondents representing the younger and older age groups was quite low, feedback suggests that the play area should be appropriate for children at least up to 12 years of age with some provision for infants if possible.

Question 3



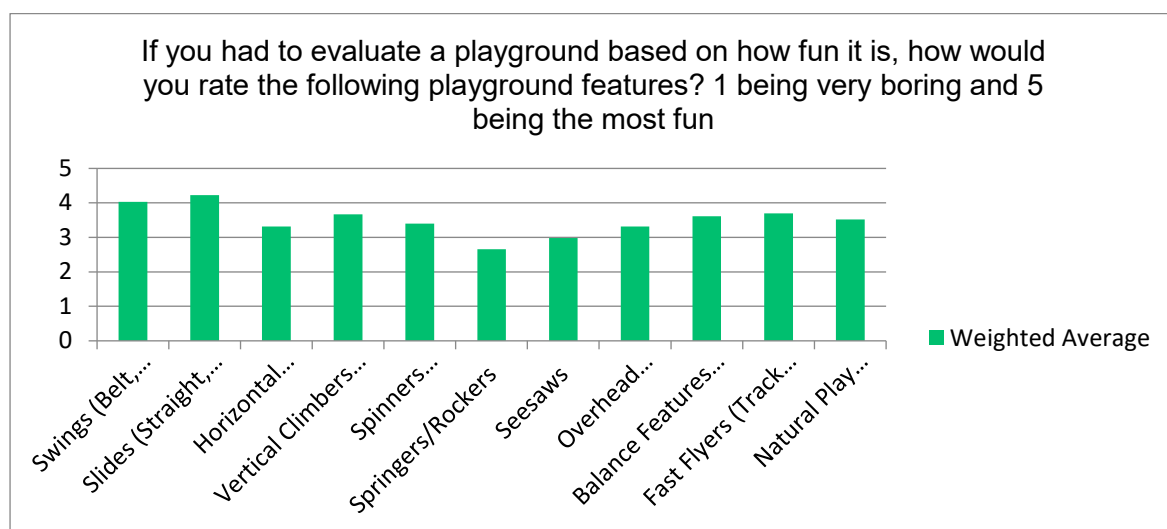
Responses suggest that the play area isn't visited very frequently by many respondents. If the Council installs play equipment that children find desirable, the frequency of visits should increase and therefore the equipment would offer better value for money.

Question 4



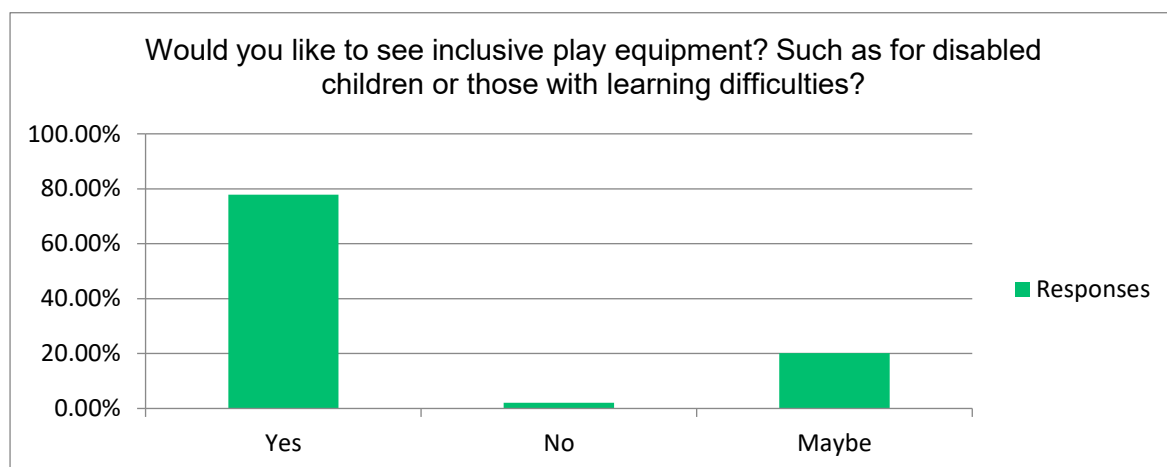
The most popular activities were swinging and climbing. The most requested from "other" were zip wire, slides and outdoor gym.

Question 5



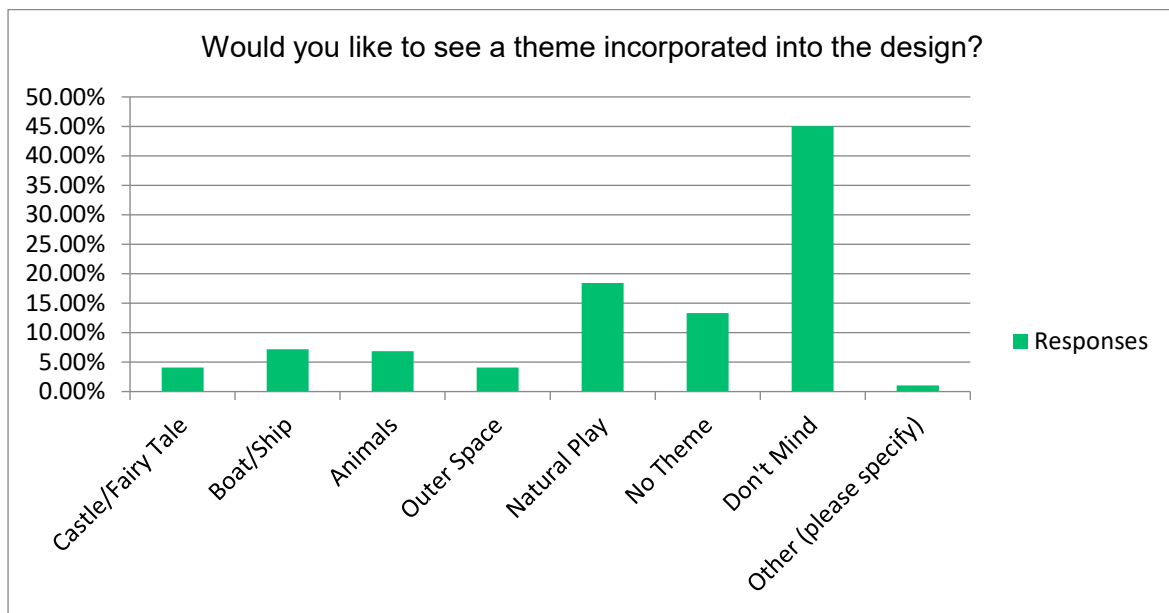
The most popular activities were slides, swings and fast flyers. The least popular features were rockers, seesaws, and horizontal and overhead climbers

Question 6



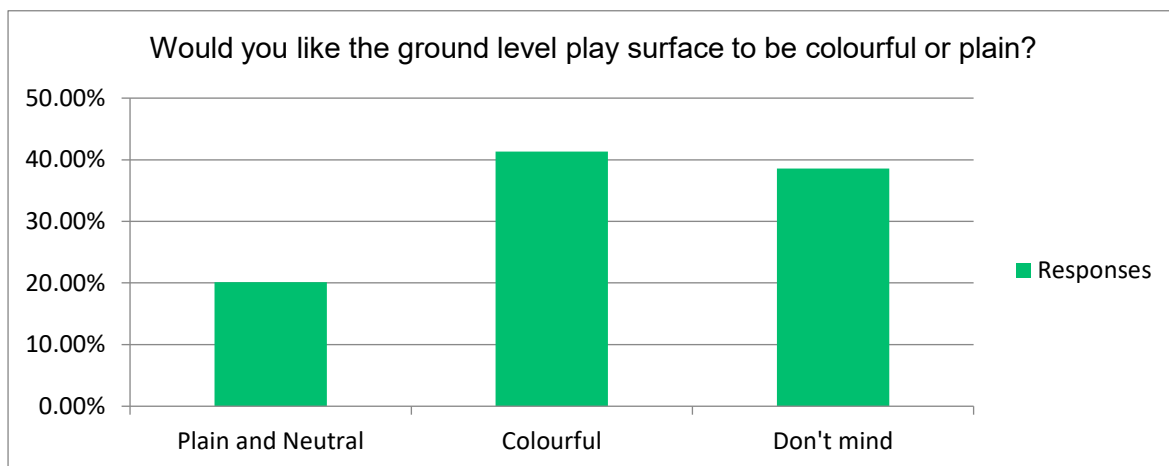
Respondents were in favour of installing inclusive play equipment.

Question 7



Although 45% of respondents didn't mind whether there was a theme, most of those who would like a theme would like to see natural play elements.

Question 8



Over 40% of respondents would like to see colourful play surfaces and nearly the same number didn't mind. This suggests that a colourful play surface could be desirable.

Question 9

What would make the play area more attractive?

This was a question inviting suggestions from respondents. There were a variety of ideas but the most mentioned were: benches/picnic tables, colour, fencing, no dogs, natural features/trees/planting/enhancing nature, gym equipment and bins.

Question 10

Are there any activities that you would NOT like to see in the play area?

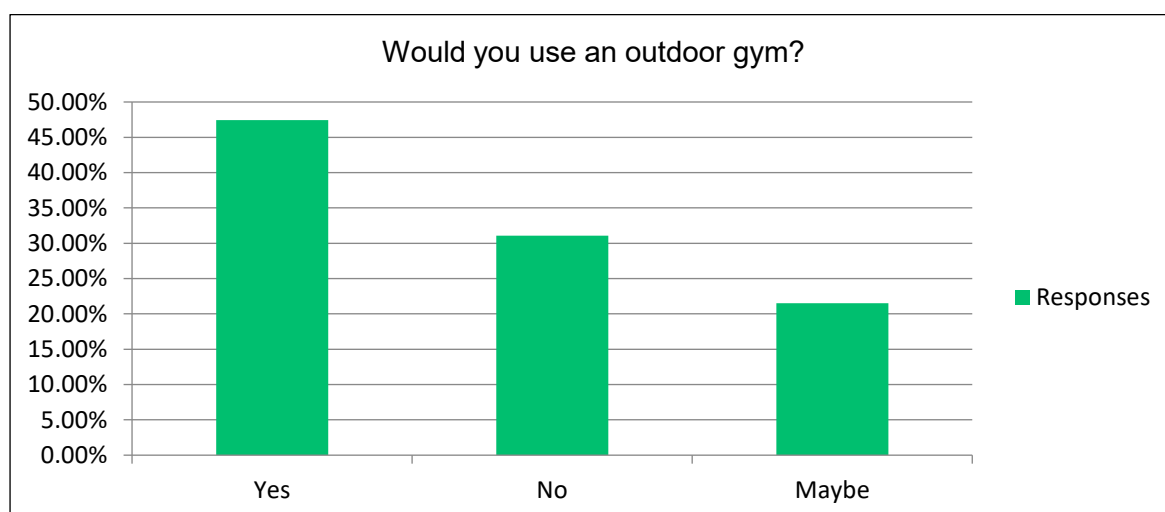
This was also a question that invited a variety of responses. 218 people said that there was nothing in particular that they would not like to see. Of the remaining responses, the most mentioned items were skatepark, sand pit, monkey bars and rockers/springers.

Question 11

Where is your favourite play area and why do you like it?

The most favoured play areas were located at Horsford, Longwater Lane, Drayton, Eaton, Waterloo, Hevingham and Breckland. Respondents liked play areas that were enclosed to prevent access to dogs and to keep children safe, swings, zip wires and a good variety of equipment to appeal to a range of ages.

Question 12



Respondents were in favour of installing an outdoor gym.

Summary

In summary, residents would like to see a secure play area offering a variety of equipment suitable for a wide range of age groups. The play area should be fenced to prevent dogs from entering. Consideration should be given to installing swings, slides, a zip wire and an outdoor gym as these were the most requested items, whilst excluding rockers, springers and seesaws as they had the least play value. There were strong opinions against the use of sand. Equipment suitable for inclusive play is expected. Nature and natural play featured heavily in responses so incorporating this in a design while making the area colourful and attractive would be favourable. Plenty of places to sit and have picnics are essential as are bins to dispose of rubbish to keep the play area clean and safe.

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