

Miners Welfare Park Summary

Most strongly supported improvements are:

- Cyclepath and footpath improvement and additions
- Sport and Fitness facility improvements and additions
- 'Country Park' extension of Park toward Hawkesbury and wildlife habitat creation and retention
- Splashpark alongside play area
- BMX and Skatepark Facilities
- "All of it!"

Most requested additional facilities to encourage healthy lifestyle / exercise not fully addressed in original plans are:

- Cyclepath links to reach the park from the wider area and secure cycle storage in key locations in the park (NBBC response - to be added to amended plan)
- Specific measured length marked routes / widened paths for jogging ,cycling, walking + additional green gym and outdoor fitness (NBBC response - to be added to amended plan)

Key areas of concern raised requiring further consideration not already addressed by proposals and likely NBBC responses:

- Improved toilet provision including near play area. NBBC will provide improved and much more readily accessible toilets in the new Leisure Centre, will have specific discussion with People in Action / Mayors Café about maximising access to toilets at that facility and will review the arrangements and provision at the football club stand
- Greater staff presence (warden /ranger etc) + police presence + other measures to increase sense of personal safety such as lighting. NBBC will look at an extension of CCTV coverage, will review which paths and areas are lit, will review possible means to increase staff presence (such as possible warden / ranger directly employed or via grounds contract) + will review site specific liaison and working with the Police

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<p>1. What is most important for the park (bear in mind what is already available at the park)</p>	<p>Path and Cyclepath Improvements and Sport and Fitness Facility improvement had the highest level of support</p> <p>Wildlife Habitats and Children's Play facilities and Teenage Play Facility Improvements had the next highest levels of support</p> <p>Signage and Information Board Improvements and Public Art Improvements had next level of support</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Extensive additional path and cyclepath creation is proposed ● The plans will be also be amended to show a 1km cycle and fitness loop with measured kilometre distance markers, green gym 'stations' and Parkrun specific enhancements and an extended green gym ● The extension toward Hawkesbury will see significant additional wildflower meadow and wildlife habitat creation ● Play facilities for younger children will be increased by the splashpark and extensively for older children / teenagers with ballcourt, bmx and skatepark provision shown in the proposals ● Public art and signage improvements are also supported but the other aspects were seen as more important - so if funds are limited this will be taken into account in prioritisation
<p>2. What did you like most in the plans / suggestions for improvement?</p>	<p>Cyclepath and footpath improvements within and beyond the park linking to it were particularly liked (29 responses picked out</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Improvements to the cyclepath network within the park (and key onward links south to Hawkesbury and west to Bedworth Heath) are a central part of the proposals. Additional / improved footpaths are also shown in the east of the park and in the Bayton Lake and Black Bank sections

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	<p>cyclepaths and 19 responses (footpath improvements)</p> <p>Extension toward Hawkesbury (15), Splashpark (11), All of it! (11), and BMX/ Skatepark provision (10) attracted strong support</p> <p>Between 3 and 6 people in each case felt the following were the thing they liked most (whether or not already in the proposals!):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Wildlife Habitat / Preserve Wildlife Habitat • Teenage Facilities • Ballcourt • Sports Facility Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All these should be delivered by the proposals and are seen as key elements within it • These should all be able to be delivered by the proposals. Dog Exercise Area was a new idea and we will look to make an area available for this and identify on amended plans and see if the residents proposing it may form a group to attract funds to lay it out / equip it

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Play facilities • Learn to Ride Track • More car parking for Park • Public Art / Street Art etc • Dog Exercise / Activity Areas • New fresh / coherent / planned approach to park development 	
3. What did you dislike most in the plans / suggestions for improvement?	‘Didn’t dislike any of it’ was by far the highest response given (24 responses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was pleasing to see people voluntarily give this response in significant numbers despite being invited to express dislike of any parts of the proposal and it is taken as a significant vote of support to the broad approach of the proposals

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	<p>Public art proposals seen as not being a priority for investment / not having a successful track record in Bedworth (10 responses)</p> <p>The only other proposals attracting more than 2 or more 'dislike' responses were the possible loss of Formal flower beds (3 responses) and a need for greater toilet provision (2 responses)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• This will be taken into account both in terms of design quality of any public art and in prioritisation if budgets are limited but there still were reasonably good levels of support in other questions for public art so it will form some part of the proposals going forward• The formal flower beds will be retained but the plans just note some may need to be repositioned relative to any changes made to the path network in the upper formal park• Toilet provision will need further consideration with general agreement the toilets under the football stand are not suitable in their current form. There will be improved and much more readily accessible toilets in the new Leisure Centre and further discussion will take place with People in Action in terms of what is able to be accessed at the Mayor's Café

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4. Is there anything you'd like to see in the park that would encourage you to do more exercise or enjoy a healthier lifestyle than you currently do?	<p>The key changes sought to support more exercise were :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements to cyclepaths including link to canal / hawkesbury + secure cycle storage at key locations including CCTV coverage (18 responses) • Wider paths within park, improved circuit around the park (16 responses) • Nothing extra needed that would change my activity levels (14 responses) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Link to Hawkesbury will be delivered by proposals. Greater emphasis needed in amended plans on secure cycle storage • Amended proposals will include specific 1km measured cycle and fitness path loop in addition to other widening of existing paths • Hopefully this signals some of existing facilities serve some users needs adequately already (rather than apathy about exercise!)

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	<p>The following were the other things identified by between 3 and 8 responses:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting / lighting improvements • Bigger outdoor Gym + fitness area • Running routes + 'Measured Mile' etc routes + markers and more and better path circuits and connectivity • Improve Park Run track / support Park Run • All of what is proposed • Better car parking serving park • Resurface tennis courts / extend • Path improvements to make easier for those 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lighting was mentioned in 8 responses and in other questions about desired improvements and was not addressed in the original proposals. This will be noted in the amended plans and further consideration given. Lighting can be double edged as it can also encourage groups of youths to gather and stay for longer into the evening after dark and can negatively affect wildlife including bats. It may be that some key paths and areas likely to be used for exercise etc can be lit with forms of lighting – particularly closer to the leisure centre etc - that do not too detrimentally impact wildlife - such as bollard lighting, lighting with motion sensors etc • Bigger Green Gym / outdoor fitness zone , measured distance routes and improved Parkrun support are all closely related and will be more strongly addressed in amended proposals. A 1km measured cycle and fitness loop will be introduced to the revised proposals. • Additional / improved car parking is proposed in the park and at the Leisure Centre • Tennis court improvements are to commence in 2020 with grant funding from sports bodies and additional tennis courts are proposed

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> with disabilities / limited mobility • Teenage' Facilities inc BMX and skate provision 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Widening of paths, improved surfaces (e.g. tarmac instead of 'crushed stone') and new and additional paths are all proposed • Significant additional teenage facilities are proposed – Ballcourt, Skate and BMX provision
5. Is there anything you'd like to see that would improve your experience of using the park	<p>No specific thing sought (18 responses)</p> <p>Better + cleaner toilets - including near play area (8 responses)</p> <p>Security / greater staff presence / groundsman / wardens / more sense of safety/ less intimidatory/ safer in evening / police presence /</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taken as positive sign about broad nature of proposals that this was the most frequent response • Toilet provision will need further consideration with general agreement the toilets under the football stand are not suitable in their current form. There will be improved and much more readily accessible toilets in the new Leisure Centre and further discussion will take place with People in Action in terms of what is able to be accessed at the Mayor's Café • This links with lighting issue raised in relation to taking more exercise. Desirably if funds permitted a Park Ranger might be employed but other measures to increase staff presence on site through the grounds maintenance contract will be investigated and closer working with the

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	<p>more 'community feel'/CCTV (6 responses)</p> <p>Picnic Areas + more seating generally in more parts of park - and on links going out to Hawkesbury (4 responses)</p> <p>Cheaper / Free parking / more parking / better parking for park visitors (4 responses)</p> <p>Widen main path circuit around park for cycling and pedestrian shared or parallel use (3 responses)</p>	<p>Police will need to be developed. The potential for additional CCTV coverage of key areas will also need to be investigated and provided to the degree funds allow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept plans do not show this level of detail but additional bench / seating provision will form part of the improvements over time. Some caution has to be applied to locations etc to minimise any anti-social behaviour issues that can sometimes occur around locations where seating has been provided so it needs to be sensitively / thoughtfully located • Additional and improved parking is proposed both within the park and at the Leisure Centre • This ties in with the requests for greater outdoor fitness etc provision drawn out in previous questions and will be addressed by the 1km measured distance cycle and fitness loop path

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<p>-----</p> <p>A final series of 3 questions focussed on cycle specific provision to draw out detail to underpin a now submitted bid for grant aid from British Cycling</p>	<p>Improved paths and cyclepaths (3 responses)</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Without going into full detail 92% of responses were strongly supportive of the improved provision proposed for general cycle access and for bmx and similar provision. 76% said the proposals would support them, their children or grandchildren having exercise and 32 of the responses said the provision proposed would support them, their children or grandchildren in having increased levels of activity and exercise.</p> <p>Opinion was sought on what support would most encourage use of new cycle facilities and</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As per earlier questions significant improvements to extent of paths, path surfaces and widths will be involved in the proposals <p>-----</p> <p>The responses received have informed a bid for 'Places to Ride' grant funding from British Cycling which has been submitted at the time of writing</p>

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	<p>the following in order were the most frequently selected:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to nearby café / refreshments and toilets• Free limited hours bike loans to use on cycle facilities• Free coaching / support when first using new facilities• Secure cycle storage nearby when using other park facilities	

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Most strongly supported improvements are:

- Wildlife habitat improvement / creation
- New Riverside Path / path and cyclepath improvements
- BMX and Skatepark provision
- Splashpark

Most requested additional facilities to encourage healthy lifestyle / exercise are:

- Outdoor Gym and Fitness Facilities + Measured distance running, cycling and walking circular marked routes (NBBC will add further such facilities in the wider Pingles area in amended plans)
- BMX and Skatepark provision with ballcourt (already proposed)
- Cyclepath and path improvements and secure cycle storage (NBBC will add secure storage to plans)

Key areas of concern raised requiring further consideration not already fully addressed by proposals:

- There is a sense of concern for personal safety and that greater staff presence / police presence etc is needed and other measure to increase sense of personal safety – lighting / CCTV etc. NBBC will investigate extension of CCTV, review what areas are lit, review means to increase staff presence (such as possible warden / ranger) + site specific liaison, review and closer working with Police
- There is concern about maintenance standards not being high enough for a 'destination' park. NBBC will review working arrangements affecting the site with the grounds maintenance contractor
- Residents living nearest to the proposed teenage facilities and green gym are concerned about noise / anti-social behaviour. NBBC have reviewed the proposed locations which are still appropriate and already exceed the usual 'distance from housing' standards applied to these forms of provision - but we will extend CCTV to cover these facilities and will seek to place teenage provision as close to the access road and car parking as possible in that location to further increase distance to houses.
- 2 responses including one from the War Memorials Trust opposed removal of some avenue beech trees identifying they had been planted as a Peace Avenue. As such NBBC will propose either creating a poppy shaped 'peace garden' at the central point of the avenue involving removal of a limited number of trees but only if supported by local Remembrance organisations after consultation - or if not supported NBBC will retain the full avenue of trees.

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<p>Q1. What is most important for the park (bear in mind what is already available at the park)</p>	<p>Wildlife habitat improvement / creation had the greatest support - followed by path and cyclepath improvements</p> <p>Play facility, sport and fitness provision, teenage facilities and public art all had the next greatest levels of support</p> <p>Signage improvements - whilst still well supported - were considered less important.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive new areas of wildflower meadow are proposed along the river corridor / new riverside path • A new riverside path and multiple link paths are proposed along with some widening of key paths and new paths to address 'desire lines' • The new splashpark, ballcourt, skate and bmx provision will all increase play and teenage facility provision and the new Green Gym and fitness 'zone' address the sport and fitness provision. Amendments to show measured distance routes and green gym stations along such routes will be shown in amended plans. The proposals include a range of identified opportunities to improve and increase public art provision within the park. • If funds are limited the lower priority placed on this aspect will be taken into account but reasonable support was still shown for investment in this aspect.
<p>Q2. What did you like most in the plans / suggestions for improvement?</p>	<p>Riverside Path (20 responses) and new BMX / Skatepark provision (17 responses) were most often selected as the favourite proposal .</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Riverside path including under railway line received strong support – including the path under the railway helping relieve issues resulting from the narrow tunnel linking to and from the Pingles (which currently limits scope for Parkrun and causes pedestrian / cycle conflicts)

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	<p>The following also were all selected in 10 or more responses each as the favourite proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wildlife Habitat preservation and creation • Cyclepath Improvements • Splashpark / Whale • Footpath Improvements • All of it • Play facilities • Teenage Facilities • Ballcourt • Street Art Gallery and other Public Art • Improve riverbanks / make most of River 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new BMX and skatepark provision was widely supported but some of the residents living nearer to the proposal raised concerns about potential noise and anti-social behaviour. The Borough has reviewed the position and in general terms it is the appropriate location but will seek to the degree it is possible to keep the provision as close to the car parking and access road as possible and seek to introduce CCTV coverage of the provision. These intents will be specifically noted and marked on amended plans. • The development of the park should be able to deliver all these popular aspects and it was positive to see broad support for many of the proposals

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	<p>These proposals were selected by moderate numbers (4-7 responses) as their favourite proposal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outdoor Gym / Fitness Area • Learn to Ride Track • Link to Bridge Street • Improved Events / Performance Areas • Café access / improved cafés • Cycle Facilities • Formal Gardens around bandstand • Entrance / frontage Improvements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Again it is anticipated all these proposals will be able to be delivered
<p>Q3. What did you dislike most in the plans / suggestions for improvement?</p>	<p>Highly positively the highest response given by far (45 responses) was that they liked all aspects of the proposal. All other proposals were only identified in 8 or less responses received.</p> <p>The following were the next most significant responses: Public Art (8)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was pleasing to see people voluntarily give this response in significant numbers despite being invited to express dislike of any parts of the proposal and it is taken as a significant vote of support to the broad approach of the proposals • Public art was sometimes seen as a waste of money by a small number of respondents - or that other things should be delivered with greater priority but public art also received good

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	<p>BMX / Skatepark (6) Cycle Route / cyclepaths (5)</p> <p>The following issues caused 3-4 responses each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security presence / improvements not mentioned / addressed 	<p>support in answers to other questions (e.g. 10 responses in Q2. Identifying it as their favourite thing in the proposals) and as such it will continue to form a key part of the proposals going forward</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The skatepark / bmx proposals understandably drew some concern from nearby residents which it is intended to address by keeping the provision as close to the car parking and access road as possible and seeking to introduce CCTV coverage and this will be specifically marked and noted on amended plans • The concern with cyclepaths mainly rested around narrow existing paths and conflicts with pedestrians so fuller cyclepath provision with 3m wide paths is important to achieve wherever financially possible • There was a level of concern raised about personal safety and security in various questions. Desirably if funds permit a Park Ranger might be employed but other measures to increase staff presence on site through the grounds maintenance contract will be investigated and closer working with and involvement of the Police will need to be developed. The potential for additional CCTV coverage of key areas will also need to be investigated and provided to the degree that funds allow

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information boards / signage • Skate park / teenage too near housing - relocate to Gala Fields / elsewhere • 15 years too long to deliver - do sooner / asap 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not clear what concern was – may be there is too much already, may be that other things should be prioritised or maybe that it's vulnerable to graffiti / vandalism. Main additional signage proposed is directional finger posts. We will seek to make these as robust as possible within available funds. • Provision for teenagers is always a sensitive matter though misbehaviour only involves a small minority. We have reviewed the proposed position and it remains the most logical location for this provision in the park, balancing accessibility, proximity to first aid and overlooking from access road / car park and leisure centre. The proposed position is significantly further from houses than the standards applied to teenage provision in new housing developments but NBBC will seek to place the provision as close as possible to the car parking and access road in an amended plan. We will also be seeking to introduce CCTV coverage and this will be specifically marked and noted on amended plans. • This was a positive response in terms of welcoming what is to be provided. In terms of timescale NBBC are not fully in control of when funds will be available as many of them will come from housing developments when certain occupancy levels are reached and some from grant-aid when and where this can be

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest in other parks in worse conditions first / as well as this • Dislike splashpark / worry about maintenance of it 	<p>secured. As such the 'jigsaw pieces' of the proposals will arrive bit by bit to deliver the full provision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The funds for the works are specifically tied to the site as part of housing developer contributions and would have to be returned to the developers if not specifically used at this site. Any grant-aid secured would be the same. • Main concern seemed to be potential maintenance and vandalism issues which NBBC will have to address in designing the facility and in terms of suitable maintenance going forward. We will seek to extend CCTV coverage over this facility.
<p>Q4. Is there anything you'd like to see in the park that would encourage you to do more exercise or enjoy a more healthy lifestyle than you currently do?</p>	<p>Nothing extra is needed that would change my activity levels (37 responses)</p> <p>Outdoor Gym and Fitness Area</p> <p>The next two most often sought facilities were:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hopefully this signals that the existing facilities serve some users needs adequately already (rather than apathy about exercise!) • There was a high level of support for these forms of provision so we will seek to increase the incorporation of e.g. measured distance walk, cycle and jogging routes in the wider park to supplement the initial proposals. Green gym stations may also be added along these routes to form a trail.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Running routes, 'Measured Mile' etc routes + markers and more and better path circuits and connectivity (13 responses) • Teenage' Facilities inc BMX and skate provision (12 responses) <p>The following were sought by between 5-8 responses each:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballcourt(s) for football / basketball etc (free to access) • Improvements to cyclepaths + secure cycle storage at key locations including CCTV coverage 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As with response above for Outdoor Gym and Fitness Area - we will seek to increase the incorporation of e.g. measured distance walk, cycle and jogging routes in the wider park to supplement the initial proposals. Path circuit availability will also increase significantly with the creation of a riverside path running parallel to the existing linear Wembrook cyclepath • Significant support was shown for this provision not just as a play facility but in terms of a source of exercise / physical activity and this underpins a bid to support the funding of these facilities to British Cycling • Such provision is proposed and will be free to access • This secure provision came up in various responses and will be referenced in amended plans.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional footpaths within park + wider footpath links from park • More events / outdoor activity sessions • Safer park environment with less threatening people /staff security presence etc 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The riverside path will significantly increase path provision within the park and leads south toward Marston lane where the proposed housing development will add further open parkland and recreational paths to the existing park with links then accessible out to Bermuda and toward the canal at Marston Jabbett. There will also be improved signage of this 'green network' of routes. • NBBC's own capacity to run events is limited by staff and budgetary constraints but we will seek to work e.g with and support commercial providers, community groups and charitable organisations to increase such opportunities and will invest in improved facilities to support events – such as water and electricity supplies and 'ground reinforcement' to increase ease of access for heavy vehicles being used in events provision • There was a level of concern raised about personal safety and security in various questions. Desirably if funds permit a Park Ranger might be employed but other measures to increase staff presence on site through the grounds maintenance contract will be investigated and closer working with and involvement of the Police will need to be developed. The potential for additional CCTV coverage of key areas will also need to be investigated and provided to the degree that funds allow

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<p>Q5. Is there anything you'd like to see that would improve your experience of using the park</p>	<p>The highest level of response was that 'no specific additional thing sought' (29 responses)</p> <p>Security / greater staff presence / groundsman / wardens / greater police presence / more sense of safety/ less intimidatory (15 responses)</p> <p>Actually maintain to high standard befitting town park unlike current situation - 'more like Miners Welfare Park' including less litter / more cleansing including at weekends, more bin emptying and/or bins (15 responses)</p> <p>Improve river / make more of river / clean up river (14 responses)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is taken as a positive response to the broad proposals for the park • There was a clear level of concern raised about personal safety and security in various questions. Desirably if funds permit a Park Ranger might be employed but other measures to increase staff presence on site through the grounds maintenance contract will be investigated and closer working with and involvement of the Police will need to be developed. The potential for additional CCTV coverage of key areas will also need to be investigated and provided to the degree that funds allow • This was a significant number of responses highlighting this as an issue and contrasted with Miners Welfare Park where this issue was not raised and as such it appears to be site specific. This will be explored with the Borough's grounds maintenance contractor in terms of achieving high standards and additional monitoring of standards will be targeted at this park. • The proposals mention improving the river frontage. This will be a combination of removing low branches on trees that are blocking views of the river and providing a low 'knee rail' to mark the riverbank also allowing there to be less unmown riverbank vegetation obscuring views of the river. More flowering plants will however be introduced into the edge of the

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	<p>Picnic Area / more seating generally (11 responses)</p> <p>More events / free events / use of bandstand (10 responses)</p> <p>Better café / longer Museum Café opening hours / improved café provision / larger café / food kiosk/ extra café (8 responses)</p>	<p>river itself to still provide wildlife habitat and to increase the visual appeal of the river.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The concept plans do not show this level of detail but it can be anticipated that new paths will have additional seating and there should be opportunities to create picnic areas (e.g. along the riverside path as long as proximity to residential areas is taken into account as seating can sometimes be a source of evening etc anti-social behaviour) • NBBC's own capacity to run events is limited by staff and budgetary constraints but we will seek to work e.g with and support commercial providers, community groups and charitable organisations to increase such opportunities and will invest in improved facilities to support events – such as water and electricity supplies and 'ground reinforcement' to increase ease of access for heavy vehicles being used in events provision • The extended Leisure Centre will have a significantly larger café area. The proposals will also improve access to the café at Chilvers Coton Craft Centre and seek to provide an outdoor seating area near to that facility. The possible extension of the Museum and Art Gallery would again improve café facilities and potentially alter opening hours etc.

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	<p>More wildlife areas / habitat creation inc trees, bat and bird boxes (8 responses)</p> <p>Teenage facilities including bmx/skate (8 responses)</p> <p>Easy access to toilets (including near play area) including for disabled (6 responses)</p> <p>Improved / additional formal gardens and more seating near bandstand (5 responses)</p> <p>Green Gym / Fitness area (5 responses)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive new riverside wildflower meadows are proposed as well as river edge native flowering plant introduction • These facilities are already part of the proposals • An additional toilet block would be prohibitively expensive and vulnerable to vandalism but a possible Museum extension would involve toilets more readily accessible from the park. The Leisure Centre will also have more - and more readily accessible - toilets for park users including those with disabilities. • Gardens are already proposed and additional seating would be a logical detail to accompany those which should be able to be designed to work as supplementary bandstand seating but thoughtful design will be required as some problems of the bandstand being used as a 'youth shelter' with some occasional resulting anti-social behaviour / vandalism have occurred and we want to avoid increasing this. It is though anticipated making the new 'teenage' facilities available near the Leisure Centre will help this as the park has completely lacked any provision for teenagers to engage or occupy them

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	Boats / Canoeing on River (5 responses)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • These are already in the proposals • Hired provision of these would require a member of staff and be hugely subsidised per person. In addition regular and very costly desilting of the river would be required. In addition future removal of weirs proposed by the Environment Agency will narrow the river channel and increase flow which would prevent such use.
<p>-----</p> <p>A final series of 3 questions focussed on cycle specific provision to draw out detail to underpin a now submitted bid for grant aid from British Cycling</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>Without going into full detail 81% of responses were strongly supportive of the improved provision proposed for general cycle access and for bmx and similar provision. 72% said the proposals would support them, their children or grandchildren having exercise and 56 of the responses said the provision proposed would support them, their children or grandchildren in</p>	<p>-----</p> <p>The responses received have informed a bid for 'Places to Ride' grant funding from British Cycling which has been submitted at the time of writing</p>

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having increased levels of activity and exercise.

Opinion was sought on what support would most encourage use of new cycle facilities and the following in order were the most frequently selected:

- Free limited hours bike loans to use on cycle facilities
- Access to nearby café / refreshments and toilets
- Free coaching / support when first using new facilities
- Secure cycle storage nearby when using other park facilities