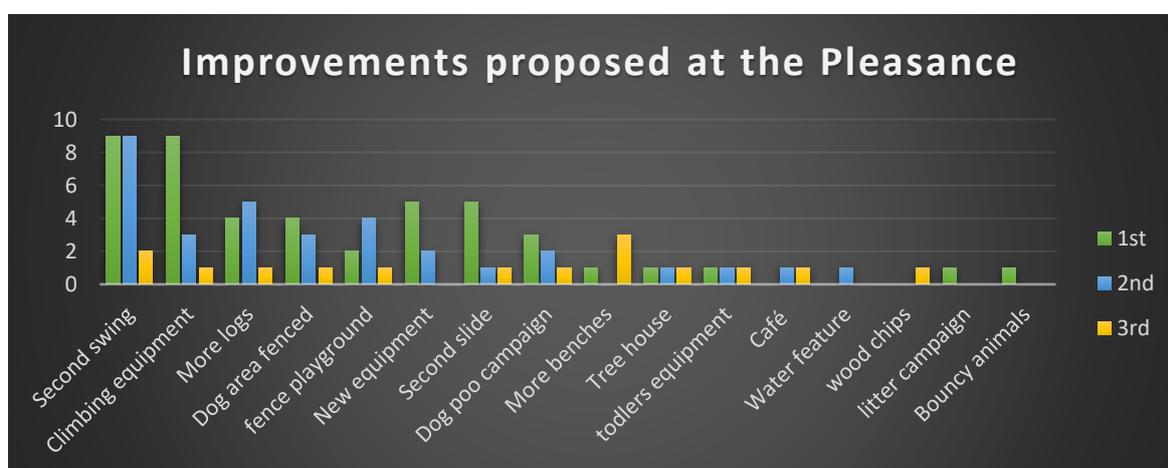


## Engagement Nature Play Sessions Report, The Pleasance. London Play & Enable, Leisure and Culture.

On behalf of Wandsworth Council, Enable Leisure and Culture was awarded £7,375 from the Postcode Community Trust for 10 nature play sessions at and play improvements to The Pleasance in Putney. The sessions were based around a nature theme (Bug hunts, leaf art etc) and engaged with the local community and schools around how they use The Pleasance and what play opportunities they would like to see there in the future.

This project was worked up in collaboration with the Pleasance Playgroup and will soon be complete with the installation of a new wooden basket swing to the current play space.



According to the feedback forms completed by the users of The Pleasance play space who took part in the community nature sessions, any future developments of the play space should aim to use natural materials as much as possible. The feedback forms also highlighted a high demand for maintaining the current playground items and wood logs as much as possible. Moreover, there is a huge interest for more wooden logs to be added and create a natural “fence” around the play area.

The users of The Pleasance play space who took part in the community nature sessions also chose to prioritise, if additional equipment was to be considered, a second wooden swing and wooden climbing equipment. Furthermore, there were several comments relating to dog poo/dog mess/difficulties between dogs and toddlers. Consequently, the most voted solution was to install an area or features specifically for dogs elsewhere on The Pleasance but not too close to the playground. The dog control orders and byelaws would still require dog owners to clean up after their dogs across the whole site, but we hope that this action together with responsible dog ownership sessions will help with all the dog issues at The Pleasance greenspace.

