

parks service information



Garratt Park playground and ballcourt consultation report summary

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the Garratt Park consultation carried out last summer. There were 157 responses to the online survey and over 130 people engaged during the onsite leafleting and drop-in sessions, with over 92% of survey respondents living in the local area. Below are some of the findings of the consultation and how we plan to follow up on your suggestions!

You said

- Garratt Park is a much loved park which provides opportunities for a wide variety of activities
- It's a great space for children to learn how to cycle and scooter, in particular the gravel cycle track and figure of eight track
- Some days there is a noticeable amount of litter in the park and there are some concerns about dog mess being left
- The playground is lacking in more challenging and junior play equipment and the overall playground could do with updating
- The shrubs and trees within the playground are highly valued by children and parents
- It would be good to have some outdoor exercise equipment for adults
- The ballcourt is a highly valued space, particularly for playing basketball, but could do with a bit of an upgrade, such as an improved surface and new nets

Our plans

- A number of general park improvements are already being implemented or are planned, including new fencing along the south east edge of the park, some new planting in the beds and repainting the ball court markings and the cycle markings around the figure of eight track
- We are currently developing a programme of engagement to encourage park users to take litter home to recycle and to increase awareness amongst some dog owners about the impact of not picking up their dog's poo
- Funding has now been confirmed to make improvements to the playground. Once designs are ready, we intend to hold a second round of public consultation later this year to ask the public which playground design they would like to see go forward for development
- Proposals for an adult outdoor gym/ trim trail are currently being put together. We intend to consult local residents and park users about the proposals in the next few months
- We are currently looking for funding to be able to carry out some improvements to the ballcourt