

Jenny Lind consultation: Summer 2008

Quick summary of results

Over the last year we have been consulting with local children, young people, community groups, local residents and other interested groups to develop plans to transform Jenny Lind Park.

Through this close work with interested groups we gathered people's impressions of the park and identified areas they would like improved.

We then took these comments and built them into a questionnaire to see whether these views and ideas were shared by the wider community.

These comments and the information that was returned back through this questionnaire have been very useful and we are using them to develop outline plans.

What happens next?

We will take these outline plans back to consultees to see whether they fit in with their vision for the park and work with them to develop a detailed design.

We hope to share these outline plans with people during October, and then to work on the detailed plans from November.

A summary of the questionnaire results are below. If you would like to see the full results visit www.norwich.gov.uk or arrange to view a copy at City Hall by contacting the green spaces team on 0844 980 3333 or by emailing greenspaces@norwich.gov.uk

Questionnaire results: Respondents

No of responses 119
44% male/56% female

Under 11	4%
11-16	11%
17-25	4%
25-39	32%
40-54	26%
55-64	11%
65+	12%

Number wanting to be
involved in a friends
group*: 26

* Friends groups are made up of local people who represent the community. These groups work with the council to ensure that local people's view are taken into account when decisions are being made around the management of a local park or other open space.



Overall

The majority feel the park is bleak and the walkways are unattractive but do not want the park enclosed and feel it should remain unfenced.

Residents would like a welcoming entrance and to include more attractive and decorative surfaces but not to enclose the park.

Paths

The majority of respondents said it would be nice if paths allowed you to walk around the park, but also agree they go where they are needed.

Seating

The majority said benches attract drinkers but even more agreed that people need somewhere to sit and relax and benches should be provided and designed to try and discourage use by drinkers.

Landscape

The majority agree the planting is dull and lacks variety and that new planting should not create hidden areas. They would like more varied and attractive planting that attracts wildlife, to keep some roses and add a children's garden.

Residents like the existing mounds in the park.

Trees

Opinion regarding removal of trees was almost split in half, with a very narrow majority agreeing that some could be taken out so long as new ones are planted. However, when each answer box is looked at individually, a narrow majority 'strongly disagree' that trees can be taken out. The overwhelming majority would like as many trees as possible and have told us that where it is necessary to remove trees, which are for example diseased, they want these to be re-planted.

Dogs

The majority agree that dogs off the lead can cause conflict with other park users.

Cycles

Most agreed that acceptable routes should be indicated.

Young people

The majority of respondents agree that young people need a space in the park, but that a teenage shelter would attract drinkers. The majority agree that a space for young people should be designed to discourage antisocial behaviour. Activity equipment for young people should be installed inside and outside the play area. Activities suitable for adults of all ages should also be provided.

The majority are in favour of more facilities for young people to use for sport and ball games and activity equipment such as a climbing wall. Overall there is agreement there could be somewhere to skate, use bikes, sit near the football pitch and better lighting near the games area. Opinion over installing a teenage shelter is split with a narrow majority in favour but a relatively high number who 'strongly disagree'.

The majority agree the city council should work with young people to design a multi-use teens area. They are also in favour of including an area suitable for roller blading/skating, model cars, street skating, wheelchair football and parkour, but there is also a relatively high number who would not like to see facilities for model cars and street skating.



Sports facilities

Opinion is divided over whether noise disturbs people living next to the park but the majority are in favour of reducing noise as well as improving drainage, not keeping the rebound wall (with one or two asking if it can be moved) and the provision of extra facilities. The majority agree the existing pitch cannot meet demand and are equally in favour of climbing/ bouldering, fitness trail, outdoor gym. Some reservations have been expressed about the safety of climbing.

Play

Most respondents said they would prefer to keep one big space for toddlers and juniors together. More benches are wanted in the play area. Most people said they were in favour of providing a safe environment for children to explore outside the play area. An overwhelming majority agreed the council should work with children to design a modern play area.

Most people were in favour of water play and music and sound, although there were some who disagreed. Overall, the majority are in favour of statues, boulders and trees for climbing. With the majority in favour of child sized picnic tables, although there were some who disagreed.

Toilets

The majority agree toilets are needed for children and young people but that the existing facilities are grim and attract antisocial behaviour. The most popular solution suggested was to provide new toilets for adults and children.

Theme

A narrow majority do not want a theme for the park (31). Of those who do (this represents 26 people), 13 wanted a theme to do with nature.

Needs not met

Rough surface in play area not suitable for little children.

No disabled toilets.

For partially sighted too many trip hazards and need a circular walk.

Fenced space for dogs off the lead.

Area for dogs on the lead.

Car parking.

Wheelchair access to games area.

Toddler friendly activities sand and soft surface.

Shade

For full results of survey please visit www.norwich.gov.uk



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