

LONG ASHTON SKATEPARK SURVEY REPORT

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Summary

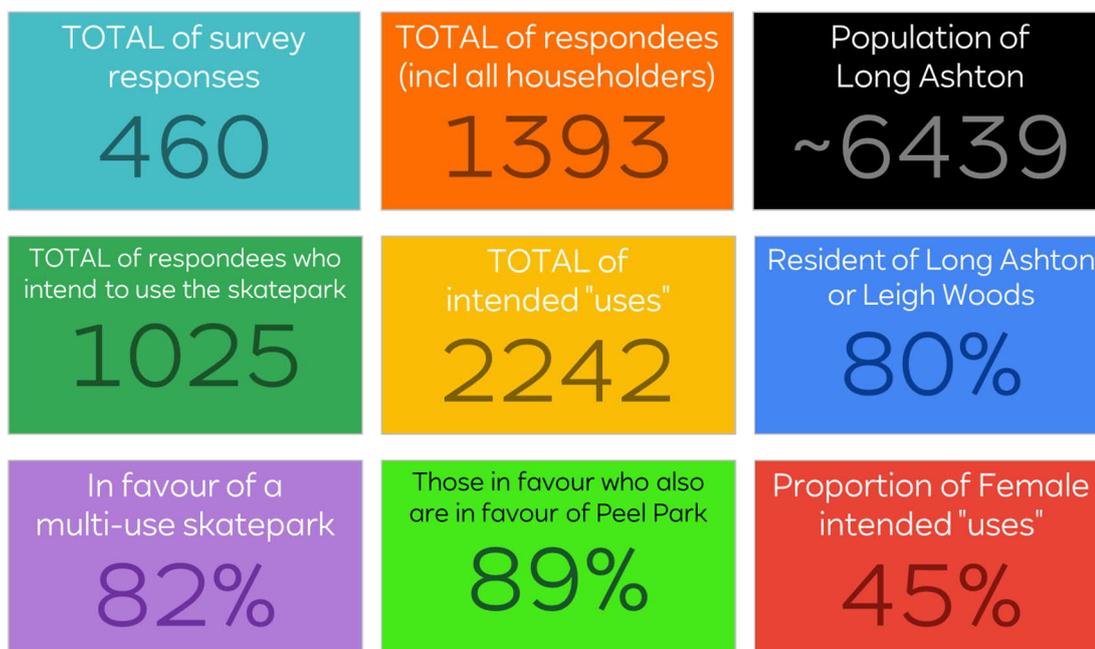
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1. Introduction

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The survey was communicated through social media and made available for online access. A hard copy of the survey was also made available through the Autumn village newsletter. The survey was structured to allow input for up to seven people within the household in addition to the person responding to the survey. This was used to get a good cross section of information from adults and children.

This report is prepared by the Skatepark Working Group to inform the Parish Council on the skatepark project with particular emphasis on the skatepark tender stage and further consultations on possible designs during 2021.

2. Survey Responses

The survey asked a number of questions on whether people were in favour of a skatepark, whether they would use a skatepark, location of skatepark and which activity they would use in a skatepark. An analysis of these questions can be found in section 3 of this report.

The level of response from the survey was as follows:

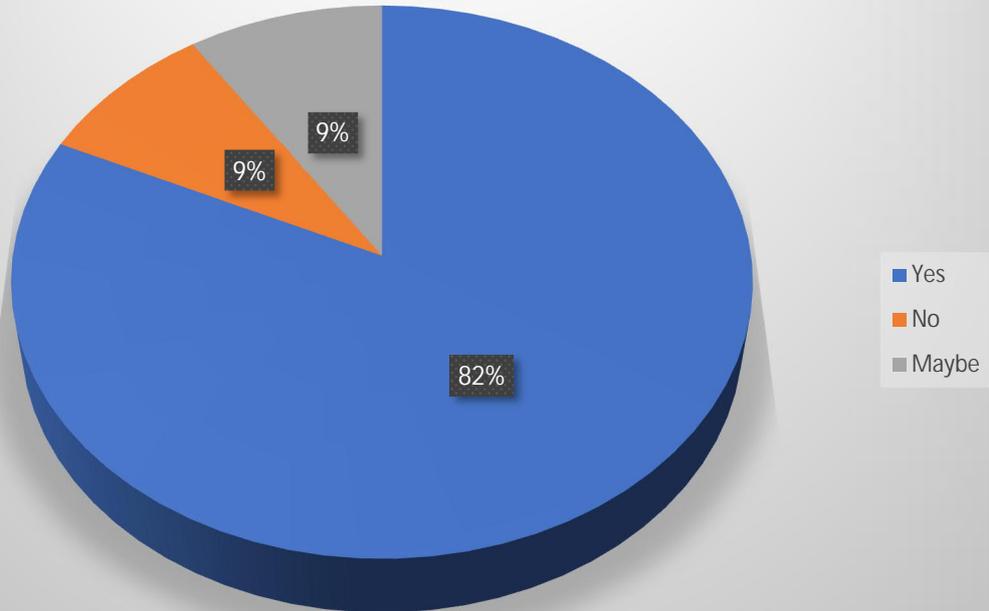
- A total of 460 completed surveys were received which incorporated responses from 1393 residents.
- Of those that completed the survey (458) 80.2% live in long Ashton with the balance of 19.8% living in neighbouring areas including Flax Bourton, Cambridge Batch, Backwell, Failland, Clifton, Hotwells. Nailsea, Barrow Gurney

3. Analysis

3.1 Are You in Favour of a Skatepark in Long Ashton

The survey asked 'are you in favour of a skatepark in Long Ashton'. 460 people responded to this question, and the outcome is shown in the figure below. 82% were in favour with 9% not in favour, with a further 9% saying maybe, ie depending on what was going to be built.

Are you in favour of a multi-use skatepark being constructed in Long Ashton?



3.2 Would You use a Skatepark

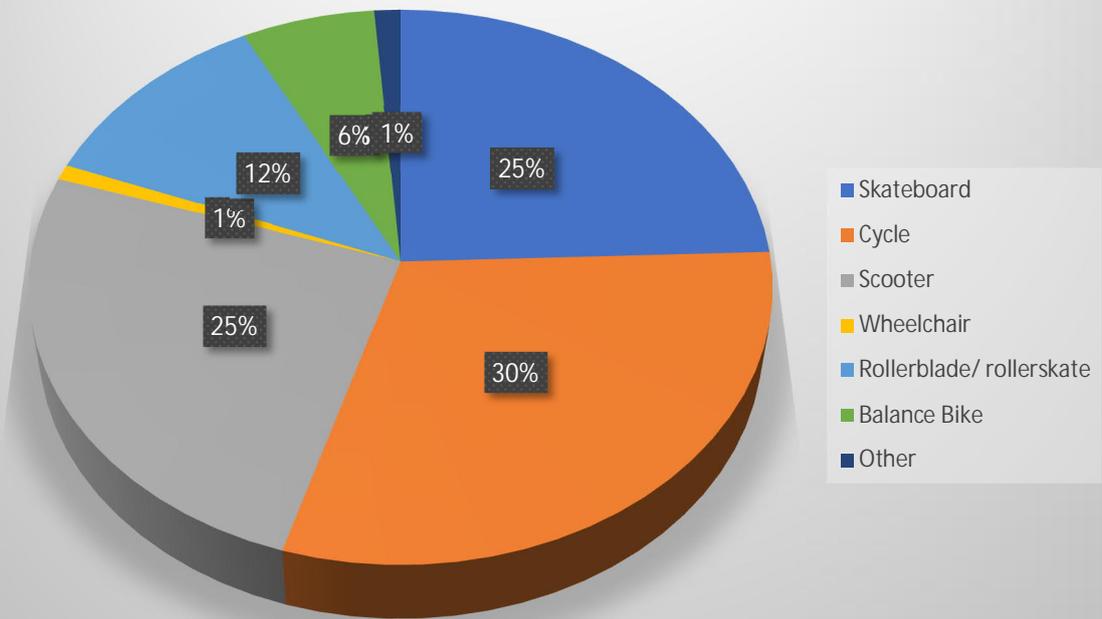
The survey asked 'would you use a skatepark in Long Ashton, this was asked to establish the likely numbers of users. The analysis showed that a total of 1025 people would plan to use the skatepark. The following section takes the analysis further to establish their preferences for activity.

3.3 Multi-Use

A total of 1025 people stated their preferences for activity within a Multi-use skatepark with many people saying they would want to conduct more than one activity – 2242 stated intended “uses” in total.

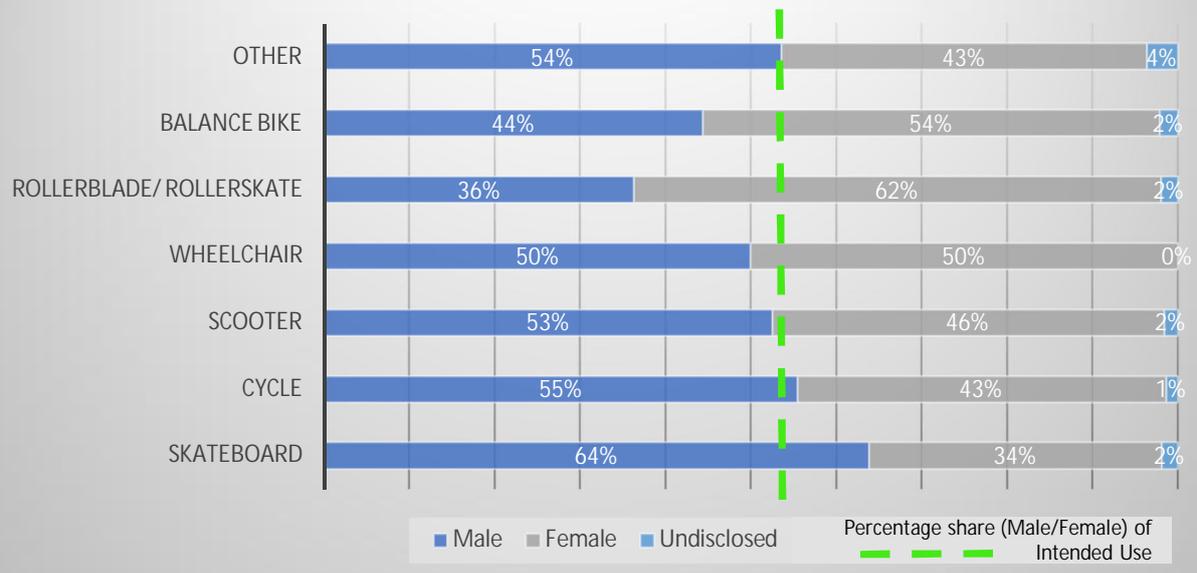
The figure below shows the outcome of the question 'what activity(ies) would you do at the multi-use skatepark. It should be noted that many people identified that they would do a number of activities at the skatepark

What activity(s) would you do at the multi-use skatepark? Tick as many as appropriate:



The data was also analysed to establish how the multi-use activity was split across the sexes. This is shown in the table below. This should be read noting that 53.8% of responses were from males and 44.6% were from females. In particular this shows a male bias towards skateboarding and a female bias towards roller blades/skates with other activities broadly in line with the male/female split on respondees.

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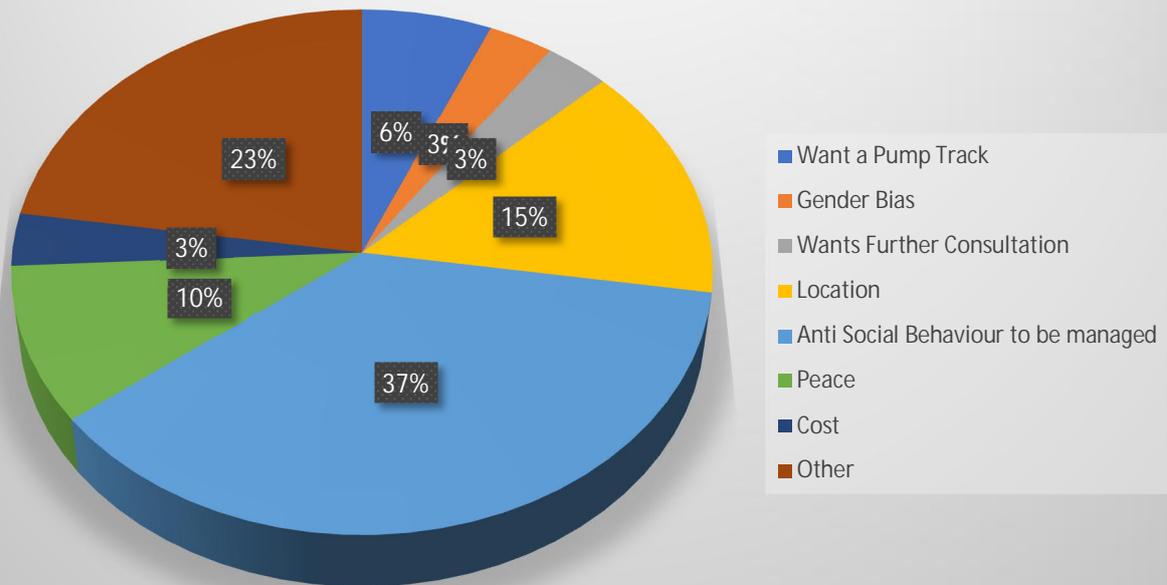
What activity(s) would you do at the multi-use skatepark? Tick as many as appropriate:	Total #	Male		Female		Undisclosed		Total %
		#	%	#	%	#	%	
Skateboard	548	350	64%	188	34%	10	2%	24%
Cycle	678	376	55%	293	43%	9	1%	30%
Scooter	567	298	53%	260	46%	9	2%	25%
Wheelchair	20	10	50%	10	50%	0	0%	1%
Rollerblade/ rollerskate	259	94	36%	160	62%	5	2%	12%
Balance Bike	142	63	44%	76	54%	3	2%	6%
Other	28	15	54%	12	43%	1	4%	1%
TOTAL of intended "uses"	2242	1206	54%	999	45%	37	2%	

3.3 Observation on the Skatepark

Recognising that skateparks aren't for everyone, and some would have concerns around how the skatepark would integrate with other activities in Peel Park, the survey asked people to register their concerns.

The chart below summarises the responses received. A range of responses were received from 62 people, the single largest category being concerns around possible anti-social behaviour. The information received will be used to inform the Parish Council on future decisions including the design and how to mitigate concerns such as anti-social behaviour and noise.

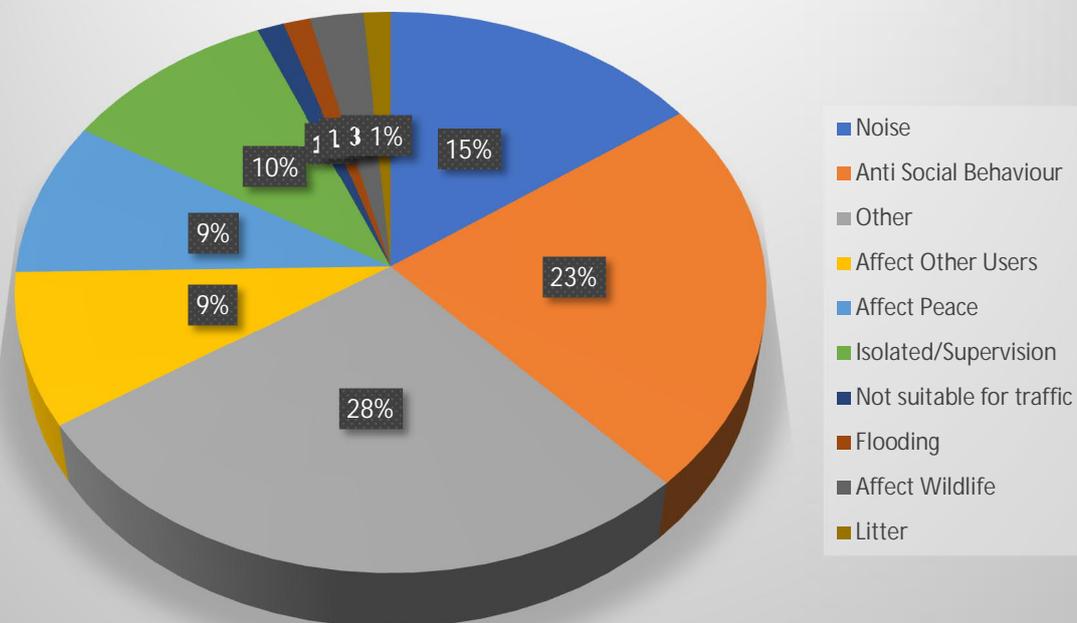
If you are NOT in favour of a multi-use skatepark being constructed in Long Ashton, please say why:



3,4 Are you in favour of the Peel Park Location

The survey asked if people were in favour of the Peel Park location. This was asked of all respondees. The results of this are shown in the figure below. This showed a number of concerns being raised including anti-social behaviour and integration of the skatepark in Peel Park. These will be further reviewed and used to inform decisions around the site design.

If you are NOT in favour of the location selected, that being the northeast end of Peel Park, please say why:



It was recognised that the information above included all comments received on the site from those in support of the skatepark, those not in support and those in the maybe category. It might be reasonable to assume that those that are not in favour of a skatepark in Long Ashton are also not in favour of Peel Park. This was tested with the data and the correlation was confirmed.

An analysis was also carried out to identify the percentage of those favour of the site compared to those favouring a skatepark in Long Ashton. This showed that 89% of those favouring a skatepark were in favour of the preferred site in Peel Park

3.5 Fundraising

Many ideas were put forward on fundraising ideas. These are being reviewed and will be used to inform the fundraising plan currently being prepared.

4. Next Steps

The results of the survey will be shared with residents through social media.

Data on the users intentions will be used to inform the skatepark tender pack and subsequent discussions with the selected skatepark designer. The make-up of the users provide valuable information which can be used for fundraising events.

5. Conclusions

The survey achieved a wide reach of people with information received from approx. 1,400 residents, 80% of whom live in the village and the remainder in neighbouring villages.

The data was also analysed to establish how the multi-use activity was split across the sexes, noting that of those stating an intent to use the skatepark that 53.8% of responses were from males and 44.6% were from females. The data has been analysed to identify those activities where there is a male or a female bias, eg roller blades/skate has a bias towards female use.

The survey identified that 82% of people were in favour of a skatepark in Long Ashton, and of those in favour 89% were also in favour of the location in Peel Park.

The survey sought people's views on their concerns around a skatepark including around the Peel Park site. A range of responses were received, the single largest category being concerns around possible anti-social behaviour. The information received will be used to inform the Parish Council on future decisions including the design and how to mitigate concerns such as anti-social behaviour and noise.

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