

Lingfield Road Recreation Ground

Consultation July 2010

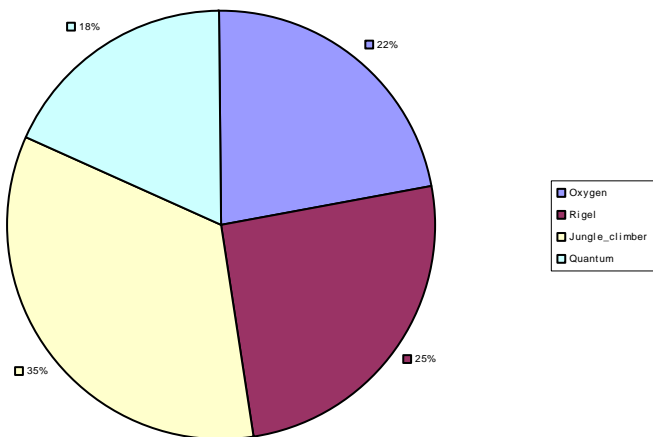
Survey from 1st July 2010 to 31st July 2010

Included online survey, ballot box survey, local school surveys (under 12's) and letter drops

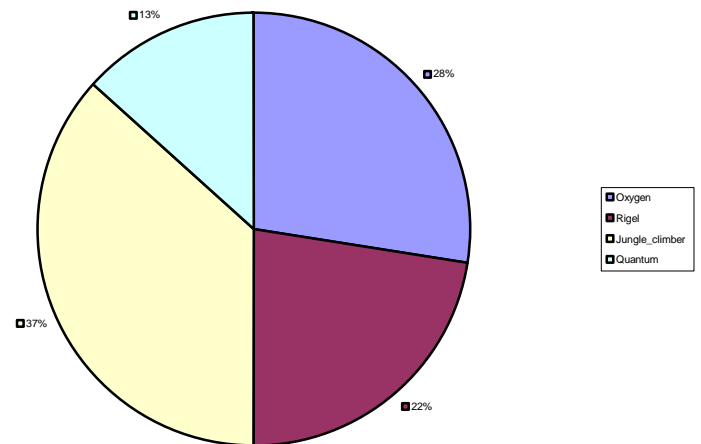
Total surveys completed and returned 84 (45 under 12's/ 1 teenager/ 38 adults)

Equipment Choice Results

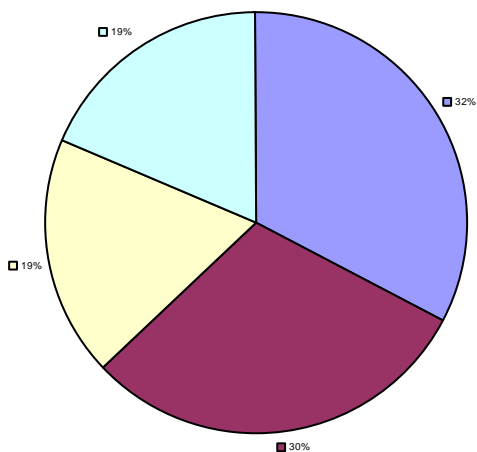
Climbing Equipment - Adult Survey Results



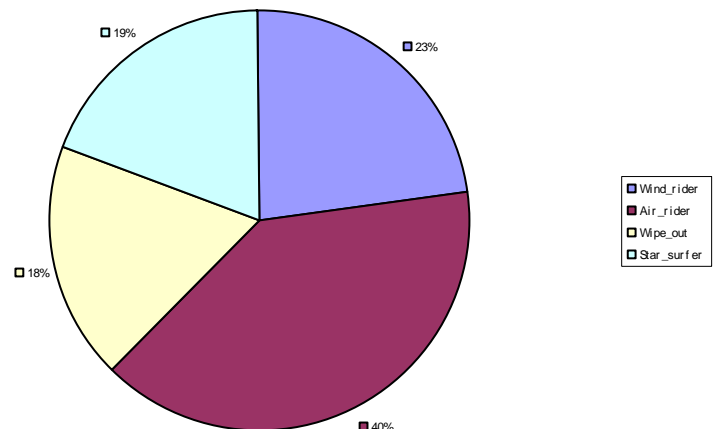
Climbing Equipment - Childrens Survey Results



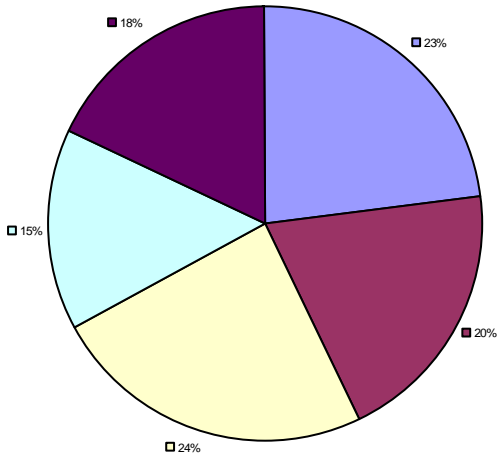
Balancing Equipment - Adult Survey Results



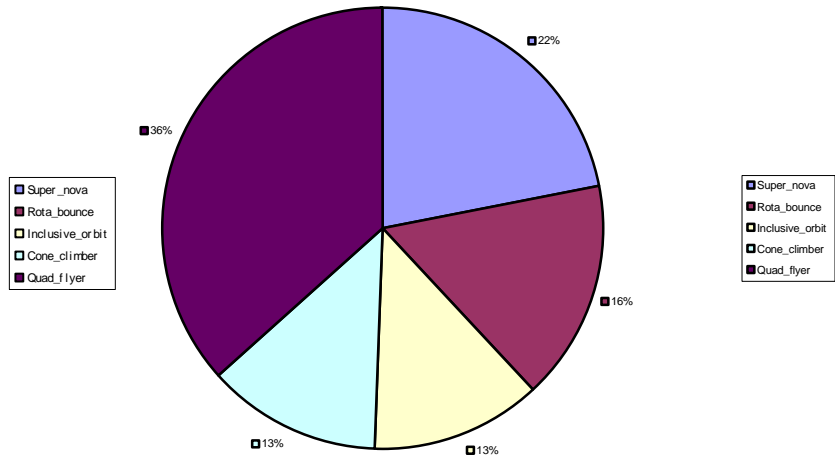
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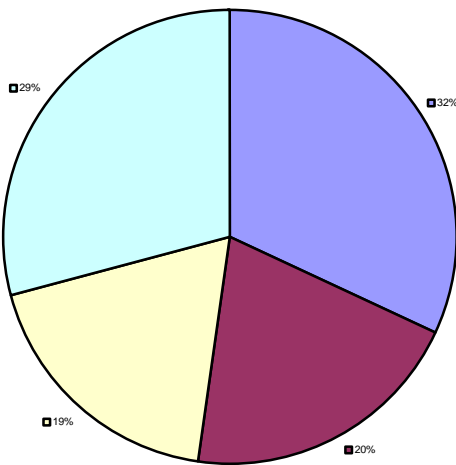
Rotating Equipment - Adult Survey Results



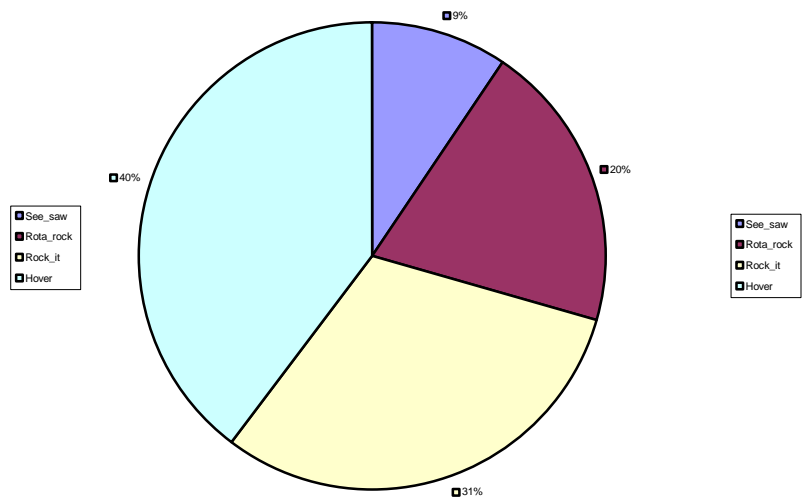
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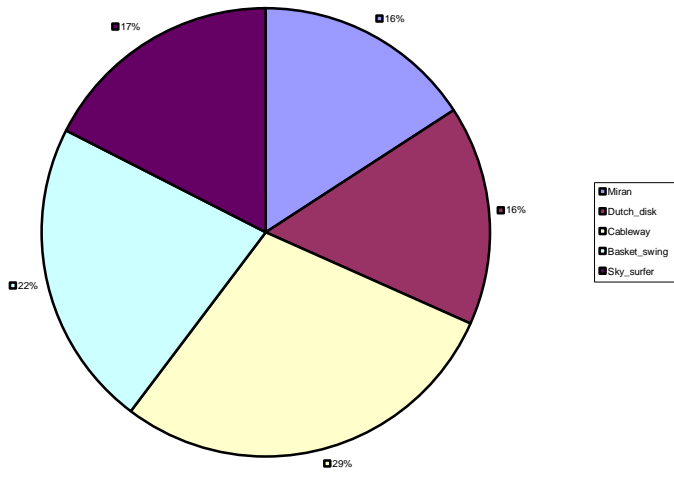
Rocking Equipment - Adult Survey Results



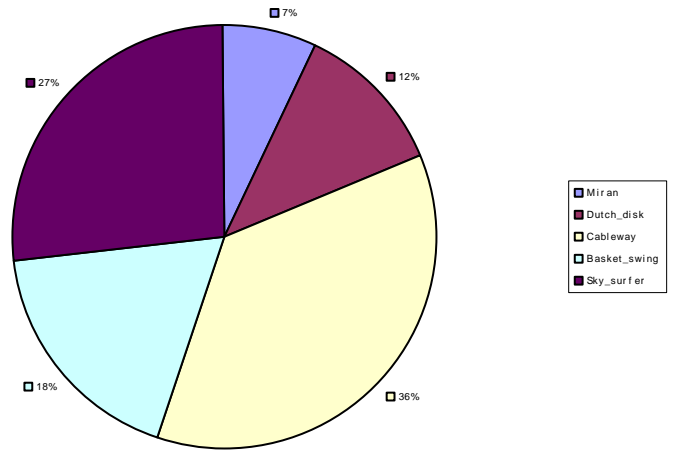
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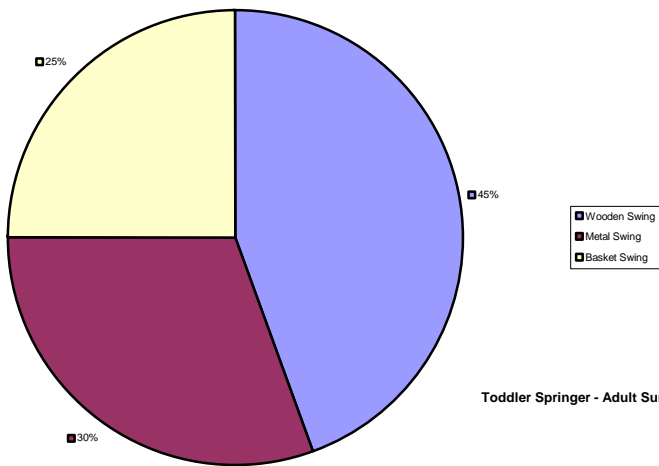
Stand Alone Equipment - Adult Survey Results



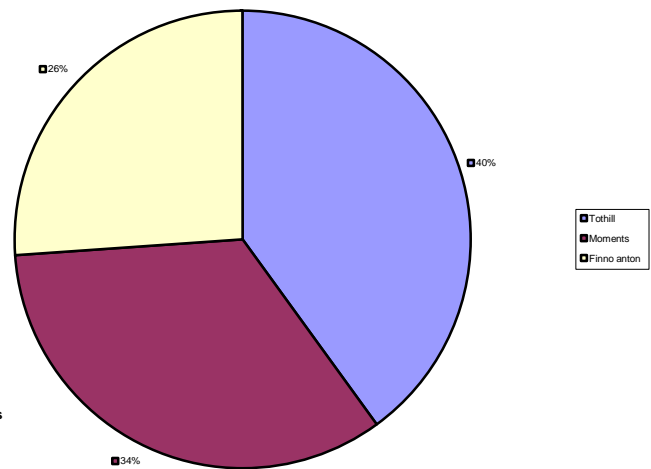
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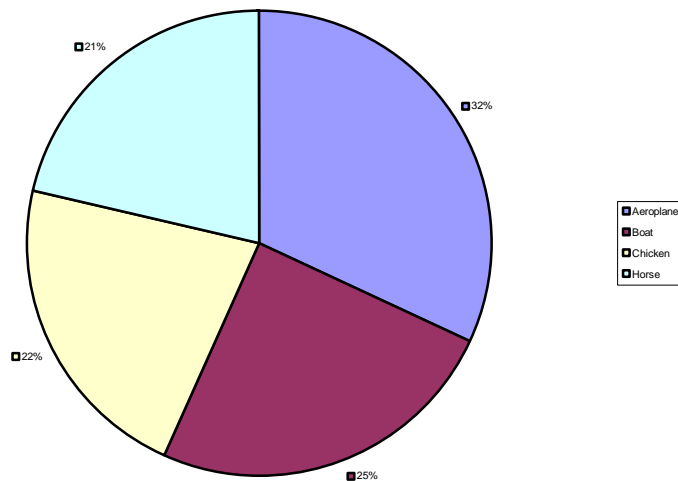
Toddler Swing - Adult Survey



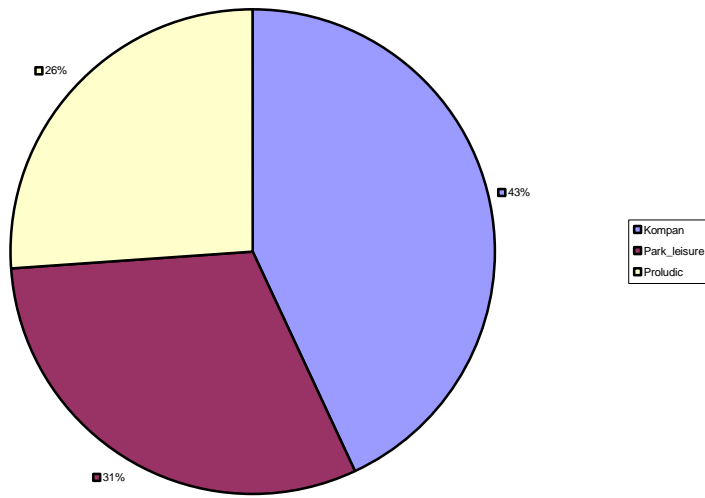
Toddler Play Unit - Adult Survey Results



Toddler Springer - Adult Survey Results



Fitness Equipment - Adult Survey Results



Results Table

Climbing =	1st Jungle Climber 1st Jungle Climber	34% Adults Votes 37% Under 12's Votes
Balancing =	1st Windrider 1st Air Rider	33% Adults Votes 39% Under 12's Votes
Rotating =	1st Inclusive Orbit 1st Quad Flyer	24% Adults Votes 37% Under 12's Votes
Rocking =	1st See Saw 1st Hover	32% Adults Votes 40% Under 12's Votes
Stand Alone =	1st Cableway 1st Cableway	28% Adults Votes 36% Under 12's Votes
Fitness Range =	1st Kompan	43% Adults Votes 38% Under 12's Votes
Toddler Swing =	1st Wooden	44% Adults Votes
Toddler Unit =	1st Tothill	40% Adults Votes
T. Springer =	1st Aeroplane	32% Adults Votes

Consultation Comments (main points raised)

**Numerous Requests*

THE PLAYGROUND

- * Fencing needed around the playground, particularly if there is to be a toddler area
- Can it be aimed more at under 10's and in particular under 5's rather than 8 –13yr olds
- Excellent idea to cater for older children
- * Lots more swings (all ages can benefit, even parents)
- Equipment that can be used by a child who is wheelchair bound/ walking problems.
- * Splitting up play area into areas for small children and older children.
- More adventurous equipment for younger children.
- Shelter needed against bad weather/ shade for hot days
- * More seating (particularly picnic benches) – numerous requests for this
- A really tall slide
- Trampoline built into the ground
- Themed play equipment
- Performance stage and musical instruments
- Play house/ tree house
- Mini rock climbing wall
- Interactive playground facilities

THE POND

- Love the pond idea and planting up everywhere.
- Leave the space as it is so there is more room for football.
- Having a pond is a safety hazard (would need to be fenced)
- A pond and bog garden will encourage mosquitoes and rubbish.

THE PERFORMANCE AREA & SEATING

- Encourage older children away from the playground allowing younger children to feel safer.
- Will attract youths who will not use the site in an acceptable way.
- Feel that it may be unused

THE EXTRA PATH LINKS

- Why is there a need for extra paths?

OTHER COMMENTS

- More facilities for over thirteen's in addition to the fitness facility e.g. a basketball hoop (basketball also suggested by Halsford Park students 9-10yrs)
- Sand pit
- Paddling pool/ Splash pads
- Activities such as swing ball
- Lighting needed so that the play areas and fitness can be utilised in the winter in the evening.
- Public toilets
- Securing the area around the drainage ditch
- *Goals with nets & marked pitches
- *Keeping seats away from residential properties as they attract older youths after hours.
- Don't see the purpose of a new footpath to the south of the site.
- Police and park warden presence needs to be considered.

Some of the comments we have received from local residents: -

'I love your plans for our recreation ground!!! I am mother to a four year old and a two year old. I spend around 2 hours in the park almost every day.'

Parent/ Guardian

'Where is the common sense in these plans and who are the people who clearly do not have young children's interest at heart'

Grandparent

'I think the master plan is great in the sense it caters for all age ranges, however I am concerned that the play areas particularly the toddler area is not showing as being fenced in bearing in mind there are roads either side of the park, there is a pond in the master plan and dogs are taken there for exercising.'

Parent/ Guardian

I have a disabled son who is 4 years old. He is a wheel chair user and because I have a 2 year old as well I am limited as to how far I can go on my own so the playground which is situated across the road from me is vitally important. I really need some accessible equipment for my son.

Parent/ Guardian

The plans look fantastic - a real transformation from a traditional piece of communal land. It appears that the plans will not enclose the playground and I think this is a positive step. The meeting place will be popular for the older children who currently congregate on the playground and put off the little ones from using it.

Parent/ Guardian

'It is essential that the toddler play area is fenced off otherwise they will wander off towards the road. It is also essential that the pond be fenced off otherwise there is a real risk that a toddler will fall in and drown.'

Parent/ Guardian

'I would not be able to use this park if the fencing was not there'

Childminder

How marvellous you are updating such a neglected park! I think the design looks really good and can't wait to see it done. The only thing I would like to see as the mother of an adventurous toddler is a good provision of slightly more challenging play equipment for the younger child.

Parent/ Guardian

'I like the design, but apart from the fitness equipment, there is nothing for children/teenagers above 13. Is there anything that could be done for them? For example, a basket ball hoop?'

Neighbour

'This all looks great. My suggestions are to have public toilets (quite essential as the nearest ones are quite a distance away) and wire fencing, at least around the toddler area, to keep dogs out. Also a splash park would be brilliant, where there are sensors to be activated.'

Parent/ Guardian

We have enough trouble from youths collecting with their cars and motorbikes on the road outside our house during the evenings and into the night, drinking, smoking (not normal cigarettes) dropping litter, doing wheel spins and emergency stops. To give them a seating area for them to congregate at and encourage even more youths to this grass area who are not interested in using it in an acceptable way is not what we want.'

Neighbour

I think the playground is well used by all ages. The field definitely needs draining and I am sure will be an improvement. The play equipment looks fun but I do not feel optimistic about it being maintained. The pond is a step too far it will be much preferred by the jobs as a dumping ground for their cans. The bog garden is idyllic though excellent for mud pies. As it is the council does not have the money or inclination to maintain the field properly, we will have to see what happens to the mound.

Neighbour

Some of the comments we have received from local children: -

'I think the playground should be themed around a specific topic, e.g. aliens or the future. There should definitely be more swings. Maybe you could add a small shallow pool for those hot summer days, Benches! There should be more of them.'

Imberhorne Lower Schools Student, 11yrs old

'I like some of the ideas but feel it may be a little cramped for the space and there maybe quite a lot of naked ground. And the performance area may be unused. I do like the idea of splitting up the playgrounds.'

Imberhorne Lower Schools Student, 12yrs old

A really tall slide that is a bit steeper than a normal slide. A little stage so people can pretend to perform and some musical instruments by the stage. A little house or tree house?

Halsford Park Primary School Student, 10yrs old

Have a circle and have 5 tyre swings around the edge and you all swing to the middle without hitting each other.

Imberhorne Lower Schools Student, 12yrs old

'In the current park lots of people play football and use the field, I think it will be more use having no pond and more room for football.'

Teenager (13 – 18yrs old)

Recent article in the East Grinstead Courier: -

<http://www.thisissussex.co.uk/eastgrinstead/Anger-playground-plan/article-2479651-detail/article.html>

One response to article:

In response to an article in the East Grinstead Observer this week. Ms. Sharman has protested against the lack of fencing in the master plan. I agree there should be fencing of the play area. However I strongly disagree with her comments on excluding teenagers/older children from the area!!! I also want to reiterate that I think the pond is a great idea - and so does everyone I have spoken to about it! I also meant to mention that we would all love some sort of water play facility. Be it a shallow paddling pool or the spray jets that are available...

Parent