

## Report of first stage of public consultation

The first stage of the public consultation deliberately avoided suggesting or implying any preferred options. This resulted in limited feedback from members of the public, which is reproduced in full below (edited for clarity):

Received on 23 May 2023:

*I have just moved to Gilberdyke and noted the extension to the park and I would like to suggest that outdoor gym equipment be fitted. I'm previously from rural Lincolnshire and it was the best thing we did in the village. It kept the bored teenagers happy and also kept the elderly happy. It even brought these two groups together and community feeling improved dramatically.*

Received on 5 June 2023:

*Could the introduction of outdoor table tennis tables be considered? I have seen concrete and other such tables prove successful in other recreation areas. The only other suggestion I keep hearing is for outdoor fitness equipment for youths/adults.*

Received on 25 June 2023:

*We often come to the park and the one thing which would encourage people to stay longer would be toilet access. We also think a skate park and netball hoop would be great for older children.*

Received on 26 June 2023:

*As the parents of a five-year-old and a two-year-old, we are delighted that the council is planning to revamp the play areas and hope that our children will be able to benefit from this for years to come. In the 6-12 area, we would be keen for the zip line to stay in place as our daughter loves it. I don't think the rest of the equipment would be particularly missed if it were to be removed. Maybe the priorities should be new traditional swings and more/replacement climbing equipment. In the proposed 13+ area, the older children should lead the way on the equipment they want. Maybe some kind of skate park if the budget can stretch to that. We also think it would be a good idea to remove the existing shelters as they are not particularly appealing and they appear to be a magnet for anti-social behaviour.*

Fiona Rainforth, the Parish Council's Youth Project Lead, also obtained feedback throughout the duration of the first stage of public consultation:

*I have been out every week and spoken to many of the young people. Their ages have ranged from 9 to 19. Firstly I asked them if they liked the park area. Over 90% agreed that it was great to have a park, but it was noticeable that the older ones were apathetic.*

*I asked them if they would like to see changes and most agreed, with ideas ranging from skate parks to more moving rides. A lot of the young people want a 3G pitch or MUGA, and many suggested a basketball area.*

*When asked about the current Youth Shelters, overwhelmingly they wanted some form of seating area. However the split was 50/50 between pulling the existing structures down and providing a new seating area, and those who wanted the seating area refurbished. I am happy to fundraise for either outcome. However I have looked at the shelters many times and they not only seem rusty, shabby and worn out, but they are uncomfortable and cold, offering little protection from the elements.*

*When asked the generic question, "What do you want?", the answer that came up the most was a proper football pitch. When I asked their preference if that was not possible then their response was that they wanted a permanent goal.*