

Redan Hill Gardens play area

Consultation report

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Consultation report by Policy and Communications

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Purpose of the consultation

Rushmoor Borough Council plans to replace the Redan Hill Gardens playground, with a new updated facility, and invited the views of users of the playground and local residents. Funding for the renewal of playgrounds comes from contributions collected from local developers who are building homes in Aldershot and Farnborough. A budget of £150,000 has been secured for Redan Hill Gardens playground, with the aim of completion by Summer 2023.

Method

A poster (Appendix A) was placed on site inviting visitors to complete the survey and the online survey (Appendix B) was also advertised through the council's social media channels. Paper copies of the survey were available on request.

The survey ran from 12 December 2022 until the 28 February 2023

Response rate

In total 131 respondents completed the online survey (no one requested a paper copy). The response rate was lower than last playground survey, which was for Blunden Road playground in 2020, which received 304 responses. However, the surveys were carried out at different times of the year, the Blunden Road survey was carried out in the summer whereas this survey was carried out in winter. This may have affected the number of visitors to the playground where the posters were located. Additionally, consultation was carried out with users of Blunden Hall which may also have increased the response rate.

70 respondents left email addresses to be involved and kept up to date on the development of the playground.

Consultation results

Summary

The majority of respondents did have children or grandchildren who use the playground (90.6%).

Respondents preferred age group for the new play equipment was 5-7 years (81.9%).

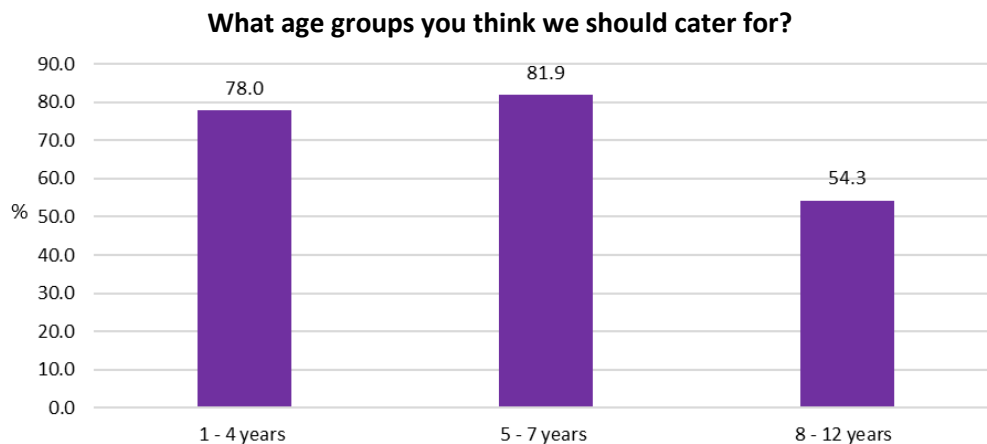
The most important play features, for the park, excluding swinging, sliding and climbing (these are considered essential and will be incorporated within the design) was play

structures. The second most important play feature was balancing/agility. The third most important play feature was spinning/rotating.

Detailed Responses

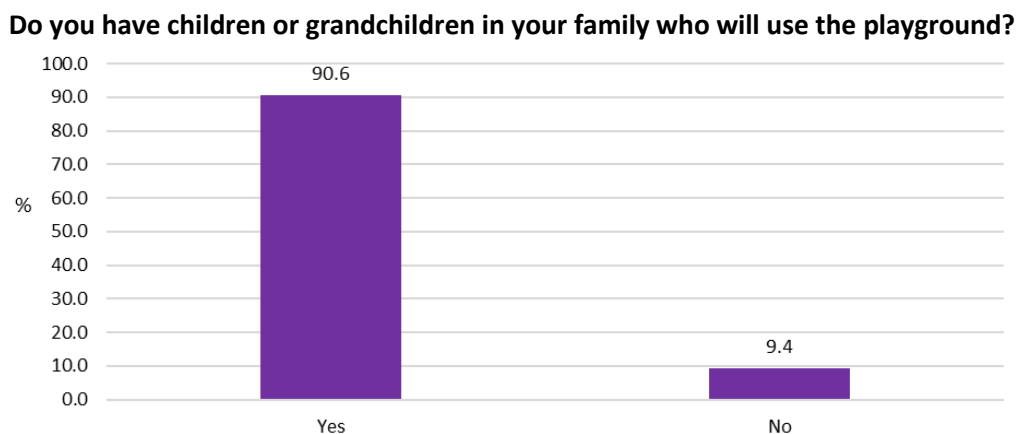
Question 1 - We want to make sure we provide the right facilities to meet local need. To help us, please tell us the age groups you think we should cater for.

In total 127 respondents completed question 1. Overall, the highest percentage was for the 5-7 year age group, 104 respondents thought this was the right age (81.9%). The 1-4 year age group was second with 78.0% (99 respondents).



Question 2 - Do you have children or grandchildren in your family who will use the playground?

In total 128 respondents completed this question and 116 respondents answered yes (90.6%).



Question 3 – Of the following play features please rank in order of importance. Please rank between 1 – 8 with 1 being your favourite.

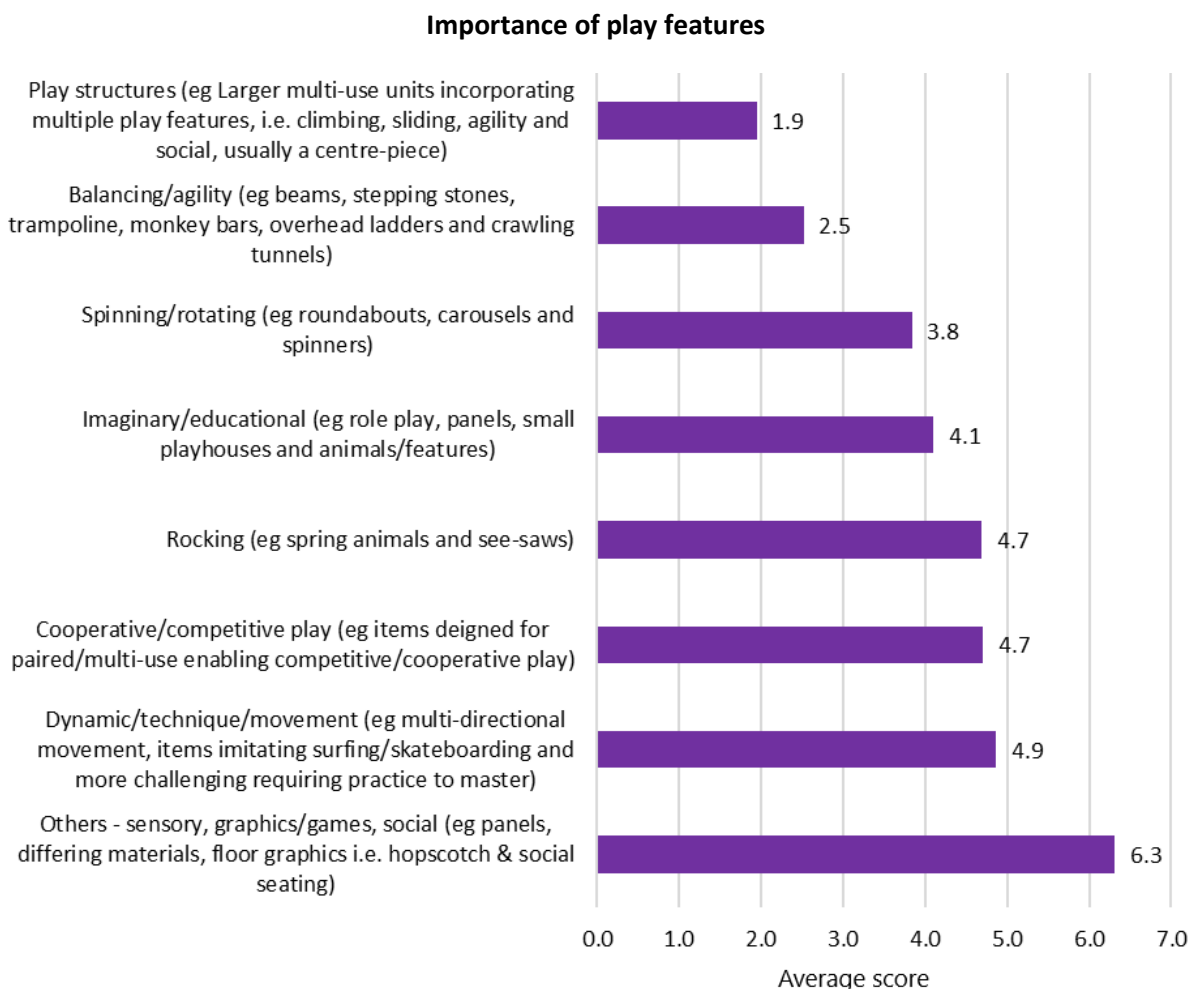
This question asked respondents to rank 8 play features in order of importance. Not included, in the list, were swinging (e.g. all types of swings, including basket swings), sliding (e.g. chutes and slides) and climbing (e.g. net climbers, climbing walls and climbing units), as they are considered essential and will be incorporated within the design.

In total 131 respondents answered this question. The following chart shows the average rating for each play feature. With 1 being the respondents' favourite play feature, the lower the rating the more popular the play feature was.

The most important play feature was play structures (e.g. larger multi-use units incorporating multiple play features, i.e. climbing, sliding, agility and social, usually a centre-piece), in total 106 respondents had this in as their top three most important play features.

The second most important play feature was Balancing/agility (e.g. beams, stepping stones, trampoline, monkey bars, overhead ladders and crawling tunnels), in total 82 respondents had this in their top three most important play features.

The third most important play feature was Spinning/rotating (e.g. roundabouts, carousels and spinners), in total 51 respondents had this in their top three most important play features.




Appendix A – copy of the poster

PROPOSED UPGRADING OF

Redan Hill playground

Public consultation - **what would you like to see?**



The old playground

We will be replacing this playground with a new updated facility

If you would like to give your views, please go to:
www.rushmoor.gov.uk/currentconsultations
to complete the short online survey.
This will take about five minutes.

If you would prefer a printed copy, please call 01252 398 399.

The closing date for responses is
Tuesday 28 February.

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Appendix B – copy of the online survey



Redan Hill Gardens play area

Introduction

Good news! We are replacing the Redan Hill Gardens playground with a new, updated facility. The current equipment is old, and some items are nearing the end of their useful life and have limited play value.

As the playground is popular with families and groups we would like to hear your views about what we could do at the site.

Funding for the renewal of playgrounds comes from contributions collected from local developers who are building homes in Aldershot and Farnborough. We have secured a budget of £150,000 for this project so we can completely refurbish the playground. We aim to have it built by the Summer of 2023.

We welcome your views and these will help shape the final design of the playground. We will also be consulting with local schools.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes to complete, so thank you for your help!

Please make sure you give us your views by midday Tuesday 28 February.

To view our consultation survey privacy notice please visit www.rushmoor.gov.uk/consultationprivacynotice



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1. We want to make sure we provide the right facilities to meet local need. To help us, please tell us the age groups you think we should cater for. (Please tick all that you think apply)

1 - 4 years

5 - 7 years

8 - 12 years

2. Do you have children/grandchildren in your family who will use the playground? (Please tick one)

Yes

No

With the available budget the following play activities are considered essential to be incorporated within the design:

Swinging (eg all types of swings including basket swings)

Sliding (eg chutes and slides)

Climbing (eg net climbers, climbing walls and climbing units)

3. Please rank the following play features in order of importance, with 1 being the most important and 8 the least. You can either select a number for each item or drag and drop the item into place (If you are using a mobile phone or tablet you may not be able to drag and drop the items into place, so please use the drop down to choose the number for each play feature).

⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Spinning/rotating (eg roundabouts, carousels and spinners)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Rocking (eg spring animals and see-saws)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Balancing/agility (eg beams, stepping stones, trampoline, monkey bars, overhead ladders and crawling tunnels)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Dynamic/technique/movement (eg multi-directional movement, items imitating surfing/skateboarding and more challenging requiring practice to master)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Imaginary/educational (eg role play, panels, small playhouses and animals/features)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Play structures (eg Larger multi-use units incorporating multiple play features, i.e. climbing, sliding, agility and social, usually a centre-piece)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Cooperative/competitive play (eg items deigned for paired/multi-use enabling competitive/cooperative play)
⋮	⬆️⬇️⬆️	Others - sensory, graphics/games, social (eg panels, differing materials, floor graphics i.e. hopscotch & social seating)

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4. If you would like to be involved and kept up-to-date on this work, please provide your email address below (optional).

We will only use your email in order to continue to communicate with you about Redan Hill Gardens play area, including the proposed designs and inviting you to select your preferred choice. We will also email you about the opening of the playground and inform you of any other news relevant to the playground.

Thank you for completing our survey