

Appendix 1

Parks and Open Spaces Consultation ResultsBroxtowe Parks Standard

As part of its commitment to protect the 'Environment for the Future', the Corporate Plan emphasises the importance of ensuring that **all** parks and open spaces meet the Broxtowe Parks Standard. Having a uniform standard across all the sites is seen as a fair and positive way of improving the quality and visitor experience of the parks and open spaces.

The questions asked in the survey were as follows:

1. What is your overall impression of the park/open space?
2. How effective is the signage?
3. How would you rate the standard of cleanliness?
4. How clean is the site in terms of dog fouling?
5. How easy is it for you to get around? (for example, are there enough paths and in the right places)
6. How would you rate the standard of grass cutting?
7. How would you rate the play facilities provided? (Not applicable for Hemlockstone, as this site is a nature reserve)
8. How do the current facilities meet the needs of your activity on the park/open space?
9. How are issues with vandalism and anti-social behaviour dealt with?
10. Thinking about the approach to nature and wildlife, how would you rate this aspect of the park/open space management? (For example, tree planting, wildflowers)
11. How likely are you to visit the park again or recommend it to friends and family? (1 being very unlikely, 5 being very likely)

In 2024, the parks and open spaces consultation received 450 responses, which resulted in two spaces failing the parks standard. These were:

- Archers Field Recreation Ground, Stapleford
- Central Avenue Recreation Ground, Stapleford

Any failures from the previous year get carried over to the following year's consultation process; except for Central Avenue which will be included in the Park Standards Survey 2026 following some improvements onsite being carried out 25/26.

Throughout the summer of 2025, a consultation was undertaken to evaluate 20% of the parks and open spaces across the Borough (including Archers Field, Stapleford that failed the previous year).

The consultation process involved an online questionnaire, which received 263 responses. This is a 42% decrease on the previous year. (Figure 1)

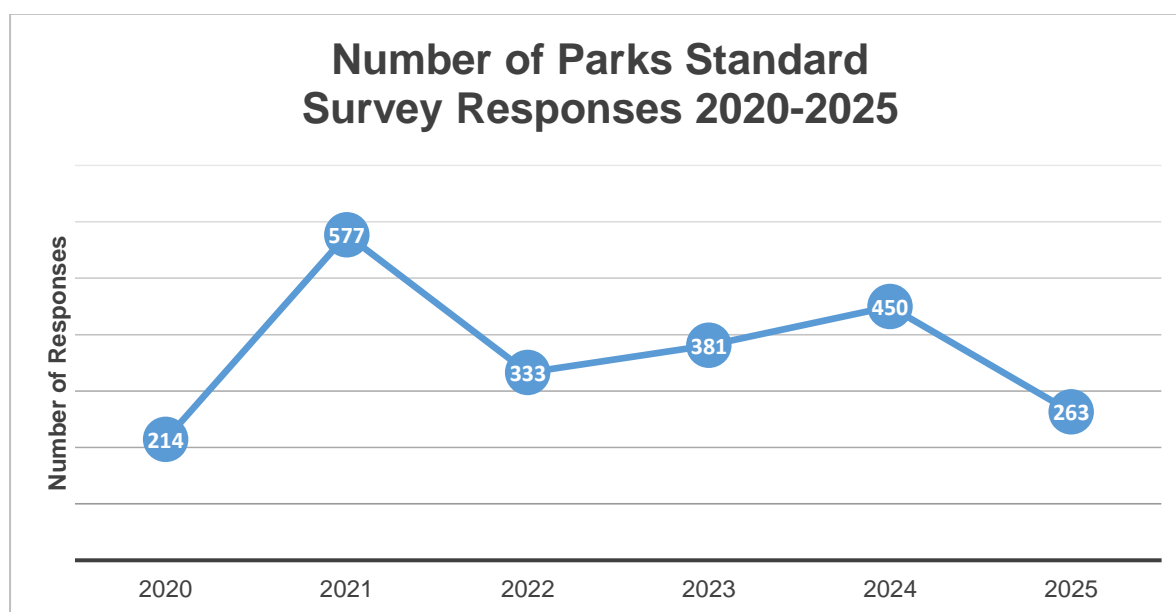


Figure 1: Park Standard survey responses.

Table 1 details the number of Council owned Park Standard fails for fair and above.

Year	Number of Council Park Standard fails
2020	1
2021	1
2022	2
2023	2
2024	2
2025	3

Table 1: Number of Council Park Standard fails by year for fair and above.

The survey was promoted on the Council's website, through social media and with posters displaying a QR code at all the participating parks and open spaces.

All sites are also inspected by officers from the Parks team to assess any concerns raised through the consultation process. This was to ensure that the scores achieved truly reflected the condition of each site.

It is not known why there has been such a significant decrease in the number of respondents to the Parks Standard survey this year. The methodologies used mirrored those of previous years, including online promotion via the Council's website, social media, and QR code posters at participating sites.

Officers are currently reviewing alternative approaches for the 2026 survey to help bolster response numbers. This will include exploring additional methods such as

distributing physical copies in community locations and refining the survey format to make it more accessible and engaging for residents.

Analysis of the 2025 Parks Standard Consultation

Twelve parks and open spaces sites were selected to be assessed from the 29 July to 1 September 2025.

The results from the survey are shown in table 2.

Area	Site Name	Number of responses	Fair and above (85% pass rate)	Good and above (45% pass rate)
Awsworth	The Lane*	4	76%	46%
Beeston	Broadgate Park	18	85%	59%
Bramcote	Bramcote Hills	63	96%	75%
Bramcote	Eastcote Avenue	23	80%	45%
Brinsley	Brinsley Recreation Ground*	8	74%	49%
Chilwell	Chetwynd Recreation Ground	16	93%	65%
Greasley	Colliers Wood	19	89%	63%
Eastwood	Jubilee Park	11	66%	30%
Giltbrook	Smithurst Open Space	50	92%	66%
Kimberley	Flixton Road	22	90%	55%
Stapleford	Archers Field	21	72%	47%
Stapleford	Judson Avenue	7	85%	46%

Table 2: Results from the 2025 Parks Standards Survey.

NB: Any cells highlighted in red denotes a failure.

* Denotes that it is owned by a Parish Council.

Parks and Open spaces failing to achieve less than 85% (Fair and above)

A total of three Broxtowe Borough Council owned parks and open spaces achieved less than 85% (Fair and above) along with two Parish Council owned parks and open spaces. These were:

Parish

- The Lane -Awsworth
- Brinsley Recreation Ground – Brinsley

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- Archers Field – Stapleford
- Eastcote Avenue – Bramcote

- Jubilee Park – Eastwood

Parks and Open spaces failing to achieve less than 45% (Good and above)

Jubilee Park - Eastwood

Analysis for sites failing to achieve the Parks Standard

The results of the 2025 Parks Standard consultation were disappointing overall, with only 263 responses received, a significant decrease from 450 in 2024. This represents one of the lowest levels of engagement for this annual consultation. To improve participation, the Council will review its approach to promotion and accessibility. This will include introducing physical copies of surveys in community locations such as libraries and schools and revising the survey questions to make them more concise and relevant. These changes were not implemented previously because the consultation process has historically followed a consistent format, but the low response rate this year has now highlighted the need for a refreshed approach.

The consultation identified three Broxtowe Borough Council parks and two Parish Council sites that failed to achieve the minimum standard (85% “Fair and above”).

It is important to note that Central Avenue, Stapleford, which failed last year, was inadvertently missed from this year’s consultation. This will be included in the 2026 Parks Standard survey.

Planned Improvements

Many of these failing sites have recently undergone or are scheduled for improvement works under the Pride in Parks programme, including new play equipment, path resurfacing, and biodiversity enhancements. The forthcoming Play and Parks Strategy refresh will take a broader approach, addressing not only play provision but also wider infrastructure such as paths, gates, seating, and accessibility. This strategy will go through public consultation, the Policy and Overview Working Group, and Cabinet, with adoption anticipated in autumn 2026.

Archers Field, Stapleford

The results for Archers Field are shown in Figure 2.

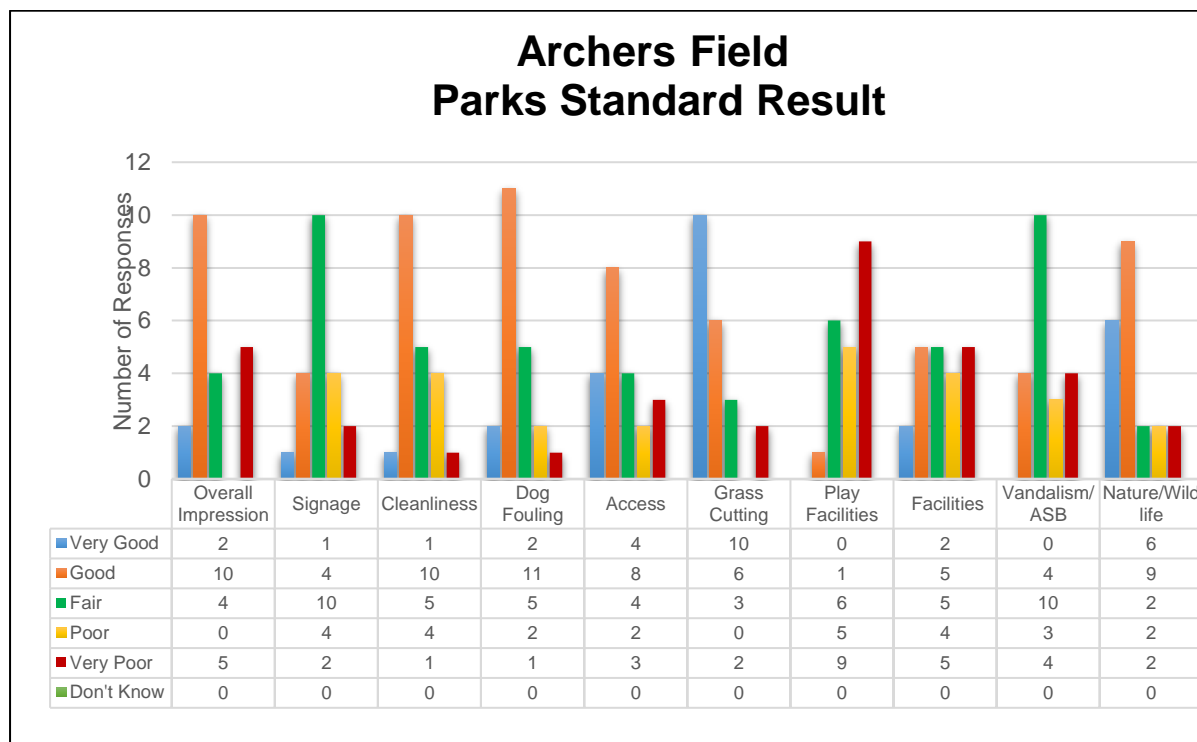


Figure 2: Archers Field, Stapleford Park Standard responses.

Archers Field received 21 responses across 10 survey themes, representing 8% of the overall response rate. While the site did not meet the Parks Standard overall, there are encouraging signs and opportunities for improvement.

Access and Grass Cutting scored strongly. This reflects recent investment in new tarmac paths, which has already improved accessibility for users.

Nature and Wildlife also scored well showing that the approach to biodiversity, such as tree planting is valued by the community.

Although play facilities and site facilities scored poorly, these results reinforce the need for targeted improvements. The forthcoming Play and Parks Strategy refresh will identify priorities for upgrading play equipment and seating, ensuring that future investment align with community needs.

Issues around anti-social behaviour and litter were highlighted, but these provide a clear focus for management interventions such as improved bin provision and increased environmental enforcement patrols.

Overall, while challenges remain, the positive feedback on accessibility, maintenance, and biodiversity demonstrates that recent works are making a difference. With the new strategy and prioritisation process, Archers Field is well placed to benefit from further enhancements that will improve play value, inclusivity, and overall visitor experience.

Jubilee Park, Eastwood

The results for Jubilee Park, Eastwood are shown in Figure 3.

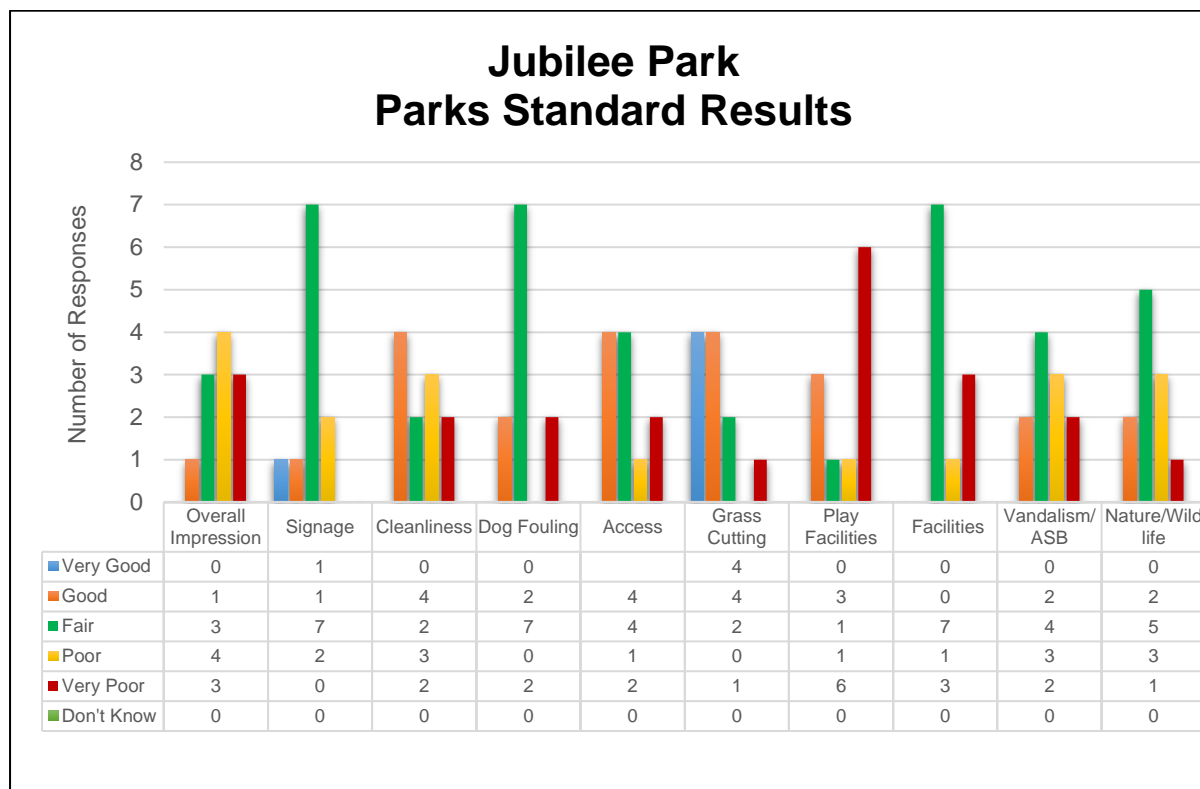


Figure 3: Jubilee Park, Park Standard responses

Jubilee Park attracted 11 responses across 10 survey themes, representing 4% of the overall consultation sample. While the site fell short of the Parks Standard, there are encouraging aspects and clear opportunities for improvement.

Maintenance indicators such as grass cutting and general access received a number of “Good” ratings, showing that the basics are being managed effectively. Feedback on cleanliness and dog fouling was mixed but included positive scores, suggesting that routine upkeep is broadly acceptable.

The lower scores for play facilities and site amenities highlight a need for investment, particularly in diversifying equipment for older children and improving seating. These priorities will be addressed through the Play and Parks Strategy refresh, which will set out a clear framework for upgrading play value and supporting infrastructure.

Nature and wildlife provision was rated modestly, but this is an area where improvements are already planned. The upcoming hedgerow planting will enhance biodiversity and create a more attractive environment for visitors. Combined with suggestions for gym equipment and wildlife-friendly areas, this feedback provides a strong steer for future enhancements.

While anti-social behaviour and litter remain concerns, these issues are being considered as part of wider management actions, including better bin provision and potential patrols.

In summary, Jubilee Park has a solid foundation in terms of maintenance and access, and with targeted improvements through the refreshed strategy, it can evolve into a more inclusive and engaging space for the community.

Eastcote Avenue – Bramcote

The results for Eastcote Avenue, Bramcote are shown in Figure 4.

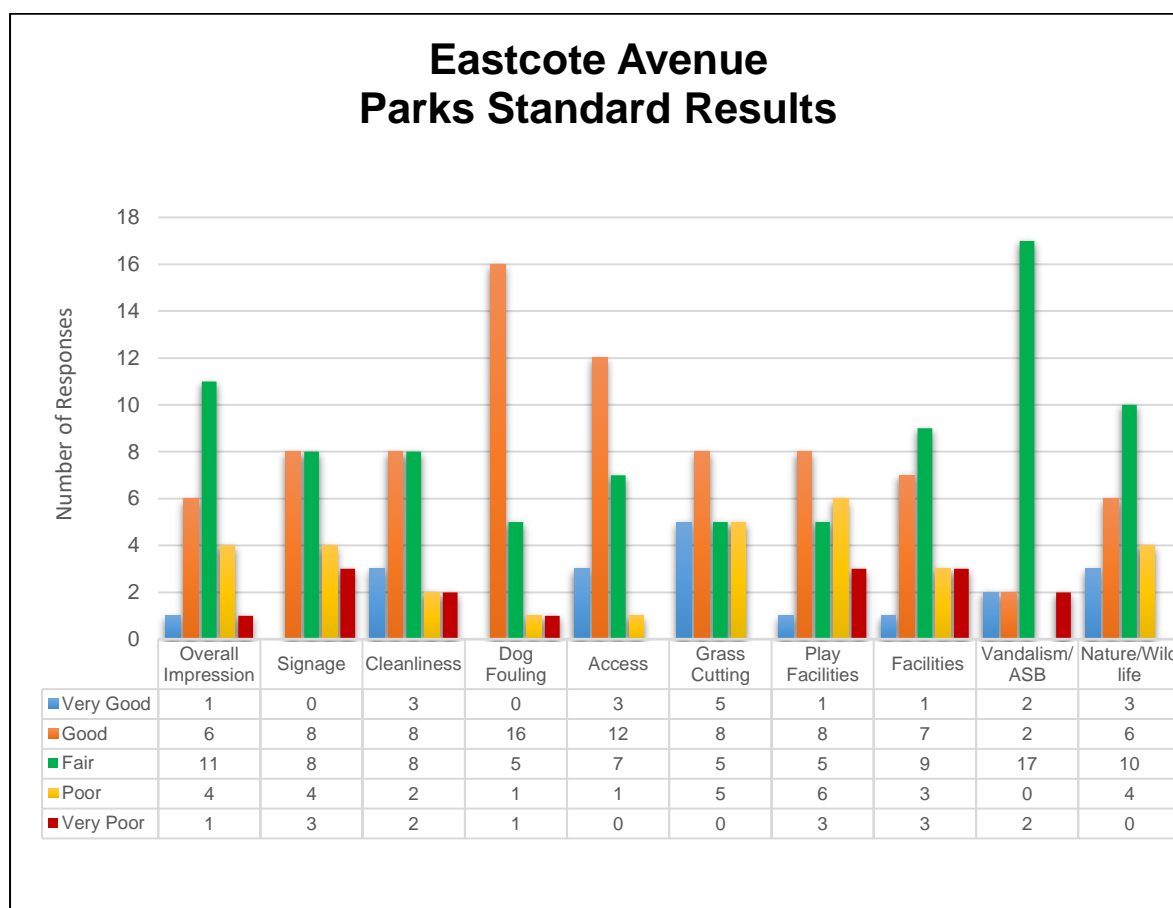


Figure 4: Eastcote Avenue, Park Standard responses

Eastcote Avenue received 23 responses across 10 survey themes, representing 9% of the overall consultation sample. While the site did not meet the Parks Standard overall, the feedback provides a clear direction for improvement and highlights some encouraging aspects.

Signage and dog fouling scored particularly well, suggesting that basic site management and visibility are strong points. Similarly, grass cutting and access attracted positive responses, indicating that routine maintenance is generally effective.

The lower scores for play facilities and site amenities reflect the need for investment in equipment and seating. This aligns with user comments about outdated play

provision and the desire for more toddler-friendly features. These priorities will be addressed through the Play and Parks Strategy refresh, which will set out a Borough-wide approach to upgrading play value and supporting infrastructure. A refresh of the play area is scheduled to be undertaken by the end of March 2026 and the comments made through the survey will be taken onboard.

Nature and wildlife provision received mixed feedback, but this is an area where enhancements are already underway. Recent path resurfacing has improved accessibility, and new play equipment is being sourced to better meet community needs. Suggestions for picnic benches and biodiversity improvements will also inform future plans.

While concerns around anti-social behaviour were noted, these provide a clear focus for management interventions and community engagement.

In summary, Eastcote Avenue benefits from strong scores in signage and maintenance, and with targeted improvements through the refreshed strategy, it has the potential to become a more inclusive and welcoming space for all users.

Commentary on Parish Council Parks results

Two Parish Council-owned sites were included in the 2025 Parks Standard survey. Although the Council is not responsible for these sites, they were included to ensure a consistent approach to assessing park quality across the Borough. This provides a complete picture of the visitor experience and helps identify opportunities for collaboration and shared learning. Where appropriate, Section 106 funding will also be used to support Parish Councils in upgrading park equipment and improving facilities.

The feedback and comments gathered about these sites will be passed on to the respective Parish Councils for their information, supporting their own improvement plans.

The Lane, Awsworth, received 4 responses, representing approximately 1.5% of the overall 263 responses. Feedback highlighted that play facilities did not cater for all age ranges, particularly under 5s, and seating could be improved. Awsworth Parish Council has already installed a toddler unit, which has received positive comments from users. Respondents also suggested biodiversity enhancements such as planting areas and bug hotels to improve the site's appeal. Encouragingly, all respondents said they would recommend the park to others, showing strong community value despite areas for improvement.

Brinsley Recreation Ground, received 8 responses, representing approximately 3% of the overall responses. Feedback suggests the park feels dated and would benefit from a refresh. Users highlighted the need for inclusive play equipment and noted that some items are outdated. There was strong support for introducing wildflower

areas alongside amenity grass to enhance biodiversity and visual appeal. These insights will help inform future discussions with the Parish Council.

Consultation comments for the other park sites

Broadgate Park, Beeston

Feedback for Broadgate Park indicates that anti-social behaviour is a concern, with respondents highlighting issues such as drug use and alcohol consumption. Several comments linked these concerns to nearby student accommodation, noting fears of increased drug-related activity.

Signage was mentioned repeatedly, with users suggesting that it requires refreshing to improve visibility and presentation. Despite these issues, general maintenance of the park was praised, with respondents stating that the site is well looked after.

To address safety concerns, park users suggested increased patrols by wardens, PCSOs, and Police, which they believe would help them feel safer and tackle problems such as dog fouling and anti-social behaviour.

Bramcote Hills Park

Feedback for Bramcote Hills Park was largely positive, with respondents praising the high standard of maintenance and the variety of facilities available. The most frequent suggestion was the need for toilets onsite; with many users stating this would encourage longer visits.

Other comments included requests to upgrade the trim trail and diversify play equipment, work that is already underway. Signage was noted as looking worn, but this is being addressed through the rollout of new park signs and refreshed interpretation boards across the Borough.

A small number of respondents highlighted the need for more regular bin emptying and suggested warden patrols to tackle dog fouling. Overall, most users said they would recommend Bramcote Hills Park to others, reflecting its strong reputation and ongoing investment.

Chetwynd Recreation Ground, Chilwell

Feedback for Chetwynd Recreation Ground was generally positive, with respondents noting that the park is well maintained and benefits from a strong local community that actively supports its upkeep through litter picks. Only minor issues were raised, such as the need for tree works at entrances.

The main concern highlighted was litter, with suggestions to increase the frequency of bin emptying. Several respondents requested additional seating, particularly near the play area, and an accessible picnic bench is already being sourced to address this. One respondent also expressed interest in outdoor fitness equipment, which could be considered in future plans.

Overall, most users said they would highly recommend this park to others, reflecting its good condition and strong community involvement.

Colliers Wood, Greasley

Colliers Wood performed strongly in the survey, scoring highly across all elements and receiving positive feedback from respondents who described the site as a valuable community asset. Users particularly appreciated the high standard of maintenance, which contributes to the park's overall appeal.

Suggestions for improvement focused on car park facilities, with calls for clearer marking of disabled bays. This is already being addressed, as line-marking works have been scheduled for the next two months. Respondents also commented on the large pond, recommending better information for dog walkers to help protect wildlife and maintain the quality of this feature.

Wildflower areas were highlighted as a popular aspect of the park, with users suggesting that additional planting would further enhance biodiversity and the visitor experience.

Overall, Colliers Wood is regarded as a well-maintained and attractive site, and the planned improvements will build on its strong reputation.

Smithurst Road Open Space, Giltbrook

Smithurst Road scored very well in the survey, with respondents praising the high standard of maintenance and noting that the park feels well cared for. This strong performance reflects ongoing investment and attention to site upkeep.

Several comments suggested that the play area could benefit from equipment for older children, and quotes are currently being obtained for suitable additions. Lighting was also raised as an area for improvement, as the absence of lighting makes some users feel unsafe during darker winter months. This will be considered as part of future planning.

Respondents welcomed the recent tree planting and proposed further biodiversity enhancements, such as wildflower areas, to encourage wildlife and improve the visual appeal of the site. Encouragingly, 76% of respondents said they would highly recommend this park to others, demonstrating its popularity and strong community value.

It should be noted that while the park scored strongly, there is still significant work required to improve accessibility within the play area. The site received a small refresh five years ago, but accessibility improvements were only partially completed due to limited funding at the time. A report presented to Cabinet on 6 January 2026 details that Section 106 funding has been allocated for Smithurst Open Space. This investment will focus on delivering fully accessible surfacing and equipment. This funding is linked to local development and must be spent within the area, making Smithurst Open Space an appropriate site for these improvements.

In addition to play area improvements, the Section 106 allocation will support wider enhancements across the five distinct open space areas within Smithurst Open Space. This includes addressing drainage issues, installing accessible gates at key entry points, and ensuring the site meets modern standards for inclusivity and usability.

Flixton Road, Kimberley

Flixton Road received mixed feedback, with many respondents rating the overall impression as 'Fair', and some describing the park as tired and in need of attention. Suggestions for improvement included better lighting to improve safety and upgraded paths, as current surfaces can become muddy during wet weather.

The play area was highlighted as an area for enhancement, with requests for additional equipment, particularly baby swings and a roundabout. Respondents also suggested relaxing the mowing regime to support biodiversity and praised the existing conservation area. Further comments proposed introducing wildflower planting to brighten the space and enhance its ecological value.

These insights will inform future priorities under the Play and Parks Strategy refresh, ensuring that improvements focus on play provision, accessibility, and biodiversity.

Judson Avenue, Stapleford

Judson Avenue scored mostly 'Fair' in the survey, with feedback focusing on site maintenance, particularly overhanging trees and overgrown bushes. Respondents expressed that the park has not seen significant investment for many years and would benefit from improvements to enhance usability and appearance.

Suggestions included introducing a path through the site, upgrading gates, and increasing the frequency of maintenance. These comments provide a clear direction for future enhancements, which will be considered as part of the Play and Parks Strategy refresh to ensure investment aligns with community needs.