



Ian Galloway Park Plan

Public engagement summary

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Introduction

Public engagement on the Draft Ian Galloway Park Plan was held for a 3 week period between 23 July to 12 August 2025. The purpose of this document is to summarise the feedback received during this engagement period.

In total, 240 survey submissions and 39 email submissions were received from a wide range of individuals, community groups, environmental organisations, and recreational users. This followed an earlier engagement phase held in March 2025, which involved a workshop with key community representatives. That early engagement helped shape the draft plan, while this second phase sought feedback on the draft plan itself. A summary of the early engagement and findings is available within the *Ian Galloway Park Analysis Report* alongside analysis of relevant strategies, plans and policies and opportunities and constraints of the sites.

Overall, feedback was generally supportive of the draft plan's direction and key moves, while others raised specific concerns or suggested changes. There was a wide range of complex themes in the submissions, balancing provision for different types of recreation with environmental considerations. Key areas of discussions included different perspectives on an artificial turf, provision equity across different sporting codes, and preferred locations for wheels-based recreation versus retention of the current off-leash dog exercise area.

The feedback received has been presented in themes and visual summaries to provide councillors, officers, stakeholders, and communities with a clear understanding of key issues and suggestions. All responses have been summarised, without demographic weighting or adjustments.

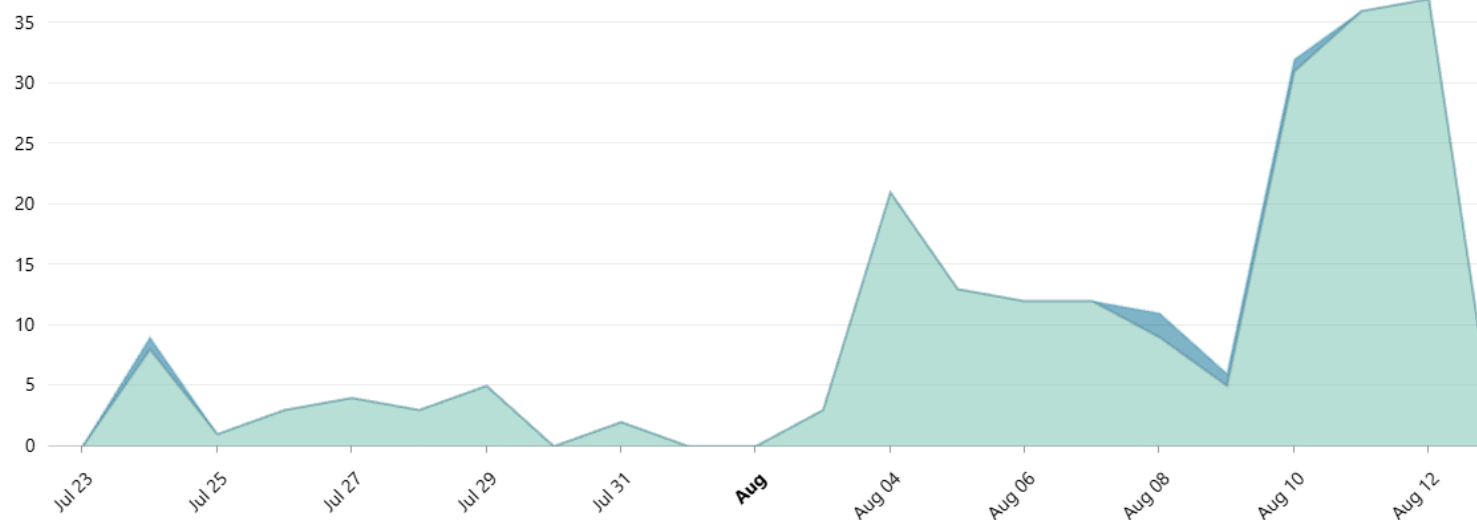
The feedback has been carefully considered and has been used to shape the final Ian Galloway Park Plan.



Figure 1: Early engagement summary

Methodology

The main method of engagement was an online survey hosted on the Kōrero Mai engagement platform, accessible via Let's Talk. Additional submissions were accepted via email. The engagement ran from 23 July to 12 August 2025.



The engagement was promoted to park users and residents in the Western suburbs, including:

- Signs installed at Ian Galloway Park, Appleton Park and Wilton Park advertising the engagement.
- Social media content was posted by Council on the following pages: 'I LOVE Karori!', Wadestown/Thorndon/Wilton Community Notice Board' and 'Out of the Box in Karori'.
- Members of the public distributed the link on social media including posts made on the following pages: Karori Residents' Association, Creswick Valley Residents' Association, Ian Galloway Park Dog Exercise Area, Capital BMX, Karori Junior Hockey Club and Cycle Wellington.
- Email outreach to key stakeholders, including environmental, recreational, residents', community groups, and Let's Talk subscribers.
- Inclusion in the following enewsletters; Let's Talk, Nuku Ora Sector Update

Participants were asked whether they supported or opposed the overall direction of the draft plan, as well as to what extent they supported or opposed each of the draft key moves and associated potential initiatives. Open-ended comment sections allowed people to explain their choices and provide detailed feedback. In addition, submitters were asked for feedback on specific aspects of the plan, including the local play space, and potential pump track initiative.

Survey Responses

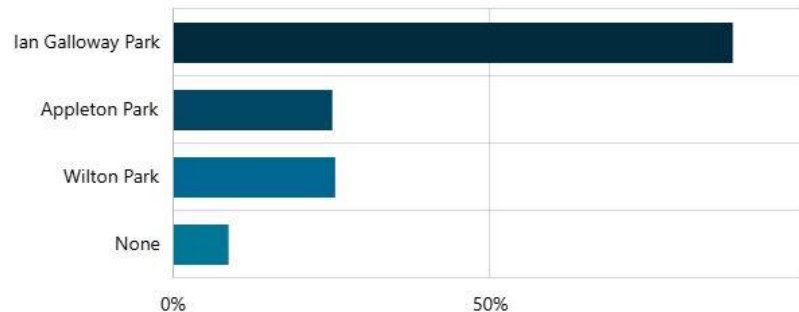
Overall, the survey received 240 contributions, with 39 email submission. The responses to the survey are summaries below.

Existing use

This section summarises responses to the question asked about current use of Ian Galloway Park, Appleton Park and Wilton Park.

A majority of respondents (89.1%) currently use Ian Galloway Park, with fewer users of Appleton Park (26.5%) and Wilton Park (26.5%). A smaller proportion do not currently use either park (8.0%).

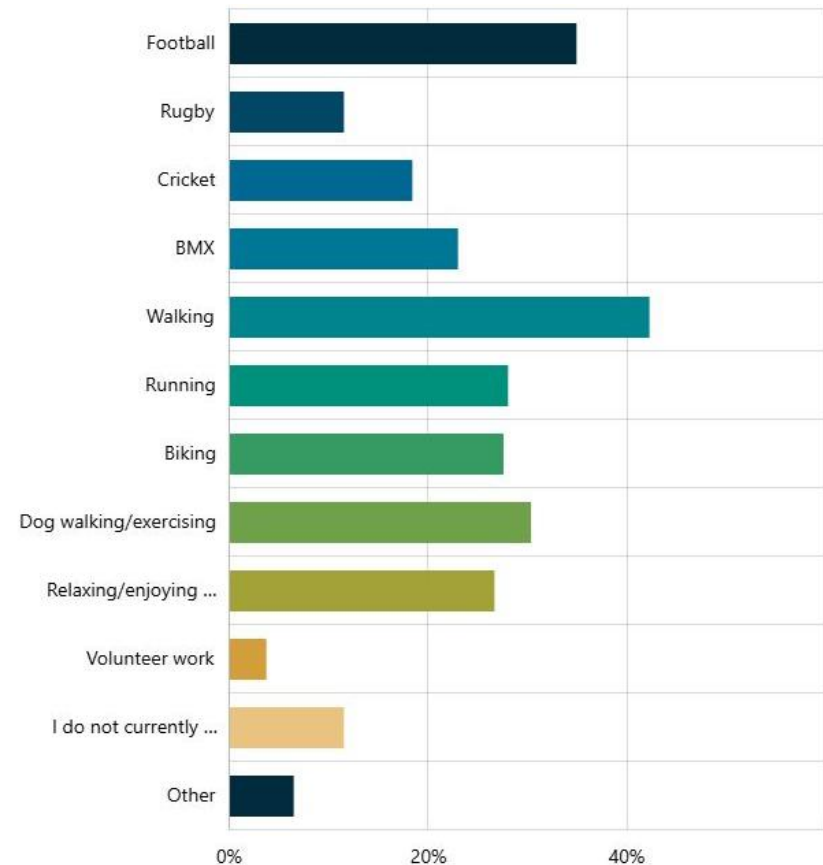
Q: Which parks do you currently use?



Respondents who don't currently use Ian Galloway Park, Appleton Park, and/or Wilton Park were also asked to explain why. The key reasons provided included:

- Lack of relevant facilities, or poor condition
- Lack of amenity
- Not nearby
- Other parks meet their needs better

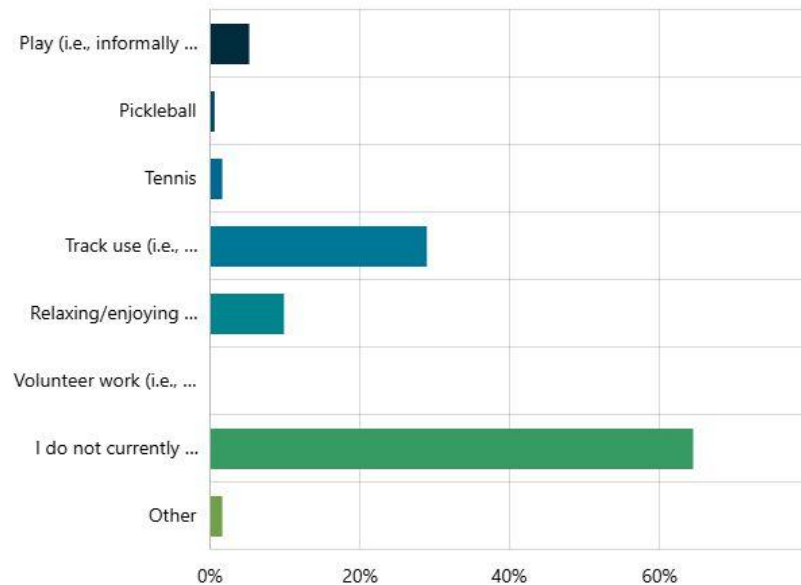
Q: Which activities do you currently take part in at Ian Galloway Park?



There were 238 responses to this question. The breadth of responses demonstrate that Ian Galloway Park is used for a diverse range of passive and active recreation including walking (43.6%), dog exercising (30.1%), running (28.4%), biking (27.5%) and BMX (24.2%), alongside formal sports such as football (33.9%), cricket (18.2%) and rugby (11.4%). Multiple users also noted activities such as informal play, using skate ramps, and learning to drive.

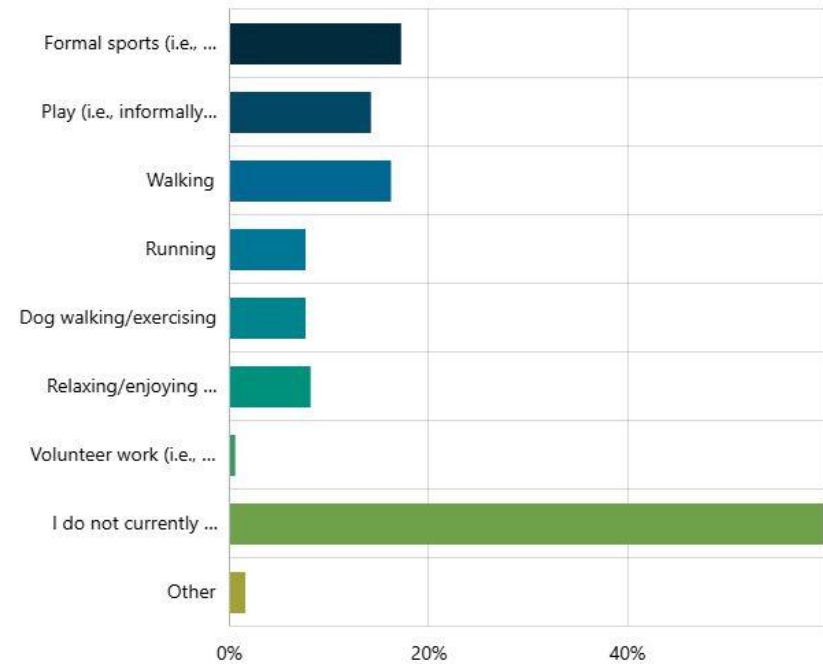
Q: Which activities do you currently take part in at Appleton Park?

There were 208 responses to this question. The majority of respondents do not currently use Appleton Park (62.5%). The main use is currently using the new shared pathway (29.3%), with some people using the park for relaxing/enjoying nature (11.1%).



Q: Which activities do you currently take part in at Wilton Park?

There were 213 responses to this question. The majority of respondents do not currently use Wilton Park (59.2%). The main uses are currently walking (16.9%), formal sports (16.9%), and informal play (14.1%).



Ian Galloway Park

Based on the provided responses, the key reasons why people do not use Ian Galloway Park can be summarised into three main themes:

1. Lack of relevant facilities for specific sports:

- **Primarily for specific sports:** Many respondents noted that the park is used for sports like football and cricket, which their families do not participate in.
- **No facilities for their sport:** Several people who play or are involved in football mentioned that the park does not have the facilities they need, specifically a floodlit artificial turf for training and games. One respondent mentioned the poor surface quality of the fields in winter as a reason for not using the park.
- **Lack of diverse amenities:** Respondents also cited a lack of facilities for other activities, such as netball, basketball courts, accessible biking for learners, or a walking track.

2. Lack of general appeal for non-sport activities

- **Uninviting atmosphere:** Some people find the park to be "uninviting" for general recreation.
- **Windy conditions:** One person specifically mentioned that the park is often "quite windy" and prefers Ōtari-Wilton's Bush for relaxing in nature.
- **Preferring other parks:** People who want to do other activities like running, biking, or enjoying nature would rather go to other parks like Trelissick Park, Karori Park, or Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.

3. Location and accessibility:

- **Not local or nearby:** Several respondents stated they do not use the park because they are not local to the area or do not live nearby.
- **No need to travel there:** People expressed that they have no reason to travel to the park when their recreational needs are met by closer, local parks.



Image above: View of unusable cricket wicket at Ian Galloway Park due to ground conditions.

Appleton Park

Based on the provided responses, the key reasons why people do not use Appleton Park can be summarised into four main themes:

1. Poor condition and usability of the space:

- **Boggy and wet ground:** This was a very common complaint, with many respondents describing the park as a "boggy mess" that is "too wet and muddy" in the winter.
- **Lack of maintenance:** People noted that the park is "poorly maintained" with long grass.
- **Unsuitable for activities:** The condition of the park makes it unusable for many activities, and the space is described as a "dead space" or "wasted space."

2. Location and accessibility:

- **Not a walking destination:** Many respondents stated the park is not within reasonable walking distance or that they live closer to other parks, particularly Ian Galloway Park.
- **Proximity to a busy road:** The park's location next to a main road is a concern for many, especially for parents with children and people playing ball sports, as a ball could easily end up on the road.
- **Lack of parking:** Limited or difficult parking was a frequent issue raised.
- **Hard to access:** Some people mentioned the park is hard to access, particularly from the northern end due to a busy street.

3. Lack of relevant facilities and appeal:

- **"Nothing there":** Many people stated there is nothing to draw them to the park, with comments like "no reason to visit," "nothing of interest there," and "no facilities."
- **Lack of recreational amenities:** Respondents noted a lack of suitable facilities for their interests, such as walking paths, dedicated dog areas, or playground equipment. The open grass space is often considered too small for walking.

- **Limited sports use:** The park is not a primary location for organised sports, and people who play sports go elsewhere.
- **Low awareness of existing facilities:** Several respondents were unaware that the courts were public or could be used for activities like pickleball or netball, indicating a lack of clear communication about the available facilities.

4. Safety and environmental concerns:

- **Proximity to the road:** As mentioned, the location next to a busy road is a safety concern for children and ball sports.
- **Safety for children and dogs:** The park is seen as unsuitable for young children due to its unfenced nature and closeness to the road.
- **Past land use:** One respondent mentioned a reluctance to use the park because they know it was a closed landfill.
- **Lack of trees/shelter:** The lack of bushes and low trees was mentioned as a reason the park does not provide a place for relaxation or separation from the road.



Image above: View of Appleton Park from the shared path through the park.

Wilton Park

Based on the provided responses, the key reasons why people do not use Wilton Park can be summarised into three main categories:

1. Location and accessibility:

- **Too far away/inconvenient location:** This was the most frequent reason given, with many respondents stating they live closer to other parks like Ian Galloway, Appleton Park, or Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.
- **Lack of parking and public transport:** Users cited difficulty with both parking and safe, useable public transport options.
- **Not a walking destination:** The park is not considered to be "on the way to anywhere" and is often bypassed in favour of other nearby areas like Ōtari-Wilton's Bush.

2. Lack of Relevant facilities and activities:

- **"No reason to use it":** Many people simply state that they have no need or reason to visit the park.
- **Primarily a sports field:** A significant number of responses noted that the park is primarily configured for ball sports (football, cricket), which does not serve their interests.
- **Lack of recreational amenities:** Users noted a shortage of facilities for activities they enjoy, such as walking trails, spaces for relaxing in nature, or areas for children and dogs (e.g., skate ramps, off-leash dog parks). Some mentioned that the park is "too small" for walking.
- **Poor field conditions:** Specific comments were made about the ground being "wet and muddy," turning into a "bog," and having inadequate lighting for evening sports.

3. Awareness and perception:

- **Unfamiliarity with the park:** A number of respondents were not aware of the park's existence or its location, with some mentioning they had "never noticed it" or "didn't know it was there."

- **Poor natural environment:** The lack of trees and bushes was mentioned as a reason it is not suitable for walking or relaxing.
- **Safety concerns:** One respondent noted they see the park as "unsafe" due to a previous slip.



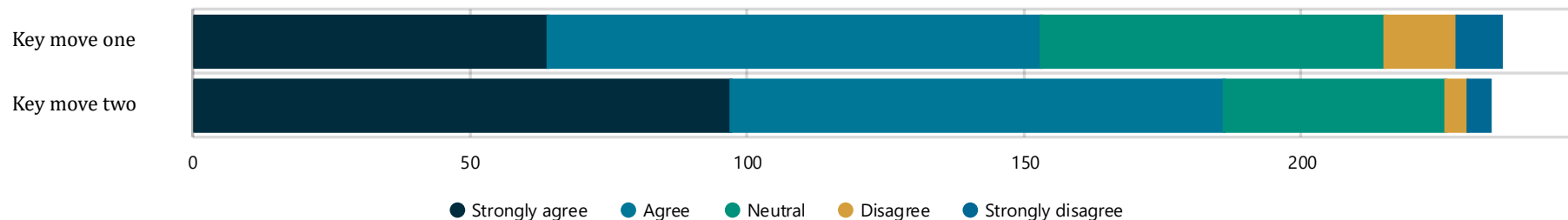
Image above: View of Wilton Park from the access driveway.

Objective – Recover

This section summarises responses to the question: “To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the ‘Recover’ objective?”

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for each key move and its associated potential initiatives set out in the draft plan. They were also invited to provide open-ended comments explaining their choices.

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the ‘Recover’ objective?



Key move one: Reflect landscape and cultural values

There were 236 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 64.8% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 8.9% opposed it. Of the key moves, this had the lowest support. Support was limited because, although some respondents valued acknowledging buried streams as a way to recognise environmental and cultural history, many found the concept of “storytelling” unclear, abstract, or a poor use of resources, preferring more practical and literal forms of interpretation such as clear signage and maps

Recommendation for the final Plan: Modify this key move to provide more specificity i.e., change wording to refer to Interpretive Design linking to the Wellington Design Manual (under development).

Key move two: Support nature to thrive

There were 234 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 79.5% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 3.4% opposed it. Most respondents supported the key move because they valued enhancing local biodiversity through native planting and riparian restoration, seeing it as a way to help nature thrive and improve the environment, however others wanted clarity around costs and assurance that recreational use would not be compromised.

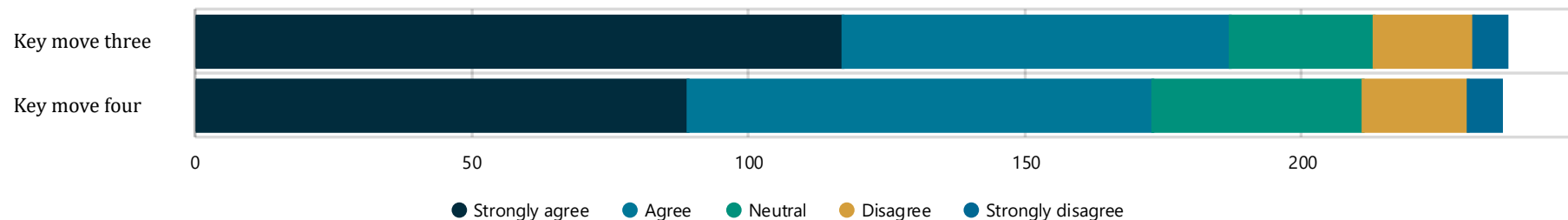
Recommendation for the final Plan: Strengthen this key move by referencing biodiversity corridors and Kia Mouriara Te Kaiwharawhara Sanctuary to Sea project.

Objective – Diversify

This section summarises responses to the question: “To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the ‘Diversify’ objective?”

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for each key move and its associated potential initiatives set out in the draft plan. They were also invited to provide open-ended comments explaining their choices.

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the ‘Diversity’ objective?



Key move three: Provide space for play

There were 237 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 78.9% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 10.1% opposed it. Most respondents supported providing space for play because they valued new, accessible recreation options—such as a central play area, a loop track, pump track facilities, and multipurpose courts—as ways to broaden community use of the park, even though some raised concerns about priorities, the scale of wheeled-sports infrastructure.

Recommendation for the final Plan: Modify this key move to include ‘new sport’, i.e., multi-purpose court provision to support a more diverse range of sports and users.

Key move four: Support passive recreation

There were 236 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 73.3% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 10.6% opposed it. Most respondents supported enhancing passive recreation because many valued added seating and sheltered gathering spaces to make the park more welcoming and comfortable—particularly for older users—while opposition tended to centre on concerns that the park’s exposed, windy conditions limit how enjoyable such spaces can be.

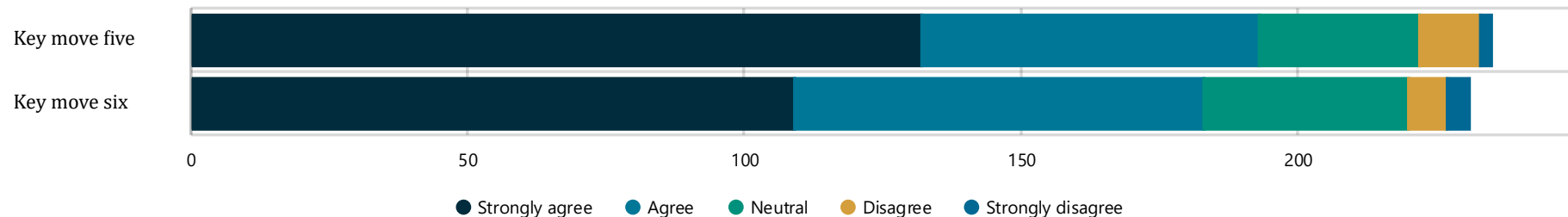
Recommendation for the final Plan: modify key move to include initiative which references shelter and amenity planting for making spaces more pleasant and enjoyable to spend time, and gathering spaces, shelter and seating including for spectators.

Objective – Enhance

This section summarises responses to the question: “*To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Enhance' objective?*”

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for each key move and its associated potential initiatives set out in the draft plan. They were also invited to provide open-ended comments explaining their choices.

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Enhance' objective?



Key move five: Enable increased use

There were 235 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 82.1% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 5.5% opposed. Most respondents supported enabling increased use because they want higher-quality, more reliable sporting and recreational facilities—particularly improved turf, drainage, and field performance—while also highlighting related needs such as parking, dog-park upgrades, and better BMX and skate amenities. Some opposed artificial turf due to environmental concerns or a preference for retaining grass fields.

Recommendation for the final Plan: Modify key move to focus on utilisation, particularly for sportsfield assets.

Key move six: Accommodate changing user needs

There were 231 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 79.2% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 4.8% opposed. Most respondents supported accommodating changing user needs because they recognised that the park’s community facilities—especially the outdated changing rooms—require some work to be functional and fit-for-purpose, even though a few opposed gender-neutral approaches and/or preferred focusing on turf improvements instead.

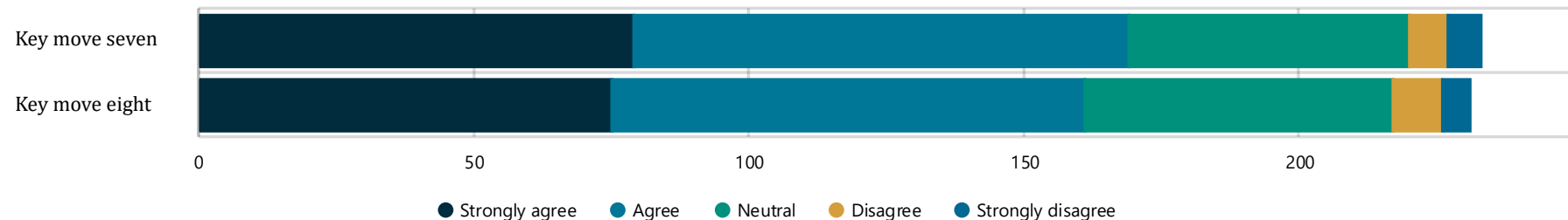
Recommendation for the final Plan: Retain key move but provide more clarity on funding streams and prioritisation.

Objective – Connect

This section summarises responses to the question: “To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Connect' objective?”

Respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for each key move and its associated potential initiatives set out in the draft plan. They were also invited to provide open-ended comments explaining their choices.

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Connect' objective?



Key move seven: Develop internal connection

There were 233 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 72.5% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 5.6% opposed it. Most respondents supported improving internal connections because better paths, signage, and accessible routes would make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to move around the park, even though some opposed the idea on the grounds that funding should prioritise sports-field upgrades rather than new walking or cycling links.

Recommendation for the final Plan: Retain key move but refer to universal design / importance of accessibility and provide more clarity on how to manage user conflict between wheeled users and dogs, by modifying BMX configurations.

Key move eight: Strengthen external connections

There were 231 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 69.7% of respondents supported the key move to some extent, while 6.1% opposed it. Most respondents supported strengthening external connections because they saw value in linking Ian Galloway Park with surrounding parks, reserves, and destinations to create a cohesive walking, running, and cycling network that encourages active transport and enhances the overall visitor experience, even though a small number of people did not view this as a priority.

Recommendation for the final Plan: Retain key move but clarify rationale regarding the importance of a cohesive and integrated open space and recreation network.

Initiatives

This section summarises responses to the questions: “Which ‘could support now’ initiatives in the draft plan do you most support?” and “Which ‘may support in the future’ initiatives in the draft plan do you most support?”. Respondents were asked to choose up to three for both types of initiatives set out in the draft plan. They were also invited to provide open-ended comments explaining their choices.

‘Could support now’ initiatives

There were 219 responses to this question. Overall, the most commonly selected initiatives were the following:

1. New sealed community-scale pump track (48.4%)
2. Low native planting (46.1%)
3. Improve internal connectivity and wayfinding (43.4%)
4. Modify the court at Appleton Park to be multi-purpose and welcoming (31.1%)
5. Increased passive recreation amenities, such seating (30.1%)

‘May support in the future’ initiatives

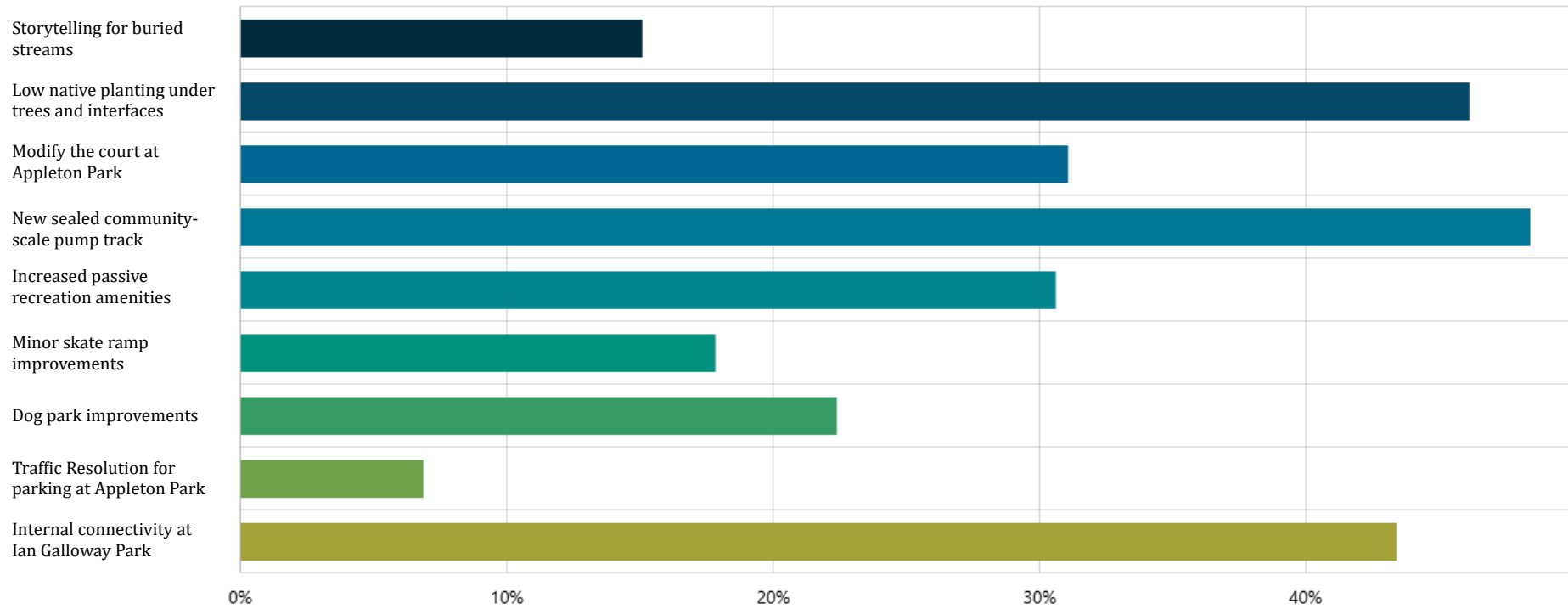
There were 226 responses to this question. Overall, the most commonly selected initiatives were the following:

1. Sportsfield surface and lighting improvements (60.6%)
2. Loop track around sportsfields at Ian Galloway Park (44.2%)
3. Review of the community facilities at Ian Galloway Park (27.8%)
4. Bike connections and park (27.4%)
5. Review additional-off-leash dog exercise area as part of the next Dog Policy Review (21.2%)

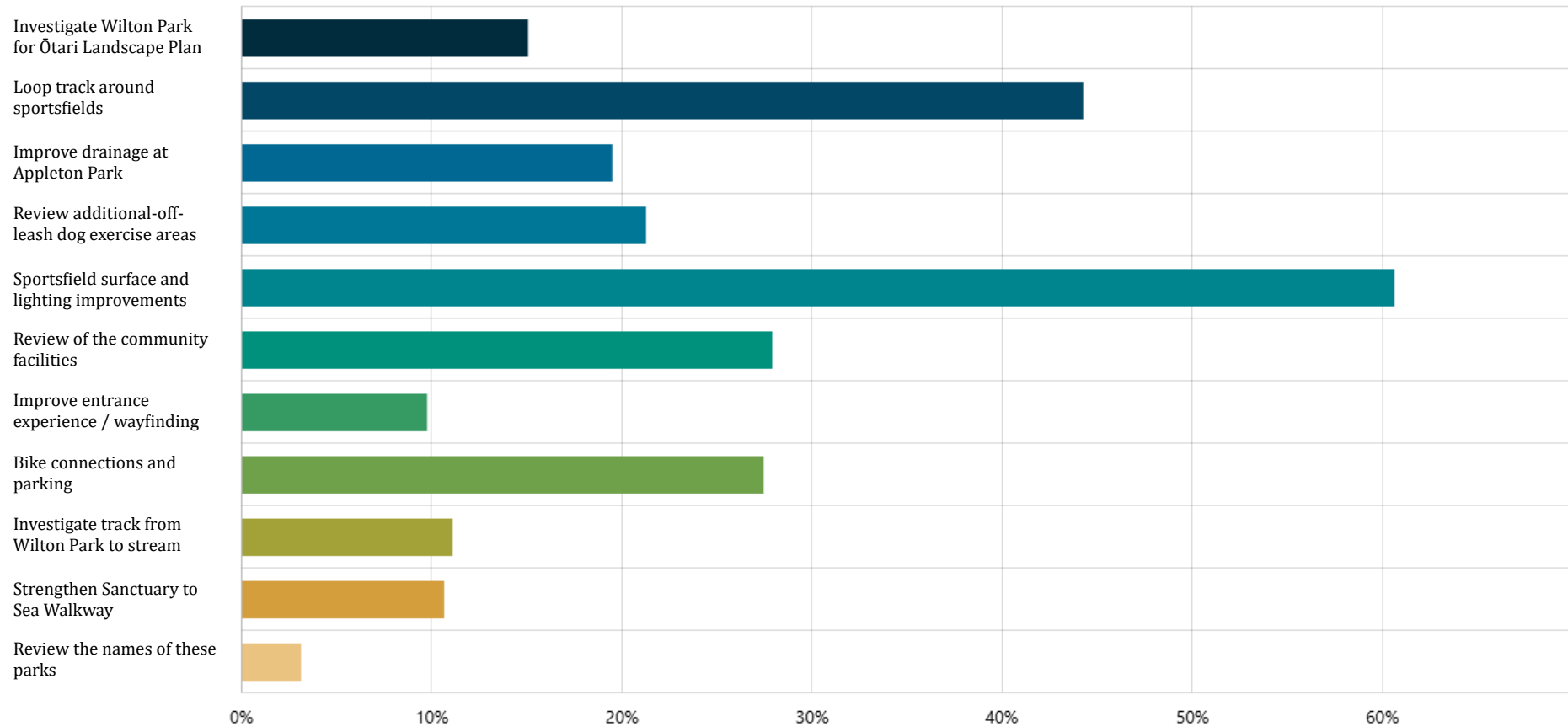
Respondents prioritised initiatives they felt would deliver immediate, visible improvements—such as a community-scale pump track, low native planting, clearer paths and wayfinding, and upgrades to courts and passive recreation spaces—because these were seen as practical, achievable enhancements that would quickly improve park usability and connectivity. However, many also argued that major infrastructure upgrades like an artificial turf, better drainage, and improved lighting should be implemented now, viewing these as essential, higher-impact investments needed to address longstanding issues with field quality and capacity.

Recommendation for the final Plan: Retain initiative for new sealed community-scale pump track, will allocation of space for either location subject to further feasibility investigation. Bring forward floodlighting at ‘the Cage’, to a medium-term opportunity (0-10+ years) as this could now proceed if external funding is secured for increase capacity for training. Retain artificial turf as a long-term aspiration (10–20+ years) as any change remains dependent on alternative rugby provision within the park as part of closed landfill remediation.

Q: “Which ‘could support now’ initiatives in the draft plan do you most support? Choose up to three.”



Q: “Which ‘may support in the future’ initiatives in the draft plan do you most support? Choose up to three.”

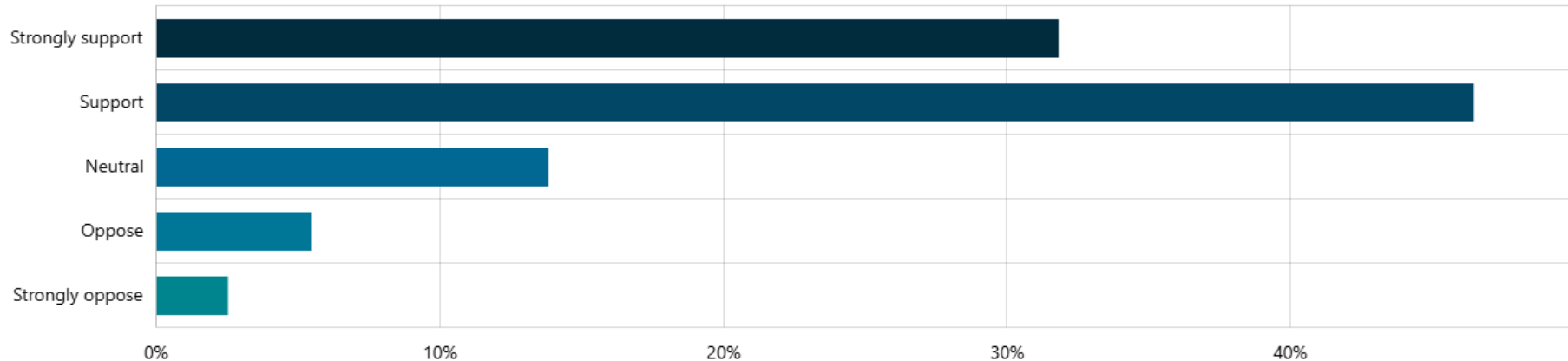


Overall direction of the Plan

This section summarises responses to the question: *“Do you support or oppose the overall direction of the plan?”*

A majority of respondents (78.2%) expressed support for the overall direction of the plan, while 7.9% opposed it and 13.8% were neutral.

Q: Do you support or oppose the overall direction of the plan?



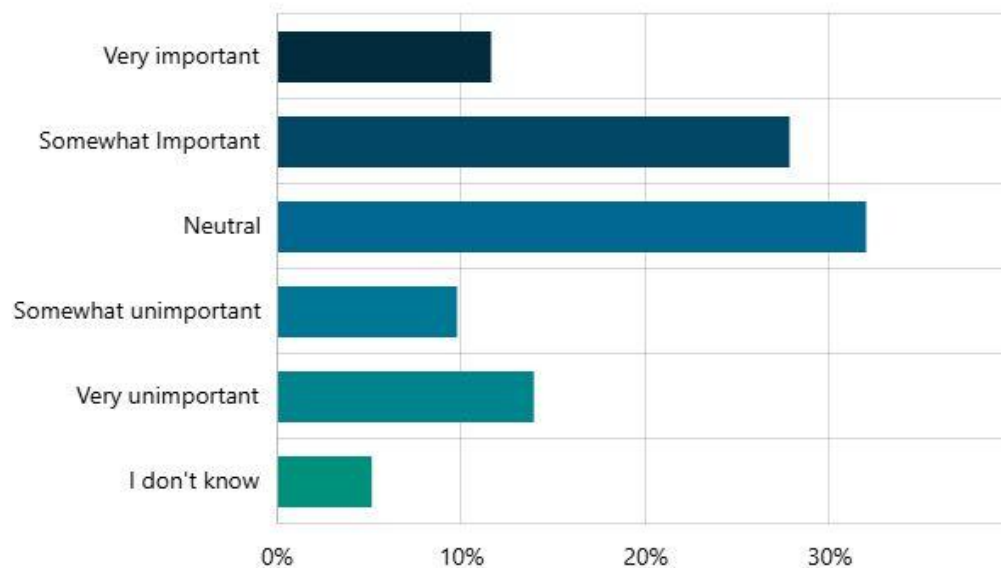
The key points raised by respondents include:

- Wheels-based recreation
 - Majority support for a pump track in general
 - Some advocacies for relocating the current dog park for a destination-scale pump track – ‘Option 3’ proposed by Capital BMX
 - Some concern about relocation of the current dog park
- Artificial turf
 - Majority support for artificial turf for improving utilisation for sport, i.e., football.
 - Some concern for ensuring continued provision for grass-based sporting codes such as rugby
 - Concern for environmental impact of artificial turf on Kaiwharawhara catchment
 - Request for a hockey turf
- Court provision – Call to improve provision for other sports such as netball
- Prioritisation – Call to improve sportsfields as a priority

Play space and pump track

This section summarises responses to questions related to the proposed play space which has funding to be delivered in 2026/27. We asked about this to help us understand the preferred location for this new asset. We also asked about the pump track initiative to inform a needs assessment, in response to a proposal from Capital BMX for a community funded pump track at Ian Galloway Park. The is to help us understand community interest, and the preferred location to inform allocation of space for this proposed new asset.

Q: If a both a local play space and pump track were to be installed, how important is it to you that the play area and the pump track are located near each other?

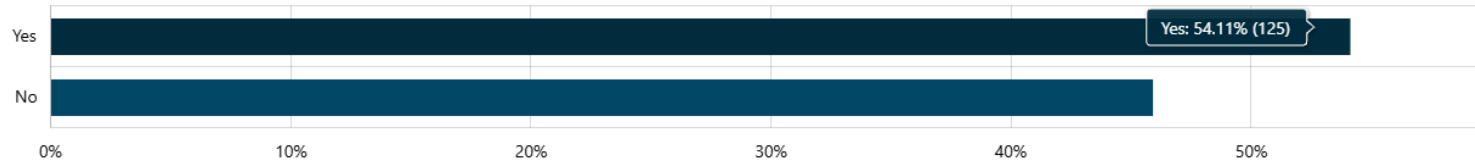


There were 234 responses to this question, with mixed perspectives. The majority, 55.1% of respondents did not place importance on the play area and pump track being co-located, ranging from neutral (31.6%) to unimportant to some extent (23.5). However, 39.7% of respondents found co-location important to some extent.

Views on co-location were mixed because some respondents valued the convenience, safety, and family-friendly benefits of having play and pump facilities together, while others felt proximity was less important than ensuring each facility—particularly the pump track—had adequate space, safety separation, and quality.

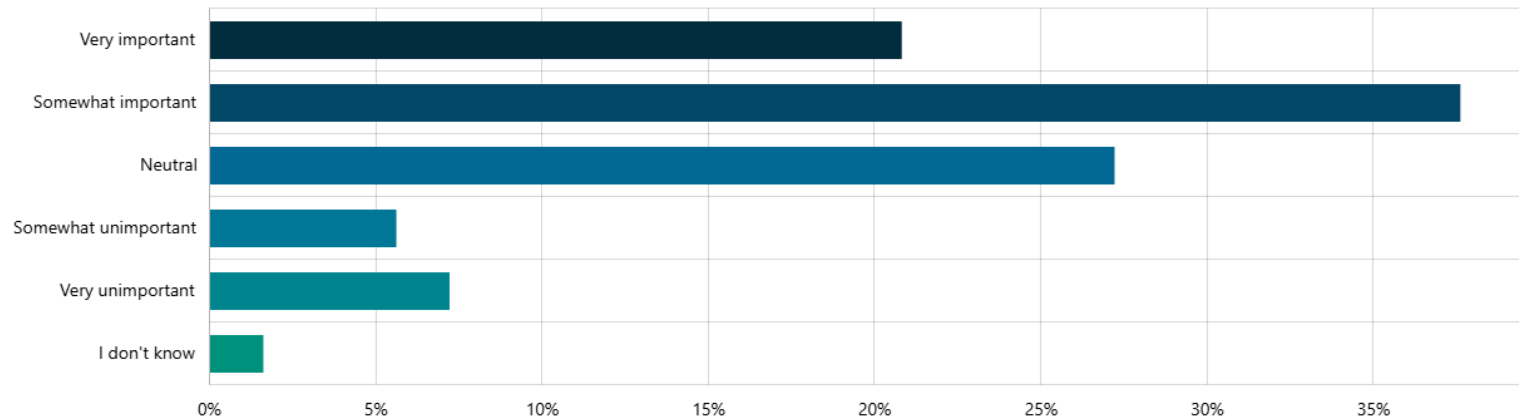
Q: If a local play space were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park, would you or someone in your household use it?

There were 231 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 54.1% of respondents (125) stated that they, or someone in their household use the local play space if it were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park.



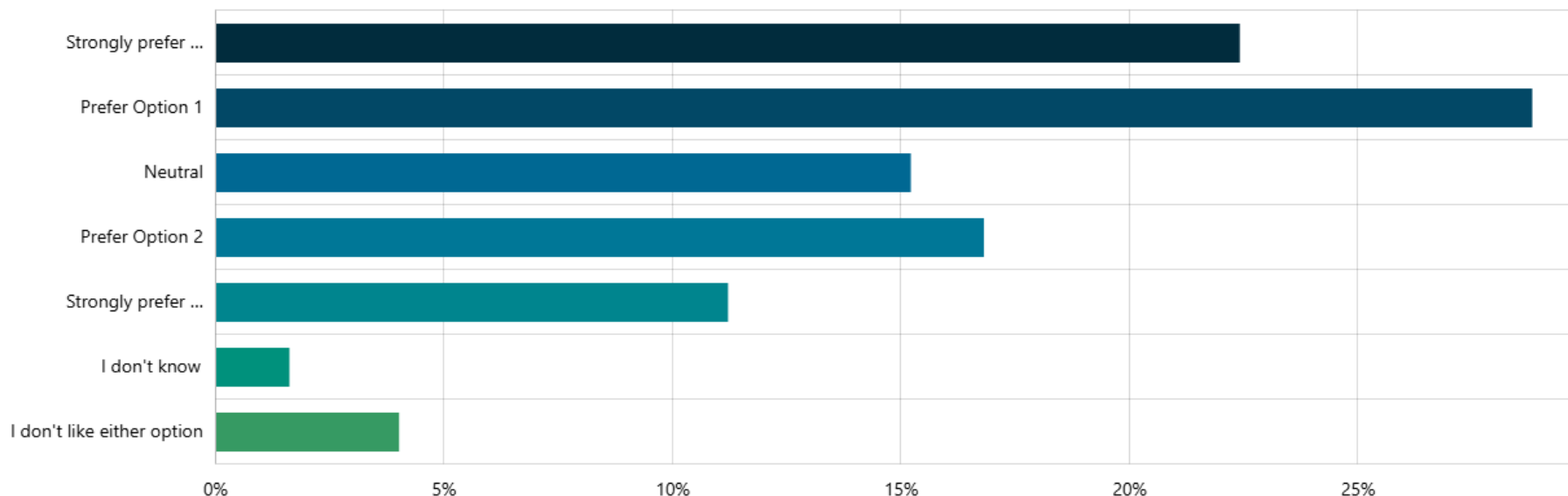
Q: How important is it to you that the play area is within sight of the sportsfields?

This question was asked only to the 125 respondents who indicated their household would use the local play space if it were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park. There were 125 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 58.4% of future play space users found it important to some extent that the play area was located within sight of the sportsfields, while 41.6% found it unimportant to some extent, were neutral, or did not know.



Q: Which location at Ian Galloway do you prefer for the play area?

This question was asked only to the 125 respondents who indicated their household would use the local play space if it were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park. There were 125 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 51.2% prefer Option 1 (by the sportsfields) to some extent, compared to 28.0% preference for Option 2 (west of the skate ramps). 16.8% were neutral or did not know, and 4% did not like either option.



Based on comments provided, respondents preferred the play space to be located where it was safely separated from the road, visible from the sportsfields, close to car parking, appropriately distanced from areas used by older rangatahi, centrally positioned to serve both sides of the park, and in sight of skate and pump facilities to support easy supervision.

Recommendation for the final Plan:

Recommend the local play space to be positioned in an alternative location adjacent to the new public toilets in the southern area of Ian Galloway Park. Key rationale is better safety, proximity to accessible toilets, skate ramps, BMX track and the dog park. While 58% of surveyed future users valued connection with the sportsfields, informal play elements can be delivered near the fields using Plimmer funding along with improved pathways connecting these spaces. In the longer term, as sportsfield utilisation increases, the formal play space may be relocated to the more central sportsfield location. The southern site could then potentially be repurposed as a small-dog area, reusing the play equipment at end-of-life.

Conclusion

The feedback will be carefully considered and used to shape the final Ian Galloway Park Plan.

Recommended key changes to the draft:

- **Future court provision:** identify potential area for new courts at Ian Galloway Park, subject to further network demand analysis, feasibility studies and funding. This responds to ongoing feedback about court shortages.
- **Sportsfield lighting:** floodlighting at ‘the Cage’, to enable increased training capacity for sports groups, brought forward to a medium-term opportunity (0-10+ years). This could now proceed if external funding is secured.
- **Confirm play space location:** identify an alternative preferred location for the new local play space is the southern area of Ian Galloway Park.
 - *Rationale:* Better safety, proximity to accessible toilets, skate ramps, BMX track and the dog park.
 - *Context:* While 58% of surveyed future users valued connection with the sportsfields, informal play elements can be delivered near the fields using Plimmer funding along with improved pathways connecting these spaces.
 - *Future potential:* In the longer term, as sportsfield utilisation increases, the formal play space may be relocated to the more central sportsfield location. The southern site could then potentially be repurposed as a small-dog area, reusing the play equipment at end-of-life.

Recommended not changing:

- **Sportsfield surface improvements:** retain timing for the artificial turf proposal for ‘the Cage’ as a long-term aspiration (10–20+ years). Feedback was mixed—strong support but also notable opposition due to impacts on rugby. Any change remains dependent on alternative rugby provision within the park as part of closed landfill remediation, demand and feasibility analysis, and funding.
- **Dog park location:** Keep the dog park in the current location. While Capital BMX sought relocation to expand wheeled-sport facilities into this space, no suitable alternative sites exist for the dog park. Retention reflects strong use of and support for the current location.

Attachment 1: Open ended comments

Objective – Recover

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Recover' objective?

This was an open-ended question with 69 responses. Key themes from these comments are summarised in the table below. Overall, it seems there is general support for these initiatives, but with caveats about ensuring it is cost-effective and well-integrated with the park's primary recreational uses.

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Key move	Themes	Recommendation / comment
Support nature to thrive 64.8% support	Overall support for nature to thrive, including more native planting Several comments agree with the idea of planting more native species. They see this as a way to enhance the environment, support local wildlife, and link the park with nearby ecological areas like Zealandia and Ōtari-Wilton's Bush. <i>"I thoroughly support retaining the existing growing grass surface of the field and also the extension of NZ native plantings to keep supporting all this life, as well as enhancing the environment for people."</i> Some submissions felt the aspirations for environmental enhancement didn't go far enough: <i>"I feel we need to support nature to thrive by possibly altering what was originally the landscape and cultural values at these public areas. I feel we need to put preservation of the landscape first which means supporting the nature of the landscape to thrive by being open to possibly having to change the current landscape to help it thrive."</i>	Retain initiatives related to restoration planting
	Overall support for riparian management There were some specific comments expressing support for efforts to improve the health of the Kaiwharawhara Stream. <i>"We are completely supportive of all efforts to improve the stream's health and restore its wairua. We would be active participants in this initiative."</i>	Retain initiative related to riparian management

	Concerns about costs <i>"A bit of planting is good, but there is a serious lack of money and grand plans are unnecessary"</i> One respondent suggested that community volunteers could help with planting, which could reduce costs. <i>"Planting feels like an investment in lower operating costs and improving resilience. Both could attract volunteer support to progress."</i>	Provide more clarity on funding streams available, including Plimmer Bequest parameters.
	Emphasis on prioritising recreational use Some respondents worried that environmental efforts could take away funding, reduce space for sports, or decrease the park's usability for sport. Many people believe that funding and effort should be prioritised on improving sports facilities, such as drainage and artificial turf, especially given the park's frequent closure due to wet conditions. <i>"I think this is really important, but shouldn't compromise developing and resourcing facilities that will support active and healthy communities"</i>	Consider impact on usability within the detailed Landscape Plan.
Reflect landscape and cultural values 79.5% support	Support for acknowledging presence of buried streams Some support for the initiative to "Acknowledge the presence of our buried streams through storytelling". Reasons for this support included feedback that the storytelling approach is seen as a way to increase awareness, acknowledge the past, demonstrate environmental stewardship, and align with broader ecological restoration efforts, all of which was viewed positively by some respondents. <i>"Ideally, I would hope that the Kaiwharawhara Stream can be 'day-lighted' rather than being buried. In the meantime, informing park users of the buried stream is a good interim measure..."</i>	Review initiative providing more specificity – change wording to refer to Interpretive Design. The Wellington Design Manual (under development) will provide clarity on Interpretive Design. Refer to LTP strategic priorities.
	Scepticism and confusion about "storytelling" Some respondents found the term "storytelling" to be abstract and felt it was unclear what this would entail, or a poor use of resources. <i>"'Acknowledge the presence of our buried streams through storytelling' this really doesn't mean anything. Suggest you be more literal in order for people to understand what's being said."</i> Instead of abstract storytelling, one respondent noted preference for clear, accessible, and literal signage with maps to help them understand the history of the land and the stream. <i>"I would like to see clear and accessible signs to provide the public with an understanding of the Kaiwharawhara catchment. Ideally, signs would include a large map of the area so the public can visualise what the stream channels actually look like..."</i>	

Objective – Diversify

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Diversity' objective?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choice. This was an open ended question with 123 responses. Key themes from these comments are summarised below:

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Key move	Themes	Recommendation / comment
Provide space for play 78.9% support	General support for new play areas The respondents were largely in favour of adding new facilities to the park to cater to a broader audience beyond organised sports. The majority support adding a new play space, especially in a central location that is visible and safe. Some suggested it could serve as a "destination" park to attract people from a wider area. <i>"With Ian Galloway being a central location, I think building a play area is a fantastic idea... It gives young people a safe area nearby while people are watching sport."</i> 4 respondents expressed uncertainty or opposition about the need for additional play spaces given existing facilities in the area or did not see this as a priority.	Retain initiative for new local play area. Add initiative which considers upgrading this to community-scale in the future subject to network planning.
	General support for a loop track A sealed loop track around the sports fields was specifically supported by many respondents and seen to create a safe, all-weather space for walkers, runners, young cyclists, and people with prams or wheelchairs. <i>"The one around Karori Park gets loads of use... a sealed path around the fields would enhance recreation."</i> <i>"I would use this ALL THE TIME! The Karori Park one is excellent but since I live in Ngaio, Ian Galloway would be preferred."</i>	Retain initiative for loop track.
	General support for a pump track Many respondents, particularly from the biking community, are passionate about creating a high-quality, pump track. However, some suggest that a community-scale track is a missed opportunity and that a larger hub with multiple loops and dirt jumps would better meet demand and serve as a central, accessible location for riders. <i>"I want more than a community scale pump track. There's room for a dog park and a Wheels Hub if you change the plan to adopt 'Option 3'."</i>	Refer to the Needs Assessment, which suggests a community-scale pump track is more

	<i>"We strongly support the proposed pump track, but advocate for the dog park to be moved in order to create space for co-located regional scale facilities commensurate with the nation's capital,"</i> Opposition for a pump track Some respondents opposed the idea, questioning whether a pump track is necessary given the BMX track's low usage. <i>"Do not see the need for a pump track. BMX track is barely used at present. Play space and loop sound good."</i>	appropriate in this location.
	Advocacy for a wheels-hub – recommending relocation of the existing dog park in favour of 'option 3' 12 responses referenced a specific "Option 3" plan that would involve relocating the dog park to create a larger, more inclusive area for various wheeled sports. This was promoted by Capital BMX. Those in favour of the hub saw the relocation of the dog park as necessary, while some dog owners strongly opposed the move, citing the dog park's extensive use and accessibility. Relocation of the dog park was noted as out of scope of the plan as analysis indicated there are no suitable alternative dog park locations including what is proposed in 'Option 3'. It is likely there are fewer comments in opposition of 'Option 3' as a result. <i>"I totally oppose any attempt to close the dog park. I note it is far more extensively used by the local community than the BMX track is. It is in a readily accessible location. It is also a very safe location, being well lit and by a main road. This makes it a safe place for children and young women."</i>	Discard 'Option 3'. Not feasible as the alternative dog park location would impede on future carparking. No suitable alternative dog park locations have been identified.
	Support for informal courts Some respondents noted that the courts at Appleton Park are underutilised and support making them multi-purpose and welcoming. <i>"I support the proposal to make it more user friendly / inviting / multi-purpose"</i> However, some question their accessibility and location near a busy road, suggesting other locations might be better. Courts co-located with other play assets at Ian Galloway park was suggested. <i>"definitely see the need for courts but think it would be better suited by the skate ramp where other activities are, creating a 'passive recreation hub'. We are impressed with the one in Newlands, and think something similar at Ian Galloway would be well used"</i>	Update initiative. Add indicative location for courts, to address the shortfall in provision, in part due to potential loss of courts at Cardinal McKeefry School.
	Demand for new sports facilities – particularly for netball Some respondents noted that the closure of Cardinal McKeefry School will create a significant need for new netball courts. The lack of basketball courts in the area was also highlighted. <i>"With the closure of Cardinal McKeefry School it will be necessary to have alternative community spaces for children playing netball."</i>	
Support passive recreation 73.3% support	Seating and social spaces Some comment noting support and some in opposition for more passive recreation amenities like seating and gathering spaces to make the park more inviting and comfortable for spectators or people simply wanting to relax. <i>"Passive recreation is a smarter choice for an aging population"</i> <i>"Ian Galloway Park is one of the single least hospitable places in Wellington, at any time of year. Unless you make substantial changes to the northerly prevailing wind, it's simply not a nice place to be"</i>	Retain initiative. Provide indicative specifications as part of the detailed Landscape Plan.

Objective – Enhance

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Enhance' objective?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choice. This was an open ended question with 139 responses. Key themes from these comments are summarised below. Note that several comments related to the objective 'diversify' and those have been discussed in the section above.

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Key move	Theme	Recommendation / comment
Enable increased use 82.1% support	General support for enhancing existing use – particularly sportsfields There is a desire from some respondents to improve the quality and functionality of the park's sports fields. <i>"Absolutely! As I described in the previous question, I am in favour of quickly changing the space to support the needs of our kids in the western suburbs. For such a large suburban area, the amount of quality playing fields is poor. I'd love to see this turned into a multipurpose space, similar to how Fraser Park is set up."</i> <i>"I think the primary purpose of the park should be use for sports and activities that require wide open spaces. Improving the quality of the surface is critical as currently some parts are under utilised."</i> <i>"The surface definitely needs better drainage."</i>	Retain initiative.
	Need to consider carparking A couple of people comment on the need to consider carparking if improvements are made to increase the usage. <i>"I agree the park is severely underutilised. And needs better surfacing particularly to enable winter use. All weather surface would be great. BUT many more car parks would be required - current parking options are inefficient use of space - angle parking would work better."</i>	Provide more detail regarding parking in the Plan to improve clarity regarding location.
	Support for an artificial turf There were calls to install an artificial turf as soon as possible to provide a reliable, year-round playing surface. <i>"I strongly support the idea of installing an artificial turf at Ian Galloway Park once the landfill remediation work is completed. Karori currently has just one artificial turf, which is in constant use and provides huge benefits to footballers of all ages... A second turf at Ian Galloway Park would help meet this demand, reducing pressure on existing facilities and offering more opportunities for both organised</i>	Determine the preferred option for locating the artificial turf based on

	<i>sport and casual recreation...Artificial turf offers clear advantages over grass, especially in a city like Wellington where winter rain frequently limits outdoor play. Unlike natural grass, which can quickly become waterlogged, muddy, and unsafe in wet conditions, artificial turf provides a consistent, safe surface in all weather"</i>	Geotechnical assessment.
	Opposition to an artificial turf – concern for other sports Some people emphasised the importance of maintaining the existing grass fields for specific sports. <i>"I'm really keen for the fields to stay as grass to support the kids rugby."</i> One submitter noted that an artificial turf would be valuable but should not replace the current No1 sportsfield: <i>"The plan undervalues the quality of the No 1 sportsfield in the cage, which is good quality and resilient, and thus ideal for rugby and other field sports (only a couple of spots of water pooling). The construction of an artificial sportsfield would be great and is supported; however, it should not replace the current No1 sportsfield in the cage."</i>	Consider timing for artificial turf noting dependencies on allocation for rugby.
	Opposition to an artificial turf – concern for the environment Other respondents raised concerns about the environmental and amenity impact of an artificial turf which was also discussed under the 'recover' objective. <i>"I would be pretty against the idea of artificial turf. It feels like the wrong thing to do in such a beautiful space, surrounded by native bush"</i> <i>"Not in support of artificial turf as it is bad for the environment and limits the usability of the space"</i>	Retain initiative. Environmental considerations to be taken into account as part of future Business Case and consenting processes.
	Support for dog park enhancements General support for improving quality of the dog park. <i>"Enhancements need to be made to the EXISTING dog park. These should include better drainage and a tree or two to provide summer shade for our canine companions."</i>	Update initiative to be specific about the potential to investigate creating separation for small dogs in the future in addition to on-going improvements.
	BMX track improvements Some respondents noted there should be more emphasis on BMX track improvements including lighting. <i>"include BMX enhancements here, not just sportsfield enhancements. Track lighting will be the most significant enhancement to extend usage."</i>	Update wording to include, however these will still be subject to landowner approvals.
	Skate ramps Some respondents noted there should be more emphasis on upgrading the skate facilities, rather than just minor improvements. <i>"There needs to be more emphasis on the skateboarding ramps."</i>	Noted. Skate upgrades are not currently recommended based on network analysis and priorities.

Accommodate changing user needs 79.2% support	Support for review of the community facilities at Ian Galloway Park to ensure they are fit-for-purpose <i>"...Also can the clubrooms be rebuilt up the top so it can be seen and used more as a community asset and space similar to the kilbirnie / poneke space with bathrooms and changing facilities."</i>	Retain initiative. Update map to allow space for potential consolidation of built facilities in the future.
	"Opposition to changes to facilities" <i>"Turf asap please. Don't really care for the rest"</i>	Noted. However, there is no money currently allocated for an artificial turf. Provide clarity related to funding streams.
	Support for changing room improvements <i>"Improvements to the changing rooms are overdue."</i> <i>"An upgrade of the changing rooms is needed"</i> <i>"Upgrading the changing facilities would be really beneficial to all users of Ian Galloway to ensure the toilet facilities are up to date."</i>	Retain initiative.
	Opposition to gender neutral facilities Some opposition to making the changing rooms gender neutral. <i>"Agree with upgrading community facilities but not for the purposes of making them gender inclusive only - they are just old and need a refresh"</i>	Noted, however, Te Whai Oranga Pōneke – Open Space and Recreation Strategy directs that changing facilities across Wellington, should be upgraded to be inclusive and gender neutral aligned with the renewals programme.

Objective – Connect

Q: To what extent do you agree or disagree that these key moves and their initiatives are heading in the right direction to achieve the 'Connect' objective?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choice. This was an open ended question with 84 responses. Key themes from these comments are summarised below:

Key move	Theme	Recommendation / comment
Develop internal connection 72.5% support	Support for internal connectivity Many respondents were supportive of the idea of improving walking, running, and cycling connections within and around the parks. They believe this would encourage more people to get outdoors and provide safe alternatives to using roads. <i>"Increased pathways are always good in my opinion. I find it makes more people comfortable with getting out and about which is never a bad thing!"</i> <i>"A walking path like karori park will allow more users and new users to go running and walking."</i>	Support noted. Retain initiative for central pathway and loop track.
	Specific path connections Multiple people suggested new or improved paths, such as one to bypass the BMX site for dog walkers, or a connection from the Whitehead Road car park to Field 1.	Noted. Recommendation is to firstly reconfigure the BMX area to reduce user conflict. Specify as part of this initiative.
	Support for wayfinding signage There was a call for better signage, including clear maps and estimated times to get to places. One person noted, "the biggest challenge is understanding which is ground number 1, 2, 3, or 4 when turning up at the park."	Support noted. Retain initiative for improving wayfinding.
	Accessibility and path quality Many noted that existing tracks can be "tricky," "boggy," or "slippery." One comment highlighted the need for improvements, noting the track from Ōtari-Wilton's Bush to the sportsfields is "tricky especially post storm wash out - redeveloping the main track would be great." Suggestions were made to " <i>consider making paths walkable with a pram - limit stairs and soft ground</i> " and to ensure " <i>wheelchair accessible is really important.</i> "	Within the plan refer to Universal Design principle within Te Whai Oranga Pōneke.
	Concerns and opposition Some respondents expressed skepticism or opposition to the objective, primarily due to concerns about cost and priorities. Several felt that money would be better spent on other improvements.	Noted.

	<i>"A walking track to better connect the parks in theory would be good but everything depends on the cost to rate payers. Is the cost really worth it just to be able to walk from park to park, you can do that on the footpath."</i> <i>"This is secondary to needing to make this a multi sports facility."</i> <i>"I recognize the value of improving connectivity and wayfinding, but I do not see this as a priority for Ian Galloway Park compared with more pressing needs."</i> <i>"Again it's a sports ground not a walking track. There are other places to walk. Leave it as sports focused and fix it properly."</i> <i>"Spend the money on improving the sports fields, they are much higher priority and used much much more... We do not however have plenty of decent sports fields in fact we have NONE!"</i>	
Strengthen external connections 69.7% support	Support for external connectivity The idea of linking the parks (such as Ian Galloway, Appleton, Trelissick, and Otari-Wilton Bush) to form a cohesive network was a popular suggestion. <i>"Walking, running and cycling tracks connecting this area to others close by would be great. Great for enabling travel to and from the parks without cars and for keeping active transport separate from the road."</i> Some respondents specifically mentioned the benefit of linking these parks to other destinations like the Karori Cemetery, Zealandia, and the Skyline tracks to create a more integrated "destination." <i>"Linking to cemetery and otari wilton would unlock an amazing experience."</i> <i>"I park at Ian Galloway and walk to the dog park, the cemetery and to Otari Wilton frequently, all walking connections of these locations is appreciated."</i>	Support noted. Retain initiatives related to strengthening external connections.

Initiatives

Q: "Which 'could support now' initiatives in the draft plan do you most support? Choose up to three."

Q: "Which 'may support in the future' initiatives in the draft plan do you most support? Choose up to three."

Respondents were also asked to explain their choice. Key themes from these comments are summarised below:

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Initiative	Themes	Recommendation / comment
Could support now Internal connectivity at Ian Galloway Park	Support for improving connectivity and paths Some respondents also expressed a desire for improved and formalized paths to connect the various areas of the park, making it easier and safer to navigate, especially for families with children. <i>"Concrete paths between the various areas of the park to assist moving between with kids on bikes would be helpful."</i> <i>"Would be good to have shared path connection through the parks from BMX track and ideally eventually safe cycling link for kids and other people less confident on road right through to Otari carpark."</i> A recurring theme was the need to improve existing connections, particularly those that are currently muddy or difficult to traverse. This would enhance the user experience and encourage more walking and cycling. <i>"Connectivity should support a compacted path on the edge of the sport fields to the BMX track as this is a swamp in winter."</i>	Recommend central connecting paths should be high quality to ensure accessibility.
Could support now Minor skate ramp improvements	Support for improving the skate facilities Some respondents see this as a key feature that attracts a diverse range of users and believe it should be a priority. Some comments suggested integrating a skate park with a pump track to create a comprehensive "Wheels Hub" that would serve a wider age range and variety of users, whereas another felt that the skate ramps should be a priority over a new pump track. <i>"The pump track should be a draw card for Wellington, not just the local community, and the skate park could definitely be improved."</i> <i>"The new sealed pump track and improvements to the skate ramps will be a bonus to the younger members of our community along with the easy access to the facilities from multiple points of entry to the park to attract as much participation and engagement with the community as possible."</i> <i>"It shouldn't be minor improvements to the ramps, it's one of the major draw card to the area. Stop the pump track & put it into the ramps."</i>	Noted, however this is not recommended based on network analysis and priorities. Include space allocation within Ian Galloway Park for skate upgrades in the future, as an

		alternative, if no other suitable locations are identified.
May support in the future' initiatives Sportsfield surface and lighting improvements	Support for an artificial turf Many respondents used their comments within the 'could support now' section to advocate for initiatives from the "may support in the future" category, arguing they should be "support now" priorities. The overwhelming majority of these comments were about the urgent need for a new artificial turf sports field and improved sports field lighting. This was, by far, the most supported and commented-on initiative. Many respondents believe that an artificial turf at Ian Galloway Park is a critical necessity that should be prioritized immediately, not in the distant future. The primary reasons cited were the lack of suitable, all-weather fields in the western suburbs and the increasing demand from sports like football, rugby, and netball. <i>"The only thing I really want to see happening is the construction of a full sized sports turf. This city is severely lacking, and kids + adults are missing out on playing winter sports because of this."</i> <i>"Wellington West needs multi purpose turfs for sports. Waterside Karori is the biggest club in Wellington and there is no full size turf."</i> <i>"Artificial turf is the most important initiative. All other opportunities should come off the back of this and integrate with the turf."</i> Note that a few respondents expressed strong opposition. This is summarised in the 'Concerns' section of this document.	Modify how initiatives are prioritised in the Plan, making a clear distinction between need and feasibility prioritisation, with associated dependencies and possible funding sources for providing some flexibility.
May support in the future' initiatives Sportsfield surface and lighting improvements	Improved drainage and lighting A closely related and highly supported initiative was improving drainage and lighting. Respondents emphasized the current poor state of the fields, which are often "a bog" in winter, and the need for lighting to extend usage into the evenings. This was seen as a foundational improvement that should happen regardless of whether artificial turf is installed. Other initiatives, such as upgrading changing facilities, creating a shared community hub, or developing a pump track, also received support. However, these were generally seen as secondary to the need for better sports fields and lighting. <i>"Drainage needs improving in all the parks, not just Appleton."</i> <i>"Lighting. Parking and fixed ground for sports are the priority to me."</i>	

The public's feedback on the "may support in the future" initiatives in the draft plan highlights strong opinions on priorities, particularly concerning sports facilities. While a range of initiatives were supported, there was a clear division in how respondents viewed their importance and timing.

Concerns / anything missing

This section summarises responses to the question: “Are there any aspects you do not support or have concerns about?” This was an open ended question with 78 responses. Due to several overlapping themes, the summary of the responses to the question “Are there any elements you feel are missing from the draft plan?” have been combined in the table below. This was an open ended question with 97 responses.

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Theme	Description	Recommendation / comment
Comprehensive ‘wheels hub’ – option 3	Some detailed feedback centred on the need for a more ambitious "wheels hub" that goes beyond a single pump track. Respondents argued for a facility that would include dirt jumps and a multi-loop pump track of "regional scale," not just a "community scale" track. 12 responses referenced a specific "Option 3" plan that would involve relocating the dog park to create a larger, more inclusive area for various wheeled sports. <i>"The Wheels Hub is missing from the draft plan,"</i> <i>"A regional scale pump track and Dirt jumps in this area would be well used,"</i>	Include additional information in the plan detailing area the around the pavilion, demonstrating why Option 3 is not feasible.
Concern for the dog park	A couple of responses expressed concerns about the potential for moving the dog park, to make space for a pump track. This was not a widespread theme, as moving the dog park was identified as out of scope.	Noted. Currently dog park location retained.
Call to be more ambitious	Several responses express support for enhancing Ian Galloway Park but argue that the current plan's initiatives are not ambitious or urgent enough to meet the community's most pressing needs. For example, several comments emphasised the urgent need for a new football turf as a top priority. <i>"The plans don't appear to be ambitious and multi-purpose enough for the community needs. Basketball facilities are non existent and netball is severely under pressure, especially with Cardinal McKeefry School closing. Multipurpose turf courts are needed to serve a more diverse range of sports and communities."</i> <i>"Artificial Turf needs to be built asap - not in 10 years time."</i> <i>"We would like to see Council prioritise a feasibility study for an artificial pitch of this nature at Ian Galloway Park, ideally followed up with a plan for its delivery as soon as practical. This is a unique opportunity in terms of convenient location and existing infrastructure – it is certainly the best option for a new turf close to the city."</i>	Modify how initiatives are prioritised in the Plan, making a clear distinction between need and feasibility prioritisation, with associated dependencies and possible funding sources for providing some flexibility. Include cost estimates where possible.

Impact of an artificial turf on other sports	Another concern was that turf is not suitable for all sports and would "limit the use of the space" for codes like rugby and cricket. <i>"ABSOLUTELY DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PUT ARTIFICIAL TURF AT IAN GALLOWAY. The poor kids! Only grass rugby spot for them and you're going to turf it?"</i>	Include a note that consideration for rugby is a dependency for installation of an artificial.
Environmental responsibility	Artificial turf Respondents wanted more details on the plan's "environmental impact" and how it would protect the Kaiwharawhara stream. Opponents to the potential artificial turf voiced serious environmental concerns about microplastics and PFAS chemicals from the turf polluting the Kaiwharawhara stream. "There is no case for 'new artificial turf'," one response declared, adding that it is "chemically... and physically... toxic."	All environmental impacts to be considered as within any future Business Case and consenting. Consider developing a Sports Policy which provides clear direction on Council's use of artificial turf.
Sports provision	Netball court provision With the potential closure of Cardinal McKeefrey school, there was a strong concern about the lack of public netball facilities. <i>"There is no mention of netball or hockey facilities," a respondent noted, "These are often sports played by girls and there are limited options in our area of the city."</i>	Investigate court provision for sports. Include space allocation within the plan for sports courts, in case it is needed in the future.
	Hockey turf provision	No change. Refer to Regional Sports Fields Report 2023. Projections suggest that with population change there will continue to be sufficient turfs to cater for hockey.
Clubrooms	The plan was seen as missing any mention of the "dated and aging rugby clubrooms" and the potential for a new, shared multi-sport facility. <i>"Bring clubrooms closer to the top park"</i>	Refer to club rooms within 'Key Move 6'.
Carparking and access	Many respondents called for more car parking at the southern end of the park and complained about the state of the existing parking areas. There were also calls for better road safety measures, such as a "pedestrian crossing" on Curtis Street, which is "not that safe for kids." A number of people suggested a sealed bike path along the edge of the sports fields to provide a safer connection between different parts of the park and to other cycleways in the area.	Further detail in the plan articulating recommended carparking and access improvements.
Inclusivity	The plan was seen as lacking emphasis on inclusivity for all community members, including people with disabilities, the elderly, university students, and migrants. A call was made for "more emphasis on disabled people!!!" and bilingual signposting.	Within the plan refer to Universal Design principle within Te Whai Oranga Pōneke.

General amenities	Other missing elements included shaded seating areas with BBQs, and water fountains.	Expand wording for 'Key move four: Support passive recreation' to refer to additional examples of passive recreation amenities.
Track lighting	Support for lighting on tracks (CPTED) <i>"More lighting would be great too, especially for women, who may be less likely to run in the evenings due to safety concerns. There definitely needs to be a lighting improvement along the paved path between Seaforth Terrace and the park too as this is dangerously dark. The current lack of lighting next to the changing rooms encourages people to park their cars there at night and engage in antisocial behaviour."</i>	Noted, however this is out of scope. WCC do not typically light tracks within Reserves. This may be considered as part of the Open Space Access Plan review.
Plan wording	Lack of clarity / specificity, for example what the dog park improvements might include.	Include more detail regarding the potential dog park improvements.
Timeframes	Some respondents requested clear timelines for the projects.	Include clarifying wording within the Plan, making clear what are approved 'projects' and associated timeframes, versus what are aspirations.
Prioritisation / funding	Some respondents commented on where they felt funding should be prioritised. <i>"A changing room upgrade would be great but only if money allows - would rather lighting."</i> <i>"As a dog owner in Karori, I don't use the dog exercise park at all (save for puppy recall training) as we have so many fantastic areas to walk our dogs (Karori Park, Wrights Hill, Johnston Hill etc). Therefore, to the extent that the Council needs to prioritise its initiatives / funding, I would urge the Council to focus on initiatives that make these areas work for children and local sports"</i>	Noted, however this plan does not allocate funding.

General comments

Submitters were also invited to provide additional general comments. This was an open ended question with 83 responses. Where comments related clearly to a specific value or section, they have been incorporated there. The tables below present themes that were not easily coded into a specific value or section.

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Theme	Description	Recommendation / comment
Gender equity in sports	One comment raised the issue of gender equity in sportsground allocation, citing a "shameful situation" where a successful women's football team was "forced to travel across town for 'home games' because Karori Park is so poor quality they could not play there." <i>"Why do male dominated sports like rugby with declining participation keep massive space at Ian Galloway while our incredible female athletes are treated like this. Council needs to address sexism in their sports ground allocation."</i>	Noted. Council allocates space to Regional Sports Associations and clubs who then decide what teams play/train when and where.
Sports use on closed landfill	A couple of responses raised concerns about the safety of the sportsfields. <i>"The lower rugby ground needs re surfacing - it's a bog and horrible to try and play on. We are advised as parents that any cuts or scrapes they get at Ian Galloway be treated with anti bacterial as there is disease in the soil - what a horrid reputation to have"</i> <i>"I think you should be honest about the landfill and the way it has been capped and how you manage games and leachate."</i>	Consider providing information to clubs about the safety of Ian Galloway sportsfields to alleviate concerns.
Process	One respondent felt the survey had fundamental flaws in particular: <i>"careful structuring of this 'Survey'/'Feedback' so that only very limited responses can be given."</i>	Open comment sections were provided. This has been assessed in detail.
	One respondent the council was "making excuses about why the dog park can't be relocated."	Noted. Refer to analysis of alternative dog park location.
	Some respondents voiced frustration with the broader issues of council funding and prioritisation. <i>"Remember this is our money, not yours," and "I do not support any additional expenditure... until higher priority issues such as renewing pipes have been funded."</i>	Noted. This Plan does not allocate funding.

Play space and pump track

Q: If a both a local play space and pump track were to be installed, how important is it to you that the play area and the pump track are located near each other?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choices. 137 respondents provided further comment. The key themes from these comments are summarised below:

	Recommended change to the draft Plan
	Other avenue for addressing concern identified
	Noted. No change.

Sentiment	Themes	Recommendation / comment
Very important / important	Supervision and convenience for parents This was the most prominent theme. Parents with children of varying ages and interests emphasized the need to easily supervise them in one general area. Having a play space for younger children and a pump track for older ones in close proximity would allow parents to keep an eye on all their kids without having to move between different, distant locations. <i>"Supervising multiple kids would be easier."</i> <i>"With two children it's nice to be able to watch both at the same time as they play."</i> <i>"easy for parents to access and monitor children with different interests and ease of not having to go to multiple places."</i>	Ensure co-location is a factor in decision-making for the play space and pump track locations, however sufficient space available may be a constraint.
	Family-oriented experience Many respondents felt that co-locating the facilities would create a more holistic, family-friendly destination. This would make the park a "hub" for families, catering to a range of recreational interests in a single outing. <i>"I believe the proximity will allow for a more family orientated experience if they are in the same area."</i> <i>"Makes sense for families looking to use both facilities."</i> <i>"Pump and play work well together for families."</i>	Retain two potential locations for the pump track, subject to feasibility.
	Complementary activities Several people noted that the activities are complementary, and children often want to use both the playground and the pump track during a single visit. Co-location would make this movement seamless and increase overall use of the facilities. <i>"Kids want to play on everything. Would make it 100% easier if close to gather and would get more use."</i>	

	<i>"Kids will want to use both."</i> <i>"If you've got kids of different ages, ideally you can go between the two facilities."</i>	
	Successful precedent A few comments pointed to other parks, like those in Paraparaumu or Upper Hutt, where co-located facilities have proven successful in attracting and serving families. <i>"You only have to look at the success of other playgrounds/play spaces where they have a variety of facilities to answer that question."</i> <i>"It means families can all go together (Kapiti BMX track is with a play ground and its great)."</i> <i>"Kids can go between easily, look at Maidstone max in upperhut."</i>	
	Conditional on not limiting the scale of the pump track While expressing the importance of co-location, some comments also included a conditional aspect. They emphasized that this co-location should not come at the expense of a properly scaled and functional pump track. The size and quality of the track should not be sacrificed simply to place it next to a play area. <i>"It would be nice, but not if co-locating them would render the pump track sub-scale."</i> <i>"I think that as long as the co-location of them does not hinder the scale of the pump track... If option 3 is not possible, having two pump tracks could be a valid option..."</i>	
Neutral	Prioritising scale over proximity This was the most prominent theme. While acknowledging that co-location might be convenient, many neutral respondents emphasized that the size and quality of the pump track were far more important. They would rather have a larger, regional-scale pump track and a separate play area than compromise on the quality of either to place them near each other. <i>"While there is value that they are located close together. I would place increased size and quality of a pump track as a higher priority over proximity."</i> <i>"I would rather have a regional scale pump track and a big playground that are farther away than to compromise and have a small pump track and a small playground that are close together."</i>	
	Safety concerns Some respondents expressed safety concerns about placing a play area, typically used by very young children, immediately adjacent to a pump track, which involves fast-moving bikes and scooters. They felt separating the two facilities could prevent accidents. <i>"As a member of Capital BMX Club I am in favour of having any playspace not immediately next to a pump track. This is for safety reasons."</i> <i>"I can see an advantage from proximity but also safety concern placing play space next to a pump track so neutral."</i>	
	Different user groups A few people believed that the user groups for a play area and a pump track are different enough that co-location is not essential. They suggested that play areas cater to very young children, while pump tracks are for slightly older children, adolescents, and adults, meaning they don't necessarily need to be in the same space.	

	<i>"I suspect there isn't really a lot of overlap between users of the pump track and users of the play area so being next to each other isn't of high importance."</i> <i>"...the areas will cater to different age groups [sic]."</i>	
	Connectivity as an alternative These respondents suggested that if the two areas are not co-located, the solution is to ensure they are well-connected by quality, all-weather paths. This would allow people to easily move between the facilities without them needing to be right next to each other. <i>"Walking distance is fine."</i> <i>"They do need to be connected, and fit together somehow, but they can also be separate destinations."</i>	
	Personal circumstances and ambivalence Some respondents simply stated that the question was not a priority for them, either because they don't have children of the right age or because they are not frequent users of those specific facilities. <i>"I don't use the pump track and my kids are too old for a play area."</i> <i>"I don't really care, we don't need another play space."</i>	
	Critique of the survey question: A few comments directly criticised the closed nature of the question, arguing that it didn't allow for a nuanced response that considers cost, space, or alternative locations. <i>"This is a closed question that depends on what you have in mind and what the implications might be of answering it in a particular way."</i>	
Very unimportant / unimportant	Safety and separation of user groups This was the most frequent reason given for opposing co-location. Respondents expressed concerns that a pump track, which attracts fast-moving bikes and older users, could pose a safety risk to young children typically found in a play area. They believe the different age groups and activities are best kept separate. <i>"As long as it happens I don't care where it does. But not too close to the playground as kids will walk over and play on the pump track which is dangerous and annoying."</i> <i>"Playgrounds are frequently used by much younger children, pump track users are older and there's a risk of bikers not taking due care around very young children."</i> <i>"Bikes and young children play area do not mix. Better to locate play area by sport field."</i>	
	Prioritising scale and quality Similar to the neutral comments, a strong theme was that the quality of each facility is more important than their proximity to one another. Respondents argued that sacrificing space for a high-quality pump track just to place it next to a playground is a poor investment. <i>"It is more important that we have a good size pump track that can cater to different abilities and have room for progression."</i> <i>"I think it's better that they are awesome (roomy with great design and equipment) than next to each other."</i>	

	Focus on existing or alternative facilities Some comments suggested that the park already has or is near other "playspaces," so a new one is not a priority. Others felt that the money could be better spent on different projects, such as upgrading existing skate facilities or even essential infrastructure like pipes. <i>"There are many 'playspaces' elsewhere, including Wilton Park."</i> <i>"A pump track is a waste of time and there are enough playgrounds locally anyway. Invest the money into the existing skateboarding ramps."</i> <i>"Claw back this funding to support high priority fixes to infrastructure such as pipes."</i>	
	Logic of a "Wheels Hub" A number of respondents argued that a pump track should be located near other "wheeled" activities to create a specialized hub. They felt it makes more sense to group the pump track with the existing BMX track and skate ramps to promote those specific sports. <i>"Pump track doesn't have to be just for little children... Having the pump track next to the bmx track would promote both sports."</i> <i>"'Packaging' bike activities in the same general location, to me, makes more sense."</i>	
	Personal lack of use A few people stated that they or their family would not use either of the proposed facilities, making their co-location unimportant to them. <i>"I couldn't care less. We will not be using either of these facilities."</i> <i>"Neither would be used by me."</i>	

Q: Which location at Ian Galloway do you prefer for the play area?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choices. 33 respondents provided further comment. The key themes from these comments are summarised below:

Sentiment	Themes	Recommendation / comment
Strong prefer / prefer option 1 14 comments	Co-location with sportsfields 58.4% of future play space users found it important to some extent that the play area was located within sight of the sportsfields, with 51.2% preferring Option 1.	Preferred location for the local play space is an alternative location adjacent to the new public toilets in the southern area of Ian Galloway Park.
	Separation from the road Those who preferred Option 1 felt that this location was safer, as it's further away from the main road however still expressed concern about the busy traffic on the park's internal roads. <i>"Keeping it away from the road is essential."</i>	

	Proximity to carparking The proximity to a larger car park was also seen as a major benefit, <i>"I prefer this option because of car parking. But visibility is also critically important."</i> <i>"close to car parking is helpful"</i>	Rationale: Better safety, proximity to accessible toilets, skate ramps, BMX track and the dog park. Context: While 58% of surveyed future users valued connection with the sportsfields, informal play elements can be delivered near the fields using Plimmer funding along with improved pathways connecting these spaces. Future potential: In the longer term, as sportsfield utilisation increases, the formal play space may be relocated to the more central sportsfield location. The southern site could then potentially be repurposed as a small-dog area, reusing the play equipment at end-of-life.
	Separation between tamariki and rangatahi One respondent expressed a preference to have some distance between facilities for younger children, and youth-adults. <i>"safer as well if young use the play area and likely older kids the skate park."</i>	
	Central location Some comments suggested that the play space should be designed to serve both sides of the park, if in a central location, and includes additional amenities like picnic tables and courts.	
Strong prefer / prefer option 2 7 comments	Visibility Concerns were raised about Option 1 being "a bit secluded" and "very isolated," which could make some parents uncomfortable with their children going there alone. One comment also mentioned that Option 2 "is way more visible."	
	Co-location with skate ramps <i>"It would be great to see in the same area as the pump track / skate ramp."</i> <i>"I need to be able to see my kids at the ramps and the play space."</i>	
General comments	Amenities Include additional amenities like picnic tables and courts and adding shade.	Noted. To be considered as part of the next stage of the project.
	Accessibility Design a playground that is accessible for children with mobility and sensory needs.	

	Café Co-location with a new permanent café in the park.	Noted. A café is not within scope.
	Point of difference <i>"Specific character would be needed to draw users to it."</i> <i>"Have it designed around that it will be windy there. Have toys that move in the wind, that are fun when it is windy for the kids"</i>	Noted.

Q: To what extent do you support or oppose a pump track being installed at Ian Galloway Park?

Respondents were also asked to explain their choices. 116 respondents provided further comment. The key themes from these comments are summarised below:

Themes		Recommended Change to the Plan/comment
Strongly support / support 78 comments	Strong community need Many respondents expressed that a high-quality, regional-scale pump track is sorely needed on the west side of Wellington. They noted that the only other such facility is far away in the Eastern suburbs, forcing families to travel long distances.	Initiative retained.
	Complements existing facilities The proposed pump track would complement the existing BMX track and skate ramps, creating a "wheels hub" for various activities. <i>"A pump track would be an incredible asset to have alongside the BMX track and skate ramps."</i>	
	Promotes bike skills and confidence Several comments highlighted the value of a pump track for teaching cycling skills, especially for younger or less confident riders who find the existing BMX and mountain bike tracks too challenging. <i>"a great way to get younger kids skilled at bike riding."</i>	
	Accessible to all Several respondents commented on the benefit of pump tracks as assets which are accessible to a wide range of users, including those on bikes, scooters, and skateboards, and catering to different ages and skill levels.	
	Economic and social benefits Supporters believe a pump track could become a destination venue for regional events, boosting the local economy and encouraging social interaction.	

	Option 3 – relocation on the dog park Many of those in favour of a pump track expressed a desire for a "regional-scale" facility rather than a "community-scale" one, suggesting it would be a worthwhile investment. Some also proposed an "Option 3" plan to relocate the dog park to make space for a larger pump track. Note that some opponents were against the idea of a pump track altogether due to fear of relocating the dog park to make way for the pump track, emphasizing the importance of the existing dog park.	Include additional information in the plan detailing area the around the pavilion, demonstrating why Option 3 is not feasible.
Strongly oppose / oppose 20 comments	Existing facilities Some questioned the need for a new pump track, arguing that one already exists at Karori Park or that the current BMX track is underutilised. <i>"There is already a BMX track and skateboard facility for this age range."</i>	Refer to findings in the Needs Assessment.
	Priorities and cost A number of respondents felt that the money could be better spent on other community needs, such as sports fields, better netball courts, or an improved skate park. <i>"Ian Galloway is a sports field. Keep this the focus,"</i>	Noted, the intention is for the pump track to be community funded.
	Impact on neighbouring residents A few neighbours of the park voiced concerns about increased noise and parking pressures.	Noted.
	Exclusivity One person argued that a purpose-built pump track would only benefit a small, privileged group who could afford expensive bikes. Instead, they suggested a skate park would be more inclusive and serve a wider variety of users. <i>"A skate park would be a far better option for the community,"</i>	Refer to findings in the Needs Assessment.

Q: Which location at Ian Galloway do you prefer for the pump track?

37 respondents provided further comment regarding the pump track. The key themes from these comments are summarised below grouped by their response to the question above:

Themes		Recommendation
Strongly prefer / prefer Option 1 17 comments	More space for a larger-scale facility Supporters of Option 1 generally favoured the idea of a "regional-scale" pump track. They felt that this location, which includes parts of field 6, offered more space to create a facility that would be a destination for a wide range of users. They argued that a larger, more comprehensive track would better serve the community and attract people from across the city. <i>"I support the development of a 'regional' pump track rather than a community one which will limit its usefulness," said one respondent.</i>	Retain two potential locations for the pump track. Either co-located south of the sportsfields (north-east of the

	Another added, <i>"option 1 should be extended to allow for a regional scale pump track... We'd see more of a return if the scale was increased, we don't want it outgrown."</i> Some also highlighted the benefit of separating older, more advanced riders from young children learning to ride, which Option 1's larger space might allow.	BMX track), or west of the skate ramps (south of the BMX track), subject to final scale and feasibility.
Strongly prefer / prefer Option 2 7 comments	Wheels-hub Those who preferred Option 2 emphasised its logical proximity to the existing "wheels hub" of the park. They felt that placing the pump track next to the skate ramps and BMX track would create a cohesive and well-utilized area for all wheeled sports.	
Neutral 3 comments Don't like either option 10 comments	Option 3 A significant number of respondents who were neutral or disliked both options coalesced around a common theme: a desire for a larger, "regional-scale" facility. This group often referenced a third alternative, "Option 3," which proposes relocating the dog park to make more room for a large, multi-loop pump track and jump lines. <i>"The IGP wheels hub option 3 would make the whole development better," one person commented.</i> <i>"option 3 (relocation of dog park to field 2) allows for a regional scale multi-loop pump track."</i>	
General sentiments	Professional designer Several responses also raised the importance of a professional design to ensure the track is safe and popular. <i>"It needs to be carefully designed and professionally built by a pump track specialist- a poorly executed pump track is dangerous and won't be popular."</i>	
	Parking / access Needs to be near parking facilities. <i>"Ian Galloway isn't the easiest park to get to and on busy roads, so unlikely that young kids would bike there."</i>	

Attachment 2: Pump track

Pump track

This section summarises responses to questions related to the pump track initiative:

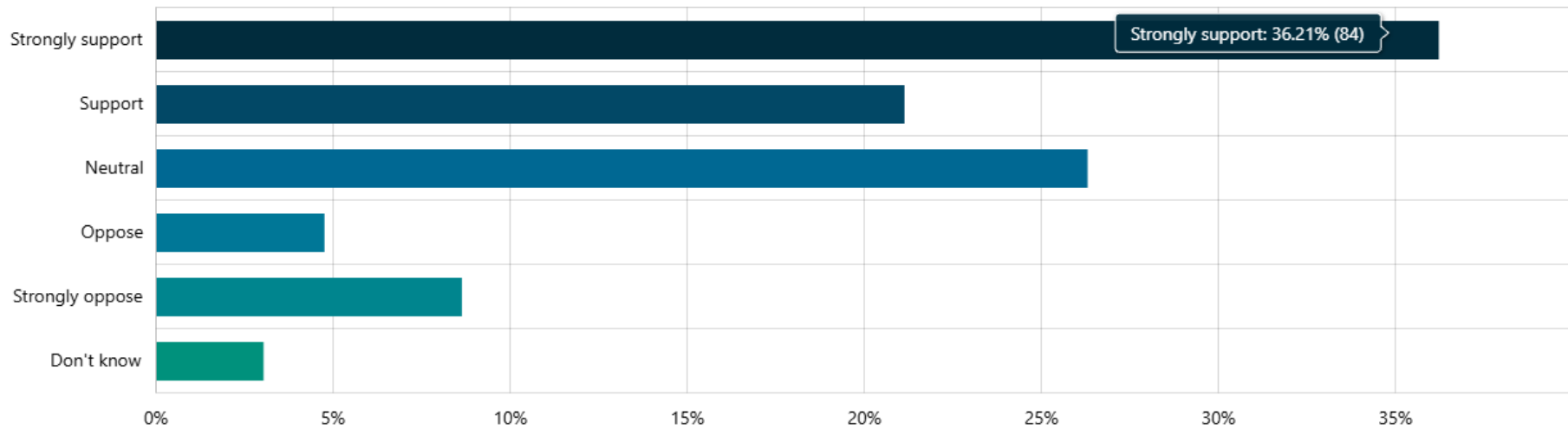
- *“To what extent do you support or oppose a pump track being installed at Ian Galloway Park?”*
- *“Which location at Ian Galloway do you prefer for the pump track?”*
- *“If a pump track were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park, would you or someone in your household use it?”*
- *What is the age of the person in your household who would use the pump track the most?*
- *What is the gender of the person in your household who would use the pump track the most?*
- *How often would you or your household member(s) likely visit a pump track at Ian Galloway Park?*
- *How would you or your household member(s) use the pump track?*
- *What type of user are you or your household member(s)?*
- *What type of pump track would you/your household member(s) prefer?*
- *What time would you or your household member(s) most prefer to ride?*
- *How would you or your household member(s) travel to the pump track?*
- *Please rank the following pump track amenities in the order you think are most important.*
- *Is there anything else you would like to tell us regarding the pump track?*



Image above: Foxton Beach pump track, often referenced as a great example.

Q: To what extent do you support or oppose a pump track being installed at Ian Galloway Park?

There were 232 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 57.3% of respondents (133) supported a pump track being installed at Ian Galloway Park to some extent, while 13.4% (31) were in opposition.



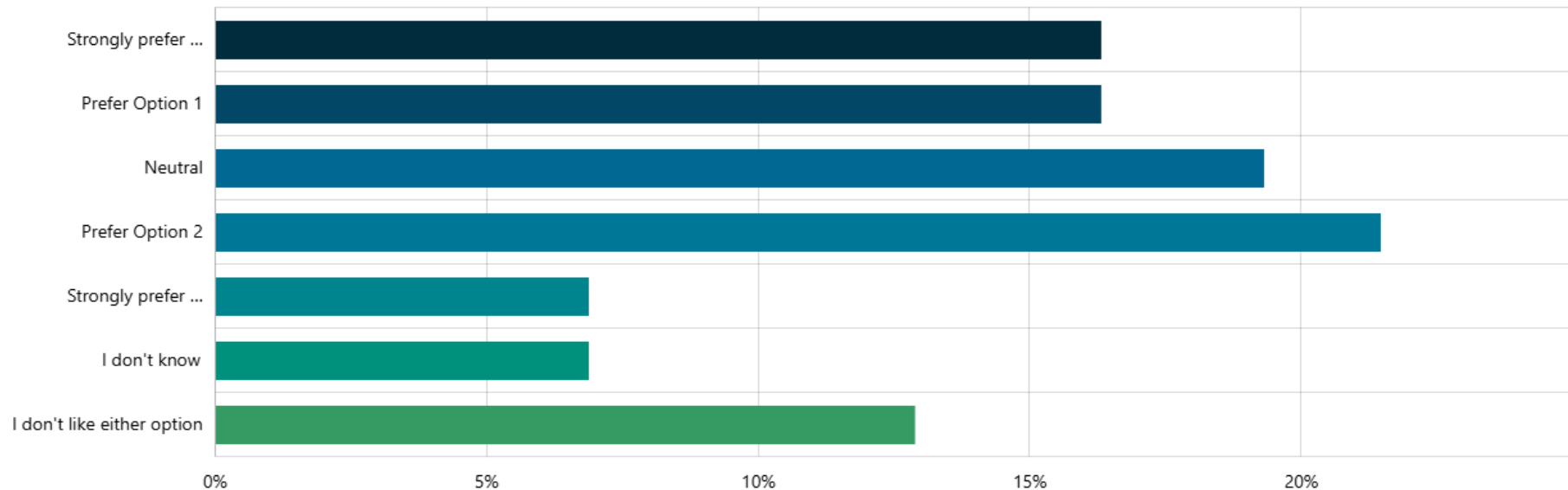
Most respondents supported installing a pump track because they saw strong community demand for an accessible, skill-building, family-friendly facility that complements existing wheels-based activities, while opposition largely centred on concerns about cost, priorities, potential dog-park relocation, neighbouring impacts, and the view that existing facilities already meet this need. Some opposition advocated for a larger regional scale pump track.

Recommendation for the final Plan:

Retain initiative for a community-scale pump track. Needs analysis indicates this is the most appropriate scale for this location.

Q: Which location at Ian Galloway do you prefer for the pump track?

There were 233 responses to this question. Overall, a small majority, 32.6% prefer Option 1 to some extent, compared to 28.3% prefer Option 2, and 12.9% did not like either option. 26.2% were neutral or did not know.



Respondents were split because supporters of Option 1 valued the greater space it offered for a larger, regional-scale pump track, while supporters of Option 2 preferred its integration with the existing wheels-hub. Many who were neutral or opposed both options instead favoured a third alternative that would enable an even bigger, multi-loop regional facility.

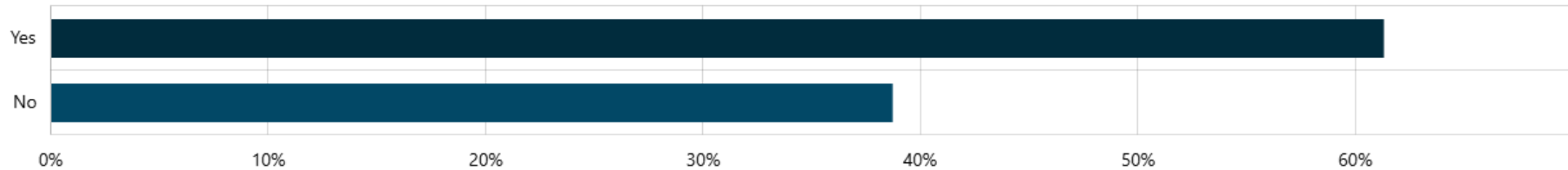
Recommendation for the final Plan:

Discard 'Option 3' advocated by Capital BMX as it is not considered to be feasible due to the required relocation of the existing dog park. No suitable alternative dog park locations have been identified. The alternative dog park location suggested by Capital BMX would impede on future carparking which would be needed in the future to accommodate increased field usage, and additional informal recreation.

Retain Option 1 and Option 2 locations subject to further feasibility investigation.

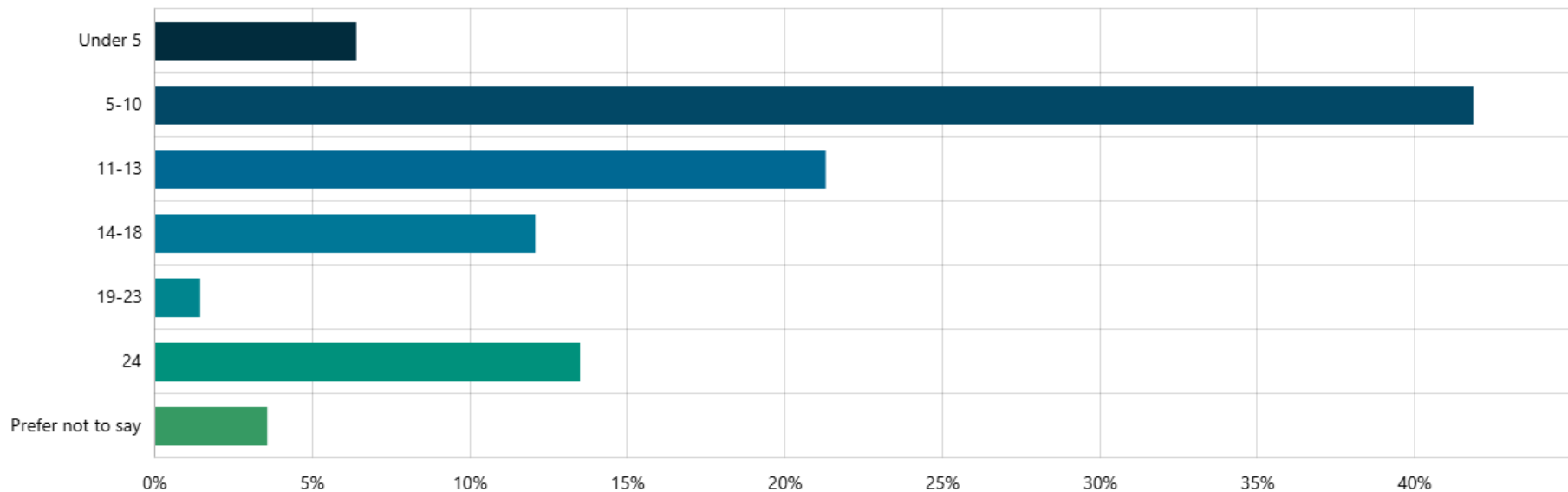
Q: If a pump track were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park, would you or someone in your household use it?

There were 230 responses to this question. Overall, the majority, 61.3% of respondents (141) stated that they, or someone in their household use the pump track if it were to be installed at Ian Galloway Park.



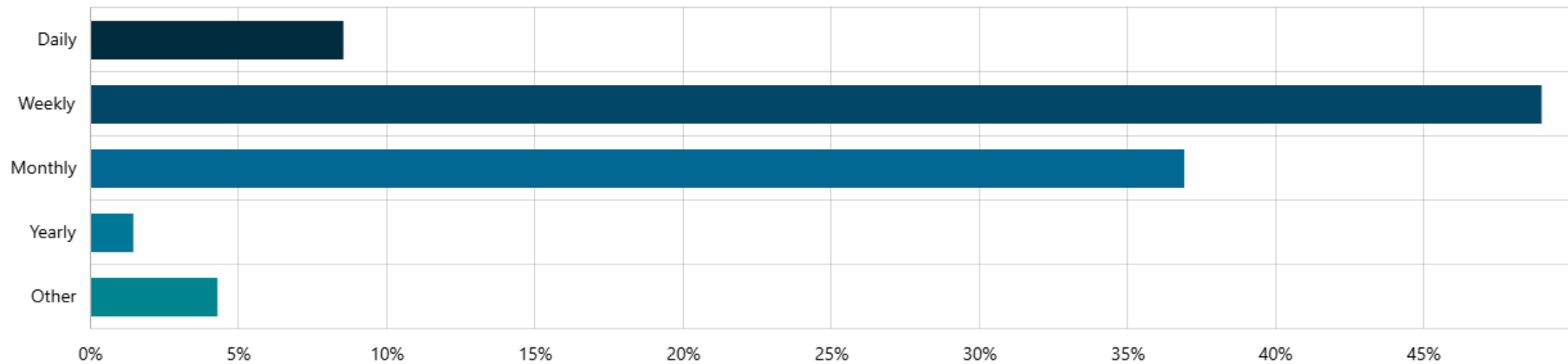
Q: What is the age of the person in your household who would use the pump track the most?

There were 141 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority, 61.3% of users would likely to be tamariki aged 13 and under, with 13.5% of users teenager or young adult, and 13.5% an adult.



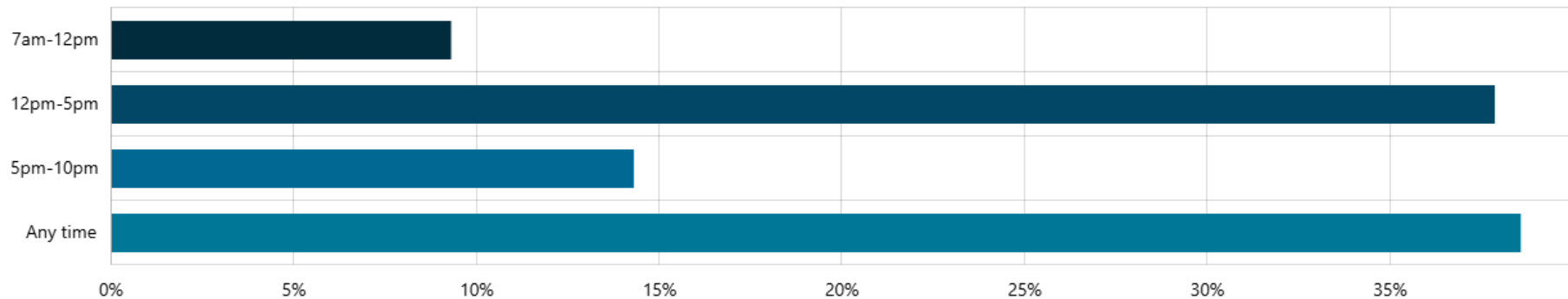
Q: How often would you or your household member(s) likely visit a pump track at Ian Galloway Park?

There were 141 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority (48.9%), of users would likely use the pump track weekly, and 36.9% of users monthly.



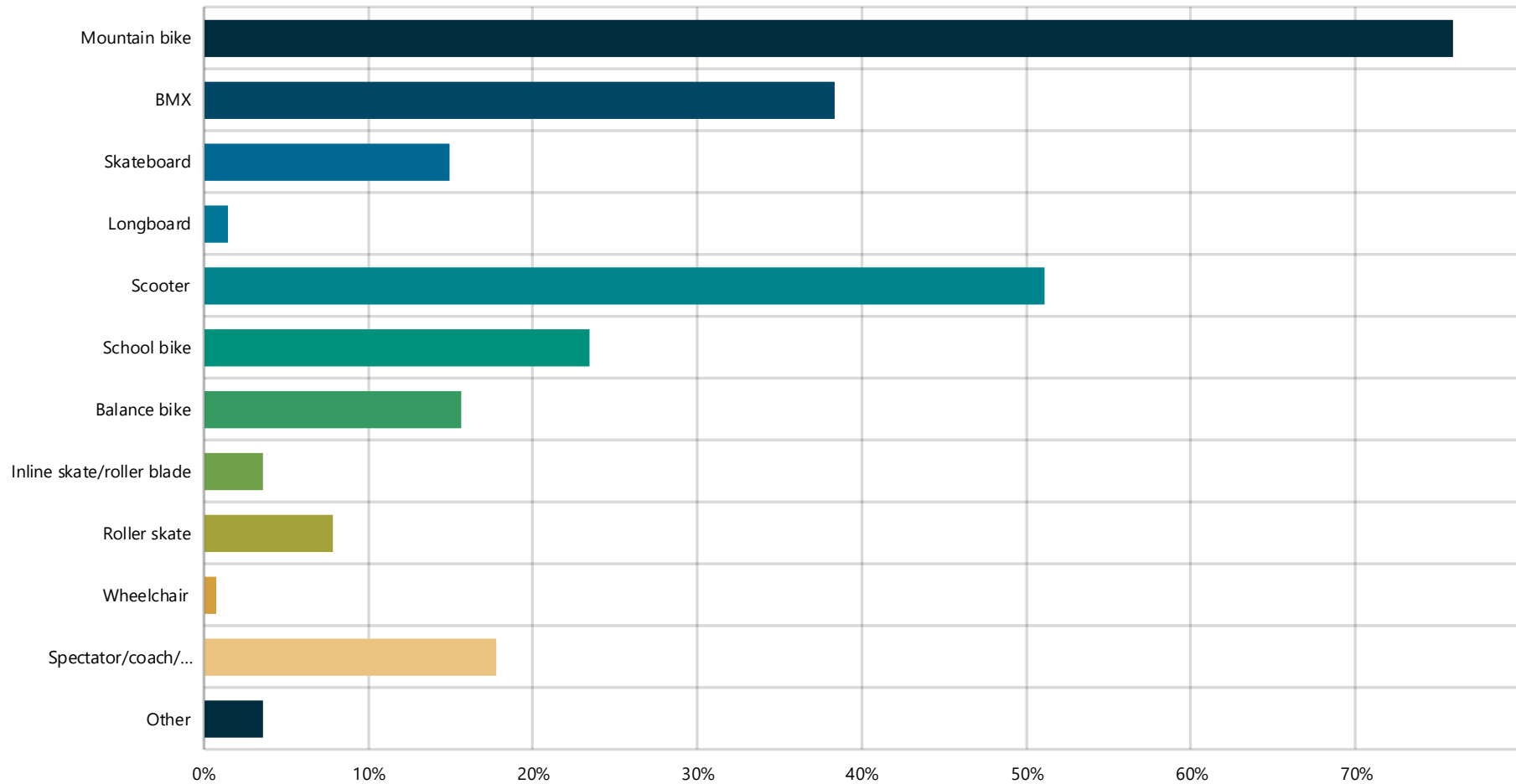
Q: What time would you or your household member(s) most prefer to ride?

There were 140 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority (38.6%), of users would prefer to ride anytime, with many also preferring the afternoon (37.9%).



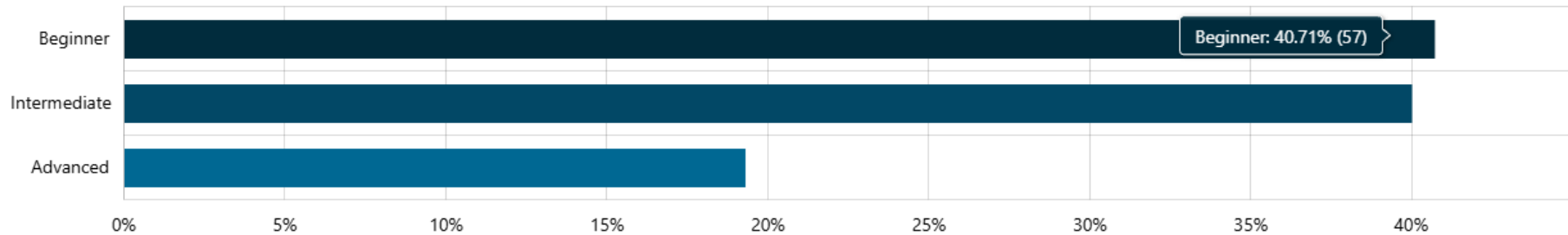
Q: How would you or your household member(s) use the pump track?

There were 141 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority (75%), of users would ride a mountain bike, 51% a scooter, 38% BMX bike on the pump track.



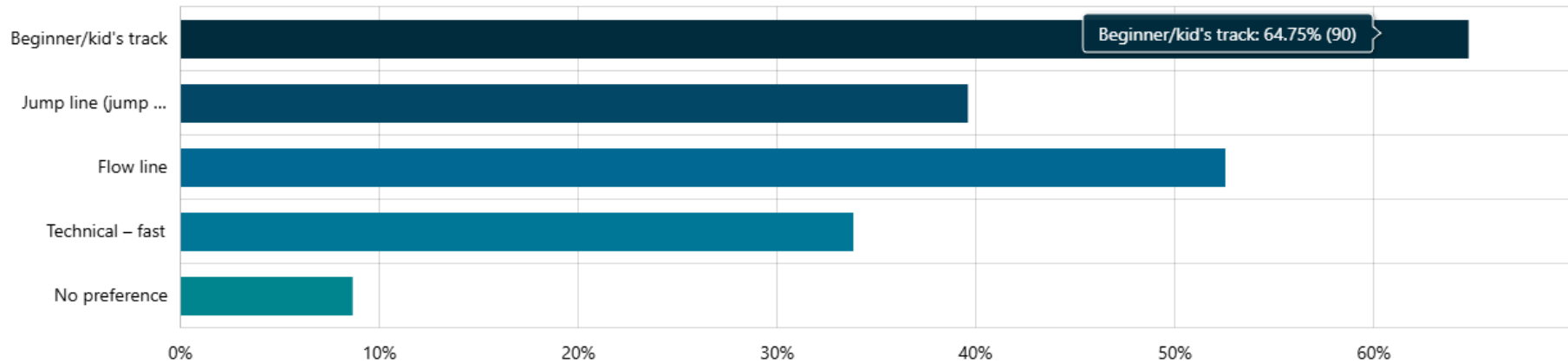
Q: What type of user are you or your household member(s)?

There were 140 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority are beginner (40.7%) or intermediate (40.0%) riders.



Q: What type of pump track would you/your household member(s) prefer?

There were 139 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority would prefer the option of a beginner/kid's track (64.8%), with a flow line also popular (52.5%). A jump line (39.6%) and a technical/fast line was relatively less popular (33.8%).



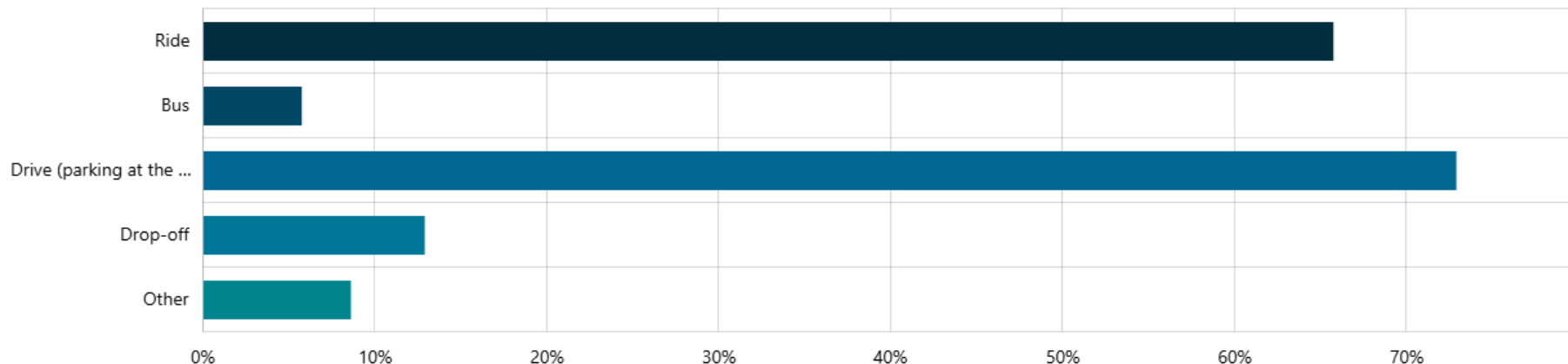
Open-ended comments

Respondents were also asked to tell us more about why you chose those types. 60 respondents provided further comment. The key themes from these comments are summarised below. The overwhelming sentiment was that a multi-purpose, well-designed pump track would be a valuable community asset that provides a safe, fun, and progressive experience for riders of all ages and abilities.

Themes
Progression and variety The most common request was for a pump track that offers a variety of lines and features to accommodate different ages and skill levels. Many respondents, including one from the BMX club, emphasized the importance of a track that allows riders to progress as their skills improve.
Catering to all ages and abilities Many families noted that they have members of varying ages, from young children on scooters to teenagers and adults on mountain bikes and BMXs. A track with multiple loops or options was seen as the best way to serve everyone and avoid conflict between different user groups. <i>"A variety to cater for a variety users, interests and skillsets would be welcomed."</i>
Bridging the skill gap Several comments highlighted the lack of accessible facilities for beginners. The existing BMX track is often seen as too advanced for younger riders. A pump track with a beginner-friendly section would provide a safe place for kids to learn and build confidence before moving on to more challenging trails. <i>"We have access to great BMX/MTB tracks in our community but not a lot for our beginners/kids,"</i>
Desire for advanced features: While the beginner track was the most popular single option, there was a strong contingent that wanted a more advanced facility. Many respondents, particularly those with older kids or who are experienced riders themselves, expressed a desire for features like jump lines and technical sections, noting that Wellington lacks a high-quality, regional-scale track with these features.

Q: How would you or your household member(s) travel to the pump track?

There were 140 responses to this question. Based on responses, the majority would park at Ian Galloway Park (72.9%) or ride there (65.7%).



Q: Please rank the following pump track amenities in the order you think are most important.

There were 106 responses to this question. Based on responses, the most important amenities are carparking, closely followed by toilets and a drinking fountain. Seating, shelter, and sports lighting is also considered to be important.

