

2023 Roseburn Park Survey Results- a Vision for the Future

Background

The consultation on future improvements for the park was available on paper and online at www.tinyurl.com/roseburnparksurvey from 9th June 2023; it closed on 13th August 2023.

In hard copy 3,000 fliers were distributed door-to-door in the local area, and in schoolbags home for children at Roseburn Primary School. It was promoted electronically through Friends of Roseburn Park's Facebook page and website. The survey was also promoted through a mailshot to FoRP's 287 members- and to the 500 people who attended the café conversion launch event on 3rd July. The school used completion of the survey as a classroom activity for P6 and P7 pupils (28 were completed online and 21 were paper forms).

Both online and hard copy versions were accompanied by this plan of the park, marking possible locations for the 17 ideas in the survey.



Make up of respondents

There were 238 respondents (a good increase from our 2016 survey that drew 141 replies), broken down as follows:

I am an adult	189	79%
I am under 18	49	21%

43 of the responses were on paper (18%); the remaining 82% were submitted online through a Google Form.

The percentage responses identifying with various kinds of park user were as follows: (note that each category was not exclusive- many pedestrians also cycled, walked the dog, etc)

Dog Walker	59	25%
Cyclist	89	37%
Pedestrian	197	83%
Jogger/Keep-fit	59	25%
Commuter	22	9%
Play team sport	24	10%
Playground user	49	21%
Other	9	4%

Rating of main ideas

Respondents were asked to rate each idea with one of the following: Love It, Like It, Don't Mind It, Have Doubts, Dislike It. The table below combines Love It, Like It and Don't mind it replies. It is in descending order of popularity.

Total responses 238 This is percentage who "Love it, Like it, Don't mind it"

Public shelter with seating near the café	95%	226	1st
Measures to reduce cycle-pedestrian conflict in the park, esp by cafe	93%	221	2nd equal
Bike stands for cyclists visiting new cafe	93%	221	2nd equal
Refurbished drinking fountain	92%	218	4th
More carved log benches	90%	214	5th
See-Saw	88%	210	6th
Trim trail stations (such as wooden monkey bars or stepping logs)	88%	209	7th
Planted tubs with communal herbs you can use	87%	207	8th
Commemorative garden for Ian McClure (instigator of Water of Leith Walkway)	86%	205	9th
Reflection garden by old play park	84%	200	10th
Petanque court (French game of boules)	82%	195	11th equal
Carved totem pole using dead tree behind Armoury	82%	195	11th equal
Outdoor gym stations (such as fixed bikes or cross-trainers)	82%	194	13th
Walking track along south boundary of park linking ice rink to new play park	80%	191	14th
Teen area at ice rink end of the park (eg shelter, basketball net/goal end)	78%	185	15th
Large boulder for kids to play on	77%	184	16th
New footbridge across the river at café linking to Corstorphine Road	74%	175	17th

There were many comments on the suggestions and ideas for other improvements that could be made to the park. To receive a copy of these, please email friendsofroseburnmembership@gmail.com

FINALLY

Of all respondents, 144 asked for the survey results to be posted to them. 53 volunteered to get more involved with FoRP.