

# Consort Park and Dr Harold Moody Park

**Second Community Consultation Report**



## Overview

Consort Park and adjacent Dr Harold Moody Park in Peckham are in poor condition and need investment. A Masterplan is being created, that will be used to seek funding for the improvements.

### Previous Consultation

We carried out an initial consultation about Consort Park in 2020. Many consultees mentioned the worn play equipment in Dr Harold Moody Park, so the project has been expanded to include this park, focusing on sport and play facilities.

### This Consultation

Two design options (See appendix 1 -Option A, and appendix 2 - Option B) and an online survey were available between March and April 2021 on the council website.

The Southwark Young Advisors talked to young people and families in Dr Harold Moody Park's playground and ball court during two sessions, and encouraged them to complete the survey. These trained

professionals, aged 16 to 21 years old, strive to create change within their local community; more details can be found [www.youngadvisors.org.uk/southwark](http://www.youngadvisors.org.uk/southwark)

Children from St Mary Magdalene Primary School were asked to choose their favourite play equipment from a list. For more information, please see the conclusion section on page 24 and appendix 3.

Due to COVID-19 lockdown restrictions we were unable to hold an event in the park, so two virtual meetings took place in March and April 2021.

The full results are shown in appendix 4 (All comments by topic) and appendix 5 (All comments). They have been used to update the final Masterplan. It will be used to seek more funding to make the improvements. The council has sufficient funding for a small first phase of improvements, which we estimate to carry out in winter 2022/23.

221 people responded to the consultation. An analysis of the results is in the conclusions section on page 24.

## Masterplan – Option A

Masterplan Option A can be found in Appendix 1.

This design showed both parks joined together, with one end of Sturdy Road closed to motor traffic but open for cyclists and pedestrians. It would require the removal of 15 parking spaces.

It includes the following improvements to each park:

Consort Park	Dr Harold Moody Park
A new footpath through the back of park. The path is shorter than in Option B	A turning area would need to be created in a small section of the park, for vehicles entering Sturdy Road
The mounds are removed, reduced or reshaped to improve views	A bigger playground with more play equipment
Poor condition play and exercise equipment removed	New play equipment made from metal
Multi-coloured hard surface removed and replaced by meadow flowers	Entrance from Gordon Road removed with a new entrance created where Sturdy Road used to be
Entrance gates removed to improve access for people with mobility disabilities	New outdoor gym area next to the sports court
Protected and enhanced nature, through planting and habitat improvements	An additional table tennis table
More seating including benches and picnic benches	New cycle racks
	More seating



Above: An artist impression of how Consort Park could look, in Masterplan Option A

## Masterplan – Option B

Masterplan Option B can be found in Appendix 2.

This design shows Sturdy Road changed to one-way for motor vehicle traffic, and 10 parking spaces removed, so there are no vehicles parked between the two green spaces.

It includes the following improvements to each park:

Consort Park	Dr Harold Moody Park
A new footpath through back of the park. The new path is longer than Option A	A turning area for vehicles is not required, as the one-way road remains between the two parks
The mounds are removed, reduced or reshaped to improve views	Keeping the playground the same size, but with more play equipment
Poor condition play and exercise equipment removed	New play equipment made mostly of wood
Multi-coloured hard surface removed and replaced by meadow flowers	Entrance on Gordon Road stays the same
Entrance gates removed to improve access for people with mobility disabilities	A new, small, skate-friendly area for wheeled sports (skateboarding, rollerskating, bicycles, etc) next to the ball court
Protected and enhanced nature, through planting and habitat improvements	One item of outdoor gym equipment
More seating including benches and picnic benches	An additional table tennis.
	New cycle racks
	More seating



Above: An artist impression of Dr Harold Moody Park playground, in Masterplan Option B

## Consultation feedback

A summary of all responses can be found in Appendices 4 and 5.

For analysis of the results, and how they have shaped the design, please see the Conclusion section on page 24.

### 1. Overall, what do you think about Option A?

What do you think about Option A?	Percent	Times mentioned
I like Option A	52%	114
Option A is OK	26%	58
I don't like Option A	20%	45
No opinion	1%	3
Not answered	1%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

Over three-quarters of consultees stated either that they liked Option A (52%), or considered it was OK (26%). 287 comments

were received. 144 comments were positive and included the following themes:

Option A positive comments	Percent	Times mentioned
Like Option A	22%	64
Like fitness area	7.5%	21
Like wildlife improvements	7%	20
Support for the removal of grassy mounds	6%	17
Design makes park feel safer	3%	8
Support for removal of gates/fence	1.5%	4
Prefer option A because it does not include a skate area	1.5%	4
Like metal play equipment	1%	3
For loss of parking	0.5%	1
Like rain gardens	0.5%	1
Like cycle parking	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>144</b>

Concerns were raised in 89 comments with almost half about keeping the gates/fences (38 comments) or parking concerns (26 comments), and included the following themes:

<b>Option A negative comments</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Times mentioned</b>
Would like Consort Park gates / Sturdy Road fence to be kept	13.5%	38
Some dogs are not under control	3%	9
Parking loss / turning area concern	3%	8
Trees should not be felled	2.5%	7
Keep the grassy mounds/make the mounds safe	2%	6
Prefer option B because it has wooden play equipment	1.5%	5
Prefer option B as it includes a skate area	1.5%	5
Current anti-social behaviour concerns	1%	3
No benches on new Consort Park path	0.5%	2
No meadow area as it won't last and discourages kids from playing / will be damaged by kids and dogs	0.5%	2
No wooden seating as it will be vandalised or disintegrate because of the weather	0.5%	1
Plant more trees	0.5%	1
Seats under trees will get covered in bird muck	0.5%	1
Against fitness area due to concern about noise	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>31%</b>	<b>89</b>

There were 54 neutral suggestions received or comments about including certain items.

They included the following themes:

Option A suggestions received	Percent	Times mentioned
Install lighting	2%	6
Include more picnic benches/benches	1.5%	5
Ensure disability access	1.5%	5
Include a dog exercise area	1.5%	5
Needs more wildlife improvements	1.5%	5
Include play equipment suitable for younger children / imaginative play	1%	3
Traffic calming measures should be added	1%	3
Play equipment needs to be suitable for children with disabilities	0.5%	2
Further consultation is required	0.5%	2
Include an additional ball court/football pitch	0.5%	2
Include water fountain	0.5%	2
Improvements / trees / bushes will need to be maintained	0.5%	2
Display information about Dr Harold Moody	0.5%	1
Include a zebra crossing on Sturdy Road instead of closure	0.5%	1
Include sports court floodlights	0.5%	1
Include a pond	0.5%	1
Include more cycle parking	0.5%	1
Neutral about fitness area	0.5%	1
Include art in the park	0.5%	1
Include water play	0.5%	1
Include a notice board	0.5%	1
Include bins specifically for dog waste	0.5%	1
No meadow, orchard instead	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18%</b>	<b>54</b>

## 2. Overall, what do you think about Option B?

What do you think about Option B?	Percent	Times mentioned
Option B is OK	35%	78
I don't like Option B	31%	69
I like Option B	30%	66
No opinion	3%	5
Not answered	1%	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

Nearly two thirds of consultees stated either that they liked Option B (30%), or considered it was OK (35%). 152 comments were received. 49 comments

were positive compare with 149 comments for Option A and included the following themes:

Option B positive comments	Percent	Times mentioned
Like the skate area	8%	12
Like Option B	4.5%	7
Like wooden play equipment	4%	6
Like the fitness area	4%	6
Like wildlife improvements	3%	5
Prefer parks separate/do not join parks	1.5%	3
Love both options equally	1.5%	3
Like cycle racks	1.5%	3
Support for the removal of the grassy mounds	1.5%	2
Prefer longer path in Option B	0.5%	1
Like the removal of the Consort Park gates/Sturdy Road fence	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>30.5%</b>	<b>49</b>

93 respondents raised concerns, with almost half stating they preferred Option A (41 comments) and included the themes listed below.

There were 18 concerns raised about the skate area, giving the following reasons:

- Would prefer more gym equipment instead
- noise concerns
- groups congregating at night
- anti-social behaviour
- park too small

- no one seen in area using skateboards
- too close to residents
- concern about injuries
- more consultation required on skate park
- will encourage unknown people into area
- already skate park in Peckham Rye
- more green space rather than skate area

<b>Option B negative comments</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Times mentioned</b>
Prefer Option A	27%	41
Against skate area	12%	18
Keep gates/fence	6.5%	10
Keep grassy mounds	2%	4
Prefer metal play equipment/wooden play may not be suitable for younger children	2%	4
Prefer shorter path in Option A	1.5%	3
Concern about loss of parking	1.5%	3
Keep Sturdy Road open for two-way traffic	1.5%	2
Some dogs are not under control	1.5%	2
One-way road will encourage faster traffic	0.5%	1
Oppose plan	0.5%	1
Prefer larger play area	0.5%	1
Don't make Sturdy Road one way, keep as it is, or close it off at the end to join parks	0.5%	1
No new benches on new Consort Park path as it could encourage anti-social behaviour	0.5%	1
Don't reduce grassy mounds too much	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>58.5%</b>	<b>93</b>

There were 51 suggestions on the following themes:

<b>Option B suggestions received</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Times mentioned</b>
Ensure play is suitable for younger children	2%	4
Include more picnic tables and/or benches	1.5%	3
Add lighting	1.5%	3
Include a dog exercise area	1.5%	2
Neutral about skate area	1.5%	2
Move table tennis away from skate area	0.5%	1
Play equipment needs to be suitable for disabled children	0.5%	1
Face table tennis table away from the ball court to stop balls going inside	0.5%	1
Include toilet facilities	0.5%	1
Include more bins	0.5%	1
Like both play options	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>20</b>

### 3. Do you prefer the playground design in Masterplan Option A or B?

Opinions about the playground design	Percent	Times mentioned
Prefer Option B, where, play equipment is mainly made of wood	37%	82
Both are good	27%	60
Prefer Option A, where play equipment is mainly made of metal	21%	46
No opinion	9%	20
I don't like either	4%	8
Not answered	2%	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

This result shows that the playground design in Option B with wooden play equipment in a circular layout was more

popular (37%) than Option A, which is the metal equipment with a theme based on bugs and insects (21%).

### 1. What do you think of the following pieces of play equipment?

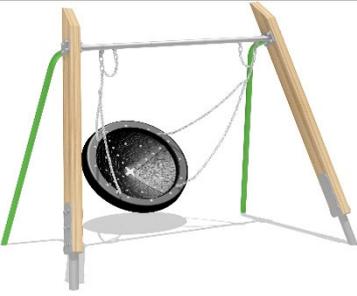
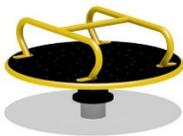
Consultees were shown a range of play equipment and their opinions were sought.

Play equipment	Percent	Times mentioned
	83%	183
	80%	176

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**Play equipment****Percent****Times mentioned**

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**Basket swing****76%****169****Balance beams****76%****167****See-saw****72%****159****Slide****67%****147****Roundabout**

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**55%****121**

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**Play equipment**

**Percent**

**Times mentioned**

		
Springer	50%	111



**Rotating bowl**

33%

73

The most popular play equipment was the climbing nets (83%). Rotating bowls were the least popular (33%).

**Changing Sturdy Road, to better connect the two parks**



*Above: Current view of Sturdy Road*

## Masterplan Option A included joining the two parks together



The railings would be removed to join both parks together. Green space is increased inside the parks

Motor vehicles that enter Sturdy Road would be required to turn around, using a new turning area in Dr Harold Moody Park

Pedestrians and bicycles still allowed through from Sturdy Road onto Gordon Road

Approximately 15 parking spaces would need to be removed

## Masterplan Option B included making Sturdy Road a one-way street, between the two parks. Views would be improved by removing car parking



There would be no increase in size of the parks, as the road would remain inbetween  
Rain gardens and flower beds could be created where parking spaces used to be, subject to maintenance budgets

There would be no entry for motor vehicles from Gordon Road into Sturdy Road

Approximately 10 parking spaces would need to be removed

**2. Which option do you prefer: Sturdy Road made one-way, or joining the parks together?**

<b>Comments about the changes to Sturdy Road</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Times mentioned</b>
Like Option A where Sturdy Road is closed at one end	33%	60
Option A is looks safer	20%	37
Concerned about the loss of parking	15%	28
Don't change Sturdy Road	9%	17
Like Option B where Sturdy Road is made one way	8%	15
Request to keep the Conosrt Park gates/Sturdy Road fence	7%	13
In favour of reducing parking	3%	5
Include rain gardens	2%	3
Option B is looks safer	1%	2
Like both options equally	1%	2
Include a designated area for dogs	0.5%	1
Keep the grassy mounds	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>184</b>

**Opinions about the changes to Sturdy Road**

	<b>Percent</b>	<b>Times mentioned</b>
Prefer Option A; end of Sturdy Road closed and parks-joined together	62%	138
Prefer Option B; Sturdy Road made one-way for motor traffic	15%	34
Neither	10%	23
I like both equally	10%	22
No opinion	2%	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

62% of consultees preferred Option A, where the end of Sturdy Road is closed to traffic and the two parks are joined together.

Only (15%) preferred Option B. 184 comments were received and included the following themes:

### 3. What do you think about having a skate-friendly area in Dr Harold Moody Park?

The proposal included creating a new, small skate friendly area next to the sports court in Dr Harold Moody Park. This area would be accessible to people of all ages who use

skateboards, bikes, roller skates, inline skates, and scooters.



#### Opinions about the skate-friendly area

	Percent	Times mentioned
I like the proposal	49%	108
I don't like the proposal	24%	52
The proposal is OK	16%	35
No opinion	10%	23
Not answered	1%	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

Just under half of consultees stated that they like the idea of a skate-friendly area (49%), and a further (16%) thought it would be OK. Almost a quarter (24%) of consultees said they did not like this idea.

There were 117 comments received, of which 48 were positive and 45 were negative. There were 24 neutral comments. The comments included the following themes:

Skate-friendly area comments	Percent	Times mentioned
For skate area – safe space / much needed / awesome / great for young people / less intimidating than larger skate parks etc.	41%	48
Against skate area – not safe / noisy / anti-social behaviour / attract people from outside area / concerns about late night use / not enough space / won't be used etc.	38%	45
Unsure	7%	8
Prefer fitness area	5%	6
Prefer more green space	4.5%	5
Will only be used by older people/will only be used by skateboarders/great for older children	3.5%	4

Skate-friendly area comments	Percent	Times mentioned
For skate area – safe space / much needed / awesome / great for young people / less intimidating than larger skate parks etc.	41%	48
If Sturdy Road was closed this could be used for skating	1%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>117</b>

#### 4. Would you be interested in forming a ‘Friends Group’ for the park?

Interest in forming Friends Group for the park	Percent	Times mentioned
Maybe, but please do not share my contact details with others	31%	68
No, I would not	27%	60
Yes, and I'm happy for my contact details to be shared with others who wish to form a Friends group	24%	52
No opinion	14%	32
Not answered	4%	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>221</b>

There is interest in forming a Friends Group with almost a quarter of consultees stating

‘yes’ (24%) and almost a further third of consultees stating ‘maybe’ (31%).

#### 5. Do you have any further comments about the project?

158 comments were received. 144 comments were positive and included the following themes:

Positive comments	Percent	Times mentioned
Positive	24%	38
Like wildlife improvements	5.5%	9
Prefer Option A	3.5%	5
Like fitness area	2%	3
Remove grassy mounds	1%	2
In support of the skate area	1%	2
Prefer wooden play equipment	0.5%	1
Prefer larger play area	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>61</b>

Concerns were raised in 61 comments and included the following themes:

Negative comments	Percent	Times mentioned
Consort Park gates / Sturdy Road fence should be kept	12.5%	20
Safety issues / anti-social behaviour concerns	12.5%	20
Concerned about loss of car parking	7%	11
Not in favour of the skate area	5%	8
Keep grassy mounds	1%	2
Keep parks separate / keep Sturdy Road two-way for motor traffic	0.5%	1
Concern about interaction of dogs and park users	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>63</b>

There were 34 neutral comments or comments about including certain items and included the following themes:

Neutral comments	Percent	Times mentioned
Consider the impact of the plans on nearby residents due to noise / groups congregating / vehicle lights shining into windows when using turning area	4%	6
Improvements will need to be maintained	3%	4
More wildlife improvements	3%	4
Needs further consultation	2%	3
Community activities	2%	3
Include a dog exercise area	2%	3
Include lighting	2%	3
Ensure disability access	1%	2
Retain open spaces	1%	2
Include a community cafe	0.5%	1
Include a community garden	0.5%	1
Form a Friends of dogs group	0.5%	1
Keep swings separate for different ages	0.5%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>22%</b>	<b>34</b>

### Virtual meetings

Due to COVID-19 restrictions we were unable to hold an event in the park, so a virtual meeting took place on 15 March 2021 with 28 people attending. A small group of residents

requested a further [virtual](#) meeting, which took place on 21 April 2021, the feedback from these meetings has been included in the conclusions.

## St Mary Magdalene Primary School engagement

In December 2020, children from St Mary Magdalene Primary School were asked to choose their favourite type of play by placing stickers on play equipment images. Due to a busy time in school because of end of term activities and classes self-isolating due to

COVID-19, we only had a small number of responses. The most popular items below with five stickers were a basket swing, a roundabout large enough for lots of friends and metal play insects.

### The most popular play equipment is shown below



The least popular items below with one sticker was a smaller roundabout only suitable for fewer friends and see saw.

See Appendix 3 for the full results.

### The least popular play equipment is shown below



## Equalities

At Southwark Council we are committed to ensuring that all the voices in our diverse community are listened to. We find that often, some sections of our community are much more likely to take part in public consultation, and this could be for many reasons.

We collect equalities information to see if the people who have responded represent our diverse community, and if we need to make more effort to reach some people, or consider that their views might be different from those who responded.

The characteristics of respondents are compared with the demographics of the population of Southwark and the Rye Lane ward.

### Age

Approximately 313,300 people live in Southwark with 15,700 living in the Rye Lane ward. The local Southwark population is much younger than the average for the UK.

Young people were engaged in the consultation during two engagement sessions in Dr Harold Moody Park by [Southwark Young Advisors](#). Children from St Mary Magdalene Primary School were consulted about playground equipment options.

Despite the efforts of the Young Advisors, young people were still under represented in the respondents, with only 4% being aged 18 or under, compared with 21% of the Rye Lane ward. This is not unusual, as young people are always hard to reach during consultation, as people tend to gain a greater interest in their local area as they get older. We would also expect parents who have responded to often represent the viewpoint of their children.

81% of respondents were aged between 18 and 64; this age group is over represented

when compared with Rye Lane ward, 70% of whom are in this age group.

People aged 65+ were under represented (2%) when compared with 9% of the Rye Lane ward.

### Gender

Responses from those who identified as female were more plentiful (49%), and about a third of respondents identified as male.

2.5% preferred not to say and 17.5% did not answer.

A further question about gender identity recorded that one person (0.5%) does not have the same sex now as when recorded at birth. No robust data on the UK transgender population exists, making this also challenging to analyse. It is tentatively estimated that there are approximately 200,000 to 500,000 transgender people in the UK, which is about 0.5% of the population, which shows transgender people were represented.

### Sexual orientation

Estimates indicate that Southwark has the second largest gay and lesbian population in the UK, after Lambeth.

23.5% of respondents either preferred not to say or did not answer.

Lesbian / gay women and gay men (3.6% in total), and bi-sexual people (3.6%) appear to be well represented, with similar proportions to the Southwark population (5.8%).

61% of respondents stated that they identified as heterosexual/straight, compared with 88% of Southwark; this shows that there may be some under representation of this group.

## Ethnicity

Southwark council is committed to tackling racial inequality under [Southwark Stands Together](#).

65% of respondents identified as white, with 51% of those stating they are white British or English. This is more than the population of Rye Lane ward, where 49.1% identify as white, and 38% of the population of Southwark identify as white British or English.

Only 9.5% identified as black which is not representative of Southwark, whose population is 24% black.

Overall there was an under representation of Black, Asian and minority ethnicity people in the survey respondents.

Due to Covid restrictions, face-to-face engagement was limited during the consultation to one on one engagement by the [Southwark Young Advisors](#).

During the next consultation face-to-face consultation will be carried out, including a consultation event in the park, and by who will encourage young people to get involved.

## Disability and health

4.5% of respondents considered themselves to have a disability.

13% of Southwark residents state they have a disability, so this is an under representation.

We have considered people with disabilities when updating the design. An Equalities Impact Assessment has been undertaken which recommends the following:

### Paths and routes

- Consort Park main path should be widened from 2m to 3m
- Improved circulation in Consort Park with new path
- Paths must be of a suitable gradient
- New routes must have dropped kerbs

- New paths in playground and fitness area must be made suitable for wheelchairs and mobility scooters
- The paths, playground and fitness area must have suitable surfaces
- Tactile paving should be incorporated across turning area and where the parks connect across Sturdy Road, to aid people with visual impairment
- Gates must be removed in Consort Park to improve access
- Playground gates must be easy opening and safe

### Furniture

- Provide a mix of seating with some having back or arm rests and some having space alongside them for wheelchairs
- Picnic tables should have access for wheelchairs
- Street furniture including cycle racks should be located away from paths
- Fences, gates, bollards, litter bins and drinking fountain should be a suitable height and visible
- Park signs must be clear and visible at entrances
- Signs should include direction to local toilet facilities

### Playground

- Play equipment must be clearly visible, with consideration given to partially sighted people
- There should be a safety barrier between the toddler, flat swings and basket swing
- Accessible equipment must be provided, for example, an accessible roundabout

We will explore further options to increase accessibility by developing the design with a specialist in provision of play equipment for children with disabilities.

During the next consultation, we will seek to engage with disability groups and residents of the Greenhive Care Home, behind Consort Park.

### **Religion or belief**

Just under half of respondents stated they had no religion (47%), whereas about a quarter of the population of Southwark have no religion, so this group has been over represented.

Only 2% of respondents were Muslim, compared with 8.5% of Southwark, showing under representation.

The most under represented faith group is Christian, who make up a little over 50% of the Southwark population but only 21% of respondents.

Comments from consultees who stated they have a faith or belief were used to update the final Masterplan, see the conclusion section on page 24 for more information.

The next consultation will also be promoted via the Southwark's multi-faith forum, with an aim to increase representation of different faith groups including Muslims and Christians who were under represented.

## Equalities Information comparison with Southwark population statistics

### Age

Age	Results Total	Results %	Rye Lane ward	Rye Lane ward%	Difference in %	How well represented in results
Under 18	9	4%	3,328	21.2%	-17.2%	Very under represented
18 - 64	180	81%	10,943	69.7%	11.3%	Over represented
65+	4	2%	1,444	9.2%	-7.2%	Under represented
Not Answered	28	13%	n/a	n/a	n/a	

### Sex

Sex	Total	Percent	Southwark	Southwark %	Difference	Representation
Male	67	30.32%	156,100	49.82%	-19.5%	Under represented
Female	109	49.32%	157,200	50.18%	-0.86%	Well represented
Prefer not to say	6	2.71%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Not Answered	39	17.65%	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

### Gender Identity

No robust data on the UK transgender population exists.

"The UK Government Equalities Office tentatively estimates that there are

approximately 200,000-500,000 trans people in the UK."

GIRES (the Gender Identity Research and Education Society) estimate that 0.6-1% of the population may be transgender.

Is your Gender Identity the same as the sex you were assigned at birth	Total	Percent	UK estimate	UK estimate %
Yes	167	75.57%	66,300,000	99.47%
No	1	0.45%	350,000	0.53%
Prefer not to say	8	3.62%	n/a	n/a
Not Answered	45	20.36%	n/a	n/a

## Sexual Orientation

The statistics for Southwark are based on estimations by the Office of National Statistics.

Sexual Orientation	Total	Percent	Southwark	Southwark %	Difference	Representation
Heterosexual / straight	135	61.09%	215,000	88.00%	-26.91%	Over under represented
Lesbian/Gay woman	2	0.90%	12,000	5.00%	-1.39%	Slightly under represented
Gay man	6	2.71%				
Bi-sexual	8	3.62%	2,000	0.80%	2.82%	Slightly over represented
Other	0	0%	2,000	0.80%	7.34%	Over represented
Prefer not to say	18	8.14%				
Not Answered	52	25.53%	no data	no data	n/a	n/a

## Disability

Do you have a Disability?	Total	Percent	Southwark	Southwark %
Yes	10	4.52%	40,700	12.99%
No	154	69.68%	272,600	87.01%
Prefer not to say	11	4.98%	n/a	n/a
Not Answered	46	20.81%	n/a	n/a

## Religion or Belief

Religion or Belief	Total	Percent	Southwark %	How well represented in results
No religion	104	47.06%	26.7%	Over represented
Other	12	5.43%	0.2%	Over represented
Not Answered	50	22.62%	8.5%	Over represented
Buddhist	2	0.9%	1.3%	Well represented
Jewish	1	0.45%	0.3%	Well represented
Sikh	0	0%	0.2%	Not represented
Muslim	5	2.26%	8.5%	Under represented
Christian	46	20.81%	52.5%	Very under represented
Hindu	1	0.45%	1.3%	Slightly under represented

## Ethnicity

	Respondents to survey			The Southwark Population		
Ethnicity	Total	Percent	Cumulative	Total	Percent	Cumulative
White British or White English	113	51.13%	White 65.16%	120,797.00	37.50%	White 54.97%
White Irish	7	3.17%		7,123.00	2.20%	
White Welsh	0	0%				
White Scottish	0	0%				
Other White	11	4.98%		48,662.00	15.27%	
Other European	13	5.88%		no data	no data	
Black British	11	4.98%	Black 9.95%	no data	no data	Black 23.90%
Black Caribbean	4	1.81%		16,546.00	5.10%	
Ghanaian	1	0.45%				
Nigerian	2	0.90%				
Somali	0	0.00%				
Sierra Leonean	0	0.00%				
Other African	1	0.45%		46,834.00	14.50%	
Other Black	3	1.36%		13,968.00	4.30%	
Mixed white/Black Caribbean	1	0.45%	Mixed 2.26%	6,298.00	2.00%	Mixed 7.00%
Mixed White/Asian	1	0.45%		3,891.00	1.20%	
Mixed White Black African	0	0%		4,579.00	1.40%	
Other Mixed background	3	1.36%		7,797.00	2.40%	
Asian British	3	1.36%	Asian 3.16%	no data	no data	Asian 10.30%
Chinese	2	0.90%		10,701.00	3.30%	
Filipino	1	0.45%		no data	no data	
Vietnamese	0	0.00%		no data	no data	
Pakistani	0	0.00%		1,745.00	0.50%	
Indian	0	0.00%		7,799.00	2.40%	
Bengali	0	0%		no data	no data	
Bangladeshi	no data	no data		3,301.00	1.00%	
Any other Asian	1	0.45%		10,079.00	3.10%	
Latin American	3	1.36%	1.36%	no data	no data	no data
Gypsy, Roma or Irish Traveller	0	0%	0%	no data	no data	no data
Arab	no data	no data	no data	3,408.00	1.10%	1.10%
Other ethnic background	2	0.90%	0.90%	8,776.00	2.70%	2.70%
Not Answered	38	17.19%	17.19%	no data	no data	no data

## Conclusions

### Overall design

Masterplan Option A was more popular, but some features of Option B were also well-liked. The updated design on the previous page includes features from both options.

### Changes to Sturdy Road

Many more consultees (62%) stated they like the idea of closing the end of Sturdy Road to motor traffic, joining the two parks together and improving views, compared to those who preferred the one way street in Option B (15%) or did not want any changes to Sturdy Road (9%).

Comments included:

- crossing across Sturdy Road is hazardous due to parked cars
- greater space to walk
- prioritise people not cars
- will make surrounding area feel calmer
- create one larger park
- it will feel more open

This has been included in the updated Masterplan design.

Should funding be found to go ahead with the road closure, permission to close the road would need to be applied for through a 'Stopping Up Order'.

Some concern was raised about vehicle headlights shining into the homes of residents, and traffic fumes into the playground, when the turning area is used. As Sturdy Road will be access-only, we don't expect the turning area to be used regularly.

The new shared paved route for pedestrians and cyclists at the end of Sturdy Road has been designed so it doesn't align to the current road, this means that cyclists will need to slow down and turn to access when cutting through.

Some consultees liked the closure of Sturdy Road, but preferred the wider pathway shown in Option B. The new shared path

that replaces this section of Sturdy Road will be 3.5m wide.

### Parking along Sturdy Road

There were 28 consultees with concerns about reducing the number of parking spaces; some mentioned that "parking is already an issue", or raised concern about "displacement and safety". It was acknowledged that "non-residents park here when commuting".

There were five positive comments about having less parking; some felt there is "plenty of parking in the area", and others considered the "benefit of more park land outweighed the disadvantage of losing parking".

The council will be looking at options for controlled parking later this year with a view to prioritising parking for local residents.

Electric charging points were suggested and more information about the strategy to increase charging points in Southwark can be found at -

[www.southwark.gov.uk/evcharge](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/evcharge)

### Playground

Wooden play equipment in a circular layout was preferred by 37% of respondents, compared to 21% who preferred the metal equipment with a theme based on bugs and insects). The updated design features mainly wooden play equipment.

Children from St Mary Magdalene Primary School did prefer the metal play equipment theme based on bugs and insects, but there was only a small response from their survey, with only five children liking the metal play equipment compared to 82 people in the online survey who preferred the wooden play equipment. However, we have included play equipment the school children preferred in the updated design including a slide, climbing nets, basket swing, metal bug play

equipment and roundabout, which is large enough to share with friends.

Some respondents like the open feel of the current playground, “it is safe and quiet” and that there is “space for independent play”.

The design has placed the play equipment away from properties retaining an open area, so there’s lots of space to run around. This means that a circular layout could not be achieved.

The updated plan includes making the play area a bit bigger with the playground extended towards Sturdy and Gordon Road, as this was popular.

Some said the park is regularly used by younger children. The updated design includes play equipment for various age groups, with a significant sized area of play equipment for younger children.

The bug play equipment items are suitable for 0-4 year-olds, cradle swings for 2+ years, basket swing for 4+ years, the roundabout 3/4+ years, small climbing frame for 3-8 year-olds and the large climbing frame for 5-12 year-olds.

Some of the play equipment is suitable for children with some disabilities, this includes the basket swing, the low climbing nets and a double slide. The roundabout is wheelchair accessible. We will explore options to increase accessibility, and possibly make the large wooden climbing structure suitable for wheelchairs. Once we have funding for the play area we will develop the design with a specialist in provision of play equipment for children with disabilities.

Springers, a small rotating bowl roundabout and static play equipment were less popular so have not been included.

A sand-pit and water play were suggested but unfortunately these features cannot be included due to ongoing maintenance costs that cannot be afforded.

The playground includes new shrubs and sensory plants that stimulate our senses of sight, smell, sound, touch and taste. New pine trees will be planted.

The playground design is indicative at this stage and can only be developed further with a specialist, once we obtain funding. The final design will be shared on the council website, with the Friends Group and mailing list for final comment before it is built.

The play equipment could also include popular items including wooden frame double swings for both older and younger kids, wooden balance beams and play house/s for imaginative play. Railings are placed between the swings to keep the older and younger kids swings separate.

### **Skate-friendly area**

Despite young people being under-represented in the responses, the skate-friendly area was popular, with almost half of consultees liking it (49%). There were 48 positive comments about the proposal including – “safe space”; “much needed”; “awesome”; “great for young people” and “less intimidating than larger skate parks”.

Almost a quarter of people (24%) said they did not like it, and there were 45 negative comments about the proposal including “not safe”; “noisy”; “anti-social behaviour”; “attract people from outside area”; “will create late night use”; “not enough space” “people will congregate” and it “won’t be used”.

These comments have been considered and the updated design now includes a smaller pump track, which is suitable for younger kids on bikes, scooters and roller skates, but could still be used by beginner skateboarders.



### *Proposed pumptrack*

The small pumptrack design encourages one-way directional skating, reducing the risk of collisions. It does not provide opportunities for street skating which some people can find noisy as a result of repetitive jumps and tricks. Street skating is important, but could be considered to be more appropriate for a larger park. We're building a new skatepark in Burgess Park; visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/skatepark](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/skatepark) for more information.

The pumptrack has been positioned as far away from properties as possible, and would be made from concrete which is a quieter surface material for skate features than wood or metal.

One resident suggested a "first aid hut", but there would be ongoing costs associated with this which the maintenance budget cannot cover.

### **Fitness area**

21 consultees liked the fitness area and feel it would be a "great to help improve the health of local people". The updated design includes equipment for calisthenics, ideal for strength training and parkour, which enables people to only use the abilities of the body,

principally through running, jumping, climbing and quadrupedal movement.

Respondents liked the addition of an extra table tennis table, these will remain facing east/west to reduce sun glare and avoid ping pong balls going into the fitness area, they are also 2m further away from the ball court to minimise ping pong balls from going into it.

A tennis court and extra sports court was suggested but there is not enough space in this small park. An area for dance, stretch, yoga etc. was also suggested and there are quieter areas in Consort Park where this might be more suitable.

### **Ball court**

The design includes increasing the height of fencing at the goal ends of the ball court, which would mean the high outer fences, which are in poor condition, could be removed.

### **Trees and the muddy mounds**

Opinion on the mounds in Consort Park was split, with two consultees in support of removing the mounds in Consort Park, and two against it. It was mentioned that 'children like to play on them', another liked the 'wildness and the topography'.

Concern was raised about protruding bricks in the mounds, and this will be addressed during the works with exposed bricks and rubble removed from the surface.

Seven consultees were concerned about the felling of trees. Seven trees are proposed for felling because they have their roots in the mounds, and are in poor condition as a result of the bad soil quality. Unfortunately, they cannot be kept, but we will be planting at least 14 new trees.

More trees around the housing block next to the park (on the corner of Ellery Street) were suggested, but there are already many mature trees in this location and new trees planted under the canopy of another tree

would not survive. Another consultee suggested reducing the mounds here, but this is not possible due to the tree roots. Concerns were raised about litter in this area which have been passed to the parks' maintenance team.

## **Planting and nature**

Consultees were pleased to have more trees, plants and wildflower meadow included in the design. Plants will be mainly native and wildlife-friendly.

One consultee suggested making the landscape even more wildlife friendly with dead wood, rocks and sand; this will be included. Logs from the removed trees will be turned into insect loggeries in Consort Park.

Some wanted more plants and flowers with a few consultees requesting "sensory"; "herb"; "aromatherapy plants including lavender", which we are including in the play area.

There was interest in forming a 'Friends of Parks' group, and community gardening sessions. Volunteer planting days and improvements for wildlife could be arranged by this group in the future, with agreement from the council. This would be more sustainable than a designated community garden, which a couple of consultees suggested.

A consultee suggested adding educational elements such as a "minibeast trail, wind or sun dial", this could be explored by the Friends group.

Some consultees requested fruit trees, but unfortunately the poor soil conditions are likely not to be suitable. A pond was suggested, and although it would be beneficial, there is no water supply so unfortunately is not possible here.

Although consultees liked the rain gardens between the pavement and road, unfortunately these can no longer be

included as maintenance cannot be afforded.

Good maintenance was highlighted as being important, and the new plants and shrubs will be low maintenance species.

## **Paths and Gates**

Retaining the gates and fence at Consort Park was requested by 20 respondents and over 600 comments were made on an online 'save the gates' campaign. The main concern raised was the "safety of dogs and children".

Many of the parks in Southwark do not have gates and experience has shown that safety is not compromised as responsible dog owners keep their dogs under control, and children are accompanied by adults, and play areas are securely fenced.

People with disabilities were under-represented during the consultation, and it is important that we consider their needs. The entrances will be used by people in wheelchairs, on mobility scooters, with buggies and by cyclists.

The gate on the Consort Park entrance on Gordon Road will be removed, it isn't suitable to retain the gates on the new entrance of Sturdy Road as the two parks would be connected here. We've added a native hedge to provide a feeling of enclosure to Consort Park.

There were a couple of comments from consultees about ensuring the paths are wide enough for people in wheelchairs and mobility scooters and those with buggies. The main paths have been increased from 2m to 3m wide and the new path through the nature area of Consort Park will be 2m wide. The new shared pedestrian and cycle path will be 3.5m wide, along the old route of Sturdy Road.

## Dogs

There were a large number of comments about dogs, showing there is a dedicated dog community in the local area.

Responsible owners and their dogs are welcome in our parks, but there was some misunderstanding that Consort Park is designated as a dog area, which it is not.

There were nine comments raising concerns about irresponsible dog owners and dogs that appear aggressive.

Although the majority of dog owners are responsible, unfortunately a few who are not can spoil everyone else's enjoyment of the park. Dr Harold Moody Park has a dog-free play area. Dogs must be kept under control at all times. Signs are on display, with information about the [Public Space Protection Order rules about dogs](#). There is also information on our website about [responsible dog ownership](#).

The responses also highlighted that unfortunately dog fouling is an issue in Consort Park. Dog mess can be reported via <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/street-care/dog-fouling>

## Benches and other fixtures

Picnic benches have been moved further away from properties where possible, to minimise the likelihood of noise disturbance. The position of the benches along the new path through the nature area in Consort Park will be reviewed.

One consultee suggested creating a bench from the felled trees, these are included.

Five consultees suggested having more picnic benches, there will be more picnic benches located in Consort Park, some of these will be wheelchair accessible.

Litter bins were suggested; the 13 bins currently in the park is considered to be adequate and will not be reduced. Locations will be reviewed to ensure they are in convenient places.

The cycle racks currently in Consort Park do not appear to be used as they are not in a convenient location. They will be relocated near to the ball court and near the play area.

Toilets were suggested but cannot be included in the proposal due to the park's small size, and ongoing costs which the maintenance budget cannot cover. Public toilets are available at nearby Nunhead Library during opening hours.

## Lighting and CCTV

Six consultees requested lamp posts in Consort Park to improve the feeling of safety and for night-time dog exercise. No lights will be installed in either park, as it would disturb wildlife and could lead to a false sense of security; encouraging people to use the park at night, which is not safe and may cause a disturbance to local residents.

Floodlights for the sports court were suggested. Unfortunately, some local residents already report disturbance from the ball court, and we should not encourage use after dark.

One consultee suggested installing CCTV. Although this can reduce anti-social behaviour, it has ongoing costs that cannot be afforded.

## Forming a 'Friends of Parks' group

Consultees showed interest in forming a 'Friends of Parks' group and the council has supported residents setting this up. The first meeting took place in September 2021 and the group is now constituted.

A couple of consultees suggested artwork or historical information in the park. Information was requested about Dr Harold Moody, who was an important campaigner for racial equality. This could be explored by the Friends Group.

A nature interpretation board has been added to the design in Consort Park.

A consultee mentioned forming a 'Friends of Parks' sub-group 'Friends & Dog Pack' group, which would be a great way to promote responsible dog ownership.

## **Next steps**

The final design has been published and the public have a final chance to comment during in May and June 2022.

The first phase of improvements will be developed and shared with the mailing list. It

## **Water fountain**

A drinking water fountain, was suggested and is included near the ball court and play area.

is estimated to commence in winter 2022/23.

We will then seek funding to carry out the next phase of improvements

**For more information about the project visit [www.southwark.gov.uk/consortdhm](http://www.southwark.gov.uk/consortdhm) or to join the mailing list for future updates please contact [parks@southwark.gov.uk](mailto:parks@southwark.gov.uk)**