

# VICTORIA PARK CONSULTATION

## Services for Communities, North Neighbourhood, Parks Development

### Results

Thank you for your interest in this consultation.

A final count confirms that 2,100 copies of the questionnaire were distributed to residents within an approximate 5-minute walk of the park.

Response rate to the questionnaire is 18%.

Information from this consultation will inform a development plan for the park and this will be included in a 5-year management plan.

### Part 1 - About the respondents

Figure 1 shows the relative spread of responses from neighbouring streets.

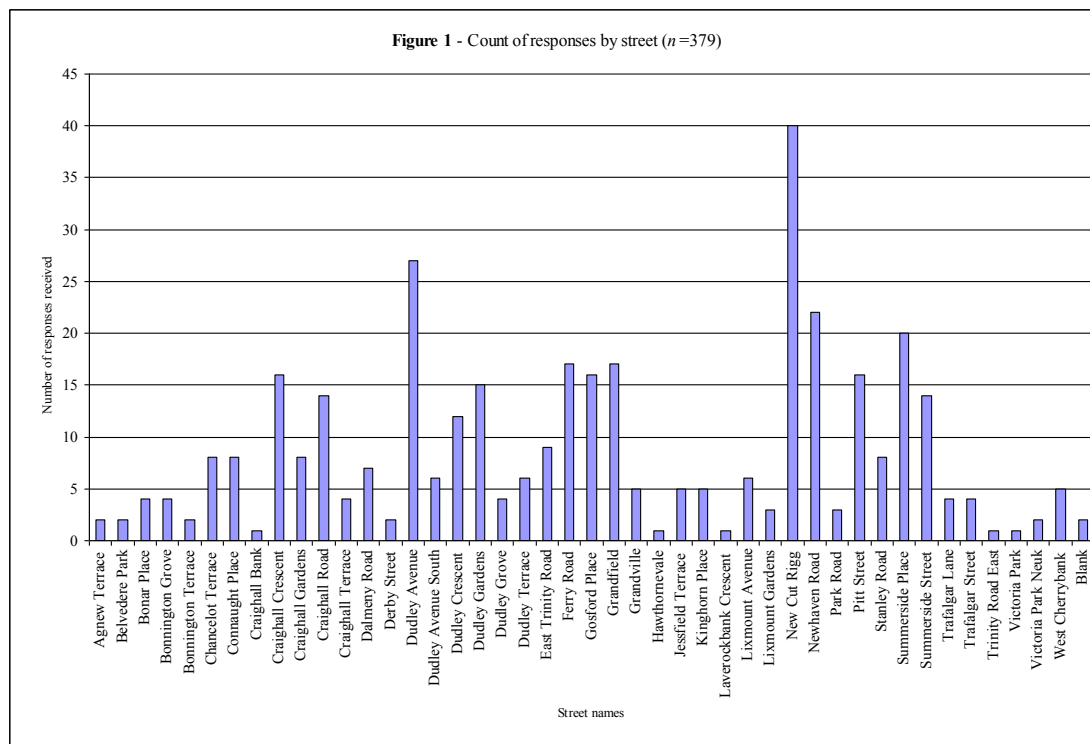


Figure 2 shows that 60% of respondents were female, 38% were male and 2% did not declare.

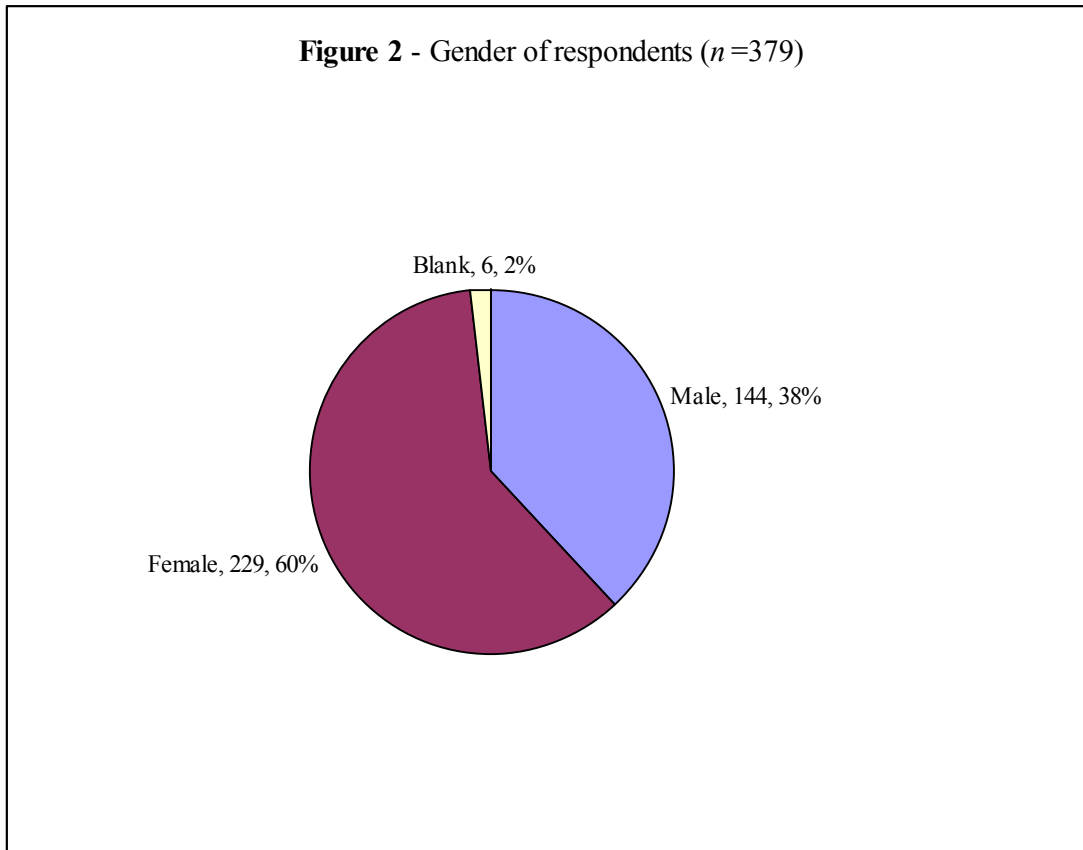
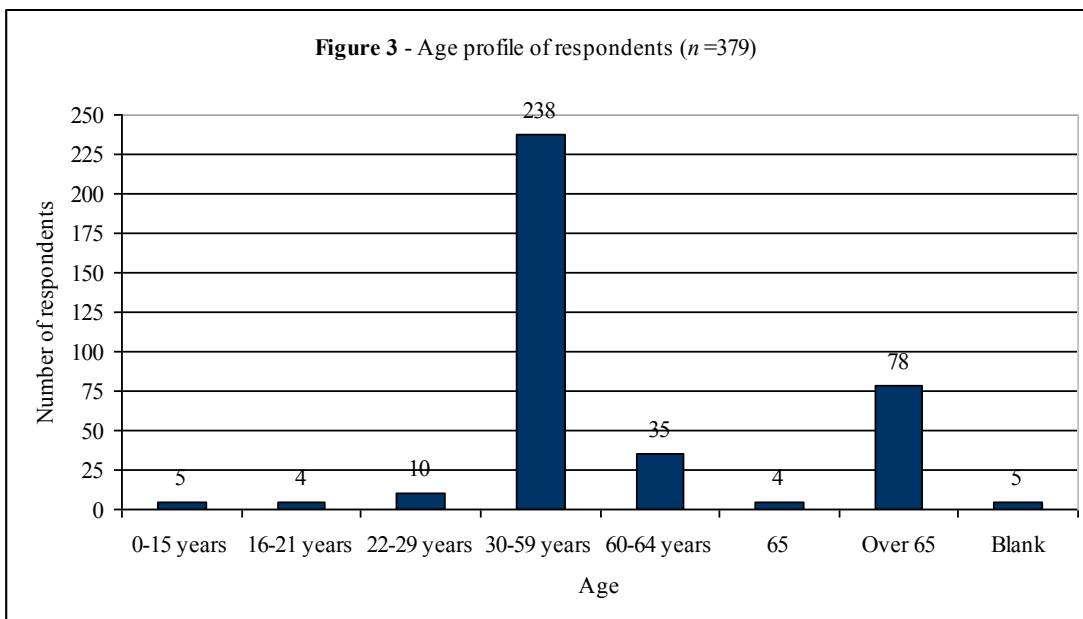
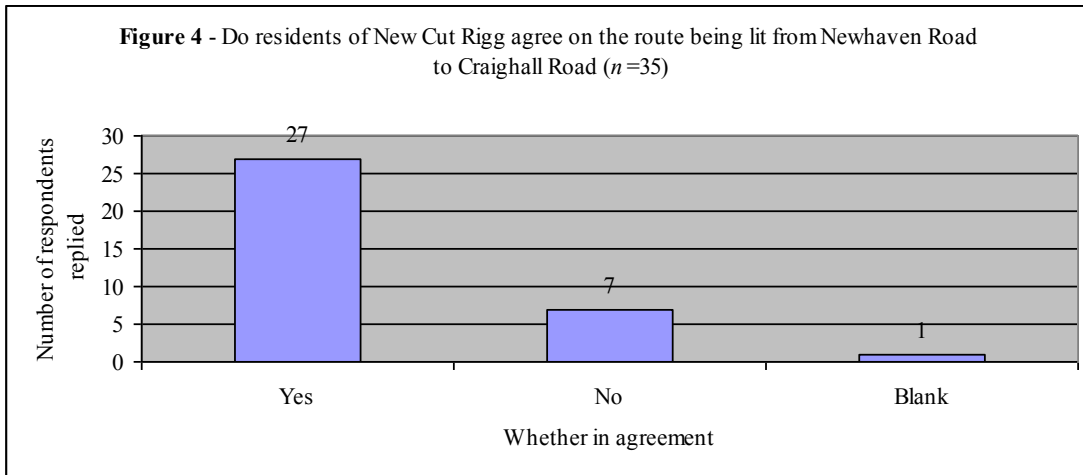


Figure 3 gives the age profile of respondents. The majority of respondents were aged 30-59 years (63%).

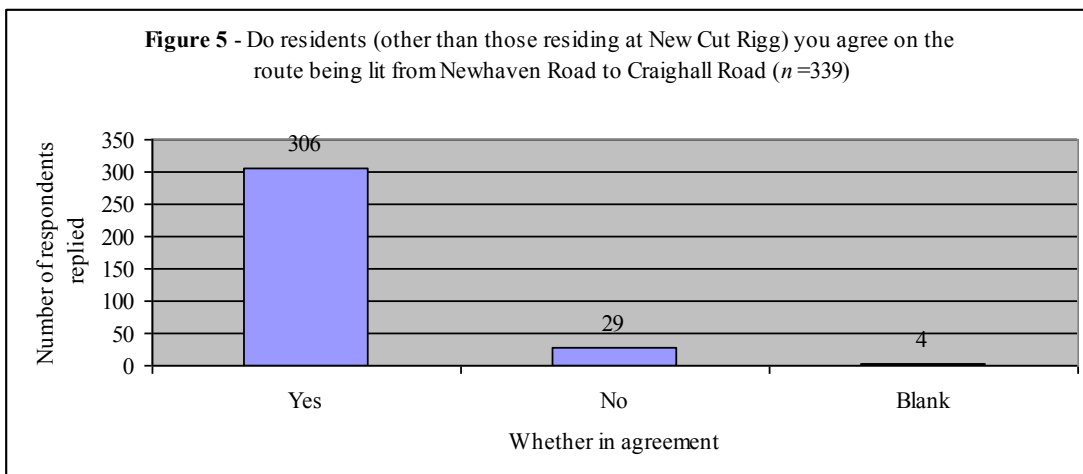


## Part 2 – Development Proposals

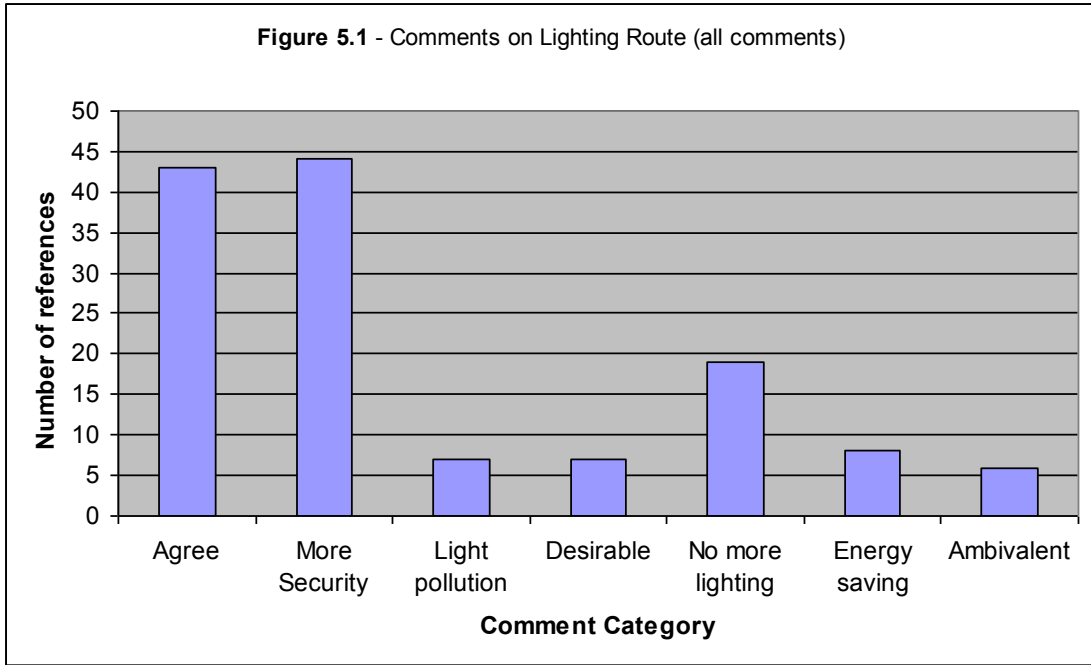
**Question 1** asked if respondents agreed on the route (marked blue on the plan) being lit from Newhaven Road to Craighall Road. The responses from residents of New Cut Rigg were separated out for analysis (Figure 4) and everyone else's comments were analysed in Figure 5. All comments were categorised and counted in Figure 5.1



27 of 35 (77%) New Cut Rigg respondents agreed to the route between Newhaven Road and Craighall Road being lit.



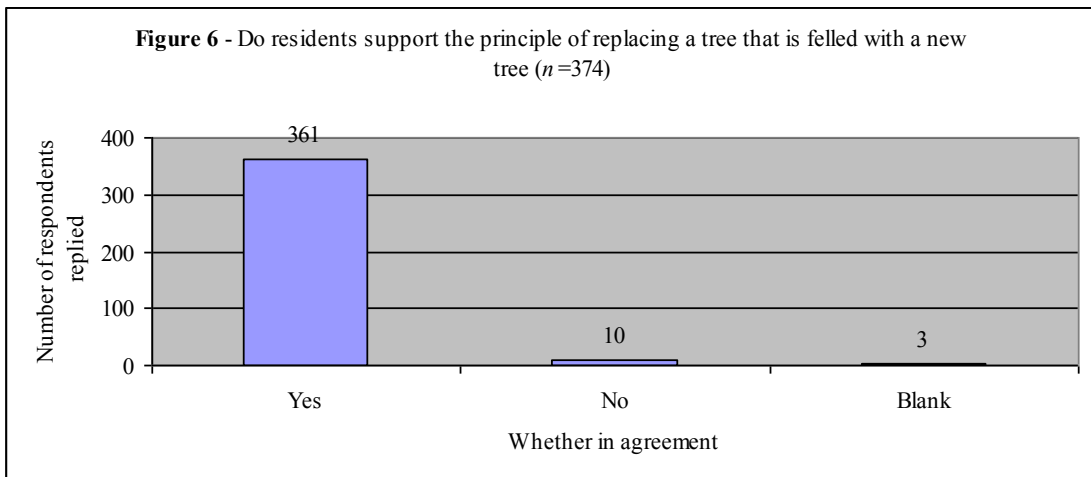
306 of 339 (90%) residents (not residing at New Cut Rigg) agreed to the route being lit.



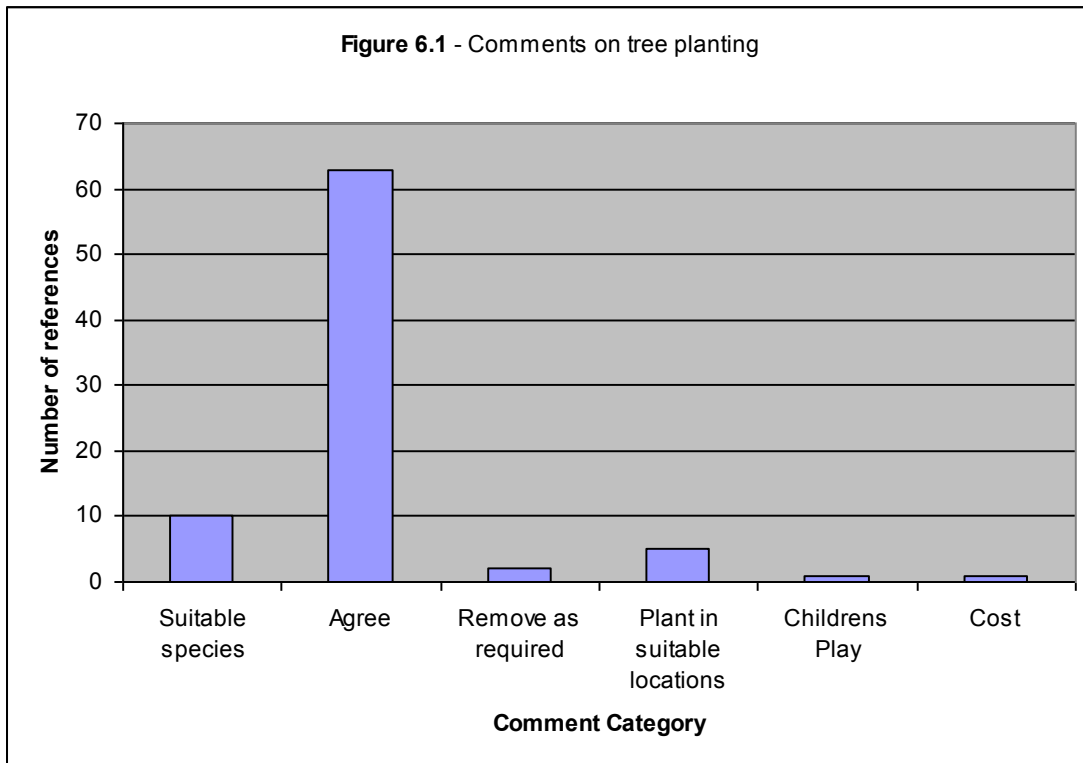
Of all comments received (Figure 5.1), the majority agreed with the proposal and cited additional security as being a benefit. Some respondents did not want to see more lighting and issues of energy saving and light pollution were also expressed.

**Question 2a** asked if respondents support the principle of replacing a tree that is felled with another suitable tree.

361 of 374 (97%) respondents agreed to replacing a tree that is felled with a new one (Figure 6).

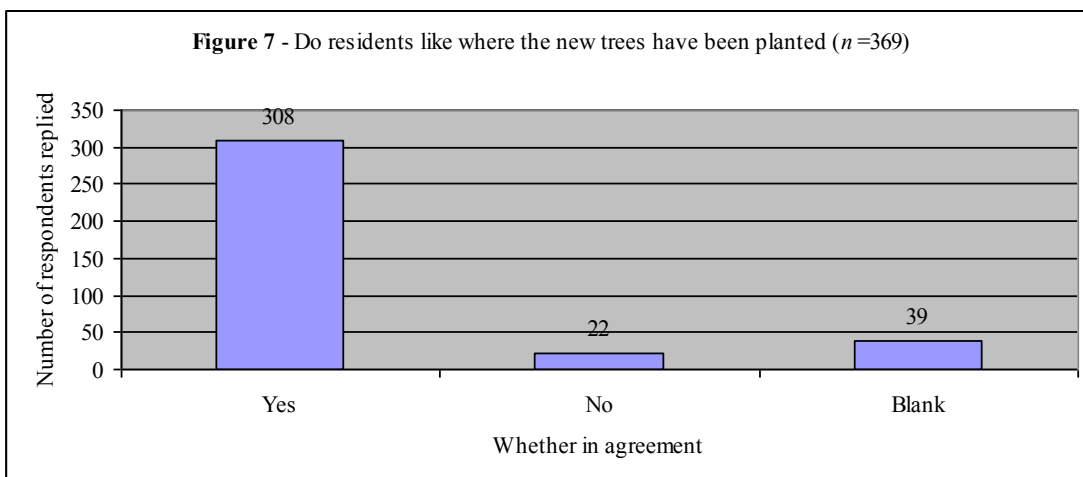


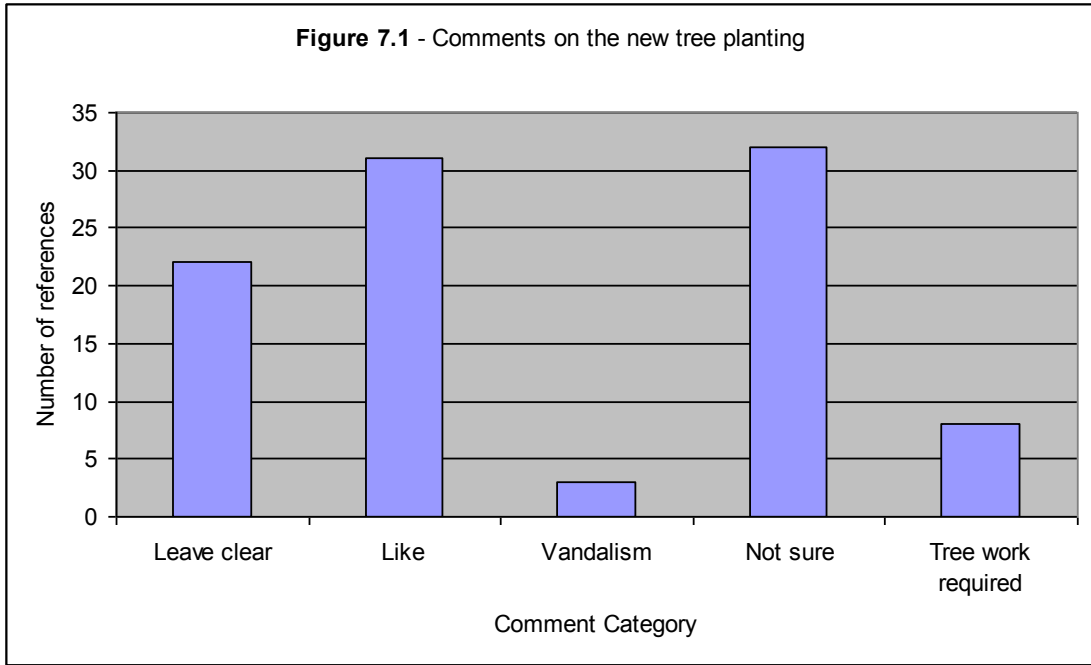
Comments generally agreed with the principle (Figure 6.1).



**Question 2b** asked respondents about the new trees already planted in the park and if they liked where they had been located in the park.

308 out of 369 (83%) respondents liked where the new trees have been planted in the park.

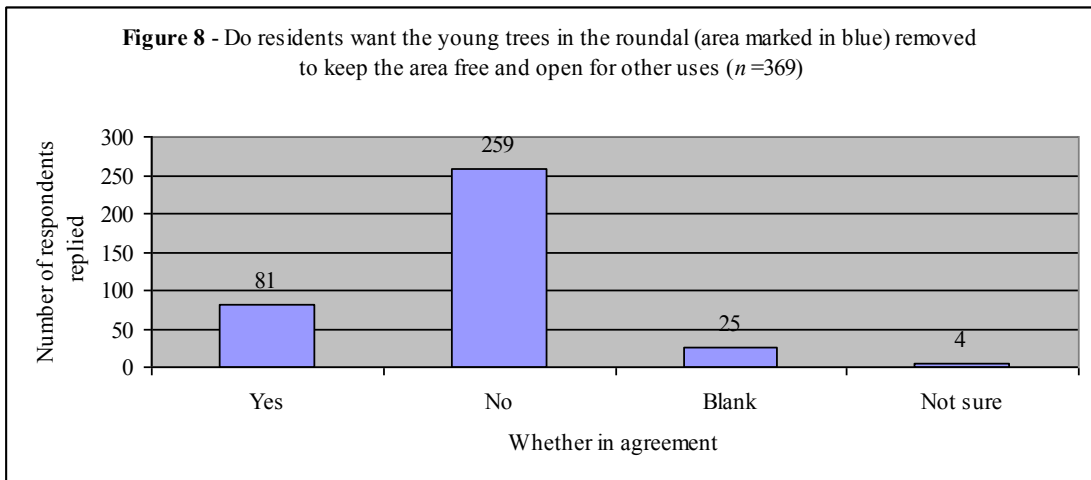


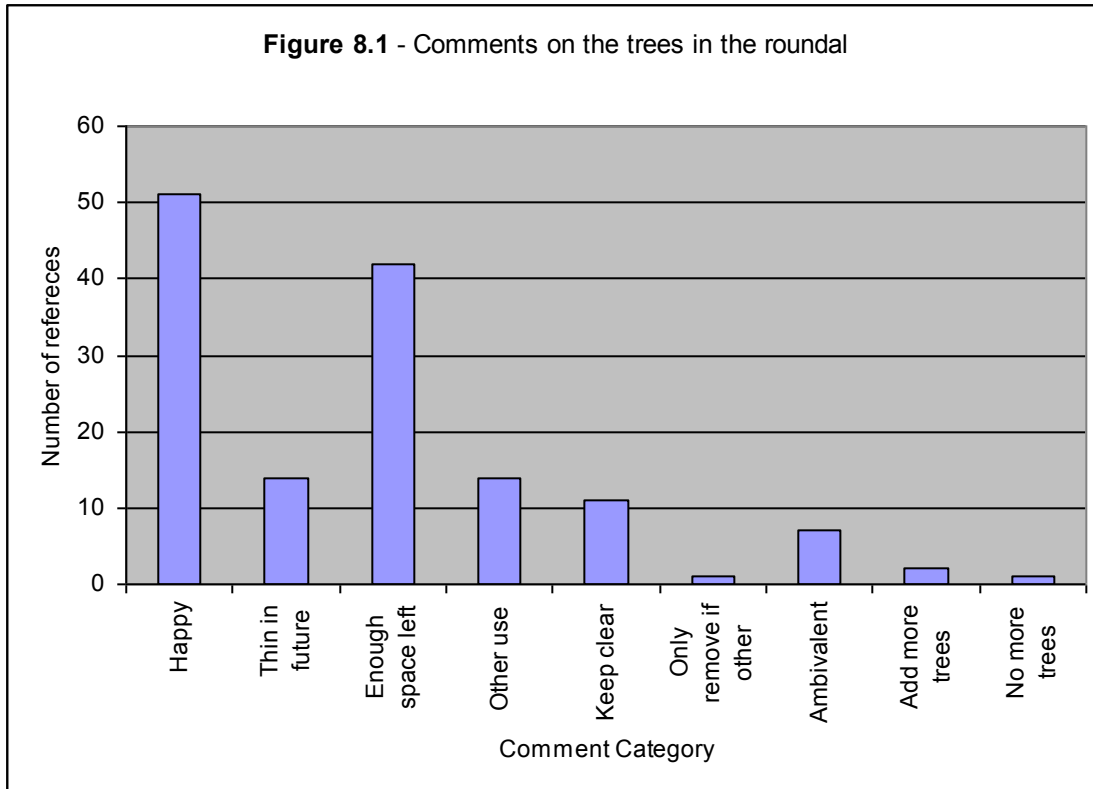


Where respondents left a comment there was a range of responses (Figure 7.1).

**Question 2c** asked respondents whether the young trees in the area (marked blue on the plan) be removed to keep the area free and open for other uses.

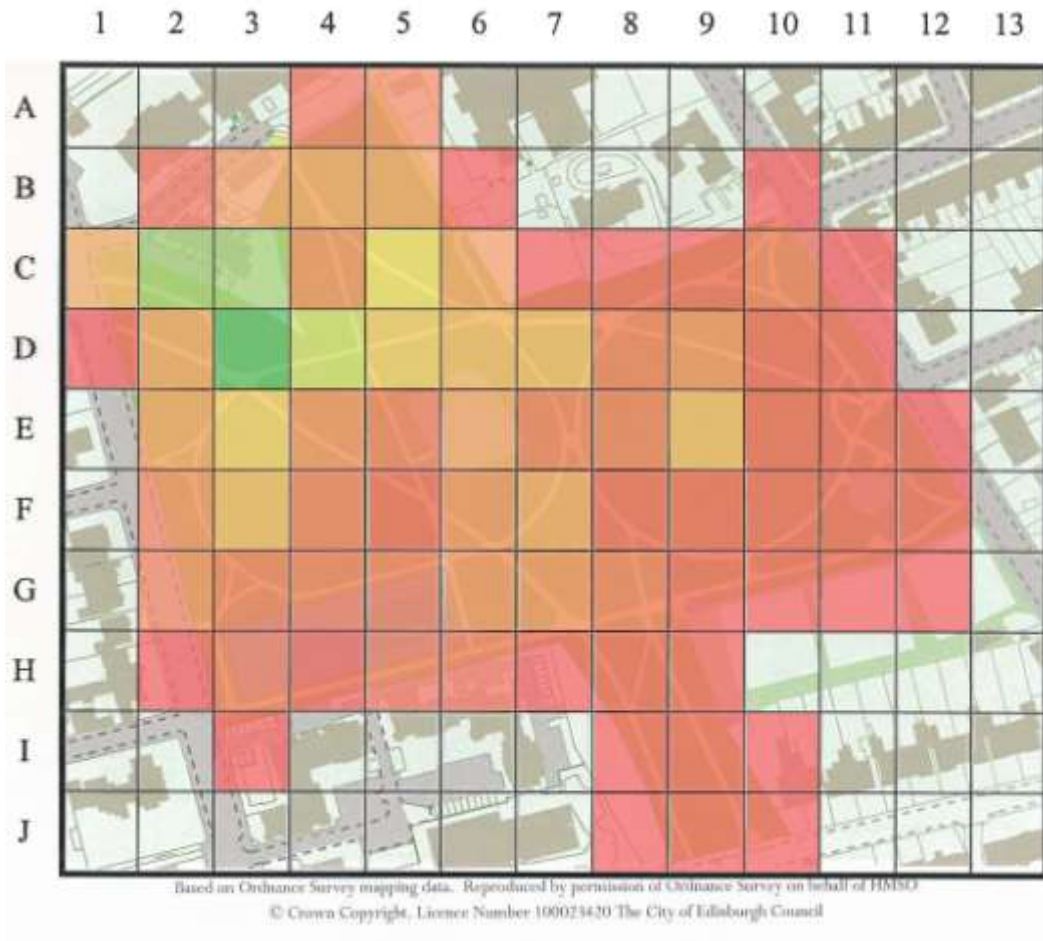
259 out of 369 (70%) respondents did not want to see the young trees removed.





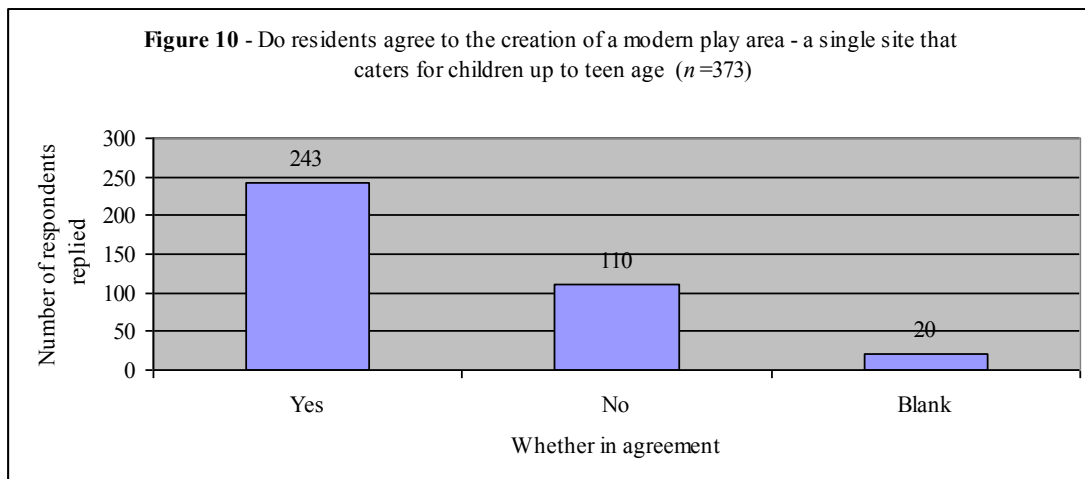
Comments left by respondents were generally happy with the position of the young trees and were happy that there was sufficient space left for other activities (Figure 8.1).

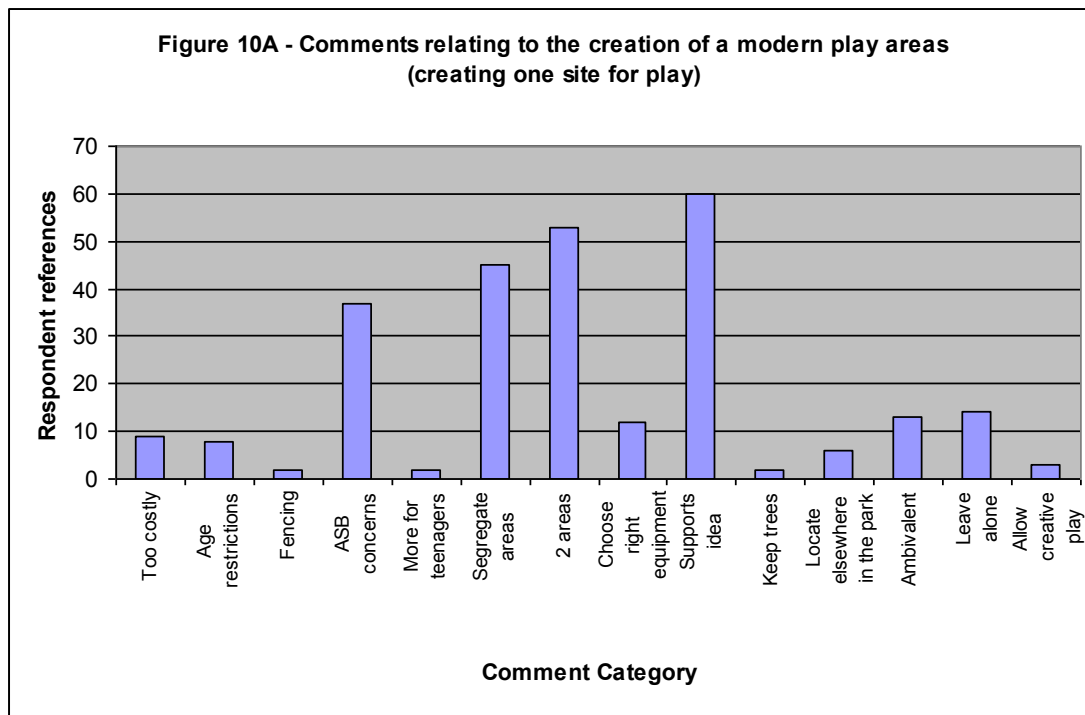
**Question 2d** asked respondents whether there are areas that should be planted with trees that have not currently been planted. Figure 9 is a choropleth showing areas in the park that respondents thought could be planted with trees (dark green most preferred, blank or red areas not chosen). North west of the park is a preferred location.



**Question 3a** asked respondents if they agreed with the proposal to consider the creation of a modern play area (which would provide one site with play equipment for children up to teen age).

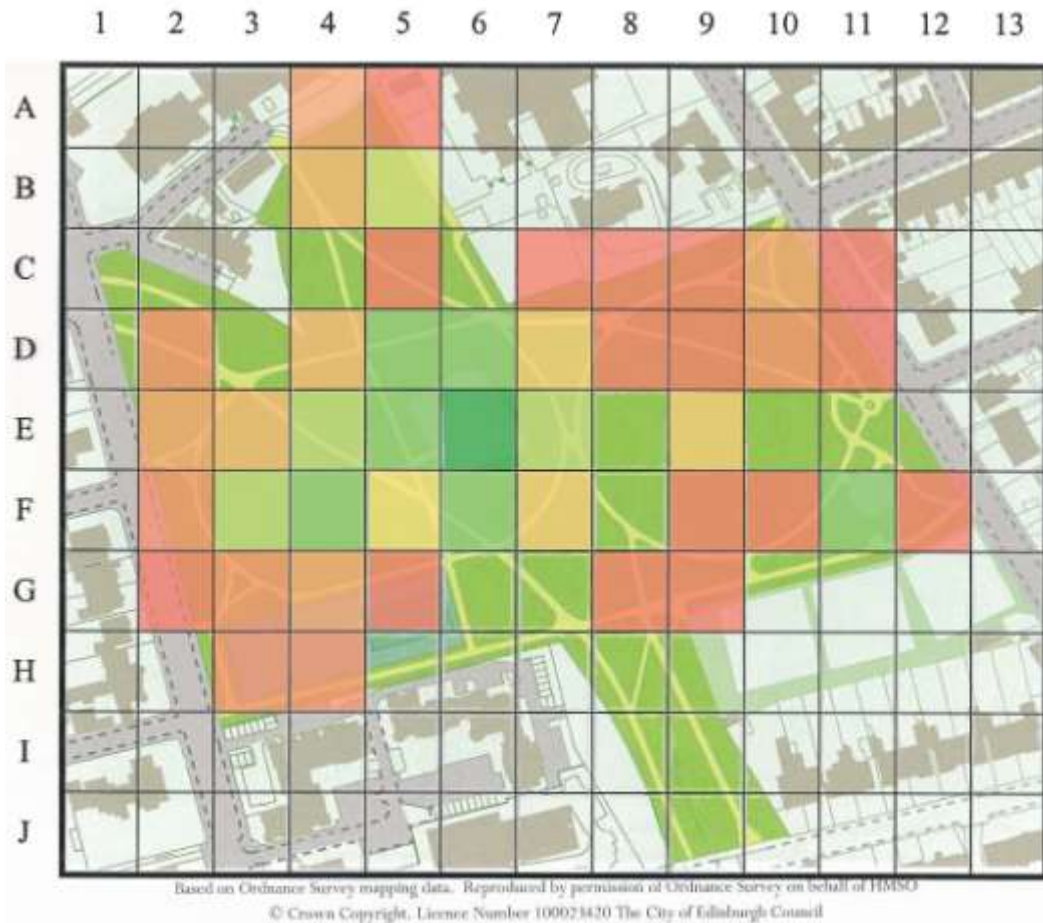
243 of 373 (65%) respondents agreed on the creation of a single modern play area to be created in the park.





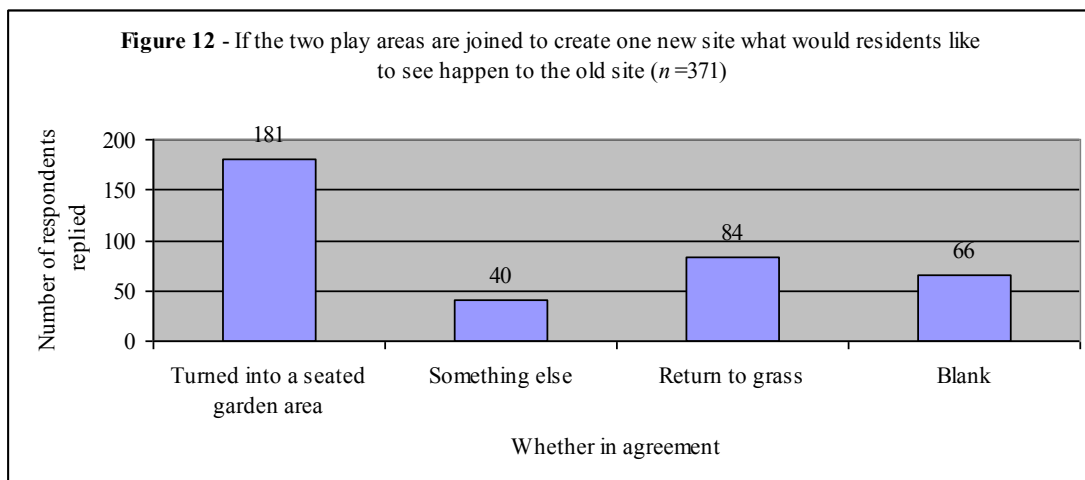
A mixture of comments were left by respondents. Issues around how the toddler and junior ages would be segregated or separated were a concern for a number of respondents. Some asked for the areas to remain distinctly separate and others suggests segregation.

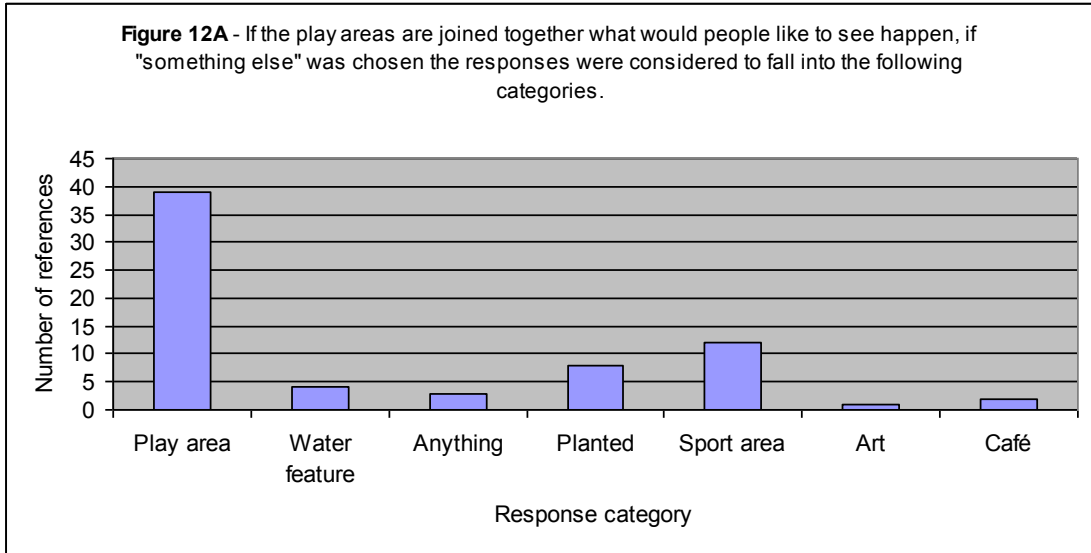
**Question 3b** asked respondents where in the park they would suggest placing a modern play area. Figure 11 choropleth map showing the overall preference for the location of a modern play areas in the park (dark green most preferred, blank or red areas not chosen). Shows existing junior area as being the most preferred location.



**Question 3c** asked respondents if the play areas are joined together, what would they like to see happen to the old site(s).

181 of 371 (49%) respondents wanted to see the old site(s) turned into a seated garden area.

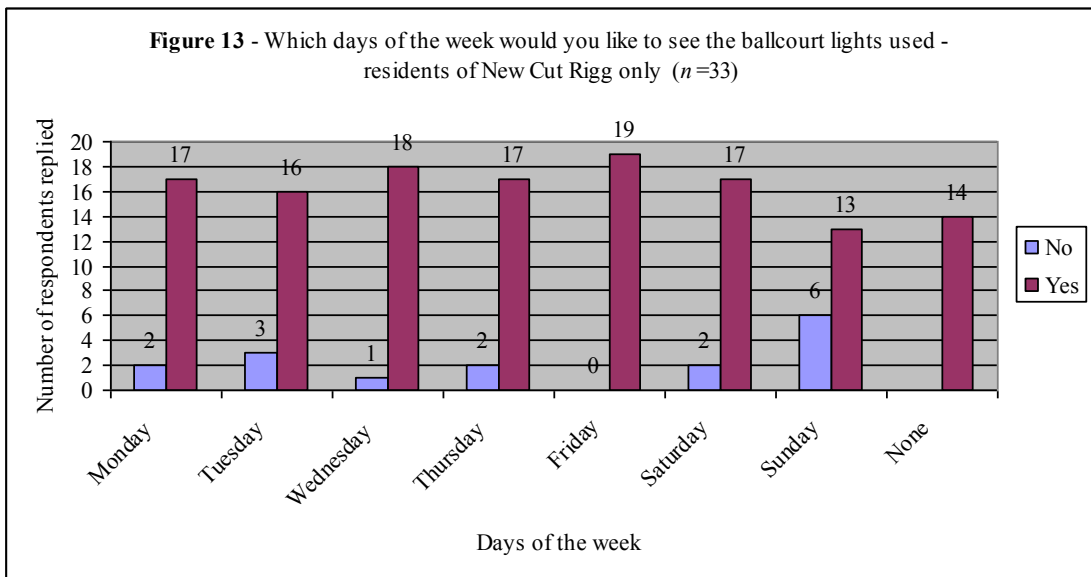


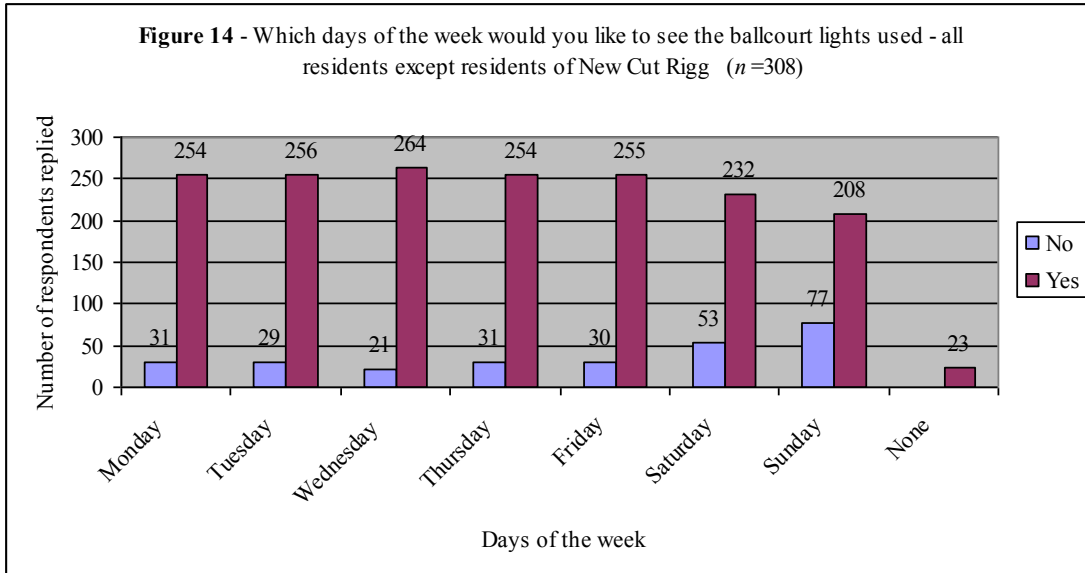


Where respondents left a comment, the majority wanted to see a play area as the “something else” option.

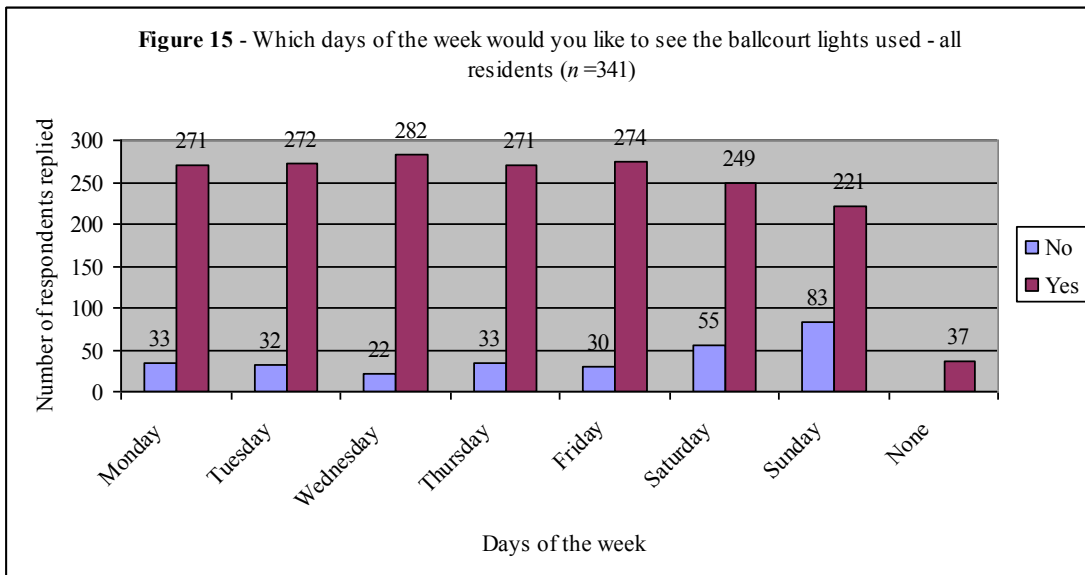
**Question 4a** asked respondents to indicate which days of the week they would be happy to see the floodlights used on the ball court. The responses from residents of New Cut Rigg were separated out.

The residents of New Cut Rigg generally supported the use of the ball court lights during the week but slightly less at the weekends (Figure 13).

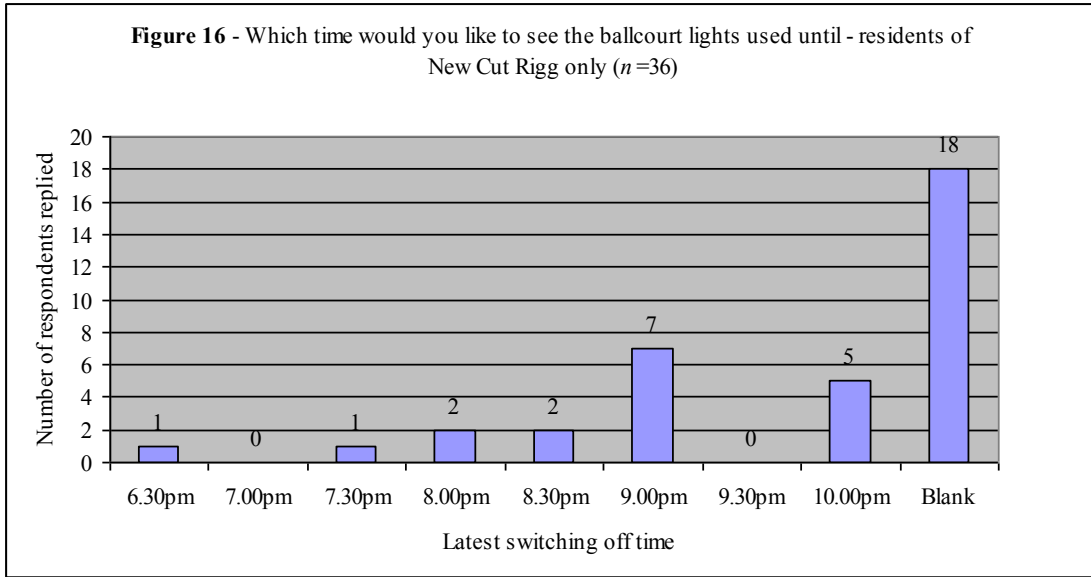




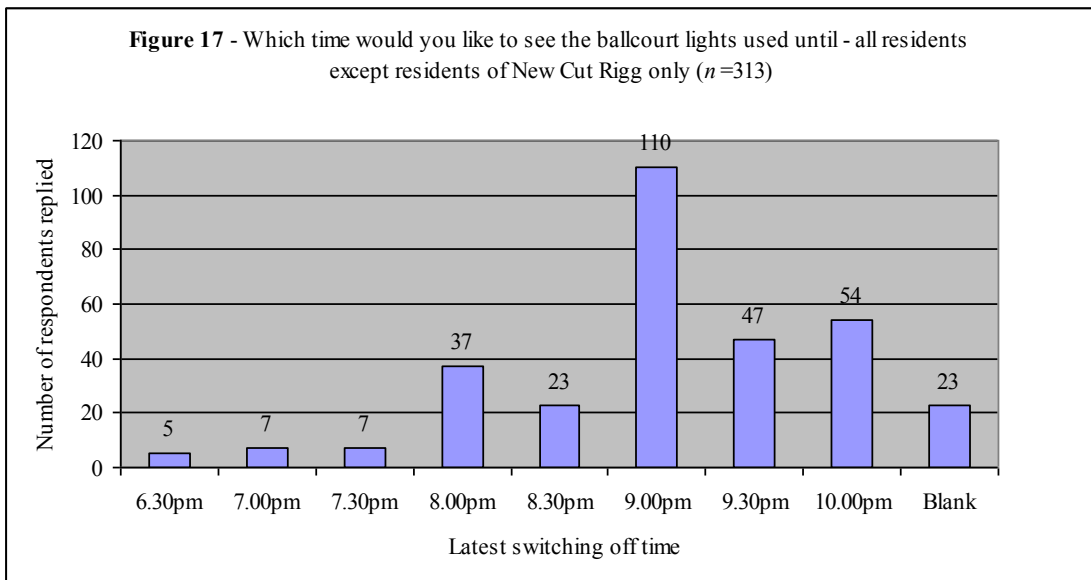
All respondents not residing at New Cut Rigg support the use of the ball court lights with a similar preference and Sundays were the least popular day (Figure 14). Figure 15 includes all responses.



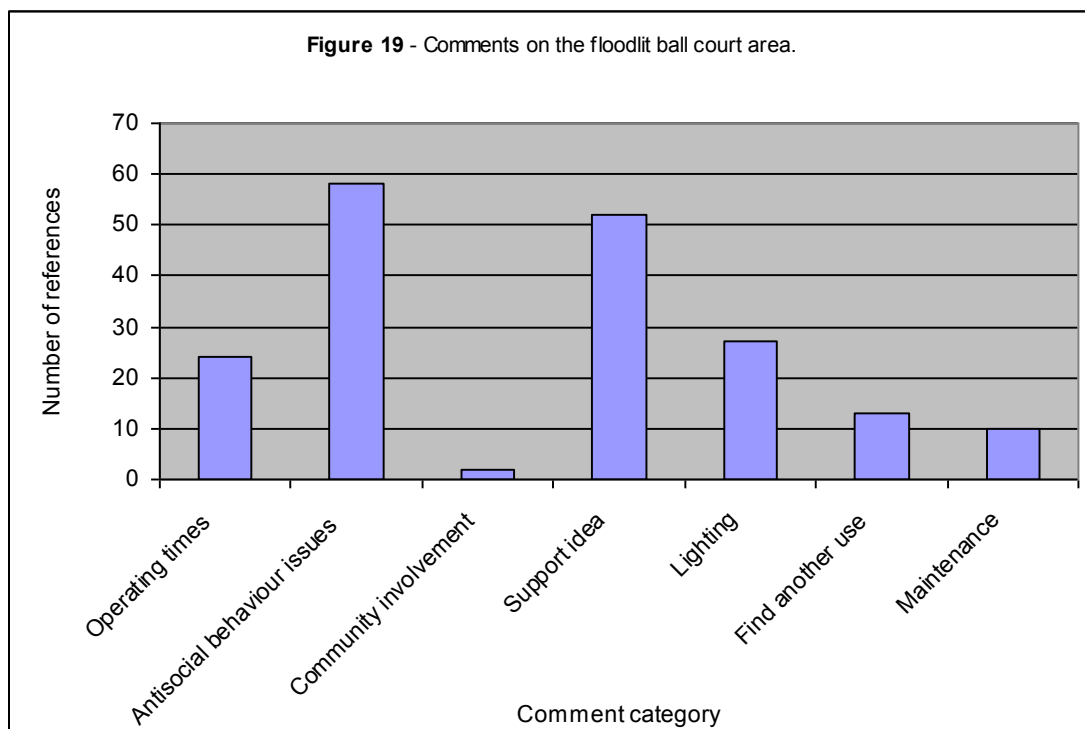
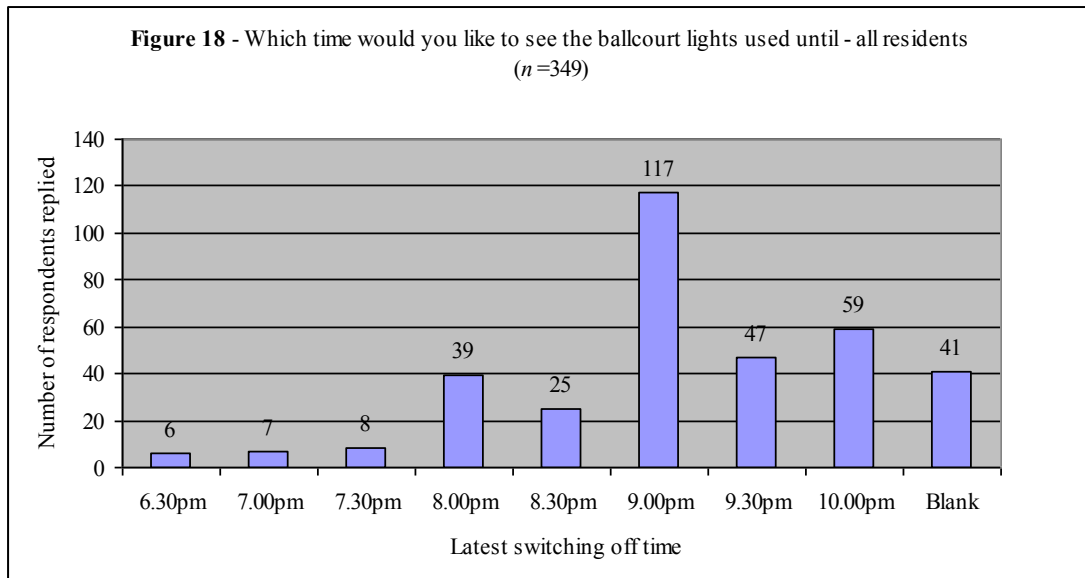
**Question 4b** asked respondents who selected any day in the previous question to indicate the latest time of night that they would be happy to see the floodlights operating. Again, responses from residents of New Cut Rigg were separated.



The preferred latest time that the floodlights should be used until from respondents of New Cut Rigg was 9pm. Half of the respondents of New Cut Rigg left this blank.

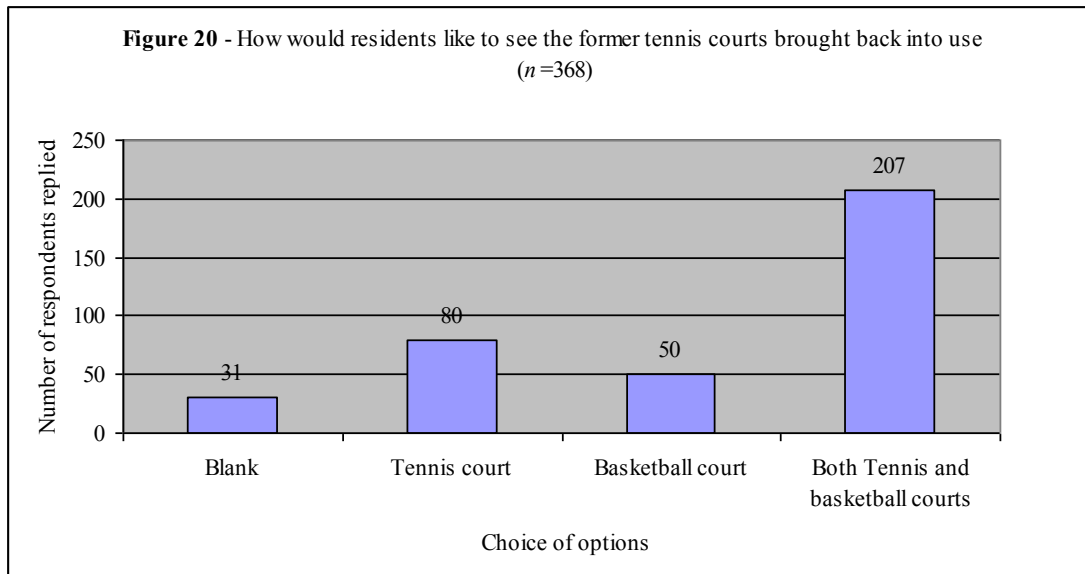


39% of all other respondents also supported 9pm as the latest operating time for the floodlights (Figure 17). Figure 18 combines all responses. 34% of all respondents supported 9pm as the latest operating time of the floodlights.



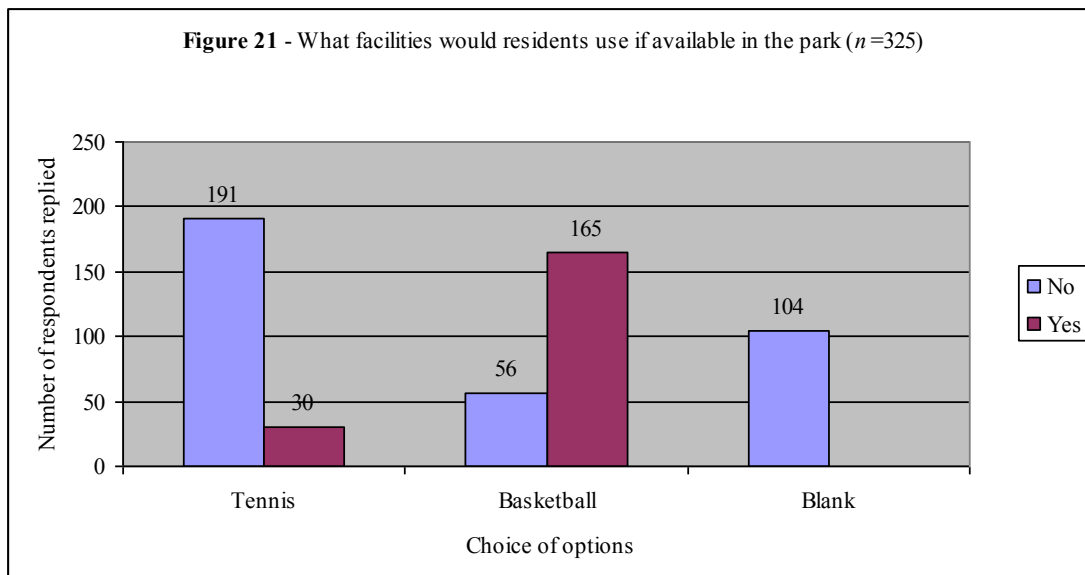
The comments by respondents were categorised (see Figure 19). Some respondents offered further clarification on operating times, supporting the idea and raised issues relating to anti-social behaviour.

**Question 4c** asked respondents how they would like to see the former tennis court area brought back into use. 207 out of 368 (56%) respondents would like tennis and basketball courts to be considered.

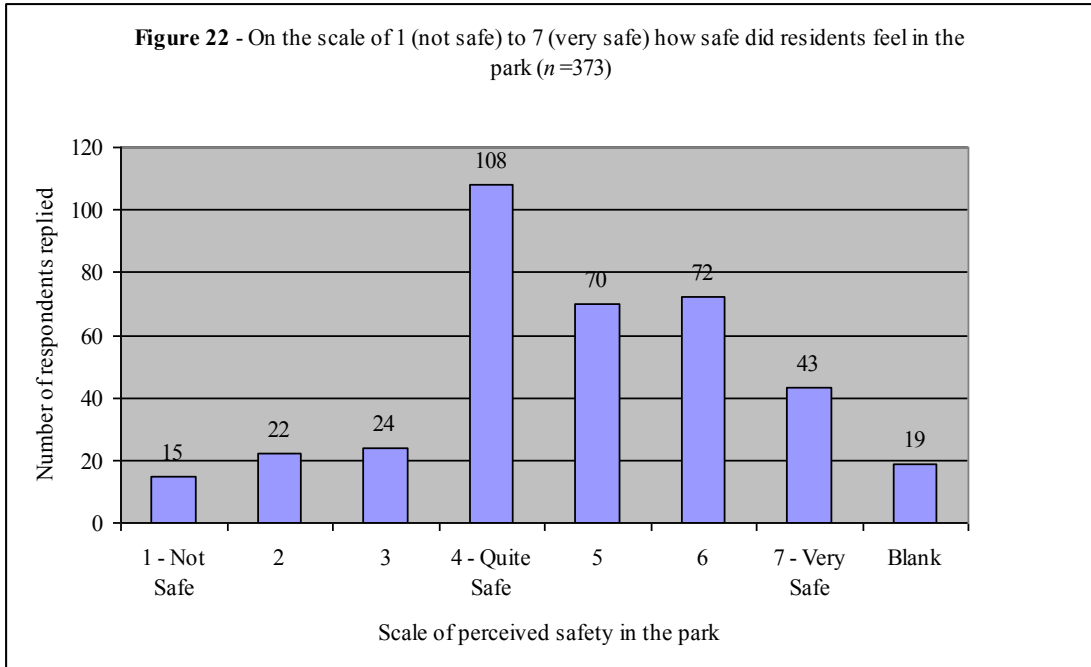


**Question 4d** asked respondents which of the facilities would they use if they were available in the park.

165 of 325 (51%) respondents would use basketball courts if they were available in the park.

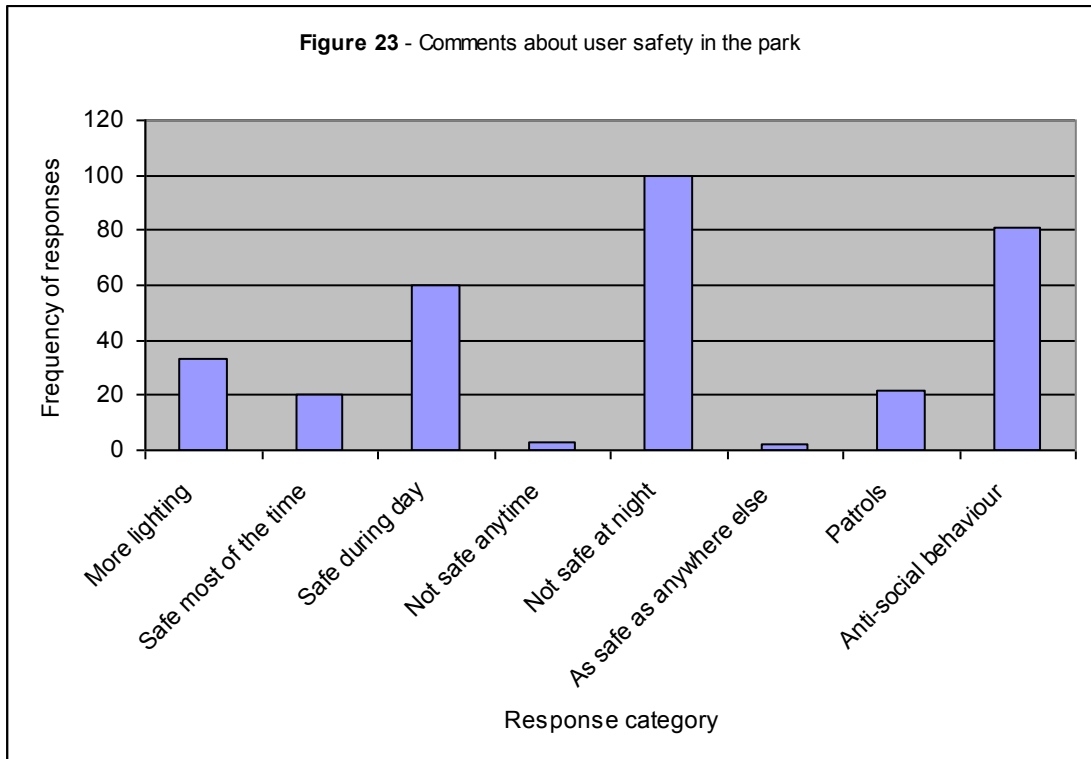


**Question 5a** asked respondents to say how safe they felt in the park on a scale of 1 Not Safe to 7 Very Safe.



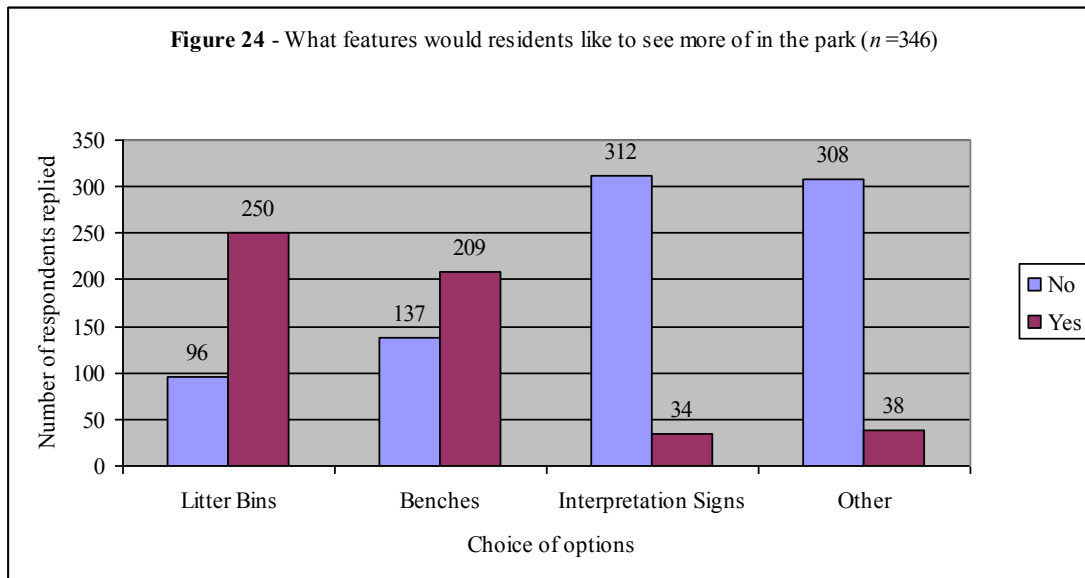
79% of respondents felt quite safe (or safer) in the park.

**Question 5b** asked for any additional comments on user safety in the park.

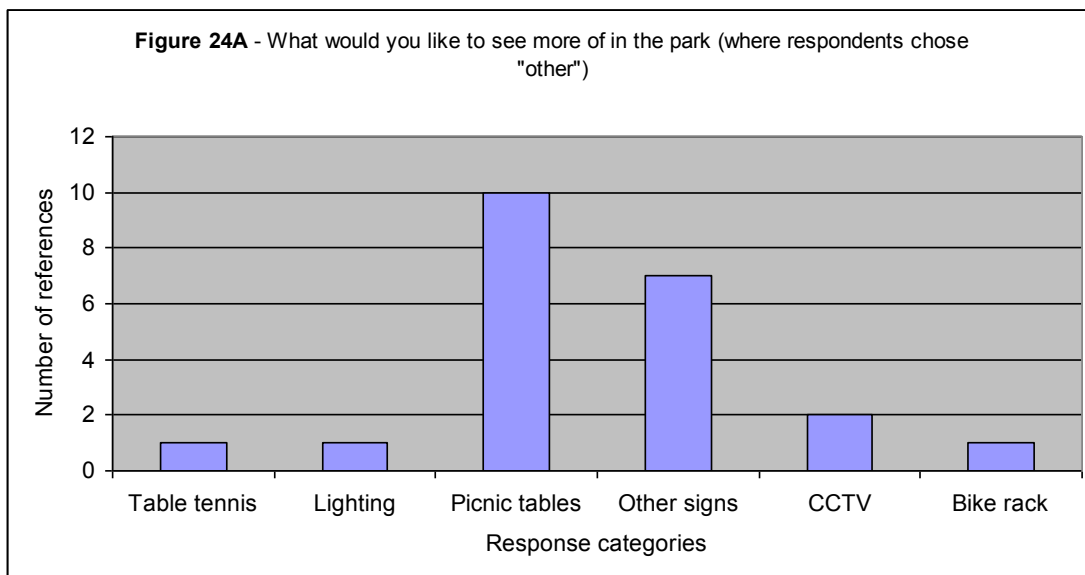


Many respondents felt safe using the park during the day but commented on not feeling safe at night and referencing concerns or perception of anti-social behaviour as the main reason for not using the park after dark.

**Question 6a** asked respondents which of the following would they like to see more of in the park.

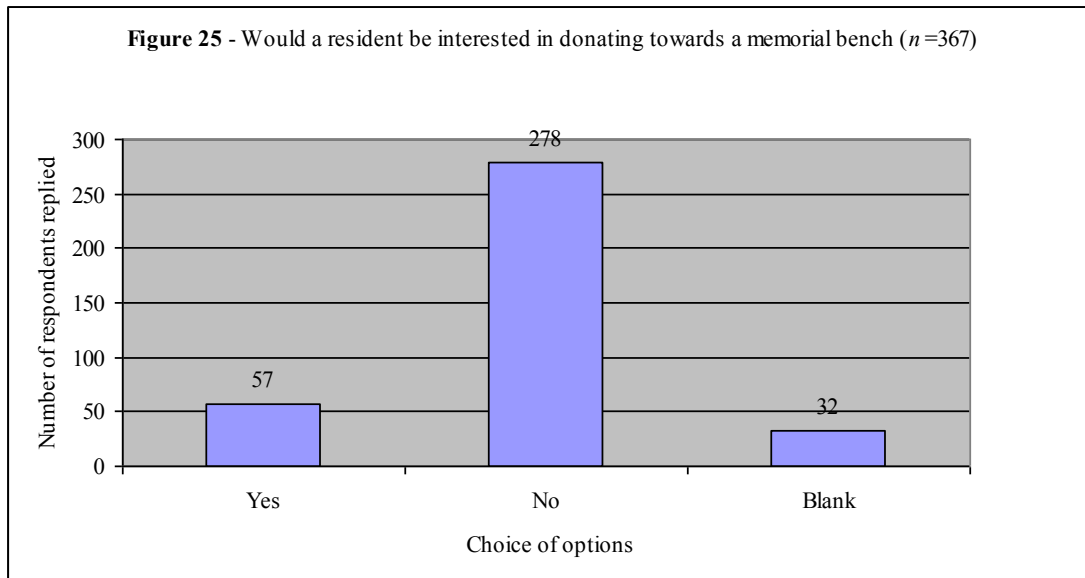


Litter bins and benches were the most common feature that respondents would like to see more of in the park (Figure 24).

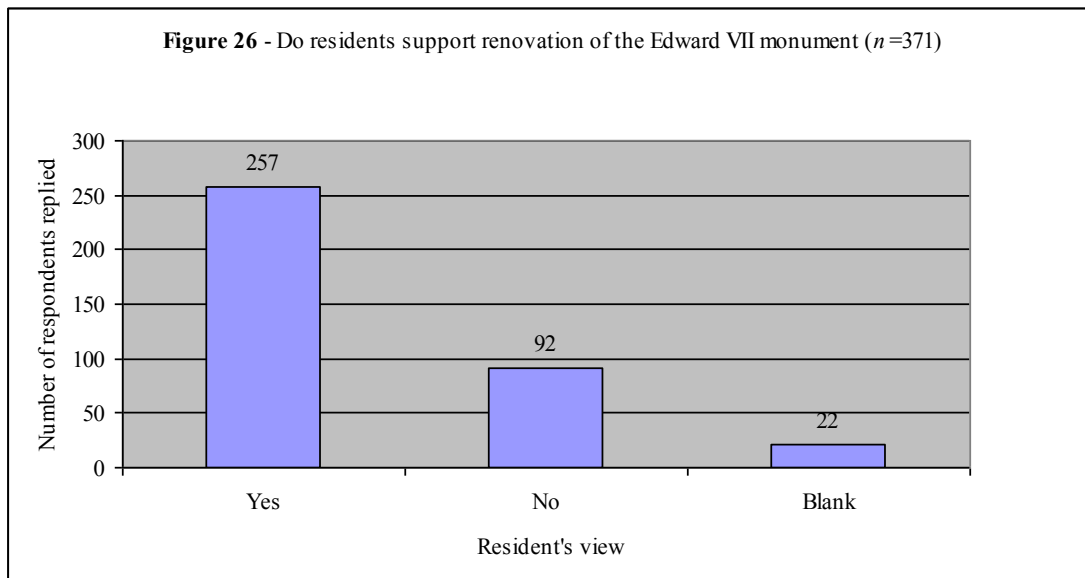


Where respondents chose “other” they mentioned picnic tables as a feature they would like to see more of in the park (Figure 24A).

**Question 6b** asked respondents whether they would be interested in donating towards a memorial bench for the park. Figure 25 shows 15% of residents would be interested in donating towards a memorial bench.

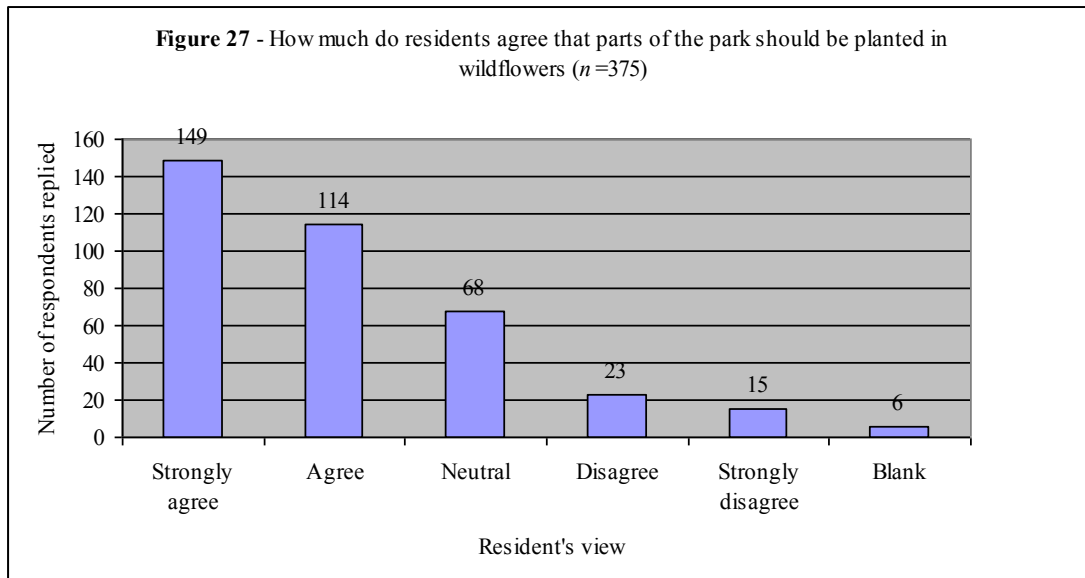


**Question 7a** asked respondents whether they would support the renovation of the Edward VII monument. Figure 26 shows that over 69% of residents would like to see the Edward VII monument renovated.



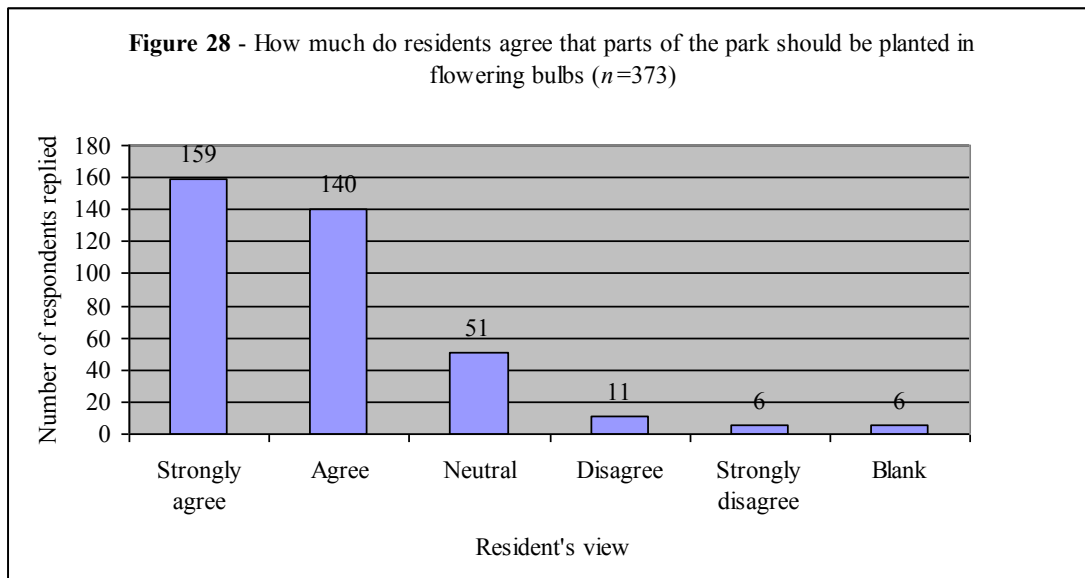
**Question 8a** asked respondents how much they agreed that parts of the park should be developed as wildflower areas.

263 out of 375 (70%) respondents agreed that parts of the park should be developed as wildflower areas (Figure 27).



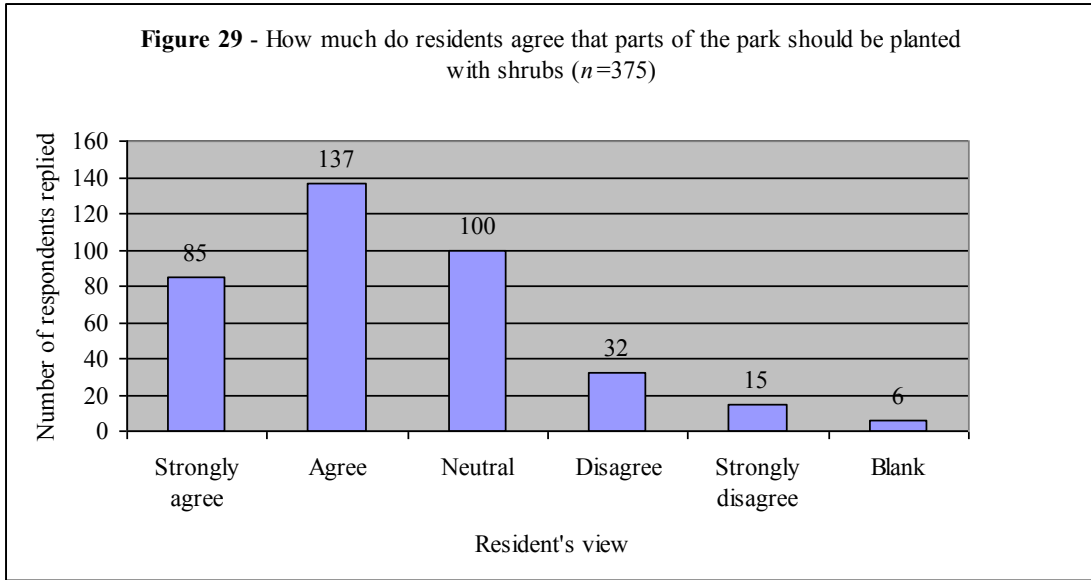
**Question 8b** asked respondents how much they agreed that parts of the park should be planted with flowering bulbs.

299 out of 373 (80%) respondents agreed that parts of the park should be planted in flowering bulbs (Figure 28).

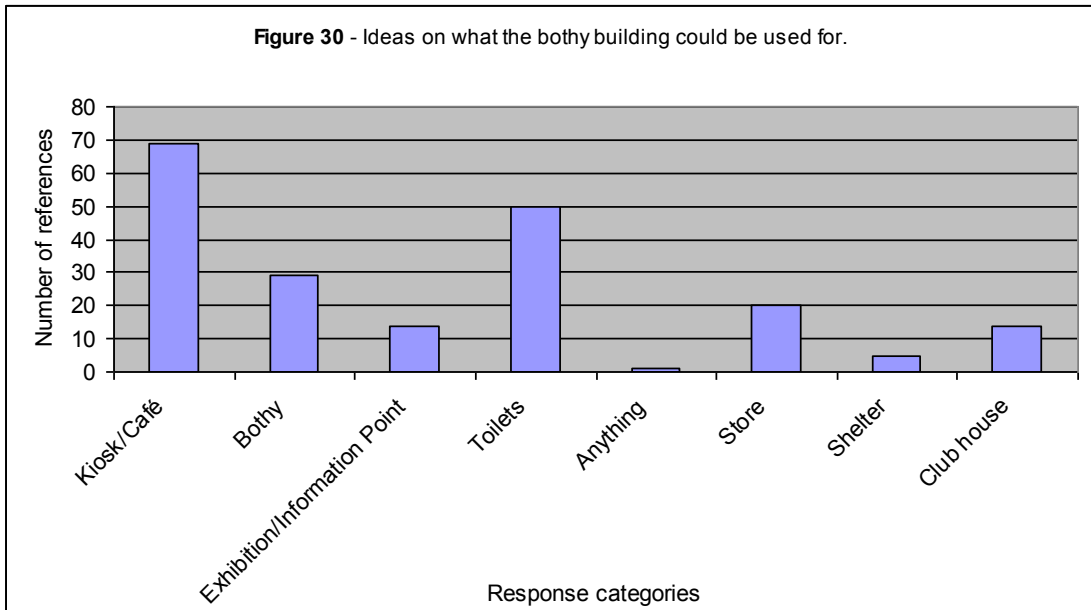


**Question 8c** asked respondents how much they agreed that parts of the park should be planted with shrubs.

222 out of 375 (59%) respondents agreed to parts of the park to be planted with shrubs (Figure 29).

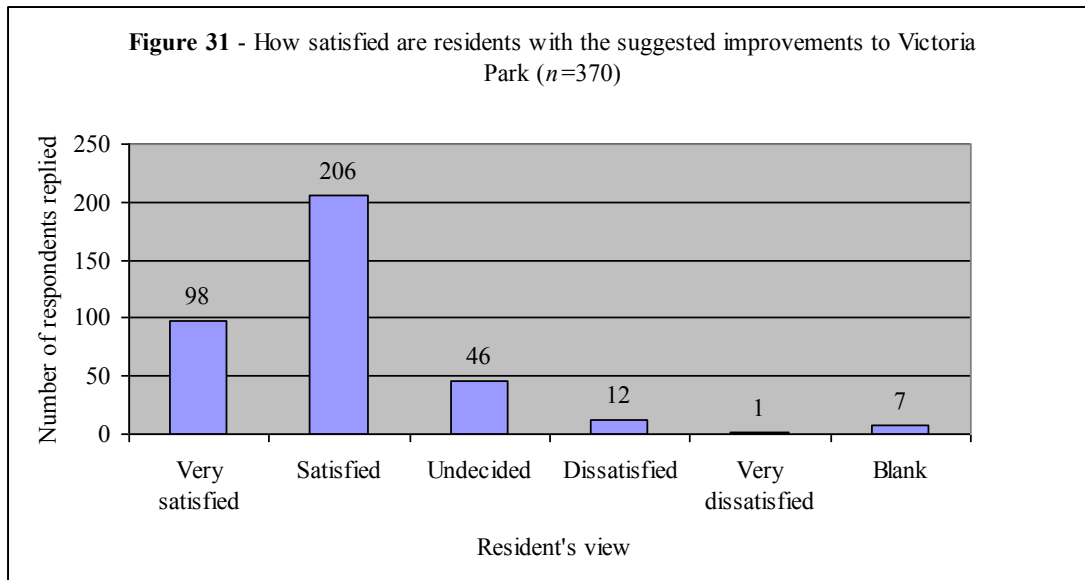


**Question 9a** asked respondents about any ideas they had for the use of the bothy.

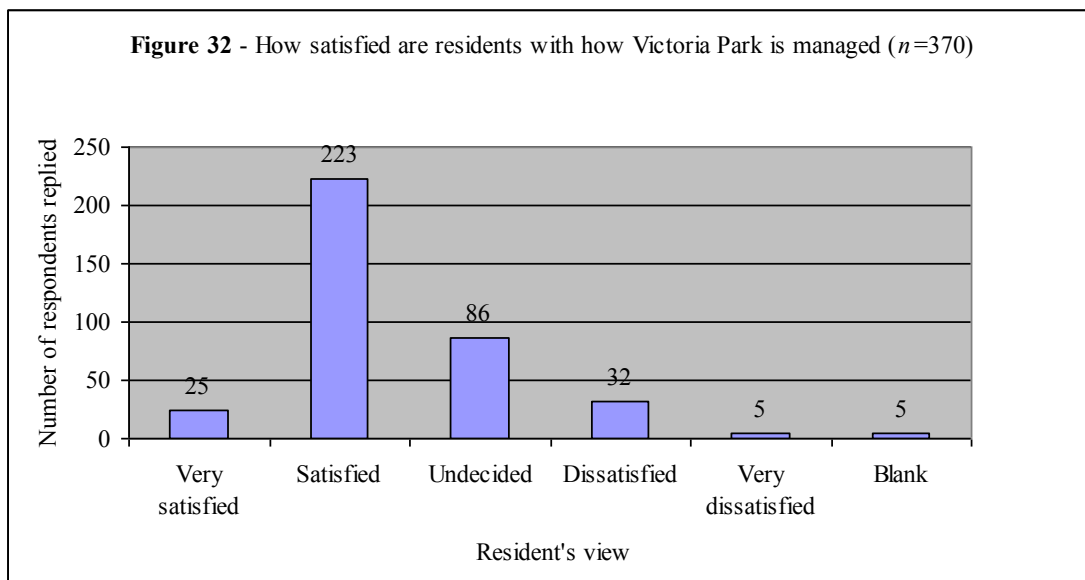


Respondents gave a café/kiosk or toilets are main ideas for use of the bothy (Figure 30).

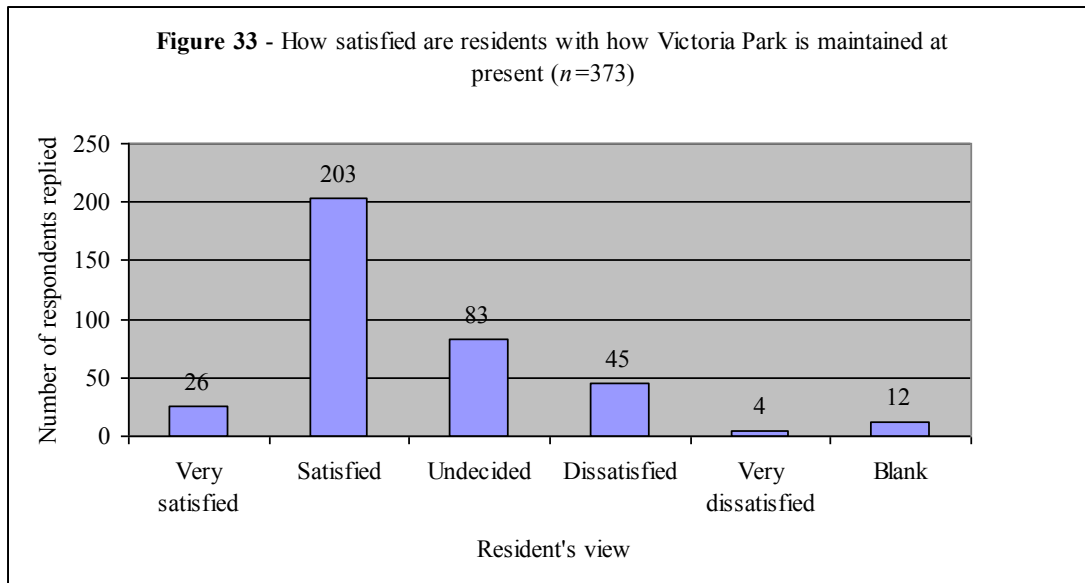
**Question 10a** asked how satisfied respondents were overall with the suggested improvements to Victoria Park. Figure 31 shows that over 82% are satisfied (including very satisfied) with the suggested improvements to Victoria Park.



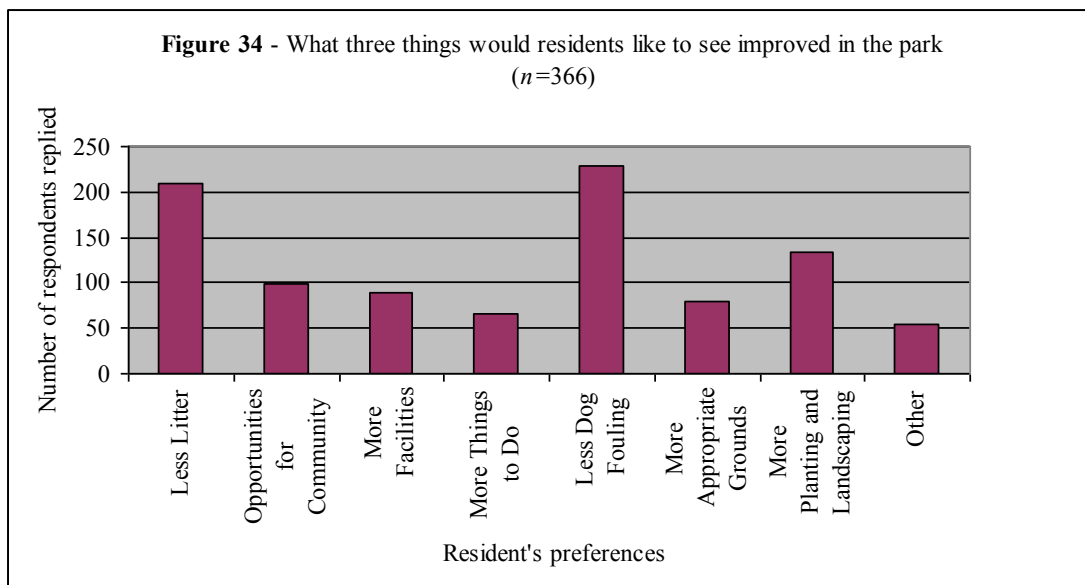
**Question 10b** asked how satisfied respondents were overall with how Victoria Park is managed. Figure 32 - Over 65% of residents are satisfied (including very satisfied) with how Victoria Park is managed.



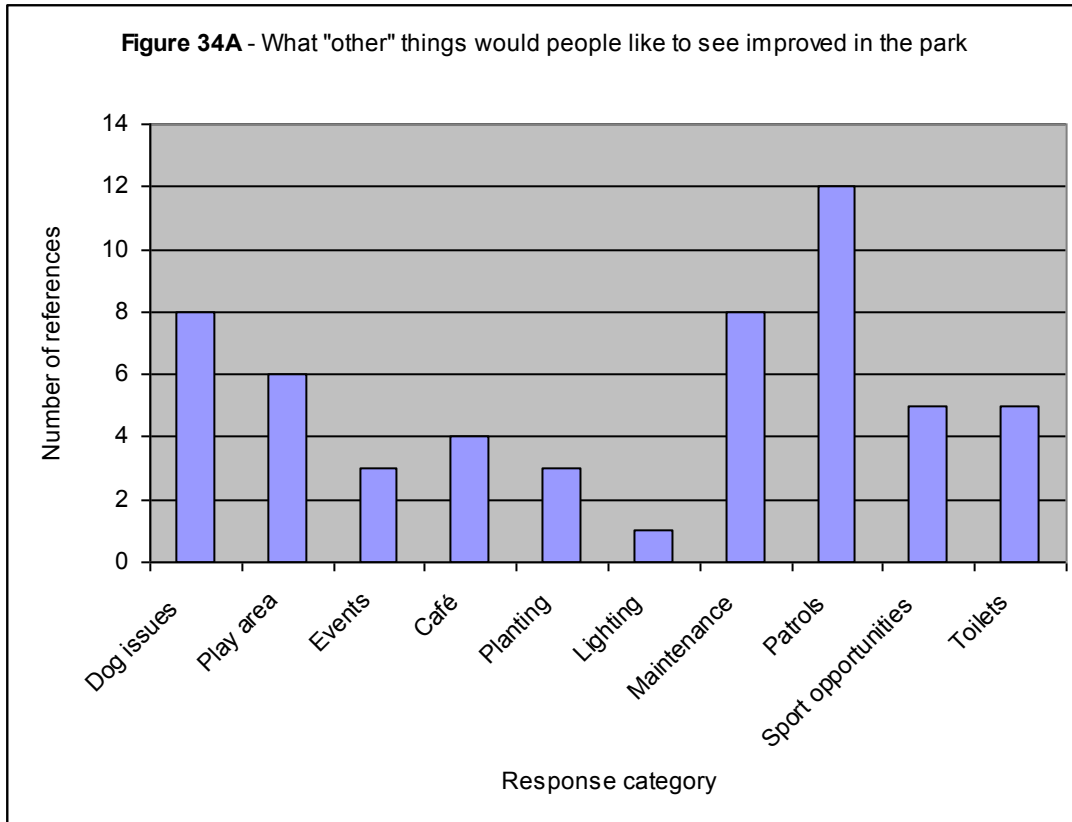
**Question 10c** asked how satisfied respondents were overall with how Victoria Park is maintained at present. Figure 33 shows that over 60% of residents are satisfied (including very satisfied) with how Victoria Park is maintained at present.



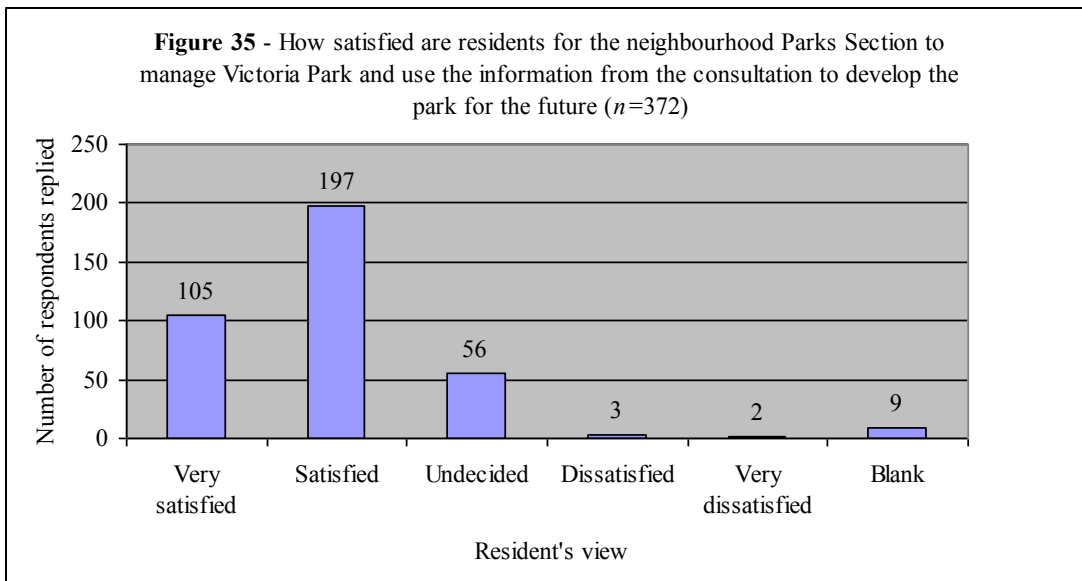
**Question 10d** asked respondents what three things would they like to see improved in Victoria Park. Figure 34 shows that the top three priorities are less dog fouling, less litter and more planting and landscaping.



Where respondents ticked “other” and gave a comment, the top areas were patrols by staff and police, then maintenance and dog related issues.



**Question 10e** asked respondents how satisfied they were for the Neighbourhood Parks Section to manage the park and use the information in this consultation to develop the park for the future. Figure 35 shows that over 81% are satisfied for the North Neighbourhood Parks Section to do so.



**Question 11** asked for any general comments, which were categorised and counted. References were made about generally being happy with the opportunity to be consulted and also concerned about the effects on anti-social behaviour (ASB) on implementing the improvements.

Figure 36 - General comments

