

# Mount Noddy Park: Future improvement plans

## What's been happening

The masterplanning process for Mount Noddy Park started in December 2019. The intent is to prepare a long term plan for the park and to identify a series of projects that can be delivered over time. Whilst the masterplan won't provide all the detail, it will provide clear strategic direction for how the park can be enhanced and managed in the future.

We've been busy doing lots of analysis and observations of the park and its surroundings. We've also been listening to park users and the key stakeholders involved in the management of the park and activities within it.

A community questionnaire with specific questions about the park was available for 4 weeks ending in early March 2020.

This update provides a broad summary of what we've heard through the stakeholder and community engagement process and explains what this means for the long term masterplan.

We have also prepared a draft masterplan that shows where potential enhancements and improvements are located within the park.

We plan to continue to refine this draft masterplan based on your feedback on it.

Please take a good look at the emerging themes, the draft masterplan and the list of potential projects and complete the online questionnaire.

Please look out for more updates on the MSDC website:

[www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/](http://www.midsussex.gov.uk/leisure-sport/parks/)



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## What we've been hearing

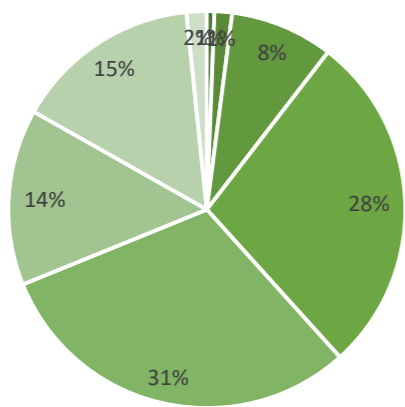
We had nearly 500 people complete and submit answers to the online questionnaire. Thank you to everyone that took time to answer the questions.

The information we gathered from this questionnaire and the additional conversations we've had with stakeholders has been incredibly useful. The feedback has directly influenced the emerging themes (next page) and the emerging draft masterplan (following page).

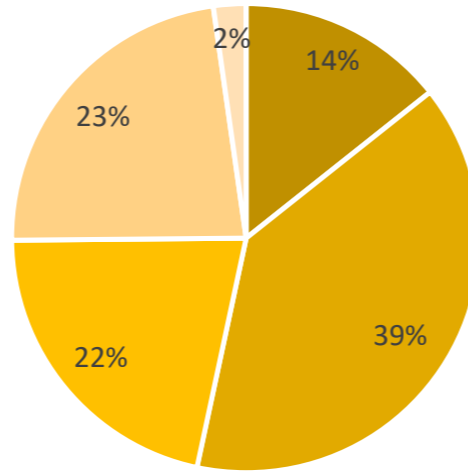
We now have a better understanding of how people are already using the park and what they would like to improve it. We have some interesting statistics on how long people stay in the park, how far they travel to get to it and what they think about the existing facilities.

We received a broad range of fantastic ideas. We've noticed some common aspirations for enhancing the park, such as the importance of having public toilets in the park, the need to reduce anti-social behaviour and the desire for a cafe or icecream kiosk in the park.

We had people from most age groups complete the online questionnaire.

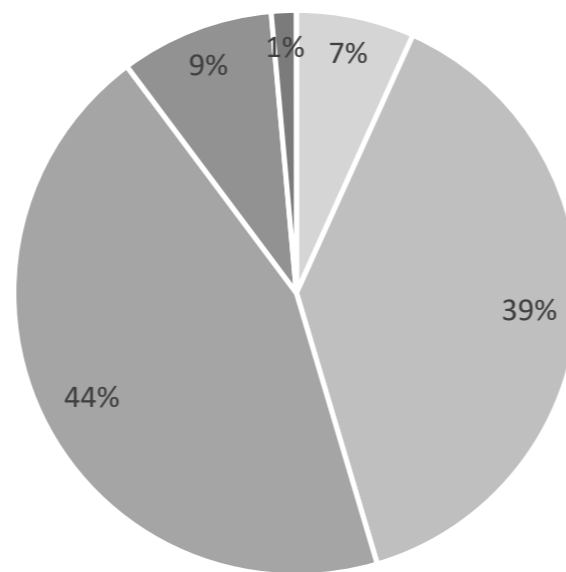


- UNDER 14
- 15-19
- 20-29
- 30-39
- 40-49
- 50-59
- 60-74
- 75+



- EVERY DAY
- ONCE A WEEK OR TWO
- ONCE A MONTH
- LESS OFTEN
- NEVER

How often you go to the park

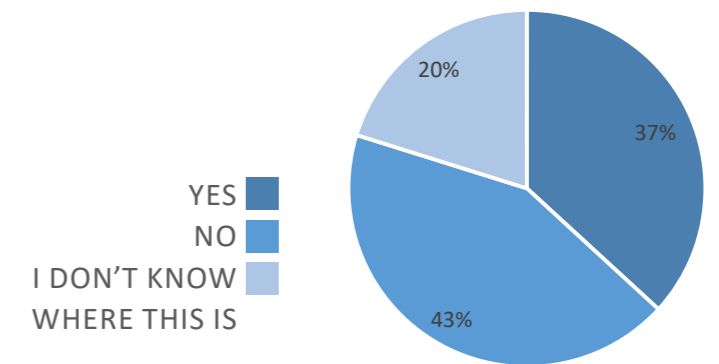


- VERY GOOD
- GOOD
- OK
- POOR
- NO OPINION

How you rate the appearance of the park



The 'wordcloud' above has been created by counting words from the feedback you gave us in the questionnaire.



- YES
- NO
- I DON'T KNOW
- WHERE THIS IS

Do you go to the Compass Garden?

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## What this means

Our research and analysis has led us to prepare three over arching ‘themes’ that will guide the masterplan. It will also steer the individual projects and the activities that will come from this.

The themes overlap but are intended to help us focus on specific ideas to improve the park. We feel these themes are a good representation of the shared values and aspirations that we have heard from the community. The themes are, however, still in draft and we welcome comments on these.

The emerging masterplan (next page) shows how these themes have been applied to the park and demonstrate the long term future for Mount Noddy Park.

The masterplan includes some fairly straight forward proposed enhancements such as an improved play area, better entrances and more trees.

It also includes some long term ones aimed at helping transform the park and addressing many of those concerns we heard such as problems with antisocial behaviour and making better use of the whole park.

We are very keen to hear your thoughts, endorsements or concerns on the emerging masterplan before we finalise it.

## THE OVER ARCHING THEMES



### ENCOURAGING AND SUSTAINING A SENSE OF COMMUNITY OWNERSHIP

- IMPROVED SAFETY / ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR / PASSIVE SURVEILLANCE
- ONGOING COMMUNITY PLANTING AND MAINTENANCE
- COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES
- NEW USERS / INCREASE AWARENESS /
- EXTEND TIME SPENT IN THE PARK
- IMPROVED HEALTH AND WELLBEING



### EXTENDING AND IMPROVING PLAY PROVISION

- MORE VARIETY OF PLAY
- INTEGRATING NATURE PLAY / RE-WILDING
- PLAY FOR OLDER CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS
- MORE INVITING FOR FAMILIES TO VISIT AND TO STAY FOR LONGER
- PLAYFUL AND SAFE ENVIRONMENT THROUGHOUT THE PARK



### IMPROVING EXISTING FACILITIES AND BEING STRATEGIC WITH NEW ONES




- IMPROVED PATHS, ENTRANCES AND CONNECTIONS
- MULTIUSE / MULTI- PURPOSE OF FACILITIES AND BUILDINGS
- MAKING BETTER USE OF THE SOUTH EAST CORNER
- ENCOURAGING THOSE WHO TRAVEL THROUGH TO STOP AND USE IT MORE OFTEN
- INTEGRATING THE DIFFERENT USES THROUGHOUT THE PARK

Precedent images are used to demonstrate potential successful outcomes

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## LEGEND

-  MSDC site boundary
-  Existing trees
-  Proposed trees
-  Proposed planting
-  Proposed hedge
-  Existing hedge
-  Existing stream
-  Existing footpaths
-  Proposed surfacing
-  Proposed boundary treatment
-  Proposed seats
-  Proposed sign
-  Proposed enhanced lighting
-  Proposed granite threshold
-  Proposed drainage
-  Proposed detention pond
-  Enhanced play area
-  Proposed petanque
-  Proposed wildflower rich meadow

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| 1. Park entrances     | 8. The Link          |
| 2. Existing playspace | 9. The Central Plaza |
| 3. Compass Garden     | 10. Pavilion         |
| 4. The Node           | 11. Picnic meadow    |
| 5. Cycle / Walk way   | 12. Bowling green    |
| 6. Youth Zone         | 13. Trees and stream |
| 7. Multi-use courts   | 14. The Pitch        |

Please refer to the next page for a description of the long term proposals within each area

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 DWG No.: 677\_02\_Rev A  
 DWG Title: Proposed Masterplan  
 Project: Mount Noddy East Grinstead, RH19 3LQ  
 Client: Mid Sussex District Council

## THE 14 POTENTIAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS:

<p><b>1. Park entrances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tree / shrub clearance</li> <li>• entrance signage / interpretation</li> <li>• feature planting</li> <li>• granite setts paving thresholds</li> </ul>	<p><b>2. Existing playspace</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• sensory play added</li> <li>• new play equipment</li> </ul>	<p><b>3. Compass Garden</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhanced layout</li> <li>• consistent planting</li> <li>• sensory play and trails</li> <li>• continued community support</li> <li>• improved visibility</li> </ul>	<p><b>4. The Node</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• remove existing shrub bed</li> <li>• new surfacing</li> <li>• seating</li> <li>• re configured entrance to compass and play</li> <li>• feature tree</li> </ul>	<p><b>5. Cycle / walkway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved lighting</li> <li>• improved edging / surfacing</li> <li>• wayfinding / signage improvements</li> </ul>	<p><b>6. Youth Zone</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• relocate or remove existing gym equipment</li> <li>• new destination play zone for 8 to 17yr olds</li> <li>• feature backdrop / trellis</li> </ul>	<p><b>7. Multi-use courts</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• utilise floodlighting for path lighting</li> <li>• new planting to screen kick board</li> <li>• new railings</li> </ul>
<p><b>8. The Link</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• shrub removal</li> <li>• re-configure paths</li> <li>• new trees and hedges</li> <li>• potential level change / terracing</li> <li>• improve access to pavilion building / nursery</li> </ul>	<p><b>9. The Central Plaza</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enhance space between The Pitch and the Bowling green with new surfacing and seating</li> <li>• potential for petanque</li> <li>• potential for pop up events</li> <li>• double aspect views</li> </ul>	<p><b>10. The Pavilion</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved setting to Pavilion</li> <li>• improved visibility of entrance to public toilets</li> <li>• reposition cycle stands</li> <li>• new surfacing</li> <li>• improved outdoor area and boundary for nursery</li> </ul>	<p><b>11. Picnic meadow</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tree planting</li> <li>• detention pond / scrape</li> <li>• new paths</li> <li>• picnic benches</li> <li>• new planting</li> <li>• wildflower rich meadow grasses</li> </ul>	<p><b>12. Bowling green</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved seating</li> <li>• break in hedge to the west and replace with fence</li> <li>• better integration of bowling with the park</li> </ul>	<p><b>13. Trees and stream</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• tree planting</li> <li>• tree trails / naming</li> <li>• new paths</li> <li>• nature play / bug hotels</li> <li>• understory planting</li> </ul>	<p><b>14. The Pitch</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• improved drainage</li> <li>• events space</li> </ul>

## Next Steps:

LOOK AT THE PLAN AND TELL US WHAT YOU THINK BY FILLING IN THE ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE



PLEASE TELL US WHICH ONES OF THE POTENTIAL AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT EXCITES YOU THE MOST



WE'LL THEN FINALISE THE DRAFT MASTERPLAN AND LET YOU KNOW THE NEXT STEPS



PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A LONG TERM PLAN FOR THE PARK AND MAY TAKE SOME TIME TO COMPLETE EVERYTHING. THE PROJECTS ALSO RELY ON FUNDING BECOMING AVAILABLE. EACH PROJECT WILL NEED FURTHER PLANNING AND DESIGN WORK AND POTENTIALLY MORE COMMUNITY INPUT.

PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROJECTS AFTER THE MASTER PLANNING PROCESS IS COMPLETE.

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