

## **Temporary pump track survey feedback**

### **Background and objectives**

When reviewing the village's recreation provision, Liss Parish Council identified a gap in provision, particularly for older children and teenagers, and committed to provide more recreational facilities for young people and create an attractive sports and leisure area alongside the multi-purpose community and sports Pavilion and existing playing field in West Liss.

More specifically, Liss Parish Council has been working with stakeholders to address Anti-Social Behaviour in the village. This work has involved representatives from the Crossover youth centre, Bohunt School, the police, the youth offending team, family support services and others. A key outcome was the identification of the need for increased informal recreation provision for young people to provide alternative outlets for their energies.

As part of a 'Party by the Pavilion' for the Queen's platinum jubilee celebrations, a temporary pump track installation was placed in West Liss Recreation Ground from 2 June until 8 June for all members of the community to enjoy. A pump track is a track for all wheels (scooters, bikes, skateboards, roller skates), ages and abilities.

A consultation survey was launched to gain feedback on the temporary pump track and whether residents would welcome the possibility of a permanent pump track facility in order to meet the gap in recreation provision.

### **Methodology**

An electronic copy of the survey was placed on the Liss Parish Council website, and on its Facebook page, and hard copies were available for collection from the Post Office counter in Tesco Express in Liss. In addition, details of the consultation, and how to access an electronic or hard copy of the survey were provided to 70 households adjacent to the recreation ground. The survey was open from 2<sup>nd</sup> June until 19<sup>th</sup> June.

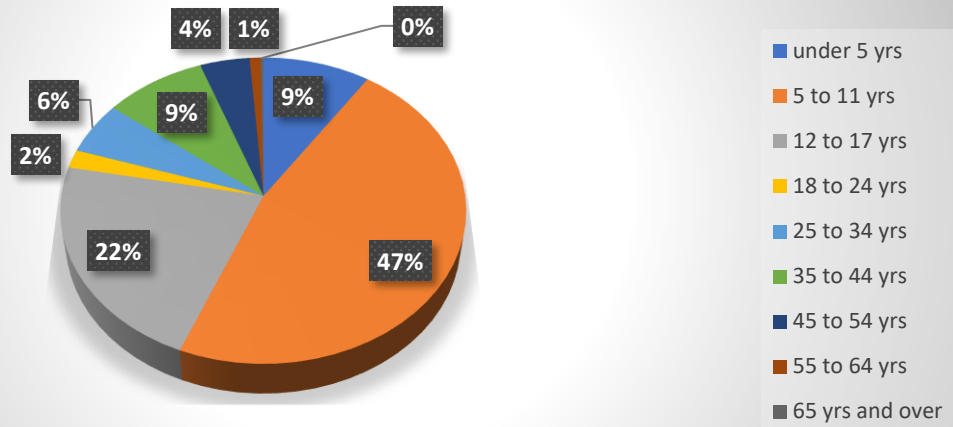
Participants were asked questions about whether they used the track and whether they would like to see a permanent pump track installed at West Liss Recreation Ground. There was also the opportunity for respondents to provide any further thoughts for consideration. A copy of the questionnaire is attached as Annex A.

### **Results**

290 responses were received in total, with 78% of respondents saying that they or a family member had used the track.

The age of those who stated to have used the track ranged from 2 years old to 68 years old. Age ranges of users are shown in the following chart:

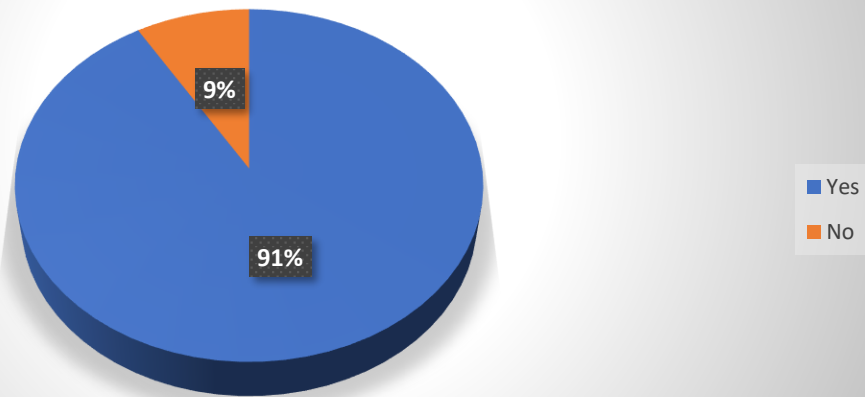
### Age of those using the track



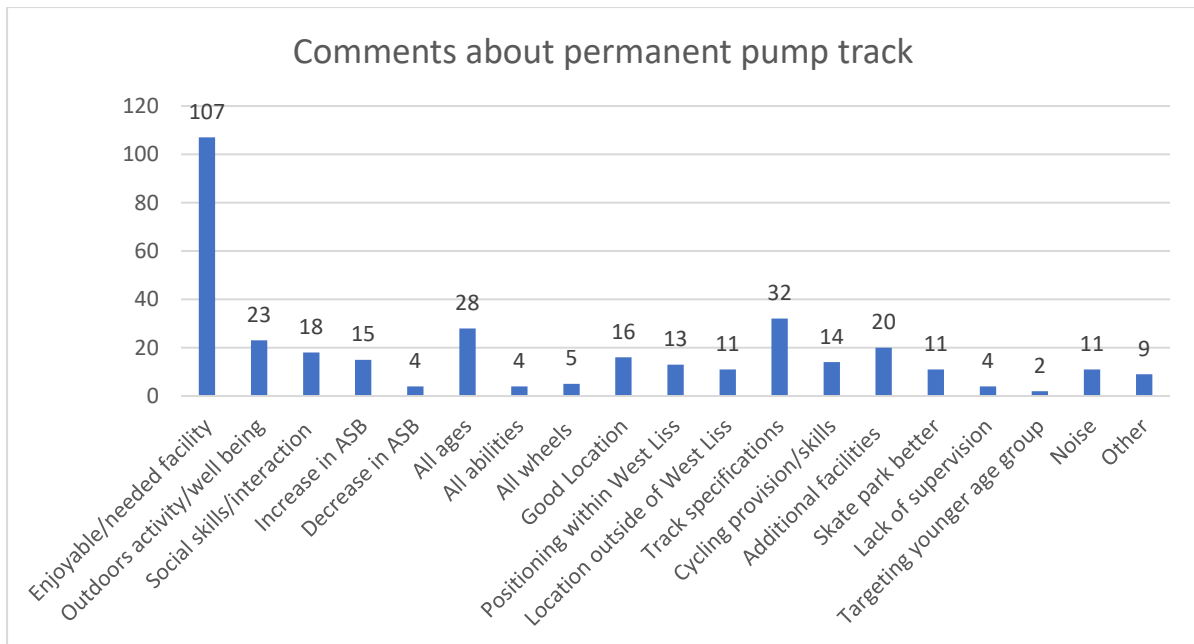
The majority (68%) of those stated to be using the track were in the 5 – 17 years old age range, with almost half (47%) being between 5 and 11 years old as compared with 22% in the 12 – 17 age range.

Just over 90% of respondents supported the idea of a permanent pump track installed on West Liss Recreation Ground.

### Respondents wanting a permanent pump track on West Liss Recreation Ground



Respondents were asked for further comments regarding a permanent pump track. Response categories were identified and answers grouped into similar themes, as shown in the following chart:



180 respondents left further comments with regards to the possibility of having a permanent pump track at West Liss Recreation Ground. These can be summarised as follows:

- 107 of those commenting mentioned how enjoyable the pump track was and/or what a great/needed facility it was, providing something else to do in the village, with 4 respondents feeling that having something to do in the area would result in a decrease in Anti Social Behaviour (ASB). However, 15 people felt that a permanent pump track would result in increased ASB in the area.
- 23 respondents mentioned the importance of a track in providing an outdoors activity and its positive effect on physical and mental health and wellbeing.
- 18 people commented on the positive effects of a track in terms of social interaction with others, bringing the community together in a friendly and considerate environment, but 4 were concerned about the safety implications of a track at times when it was un-supervised (unlike the temporary track at the Platinum Jubilee weekend when many of the local community were in attendance).
- 28 comments mentioned that a track would appeal to all age groups, but 2 stated that it would appeal to a younger age group than the one it should be targeting.
- 4 people mentioned how a track catered for all abilities, with 14 commenting on how it would provide somewhere to practice and improve cycling skills, and build confidence, and 5 respondents commenting on how the track would suit a range of wheeled sports equipment.
- The location of the track featured highly in respondents' comments (40), with 16 stating the track had been or would be in a good location at West Liss Recreation Ground, 13 stating careful consideration should be given to where exactly it should be at West Liss Recreation Ground so as not to interfere with current facilities and residents, and 11 stating that the track should be located somewhere else in the village such as Newman Collard. 11 respondents mentioned that noise was a concern in relation to the location of the track.
- The specifications of the track were also mentioned in a high proportion of comments (32), with comments relating to design/layout, surface material and maintenance.

- 20 respondents also commented that they felt additional facilities would be required alongside a pump track if it were to be made a permanent feature. Suggestions included a board outlining the 'rules of the track', lighting, a picnic table, seating, CCTV, toilet facilities, litter bins, drinking water facilities, a bike stand for repairs, an additional pedestrian road crossing/traffic calming measures and a 'skateable' path from the car park.
- 11 respondents commented that they would like to see a skate park.

There were 9 'other' comments on the survey, not relating to any of the grouped response categories stated above (i.e. it only received one comment).

## **Conclusions**

Feedback received shows that a large number of respondents (78%) themselves, or a family member, had used the temporary pump track, and 91% were in favour of seeing a permanent pump track on West Liss Recreation Ground. The track was seen by many to be as a much needed, enjoyable, multi-generational, inclusive facility, accessible to a wide range of ages, abilities and wheeled sports, which would bring the community together and enable social interaction, and an opportunity for outdoor exercise resulting in improved physical and mental well-being and development and progression of cycling/wheeled skills.

The survey provided constructive feedback in terms of the design specifications of the track and complementary facilities which could be considered alongside the track, and it also raised concerns in relation to noise, Anti Social Behaviour and the location of the pump track. There was mixed feedback with regards to where a permanent pump would best be sited in West Liss Recreation Ground, with regards to the space available within the Ground (without impinging on current users), and the proximity to local residents and 11 respondents (3.8%) suggesting that it be located elsewhere in the village.

## Temporary Pump Track Consultation: Feedback Form

In reviewing the village's recreation provision Liss Parish Council has identified a gap, particularly for older children and teenagers.

We are taking the opportunity of the temporary pump track installation at West Liss Recreation Ground being hired for the Jubilee weekend, 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022, to consult on whether a permanent pump track would help fill the gap. We would love to hear your views!

If you do not have access to the survey on our Facebook page and the Liss Parish Council website, please complete this form and return it to the Liss Parish Council office behind the Village Hall before 19<sup>th</sup> June.

Please provide your name here (responses without a name will not be taken into consideration):

Did you or your family use the temporary pump track? Yes/No (Please circle as appropriate)

If you did use the pump track, what were the ages of the people that used it?

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Would you like a permanent pump track to be installed on West Liss Recreation Ground?

Yes/ No (Please circle as appropriate)

Please provide any comments you would like us to consider, e.g. siting on West Liss Recreation Ground.

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Please provide your contact details if you would like to be involved in any further consultation on a pump track:

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Please continue overleaf should you require further space.  
Thank you for your response.