

Valley Dip Play Area survey report

28 September 2023



Background

The council is investing £400,000 to upgrade play areas across Lewes district. The views received in the survey will help inform what new equipment will be installed.

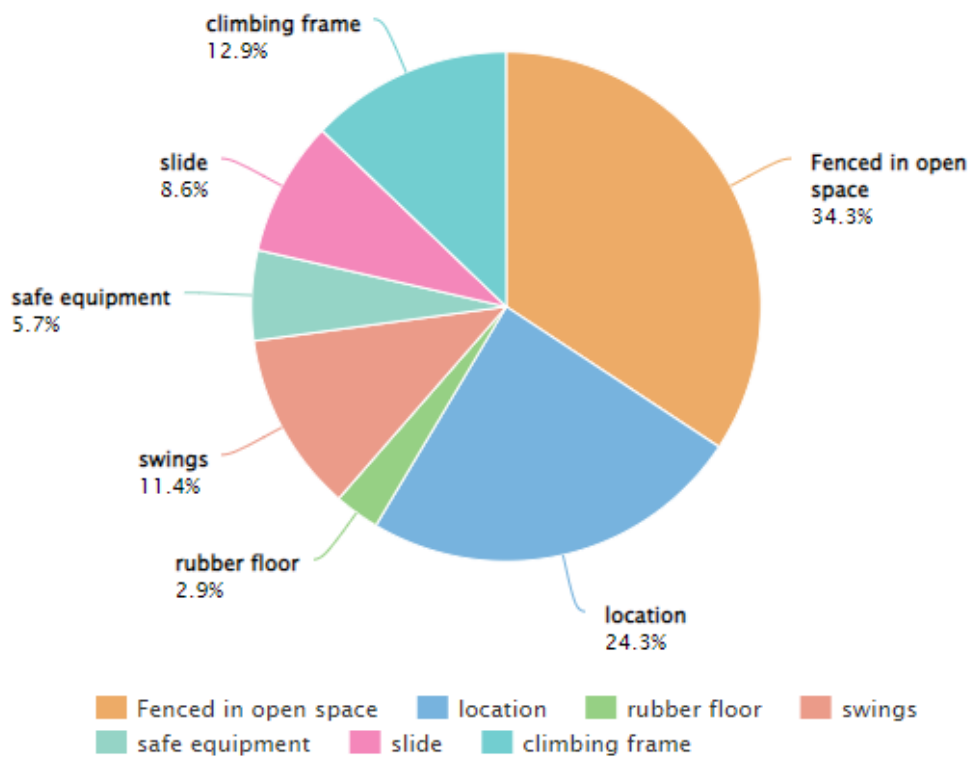
Residents and local children were asked their views on what improvements they would like to see at Valley Dip Play Area.

The survey launched on 17 July 2023 and ended on 25 August 2023. The survey was widely publicised using posters in the local area, social media posts, the council website, by email to the council's mailing list, WhatsApp messages and to the local media via a press release.

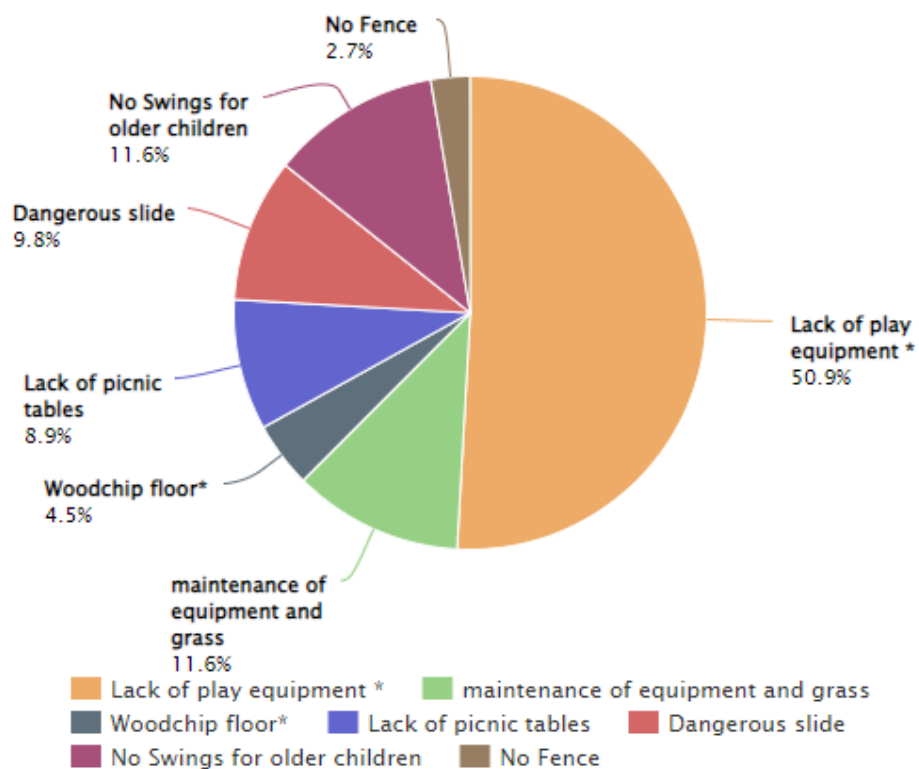
Key findings

- 85 people responded to the survey.
- The large fenced open space of the park is a positive feature of the park.
- People would like to see a greater variety of play equipment incorporated into the play area, this should include play equipment for all ages.
- Play equipment for older children was felt to be particularly important.
- People would like to see regular maintenance of play equipment, grass/vegetation maintenance and an increase in cleanliness of the site.
- Picnic benches, shade and toilet facilities play a part in making the space accessible.

1. What do you like most about the play area?



2. What do you like least about the play area?



3. If you ever go to other playgrounds, which do you go to, and what do you like about them?

- 46 people visited The Salts Recreation Ground, Seaford
- 13 people visited The Big Park, Peacehaven
- 10 people visited the play area in South Heighton

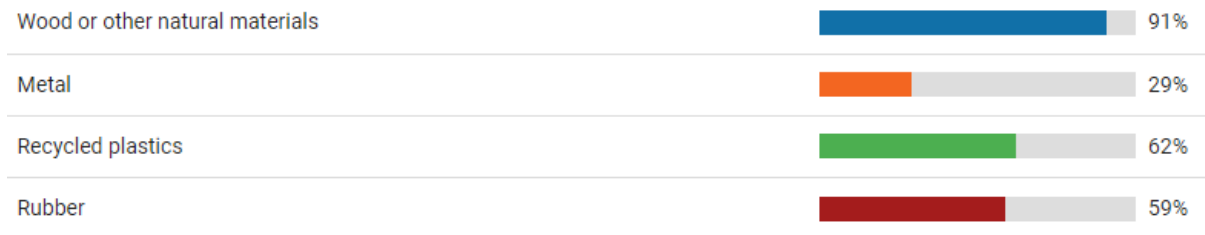
The variety of play equipment was the biggest draw for people with 50 respondents stating this as their answer. Seating such as picnic benches, shade and toilet facilities were also the main things taken into consideration when planning which play area to visit.

4. When you visit a playground what are your favourite types of equipment? Select all that apply to you

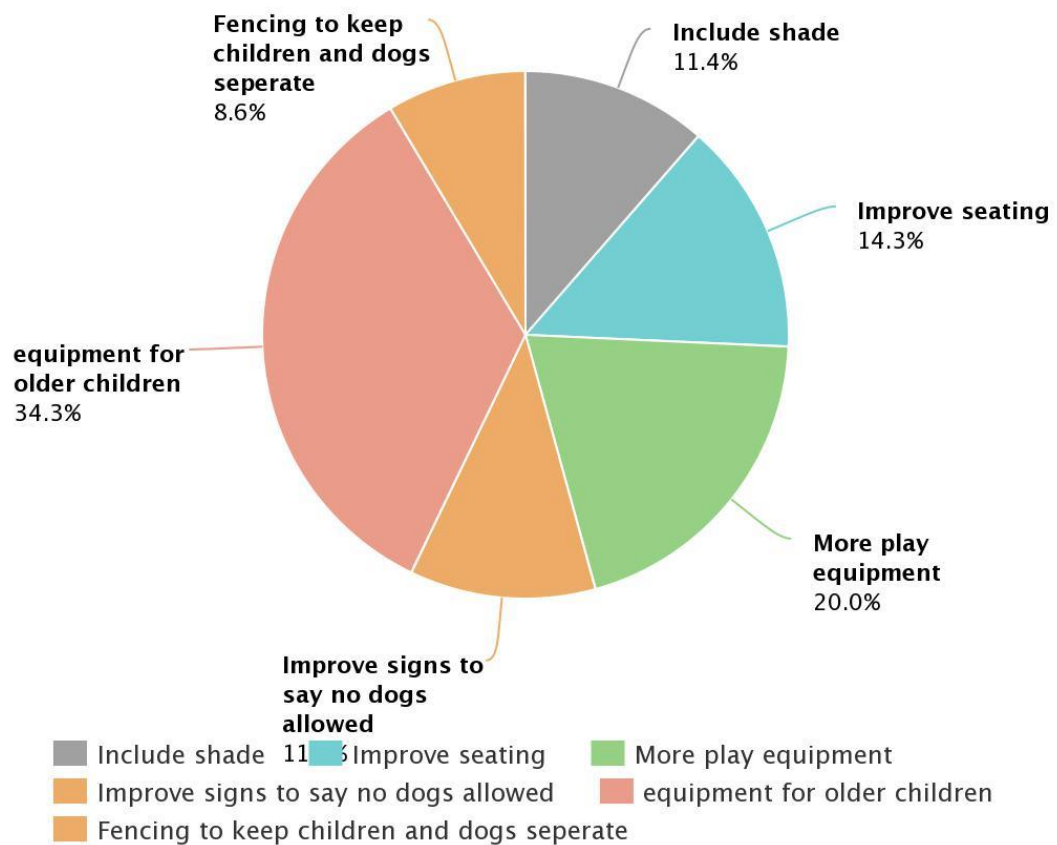


People who selected 'Other' requested trampoline, sandpit and adult gym equipment.

5. What type of material would you like used for this play area?






6. Do you have any other comments?






Equality data




7. How old are you? Select all that apply.

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	0-6 	12.94%	11
2	7-11 	12.94%	11
3	12-18	0.00%	0
4	An adult answering for a young person in my care 	74.12%	63

8. What gender do you identify as?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Male 	14.29%	12
2	Female 	82.14%	69
3	Trans-gender	0.00%	0
4	Non-binary	0.00%	0
5	Prefer not to answer 	3.57%	3

9. Do you have a long-term health problem or disability?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes 	7.14%	6
2	No 	83.33%	70
3	Prefer not to say 	9.52%	8