

King George's Field Redevelopment Consultation Results



We Asked, You Said, What Next?

We asked:

for your views on the draft masterplan for King George's Field. We welcomed responses from everyone: residents of all ages; community groups and organisations; and users from outside the town. We asked you specifically for your views on the facilities proposed within the draft masterplan and for any comments you might have on the overall draft masterplan.

You said:

We received over 500 responses:-

- 97% of respondents supported the draft masterplan.
- 95% of you supported the refurbishment of the pavilion,
- 90% of you supported a Multi-use Games Area (MUGA)
- 89% of you supported improving the childrens' playground
- 87% of you supported the creation of a new skatepark – not just for skaters, but for cycles, scooters, in fact anything with wheels!
- 80% of you were in favour of installing a path around the edge of the Field

You gave us lots of suggestions too and understandably had some concerns about how the Field can be protected from anti-social behaviour.

But your overall message was that you valued the size and openness of the space and that it was important to protect the peaceful character of the site, including local wildlife, trees and plants. Indeed, 79% of those of you who pay Council Tax said that you would be prepared for a small increase in your Council Tax to make the project a reality (*we wouldn't do this unless and until other sources of funding had been tried and we had consulted further with you*).

Based on these responses, your Council feels confident in moving to the next stage of this exciting project.

What Next?

In the light of what you said, we'll be making some minor changes to the Masterplan: including additional seating/benches around the site; looking to use recycled materials; and seeking further areas for wildflower planting. Then it's down to finalising the Masterplan, agreeing the order in which we can deliver the scheme (we can't do it all at once!) and involving you in the detail of each phase. As ever, we'll Keep You Informed!

Full consultation results can be found here: KGF Redevelopment Consultation Results - <https://www.westerhamtowncouncil.gov.uk/kgf-redevelopment/>