



## **LOCAL GREEN SPACES PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

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## **1 Introduction**

This report analysis the results of the Colerne Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group's public consultation surveys on Local Green Spaces. The two spaces proposed in the consultations were Pinewood Playground and Northwood football and Children's Play areas. Residents from the surrounding houses were posted survey forms that could be completed in hard copy or online via Survey Monkey. Residents also received a letter explaining the nature and purpose of Local Green Spaces a map of the proposed space. In addition, Colerne Primary School sent details of the surveys to

parents living in Pinewood and Northwood as the sites are primarily recreational and used by families with young children. The survey was open from January 2019 to March 2019. The response rate was good with 37 responses to the Northwood survey and 33 responses to the Pinewood survey. Copies of the surveys and letters sent to residents can be found online at


<https://www.colerne-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-docs> Both surveys returned overwhelming support for Local Green Space designation and their recreational use was shown to be highly valued. The full results of the surveys, taken from Survey Monkey can be viewed on the Neighbourhood Plan website at <https://www.colerne-pc.gov.uk/neighbourhood-docs>.

## 2. Pinewood Survey

It was clear from the survey that there is local support for Local Green Space designation for the Pinewood Playground.

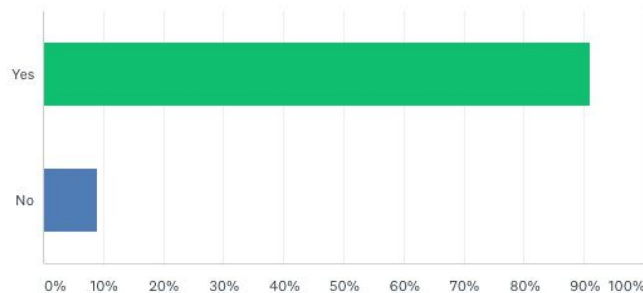
Over 90 per cent of respondents answered ‘Yes’ to the question “do you think Pinewood Playground should be designated as a Local Green Space?”.

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Do you think the Pinewood Playground should be designated as a Local Green Space?

Answered: 33 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	90.91%	30
No	9.09%	3
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>33</b>

Of the 3 ‘No’ answers, one wrote: “Kept as playground where are the children supposed to play!”, which suggests a misunderstanding of the nature of Green

Spaces and support for maintaining the area for recreational use; which Green Space designation would help support.

### Recreation Value

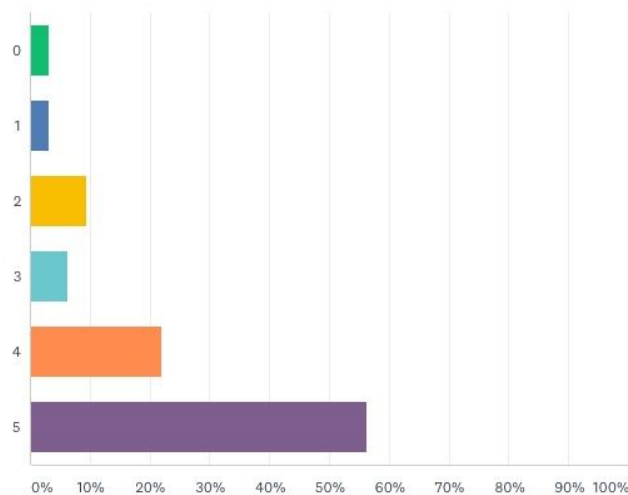
When asked to rate the 'Recreational Significance' of the space, where 0 is no significance and 5 is exceptional significance, 84 percent of people rated it between 3 and 5. 56 percent of people stated that the site had 'Exceptional' recreational significance.

Q4

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Rate the Value for Recreation of the site on a scale of 0 - 5.0 = no significance and 5 = exceptional significance.

Answered: 32 Skipped: 1



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
0	3.13% 1
1	3.13% 1
2	9.38% 3
3	6.25% 2
4	21.88% 7
5	56.25% 18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>

The following comments are amongst those made on the significance of the recreational value of the Pinewood space. nb: blank and 'none' answers have not been included.

- Should be kept as a playground where are the children supposed to play 3/20/2019 11:28 AM

- There are a good number of children who live on the estate so this area is vital to them for a safe place to play 3/20/2019 11:26 AM
- very safe area for children due to fencing and house positions 3/20/2019 11:24 AM
- It's enjoyed by younger children 3/1/2019 1:11 PM
- Would be great to have better park facilities in the area as there are lots of young families 2/27/2019 6:49 PM
- A must!!! 2/26/2019 9:05 PM
- Lovely safe area for the children. 2/26/2019 3:59 PM
- Incredibly valuable, only space completely away from road on estate 2/17/2019 8:49
- Several kids on estate 2/15/2019 11:50 AM
- Large space 2/14/2019 6:03 PM
- Perfect area for children to play 2/10/2019 10:10 PM
- Excellent for kids to play 2/9/2019 2:41 PM
- Used daily by the children 2/6/2019 10:17 PM
- Local children need local play areas 2/6/2019 6:16 PM
- Used for the children to play sport on 2/6/2019 4:49 PM
- Apart from the swing, Slides and the roundabout the children play foot ball here every night and weekends. 2/6/2019 1:56 PM
- It provides a safe space for the many children of pinewood to meet and play. Pinewood has an exceptional atmosphere of safe outdoor play for children, giving them freedom and a chance to socialise naturally 2/6/2019 12:36 PM

### **Significance of Beauty**

There was some evidence of respondents valuing the beauty of the site. 56 percent of respondents rated its significance between 3 and 5.

### **Historical Significance**

The majority of respondents did not consider the site to have historical significance. 66 percent rated it between 0 and 2 in significance and 34 percent of people rated it between 3 and 5.

### **Value for Tranquility**

There was some evidence that the space is valued for its tranquility, with 71 percent of respondents rating its value between 3 and 5.

### **Rich in, or important to, wildlife**

The majority of respondents did not consider the site to be rich in or important to wildlife, with 61 percent of respondents rating it as 0 to 2 in significance.

The following comments were supportive of the space's importance to wildlife:

- Wildlife seen 2/14/2019 6:03 PM
- Possible hedgehog route 2/13/2019 7:29 PM
- The whole area is rich in wildlife 2/6/2019 6:16 PM
- We have a large collection of birds fed by the Residents. ie Blue tits, woodpeckers,
- Robins, Swifts and many other birds. Also the Bats that fly at last light. 2/6/2019 1:56

### **3. Northwood Survey**



It was clear from the survey that there is local support for Local Green Space designation for the Pinewood Playground.

94 percent of respondents answered ‘Yes’ to the question “do you think Pinewood Playground should be designated as a Local Green Space?”.

#### **Recreation Value**

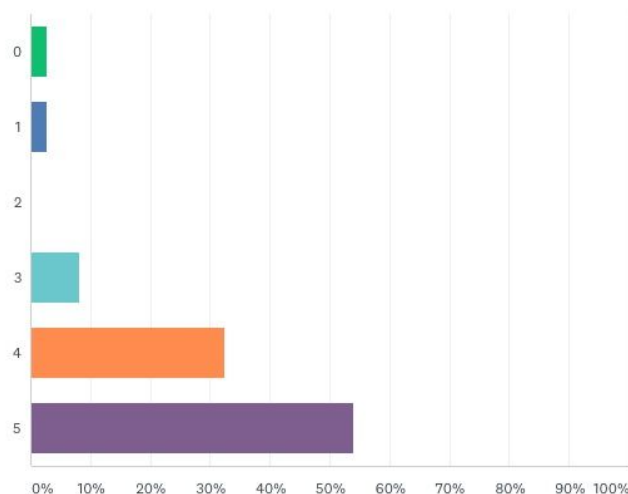
When asked to rate the ‘Recreational Significance’ of the space, where 0 is no significance and 5 is exceptional significance, 95 percent of people rated it between 3 and 5. 54 percent of people stated that the site had ‘Exceptional’ recreational significance.

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Rate the Value for Recreation of the site on a scale of 0 - 5.0 = no significance and 5 = exceptional significance.

Answered: 37 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
0	2.70%	1
1	2.70%	1
2	0.00%	0
3	8.11%	3
4	32.43%	12
5	54.05%	20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>37</b>

The following comments are amongst those made on the significance of the recreational value of the Northwood space.

- **It's the only outside place for children to play in the area. Would have to be driven to another recreation area if this wasn't available.** 3/20/2019 11:33 AM
- **Children's play area. Dog walking and training, I love it** 3/20/2019 11:17 AM
- **Important space for children to play and for dog walkers** 2/26/2019 6:47 PM
- **100% value, my children play there most day's and exercise the dog there also** 2/26/2019 4:56 PM
- **Great for children** 2/26/2019 3:19 PM
- **A safe and secure place for young people to play, relax and socialise.** 2/26/2019 2:45 PM
- **Used, by children, family's, dog walkers** 2//8/2019 3:34 PM
- **All the military and civilian Children Play on this area** 2/6/2019 2:19 PM
- **Very important** 2/6/2019 1:44 PM
- **Lovely big green space for running and playing, also basket ball ring and playground. Used by the many families nearby. recently refurbished playground** 2/6/2019 1:43 PM
- **Used by many families** 2/6/2019 12:53 PM
- **Somewhere safe for the kids to have a bit of independence close to home** 2/6/2019 12:45 PM
- **Better our children and get them active** 2/6/2019 11:41 AM
- **Excellent space for families to spend time outside together.** 2/6/2019 11:41 AM
- **Flat lovely open grass great for kids and pets** 2/4/2019 6:47 PM

### Significance of Beauty

There was some evidence of respondents valuing the beauty of the site. 53 percent of respondents rated its significance between 3 and 5.

Key supportive comments relating to beauty were as follows:

- **It is so peaceful and quiet all year round, a breath of fresh air to walk.** 3/20/2019 11:17 AM
- **Breaks up what would otherwise be just a housing area** 2/26/2019 4:56 PM
- **It's green and lush** 2/26/2019 3:19 PM
- **Look across at green wildlife area** 2/8/2019 3:34 PM
- **Lovely open aspect site** 2/4/2019 6:47 PM

## Historical Significance

The majority of respondents did not consider the site to have historical significance. 56 percent rated it between 0 and 2 in significance and 44 percent of people rated it between 3 and 5.

Key supportive comments relating to historical significance were as follows:

- **Planes are buried under the playing field from the 2nd World War - it is sacred** 3/20/2019 11:17 AM
- **Historical for me at 39 years old as I played there from the age of 4 and now my children play there** 2/26/2019 4:56 PM

## Value for Tranquility

There was strong evidence that the space is valued for its tranquility, with 86 percent of respondents rating its value between 3 and 5.

Key supportive comments relating to historical significance were as follows:

- **It is our Public Open Space, without it we would have nothing. Please keep it safe.** 3/20/2019 11:17 AM
- **Peaceful and safe area for the children to be children** 2/26/2019 4:56 PM
- **Peaceful** 2/26/2019 3:19 PM
- **Fresh air no heavy traffic, peaceful.** 2/8/2019 3:34 PM
- **Despite it being next to camp it really is a beautiful area in the morning** 2/6/2019 2:19 PM
- **Important** 2/6/2019 1:44 PM
- **generally quiet** 2/6/2019 1:43 PM
- **Nice quiet area** 2/6/2019 12:45 PM
- **It is tranquil and safe.** 2/6/2019 11:41 AM
- **Away from roads and overlooking the base nice and quiet** 2/4/2019 6:47 PM

## Rich in, or important to, wildlife

There was a slight majority of respondents who considered the site to be rich in or important to wildlife, with 57 percent of respondents rating it between 3 and 5 in significance.

Key supportive comments relating to wildlife were as follows:

- **Grassland is important to birds and mammals - can't survive if all concrete and houses.** 3/20/2019 11:33 AM
- **Birds, bats, rabbits fox.** 3/20/2019 11:17 AM
- **Important in that the children and adults alike can see various wildlife in this area.** 2/26/2019 4:56 PM
- **Regularly see, flocks of goldfinches, starlings, wagtails grey and common, seagulls, crows, magpies and green woodpeckers in summer** 2/8/2019 3:34 PM



- **Important 2/6/2019 1:44 PM**