

# HANWORTH PARK COMMUNITY WOODLAND

## Consultation Summary

March 2023



## 1. Introduction

The following report sets out a summary of results from the consultation for the London Borough of Hounslow's Hanworth Park Community Woodland Proposal. The consultation period was between February and March 2023.

The aims as set out in the Proposal is to open up and capture the potential of a currently inaccessible area of woodland, scrub and brownfield land next to Hanworth Park. The project will see the creation of a new community cycle hub, the restoration of a large traditional orchard, creation of new entrances and pathways, and a mosaic of ecologically rich wildlife habitats, including wetland areas.

Members of the general public were invited to respond to the Proposal online<sup>1</sup> and in paper form. The activity ran from 20/02/2023 to 19/03/2023.

The total respondents to this survey were **207** consisting of:

- 184 responses to online survey; and,
- 23 responses completed in-person at Hanworth Library on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023 and Hanworth Air Park on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March.

As well as seeking views on the Woodland Community Proposal, respondents were also surveyed on their current visiting habits to Hanworth Park.

This report has been compiled by Maydencroft Ltd and Lobb Studio working on behalf of the London Borough of Hounslow.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://haveyoursay.hounslow.gov.uk/parks/hanworth-park-community-woodland-proposal-2023>

## 2. Summary

### 2.1 DEMOGRAPHIC OF RESPONDENTS

The majority of respondents fell within the 50-69 age bracket with a figure of 39% (80 respondents) [Figure 15]. The majority of respondents did not have a disability or health problem that has limited, or is expected to limit, their day-to-day activities (73%, 152 respondents).

### 2.2 CURRENT VISITING HABITS

The majority of respondents (59%) visit the park at least once a week with 63 respondents (30%) visiting the park daily [Figure 1].

Almost half of all respondents (47%) spend 30 minutes to 1 hour on a typical visit and almost a quarter (24%) spend 1-2 hours at the park [Figure 2].

The most popular reasons given were as follows (it is important to note that respondents were able to select more than one option for this question, so the percentages are based on the total number of responses received.) [Figure 3]:

- Walking (68%)
- To obtain fresh air (53%)
- To relax / peace and quiet (45%)
- To see wildlife (30%)
- To exercise the dog (28%)
- Another independent activity e.g. running or cycling (25%)

Respondents were asked to choose the most important aspects of the park. The three most important aspects were wildlife and nature (78%), feeling safe (73%) and a place to relax (63%) [Figure 4]. (It is important to note that respondents were able to select more than one

option for this question, so the percentages are based on the total number of responses received.)

## 2.3 COMMUNITY WOODLAND PROPOSAL

### *Creation of a community woodland*

Just over half of the respondents were unaware that 5.7 hectares of currently inaccessible woodland, scrub and brownfield land next to Hanworth Park [Figure 5]. A significant number of respondents (89%) would like this land to become part of Hanworth Park [Figure 6].

### *Pedestrian and cycle paths*

The majority of respondents (90%) support the proposal to create new pedestrian and cycle paths within the community woodland, with links to the wider park and surrounding areas [Figure 7]. Comments given echoed this support, with several stressing the need for considerate riding from cyclists and separate cycle paths to enhance safety for pedestrians.

Some respondents also expressed concerns over perceived anti-social behaviour (including use of motorised bikes on the paths) and park management should the proposal go ahead.

### *Landscaped adaptive bike trail*

The majority of respondents (82%) support the proposal to create a new landscaped adaptive bike trail to complement the outdoor cycle teaching area proposal [Figure 8]. Comments given echoed this support, with several expressing similar concerns above around safety and anti-social behaviour.

### *Pond*

The majority of respondents (95%) support the proposal to create a pond in the natural low point of the site, connecting with ditches to help manage surface water run-off from the existing area of hard-standing while also providing new aquatic habitat [Figure 9].

### *Native wildflower area, along with shrub and tree planting*

The majority of respondents (96%) support the proposal to create a new native wildflower area, along with shrub and tree planting, to help integrate the area ecologically with the wider Hanworth Air Park, as well as create an attractive area for information recreation [Figure 10].

### *Traditional Orchard restoration project*

The majority of respondents (93%) support the proposal to modify some of the existing hard-standing as part of the Traditional Orchard restoration project, utilising local and rare fruit varieties to promote tree biosecurity and interest [Figure 11].

### *Quieter wildlife area*

The majority of respondents (88%) support the proposal to create quieter wildlife areas in the north of the site, to preserve this space in its current undisturbed condition [Figure 12].

### *Cycle Hub with café, classroom space, bicycle hire shop and workshop teaching bicycle repair*

The majority of respondents (79%) support the proposal to create a new cycle hub with a café, classroom space, bicycle hire shop, and workshop teaching bicycle repair [Figure 13].

## Appendix 1 Consultation Results

Responses to questions 1-3 contain individual-identifying information and such data is omitted from this summary; instead quantitative data only is provided.

**1: What is your name? (Optional) (online only)**

There were 137 of 184 responses to this part of the question.

**2: What is your email address? (Optional) (online only)**

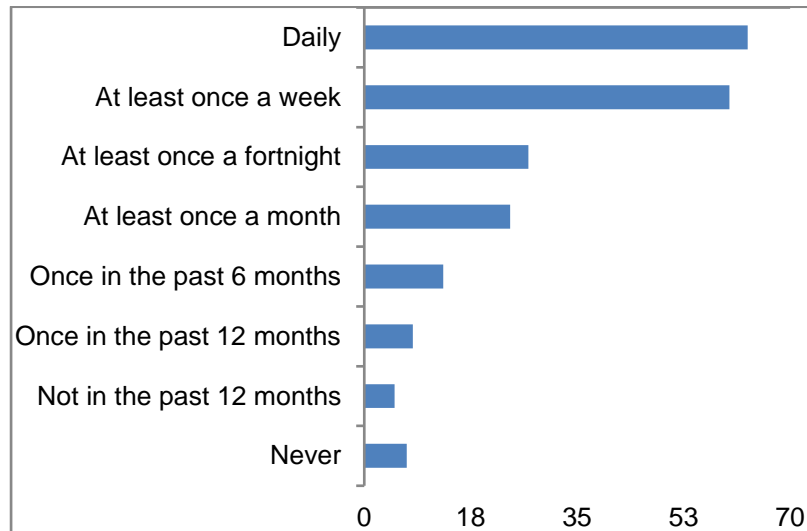
There were 121 of 184 responses to this part of the question.

**3: What is your organisation? (If relevant) (online only)**

There were 18 of 184 responses to this part of the question.

**4: How often do you visit Hanworth Park?**

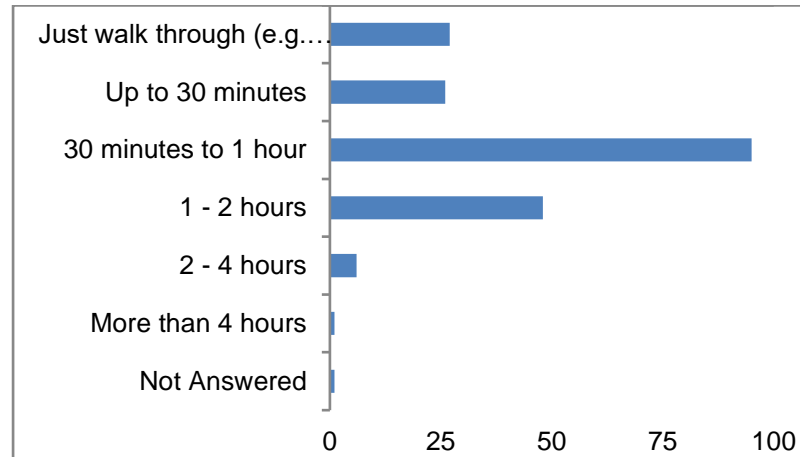
There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Daily	63	30.43%
At least once a week	60	28.98%
At least once a fortnight	27	13.04%
At least once a month	24	11.59%
Once in the past 6 months	13	6.28%
Once in the past 12 months	8	3.86%
Not in the past 12 months	5	2.43%
Never	7	3.39%
Not Answered	0	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 5: On a typical visit, how long do you usually stay at the park?

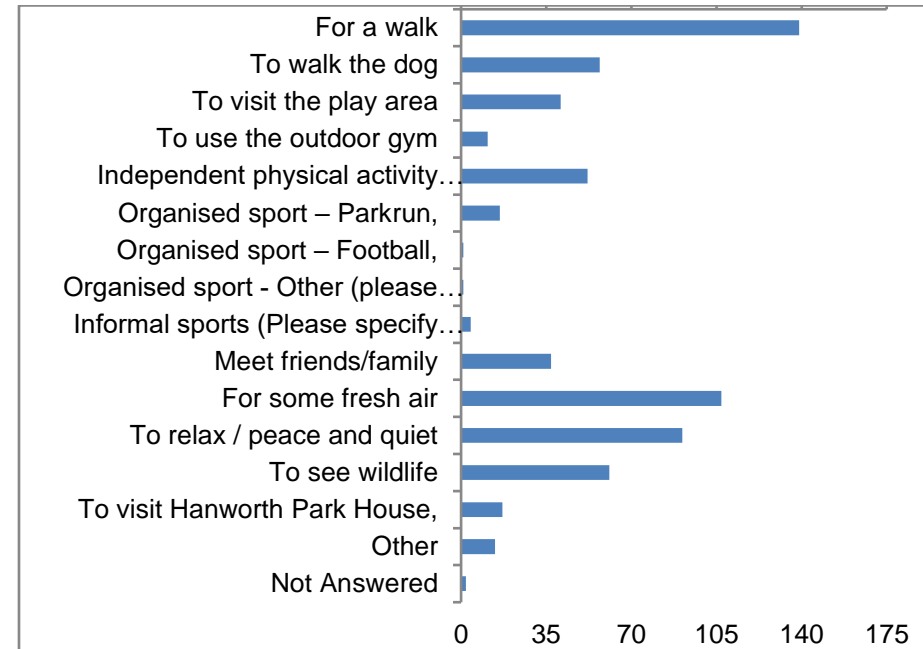
There were 206 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Just walk through (e.g. short cut to somewhere else)	27	13.24%
Up to 30 minutes	26	12.74%
30 minutes to 1 hour	95	46.57%
1 - 2 hours	48	23.53%
2 - 4 hours	6	2.94%
More than 4 hours	1	0.49%
Not Answered	1	0.49%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 6: What are the main reasons for your visit?

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
For a walk	139	68.47%
To walk the dog	57	28.07%
To visit the play area	41	20.20%
To use the outdoor gym	11	4.89%
Independent physical activity (e.g. running or cycling)	52	25.49%

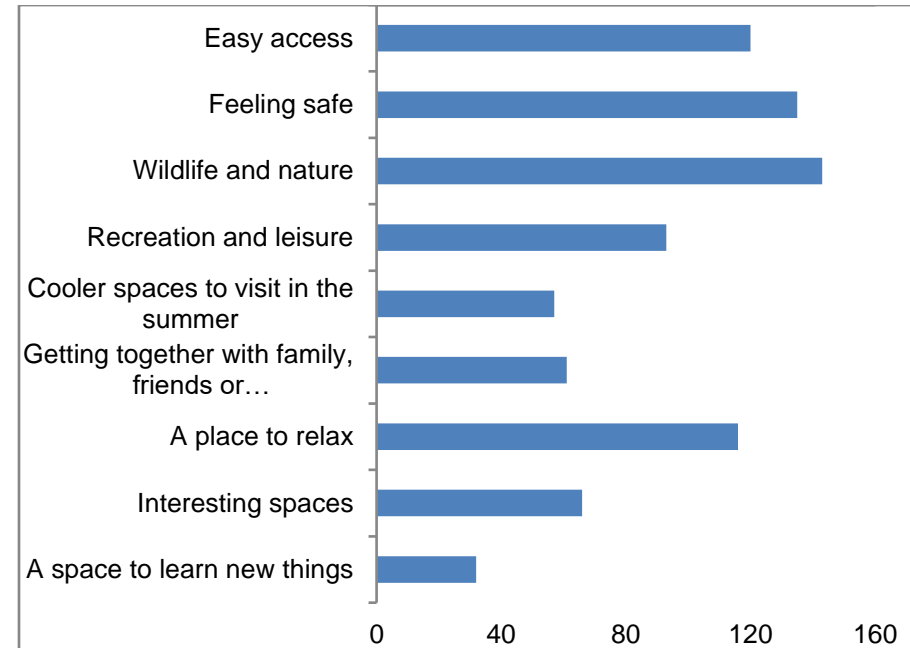
Organised sport – Parkrun,	16	7.88%
Organised sport – Football,	1	0.49%
Organised sport – Rugby	0	0.00%
Organised sport - Other (please specify below),	1	0.49%
Informal sports (Please specify below),	4	1.97%
To participate in the Hanworth Airpark Model Flying Club Picnic	2	0.98%
Meet friends/family	37	18.23%
For some fresh air	107	52.71%
To relax / peace and quiet	91	44.83%
To see wildlife	61	30.05%
To visit Hanworth Park House,	17	8.37%
Other	14	6.90%
Not Answered	2	0.98%

#### Other reason

There were 23 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

#### 7: What are the important aspects of a park for you?

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



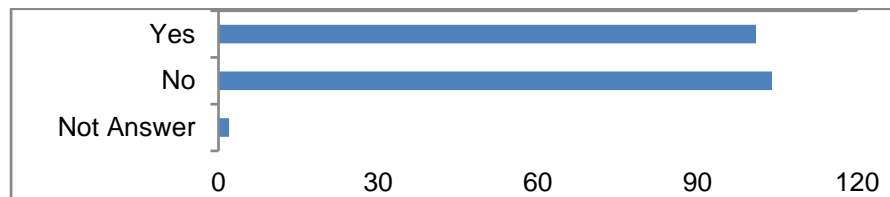
Option	Total	Percent
Easy access	120	65.22%
Feeling safe	136	73.37%
Wildlife and nature	144	77.72%
Recreation and leisure	93	50.54%
Cooler spaces to visit in the summer	57	30.98%
Getting together with family, friends or community	61	33.15%



<b>A place to relax</b>	116	63.04%
<b>Interesting spaces</b>	66	35.87%
<b>A space to learn new things</b>	32	17.39%
<b>Not Answered</b>	0	0.00%

8: Did you know that there is 5.7 hectares area of currently inaccessible woodland, scrub and brownfield land next to Hanworth Park?

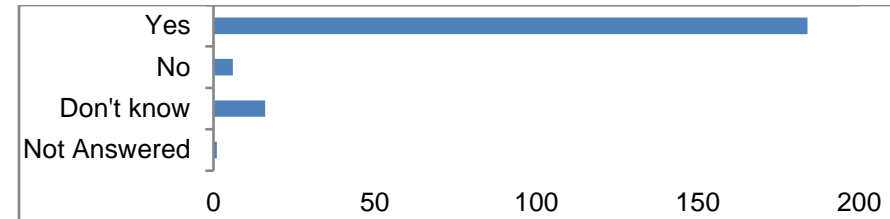
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Option	Total	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	101	48.79%
<b>No</b>	104	50.24%
<b>Not Answered</b>	2	0.97%

9: Would you like the currently inaccessible land to become part of Hanworth Park?

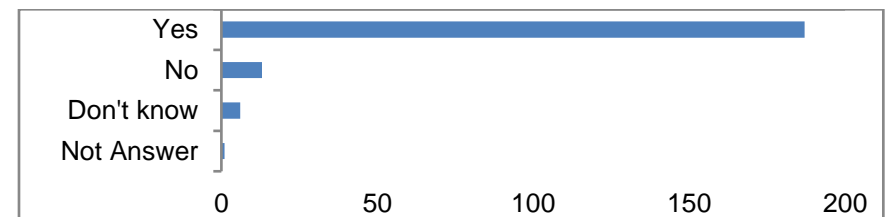
There were 206 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	184	88.89%
<b>No</b>	6	2.90%
<b>Don't know</b>	16	7.73%
<b>Not Answered</b>	1	0.48%

10: Do you support the proposal to create new pedestrian and cycle paths within the community woodland proposal, with links to the wider park and surrounding areas?

There were 206 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	187	90.34%

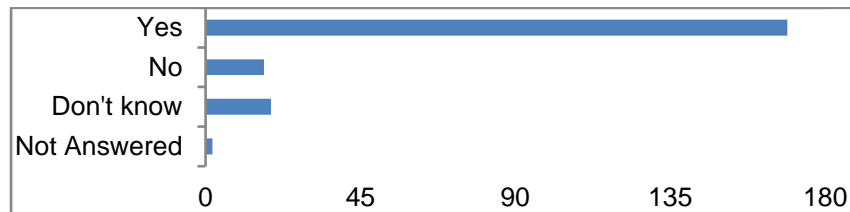
<b>No</b>	13	6.28%
<b>Don't know</b>	6	2.90%
<b>Not Answered</b>	1	0.48%

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There were 62 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

*11: Do you support the proposal for a new landscaped adaptive bike trail to complement the outdoor cycle teaching area proposal, designed to be suitable for inclusive use?*

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.



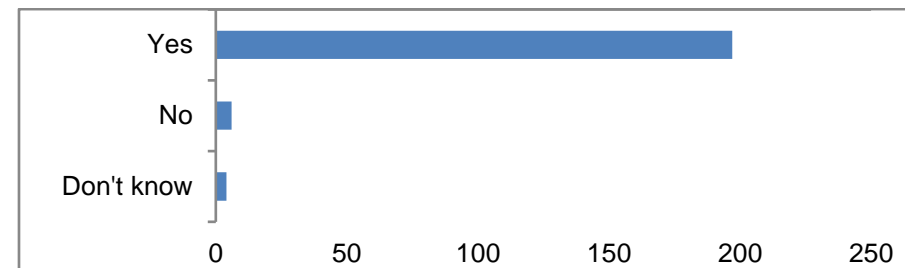
Option	Total	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	169	81.64%
<b>No</b>	17	8.21%
<b>Don't know</b>	19	9.18%
<b>Not Answered</b>	2	0.97%

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There were 30 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

*12: Do you support the creation of a pond in the natural low point of the site, connecting with ditches to help manage surface water run-off from the existing area of hard-standing while also providing new aquatic habitat?*

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
<b>Yes</b>	197	95.17%
<b>No</b>	6	2.90%
<b>Don't know</b>	4	1.93%
<b>Not Answered</b>	0	0.00%

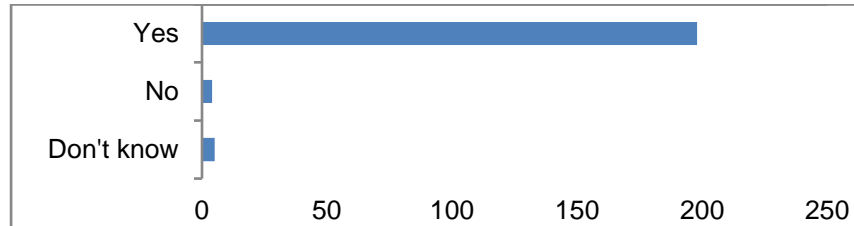
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There were 37 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.



13: Do you support the proposal to create a new native wildflower area, along with shrub and tree planting, to help integrate the area ecologically with the wider Hanworth Air Park, as well as create an attractive area for informal recreation?

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



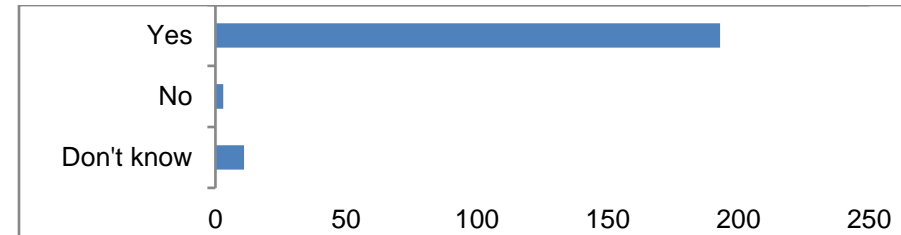
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	198	95.65%
No	4	1.93%
Don't know	5	2.41%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

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There were 22 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

14: Do you support the proposal to modify some of the existing hard-standing as part of the Traditional Orchard restoration project, utilising local and rare fruit varieties to promote tree biosecurity and interest?

There were 207 responses to this part of the question.



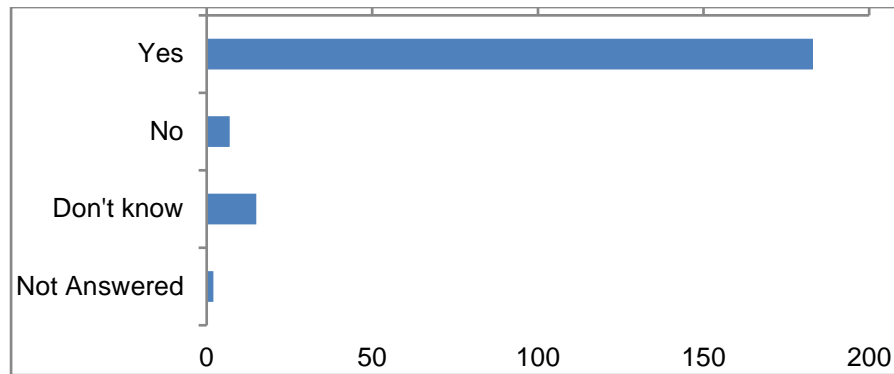
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	193	93.27%
No	3	1.45%
Don't know	11	5.31%
Not Answered	0	0.00%

*Please add any comments*

There were 21 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

15: Do you support the proposal to create quieter wildlife areas in the north of the site, to preserve this space in its current undisturbed condition?

There were 205 responses to this part of the question.



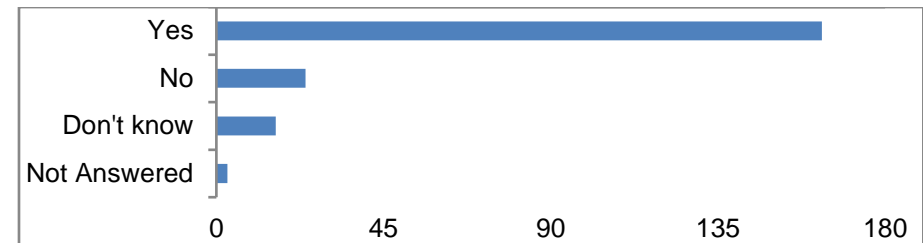
Option	Total	Percent
Yes	183	88.41%
No	7	3.38%
Don't know	15	7.25%
Not Answered	2	0.97%

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There were 20 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

*16: Do you support the creation of a new cycle hub with a cafe, classroom space, bicycle hire shop, and workshop teaching bicycle repair? The existing hardstanding will be repurposed to create an outdoor teaching area. Tree planting will help keep the area cool and provide obstacles to develop cycle skills.*

There were 204 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	163	78.74%
No	24	11.59%
Don't know	16	7.73%
Not Answered	3	1.45%

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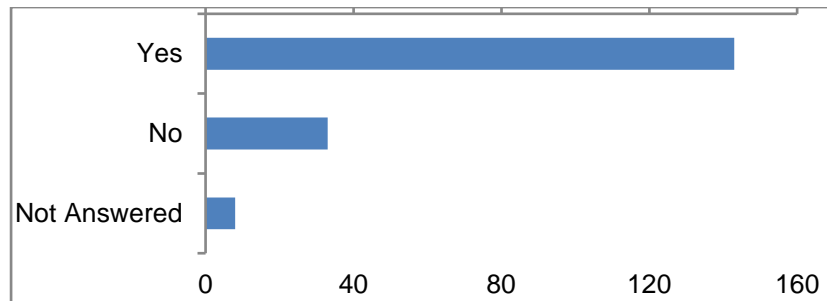
There were 35 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

*16: Is there anything else you would like to see in the space? (Paper-only)*

There were 23 written responses to this part of the question which have been collated for analysis.

*17: Would you like to have further updates and information about surveys relating to Hanworth Park projects in future?*

There were 176 responses to this part of the question.



Option	Total	Percent
Yes	143	77.72%
No	33	17.93%
Not Answered	8	4.35%

*Email for contact*

There were 128 responses to this part of the question.