

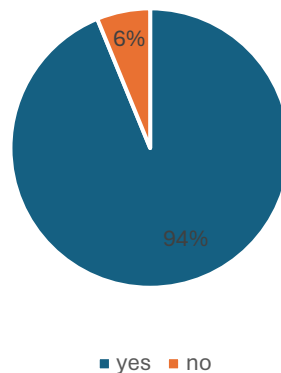
Cannon Hill Park Public Consultation Results

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Thank you for taking the time for filling out the consultation for Cannon Hill Park improvements. We have had 195 responses overall, 194 from the online consultation on Be Heard and 1 response from paper consultation. Please see below the statistics and summary of the conducted consultation:

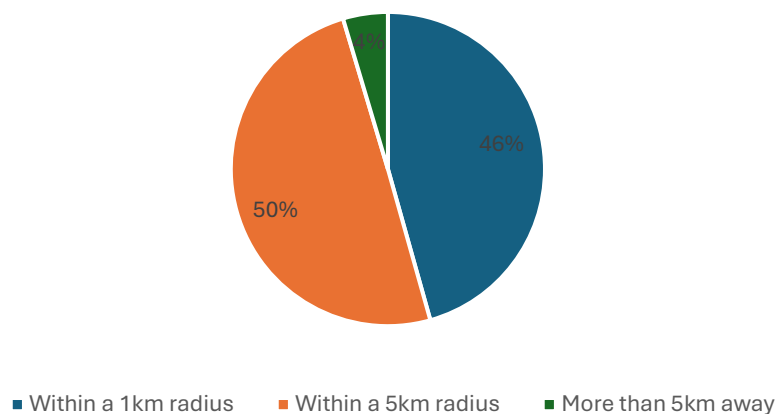
Overall, there was an overwhelming support for the creation of improvements to the existing southern play area in Cannon Hill Park with 94% of respondents supporting the proposals.

Do you support the proposal of improvements to the Southern Play Area at Cannon Hill Park?

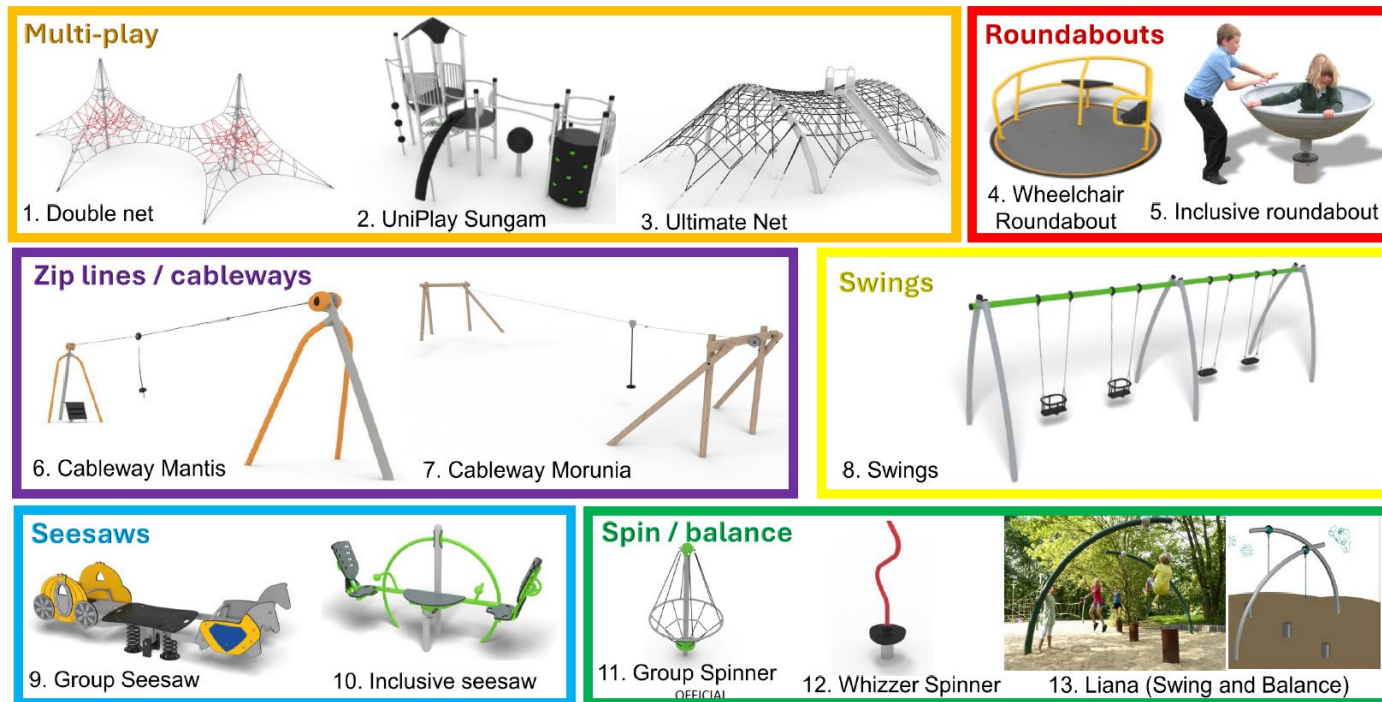


96% of respondents live locally, within 5km of the park. 46% of respondents who answered the consultation live very locally, within 1km from the park, 50% of respondents live within 1-5km of the park, while 4% live more than 5km away.

How close do you live to Cannon Hill Park?



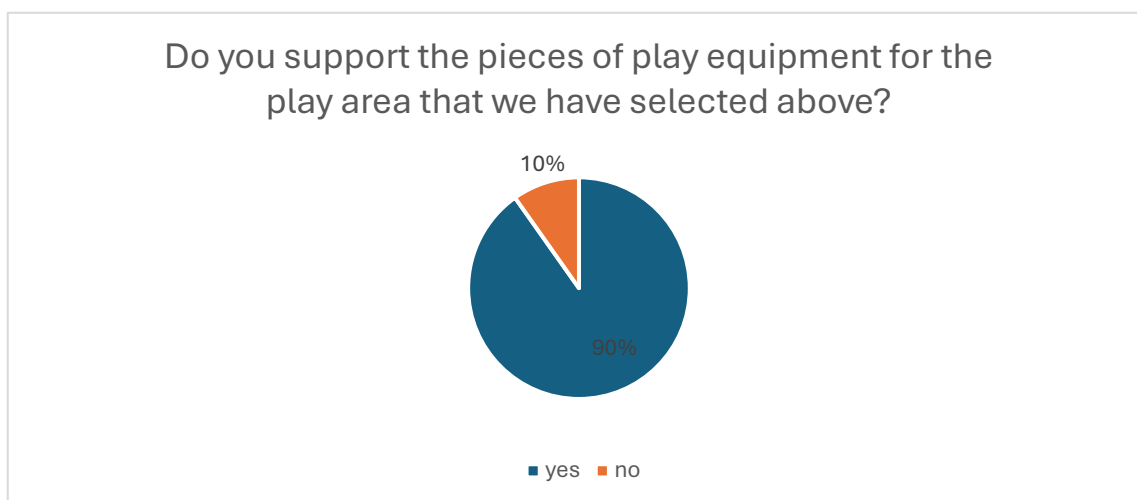
Cannon Hill Park Improvements - Southern Play Area Options



Respondents were asked to choose their favourite piece of equipment from the choices provided above in each category. The top scoring pieces of equipment in each category were:

Multi-play ----->	Ultimate net
Roundabouts ----->	Wheelchair roundabout
Cableways ----->	Cableway mantis
Seesaws ----->	Group seesaw
Spin / balance ----->	Liana (swing and balance)

90% of respondents support the pieces of play equipment that we have selected for the play area.



The 10% of respondents that said they do not support any of the pieces of play equipment above were asked why, the answers were:

Concerns were raised that there isn't enough accessible and wheelchair friendly equipment, current wheelchair friendly equipment chosen may not be the best available and the durability of the equipment may not be as long as desired.

Respondents would also like to see more natural features / natural materials in equipment, and more adventurous / imaginative / bespoke pieces of equipment such as pirate ships, castles, obstacles courses.

Respondents were asked if they could rate the pieces of play equipment proposed in order of importance to them from 1st – most important to 6th – least important. The results are as follows, from most important:



1st Swings

2nd Multi-play units / nets

3rd Zip lines / cableways

4th Seesaws

5th Roundabouts

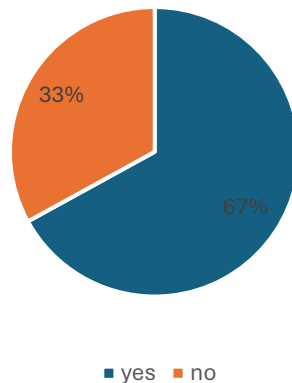
6th Spin /balance

67% of respondents said that they would like to see something else that we haven't included.

Common things mentioned were:

- Monkey bars
- Splash pad
- More bins
- Trim trail and balance play equipment
- Sensory / musical wall / talking tubes
- Trampoline
- Challenging climbing equipment
- Mud kitchen / sand pit
- Floor markings that encourage play
- Outdoor gym / calisthenics
- More slides
- Tunnels / play pods / sheltered areas
- Group play
- Toddler play equipment
- Basket / group swings
- Picnic / seating areas
- Multi use games area

Is there anything that we haven't included in the play area that you'd like to see?



Respondents were asked if they have any other comments about the proposals. Below is the summary of the responses:

- Concerns were raised around safety, river safety, surfaces, lighting, and overall durability of equipment.
- More benches, picnic tables (outside of play zones), and shaded rest areas for parents and carers.
- More bins.
- A small refreshment area or medical point.
- Respondents have expressed urgency and would like to see the changes made soon. Several asked that families, especially those with children, be involved in the design.
- Play equipment with high durability
- Inclusivity: Strong support for accessible equipment for disabled and SEND children, e.g., inclusive swings, sensory walls, and communication boards
- Equipment for both younger children (under 6) and older kids (9–13+)
- Challenge and adventure. Requests for more swings, slides, ziplines, and robust adventure elements like trampolines or go-kart tracks
- More green open space and not just “plastic-looking blobs.”

Conclusion

The feedback from the respondents about the proposals is very positive and useful. It is heartwarming and encouraging that people are excited to see improvements being made to the play area. A predominant focus on challenging play equipment for older children has been recognised, many respondents mentioned how the zip wire was a much-loved feature by older children in the past and are happy that it might be back. Respondents also stress the importance for an inclusive, safe, and environmentally conscious design that ties in with the natural environment around. People would also like to see more picnic tables and bins within and around the play area. Respondents recognise that this park is a vital, free resource that the children value and benefit from, it is especially important to make it fun and enjoyable during the cost of living crisis.

Overall, respondents welcome improvements but urge for high quality and investment to match the park’s significance and usage, stressing that Cannon Hill is seen as Birmingham’s flagship park and people expect a high standard.