

Reopening of Gate at Cherryvale Playing Fields Residents Survey – 2020

Summary of findings

1.0 Overview

1.1 The survey was sent to a total of 1378 households and 509 were returned; this is a response rate of 36.9%.

1.2 The age profile of the respondents is broken down in the table below:

Age	No of respondents	% of total responses
18 -30	24	4.7
31- 54	203	39.9
55 & over	260	51.1
Not answered	22	4.3

2.0 Use of Cherryvale Playing Fields

2.1 459 or 90.2% respondent stated that they use the playing fields with 50 or 9.8% stating that they do not use the facility.

2.2 As the table below demonstrates, 459 respondents use Cherryvale Playing Fields for a variety of reasons. Please note that respondents may have given more than one reason why they use the facility.

Activity	No of respondents
Sport	101
Exercise	421
Events	1
Playground	152
Dog walking	149
To meet friends	20
Relaxing in a greenspace	37
Running	6
Walking	58

2.3 The reasons that 50 respondents gave for not using Cherryvale Playing Fields are outlined in the table below. Please note that respondents may have given more than one reason why they do not use the facility.

Activity	No of respondents
Issue with dogs	9
No reason to use	7
Housebound/too old/not mobile	11
Use other facilities	1
Issue with access	4
Issue with ASB	1
Thought of as a park for kids	2

Used previously but no longer	3
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3.0 Views on reopening the gate

- 3.1 The survey asked: 'Would you be in favour of the gate being opened during regular park opening times?' As the table below, shows over 78% of respondents are in favour of this.

Response	No of respondents	% of total responses	% of respondents who expressed a preference
Yes	399	78.4	89.5
No	47	9.2	10.5
Don't mind	50	9.8	-
Not answered	13	2.6	-

- 3.2 Respondents were offered the opportunity to comment on their answer. To allow for analysis the comments were tagged under a number of headings as outlined in the table below. The main concerns are in relation to traffic management and parking issues and concerns around ASB and noise/disturbance. The positive comments in relation to the reopening of the gate related to improving access. It should be noted that some respondents who were in favour of reopening the gate did express concerns around the traffic/parking and ASB issues.

Reasons included within comment	No of respondents (all responses)
<i>Concerns</i>	-
Traffic management issues	38
Parking issues	38
ASB concerns	30
Concerns re noise/disturbance	26
<i>Benefits</i>	-
Will make access easier - general	137
Will make access easier – children	25
Will make access easier – older persons	12
Will make access easier – people with a disability	10
<i>Other comments</i>	-
Need a trial period	3
Not needed	12

- 3.3 An analysis was undertaken of the comments of those people who responded that they were not in favour of the reopening of the gate; these are outlined in the table below.

Reasons included within comment	No of respondents (those not in favour of reopening gate)
<i>Concerns</i>	-
Traffic management issues	20
Parking issues	21
ASB concerns	23
Concerns re noise/disturbance	19
<i>Other comments</i>	-
Need a trial period	1
Not needed	12

- 3.4 Further analysis was undertaken to show the correlation between wish for the reopening of the gate and use of Cherryvale Playing Fields.

Responses from those people who use the playing fields (total 459)

Response on reopening of the gate	No of respondents	% of responses (those who use playing fields)¹
Yes	380	82.8
No	41	8.9
Don't mind	27	5.9
Not answered	9	2.0

Responses from those people who do not use the park (total 50)

Response on reopening of the gate	No of respondents	% of responses (those who don't use playing fields)
Yes	18	36
No	6	12
Don't mind	22	44
Not answered	4	8

- 3.5 An analysis was undertaken of the responses from those addresses that are closest to the gate. This was a total of 21 houses and all are users of the park. Their responses and comments in relation to whether the gate should be reopened is outlined in the tables below.

Response on reopening of the gate	No of respondents	% of responses (those who live close to the gate)²
Yes	14	66.6
No	4	19.0
Don't mind	3	14.3

Reasons included within comment	No of respondents
<i>Concerns</i>	-
Traffic management issues	4
Parking issues	4
ASB concerns	4
Concerns re noise/disturbance	5
<i>Benefits</i>	-
Will make access easier - general	3
Will make access easier – children	1
Will make access easier – older persons	1
Will make access easier – people with a disability	1
<i>Other comments</i>	-
Not needed	2

¹ Does not add to 100 due to rounding

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