

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Otaraua Park draft development plan

Survey summary report

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Introduction

Kapiti Council conducted a survey requesting feedback on plans to develop Otaraua Park. 394 people took part in this online survey providing feedback on their level of support. This report summarises the survey and identifies themes within the supplementary comments to assist in understanding the level of community support and / or concerns for this park's development.

Otaraua park's seven development principles

Over 80% of survey respondents either agreed or somewhat agreed to all principles put forward for Otaraua Park development.

Support for Otaraua plan's seven development principles	Agree	Maybe	Total
A district wide park that provides sports and recreation opportunities for the Kāpiti community and is of regional significance and potentially national significance in the long term	87%	10%	97%
A mix of sports, events, recreation, and ecological restoration	84%	14%	98%
Disability friendly with provision for disability sport	83%	16%	99%
Flexible spaces that are adaptable to future demand	81%	16%	97%
Self-contained services that are sustainable and environmentally friendly	80%	16%	97%
Multi-use and shared spaces	80%	18%	98%
A place that celebrates and shares local history and culture	52%	37%	89%

Summary of Comments:

Survey comments generally highlighted common themes for concern and / or clarification. Across all development principles, the concern for access to the park, drainage issues and lack of infrastructure was acknowledged as drawbacks for this site's development principles. Further to this, there was concern for safety in multi-use areas and questions about how sports / activities will be managed in shared spaces. There were also comments about the absence of fishing and equestrian related activities in the plan.

Otaraua Park's potential developments

At least 80% of survey respondents either agreed or somewhat agreed to all potential developments put forward for Otaraau Park.

Support for Otaraau Park's potential developments	Agree	Maybe	Total
A network of walking and cycling trails that connect through the park and to the existing river trails	81%	16%	97%
Planting and land restoration including wetlands	72%	23%	95%
Multi use sports fields	69%	24%	93%
Flexible event spaces that can host large scale events	61%	28%	89%
A new access via a bridge over the railway line in to the centre of the park	60%	28%	87%
A multi-purpose sports building with full facilities and provision for indoor sport such as netball.	59%	31%	90%
Playgrounds including a destination playground	59%	30%	89%
A multi-use hard surface track that enables cycling, para-cycling, in-line skating, blokarting and other non-motorised wheel sports	57%	29%	86%
Amphitheatres for outdoor concerts	46%	38%	84%
A BMX track	43%	37%	80%

Summary of Comments:

Across all potential developments there was a concern that the demand may not be there for the designated space / activity, citing other places in the region that are currently underutilised or located in a better place. Further to this, there was concern for safety in multi-use areas and questions about how events will be managed to minimise disturbances to the local community.

Otaraua Park's potential developments ranked by the perceived importance

Survey respondents were asked to rank potential developments from 1 to 6 in order of the importance to them. The order of rank was then determined by calculating the weighted average each development.

Rank	Potential developments ranked by perceived importance
1	A network of walking and cycling trails that connect through the park and to the existing river trails
2	Planting and land restoration including wetlands
3	Multi use sports fields
4	Flexible event spaces that can host large scale events
5	A multi-purpose sports building with full facilities and provision for indoor sport such as netball.
6	Playgrounds including a destination playground
7	A new access via a bridge over the railway line in to the centre of the park
8	A multi-use hard surface track that enables cycling, para-cycling, in-line skating, blokarting and other non-motorised wheel sports
9	Amphitheatres for outdoor concerts
10	A BMX track

Summary of Comments:

Respondents were asked to comment if there were other developments that are important to them that were not listed. 116 people commented. The top 5 comments were fishing (38%), Horse riding (11%), Football (7%), Mountain Biking (2%) and Kid's road skill area (2%).

Otaraua Park's potential developments ranked by the perceived importance

Survey respondents were asked to rank the sports and activities in order of most to least importance to them. The determination of community preference was then determined by calculating the weighted average each activity.

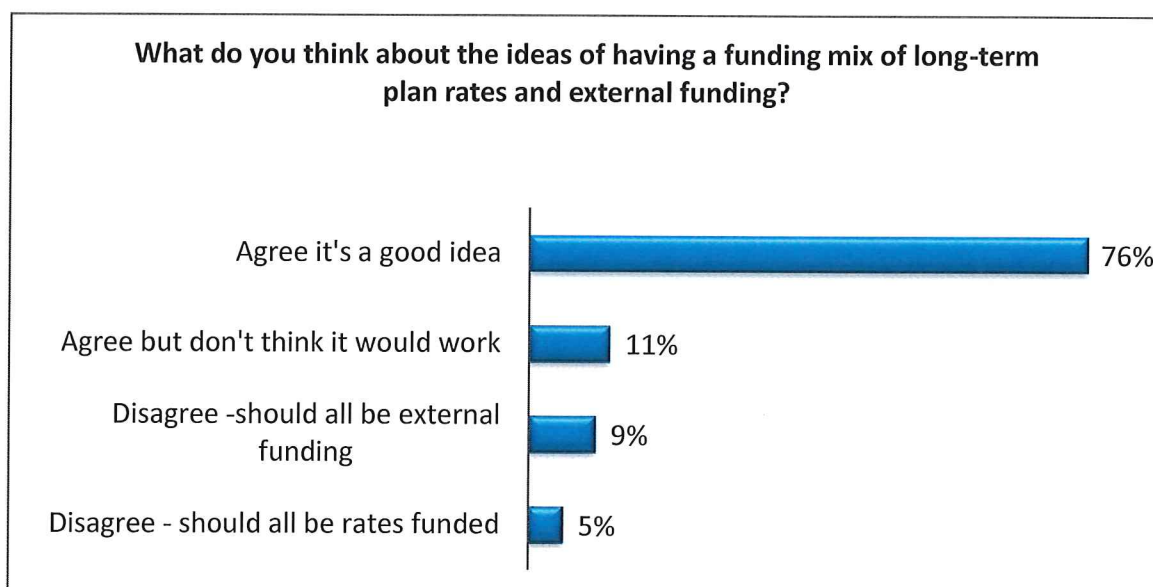
Rank	Activities ranked by perceived importance
1	Cycling
2	Other sports needing a hard track- disabled wheel sports, inline skating, blo karting etc
3	Field sports - soccer, rugby, cricket
4	Indoor sports
5	Large scale sporting events
6	Outdoor music events
7	Festivals/large events
8	BMX

Summary of Comments:

Respondents were asked to comment if they wanted to explain their answer. 102 people commented. The top 5 themes of the comments were: horse activities should be included (51%), fishing should be included (32%), other sports should be included (7%), upgrade existing facilities first (4%) and include an athletics track (1%).

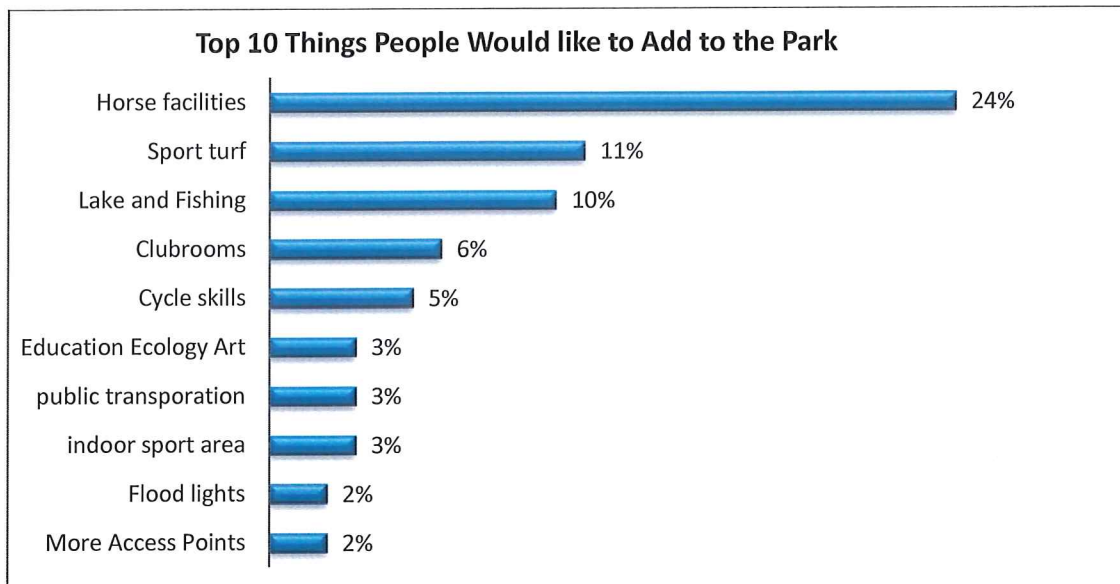
Otaraua Park funding

Survey respondents were asked what they thought about having a funding mix of long-term plan rates and external funding. 389 people responded.



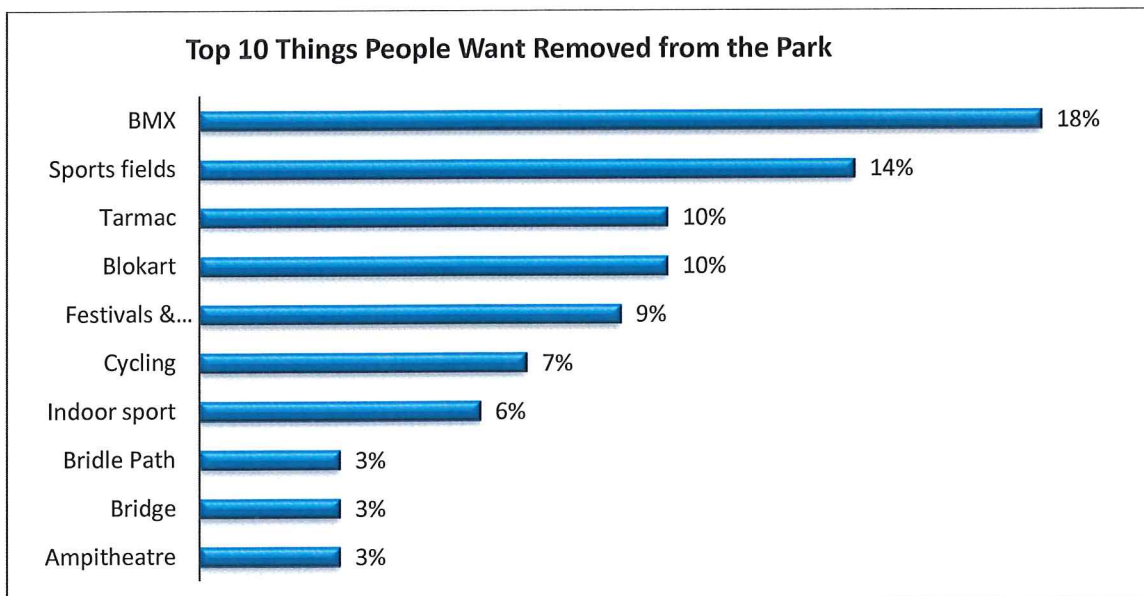
What respondents would like to add to Otaraua Park

Survey respondents were asked if there was anything they would like to see in the development plan that wasn't included in the draft. 251 people commented



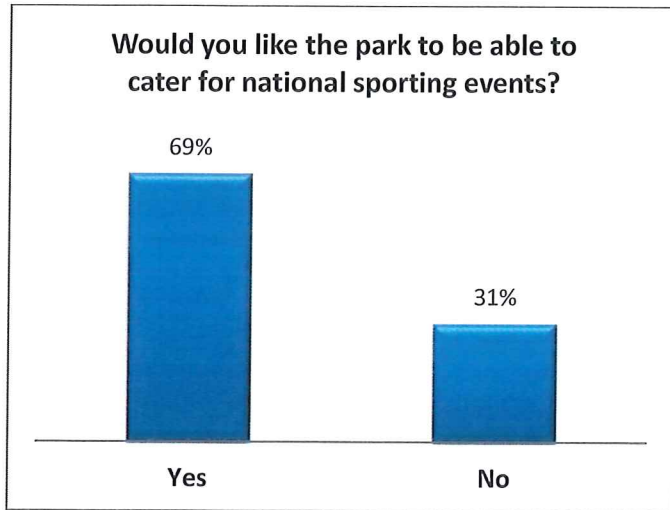
What respondents would like to remove from Otaraua Park

Survey respondents were asked if there was anything they would like to remove from the development plan. 145 people commented.



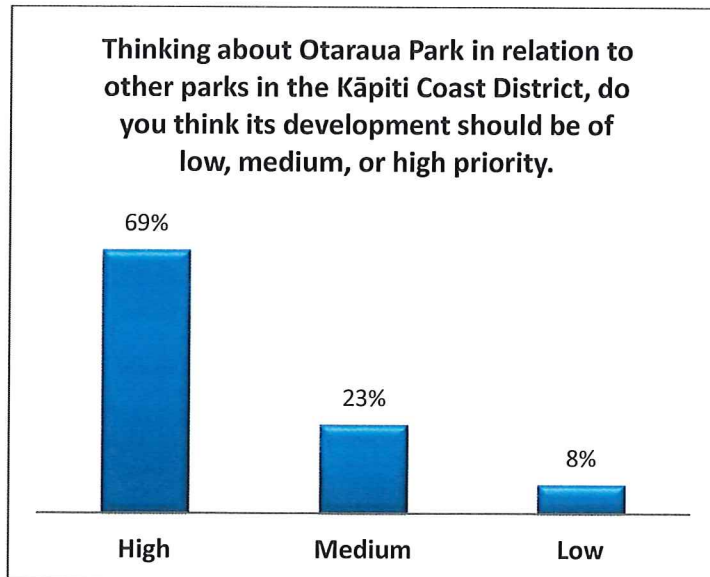
Otaraua Park as a national sports hub

Survey respondents were asked if they would like the park to be able to cater for national sporting events. 371 people responded.



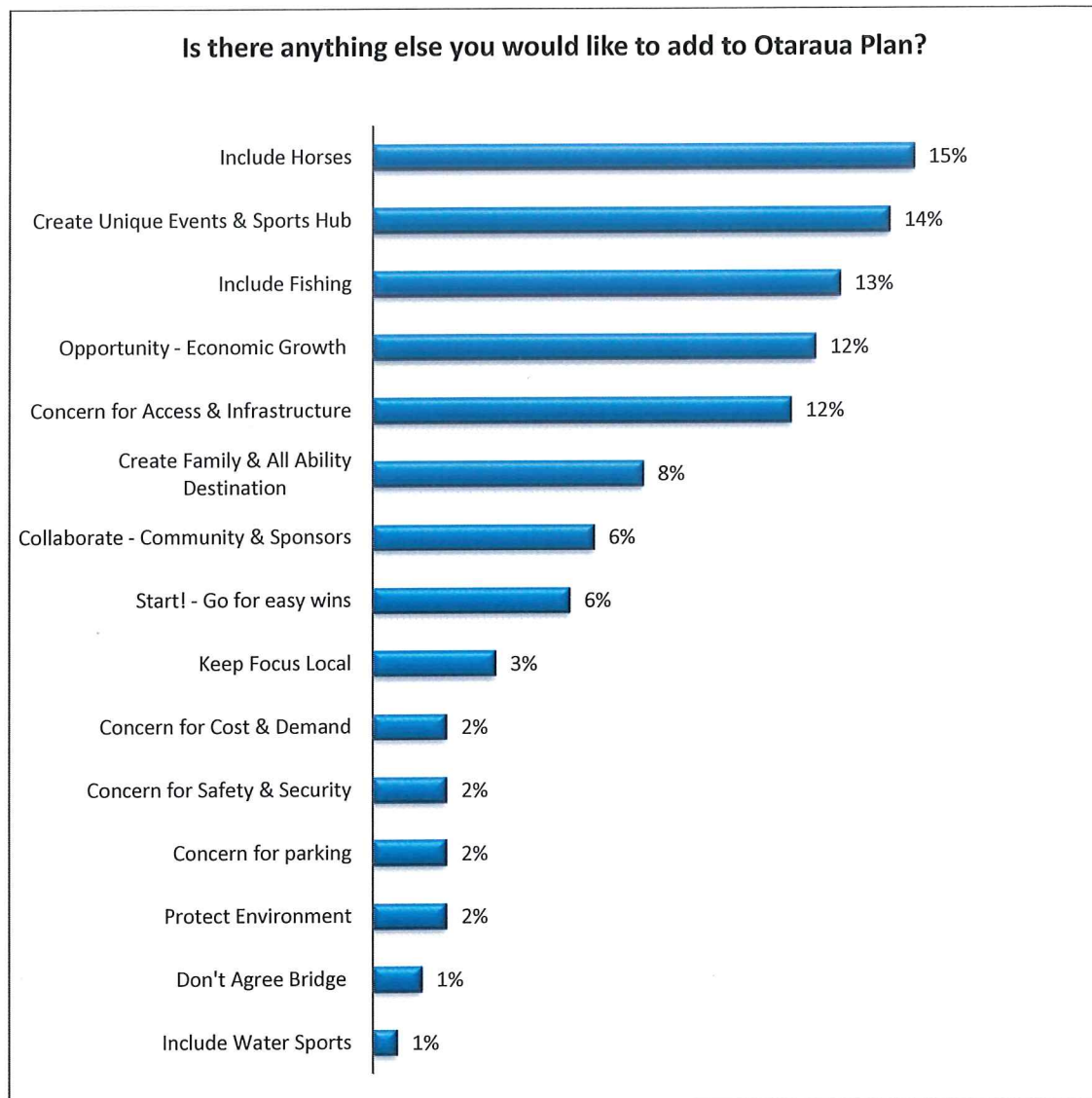
Importance of developing Otaraau Park

Survey respondents were asked if they think, in relation to other parks in the district, the development of Otaraau Park is of low, medium or high priority. 391 people responded.



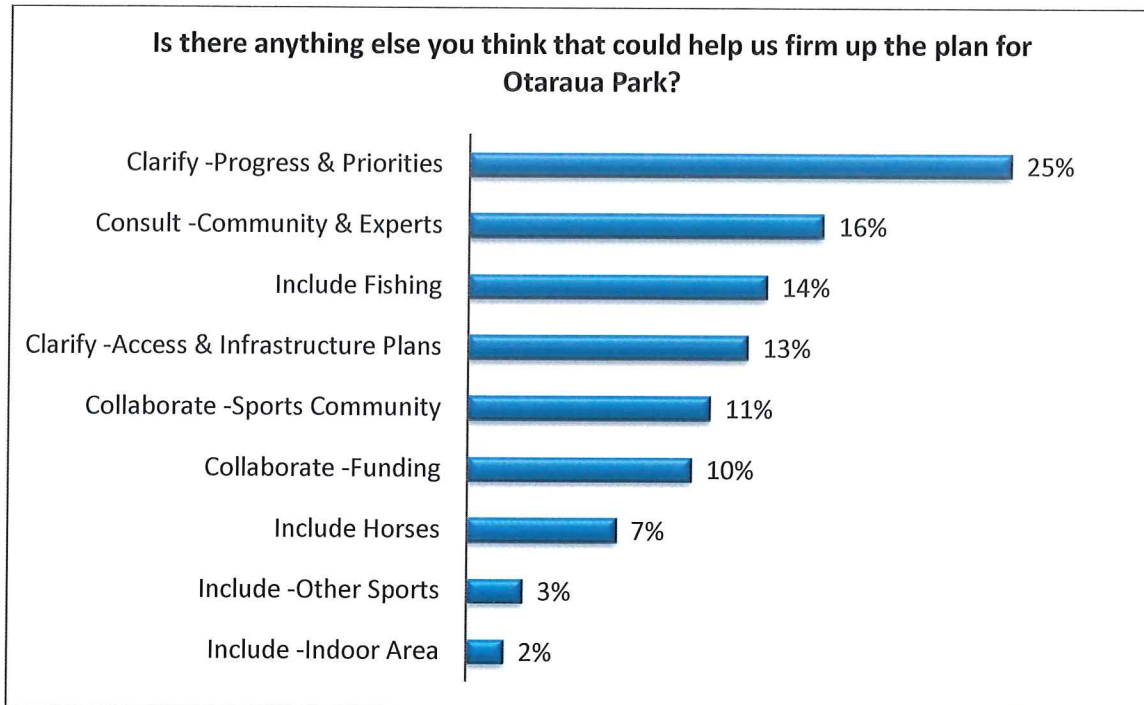
Suggestions for Otaraua Park Development Plan

Survey respondents were asked if there was anything else they would like to add. 154 people commented.

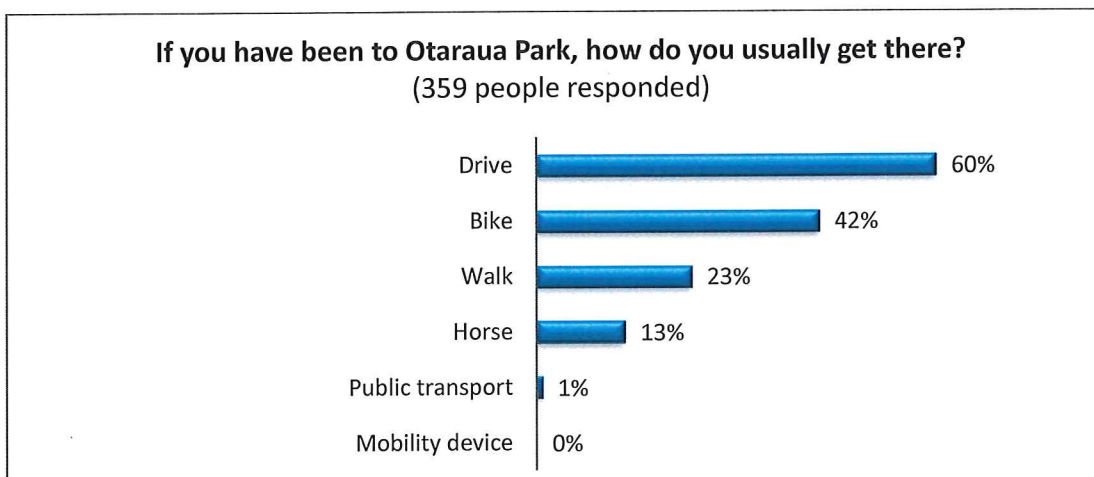
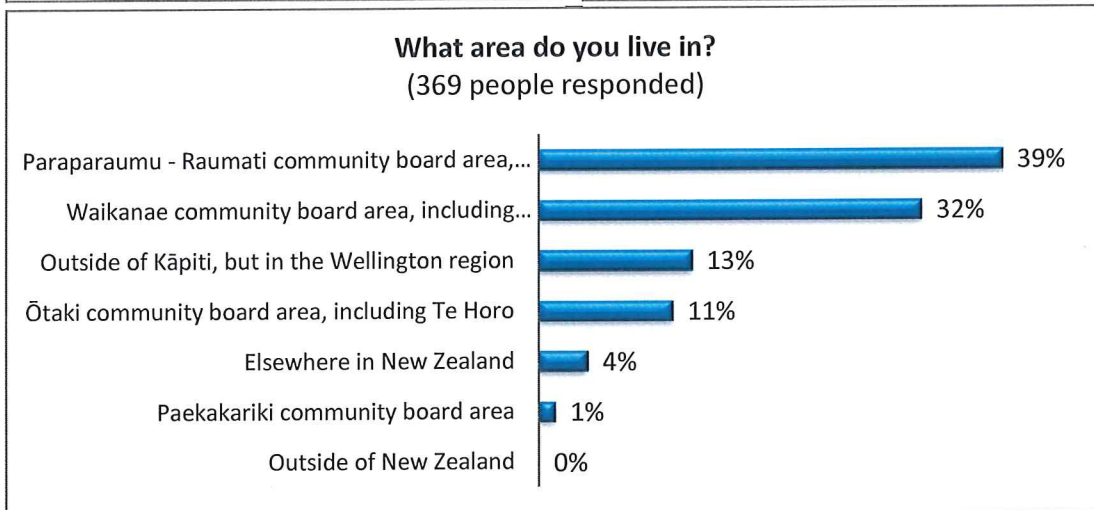
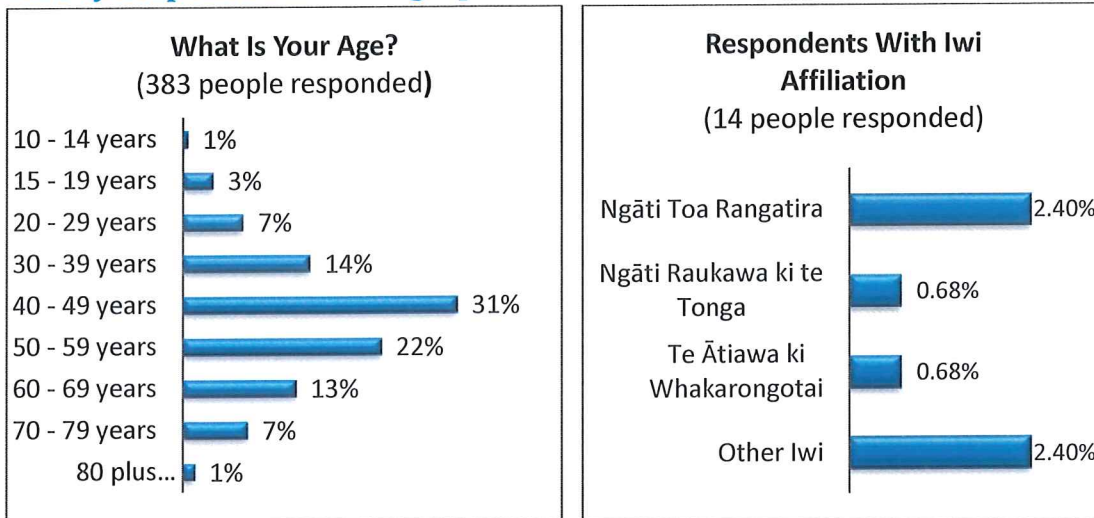


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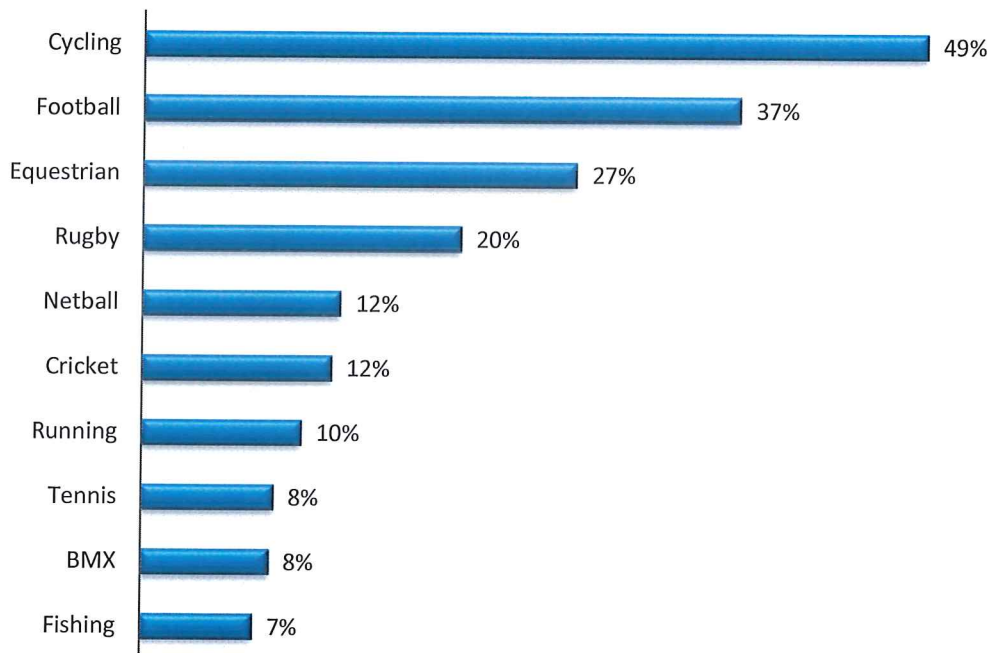
Survey respondents were asked if there is anything else they know that can help firm up the plan for Otaraua Park. 117 people commented.



Survey respondents' demographics



**What sports do you participate in as a player and/or spectator?
(Select as many that apply) 363 people responded**



Methods

Survey

An online survey was conducted (Survey Monkey®) to answer questions about the level of support for the Otaraua Park development plan. Survey participants were asked to indicate a level of support for park principles, proposed developments and recreational activities. Participants were also allowed encouraged, where appropriate, to provide additional comments.

Survey Data

Survey data was downloaded and responses were tabulated to determine the level of support for each of the park's development plans. For questions that required ranking, weighted averages were used to determine the overall level of preference for each option.

Survey Comments

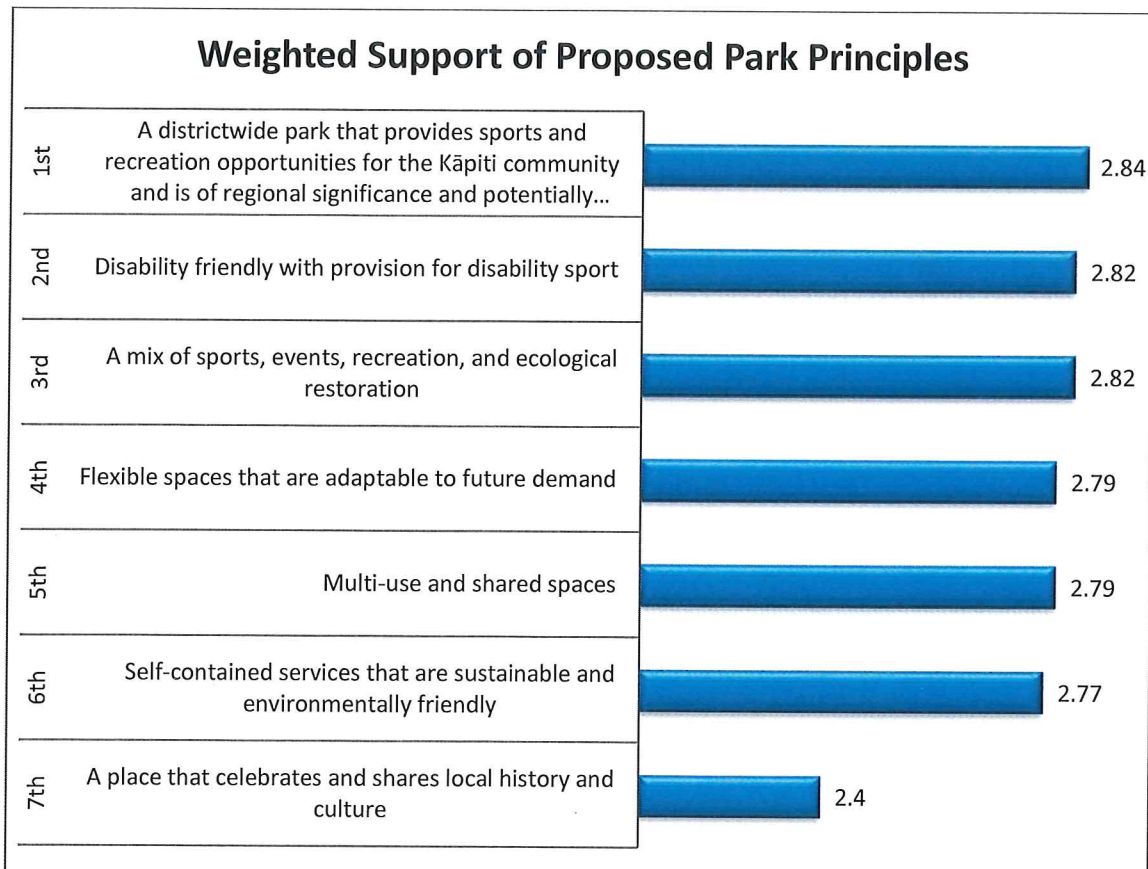
Each comment was read and themes identified as they pertained to the support, concern or disagreement of Otaraua Park's development plan. The theme was then assigned categories for further context. Each comment was then rated on a 5-point Likert Scale (-2 = *very negative*, -1 = *negative*, 0 = *neutral*, 1 = *positive*, 2 = *very positive*). The quantifiable impact of each theme and category was then determined by multiplying the mean rating by the total number of respondents that made that comment. To test the strength of each rating, the standard deviation of each mean was also determined.

In addition to quantifying the impact of each theme and category, the frequency of each was also determined to its overall significance to the community.

Results

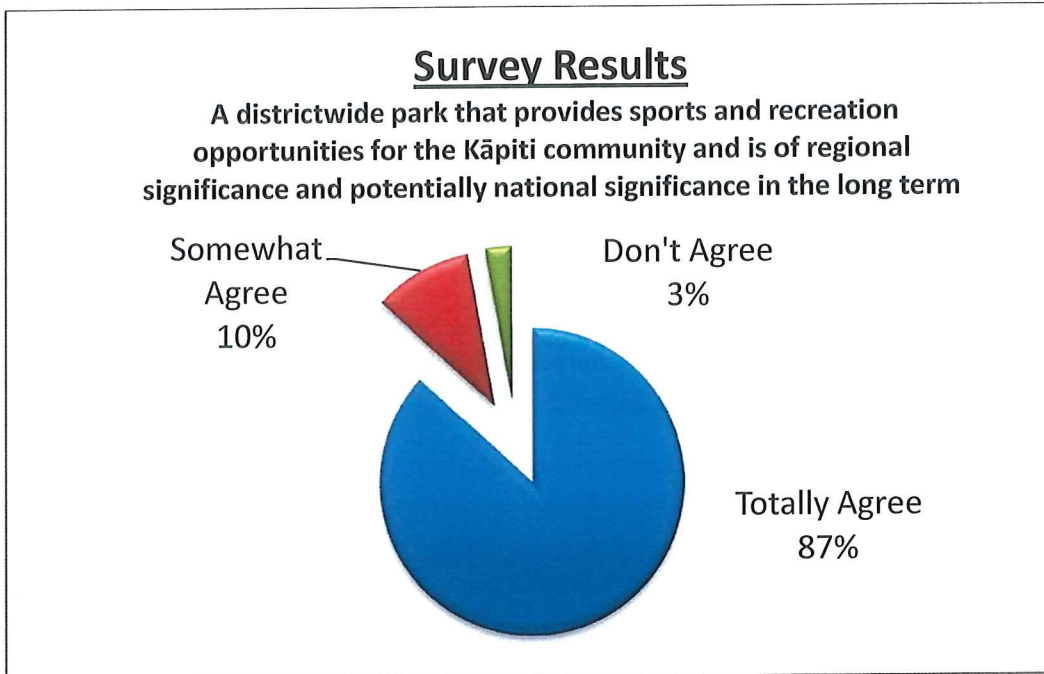
Question 1) The plan's seven development principles are provided below. They are built on information we've gathered from the community so far, as well as the management plan's requirements. How much do you support each of these principles?

- A district wide park that provides sports and recreation opportunities for the Kāpiti community and is of regional significance and potentially national significance in the long term
- A mix of sports, events, recreation, and ecological restoration
- Multi-use and shared spaces
- Flexible spaces that are adaptable to future demand
- Self-contained services that are sustainable and environmentally friendly
- Disability friendly with provision for disability sport
- A place that celebrates and shares local history and culture

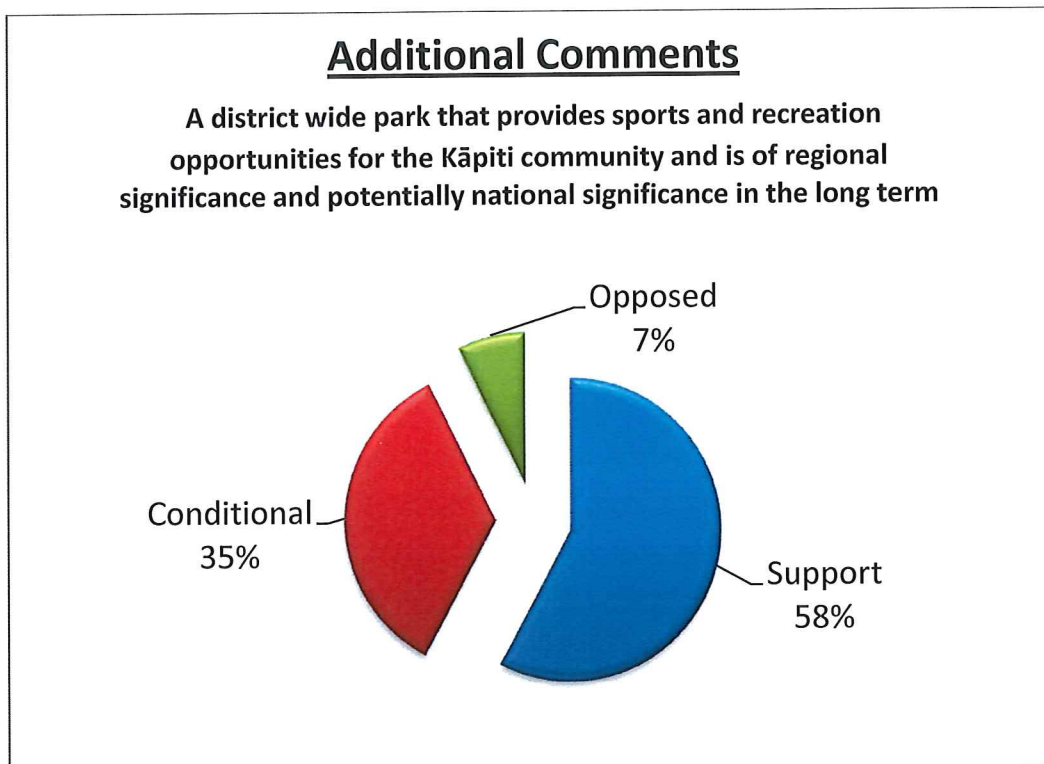


Number of survey respondents: 394

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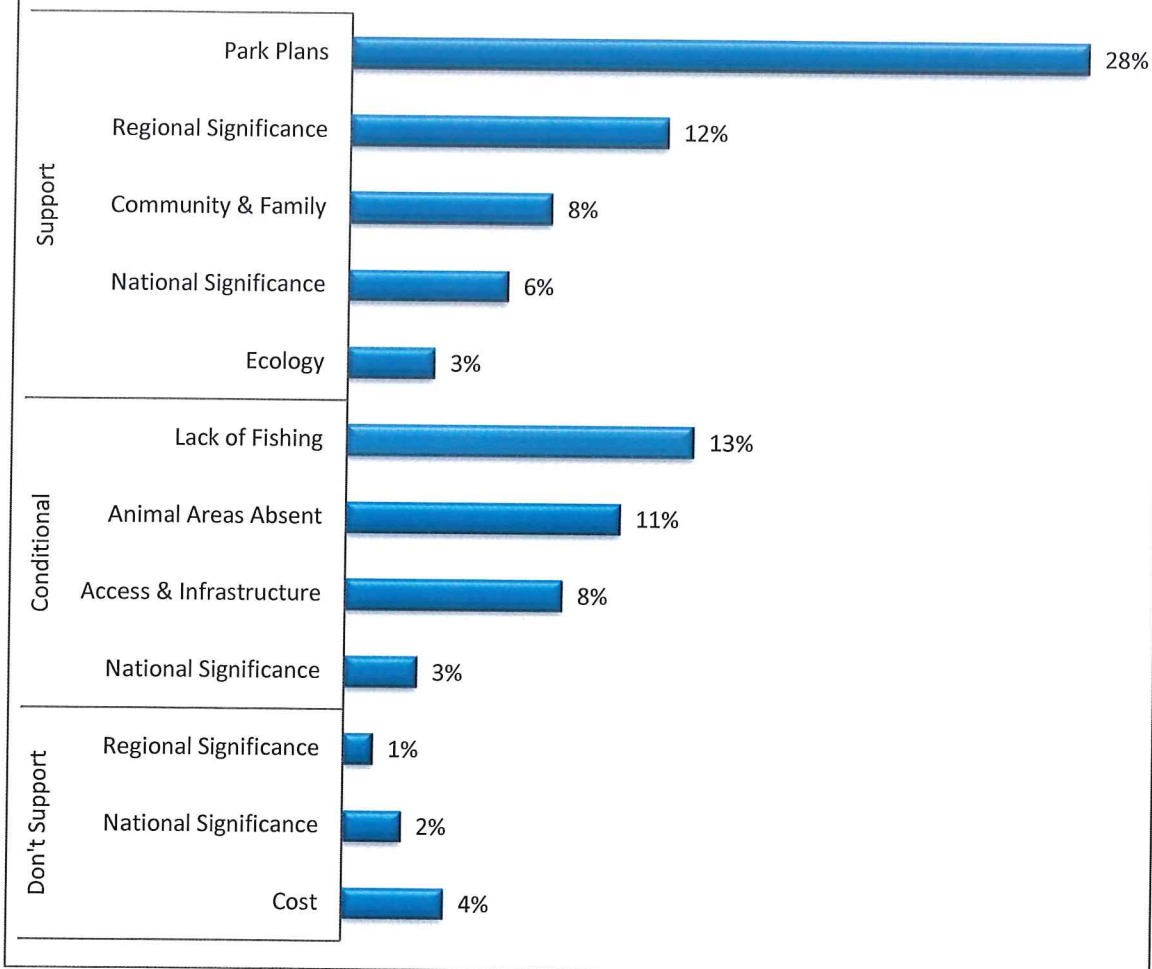
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Number of comments: 180

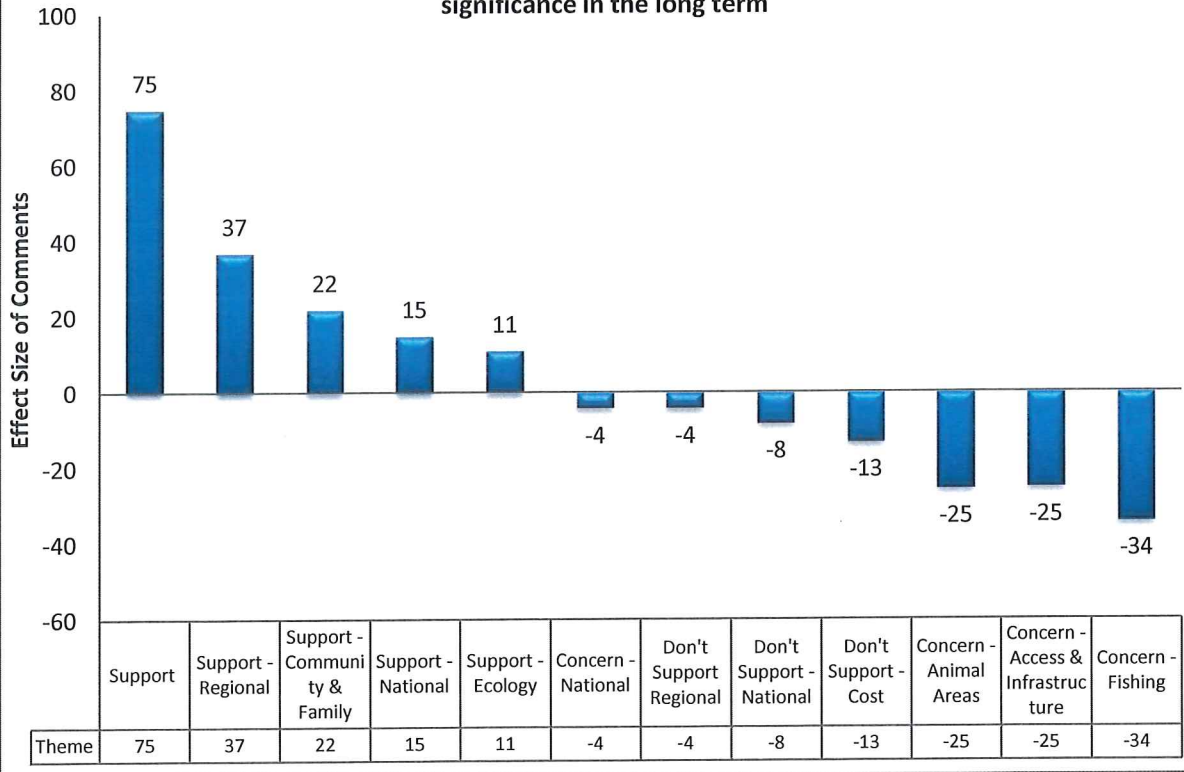
Comment Themes

A districtwide park that provides sports and recreation opportunities for the Kāpiti community and is of regional significance and potentially national significance in the long term

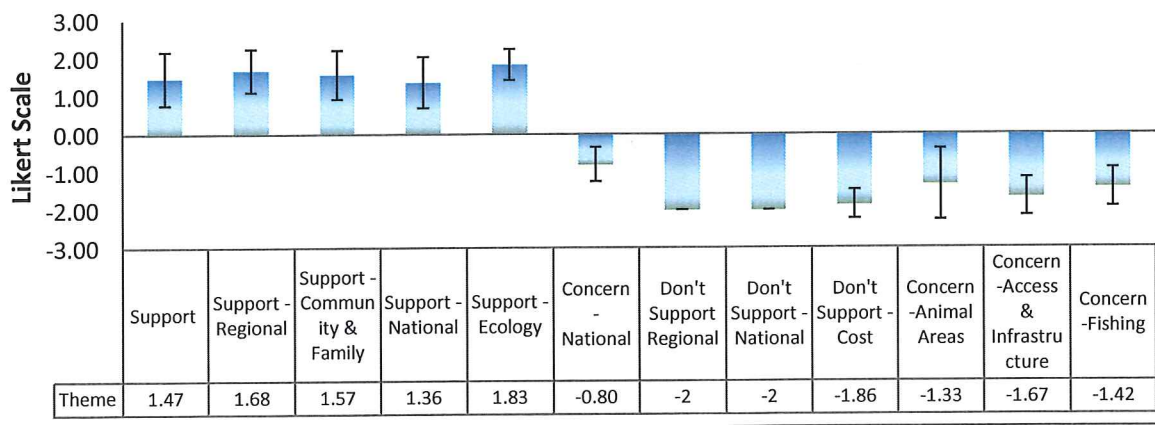


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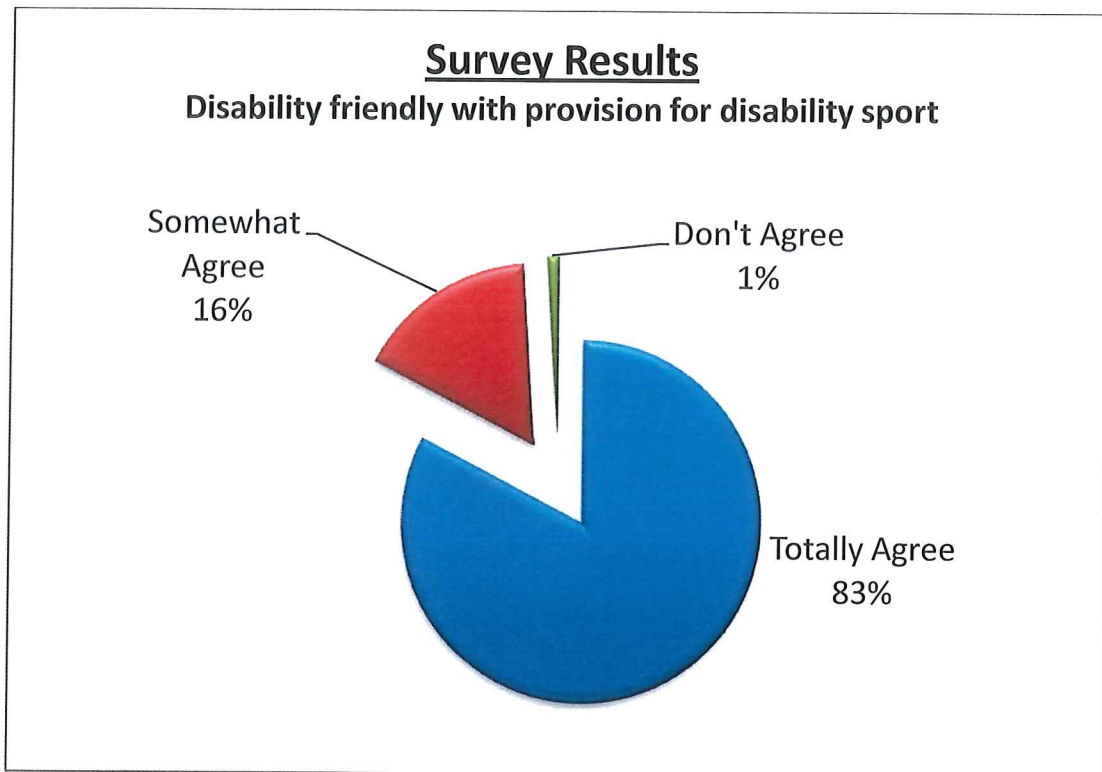
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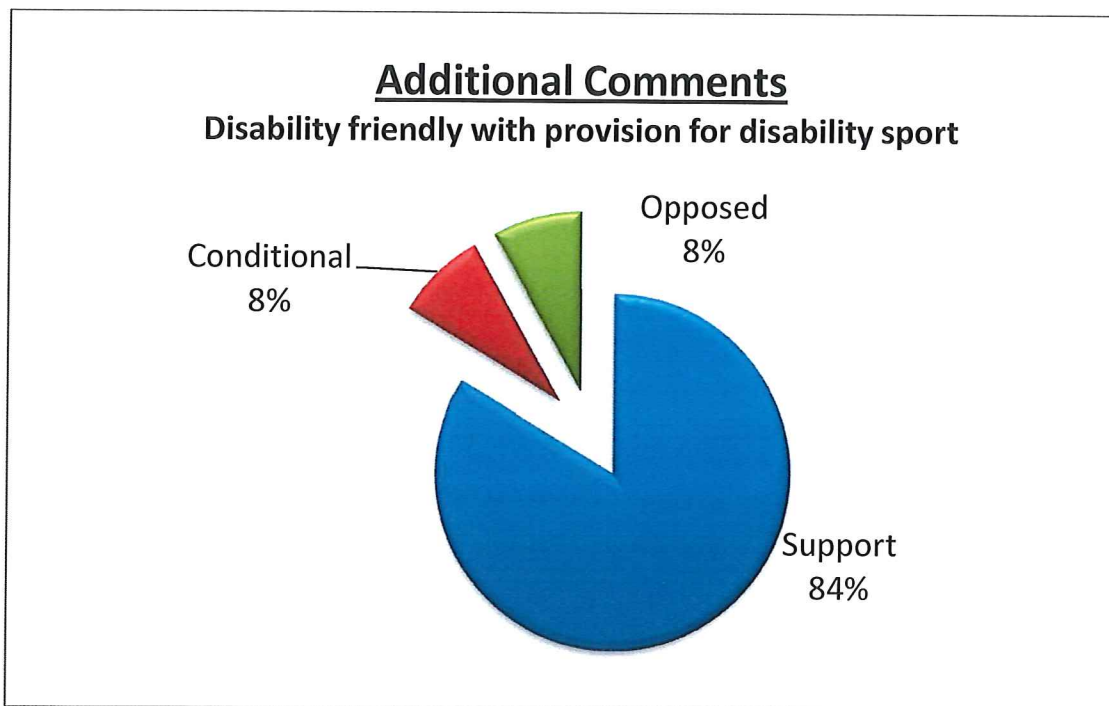
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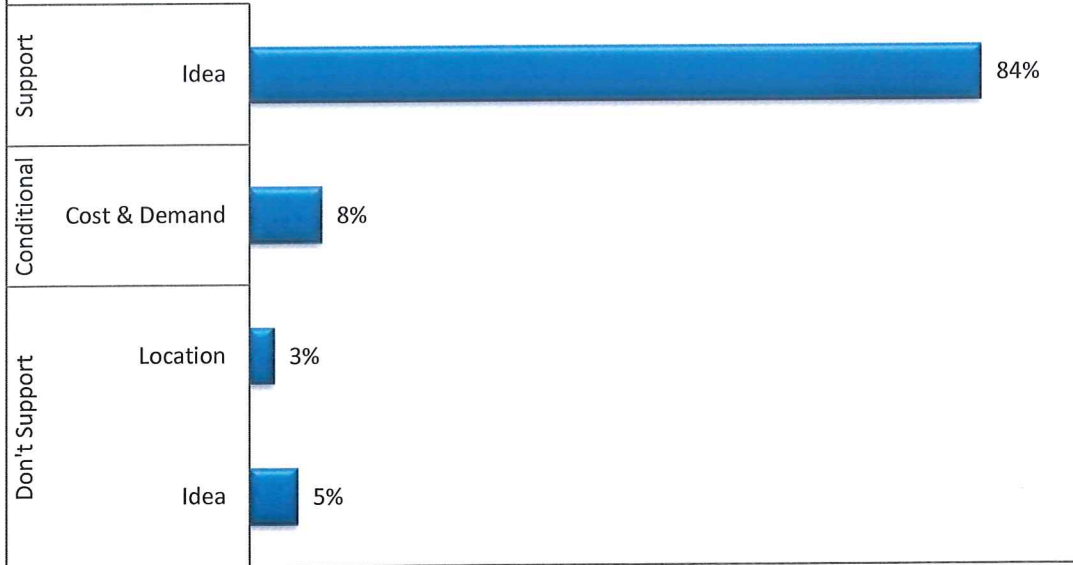
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Number of comments: 73

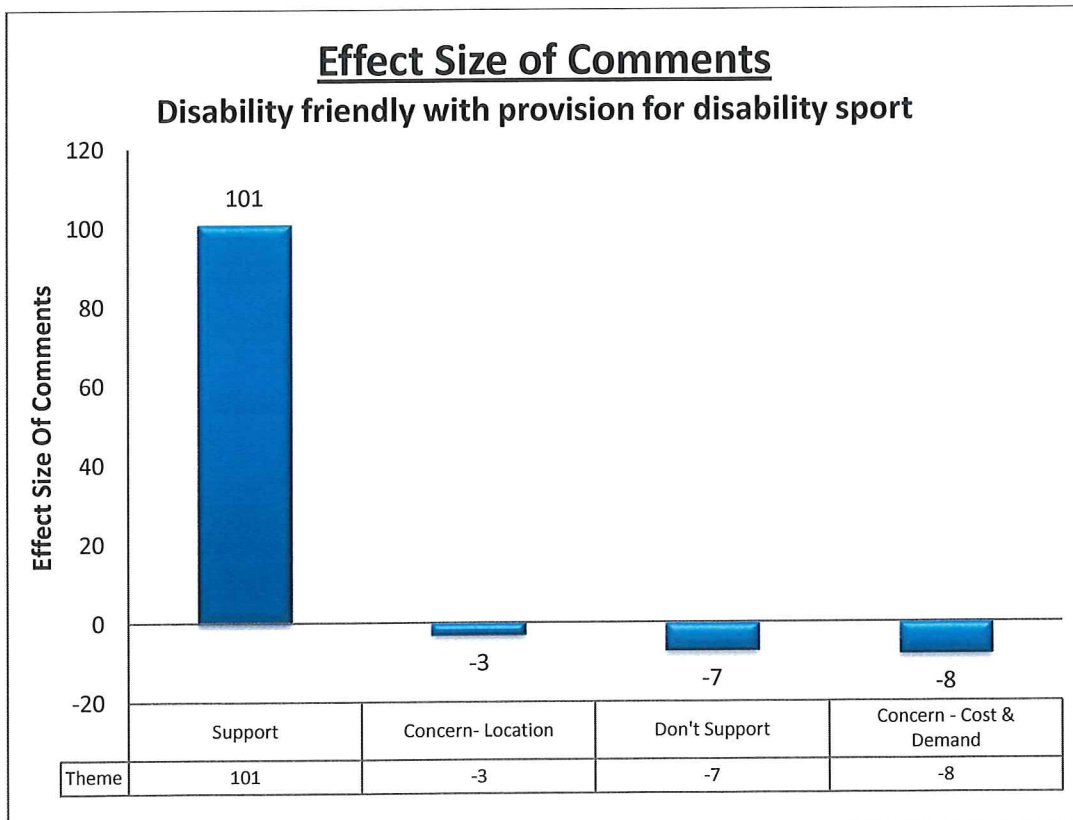
Comment Themes

Disability friendly with provision for disability sport

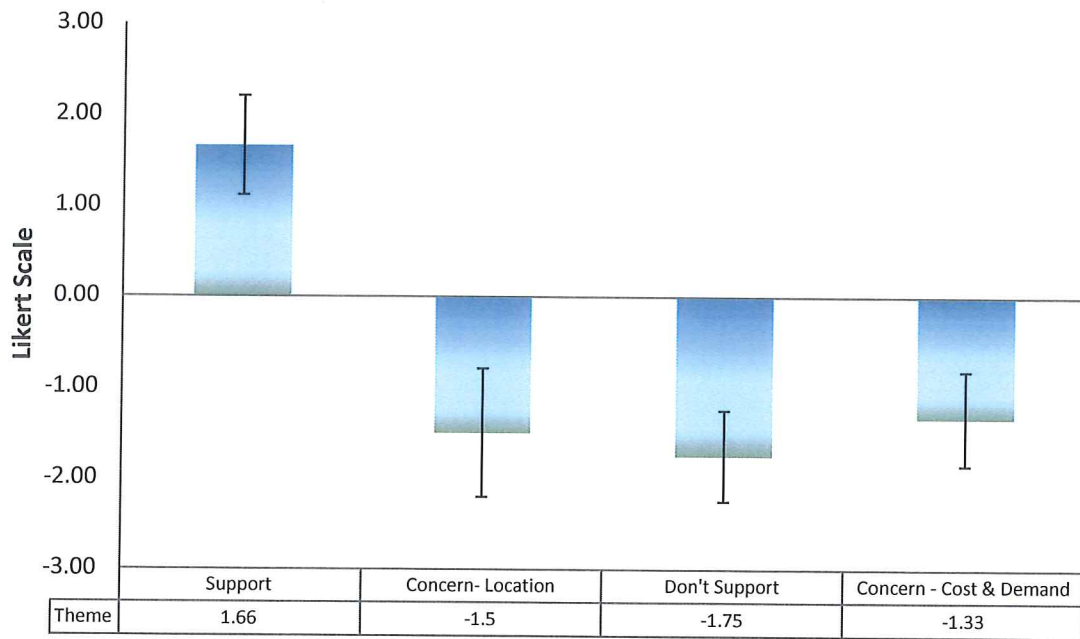


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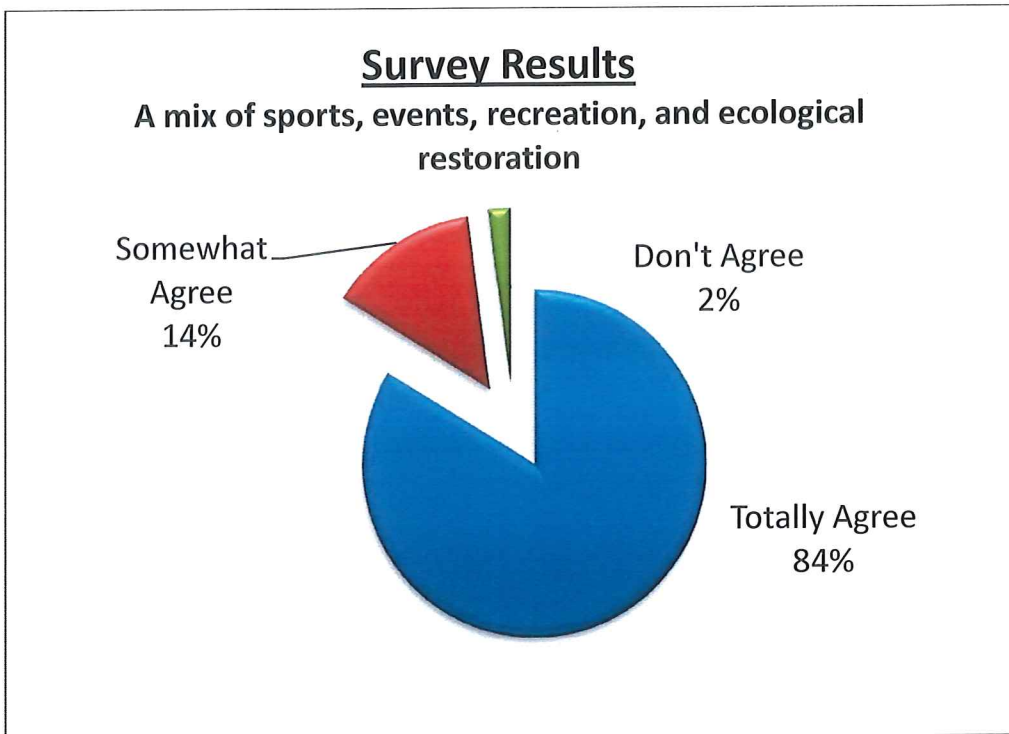
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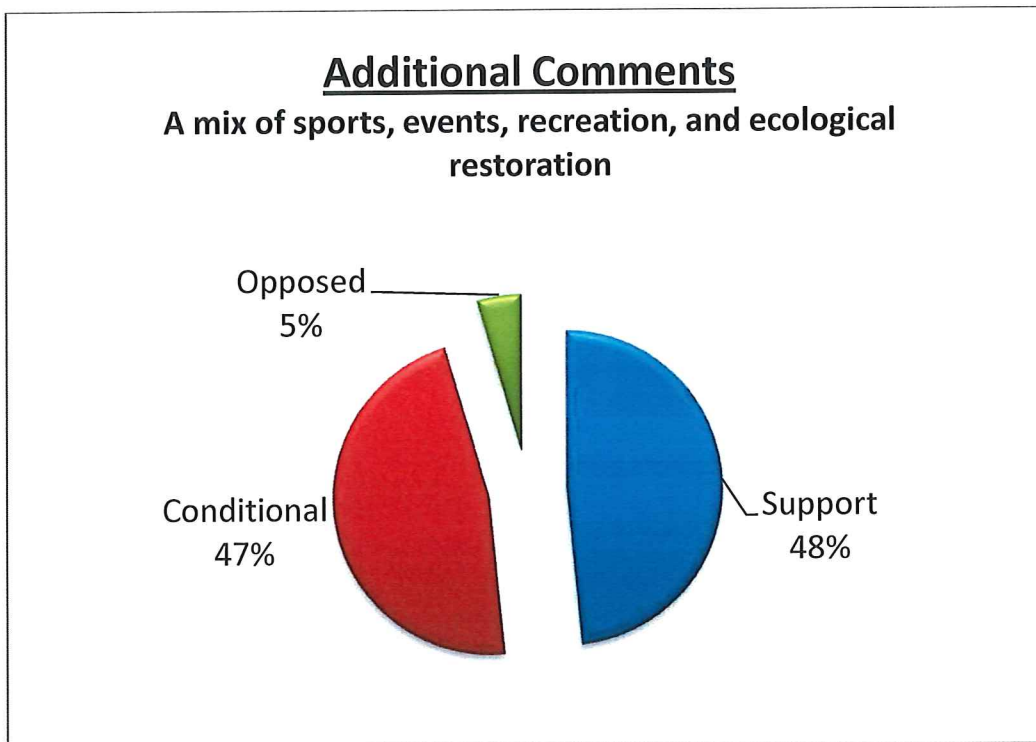
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3rd How much do you support a mix of sports, events, recreation, and ecological restoration?



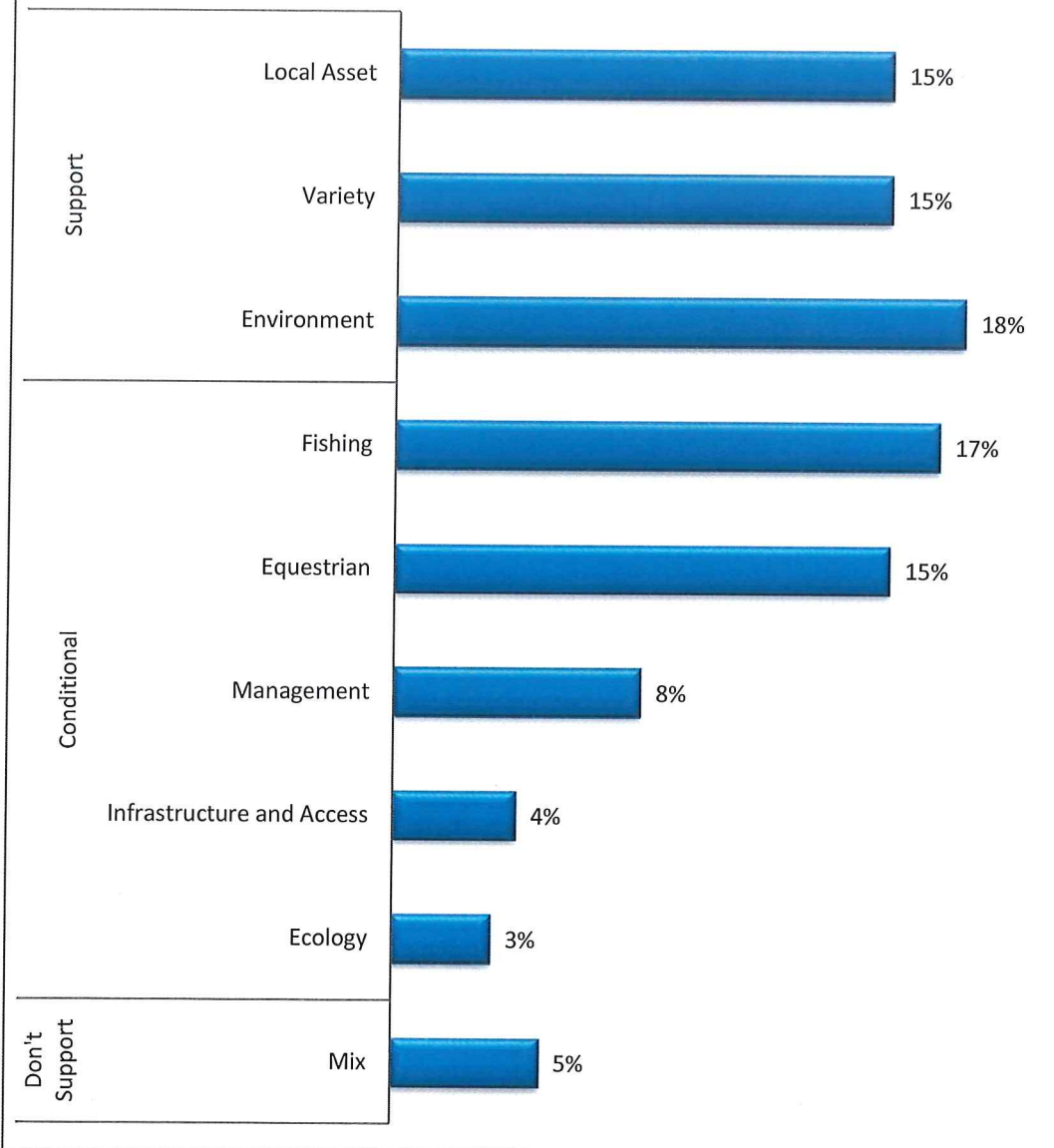
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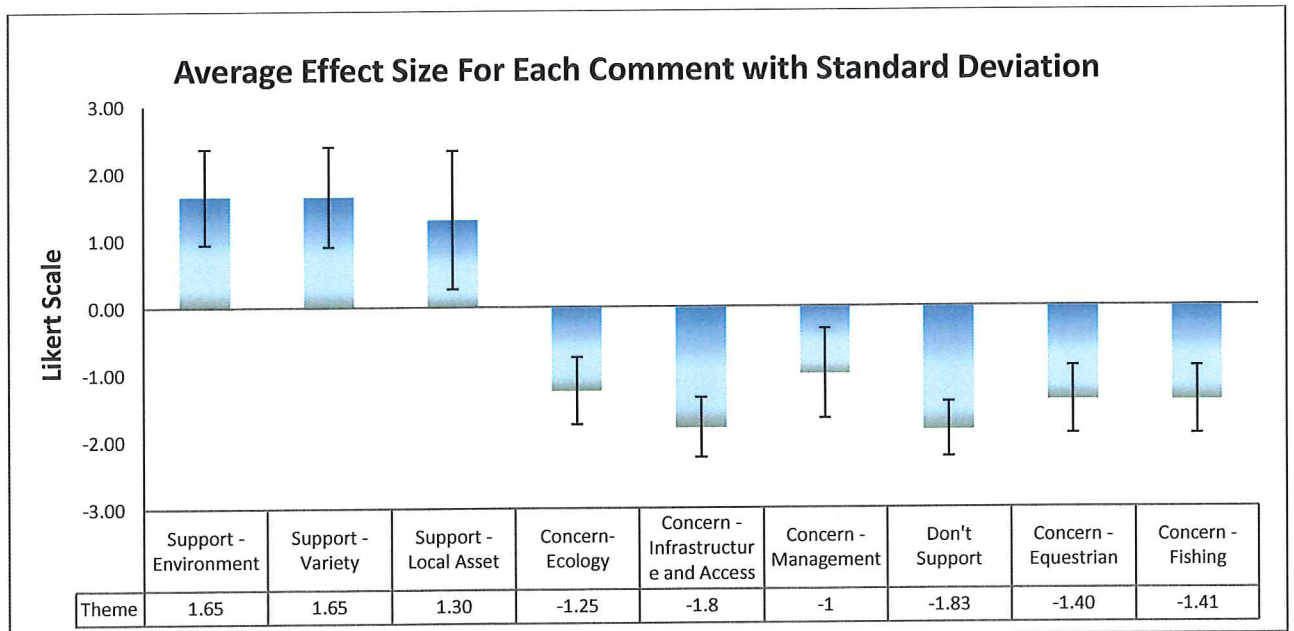
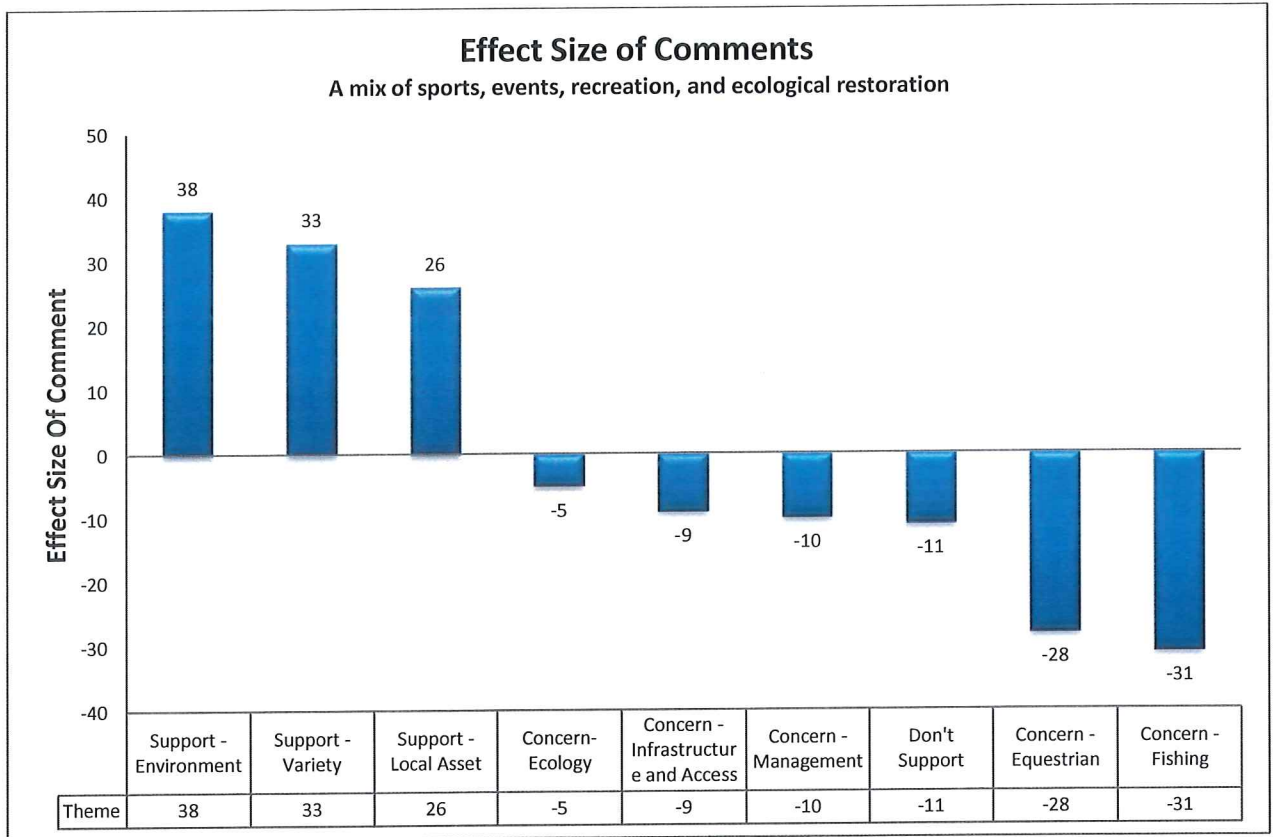


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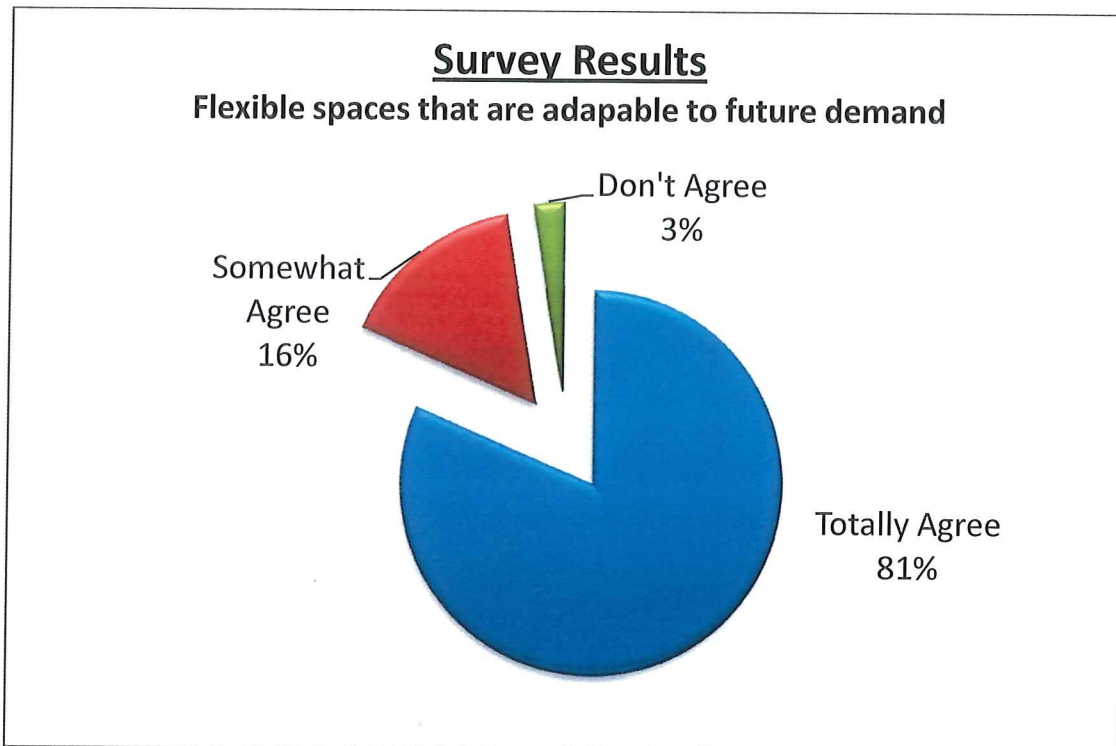
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A mix of sports, events, recreation, and ecological restoration

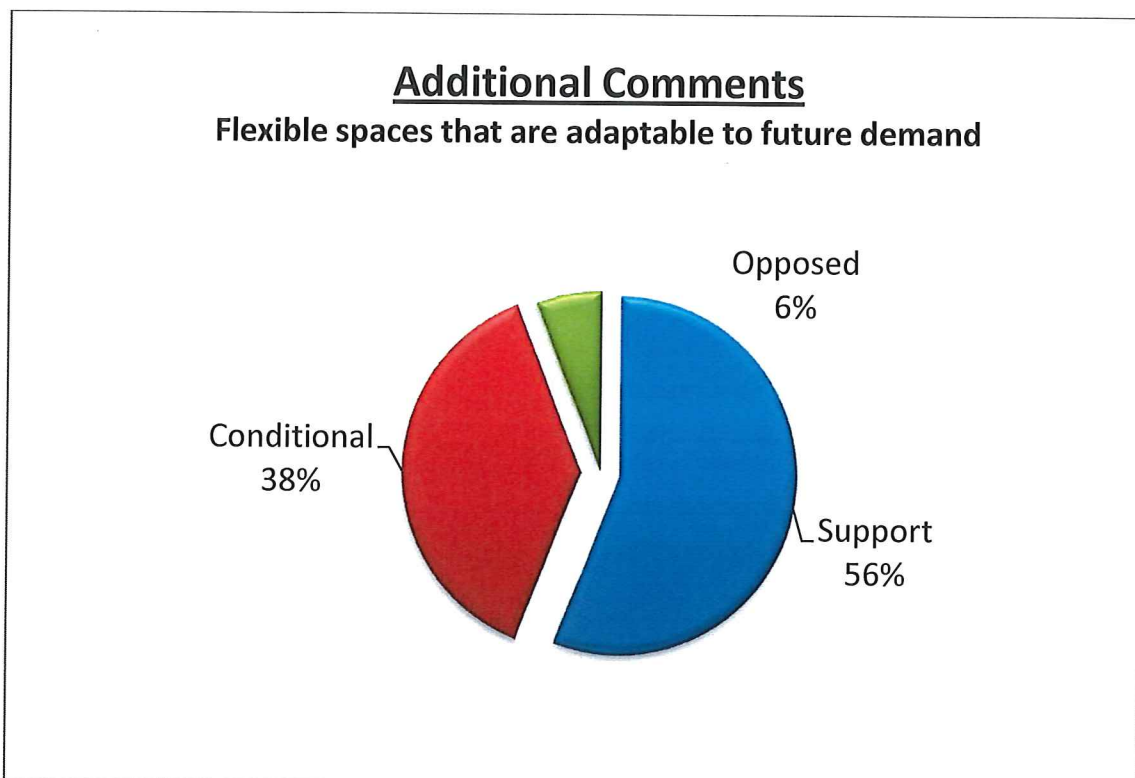




Ranked 4th How much do you support the principle of flexible spaces that are adaptable to future demand?



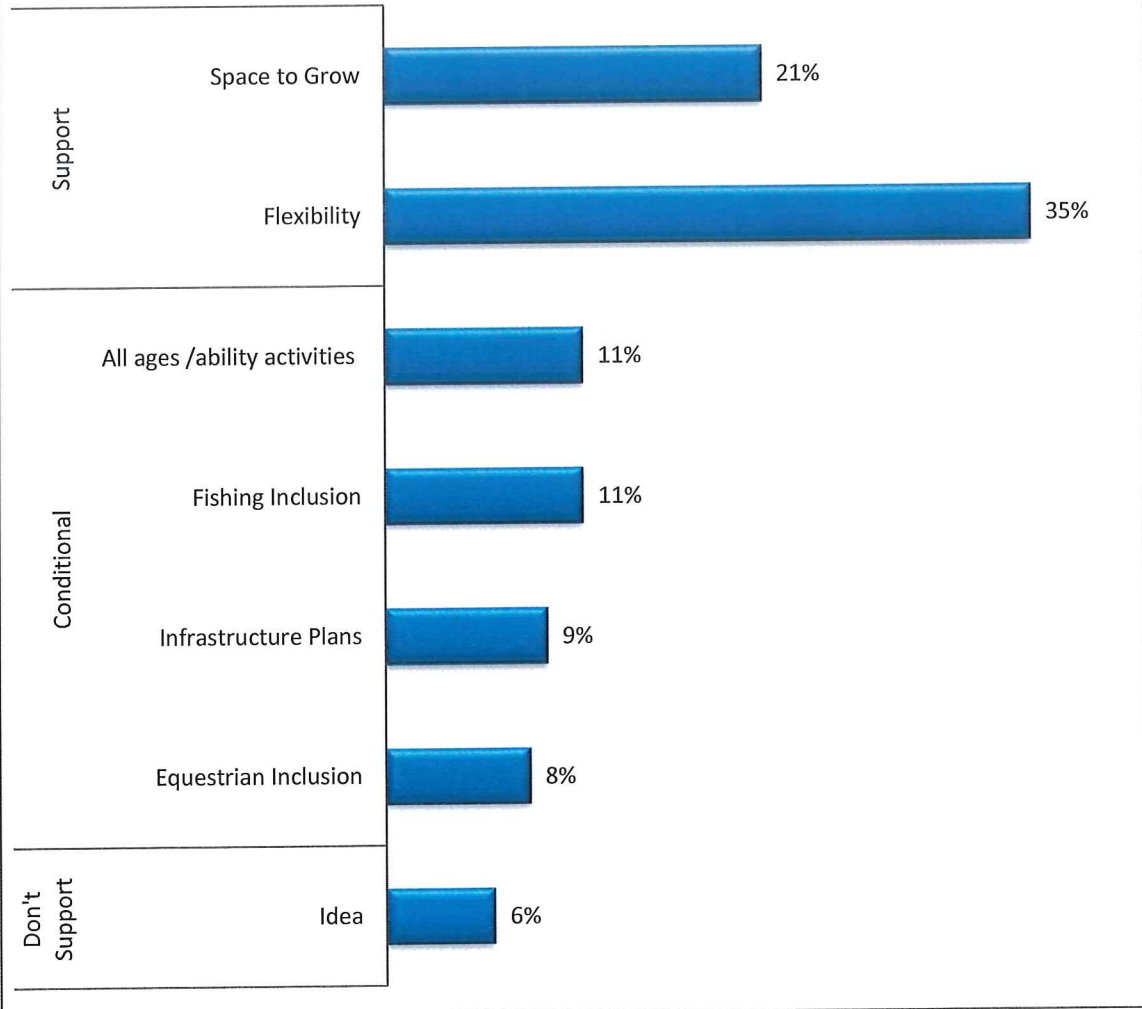
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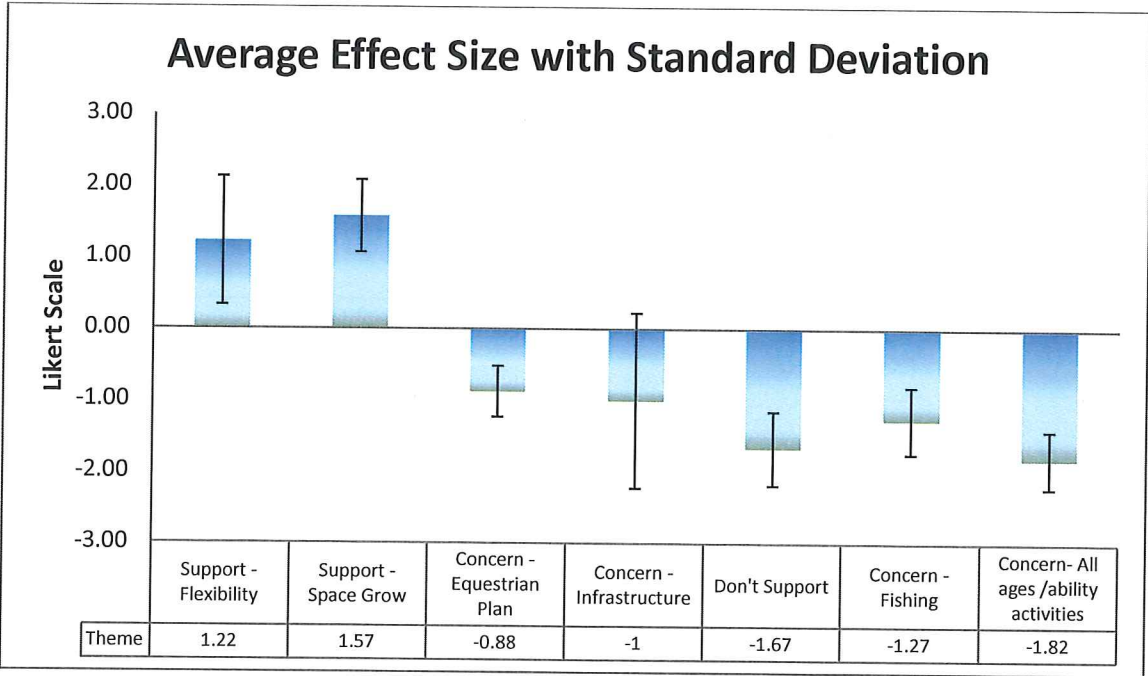
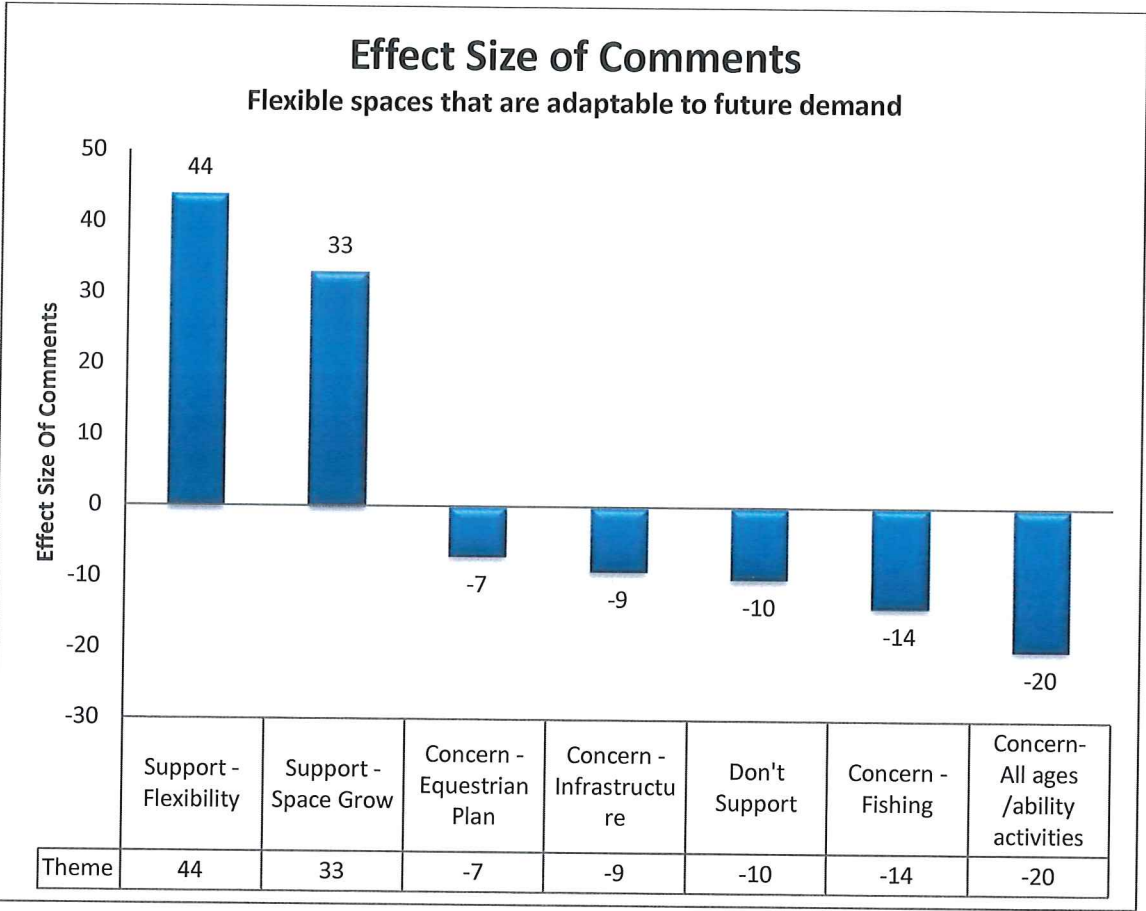


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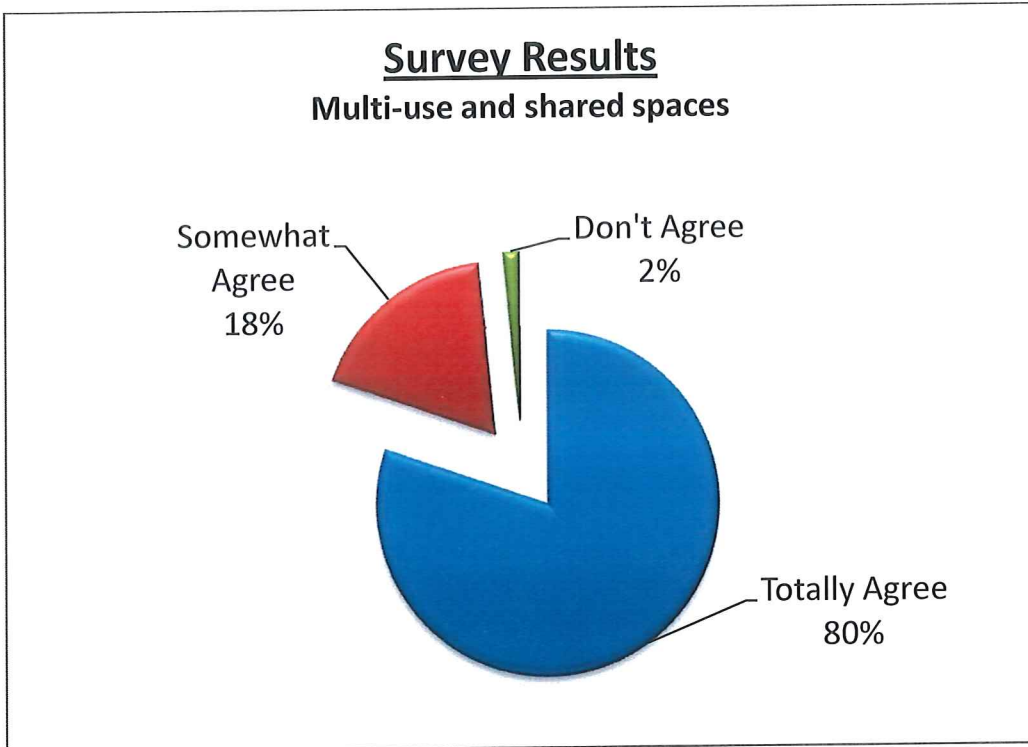
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Flexible spaces that are adaptable to future demand

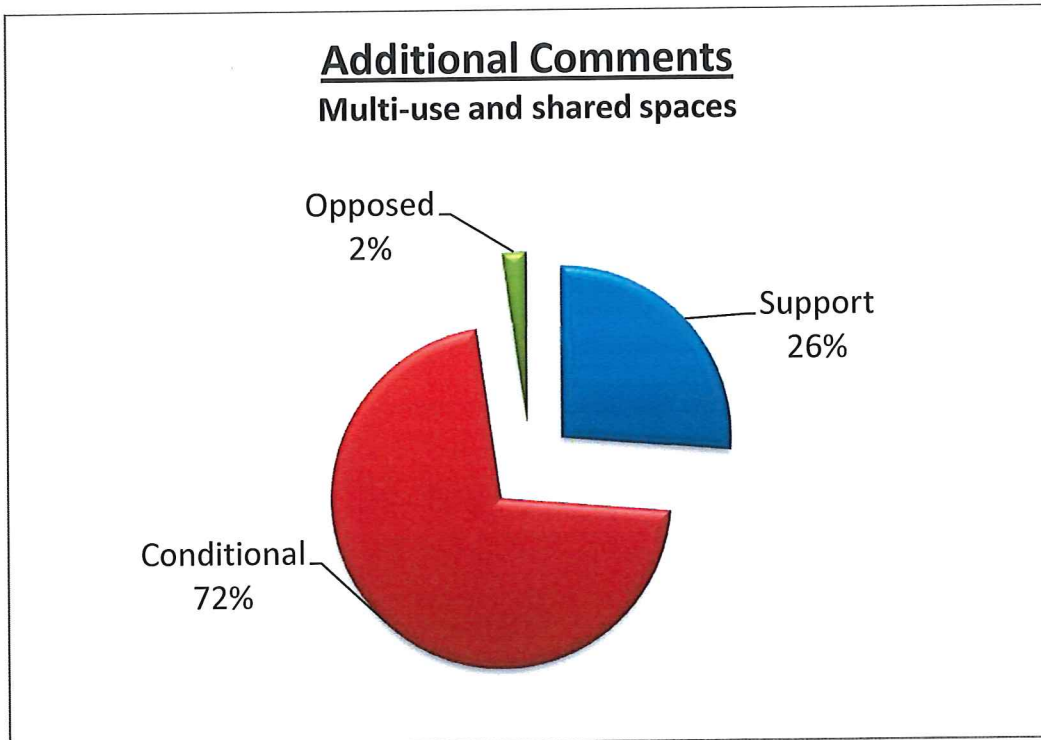




Ranked 5th How much do you support the principle of multi-use and shared spaces?



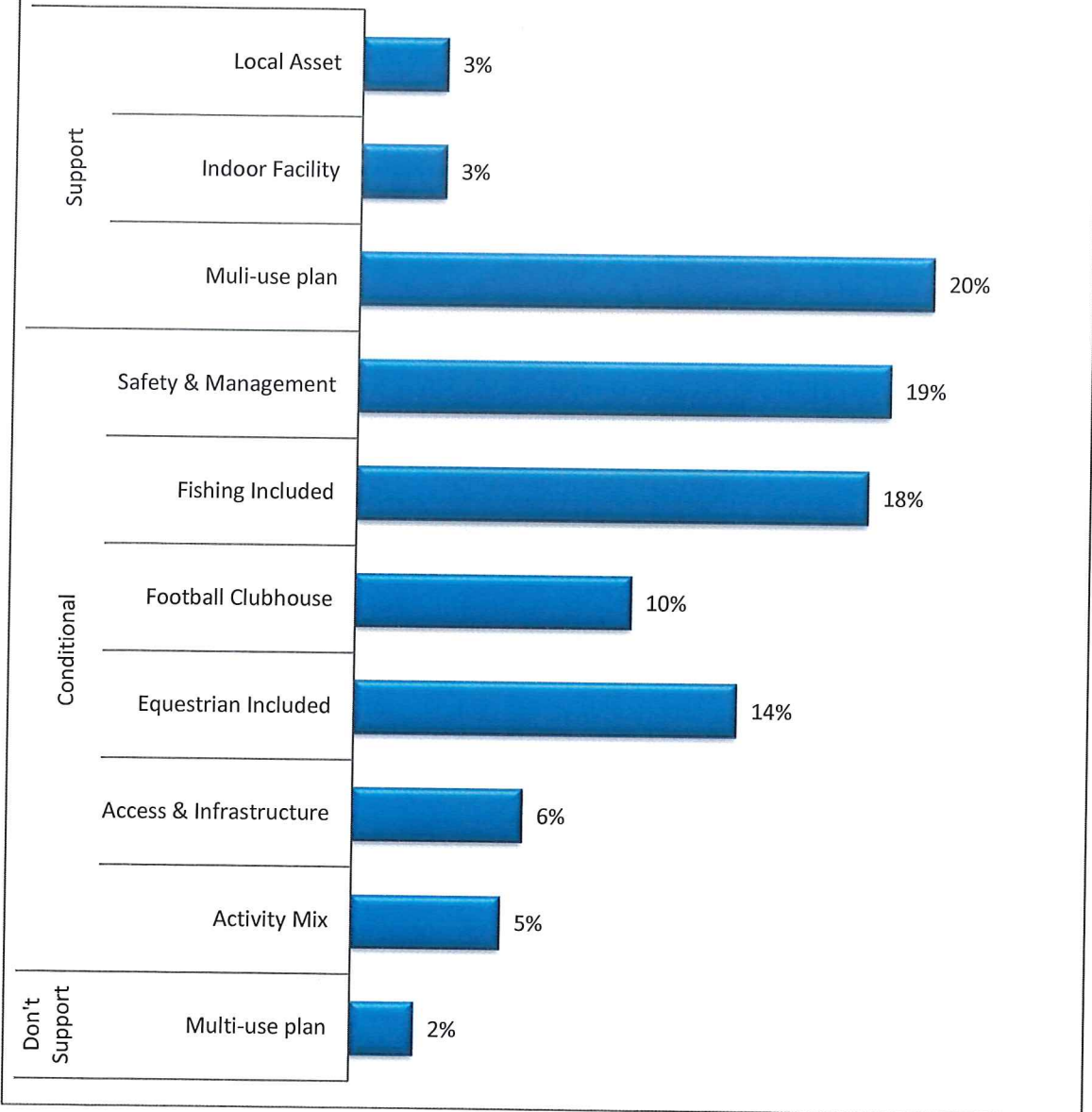
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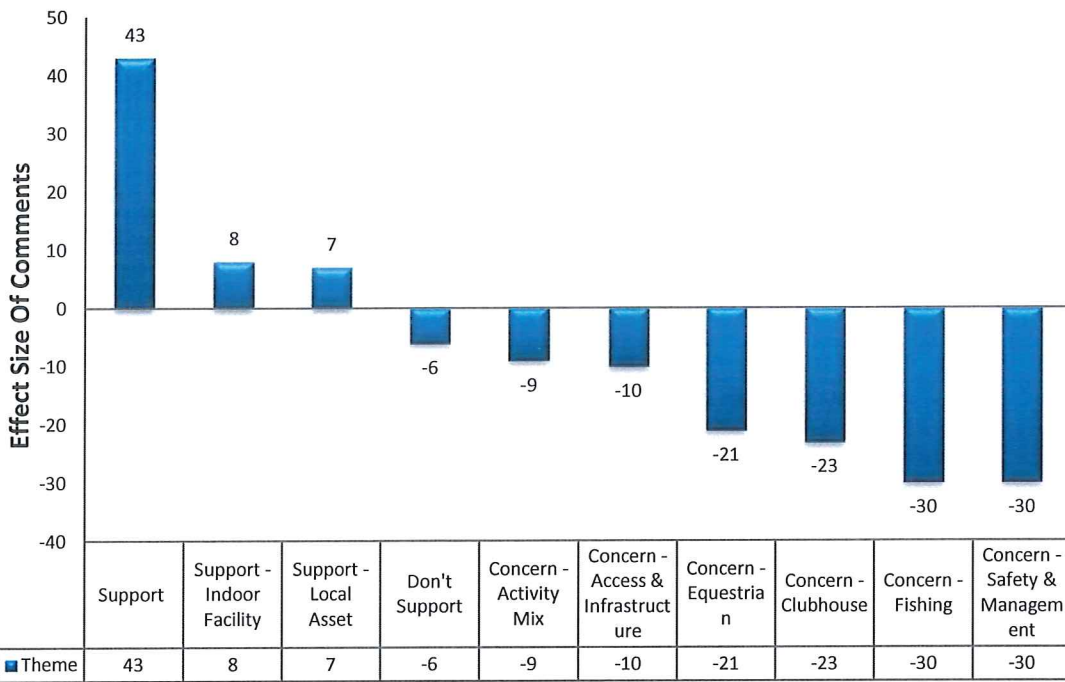
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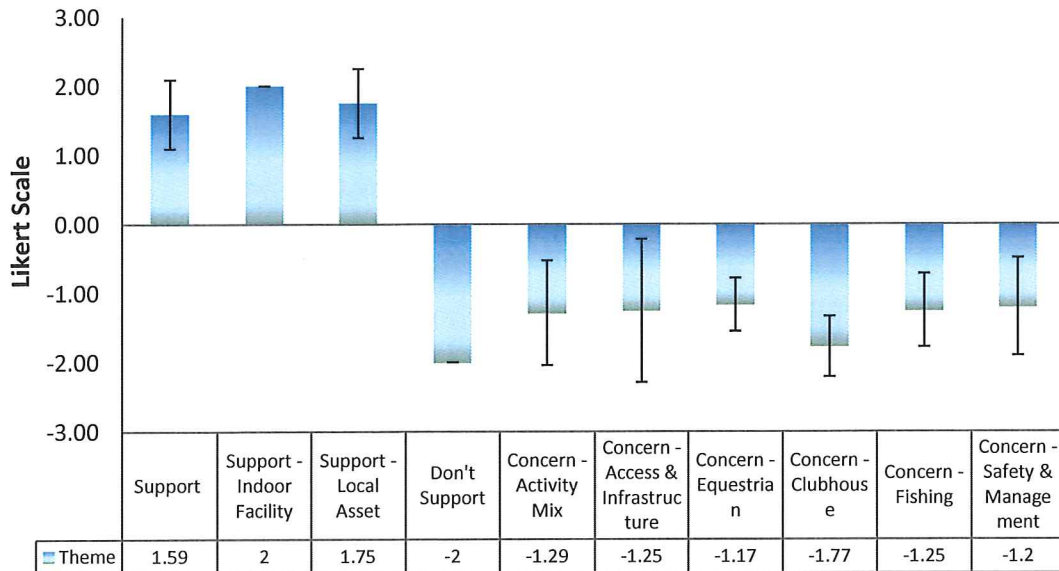
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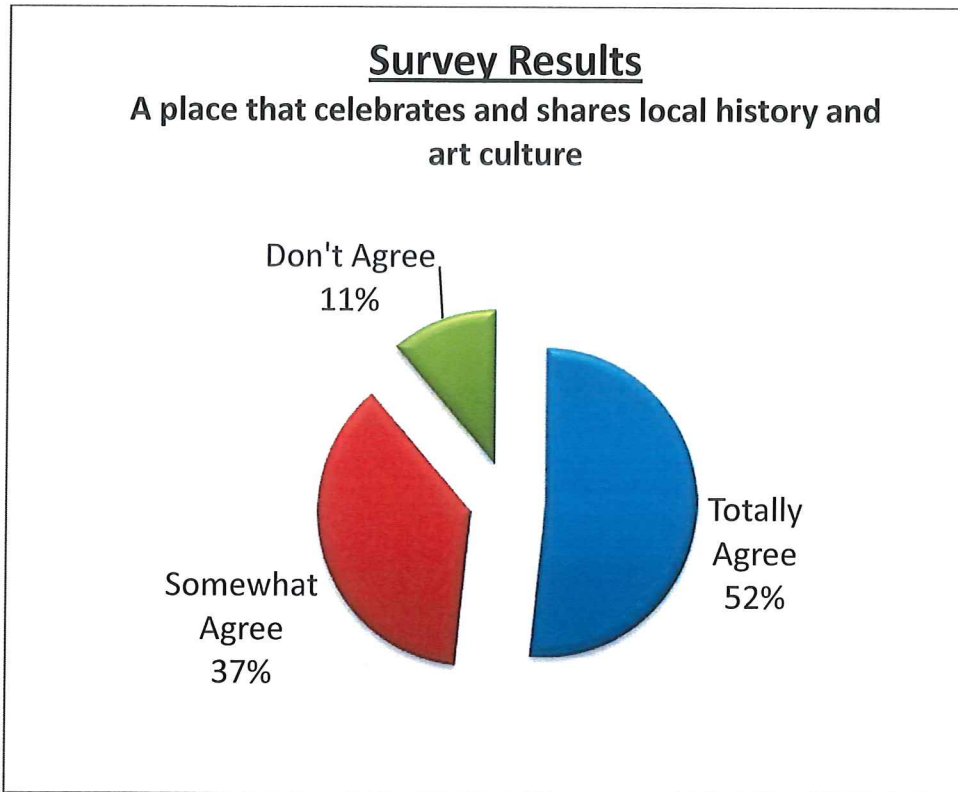
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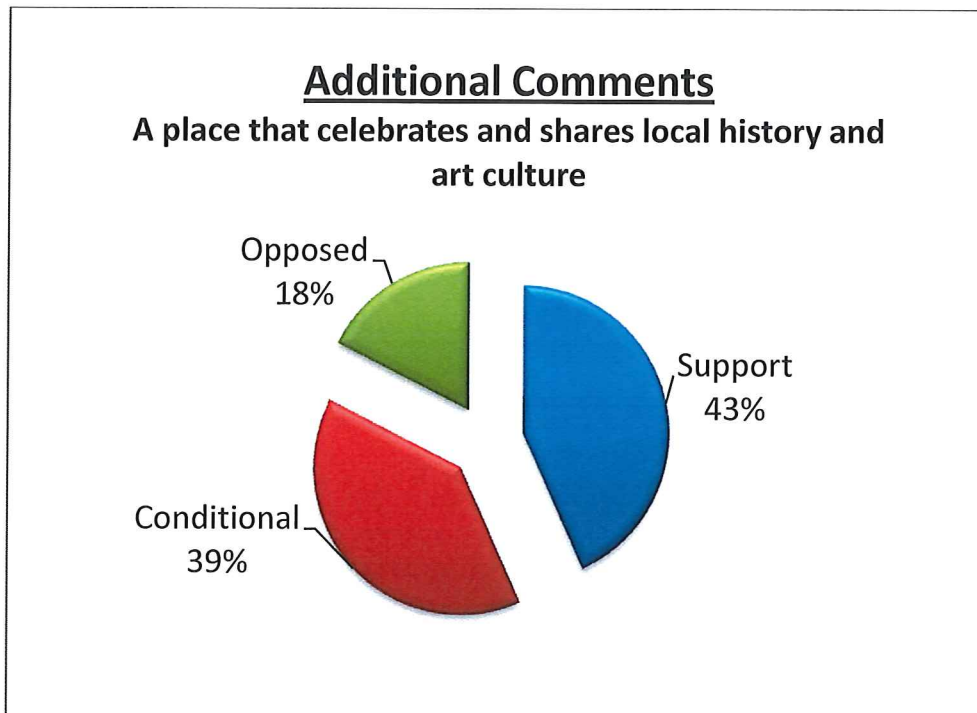
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Ranked 7th How much do you support the principle of a place that celebrates and shares local history and art culture?



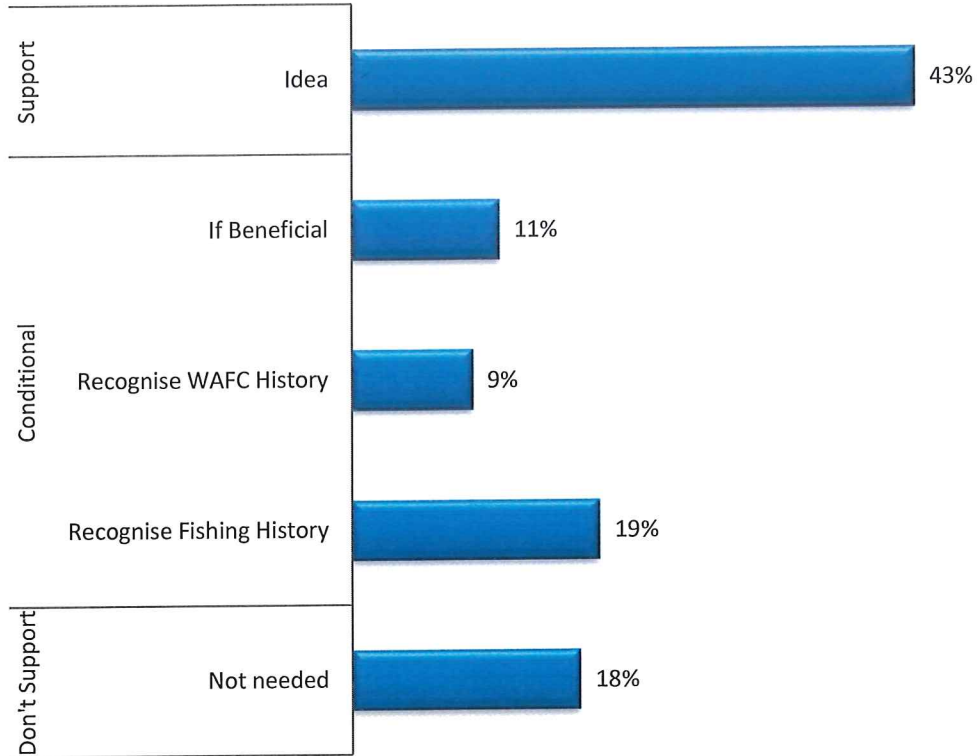
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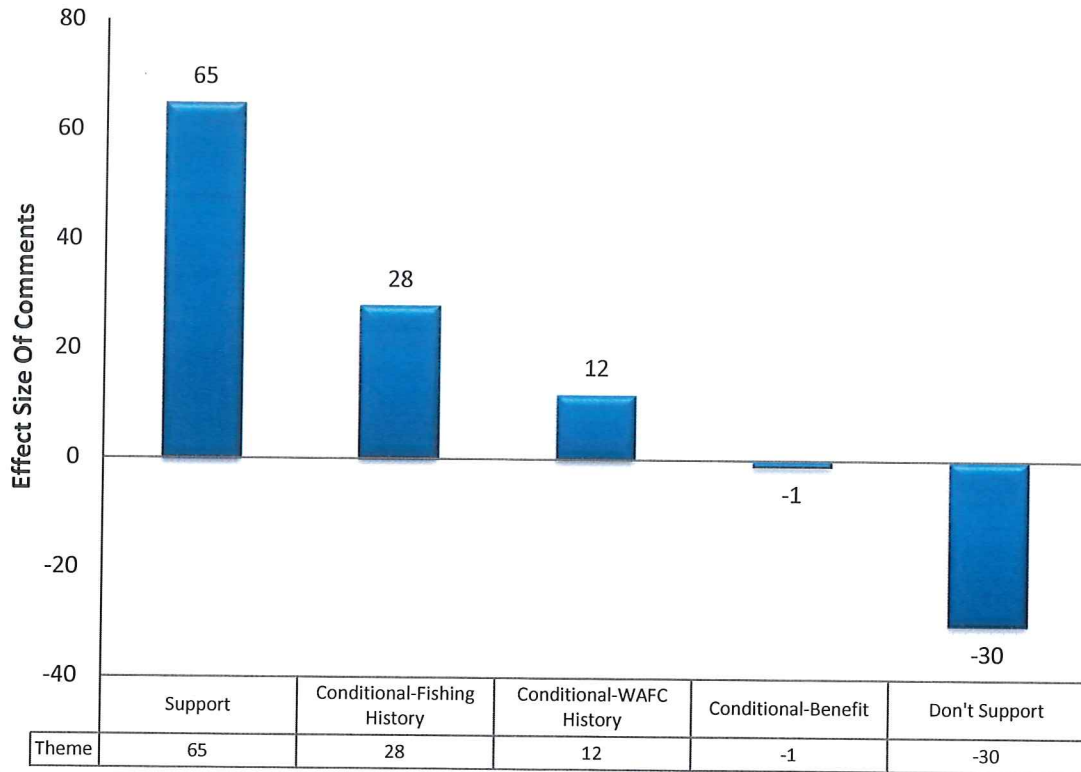
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A place that celebrates and shares local history and art culture

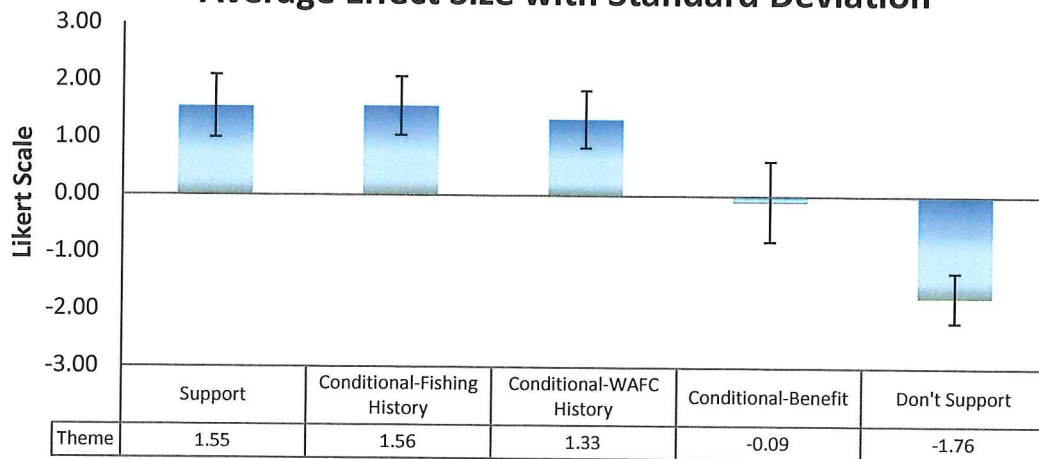


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A place that celebrates and shares local history and Art Culture

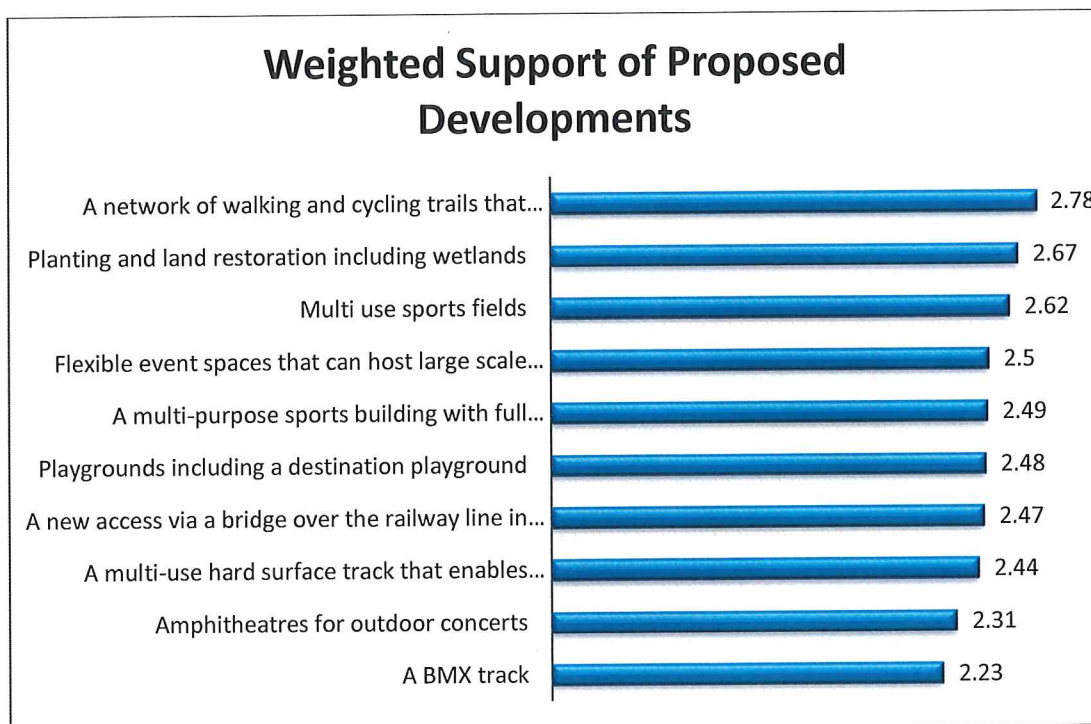


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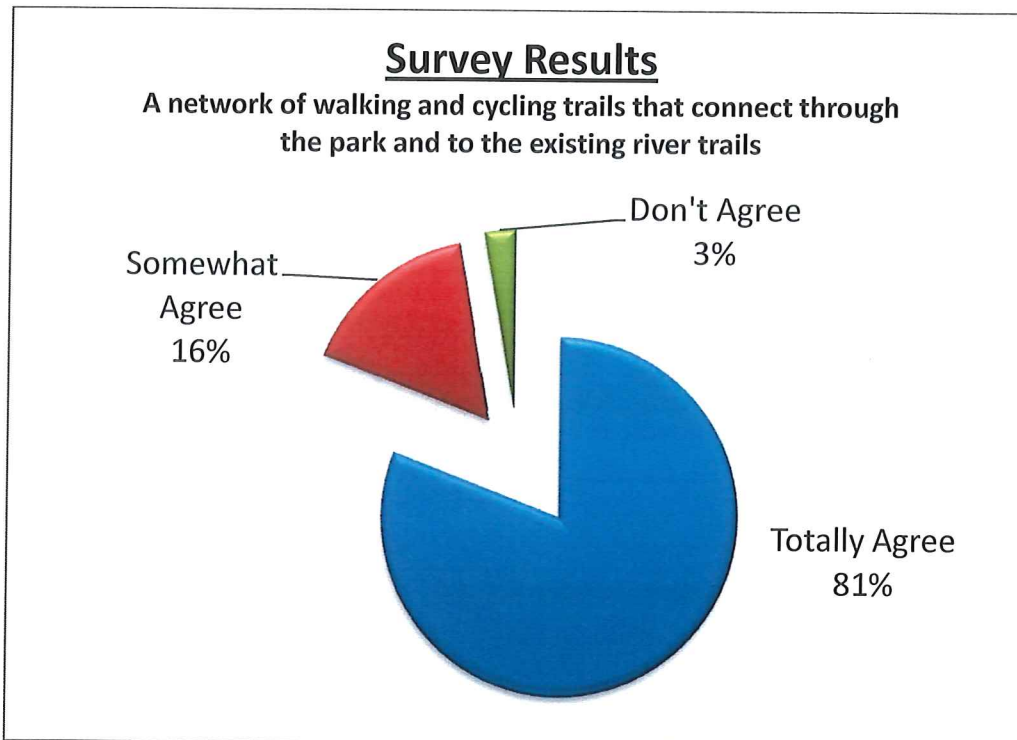


Question 2) The overall concept for the park's development plan includes the following possibilities. How much do you support each of these potential developments?

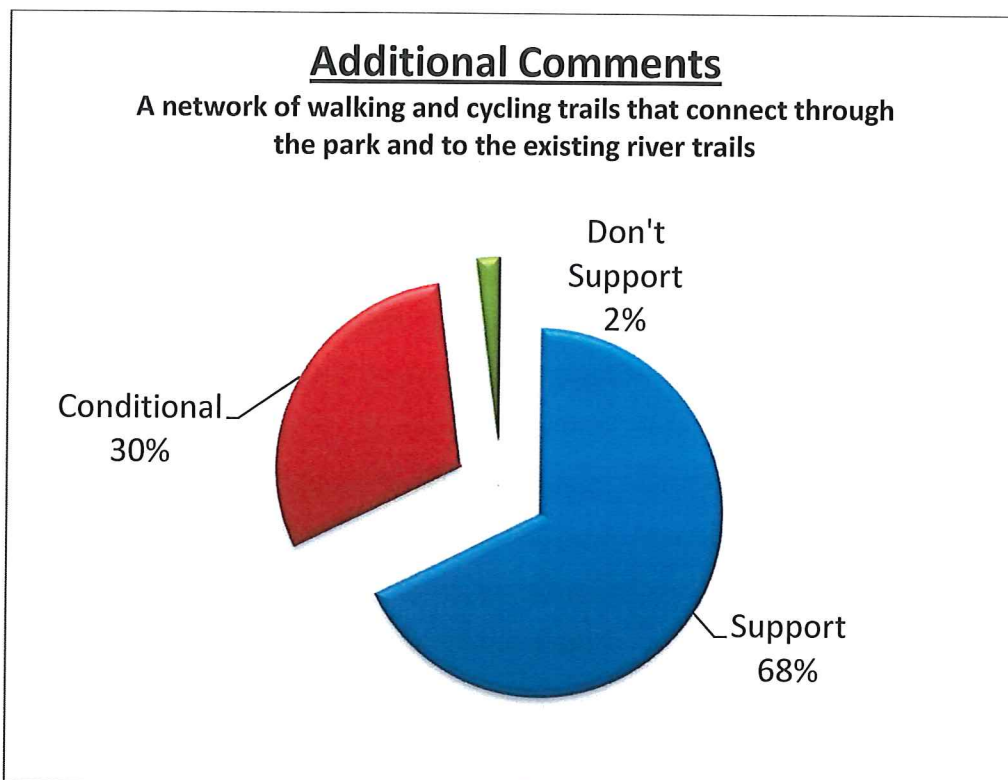
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- A network of walking and cycling trails that connect through the park and to the existing river trails
- Amphitheatres for outdoor concerts
- Playgrounds including a destination playground
- A BMX track
- A new access via a bridge over the railway line in to the centre of the park
- Planting and land restoration including wetlands



1st How much do you support a network of walking and cycling trails that connect through the park and to the existing river trails?



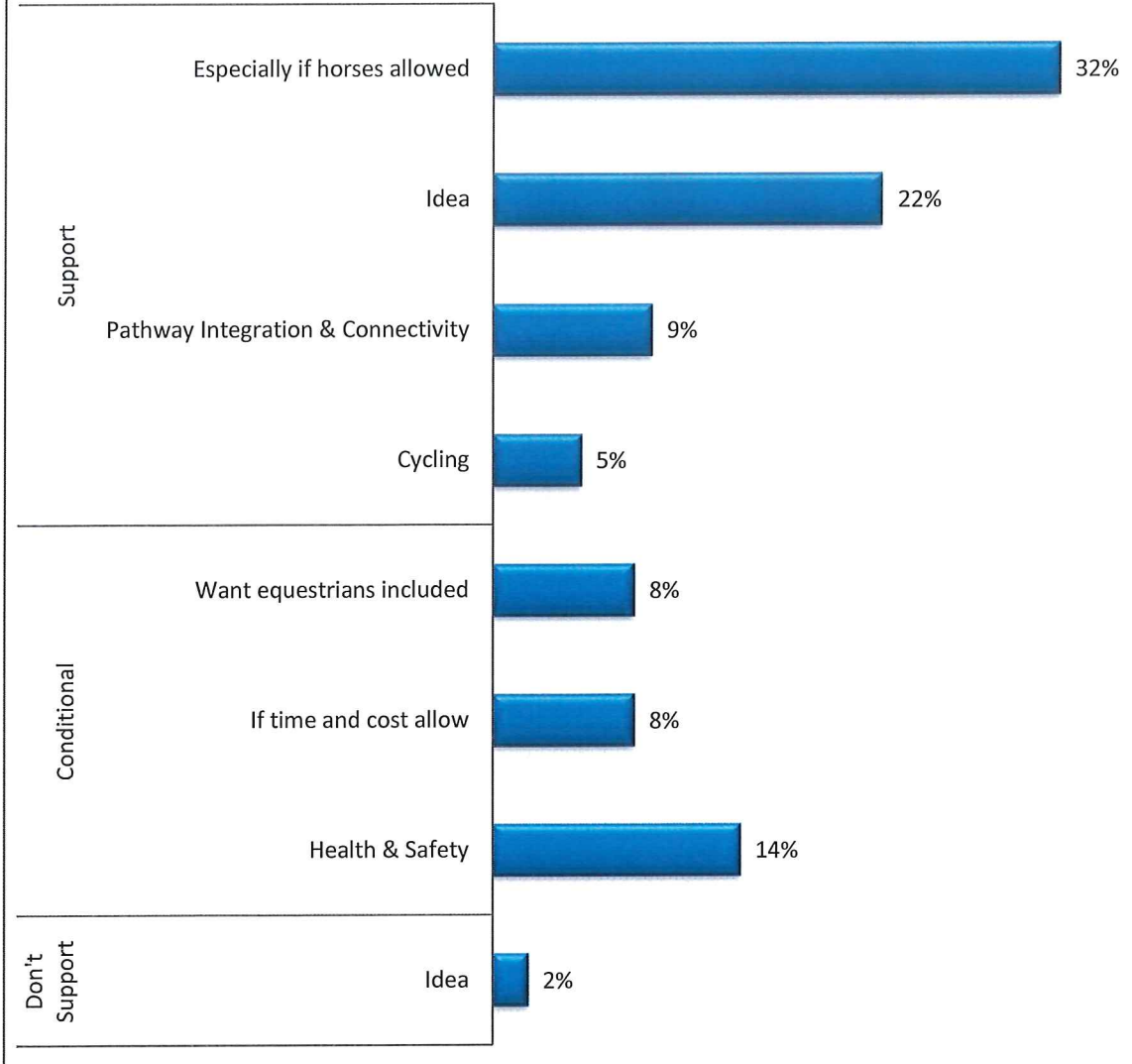
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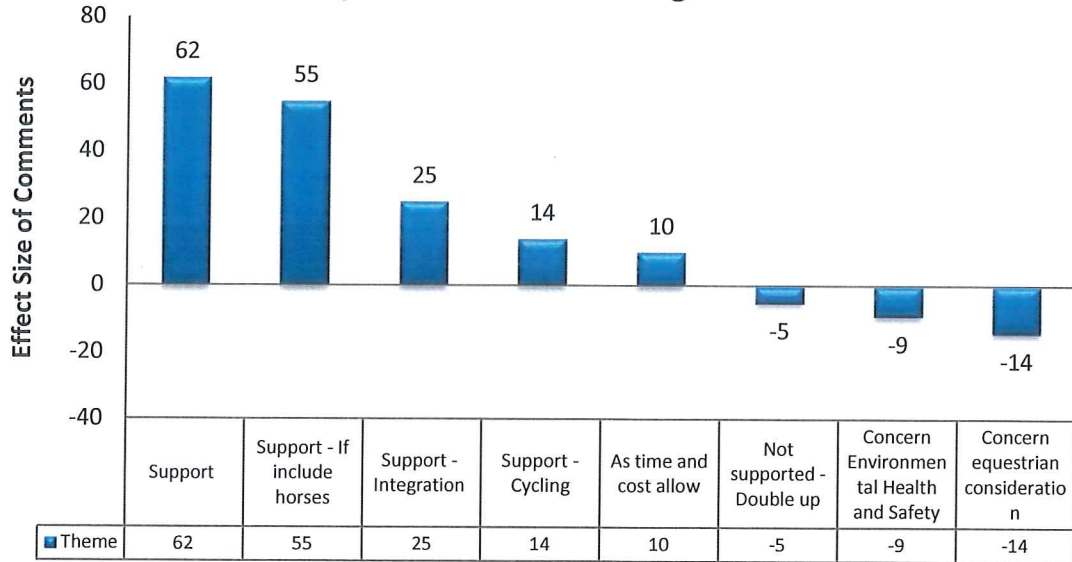
Comment Themes

A network of walking and cycling trails that connect through the park and to the existing river trails

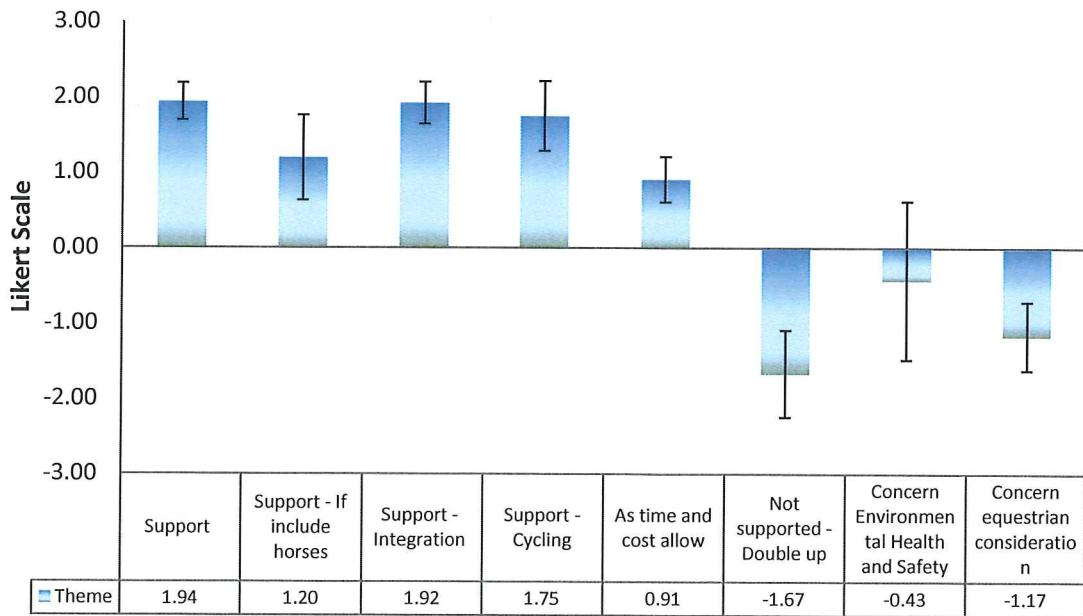


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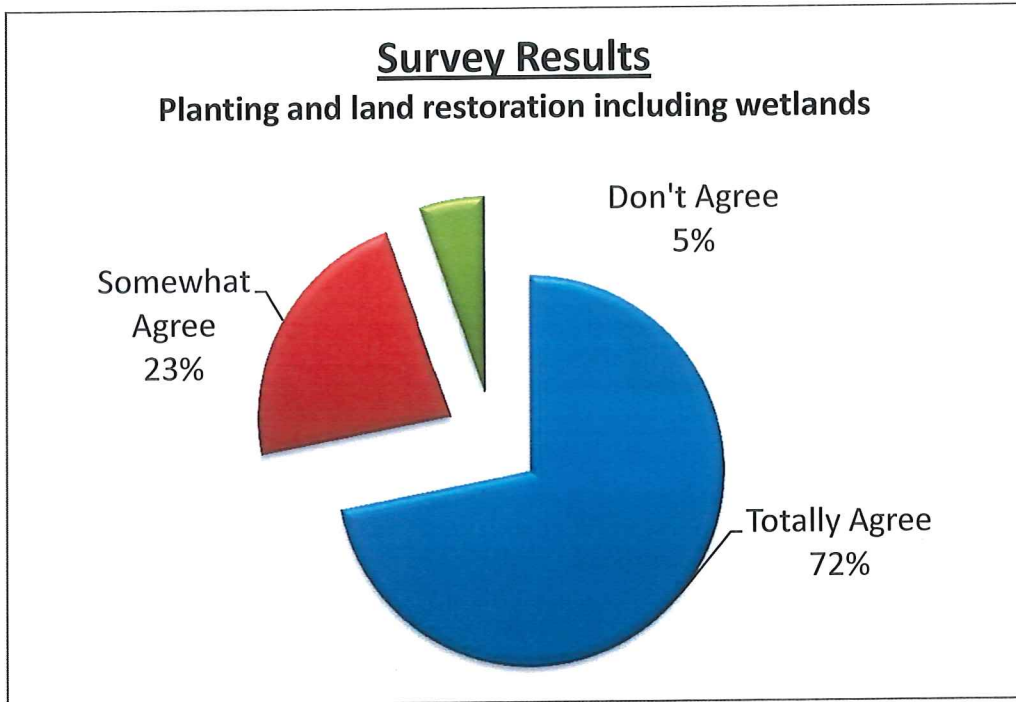
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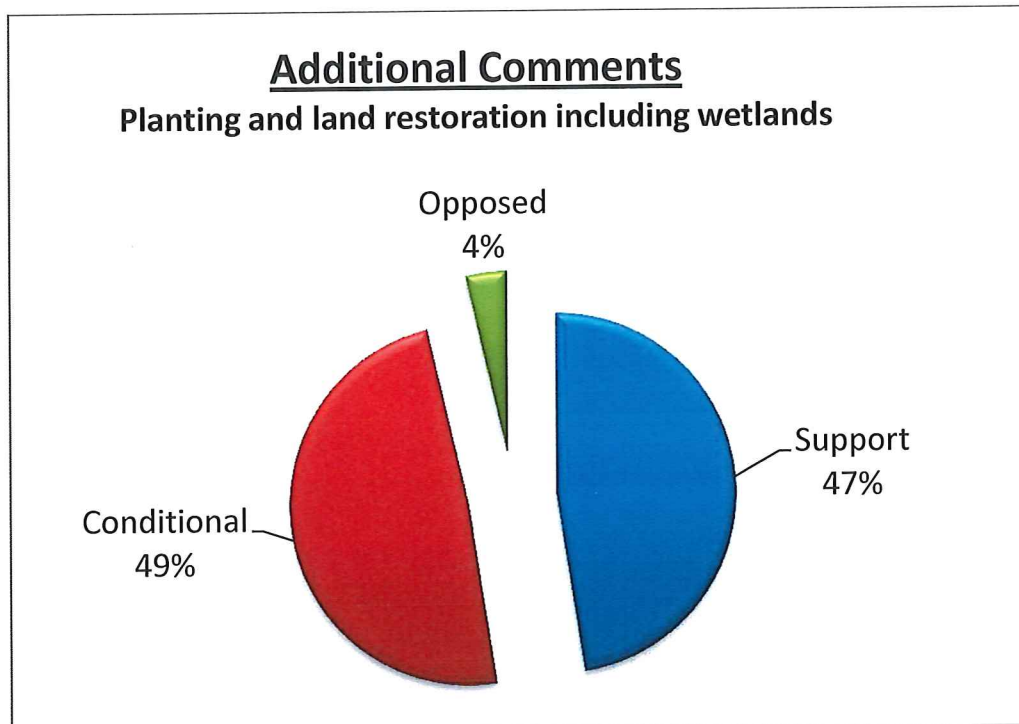
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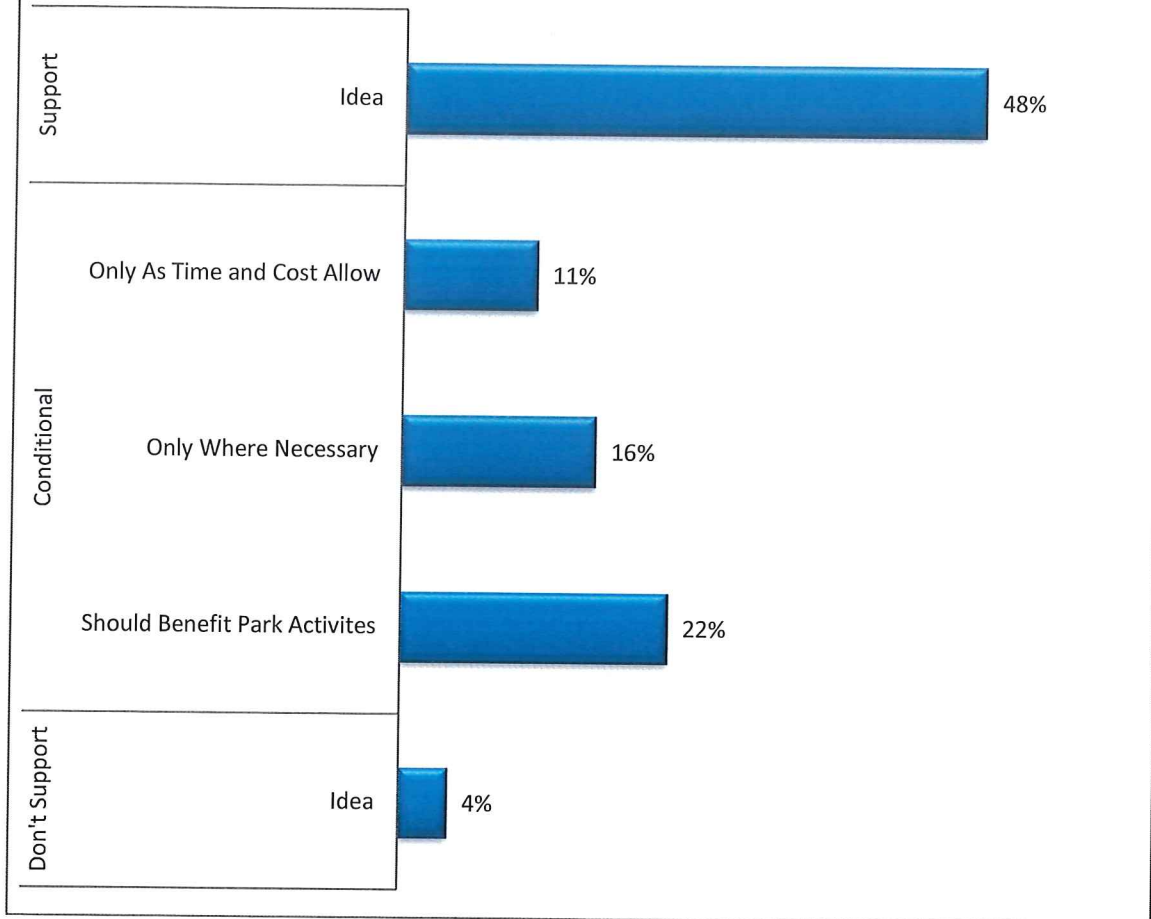
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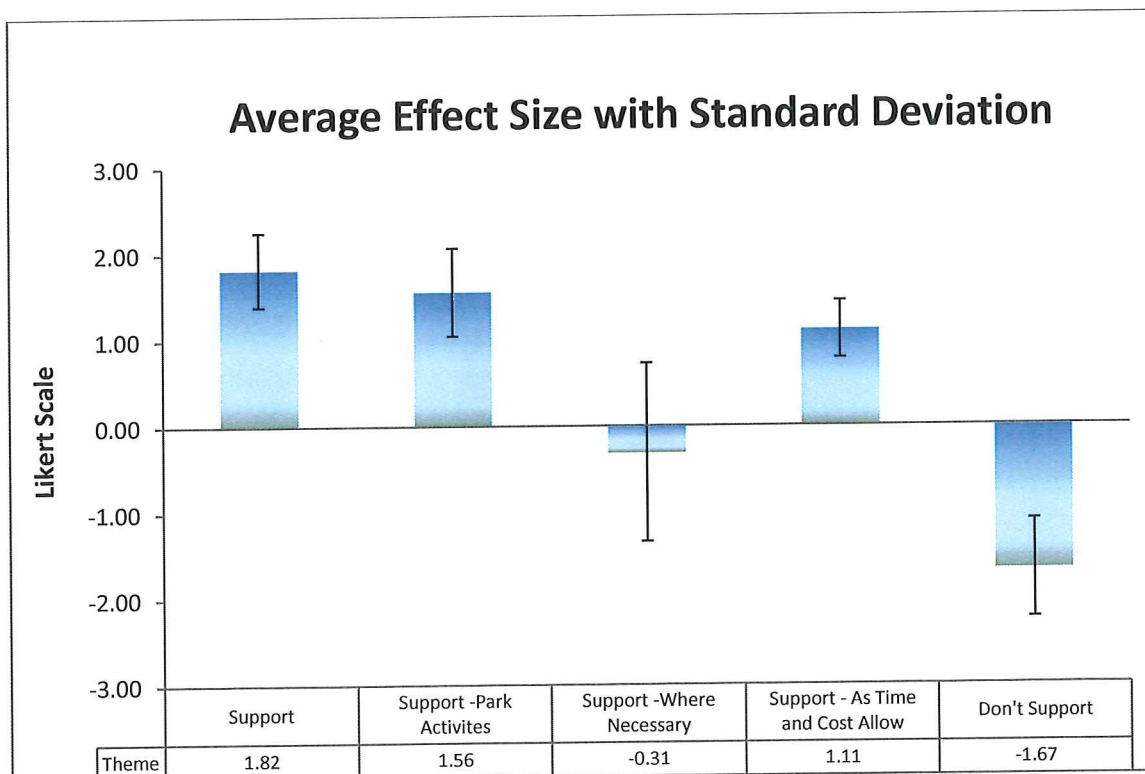
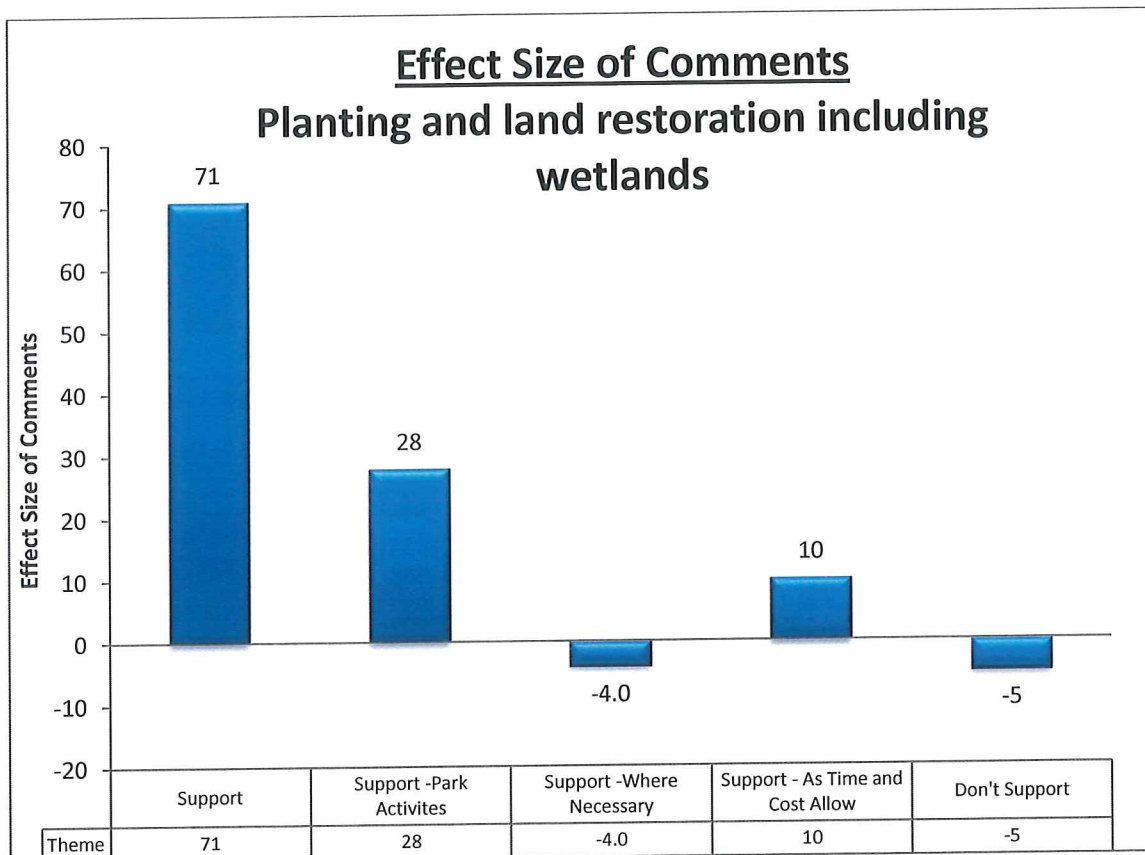


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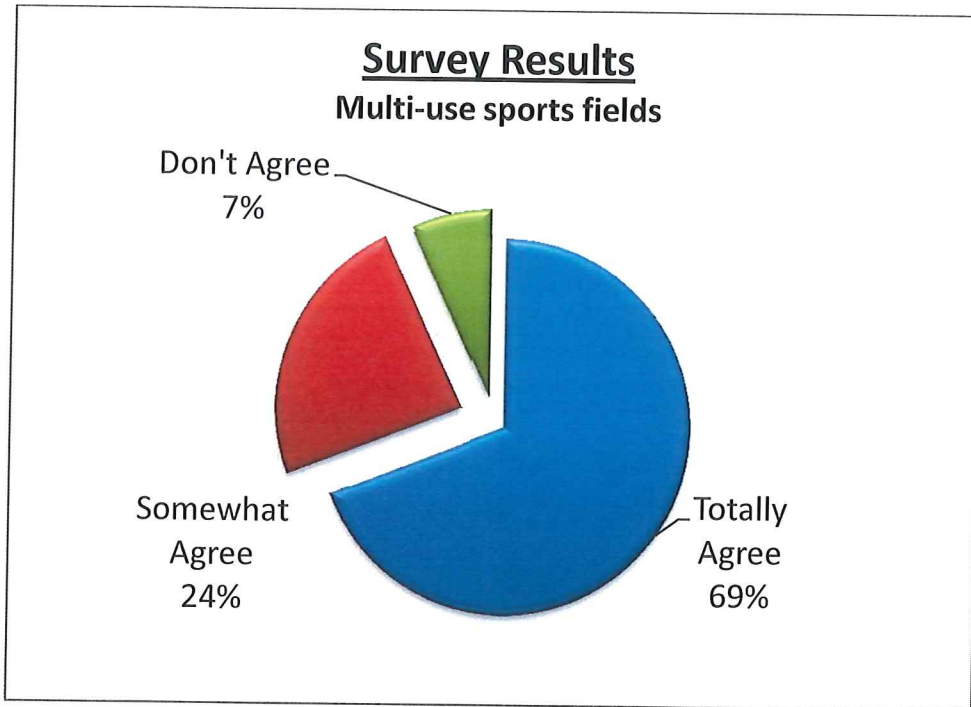
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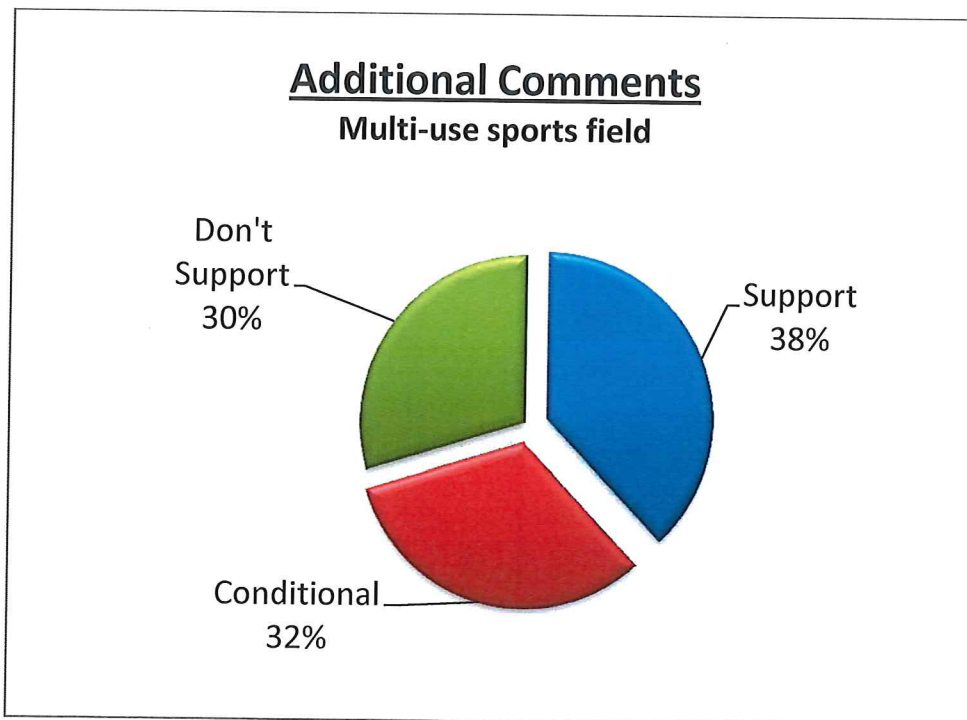




3rd How much do you support multi-use sports fields?

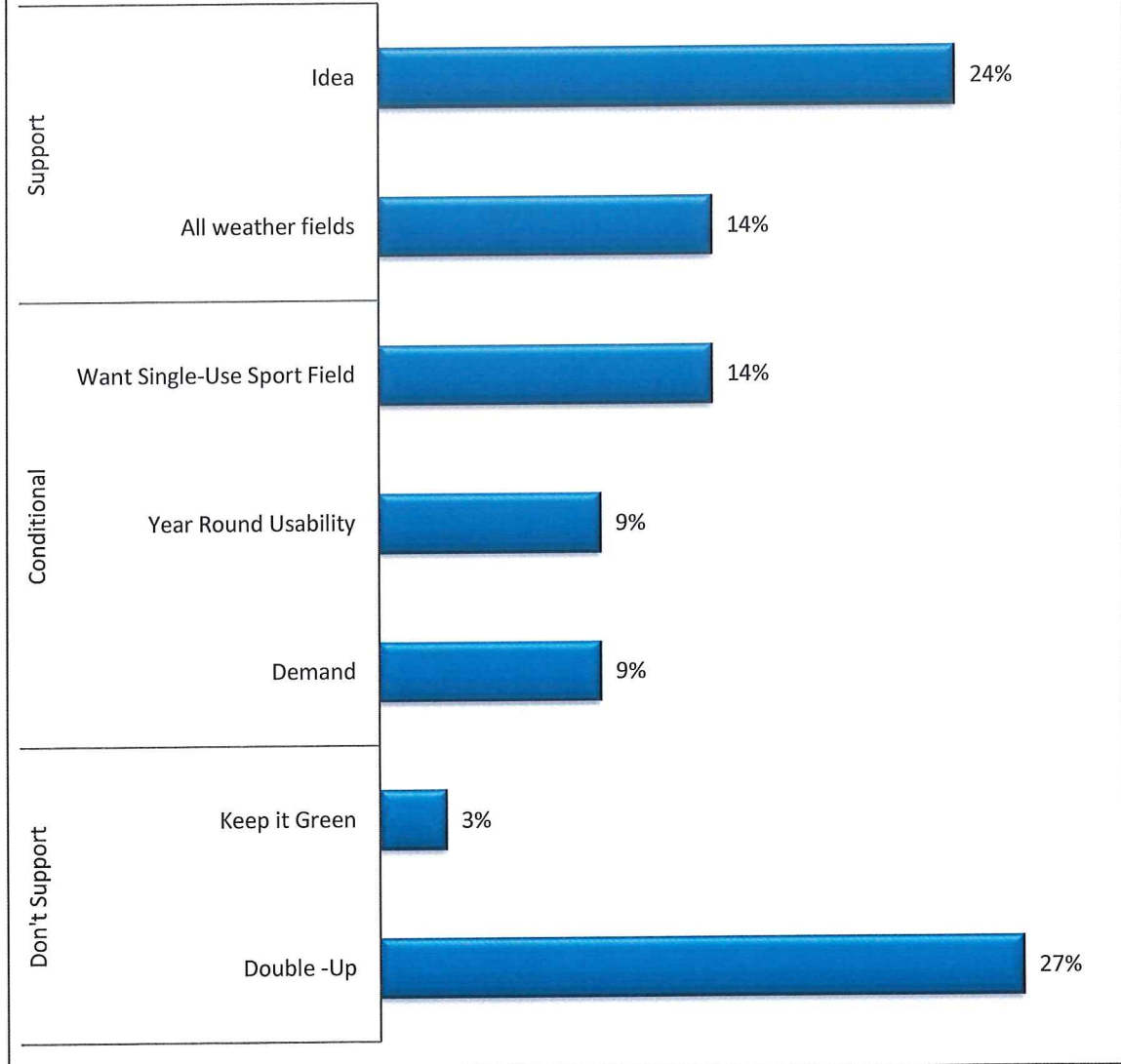


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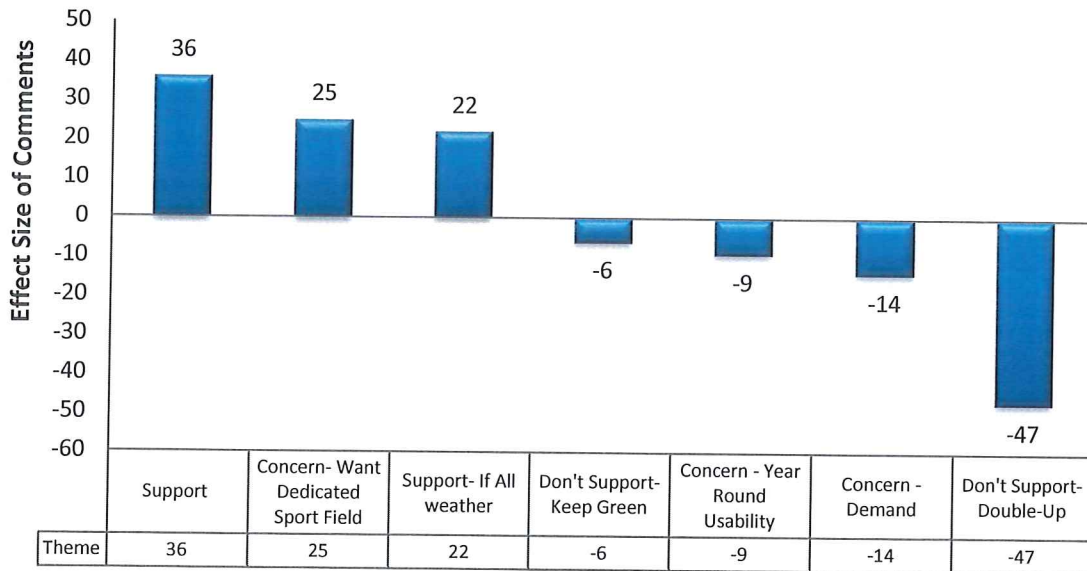
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Comment Themes Multi-use sports fields

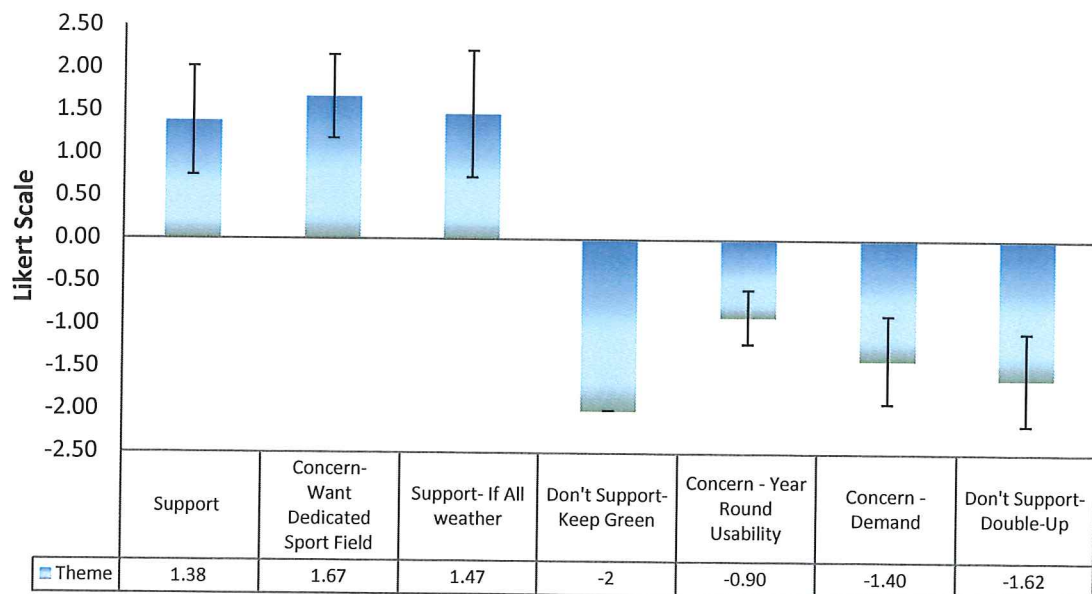


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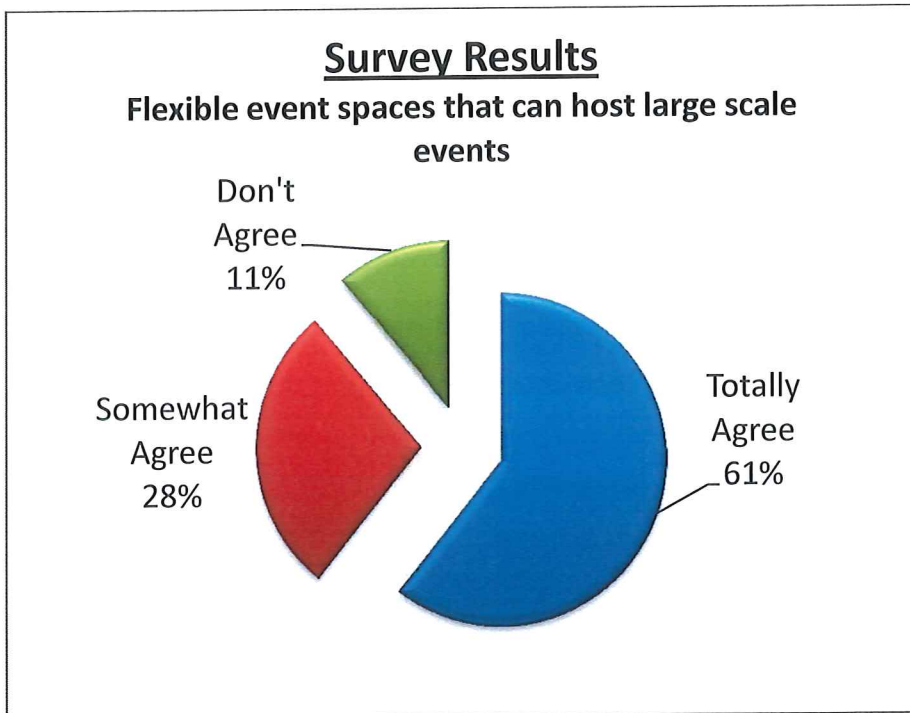
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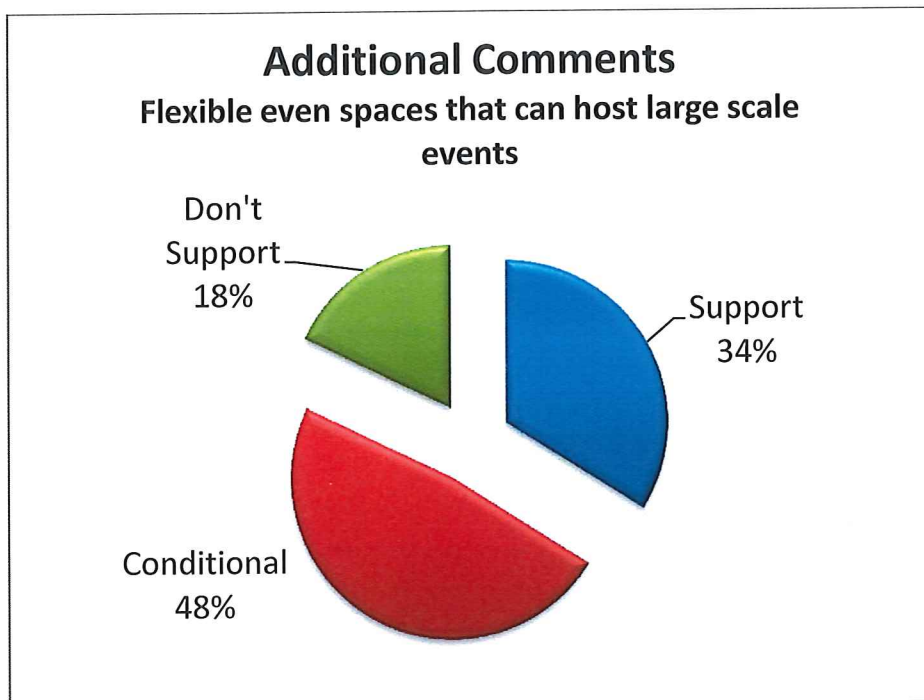
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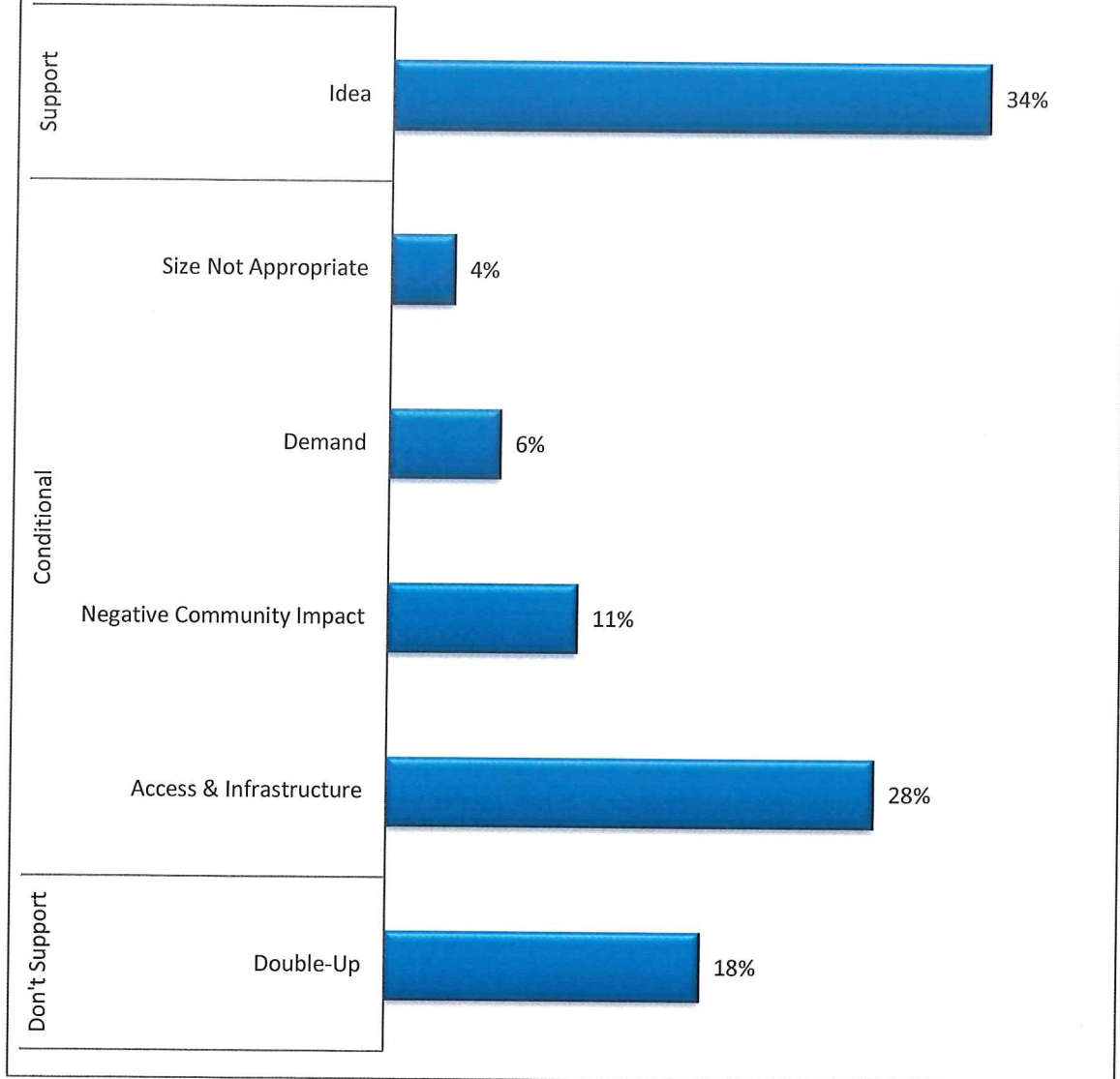
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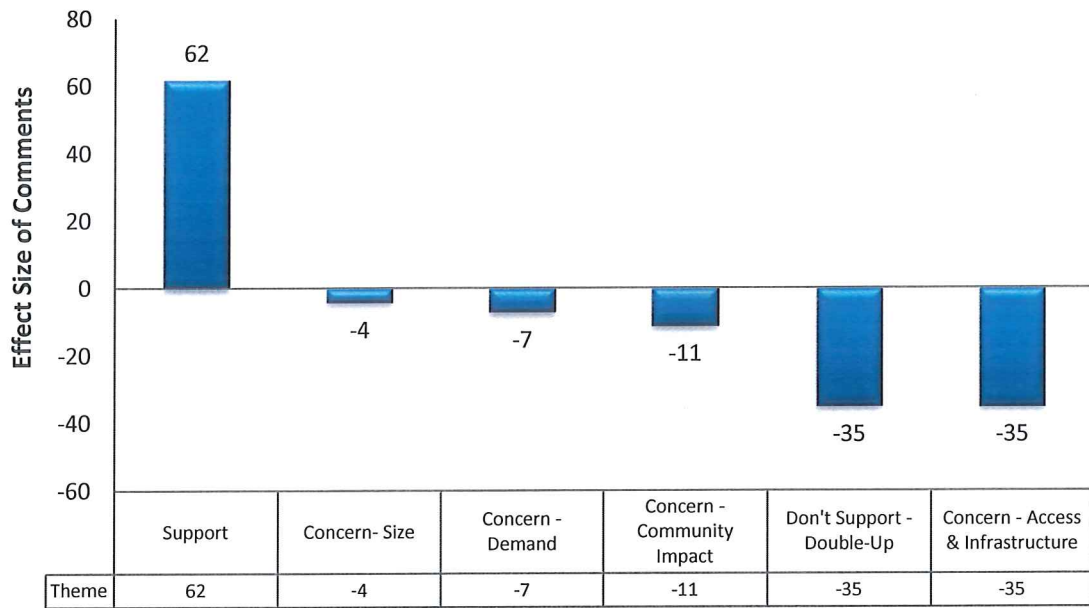
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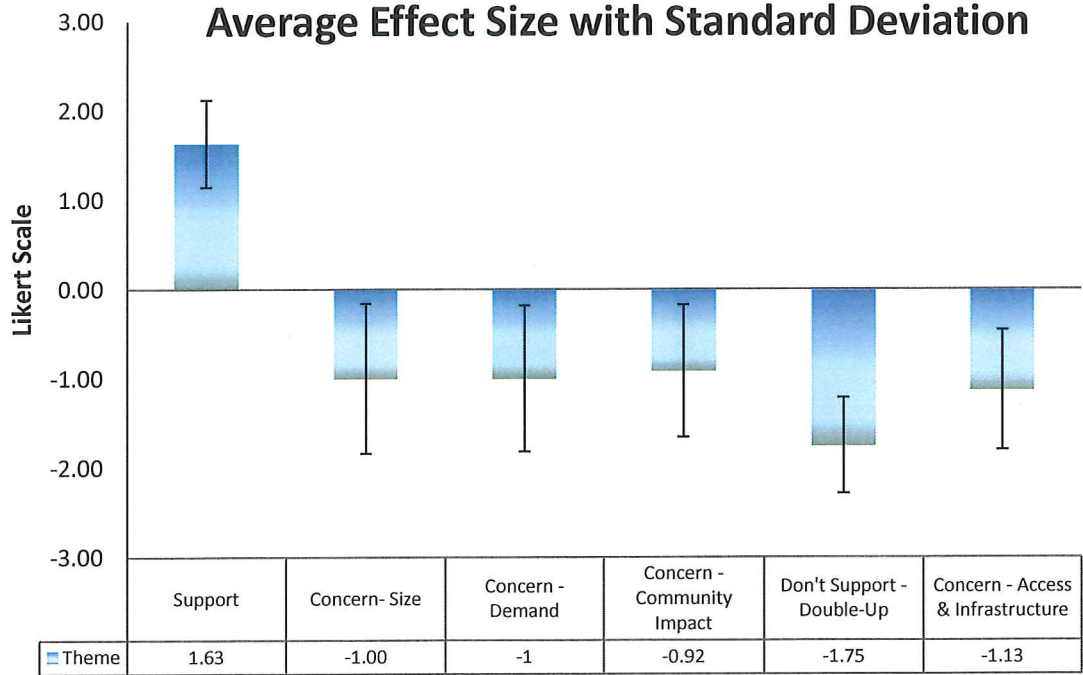


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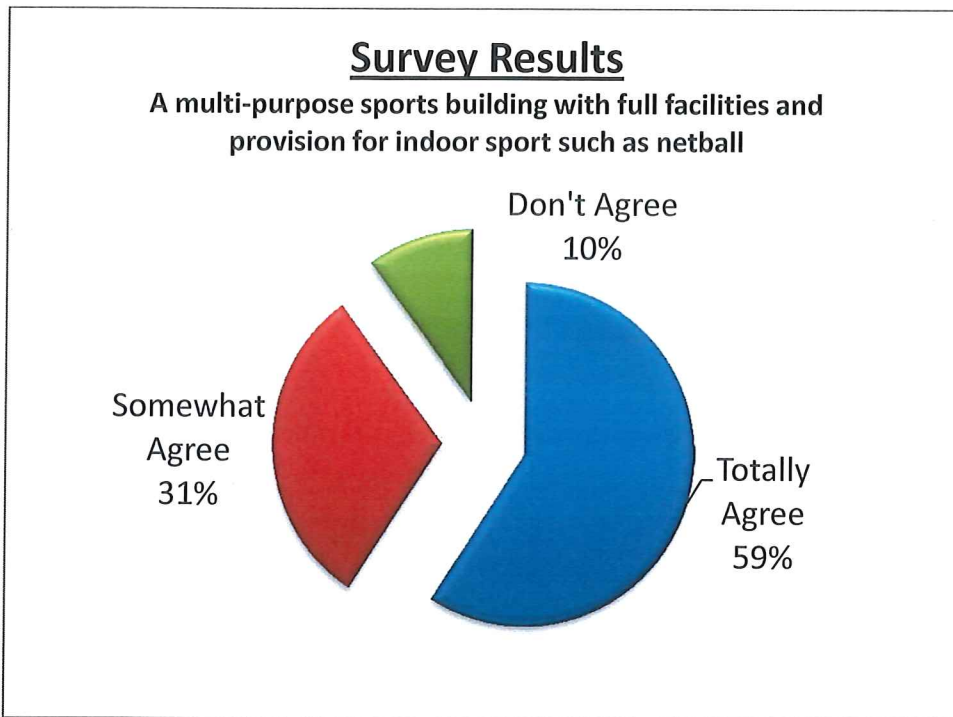
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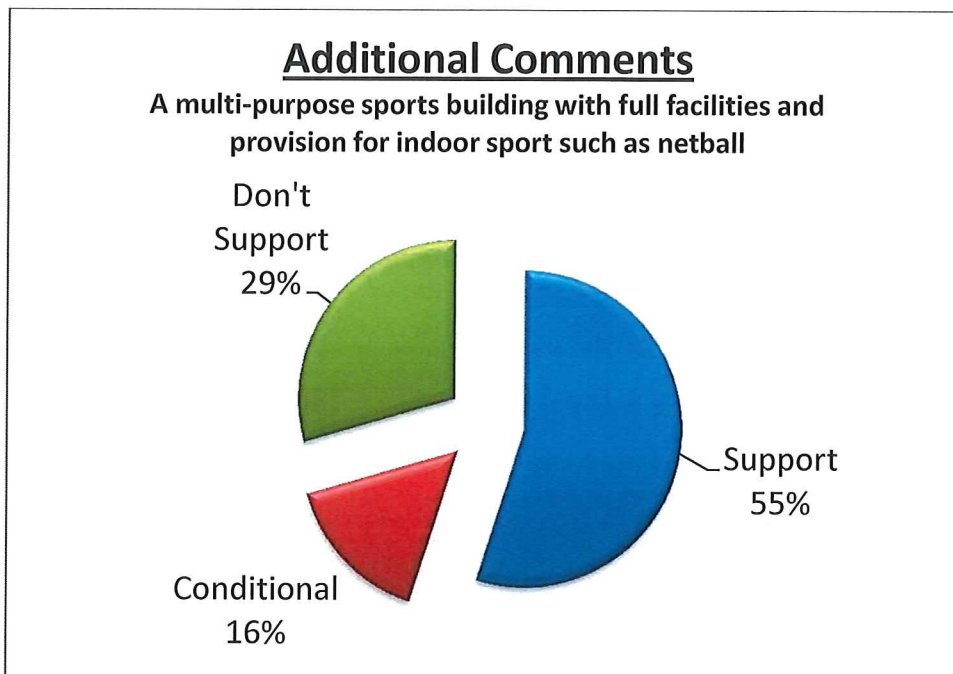
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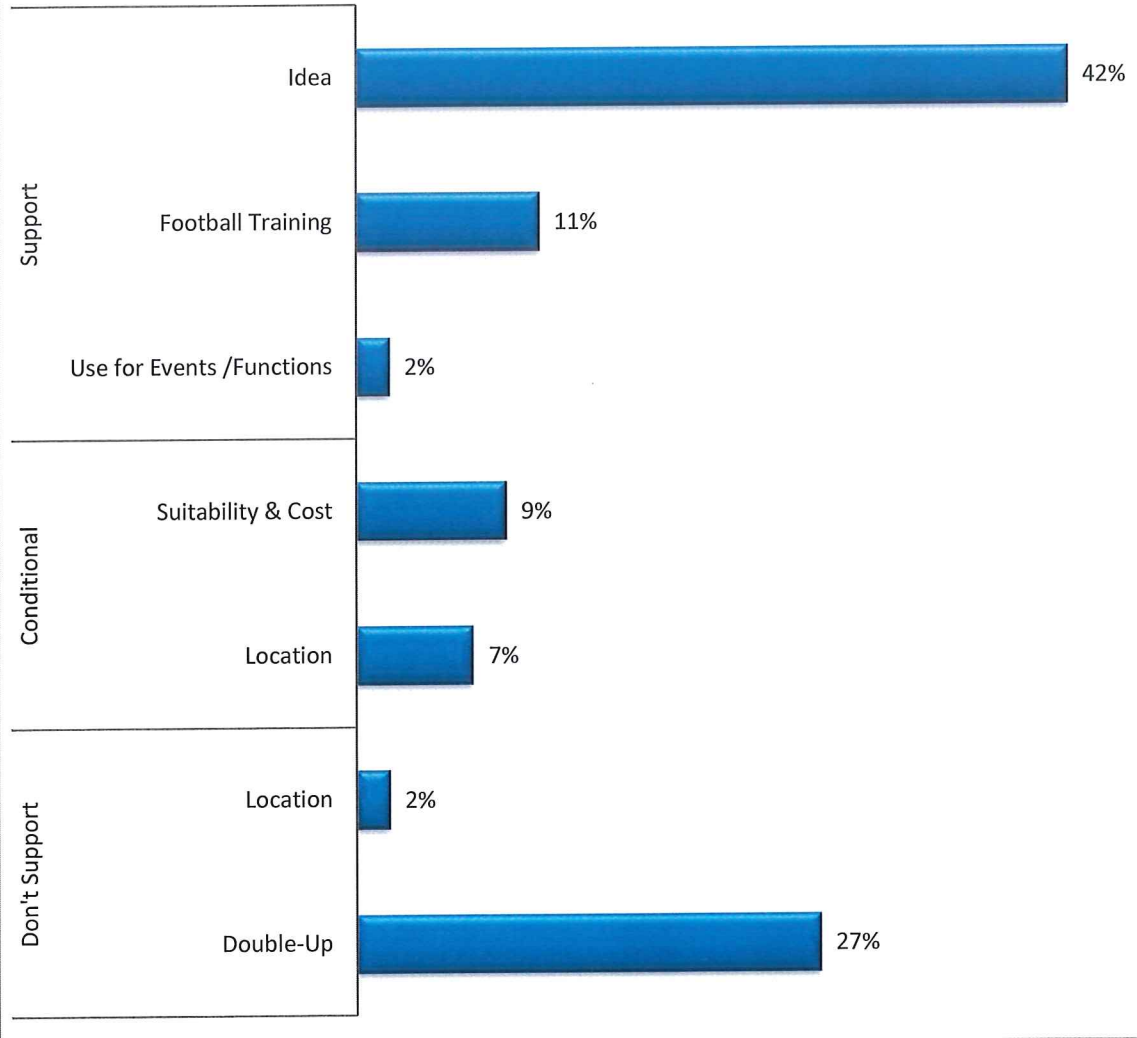
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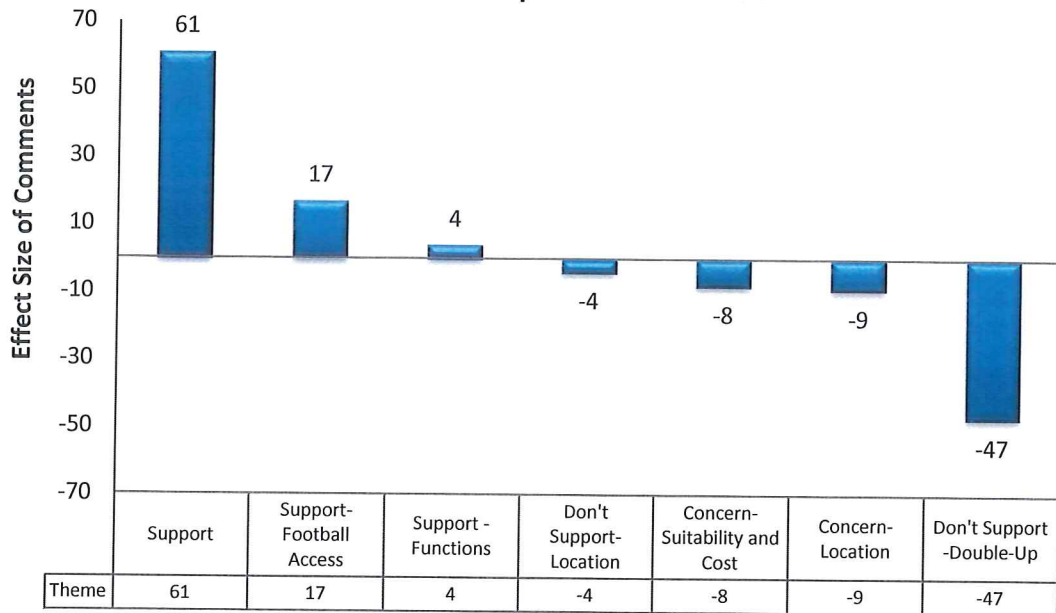
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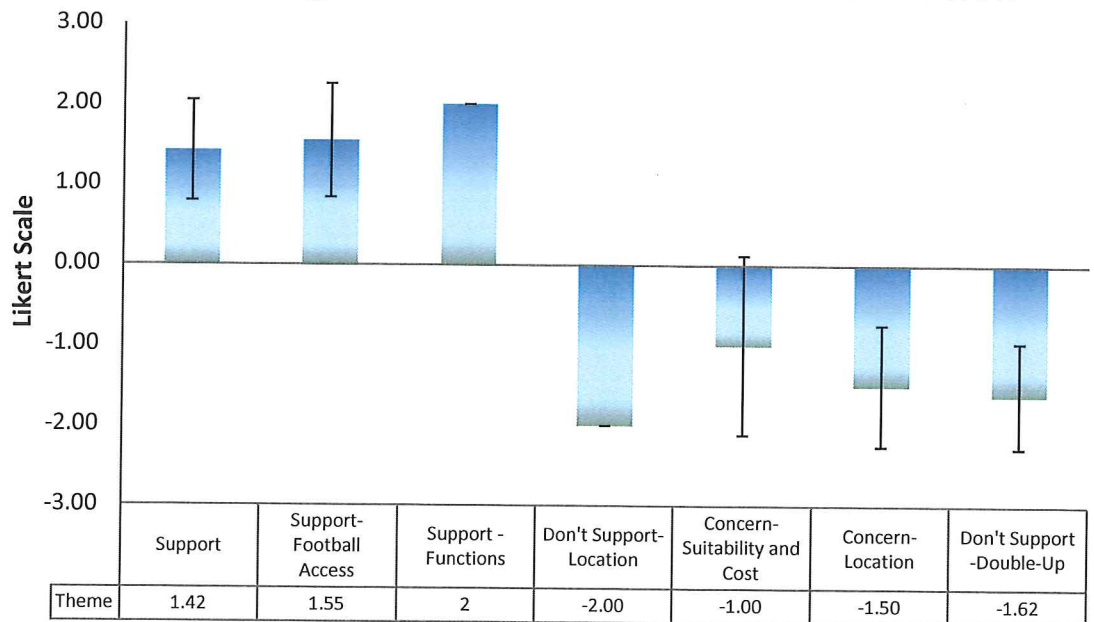


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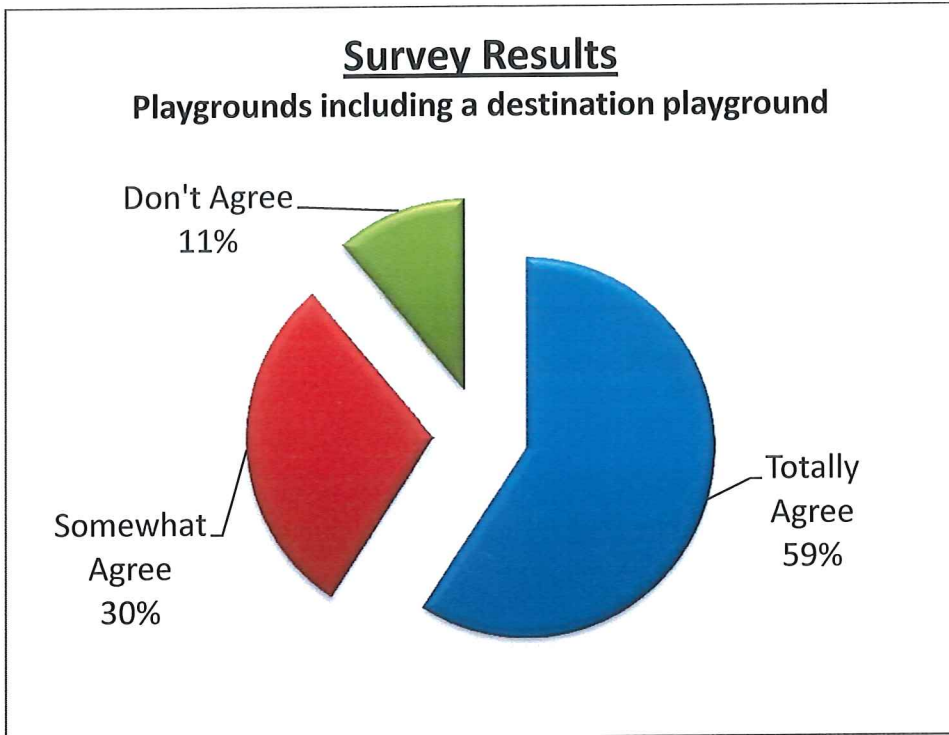
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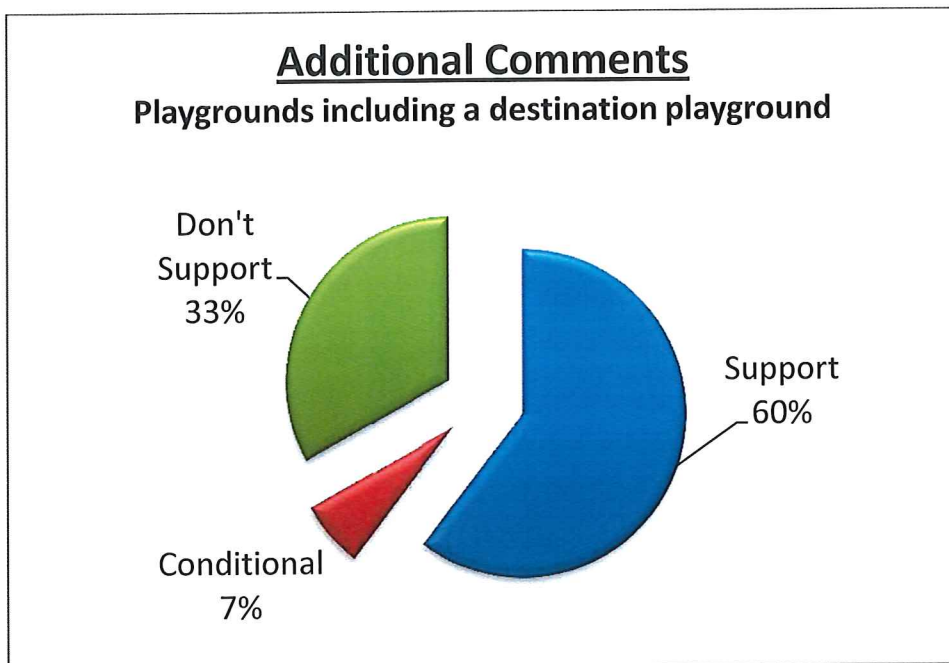
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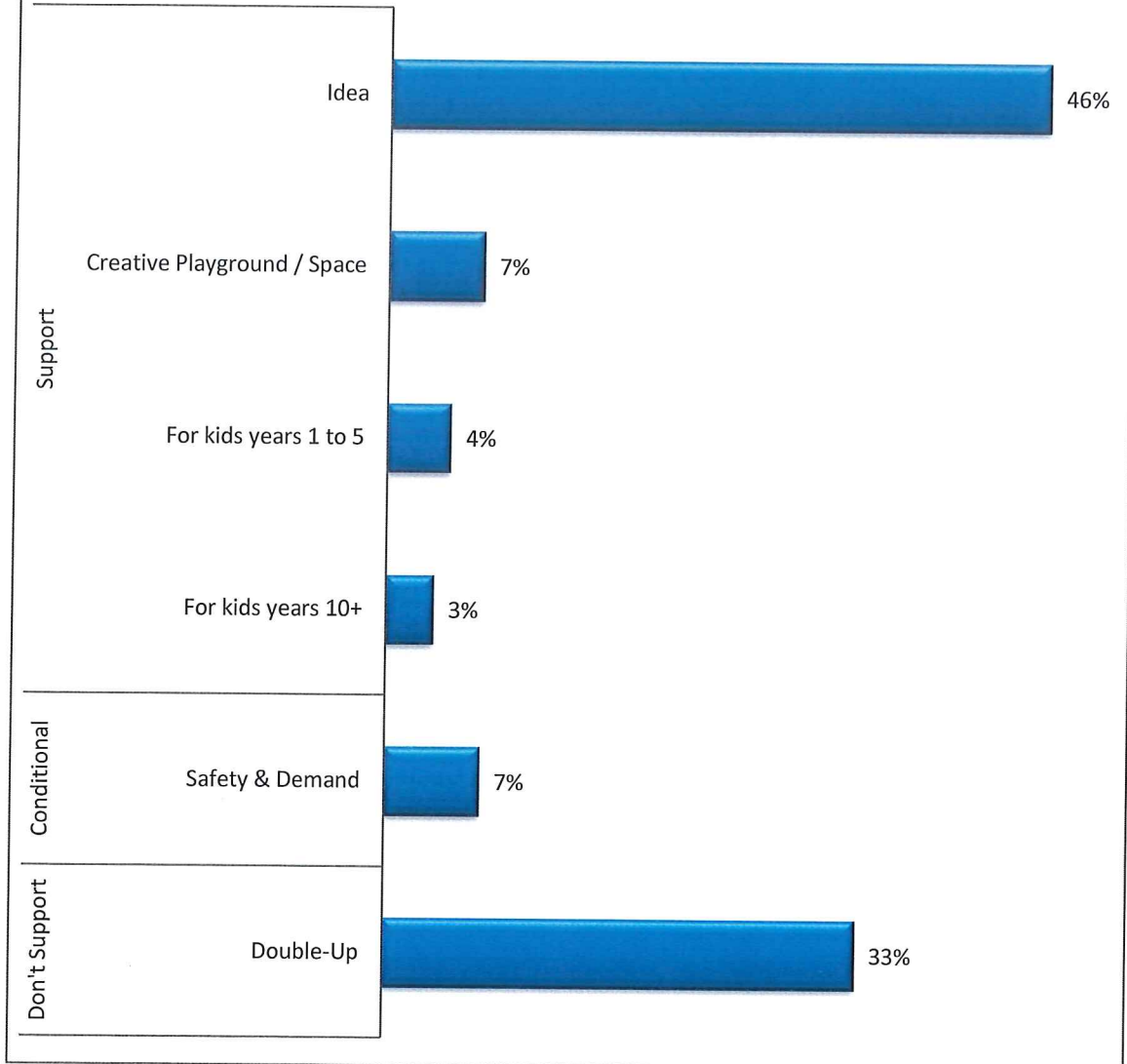
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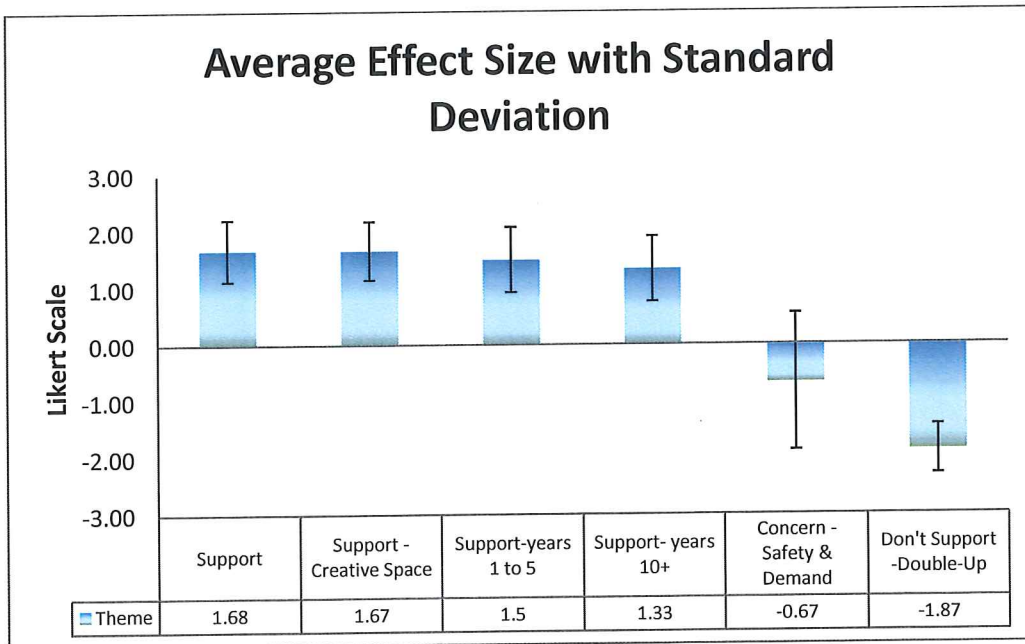
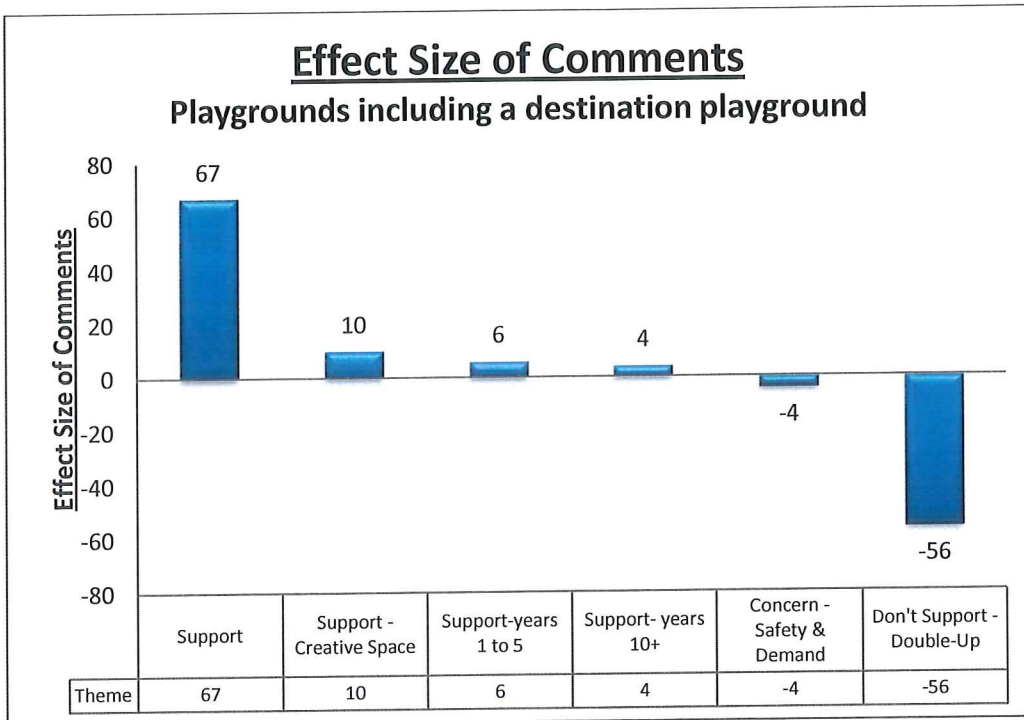


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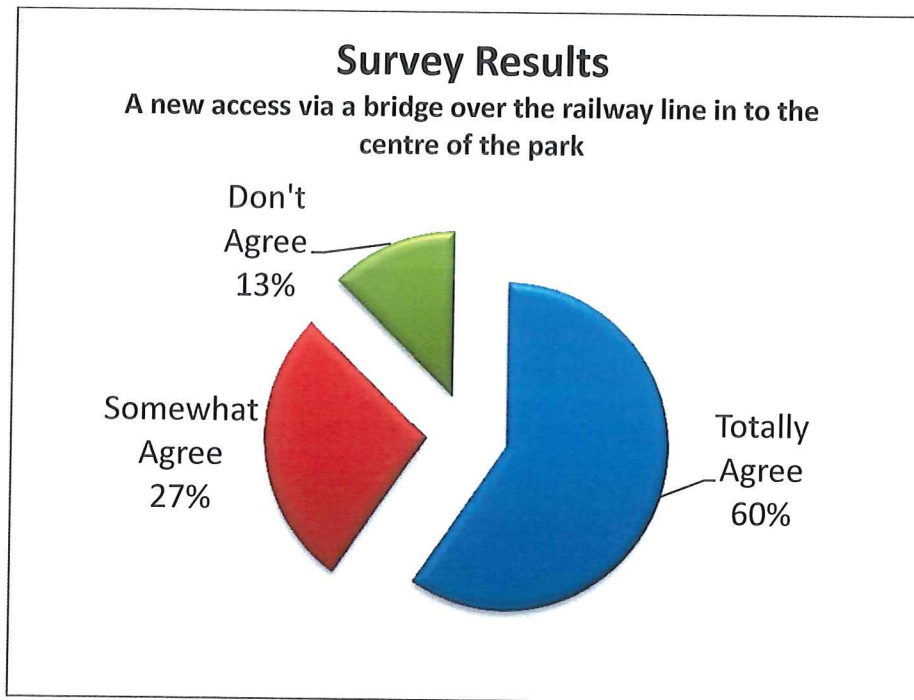
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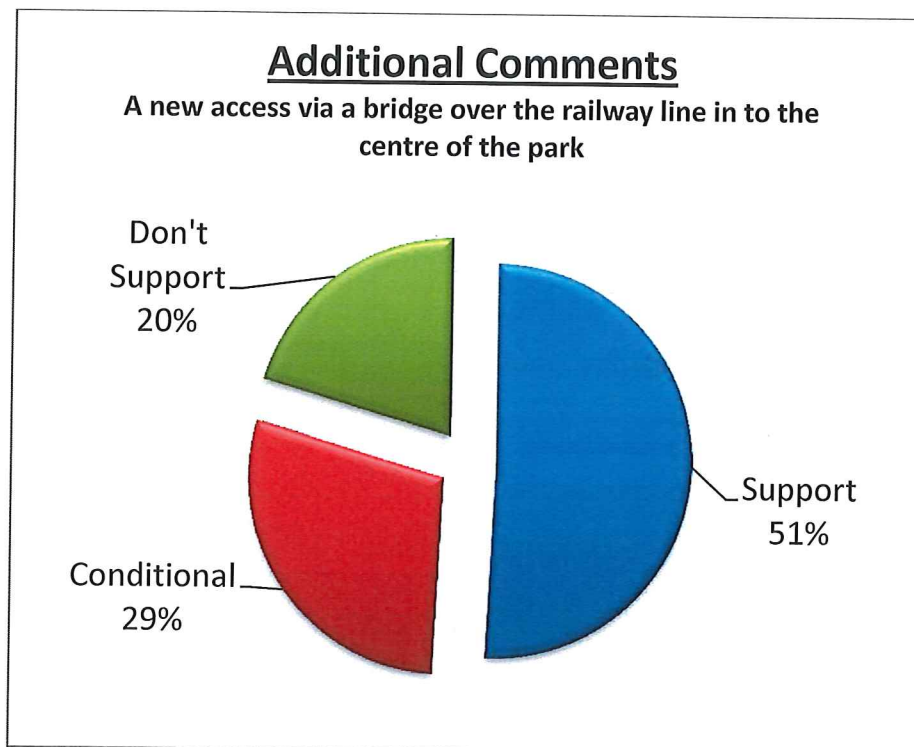




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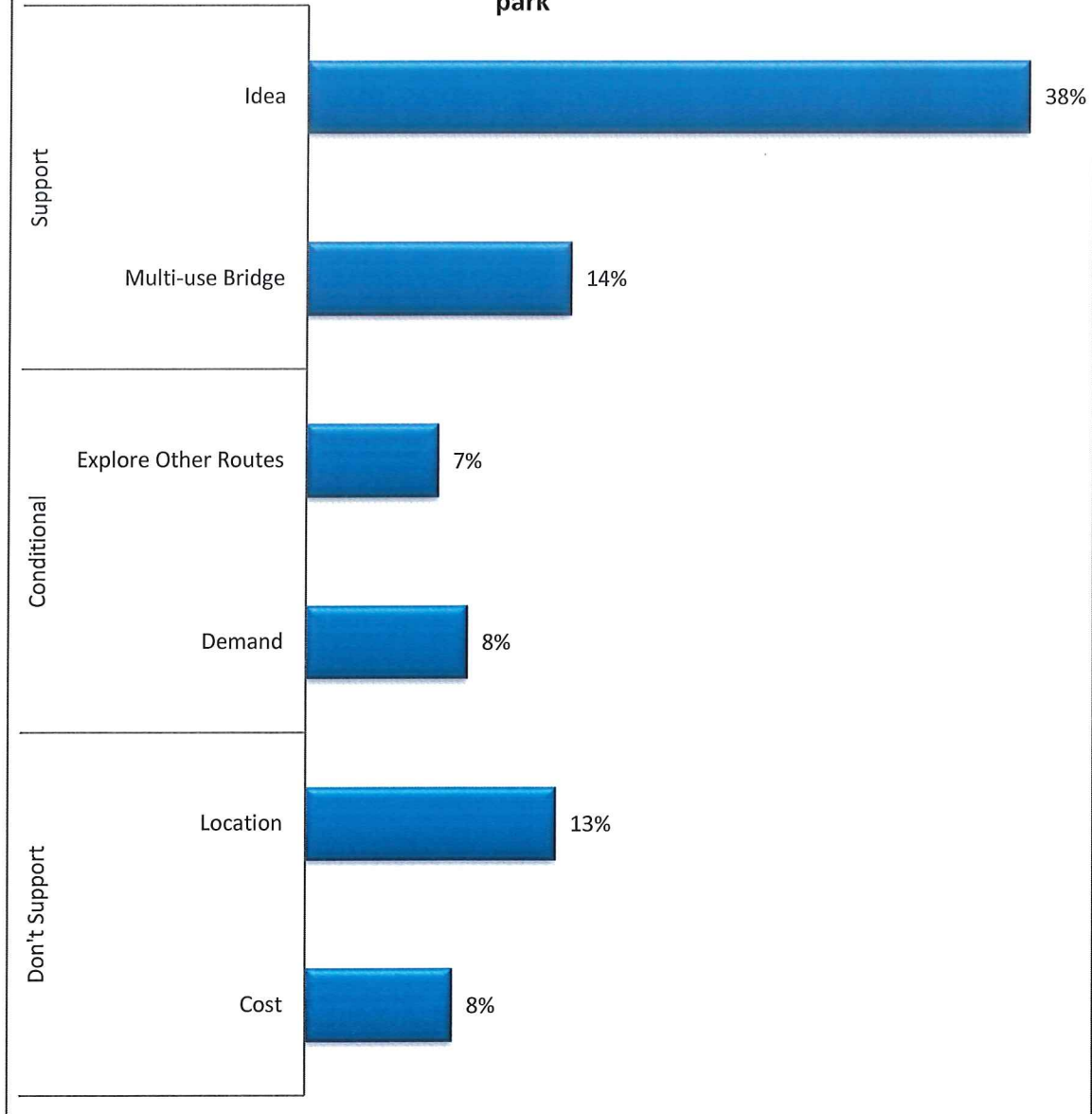
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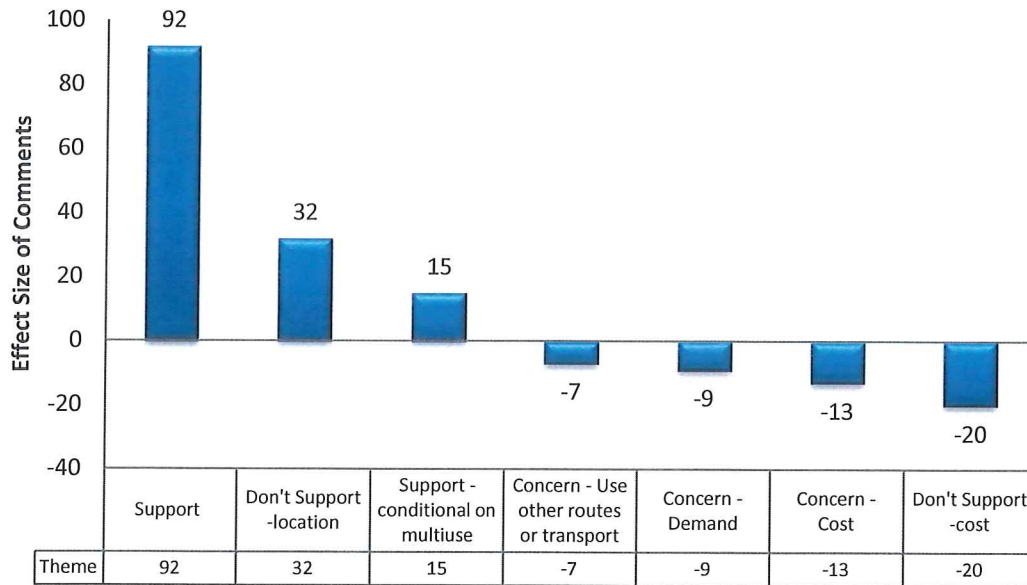
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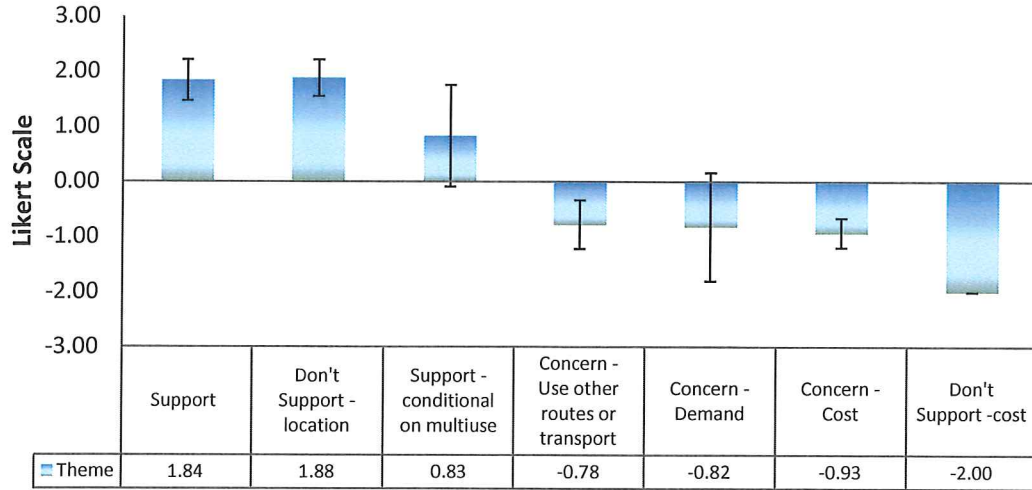


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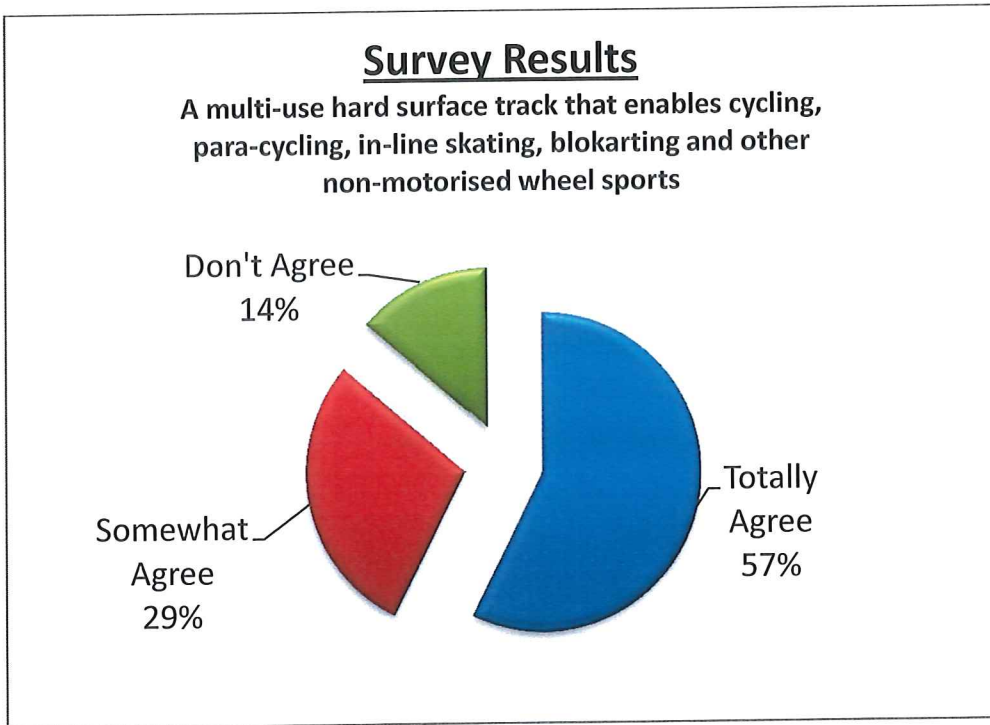
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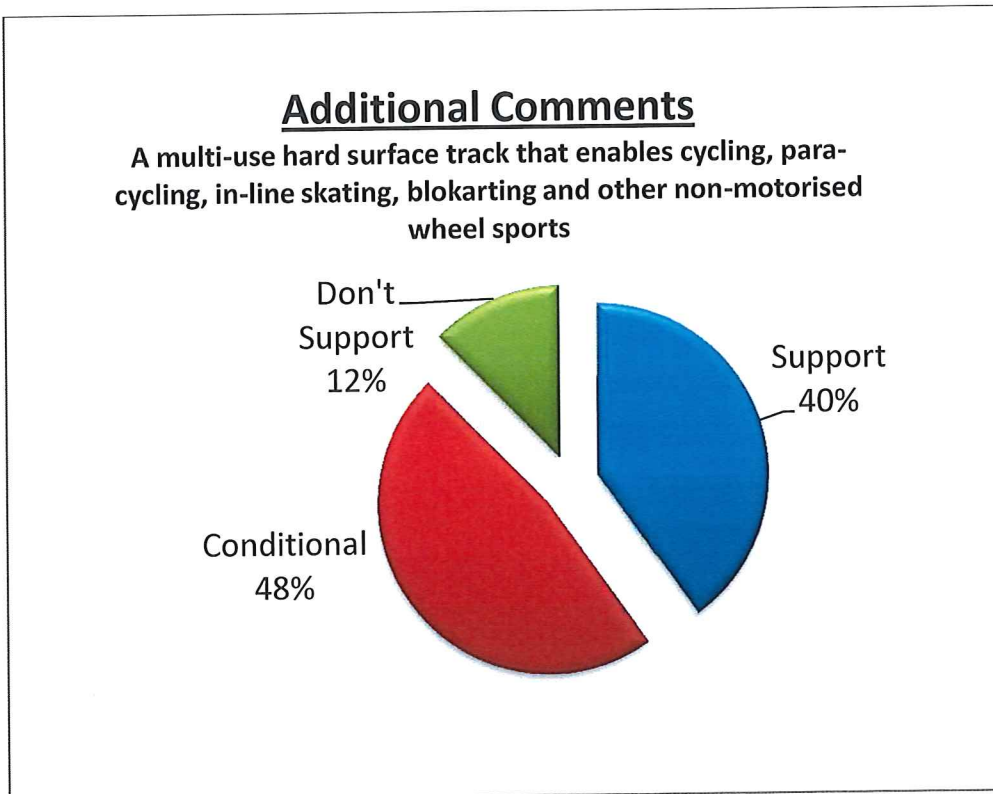
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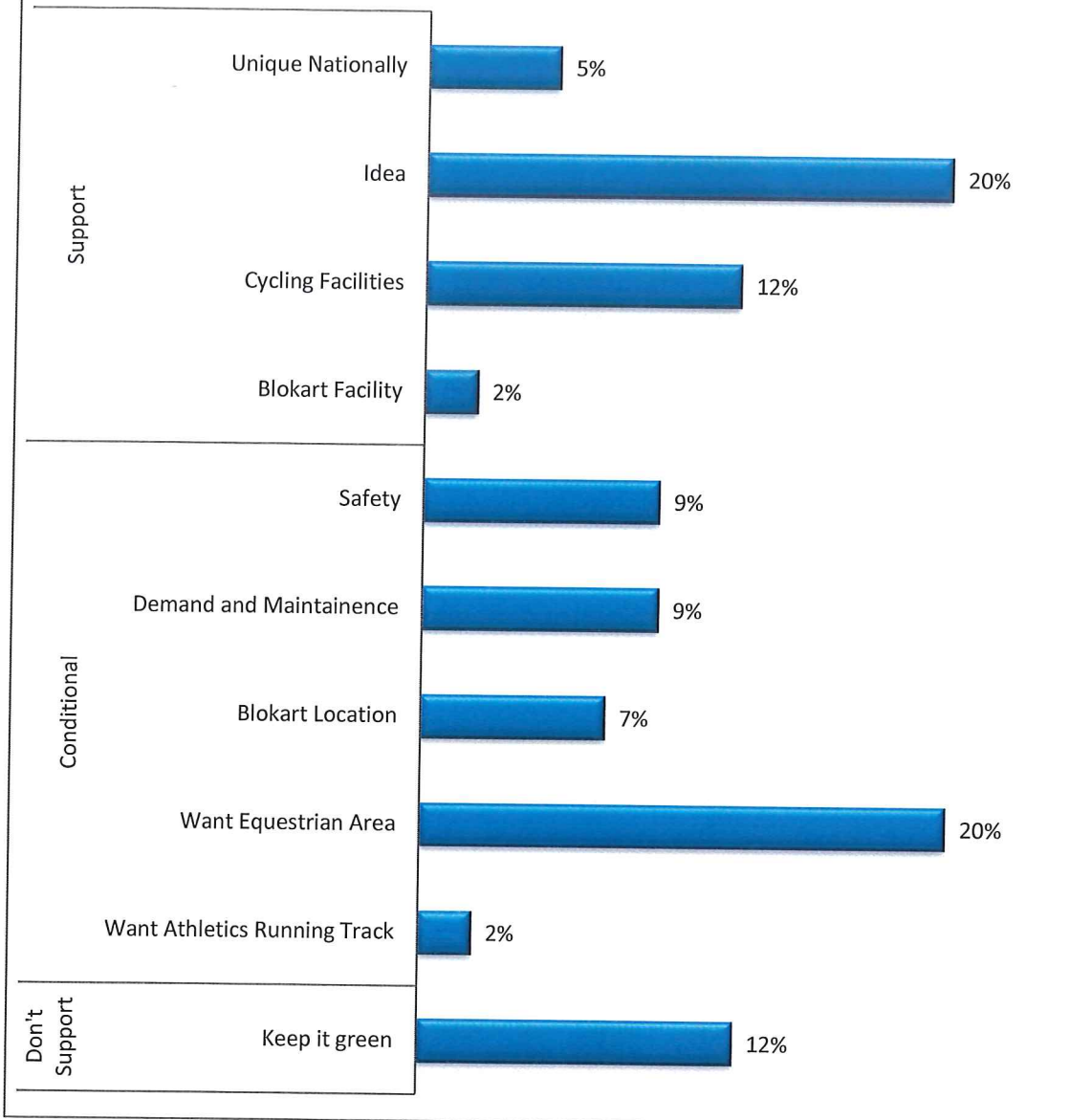
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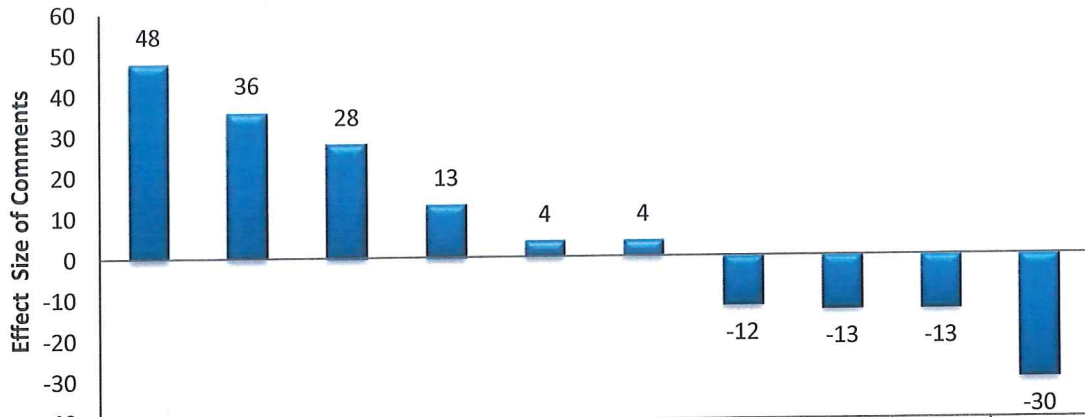
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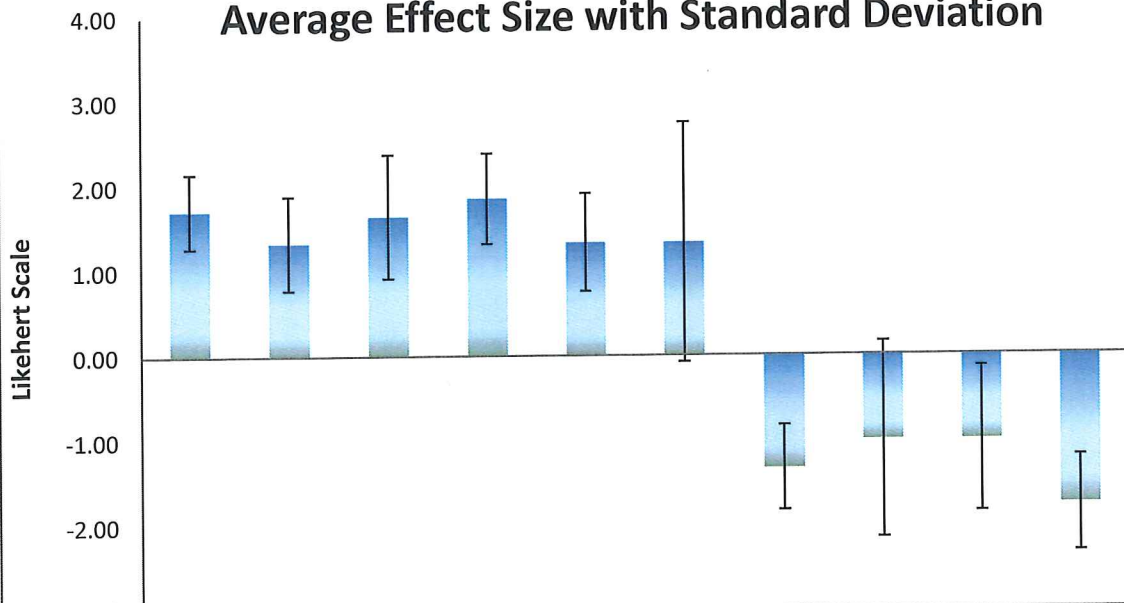
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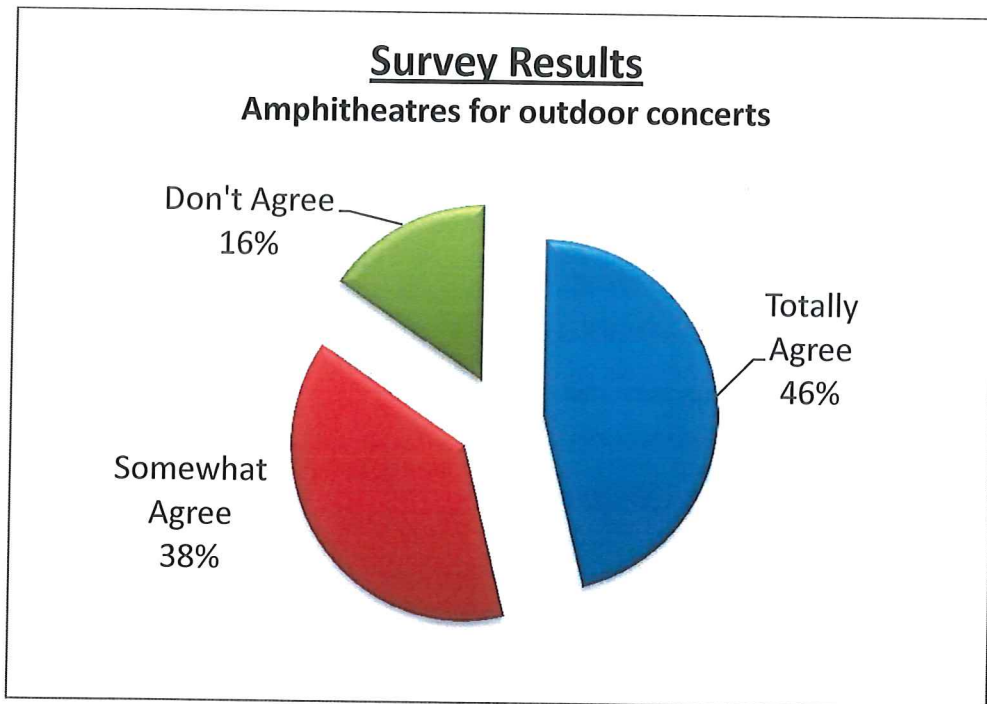
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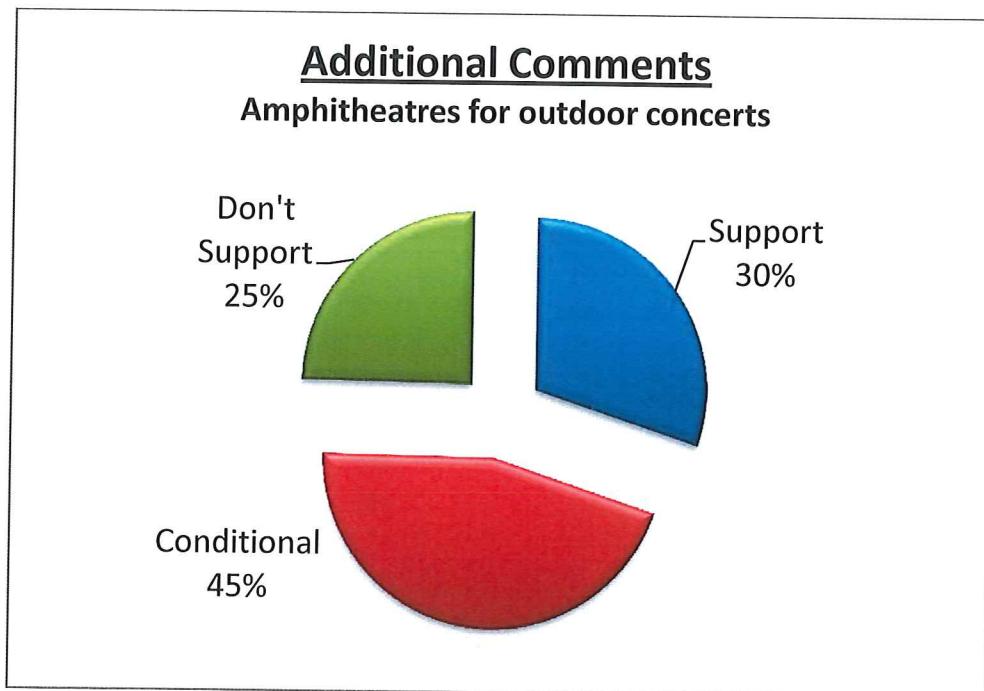


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9th How much do you support amphitheatres for outdoor concerts?



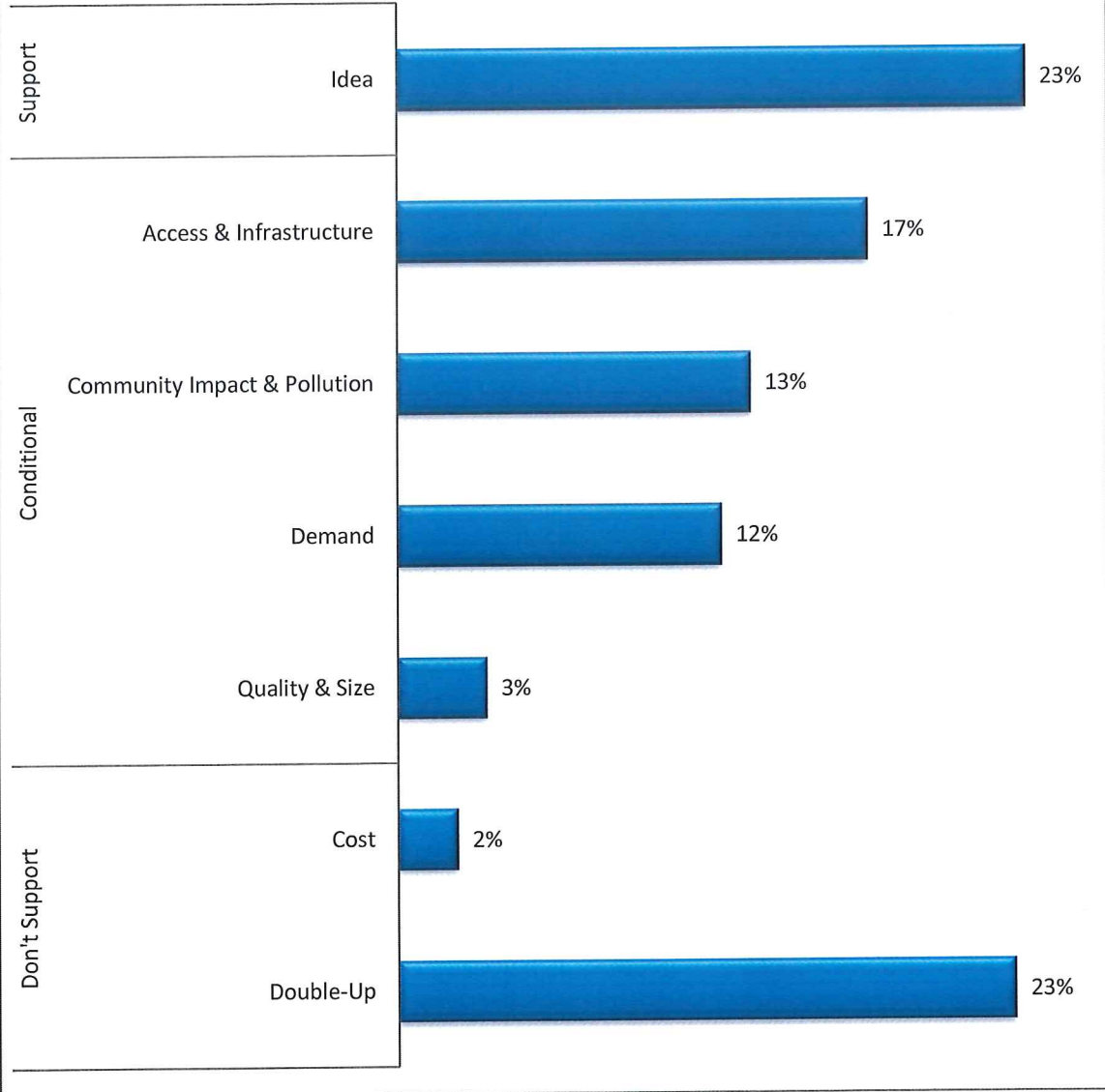
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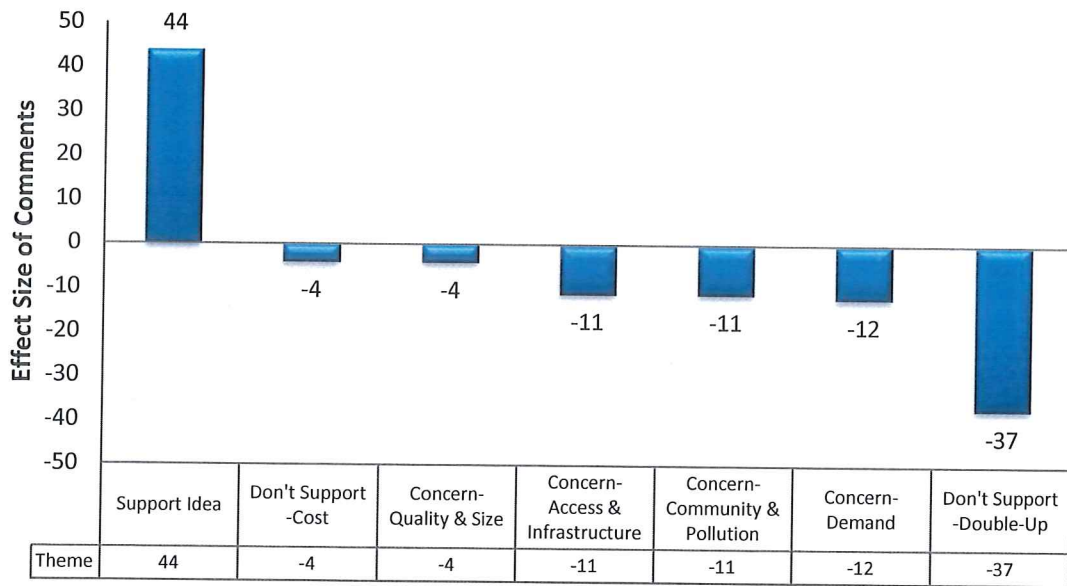
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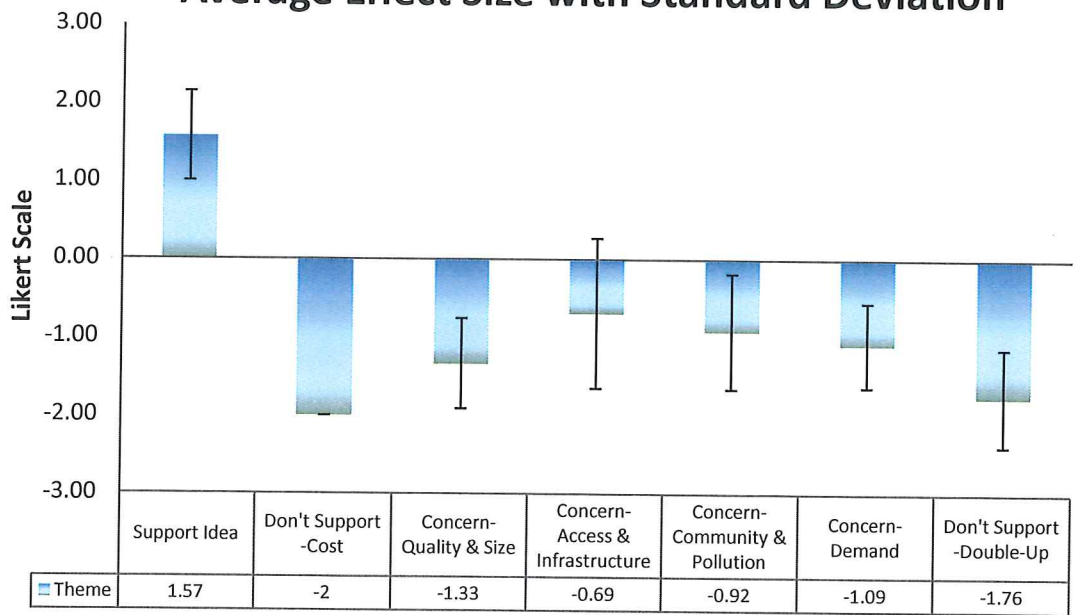


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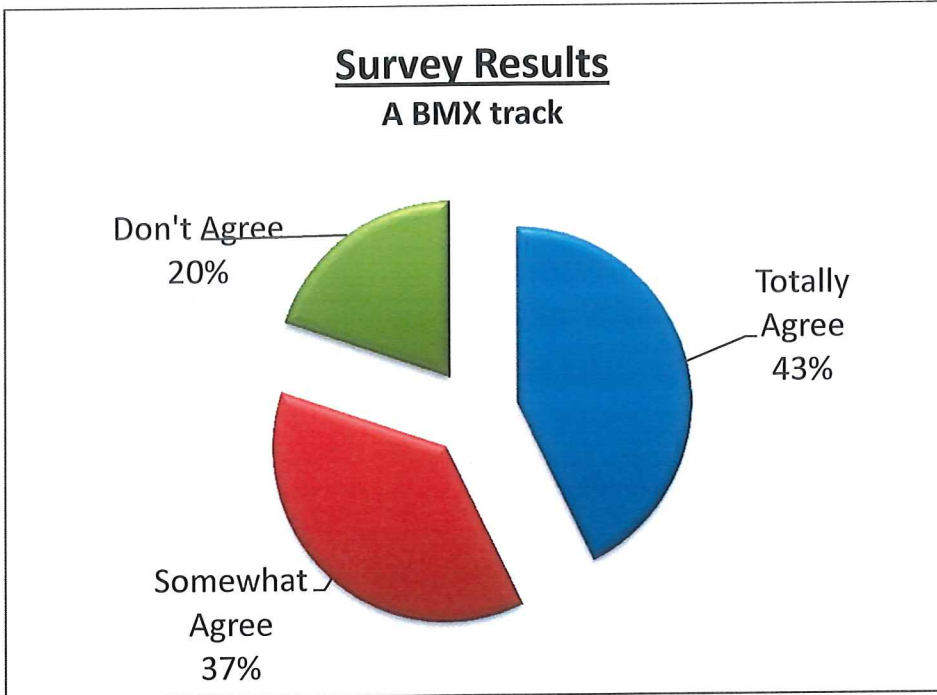
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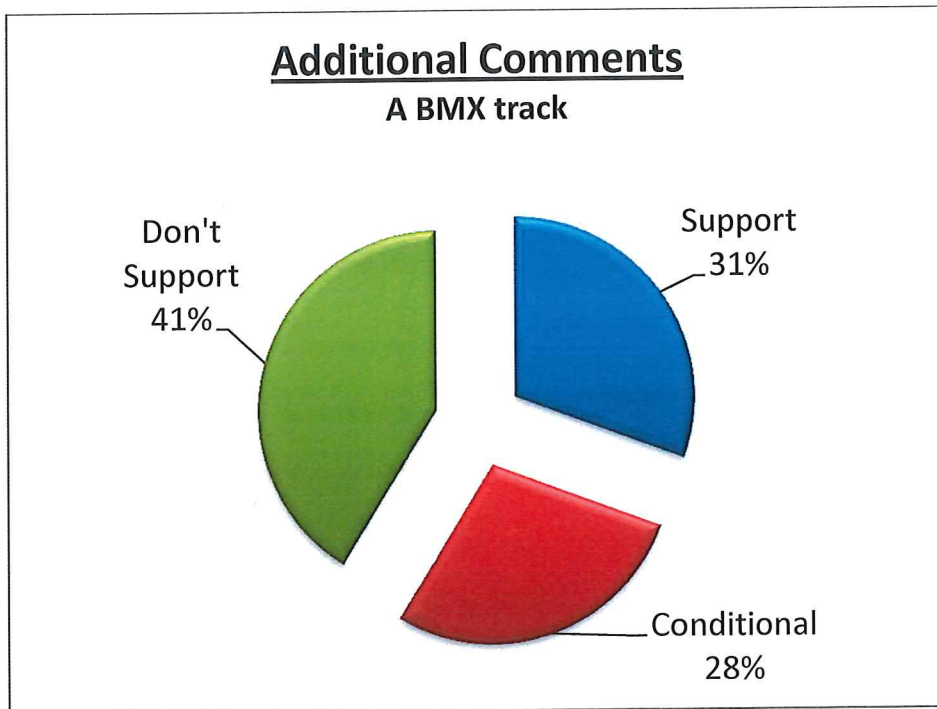
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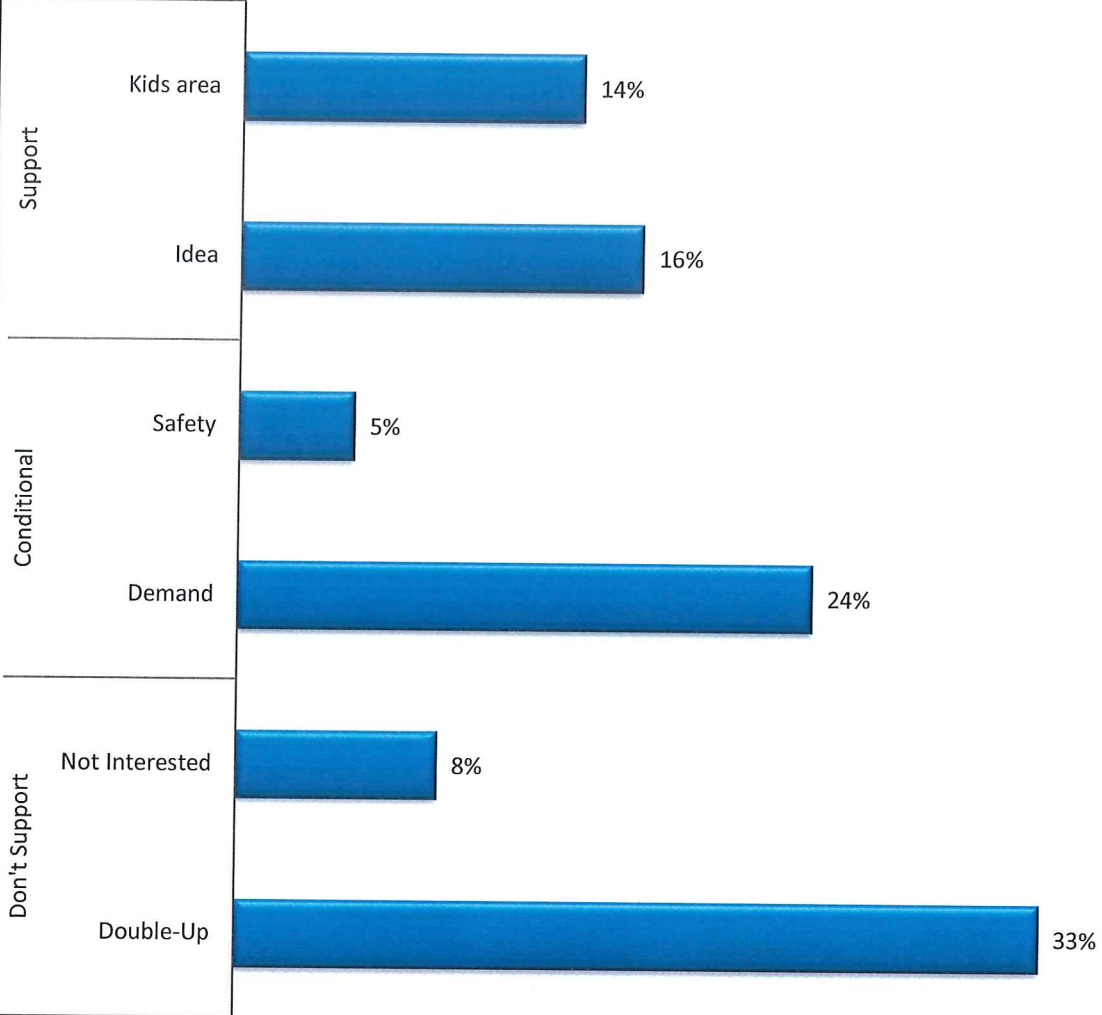
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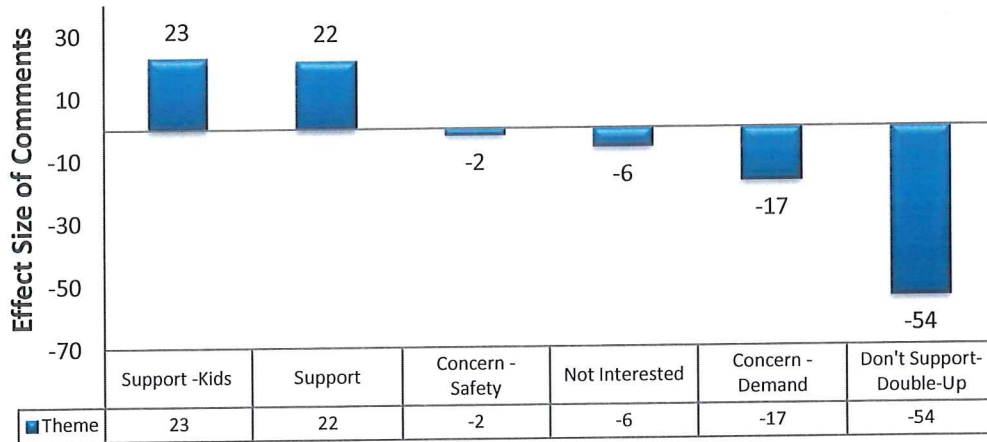
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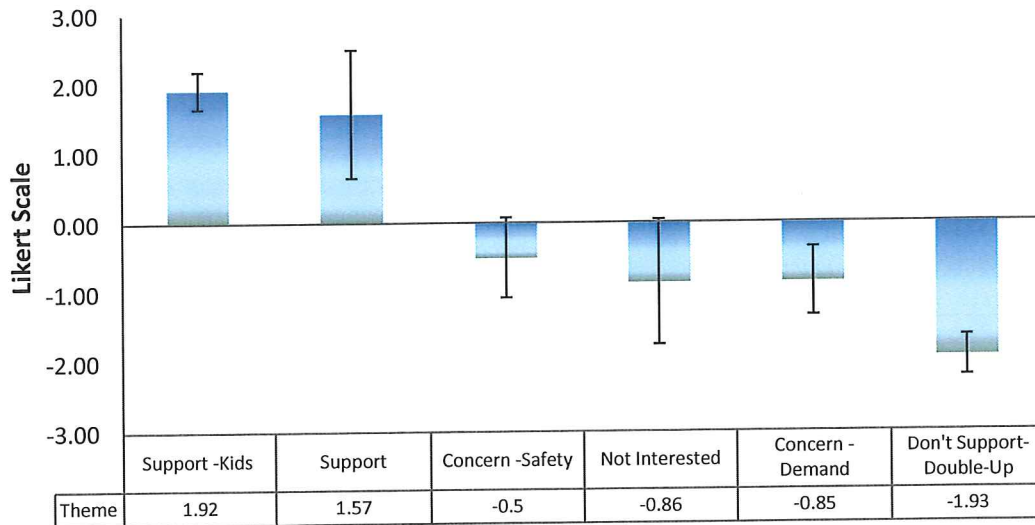


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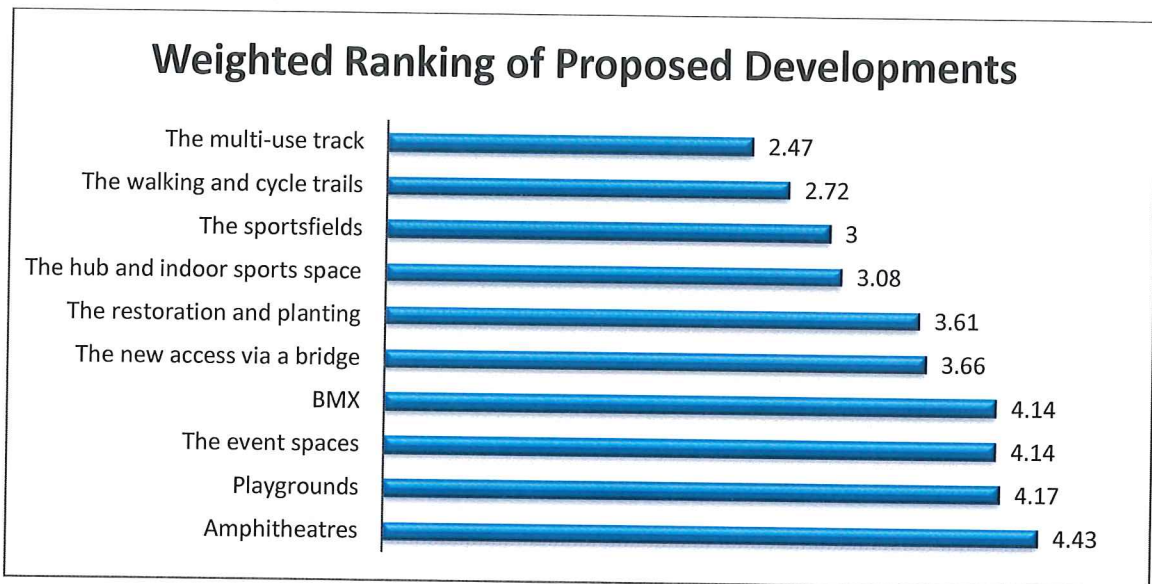


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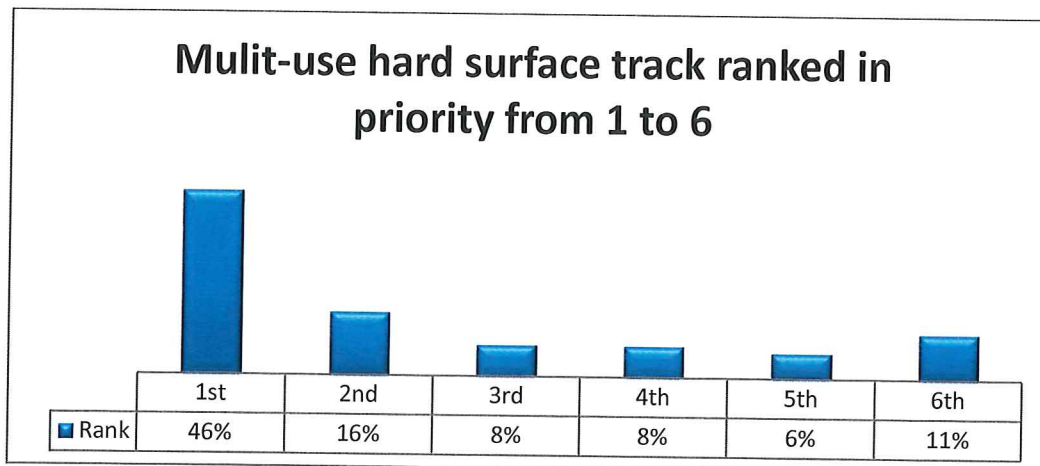


Question 3) Which six of these ten proposed developments are most important to you?
Rate them 1 to 6.

- The multi-use track
- The hub and indoor sports space
- The sportsfields
- The event spaces
- The walking and cycle trails
- Amphitheatres
- Playgrounds
- BMX
- The new access via a bridge
- The restoration and planting

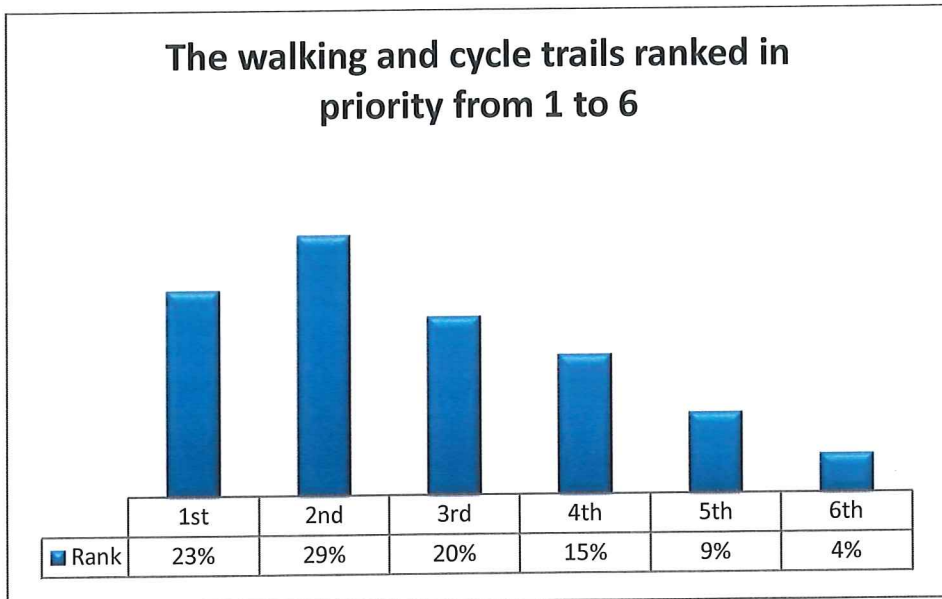


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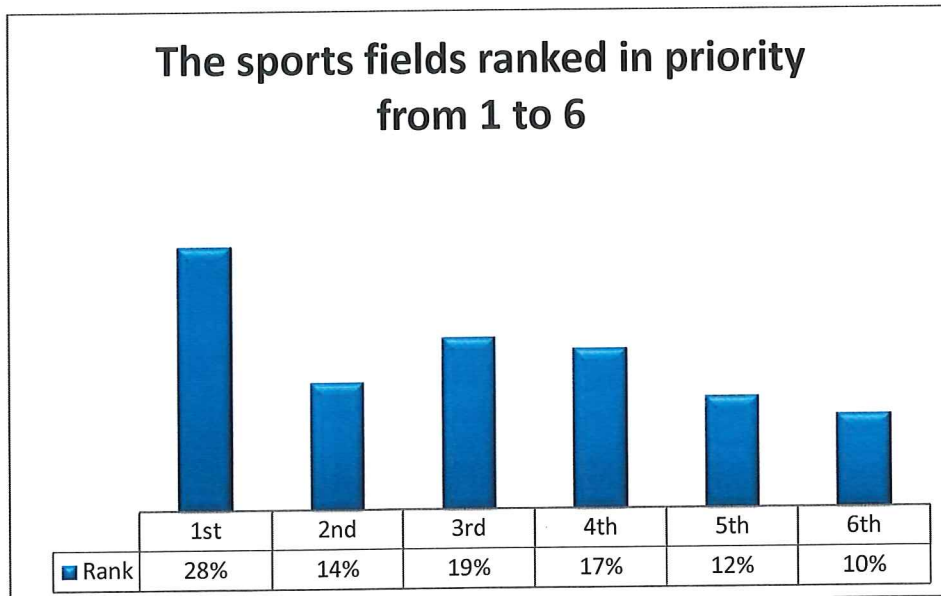
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2nd The walking and cycle trails



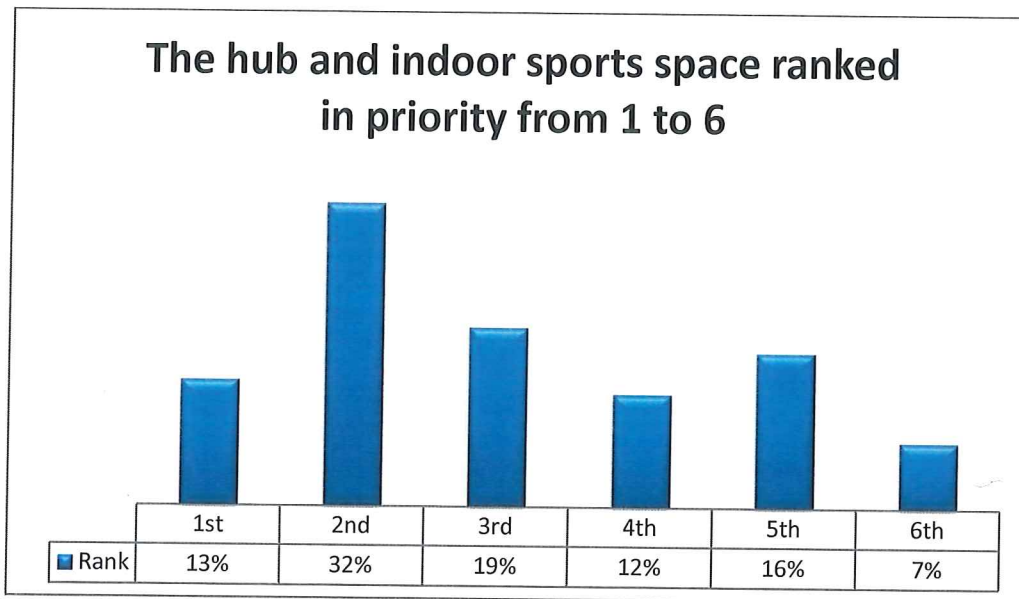
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3rd The sports fields



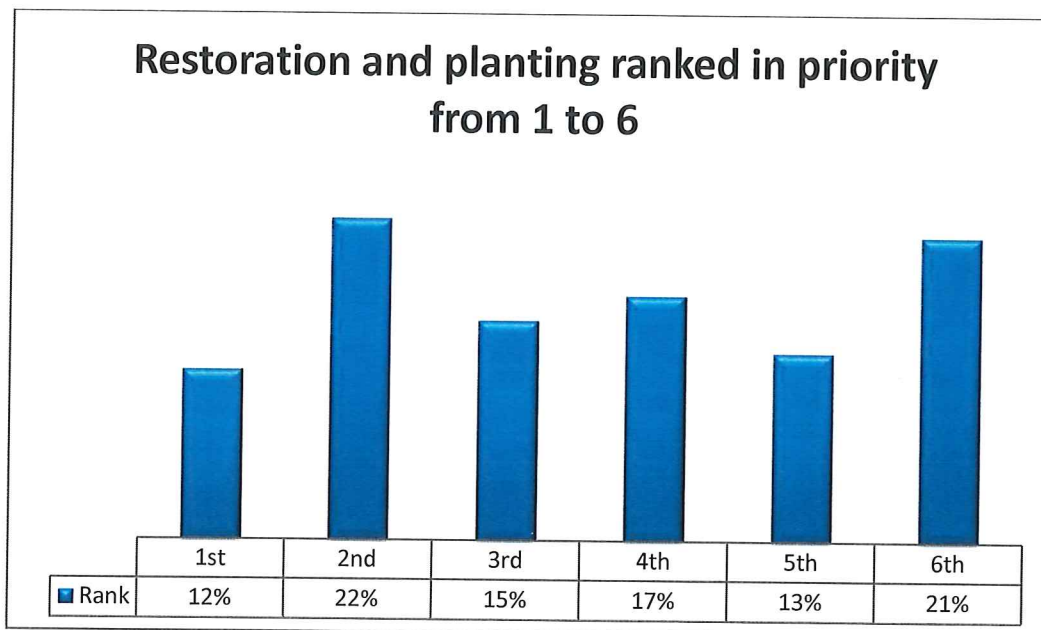
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4th The hub and indoor sports space



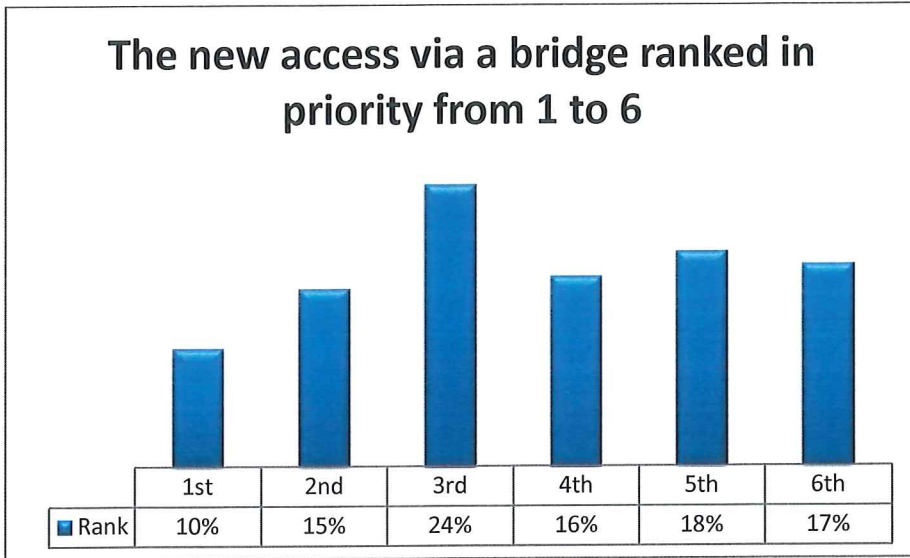
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5th Restoration and planting



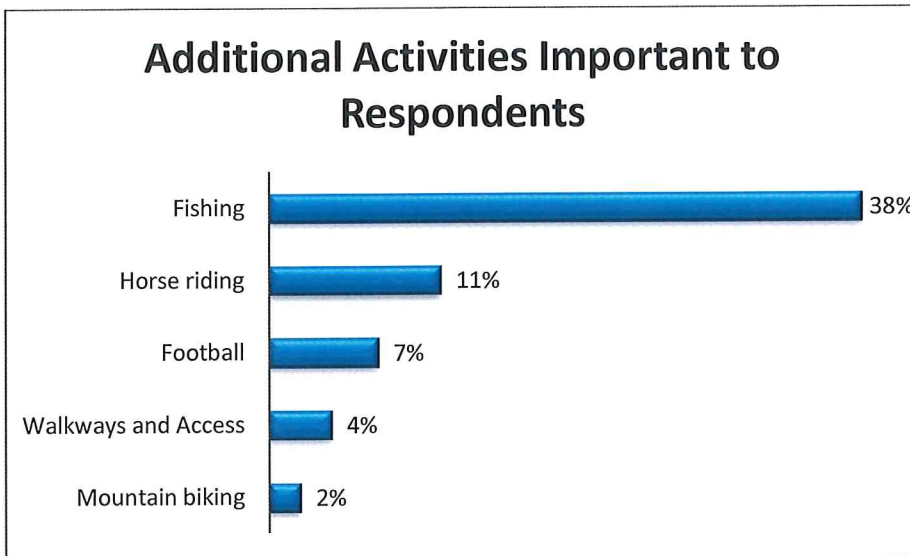
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6th The new access bridge



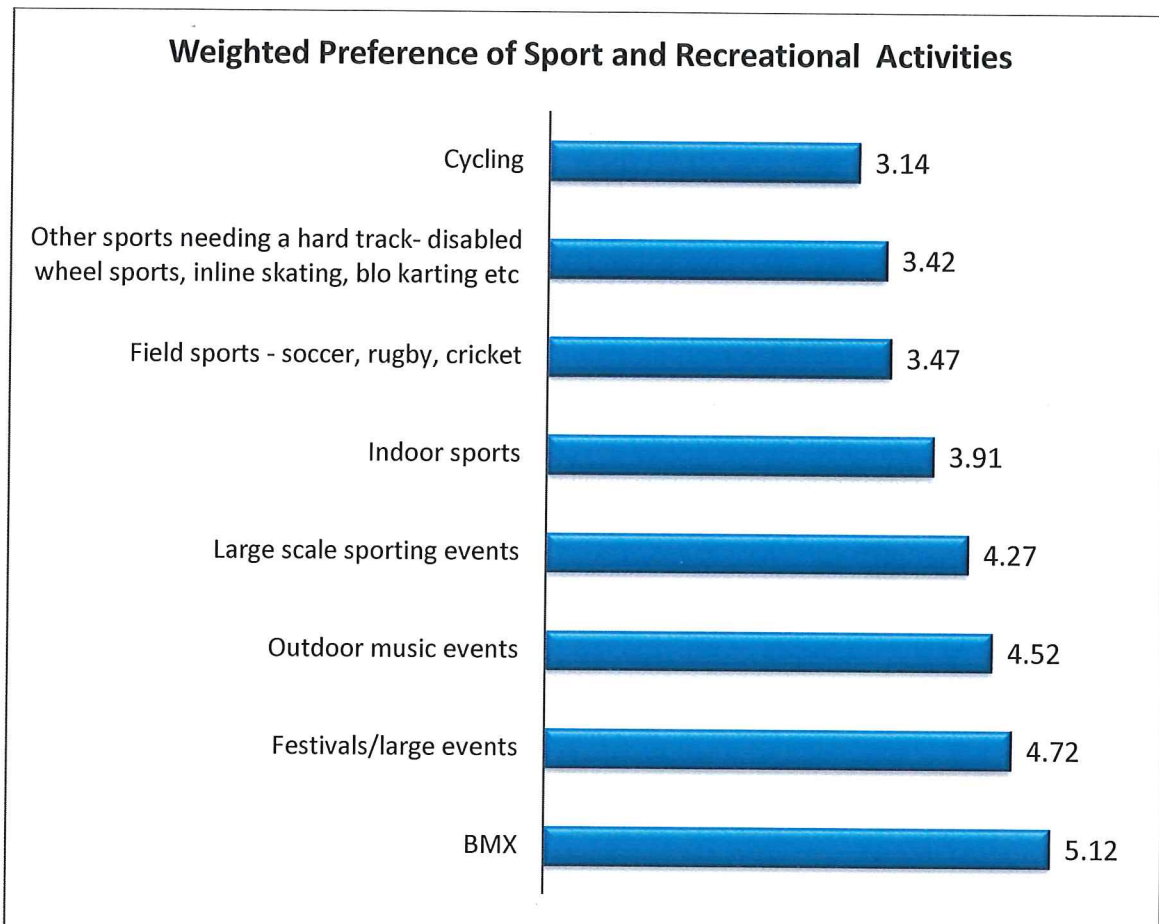
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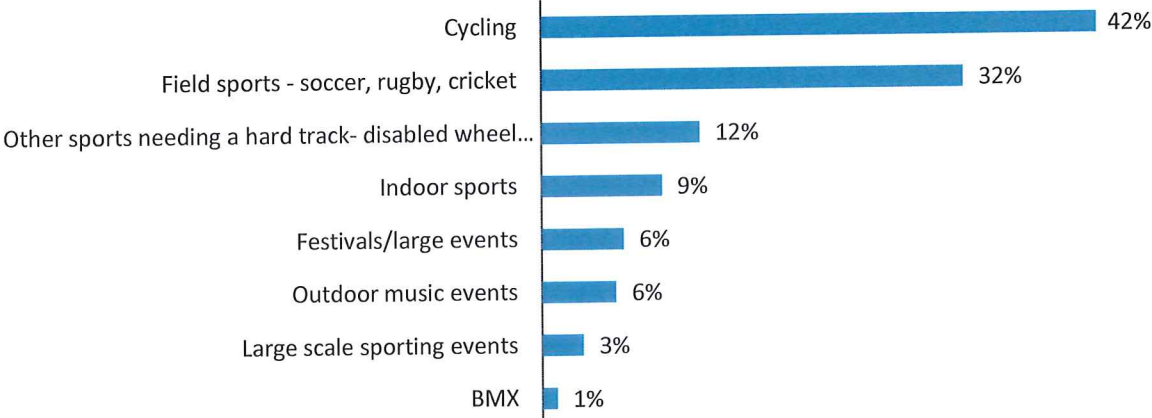


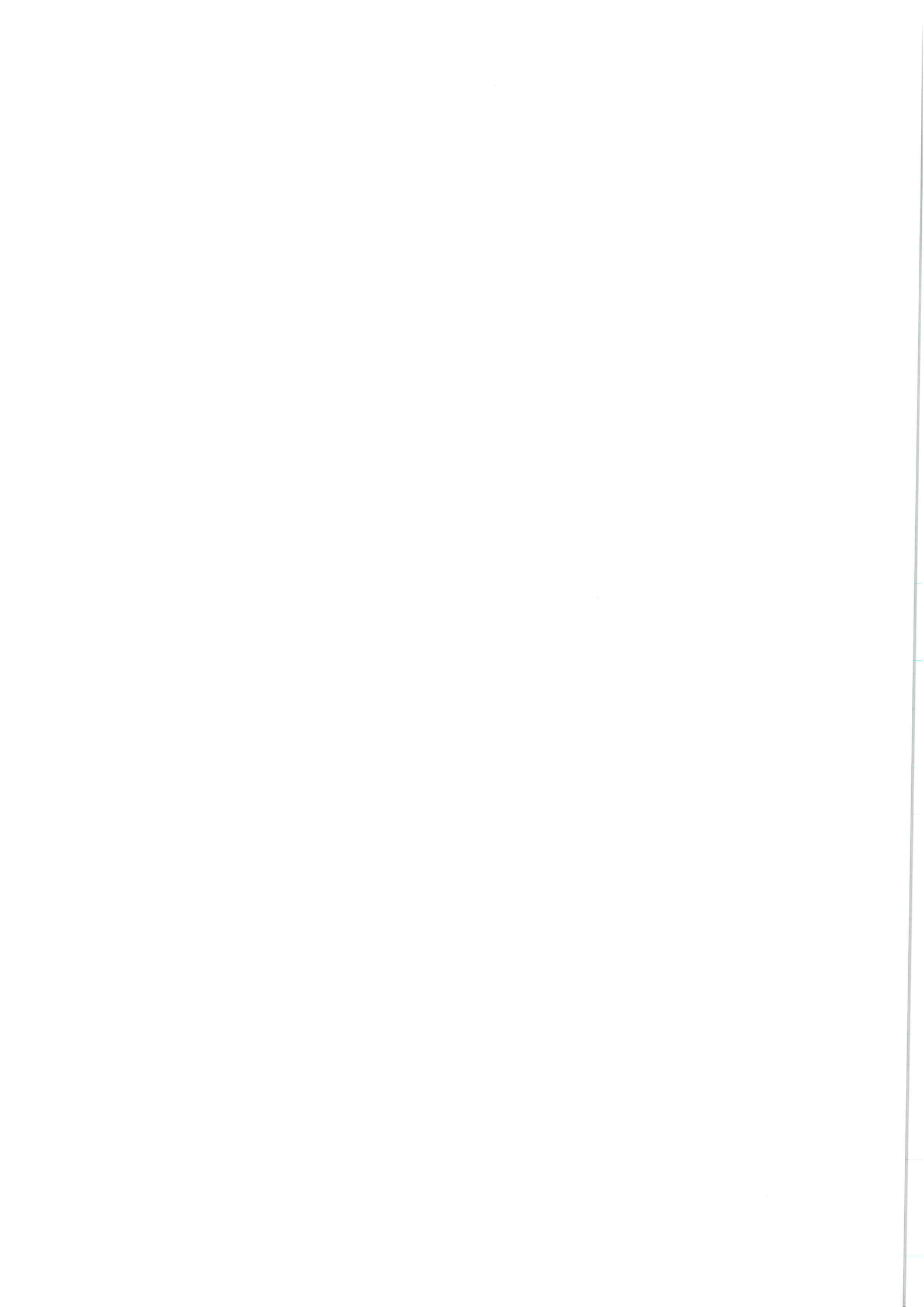
Question 4) What do you think about the sports and activities that are able to be catered for by the proposed plan? Which are most and least important to you?

- Cycling
- Other sports needing a hard track- disabled wheel sports, inline skating, blo karting etc
- BMX
- Field sports - soccer, rugby, cricket
- Indoor sports
- Outdoor music events
- Large scale sporting events
- Festivals/large events



1st Choice Ranking of Sport and Recreation in Park





KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL

Otaraua Park draft development plan

Written submission results summary

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Written Submissions

Written submissions for consideration of Otaraua Park's development plans were made by 14 groups or individuals. A summary of the most common themes are represented below as a measure of how often the theme was acknowledged in the submissions. Submissions were received from:

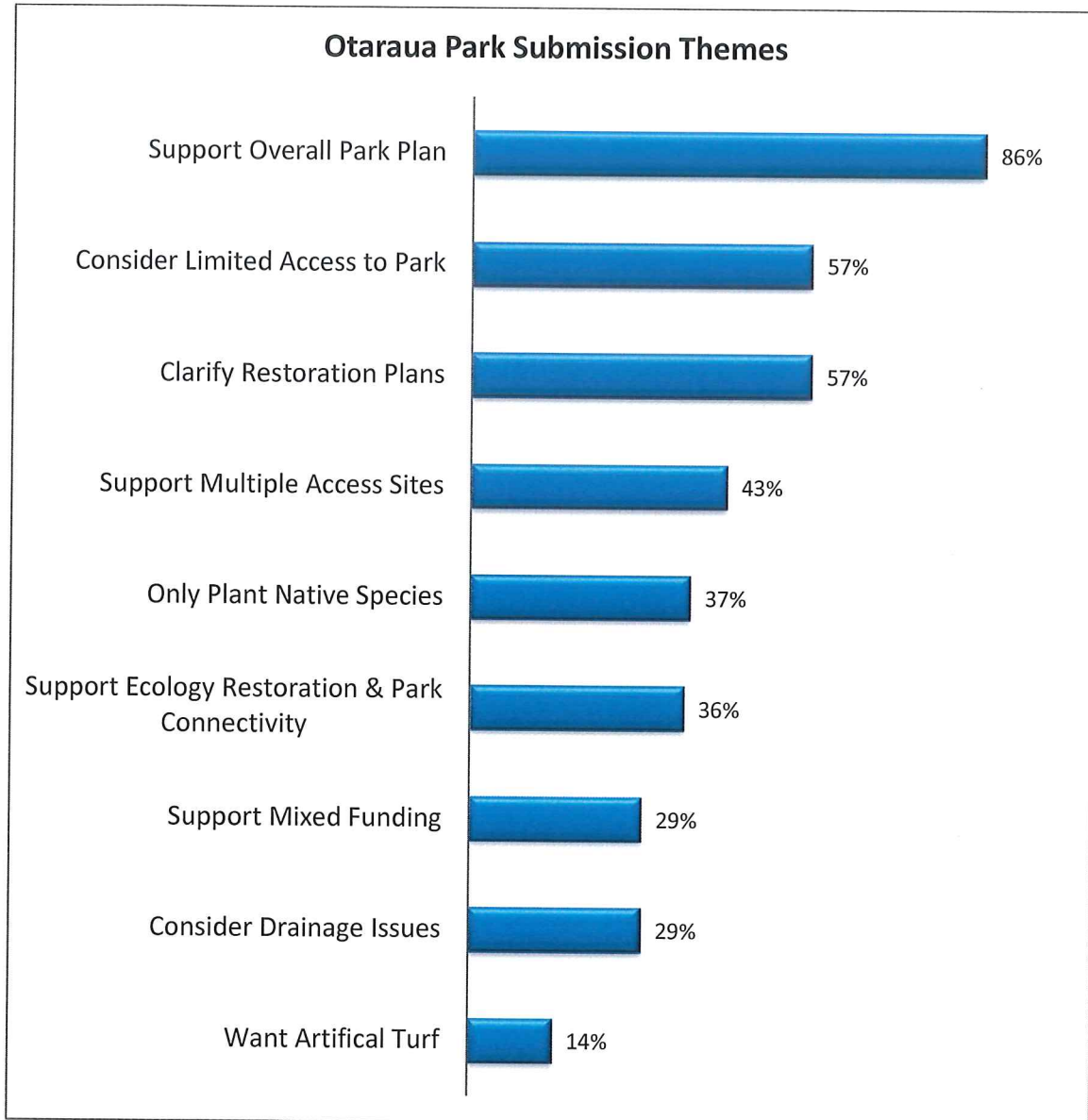
- Waikanae Football Club (Charlie Sturman , President)
- Waikanae Community Board (Jocelyn Prvanov, Chair)
- Transpower (Rebecca Eng, Senior Environmental Planner)
- Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai
- Roy and Meryl Opie
- Peter Ellis
- Paraparaumu / Raumati Community Board
- Drs Viola and Phil Palmer
- Elliot Weir
- Mrs Karen Parker
- Greater Wellington Regional Council (Sharyn Westlake, Senior Engineer, Strategy and Advisory Specialist)
- Friends of the Waikanae River (Ferial Falconer)
- Forest & Bird (Russell Bell, Chair)
- Fish & Game NZ (Phil Teal, Regional Manager)

Methods

Each submission was read and themes were identified as they pertained to the support, concern or disagreement of Otaraua Park's development plan. The frequency of each theme was then counted within each submission and used to calculate its significance expressed as a percentage to the individual, group or community.

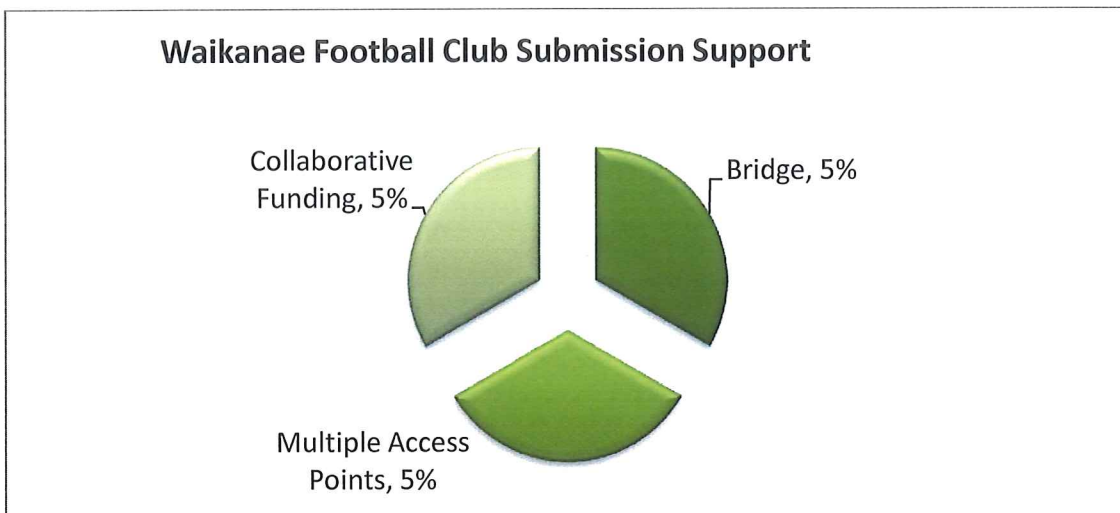
Results Summary

Summary of major themes identified from all written submissions

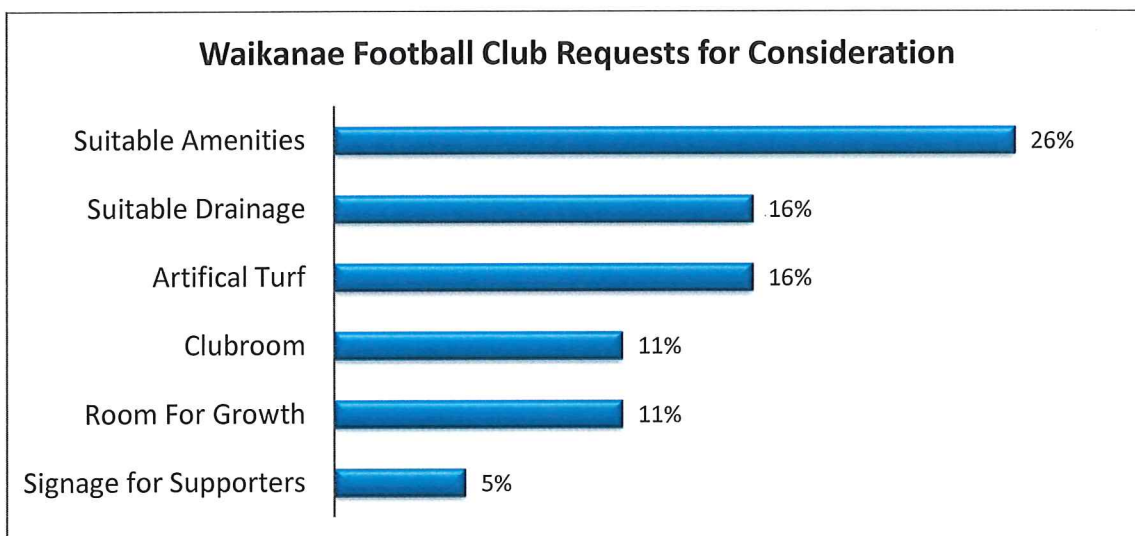


Waikanae Football Club Results

Waikanae Football Club (WFBC) supports the Otaraua Park development plans and views the park as an important part of the club's future. Specifically, they support the plans to improve access to the park, including more pedestrian access points and vehicle access from SH1.

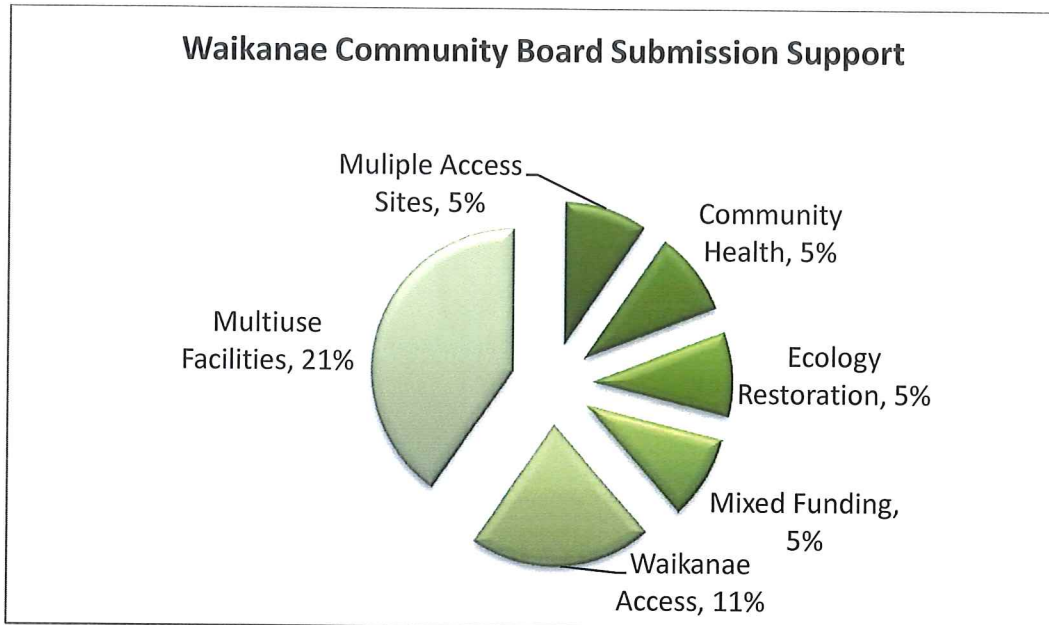


Waikanae Football Club request that consideration is given to the location, size and timetabling of amenities for all functions hosted by the club. Specifically, they request a clubroom, storage areas and sheltered space for spectators in the second phase of development. Further to this, it is hoped that signage will be included for supporters to reference, both inside and outside the park. The club also anticipates continued growth, so requests the park plans be capable of accommodating this. Finally, it is requested that adequate drainage and artificial turf be considered important in the usability of the sports fields. WFBC support a joint funding venture for some of the requests for consideration.

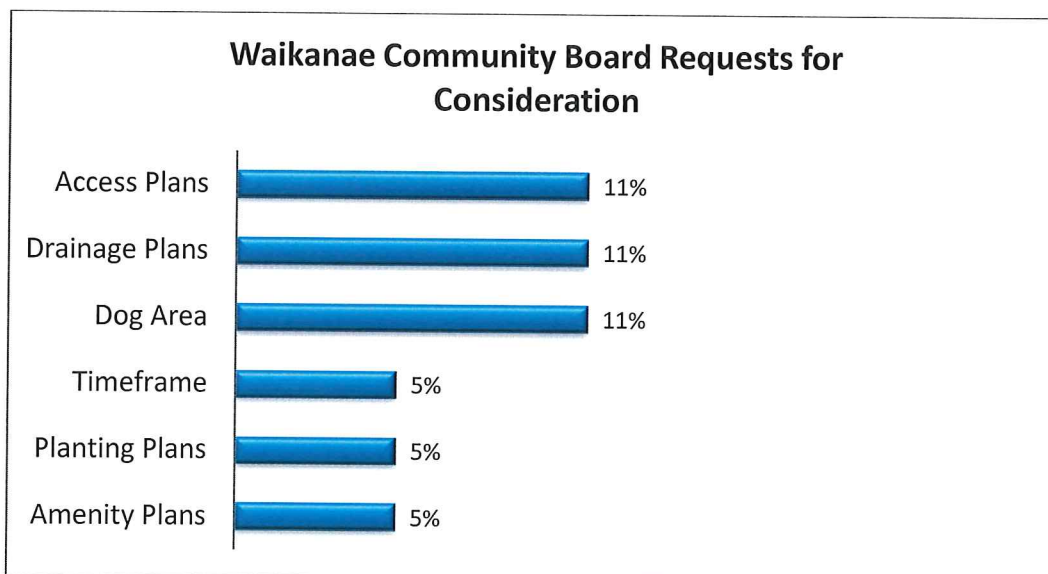


Waikanae Community Board Results

The Waikanae Community Board supports the development of a park that benefits the community through multiple activities and ecological restoration. It further supports a mixed funding approach and understand that improved access to the site is important.

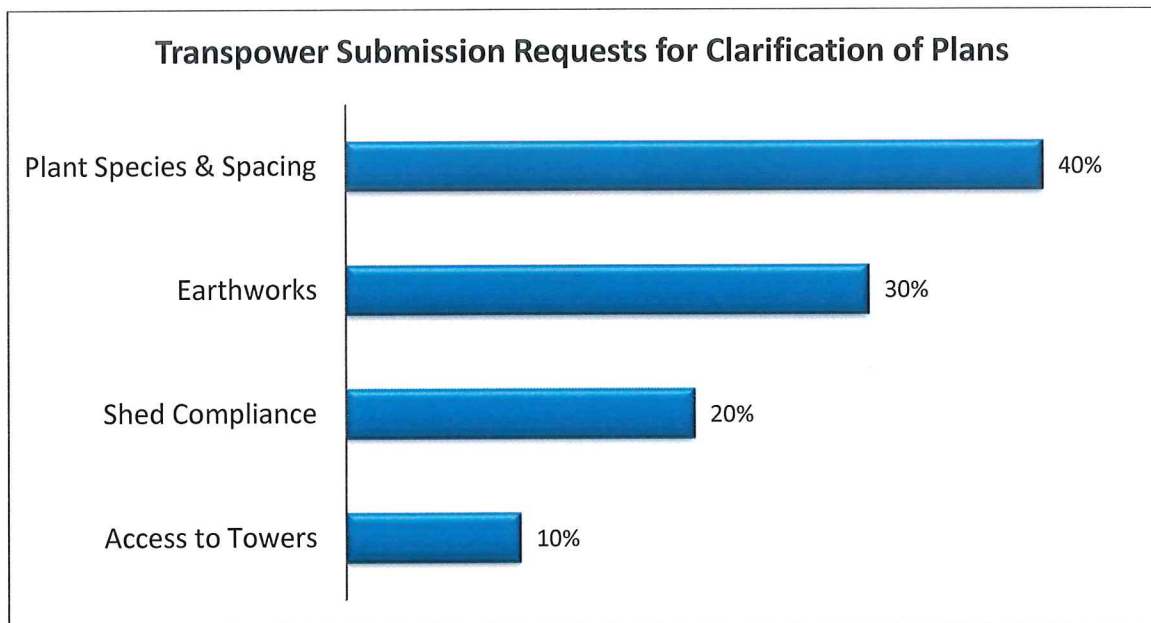


The Waikanae Community Board request consideration is given to the creation of an access route to Waikanae and the addition of more footbridges. Further to this is requested that timeframes be referenced for the creation of access points for the park. It also asks that drainage of playing fields be considered when planting, so that optimal conditions are created. Finally, they would like to know more about the planned amenities and if a dog park will be developed.



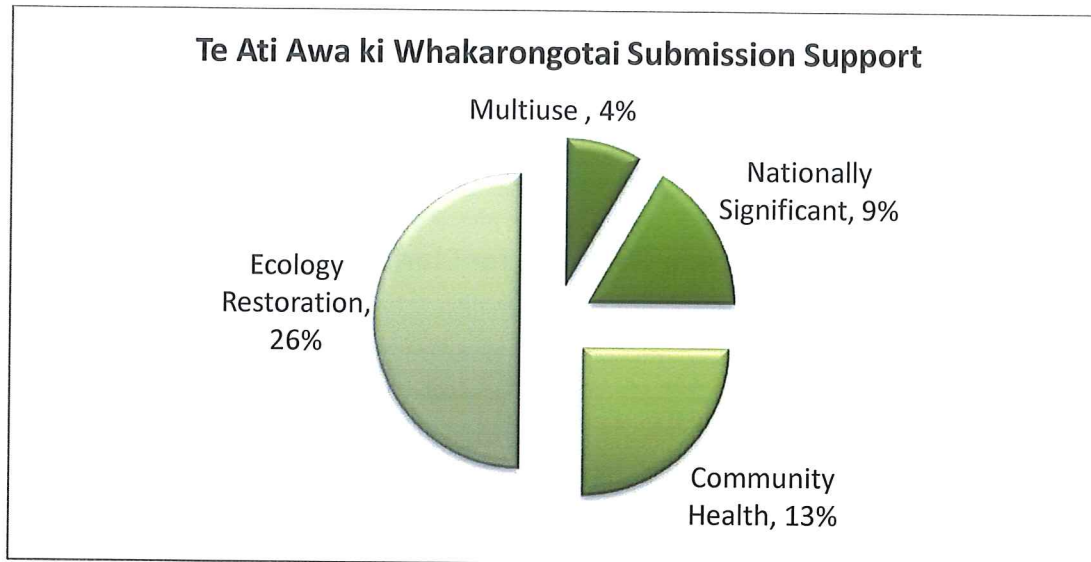
Transpower Results

Transpower supports the Otaraua Park development plans. Transpower requests clarification on the species and estimated maximum height of all planting around the National Grid conductors. They also seek clarification of the setback distance and request that one side of the planting be left open for vehicular access to the National Grid conductors. Transpower also requests information regarding the scale, nature and methodology of any earthworks that will be carried out in the park. Finally, it was noted that an operations shed is located between two transmission lines and request clarification that this building will comply with code NZECP34:2001.

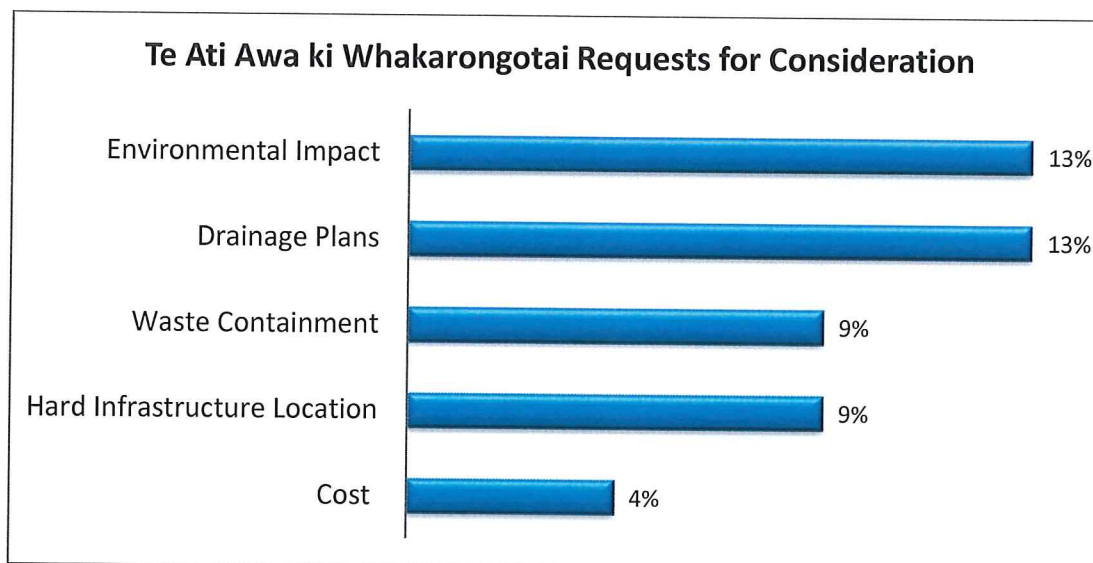


Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai Results

Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai support the Otaraua Park development plans, in particular the significant opportunity for ecological connectivity, community health and a balanced approach to the diversity.

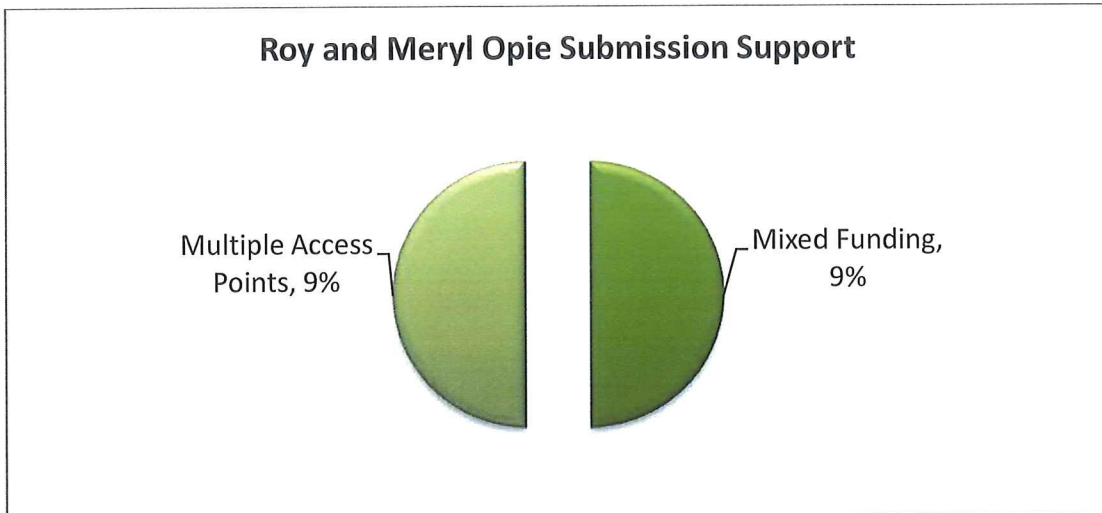


Te Ati Awa ki Whakarongotai request that drainage plans don't increase flood flow in the catchment area and that management of human waste be carefully considered onsite. Furthermore, it is requested that the values of rongoa (healing) be represented and pesticides managed appropriately around medicinal plants. Finally, it was requested that investment in hard, expensive infrastructure be kept out of flood zones or potential areas that can be damaged by weather.

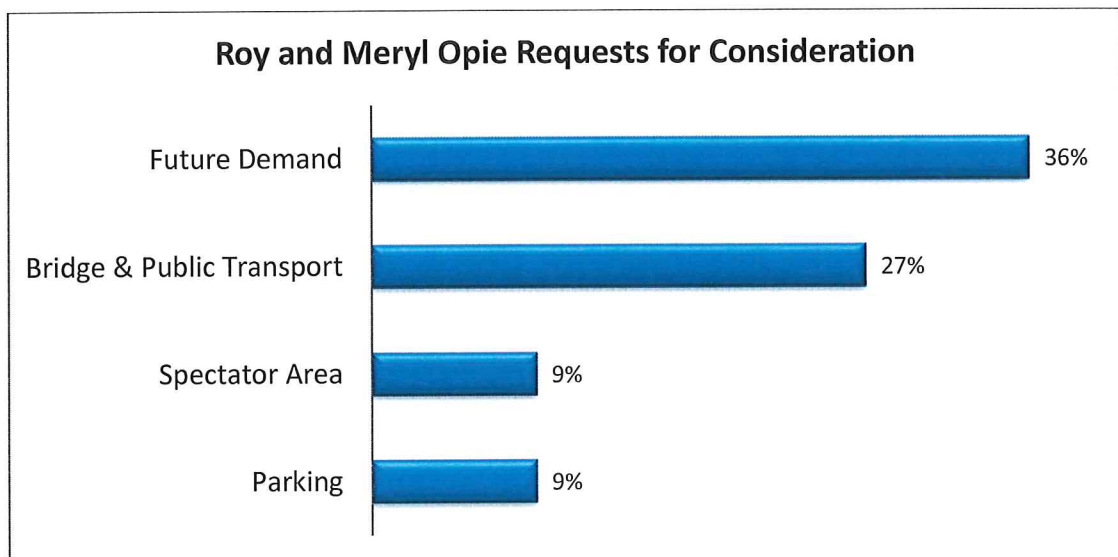


Roy and Meryl Opie Results

Roy and Meryl Opie support the purchase and development plans for Otaraua park. In particular they support the development of multiple access routes to the park and believe seeking funds outside of KCDC is important to achieve this.

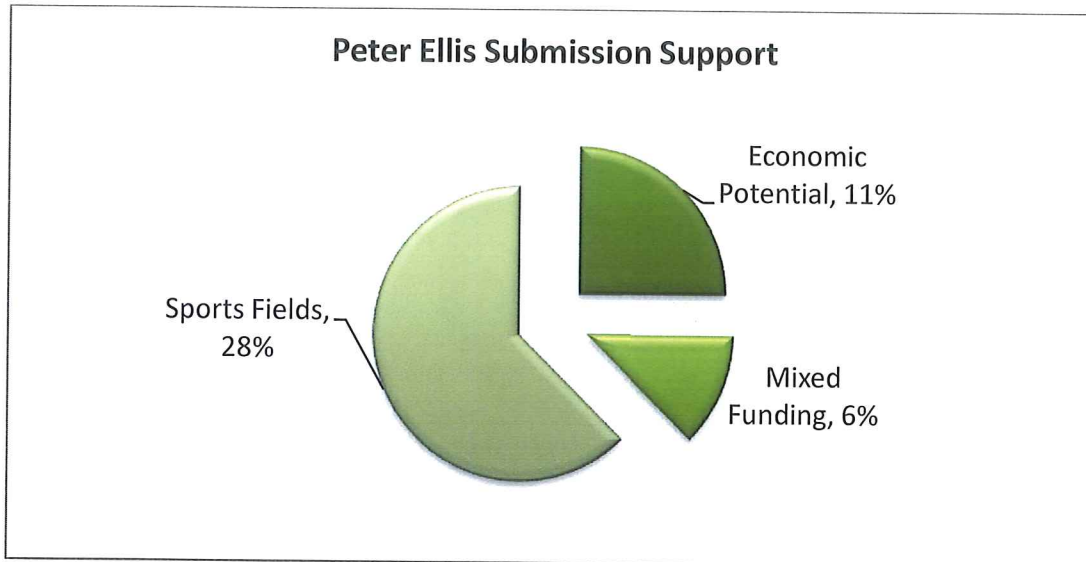


Roy and Meryl Opie request that other areas should be looked at to predict what will be required in the future. They also recommend that an off-ramp be built from the Expressway at Otaihanga, a railway station developed at Otaihanga and parking / shuttle services is offered to and from the park. Finally, it is suggested that banks be built up around event areas for spectator viewing.

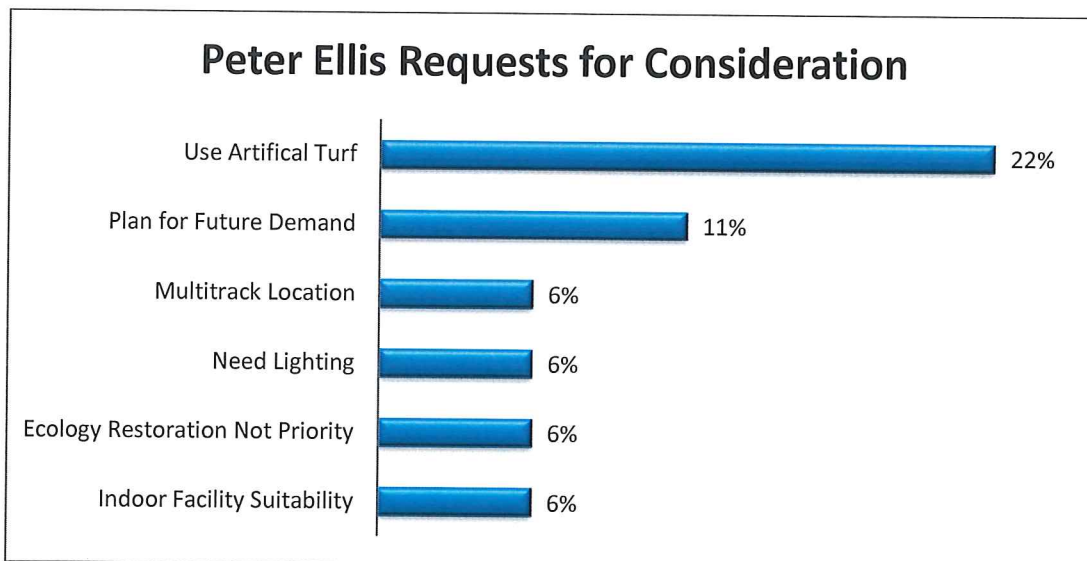


Peter Ellis Results

Peter Ellis supports the Otaraua Park development plan. In particular he supports the plan to increase sporting opportunities with more sports fields and multi-use areas. He agrees that the plan has economic merit and that there is potential to gain additional funds externally.

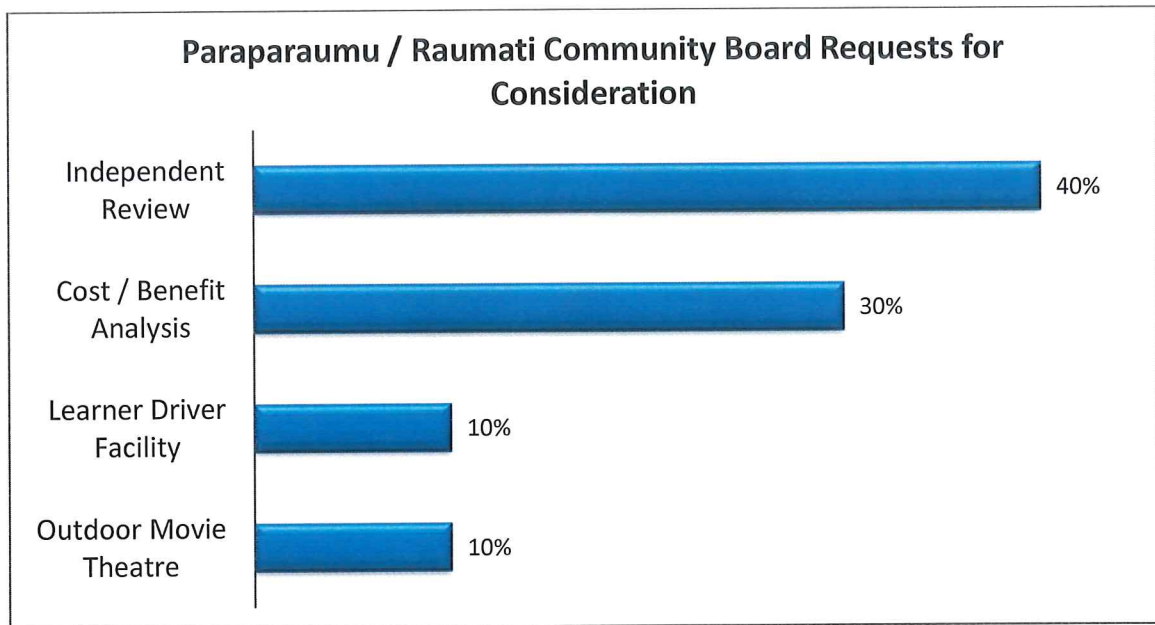


Peter Ellis requests consideration for the use of artificial turf (with lighting) as it would attract greater sporting opportunities, support future requirements and extend the suitability of play space. He also suggests that more areas be set aside for future development and that ecological restoration should be less of a priority. He requests that the multi-track location be reconsidered and placed around the park's perimeter – doubling as a road. Finally, he does not agree that an indoor stadium would be successful at this site and should be located in a more central area.



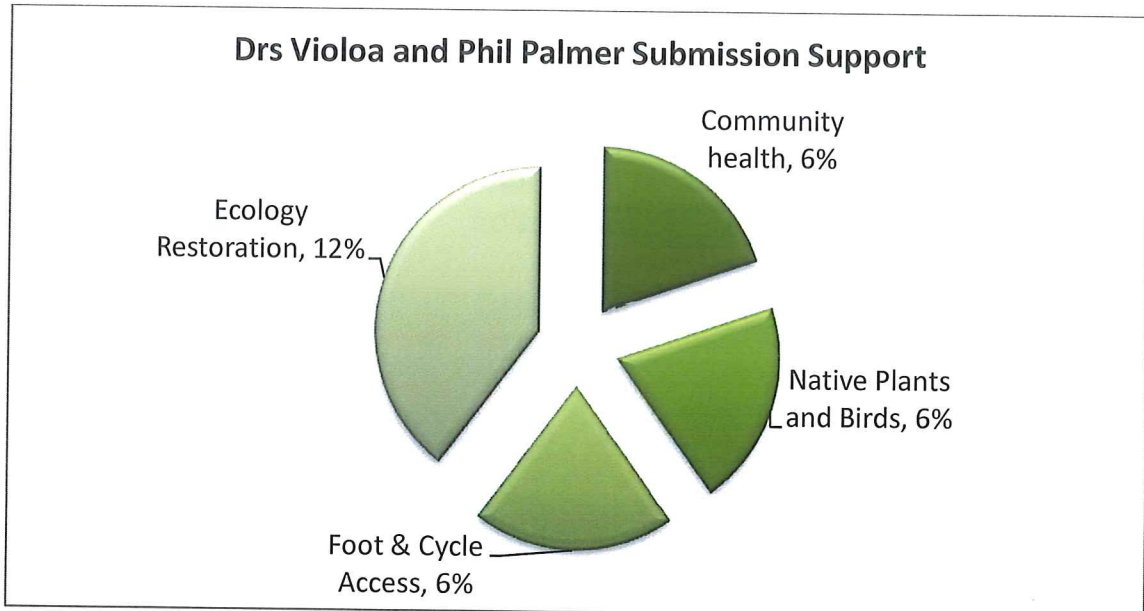
Paraparaumu / Raumati Community Board Results

Paraparaumu / Raumati Community Board request that an independent review of the park development plan be undertaken. Specifically, they request an analysis of its benefits to the community, economic cost, level of community support and the environmental impact on the Waikanae River. Further to this is requested that an outdoor movie theatre and learner driver facility be included in the plan.

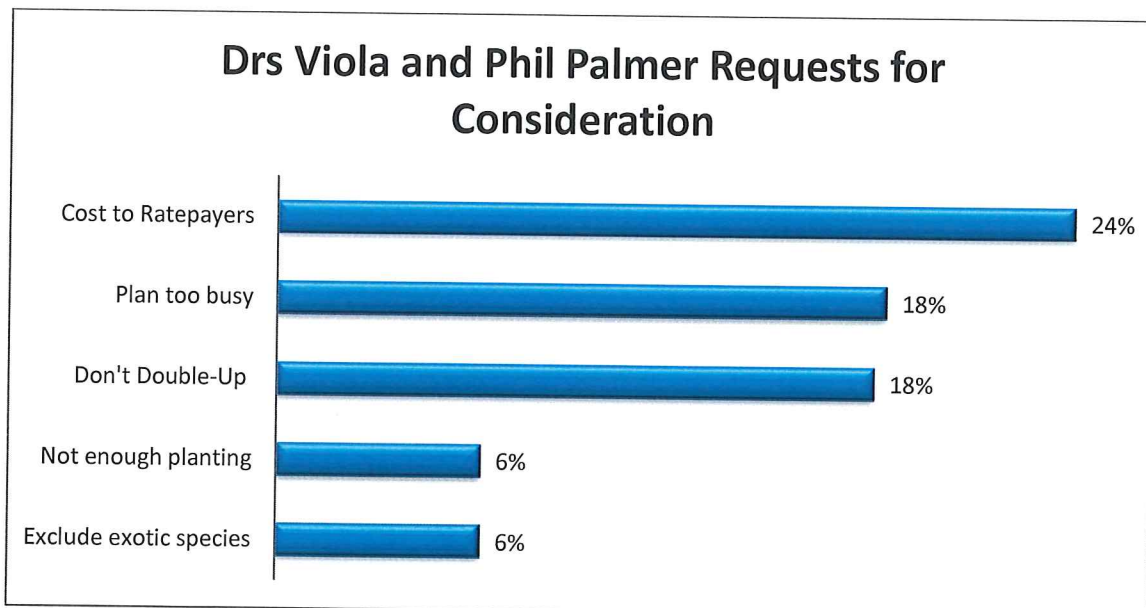


Drs Viola and Phil Palmer Results

Drs Viola and Phil Palmer support the need for active recreation and ecological restoration in the Otaraua Park development plan. They support the potential of the park in being beneficial to the health of the community.

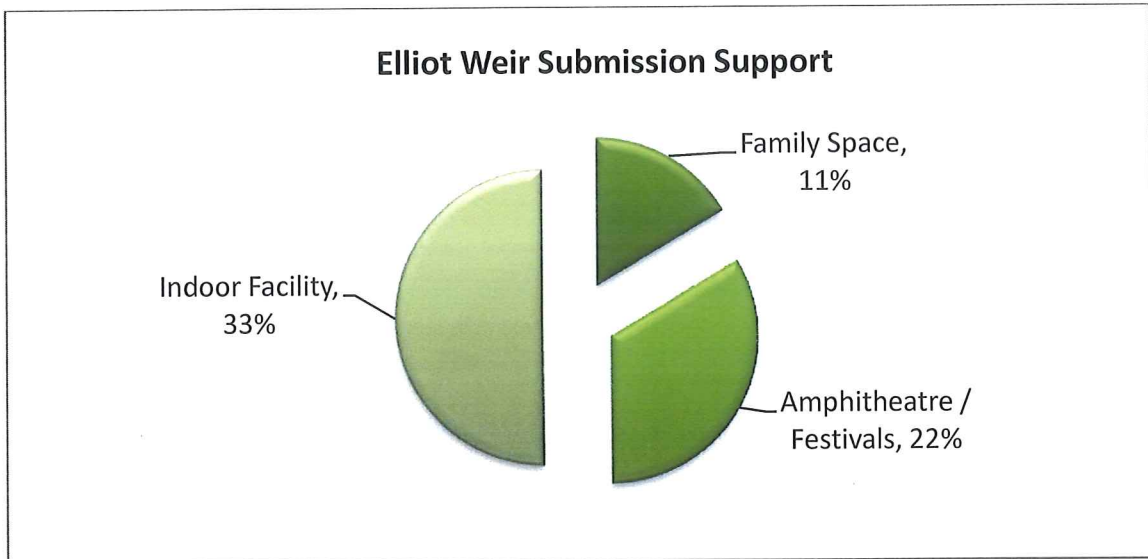


Drs Viola and Phil Palmer request that KCDC consider the cost of the proposed plan and the negative impact that higher rates will have on many residents. They also request that all activities that are duplicated in the region or can be developed elsewhere be removed from the plan. They suggest that plan is too busy and will decrease the park's natural value. Finally, they request all plantings be native and a greater emphasis put on the natural features of the park.

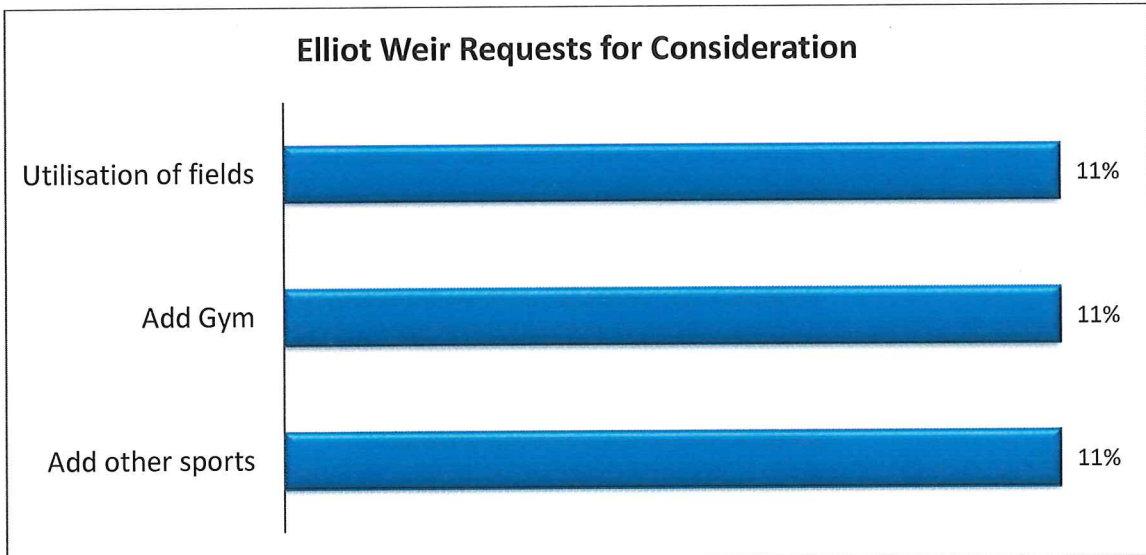


Elliot Weir Results

Elliot Weirs supports the Otaraua Park development plan. Specifically, he supports the development of amphitheatres, an indoor sports facility and areas where general recreation can take place.

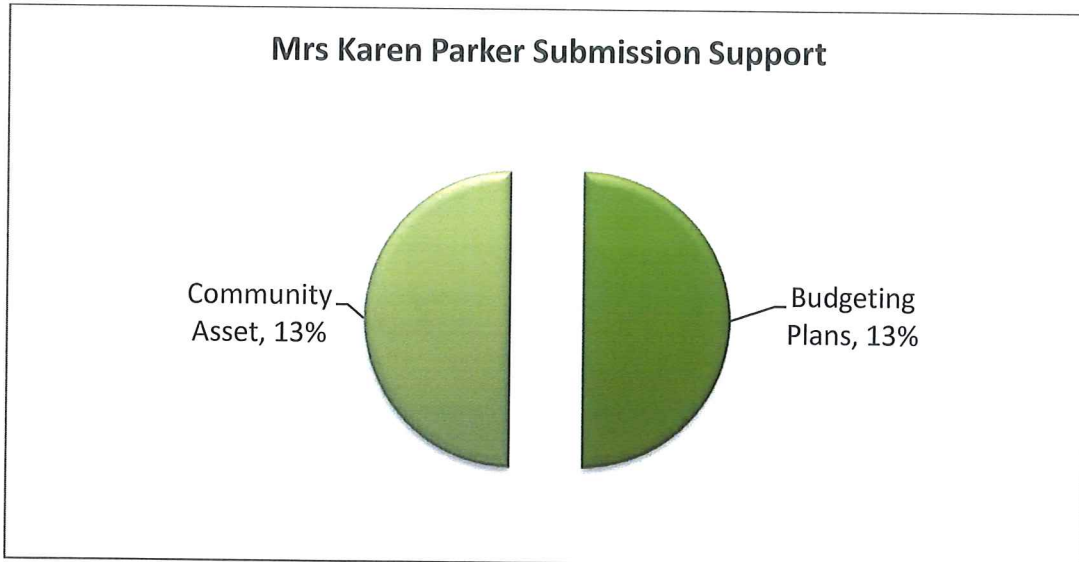


Elliot Weirs requests that KCDC make the festival spaces bigger and decrease the sports fields from 12 to 6. He also suggests that adding a gym to the plan would be advantageous as well as including other sports such as rock climbing.

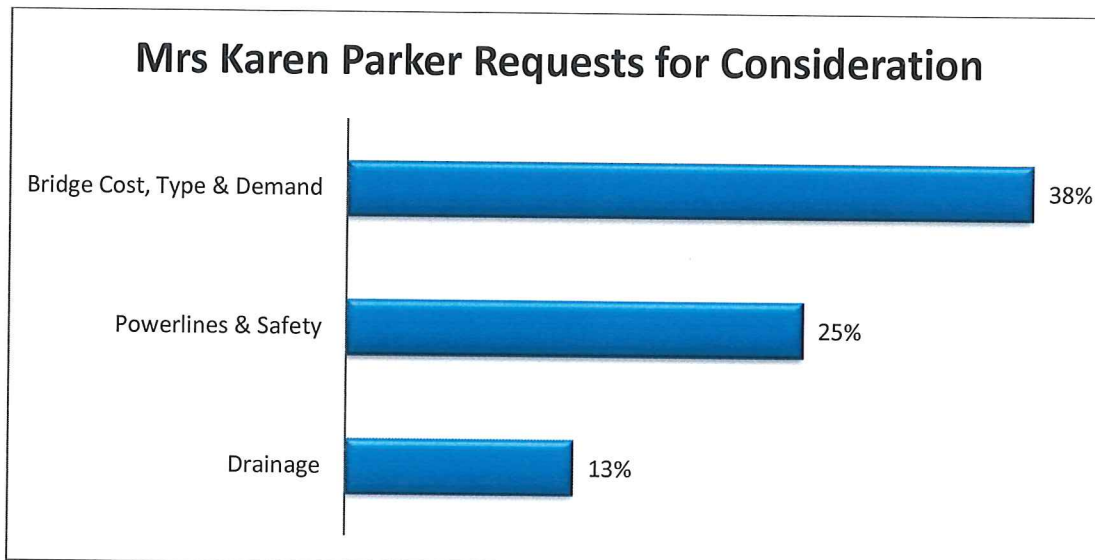


Mrs Karen Parker Results

Mrs Karen Parker supports the overall vision of the Otaraua Park development plan. In particular, she supports the park as a community asset that has been appropriately budgeted for.

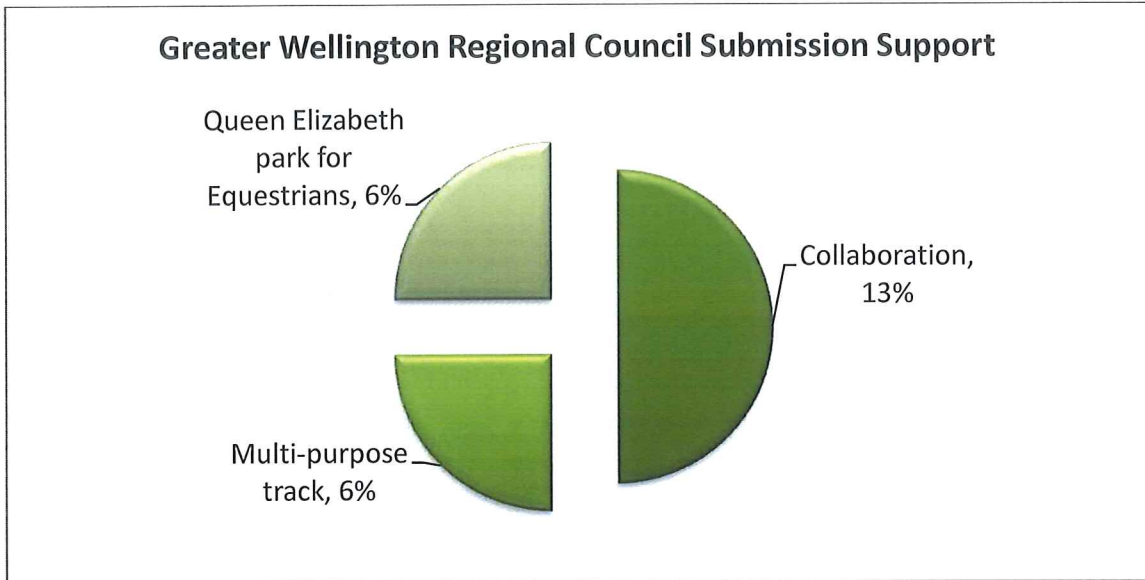


Mrs Karen Parker requests clarification on the type of bridge in the plan, the cost and expected future demand. She also asks that KCDC consider the danger associated with overhead electrical transmission lines and requests safety requirements be adhered to. Finally she requests consideration of the long-term maintenance issues associated with poor drainage in this location and what the impact to the ratepayer will be.

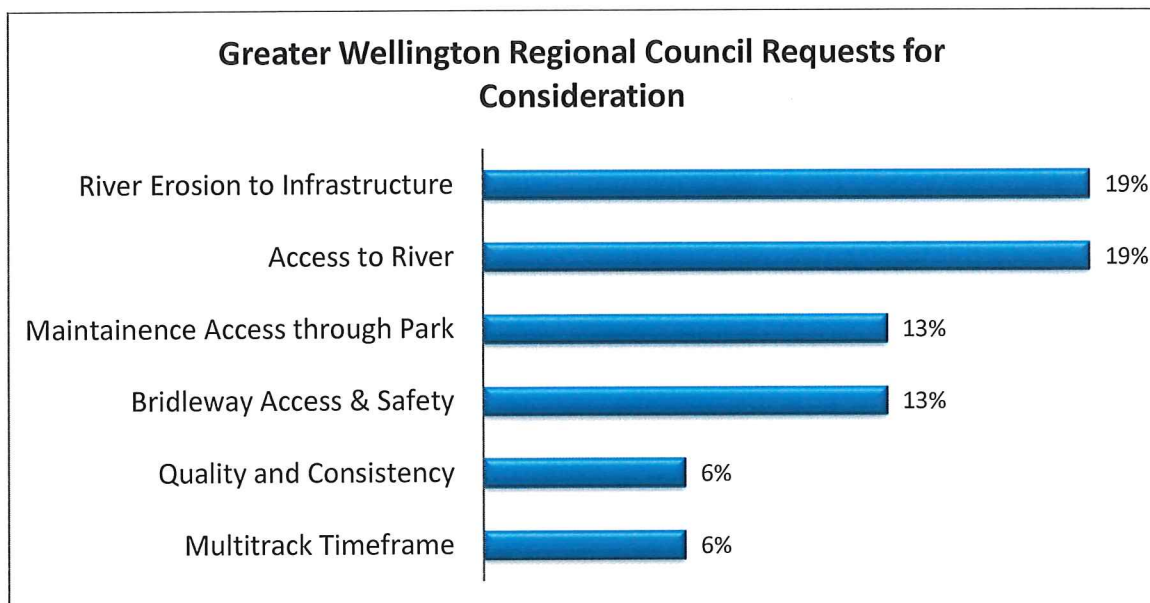


Greater Wellington Regional Council Results

Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) supports the Otaraua Park development plan. Specifically, they are keen to see the multi-purpose track be built, plan to provide an alternative area for equestrians in the region and would like to collaborate with KCDC to ensure all plans are implemented successfully.

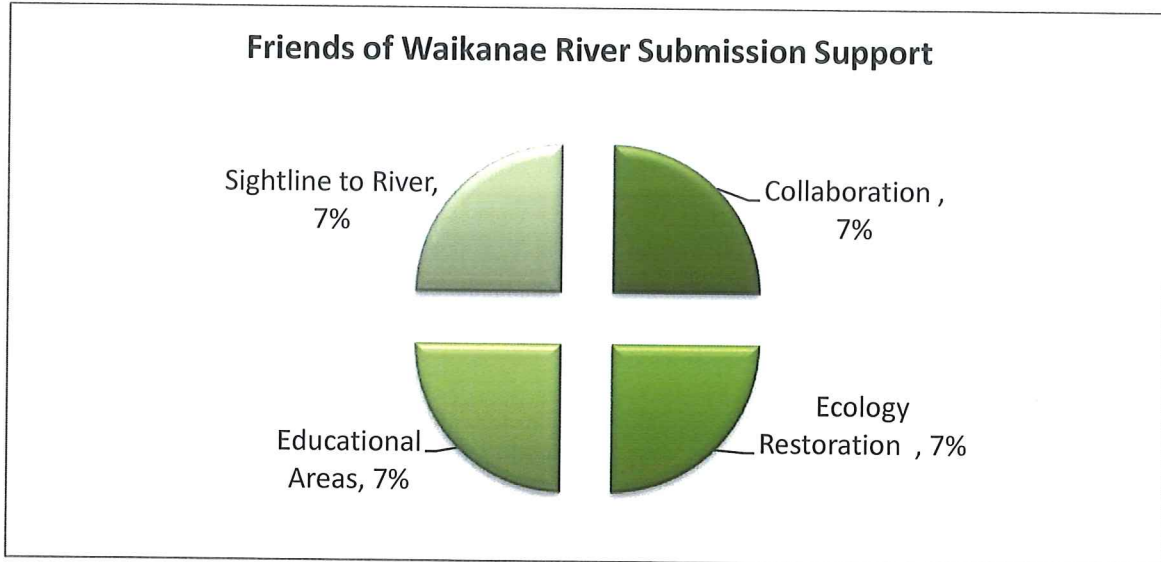


GWRC requests consideration of the access tracks and infrastructure within erosion zones, general access to the river and the road network within the park for heavy vehicles. In addition, GWRC seek clarification around bridleway access and safety issues associated with shared trails. Finally, it is requested that the timeframe for the multi-purpose track be moved forward to cater for current demand.

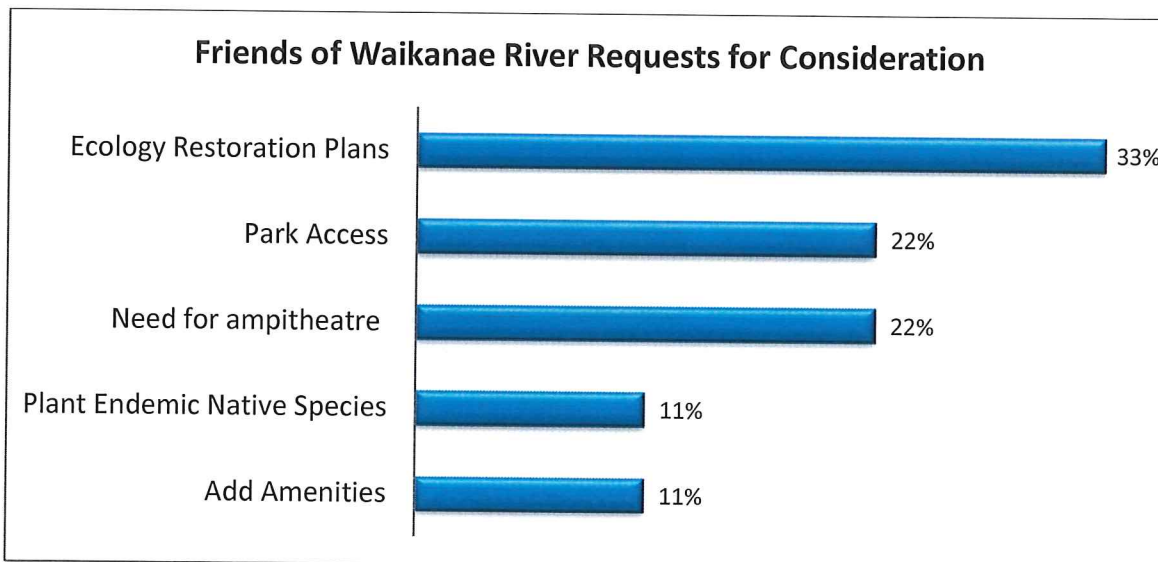


Friends of the Waikanae River Results

Friends of the Waikanae River support the Otaraua Park development plan. They specifically support the ecological restoration of the area, the potential educational value and sightline to the river. They are keen to collaborate to make this a success.

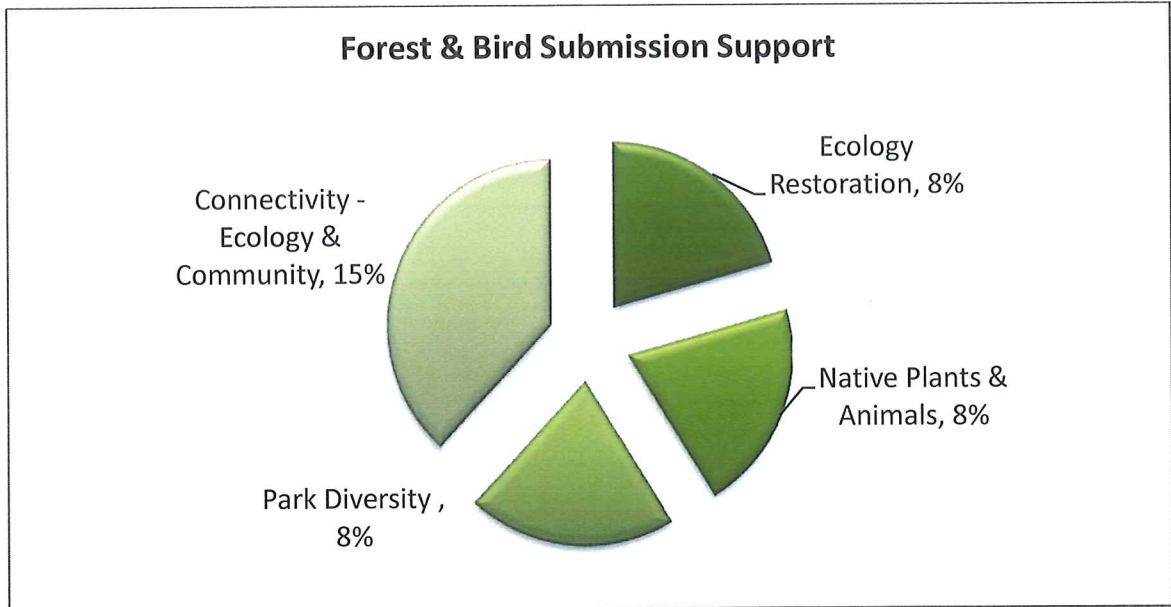


Friends of the Waikanae River request that KCDC consider the narrow width of the riparian corridor joining the wetland and Waikanae River and expand it to ensure better connectivity. It is also suggested that restoration is accomplished using endemic native species and existing forests protected. They would also request that public transport be included as an alternative to the current access plans. Friends of the Waikanae River further request that a toilet block near the river be added to the plan as well as an educational arboretum. Finally, they see no value in an amphitheatre and suggest that noise and access is not beneficial to the area.

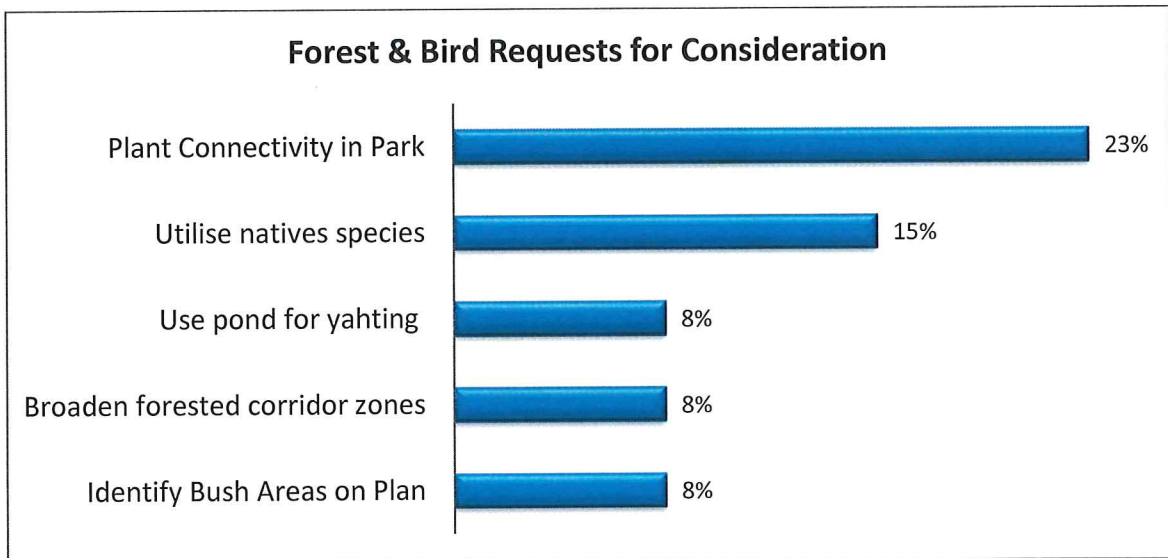


Forest & Bird Results

Forest & Bird support the Otaraua Park development plan. They support the significant potential of the park to increase native biodiversity through ecological restoration and connectivity of bush to water corridors.

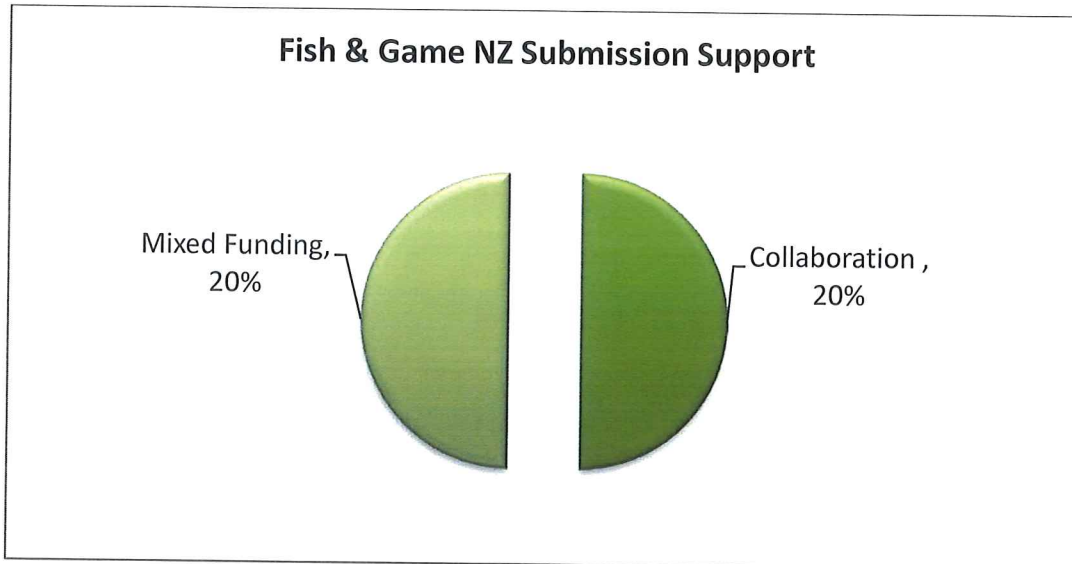


Forest & Bird request areas are fully planted to make better connectivity with the bush and the forest corridor around the park be expanded in areas determined to be too narrow. Clarification of bush areas in the plan is sought. It is also suggested that endemic native species be used when suitable. Furthermore, it is requested that the existing pond be considered as a site for model yahts.



Fish & Game NZ Results

Fish & Game support the idea of partnering with KCDC to provide assistance in managing the lake as it pertains to brown trout fishing activities.



Fish & Game NZ request that KCDC add recreational fishing to the park's plans. Specifically they would like consideration for a hard edge area for safety and the addition of a net fence for holding fish for events. They suggest that this activity should be included in the plans because of its popularity and suitability for all ages and abilities.

