

SPRINGFIELD PARK  
VISIONING DAY  
APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> 2009

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# VISIONING REPORT

## Appendix I Detailed Data



## SPRINGFIELD PARK VISIONING DAY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

### QUESTIONNAIRES RECEIVED AND DATES

	<b>Visioning Day 18/04/2009</b>	<b>Before 01/09/2009</b>	<b>After 01/09/2009</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	270	102	14	<b>386</b>
<b>%age</b>	69.9	26.4	3.6	

  

	<b>On the day</b>	<b>After the day</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Total Received</b>	270	116	<b>386</b>
<b>%age</b>	69.9	30.1	

An initial analysis of questionnaires received before or after the Visioning Day did not reveal any noticeable differences or trends in responses provided so there was judged to be no need to separate received data out in this way.

SPRINGFIELD PARK VISIONING DAY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

VISIT FREQUENCY AND AGE RANGES

OaP = Often as possible

LT = Live there

N/S = Not supplied

How often do you visit the park?

		Daily	Almost Daily	Once a Week	Once a Month	In last Year	Oap	LT	N/S	Total
Female	Under 18	3	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	7
	19-30	1	1	6	2	0	0	0	0	10
	31-59	17	11	32	9	6	0	0	0	75
	60+	12	8	19	23	8	0	0	1	71
	N/S	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>167</b>
Male	Under 18	0	5	4	3	1	0	0	0	13
	19-30	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	7
	31-59	12	11	25	20	5	1	0	0	74
	60+	7	9	18	16	5	0	0	1	56
	N/S	3	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	9
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>159</b>
Sex undisclosed	Under 18	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	19-30	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
	31-59	5	9	6	6	2	0	0	0	28
	60+	2	5	9	3	5	0	1	0	25
	N/S	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	5
	<b>Totals</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>60</b>

Visit Frequency by Female/Male

	Overall	Daily	Almost Daily	Once a Week	Once a Month	In last Year	
Female	51.2%	59.6%	43.5%	52.7%	47.5%	51.9%	Line excludes 'Sex undisclosed'
Male	48.8%	40.4%	56.5%	47.3%	52.5%	48.1%	Line excludes 'Sex undisclosed'
Visit Frequency %		17.4%	16.3%	33.4%	23.4%	9.5%	Whole table excludes frequency not supplied

Visit Age Range by Female/Male

	Overall	U18	19-30	31-59	60+	
Female	52.1%	35.0%	58.8%	50.3%	55.9%	Line excludes 'Sex undisclosed'
Male	47.9%	65.0%	41.2%	49.7%	44.1%	Line excludes 'Sex undisclosed'
Visit Age %		5.7%	4.9%	48.1%	41.3%	Whole table excludes age not supplied but includes frequency not supplied

Visit Frequencies & Age

		Daily	Almost Daily	Once a Week	Once a Month	In last Year	
Assessed total 364	Under 18	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%	1.6%	0.3%	Whole table excludes Age not supplied and Sex undisclosed
	19-30	0.5%	0.8%	2.2%	1.1%	0.3%	
	31-59	9.3%	8.5%	17.3%	9.6%	3.6%	
	60+	5.8%	6.0%	12.6%	11.5%	4.9%	

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**ACTIVITIES IN THE PARK**

**When you visit Springfield Park, What do you like to do?**

Activity	Resp.	%age
Exercise and fresh air (2)	294	23.8
Observing wildlife (3)	195	15.8
Sitting on the grass/relaxing (1)	184	14.9
Children's play area (5)	149	12.0
Walking the dog (4)	118	9.5
Sport (informal) (7)	118	9.5
Sport (organised) (6)	74	6.0
Other (9)	61	4.9
On route somewhere (8)	42	3.4
Never visit (10)	2	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1237</b>	

Some responses in 'Other' (9) should be under 'Sport (informal)' (7)  
 In these cases the results have been moved and totals adjusted  
 i.e. Football (2), Cricket (1), Athletics (1), Cycling (3), Horse-riding (1)  
 2 responses to walking being formal have been changed to informal.

Of the two respondents who said they never visited the park, they  
 cited neglect and deterioration as the reasons and recommended  
 general renovation including the running track, walkway for residents,  
 and no golf driving range.

**Activities specifically mentioned as part of responses above**

	Resp.	Informal	Formal	Other	On route	%age Informal	%age Formal
Football	49	32	17			65.3	34.7
Cricket	31	19	12			61.3	38.7
Athletics, running, Harriers	29	15	14			51.7	48.3
Tennis	19	16	3			84.2	15.8
Guides / Activity Centre	15			15			
Walking - in or through the Park	15	9		4	2		
Railway	10			10			
Carnival / Fair / Organised Events	10			9	1		
Golf	6	2	4			33.3	66.7
Cycling	6	6					
Picnics	6	1		5			
All sports	3	3					
Natural Scenery, views	3			3			
Olympic Gym	5		5				
Jogging	3	2			1		
Kite Flying	3	3					
Rugby	2	1	1			50.0	50.0
Sports Spectator	2	1	1			50.0	50.0
Play with kids	2	2					
Kids play area / Swings	2	1		1			
Sledging	2	2					
Frisbee	2	2					
Gardens, observe plants and trees	2			2			
Archery	1		1				
Rounders	1		1				
School Sports Days	1		1				
Weightlifting / Training	1	1					
Ducks	1			1			
Read	1			1			
Frizzly	1				1		
Horse Riding	1	1					
Live opposite	1			1			
Quality	1			1			
Space	1			1			
Free & Easy	1			1			
<b>Totals</b>		<b>119</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>5</b>		

SPRINGFIELD PARK VISIONING DAY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

KEY FEATURES IN A PARK COMPARED TO THE BEST IN SPRINGFIELD PARK

Q1) What do you think are the key things that make a park somewhere worth visiting?

Q2) What do you think are the best things about Springfield Park?

TOTALS 865 699

	Q1	Q2	Percentages		Proportional Differences			Q1	Q2	Percentages		Proportional Differences	
			Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2				Q1	Q2	Q1	Q2
Green Open Space / Grass	156	182	18.0	26.0	8.0	144.3	Access to all areas / no restrictions / freedom	9	7	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Children's Play Area	62	72	7.2	10.3	3.1	22.5	Guide Activity Centre	6	5	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
Lake / Pond with Geese / Ducks	23	74	2.7	10.6	7.9	21.1	Dog Friendly / Dog Walks	4	3	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.0
Accessible / Good Location / Convenient	7	30	0.8	4.3	3.5	2.8	Carnival / Fun Fair	2	2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Model Railway	6	29	0.7	4.1	3.5	2.4	Community Events	2	2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Nature / Wildlife / Scenery / Beauty	51	44	5.9	6.3	0.4	2.4	Golf Course	2	2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.0
Sport Facilities / Pitches / Cricket / Football	29	27	3.4	3.9	0.5	1.7	Mini-golf / putting	2	1	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0
Tennis Courts	4	19	0.5	2.7	2.3	1.0	Baby changing	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Good design, layout & landscaping	27	24	3.1	3.4	0.3	1.0	Band Concerts	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Running Track	3	14	0.3	2.0	1.7	0.6	Community Centre	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Size	2	8	0.2	1.1	0.9	0.2	Friendly Staff	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Overall Quality / Everything	1	7	0.1	1.0	0.9	0.1	Gymnastics Club	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Accessible to all	2	0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	Historical background / Traditional park	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
No ugly structures	2	0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	Lighting	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Park Warden	2	0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	Memories	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Parking	2	0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	Modern Facilities	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
No Vandalism	2	0	0.2	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	Museum	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Bowling Green	3	1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	No Dogs	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Car Parking	3	1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	No Fairs	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Cycle Path / Track	3	1	0.3	0.1	-0.2	-0.1	No Yobs	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Fountain	3	0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	Not Waterlogged	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Fun, Joy & Happiness	3	0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	Paddling Pool	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Visitor Centre	3	0	0.3	0.0	-0.3	-0.1	Penned areas for dogs	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
No Cars / Traffic	6	2	0.7	0.3	-0.4	-0.3	Picnic Area / Having picnics	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
No Cost / Non-commercial	9	5	1.0	0.7	-0.3	-0.3	Sandpit	1	0	0.1	0.0	-0.1	0.0
Fresh Air / No Pollution	10	5	1.2	0.7	-0.4	-0.5	Sure Start	1	1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
No Golf Driving Range	9	2	1.0	0.3	-0.8	-0.8	Nothing	0	1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Exercise / Healthy Living	9	1	1.0	0.1	-0.9	-0.9	Stone Steps	0	1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0
Seating / Social Areas	15	3	1.7	0.4	-1.3	-2.3							
Facilities for all ages / Family Fun	28	16	3.2	2.3	-0.9	-3.1							
Toilets	16	0	1.8	0.0	-1.8	-3.4							
Gardens / Flowers / Trees	38	24	4.4	3.4	-1.0	-4.2							
Organised Sport & Other Activities	25	7	2.9	1.0	-1.9	-5.5							
Café / Refreshments	22	1	2.5	0.1	-2.4	-6.1							
Walks, Trails and Paths (incl. to riverside)	51	30	5.9	4.3	-1.6	-9.5							
Safe Environment (also for children)	46	10	5.3	1.4	-3.9	-20.7							
Pleasant, quiet & peaceful, relaxing	69	17	8.0	2.4	-5.5	-44.2							
No litter, dog mess, clean, tidy & well maintained	67	12	7.7	1.7	-6.0	-46.7							

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**BARRIERS TO USING SPRINGFIELD PARK**

**What are the barriers or things which put you off using Springfield Park?**

**TOP 10 BARRIERS**

1 Drainage on grass and round the lake	40	6 Bad maintenance/drains/seating areas/gardens	20
2 Anti-social behaviour/ youths congregating/ drinking alcohol	36	7 Planned golf driving range	19
3 Facilities - baby changing/toilets	29	8 Vandalism/vandals/defaced info boards	15
4 Dog Fouling	21	9 Golf & Golf Course/Low flying & stray golf balls	14
5 Litter & Detritus / Broken glass / Cleanliness	21	10 Too many Cars/Too much traffic	13

**Repair & Maintenance**

<b>Repair &amp; Maintenance</b>	<b>84</b>
Drainage on grass and round the lake	40
Bad maintenance/drains/seating areas/gardens	20
Footpaths - flooding/disrepair	7
Muddy	7
Poor repair of running track	3
Derelict areas/some areas run down	2
Road needs improving	1
Too many bushes, not enough light	1
Uneven pitches	1
Unkempt at back of river	1
Unkept tennis courts	1

**Safety & anti-social behaviour**

<b>Safety &amp; anti-social behaviour</b>	<b>66</b>
Anti-social behaviour/ youths congregating/ drinking alcohol	36
Vandalism/vandals/defaced info boards	15
Safety & Security	6
Not lit at nighttime / No proper lighting / Too dark in some areas	5
Lack of policing/security	2
Driving motorbikes in ponds	1
Rowdy	1

**Investment**

<b>Investment</b>	<b>63</b>
Facilities - baby changing/toilets	29
Neglect/deterioration/lack of investment/need to upgrade	7
No café	5
No Park Keeper / supervision	4
Lack of staff	3
No Seating/places to sit	3
Lack of picnic areas	2
Nothing for children to play on / Small play area	2
Equipment	1
Lack of footpaths	1
Lack of good play equip for under 5s	1
Lack of toilets	1
Need more landscaping/flower beds	1
No aviary	1
Not many activities for all ages	1
Few facilities	1

**None**

<b>None</b>	<b>61</b>
No barriers / nothing	61

**Cleanliness**

<b>Cleanliness</b>	<b>43</b>
Dog Fouling	21
Litter & Detritus / Broken glass / Cleanliness	21
Not suitable for children due to danger of rubbish	1

**Traffic & Parking**

<b>Traffic &amp; Parking</b>	<b>36</b>
Too many Cars/Too much traffic	13
Lack of parking	7
Speeding / racing vehicles	6
Road humps	5
Crossing main road	1
Intolerance of golfers vehicles on exit road	1
Man who runs shop blocks access to car park	1
One way system	1
Parked cars	1

**Sporting Activity**

<b>Sporting Activity</b>	<b>36</b>
Planned golf driving range	19
Golf & Golf Course/Low flying & stray golf balls	14
Keep sport separate	1
Losing open grass areas	1
Space given to golfers	1

**Access & Accessibility**

<b>Access &amp; Accessibility</b>	<b>14</b>
Loss of footpath route by golf course	6
Little/poor access	2
Accessibility / Poor disabled access	2
Fences - controlled/restrictions	2
Fencing of play area restricts freedom	1
Not able to walk or run	1

**Other**

<b>Other</b>	<b>14</b>
Dogs	4
Lake/pond	2
Noise	2
Husband's health	1
Less people use facilities	1
Time	1
Too much activity	1
Walking	1
Weather	1

**PRIORITIES FOR ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR SPRINGFIELD PARK - NON-SPORT**

**What facilities other than those which already exist would you like to see at Springfield Park?**

**CATEGORIES**

Refreshments - Food & Drink	109	Safety & Security	11
Toilets	63	Water - Pond, Lake & Features	11
Walks, Trails & Access	32	Gardens, Trees, Plants & Flower beds	10
Children's play areas	28	Park Attractions	10
Events, Entertainment, Community	23	Cleanliness	8
No change	23	Wildlife & Conservation	6
Seating, Benches & Tables	22	Parking	5
Older Children & Teenage Activities	13	Meeting & Leisure Areas	2
Grounds Maintenance	12	Signage	2
Park Ranger	12	Model Railway	1

**DETAIL**

<b>Refreshments - Food &amp; Drink</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>Grounds Maintenance</b>	<b>12</b>
Café	93	Better / restored paths	5
Refreshment facilities	7	Better drainage	4
Snack bar / Kiosk / Tuck Shop	7	Better drainage on paths	1
Hot dog van	1	Maintenance	1
Restaurant	1	Paving	1
<b>Toilets</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Park Ranger</b>	<b>12</b>
Toilets new or improved	59	Park keeper / attendant / warden / ranger	12
Secure toilet facilities	1	<b>Safety &amp; Security</b>	<b>11</b>
Toilets near coach house/play area	1	Security	6
Toilets nearer to children's area	1	CCTV	2
Toilets not locked	1	Lighting on exit at night	1
<b>Walks, Trails &amp; Access</b>	<b>32</b>	Park patrol	1
Cycle Path / Track	7	Safety	1
Nature trails / walks	4	<b>Water - Pond, Lake &amp; Features</b>	<b>11</b>
Orienteering	3	Fountain	6
Trails	3	Fence off pond	1
Horse riding - safe	2	Fishing	1
Riverside paths	2	More pond access	1
Access to Roch valley	1	Pond restored	1
Better walking facilities	1	Water feature	1
Bridleway around the park	1	<b>Gardens, Trees, Plants &amp; Flower beds</b>	<b>10</b>
Clear paths that link to make circuits	1	More trees, flowers and plants, gardens	6
Link to Queens Park	1	Better kept flower beds	2
More dog walks	1	Garden restored	1
Path from bridge over River Roch	1	Ground improvement	1
Paths that link to existing neighbouring paths	1	<b>Park Attractions</b>	<b>10</b>
Walking access to Roch Valley	1	Visitor centre	4
Walks and pathways	1	Animals area	1
Warden led trails, walks	1	Aviary	1
		Butterfly park	1
		Community area	1
		Environmental centre	1
		Greenhouses - arboretum	1

**PRIORITIES FOR ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR SPRINGFIELD PARK - NON-SPORT**

**What facilities other than those which already exist would you like to see at Springfield Park?**

<b>Children's play areas</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Cleanliness</b>	<b>8</b>
Better play area / children's facilities	18	Dog pen	2
Paddling pool	2	More bins	2
Adventure play area	1	More dog waste bins	2
Facilities for special needs children	1	Cleaner park	1
Indoor play area	1	Less dog fouling	1
Large, hard surface play area	1		
Larger play area	1	<b>Wildlife &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>6</b>
Play areas for younger and older children	1	Keep green space	1
Wheel swing for kids	1	Natural environment	1
Zip wire	1	Nature talks & exhibitions	1
		Wetland area	1
<b>Events, Entertainment, Community</b>	<b>23</b>	Wildlife conservation	1
Band Stand / Brass Bands	12	Wildlife studies	1
Events, fetes, carnivals	3		
Forest School activities	2	<b>Parking</b>	<b>5</b>
More use by community groups	2	Better parking	2
More entertainment	1	Disabled parking	2
No fairs	1	Car park barrier to grass	1
Performing area	1		
Stage for bands	1	<b>Meeting &amp; Leisure Areas</b>	<b>2</b>
		Meeting & Leisure Areas	2
<b>No change</b>	<b>23</b>		
No changes, none, nothing, good already	15	<b>Signage</b>	<b>2</b>
Upgrade or Restore Existing Facilities	8	Suitable / clearer marking	2
<b>Seating, Benches &amp; Tables</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>Model Railway</b>	<b>1</b>
More seats / tables / benches	8	Bigger train track	1
Picnic area / benches	6		
Seating	5		
Benches by pond	1	No Change' category has been included on Sport	
Chairs for hire	1	& Non-Sport pages as it relates equally to both	
Shelters	1		
<b>Older Children &amp; Teenage Activities</b>	<b>13</b>		
Youth projects	1		
Skate park	5		
Young person area / more for teenagers	2		
BMX track	1		
Climbing walls	1		
Park for children 12 plus	1		
Ramps for bikes	1		
Adventure playground for 12-16	1		

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**PRIORITIES FOR ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS FOR SPRINGFIELD PARK - SPORT**

**What facilities other than those which already exist would you like to see at Springfield Park?**

**CATEGORIES**

Pitches	34	Activities General	9
No change	23	Racket Sports	7
Golf	21	Facilities General	7
Bowling Greens	13	Athletic Facilities	6
Gyms & Outdoor Exercise	10	Swimming Pool	3

**DETAIL**

<b>Pitches</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>Activities General</b>	<b>9</b>
Football pitches / proper flat pitches (e.g. for clubs/all weather)	12	Sport at coach house	1
Cricket Pitch / proper (incl. carpeted suggestion)	11	Sports club	1
Renew / bring back maintained pitches	9	More Organised sports activities / events	7
Football nets	1		
Kick pitch	1	<b>Racket Sports</b>	<b>7</b>
		Tennis courts	3
<b>No change</b>	<b>23</b>	Badminton courts	1
No changes, none, nothing, good already	15	Completion of tennis courts	1
Upgrade or Restore Existing Facilities	8	Controlled tennis	1
		Small fee for tennis courts	1
<b>Golf</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>Facilities General</b>	<b>7</b>
Putting Green / Crazy Golf / Mini Golf	19	More sports facilities	5
Less golfers	1	Basketball net	1
Not a golf driving range	1	Indoor sports space	1
<b>Bowling Greens</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>Athletic Facilities</b>	<b>6</b>
Bowling green / bigger area	13	Restore / Improve Running track	5
<b>Gyms &amp; Outdoor Exercise</b>	<b>10</b>	Sports arena	1
Gym	3	<b>Swimming Pool</b>	<b>3</b>
Adult gym	2	Open air swimming pool	3
Green Gym	2		
Better facilities for elderly exercise (like Queens Park)	1		
Gymnastics club	1		
Open air fitness	1		

No Change' category has been included on Sport & Non-Sport pages as it relates equally to both



**SELECTED AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SPRINGFIELD PARK**

**How would you like to see the following developed or improved at Springfield Park?**

<b>Golf Course</b>	<b>75</b>	Monitored / have park attendant on duty	3
Enough space already / ok as it is / no improvements	30	Fence to grass courts improved / mended	2
No Golf Driving Range	11	Correct use enforced / keep secure, no vandals	2
Selected but not specified	10	Well used / not used enough	2
Demolish / get rid of	4	As in Queens Park	1
Improved / updated	4	Supervised bowl green	1
Maintained	3	Lights	1
Make it shorter / smaller	2	Tournaments held	1
Encourage greater use	1	Encourage local partnership	1
Car park	1	Need total rebuilding to better standard	1
Keep it away from social area	1	Open more	1
Provide access to paths	1	Keep forever	1
No interest	1	Not used as football pitch	1
More par 4s on back nine	1	Keep grass area	1
More accessible	1	Produce high courts	1
Move it	1	Will be worth visiting when completed	1
Remove or keep	1	Use for bowling green	1
Provide a putting green	1	Seemed to no longer there	1
Shop modernised	1	Charge a small fee to use	1
		Use for multi sports	1
<b>Model Railway</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>Walking and Links</b>	<b>187</b>
Selected but not specified	50	Selected but not specified	77
Extended (incl. Along side of road)	21	Improve paths / maintain better	42
Keep running as it is / excellent facility	20	Build more safe paths for walking	14
Developed / improved / updated	13	Better access to River Roche valley / riverside walks	10
Open more often / longer	13	Signs / more signs	8
Maintain / more maintenance needed	5	Access developed / links to other green spaces	6
Help volunteers	2	Nature and other trails	6
Publicised / advertised	2	Better drainage	3
Benches for non travellers / parents	2	Better /more / improved walking routes	2
Investment to support club	1	All paths in park kept open access / more access	2
Widen the track	1	Keep clean & tidy	2
Used more, more displays	1	Better links to to Queen's Park	2
Used more, more displays	1	Connect 2	1
<b>Play Area</b>	<b>181</b>	Better lit	1
Selected but not specified	68	Easy access to Midge Hall Valley	1
Developed / improved / updated / modernised	33	Access to the sports area	1
Expanded	16	Consider wheelchair users	1
Better / well maintained	11	Distance walked	1
Keep clean & graffiti free	6	Great walks in the woods	1
Keep as it is / already being improved / lovely	5	Better links to Ashworth Valley	1
Paddling Pool / fill pond water	4	Health trail round park	1
Made safe / safer	4	Better links to Bury Road	1
Different surface / gravel too harsh	4	No new barriers for long established walking routes	1
Better equipment for under 5's	3	Orienteering route	1
Extend to include early teens	3	Promoted walks along valley	1
All dogs excluded	3		
More benches	3		
Locked at night to stop vandalism / security	3		
Equipment for different ages of children	2		
User by all	1		
Remove fence	1		
Equipment for older kids	1		
Adult equipment	1		
Ensure animals do not foul area	1		
Open more	1		
Litter bins	1		
Create Café area	1		
Remove shelter	1		
Include nets	1		
Fencing	1		
Add sand pit etc	1		
Use natural materials	1		
<b>Tennis Court</b>	<b>160</b>		
Selected but not specified	52		
Developed / improved / updated / modernised	36		
Maintained / better maintenance / keep tidy	20		
Being updated / must be completed to a good standard	9		
Better surface / all year	8		
Higher / bigger / better fences	6		
New nets	4		

**SELECTED AREAS FOR DEVELOPMENT IN SPRINGFIELD PARK**

**How would you like to see the following developed or improved at Springfield Park?**

<b>Planting &amp; Landscapes</b>	<b>173</b>	Drains for area round lake	2
Selected but not specified	84	Bins emptied regularly	2
More plants / flower beds	20	Better maintenance	2
Developed / Improved / Updated / Modernised	16	Bandstand / Bands	2
Better maintenance / care	12	Paddling pool removed	2
Better planting variety & colour in beds	7	Extend children's play area	2
Back to how it was 1950s & 1970s	4	Guides/brownies continuing use	2
Animal / wildlife friendly planting	3	Nature trails / walks	2
Improve drainage	3	Improve and light entrance - more inviting	2
Greater variety	2	5-a-side pitch	1
More open	2	All free to young children and families	1
More landscaping	2	All weather bowling green surface	1
Maintained all year round	2	Free from litter & dog fouling	1
More trees/bird boxes	2	Church walks	1
Flat, well drained areas	1	Camping for guides	1
Extended	1	Control dogs	1
Garden area	1	No golf	1
Gardening club	1	Free access to sport / games areas	1
More money needed	1	High quality signage	1
More ornamental trees	1	Family event days	1
Nature trails	1	Outdoor theatre	1
Natural sculptures/art	1	Disabled access for girlguide members	1
More shrubs near tennis court	1	Landscape stables inner courtyard	1
Native trees	1	Gates closed	1
Wildflower meadow	1	Pathways at river with planned routes	1
Replant with non-perennial bushes	1	Dog bins	1
Replace dead trees	1	Small animal area	1
Wild flower planting	1	Safer entrance for pedestrians	1
		Seats near to lake	1
<b>Public Open Spaces</b>	<b>186</b>	Skate Park	1
Selected but not specified	74	Regular community events (not a fair)	1
Retain all / do not reduce or lose any of them	24	Regular litter sweeps	1
Better Maintained	16	Rid park of minority who abuse facilities	1
Improved / Updated	13	Ban speeding traffic in park	1
Better drainage	11	Sports events	1
Extended	8	Sandpit	1
More picnic benches / benches / tables	8	Improve steps	1
Better paths	4	Use tennis courts for basketball	1
Keep clean and litter free	4	Wildlife area	1
Keep all open access	3	Steep hill for sledging	1
More bins	3	Fitness activities	1
Better lit in the evenings	2	Bat roost	1
More walk routes	2	Summer events	1
Do not lose them for driving range	1	Horse Show	1
Drainage near lake	1	Trampoline facilities in summer	1
Geocaching trail	1	Smoother road humps	1
Toilets	1	Indoor sports facilities	1
Policed	1	Fantastic	1
No more added	1		
More open	1		
No parking on grass	1		
Skate park	1		
Picnic area	1		
Park ranger	1		
Keep the grass at the top	1		
Replace pond with open space	1		
Shelter by open fields	1		
<b>Others</b>	<b>130</b>		
Selected but not specified	10		
Toilets (incl. Upgrade)	10		
Park Warden / Keeper / Attendant	9		
Café	8		
Improve whole park	7		
Cricket pitch / ground	5		
Bowling green	3		
Better drainage	3		
Cycle path / track	3		
CCTV	3		
Mini / Crazy golf, putting green	3		
Paddling pool improved / repaired	3		
More parking	3		
Picnic areas	3		

**PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SPRINGFIELD PARK**

**If you could choose one improvement to the park what would it be?**

	18/04/2009	After 18/04/2009	Second choices
<b>Total</b>	271	116	71
No response	53	19	
Anti-social behaviour - no teenagers drinking at night	3	1	1
Anti-social behaviour - Safety / security	2	1	0
Bowling green	1	1	0
Buildings - improve near groundsmen's area	0	1	0
Café	14	4	5
Centre - Animal sanctuary	1	0	0
Centre - Environment/education Centre	1	0	0
Centre - Visitor centre	2	3	0
Children - More things for kids to do	1	1	0
Children - paddling pool	0	0	1
Children - play area, improve	9	6	3
Children - Skate park	2	0	0
Clean & tidy - cleanup and kept	6	1	4
Clean & tidy - dog bins	0	1	2
Clean & tidy - dog fouling penalty notices	0	0	1
Clean & tidy - dog mess	1	1	0
Clean & tidy - glass bottles left from drinking	0	1	0
Clean & Tidy - more bins	1	3	1
Clean & Tidy - separate area for dogs	1	0	0
Coach House - repair timers for heating	1	0	0
Coach House - top barn - improve	5	1	1
Community - meeting place	1	0	0
Cycling - BMX track	1	0	0
Cycling - Cycle track	1	0	0
Dogs - kept on leads / restricted to some areas	0	1	3
Drainage	10	1	1
Drainage - near pond	15	5	3
Entry - improved to include exit	1	0	0
Events - more	0	1	0
Events - bandstand - stage for events	1	0	1
Existing facilities - improve	1	1	0
Families - more tempting for families	1	0	0
Fencing	2	0	0
Fitness - Open air gym	1	0	0
FOSP to manage park, give them a budget	1	0	0
Games Pitches - Cricket ground	3	0	0
Games Pitches - free use of flat part at the top	1	0	0
Games pitches - improve / bring back cricket & football	9	3	6
Games pitches - use for family events	0	1	0
Golf - course planted in extension to wood area	1	0	0
Golf - Club House	0	1	0
Golf - more par 4s on back nine	1	0	0
Golf - no more developments / driving range	15	0	3
Golf - putting green / pitch & putt	2	2	0
Green flag	1	1	0

**PRIORITIES FOR IMPROVEMENTS IN SPRINGFIELD**

**If you could choose one improvement to the park what would it be?**

	<b>On day</b>	<b>After</b>	<b>2nd choice</b>
Investment / updating / renovation / improvement	6	1	1
Lake - improve	2	2	3
Lake - increase size to attract wildfowl	0	1	0
Lake - remove	0	1	0
Landscaping	3	4	0
Leave as it is	0	1	0
Lighter - better	0	1	0
Litter bins - more	1	0	0
Maintenance - better	4	0	1
Open spaces - keep	2	0	1
Parking - additional	6	1	3
Parking - close off top to vehicles at night	0	0	1
Paths - better	10	1	4
Paths - improve from running track and river valley	0	2	1
Paths - more / wheelchair access in park and beyond	2	0	0
Paths - muddy between lake & tennis courts	1	0	0
Picnic areas	3	1	2
Planting - Community Orchard	0	1	0
Planting - Grass	1	0	0
Planting - Greenhouses	0	0	1
Planting - labelling of trees, shrubs	1	0	0
Planting - more flowers & plants	3	3	0
Planting - More roses and replace soil	1	0	0
Planting - More tree planting	1	0	0
Planting - stop people killing plants	1	0	0
River - open up the riverside area	1	0	0
Road - improve / get rid of potholes	1	0	0
Roadway - improve	1	0	0
Running track - floodlights	0	1	0
Running track - improve	11	11	2
Seating - more	2	1	3
Signage - signposts	2	0	1
Sport - changing facilities	0	0	1
Sport - Indoor running	1	0	0
Sport - more organised clubs	1	0	0
Sport facilities - more	1	4	1
Staff - More ground staff	1	0	0
Staff - Park wardens/Security	6	5	3
Swimming pool	1	0	0
Tennis courts - better / improve / maintain	3	3	0
Toilets / better toilets	13	8	4
Traffic - restrictions	1	0	0
Traffic - traffic free zone	0	1	0
Water pump for drinking	1	0	0
Wildlife - encourage	1	0	0
Wildlife - get rid of Canada Geese fouling footpaths	0	0	1
Wildlife - Japanese Knotweed, eliminate	0	0	1
Wildlife - nature trails	1	0	0
Wildlife - Wildlife & Eco-friendly led walks	1	0	0

**BEST NEW IDEAS FROM THE VISIONING DAY**

**If you attended the Visioning Day what is the best new idea you came across?**

	<b>180</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Access, RoW, Footpaths &amp; GI</b>		<b>17</b>
Develop riverside area for walking	6	
Convert industrial areas	1	
Access & rights of way to footpaths	4	
Improvements to area by river with signs and more accessible paths	1	
Green strategic planning chain	4	
Improve footpaths	1	
<b>Café</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Children's play area</b>		<b>2</b>
Extending childrens play area	1	
Pyramid climbing frame/slide	1	
<b>Clean &amp; tidy</b>		<b>5</b>
Clean & tidy	2	
Separate dog areas	1	
Should be clean	2	
<b>Community</b>		<b>10</b>
Encourage everyone to use	1	
Chance to air one's views / have a say	1	
Different groups who groups use the park	1	
Hearing comments/views	2	
Large public attendance	1	
People who care about park	1	
Commitment of the public	1	
Volunteer	1	
Need for a communal ctre	1	
<b>Cycling - Area for bikes / off road bike track</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Driving range</b>		<b>34</b>
Everything except the driving range	3	
Keep for all visitors not just golfers	2	
No driving range or loss of open space	29	
<b>Friends of Springfield Park</b>		<b>13</b>
Friends of Springfield Park - work and dedication	3	
FOSP vision for the mere	1	
Friends of Springfield Park Vision	5	
Friends of Springfield	4	
<b>Fountain</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Games Pitches</b>		<b>3</b>
Bring back organised sports matches	1	
Improve cricket ground	2	

**BEST NEW IDEAS FROM THE VISIONING DAY**

**If you attended the Visioning Day what is the best new idea you came across?**

<b>Green flag work</b>	1	1
<b>Green volunteers</b>	2	2
<b>Guides &amp; Brownies</b>		3
Brownie/guides area to remain	1	
Brownie house	1	
Girl guiding	1	
<b>Health &amp; Fitness</b>		11
Open air gym / fitness opportunities	7	
Outside exercise equipment	4	
<b>Information</b> - Photos of how park show be	1	1
<b>Investment</b>		3
Upgrade facilities / revamped park	2	
Lottery funding	1	
<b>Lake</b>		20
Boats on lake	1	
Drain pond	2	
Bridge to pond island	2	
Develop pond area	1	
Lake bigger	1	
Improve pond and surrounding area	11	
Lake with footpaths & picnic areas	1	
Restocking lake	1	
<b>Landscaping</b> (some areas urgent)	3	3
<b>Maintenance study</b>	1	1
<b>Model Railway</b>	1	1
<b>Orienteering</b> course replaced	1	1
<b>Park Ranger</b>	4	4
<b>Piazza</b> - continental type	3	3
<b>Protect &amp; Preserve Park</b>		8
Importance of exist facilities	2	
Promenade around park	1	
Retaining all park, leave alone but improve	4	
Park back to original design	1	
<b>Putting green</b>	1	1

**BEST NEW IDEAS FROM THE VISIONING DAY**

**If you attended the Visioning Day what is the best new idea you came across?**

<b>Seating</b>		<b>3</b>
Seating to the lake and for the family	2	
New benches	1	
<b>Information boards</b>	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Skate park area</b>	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Statue</b> ie Gracie Fields	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Swimming pool</b>	2	<b>2</b>
<b>Tennis</b> - 5-a-side lawn tennis	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Vision</b>		<b>7</b>
All were good	2	
Vision day	2	
Seeing pictures of other parks	1	
new ideas on the development	1	
Nothing particularly - park needs a revamp	1	
<b>Visitor Centre</b>	3	<b>3</b>
<b>Wildlife &amp; Nature</b>		<b>8</b>
Wildlife area	2	
Woodland adventure trails	1	
Nature trails	2	
Wildlife vision	1	
Wetland, flower	1	
More nature activities	1	

SPRINGFIELD PARK VISIONING DAY QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

**OTHER COMMENTS FROM THE VISIONING DAY**

	On the day		After the day		Totals	
Total questionnaires received	270	69.9%	116	30.1%	386	100.0%
Other comments submitted	195	72.2%	83	71.6%	278	72.0%
Comments not related to driving range	13	4.8%	16	13.8%	29	7.5%
Comments objecting to the driving range	182	67.4%	67	57.8%	249	64.5%
No comments made	75	27.8%	33	28.4%	108	28.0%

**Other comments made alongside objections to Golf Driving Range**

Public access

All park should be open to public.  
 It would spoil the park for everybody else  
 Park is for public not golf  
 It will kill the park  
 Springfield Park is for all people not for one group.  
 Keep park for the public  
 Park is for everyone  
 Great park for majority not just minority X 2  
 Leave it accessible to everybody  
 Huge shame to enclose much of this space & reduce its benefit  
 Land should be for everyone not just a few golfers  
 Will ruin the park  
 Loss of land would exclude a lot of general users  
 Leave open spaces for all to use  
 Public open space cannot have access denied to the public

Public open space

The golf course is already big enough.  
 Horrified how much land will be lost to general public.  
 Don't want to lose area used for enjoyment  
 No restricting use of top field  
 Please do not ruin our open spaces  
 Shame to lose activity centre & park area  
 Overall park nice & good, do not alter open space  
 Already lost part of path by river to golf course.  
 Disaster from point of view of loss of open spaces

Games pitches and other uses of top field

No loss of existing used football/cricket pitches.  
 Improve cricket pitch  
 Criminal to destroy playing field & track  
 Against golf, in favour of cricket & open areas  
 Keep last open space for children to play football  
 Don't want football pitches converted to driving range  
 Keep open space for Castleton carnival X 2  
 Keep park as child play area

Visual impact

Driving range will make park look like prison  
 Strongly object to 70 ft fence  
 No ugly fences.  
 Driving range looks overpowering  
 Keep view of landscapes X 2  
 Another council white elephant at Rochdale  
 Would be an eyesore

Need for Driving Range

Unsure if people will use it  
 No golf driving range, one at Bowlee is enough for Rochdale  
 Already comparable facilities nearby  
 Golf range available in Castleton never fully utilised  
 Golf might not be necessary  
 Already 2 nearby at Bowlee and Heaton Park  
 Why do we need 3 driving ranges in Rochdale?  
 Is there a real need?  
 Existing ranges in the area  
 Bowlee close enough to cater for such demands, N/Mcr Golf Club also close.

Alternative suggestions

New facilities for fat children not expensive driving range  
 Use money to upgrade park  
 Spend money on new drains & cleaning pond  
 Improve facilities  
 Enhance existing features  
 Use empty farm across from Heywood cemetery instead

**Other comments made alongside objections to Driving Range (contd.)**

Other general comments

Should plans be allowed?  
 As living in park don't want a driving range on my doorstep spoiling views X 4  
 Always lived in Castleton. It is a very special park  
 Enjoyed park for 50 years. Keep it that way.  
 It will result in excessive traffic  
 ROGC must keep supporting children  
 Friends of Springfield Park are to be commended  
 Not best use of council resources  
 Park does not need any other pastimes  
 Vision plan without driving range X 2  
 Park is a valuable asset for Rochdale people  
 Very biased questionnaire  
 Rochdale MBC should do what the people want, not what they want.

**Other comments not related to Golf Driving Range**

About the Visioning Day

Stall holders helpful, hopes all points raised will be considered  
 Brought many parts of Rochdale together  
 Good to see so many local people having their say  
 More notice for future meetings  
 Publicise events more  
 Well thought out  
 Very short consultation period

Features & Facilities

Ensure that there is a walkway through the park for local residents  
 Renovate the running track  
 Need clean toilets  
 Move adventure area for children  
 No open air pop concerts  
 Move football pitch from middle of track

Investments & Improvements

Make park fit for purpose  
 Where is funding coming from in cash strapped country?  
 Park looks tired & neglected, return to former glory  
 Extra garden staff  
 Continue upgrading existing facilities  
 Not suitable for fairs  
 Footbridge over lake  
 Better formed gardens, topiary centre piece  
 Major renovation to golf course & park long overdue  
 Make access off Bolton Rd  
 Proper car park  
 Keep vehicles away from pedestrian access

Anti-social behaviour

Needs measure in place to deter drug dealers and thugs  
 Only youths use the play area at night and leave litter etc  
 everywhere. Why not enclose it so it can be locked?  
 In future measures in place to stop dog walkers from allowing dogs  
 to excrete and it not be cleared  
 Clean up graffiti

Maintenance

Happy park is neat, tidy & clean  
 Heywood & Littleborough well maintained would like Springfield Park  
 to be of the same standard  
 Overall park is nice & good

Other

Do not want interference  
 A lot of things to do