

Athlone Gardens - Consultation on views of the Dog Agility area and proposed relocation

Consultation report and findings
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Introduction

Background

The Parks Project Team were keen to understand the usage of the dog agility area and equipment in Athlone Gardens, as well as preferences for the relocation of the dog agility area. Consultation would be considered ahead of commissioning for the proposed relocation of the dog agility area.

An online survey was promoted via e-newsletters and social media sites (Nextdoor, Facebook and Twitter). The online survey ran between 9 November 2020- 21 December 2020.

Methodology and report

There were 30 respondents in total. Not all respondents answered all questions. Where graphs are shown, actual number of responses are indicated (as percentage figures can be misleading with a small number of responses). Base numbers represent the total number of respondents for each question. Some questions were only asked to respondents based on how they answered previous questions, and some have abstained from responding all questions, so numbers will not always add up to 30 responses.

Appendix

The appendix contains details of all themed comments made by respondents in relation to the question about the impact on proposals of a new gym. All other responses and data are in report. The appendix is available as a separate document.

Equalities

All equalities data is presented on the '**About Respondents: Demographic Breakdown**'.

Acknowledgements

The Council would like to thank stakeholders that took the time to take part in the exercise and gave their views.

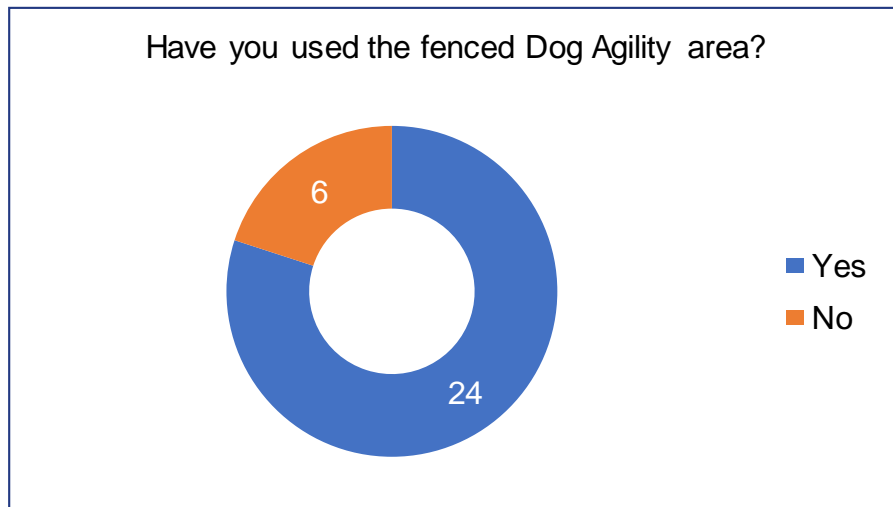


Results at a Glance

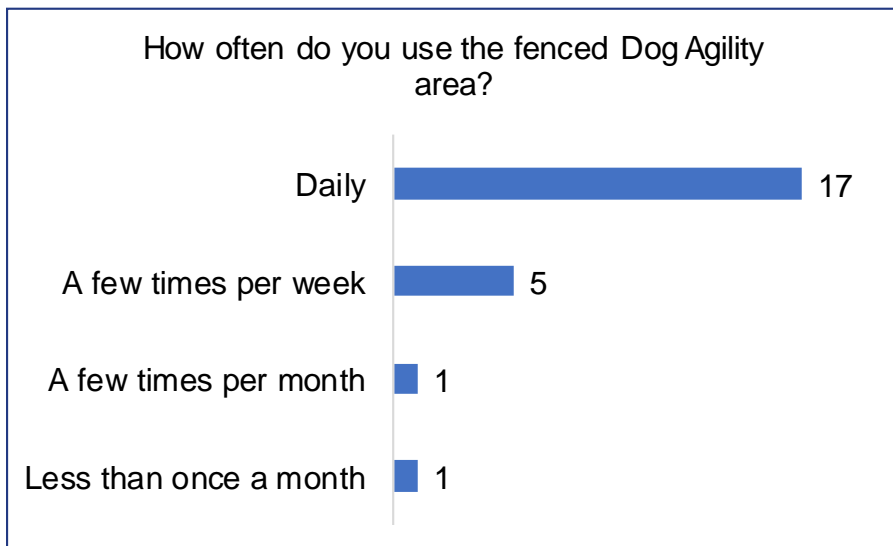
- A total of 24 respondents have used the Dog Agility area, with 17 of these respondents using the Dog Agility area on a daily basis.
- Of the 24 respondents who have used the Dog Agility area, 17 used the Dog Agility training equipment, with nine of these respondents using the equipment daily.
- A total of 23 respondents outlined that they would use the Dog Agility area in future.
- The majority (26 respondents) **'Agree'** that the Dog Agility area benefits Athlone Gardens.
- A total of 22 respondents **'Disagree'** that the park should become 'dog on lead only' if the Dog Agility area improved.
- A total of 22 respondents highlighted that they would like to see more equipment added to the Dog Agility area, with 14 of these respondents highlighting that they would like to see **'Better facilities (e.g. shelter, water for dogs)'** added to the area.
- When asked about the preference for the relocation of the Dog Agility area, a total of 14 respondents chose **'Option 3 – other'** whilst 12 respondents chose **'Option 2 – set further back in centre of park'**.
- Of those that selected **'Option 3 – other'**, a total of 11 respondents outlined that they would prefer a **'Combination of both option 1 and option 2'**
- None of the respondents chose **'Option 1 - long, narrow design, adjacent to the playground'** when outlining their preference for the relocation of the Dog Agility area.



Summary charts – Use of the Dog Agility Area



Base: 30 (all responses)



Base: 24

Respondents were asked about their usage of the Dog Agility area.

- A total of 24 respondents highlighted that they have used the Dog Agility area.
- A total of six respondents had not used to the Dog Agility area.

Of those that said '**Yes**' to the above, respondents were asked how often they use the Dog Agility area.

- A total of 17 respondents highlighted that they use the Dog Agility area '**Daily**'
- A total of five respondents used the Dog Agility area '**A few times per week**'



Summary charts – Usage of Dog Agility equipment

Have you made use of the new Dog Agility training equipment?

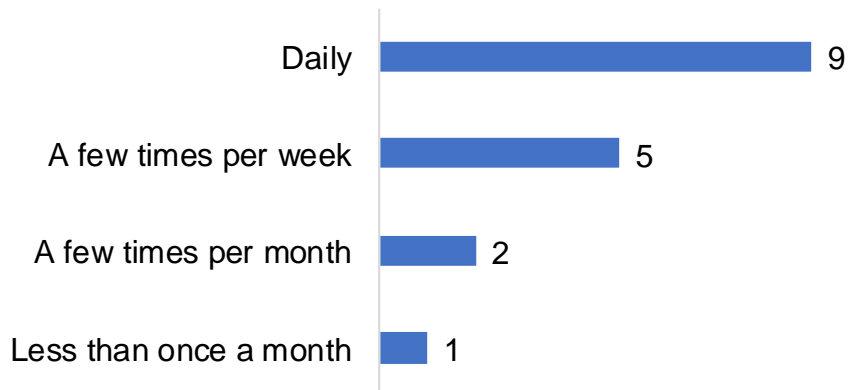


Base: 24

Of those that responded **'Yes'** to using the Dog Agility area, respondents were then asked about their usage of the Dog Agility training equipment.

- A total of 17 respondents highlighted that they have used the Dog Agility training equipment
- A total of seven respondents had not used to the Dog Agility area.

How often do you usually use the training equipment?



Base: 17

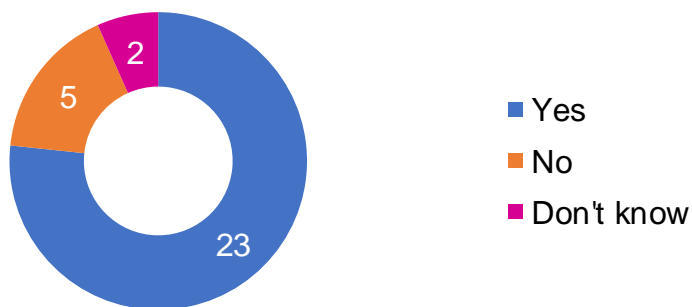
Of those that said **'Yes'** to the above, respondents were asked how often they use the Dog Agility training equipment.

- A total of nine respondents highlighted that they use the training equipment **'Daily'**
- A total of five respondents used the training equipment **'A few times per week'**



Summary charts – Views on the Dog Agility area

Do you think you will use the Dog Agility area in the future?

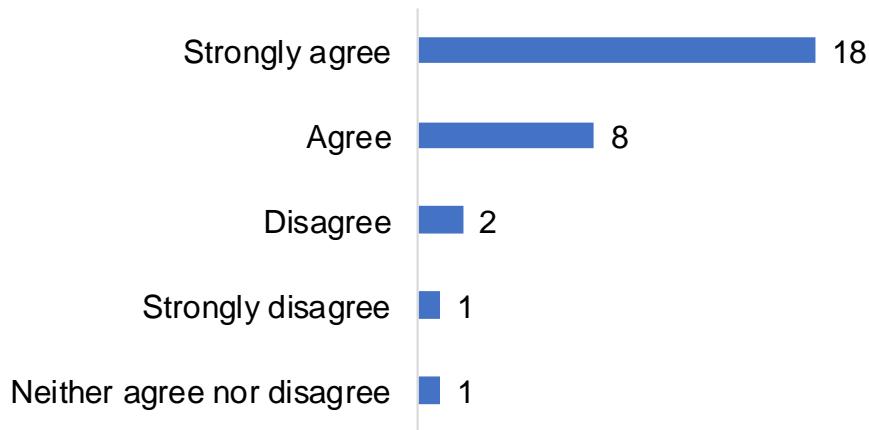


Base: 30 (all responses)

Respondents were asked if they would use the Dog Agility area in future.

- A total of 23 respondents highlighted that they would use Dog Agility area in future.
- A total of five respondents said they would not use the Dog Agility area in future.

'The Dog Agility area benefits Athlone Gardens'



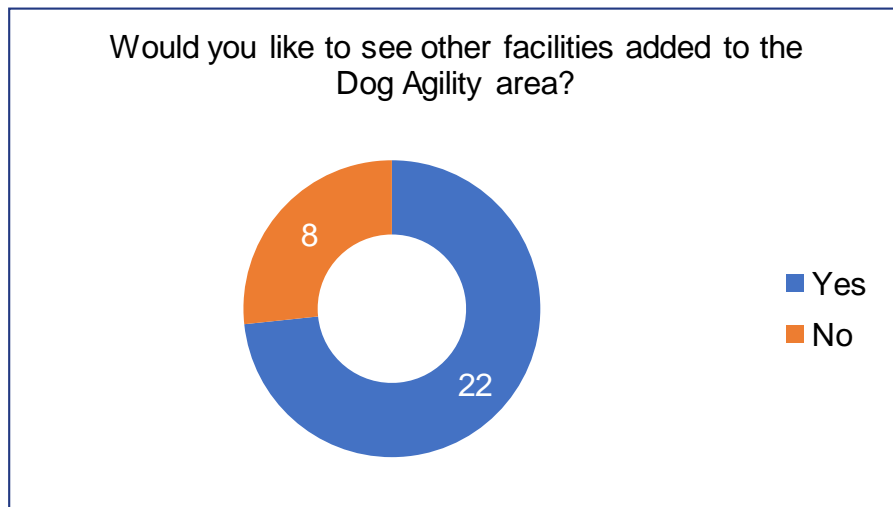
Base: 30 (all responses)

Respondents were asked if 'The Dog Agility area benefits Athlone Gardens'

- A total of 26 respondents '**Agreed**' with this statement.
- A total of three respondents '**Disagreed**' with this statement.



Summary charts – Other facilities for the Dog Agility area



Base: 30 (all responses)

Theme	Count
Better facilities (e.g. shelter, water for dogs)	14
Improved dog agility equipment	9
Larger area for dogs	6

Base: 22 (all comments)

Respondents were asked if they would like to see other facilities added to the Dog Agility area in future.

- A majority (22) of respondents highlighted that they would like to see other facilities added to the Dog Agility area in future.
- A total of eight respondents said they would not like to see other facilities added to the Dog Agility area in future.

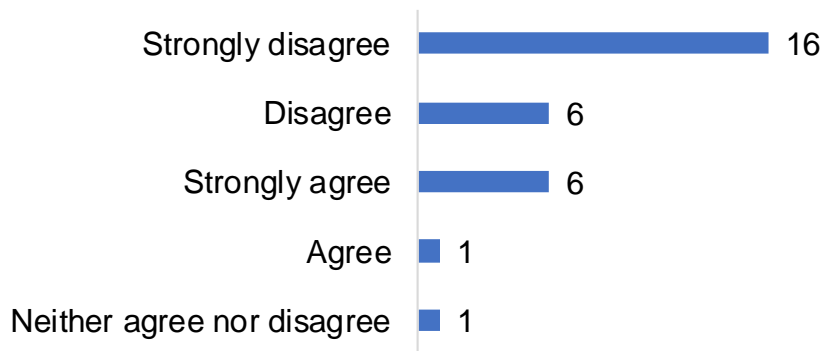
Of those that responded **'Yes'** to the above, respondents were asked to outline what other facilities they would like added:

- A total of 14 respondents highlighted that they would like to see **'Better facilities (e.g. shelter, water for dogs)'** added to the Dog Agility area.
- A total of nine respondents said they would not like to see **'Improved dog agility equipment'**



Summary charts - Respondents and Interests

If the Dog Agility area was improved, should the park become 'dog on lead only'?

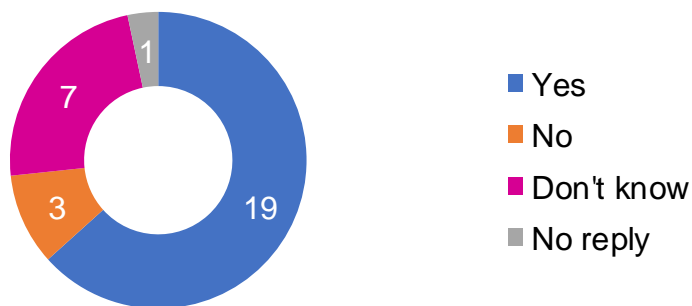


Base: 30 (all responses)

Respondents were asked if they agreed that the park became 'dog on lead only' if the Dog Agility area was improved:

- A majority (22) of respondents **'Disagreed'** that the park should become 'dog on lead only'.
- A total of seven respondents **'Agreed'** that the park should become 'dog on lead only' if the Dog Agility area was improved.

Would you like to see Dog Agility equipment installed in other parks throughout the borough?



Base: 30 (all responses)

Respondents were asked if they would like to see Dog Agility equipment installed in other parks throughout the borough:

- A majority (19) of respondents highlighted that they would like to see Dog Agility equipment installed elsewhere.
- A total of seven respondents said that they **'Don't know'** whether they would like to see Dog Agility equipment installed elsewhere.



Further comments on the Dog Agility area

Respondents were asked to provide any further comments on the Dog Agility area in Athlone Gardens. The comments submitted have been themed and outlined in the table below. Multiple themes may apply to the same comment.

- A total of seven respondents highlighted that there should be a **'larger, separate space for dogs'**
- A total of six respondents raised the issue of **'irresponsible dog owners'** and in particular the amount of dog mess that is left in the park.

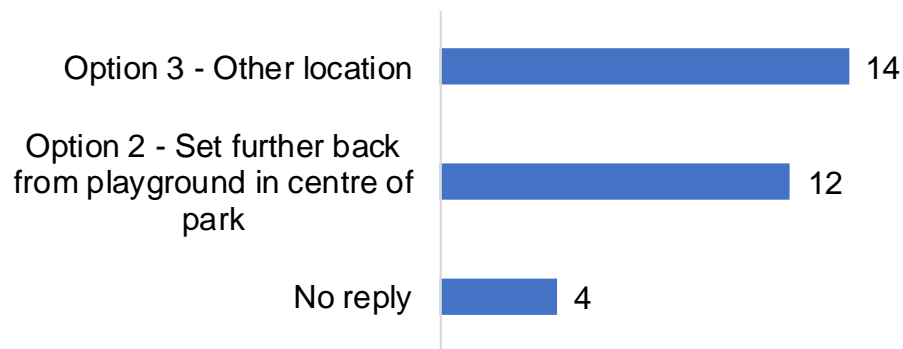
Theme	Count
Larger, separate space for dogs	7
Irresponsible dog owners (e.g. Dog mess)	6
Dog area should be distanced from kids' area	5
Safer fencing	3
The dog area contributes to an important community feel	3
Better servicing of the park	1

Base: 23 (all comments)



Summary charts – Relocation of Dog Agility area

Which of the areas highlighted on the map would you prefer the Dog Agility area to be relocated to?



Base: 30 (all responses)

Respondents were shown a marked map of proposed changes to the Dog Agility area and asked which option they would prefer:

- A total of 14 respondents chose ***'Option 3 – other location'***
- A total of 12 respondents chose ***'Option 2 – set further back in centre of park'***
- None of the respondents chose ***'Option 1 – long, narrow design, adjacent to the playground'***

Theme	Count
Combination of both option 1 and option 2	11
Further away from the playground	3

Base: 14 (all comments)

Of those that responded ***'Option 3'*** to the above, respondents were asked to detail their preferred location:

- A total of 11 respondents highlighted that they would like to see a ***'Combination of both option 1 and option 2'***
- Whilst a total of three respondents said they would like to see the relocation ***'Further away from the playground'***



Further comments on relocation of the Dog Agility area

Respondents were asked to provide any further comments on the relocation of the Dog Agility area in Athlone Gardens. The comments submitted have been themed and outlined in the table below. Multiple themes may apply to the same comment.

- A total of eight respondents highlighted that there should be a **'larger space for dogs and dog owners'**
- A total of four respondents raised **'concerns over closeness to the playground'** and the impact this could have on both dogs and children playing.

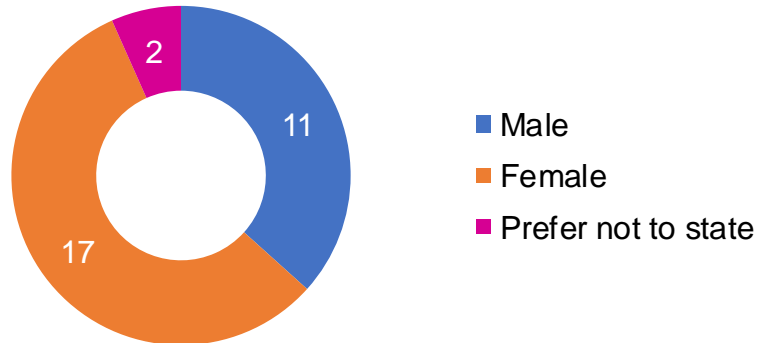
Theme	Count
Larger space for dogs and dog owners	8
Concerns over closeness to the playground	4
Better facilities/servicing of the park	4
Important for community feel	2
Irresponsible dog owners (e.g. Dog mess)	1

Base: 16 (all comments)

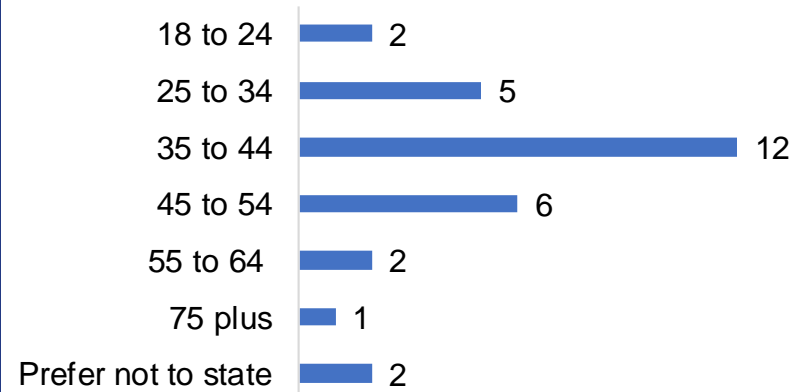


About respondents: Demographic Breakdown

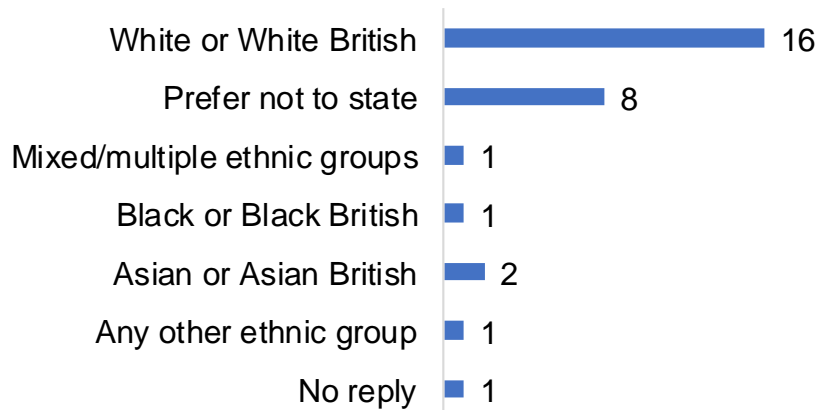
What sex are you?



Which age group do you belong to?



How would you describe your ethnic origin?



Do you have a long-term illness or disability?

