

Summary of Results for Splash Pad Project

Bancroft

- 1) NHDC is proposing that the Splash Park primarily caters for children aged 1-8 years. Do you agree that this should be the primary age group to target?**

Results:

78.13% agree however there are some suggestions that it could include secondary school children too.

Response:

The design of the water splash park does cater primarily for children aged 1-8 but older children will not be excluded from the facility. The adopted master plan for improvements to the site does include facilities for older children such as a Multi Use Games Area and additional play equipment. North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) is working on a phased approach to deliver these.

- 2) Which of the following are the most important factors of a water splash play facility? (Answers ranked in order of importance)**

Results:

- ❖ Encourages physical activity
- ❖ Encourages social interaction
- ❖ Provides a sensory experience
- ❖ Encourages creativity

Response:

The design will take account of the preferred ranking with the greatest importance being placed on physical activity and the least on encouraging creativity.

- 3) Which of the following are the most important features to be included in the play facilities? (Answers ranked in order of importance)**

Results:

- ❖ Interactive features with user controls
- ❖ Colourful equipment
- ❖ Different sounds

Response:

The design will take account of the preferred ranking with the greatest importance being placed on interactive features with user controls and the least on different sounds.

4) Are there any other features you would like to see?

Results:

Most common suggestions were;

- ❖ Café
- ❖ Changing area/toilet facilities
- ❖ Seating area

Response:

A baby changing / toilet facility is being provided for use when the water splash park is in operation (May – Sept). The adopted master plan for improvements to the site does include catering facilities and improved seating. NHDC is working on a phased approach for their delivery.

5) Which of the following equipment would you like to see included in the play facility? (Answers ranked in order of importance)

Results:

- ❖ Floor mounted water fountain jets
- ❖ Water spray tunnels
- ❖ Floor mounted gurgling water jets
- ❖ High level tipping water buckets
- ❖ Water Cannons

Response:

The design will take account of the preferred ranking with the greatest importance being placed on floor mounted water fountain jets and least on water cannons.

6) Do you agree with the proposed location of the water splash park?

Results:

- ❖ 84.38% agree with the location of the park

Response:

The most common response who did not agree with the location was for additional water splash parks at other sites in Hitchin.

7) Please indicate your age group

Results:

- ❖ 22% were under 18

Response:

In order to ensure we maximise the play opportunities for children in addition to the survey results national best practice for children's play will be followed.

8) If you are aged 18 or over please indicate if you are a parent/guardian?

Results:

- ❖ 91.20% were parents/guardians and/or grandparents

Response:

The view of parents, guardians and grandparents will help develop the design of the new facility.

**9) Do you have any other comments?
(Most common comments)**

Results:

- ❖ Pleased about proposals, concerned about vandalism and if area should be fenced in.

Response:

Sturdy equipment will be used which is vandal resistant. NHDC's adopted policy for fencing is to undertake an individual site risk assessment and provide or replace fencing only where a recognised need on grounds of health & safety or to improve design has been established. NHDC will also engage independent specialist risk assessment companies such as RoSPA to undertake risk assessments and be guided by their recommendations.