



Playscape survey

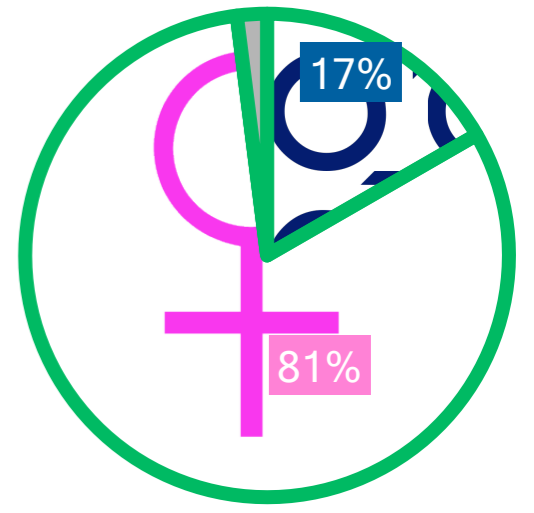
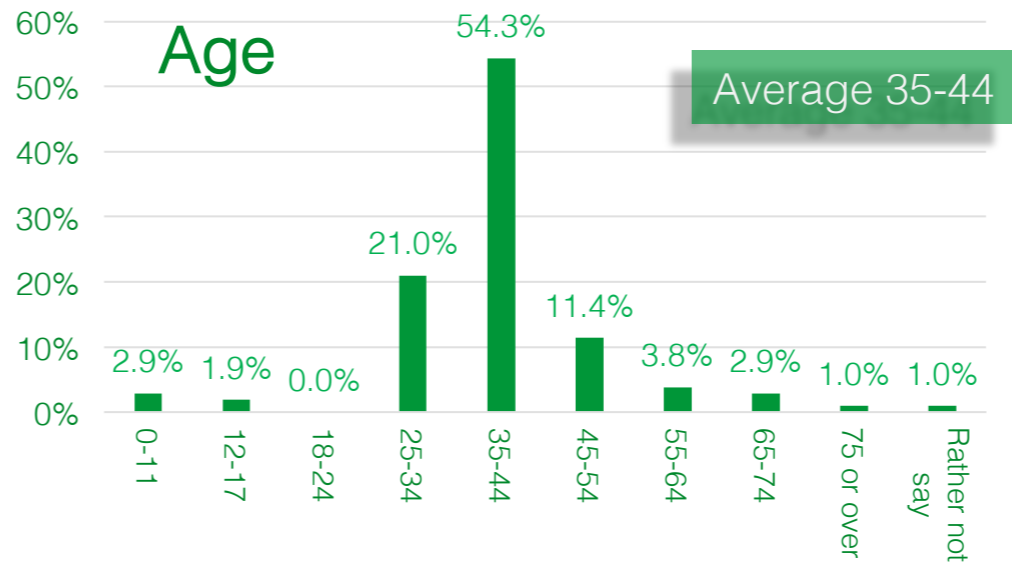
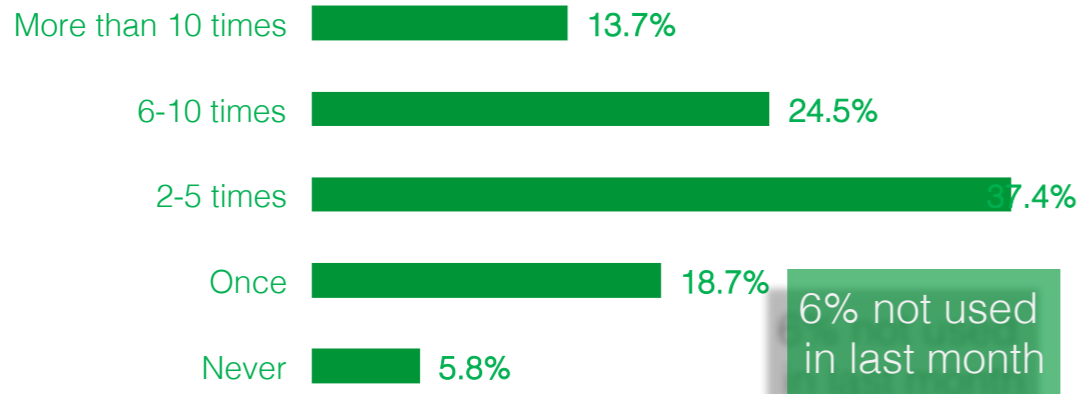
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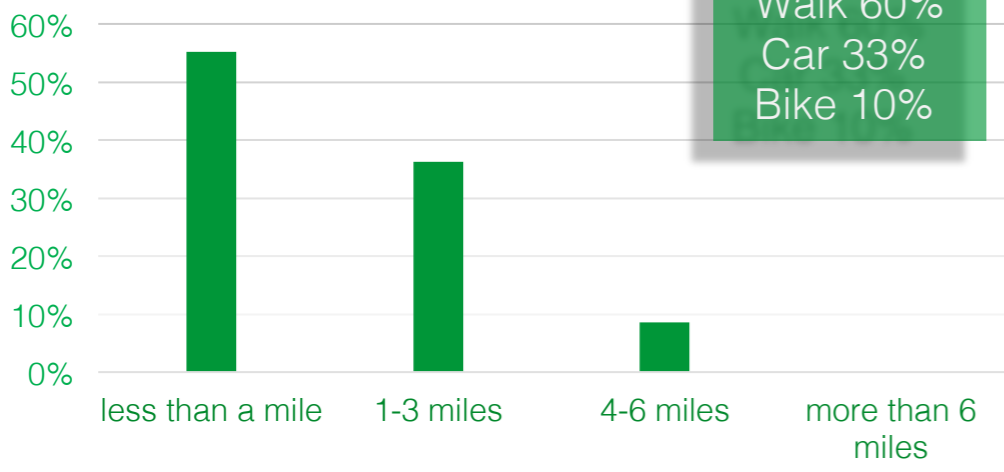
n = 139 respondents in total

- Most respondents (nearly 90%) using rec mainly for play area (unsurprising given how we pitched survey)
- 'Average respondent' was 35-44 female, using multiple times per week, mainly 2-12 year old children
- Generally satisfied with the rec (3.2/5.0), but less satisfied with play provision (2.7/5.0)
- Want playspace to feel safe, happy, exciting, and most importantly for all ages BUT actually feel it is old, tired, frustrating and depressed, but also nostalgic and safe.
- Many currently feel it is generally safe, but not accommodating for a range of ages, particularly older children (9+) as well as those under 3. In fact, the most important factor that respondents (80%) called out that they would like a playspace that caters for a range of ages.
- Following this through, all ages being catered for was the greatest desire for the development, along with toilet provision. Safety was paramount, with covered areas and safe flooring, along with independent and challenging play.
- Some desire to keep nostalgic items, but most want revamp and replacement

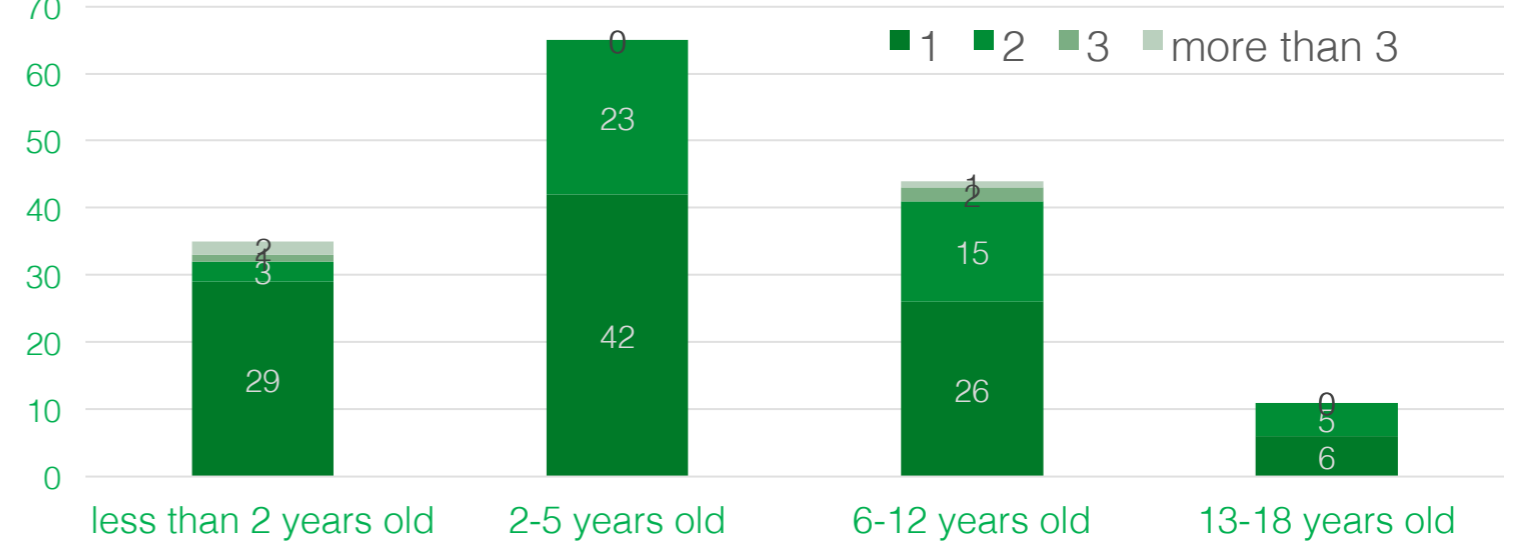
How frequently have you used Great Shelford recreation ground in the last month?



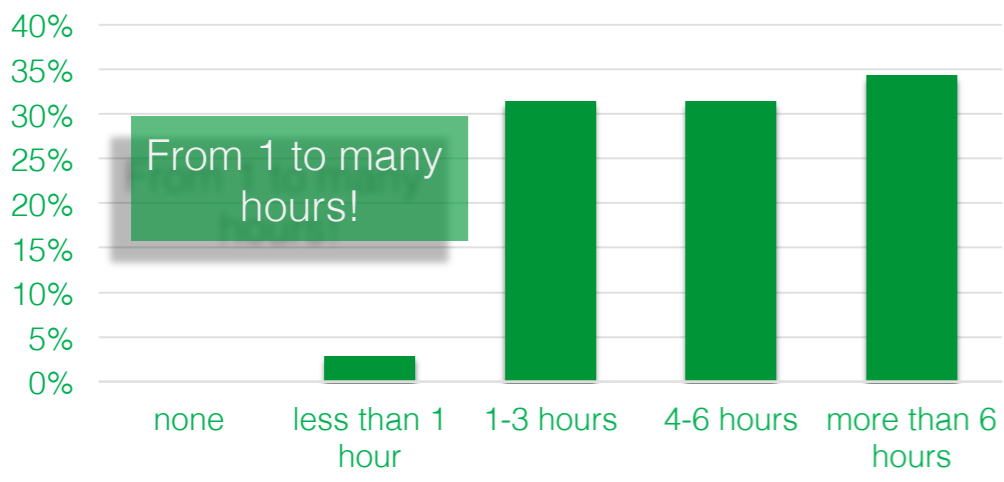
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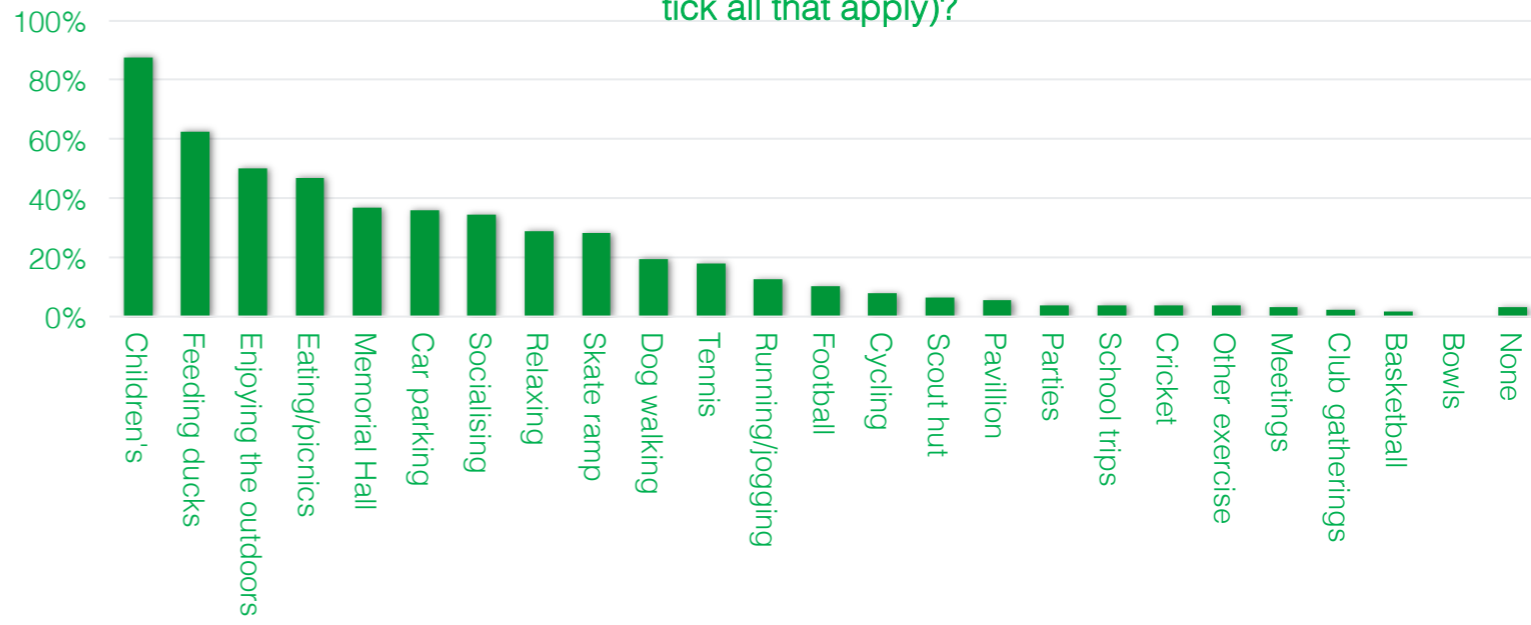
If you regularly bring children to the rec, how many and what are their ages?



Average hours per week spent on outdoor activities



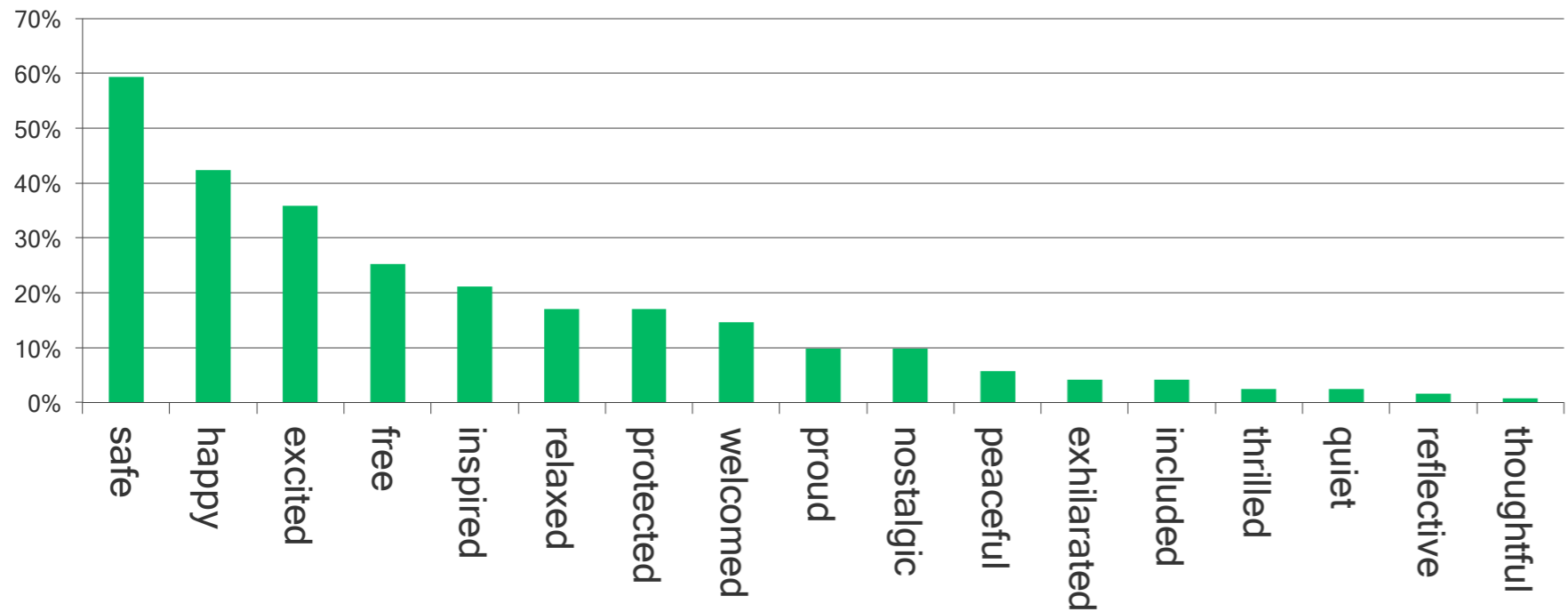
What do you (and your family) currently use the recreation ground for (please tick all that apply)?



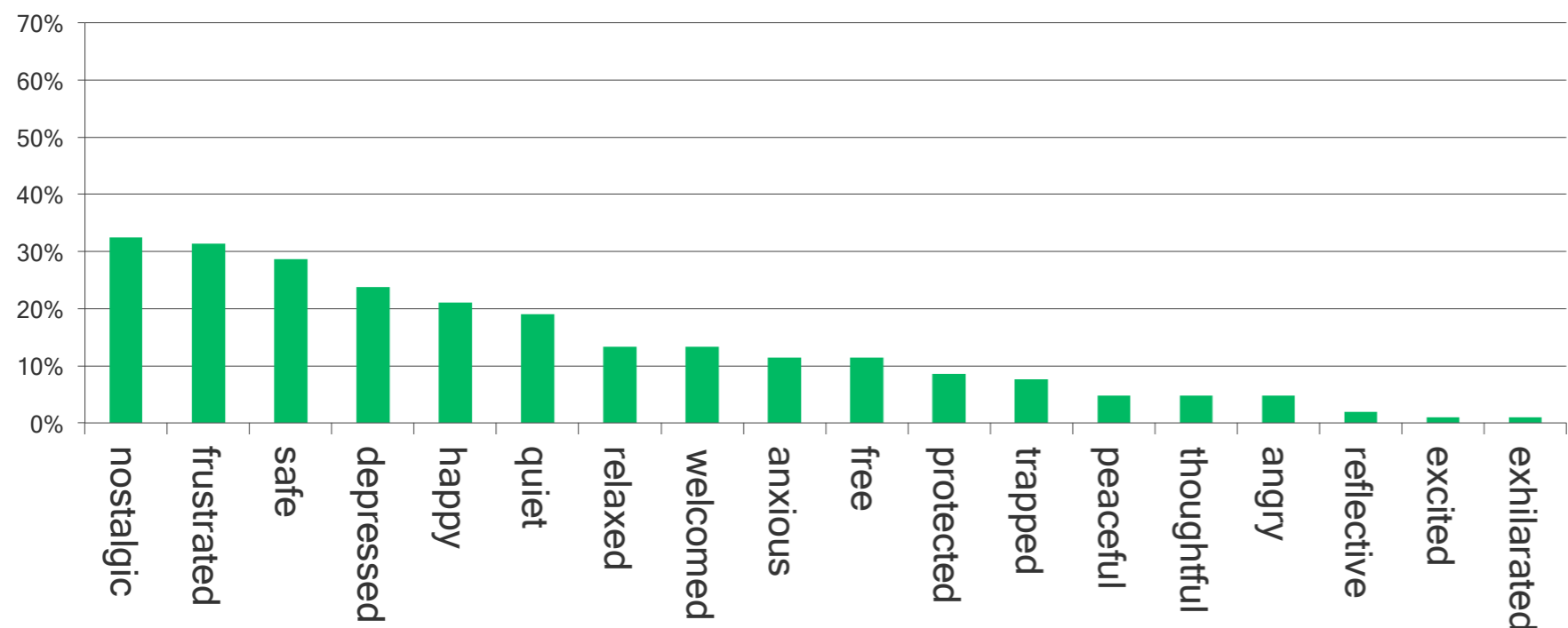
Like to feel: Safe, Happy, Excited, Free, inspired, relaxed

Currently feel: Nostalgic, Frustrated, Safe, Depressed, Happy

Would like to feel [n=123]



Currently do feel [n=103]



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Imaginative

I used the play area when I was little (I'm 32) and I take my 3 year old son there now. And it doesn't feel like its changed in over 20 years.

Not large enough for the population and certainly needs landscaping

Clean

fun

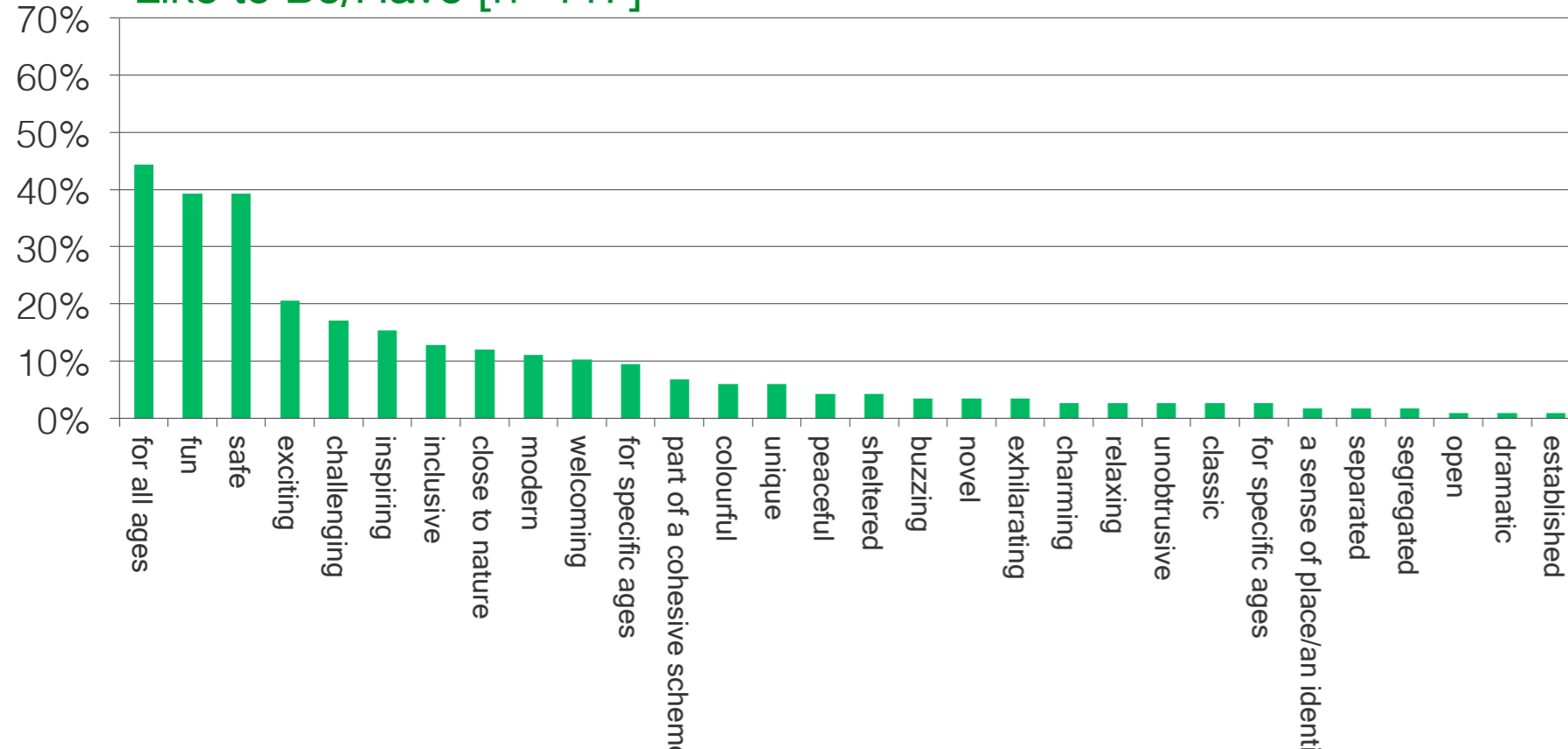
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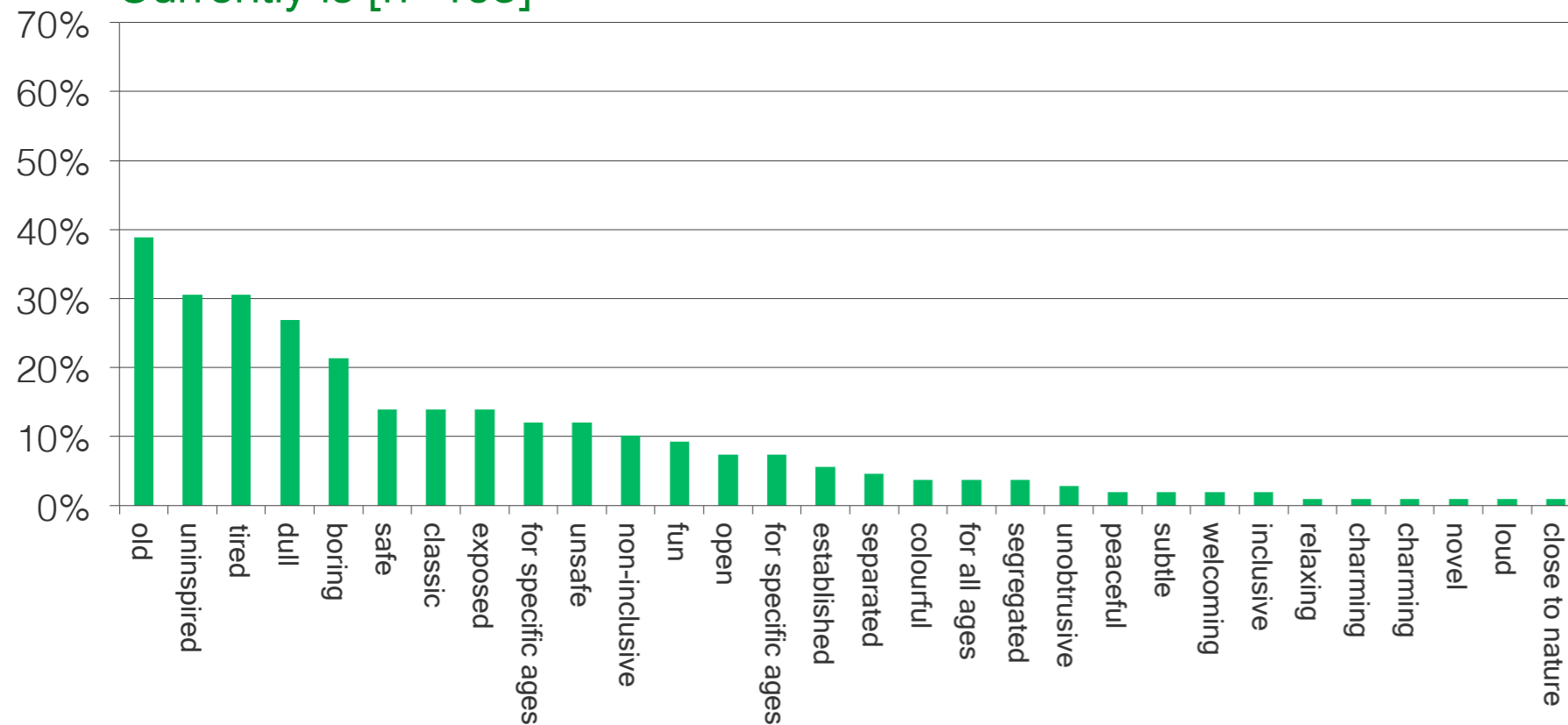


Like to be/have: For all ages, fun, safe, exciting, challenging, inspired
 Currently is: Old, uninspired, tired, dull, boring

Like to Be/Have [n=117]



Currently is [n=108]



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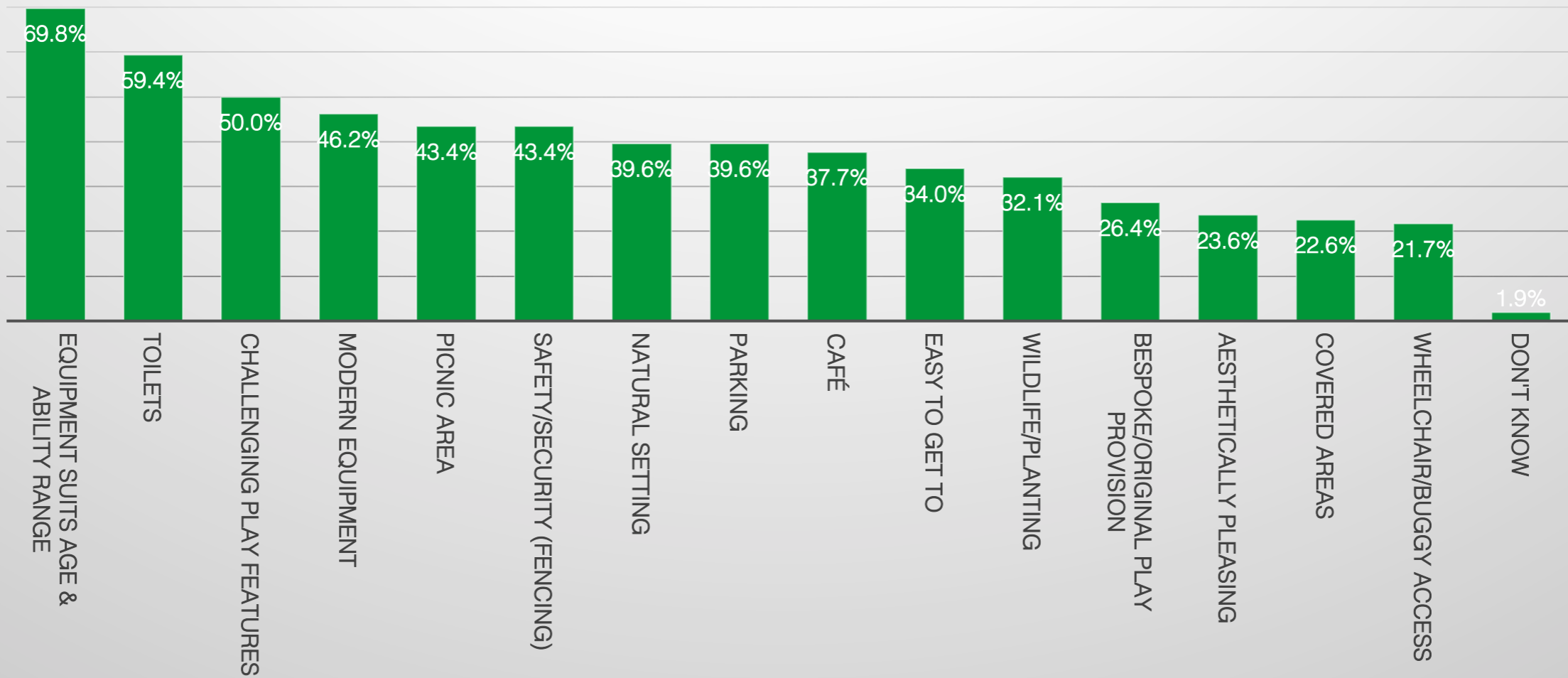


bored
bored and tired
Awful, desperate in need of modernisation! Nothing for older children, nothing to challenge toddlers and very unsafe. An accident waiting to happen.
Tired, dated
Tired, dated
I am 37 years old. The play equipment has not changed apart from the addition of a wooden structure. Nostalgia is not always a good thing! No other words were appropriate.
Lacking
Not very fun because they are for younger children mostly
Disappointing/ Old
Bored, limited, uninspiring
Neutral. It serves a purpose.
Tired, limited, old
Tired
Except basketball needs to be moved to other end to lonely and hidden, won't let my son go on his own as 3 strange men creeping about!
Tired
Bored, embarrassed
uninspiring
unimpressed
Could be better
Bored
Meh
Bored
hot in the summer - it restricts my usage as I feel there is no protection from the sun at this time of year. Exposed - to the sun in the summer and rain in the winter. I don't mind a bit of rain but a little cover would be good!
Underwhelmed
It is such a great location and big space but is let down by the old equipment and needs updating with a little more imagination so everyone can enjoy it.
Exposed to elements. In Summer sun is too strong to enjoy the playground, in winter the wind is unbearable for kids & carers to enjoy it.
uninspired, limited, exposed
bored
exposed to the elements

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Important in other outdoor play spaces [n=106]



Dogs - I find it very off-putting to head on to the rec, possibly with a coffee to sit for a few minutes, to find a huge dog coming towards me, not on a lead, and its owner some distance away. I appreciate that dog owners need to be able to walk their dogs, but I don't want to come face to face with an unaccompanied dog, especially if it's been in the river! Honestly this stops me walking on the rec more.

it's destination, somewhere you can spend a few hours

Good quality equipment

Dog free

My son enjoys going to these places especially as he can safely run around without us being right next to him.

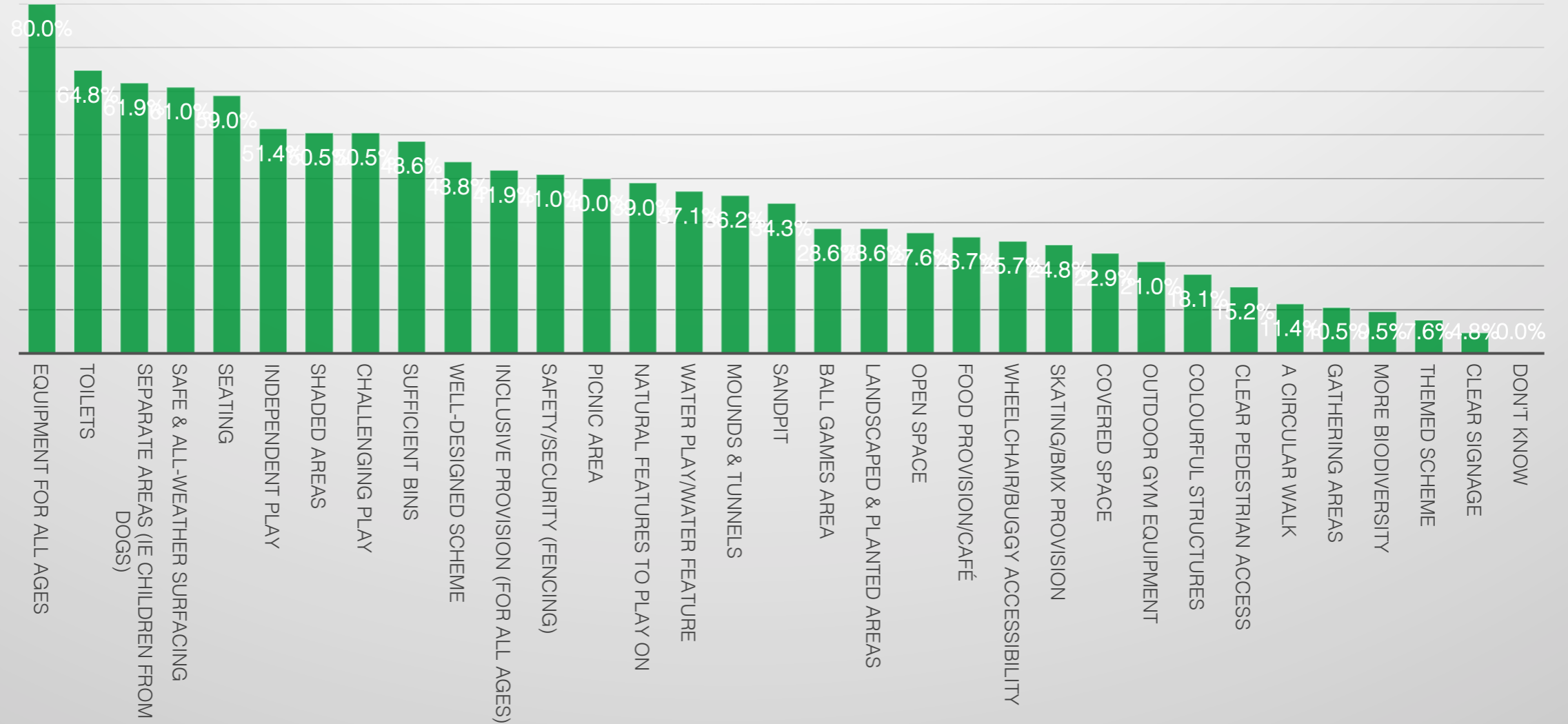
Trees/woodland

skate and scooter facilities

shade



Important in dramatic redesign



Keep the horse!!!

Would love to see more seasonal planting.

Recycling bins that are emptied essential. I often pick up a dozen or more cans / bottles scattered around the morning after youthful evening gatherings.

Keep some of the classic things. Make sure that not all risk is eliminated in the name of safety.

Space to play. Trees to climb. Don't lose that while adding in man made stuff.

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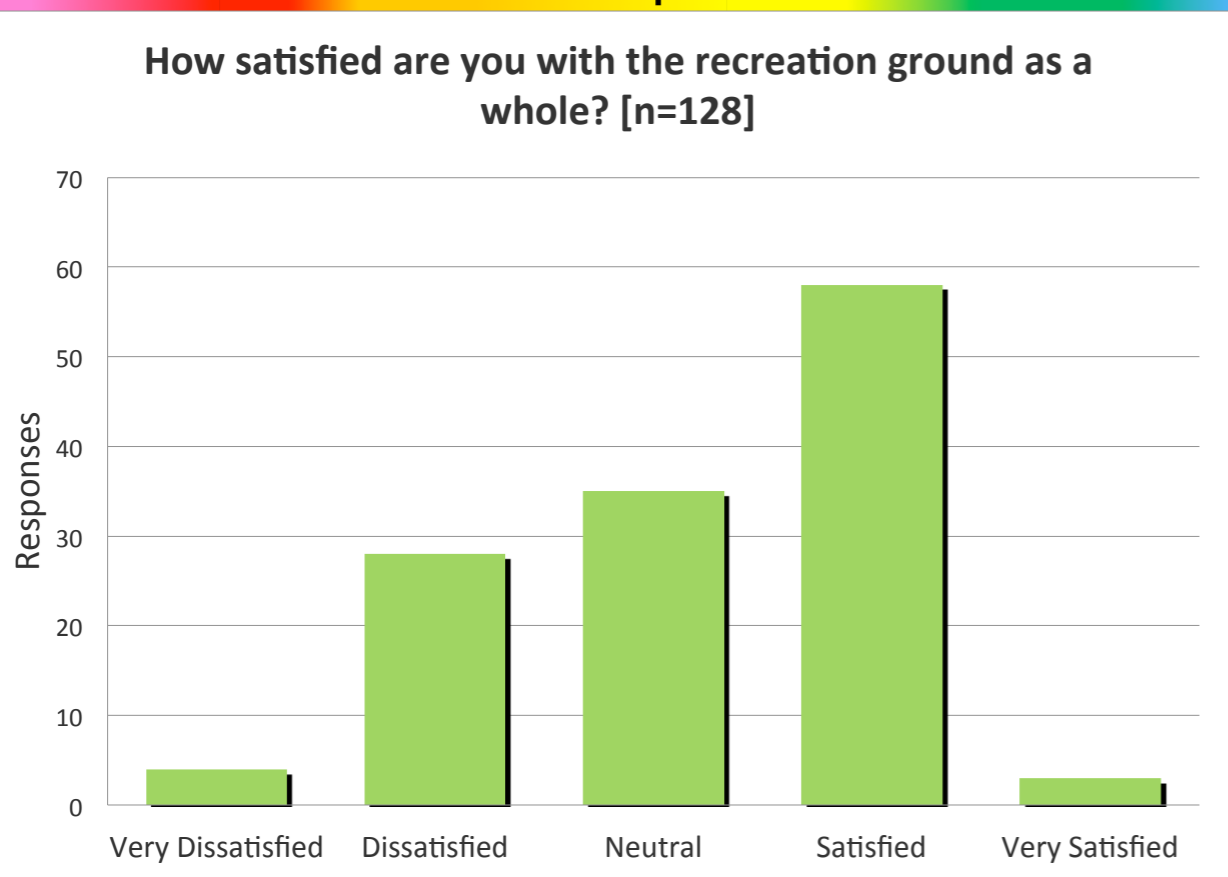
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Grandson wrote to Parish council 4 years ago requesting an outdoor table tennis table he received a misspelt reply saying their was no money, all was being spent on the new clubhouse. Tennis exclusive , should be freely available to all at certain times

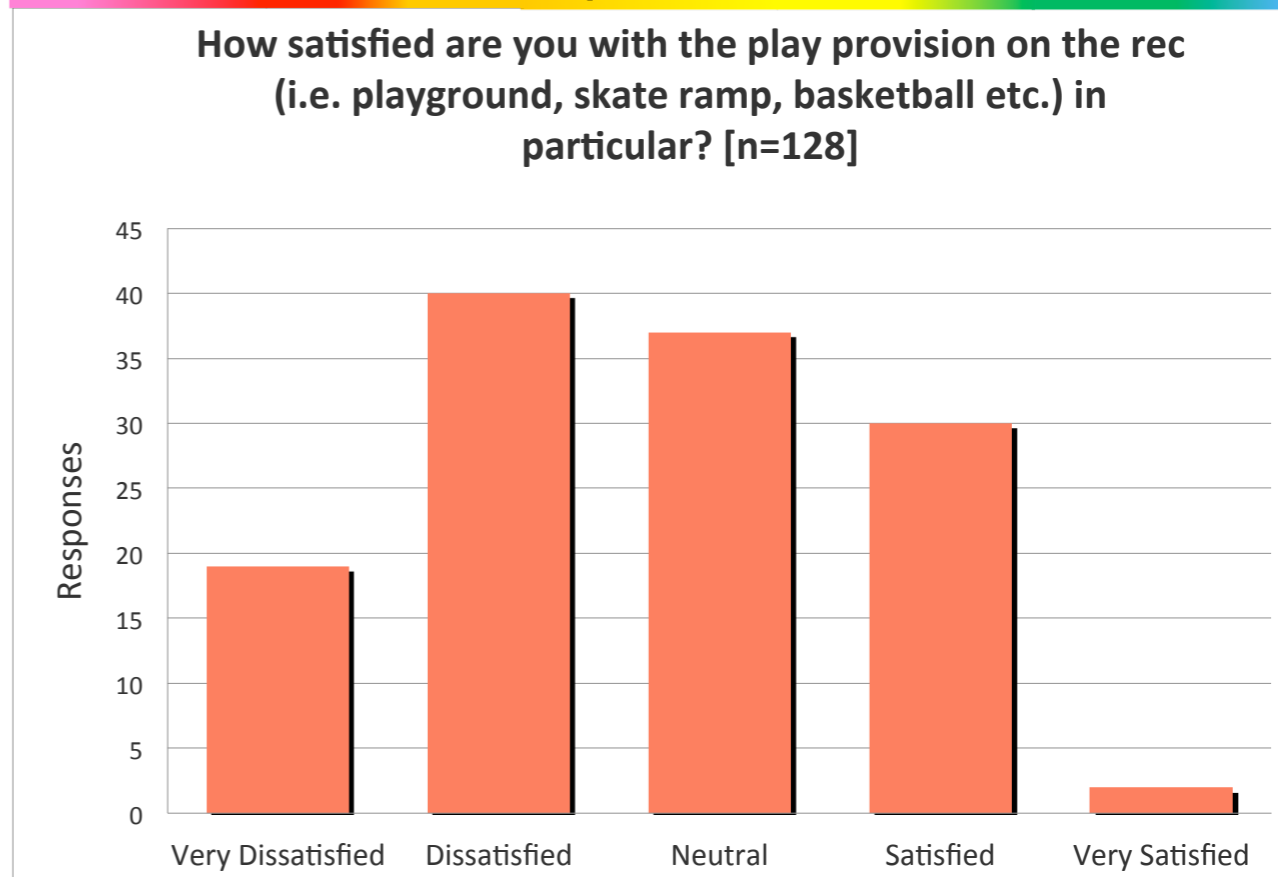


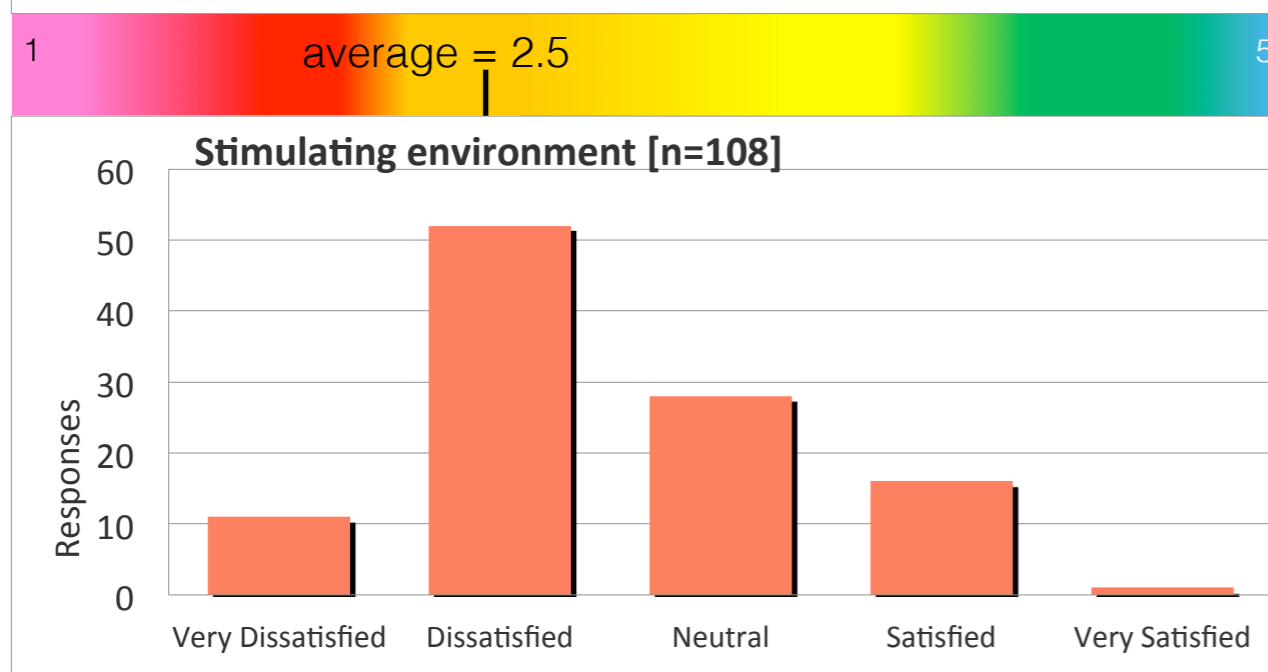
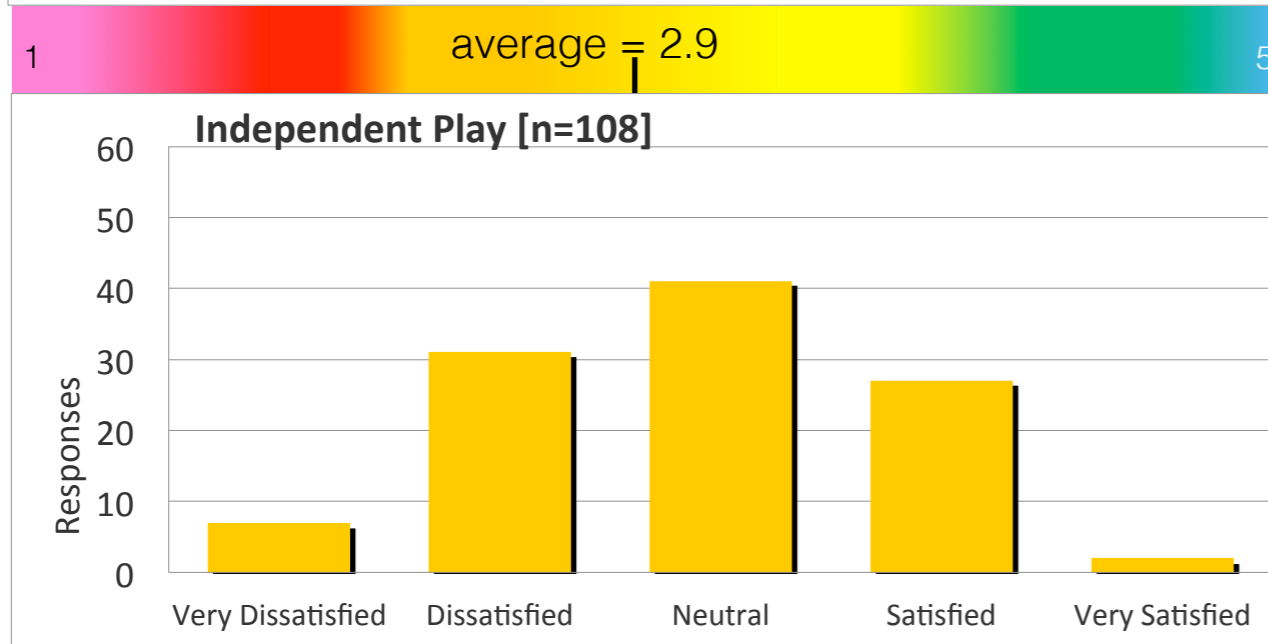
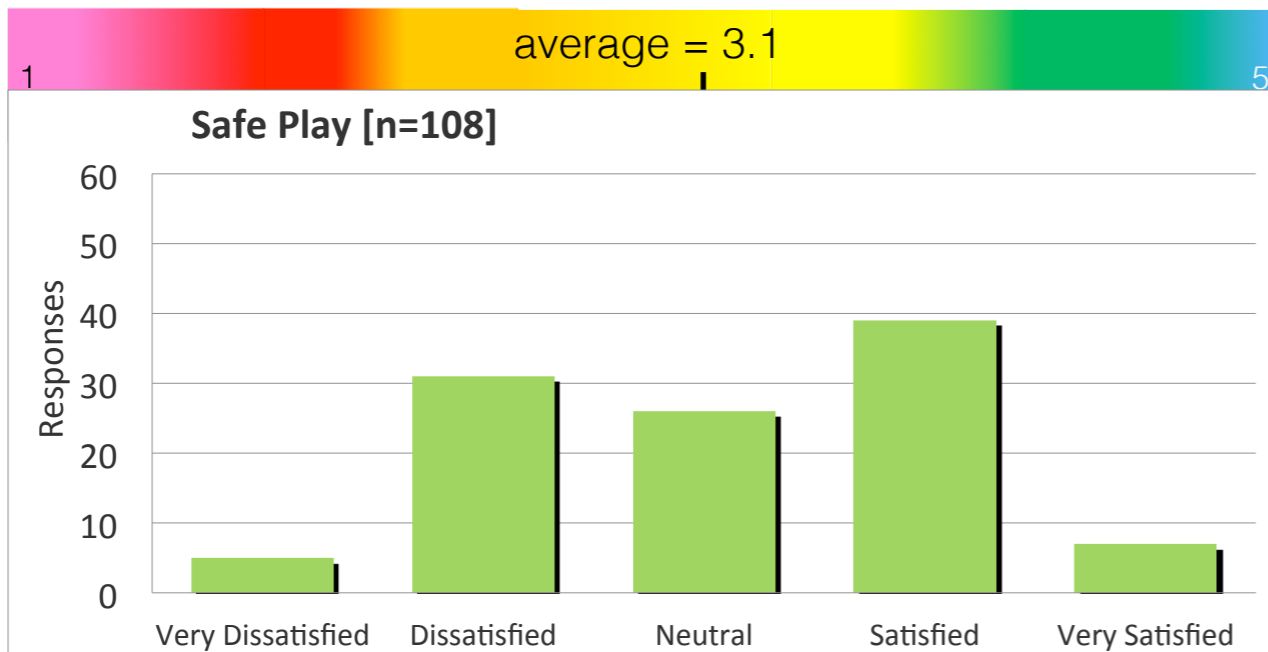
Generally satisfied with the rec as a whole, but less satisfaction with play provision

average = 3.2



average = 2.7



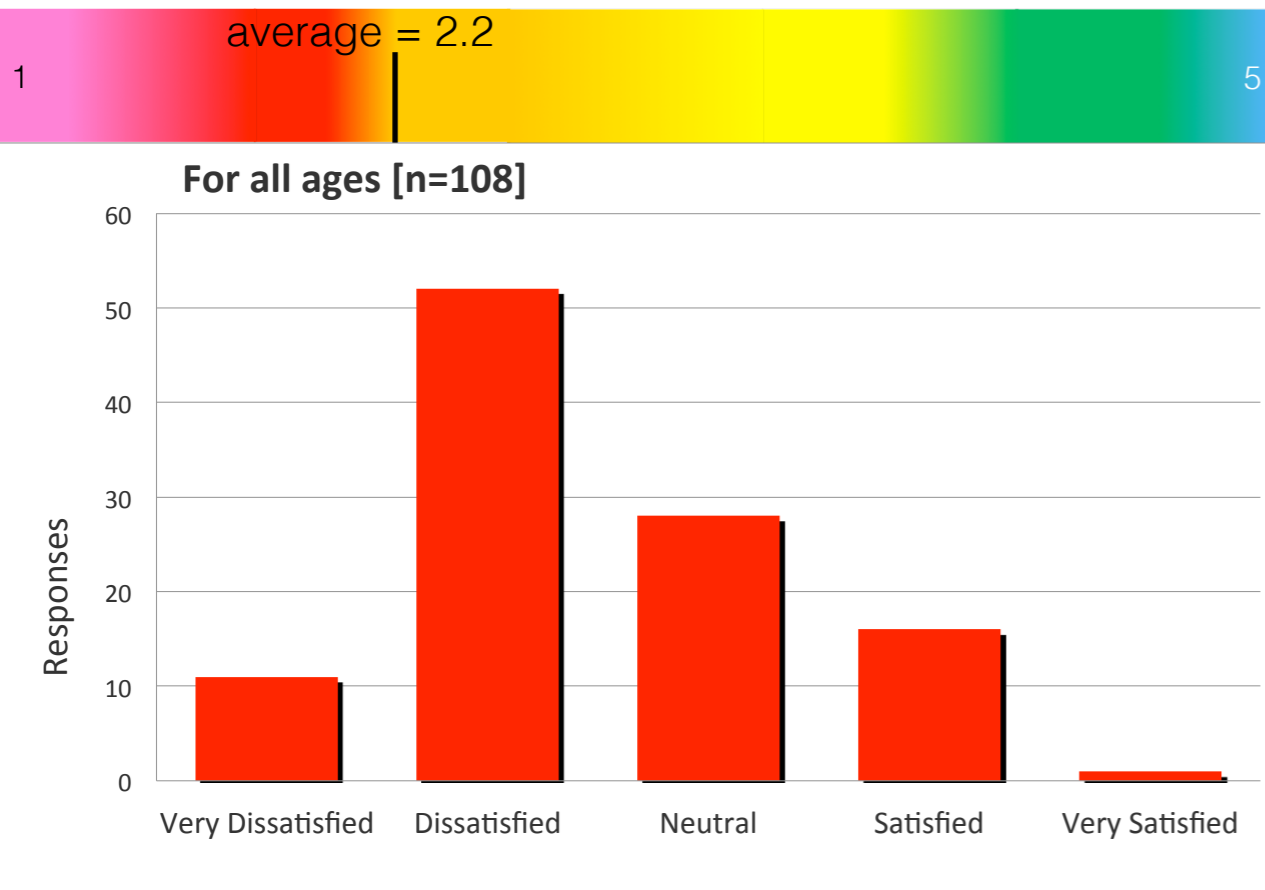


- Generally satisfied with safety

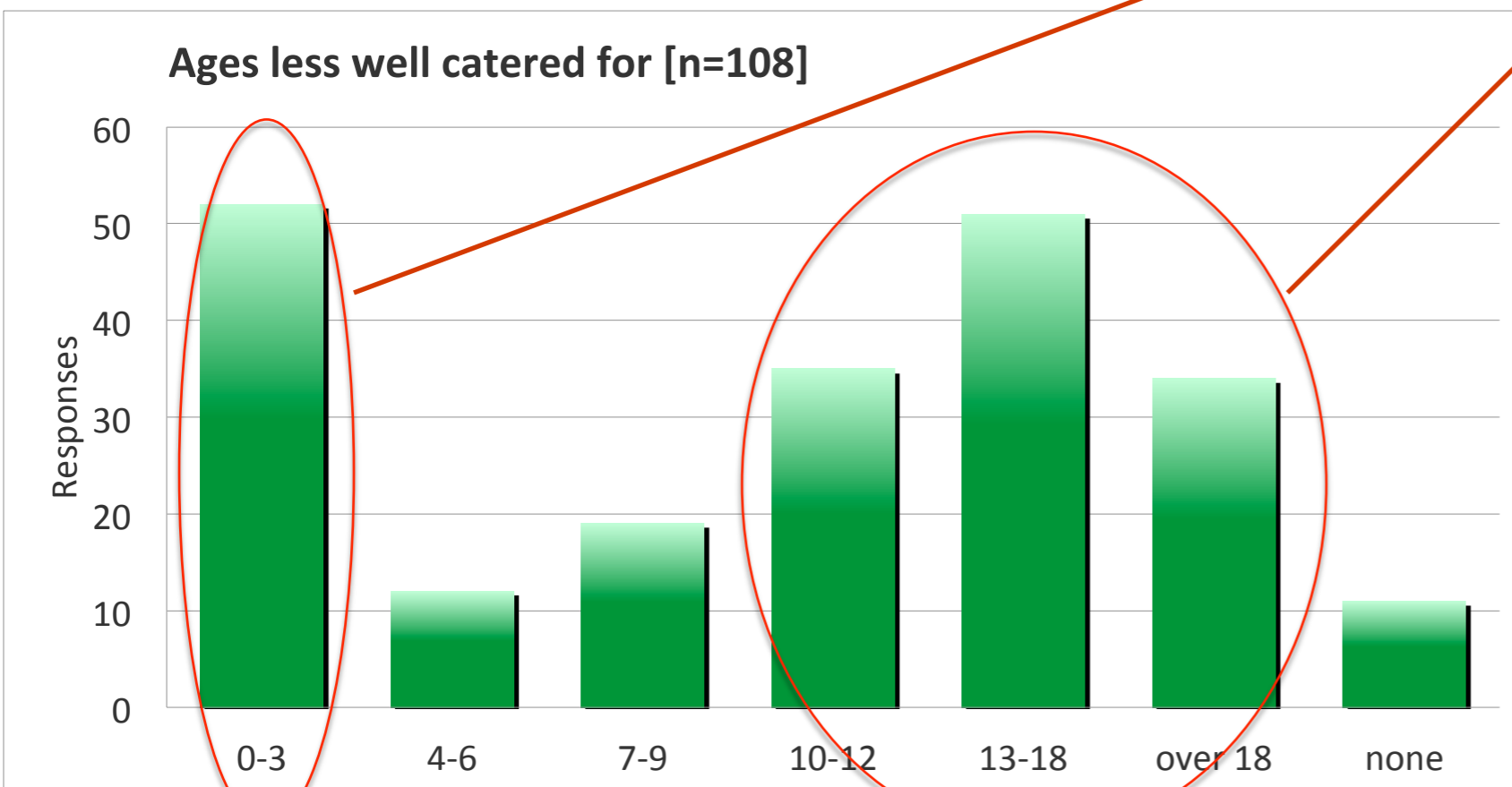
- Generally satisfied with independent play

- Less satisfaction with stimulating environment

- How satisfied are you with the play provision on the recreation ground specifically regarding safe play/having a stimulating environment/for all ages?



- Greatest dissatisfaction with catering for a range of ages
- Particularly lacking outside the 4-9 age range



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Keep going Playscapers:

We have for a long time (40 years) had to accept very poor activity provision on Great Shelford rec and its great that at last something is being done. Thankyou

I think it's a fabulous idea to consult the users. Shelford is in need of an update. Been the same when I was small which is over 25 years - look forward to see the results.

I would be happy to contribute a few thousand pounds to the upgrade effort

It's lovely to see everything repainted at the moment. I look forward to seeing the scheme making more inclusive use of the other areas of the park and I'm glad that the skate park seems to be intended to remain.

In the absence of a village green the rec is at the heart of the village so deserves to feel beautiful, inspired and natural to do justice to this wonderful village

I think recreation and playgrounds are incredibly valuable things so all the best with this. My favourite style of outdoor venue is more like a Victorian park - i.e. more planting, places to sit in various weathers, as well as play equipment.

Just be lovely to have a updated fun clean safe park to go to! So many other villages have got great parks be nice to walk to the local park and spend more time there

If the park is updated it brings more families to the village and then they would spend money in the local shops while there here

it would be nice to have something different to other parks locally i.e. water features. They all seem to be great and have their own merits

Something inspired and inclusive for our kids, and something for Shelford to be proud of would be my ambition

Very excited for redesign

Great idea to revamp the play ground, great Shelford should have a park to rival Newnham and others.

Replace the old equipment

The horse is a bit pointless, not so enjoyable, my kids do not use it.

Even though my children are getting older please get rid of tall slide and roundabout.

The roundabout is DANGEROUS, my daughters foot was trapped underneath once, my heart is in my mouth as all the children wiz around hanging off the edge. Please get rid of it!

The roundabout should only be replaced if a modern version which goes fast is available - especially given the history of the plaque.

The slide is great for 4+ but my 1 year old keeps trying to get up it, it's very high. Maybe a smaller slide for the little ones?

Equipment which we can play on them with like a trampoline or adult/child swing would be great to see. also, my child spent hours the other day at a park just playing with sand and water chutes/tunnels area, making a river, mounds of sand that kind of thing where they can use their imagination

Would love a climbing frame suitable for younger (toddler and pre school age) children.

Keep the old equipment

It would be lovely to see something which does as good a job as Harston of adding modern equipment and retaining older well loved items.

The slide and the horse should stay for sure!

Nice to have a quiet, clean and safe place to bring my child. We all love the horse. Reminds us of our childhoods.

can we keep the rocking horse?!

We love the high slide. They are much lower and boring at other parks. Please keep some of the old features. we love the sand pit!

Please include plenty of swings as that's a real favourite in our family.

Keen on a see saw and ground-level roundabout.

Of all the features the playground currently has, I do hope it will still have a sandpit. I hope that it will also be inspiring/fun/safe enough that my son would actually chose to go to there rather than the small playground in Abberley Woods. He currently choses that one over the main one even when we are in the centre of the village right next to it!

Other Facilities

Toilets are a must. Please.

*Some shaded area is really important
Some kind of shade/shelter is vital*

A café would be wonderful

More seats in the playground would be appreciated.

Please can we have splash park? :)

*security when its dark, ie can any of this be used
in the autumn/winter months when it gets dark*

Older kids

Security cameras, basket ball moved to top, not down by the river and wooded area

I think it would be good to have some adult size exercise 'stations' and a zip wire for the more adventurous children/adolescents.

The skateboard ramp is endless amusement to run up and slide down, ruining clothing as they go, not what it is intended for!

Keep separate area

Enjoy the current open spaces and like how the playground is fenced off for safety.

I love the gates to keep the dogs out, very important.

More obvious dog walking areas and access to river for dogs

Guiding children across the car park to the rec seems dangerous- a separated path down the side of the car park would help considerably.

Nature is important

PLEASE don't gentrify the rough areas around the trees near the river. It will only drive out any wildlife that inhabits the long grass

Would be very concerned if the river area was changed. At present it is natural and unplanned. Please leave it that way.

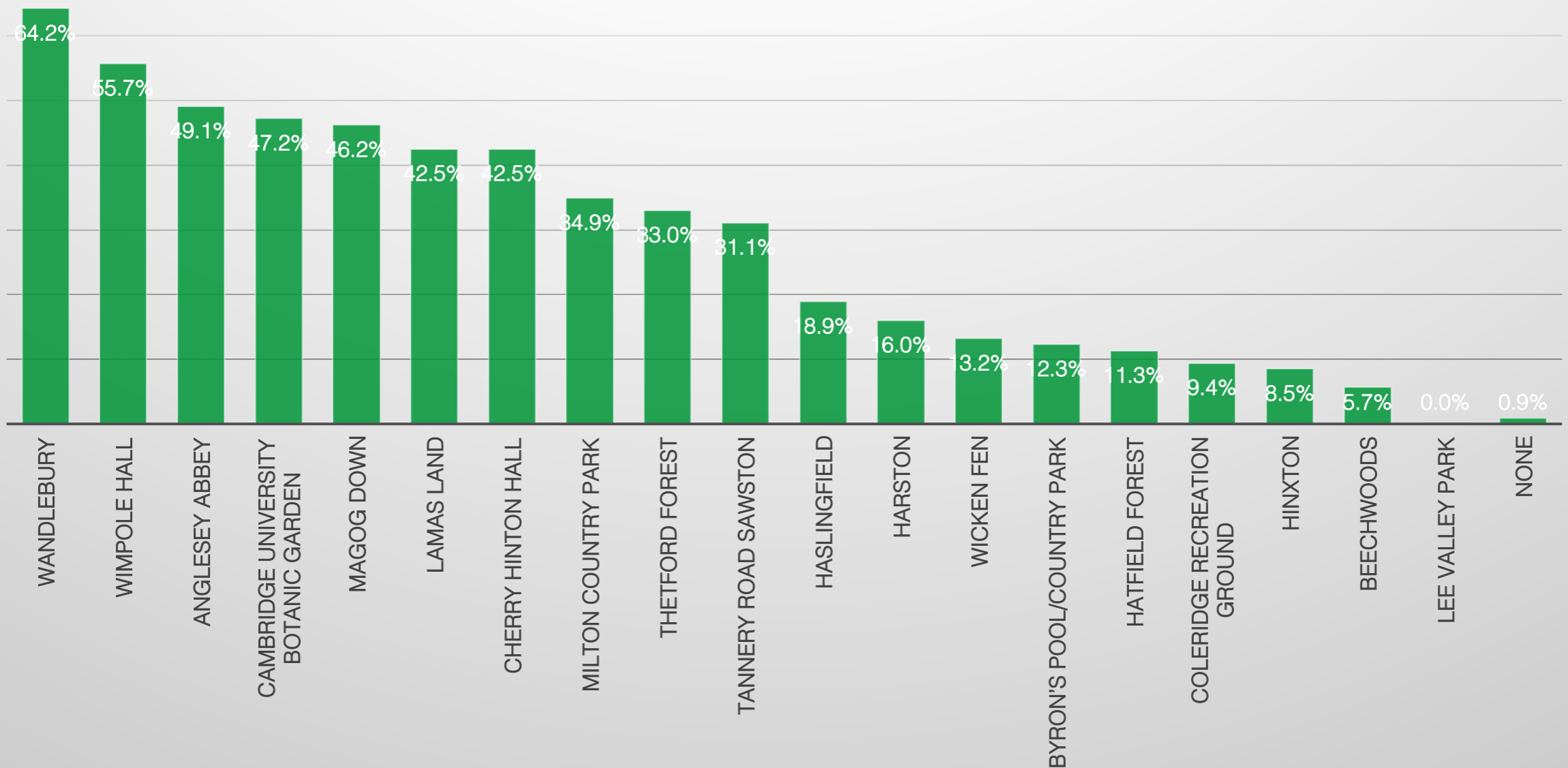
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My children were very excited by the leaflet showing pictures of play provision, they only kept showing me the pictures of the 'natural' play provision, the forts, wooden structures, tree on its side to climb on etc.

Their favourite ideas are the climbing wall, skate park areas suitable for younger children (like Gt Chesterford skate park has - only annoying feature of Gt chesterford skate park is nowhere for parents and children to sit next to the ramps to watch siblings (or picnic, or breastfeed etc).

They loved the idea of a grass covered hill and a tunnel. The most important thing to us is that children of different ages can play safely near each other (we need to be able to see all three children, please don't put the toddler swings on the opposite side of the park to the older swings, it's impossible to push two children of different ages at once if they are not nearby as we have discovered from other parks).

One more idea - it's very hard to occupy all children in any park with small babies/toddlers as there is not often a safe place for little ones to crawl around - over the years our children have found (and chewed) a variety of disgusting rubbish on the ground, but it's limiting to only have swings for the little ones, so equipment suitable for the very young would really help.

Other places for outdoor [n=106]



“ Great Chesterford Skate park (suitable for 2-5yr olds on mini ramps), Thriplow park (has 3 slides and play equipment suitable for ALL ages, my children particularly enjoy the slide in a hill as they aren't going to fall off the steps and can roll down the hill), Pampisford park - rocket park has a nice wooden adventure playground (very small though) very limited range of equipment ”

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Duxford, ickleton, thriplow, lots of cambridge parks

Stapleford rec and field

Mill Lane Sawston, Duxford, Ickleton, Saffron Walden

Haslingfield

Stapleford playground excellent for younger children unlike Shelford old stuff

Sawston village to the playground

Sawston - Lynton way and mill lane

Duxford

Fulbourn

cambridge splash parks

Harlton Woods

Great chesterford

Cherry Hinton rec

Thriplow as it's been updated

Little Shelford rec

Abbey splash pad

Stapleford rec

Ickleton, Audrey end great chesterford

The small playground in Abberley Wood, Great Shelford; walking along the genome path by the railway; Whittlesford play park

Stapleford, Abberley Woods, Little Shelford, Nine Wells

Little Shelford

Vinery rd rec

Granchester rec, Whittlesford rec, Duxford rec, Linton rec, Trumpington rec, Abbey pool rec

Harlton woods

Wandlebury

Duxford rec, Grantchester rec

Trumpington park