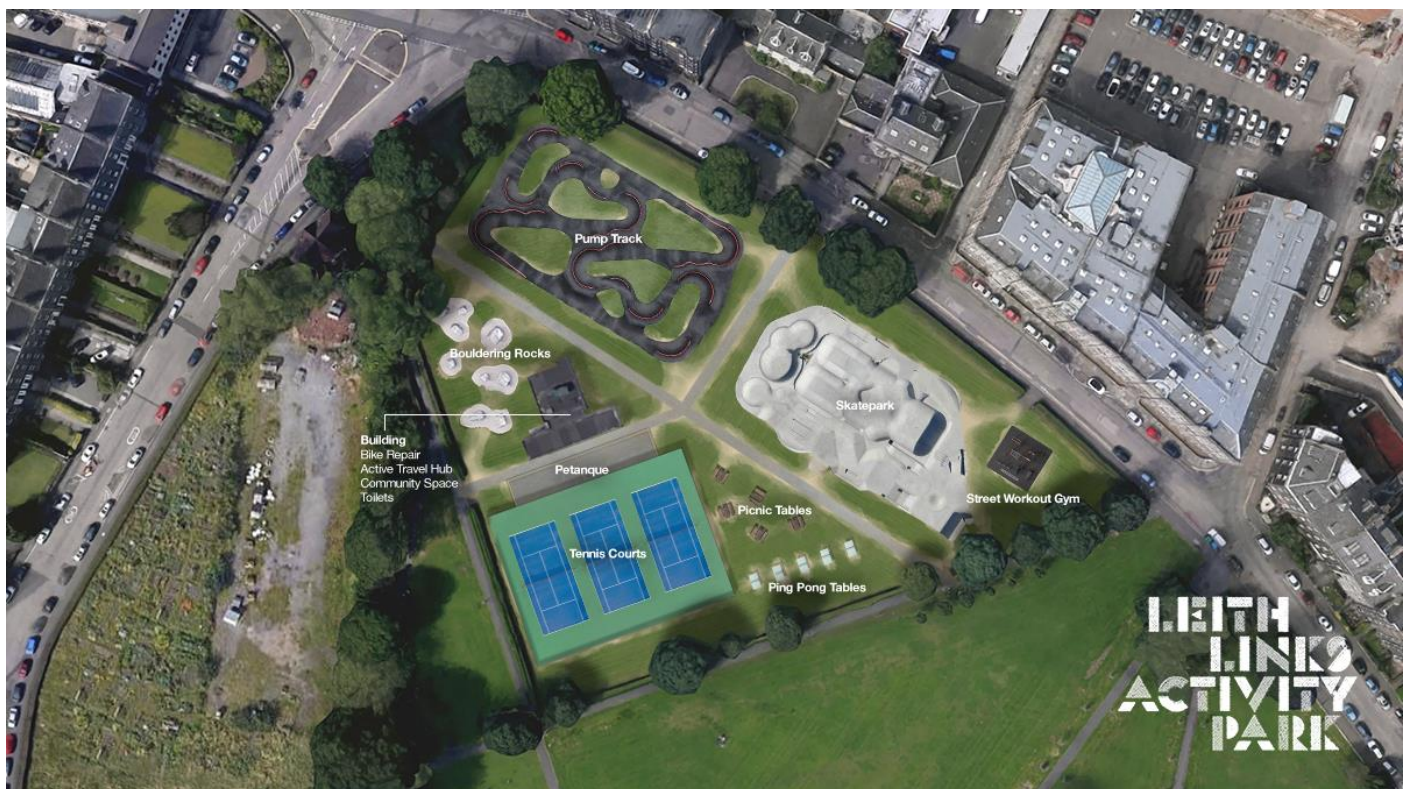


Leith Links Activity Park Initial Survey Report



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Executive Summary

A survey was conducted from 17 July to 2 August 2021 using the online SurveyMonkey platform to canvass locals' views (mainly) on initial ideas for a proposed Leith Links Activity Park. These ideas were put together by a coalition of interested individuals and organisations and the link to the survey was circulated via the coalition members' social media. This report on the responses to the survey was compiled by Earth in Common on behalf of the coalition, of which it is a member.

Over two thousand respondents, mainly local, 75% 18-44 years old

There were 2,002 respondents, though not all of them answered all questions. Respondents were largely local, with 1,204 (55.87%) of those who supplied valid postcodes living in Leith or Granton (EH6) or neighbouring areas (EH7), and 185 (9.36%) living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development (EH6 7__). However, the number of supportive comments from further afield indicates significant UK-wide interest (and some overseas interest?) The vast majority of respondents were aged between 18 and 44 (1,503, or 75.07%).

Overwhelming support

The 'skateboarders, BMX bikers, scooters and roller skates' option was the most popular, with 88.76% of those who responded to this question being strongly in favour, and 95.55% being at least moderately supportive. In decreasing order of support were the 'bike repair, active travel hub & toilets' option (78.44% strongly in favour; 92.63% at least moderately supportive), the 'picnic tables' option (68.07% strongly in favour; 87.60% at least moderately supportive) and the bouldering rocks option (60.23% strongly in favour; 81.30% at least moderately supportive). Lastly, the 'street workout gym' and the 'ping pong tables' options enjoyed similar levels of support, with just over 51% of respondents stating that they were strongly in favour of these. They respectively enjoyed at least moderate support from 75.15% and 72.94% of respondents. None of the suggestions specifically asked about in the survey was opposed by more than 4.7% of the respondents. Some suggestions, for a café and farmers' market appeared to show ignorance of the fact that Leith Community Croft, next door, already hosts these.

Concerns and suggestions

Respondents raised a number of concerns, including re noise, litter, security and the need to be inclusive of demographics such as the disabled, girls and women and the elderly. They also made numerous suggestions for additional elements, of which a level skating area was one of the most popular.

Expertise and skills offered

Most encouraging was the scale of expertise and skills offered by respondents, ranging from managerial, financial, fundraising and lobbying skills, through the IT, design and professional (including several architects), to the hands-on highly skilled practical, such as joinery, plumbing and concrete work, and to those who simply expressed a willingness and ability to work hard. Notably, several respondents claimed expertise in skate park and pump track design.

Suggested next steps

The author of this report suggests that a lead committee be set up, comprising representatives of the coalition and survey respondents with relevant expertise, and that this then draws on the human resources revealed by the present survey to set up a number of sub-committees and operational teams to work on a refined proposal, taking into account the findings of the present survey and paying special attention to addressing concerns raised and to addressing inclusion. A further survey (consultation exercise) should then be conducted, aimed at obtaining the views of a representative sample of locals. This would then inform a planning application.

Conclusion

Leith Link Activity Park, together with its complementary neighbouring project, Leith Community Croft (a pioneering urban croft) could help put Leith (and Edinburgh) on the map as a leader in imaginative urban community projects: something for everyone within a short distance of the nearest tram stop.

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Introduction and Background

A survey was conducted from 17 July to 2 August 2021 using the online SurveyMonkey platform to canvass locals' views (mainly) on initial ideas for a proposed Leith Links Activity Park put together by a coalition of interested individuals and organisations.

The survey's introduction read as follows:

The old bowling green area of Leith Links Park has fallen into disrepair. This has caused local upset as antisocial behaviour has increased. The community has had a desire to make some positive change to the area, in order to regenerate and bring back into popular use. Therefore several local organisations and individuals have come together to propose this project:

- *Leith Skate DIY*
- *Earth in Common*
- *Skateboard Scotland*
- *Gordon Carmichael*
- *David McKean*

We believe that there is a lack of healthy outdoor recreational facilities. This is particularly damaging for our youngsters and can lead to anti-social and self-damaging behaviours. This issue is particularly acute for adolescents.

As responsible local citizens, we think the direct and indirect benefits for everyone of Leith Links Activity Park (LLAP) would be significant, and we trust you will agree with us.

We'd love to have your thoughts on this proposal. Community buy-in is really important.

Thank you in advance for participating in our short survey, which Earth in Common is putting out on behalf of the coalition.

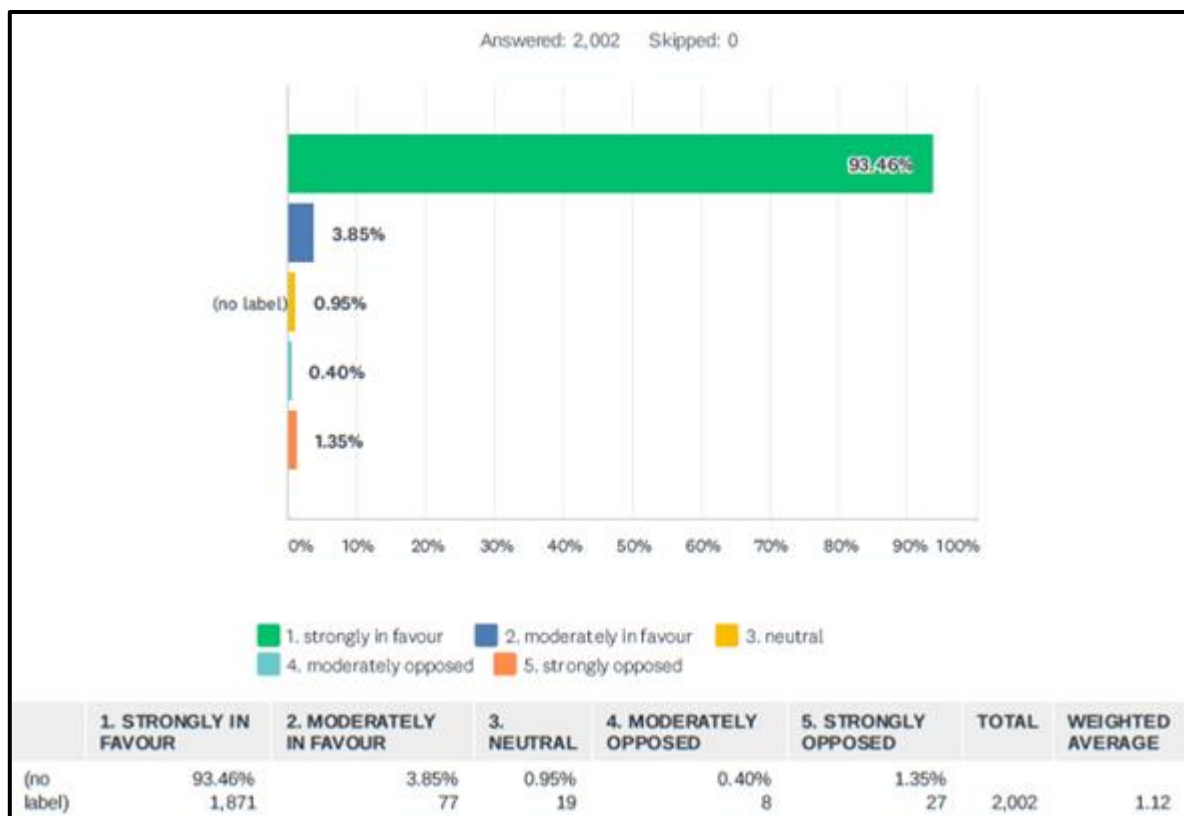
This introductory text was accompanied by the illustration shown on the cover page of this report.

There were 2,002 respondents. Responses to multi-choice questions are presented in graphical format. Comments relating to the most important questions (Q3, on specific facilities; Q4, on skills and expertise) are grouped under various headings according to their content. The sections of some longer comments relating to the headings are underlined so that they can easily be seen, but the full comments are included for context. Many comments appear under several headings as they referred to several issues. Some comments have been slightly edited to correct errors where what the respondent wanted to write is obvious.

The Summary and Discussion section at the end presents a digest of the views, provides responses to some of them and suggests the next steps for the coalition to take.

This report was compiled on behalf of the other members of the coalition by Earth in Common.

Q1 On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being strongly in favour, 3 being neutral, and 5 being strongly opposed), how strongly would you support this site being transformed into a local activity park for all.



The overwhelming majority of respondents (1,871 of 2,002, or 93.46 %) were strongly in favour of the site being transformed into a local activity park. Only 35 were opposed (1.75 %).

Only 14 comments were received in response to this question, eight of which were largely or entirely **positive**, making some kind of suggestion:

- Amazing for the kids
- especially the Petanque strip
- I think the plans look great. One question I would like to ask, however, is whether some of the activities being proposed might be more geared towards the elderly (who presumably were the demographic previously catered to by lawn bowling)? I strongly support a focus on youth, but would suggest that something beyond 'picnic tables' might be offered for the elderly (or even the less mobile).
- Pumptrack would bring many people to Leith and make lots young people happy
- Skate park
- Skate park
- The space is big enough for all ages to enjoy at all skill levels. Also handy that it would be central.
- You may get ideas from Kelso skate park. Many sponsors including Viridor Credits, Wren, Tesco, Scottish Government etc.

3 were fairly **neutral**:

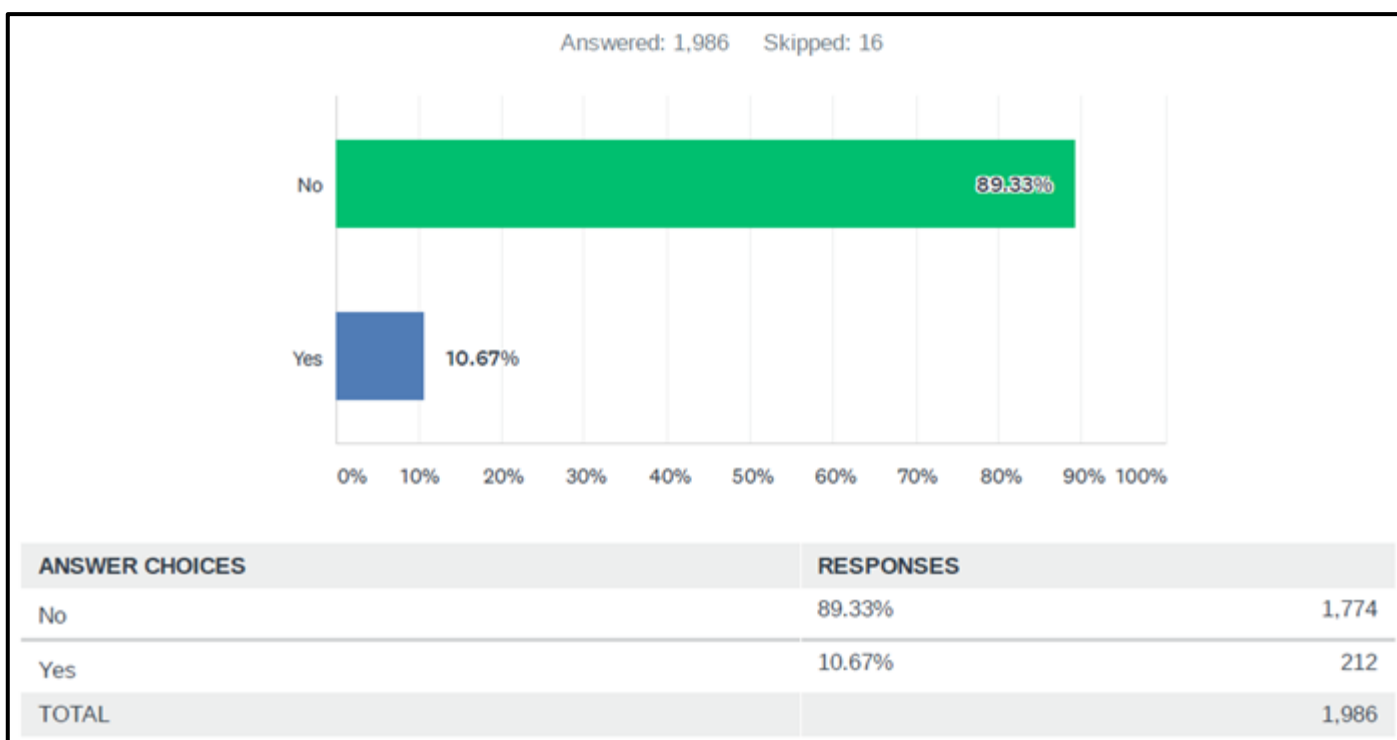
- Probably opposed in the current proposal. I would suggest to flip around the spaces: have the pump track and skate park at the back so the noise is not a nuisance for the neighbours. And have the bouldering, picnic tables, bike repair, closer to the road (near the houses)
- Bangholm outdoor centre is currently under redevelopment by the council. Would it not be better there?

- I support some level of redevelopment, but an “activity” park is too vague. Do you mean a skate park? How about an outdoor pool?

Only 3 could be characterised as **negative**:

- If it's another park with bowls etc. 100% not in favour as Edinburgh is surrounded with skate parks with bowls etc. What Edinburgh needs is a street plaza to help with the progression of skaters around Edinburgh and the UK. Get street skaters to design a street park.
- My concern is with lack of parking and congestion in this area. Especially with Links Gardens being closed and sitting unused with very few people using for activity.
- My dog reacts badly to skateboard noise.

Q2 What is your opinion on the existing sport and recreation facilities in the local area, do we meet the demands of modern youngsters and families?



The overwhelming majority of respondents (1,774 of 1,986, or 89.33%) thought that there were not enough local sport and recreation facilities for youngsters and families.

There were 466 comments in response to Q2, of which two did not seem to make sense ('I' and 'N/A'). All other comments can be read in the Appendix. We decided to rationalise the amount of work done in analysing the responses to this survey by only carrying out a detailed analysis of the comments in response to Q3. It seems highly unlikely that the pattern will be any different.

The vast majority of comments were highly positive about the need for additional facilities. Negative comments included this ambivalent one in favour of retaining Leith Links as it is:

- Probably not. But I like Leith Links as it is. Wide open Green Space is needed.

and a couple about the use of the word 'youngsters', e.g.

- As you've not defined “youngsters” this is hard to answer. (there are much better words to be using, FYI, this is pretty condescending, “young people/teenagers/children” are all more accurate terms)

Young children for whom the playground is ideal are very well served. The playground is huge and well maintained and one of very many in the area. If you mean older children and teenagers/young adults, then no.

and this one:

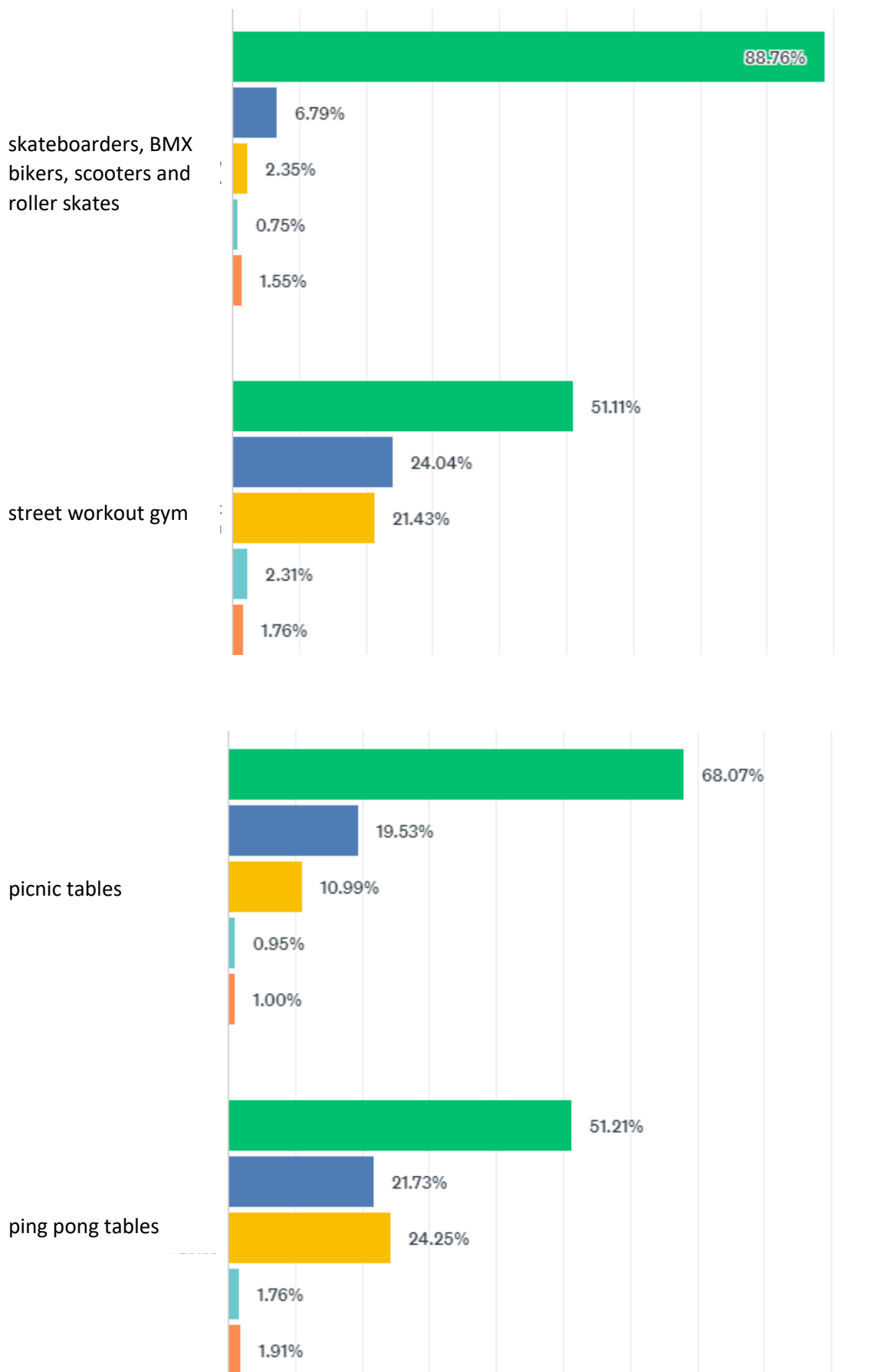
- In your preamble you state that you “believe that there is a lack of healthy outdoor recreational facilities” and “we think the direct and indirect benefits for everyone of Leith Links Activity Park (LLAP) would be significant” - let me say that this project will be a complete non-starter unless you have rigorous data to back up your assumptions. You CANNOT ask people to simply agree to empty statements - you need an evidence based approach before you get anywhere near applying for development funding never mind capital funding. I take it that you have been working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council and have their support, and their commitment to the care and maintenance of your grand new facilities? How will you deal with the Common Good dimension to building on the Links?

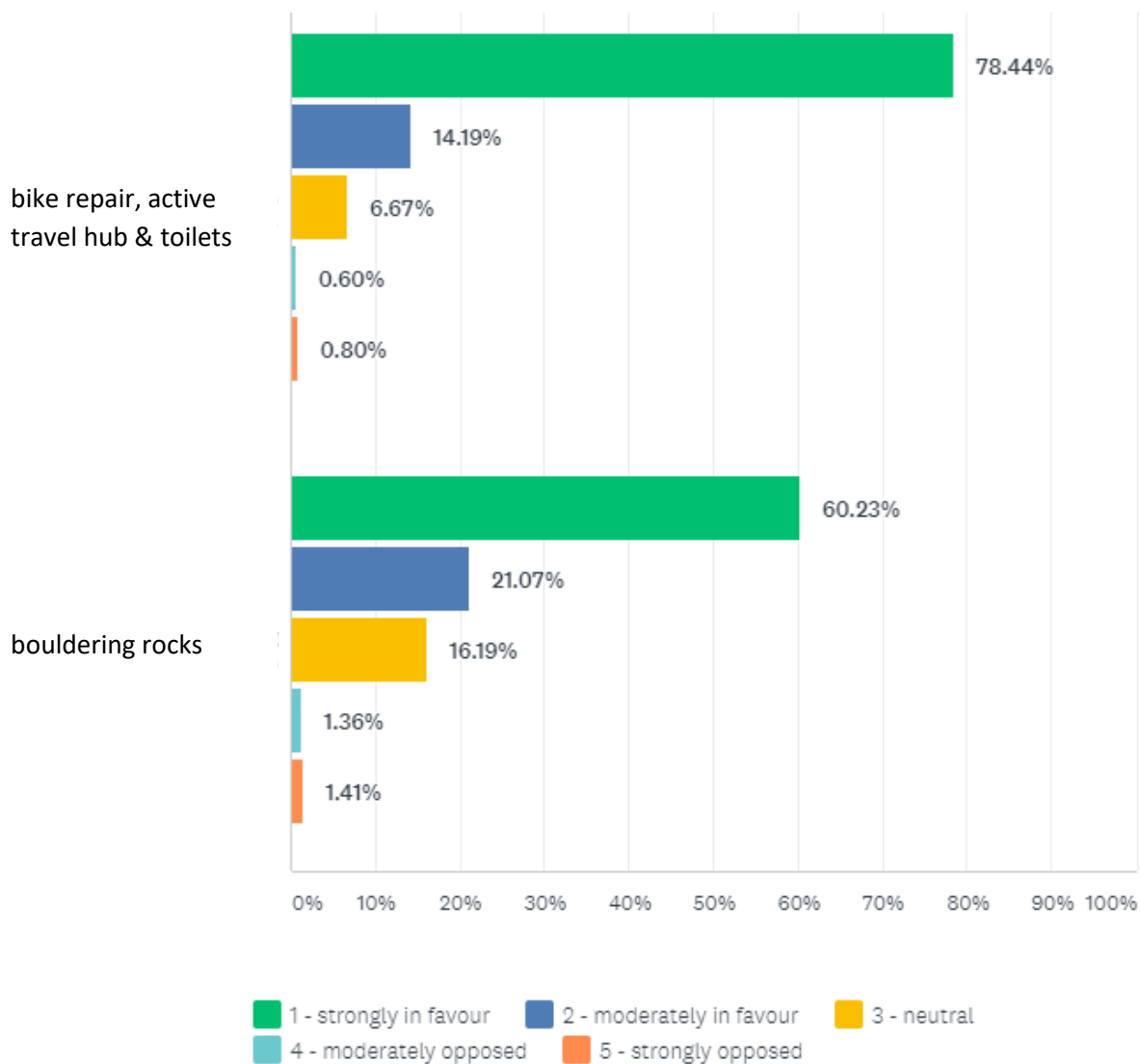
We address the points made in the first and last of these quoted comments in the Summary and Discussion section of this report.

Q3 The current proposal is for the activity park to have the elements listed below. On a scale of 1 - 5 (1 being strongly in favour, 3 being neutral, and 5 being strongly opposed), how strongly would you support each of these elements?

Answered: 2,002

Skipped: 0





	1 - STRONGLY IN FAVOUR	2 - MODERATELY IN FAVOUR	3 - NEUTRAL	4 - MODERATELY OPPOSED	5 - STRONGLY OPPOSED	TOTAL RESPONDENTS
▼ skateboarders, BMX bikers, scooters and roller skates	88.76% 1,777	6.79% 136	2.35% 47	0.75% 15	1.55% 31	2,002
▼ Street Workout Gym	51.11% 1,016	24.04% 478	21.43% 426	2.31% 46	1.76% 35	1,988
▼ Picnic Tables	68.07% 1,356	19.53% 389	10.99% 219	0.95% 19	1.00% 20	1,992
▼ Ping Pong Tables	51.21% 1,018	21.73% 432	24.25% 482	1.76% 35	1.91% 38	1,988
▼ Bike Repair, Active Travel Hub & Toilets	78.44% 1,564	14.19% 283	6.67% 133	0.60% 12	0.80% 16	1,994
▼ Bouldering Rocks	60.23% 1,198	21.07% 419	16.19% 322	1.36% 27	1.41% 28	1,989

None of the suggestions was opposed by more than 4.7% of the respondents. **The ‘skateboarders, BMX bikers, scooters and roller skates’ option was the most popular, with 88.76% of those who responded to this question being strongly in favour, and 95.55% being at least moderately supportive.**

In decreasing order of support were the ‘bike repair, active travel hub & toilets’ option (78.44% strongly in favour; 92.63% at least moderately supportive), the ‘picnic tables’ option (68.07% strongly in favour; 87.60% at least moderately supportive) and the bouldering rocks option (60.23% strongly in favour; 81.30% at least moderately

supportive). Lastly, the 'street workout gym' and the 'ping pong tables' options enjoyed similar levels of support, with just over 51% of respondents stating that they were strongly in favour of these. They respectively enjoyed at least moderate support from 75.15% and 72.94% of respondents.

Overview of comments in response to Q3 (Any comments on the above, or suggestions for other activities you would like to see included?)

There were 371 comments, of which the shortest two were simply 'no' and 'N/A'. The latter could not be categorised. All other comments were placed in one or more category, as shown in the following table.

Category	No. Comments
Non-Specific Positive	32
Non-Specific Negative	3
Skate Park Positive/Neutral	82
Skate Park Negative and Noise	8
Roller Skating/Roller-Blading Facility (Flat Area/Plaza)	41
Toilets	35
Basketball	33
Gym/Workout Bars	26
Table Tennis/Ping Pong Comments	24
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Pool/Splash Pad	10
Golf/Crazy Golf/Putting	9
Litter/Waste/Refuse/Composting/Rubbish	9
Facilities For Wheelchair Users/Disabled People	9
Travel Hub Comments	9
Volleyball	6
Boules, Petanque, Bowls	6
Chess	6
Badminton	6
Runners	6
Fountains/Drinking Water	6
Music/Performance Space, Stage or Bandstand	5
Trampoline	3
Facilities For The Elderly	3
BBQ	3
Lighting	3
Mountain Biking	2
Astroturf	2
Wildlife/Nature	2
Misc. Additional Facilities, Advice & Suggestions	27

Non-specific positive comments (32)

- Love it!
- Great idea
- Great ideas
- All sounds great.
- Brilliant plan!!
- All good suggestions
- All would be brilliant
- We need these in Leith
- This all sounds great 👍
- Excellent variety for all
- Greatly needs all of the above
- All that sounds bloody amazing
- This is important for families
- All of these would be incredible
- All off the above are amazing!!!
- All welcome! The more the merrier!
- This is great idea and proposal hope it can happen.
- This will really transform the area for the better!
- Amazing!!!! It would all bring the community together.
- Every one of the above will be a huge asset to the area.
- Having a wide selection of activities would be beneficial for all.
- Lots of varied equipment and activities will be welcomed and popular
- I think all of these facilities would be amazing and help so many people.
- I am so glad something is being done about lack of facilities in north Edinburgh
- I think all of these are a great idea for young folks to keep entertained and get fit.
- These different activities would bring together so many different people. I'd love this all.
- I think all together this diverse range of activities works well and complements each other.
- It would be great to see a space where all of these different activities can come together and share their experiences.
- An area dedicated to a range of sports is great for the city, it helps to build community within the city and encourages a healthy, active lifestyle.
- All of the ideas above are way more progressive. Sports and recreation, outdoor spaces to be used & utilised in a positive way instead of a drug fest for some undesirable adults in the local area.
- The development of the area around Saughton Park and the winter gardens is a perfect example of how multi use facilities can be created in sympathy with the surrounding area. Leith would benefit massively from this especially given the increase in property being built aimed at young families. These types of facilities also benefit people of all ages.
- I personally enjoy any activity that engages me physically & gets the endorphins dancing. I find it life enhancing, boosts my mood & wellbeing. My son & his friends follow suit. A platform on which the above featured in Leith would positively impact the locale so so much! Anti-social behaviour is very likely to decrease markedly too, as shown by many surveys.

Non-specific negative comments (3)

- no
- All in the old bowling green site?

- If this is the options then it seems you are completely out of touch with local youths. [This negative respondent did not supply a postcode, name or email address but did supply an age: 25-34 years old.]

Skate park comments

Positive/neutral comments (82)

- SKATEPARK
- Skate park
- Skateparks
- Skatepark
- Large skatepark
- Skatepark is a must
- Skatepark facilities
- Skatepark is desperately needed
- Basketball court. Skate bowl. A Fountain.
- A flat and smooth area for roller skating
- Pump track for BMX / skate / mountain. Bikes
- skatepark, toilets and floodlights are a must
- Flat, smooth concrete for roller skaters please!
- Skateparks bring such a variety of people together
- There needs to be a well-built skateboard in Leith.
- The area is really needing a skatepark to fill the demand
- As much of a smooth flat ground concrete area as possible.
- Don't skimp on the skatepark. Let's have another Saughton :)
- A skatepark would be the best money the council ever spent.
- Smooth flat and level surface space for quad skaters would be amazing!
- Skatepark and pump track is the missing key for happy people in Edinburgh
- Some flat space for beginners of skateboarding and roller skating please
- A smooth flat area for learning to roller skate and performing roller dance
- Skate parks and pump tracks would attract the most attention in a very positive way
- A skatepark and/or an open-air rollerblading rink would be great to have in Leith.
- There should be separate facilities for skating and biking, pumptrack and skatepark.
- Maybe a small park for younger ones who can't use the skatepark or pump track proposed
- Beginner / intermediate skating area. Large flat space for quad and artistic skating.
- "Skateboard BMX scooters" is kinda vague but if you mean pump track that would be great
- Love the skate park areas and climbing areas promoting diverse culture and meeting new people
- Skate park and pump track. It's now an Olympic sport and needs to be developed and encouraged.
- Toilets absolutely needed. Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport - proper facilities are a must!
- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders
- It'd be awesome to have some flat smooth space for roller skates too, for jamming/artistic practice
- Could the pump track be made suited for skateboards as there is already a BMX pump track in Edinburgh
- I think a skatepark would be a fantastic addition and it is such a shame that there has not been one
- A flat surface for roller skaters would be so great as those spaces are severely lacking in Edinburgh
- A small pump track would be good to keep younger children occupied when the skatepark could be too busy
- A skatepark with different areas for beginners/children and a bigger area for more experienced park goers
- A skatepark e we ours be amazing. Treverlan Park is so well used and it is used and looked after by everyone.
- An investment in an attractive skate park, a few picnic benches and good public toilets would be my preference
- I think they are all good ideas, especially the skate/bike park and boulder rocks. Ping pong would be fun for all ages.

- Multi-use courts - dodge ball Space in skate areas for beginners i.e. not too steep slopes to try getting used to it.
- A smooth flat space for roller skaters, there is no outdoor provision for this anywhere in the Lothians, only ramp parks.
- Having smooth paths for people to roller skate on would be amazing as not everyone is ready for the skate park or pump track.
- I'd love a space for quad/ dance roller skaters - all we need is a slab of smooth tarmac and there isn't really anywhere in the city!
- We have seen with the skateboarders at Dalmeny Park off Leith Walk that there is a want and need for a skate/BMX/in-line space in Leith
- facilities would need to be built properly, especially the skatepark would need to hire a company like maverick skateparks or concrete skateparks.
- Bikes scooters and skates have become so popular and with kids being encouraged to keep active they need more space away from busy roads to do this
- A good pumptrack and skatepark would be perfect for this space and would help support the growing scene and give work for local bike and skate shops
- Not quite sure what the last item means (a place you can get a skateboard or a place you can ride around?). Either way it's a "strongly in favour" from me
- I feel another skate park is needed around the area, it brings a community together along with the other activities will help people become a community again
- Pump track and a skatepark ideally. Ping pong tables sound like a great idea but is Edinburgh not quite windy? Boulder wall sounds like a great idea as well.
- It would be great to get a covered mini ramp or something that can also be used in Scottish weather... And mini ramps in general - rollerskaters need them!!!!
- There is no skatepark facility in Leith and so potential participants have to travel outside of the area to other already busy skateparks that we're built too small
- There are already gym props on links. There are already good simple open spaces on the Links. We need a Skatepark, do not confuse the matter with silly add ons, we need a Skatepark.
- There are no smooth paths or flat rink for roller skating, there are skate parks in Edinburgh but no flat rinks. I'm 46 year old female who would like somewhere flat and safe to skate
- I feel like the skate park and bike area would be really beneficial to encourage community involvement as both have a strong community as is, whereas bouldering is more of a solo thing.
- Some very smooth flat tracks/paths are welcome too, for people with skateboards who are too scared to do tricks. They are also useful for kids who want to learn how to cycle, they are good for runners too.
- Skate park desperately needed. The only thing to consider is making sure it meets needs of both girls and boys - if you haven't already maybe worth doing a bit of engagement with children-teenagers to see what they would like.
- Sounds like you have great suggestions here, with all the developments in urban play and sports facilities , with addition of wheeled sports and dual use skate and parkour facilities. The sky's the limit now for the fun you can provide.
- A skatepark with a well thought out plaza and bowl section. Current skateparks in Edinburgh are lacking in the plaza element in particular. I also think that good quality outdoor workout spaces, such as parkour, calisthenics, and bouldering
- It's worth mentioning that skateboarding is probably the most popular of all these things. It is also easy on the eye unlike the other activities listed which kinda suck. And they're the ones building things themselves and really getting involved.
- I am a quad skater and mainly practice jam and dance skating and find it incredibly hard to find spots in Edinburgh that are flat, levelled and smooth for the type of activity I do. I would love a smooth, even concrete bit! Thank you guys for the proposal!!

- It would be great to see a skate plaza for rollerskaters/boarders etc. alongside ramps and bowls; flat smooth surface to practice for beginners and those working on improving specific skills and tricks. There is little space for quad skaters across the whole of Edinburgh
- For a lot of older children, scootering, skateboarding, skating is very popular right now and a very positive hobby for them to pick up! Also a flat space for roller skating/roller dance would be very welcomed as we don't really have many places that aren't basketball fields
- Saughton Park would be a great example to use as how this can be done successfully, the skate park is busy at all times with a range of ages and abilities, the two kids playgrounds are well used and look incredible, and the various street gym equipment and sports courts are popular too
- Maintenance is going to be key, and some structure. Issues facing many public play parks include the balance of ages and skill levels in skate (etc.) parks. Ensure there is a "beginners" area where little kids can get up to speed without older ones having to avoid them or exclude them.
- It would be awesome to have a flat surface for the huge roller skating community here in Edinburgh. There are plenty of tennis courts in Edinburgh but no roller skating rinks so I'd suggest turning two of the tennis courts in a flat smooth surface. You have no idea how many roller skaters would use it!
- This looks incredible, I am so hoping that this is given the go ahead, such a good addition to Leith and a positive contribution to the community, to encourage and provide safe recreational areas. It looks accessible and full of potential, so exciting! I'm hoping that the skatepark is accessible to all levels of skill!
- There are no dedicated spaces available for rollerskating in Edinburgh. You usually see rollerskaters at Lister Square or Bristo Square as they are the only suitable public spaces that the community has found to be suitable, but even then they have to limit their activities to avoid being considered a nuisance to the public.
- I live in the local area and there is a reasonable size inline/roller group in this area. Right now they hang around lister square. If there was a flat smooth concrete rink/hockey rink. If it has a roof to protect from; the rain and frost damage; plus allow the area to be used when it's wet as it will keep the ground dry and skatable.
- A skate park would be a fantastic addition to the park as many young people are interested in this hobby, and many of the paths around the links are not suitable to skate on. Toilets are essential considering how many use the park and how many instances of public urination have been complained about on social media over the past couple years.
- It would be great to see a flat smooth area in/adjacent to the skate park that is suitable for quad roller skaters to practise - there is no purpose built suitable spot in Edinburgh which means skaters practice in car parks etc. until they are told to leave! This would make things safer as well as more fun and welcoming to newcomers to the sport.
- The ongoing maintenance would be my only concern especially for the standalone items such as table tennis - it all looks great at the start but can quickly become an eyesore with the weather and things getting run down. Also I used to live there used to be a skate park and it turned into a gathering point for teenagers to drink alcohol on a weekend. Removing this issue and I would be in full favour.
- These options are great but there is great research that shows that skate parks, pump tracks etc. are predominantly used by boys. Providing only these facilities puts girls at a disadvantage. I suggest you follow the work of this organisation makespaceforgirls.co.uk they provide great data on the topic and great solutions designed by girls for girls e.g. hammocks, shelters, Stages for tik tok dances or fitness classes
- I would definitely recommend a space for legal graffiti, there is a thriving creative community in Leith and a growing desire to create public spaces for people to express this without fear of doing something wrong. Give them the space to do this and the surrounding areas are then left untouched. It also goes well with a skate and pump track culture that you are looking to encourage. A basketball court would also be amazing.
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- Skateparks and pump tracks have proven to be extremely popular assets to towns and cities all across Scotland. That said, many are lacking advanced, larger features for the more experienced skateboarders and BMX'ers. For example, there are zero facilities for vert skating in Scotland whatsoever. I regularly travel abroad to do so, but some are not as lucky as myself. Skateboarding and BMXing now being in the Olympics surely warrants skateparks and pumptracks with larger advanced features to be built in order to nurture potential talent.
- Of all the suggested above, Leith already seems to have an abundance of. I believe a lot of the proposed activities wouldn't be an efficient use of the area for said activities limit the number of people able to participate. If there was something on the scope of Saughton skatepark in which there is a lot of square footage used but designed in a way in which to have separate sections that do connect together but encourage users to use a selected sector when the area is in a lot of use and populated, it would greatly benefit the surrounding area.
- Skate parks are great for tricks and people who can already skate. I am a big fan of skate parks. I have taught artistic roller skating for 26years (figure skating on wheels), I feel a flat area for those learning/wanting to learn/build confidence would be most beneficial! I see a lot of new skaters trying to learn at a skate park when they don't possess the basics of going forward/back/turning etc. and in turn end up losing interest This flat area could be multi-purpose, i.e. basketball/volleyball/badminton Marks, however not the spongy material that councils now tend to favour. Just a nice flat smooth concrete area would suffice which could have the markings for the other sports as mentioned. This certainly seems to be favoured in countries such as Spain/Italy/Argentina/Japan. If you want more input from my perspective as an artistic rollerskater/coach please feel free to contact me on [number and name redacted]

Negative and noise comments (8)

- Skate park can be noisy for surrounding neighbours.
- Strongly opposed to the concrete skatepark structure being built on grass in a public park
- Skateboard noise triggers dogs, so dog noise could be a problem on the links and surrounding area should the skate park be introduced?
- Should consider additional noise dampening solution (like more trees) for loud and repetitive activities like skateboard and ping pong.
- A basketball court would be nice, even just a one on one single hoop if space is tight. Maybe additional trees around the outskirts to dampen the noise for local residents nearby.
- Less enthused by a BMX/skate park. In other locations, the existence of this facility can actually concentrate anti-social behaviour to that particular area, making it a no-go area for everyone else.
- There is already a skatepark in Dalmeny Park which is overrun with adults who drink and smoke in the park and also speed around on scooters and skateboards very fast which is a danger for most kids.
- I used to live near an open air skate park. The noise was SO intrusive for residents. I think the soundscape for locals needs to be taken into consideration as this is a flat area and noise travels. STRONGLY AGAINST [This respondent was, however, strongly in favour of other components of the proposal.]

Roller-skating/roller-blading facility (flat area/plaza) comments (41)

- Street plaza
- Flat space for roller skating
- Flat ground for beginner skaters
- Flat space for roller skating :)
- A flat and smooth area for roller skating
- Flat, smooth concrete for roller skaters please!
- Flat space for the roller skaters would be great!

- As much of a smooth flat ground concrete area as possible
- Strongly suggest a roller skating area for those in the area
- Please include a flat area for recreational skating not just slopes
- Smooth flat and level surface space for quad skaters would be amazing!
- Some flat space for beginners of skateboarding and roller skating please
- A smooth flat area for learning to roller skate and performing roller dance
- A skatepark and/or an open-air rollerblading rink would be great to have in Leith.
- There should be separate facilities for skating and biking, pumptrack and skatepark.
- Maybe a small park for younger ones who can't use the skatepark or pump track proposed
- Beginner / intermediate skating area. Large flat space for quad and artistic skating.
- It'd be awesome to have some flat smooth space for roller skates too, for jamming/artistic practice
- A flat surface for roller skaters would be so great as those spaces are severely lacking in Edinburgh
- Multi- use courts - dodge ball Space in skate areas for beginners i.e. not too steep slopes to try getting used to it.
- A large, open flat area for roller skating (not a place for trick skating like skate park, but more like an outdoor rink)
- A smooth flat space for roller skaters, there is no outdoor provision for this anywhere in the Lothians, only ramp parks
- Roller skates desperately need more options so very in favour. There are plenty of picnic and gym options already available.
- Having smooth paths for people to roller skate on would be amazing as not everyone is ready for the skate park or pump track.
- As suggested, when considering roller skating please include an outdoor rink or court space for us. Our community is large.
- I'd love a space for quad/ dance roller skaters - all we need is a slab of smooth tarmac and there isn't really anywhere in the city!
- A roller derby track would be popular and help increase girls and women's participation. Why is travel hub and bike repair tied in with toilets?
- It might also be good to have a flat area of tarmac for flat land tricks for skating and longboarding! E.g. outside the riverside museum in Glasgow is very popular!
- It would be great to get a covered mini ramp or something that can also be used in Scottish weather... And mini ramps in general - rollerskaters need them!!!!
- There are no smooth paths or flat rink for roller skating, there are skate parks in Edinburgh but no flat rinks. I'm 46 year old female who would like somewhere flat and safe to skate
- Some very smooth flat tracks/paths are welcome too, for people with skateboards who are too scared to do tricks. They are also useful for kids who want to learn how to cycle, they are good for runners too.
- A skatepark with a well thought out plaza and bowl section. Current skateparks in Edinburgh are lacking in the plaza element in particular. I also think that good quality outdoor workout spaces, such as parkour, calisthenics, and bouldering
- I am a quad skater and mainly practice jam and dance skating and find it incredibly hard to find spots in Edinburgh that are flat, levelled and smooth for the type of activity I do. I would love a smooth, even concrete bit! Thank you guys for the proposal!!
- There is a huge rollerskating community that currently use the likes Lister and Bristo Square. It would be fair to provide a large open space of flat concrete for skaters to have. Please don't leave out the roller skaters/bladers who are not ramp skaters 😊
- It would be great to see a skate plaza for rollerskaters/boarders etc. alongside ramps and bowls; flat smooth surface to practice for beginners and those working on improving specific skills and tricks. There is little space for quad skaters across the whole of Edinburgh
- For a lot of older children, scootering, skateboarding, skating is very popular right now and a very positive hobby for them to pick up! Also a flat space for roller skating/roller dance would be very welcomed as we don't really have many places that aren't basketball fields

- It would be awesome to have a flat surface for the huge roller skating community here in Edinburgh. There are plenty of tennis courts in Edinburgh but no roller skating rinks so I'd suggest turning two of the tennis courts in a flat smooth surface. You have no idea how many roller skaters would use it!
- There are no dedicated spaces available for rollerskating in Edinburgh. You usually see rollerskaters at Lister Square or Bristo Square as they are the only suitable public spaces that the community has found to be suitable, but even then they have to limit their activities to avoid being considered a nuisance to the public.
- I live in the local area and there is a reasonable size inline/roller group in this area. Right now they hang around Lister Square. If there was a flat smooth concrete rink/hockey rink. If it has a roof to protect from; the rain and frost damage; plus allow the area to be used when it's wet as it will keep the ground dry and skatable.
- It would be great to see a flat smooth area in/adjacent to the skate park that is suitable for quad roller skaters to practise - there is no purpose built suitable spot in Edinburgh which means skaters practice in car parks etc. until they are told to leave! This would make things safer as well as more fun and welcoming to newcomers to the sport.
- Skate parks are great for tricks and people who can already skate. I am a big fan of skate parks. I have taught artistic roller skating for 26years (figure skating on wheels), I feel a flat area for those learning/wanting to learn/build confidence would be most beneficial! I see a lot of new skaters trying to learn at a skate park when they don't possess the basics of going forward/back/turning etc. and in turn end up losing interest. This flat area could be multi-purpose, i.e. basketball/volleyball/badminton Marks, however not the spongy material that councils now tend to favour. Just a nice flat smooth concrete area would suffice which could have the markings for the other sports as mentioned. This certainly seems to be favoured in countries such as Spain/Italy/Argentina/Japan. If you want more input from my perspective as an artistic rollerskater/coach please feel free to contact me on [number and name redacted]

Comments mentioning toilets (35)

- A public bathroom
- toilets are a must!
- Should Defo have toilets
- 100% PUBLIC TOILETS!!!!
- A café with toilets would be welcome
- skatepark, toilets and floodlights are a must
- More bins and public toilets for the large area
- Toilets obviously required a real consideration.
- We really need toilets to make it a usable place!!
- Public toilets and floodlighting until say 2200hrs
- Public Toilets are needed. Rest not necessary IMO.
- Public toilets in the area are desperately needed!!
- Happy for any but feel most strongly that SAFE public toilets are needed
- Yes, please include public toilets. We're lacking them all over the city.
- Toilets- fine but why have they been included only with an "active travel hub" (whatever that is)?
- Toilets absolutely needed. Skateboarding is now an Olympic sport - proper facilities are a must!
- I think toilets would be an excellent addition, allowing people to enjoy the facilities already there
- Like the focus of an activity area. - need give space for some facilities too such as toilets, water refill
- Adequate toilet facilities are a must and perhaps there could be room for local traders to sell refreshments?
- An investment in an attractive skate park, a few picnic benches and good public toilets would be my preference
- If you separate out the options I'm strongly in favour of toilets but strongly opposed to anything to do with bikes.
- Public toilets are lacking in the city so pleased to see this to make the activities more enjoyable for a longer period.

- Toilets are a necessity, outdoor gyms that have been created around the city (any time I have gone by) are never in use.
- Why have you included toilets in with bike repair and active travel hub? Toilets are mandatory. The other two are not for locals.
- Worried toilets would be vandalised/unkept in an area such as Leith. However, would be good to avoid lengthy trips home for the loo!!
- Support things like tables etc. but there needs to be some kind of assurance that these will be maintained and cleaned regularly (especially toilets).
- Wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Changing Places toilets. Accessible street gym options for people with different physical abilities/limitations.
- There's already gym facilities in the Links. Toilets would be welcomed. Picnic tables help people come together and may reduce rubbish left after BBQs
- Would be so amazing. Somewhere to meet for all ages, toilets to promote toilet equality when out and a really active healthy resource for everyone!! Love it!
- Time restrictions for these things as they will most likely be vandalised a bit like the public toilets in Princes Street. That said however this area would really benefit from this 100%.
- The more worthwhile activities we can encourage young folk to do the better - there needs to be accessible facilities for this. Public restrooms should be a no brainier for areas like the links.
- Toilets in particular are super important. In Germany they have a decent system for folk to either use it for free. Look into this because folk shouldn't have to pay to do a basic human function.
- A skate park would be a fantastic addition to the park as many young people are interested in this hobby, and many of the paths around the links are not suitable to skate on. Toilets are essential considering how many use the park and how many instances of public urination have been complained about on social media over the past couple years.
- Some kind of protection from the wind for the table tennis tables would make it much more usable year round. I would personally use the skatepark and pump track more than the other facilities. I would travel to visit my friends and ride near them rather than they having to always coming across to the south. Toilets are a must so we don't have to find a place to urinate illegally. It's shameful having to do that and the females often prefer to go home rather than do that so it makes it excluding for them.
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

Basketball mentions (33)

- Basketball hoops
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- A basketball court
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- Basketball hoops please.
- football pitch/basketball
- Basketball court perhaps?
- Basketball court, football court?!?
- Basketball court Skate bowl A Fountain
- And add a basketball court with goalies
- Maybe a volleyball court or a basketball court
- Basketball Court Mini Football goals (5 a side)

- Would love to see a basketball court or two included
- A basketball court and graffiti wall would be awesome!
- Half-court basketball court with one net and backboard.
- Multi-sport pitches for football, basketball, tennis etc.
- Other sports - football 5's, basketball, badminton, putting
- Workout gym is neither here nor there, Basketball court perhaps?
- Please include Basketball courts and functional football goals.
- Basketball basket, beach volleyball, slackline, smoothie bar- refreshments sale
- Basketball courts/ putting/ crazy golf/ trampolines/ sheltered area with picnic tables/
- Tennis courts or basketball courts could be a good addition. As well as a five-a-side football pitch
- Volleyball area, basketball areas and more tennis courts would be amazing- is there a thing for outdoor squash courts??
- Basketball court/ this would appeal to the young people/teens and promote more sports activities in addition to the playpark
- Extra tennis courts, they've been popular since lockdown. Basketball court would be a nice addition and extra lighting for the darker nights.
- An outdoor MUGA would be great for those that want to play basketball or netball. Not football though as the grass on the other part of the links caters for that.
- A basketball court would be nice, even just a one on one single hoop if space is tight. Maybe additional trees around the outskirts to dampen the noise for local residents nearby.
- Not really sure what bouldering rocks are, so that's why neutral Also think basketball court might be good - the one in Victoria park is very popular (but then there are a few in Leith already so maybe good to provide something different)
- For a lot of older children, scootering, skateboarding, skating is very popular right now and a very positive hobby for them to pick up! Also a flat space for roller skating/roller dance would be very welcomed as we don't really have many places that aren't basketball fields
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Table tennis/ping pong comments (24)

Enthusiastic (4)

- I would love the opportunity to rent bikes/scooters and the use of ping pong tables would be great
- I think they are all good ideas, especially the skate/bike park and boulder rocks. Ping pong would be fun for all ages.

- Excellent idea - would definitely make use of the ping-pong tables and picnic tables. Great to have somewhere that those with more energy can 'burn it off' (rather than on the streets which is so hazardous for pedestrians).
- I would love PING PONG tables, think would be a good idea having it all beside each other, would provide a nice community feel and add to local businesses in Leith area

Ambivalent (14) (wind/noise/nuisance/vandalism/upkeep)

- Ping Pong tables outside not great in any kind of wind.
- Ping pong tables may not be that effective in such a windy city.
- It's Scotland, how often is the wind going to affect ping pong outdoors
- Maybe people on the picnic tables too close to the ping pong tables will get hit by pingpong balls?
- I do worry that picnic tables and ping pong tables will be vandalised which is a shame, be so nice in their area
- Should consider additional noise dampening solution (like more trees) for loud and repetitive activities like skateboard and ping pong.
- Ping pong tables are great but it's rarely a calm enough day for it to be used year-round. Maybe instead, there could be food/drink trucks or something?
- Pump track and a skatepark ideally. Ping pong tables sound like a great idea but is Edinburgh not quite windy? Bouldering wall sounds like a great idea as well.
- The ideas are great. Ping pong tables are a good idea but the weather (windy most of the year) would make it impossible to play most of the day. It would be good to include some of the first aid kit in the activity hub and perhaps some swings. Incorporating a running track around the plot.
- If ping pong tables are included, please make them full size. A street workout gym (i.e. chin up bars, monkey bars etc.) would be space and cost efficient. The bars in Inverleith Park are the only set in Edinburgh as far as I know, and are frequently used there.
- I'm sure all of these user groups and more will benefit from the proposed plans. I know Edinburgh has a free running scene as well that could be considered when designing the bouldering type area. The proposed design looks great. Not sure you'd need too many ping pong tables but maybe I'm out of touch on that.
- Some kind of protection from the wind for the table tennis tables would make it much more usable year round. I would personally use the skatepark and pump track more than the other facilities. I would travel to visit my friends and ride near them rather than they having to always coming across to the south. Toilets are a must so we don't have to find a place to urinate illegally. It's shameful having to do that and the females often prefer to go home rather than do that so it makes it excluding for them.
- The ongoing maintenance would be my only concern especially for the standalone items such as table tennis - it all looks great at the start but can quickly become an eyesore with the weather and things getting run down. Also I used to live there used to be a skate park and it turned into a gathering point for teenagers to drink alcohol on a weekend. Removing this issue and I would be in full favour.
- I love the idea of the active nature of most of these. Though I am unsure whether ping pong tables would be the best use of space, especially if people have to provide their own bats and balls - I think the tables could potentially be misused. Also I think the wind may make playing ping pong difficult. The gym is also a good idea but I would possibly encourage an extension of the current gym just outside the area specified. Why not keep it all together? I'd love to see another one or two tennis courts as these are currently widely used and wait times can be long. Could we use the current building, or another, to come up with some sort of community hub/cafe/free shop/support network/sharing space for people to come together for things like art/craft/reading etc.? Something for winter time when activity outside is less likely.

Negative (6)

- There's existing workout machines 100m away, table tennis table will get trashed, and not enough demand, bike repair hub costly to keep running
- Things like ping pong tables and street workout gyms hardly get used. Bouldering I'm not sure. But the rest would be used frequently - good ideas
- Ping pong tables always seem a good idea except that they never seem to be used!! Inverleith park had tables and I've never seen anyone use them

- It's too windy for ping pong tables. They won't get used. Padel courts could work though. The space could also be used for something better than picnic tables. Thanks for your efforts!
- More tennis.... Scotland is windy. Ping pong is great but you can't play it in the wind Bouldering is a fantastic idea and one that could be fitted into the landscape and expanded.
- Outdoor gym is hopeless. The existing one on the Links is little used. It is 'one size fits all' and actually fits nobody very well but is designed by men for men. It ESPECIALLY does not fit women and girls. Ping pong tables will not be much use in windy weather and will get degraded quickly. I'd rather see that space used for something else. See www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk.

Gym/workout bars mentions (26)

Positive (8)

- Professional street workout bars
- A large street workout area would be great
- Wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Changing Places toilets. Accessible street gym options for people with different physical abilities/limitations.
- As someone who currently teaches calisthenics in the park having proper facilities would boost our ability to reach a wider audience and teach people how to use a street gym properly and safely.
- Make the gym a proper calisthenics gym with lots of bars, like they have in London and Russia, rather than those rubbish and presumably overpriced body weight machines that seem to be installed in all other parks.
- If ping pong tables are included, please make them full size. A street workout gym (i.e. chin up bars, monkey bars etc.) would be space and cost efficient. The bars in Inverleith Park are the only set in Edinburgh as far as I know, and are frequently used there.
- Saughton Park would be a great example to use as how this can be done successfully, the skate park is busy at all times with a range of ages and abilities, the two kids playgrounds are well used and look incredible, and the various street gym equipment and sports courts are popular too.
- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2021-05-28/we-need-more-public-space-for-teen-girls> Placing some gym equipment (e.g. recumbent cycles) in a circle to allow social exercise seems a great idea. Please also consider what provision could be made to meet the needs of those disabled young people who enjoy play equipment.

Negative/ambivalent (18)

- Workout gym is neither here nor there. Basketball court perhaps?
- Neutral about outdoor gym due to existing facilities next to bowling green
- There is a small gym area that is used by many people, this needs extending
- I'm less keen on the street gym as I notice they are barely used in other parks.
- The street gym should have different equipment to the gym equipment already in the Links
- I feel the implementation of a gym is unnecessary and draws the focus away from the sports
- The gym could be intimidating for kids and we already have workout equipment in this area. Not needed.
- Love all these ideas! Street gym and pick in blankets are the 2 I'd not make priority but both are good additions
- Toilets are a necessity, outdoor gyms that have been created around the city (any time I have gone by) are never in use.
- Roller skates desperately need more options so very in favour. There are plenty of picnic and gym options already available.
- Things like ping pong tables and street workout gyms hardly get used. Bouldering I'm not sure. But the rest would be used frequently - good ideas
- There are already street gym facilities on the links. Also I would be concerned about any equipment being vandalised which is unfortunately common
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- There are already gym props on links. There are already good simple open spaces on the Links. We need a Skatepark, do not confuse the matter with silly add-ons, we need a Skatepark
- Outdoor gym is hopeless. The existing one on the Links is little used. It is 'one size fits all' and actually fits nobody very well but is designed by men for men. It ESPECIALLY does not fit women and girls. Ping pong tables will not be much use in windy weather and will get degraded quickly. I'd rather see that space used for something else. See www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk
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Pump track mentions (23)

- Pump Track
- Pump track
- Bike pumptrack is a must!
- Bring in the Skelf pump track people too
- Pump track for BMX / skate / mountain bikes
- Skatepark and pump track is the missing key for happy people in Edinburgh
- Skate parks and pump tracks would attract the most attention in a very positive way
- There should be separate facilities for skating and biking, pumptrack and skatepark.
- Maybe a small park for younger ones who can't use the skatepark or pump track proposed
- "Skateboard BMX scooters" is kinda vague but if you mean pump track that would be great
- Skate park and pump track. It's now an Olympic sport and needs to be developed and encouraged.
- "Mini pump tracks" for younger children to begin on. Natural or recycled materials where possible.
- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders
- Could the pump track be made suited for skateboards as there is already a BMX pump track in Edinburgh
- A small pump track would be good to keep younger children occupied when the skatepark could be too busy
- Having smooth paths for people to roller skate on would be amazing as not everyone is ready for the skate park or pump track.
- A pumptrack would be the number one best thing that could happen to Leith. Please contact me if you want to know more about why.
- A good pumptrack and skatepark would be perfect for this space and would help support the growing scene and give work for local bike and skate shops
- Pump track and a skatepark ideally. Ping pong tables sound like a great idea but is Edinburgh not quite windy? Bouldering wall sounds like a great idea as well.
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Picnic table comments (22)

Neutral/Ambivalent/Cautious/Negative (14)

- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders
- Maybe people on the picnic tables too close to the ping pong tables will get hit by pingpong balls?
- I do worry that picnic tables and ping pong tables will be vandalised which is a shame, be so nice in their area
- Roller skates desperately need more options so very in favour. There are plenty of picnic and gym options already available.
- I know it's an activity park but space to hang out is important too and could be more imaginative than picnic tables e.g. hammocks
- A good level of refuse disposal available, especially with the picnic tables. Perhaps some kind of secure food waste composting? As well as more recycling bins
- A little wildlife haven area would be nice. Some wildflowers and insect gardens so the picnic tables have a nice surrounding and you're supporting the wildlife.
- It's too windy for ping pong tables. They won't get used. Padel courts could work though. The space could also be used for something better than picnic tables. Thanks for your efforts!
- As well as picnic tables, designed spaces where groups of teens can socialise - more playful and imaginative than just tables and chairs. These could be incorporated throughout the links.
- It sounds ridiculous but my only concern is the picnic tables as I can just see them being used by neds when getting drunk and then ruining the park for young people who want to use it seriously.
- If you're including picnic tables ensure there are enough bins, signage to encourage people to take their rubbish home and work with the council to have bins emptied more frequently in good weather
- In addition to the above, and perhaps instead of picnic table space (there is tons of space on the Leith for picnics so it doesn't seem the best use of space in an activity park) I would LOVE if there was a little splash, paddling area with fountains for hot weather.
- See initial comment. Might some of the activities being proposed might be more geared towards the elderly (who presumably were the demographic previously catered to by lawn bowling)? I strongly support a focus on youth, but would suggest that something beyond 'picnic tables' might be offered for the elderly (or even the less mobile).
- I think that the picnic tables might be a waste and would more than likely be vandalised. As well as this, the area set aside for picnic tables could remain as grass for people to sit and decide for themselves what to do, e.g. football, sunbathing, socialising and other spots etc. Leith Links isn't just for adults just as it isn't just for kids. Would be nice to have some untouched space for people to choose their activities. Strongly for this development though - what a great idea.

Positive (8)

- Picnic tables should have wheelchair spaces
- Basketball courts/putting/ crazy golf/ trampolines/ sheltered area with picnic tables/

- An investment in an attractive skate park, a few picnic benches and good public toilets would be my preference
- Wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Changing Places toilets. Accessible street gym options for people with different physical abilities/limitations.
- There's already gym facilities in the Links. Toilets would be welcomed. Picnic tables help people come together and may reduce rubbish left after BBQs
- A covered area with picnic tables and chess tables. Too often in Scotland we make things "outdoors" when in reality it's winter 70% of the year. We need more roofs on stuff.
- Excellent idea - would definitely make use of the ping-pong tables and picnic tables. Great to have somewhere that those with more energy can 'burn it off' (rather than on the streets which is so hazardous for pedestrians).
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

Tennis comments (17)

Negative (2)

- It would be awesome to have a flat surface for the huge roller skating community here in Edinburgh. There are plenty of tennis courts in Edinburgh but no roller skating rinks so I'd suggest turning two of the tennis courts in a flat smooth surface. You have no idea how many roller skaters would use it!
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

Positive (15)

- tennis courts
- Tennis court, volleyball / badminton nets
- More tennis courts, they are always occupied!
- Enjoy tennis - would like to see the courts stay
- More tennis courts would be great and a running track
- Multi-sport pitches for football, basketball, tennis etc.
- What about the tennis places? I use them every week and don't want to see them go :(
- Good all-weather tennis courts not gravel or tarmac but the plastic fake grass ones.
- Tennis courts or basketball courts could be a good addition. As well as a five-a-side football pitch
- why not restore the tennis courts and bowling green, too much trendy crap that people don't actually want.
- Volleyball area, basketball areas and more tennis courts would be amazing- is there a thing for outdoor squash courts??
- The tennis courts also do get used so could be good to keep them! Also, a much better boules pitch would definitely be appreciated!
- Extra tennis courts, they've been popular since lockdown. Basketball court would be a nice addition and extra lighting for the darker nights.
- More tennis.... Scotland is windy. Ping pong is great but you can't play it in the wind Bouldering is a fantastic idea and one that could be fitted into the landscape and expanded.

- I love the idea of the active nature of most of these. Though I am unsure whether ping pong tables would be the best use of space, especially if people have to provide their own bats and balls - I think the tables could potentially be misused. Also I think the wind may make playing ping pong difficult. The gym is also a good idea but I would possibly encourage an extension of the current gym just outside the area specified. Why not keep it all together? I'd love to see another one or two tennis courts as these are currently widely used and wait times can be long. Could we use the current building, or another, to come up with some sort of community hub/cafe/free shop/support network/sharing space for people to come together for things like art/craft/reading etc.? Something for winter time when activity outside is less likely.

Parkour and/or calisthenics comments (15)

- Parkour park
- Parkour area would be great.
- Calisthenics bars or Parkour setups.
- Parkour scaffolding would also work in this space
- To have a spot to do parkour would actually be really exciting.
- Anything to support calisthenics such as a rig, hoops, monkey bars etc.!
- Outdoor monkey bars for calisthenics and street workouts for young people
- Some parkour equipment, with advice and guidance taken from the local community.
- I'd like to see work done with local parkour and freerunning groups to establish space for parkour training too.
- I would be very interested in a parkour park. Parkour has a very strong community in Edinburgh already, for both adults and children.
- As someone who currently teaches calisthenics in the park having proper facilities would boost our ability to reach a wider audience and teach people how to use a street gym properly and safely.
- Make the gym a proper calisthenics gym with lots of bars, like they have in London and Russia, rather than those rubbish and presumably overpriced body weight machines that seem to be installed in all other parks.
- Please include calisthenics for kids and grown-ups, multiple stations so more people can engage not just one or something no one will use. Portobello calisthenics not fit for the purpose as more stations are needed.
- Sounds likes you have great suggestions here, with all the developments in urban play and sports facilities, with addition of wheeled sports and dual use skate and parkour facilities. The sky's the limit now for the fun you can provide.
- A skatepark with a well thought out plaza and bowl section. Current skateparks in Edinburgh are lacking in the plaza element in particular. I also think that good quality outdoor workout spaces, such as parkour, calisthenics, and bouldering.

Safety and security-related comments (15)

- Security cameras!
- An area to lock bikes
- Think items would be pinched will the items be free and for rent?
- Some safety concerns on equipment being used by inexperienced or unskilled users
- I do worry that picnic tables and ping pong tables will be vandalised which is a shame, be so nice in their area
- Worried toilets would be vandalised/unkept in an area such as Leith. However, would be good to avoid lengthy trips home for the loo!!
- Manned activity space, I often thought drop-in centre would work on the space but it's the abuse the investment might take that's a fear.
- There are already street gym facilities on the links. Also I would be concerned about any equipment being vandalised which is unfortunately common.
- Absolutely yes. Archery? Something just for teenagers where they can exercise and it is clean of people drinking and breaking glass etc. With CCTV and rules enforced.

- Time restrictions for these things as they will most likely be vandalised a bit like the public toilets in Princes Street. That said however this area would really benefit from this 100%.
- Less enthused by a BMX/skate park. In other locations, the existence of this facility can actually concentrate anti-social behaviour to that particular area, making it a no-go area for everyone else.
- My only opposition with bouldering rocks is that they often provide cover for activities like drinking with the litter and behaviour that accompany. A wide open space ensures a safe, inclusive space.
- I think all of the activities above sound great in principle but the need to supervise these areas needs to be addressed. Health and safety for users is a must. Particularly for unsupervised teenagers. Security will definitely be an issue as not everyone will respect the area. How will this be addressed to preserve the condition and ongoing use of these areas?
- The ongoing maintenance would be my only concern especially for the standalone items such as table tennis - it all looks great at the start but can quickly become an eyesore with the weather and things getting run down. Also I used to live there used to be a skate park and it turned into a gathering point for teenagers to drink alcohol on a weekend. Removing this issue and I would be in full favour.
- I think that the picnic tables might be a waste and would more than likely be vandalised. As well as this, the area set aside for picnic tables could remain as grass for people to sit and decide for themselves what to do, e.g. football, sunbathing, socialising and other spots etc. Leith links isn't just for adults just as it isn't just for kids. Would be nice to have some untouched space for people to choose their activities. Strongly for this development though - what a great idea.

Comments re girls/women (14)

- Rightly or wrongly, these seem stereotypically boy dominated activities. I don't know what a more balanced offering looks like.
- A roller derby track would be popular and help increase girls and women's participation. Why is travel hub and bike repair tied in with toilets?
- There are no smooth paths or flat rink for roller skating, there are skate parks in Edinburgh but no flat rinks. I'm 46 year old female who would like somewhere flat and safe to skate
- This activity park is incredibly strongly leaning towards male adolescents. What is there for adolescent females to help keep them active? At least 80% of the ideas tip strongly towards the interests of males over females
- Skate park desperately needed. The only thing to consider is making sure it meets needs of both girls and boys - if you haven't already maybe worth doing a bit of engagement with children-teenagers to see what they would like.
- A really nice variety of spaces, catering for mainly boys/males. What I would say is that outdoor active safe spaces for girls/women are few and far between. Please look at this project and consider adding/adjusting your proposal to be more inclusive!!! <http://makespaceforgirls.co.uk/>
- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2021-05-28/we-need-more-public-space-for-teen-girls> Placing some gym equipment (e.g. recumbent cycles) in a circle to allow social exercise seems a great idea Please also consider what provision could be made to meet the needs of those disabled young people who enjoy play equipment "
- There's a great new organisation (Make Space for Girls) that has lots of advice about how to best design parks for teenage girls. I think the current design will be more attractive to boys and could maybe have some light adjustment to make it better for all. Here's a thread of their ideas - <https://twitter.com/makespaceforgi1/status/1409809325514805248?s=21>
- Outdoor gym is hopeless. The existing one on the Links is little used. It is 'one size fits all' and actually fits nobody very well but is designed by men for men. It ESPECIALLY does not fit women and girls. Ping pong tables will not be much use in windy weather and will get degraded quickly. I'd rather see that space used for something else. See www.makespaceforgirls.co.uk.
- When I was at the event on Saturday, we were discussing a space for girls and young women...and less physical sporty types (like me :-)) I would like to see a semi covered area with wooden flooring: for dance,

yoga, tai chi, fitness, movement activities etc.: for individuals and small / larger groups of 15- 20 people. An outdoor area, with a roof and flooring, which has some protection from the wet weather.

- These options are great but there is great research that shows that skate parks, pump tracks etc. are predominantly used by boys. Providing only these facilities puts girls at a disadvantage. I suggest you follow the work of this organisation makespaceforgirls.co.uk they provide great data on the topic and great solutions designed by girls for girls e.g. hammocks, shelters, Stages for tik tok dances or fitness classes
- Some kind of protection from the wind for the table tennis tables would make it much more usable year round. I would personally use the skatepark and pump track more than the other facilities. I would travel to visit my friends and ride near them rather than they having to always coming across to the south. Toilets are a must so we don't have to find a place to urinate illegally. It's shameful having to do that and the females often prefer to go home rather than do that so it makes it excluding for them.
- I would like to see this be a truly intergenerational space where people of all ages feel comfortable - this could be a great space for adolescents to hang out, but should also have space and cater for families and older people as well. I would also suggest making sure that the design does not encourage boys to take over, and make girls feel excluded. MakespaceforGirls.com [this should be: makespaceforgirls.co.uk] has a lot of research/case studies and information about making recreational spaces where girls can feel as comfortable as boys - might be worth a look.
- Please do some research into the needs of girls. Most parks cater to the needs of boys, but can often become no go zones for teenage girls. Girls and boys use these spaces differently. This needs to be accounted for in the design process. There are some great case studies out there, if you do a quick Google. Are you surveying what the young people actually want? Can you get Leith Academy involved in your consultation. The young people might not know what they want. Show them some great examples of successfully designed spaces. Get their opinions on what currently doesn't work for them.

Comments re art/graffiti (14)

Negative (1)

- These will require to be cleaned and the area kept tidy of litter and graffiti. We need a park ranger.

Positive (13)

- Community art
- A legal street art spot!
- A legal graffiti/art wall
- Space for legal graffiti and art workshops
- legal wall/boards/space for graffiti and street art
- A basketball court and graffiti wall would be awesome!
- Legal graffiti walls like the one near Newhaven but more public viewing
- A free graffiti wall would discourage illegal graffiti and encourage creativity.
- Would be great to see a space for street artists to practice on- some empty walls that allow painting or similar
- New Practice (Glasgow architects) are a great contact for creative spaces <https://new-practice.co.uk/active-streets>. I think a creative element would be great here. Graffiti art or some other time of collaboration with artists...so it's not all sport!
- A bit of a section more dedicated to mountain bike skills would be great too. SKELF have a mini MTB trail beside their track. Rock gardens/drops etc. would be great for practicing on when people can't make it out to Glentress etc. Legal graffiti walls would be nice too. You can see how well these have worked at the Coatfield hoardings, and other previous dedicated walls.
- I would definitely recommend a space for legal graffiti, there is a thriving creative community in Leith and a growing desire to create public spaces for people to express this without fear of doing something wrong. Give them the space to do this and the surrounding areas are then left untouched. It also goes well with a skate and pump track culture that you are looking to encourage. A basketball court would also be amazing.
- I love the idea of the active nature of most of these. Though I am unsure whether ping pong tables would be the best use of space, especially if people have to provide their own bats and balls - I think the tables could

potentially be misused. Also I think the wind may make playing ping pong difficult. The gym is also a good idea but I would possibly encourage an extension of the current gym just outside the area specified. Why not keep it all together? I'd love to see another one or two tennis courts as these are currently widely used and wait times can be long. Could we use the current building, or another, to come up with some sort of community hub/cafe/free shop/support network/sharing space for people to come together for things like art/craft/reading etc.? Something for winter time when activity outside is less likely.

Comments re bouldering facilities (14)

Negative/Neutral/Ambivalent (7)

- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders.
- Things like ping pong tables and street workout gyms hardly get used. Bouldering I'm not sure. But the rest would be used frequently - good ideas.
- A splash pad would be great for young children. Bouldering rocks would be good but think this would be better.
- I feel like the skate park and bike area would be really beneficial to encourage community involvement as both have a strong community as is, whereas bouldering is more of a solo thing.
- My only opposition with bouldering rocks is that they often provide cover for activities like drinking with the litter and behaviour that accompany. A wide open space ensures a safe, inclusive space.
- I'm sure all of these user groups and more will benefit from the proposed plans. I know Edinburgh has a free running scene as well that could be considered when designing the bouldering type area. The proposed design looks great. Not sure you'd need too many ping pong tables but maybe I'm out of touch on that.
- Not really sure what bouldering rocks are, so that's why neutral. Also think basketball court might be good - the one in Victoria Park is very popular (but then there are a few in Leith already so maybe good to provide something different).

Positive (7)

- The bouldering rocks are a great idea.
- Bouldering would be the best option as there is little to none currently outdoors in Edinburgh.
- I think they are all good ideas, especially the skate/bike park and boulder rocks. Ping pong would be fun for all ages.
- Pump track and a skatepark ideally. Ping pong tables sound like a great idea but is Edinburgh not quite windy? Bouldering wall sounds like a great idea as well.
- More tennis.... Scotland is windy. Ping pong is great but you can't play it in the wind Bouldering is a fantastic idea and one that could be fitted into the landscape and expanded.
- A skatepark with a well thought out plaza and bowl section. Current skateparks in Edinburgh are lacking in the plaza element in particular. I also think that good quality outdoor workout spaces, such as parkour, calisthenics, and bouldering.
- Definitely great activities and great use of space. Particularly the bouldering rocks as I think it's a great activity and I haven't heard of enough places for it especially local to Leith, but that may just be my lack of knowledge. Think it would be a great place for people who already partake in these activities to use and also enough there for other people to try something new. Great choices.

Football comments (12)

Negative (1)

- An outdoor MUGA would be great for those that want to play basketball or netball. Not football though as the grass on the other part of the links caters for that.

Positive (11)

- Football cage
- Football court
- football pitch/basketball
- Basketball court, football court?!?

- Basketball Court Mini Football goals (5 a side)
- Multi-sport pitches for football, basketball, tennis etc.
- Other sports - football 5's, basketball, badminton, putting
- Please include Basketball courts and functional football goals.
- A free to use five a side astro turf pitch. Surely Hibernian could help facilitate this?
- Tennis courts or basketball courts could be a good addition. As well as a five-a-side football pitch.
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

Café/refreshments comments (11)

- Cafe
- Community cafe
- Any scope for a cafe?
- A café with toilets would be welcome
- a cafe or place to get food and drinks
- Cafe or place to buy food and drink without leaving the park.
- Basketball basket, beach volleyball, slackline, smoothie bar- refreshments sale
- Cafe/beer garden the likes to provide refreshments so everyone can stay the whole day.
- Adequate toilet facilities are a must and perhaps there could be room for local traders to sell refreshments?
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Indoor/sheltered space comments (10)

- Communal BBQ pit, sheltered stage performance area for local musicians & theatre groups
- Basketball courts/ putting/ crazy golf/ trampolines/ sheltered area with picnic tables/
- I love all the suggestions. I would add a gazebo (cover for the rain and sun) and a picnic area
- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders
- It would be great to get a covered mini ramp or something that can also be used in Scottish weather... And mini ramps in general - rollerskaters need them!!!!
- A covered area with picnic tables and chess tables. Too often in Scotland we make things "outdoors" when in reality it's winter 70% of the year. We need more roofs on stuff.
- I live in the local area and there is a reasonable size inline/roller group in this area. Right now they hang around Lister Square. If there was a flat smooth concrete rink/hockey rink. If it has a roof to protect from;

the rain and frost damage; plus allow the area to be used when it's wet as it will keep the ground dry and skatable.

- When I was at the event on Saturday, we were discussing a space for girls and young women...and less physical sporty types (like me :-)) I would like to see a semi covered area with wooden flooring: for dance, yoga, tai chi, fitness, movement activities etc.: for individuals and small / larger groups of 15- 20 people. An outdoor area, with a roof and flooring, which has some protection from the wet weather.
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Pool/splash pad comments (10)

- Splash pad
- A splash pool in summer.
- A kids' splash park for warmer days!
- What about an outdoor swimming pool?
- Paddling pool. Trampoline. Giant chess board.
- A splash pad in the summer would be brilliant
- Some kind of water feature for the children. Crazy golf would be such fun, esp. in an area where golf was played historically.
- A splash pad would be great for young children. Boulderling rocks would be good but think this would be better.
- Splash park would be amazing. Nothing like that in Edinburgh area at all but plenty elsewhere in Scotland that are popular.
- In addition to the above, and perhaps instead of picnic table space (there is tons of space on the Leith for picnics so it doesn't seem the best use of space in an activity park) I would LOVE if there was a little splash, paddling area with fountains for hot weather.

Golf/crazy golf/putting comments (9)

- Disc golf
- Crazy golf
- Golf putting green
- Other sports - football 5's, basketball, badminton, putting
- Basketball courts/ putting/ crazy golf/ trampolines/ sheltered area with picnic tables/
- In addition I'd like to see a pitch & putt course to represent the creation of golf. Or even a 2-hole course?
- Some kind of water feature for the children. Crazy golf would be such fun, esp. in an area where golf was played historically.
- A return of the putting greens or similar is a must. This would also tie in with the history of the area and the recent statue.
- Possibly a mini golf course, public using it would need to bring their own clubs and ball. Think it would be great and would tie in with the history of Leith Links.

Litter/waste/refuse/composting/rubbish comments (9)

- More bins and public toilets for the large area
- Public water fountains and bins for all kinds of waste
- The picnic tables should be indoors so none of the litter goes onto the skatepark/pumptrack/boulders
- These will require to be cleaned and the area kept tidy of litter and graffiti. We need a park ranger,
- There's already gym facilities in the Links. Toilets would be welcomed. Picnic tables help people come together and may reduce rubbish left after BBQs.
- A good level of refuse disposal available, especially with the picnic tables. Perhaps some kind of secure food waste composting? As well as more recycling bins.
- If you're including picnic tables ensure there are enough bins, signage to encourage people to take their rubbish home and work with the council to have bins emptied more frequently in good weather.
- My only opposition with bouldering rocks is that they often provide cover for activities like drinking with the litter and behaviour that accompany. A wide open space ensures a safe, inclusive space.
- I would like to see an area next to, or close to the skatepark, where people can place their belongings, and fix their mechanisms out of the way of the obstacles themselves, and an abundance of litter bins, as many skateparks have this issue, dumpsters close by are usually ideal!

Comments re facilities for wheelchair users/disabled people (9)

- Picnic tables should have wheelchair spaces.
- Make it inclusive for differently abled citizens.
- Will there be facilities at the park for disabled children?
- I like all the above but wonder how the facilities can also serve disabled people.
- Should be as inclusive of disability as possible - maybe get input from The Yard on incorporating activity for different physical abilities?
- Wheelchair accessible picnic tables. Changing Places toilets. Accessible street gym options for people with different physical abilities/limitations.
- At start of planning to make all activities and resources accessible to kids with disabilities and from deprived families, get them involved with planning for best inclusion. Quite often accessibility is an afterthought.
- <https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2021-05-28/we-need-more-public-space-for-teen-girls> Placing some gym equipment (e.g. recumbent cycles) in a circle to allow social exercise seems a great idea. Please also consider what provision could be made to meet the needs of those disabled young people who enjoy play equipment.
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

Travel hub comments (9)

Negative/Neutral (7)

- What is active travel hub?
- What exactly is an 'active travel hub' other than an empty soundbite?
- If you separate out the options I'm strongly in favour of toilets but strongly opposed to anything to do with bikes.
- A roller derby track would be popular and help increase girls and women's participation. Why is travel hub and bike repair tied in with toilets?
- Toilets- fine but why have they been included only with an "active travel hub" (whatever that is)?
- The active travel hub will hopefully be the Hub of this facility so everyone know when/if something is damaged.

- Why have you included toilets in with bike repair and active travel hub? Toilets are mandatory. The other two are not for locals.

Positive (2)

- I would love the opportunity to rent bikes/scooters and the use of ping pong tables would be great
- There should be activities run on these sites for youth to attend i.e. bike park sessions which are led or supervised and where children can access bikes.

Volleyball comments (6)

- Tennis court, volleyball / badminton nets
- Maybe a volleyball court or a basketball court
- Basketball basket, beach volleyball, slackline, smoothie bar- refreshments sale
- Volleyball area, basketball areas and more tennis courts would be amazing- is there a thing for outdoor squash courts??
- Sand volleyball courts? There are a few groups throughout the week who set up nets. Would be nice to have a more permanent spot.
- Skate parks are great for tricks and people who can already skate. I am a big fan of skate parks. I have taught artistic roller skating for 26years (figure skating on wheels), I feel a flat area for those learning/wanting to learn/build confidence would be most beneficial! I see a lot of new skaters trying to learn at a skate park when they don't possess the basics of going forward/back/turning etc. and in turn end up losing interest This flat area could be multi-purpose, i.e. basketball/volleyball/badminton Marks, however not the spongy material that councils now tend to favour. Just a nice flat smooth concrete area would suffice which could have the markings for the other sports as mentioned. This certainly seems to be favoured in countries such as Spain/Italy/Argentina/Japan. If you want more input from my perspective as an artistic rollerskater/coach please feel free to contact me on [number and name redacted].

Boules/pétanque/bowls comments (6)

- Pétanque
- Petanque is paramount
- A decent boules set up would be good.
- Concrete chess tables. Pétanque courts.
- The tennis courts also do get used so could be good to keep them! Also, a much better boules pitch would definitely be appreciated!
- I've never seen the existing pétanque/boules court being used. Great project for French Dept at Leith Academy and French Institute!

Chess comments (6)

- Chess tables!
- Outdoor chess set. Lido.
- Concrete chess tables. Pétanque courts.
- Paddling pool. Trampoline. Giant chess board.
- Giant outdoor games such as snakes and ladders, chess etc. to encourage play between families and strangers.
- A covered area with picnic tables and chess tables. Too often in Scotland we make things “outdoors” when in reality it’s winter 70% of the year. We need more roofs on stuff.

Badminton comments (6)

- Badminton court
- Event stage/bandstand. Badminton court.
- Tennis court, volleyball / badminton nets
- Other sports - football 5's, basketball, badminton, putting

- Slack line posts so the trees don't get damaged. Badminton nets.
- Skate parks are great for tricks and people who can already skate. I am a big fan of skate parks. I have taught artistic roller skating for 26years (figure skating on wheels), I feel a flat area for those learning/wanting to learn/build confidence would be most beneficial! I see a lot of new skaters trying to learn at a skate park when they don't possess the basics of going forward/back/turning etc. and in turn end up losing interest This flat area could be multi-purpose, i.e. basketball/volleyball/badminton Marks, however not the spongy material that councils now tend to favour. Just a nice flat smooth concrete area would be suffice which could have the markings for the other sports as mentioned. This certainly seems to be favoured in countries such as Spain/Italy/Argentina/Japan. If you want more input from my perspective as an artistic rollerskater/coach please feel free to contact me on [number and name redacted].

Comments re facilities for runners (6)

- Running track?
- More tennis courts would be great and a running track.
- I'd like to see work done with local parkour and freerunning groups to establish space for parkour training too.
- Some very smooth flat tracks/paths are welcome too, for people with skateboards who are too scared to do tricks. They are also useful for kids who want to learn how to cycle, they are good for runners too.
- The ideas are great. Ping pong tables are a good idea but the weather (windy most of the year) would make it impossible to play most of the day. It would be good to include some the first aid kit in the activity hub and perhaps some swings. Incorporating a running track around the plot.
- I'm sure all of these user groups and more will benefit from the proposed plans. I know Edinburgh has a free running scene as well that could be considered when designing the bouldering type area. The proposed design looks great. Not sure you'd need too many ping pong tables but maybe I'm out of touch on that.

Fountains/drinking water comments (6)

- Water fountains for drinking
- Water fountains, assault course
- Basketball court. Skate bowl. A Fountain.
- Public water fountains and bins for all kinds of waste.
- Like the focus of an activity area. - need give space for some facilities too such as toilets, water refill.
- In addition to the above, and perhaps instead of picnic table space (there is tons of space on the Leith for picnics so it doesn't seem the best use of space in an activity park) I would LOVE if there was a little splash, paddling area with fountains for hot weather.

Comments re a music/performance space, stage or bandstand (5)

- Event stage/bandstand. Badminton court.
- A band stand for live music performances.
- Communal BBQ pit, sheltered stage performance area for local musicians & theatre groups
- How about adding an outdoor stage so that young people can play music, perform, practice would be excellent
- These options are great but there is great research that shows that skate parks, pump tracks etc. are predominantly used by boys. Providing only these facilities puts girls at a disadvantage. I suggest you follow the work of this organisation makespaceforgirls.co.uk they provide great data on the topic and great solutions designed by girls for girls e.g. hammocks, shelters, Stages for tik tok dances or fitness classes.

Trampoline comments (3)

- Paddling pool. Trampoline. Giant chess board.
- Small trampoline built into the floor, seen something like this in parks around Glasgow
- Basketball courts/ putting/ crazy golf/ trampolines/ sheltered area with picnic tables/

Comments re facilities for the elderly (3)

- Something for elderly residents of Leith.
- See initial comment. Might some of the activities being proposed might be more geared towards the elderly (who presumably were the demographic previously catered to by lawn bowling)? I strongly support a focus on youth, but would suggest that something beyond 'picnic tables' might be offered for the elderly (or even the less mobile).
- I would like to see this be a truly intergenerational space where people of all ages feel comfortable - this could be a great space for adolescents to hang out, but should also have space and cater for families and older people as well. I would also suggest making sure that the design does not encourage boys to take over, and make girls feel excluded. MakespaceforGirls.com [this should be: makespaceforgirls.co.uk] has a lot of research/case studies and information about making recreational spaces where girls can feel as comfortable as boys - might be worth a look.

Comments mentioning BBQ facilities (3)

- Electric BBQs like in Australia
- Communal BBQ pit, sheltered stage performance area for local musicians & theatre groups
- There's already gym facilities in the Links. Toilets would be welcomed. Picnic tables help people come together and may reduce rubbish left after BBQs

Lighting comments (3)

- skatepark, toilets and floodlights are a must
- Public toilets and floodlighting until say 2200hrs
- Extra tennis courts, they've been popular since lockdown. Basketball court would be a nice addition and extra lighting for the darker nights.

Mountain biking comments (2)

- Pump track for BMX / skate / mountain bikes
- A bit of a section more dedicated to mountain bike skills would be great too. SKELF have a mini MTB trail beside their track. Rock gardens/drops etc. would be great for practicing on when people can't make it out to Glentress etc. Legal graffiti walls would be nice too. You can see how well these have worked at the Coatfield hoardings, and other previous dedicated walls.

Astroturf comments (2)

- astroturf
- A free to use five a side astro turf pitch. Surely Hibernian could help facilitate this?

Wildlife/nature comments (2)

- A little wildlife haven area would be nice. Some wildflowers and insect gardens so the picnic tables have a nice surrounding and you're supporting the wildlife.
- Covering a green area in concrete is not the way to go. I would rather it being allocated to community allotments to support local biodiversity or a circuit along the lines of GoApes.

Misc. additional facilities, advice & suggestions (27)

- plenty of seating
- Hammocks and perches
- Play park for younger kids
- Water fountains, assault course
- I would love to have an enclosed area for my dogs

- Areas for non-prescriptive play. Blocks to climb or sit on etc.
- Slack line posts so the trees don't get damaged. Badminton nets.
- Maps and routes to the next hub, say Trinity Park and Seafield/Portobello.
- All wonderful, as long as accessible to all from a financial point of view.
- I know they take a lot of upkeep, but would be nice to keep one bowling green.
- Basketball basket, beach volleyball, slackline, smoothie bar- refreshments sale
- Manned activity space, I often thought drop-in centre would work on the space but it's the abuse the investment might take that's a fear.
- Perhaps a space could be allocated for remote control cars, such as those available at Wonderland on Lothian road? Would help support a local business.
- Absolutely yes. Archery? Something just for teenagers where they can exercise and it is clean of people drinking and breaking glass etc. With CCTV and rules enforced.
- Covering a green area in concrete is not the way to go. I would rather it being allocated to community allotments to support local biodiversity or a circuit along the lines of GoApes.
- It's too windy for ping pong tables. They won't get used. Padel courts could work though. The space could also be used for something better than picnic tables. Thanks for your efforts!
- I think this is a fantastic mix of modern activities. Only addition I'd like to see is a fake mini road, with roundabouts and crossings etc. to teach young kids about rules of the road and how to safely cycle and cross etc.
- I think having an onsite activities shop would be a good way to bring in revenue (albeit small in comparison to the cost of the project) but could benefit users immensely and contribute to the upkeep of the park and any expansions or alterations later down the line.
- I would like to see an area next to, or close to the skatepark, where people can place their belongings, and fix their mechanisms out of the way of the obstacles themselves, and an abundance of litter bins, as many skateparks have this issue, dumpsters close by are usually ideal!
- The development of the area around Saughton Park and the winter gardens is a perfect example of how multi use facilities can be created in sympathy with the surrounding area. Leith would benefit massively from this especially given the increase in property being built aimed at young families. These types of facilities also benefit people of all ages.
- When I was at the event on Saturday, we were discussing a space for girls and young women...and less physical sporty types (like me :-)). I would like to see a semi covered area with wooden flooring: for dance, yoga, tai chi, fitness, movement activities etc.: for individuals and small / larger groups of 15- 20 people. An outdoor area, with a roof and flooring, which has some protection from the wet weather.
- These options are great but there is great research that shows that skate parks, pump tracks etc. are predominantly used by boys. Providing only these facilities puts girls at a disadvantage. I suggest you follow the work of this organisation makespaceforgirls.co.uk they provide great data on the topic and great solutions designed by girls for girls e.g. hammocks, shelters, Stages for tik tok dances or fitness classes
- I would definitely recommend a space for legal graffiti, there is a thriving creative community in Leith and a growing desire to create public spaces for people to express this without fear of doing something wrong. Give them the space to do this and the surrounding areas are then left untouched. It also goes well with a skate and pump track culture that you are looking to encourage. A basketball court would also be amazing.
- I think that the picnic tables might be a waste and would more than likely be vandalised. As well as this, the area set aside for picnic tables could remain as grass for people to sit and decide for themselves what to do, e.g. football, sunbathing, socialising and other spots etc. Leith Links isn't just for adults just as it isn't just for kids. Would be nice to have some untouched space for people to choose their activities. Strongly for this development though - what a great idea.
- None of these suggestions work for wheelchair-using kids, or kids who use walking frames. I would suggest a track round the whole site that could be used for race-running bikes and all-abilities cycling. Instead of tennis courts, multi-use courts that could be also be used for wheelchair basketball and frame football. The toilets should have a changing places facility. A cafe would be amazing. Wheelchair-suitable picnic tables, and

surfaces that people can self-propelling on (no bark chippings!) If there is an outdoor gym, then please include some accessible equipment.

- I love the idea of the active nature of most of these. Though I am unsure whether ping pong tables would be the best use of space, especially if people have to provide their own bats and balls - I think the tables could potentially be misused. Also I think the wind may make playing ping pong difficult. The gym is also a good idea but I would possibly encourage an extension of the current gym just outside the area specified. Why not keep it all together? I'd love to see another one or two tennis courts as these are currently widely used and wait times can be long. Could we use the current building, or another, to come up with some sort of community hub/cafe/free shop/support network/sharing space for people to come together for things like art/craft/reading etc.? Something for winter time when activity outside is less likely.
- Skate parks are great for tricks and people who can already skate. I am a big fan of skate parks. I have taught artistic roller skating for 26 years (figure skating on wheels), I feel a flat area for those learning/wanting to learn/build confidence would be most beneficial! I see a lot of new skaters trying to learn at a skate park when they don't possess the basics of going forward/back/turning etc. and in turn end up losing interest. This flat area could be multi-purpose, i.e. basketball/volleyball/badminton courts, however not the spongy material that councils now tend to favour. Just a nice flat smooth concrete area would suffice which could have the markings for the other sports as mentioned. This certainly seems to be favoured in countries such as Spain/Italy/Argentina/Japan. If you want more input from my perspective as an artistic rollerskater/coach please feel free to contact me on [number and name redacted]

Misc. comments/queries (18)

- Why have these items been considered as one item? [This relates to the lumping of Bike Repair, Active Travel Hub, Bike Repair and Toilets.]
- Think items would be pinched will the items be free and for rent?
- I would personally set aside some adventure space for young kids, hills, tunnels, climbs, chutes
- Maybe people on the picnic tables too close to the ping pong tables will get hit by pingpong balls?
- These will require to be cleaned and the area kept tidy of litter and graffiti. We need a park ranger,
- If possible, inclusion of a potential area for market activities (such as the Leith Market and neighbourgood market Stockbridge)
- I know it's an activity park but space to hang out is important too and could be more imaginative than picnic tables e.g. hammocks
- The additional 'triangle' space to the west end of the park should be brought into the main area by removing the hedge which separates it
- A roller derby track would be popular and help increase girls and women's participation. Why is travel hub and bike repair tied in with toilets?
- Support things like tables etc. but there needs to be some kind of assurance that these will be maintained and cleaned regularly (especially toilets).
- The balance should still be in favour or more soft / green landscaping than concrete and tarmac. All this maybe goes a bit too much towards hard surfaces.
- Covering a green area in concrete is not the way to go. I would rather it being allocated to community allotments to support local biodiversity or a circuit along the lines of GoAps.
- It's too windy for ping pong tables. They won't get used. Padel courts could work though. The space could also be used for something better than picnic tables. Thanks for your efforts!
- As well as picnic tables, designed spaces where groups of teens can socialise - more playful and imaginative than just tables and chairs. These could be incorporated throughout the links.
- Anything that is TRULY open to all... anything which is usable, accessible, inclusive to every single part of Leith's many, many diverse communities. Every single adult or child should feel that it is their own.
- I would just stress the need to maintain the new facilities relative to how these things are typically resourced. Getting it done is just the first step. Believe in you all to make it thrive by keeping things functional and fresh all year round. Thank you!
- The ongoing maintenance would be my only concern especially for the standalone items such as table tennis - it all looks great at the start but can quickly become an eyesore with the weather and things

getting run down. Also I used to live there used to be a skate park and it turned into a gathering point for teenagers to drink alcohol on a weekend. Removing this issue and I would be in full favour.

Q4 Do you have any skills or expertise you would like to offer to help realise this vision? If so, please detail below.

There were 770 responses to this question. These were categorised as below. A few responses appear under more than one heading.

Type of Comment	Number of Comments
no relevant skills, not able to help & no comments/advice	361
relevant skills/knowledge	200
no special skills or knowledge but willing to help	82
skateboarder, BMXer, climber, etc.	77
misc. advice/comments	52
skills/knowledge detailed; not sure if relevant	12
ambiguous	4
answered "yes" but no details supplied	3
hostile	1
relevant skills but unavailable	1

No skills/expertise, unable to help and no comment/advice offered (361)

While indicating that they could not help, many respondents expressed regret that this was the case.

Relevant skills/expertise (apart from just being practitioners of one of the relevant sports) (200)

As there were so many people offering relevant skills and experience, their responses were further categorised as below. Some respondents' skills and expertise fit into more than one category, so the total of the responses represented in the 'Number of Respondents' column exceeds 200.

Category of Skills/ Expertise	Number of Comments
Building (groundworker, concrete, wood, painting, DIY, etc.)	29
Expertise in education or coaching/engagement with children or teenagers	28
Website/advertising/marketing/PR	23
Skatepark-/track-/ramp-building/designing experience	22
Civil engineering/architecture/park design/cad	19
Bookkeeping/accounting/finance/fundraising	17
Illustration/art/murals	16
Graphic design/unspecified design	8
Photography/videography	13
Political campaigning/lobbying/representation/consultation	10
Construction/general project management	9
Misc.	7
Misc. Organisation/planning	6
Landscaping/gardening/environmental expertise	6
Bike repair/cycling knowledge	10
Décor/interior design	5
Inclusion/disability expertise	5
IT/software	4
Event management	3
Climbing/bouldering	3
Plumbing	2

Town planning	2
Legal expertise	2
Not specified	2
Golf	1
Lighting	1
Skatepark work experience	1

Building (groundworker, concrete, wood, painting, DIY, etc.) (29)

- Build
- Carpentry
- Tech/Building
- Good with wood
- Husband up for DIY 🙋
- Painter and Decorator
- Used to working with concrete
- I can dig holes and lift heavy things
- Lots of enthusiasm and basic DIY skills
- Yes, design degree and handy on the tools
- Multi trade creative. Let me know if I can help
- I can drive, have a vehicle and have some tools.
- Time served joiner with ramp building experience
- I'm a joiner so would be more than willing to help out
- Carpenter in a local business, round the corner from this.
- My boyfriend works in construction and I know how to paint
- I am an artist and muralist and have carpentry skills too.
- Builder & Landscaper (hard landscaping). Skateboarder for 25 years
- Not sure! Happy to help with building stuff otherwise can offer IT skills.
- Carpenter. Project management. Have been involved with DIY skatepark builds before.
- Experience in volunteering, management, painting etc. and keen to learn new things e.g. building
- I have worked with wood to create ramps before and I am fairly new to concrete but would happily lend a hand
- Experience with woodwork and construction, familiar with power tools such as impact drivers, chainsaw certified, good grafter
- I work in skatepark construction, I got into it through the Leith DIY and have been working up and down the country building concrete skateparks for almost six years now. I'd be happy to help however I can.
- I'd happily help whatever way I can if needed. I used to help build sets and did painting & decorating so I'd get stuck in with the hands on stuff but for now I've shared to all my social media and spread the word
- Edinburgh lifetime local. I'm 50. I have skateboarded in Edinburgh for more than 35 years. I have a full time job in IT, but I am handy with a chainsaw, can mix and put concrete, have a full driving license, and am happy to help in any way I can. My time is my only limitation.
- I have helped in building skateparks in the past, I have skateboarded for over 12 years. Biggest passion in my life. I helped design a skatepark in North Berwick and the build. When I worked there I gained all my confidence, skateparks are amazing places. Also I suggest having a cafe / skate shop/ BMX shop on site! X
- My partner and I are Leith residents but are leaving for the next 6-9months. Although we wouldn't be able to help during this period, we would love to help on our return in any way we can. I have a business and enterprise degree and my partner is a joiner by trade. Please feel free to contact me if the project is granted permission and moves forward
- 30+ years skateboarding, mountainbiking and snowboarding experience. 25 + years carpentry, joinery and building experience. Wooden ramp building, but unfortunately very little concrete skatepark construction experience. I have a fair idea of how skatepark features should be set out in order to provide flow, gain

speed and multiple line choices. Doing this correctly provides infinite fun for years to come. Setting out a skatepark badly/without consulting and working with skateboarders, BMX'ers and experienced concrete skatepark construction companies results in a complete waste of time and money as can be seen at a few skateparks built over the last few years in Scotland.

Expertise in education or coaching/engagement with children or teenagers (28)

- Teaching street workouts
- Youth worker based in Leith
- Training parkour for 5 years
- Civil Engineer, Groundworker and Teacher
- Skateboard coach! [name redacted] on Instagram!
- Happy to help in anyway, I work in Early Years.
- Teacher who could ask my pupils what they think?
- I am a youth worker and would like to help any way I can.
- I'm a personal trainer, calisthenics coach, and a yoga teacher
- I am an artist and art teacher, happy to help in any way I can
- Single pitch climbing, hardwork, outdoor activities instructor
- Happy to help with any art/murals or mural/art workshops with kids!
- illustration, bike repair/coaching, skateboard coaching for beginners.
- I work in education and would be interested in helping in any way I could
- Skate instructor at Boardwalk Leith - can advise on rollerskating matters.
- Local artist with interest in community projects and young people [contact details redacted]
- Youth work experience, qualified social worker. Absolutely no construction experience at all 😊
- I'm a calisthenics coach , so can offer help advice on any proposed street training rigs/set ups
- I have been a youth worker with 16 years of experienced working with young people from “disadvantaged” areas
- Potential for art workshops or generally working with younger people and/or the wider project and community
- Not really- I'm a civil servant but would love to help if I can be useful in any way. I used to teach drama....?!
- Currently a basketball coach, as such I see the huge and still growing scene for basketball in Scotland. I'd suggest contacting sport Scotland or basketball Scotland
- As a teacher of primary school age children (mostly aged 10-12) in the Leith/Trinity area, I'm sure this is something we would love to see happening to support our young people.
- I am an architect who works for City of Edinburgh Council. I'm also on the board of a local charity that works with children and young adults so could speak to the team for comment.
- I used to be a volunteer coordinator / community development worker. Now I am a Shiatsu practitioner who runs health and wellbeing workshops with community groups. Good at networking.
- I lecture in Childhood Practice and am interested in how public space is designed for/with and used by children and young people. I could help with community consultation, I don't know how much input from the local young people you have had but it's essential that it's not all chosen for them. They should be part of the planning, design and build process.
- I am an illustrator/artist (mainly in children's markets) and an arts educator; and have done some mural work in the past & now want to do more, especially alongside communities, school kids, teens & anyone with an interest in transforming the look of an area with accessible, bright, welcoming, upbeat artwork. I have experience in facilitating arts workshops and working with a wide range of participants. I also hold Disclosure w/ Disclosure Scotland. I would love my experience this to the 'vision'
- As previously details I have 26 years' experience coaching artistic rollerskating. I have experience in ice and roller, however specialised in roller and previously ran an artistic rollerskating club in Livingston, which has temporarily stopped due to covid. The club was registered with the British Federation of Artistic Roller Skating BFARS (which could also be a good contact for you) under this governing body I passed various

medal tests in figure, dance and freestyle. I coach inline with the BFARS standards and have had inputs with most of the roller skating companies within the central belt (Rollerstop/United sk8ts/the broadwalk) I am passionate about rollerskating and have taught youngsters/adults from all backgrounds. The club was voluntary and the cost was kept to a minimum, I was not paid for my coaching and all the money for the club paid for halls fee and skates for skaters so that no one was left out.

Website/advertising/marketing/PR (22)

- PR
- Media creation
- Publicity /Media
- Digital marketing
- I am a public speaker
- PR & Social Media manager
- I run a vlog about skateboarding that could promote it
- Sales & marketing and perhaps a strong Edinburgh network.
- Qualified and experienced web designer if that's of any use.
- If you need any casual help with social media stuff, I wouldn't mind helping out.
- Graphic Design I guess but that's all haha. So if you need promotional flyers or posters.
- I can provide website help if need be as my background is web design which was completed in college
- Owner of local pub/restaurant and member of several groups which may aid in exposure and communication
- I'm a graphic and web designer, happy to help you put together a website on readymag as & when you need it!
- Event management, website admin/management (I run a national charity Wordpress website) Happy to offer some ad hoc help
- Marketing. I also manage a showroom for a major paint company who like to sponsor things like this. Email me [email address redacted]
- I have 5 years of sales experience dealing with Converse skateboard business. If you need emails with a bit of weight I am more than happy to provide
- I work in advertising and marketing and can help with website builds, social media as well as identifying funding and sponsorship opportunities. I also love mountain biking and climbing.
- Graphic Design, presentation, web design, marketing, if you need help with that. Also was involved in the redevelopment, and was a board member for Duncan Place. So have a wee bit of experience.
- I am sufficient in photography and Photoshop, and basic website building. Not sure if that's of any use. I'm sure I have many other skills that could help, and I'd love to be involved in anyway.
- I work in organisational development (learning and development for adults at work, change projects and policy development) potentially could help with things like analysing/presenting survey data in a dashboard. Am on mat leave with a new baby however so any help would need to fit around baby.
- I work in marketing/PR and our agency are actively on the lookout for cool clients we can do special stuff with. I lead up on creative strategy and think we could have a lot of fun working with you. Full disclosure, we're Glasgow based but I'm friendly with guys who've used their community of skaters to build DIYs in the Southside and under the Kingston bridge but this is obviously a much bigger version. I've just always liked how this community operate and I'd like to help. Holla [email address redacted] if you wanna chat!

Skatepark-/track-/ramp-building/-designing experience (22)

- Skatepark design
- Skatepark building
- Co-founder skelf bike park
- Some knowledge of skatepark design
- I built several skatepark in the late 80s and 90s

- Done a bit of DIY skatepark building and would be keen to help see it happen
- Carpenter. Project management. Have been involved with DIY skatepark builds before.
- Been trying to get a pump track in Dalgety Bay, Facebook page is Dalgety Bay Pump Track and I am admin
- Built a BMX dirt jump park for my local community. Would consider myself a practical person when it comes to building.
- I live nearby. I have built MTB trails before and would be willing to put my hand to anything to help build this really.
- I helped complete the Ormiston pumptrack as a temporary employee of Velosolutions, would be happy to help them again if they were chosen to build a track there.
- I have designed and built skateparks in the past, also been a user of many for 15 years, so I could provide possibly useful feedback on design concepts before the final one is done.
- I work in skatepark construction, I got into it through the Leith DIY and have been working up and down the country building concrete skateparks for almost six years now. I'd be happy to help however I can.
- I'm a self-employed plumber and would be happy to volunteer some time fitting public toilets if needed you can contact (NC Plumbing & Renewables) to arrange that, I also have some experience building skate ramps
- I started the Edinburgh Skatepark Project which resulted in Saughton Skatepark, I also created several successful skatepark projects across the country. I have 4 decades worth of worldwide skateboarding experience
- I built a couple of the ramps that have appeared at Dalmeny Street recently. I've heard rumours of some kind of demo/skate jam with ramps etc. I'm happy to build / help with stuff like that, just need a bit of notice.
- Helped build a skate-orientated exhibition run via Duncan of Jordanstone College of Art and Design at their residency space Generator Projects in Dundee. A contemporary / art approach would increase the appeal to a wider community.
- 20 years in the skate and BMX scene travelling the world and competing in Europe through 2004-2014. Some moderate experience sport climbing and bouldering. Experience of skatepark tender process and liaison with skatepark contractors
- I'm a video production professional, so could help create video content to promote the cause, engage with the local community and document the project. I also have basic ramp building skills, having built many skateable objects in the past like half pipes and grind boxes.
- I have helped in building skateparks in the past, I have skateboarded for over 12 years. Biggest passion in my life. I helped design a skatepark in North Berwick and the build. When I worked there I gained all my confidence, skateparks are amazing places. Also I suggest having a cafe / skate shop/ BMX shop on site! X
- I actually work as a skatepark designer and builder with partner links in urban sports and parkour, free running parks / urban play / bouldering etc. and I would love to help you guys in any way I can. The ramp project ran by Leith DIY is an amazing project that I feel lucky to have around the corner from my house 🙌🏼
- 30+ years skateboarding, mountainbiking and snowboarding experience. 25 + years carpentry, joinery and building experience. Wooden ramp building, but unfortunately very little concrete skatepark construction experience. I have a fair idea of how skatepark features should be set out in order to provide flow, gain speed and multiple line choices. Doing this correctly provides infinite fun for years to come. Setting out a skatepark badly/without consulting and working with skateboarders, BMX'ers and experienced concrete skatepark construction companies results in a complete waste of time and money as can be seen at a few skateparks built over the last few years in Scotland.

Civil engineering/architecture/park design/CAD (19)

- Architect
- AutoCAD experience
- Park design if needed!
- Mediocre architectural knowledge
- Architect / visualiser / 3D designer
- Architect and climber and former skater.

- Civil Engineer, Groundworker and Teacher
- Yes , design degree and handy on the tools
- I am an architectural designer and happy to help with any design work needed
- I'm a civil engineer, so could maybe assist with something relating to the skatepark
- I'm an architectural designer with previous experience in community and public spaces
- I'm an architectural technologist, completing my masters but happy to help in some way.
- I'm a Design engineer, and skateboarder. Specialist in surface water drainage systems.
- Qualified Landscape Architect, now working as an Art teacher in a high school. Interested in getting pupils involved in design workshops. Also, live locally.
- I am an architect and a mother of a 3 and 5 year old, living in Leith. I am the President of the Edinburgh Architectural Association. Let me know if I can help.
- Recent graduation in interior & environmental design, focussing on spatial and furniture design with a strong interest in public space - but live in Dundee so maybe not ideal
- I am an architect who works for City of Edinburgh Council. I'm also on the board of a local charity that works with children and young adults so could speak to the team for comment.
- I am a local Architect (Pend Architects) and would be delighted to be involved in any discussions regarding planning, visualisations, construction and procurement. Feel free to get in touch if I can be of assistance.
- I'm an architectural technology graduate and have extensive knowledge of Revit, autoCAD, 3DS Max and Lumion if I could be of assistance designing, conceptualising, creating mock-ups or renders of the finished articles I'd be willing to lend a hand.

Bookkeeping/accounting/finance/fundraising (17)

- Accounting & finance
- Can help with fundraising
- Graphic design, Fundraising
- Nothing practical but happy to help fundraise
- I would donate money if such a scheme were proposed.
- Sales & marketing and perhaps a strong Edinburgh network.
- I have a background in project management and fundraising.
- Fundraising experience (private donors rather than grants or trusts)
- If funding is needed I can see about my work offering prizes to support raffles or events you hold
- Real estate profession who may be able to offer some financial, commercial, planning and delivery knowledge.
- Marketing. I also manage a showroom for a major paint company who like to sponsor things like this. Email me [email address redacted]
- Organisations such as Citadel and the Junction may be able to get this plan some publicity. I would happily start a Go Fund Me to help.
- Fundraising expertise, I work in the sport and physical activity sector and have an understanding and knowledge of national and local policy
- Lots of work on getting community art activities up and running in Leith, specifically graffiti and street art. Event management. Funding applications
- I work in advertising and marketing and can help with website builds, social media as well as identifying funding and sponsorship opportunities. I also love mountain biking and climbing.
- I am looking for a placement for my working with communities HNC starting in September at Edinburgh college. I work as a member pioneer for COOP currently which links coop members, local charities and the community together to better one another, so I feel I could be of great help!
- I'm a finance professional, so could potentially help. Personally I think the key is bringing people (residents, youth groups, MSPs and local businesses etc.) together to look at the proposed solution with a view to accessing the right finance (grants from the SG etc.). So setting up external stakeholder engagement events will be crucial here.

Illustration/art/murals (16)

- Art and decor
- I can draw lol
- Artist, could help design
- I'm an artist, I would offer help.
- I am an artist and muralist and have carpentry skills too.
- I am an artist and art teacher, happy to help in any way I can
- Happy to help with any art/murals or mural/art workshops with kids!
- illustration, bike repair/coaching, skateboard coaching for beginners
- I am an artist, and if the new facilities need murals or art I would gladly help!
- I'm an illustrator so could offer digital illustrations or mural artwork if needed!
- I'm a local artist so if you need any creatives on board, I'm happy to see what I can do
- Local artist with interest in community projects and young people [contact details redacted]
- Potential for art workshops or generally working with younger people and/or the wider project and community
- I co-run a skate crew with 7 of us, happy to lend a hand or chat about designs as some of us are artists and all of us are creative
- I have a degree in visual communication, and have been doing graffiti art /Street art/ art workshops since early 2000. [contact details redacted]
- I am an illustrator/artist (mainly in children's' markets) and an arts educator; and have done some mural work in the past & now want to do more, especially alongside communities, school kids, teens & anyone with an interest in transforming the look of an area with accessible, bright, welcoming, upbeat artwork. I have experience in facilitating arts workshops and working with a wide range of participants. I also hold Disclosure w/ Disclosure Scotland. I would love my experience this to the 'vision'

Graphic design/unspecified design (8)

- Graphic, product design
- Some design experience
- Graphic design Fundraising
- Graphic design, visual communication
- Design and exploration. Experienced in lighting, permaculture, events, forestry.
- Graphic Design I guess but that's all haha. So if you need promotional flyers or posters.
- Hi there, My name is [redacted] and I'm a graphic designer - if I can help out in any way let me know!
[email address redacted]
- Graphic Design, presentation, web design, marketing, if you need help with that. Also was involved in the redevelopment, and was a board member for Duncan Place. So have a wee bit of experience.

Photography/videography (13)

- Photography!
- I'm a photographer
- Photography and Videography skills
- Once it's built I can photograph it
- Maybe some photography and graphic design skills.
- Freelance filmmaker/cameraman, keen to learn welding.
- Labouring / rough carpentry / photography and videography
- I live locally, am a photographer by trade and have skated since '86. Happy to help in any way I can.
- I'm a Leith based photographer if you're ever in need! [email address redacted]. I also help run Queer Skate Collective, we are super excited by this idea.

- I am a keen biker and photographer. I am not a stranger to project planning and very keen to get this activity park going so would be happy to assist in any way necessary!
- I am sufficient in photography and Photoshop, and basic website building. Not sure if that's of any use. I'm sure I have many other skills that could help, and I'd love to be involved in anyway.
- I'm a professional photographer and would happily take promotional shots, shots of the current state of the greens and any other photos required to help aid in the presentation to councillors to get this done
- I'm a video production professional, so could help create video content to promote the cause, engage with the local community and document the project. I also have basic ramp building skills, having built many skateable objects in the past like half pipes and grind boxes.

Political campaigning/lobbying/representation/consultation/surveys (10)

- I have been a member of a park committee previously for my local area.
- I can help facilitate workshops that you might do with people in the community
- I could volunteer to help with petition work / questionnaires / talking to locals
- Owner of local pub/restaurant and member of several groups which may aid in exposure and communication
- I am a statistician, I can help with data collection/analysis if needed (I get 4 days of volunteering a year from work)
- I work as a town planner so could assist with advice when dealing with CEC. My colleagues are engineers, landscape architects etc. We are based in Great Michael House on Links Place.
- I used to be a volunteer coordinator / community development worker. Now I am a Shiatsu practitioner who runs health and wellbeing workshops with community groups. Good at networking.
- I do a fair bit of lobbying for political change in my day job so happy to help with research and drafting for persuasive briefings and letter writing etc. to the council if that's needed? Practical skills are less good but full of enthusiasm :)
- I work in organisational development (learning and development for adults at work, change projects and policy development) potentially could help with things like analysing/presenting survey data in a dashboard. Am on mat leave with a new baby however so any help would need to fit around baby.
- I lecture in Childhood Practice and am interested in how public space is designed for/with and used by children and young people. I could help with community consultation, I don't know how much input from the local young people you have had but it's essential that it's not all chosen for them. They should be part of the planning, design and build process.

Bike repair/cycling knowledge (10)

- Co-founder skelf bike park
- I like bikes and repairing bikes.
- Would happily help with bike repair.
- illustration, bike repair/coaching, skateboard coaching for beginners
- I have been BMXing for 15 years and work at a local independent bike shop
- I am a qualified bicycle mechanic. I would be happy to help people fix their bikes and run maintenance classes.
- I am a keen biker and photographer. I am not a stranger to project planning and very keen to get this activity park going so would be happy to assist in any way necessary!
- Professional mountain biker who has visited many pumptracks and raced on pumptracks around Europe too. I also run a business that has the core purpose to improve cycling participation.
- I work in advertising and marketing and can help with website builds, social media as well as identifying funding and sponsorship opportunities. I also love mountain biking and climbing.
- 30+ years skateboarding, mountainbiking and snowboarding experience. 25 + years carpentry, joinery and building experience. Wooden ramp building, but unfortunately very little concrete skatepark construction experience. I have a fair idea of how skatepark features should be set out in order to provide flow, gain speed and multiple line choices. Doing this correctly provides infinite fun for years to come. Setting out a

skatepark badly/without consulting and working with skateboarders, BMX'ers and experienced concrete skatepark construction companies results in a complete waste of time and money as can be seen at a few skateparks built over the last few years in Scotland.

Construction/general project management (9)

- Project manager
- I have a background in project management and fundraising.
- Carpenter. Project management. Have been involved with DIY skatepark builds before.
- I am a project manager for a public sector organisation. Happy to help if help is needed.
- Experience in volunteering, management, painting etc. and keen to learn new things e.g. building
- Extensive construction experience in management and also interested/willing to graft to help achieve it.
- Real estate profession who may be able to offer some financial, commercial, planning and delivery knowledge.
- I have some experience with the procurement process, and links to others willing to help with different skill sets
- I am an Assistant Consultant working for a construction company so could offer some support in the project or general administration needs!

Misc. (8)

- Worked on the Commonwealth Games
- I can drive, have a vehicle and have some tools.
- I work at Sustrans and can give some helpful contacts.
- Design and exploration. Experienced in lighting, permaculture, events, forestry.
- I can share real life set up examples from world famous brands and can give details to get in touch with.
- I've spend the last 15 years in skateparks across the world so if any skatepark is being built I'd like to have my opinion here
- I can translate any leaflet or consultation info into Turkish to reach multilingual communities in the area. Otherwise, I have no relevant skills or expertise but I would definitely use and promote the activity park.
- I'm just an American business guy who runs a start-up in Edinburgh and loves living in Leith. Always strongly in favor of skateparks and love the action park idea. If you need a thoughtful creative in the room I'd be happy to support but I imagine you have many of those!

Misc. organisation/planning (6)

- Management and organisational
- Organisation and planning skills
- I can help with organising and a bit of DIY
- I would be pleased to support you in any organisational side of things! Such a great initiative!
- Real estate profession who may be able to offer some financial, commercial, planning and delivery knowledge.
- I'm always happy to lend a hand where I can. I'm manage[r of] a local business. If I have any skills that would be of any help I'm happy to pitch in.

Landscaping/gardening/environmental expertise (6)

- Gardening/planting
- Gardening/landscaping
- Environmental consultant
- Design and exploration. Experienced in lighting, permaculture, events, forestry.
- Landscaping - I could participate in the building of parks etc. I also have a future in music and I would love to see areas built at parks where DJs can come and play music etc.

- I'm a wildlife biologist and would be really interested in integrating nature in this space. I believe there is a lack of blending between the environment and skateparks that would be brilliant to overcome/brainstorm.

Décor/interior design (5)

- Art and decor
- Painter and Decorator
- I'm an interior designer and would love to help with the project any way I can with previs, renders and designs.
- Recent graduation in interior & environmental design, focussing on spatial and furniture design with a strong interest in public space - but live in Dundee so maybe not ideal
- I'd happily help whatever way I can if needed. I used to help build sets and did painting & decorating so I'd get stuck in with the hands on stuff but for now I've shared to all my social media and spread the word.

Inclusion/disability expertise (5)

- prepared to research making spaces for girls
- I'm a Leith based photographer if you're ever in need! [email address redacted]. I also help run Queer Skate Collective, we are super excited by this idea.
- I am a community development worker specialising in health and wellbeing with marginalised groups
- I'm a diversity and inclusion expert and would be more than happy to provide consultancy expertise in helping to ensure that plans take into account the consideration and needs of people with all protected characteristics (from ensuring disability access, to facilities that are truly accessible to people of all sexual orientations and gender identities etc.).
- I can help if you want input about making the site accessible and inclusive. I'm admin for a local parents Facebook group for kids with additional needs. Members are currently in discussion with the council on improving playgrounds in the city. I'll share this in the group and hopefully some of the other parents can provide you with more suggestions. Disability Sports Scotland would also be a useful contact for you. Happy to help. Xxx

IT/software (4)

- Software engineer. Whatever digital.
- Not sure! Happy to help with building stuff otherwise can offer IT skills.
- I'm a software engineer. If you need help on anything within the technical side give me a shout.
- Edinburgh lifetime local. I'm 50. I have skateboarded in Edinburgh for more than 35 years. I have a full time job in IT, but I am handy with a chainsaw, can mix and put concrete, have a full driving license, and am happy to help in any way I can. My time is my only limitation.

Event management (3)

- I specialise in event management and realisation
- Event management, website admin/management (I run a national charity Wordpress website). Happy to offer some ad hoc help.
- Lots of work on getting community art activities up and running in Leith, specifically graffiti and street art. Event management. Funding applications.

Climbing/bouldering (3)

- Single pitch climbing, hardwork, outdoor activities instructor.
- I work in advertising and marketing and can help with website builds, social media as well as identifying funding and sponsorship opportunities. I also love mountain biking and climbing.
- 20 years in the skate and BMX scene travelling the world and competing in Europe through 2004-2014. Some moderate experience sport climbing and bouldering. Experience of skatepark tender process and liaison with skatepark contractors.

Plumbing (2)

- I'm a plumber and would be willing to give my weekend up.
- I'm a self-employed plumber and would be happy to volunteer some time fitting public toilets if needed you can contact (NC Plumbing & Renewables) to arrange that, I also have some experience building skate ramps.

Town planning (2)

- Town planner
- I work as a town planner so could assist with advice when dealing with CEC. My colleagues are engineers, landscape architects etc. We are based in Great Michael House on Links Place

Legal expertise (2)

- The law
- Only an enjoyment for skating and a specialism in employment law

Not specified (2)

- Yes
- All the above

Golf

- If it was something golf related, I would be more than happy to help out.

Lighting

- Design and exploration. Experienced in lighting, permaculture, events, forestry.

Skate park work experience

- I worked at Transgression skatepark after leaving school and whilst studying and seen first-hand how these type of facilities benefit people. I truly believe this offers such an amazing facility for people of all ages in the community.

Q5 Please supply your postcode at least, and your name and email address if you'd like to be kept informed of this project's progress.

Apparently valid email addresses were supplied by 1,400 respondents, or 69.93%.

Postcodes of Respondents

As can be seen from the following tables, the vast majority of respondents are from Edinburgh and the surrounding regions, with 1,204 (55.87%) of those who supplied valid postcodes living in Leith or Granton (EH6) or neighbouring areas (EH7), and 185 (9.36%) living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development (EH6 7__). However, there was also significant interest from further afield, with 183 respondents from elsewhere in Scotland, 19 from various parts of England, 3 from Northern Ireland, and perhaps also a handful from outwith the UK.

Problematic postcodes

Thirteen respondents did not provide any postcode data. Another eleven provided postcode data which were probably mainly foreign (e.g. USA) but one or two of which may have been nonsensical:

- 01934
- 1v34pe
- 22191 [Woodbridge, Virginia, USA?]
- 44E H49
- 4625

- 76661 [Marlin, Texas, USA?]
- 92126 [San Diego, California, USA?]
- EZH6 4NA
- MY11 8XL
- SLM1 444
- SLM1 908

One provided only a single character ('E'), making it difficult to interpret.

Another five were as follows:

- E5 OPT
- EHY 5PW
- EG3 9LL
- EG4 4GG
- EG6 7AF

The first of the above five was suspected to be EH5 OPT, but no such postcode appears to exist, so it was excluded from analysis. The second was assumed to be EH7 5PW, because the 'Y' is near '6' and '7' on the keyboard, and EH6 5PW does not exist whereas EH7 5PW is an Easter Road address. The other three were all assumed to have been typographical errors for postcodes starting with EH, and when this correction was made they did indeed correspond to valid Edinburgh addresses, so they were included in the final data set of 1,976 postcodes of which at least the first three characters appeared valid.

EH postcodes (1770, 89.57% of valid postcodes)

Number	% of total valid postcodes	Postcode	Comment
855	43.27%	EH6	Leith and Granton. Of these postcodes, 185 (or 9.36% of the valid postcodes submitted) started with 'EH6 7', meaning that they are in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project.
249	12.60%	EH7	This lies generally south of the EH6 zone, and stretches from Ferry Road in the northwest to Lochend, Restalrig and the A199 in the east.
67	3.39%	EH4	
57	2.88%	EH11	
56	2.83%	EH3	
54	2.73%	EH5	
51	2.58%	EH15	
46	2.33%	EH8	
42	2.13%	EH10	
39	1.97%	EH9	
34	1.72%	EH12	
24	1.21%	EH1	
22	1.11%	EH21	
21	1.06%	EH16	
15	0.76%	EH14	
15	0.76%	EH22	
10	0.51%	EH17	

10	0.51%	EH54	
9	0.46%	EH42	
8	0.40%	EH13	
5	0.25%	EH26	
5	0.25%	EH27	
5	0.25%	EH32	
5	0.25%	EH41	
5	0.25%	EH48	
5	0.25%	EH52	
5	0.25%	EH53	
4	0.20%	EH19	
4	0.20%	EH23	
4	0.20%	EH30	
4	0.20%	EH33	
4	0.20%	EH35	
4	0.20%	EH39	
4	0.20%	EH49	
3	0.15%	EH2	
3	0.15%	EH31	
2	0.10%	EH47	
2	0.10%	EH51	
2	0.10%	EH55	
1	0.05%	EH20	
1	0.05%	EH24	
1	0.05%	EH25	
1	0.05%	EH28	
1	0.05%	EH29	
1	0.05%	EH34	
1	0.05%	EH37	
1	0.05%	EH40	
1	0.05%	EH43	
1	0.05%	EH44	
1	0.05%	EH56	

[EH6](#) (855; 43.27% of valid postcodes)

Respondents submitted 855 postcodes starting with EH6, meaning that they live in Leith and Newhaven. Of these, 21 provided only the first three characters, making further interpretation impossible. Of the remaining EH6 postcodes, 185 (or 9.36% of valid postcodes) began with 'EH6 7', meaning that these respondents live in the immediate vicinity of the proposed project. (This neglects the fact that 21 respondents did not specify their postcodes beyond the first three characters. It is possible that some of these also have 'EH6 7__' postcodes.)

[EH7](#) (249; 12.60% of valid postcodes)

A further 249 respondents live in the nearby EH7 postcode zone, which stretches in an arc to the south of the EH6 zone, from Ferry Road in the northwest to Lochend, Restalrig and the A199 in the east (the Sir Harry Lauder Drive on the outskirts of Portobello).

Taken together, EH6 and EH7 residents make up 1,104 (55.87%) of the respondents who supplied valid postcodes.

G (Glasgow and environs; 61; 3.09% of valid postcodes)

Number	% of total valid postcodes	Postcode	Area
7	0.35%	G42	Southside Central and neighbouring areas
5	0.25%	G12	Kelvindale, Hyndland
4	0.20%	G11	
4	0.20%	G14	
3	0.15%	G13	
3	0.15%	G31	
3	0.15%	G61	
2	0.10%	G3	
2	0.10%	G5	
2	0.10%	G41	
2	0.10%	G43	
2	0.10%	G62	
2	0.10%	G67	
2	0.10%	G68	
2	0.10%	G74	
2	0.10%	G76	
2	0.10%	G78	
2	0.10%	G84	
1	0.05%	G4	
1	0.05%	G21	
1	0.05%	G44	
1	0.05%	G63	
1	0.05%	G66	
1	0.05%	G71	
1	0.05%	G72	
1	0.05%	G75	
1	0.05%	G77	
1	0.05%	G83	

Other Scottish Postcodes (122; 6.17% of valid postcodes)

Number	% of total valid postcodes	Postcode	Area
30	1.52%	KY	Fife
15	0.76%	AB	Aberdeen/Aberdeenshire
15	0.76%	PH	Perth & Kinross; Badenoch & Strathspey
12	0.61%	DD	Dundee; Carnoustie
12	0.61%	FK	Falkirk; Stirling
8	0.40%	IV	Beaully; Cromarty; Inverness
8	0.40%	PA	West of Scotland (e.g. Greenock; Paisley; Kilbarchan; Port Glasgow)
8	0.40%	TD	Galashiels; Longformacus; Coldstream
7	0.35%	ML	North & South Lanarkshire
4	0.20%	KA	North, East & South Ayrshire
3	0.15%	DG	Dumfries and Galloway

English Postcodes (19, 0.96% of the valid postcodes)

Number	% of total valid postcodes	Postcode	Area
2	0.10%	LA	Cumbria
2	0.10%	PE	Cambridgeshire
2	0.10%	SK	Greater Manchester & Cheshire
1	0.05%	CR	Croydon
1	0.05%	DA	Kent
1	0.05%	DT	Dorset
1	0.05%	DY	South Staffordshire
1	0.05%	HP	Hertfordshire
1	0.05%	N14	London
1	0.05%	RG	Berkshire
1	0.05%	RH	Surrey
1	0.05%	SG	Hertfordshire
1	0.05%	SL	Buckinghamshire
1	0.05%	SN	Wiltshire
1	0.05%	TS	North Yorkshire
1	0.05%	WR	Worcestershire

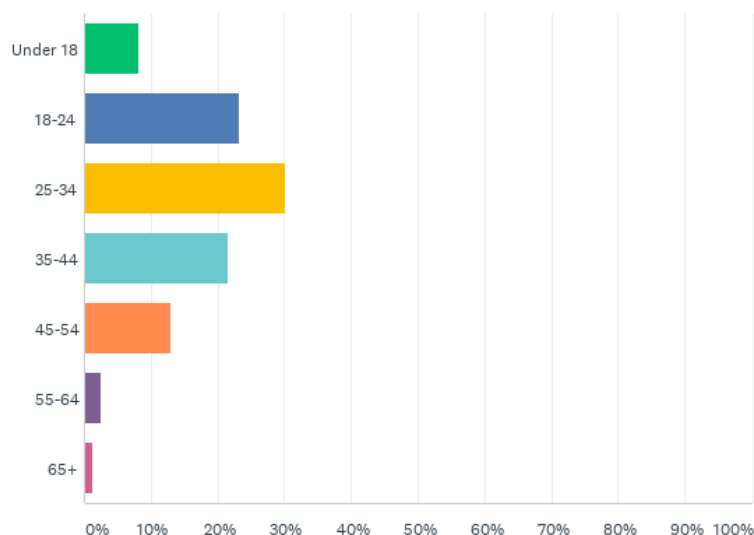
Northern Irish Postcodes (3, 0.15% of the valid postcodes)

These started with BT.

Q6 How old are you?

See the chart and table below for an overview of the ages of respondents.

Q6 How old are you?



Age Category	% of Total in Each Category	No. in Each Category	Cumulative Total Youngest to Oldest (i.e. % or number of respondents of category age or younger)		Cumulative Total Oldest to Youngest (i.e. % or number of respondents of category age or older)	
<18	8.19%	164	8.19%	164	100.00%	2002
18-24	23.23%	465	31.42%	629	91.81%	1838

15-34	30.22%	605	61.64%	1234	68.58%	1373
35-44	21.63%	433	83.27%	1667	38.36%	768
45-54	12.99%	260	96.25%	1927	16.73%	335
55-64	2.55%	51	98.80%	1978	3.75%	75
65+	1.20%	24	100.00%	2002	1.20%	24

Summary and Discussion

Respondents (Q5 & Q6)

General

The survey link was disseminated through the social media of the members of the Leith Link Activity Park coalition. As such, we can assume that the pool of respondents would have been biased towards those inclined to support the project. Nonetheless, the fact that such a large majority of respondents were supportive (97.31% strongly or moderately supportive) must be considered encouraging.

Postcodes

Respondents were largely local, with 1,204 (55.87%) of those who supplied valid postcodes living in Leith or Granton (EH6) or neighbouring areas (EH7), and 185 (9.36%) living in the immediate vicinity of the proposed development (EH6 7__). However, the number of supportive comments from further afield indicates significant UK-wide interest (and some overseas interest?) Leith Link Activity Park could help put Leith on the global map, so to speak, as a leader in imaginative urban community projects.

Age

The vast majority of respondents were aged between 18 and 44 (1,503, or 75.07%). This probably reflects the social media contacts of the coalition members. If a main aim of the project is to offer activities/facilities for those under the age of 18, then in further consultations more effort should be made to engage this age group (see further discussion of this in the section below on respondents' skills and expertise).

If inclusivity is a major consideration, from the point of view of providing facilities for older people or even just from the point of view of not wanting to antagonise this demographic, then further effort should also be made to engage older people. Online surveys are probably unsuitable for this purpose.

Gender and Sexual Orientation

Arguably, the survey was lacking, in that it did not ask questions regarding respondents' gender or sexual orientation, through theoretically some idea of the former could be obtained by analysing the names provided. However, responses to other questions, discussed below, emphasised the need for providing facilities for girls/women, and several respondents provided links relating to this topic and/or offered to help. With regard to sexual orientation, one respondent expressed enthusiasm for the project on behalf of Queer Skate Collective, stating that he/she/they ran it, so the project obviously has some LGBT support and this person/organisation could well be an asset in ensuring the project's inclusivity in that regard.

Q1 General Support for Leith Links Activity Park

As so many respondents (97.31%) stated that they were strongly or moderately supportive of the idea of a Leith Links Activity Park and most respondents live fairly close to the proposed site, it seems unlikely that future surveys of local people, even systematic surveys of all Leith residents, will reveal majority opposition to it. This scenario would be even more unlikely if the coalition took on board the concerns and priorities reflected in the comments received in the present survey, explicitly acknowledging and addressing them in future refinements of the plans.

As the City of Edinburgh Council manages the site (which is likely to be common good land) for the people of Edinburgh, if local residents express a clear majority desire for the project to proceed then it will be incumbent on the Council to support it. One obstacle might be the City of Edinburgh District Council Order Confirmation Act of

1991, which restricts developments on Leith Links. However, it is likely that, faced with evidence of overwhelming local support for the project, the Scottish Parliament would amend the Act to grant the project permission.

One of the supportive comments raised the issue of facilities for the elderly, as did some comments in response to later questions. Clearly this is one of the issues which should be explicitly addressed.

A comment (classified as 'neutral') asked whether this project shouldn't be merged into Bangholm Sports and Outdoor Centre. However, the plans for this have already been approved and do not include similar facilities. (See <https://scottishconstructionnow.com/article/edinburgh-approves-new-sports-and-outdoor-centre>.)

One of the only three 'negative' comments was:

- My concern is with lack of parking and congestion in this area. Especially with Links Gardens being closed and sitting unused with very few people using for activity.

By the time this project is complete (it may take five years), the new tram line should be complete, with a stop on nearby Bernard Street. Furthermore, by that time we would hope to see a generally improved active travel/public transport network in Edinburgh (if the Council is serious about tackling climate breakdown), so there will be fewer cars on the local roads. It also seems likely that many of those engaging with the LLAP will be 'active travellers' and/or users of public transport.

The content of other comments submitted in response to this question is largely reflected in comments received in response to later questions, and so these topics are addressed below.

Q2 Opinion on Existing Local Sport and Recreation Facilities

Almost 90% of the 1,986 respondents to this question thought that current facilities were inadequate. As many of the points made in comments were also made in comments later in the survey, they will not be discussed here (these comments may be read in the Appendix).

Two comments do merit discussion here:

- Probably not. But I like Leith Links as it is. Wide open Green Space is needed.
- In your preamble you state that you "believe that there is a lack of healthy outdoor recreational facilities" and "we think the direct and indirect benefits for everyone of Leith Links Activity Park (LLAP) would be significant" - let me say that this project will be a complete non-starter unless you have rigorous data to back up your assumptions. You CANNOT ask people to simply agree to empty statements - you need an evidence based approach before you get anywhere near applying for development funding never mind capital funding. I take it that you have been working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council and have their support, and their commitment to the care and maintenance of your grand new facilities? How will you deal with the Common Good dimension to building on the Links?

We understand the first comment. Green space is indeed very valuable. However, the LLAP project is earmarked for an under-used corner of Leith Links which is separated by a path, hedge and fence from the wide open green space of the rest of it, and so it will not damage what might be described as the 'prairie' ambiance of the bulk of Leith Links. Furthermore, much of the proposed site is just under grass anyway, and lawns have low value in terms of biodiversity. It is entirely possible that, by drawing on the skills and expertise of some of the respondents (see below) to landscape and plant it up sympathetically, the LLAP could actually enhance the total value to nature of the area.

With regard to the second comment – from an anonymous individual who did not provide any personal data other than the first three characters of the postcode (EH6) and an age (55-64) – this survey is a first attempt to gather the 'rigorous data' the respondent seeks, and the vast majority of respondents did agree with the supposedly 'empty

statements'. Further surveys will, no doubt, seek the views of all locals in a more rigorous way, and if they show majority support then, as explained above, this would 'deal with the Common Good dimension'. As far as funding goes, the survey has demonstrated an abundance of expertise willing to help in this regard (see below) and, again, if significant local support can be demonstrated, then it should not be impossible to find funders willing to support it.

Q3 Feedback on Proposed Elements of Leith Links Activity Park

Maintenance/ongoing costs

This is a fundamental issue which should be addressed in further iterations of the plan. There is significant expertise amongst those who responded (see below) to investigate options in this regard, which might include fees for those who can afford to pay them, a maintenance fund, a volunteer rota, ongoing fundraising projects (such as a raffle), etc.

Litter/refuse

Many respondents mentioned their concerns in this regard. This is currently an issue that Leith Community Croft struggles with, with repeated arson attacks on bins and the shed in which recycling materials are secured. Perhaps the two projects could come together and share a secure, fireproof storage facility, and share the costs of litter disposal too?

Security/lighting

This relates to the two topics above. While it is hoped that Leith Links Activity Park might reduce crime in the area by diverting youngsters from problematic behaviour, careful thought needs to be given to security issues. As the project is on common good land it might prove illegal to close it off at night. The feasibility of secure lockers in the building (or attached to an exterior wall?) should be investigated.

Inclusivity

This is a big and important topic which is discussed below in the section on expertise and skills.

Skate park/roller-skating/roller-blading facilities

The skate park is overwhelmingly popular, but noise is a concern. It would make sense to call in expertise on acoustics to credibly estimate what the noise impact might actually be for local residents. It might be possible to reduce such impact by siting the skate park where the bouldering facilities are currently shown on the draft layout. Careful landscaping, improved hedging, strategic fencing (covered with creepers?) and/or a bank of trees might also help.

There is significant demand for a plaza area or at least a flat track for roller-skater/-bladers and beginner skateboarders. An attempt should probably be made to incorporate this. One idea would be to have broad paths around/throughout the site with lanes for skaters and perhaps also wheelchair users. Junctions would need careful thought.

Pump track

This is also very popular. The comments included several suggestions for widening its appeal to both beginners and the more experienced riders. There is plenty of design expertise among respondents so it seems logical that a committee be established to refine the plans.

Toilets

There is overwhelming support for toilets, and these are indeed part of the draft plan. These should be accessible for disabled people.

Gym facilities

These were controversial. It is possible that if these were ranked alongside other potential uses for the space (see, for example, 'Comments re other elements not in original plan') they might not emerge as a preferred option.

Bouldering facilities

One respondent expressed fear that the rocks would provide shelter for undesirable activities, and another mentioned a bouldering wall (as opposed to rocks).

Ping pong/table tennis tables

These were also controversial, with many respondents mentioning their unsuitability, given typical local weather.

Picnic tables

Many respondents expressed misgivings about picnic tables. As with table tennis tables, several respondents mentioned that if these were provided they should be sheltered.

Café/refreshment facilities and farmers' market

Respondents' comments suggested that they were unaware that there is already a café and a regular market on Earth in Common's neighbouring Leith Community Croft (as well as significant agrobiodiversity – see <https://tinyurl.com/croftabdiv>). This space is open to all. The café (the 'Hingabootery') is currently shed-based but by late spring 2022 there will be a proper café in the refurbished building on the site, which is only a few metres from the proposed Leith Links Activity Park. In future surveys, the coalition should make clear that it sees Leith Community Croft and Leith Links Activity Park as complementary, together constituting a fabulous asset for the people of Leith and beyond.

Bike repair facilities/active travel hub

As well as expressing puzzlement that the café/bike repair/travel hub/toilet facilities were lumped together in the survey (this was simply because they would all be in the building), some respondents did not know what was meant by an 'active travel hub', the most acerbic comment ('What exactly is an "active travel hub" other than an empty soundbite?') coming from the same anonymous individual mentioned in the discussion of responses to Q2. Clearly, what it is needs to be spelled out in future surveys (it will probably include bike repair, sales of reconditioned bikes and advice on cycle and walking routes). Earth in Common currently offers cheap bike repairs and sells reconditioned bikes but wishes to relocate this service to Leith Links Activity Park and expand it with the help of others.

Comments re other elements not in original plan

There were many comments suggesting facilities for activities not mentioned in the original plan (e.g. for archery, basketball, badminton, volleyball, football, parkour, running, putting/golf, trampolining, slacklining, chess, music, swimming and paddling). These included a multi-use games court/pitch. Respondents also suggested hammocks/perches, a space for remote control cars, swings, an adventure space for children, a children's playpark (though there is already one on Leith Links not far away), a space for art/graffiti, barbeque facilities and the need for drinking water, as well as incorporating space for nature. Some of these proposals could probably be implemented without requiring much (or any) additional dedicated space (e.g. slackline posts and a wall for art). It is likely that some of the respondents who did not spontaneously suggest such elements would nonetheless be enthusiastic about them, and might even prefer some of these to what is in the current proposal. A future survey should probably include such elements and allow for people to rank all elements in terms of preference. However, estimates of the areas required for each, the number of uses to which their facilities could be put and the construction and ongoing maintenance costs of each should probably also be supplied to inform responses.

Q4 Expertise, Skills and Next Steps

The quantity, range and depth of expertise and skills on offer are heartening, and suggest possible subsequent steps for the project.

1. The coalition could set up an overall **lead committee** for the project, co-opting respondents with skills thought suitable for this, e.g. architectural knowledge, project management and political lobbying. This lead committee could then perform a preliminary review of the elements suggested in the responses to the initial survey and produce a shortlist of those thought feasible (perhaps also noting reasons for rejecting those not included).
2. **Sub-committees** and **operational teams** could then be constituted under the guidance of the lead committee, drawing on those with relevant skills and expertise (and perhaps advertising for additional members, as required).

Sub-committees might be formed along the following lines:

- a. Sub-committees for each potential activity/facility
- b. Sub-committees for:
 - i. Inclusion of women and girls (several respondents gave powerful responses in this regard, so this is clearly a very important area)
 - ii. Inclusion of the aged
 - iii. Inclusion of young children
 - iv. Inclusion of LGBT+
 - v. Safety and security
 - vi. Funding (perhaps this area of skills and expertise belongs in the lead committee)

Each activity sub-committee could draw up preliminary plans for their activities (ideal dream vision, moderate and minimal acceptable versions) together with rough costings, suggestions as to how the facilities would be managed, etc. They could then engage with the inclusion sub-committees to modify their plans to broaden inclusion. (Modifications of facilities might not always be required as inclusion of some demographics might be facilitated by simple timetabling, e.g. 'Women's Wednesdays'.)

Operational teams could constitute a resource to be drawn upon by the lead committee and (possibly with the lead committee's permission), the sub-committees. Examples might be:

- a. Consultation (surveying methodologies, engagement with particular demographics)
- b. PR (website, social media, illustration, photography...)
- c. Construction (possibly several teams specialising in particular areas, e.g. carpentry, plumbing, concrete-laying, painting, electrical work...)

Regardless of how the organisation is structured, it seems sensible to draw up a broad timeline in which a second survey is scheduled for several months or a year from now. This will be informed by the findings of the first survey and by the subsequent work of the sub-committees. (The lead committee might decide that some sub-committees' proposal are unfeasible and eliminate them from consideration before the survey is launched.) The survey should attempt to engage a representative sample of the local population and address concerns raised by respondents to the first survey. The responses to a second survey could then form the basis for a planning application. As part of this, more information should be supplied to the public on the facilities and activities which currently exist on Leith Community Croft (and what developments are underway there), because this is adjacent to the proposed site for Leith Links Activity Park and therefore the two projects should be thought of as complementary. Together, they could constitute an amazing resource for Leith, and Edinburgh as a whole: something for everyone within a short distance of the nearest tram stop!

Appendix: Comments in response to Q2

- Outdated
- Yes sir
- Don't know.
- Far from it
- Is there any?
- Not currently
- Nothing to do ...
- Need skateparks
- What facilities?
- Not enough to do
- Nowhere near it
- Need a skatepark
- Need a skatepark
- Need a skate park
- make a skatepark
- It could be better
- more skateparks lol
- We need a Skatepark
- Is there ever enough
- But not for teenagers
- Nothing for teenagers
- Not enough facilities
- Very little available
- We need a skatepark !!
- More facilities needed.
- We need more skateparks
- Youth space is lacking
- We need petanque strips
- There is virtually none
- ocean terminal is decent
- Need 5 aside astro parks
- Please do this. Massive.
- What existing sport ?????
- Not enough for older kids
- Wouldn't change a thing.
- Not enough for adolescents
- Somewhat - could be better
- Don't care about families
- It hasn't for many years.
- Play park for younger kids
- Needs a skateboard facility
- Its literally just a field
- There's no outdoor Nintendo
- Extremely under represented
- A skatepark would be amazing
- Need more accessible options.
- Not enough skateparks I think
- Very little that's free to use
- Kids don't like bowling greens

- I don't think they meet demands
- More training areas for fitness
- Need more for teens/young adults
- There is nothing for older kids
- Years of inadequate investment.
- There is nothing for the teens.
- Totally void if any facilities.
- Currently just dead/unused ground
- Very little to do at low/no cost
- Not enough for them we need more
- Yes but money is usually involved.
- Skate parks is like free exercise
- Plenty of basketball courts though
- Not enough for young adults to do
- not as much as the proposed would
- Skate / bike park would be great.
- They are good but more are needed.
- Existing facilities poor/ outdated
- Pretty crappy, nothing to do really
- We need a skate BMX park in the area
- I don't know as I don't live locally
- Not enough for older children/teens.
- It looks good Leith needs new things
- I have never had call to investigate
- More skateparks and basketball courts
- There needs to be more it is limited.
- Very limited facilities in Leith area.
- need a bigger pump track in the city!
- Nowhere near enough outdoor sports areas
- yes but very far away from where I live
- Leith is completely lacking in this area
- Need more safe and accessible facilities
- Not enough variety and poor use of space
- Younger kids yes, older kids not at all.
- Not much for older kids in the Leith area
- The paths aren't rollerblading friendly.
- Only really suitable for younger children
- Not enough for older children and teens.
- No young people like to do bowls hahahaha
- Although more facilities would be amazing!
- Not enough to do outdoors for young people
- So many unused spaces falling into disrepair
- you need more spaces like the site proposed
- We need more sport and recreation facilities
- Need flat smooth surface for roller skating
- Nothing much for older children or teenagers
- An activity park would be a welcome addition
- More for urban sports like skating and biking
- More skate parks needed as thing for all youth
- A skatepark would improve the local community

- Very limited options for children ages over 6
- Not enough accessible & free places to go to.
- We definitely need more outdoor activity areas
- Definitely need more activities for youngsters.
- Further facilities would have a positive impact
- Teenagers have very little to keep them occupied
- There simply isn't enough facilities or variety
- It's practically promoting anti social behaviour
- Not Enough Outdoor Equipment For Recreational Use
- Long travel to other free, public, activity parks
- Would be great to have a pump track and skatepark
- Need more for the skateboards, scooters and bikes!
- Absolutely not. Nearest facilities are miles away
- severe lack of any type of recreational facilities
- Current condition is poor for a developed country.
- Skateboarding is an Olympic sport we need facilities
- I don't know much about it as I'm not local to Leith
- Everything is too far away. Not enough todo in Leith.
- To a certain extent but more could and should be done
- There's very little for youngsters to do in the area
- Not varied enough offering for different age groups .
- Play equipment is often missing and quite traditional
- more things being created = happier, healthier people.
- We have to travel to saughton weekly for the facilities.
- Infrastructure for outdoor policies is severely limited
- current skateparks and pump tracks are often overcrowded
- There is a lack of provision for older children and teens
- Really missing a football / basketball court for open use.
- Lack of accessible (free) leisure activities in Edinburgh
- More tennis courts needed, always queues in summer months
- There is no many sport/recreation facilities in the links
- There are no outdoor skateparks (apart from DIY) near Leith
- More skate friendly facilities and streets would be great.
- Mostly for younger children and standard play park equipment
- Leith doesn't really have anything to do for someone my age.
- Severe lack of outdoor activities for the youth in the area
- Sort of, we have a few places but really not enough support
- Leith is severely lacking in infrastructure for young people.
- Nowhere for 5-teen ages to play. Needs a more community feel
- Abysmal. Councils too concerned about pedestrianising streets
- More multi use outdoor spaces are needed throughout the city
- The tennis courts are decent. The rest needs big improvements
- I've said no to this but would have preferred a maybe option.
- It can be improved by adding more monkey bars for Calisthenics
- no where near enough facilities in such a densely populated area
- Could be put to much better use for young people and families!!!
- Not enough open concrete spaces for skaters/ roller skaters etc.
- No free/affordable rock climbing or skating facilities in Leith.
- Nowhere near enough to keep people entertained, severely lacking
- Not enough sport and recreation parks available in Edinburgh !!

- Skate facilities are so important for young and mature community
- Play park is good for young children but not much for older kids.
- There's basically nothing for older kids. Much worse than saughton
- There's no enough variety of skateparks/pump tracks in local areas
- Still looking for a basketball court that allegedly is in the area
- There is a children's play park & lovely green space & that's it.
- There are no decent parks/activity facilities in the area at all.
- The facilities that are currently available are lackluster at best
- There seems to be nothing for teenagers except the Citadel Centre!
- It's been a dead space for years, a skatepark would be incredible
- There's nothing for older kids to use. Skate park would be great!
- no there not enough things for young people to do around this area
- There is some good provision but this could definitely be extended
- Sadly lacking in facilities and sports / leisure pursuits offered.
- Leith is sorely lacking anything at all for youngsters to exercise
- Sports grounds for anything other than football are sadly lacking.
- Would love a BMX track for the kids, and outdoor climbing facility.
- I don't think I have ever seen anyone using the existing facilities
- More outdoor activity space would be welcome, especially for teens
- Yes but a skatepark would be v amazing for local kids and adults to
- Edinburgh is a big city and needs more things for kids to do period
- A skatepark would be a great addition for young people going forward
- There's nothing for children over the age of play park children to do
- Lots of older kids in the playpark cause they have nowhere else to go
- The existing play park is still sub standard compared to the Meadows.
- Could be improved substantially, particularly for low income families
- Need more varied 'action sports' and creative activities for all ages
- I think there isn't enough space in Edinburgh for young people to go
- It's very focused on football.. And team sports are not for everyone.
- The space is pretty empty at present facilities are fairly inadequate
- There is the leisure centre but it is not accessible due to the price.
- Sorely missing any real activity centres which do not involve football
- There is not enough variety of facilities for young people in the area
- Great for young children but could have so much more for pre teen/teen
- Organised field sports seem to be well catered for but that's about it.
- However, I think there could be more stuff for teenagers / young people
- Not enough facilities available which can lead to antisocial behaviour
- We need more flat skating facilities for the roller skaters of Edinburgh
- I have 3 teenagers and there is no facilities for their ages in Leith !
- Would be a minted thing for family's and Freinds to have a Class time in
- Skateboarders need somewhere to go that works for them and the community
- Redone park is great for little kids, but there is nothing for older ones
- Lack of funding over a sustained period which is a shame given the space
- We need a skate park as the swing park and tennis don't cater to all ages.
- Definitely need more activity places for people of all ages not only kids.
- There is hardly anything entertaining for young people in Leith currently
- Calisthenics park would be a great addition. I like your ideas and design
- There's hardly anything to do for young people or older people in the area
- Have always said there is a lot of land would love to see more done with it
- More outdoor activity options would be welcomed. The ideas look innovative

- Don't know. Very densely populated so very high demand for using the Links.
- Not interested in tennis and it is all that is really available at present.
- The ratio of play spaces compared to the local population is severely lacking
- Brilliant upgrade completed on playpark but expansion on this would be great
- Good but it's limited to team sports like football and cricket or racket sports.
- I think the park is okay however it could be better utilised for modern life
- I do feel there is a lack of bigger ramps. Too many smaller parks everywhere.
- Definitely need a pump track and skate park for the local youths of Edinburgh
- Leith athletics fc, various Boot camps, cricket. Could always have more though
- There needs to be a properly developed area for skaters and other activities.
- Not enough tarmac space for roller skaters! All dedicated to other activities
- The area is very far behind some other areas of the city in terms of equipment
- Providing a skate park suits the needs of the young people's recreational need
- We need the pump track and skateboarding infrastructure to be added for sure!
- Things are ok but they could be so much better, this plan is a fantastic idea!
- A lot more could be done! A pumptrack and skatepark would be an amazing addition
- Existing sport & recreation facilities = insufficient, especially for teenagers.
- There is no safe and clean space for teenagers to actively spend their free time
- Poor provision for older children (7 years plus) who are too big for play park.
- there is only a small amount of activities available to people especially youths
- Probably not. But I like Leith Links as it is. Wide open Green Space is needed.
- Current amenities are poor and not suited for the needs of modern sports. Upgrade
- More outdoor social spaces needed, and spaces that encourage activity and sport!
- Having more to do for more age ranges would invite more people into Leith Links
- Improved facilities would potentially improve the behaviour of people in the area.
- Seeing lots more young people using skate boards around Leith, especially girls!!
- The Links is a bit tired now, but has always been a gem for the surrounding areas.
- Not at all, it's clear young people need a creative space and a skatepark is that!
- Play park and tennis/sports fields are fantastic, but not as much for teens and up
- My granny would take me there when I was 1 and even then it was quite run down
- A lack of facilities for uncompetitive, non-team sports. Big demand for skating hub
- Nice park for little kids, but we need an activity/recreation area for bigger kids.
- The play park is good for younger kids but something for older kids would be great
- There's a lack of activities for kids who are over 10. Especially outdoor activities
- It's not easily accessible to younger people who may not know how the facilities work
- I am delighted to see this proposal. Would love to see basketball hoops in that area.
- No skateparks in Central Edinburgh. Would take a massive weight off of Bristo for it
- There are some good spaces but not enough!! There's so much real estate to work with
- The bowling greens are old and unused. Something more up to date would be much better
- This new proposal would be amazing ! I've seen the good they can do for all age groups
- There are a lack of skatepark / purpose built skate spaces in the City of Edinburgh.
- Miles behind in calisthenics parks for kids and adults compared to rest of the world.
- There is lots for young children but not as much for older kids, teenagers and adults
- Some activities are over served but safe places for outdoor street sports are limited.
- Needs more investment and free to use facilities, this park is an excellent opportunity
- There is a good amount of playground for younger children but nothing for older children
- Not enough to do for young people and adolescents. No toilets on the links is ridiculous.
- There is a lack of free sport and recreation facilities in both Leith and the city centre
- It's a real shame that skateboarding isn't being catered to in Leith in any official way.
- The play park is good for young children, after age 7/8 there is nothing for them to do.

- The gym is minimal , the play park is for kiddies , and slot of people don't play tennis
- Not at all. We meet at the demands of dog walkers and families but not the youth of Leith.
- Quite good love the tennis and boules but there isn't much else for such a vast park.....
- I believe it will help the local community grow and develop into newer skills and hobbies!
- Although they're are many things to do a central hub just off Lieth Walk would be amazing.
- Lack of diversity in activities and recreational areas, particularly for younger generations
- The tennis courts are good but the rest of site is only used for dog walkers (and drinking).
- We need more outdoor public spaces to be enjoyed by anyone. Most people don't have gardens.
- There is parts of the Links that are unused and look rundown. There's potential in the park!
- Aside from the play parks for younger kids, there is nothing in the Leith area at zero cost.
- I'm sure teenagers would be delighted if the proposals for the Links Activity Park go ahead.
- It's just a big green space really with no facilities. It's nice but could be so much better!
- There's very little that isn't expensive, or needs to be organised as part of a team or group.
- What I proposed would add to the offering and encourage different outdoor sporting communities!
- Young people want to move from more traditional sport and have opportunity to pursue new things.
- A place for kids and young adults alike would be beneficial for all of the locals in my opinion.
- Leith has quite a few green spaces but very little spaces for free, outdoor activity and leisure.
- Three tennis courts isn't nearly enough variety and interest in such an important space for Leith
- We need more facilities to encourage movement, being outside, interaction and community building.
- Parks in Leith are for smaller children only. We need facilities for children from 7 years upwards
- Facilities are quite good but could be better. There isnt much for those over the age of about 10.
- Council did some work a year ago but it's no where near enough for local residents and surrounding
- I think the area has a lot, but perhaps not for teenagers who tend to hang out in the kids playpark
- What about those middle aged without families.. don't forget us too!! Ideas suggested brill though!
- We need more activity outdoor activity for the community, especially in Leith, there is no skate park
- There is very little up to date activity space for kids or young (or old) adults over 'play park' age
- There is a need for more free park facilities like skate parks, ping ping tables , bowls grounds etc.
- It's not bad - existing play park and climbing apparatus is decent but mostly serves younger children.
- Bowling green is a waste of space that's not used except for drinking. Bouldering rocks are a shout!"
- There's needs to be something done with the old bowling green and this proposal is exactly what it needs
- Would be great to have a place for my kids to practice learning to ride their bike, scooter, skateboard
- The park is buzzing but the kids are bored. Three tennis courts and a playground are not nearly enough.
- Lack of facilities for drinks/food in the park is to its detriment. The lack of WCs is also frustrating.
- Once children grow out of the play park there is very little on the door step for them to enjoy outdoors.
- They meet the demands of really young ones, but it would be great to have something for the tweens and teens.
- For younger children and families the swing park/playpark is nice, but there isn't so much for older children
- def not enough sport and rec for young people, especially when they have limited indoor spaces to use right now
- Especially on sunny days other outdoor activities areas are packed, showing there's demand for things like this
- Sometimes, the new skatepark in porty was definitely a step in the right direction, but Leith would be awesome
- For out kids most outdoor activity is conducted outwith Leith, when the space is right here. Leith athletic aside
- There are no places to skate! Skating is becoming really popular and the community would benefit from such areasz
- Having lived on the links and close to them for years it has never been utilised enough and this would be amazing!

- There are good facilities for younger children, but there is a lack of options for older children and adolescents.
- The bowling courses need to be utilised ... it's a great space and people need the activities that could be provided!
- The new park is great for smaller ones but could definitely benefit from having more facilities for older kids too.
- Kids need to get outdoors. The current playpark is well used for babies and toddlers, nothing for older age group.
- Not enough multifunctional space for the youth and families. More needs to be done to encourage outdoor activities.
- There is nothing really for young ones to do. This is a fantastic idea and I wish we had this when we were younger!
- Definitely not enough variety in such a huge space. Good to have new development in area for all kinds of activities
- Tennis courts are great as is the new update lay ark but more is needed to encourage older children and young people
- There could always be more outdoor provision for teenagers. They need spaces which are acceptable for hanging out in.
- The sports facilities are great at the moment but I do think something like a skate park for the kids would be great.
- It is very outdated, and as the population of Leith/eater road/links area grows we need more and better facilities :)
- There is not enough outdoor facilities in Edinburgh and we are in dire need of some more. Maybe even some with shelter
- I feel the age group of 7-11 needs more opportunities to play/meet friends whilst younger siblings can play at the park
- there are the occasional tennis court, basketball court etc. but a skate park/ activity park facilities would be superb
- There has been some improvement over the last year but this has been down to community action (Dalmeny park for example)
- I think there are good park & courts resources, but not enough options for skaters who need more smooth & level surfaces
- There's a real lack of pseudo structured activity space for all ages, but particularly teens that doesn't cost anything
- I think there is some good things, such as Boardwalk/Transgression but no outdoor areas to do much other than "hang out"
- Great new park but lack of skating/scooting/BMX tracks in this area. We need more outdoor activities for our young people
- Needs a skate park, outdoor paddling pool - you need to look at Saughton and the parks at South and North Inch in Perth.
- There's quite a few nice parks around Leith, but the facilities should be better. Especially if the population is growing
- There could be more outdoor facilities in the local areas but instead they're building new builds and more chains company
- It's great and much better than before - but could be better for older kids and the skate park etc. proposals look amazing!
- Only sport you can play is tennis, police always asking the skater to get away in dalmeny but no skate parks around Leith....
- More workshops to let kids try different sports should be put on which may get them into a sport they haven't tried before

- Edinburgh has good facilities as a whole but often a long way to travel for younger people or people without access to cars.
- Leith Links is a great park but there's definitely a good opportunity here to provide more facilities for a range of activities.
- "We are significantly behind many other Scottish towns and city's, let alone England. Too strong a bias on traditional sports. "
- The new play park is great but is only suitable for younger children. Our adolescents would benefit from more leisure activities
- I mean there are not nearly enough. Not enough benches and absolutely no activity for over 6. There is a hill and that is about it
- We need a proper kids swimming pool like the one we had at the foot of the walk so kids can have fun as well as learning to swim
- Some more activities for teenagers would be good, as you've proposed. Basketball court/ putting/ crazy golf would also be good.
- Would be great for Leith Links to be a place for older children and young people to have a place to gather in positive activity.
- Absolutely not, the amount of activities doesn't in any way match the amount of youngsters, and the variety of activities as well.
- no because it's a basic play park that only accommodates for younger and disabled children what are the teenagers supposed to do?
- The Leith area doesn't have a skatepark, locals have to travel to go to one. Leith Links is an ideal location for these facilities
- No skating facilities on the Leith side of Edinburgh so no. Also not enough free activities for economically disadvantaged people
- A place for young people to be engaged and feel like they belong would be a brilliant replacement to the unused bowling green area.
- There are some that are good but it needs some new love, a bit of imagination and modernising to support new growth in the community
- Not enough in general in the area so these plans could make a huge difference to the local community and for others to come and enjoy
- There's great stuff to do in the area, but not a lot for free, making it inaccessible to teens and those on lower income/saving money.
- There is a play park for youngsters but older kids and youth would benefit from these proposals. Great for young at heart adults too
- "There is already tennis courts and swimming pool nearby. Think the area would benefit from basketball and 5 a side football pitches "
- There needs to be incentive for young people to play sports and get together in unity. Currently, they seem to lack incentive to do so.
- The playpark is great for young children and the croft is a safe family space but there is very little for older children and teenagers.
- Apart from the mini there's isn't really much in terms of facilities. Leith is bustling with young people who deserve something better!
- The space could be utilised much better and be more beneficial for local businesses by drawing in people from outside the existing area
- Not sure as I don't stay in Leith, but a park like this would be amazing and somewhere worth travelling from Falkirk to for us regularly.
- I am concerned that there is more for boys than for girls. Lots of football, little else, little understanding of what girls want / need.
- Distinct lack of things for young people to do that involve physical activity and are outdoors - without the need to spend money to use.

- There should be nothing stands in the way to give an area a vamp for kids. This directly helps the parents and thus fore, the community.
- There is nothing here for kids with additional needs that they can use with their friends. This proposal does not meet any of those needs.
- There are areas of the park which could be upgraded for better use by groups, classes, training etc., especially the disused bowling greens
- Theres not a lot of skateparks that cover a variety of abilitiy levels. Saughtons huge but not welcming for beginners. Portobello is great
- The suggested additions are essential for the community! A safe space for young people to take part in leisure activities would be fantastic.
- There's so little to access around Keith despite it having such a high amount of families. Even what is available isn't up to a good standard.
- Great to have tennis and football facilities at the links but it would be great to have skateboarding and table tennis facilities in particular
- Apart basketball courts there is nothing around. And since skateboarding become Olympic category young should have a access to places like that
- We need more facilities like this project to bring kids into a healthy community and prevent young ones being on the streets wasting police time
- The park is oriented around football and the playpark for younger children. This doesn't reflect the variety of activities that youngsters enjoy.
- We have to travel to do most things like skate and bike parks. Not everyone has the opportunity to do this. A couple of play parks is not enough
- For such a heavily populated are, the provision of resources is terrible. A skate and BMX park and basketball courts should be put in place ASAP.
- Need more sport facilities like this to encourage young people who live in Leith to go out and excercise skate park and pump track are a must have
- Theres limited space for young people in area. More recreation opportunities leads to more young people getting exercise and staying out of trouble
- Not enough indoor facilities available or affordable. More all weather pitchea required. More outdoor activity area and an outdoor roller derby rink.
- The current facilities do not provide any opportunities for young kids to get engaged with and involved with outdoor adventure activities and sports.
- not only is there a lack of recreational facilities but also basic services such as public toilets etc. which it seems this project would help fulfil!
- Also really great idea considering the pandemic will be ongoing (for some people) and this is a great way to spend time being active with others outside
- There aren't enough safe spaces to encourage youths as well as adults to engage in meaningful recreation and to find passion in skating/sports and parks.
- Far too little space for folk to be safe and productive. Leith in particular needs this development more than a lot of places. Would be fantastic to see.
- No decent facilities for older kids in the area. Perhaps instead of all tennis courts make it multi sport pitches to allow basketball, football or tennis
- Edinburgh leisure is fantastic. However, the Links would benefit from having more facilities for those 13 and up who are probably too old for the playpark.
- My eldest is only just 8 and I am very aware that she has nearly out grown local parks. There should also be hard areas for roller skating and ball sports
- A play park like Saughton would mean that families with different aged children could also come together - older children can go and use skate or pump track
- If its skatepark, saughton portobello,drylaw,livingston and the rest meet the demands for park skating..what it doesnt meet demands is a street park aka plaza

- "It makes me angry that council closed all the paddling pools. The parks in Edinburgh, apart from saughton are pretty rubbish, compared with parks In England."
- There is not much to do in the area apart from tennis which is often very busy and hard to get a court to play on. Leith desperately needs more activity space!
- I have grown up in Leith and it has never really been a good place to skate, when the tennis courts were built that was the closest thing we had to a skate park
- what existing sports and recreational facilities? nah, im playing. but this would definitely be welcome. a place to go and spend hours without breaking the purse
- Love the park and space but now kids getting older it would be nice to see more activities for slightly older kids and it would stop teenagers using the swings!
- There needs to be more sports facilities so that people have more motivation to exercise and just to have fun and socialise and meet new people in your community
- The Leith area needs a lot more investment for young people. It is not just in the infrastructure but also in the resources such as youth workers supporting them.
- A wider variety of facilities for a greater audience of people to enjoy is required in the city landscape looks of today. Encourage people to move and get outside
- No we don't skating is still new and has only really started blowing up recently I believe this will better the community than any other plans currently happening.
- There is a lack in free at the point of access facilities for active sports in Leith in general. Those that do exist tend to be based around football and cricket.
- Leith Athletic football changing rooms have been empty for years. Quite embarrassing when other teams come to play at links. Leith Academy has to be used at times.
- There are plenty of facilities for families and youngsters, including a football club and local school provisions. There needs to be more space for dogs and adults.
- Considering that there is a park, an outdoor gym area, a tennis court and an unused building I think it is fair to say that what we don't need is another play park.
- Empty and disused spaces are not good uses of space, outdoor exercise spaces are essential for numerous generations of people, particularly in light of the pandemic
- Such a build up, densely populated area with pockets of deprivation. Maximum facilities required to allow people opportunities to improve physical and mental health.
- Apart from a single playground the area is very poorly developed. No wonder there are bored teenagers roaming around and destroying what's been recently refurbished.
- There is no local facilities for youngsters who are not into traditional sports, such as football and there is very little on offer for teens and girls in particular.
- Leith waterworld was brilliant and was closed. There is very little physical activity available particularly for teenagers. This is essential for a healthy lifestyle.
- Both a skatepark and pump track would be a great addition. Leith is sorely lacking in both areas whereas other parts of Edinburgh have successfully had these for years
- I don't know, as I am not sure what exactly you mean by "youngsters and families". I have the impression that it is a project mostly for families with small children.
- The facilities and parks across Edinburgh have vastly improved in the last few years it would absolutely make sense to have a park of high standard in the city centre.
- There's actually a few things such as the tennis courts but for skating it's really hard and not everyone can travel to portobello or saughton, or pay for transgression
- There are no skateboarding/biking facilities local to the Leith area. Youngsters are forced to travel to Saughton or the recent (but small) skatepark built in Portobello.
- sports facilities are scattered through Edinburgh, which means some are unable to access depending on locations, this will provide a great base for outdoor sports in Leith
- There are very little in the way of positive activity and engagement spaces for young people in the area and the proposed would be a wonderful addition for the community.

- Not fully. There's a major age gap. There's things for younger kids and preteens. But there's a lot more which could be done to keep teens and families active and healthy.
- There are some great parks in Edinburgh but especially for a younger generation that can't easily travel with adults having parks close to them can make such a difference
- Losing Waterworld was a big loss for local children. The replacement is just awful. Outdoor activities and the regeneration of this corner of the park would be very welcome.
- younger children are well catered for and there is a lot of open space but older kids and adults deserve facilities for leisure too, without having to pay and join clubs etc.
- Dalmeny park has been a useful, friendly and welcoming local space but we have had problems with the council threatening to uplift the ramps that users donate for public use
- Not at all, I have to travel across the whole city for a (half) decent skatepark. Not really an option when you've got a two hour window on a Thursday night, so the pub prevails.
- There is good provision for younger children but we could do with more for older children and young people. This way, a whole family can do activities outdoors, in the same park.
- I live in Leith with 2 teabags kids and most weekends will travel outside my local area to enjoy facilities in places like saughton or in fife, that has much better outdoor spaces.
- There is a definite lack of outdoor facilities, most sports/recreation facilities are indoors and require payment/memberships which make them less accessible to some in the community.
- Other than the football and tennis courts I can't think of anything else supported in the area, having a bit of diversity and promoting the future of sport from Leith would be amazing.
- The current play park is good & the tennis courts are great. I feel there could be way more activities such as a pump track or skate park that help to create more exciting opportunities.
- It would be great to have a space that was accessible and welcomed families and groups of young people. Somewhere that has something for both groups who could co-exist in the same space
- Reasonable provision for very young children but little for pre-teens and up, and little for those without the income to access gyms etc. This makes activity actually accessible to all.
- Antisocial behaviour is rife in this area which is partly down to the lack of facilities die you you youngsters who are bored and lacking stimulation. So no, the area does not meet demand.
- Agree we strongly need a pump track and outdoor skate track, shallow splash pool/outdoor pool of some sort would be great too for the hot weather, and bring back the flumes of waterworld!
- For my family (kids 8 and 10) the links are fantastic. I'm not qualified to comment in relation to adolescents, but the fact it is currently good for my kids is no reason not to make it better!
- Yes and no..the fact that we have free tennis facilities is amazing. This is that is being used by people of all age groups an backgrounds. However, there could be more offer with the vacant space.
- Pumptracks and skateparks have risen in popularity, if a pumptrack was to be built it would have to be a Velosolutions track as nobody else in the UK even comes close to the quality of their tracks.
- We do not meet the demands, we have good places to skate but they are dated and not looked after. Skaters and bikers clean up after them selves etc., but skateparks get dated and never get re surfaced
- Definitely do not meet the demands for teenagers. With the lack of sport and recreation facilities the teens resort to alternative activities such as graffitiing and using private land for recreation.
- This will also need a clear structure of who maintains it, and potentially a committee to keep local families involved. The one in my new neighbourhood is in disuse (just moved from Leith after 18yrs).
- There is almost no places for young people to exercise and relax within Leith apart from transgression park in ocean terminal which is indoors and a whopping ten pounds for two hours which is a complete joke
- The current facilities are way better than I am used to, having moved here from Aberdeen, but lean towards tennis and football. Some more multi use areas for other court sports such as dodgeball would be ace.
- Existing facilities aren't really sufficient for young people who don't do football. Leith Links has so much potential to be a place for all people and I feel that potential isn't being realised at the moment
- It's slightly embarrassing how 'behind the times' the capital city of Scotland is with current sport and recreation facilities. Climbing and skateboarding are now Olympic sports and we just don't have the facilities

- There are good facilities for children, but for adolescents/adults there is nothing apart from tennis courts and rather pointless all-weather exercise machines which do not provide fun activities or a decent workout.
- In Leith there are Edinburgh Leisure facilities, however these cost money (of which youngsters/families are without - especially after COVID) other facilities directed towards teens and young adults are severely lacking
- Younger children seem to be well catered for, but there isn't much for teenagers. While some of them do use the play equipment, they can only do this later in the evening, they only have the space when nobody else wants it.
- It's striking how few facilities there are in such a large public park. I think it would be very helpful to give young people with bikes or skateboards somewhere to go, without damaging spaces that weren't designed for it.
- More facilities for exercise and community are needed now more than ever. Needs are not currently met and young people often are shunned to the fringes because of this. Creating a welcoming space for everyone sounds fantastic!
- They recently installed a skate park at Saughton Park and it's been so good for the community. It's used by many locals and non-locals alike and is in real high demand - especially teenagers who need more recreation facilities!
- Sports facilities are sadly really in short supply in & around Leith & as others areas of Edinburgh can testify when they are provided, the community benefits, not to mention the physical & mental well-being of the participants.
- The free to use tennis courts are great, but the rest of the space doesn't meet demands of anyone currently. Putting in better facilities will improve the lives of the people of Leith hugely and help bring our community together.
- One thing I would add is a place for people to skate that isn't the skate park, I'm a roller skater but I don't use the skate park, a rink space would be amazing because at the moment we have to rely on empty basketball courts etc.
- there isn't a pump track or a skatepark for miles, expecting kids to pedal across town where they can't be easily supervised by local community makes it unsafe for them and prohibitive, they don't want to go far they need it nearer
- I think the very fact that there are multiple DIY build crews in Edinburgh that have been trying to provide functional spaces out of their own pockets/public donations speaks volumes about the existing facilities/lack of in Leith.
- Limited at the current time especially for young people. Leith Links is well used for outdoor fitness and football but it would be great to see facilities for a younger age group but offering options beyond organised / competitive sport
- There are just play parks which only accommodate young families, not kids, teens and adults with an interest in sporting activities such a skate/board:bike. If we keep people engaged in activities it's better for health and lessens crime
- It would be great for somewhere with many options for activities to be available outdoors and in one place, helping people to discover new interests or allowing families whose children have different interests to still spend time out together.
- I really don't understand why there are no skate parks in this part of town. Look at other local authorities and the way they have placed these around the whole of the areas. Skate parks and nothing to be worried about, they should be promoted
- Limited activities in the area, greater provision would help young people spend time constructively and keep them out of trouble. Also there's just nothing to do that doesn't cost money, important for the more deprived young people of the area.
- Pump track and skate park are essential as a part of modern activities as group sports can largely be played in fields but individual, skill based action sports have no real place to happen in Leith despite being an important part of our community

- I think the preteens /teens need more spaces to hang out. Toddlers and young kids have play parks older kids need mugs and tuning tracks giving more space to play footie/basketball/tennis/skateboard/roller skating/cycling/ running in all weathers
- Unsure as I'm not from Edinburgh but as far as I'm aware you've got the best skateparks in the central belt ... However I'd suggest possibly making the skatepark a bit larger and more street focused and the layout looks similar to Saughton or Kelvingrove in Glasgow.
- There's a gap where teenagers are forgotten, younger kids benefit from the play park and adults enjoy the tennis and small outdoor gym we have in the links but teenagers would/could use a space with actual activities aimed at their interests- these proposals look great!
- I don't have children so I don't feel I can answer this. I think the existing playpark/jungle gym seems great for younger children (if maybe too small for how densely-populated this area is...) but I do feel we lack anything for that pre-teen/young teenager age bracket.
- There are nowhere near enough places for our kids to grow sport interests from skateboarding (£10 per session at transgression is quite unaffordable if your kids want to go daily!) no volleyball places and limited tennis opportunities so yes please we really really need this!
- There isn't enough provision for young people, they often end up in the Leith Links children playpark causing havoc. They have the right to their own space. Teenager girls are particularly disadvantaged as the current provision is predominantly designed for boys and used by boys.
- The old bowling green area is going to waste and has in recent years been misused by dog owners and people with substance misuse issues. The area could be cleverly used to create activities and facilities for all- but what is widely needed is supervised facilities for young people.
- There is very little, if nothing, for young teens to do. They end up taking over parts of the playground so younger children feel unable to play there or engage in anti-social behaviour throughout the park. It's out of boredom and a skatepark or activity zone would be a huge benefit.
- In my particular case it is probably not something I would use but would be a great space for people doing these sports to have a dedicated space. Again would make sure it is not a nuisance for people living next to it to avoid complaints ... so probably not the skatepark near the houses.
- Looking at how many young women live in Leith we definitely need to do more. Skate park or the type of bike ramps recently done in Castlebrae would be fantastic. The playpark for younger kids is fantastic and the garden developments are great, but would be great to see more stuff for teens
- It's been proven time and time again that activity spaces are extremely beneficial to young people from lower income areas, I don't think young people around Leith have enough free activities available to them at the moment and that it's having a negative affect on their actions towards the community
- There is a very large off-ice, and roller(quad) skating community in Edinburgh, all ages and diversities. However, there is a serious lack of facilities for us. All we need is a fair sized smooth and flat space for practice and recreation. Poured concrete, level. Skate parks are not equal for our sport.
- 0 funding and 0 opportunity for young people in the UK to do anything other than football or rugby. Nowhere for kids to hang out or be with their friends which turns a lot of people to drink, drugs and crime. I've grown up riding skateparks and witnessed all of the above happen to people I know. Make a change.
- The playpark is better since being renovated, but its size relative to population density is quite poor when compared to other Edinburgh parks e.g. Victoria park (two separate playparks for different ages), meadows (three separate playparks, one of which is at least 3x as big as Leith Links playpark), Saughton etc.
- Not at all, the area is run down and needs serious work and an upgrade to be brought up to date and a standard to meet the needs of all locals. I only ever see the tennis courts utilised on a regular basis. The gardens are fantastic but it would be great to see their facilities improved for more local people to use it.
- There is a main major community of skateboarders and other extreme sports such as rollerskating and BMX that are being alienated in the community because of the lack of spaces to do these sports. The new potential design of facilities would help bridge the gap between the local community and the extreme sports community.
- The original DIY skatepark in between Asda Leith and Ocean Terminal was very secluded and out of the way, which encouraged a real community spirit as it seemed anyone could come by and use the ramps

respectfully and within reason at any time. Since it's destruction the skate community has lacked that somewhat free and open spirit that it captured.

- Young people need an outlet, a space, and opportunities to be part of a wider community!!! Currently skateboarding is underfunded and neglected as a legitimate sport. There is currently a very limited selection of skateparks across the whole city. If you go to them you will see how much they are loved and enjoyed by people of all ages and genders.
- The refreshed play park is definitely an improvement for children up to age 11ish, but older than that there is v little for them to do. Recently we visited Saughton Park which is an excellent model for how a space can have a wider appeal with the play park and skate park plus multi-use games area and gardens. Leith's kids need something similar.
- I've been pleased to see that the tennis courts received some investment/care during lockdown - but its a huge shame they were allowed to get into such a state of disrepair in the first place. I think the 'lawns' in Leith Links provide a good resource for various activities, but would very much to see more fixed infrastructure as proposed here implemented.
- As you've not defined "youngsters" this is hard to answer. (there are much better words to be using, FYI, this is pretty condescending, "young people/teenagers/children" are all more accurate terms) Young children for whom the playground is ideal are very well served. The playground is huge and well maintained and one of very many in the area. If you mean older children and teenagers/young adults, then no.
- Hi there, I don't live locally but work across the road and look over the old bowling area from my desk. One think I'd raise (hopefully helpfully) is you often see people who stay in the Nextdoor temp housing in the park. During the day/ drinking and openly doing drugs. I'd be worried about young kids being exposed to this possibly. I'm sure there are positive ways to deal with this, however thought worth mentioning.
- I think there is always room for improvement but it would be good to take a city-wide view - Leith Links already has some facilities for children aged up to 10. North Edinburgh (Pilton / Granton / Wardie) has next to nothing for children older than 5. Wardie Playing Fields / Granton Crescent Park / East Pilton Park are in much greater need of these type of facilities (although ideally we'd have them in every green space across the city!)
- Skateboarding is an Olympic sport. If our city is not equipped to handle professional standards then we have no hope to of winning. Skateboarders have a bad rep but are usually the only people that will stand up when something is terribly wrong or unjust. Having the skate community in your local areas insures that your mind parks will be a much more friendly environment whilst supplying skaters with local professional parks to progress
- The existing play park is nice, but it is for pre school children. There is a giant indoor soft play, again for pre school. The swimming pool is great, but you can only really swim once a day. It's nice to have a place that you can go to a couple of times a day, outdoors, skills oriented and flexible. It is important to create spaces of school children to own and respect as theirs. We get too afraid of 'gangs' and loose site of 'play' and 'fun' and 'community'.
- There are kids making their own skate ramps and parks in disused areas of the city because there are no facilities like this in the town centre that are free to use. One example is the park on Sloan Street, another is a DIY skatepark beside ocean terminal that has recently been built over. A skate park with ramps at Leith Links would be rewarding for the youth . I would like to see some outdoor boulders aswell as the indoor climbing centres are constantly booked up
- The nearby facilities would consist essentially of Saughton, and Drylaw skatepark, aswell as more local and community led areas to skate, bike, scooter, where people will film, practice and socialise/compete about their sport. one thats well versed in many areas of street riding culture and I see this park as an opportunity to genuinely engage directly in a free and open space, where athletes can practice their skills and sport; introducing and influencing younger kids to express their own style and fun, aswell as bring together people from further away from the city!
- Living near Leith during the lockdown brought to light how few amenities there are in the area that are available for all to use. Current developments and existing infrastructure are all consumer oriented and favour the rich- this is no good for an area as diverse as Leith. As the area is densely populated with many

living in flats without access to private gardens, an area to spend time outside and partake in activities is immensely important. I think an activity park like this could improve public health, reduce antisocial behaviour and just give people a safe and fun space to spend time.

- We've lived here for 15 years, have two boys, 9 & 12 and we've made a concerted effort to take them to skateparks/pump tracks etc. but it would be SO wonderful to have somewhere they could go by themselves that is local. There is very little to do in our area, Dalmeny Park is constantly littered with rubbish, teens sitting up in the kids slide though recently it has turned into an excellent hub for skaters and basketball era which has given the park a new lease of life, though they are mainly adults and makes it difficult for my boys to spend time there. Something in the area which is big enough and varied enough for everyone would be such a great asset. And Leith Links has the space!! So much space that could be used to support outdoor activities for young people and adults alike.
- In your preamble you state that you "believe that there is a lack of healthy outdoor recreational facilities" and "we think the direct and indirect benefits for everyone of Leith Links Activity Park (LLAP) would be significant" - let me say that this project will be a complete non-starter unless you have rigorous data to back up your assumptions. You CANNOT ask people to simply agree to empty statements - you need an evidence based approach before you get anywhere near applying for development funding never mind capital funding. I take it that you have been working closely with the City of Edinburgh Council and have their support, and their commitment to the care and maintenance of your grand new facilities? How will you deal with the Common Good dimension to building on the Links?
- skateboarding, rollerblading, BMXing and many other skilled individual activities have exploded with participants picking up an old hobby or a new challenge due to lock downs and let's be honest, a lot of boredom. I have witnessed this all over Scotland during my travels. With skateboarding reaching the Olympics it is clear this is a growing activity that can be enjoyed by all age groups and also these obstacles and tracks can be enjoyed by a variety of equipment from skateboards, to roller bladers and BMX's. Bright light locations like these give young and active individuals the confidence to practice new skills knowing they are safe and around like minded individuals who can assist one another with advice on and off the board, sometimes even for life out with the skating communities.