
STOKE PARK ACCESSIBLE PATH – PUBLIC CONSULTATION SUMMARY RESULTS

1. Public Consultation

A public consultation was arranged in order to obtain views on the Council’s proposal for the Stoke Park path scheme. The consultation was intended to get views from park users, local residents, identified stakeholders and members of the public. An online consultation using Bristol City Council’s platform Citizenspace was used as the main response form, with emails, drop-in sessions, a public meeting and social media used to publicise the consultation. The consultation sought views on the following topics:

- Whether respondents agreed with the principle of providing an upgraded path;
- Which of the route options available were preferred;
- How wide the path should be;
- What kind of surface the path should have;
- Whether lighting should be provided on the path or at entrances;
- Whether access to Stoke Park should be improved; and
- Any other improvements, such as seating, signage or information boards.

The consultation format also provided an ‘open comments’ opportunity for respondents to expand on their answers or provide a response to another topic.

2. Consultation Timeline

Identified stakeholders and interest groups were contacted by email between late August and September 2018 to advise them of the proposal and seek initial feedback. Emails offered the opportunity for meetings to discuss the proposal in more detail. Some additional groups were identified later and contacted during October 2018.

The consultation was open between the 1st of October 2018 and the 4th of November 2018.

The first three contact attempts for each stakeholder re listed in Table 1 below. This doesn’t necessarily mean the organisation hadn’t responded by the time we contacted them again – many of these organisations were an important part of our efforts to promote the consultation..

Name	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3
Cllr Eleanor Combley	21/08/2018		
Cllr Tom Brook	21/08/2018		
Cllr Mhairi Threlfall	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	

Name	Contact 1	Contact 2	Contact 3
Cllr Sultan Khan	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	
Cllr Trevor Jones	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	13/09/2018
Cllr Bob Pullin	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	13/09/2018
Cllr Olly Mead	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	26/09/2018
Cllr Claire Hiscott	21/08/2018	04/09/2018	26/09/2018
Cllr Gill Kirk	21/08/2018	03/09/2018	05/09/2018
Cllr Estella Tincknell	21/08/2018	03/09/2018	05/09/2018
Friends of Stoke Park member 1	21/08/2018	26/09/2018	01/10/2018
Friends of Stoke Park member 2	21/08/2018	26/09/2018	01/10/2018
Local conservationist	22/08/2018	04/09/2018	26/09/2018
Stoke Gifford Parish Council	22/08/2018	04/09/2018	26/09/2018
Historic England	23/08/2018	12/09/2018	29/10/2018
Natural England	23/08/2018	04/09/2018	29/10/2018
Little Foxes Forest School	29/08/2018	04/09/2018	26/09/2018
Friends of Stoke Park	05/09/2018		
Stoke Park Primary School	05/09/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Lockleaze Walking Group	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	10/10/2018
Avon Gardens Trust	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Avon Wildlife Trust	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bishopston Society	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bishopston, Cotham and Redland Community Partnership	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bristol Physical Access Chain	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Voice and Influence Partnership	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bristol Cycling Campaign	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bristol Disability Equality Forum	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bristol Older People's Forum	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Bristol Parks Forum	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Buzz Lockleaze	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Gardens Trust	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Horfield and Lockleaze Voice	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Lockleaze Neighbour Trust	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	02/11/2018
Old Muller Road Library	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	05/10/2018
Parks Forum	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
VOSCUR (Voluntary Organisations Standing Conference on Urban Renewal)	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	29/10/2018
Women's Voice and Influence	26/09/2018	01/10/2018	02/11/2018
Bristol Women Cyclists	01/10/2018		
Bristol Walking Alliance	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Brandon Trust	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Paul's Place	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Bristol Parent Carers	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Young and Free	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
WECIL (West of England Centre for Inclusive Living)	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018

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UWE Disabled Students	02/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Avon and Somerset Constabulary	05/10/2018	17/10/2018	29/10/2018
Lockleaze Adventure Playground	05/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018
Sustrans	05/10/2018	02/11/2018	02/11/2018
Friends of South Purdown	15/10/2018		
Wesport	19/10/2018	29/10/2018	02/11/2018

3. Online Public Consultation

The public consultation ran from 1 October to 4 November 2018. Information regarding the proposal, together with a plan of the suggested path alignment, was presented to website visitors, who could click on items to view further information, such as FAQs and a larger plan. Visitors were then invited to complete a questionnaire. The public consultation process was advertised in the following ways:

- The Travelwest website with a dedicated project page;
- Council public consultation webpage;
- Council Facebook page – posts and events;
- Several outreach meetings at local venues;
- Local group Facebook pages;
- Twitter: Bristol Parks and Bristol City Council’s Twitter feeds;
- Bristol City Council’s “Stoke Park” and “Stoke Park improvements” webpage
- Leaflet delivery to residents near Stoke Park (approximately 3,000 leaflets);
- By email to local councillors;
- By email to interested stakeholders and interest groups;
- By email to contacts obtained from previous engagement process; and
- Information and paper questionnaires provided at local public facilities (The Hub, Lockleaze library, Horfield library, Central library, Muller Road Old Library, Buzz Café)
- Posters put up in park noticeboards

4. Publicity Events

Council officers attended the following events to promote the consultation:

Event	Date
Friends of Stoke Park	05/09/2018
Lockleaze Planning Group	13/09/2018
Lockleaze Community Conversation	29/09/2018
Old Library drop-in session	05/10/2018
Gainsborough Court coffee morning	08/10/2018
Public meeting	09/10/2018
Lockleaze Walking Group	10/10/2018
Stoke Park Partnership meeting	23/10/2018
Housing&care21 coffee morning	24/10/2018

Buzz Lockleaze drop-in session	30/10/2018
Park One Coffee drop-in session	31/10/2018

Seven further meetings were also held with local stakeholders and other key stakeholders.

A drop-in session was held on Saturday 29th of September 2018, between 16:00-18:00, at Lockleaze Sports Centre, as part of a wider community information event, in order to raise awareness of the proposal and upcoming consultation. This had been intended to form part of the public consultation when originally programmed to commence on 24 September 2018, but the consultation was subsequently delayed by a week pushing back both the start and end dates.

A public consultation drop-in session was held on Friday 5th of October 2018, between 12:00-15:00, at the Old Library on Muller Road. Two members of the project team were available to talk to visitors, discuss the proposal, answer queries, inform visitors of the on-line consultation questionnaire or provide paper copies. Copies of the proposed alignment route, with options, were available for viewing, together with samples of example all-weather surfacing materials. Approximately 15 people attended.

Two further drop-in sessions were held, one at Buzz Lockleaze on Tuesday the 30th of October between 14:00 and 17:00 and one at Park One Coffee in Stapleton on Wednesday the 31st of October between 12:00 and 15:00. These were additional sessions to give as many people as possible the chance to hear about the proposal and talk to the project officers.

5. Public Meeting

The public meeting was held on 9 October 2018, at 6:00pm at the Cameron Centre in Lockleaze. The meeting was attended by approximately 25 members of the public and chaired by a local ward Councillor. Two Council officers presented the scheme, which was followed by a discussion and Q&A session.

6. Response Numbers

Feedback was received via a number of methods, with the on-line questionnaire being the predominant response format. A total of 233 responses to the consultation were received:-

- 223 on-line questionnaires
- 10 paper questionnaires
- 1 email (duplicate response)
- 1 letter (duplicate response)

7. Summary of Feedback

The consultation asked for respondents' views on a number of issues, so we'll set out below a number of graphs that summarise the overall response on each of those issues. The graphs below include paper and online responses.

The questions asked in the consultation were:

Question Number	Title	Total Responses
1	What is your postcode?	232 (99.6%)
2	How often do you use Stoke Park?	232 (99.6%)
3	If you're part of an organisation, can you tell us which one?	42 (18.0%)

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4	Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to upgrade the existing path in Stoke Park?	221 (94.8%)
5	If we upgrade the existing paths in Stoke Park, which options below would you like us to upgrade?	217 (93.1%)
6	In order to allow wheelchairs and push-chairs to use the path (as well as users like walkers and cyclists) it needs to be at least three metres wide. Do you think this is adequate for local accessibility requirements?	177 (76.0%)
7	Should the path or entrances to the path be lit?	216 (92.7%)
8	What kind of surface should the upgraded path have?	200 (85.8%)
9	As part of the project, would you like us to improve access into Stoke Park - for example, by changing barriers to enable wheelchair access?	227 (97.4%)
10	We can provide additional items, like benches, signage or information boards. Which, if any, of the below would be a positive addition to the park?	189 (81.1%)
11	Do you have any further comments or suggestions? Please feel free to expand on your answers above.	165 (70.8%)

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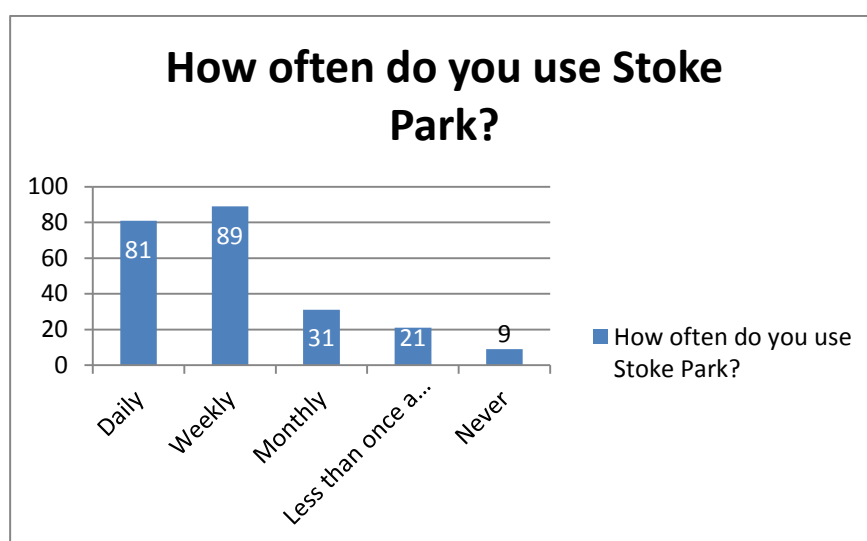
12	Why are you interested in this consultation?	230 (98.7%)
13	How did you hear about this consultation?	227 (97.4%)
14	What is your age group?	227 (97.4%)
15	What is your gender?	228 (97.9%)
16	Are you transgender?	217 (93.1%)
17	What is your ethnicity?	225 (96.6%)

Question Number	Title	Total Responses
18	Are you disabled?	223 (95.7%)
19	What is your religion?	220 (94.4%)
20	What is your sexual orientation?	217 (93.1%)

Graphs of the answers to key questions are set out below.

Q2: How often do you use Stoke Park?

As expected, the majority of respondents are regular users of Stoke Park, but the consultation also had responses from a number of people that use the Park less or not at all, either through choice or through inability to access.

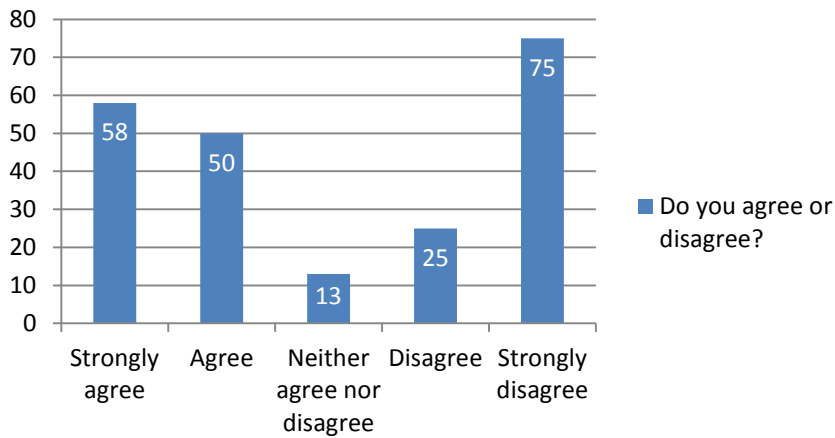


Q4: Do you agree or disagree with the proposal to upgrade the existing path in Stoke Park?

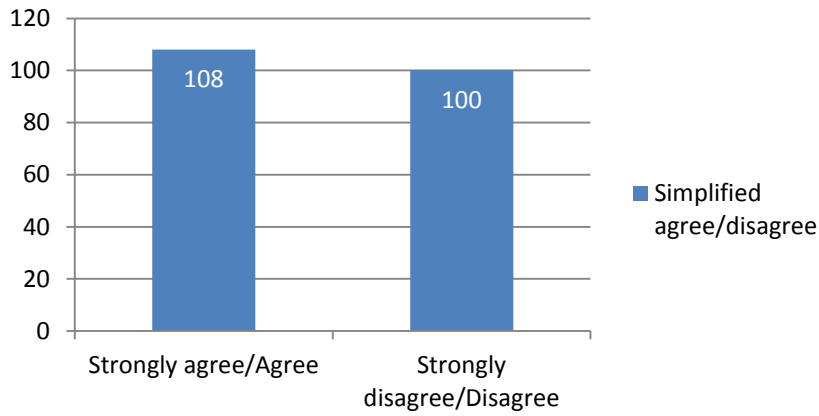
This question asked for overall agreement or disagreement with the proposal. Overall, more people agreed with the proposal than disagreed with the proposal. In addition, more Lockleaze residents agreed with the proposal than disagreed with the proposal.

Of the people who regard themselves as having a disability more people agreed with the proposal than disagreed with the proposal.

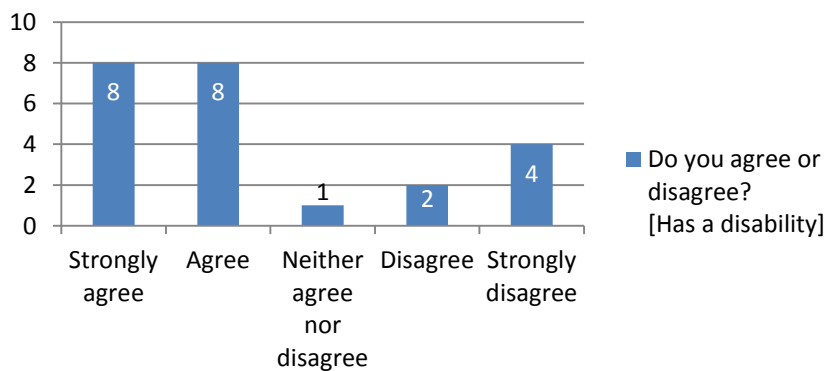
Do you agree or disagree?

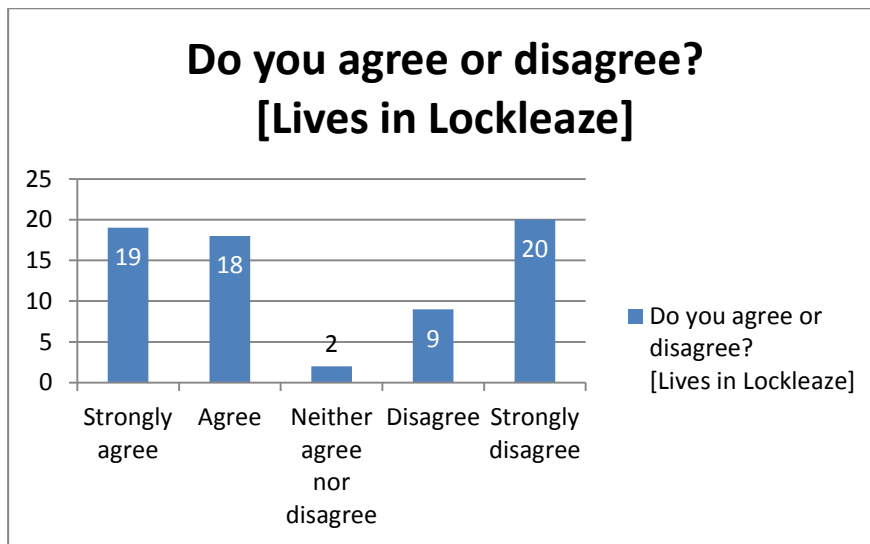


Simplified agree/disagree



Do you agree or disagree? [Has a disability]

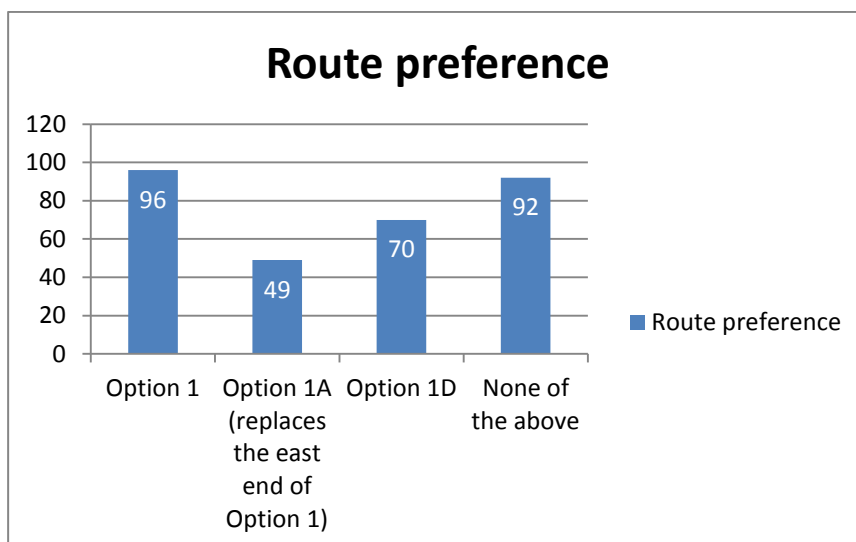




Q5: If we upgrade the existing paths in Stoke Park, which options below would you like us to upgrade?

In this question, we asked which of the available options respondents would prefer. More respondents expressed a preference for Option 1 than any other option. You can see a map of the options at <http://bit.ly/stokeparkoptions>

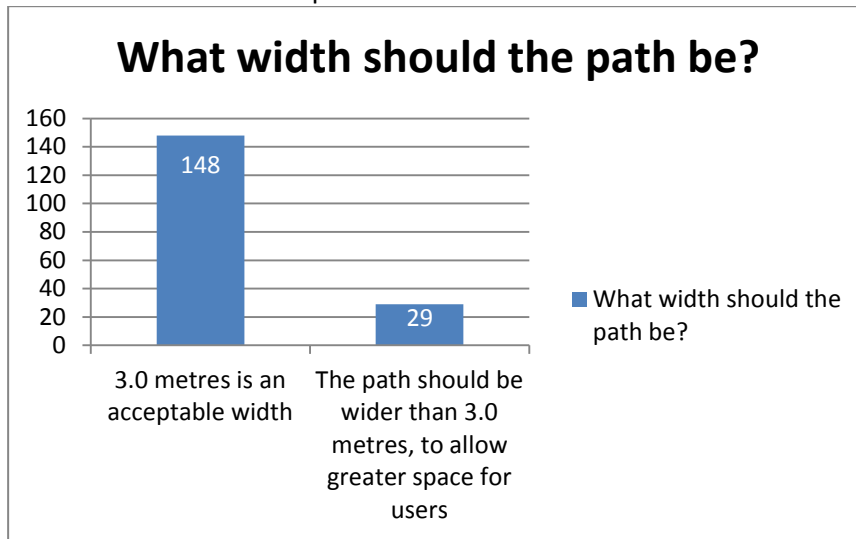
Option 1 is our primary proposal as shown on the map linked above and Option 1A is a proposed alternative eastern end to Option 1. 1D is a potential additional option that connects with Option 1 in the north and Sir John's Lane in the South, providing connectivity with southern Lockleaze.



Q6: In order to allow wheelchairs and push-chairs to use the path (as well as users like walkers and cyclists) it needs to be at least three metres wide. Do you think this is adequate for local accessibility requirements?

This question requests respondents' views on the width of the path. It should be noted that there was no option for narrower than 3m, as we would be unable to provide a space suitable for all users and we cannot give consultation options that we're unable to complete.

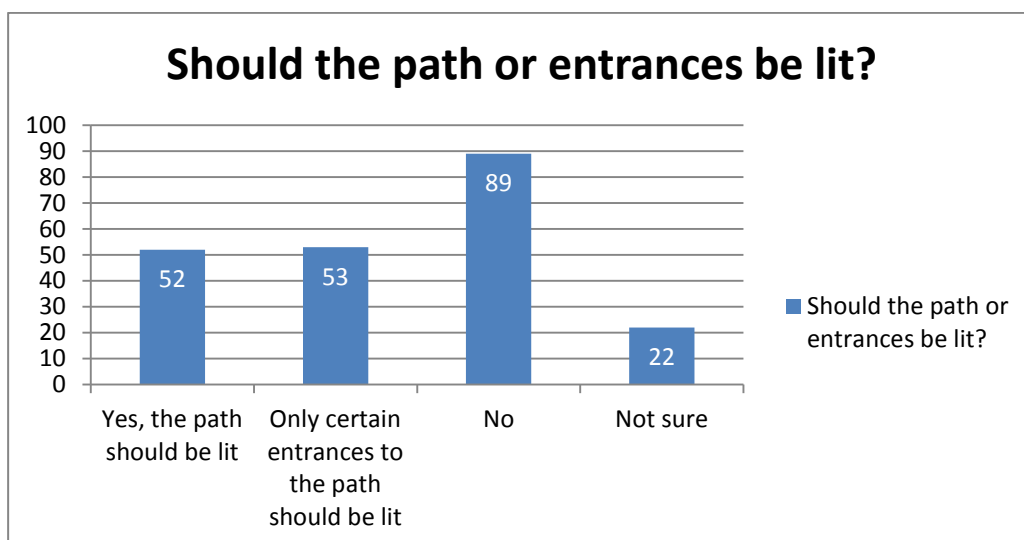
More than five times as many people stated they wanted they wanted a 3m path compared to the number who wanted a wider path.



Q7: Should the path or entrances to the path be lit?

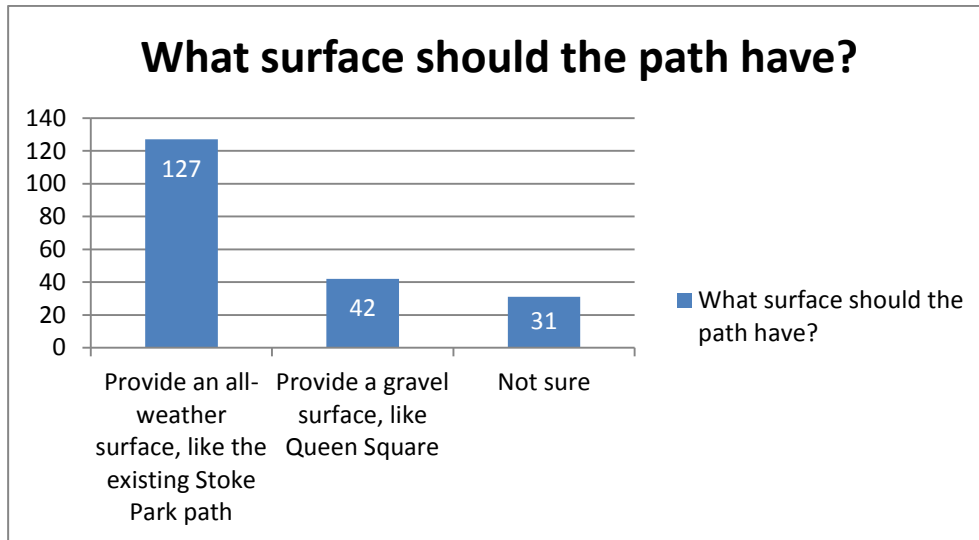
This question requested views on lighting the path or entrances.

The question used 'radio buttons' which means only one option could be selected. 105 people expressed a preference for some form of lighting (*either* for the path to be lit *or* for only certain entrances to be lit), while 89 were against any lighting.



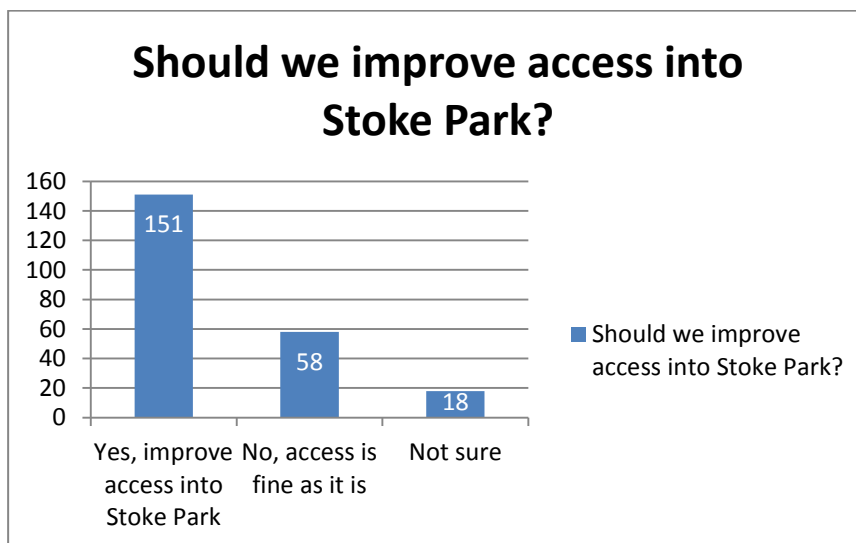
Q8: What kind of surface should the upgraded path have?

In the answers to this question, we provided two main options: a compacted gravel surface, such as that used in Queen Square and many historic landscapes, or an all-weather surface, such as that used in the existing Stoke Park path.

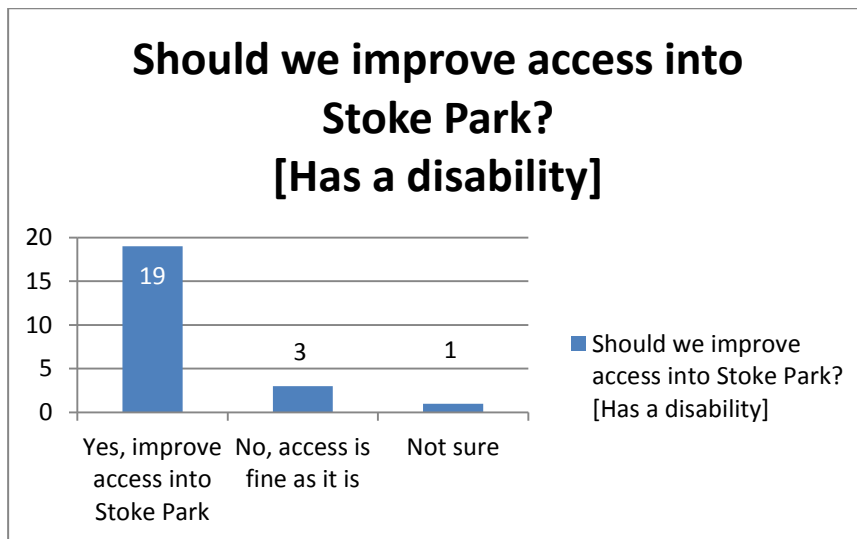


Q9: As part of the project, would you like us to improve access into Stoke Park - for example, by changing barriers to enable wheelchair access?

There was a majority in favour of improving access into Stoke Park..

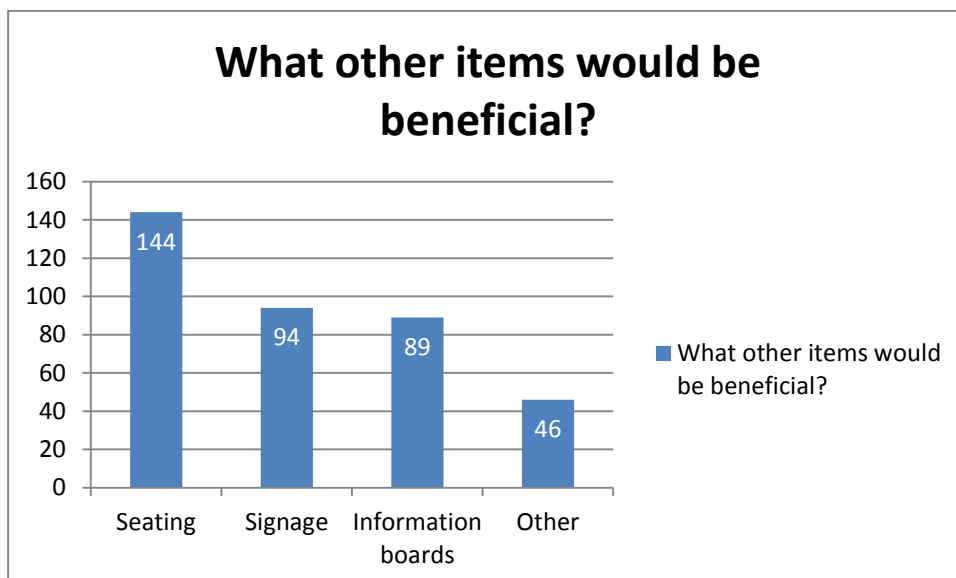


We have also provided a graph of responses from people who consider themselves to have a disability.



Q10: We can provide additional items, like benches, signage or information boards. Which, if any, of the below would be a positive addition to the park?

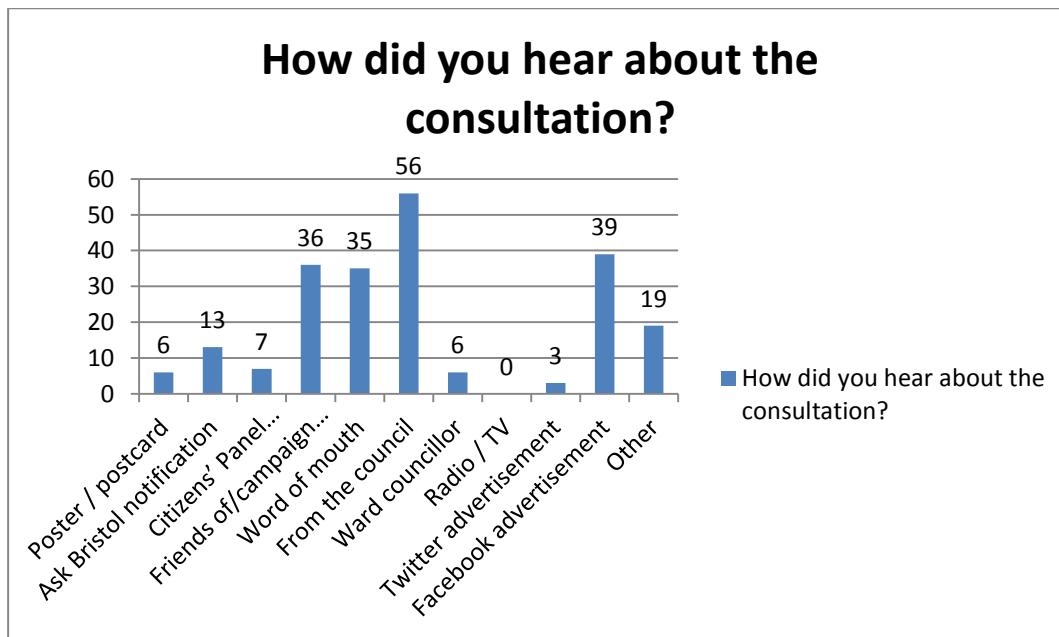
We requested views on any additional items that would be beneficial for Stoke Park. We also provided an 'Other' field which will be available in the appendices: the main other items were dog waste bins and litter bins.



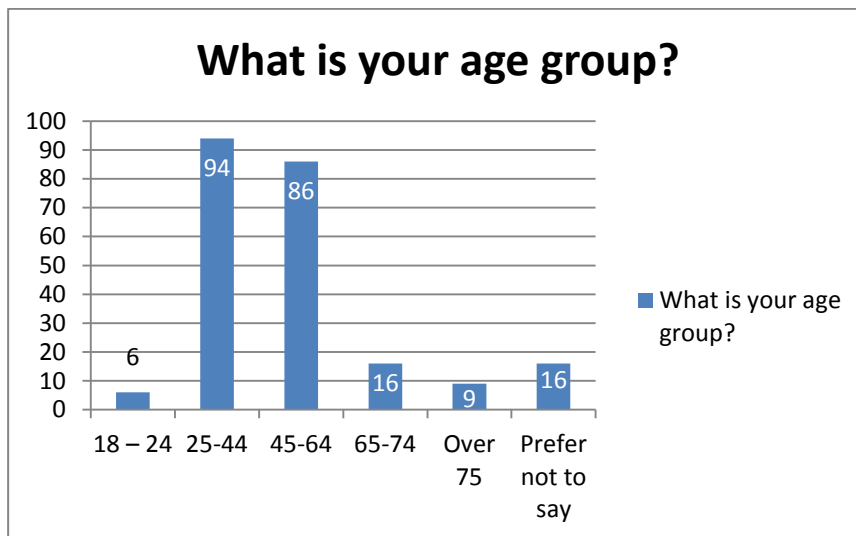
Q13: How did you hear about this consultation?

The consultation was well-promoted on social media both by council officers and by members of the local community. The council also delivered 3,000 leaflets to residents in Lockleaze, publicised the consultation on noticeboards, promoted through local councillors and local groups, and attended as many meetings as possible.

The results show that a majority of people heard about the consultation either through the council, or through communication on Facebook or a local group or word of mouth.



Q15: What is your age group?



8. Next Stage

We will prepare responses to the consultation feedback and create a recommendations report that incorporates the consultation feedback. We will consider the feedback as we develop our proposals going forward.