



S106 Kingsgate Gym Equipment Project Consultation Report

August 2018

Overview of Consultation:

Yate Town Council received 33 responses to the consultation for Kingsgate Park Gym Equipment project.

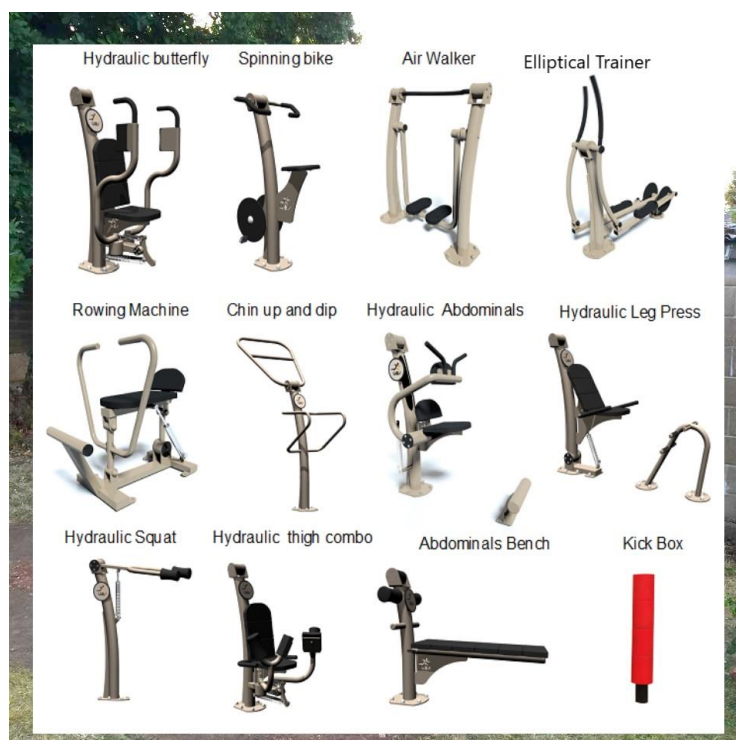
The consultation opened at 'Yate Rocks' 16th June 2018 where staff and Councillors encouraged members of the public to complete a questionnaire. The consultation remained open to the public until July 31st 2018.

The questionnaire was promoted through social media/Yate Town Council website and questionnaires being available at our properties. Staff and Councillors were also encouraged to promote the consultation to the wider public.

Friends of Kingsgate Park responded to the consultation and are in favour of the installation of outdoor gym equipment.

Supportive of the project	Not supportive of the project
32	1

Type of Equipment:



Type of Equipment	Votes
Hydraulic Butterfly	18
Spinning Bike	20
Air Walker	19
Elliptical Trainer	20
Rowing Machine	23
Chin up and dip	13
Hydraulic Abdominals	11
Hydraulic Leg Press	13
Hydraulic Squat	11
Hydraulic Thigh Combo	11
Abdominals Bench	12
Kick Box	9
Other	1- Callisthenic bars (please see image below) 1- Free weights equipment including 'slam balls'

Callisthenic Bars:



The top 5 pieces of equipment were:

1. Rowing Machine;
- 2 & 3. Spinning Bike & Elliptical Trainer;
4. Air Walker;
5. Hydraulic Butterfly.

Identified Concerns:

Concerns were raised around the following issues:

- The park was a community park and it was not a Gym (1 response);
- The issue of age related inappropriate use (children under 14 years of age- 1 response).

Identified Priorities:

- To ensure the equipment installed was accessible to disabled users (1 response);
- Equipment to be hard wearing (against the weather and vandalism- 2 responses);
- The equipment to be serviced regularly (1 response);
- Clear signage explaining how to use the equipment (1 response).

Location:

Only 2 responses commented on the location of the equipment, 1 referenced it would be good next to the lake and 1 suggested it should be away from the existing play area.

Non-Related Project Comments:

1 Response highlighted that there should be more seating within the park and the toilet facilities should be improved.

1 Response highlighted the desire for additional equipment in the play areas situated within the North Yate area.

Conclusion:

The majority of responses minus 1 support the installation of the outdoor gym equipment and would like to see a wide range of hard wearing and accessible equipment featured within the wider site of Kingsgate Park.

The most popular equipment identified within this consultation, can be regularly found in many local gym facilities and provide a cardio vascular and strength workout. In response to the suggestion of 'Free weights' equipment could pose health and safety risks and leave Yate Town Council vulnerable to acts of theft as the equipment is transportable.

The equipment should be within a separate area with clear signage explaining how to use appropriately which would also reduce the likelihood of inappropriate use by children under the age of 14.