

KINGSWAY TO THE SEA: WEST HOVE SEAFRONT PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS CONSULTATION TO INFORM THE BRIEF

CONSULTATION SUMMARY

At the last consultation event we asked for your thoughts and ideas about the existing spaces and what you would like to see in the future. Below is some of the feedback we received:

Q2a. Main reasons (top 5) for visiting/using WHSF

92% For health and fitness, eg, sports, play walks, etc
80% Social reasons, eg, meeting up with friends/family
76% For the public open spaces
67% Leisure facilities, eg, bars, café's, restaurants, etc
58% Passing through on way to beach or Esplanade
Other: Dog walking, rollerskating, beach hut user, for work

Q2d. Reasons people don't/or infrequently visit WHSF

72% Think the spaces are not accessible/safe to use

Q3a. Most liked/enjoyed about WHSF

87% Proximity to beach
59% Existing green spaces
55% Leisure offer
43% Sports
24% Play facilities

Q3b. Main issues with the existing public realm/green spaces

56% Quality of the public realm and green spaces
35% Amount of space available for relaxation/activities/events
32% Quality and scope of existing sports offer
31% The existing offer of activities
23% Safety, security and anti-social behaviour
Other: Accessibility, poor toilet facilities, inadequate maintenance, not enough planting/shade/shelter/seating, lighting

Q3c. Suggested improvements to public realm and green spaces

63% More planting
63% Improved quality of green spaces
45% More shade, shelter and seating areas
44% Better quality and more choice of sports activities
41% More space for relaxation, events and activities
Other: Better lighting and improved accessibility

Q4d. Ideas for further facilities at WHSF (top 5)

74% Improved public toilets
42% Sand courts for beach sports
39% Café, restaurant, bar, etc
35% Roller skating surface
30% Improved tennis courts
Other: New sports club facilities, new skate park, padel tennis, artificial sports pitches, pump track

Ideas for encouraging people to spend more time at WHSF

- Dedicated surface/area for rollerskating
- Better skate park
- Improved environment, eg, trees, planting, etc
- Better range of café's, etc
- Improved provision for showers and toilets
- Sand courts for beach sports
- Improved tennis courts
- More places to sit
- Provision of shade and shelter
- Improved access
- Better car parking
- More natural spaces



Sticky notes of thoughts and ideas from the last event

BRIEF DEVELOPMENT

The feedback from the last consultation event has contributed to the establishment of the project brief, which has continued to evolve and be explored, through ongoing regular dialogue between BHCC officers and the project team, local community organisations, local councillors, and other stakeholders. The outcome to date of this collaborative effort is represented by the proposals information on display today.

Key elements of the brief include:

- Creating a Linear Park identity with areas of garden for relaxation and leisure alongside active sports facilities
- A properly accessible route (wheelchair accessible) through the full length of the site linking all park spaces
- Layering planting and trees to provide shade and shelter, mitigate climate change impacts, and increase biodiversity
- Improving the type, distribution and quality of sports facilities and activities through the length of the site, including a new Outdoor Sports Hub building to support their use
- Providing improved WCs and changing facilities
- Improving comfort for users by providing seating, lighting, signage, etc



Local residents and park users viewing the boards at the last event

SUMMARY OBJECTIVES

LINEAR PARK IDENTITY

ACCESSIBLE INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR ALL

STRONG BIODIVERSITY AND ECOLOGY

IMPROVED SPORTS FACILITIES

LEISURE AND ACTIVE SPACES

SAFE AND COMFORTABLE

