**RESULTS OF THE FIRST CONSULTATION SESSION**

How did we publicise our first meeting?

!. Delivering leaflets. We delivered over 1000 leaflets ourselves and the

 council also delivered around 500. Some were left in local business

 places where they were happy to accept them.

2 Posters were placed on the railings of the rec., and in Tudor Library,

3 It was advertised by TARAK, and The North Kingston

 Forum in their newsletters

4 An email was sent to local residents by our MP

5 An advertisement was placed in local school newsletters.

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**The first consultation session**

We had our first consultation session on 30th November at 7.30pm in Latchmere School. 58 people attended. We had 9 tables, each with a committee member whose purpose was to facilitate the conversation between people, aiming to get as many views as possible. Forms were completed and people were asked to state their 1st 2nd and 3rd priority of what they liked and didn’t like as well as set out other ideas they had for the rec. The results are outlined below.

What is your favourite thing about Latchmere Rec?

People described their favourite thing about the rec. They overwhelming valued it as a green open space with trees that is easily accessible where people can meet and socialise, children can play in the playground, it is not too busy and it is open all the time to everyone. Children can play football and people can watch them and there is a great community spirit. It is valued by dog walkers as a place where dogs get good exercise and owners can socialise.

What is your least favourite thing about Latchmere Rec?

The least favourite things about the rec were the toilet block , appearance of the portacabins and dog mess. Lack of self closing gates featured a few times as did dreariness and lack of colourful planting, football taking a lot of space, lack of a pavilion, dogs interfering with children’s play, poor maintenance and teenagers on summer evenings.

**Ideas for Improvement (completed after brainstorming session)**

There was overwhelming support for a café which came top of the list. Secondly came the pavilion. Most people wanted to see some form of ecological development and more activities on the rec. The wide variety of ideas is listed below under the following headings.

Planting and ecology; Cafe and Pavilion; Activities and events; General landscape and maintenance.

**\*It is probably worth emphasizing that these are thoughts that individuals have had and are by no means plans. The next stage will be to research the most popular areas and bring a plan back to you for further consultation**

**ECOLOGY AND HORTICULTURE**

Stream to be uncovered

Pond

No pond because it will attract mosquitos

Health and safety considerations on open water

Water feature with benches and planting

Fountain near seated area

Plant 100 new trees

Plant trees round perimeter

Flower beds

Sensory garden

Raised beds

Recover bulb planting round the edge

Green space for well-being

Grasses and wildflowers to attract insects and then birds.

Wild flowers

Ecology

Nature trail

Nature area

Environmental area to north

Bug hotel…built with children

Bug hotel

Insects beetles bats and bird feeders

Planting for bees and butterflies

Wooded area

Bird feeders

Tree maintenance and replacement …some are dying.

**CAFÉ AND PAVILLION**

Work space in cafe

Disables access and participation

Changing rooms

No cafe, plenty available locally

Room for badminton and yoga

A room that can be let out to earn money for maintenance

Solar panels on the roof of building

Cafe small not commercial

Lockers

Replace toilets

A cafe would negatively affect nearby cafes of which there are plenty

Consider waste and pollution

Liaise with KLL as they have plans for a pavilion

Chess in cafe

Monopoly in cafe

? enable volunteers (eg Parents referred from Welcare wanting to build confidence to work supported in the cafe?)

**ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS**

Water in sand pit for children play (like Petersham playground)

Boules

Trim trail

Tennis wall

Sports equipment

Balls to borrow at cafe

Basketball

Permanent goal post for younger children (football )

free up one football pitch by making better use of Dinton Rec

All weather pitches

Cricket nets

Playground for older children

Cricket back stop

Skateboard park

Adult football

5 -a-side pitch

More imaginative play facilities than in playground

Yoga

Dog agility training

More for teenagers

Netball practice posts

Team sport for girls

Back stop for cricket

Integration of children/ adults with disability

2K run for children on Sundays

Sports day

Family fun day, picnic and games

Gardening with children

‘School ecology stars’ scheme to encourage ‘litter picking’

Include local nature groups to do “show and tell” e.g. Richmond Park Beetle Group”

Community gardening

**GATES AND GROUNDS**

Picnic tables

More benches

Path around the rec for runners etc. (white lines would do!)

Covered seating

Drinking fountain for children adults and dogs

Rubberised path across the rec

Tarmac path across rec

Bike and scooter storage

Sculpture near cafe or quiet wooded area

Lighting

Better signing

Noticeboard

Dog bags

Recycling

Recycling bins

Litter picking

Litter patrol

Loos tidied

Paint fences

More bins

New dog bins

Get rid of railings and have it open

Have a fence with crenelations for adults children to sit on

Keep simplicity and openness

Not too attractive or it will get very busy

Noise consideration

No change

Call it a park instead of a rec.

Change name to Latchmere Park

No need for change

A dog free area or dog on lead area so children can play with balls

Limit groups using rec to one group at a time

Keep grass in better condition. often not cut for long periods

Cut grass and remove stinging nettles

No alcohol license to be given to cafe

Children to be encouraged to respect referees

Caretaker on site

Value of open space

Tidy the loos

**What we learnt about organising a consultation from this session**

We felt the format worked well as people were very involved in the process. People kept to the subject in hand and were full of ideas. The leadership provided by having facilitators agreed in advance, both saved time and did help the process.

It was most valuable to get people’s ideas at his point rather than ask them to set priorities as that will come later. It made the data harder to analyse.

We should ask people what they thought of the process on the form next time but we could welcome feedback on our process of consultation on our Facebook page

We need to have a consultation during the day for people who can’t come to evening sessions.

Conversations start but are not finished. Hopefully we can continue some of them on Facebook and at our next event.