

Report on the Results of the Consultation on the Proposed Green Space off Darley Road and Ashbourne Road Stockport

Report of the Corporate Director (Place) & Deputy Chief Executive

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The consultation for Potential Public Open Space, Hazel Grove was undertaken to obtain views from local residents about the potential of making the area between Darley Road, Ashbourne Road, Macclesfield Road and A555 an area accessible to the public as green space for recreation.

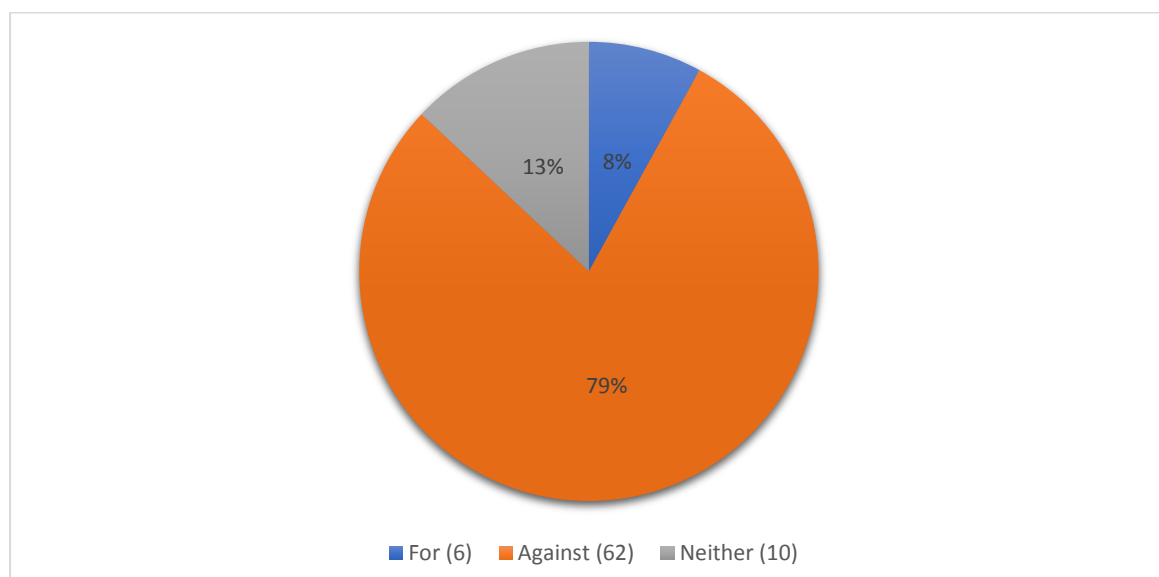
2 METHODOLOGY

- 2.1 The consultation on the proposed green space took place from 22nd February to 26th March 2021.
- 2.2 A letter was issued to properties local to the proposed green space to inform local residents about the consultation. The consultation letter and letter drop area are provided at **Appendix A**.
- 2.3 In addition, signage was erected on site to notify users of the A555 footway/ cycleway of the consultation at the locations shown on the plan provided at **Appendix B**.
- 2.4 Respondents were able to provide their feedback via the following methods:
- Email:** semmms.relief.road@stockport.gov.uk
- Phone:** 0161 474 2299

3. CONSULTATION FEEDBACK

- 3.1 A total of 88 responses were received to the consultation. The results, as detailed in Figure 1 below, show that the majority of respondents (79%) do not support the proposed open space, with 8% supporting the proposals and 13% having no view either way.

Figure 1: Consultation Responses



Comments made by respondents in support of the proposals included:

- Support for additional recreation/ green space;
- Support for additional habitat for wildlife.

Comments made by respondents opposed to the proposals included:

- Concerns about antisocial behaviour;
- The proposals are a waste of money
- Concern about litter;
- Preference for the area being used for additional tree planting in the area;
- Concern about the impact on wildlife;
- Concern on going against previous consultation promises;
- Concerns regarding pollution levels of potential users of area;
- Concerns about an increase in criminal activity / security issues for the houses.

4. RECOMMENDATION:

Based on the consultation response, the recommendation is that the area remains accessible for maintenance purposes only, with the access gate being locked, only to be opened to allow maintenance teams to access the site, and locked immediately after they have accessed the site.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none.

Anyone wishing to inspect the above background papers or requiring further information should contact Sue Stevenson on telephone number Tel: 0161-474-4351 or alternatively email sue.stevenson@stockport.gov.uk