

Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground Survey

REPORT OF THE RESULTS

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BACKGROUND

Vale of White Horse District Council are responsible for several play areas across the district which are open at all times. The Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground has been locked for many years between dusk and dawn from Monday to Saturday, and all day on Sunday. The council has reviewed the policy and proposed to bring Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground in line with the other play areas in the district.

ENGAGEMENT METHODS

- Letters were delivered to 37 properties adjacent to and surrounding Crosslands Drive play area.
- Posters were displayed in and around the play area to inform regular users.
- The survey was shared with 13 key stakeholders, such as the local town council and ward members.
- Targeted social media posts were shared on the council's social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, X, Instagram) and via the Nextdoor application to help promote the survey.

ABOUT THE SURVEY

The survey ran for a four- week period from Tuesday 13 August until 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024. 27 responses were received, with 41 per cent of responses received from residents who identified as 'adjacent to the to the recreational ground, and a user'.

THE REPORT

A summary of the comments in the survey are included in this report. Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone have been removed. Further information on data protection is available in our general consultation's privacy statement on our [South webpage](#) or [Vale webpage](#) websites.

KEY FINDINGS

This section of the report provides a summary of the results received to the Crosslands Drive survey. A total of 27 respondents completed the survey.

How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times?

100 per cent of respondents answered this question. 70 per cent agree with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times, whilst 22 per cent disagree.

Option	Total	Per cent
Agree	19	70%
Neither agree nor disagree	2	7%
Disagree	6	22%

Agreement with the proposal

You have agreed with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times. If you have any comments you would like to make, please provide them below.

52 per cent of respondents provided comments to this question which have been summarised in the table below.

Summary	Total	Per cent
Agreement with proposal/beneficial to the community	6	22%
Agreement with open on Sundays	5	18%
Potential increase in antisocial behaviour	4	15%
Curfew required	3	11%
Important to have access to the play area	2	7%
Equipment revamp required	1	4%

Of the 52 per cent of respondents that answered this question, 22 per cent expressed agreement with the proposal and mentioned the benefits the play area has on the community. For example, comments included:

- *Children need more opportunities to get outside, engage in play and develop social skills with their peers.*

- *It seems that the reason for locking the play area has been lost in the mists of time. Whatever that reason was I am sure it no longer applies.*
- *All parks should be open to allow children access. Some parents don't return home from work till 6/7pm. They still want time to bond and go out with the kids. There needs to be more local areas to allow them to do this.*

18 per cent agree with the play area being open on Sundays. Some of the comments agreed with this approach but feel a curfew is required to prevent the potential increase in antisocial behavior. Comments included:

- *I think the park should be open on Sundays, I don't understand why it isn't as that's the day most people need it. I think there should be a curfew as the park is well hidden so it could draw teenagers who want to take drugs therefore making the park unsafe for little children.*
- *Should be open on a Sunday. Would be happier if locked at night to prevent anti social behaviour and vandalism.*
- *I agree the park should be open on Sundays but a curfew is probably needed to prevent anti social behaviour happening at late hours.*

Disagreement with the proposal

You have disagreed with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times, please provide your reason(s) why below.

22 per cent of respondents provided comments to this question which have been summarised in the table below.

Summary	Total	Per cent
Potential increase in antisocial behaviour	5	18%
Agreement with open on Sundays	2	7%
Curfew required	2	7%
Agreement with proposal	1	4%
Proposal is due to costs	1	4%
Purposeless consultation due to the gates not being locked currently	1	4%

18 per cent of the comments raised concerns with the potential increase in antisocial behaviour if the park is always open, with some of the comments also including points around the park being open on Sundays (7 per cent), whilst others felt a curfew is required (7 per cent). Comments received included:

- The park is surrounded by residential housing and I feel that it being open during the hours of darkness could encourage anti-social behaviour and, as it is primarily a play area for young children, serve no relevant purpose.*
- I would like to see it open on a Sunday but if it was open 24 hours, because it's secluded it would attract and encourage antisocial behaviour. It is not necessarily for it to be open after dusk as it is unlit and the age group that should be using it should not be there after dusk.*
- There can be no good reason for youth congregating at night, and play equipment for much younger children doesn't need to be available, when presumably they should be in bed !*

If you have any other comments about this consultation, please provide them below.

22 per cent of respondents provided comments to this question which have been summarised in the table below.

Summary	Total	Per cent
Equipment revamp required	2	7%
Purposeless consultation due to the gates not being locked currently	2	7%
24/7 access will increase noise levels, litter and dog fouling etc	1	4%
Keep policy as it is	1	4%
Thankful for this consultation	1	4%

7 per cent of the comments mentioned the play equipment needing a revamp, saying it *needs more play equipment and seating (1 comment), whilst the other comment said the play area needs new play equipment and also room for a football goal or some extra bits.*

Some comments 7 per cent, feel this consultation is purposeless due to the gates not being locked currently. For instance:

- I have been informed by one of my neighbours that it hasn't actually been locked for some time which makes this consultation rather pointless.*
- purposeless consultation due to the gates not being locked currently.*

ABOUT THE RESPONDENTS

Are you responding as:

100 per cent of respondents answered this question. 41 per cent are a resident adjacent to the recreational ground, and a user.

Option	Total	Per cent
A resident adjacent to the recreational ground, and a user	11	41%
A resident adjacent to the recreational ground, but not a user	6	22%
A resident living in Abingdon, but not a user of the recreational ground	5	18%
A resident living in Abingdon, and a user of the recreational ground	2	7%
A district, town/parish council representative	3	11%

What is your main reason for using Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground?

48 per cent of respondents answered this question. The main reason is for children to use the play equipment (41 per cent).

Option	Total	Per cent
For children to use the play equipment	11	41%
An area to exercise	1	4%
An area to socialise	1	4%

How often do you use the play area?

48 per cent of respondents answered this question. 18 per cent use the play area 3-4 times per month, followed by 2-3 times every 6 months (11 per cent).

Option	Total	Per cent
3-4 times per week	2	7%
1-2 times per week	2	7%
3-4 times per month	5	18%
1-2 times per month	1	4%
2-3 every 6 months	3	11%

To help us understand where you live in relation to the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground, please provide the street name and/or the first part of your postcode below e.g. OX14 4. This question is optional.

Street Name

85 per cent of respondents answered this question. Over half of respondents (52 per cent) live along Crosslands Drive, followed by Fieldside (13 per cent).

Street Name	Total	Per cent
Crosslands Drive	12	52%
Fieldside	3	13%
Evelin Road	2	9%
Larkhill place	2	9%
Hanson Road	1	4%
Eason Drive	1	4%
Farm Road	1	4%
74	1	4%

First part of your postcode e.g. OX14 4

81 per cent of respondents answered this question. 45 per cent live within the OX14 1 area, followed by OX14 1JY (18 per cent).

Postcode	Total	Per cent
OX14 1	10	45%
OX14 1JY	4	18%
OX14 1JT	2	9%
OX14 1JU	2	9%
OX14	2	9%
OX141BW	1	4%
OX14 3	1	4%

If you are responding on behalf of a district, town/parish council, business/organisation or other, what is its name?

11% of respondents answered this question, the comments are provided below.

- *Vale of White Horse*
- *Abingdon Town Councillor - Responding in individual capacity*
- *Responding as district ward councillor*

How did you hear about the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground consultation? Tick all that apply.

96 per cent of respondents answered this question. 37 per cent heard about it via letter, followed by South and Vale district council social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, X, Instagram) (26 per cent).

Option	Total	Per cent
Letter	10	37%
Email	2	7%
South and Vale district council social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, X, Instagram)	7	26%
Other social media accounts	4	15%
Poster	1	4%
Word of mouth	5	18%
Not Answered	2	7%

Other (please specify below)

- *I heard this from my fellow ward Councillors*

SURVEY

A paper copy of the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground: consultation is provided below.



Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground: Consultation

Comment Form

Please complete this survey by 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 September and return it to: Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS (no other address information or stamp is needed)

As you may be aware, the council is responsible for several play areas across the Vale of White Horse district which are open at all times.

The Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground has been locked for many years between dusk and dawn between Monday and Saturday, and all day on Sunday.



Image of Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground, OX14 1JY, Abingdon

The council are in the process of reviewing this policy and are proposing to bring Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground in line with the other play areas in the district.

We are proposing that the **Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground gates be unlocked at all times**, and we are inviting you to comment on this proposal. This consultation runs from **Tuesday 13 August until 11:59pm on Tuesday 10 September 2024**.

What happens next?

Once the consultation has closed, we will review and consider all of the comments raised. A consultation summary report of the results will be produced and published on our website. This report will be shared with the Head of Development and Corporate Landlord, who will make the final decision if appropriate on the outcome of the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground. If you wish to be kept informed about the outcome of the consultation, please provide your email address within the survey.

Personal data

If you are responding as an individual/member of the public, you have the option to provide your street name and the first part of your postcode. If you wish to be kept informed about the outcome of the consultation, please provide your email address. Your personal details will only be used to understand your connection to Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground, and to inform you of the outcome of the consultation. Your personal details and any personal information you provide to the council within your comments that could identify you will not be published in the consultation summary report.

If you are responding on behalf of a district, town/parish council, business/organisation or other, we ask you to provide its name - the summary report will include this information. Further information on data protection is available in our privacy statement. **whitehorsedc.gov.uk/dataprotection**

If you have any questions about this consultation or require it in an alternative format (for example large print, Braille, audio, Easy Read and alternative languages), please email jointheconversation@southandvale.gov.uk or call 01235 422425.

About you

1. Are you responding as:

Please select the most appropriate option.

- A resident adjacent to the recreational ground, and a user (**skip to Q3**)
- A resident adjacent to the recreational ground, but not a user (**skip to Q5**)
- A resident living in Abingdon, but not a user of the recreational ground (**skip to Q5**)
- A resident living in Abingdon, and a user of the recreational ground (**skip to Q3**)
- A user of the recreational ground, but not living in Abingdon (**skip Q3**)
- An interested member of the public/individual outside of Abingdon (**skip to Q5**)
- A district, town/parish council representative (**continue to Q2, then skip to Q6**)
- A business/organisation representative (**continue to Q2, then skip to Q6**)
- Other - please specify below (**continue to Q2, then skip to Q6**)

About your district, town/parish council, business/organisation or other

2. If you are responding on behalf of a district, town/parish council, business/organisation or other, what is its name?

3. What is your main reason for using Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground?

- For children to use the play equipment
- An area to exercise
- An area to socialise
- Other (please specify below)

4. How often do you use the play area?

- Daily
- 3-4 times per week
- 1-2 times per week
- 3-4 times per month
- 1-2 times per month
- 2-3 times every 6 months
- 2-3 times per year
- Not applicable

5. To help us understand where you live in relation to the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground, please provide your street name and/or the first part of your postcode e.g. OX14 4. This question is optional.

Street name

First part of your postcode e.g. OX14 4

Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground proposal

6. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times?

- Agree (**answer Q7, then skip to Q9**)
- Neither agree nor disagree (**skip to Q9**)
- Disagree (**skip to Q8**)
- I don't know (**skip to Q9**)

Agreement with the proposal

7. You have agreed with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times. If you have any comments you would like to make, please provide them below.

Disagreement with the proposal

8. You have disagreed with the proposal for Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground to be open at all times, please provide your reason(s) why below.

Finally

9. If you wish to be kept informed about the outcome of this consultation, please consent below and provide us with your email address.

I wish to be kept informed

Your email address will only be used for the purpose of contacting you about the outcome of the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground consultation. For further information about how we use your data, please refer to our privacy policy: **whitehorsedc.gov.uk/jointheconversation**

Please provide your email address below

10. If you have any other comments about this consultation, please provide them below.

11. How did you hear about the Crosslands Drive Recreation Ground consultation? Tick all that apply.

- Letter
- Email
- South and Vale district council social media accounts (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram)
- Other social media accounts
- Poster
- Newsletter
- South and Vale district council website
- Another website
- Word of mouth
- Parish Council
- Other (please specify below)

Thank you for your comments.

How to send this form back to us

Please return this comment form to:

Freepost SOUTH AND VALE CONSULTATIONS *(no other address information or stamp is needed)*