

# **East Leake Playground Consultation 2012**

**Drop-in Sessions Summary**

**January 2013**

# Objectives

- To improve the provision of equipment and the overall environment of the playground areas in East Leake focussing on the Gotham Road Playground and Oldershaw Trust Land.
- To provide a safe, secure environment for our children to play in promoting a healthy lifestyle and stimulating development through play.
- To encourage people to come into the village promoting social interaction and engagement whilst providing an enhanced consumer base for local businesses.



# Local Support

East Leake Community Plan Group extracted preliminary data from their recent survey of those living in the village (40% response rate).

- *'The children's play facilities are in need of improvement'*, 41% of respondents agreed or strongly agreed with this statement (695 respondent responses analysed so far).
- *'Refurbishing the playground facilities within East Leake (priority 1-4)'*, 53% ticked the high priority boxes 1 (21%) and 2 (32%) (688 respondent responses analysed so far).
- Clearly illustrates that the refurbishment of the playground is a priority to those living in East Leake.





# Consultation Summary

- Held two drop-in sessions where people were free to drop in and express their views
- Posters put up around the village and on the East Leake website and ELCP facebook page.
- We asked people to complete a short questionnaire and a picture tick sheet.
- Also consulted children and parents at 'Messy Church' and Brownies (Guides have recently contacted us).
- And received emails in response to the poster and also emailed friends.

**If you use the playgrounds in East Leake then read this!**



**Would you like to have your say about the refurbishment of the play areas in East Leake?**

**If yes, come and meet us at the following venues and have your say!**

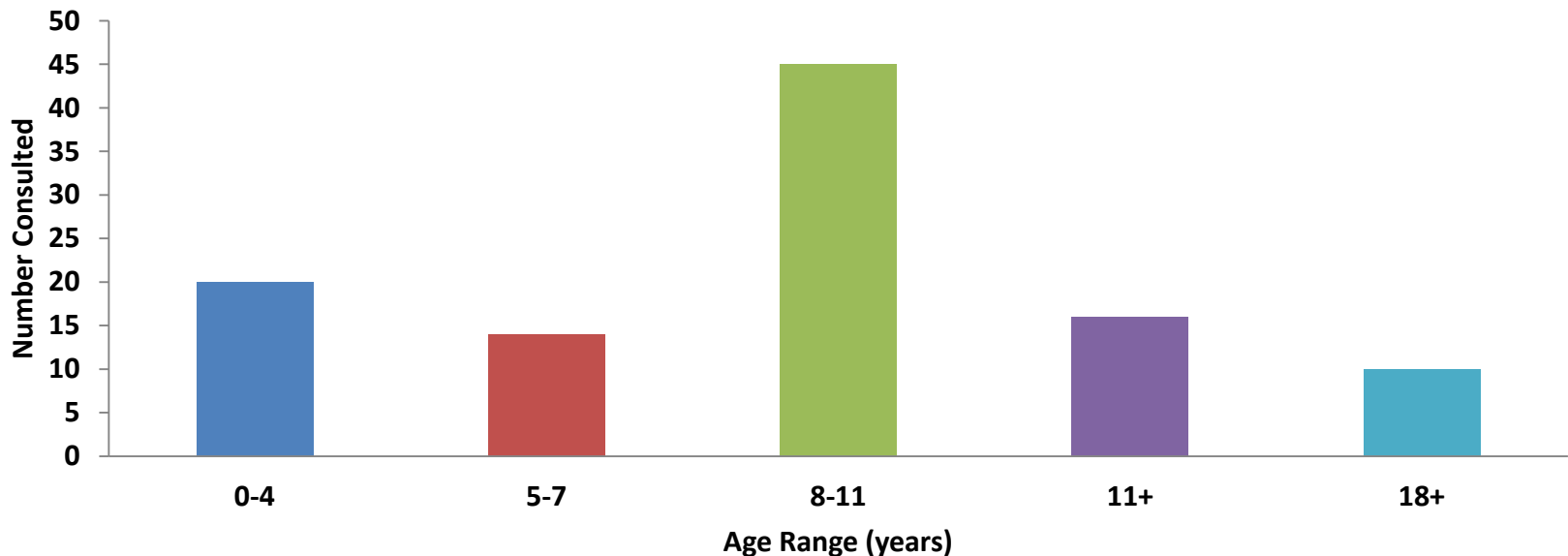
**The Nags Head - Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 2012  
from 7.30 pm (in the garden room)**

**East Leake Library - Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2012  
between 10-12 pm**

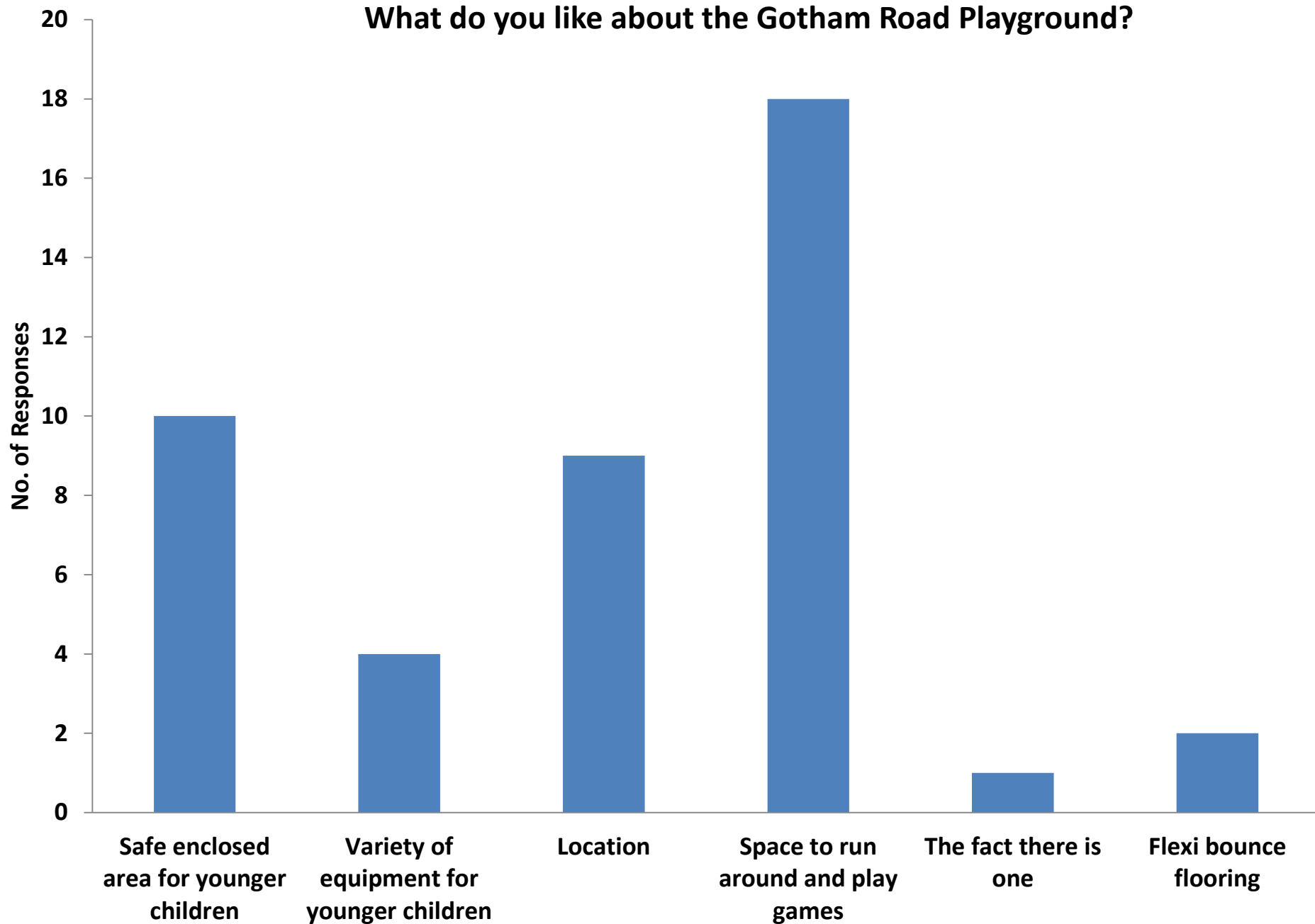
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# Questionnaire

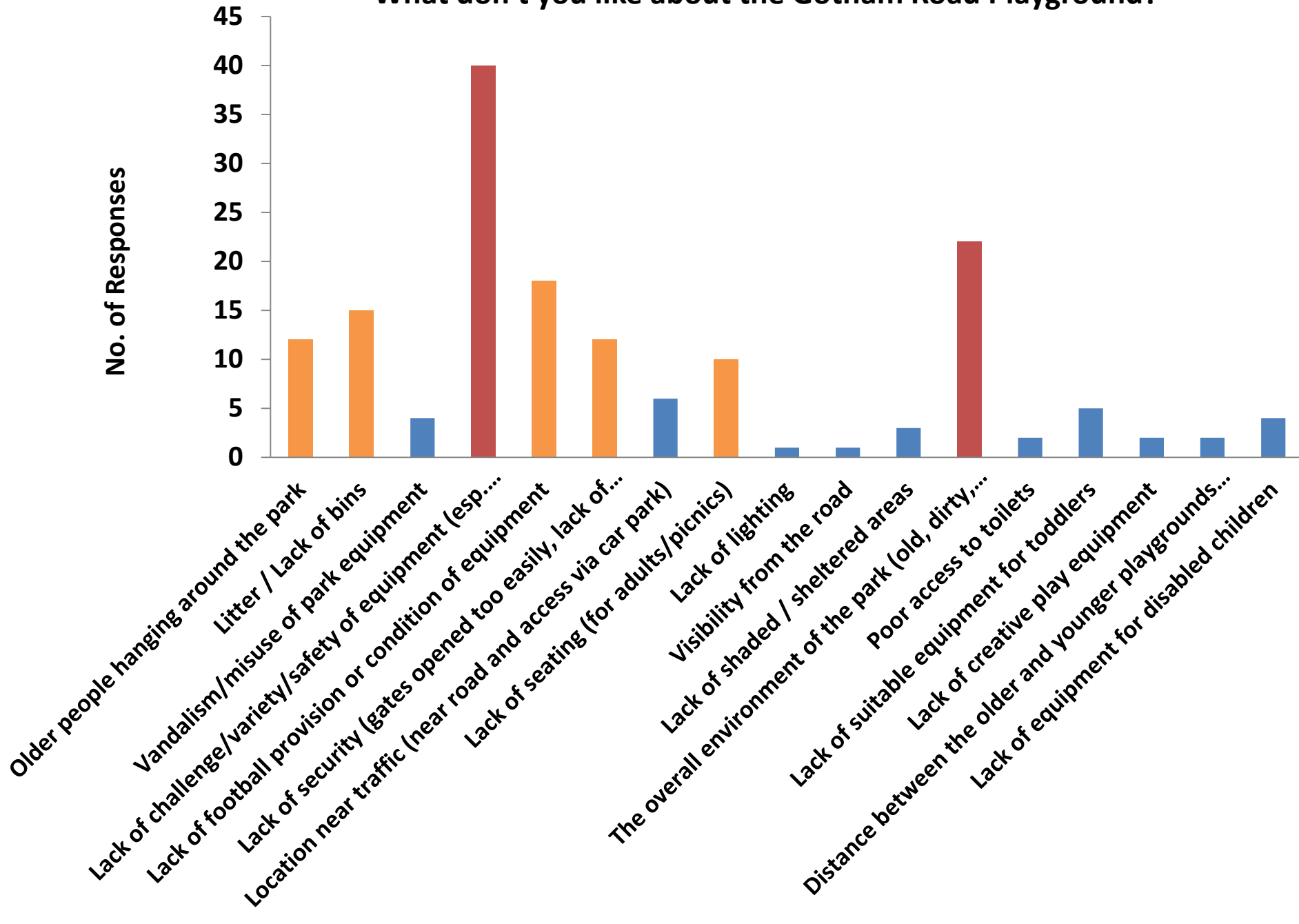
- Designed a questionnaire to ensure consistency. Completed by parents and children, sometimes in a group or individually (all responses recorded - **total of 105 responses recorded**).
- We asked people about what they did and didn't like about the Gotham Road Playground.
- Also asked about what other playgrounds people enjoyed using a why and if they would like to see any landscaping.
- Asked what equipment they would like to see in the park and gave them the opportunity to look at brochures and highlight equipment of interest.



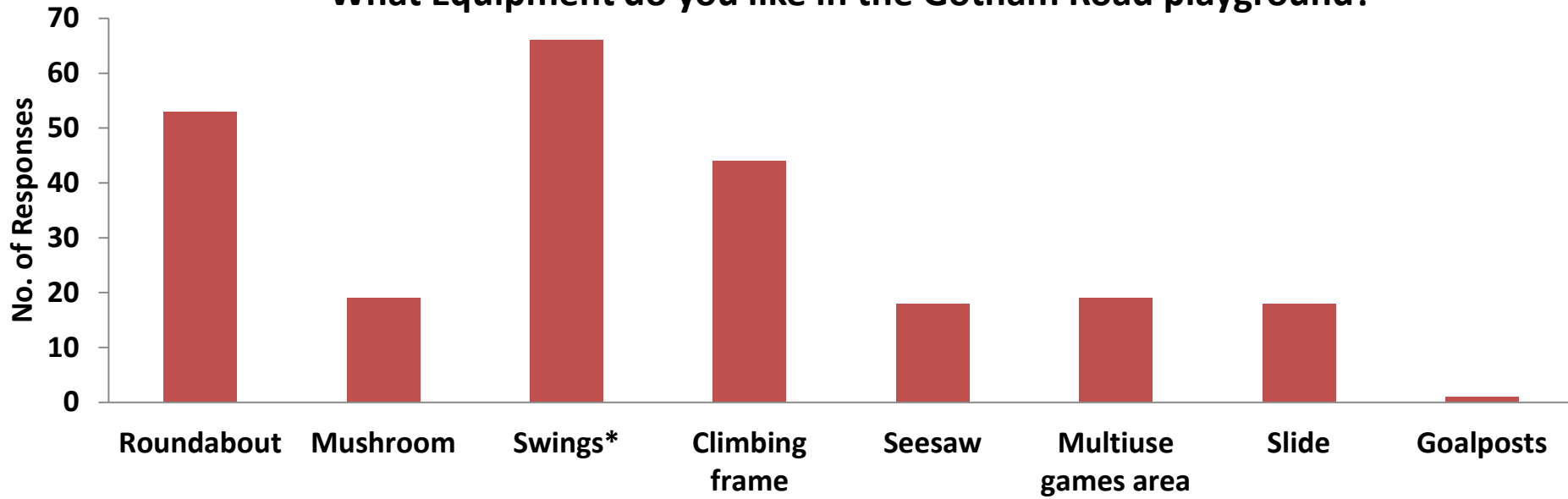
## What do you like about the Gotham Road Playground?



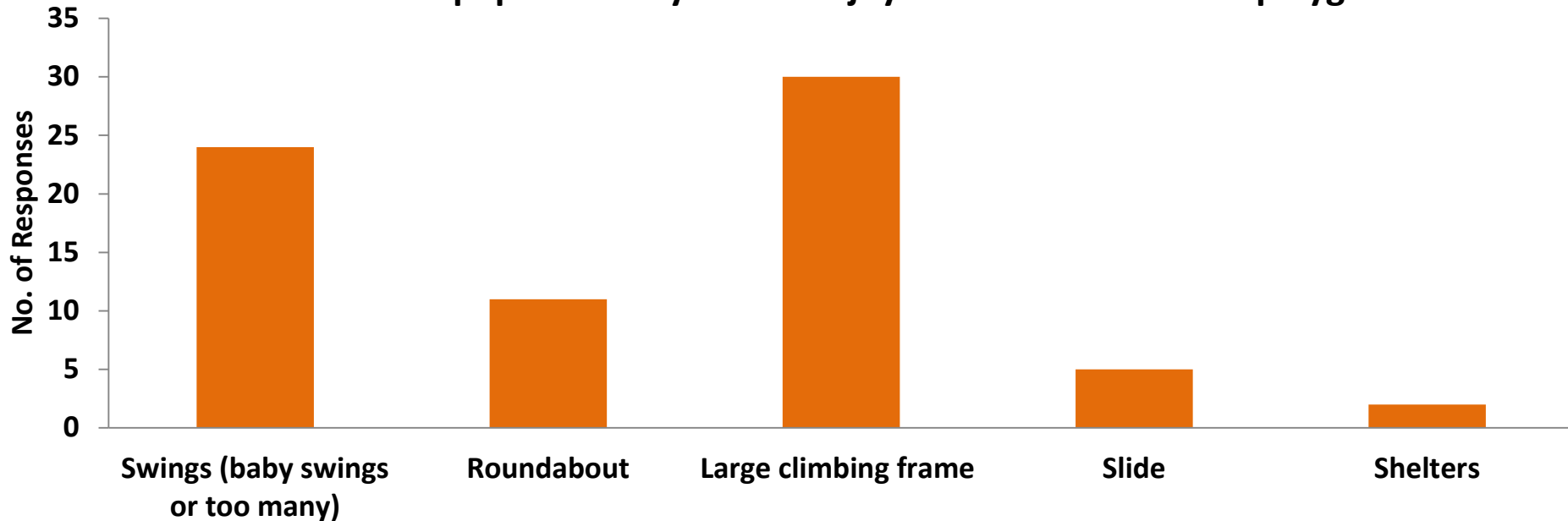
## What don't you like about the Gotham Road Playground?



**What Equipment do you like in the Gotham Road playground?**

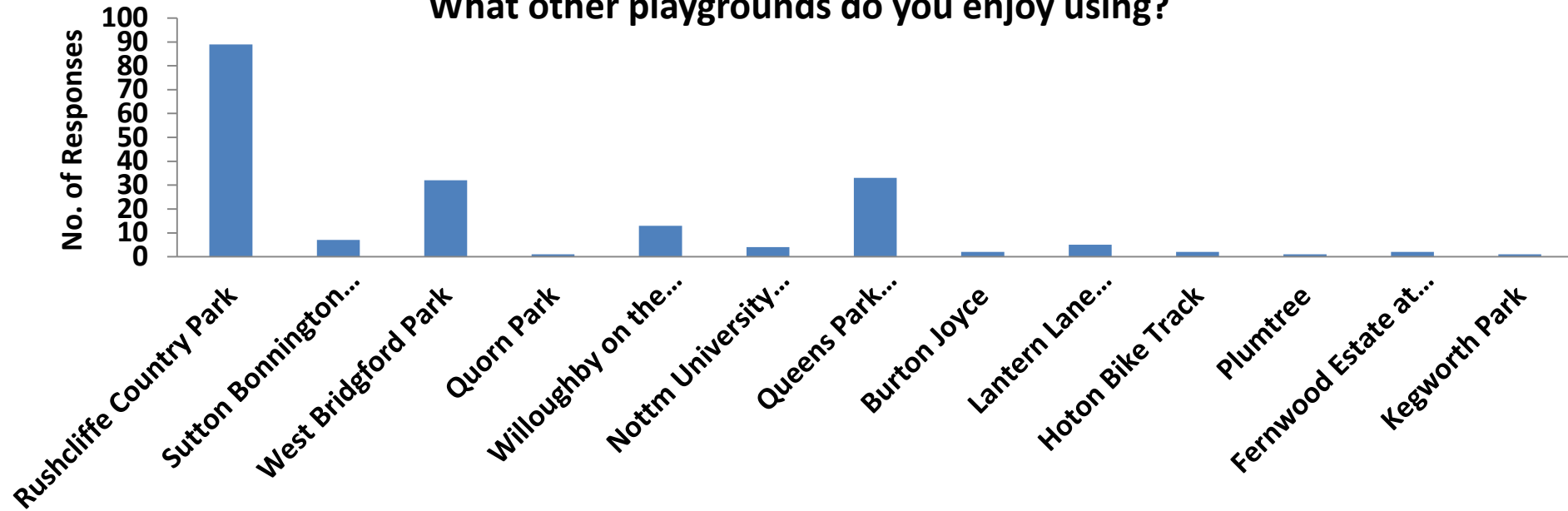


**What Equipment do you not enjoy in the Gotham Road playground?**

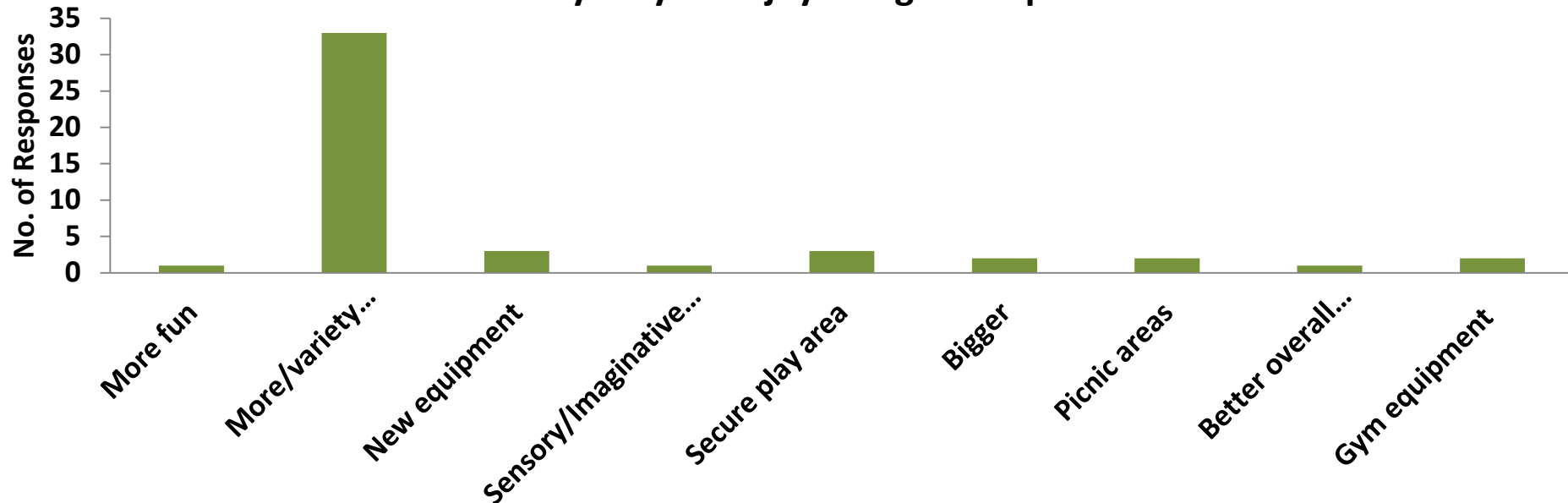




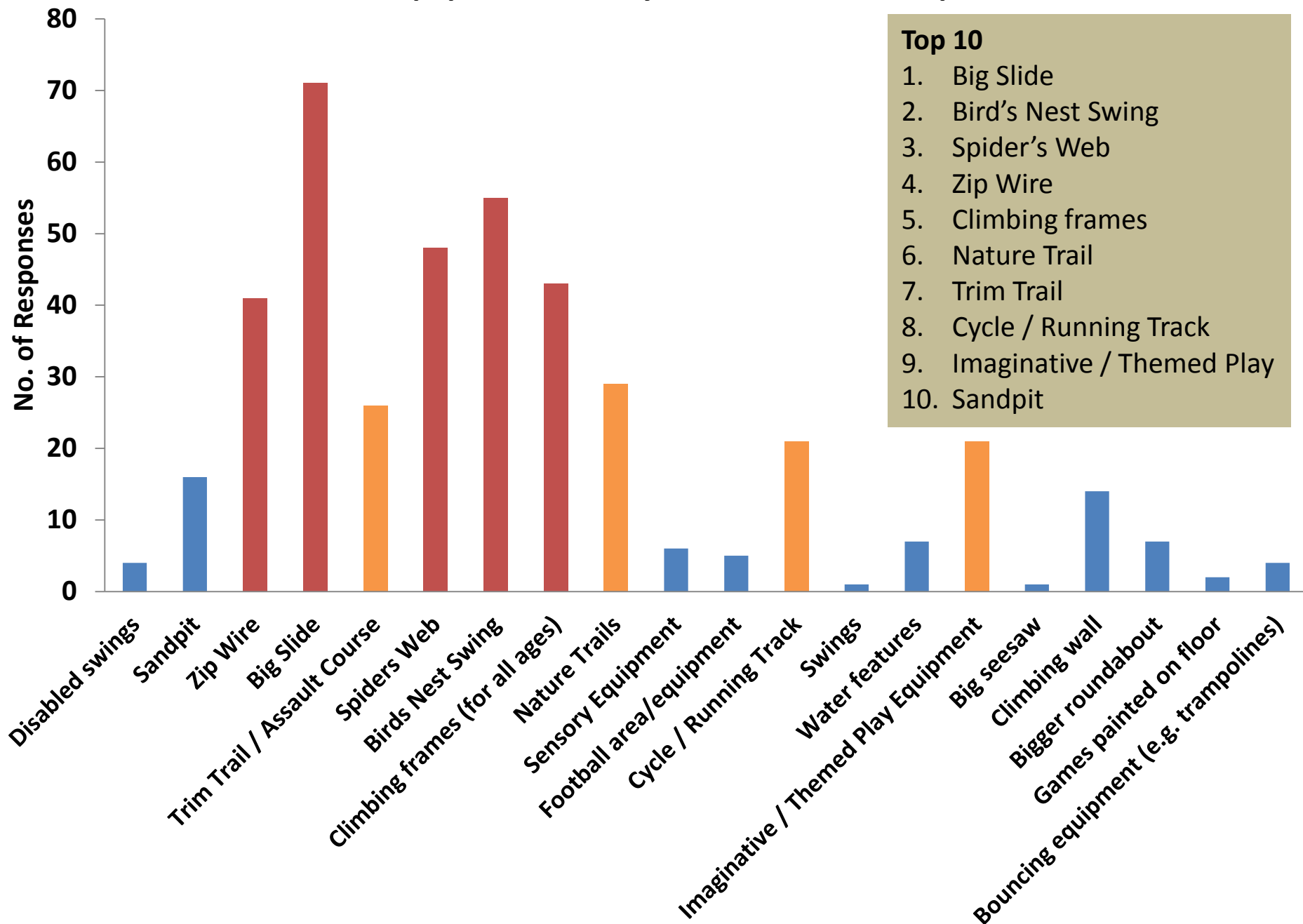
## What other playgrounds do you enjoy using?



## Why do you enjoy using these parks?



# What equipment would you like to use in the park?



# Equipment Picture Tick Sheet



Bird's Nest Swing ☐



Spider's Web ☐



Zip Wire ☐



Sensory Play Equipment ☐



Small themed spring ☐



Climbing and Slides ☐



Sand Play Area ☐



Imaginative play ☐



Themed play equipment ☐



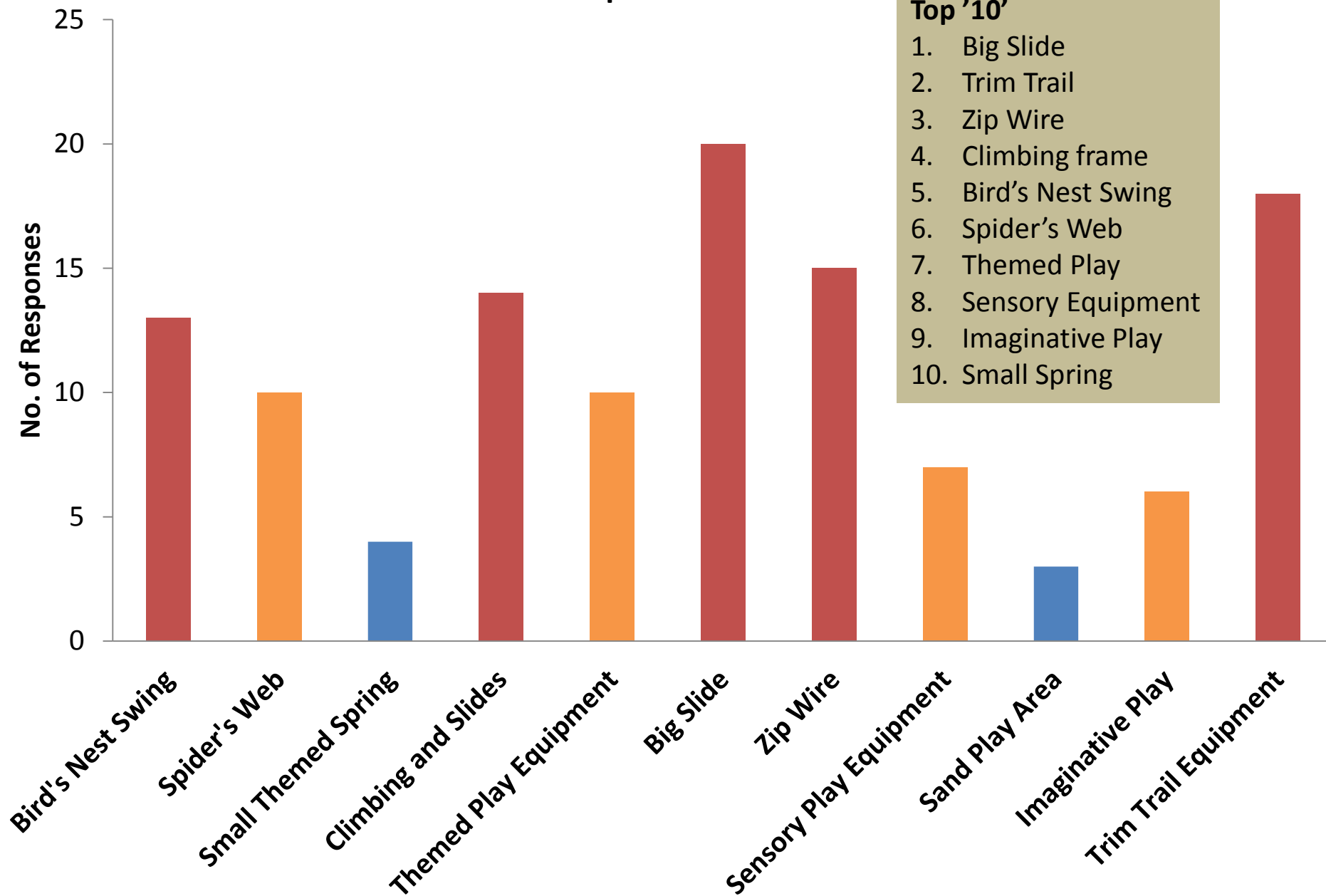
Big slide ☐



Trim Trail Equipment ☐

# East Leake Playground Consultation 2012 - Playground Picture Sheet

## Responses



# Playground Equipment Top Ten

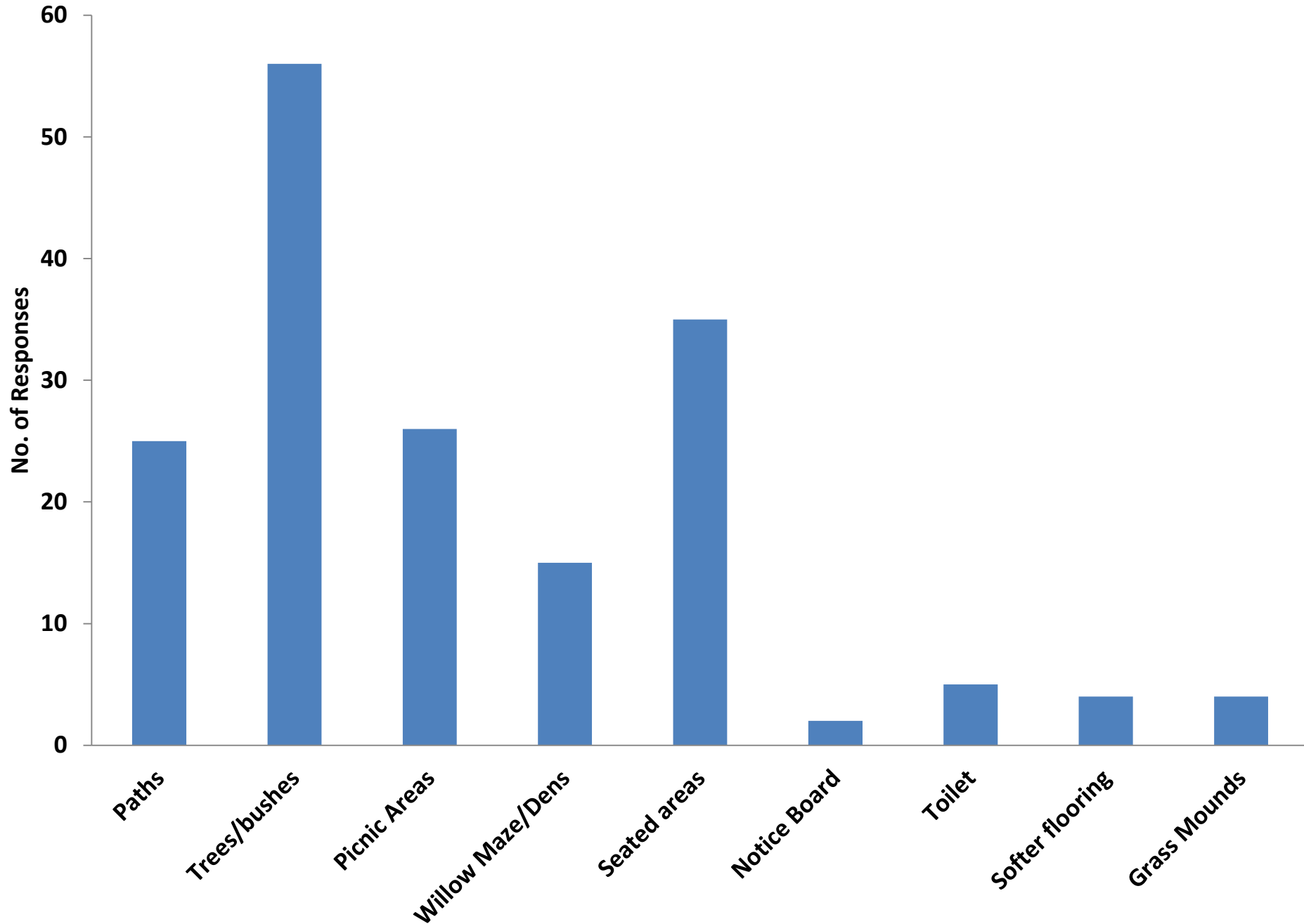
## Questionnaire Top 10 (105 responses)

1. Big Slide
2. Bird's Nest Swing
3. Spider's Web
4. Zip Wire
5. Climbing frames
6. Nature Trail
7. Trim Trail
8. Cycle / Running Track
9. Imaginative / Themed Play
10. Sandpit

## Picture Sheet Top '10' (25 responses)

1. Big Slide
2. Trim Trail
3. Zip Wire
4. Climbing frame
5. Bird's Nest Swing
6. Spider's Web
7. Themed Play
8. Sensory Equipment
9. Imaginative Play
10. Small Themed Spring

# What type of landscaping would you like to see in the Gotham Road Park?





## **Representative Quotes**

**"Mostly, I would like a park which is planned with a great vision."**

**"The environment is not conducive to wanting to stay for an afternoon."**

**"West Bridgford park because there is lots of equipment; Rushcliffe because it's fun."**

**"We drive elsewhere for a better play area – it would be nice to not have to."**

**"No specific areas for older children so the playground gets littered with food, wrappers, glass bottles, broken glass, which is dangerous for toddlers."**

**"I would like a park that looks more complete, more planned, ...somewhere to stay for the afternoon."**

# Keeping In Contact

- An email distribution list has been setup from those attending the drop-in sessions and friends.
- Updates emailed to the above list and via the ELCP facebook page.
- A leaflet has been circulated to the email distribution list asking those interested to circulate to friends within East Leake.
- Keen to hold further drop-in sessions to gather more data/feedback as appropriate.

## So what's this all about?

East Leake Parish Council has set aside £15,000 each year for the next 5 years to refurbish the children's playground areas within East Leake. The recent East Leake Community Plan questionnaire identified that half of those who responded felt that refurbishment of the playgrounds within East Leake was a priority.

## Which playgrounds will be refurbished?

Although the focus is on the Gotham Road playground, due to its central position, we are keen to look at providing play equipment in the Oldershaw Trust Land area (off the Costock Road). We want to find out more about your views on the East Leake playgrounds to ensure we focus our efforts in the right direction.

## Who's organising these consultation sessions?

We are Liz, Felicity and Georgie and are three mums who live in East Leake with children of various ages. We contacted the Parish Council to express our views about the current situation with the playgrounds in East Leake and they invited us to join their newly established playground focus group.

## Who's leading the playground focus group?

Parish Councillor Marie Males is leading the playground focus group and is part of the Parish Council's Amenities Committee. The mums offered to survey the wider community in East Leake and have organised two initial consultation groups (Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30 pm at the Nag's Head and Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 10-12 pm in the East Leake Library). More consultations will follow so we'll keep you posted.

## So what happens now?

We'll collect your views and present them to the playground focus group and the Amenities Committee of the Parish Council. We'll continue to work with them to put proposals together for the refurbishment of local playgrounds and to apply for further funding to boost funds so that we can do more.

Please contact us at any time by emailing us at [plan@eastleake.net](mailto:plan@eastleake.net) or post a comment on the East Leake Community Plan Group Facebook page.



## Summary and Future Directions

- Received 105 responses to our questionnaire with clear support for a refurbishment of the Gotham Road playground.
- Identified key equipment that both children and adults would like to see in the park.
- The park clearly needs to provide more variety and stimulating equipment especially for the over 5s.
- Providing a landscaped, well designed environment would support community engagement.
- We would like to proceed to the design phase with a company specialising in playground equipment.
- Further consultation with the community.

