

Poole Park Life 1 – Public Engagement Results.

Likes and dis-likes were expressed from looking at a map of the Park, either as written/verbal comments or dots placed on the map.

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Likes	No.
From Notes:	
Free fitness trail with distance markers	2
New tennis courts	
Events in the park – running fest, Easter, xmas etc	3
Poole Park fest is missed	
Maintenance , landscaping & flowers	
Trees – ensure replacements planted	
Beautiful floral displays	
Hold regular engagement meetings	
Maps from dots:	
Bowls club	
Sailing / lake	2
Tennis courts	
Cygnets play area	2
Cricket pitch & pavilion	2
Copse close	4
War memorial	
Westfield	2
Lake walk	2

Dislikes	No.
From Notes:	
Detest dogs running loose	2
Too many geese = too much mess	4
Limited opening hours	
Compost area untidy	
Islands have caused weed problem	
Slow repairs on fitness equipment	
Rubbish bins accessed by squirrels	
Lake weed – smell.	2
Lake algae	
Bare areas of grass	
Bikes too fast on pavements	2
Maps from dots:	
Central car park	
Paths near boatshed	
Westfield play area	2
Lake edge near railway line	
Tennis court	
Cygnets play area	

Geese and dogs are the things that people dislike the most, whereas the various events and fitness trails are well liked.

From the dots placed on the map we found out that people like Copse close the most, but there were equal votes for and against the West field play area.

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Likes, dislikes and things you would like to see changed as written on post it notes.
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Like	No.
Clean & tidy	
Free Fitness equipment with distance markers	5
Variety of kids activities	
Fantastic park staff keeping litter down & looking good/well maintained	4
Reindeer at Christmas	
War memorial	
Activities for all	
Free parking	5
Lovely place to walk (dog), run, cycle	3
Tranquil mornings	
The train	
Carriage-drive atmosphere, its charm and heritage resource	8
Open 24/7	
New tennis courts	2
Saturday morning Park Run	3
Boating activities	
The Lake	
The rose garden	
My favourite Park & its size	3
Poole park fest	
Non-commercial feel – keep it as it is	2

People like the traditional values of the park, as well as the free parking, our maintenance and events and free fitness equipment.

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Dis-like	No.
Dog fouling	2
Miss the boats & sailing	
Rat run and traffic dominance	4
Bridge over the bunny sluice gates, needs replacing.	
Failure to retain Victorian character theme	
The Lake – algae, blanket weed & midges	7
Geese numbers & their poo	10
Poor westfield play area	
Concessions not making money for the park	
Pavement cyclists	3
Uncontrolled dogs	
Rubbish bins removed along railway line track	2
Reserved parking for bowls club	
Not enough attractions	
Commercial encroachment, e.g. boatshed	
No access to toilets in central park café when shut	

Geese are the problem we heard most about through the day, with lots of comment and complaint about their number and more importantly what they leave behind. Not far behind was the Lake and its issues with weed, algae and midges.

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Change	No.
Bigger ice rink	
Green infrastructure maps required – links to Harbourside etc	
More benches	
No football near pavilion	
Canopy to exercise under	
Lido/paddling pool	5
Control traffic – through design, innovative speed control methods. Downgrade the road and create shared space	5
The lake islands	
Control traffic	
More wildlife info	
Bring back the zoo	
Show off the original design in contemporary way	
More kids play areas	2
More events with community help	
Better access to public toilets	
More indoor activities	
Grassy areas without goose poo	
Proper fountain in centre of lake	
Ban dogs from cricket pitch	
Stop xmas sham animals	
Bring back petting zoo	

There were lots of ideas for things we could change with the stand out issues being traffic management and restricting the amount of cars in the park and support for the creation of a lido or paddling pool.

We will be running more events in order to get more detailed thoughts on these issues and as we identify a strategic plan for providing improvements we will undertake further public engagement and provide detail of the proposals.

Thank you again to everyone who has contributed!