

A photograph of a playground at Pukete Park. In the foreground, there is a swing set with two swings hanging from a reddish-brown metal frame. Behind the swing set is a play structure with a grey slide and a platform. The playground is situated on a grassy area with a blue safety mat. In the background, there are trees, a parking lot with several cars, and residential houses under a clear blue sky.

Pukete Park Playground Refresh Survey Results

11 February - 4 March 2025



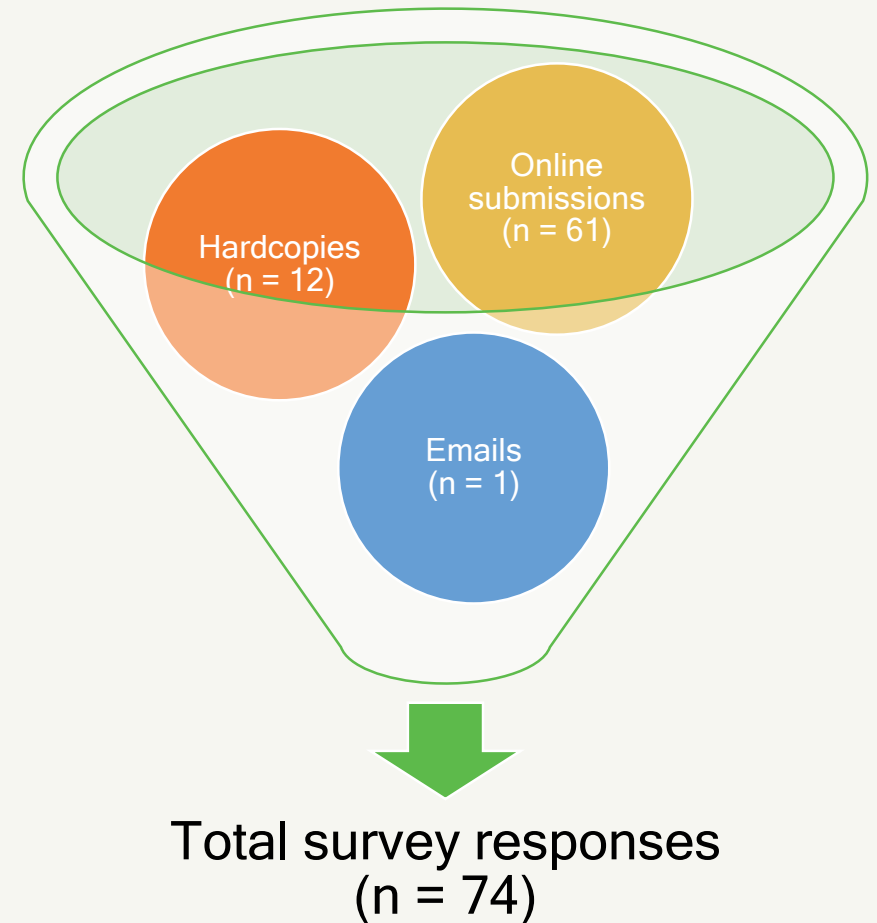
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Background

- This refresh is a part of our ongoing playground renewals programme; this programme means we look after the play spaces we have, so they will be in a good condition for the community to enjoy for years to come.
- The aim of this consultation was to hear what the community would like to see at Pukete Park playground. We want to make sure their voice is factored into the playground design, within our renewal guidelines.
- We sought out community views via a survey; this was available for all Hamiltonians but included targeted tactics aimed at Pukete Park locals.
 - Targeted tactics: letter drops to local residents, geotargeted social media advertising, signage installed at Pukete Park, Antenno notice to St Andrews residents, information drop-in session held at the park.
 - Widespread tactics: survey hosted on Council website, hardcopies made available in libraries and the reception of the Council Municipal building.
- This survey was live from 11 February to 4 March 2025. We received 74 responses in total.

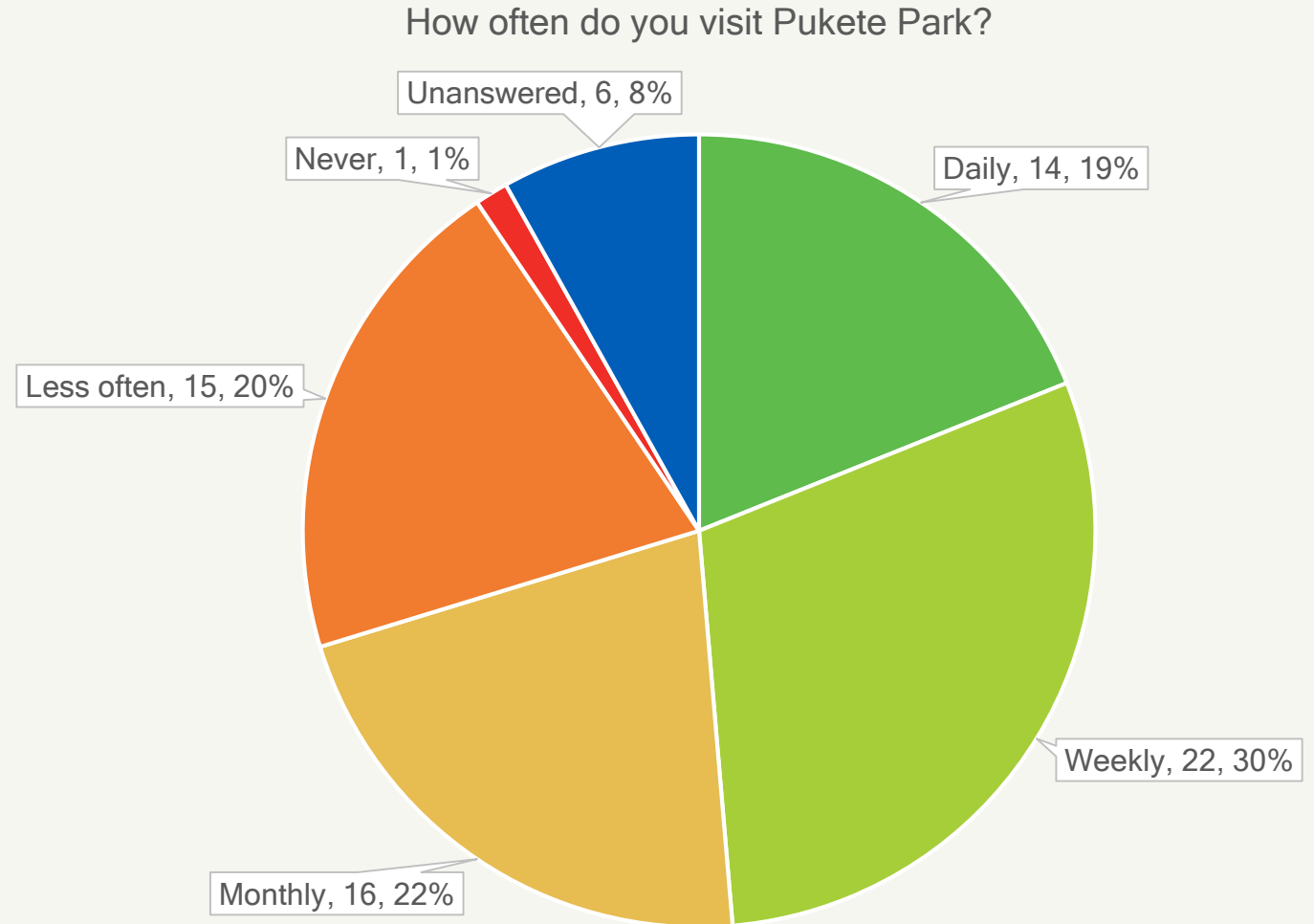
Processing feedback

- Any emails or hardcopies were entered into our online survey tool
- Duplicate responses were combined when name and email matched
- Any attachments were manually checked
- Counts and percentages were calculated using Microsoft Excel



Who did we hear from?

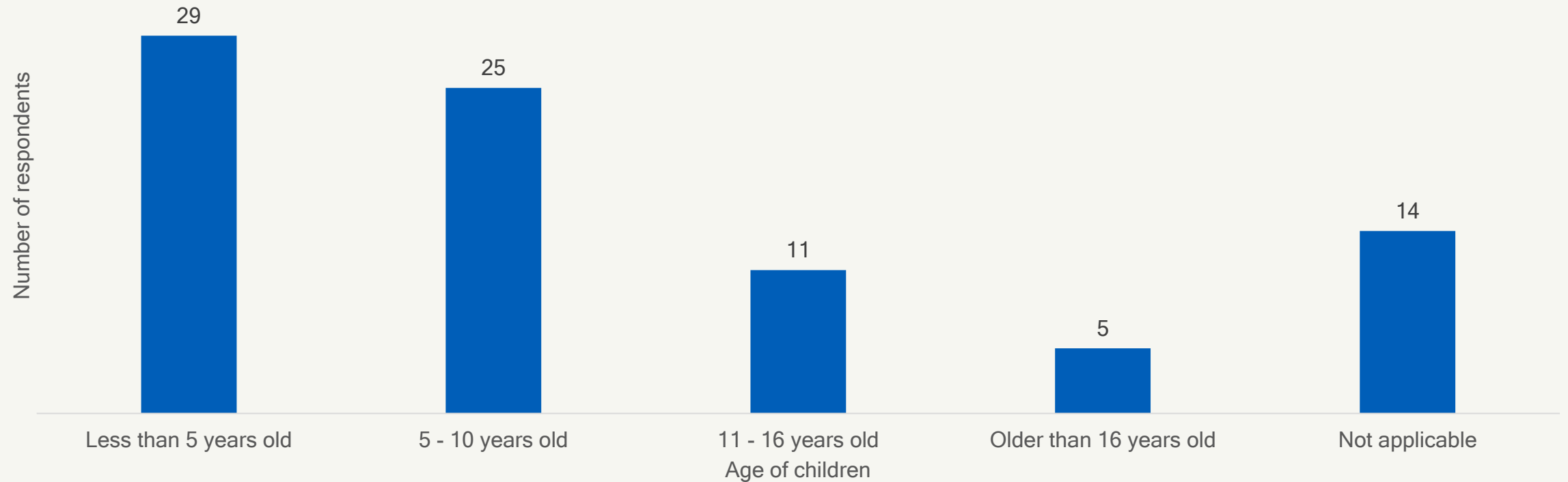
- 85% of respondents (n = 63) live nearby to Pukete Park
- About half (49%, n = 36) of respondents visit Pukete Park at least weekly



Who did we hear from?

Age of children

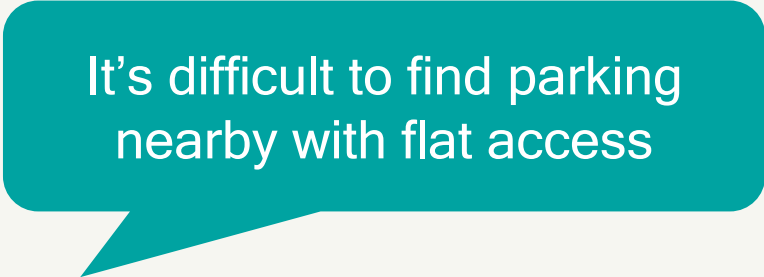
What ages are the children in your household that would use Pukete park?



Who did we hear from?

Disability

- Two respondents indicated someone in their household who uses a playground has a disability or special needs.
- They shared with us some of the difficulties experienced in accessing or using the park or play elements:



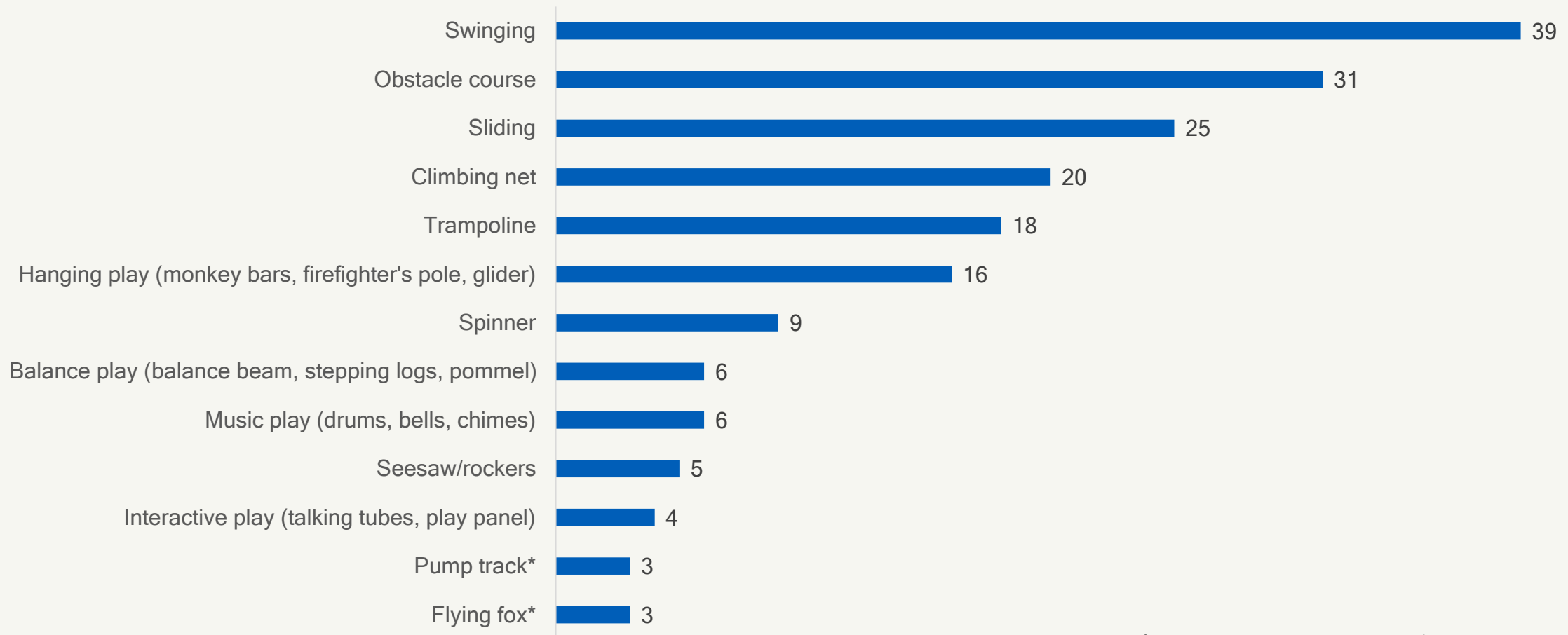
It's difficult to find parking nearby with flat access



There are not enough activities

Preferred play equipment

Which three play activities would you most like to see included at Pukete Park playground?



*written-in responses to 'other play equipment'

Preferred play equipment

Significant differences in preferences by respondent's child's age



<5 years old

- Top pick: swinging



5 - 10 years old

- Top pick: obstacle course



11 - 16 years old

- Top pick: obstacle course



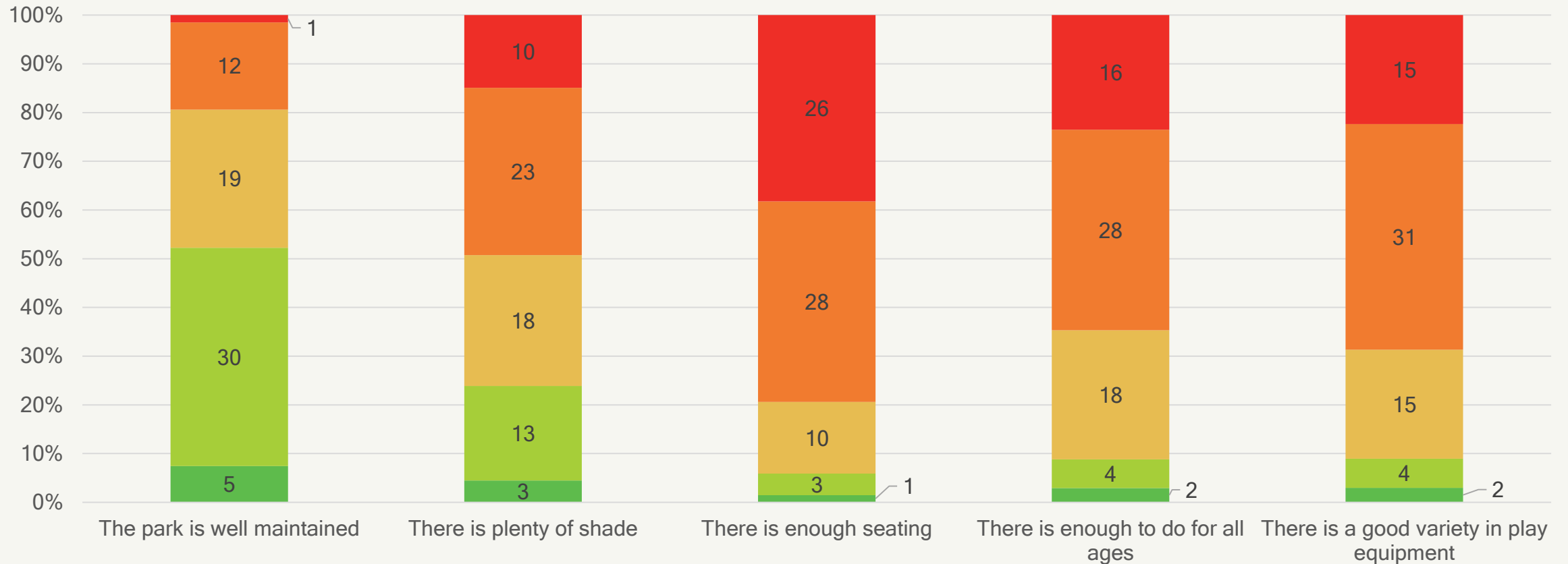
16+ years old

- Top pick: swinging and sliding

Views of current park

How much do you agree with the following statements?

Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree



Any other comments?



Very excited for the upgrade, it's overdue

n = 15



Dogs use the park often, need accommodations

n = 13



Need more shade

n = 13



Need more seating

n = 12



Safety concerns
- road and people

4 suggested removing the large tree or relocating the playground

n = 8



More for all ages

n = 8



Save the slide

n = 7



Add rubbish bins

n = 6

Total comments = 49

Feedback from community meetings

Information drop-in session hosted at Pukete Park

- 25 - 30 community members attended
- Attendees were provided with hardcopy submission forms, which were compiled with other hardcopy and digital survey responses
- Generally, attendees really wanted the slide to be kept

Feedback from social media

Comment analysis from Meta posts

- Council made one post to Instagram regarding this consultation, which received no comments
- We also posted one Facebook advertisement, which received eight comments from community members. Themes from the community member comments were:

Playground is used by many

4 comments

Should update Heath
Park playground next

3 comments

Suggestion for play
equipment

1 comment

Summary of key findings



Mostly heard from locals with young kids who visit the park at least monthly



Most desired play equipment pieces:
Swinging, obstacle course, sliding



The park is well-used by dogs, and respondents wanted this to be accommodated (e.g. bins, fence, signage)



Seating and shade were top priorities



There is strong community attachment to the current slide

What's next?

Council will consider this feedback when designing a refreshed playground for Pukete Park, within our renewal guidelines.

The final playground design is expected to be confirmed June 2025, with construction scheduled for November – December 2025.