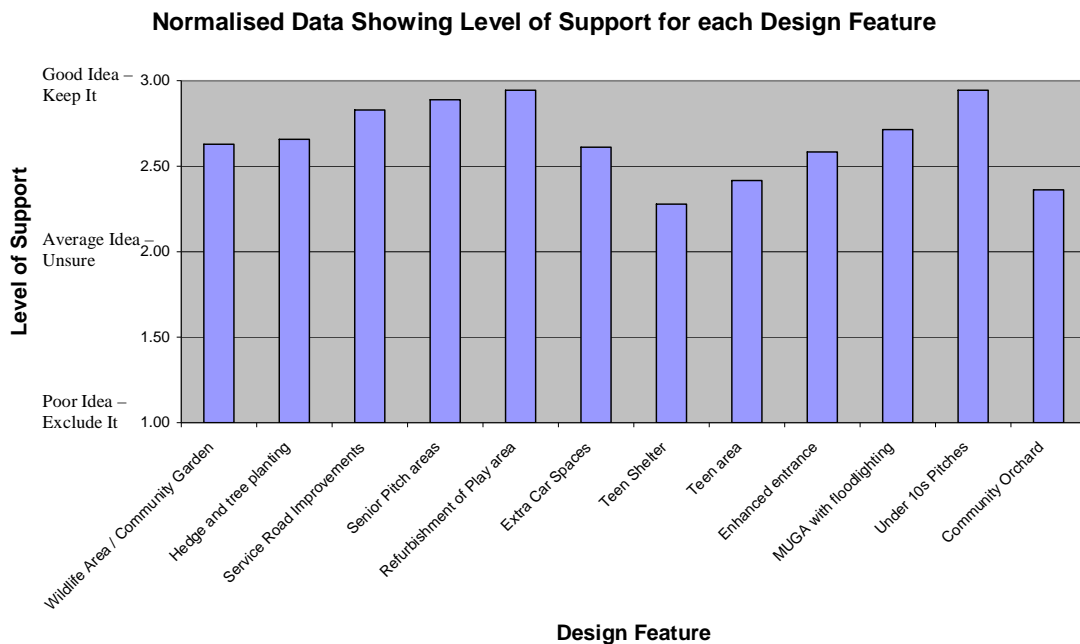


Secondary Consultation – Bollington Cross Youth Project

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Thirty six people – all adults over 18 – completed a questionnaire relating to design proposals for the areas around Bollington Leisure Centre. 100% of these were in support of improvements being made.

The level of support for the proposed ideas ranged from 53% for the *teen shelter* and *community orchard* to 94% for the *refurbishment of the play area* and the *under 10s pitches*. When these figures were normalised – taking into account those supporting the particular suggestions, those objecting or rejecting the ideas, and those unsure, the following outcomes were established.



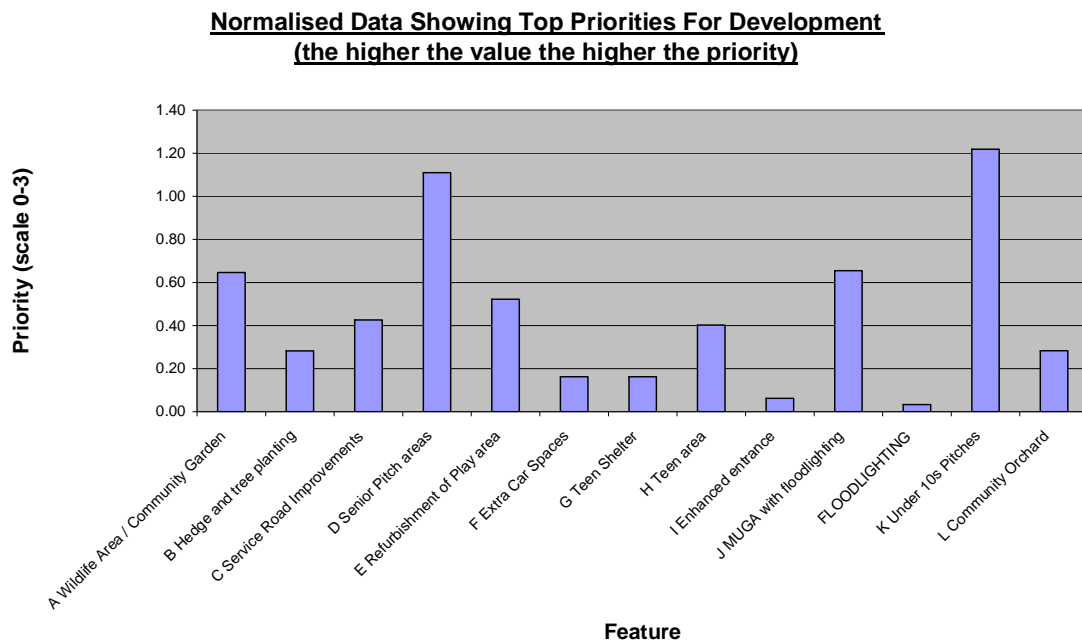
The majority of the suggestions were considered to be good ideas that should be included, with levels of support in the following order, from most to least:

1. Refurbishment of Play Area / Under 10s Pitches
2. Senior Pitch Areas
3. Service Road Improvements
4. MUGA with floodlighting
5. Hedge and tree planting
6. Wildlife area / community garden
7. Extra Car Spaces
8. Enhanced entrance

Three of the suggestions however, bordered more closely on ideas that people were unsure about – the *teen area*, *community orchard* and most doubt centring on the *teen shelter*.

Priorities for Development

When asked which 3 concepts people would most like to see developed, the following results were obtained.



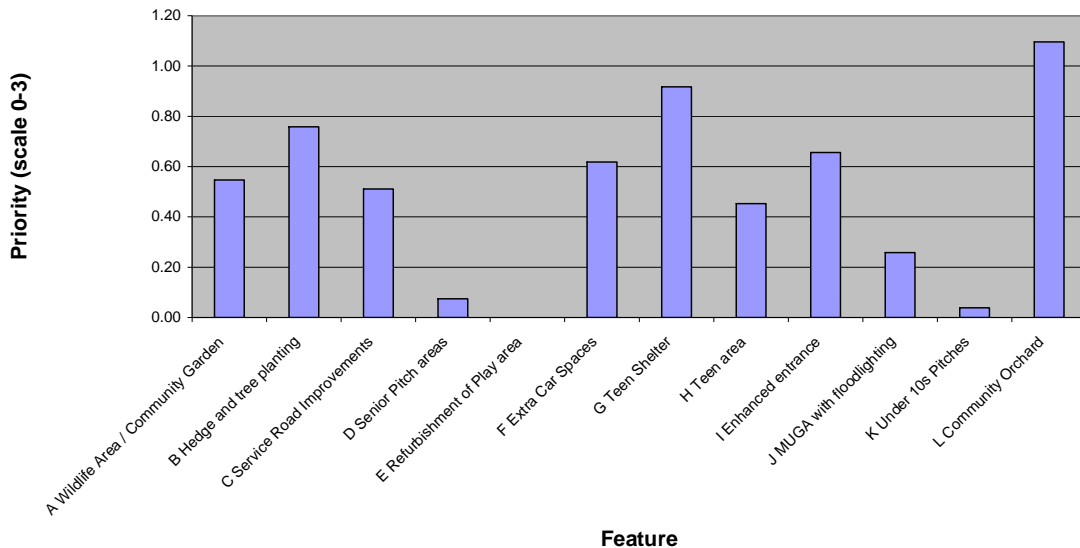
A score of 3 would mean that 100% of people chose that feature as a number 1 priority; a score of 2 would mean that 100% of people on average chose that feature as a number 2 priority (some may have rated it higher, some lower i.e. not as a priority at all); a score of 1 would mean that 100% of people on average chose that feature as a number 3 priority (some may have rated it higher, some lower); a score of 0 would mean that 0% of people chose that feature as any sort of priority.

As can be seen from the graph – there was a degree of variation in the features people considered to be top priorities – however there was most support for prioritising the *under 10's pitches*, and secondly the *senior pitch areas*, with a third priority being the *MUGA with floodlighting*.

Least Important Design Features

People were asked which 3 of the concepts they would remove if money were limited – the normalised results are shown in the chart below.

Normalised Data Showing Concepts To be Removed If Money Were Limited
(the higher the value the more support for it's removal)



Again – thoughts in relation to this were quite varied. The *community orchard* however appears to be first to be removed from the design proposals should any funding issues arise – followed by the *teen shelter*, and the *hedge and tree planting*.

Conclusions

The consultation findings show a good level of support for all of the design features with the exception of the teen area, community orchard and teen shelter. Whilst there were no particularly strong objections to these suggestions – there does appear to be an element of uncertainty about including them which should be taken into account when making any decisions about the future of the project.

The results also suggest that funding efforts should initially focus on securing money to develop the under 10's pitches, the senior pitches and thirdly the MUGA with floodlighting – as these aspects appear to be the most important to people in the local area. On the other hand, any work to promote a community orchard, a teen shelter or improving the locality with new hedge and tree planting should take a back burner as these were not considered urgent priorities and are things that the local area can manage without.

It is important to note however, that nobody under the age of 18 actually completed a questionnaire, and so these findings may be fairly restrictive to the opinions and ideas of an adult population.