

# **Community Consultation Report**

## **ETZ Ltd Greenspace Survey**



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# Introduction

## PPiP Context

Planning Permission in Principle (PPiP) application reference 231371/PPP was approved in January 2025 for Proposed business / industrial development (Class 4/5/6); road infrastructure; active travel connections; landscaping and environmental works including drainage and other infrastructure.

PPiP for the development has been approved subject to conditions requiring a range of greenspace improvements to be implemented to mitigate for the loss of greenspace due to development of the industrial sites.

The improvements cover a range of measures summarised as follows.

- Re-alignment of the East Tullos Burn and associated works / landscaping including wetland creation and enhancement (including measures to improve water quality).
- Targeted elements of structural / strategic site landscaping and biodiversity enhancement where these can be integrated to existing park and would not limit / inhibit future development.
- Related pathway and access works to maintain connectivity through (exact routes and extents subject to review and further definition).
- Linked off-site mitigations anticipated to include enhancement to play & recreation equipment, path network connections, habitat creation / enhancement. Subject to review / agreement with ACC.
- Access and pathway improvements to Tullos Wood.
- Enhancements to coastal path connections.

## Purpose of the Report

This consultation report has been prepared in response to condition 20 of the PPiP consent, which requires a description of community consultation that has taken place on the proposed mitigations. It forms part of a wider AMSC package in relation to early enabling works within St Fittick's Park to deliver environmental enhancements to the East Tullos Burn and wetlands.

Following PPiP approval and prior to developing detailed plans in relation to the above, ETZ undertook a greenspace survey exercise to gain a better understanding of how the community currently use existing greenspace, with a focus on St Fittick's Park and Tullos Wood and how they would like to see these areas improved.

This report sets out the approach that ETZ has taken to ensure this process was as inclusive as possible, details the approach to the survey and findings, and how these have informed the proposed mitigation measures.

## Approach to the Greenspace Survey

Several approaches were used to provide as many people as possible with the opportunity to engage.

### Online Survey

An online survey was developed which could be accessed through a QR code or via the Community & Coast section of the ETZ website. It was also available in printed format via the website. The survey ran from November 2024 to early February 2025.

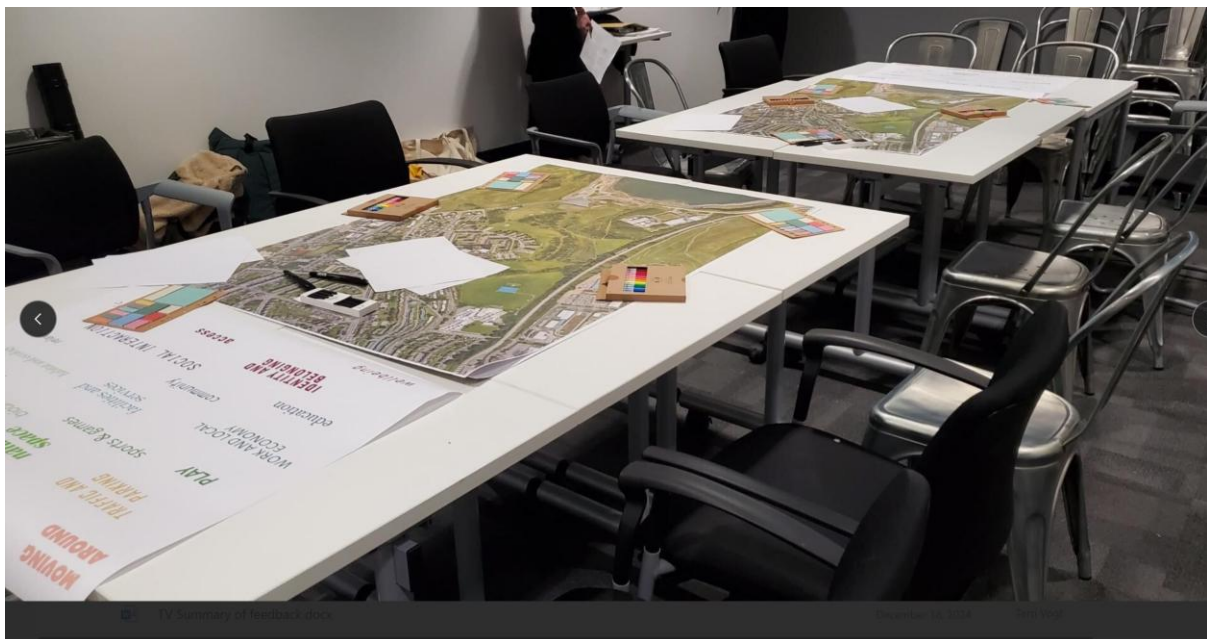
A mail drop was sent to all households in Torry when the survey launched in November 2024 giving a background to the survey and information on how to access it, including the QR code. A copy of the initial mail drop flyer is contained in Appendix 1.

The structure of the online survey is shown in Appendix 2. This provides an indication of the scope and focus of the survey. It included tick box questions, as well opportunities for people to provide longer-form written answers.

### Consultation Events

In addition to the online survey, several consultation events were held. These included two open community events, as well as several events with young people supported by our community partners. It was important to ensure that the views of young people were considered, as they consistently make use of Tullos playing fields and the associated Cruyff Courts.

### Engagement with Young People



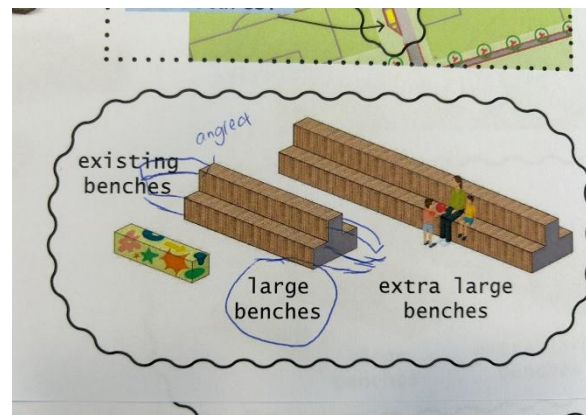
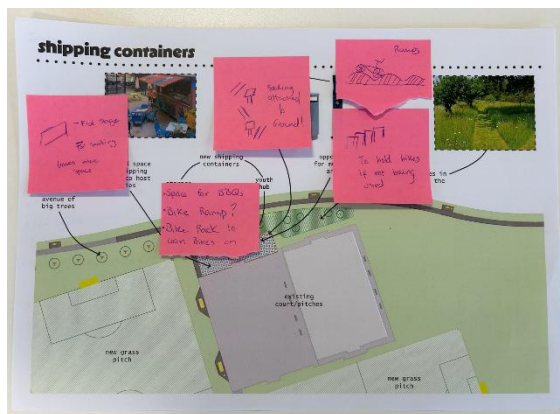
*Preparation for first session with Dennis Law Legacy Trust*



Several sessions were held with young people to understand how they value and use the park, and what they would like to see improved:

- A round-table interactive session with members of Granite City Speaks on 25/11/2024,
- A pop-up feedback opportunity held at a Streetsport session at St Fittick's Park's Cruyff Courts on 27/11/2024,
- Feedback from young people participating in the AFC School of Football via a walk-through of St Fittick's Park on 11/12/2024 while they completed the paper questionnaire,
- A co-design event with young people from the Denis Law Legacy Trust looking specifically at the Tullos playing fields area and how they would like to see it improved on 11/12/24.
- Follow up co-design session with Denis Law Legacy Trust and Deeside United Football Club as the main users of the Tullos playing Field area of the park on 02/04/25. At this session developing designs were shared with the young people and their coaches and feedback was sought on proposals for aspects such as the football pitches, shelters, seating etc.

These interactions took place face to face and therefore captured both quantitative and anecdotal, qualitative feedback.



*Example outputs from second session with Dennis Law Legacy Trust*

## Open Community Events

Two open community events were held:

- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 – Tullos Community Centre – 15:30 to 19:30
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025 – Greyhope School & Community Hub – 16:00 to 19:30

These events were open to anyone in the community. A further mail drop was made to all houses in Torry with details of the event. Posters were also used to advertise the events and were displayed in local shops and community centres.

Copies of the poster and flyer are contained in Appendix 3. The purpose of the community events was as follows:

- To enable participants to feedback on the survey in person.
- To provide people with an opportunity to discuss proposals with the ETZ team.
- To show people the proposals for the restoration and realignment of East Tullos Burn.
- To show people the opportunities for enhancing biodiversity within the park.

Attendees were able to use sticky notes to provide feedback on key questions around how they use St Fittick's Park and Tullos Wood and how they would like to see them improved. There were boards showing the proposed restoration and re-alignment of the burn, supplemented with a video showing the realignment process. Aerial photos of the park were displayed, enabling people to talk about specific areas or aspects of the park.

The boards used during the consultation process are shown in Appendix 4.

In total, through the various consultation processes, we received feedback from 219 individuals:

- 50 young people through youth-focused face-to-face consultations,
- 149 online survey respondents,
- And 20 attendees from the February 2025 open community events.



*Example visuals from the open Community Events*

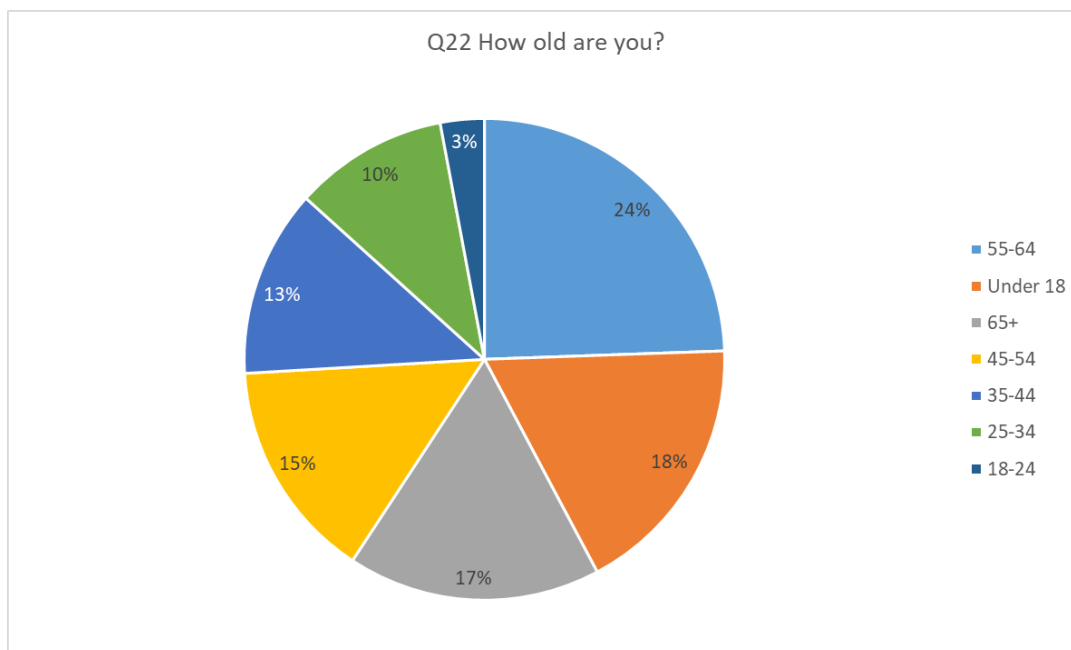
# Findings

## Baseline Information from Online Survey

The demographics of the respondents to the online survey are as follows:

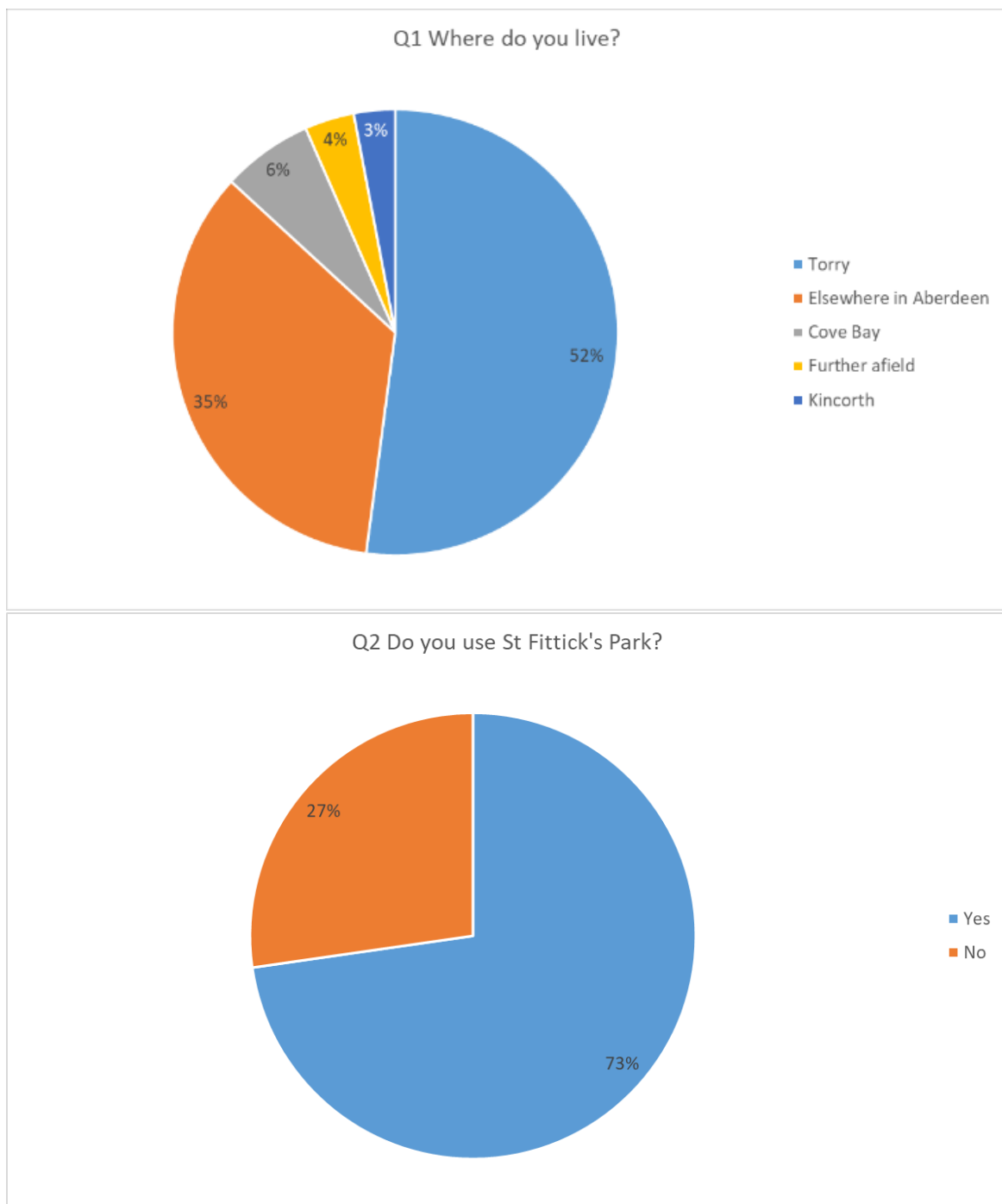
- 55% of respondents identified as male and 44% female,
- 56% of respondents were over 45 (a full breakdown by age is shown in Figure 1),
- And most participants described themselves to be of White ethnic origin (90%). The other represented ethnicities were Asian or Asian British (6%), Mixed Race 2%, Black or Black British (1%) and Other (2%).

Figure 1 – Age breakdown



Most respondents, just over half, live in Torry, with the remainder living in Aberdeen, Kincorth and Cove with a small number further afield (see Figure 2). Most respondents (73%) use St Fittick's Park.

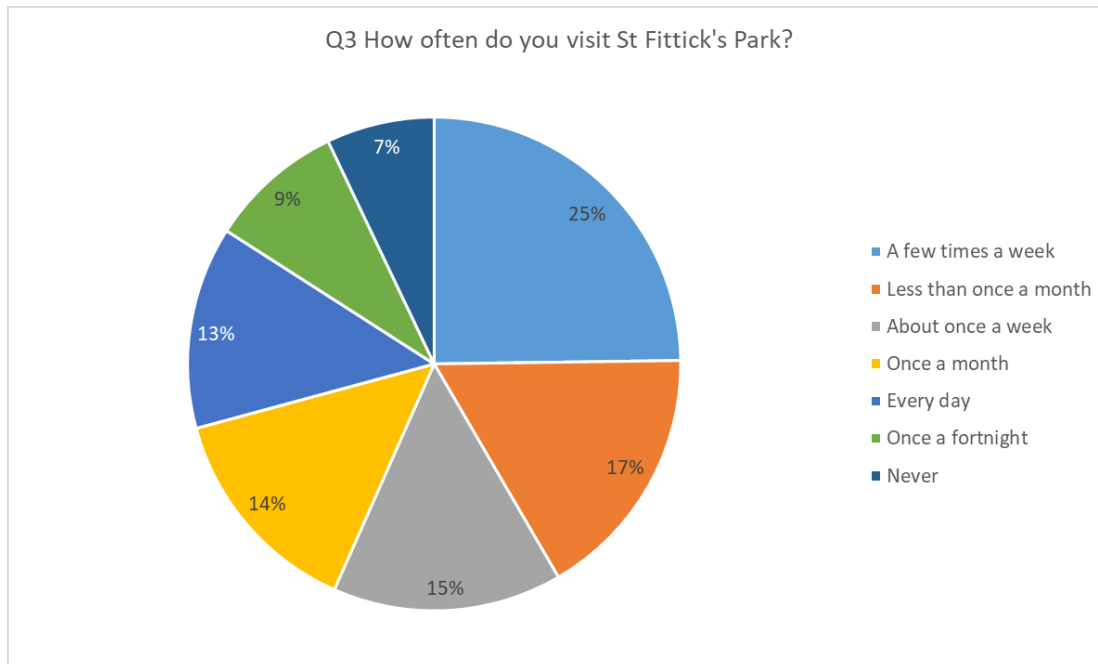
Figures 2 - Nature of Respondents



The breakdown of how often respondents visit the park is shown in Figure 3. 53% of respondents report visiting the park once a week or more. The vast majority (69%) walk there, with 9% cycling and 16% either car sharing or driving alone.

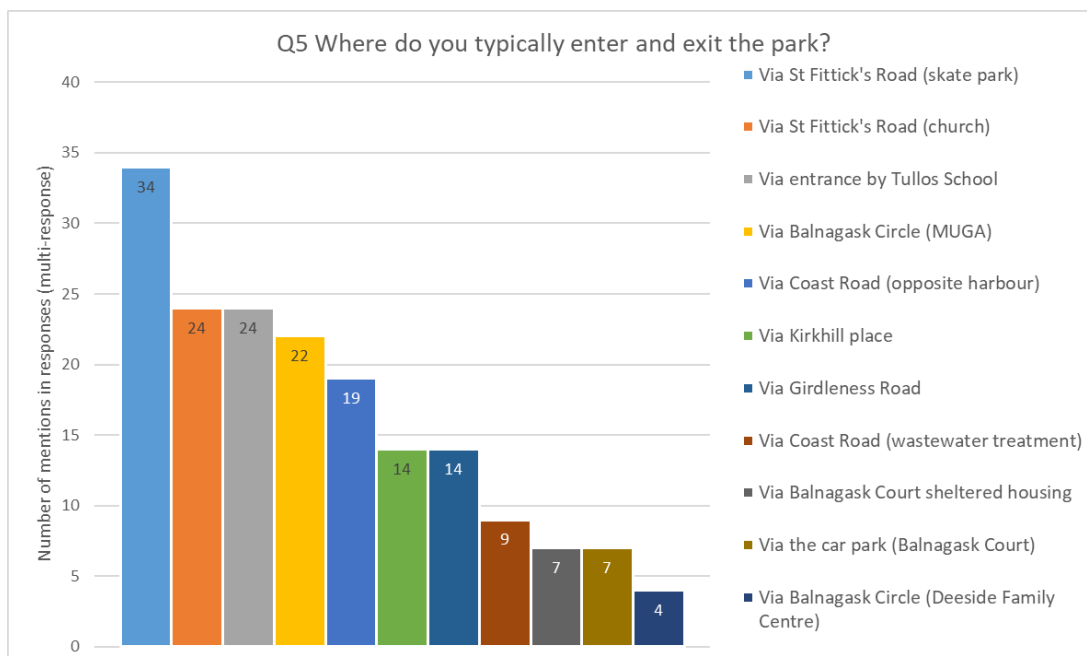


Figure 3 – How often people visit St Fittick’s Park



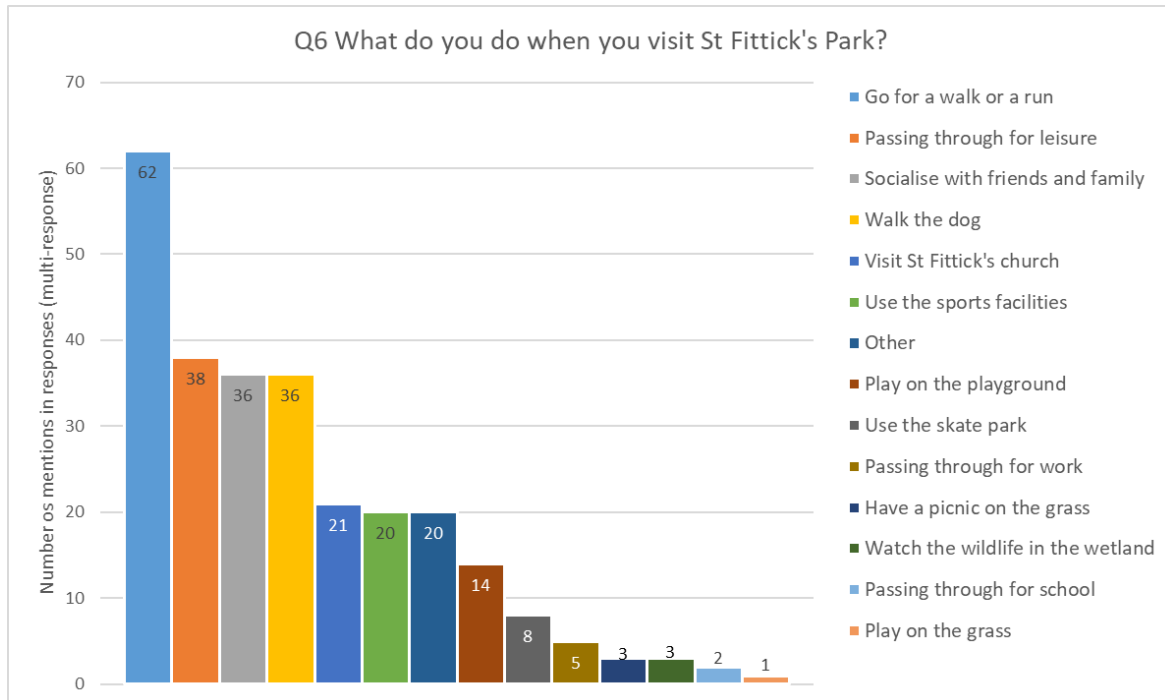
The way in which respondents enter the park varies greatly, with all the possible access points reportedly being used by respondents. The most popular access route is via St Fittick’s Road by the skate park, but the church entrance is also popular. The Tullos School entrance and the Balnagask entrance by the MUGA are also well used.

Figure 4 – Ways in which people enter the park



The reasons people report for visiting the park in the online survey varied can be seen within Figure 5. The majority are visiting to either going for a walk or run, socialise with friends or walk the dog.

**Figure 5 – Reasons people visit the park**

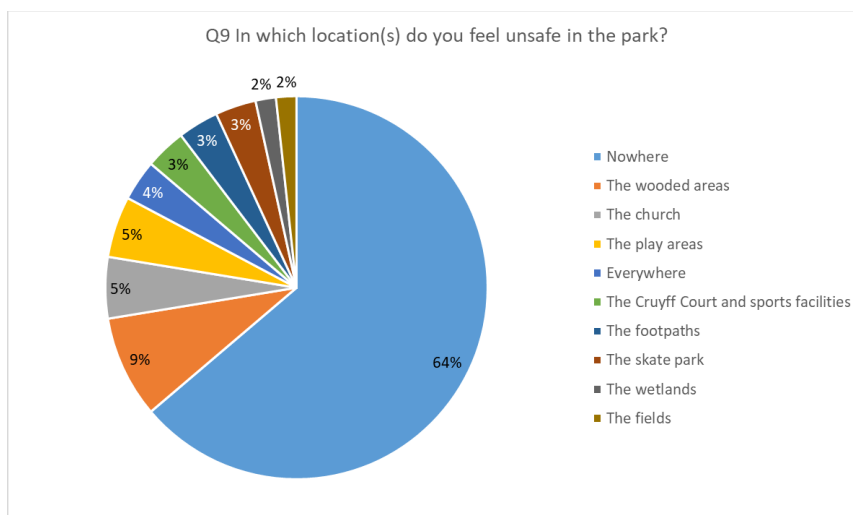
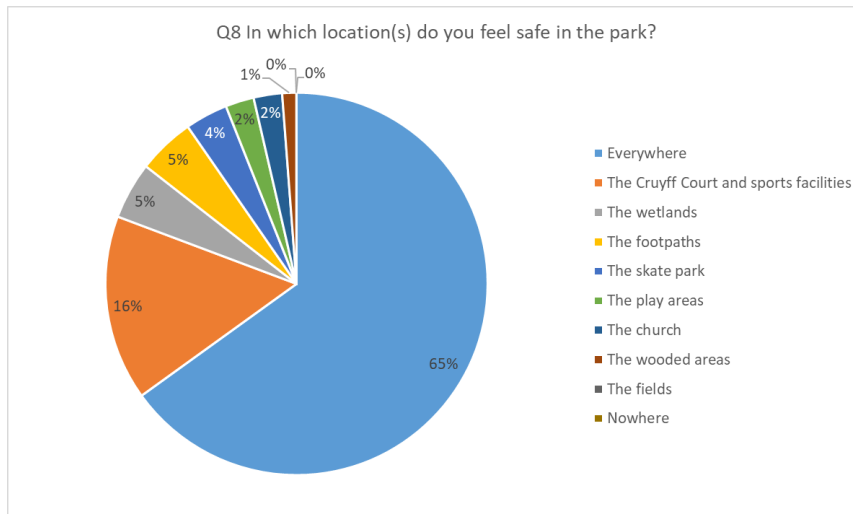
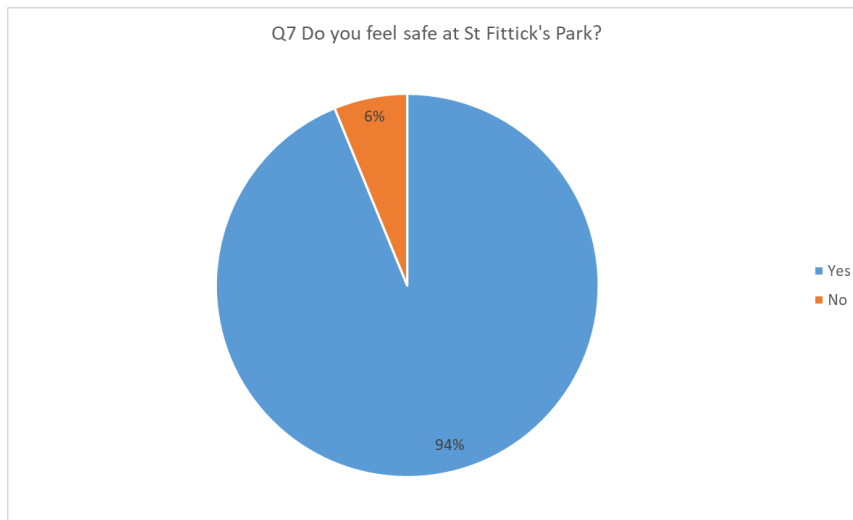


For young people, many visit in connection with the sports activities that take place at the Cruyff courts, or to ride their bikes.

## Safety

Most respondents to the online survey feel safe in the park (94%). When asked which places people felt safe and unsafe, 64% felt safe everywhere. The main place where people feel unsafe is in the wooded areas. The Cruyff Courts and sports facilities were highlighted as a safe space by young people especially.

## Figures 6 – Safety



In the consultation events, some young people expressed safety concerns over antisocial activity and poor lighting, but they are also more likely to use the park at night in association with the sports activities that take place at the Cruyff Courts.

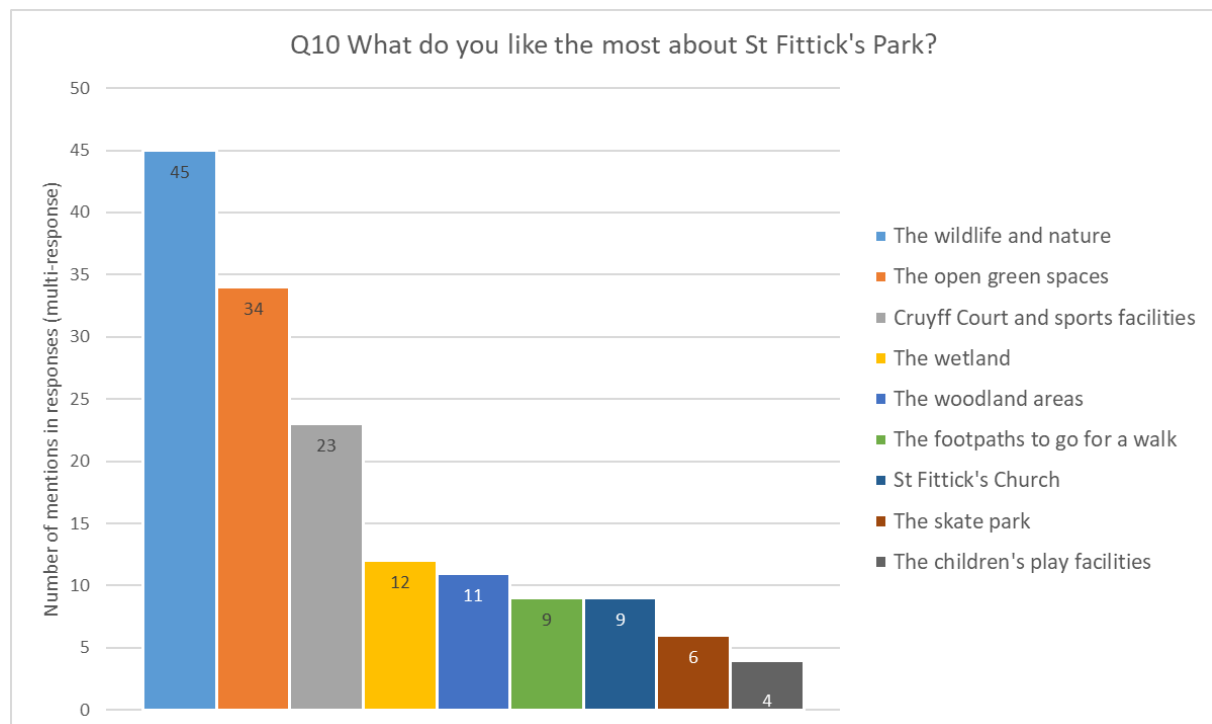
## How people feel about St Fittick's Park

Data on what people like most about St Fittick's park has been collated from the online survey, paper surveys and consultation boards and is presented in Figure 7.

This shows that wildlife and nature and the open green space are most valued overall. In the online survey, many people mentioned nature and wildlife as being important, as well as the greenspace and tranquillity that offers space for relaxation, peace and fresh air. The use of the park predominantly for dog walking and community activity was also mentioned. The Cruyff Courts are highly valued by young people; youth participants at the consultation events displayed a strong preference for sports activities. Over half of the youth participants expressed that the Cruyff Court and sports facilities were of particular importance to them.

Several respondents also expressed concerns about the potential impact of further industrial development. Areas of concern were the potential loss of the wetland, coastal views and the potential loss of wheelchair accessible paths.

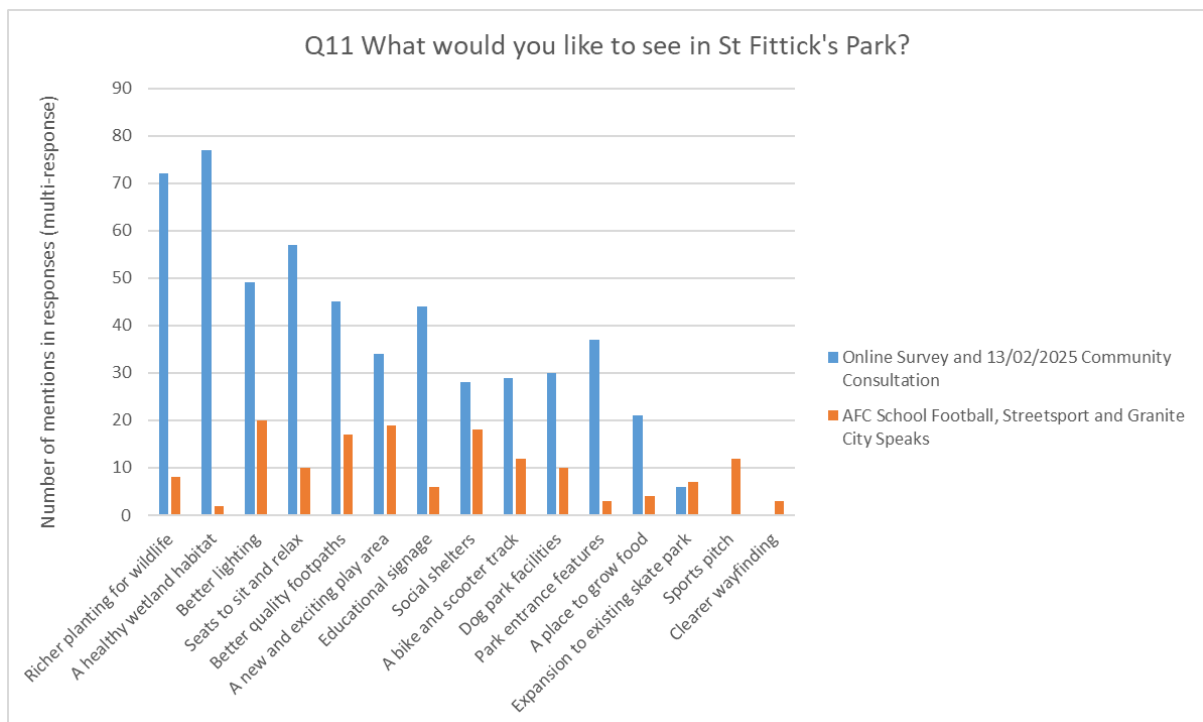
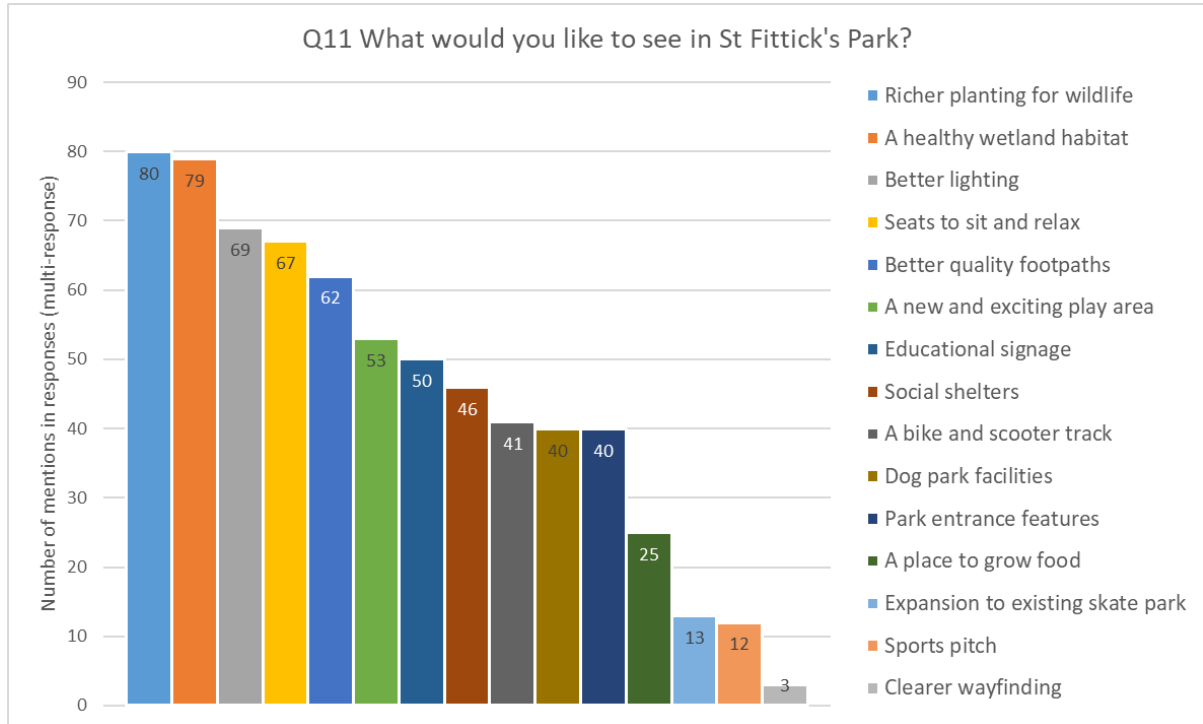
**Figure 7 – What people like most about St Fittick's Park**



## How people would like to see St Fittick's Park improved

What people would like to see improved in the park reflects what they like most. The main areas people want to see improved are richer planting and a healthy wetland habitat. There is also support for other improvements including better seating to sit and relax, and footpaths.

Figures 8 – What people would like to see improved in St Fittick's Park





Through the engagement sessions with young people, it was clear that opportunities for safe sport and play were most important. Amongst youth participants, better sports pitches, improved lighting, and bike paths were the top requests in over half of the responses recorded.

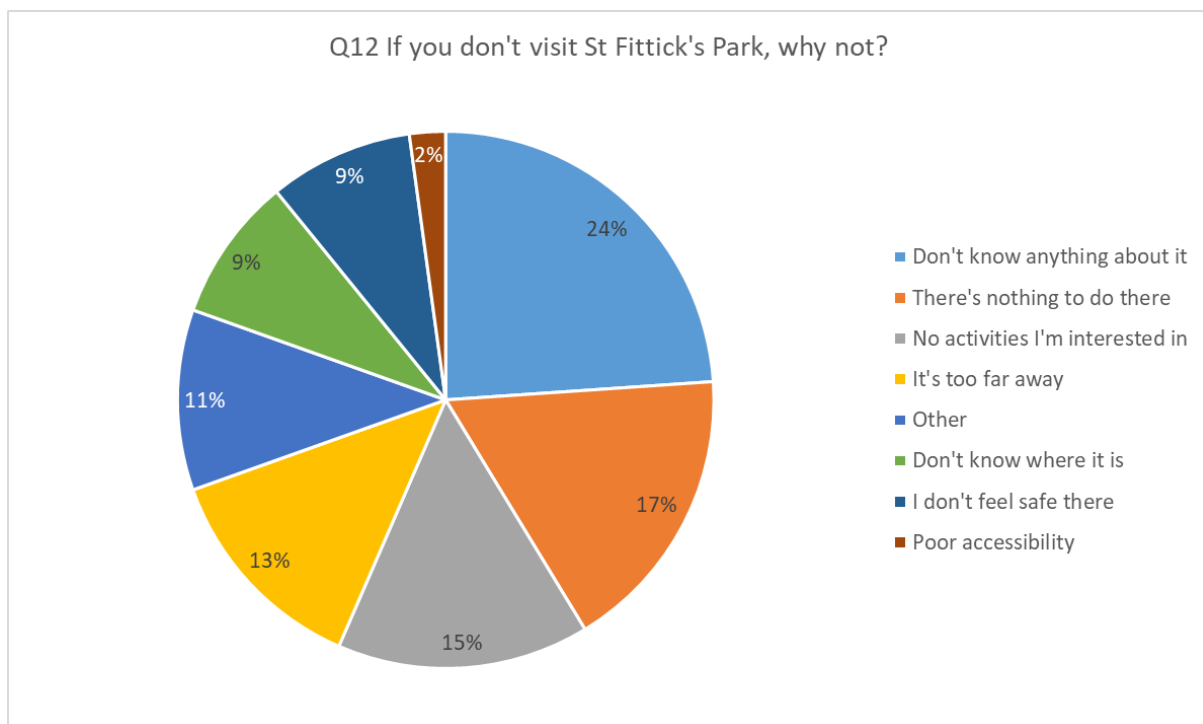
There were also requests made by young women for more safe spaces for girls. In contrast, much fewer expressed a prioritisation of a healthier wetland habitat or richer planting. There was also a strong desire amongst young people to see the football pitches in Tullos playing fields reinstated to enable the re-establishment of the local football team. The poor quality of the main access point to Tullos playing fields by Tullos School was also raised as an issue, along with the need for better paths to connect the Tullos playing fields to the wider park.

Discussions with young people included concerns about anti-social behaviour. People in general referenced concerns about noise and pollution from industry in the area and the impact the addition of the ETZ development might have.

## Why people don't use St Fittick's Park

In the online survey, respondents were also able to provide a separate set of responses if they had not visited the park, totalling 36 responses. Respondents provided a range of reasons for not using the park, with 36% not knowing anything about it, while others did not think there was anything to do there.

Figure 9 – Why people don't visit St Fittick's Park



The types of things that people said would encourage them to visit the park included richer planting, a healthy wetland, seats and lighting.

## How people feel about Tullos Wood

105 people responded to questions in relation to Tullos Wood, and 82% of these people had visited the wood. Several young people also provided feedback on the woods.

Tullos Woods are valued for the nature, peacefulness, and wildness of the area and scenic views over the city and out to sea. Many people use it for leisure and recreation purposes; the main reason people visit the woods is to walk or run and climb Tullos Hill for the views. Several people commented that it was an excellent, but underused, asset.

Key areas for improvement were better access, better paths and signage. Several people noted that they did not want to see any significant changes in the woods, as there was also concern about any development taking place there. Comments indicate there is particular concern about the waste left in the woods and the use of the paths by motorbikes. It was suggested that means were needed to deter them. Suggestions for general improvement included more planting, better protection for the historic cairns and improving the surrounding environment through regular maintenance and tidying.

The main reason respondents give for not visiting Tullos Wood, is that they don't know where it is or how to get there, with in some cases it being too far away. Those that do not visit the wood would be most likely to do so to go for a walk or a run, climb Tullos Hill for the views, or visit the historic cairns.

## How has Feedback Received Informed the Proposals?

The following section outlines how the feedback received from the online survey and during the consultation events has informed the mitigation measures proposed.

### Burn/Wetland Design and Planting

People overwhelmingly enjoy the local greenspace as it provides the opportunity to engage with nature. Areas such as the wetland in St Fittick's Park are highly valued for their tranquillity and, the opportunity to view wildlife alongside recreational infrastructure like Cruyff Court. St Fittick's Park is used primarily for walking, running, socialising, and dog walking. While most participants feel safe in the park, there are safety concerns in specific areas, such as wooded sections, St Fittick's Church, and the play areas. Desired improvements include enhanced planting, wetland restoration, better lighting, and additional seating.

This AMSC proposal includes restoration of the wetland, water quality improvements and realignment of the burn to make way for the development site. Improving the water quality will increase the amount of wildlife, improve visibility of the wetland from the reduction in reed growth and improve access to the wetland improving paths to and around the wetland. The wetland design proposals will enable people to continue to enjoy the benefits of the wetland while enhancing biodiversity, improving access and opportunities to view wildlife.

### Sports Pitches

Around 50 young people were engaged with on a face-to-face basis, capturing both quantitative and anecdotal, qualitative feedback. These interactions indicated how important the Cruyff Courts are to local young people – a factor not reflected significantly in the online survey alone - and a strong desire for football pitches to be reinstated in Tullos playing field to enable the local football team Deeside United to become active once more.

The design and layout of the pitches has been done in discussion with Dennis Law who are willing to take on the ongoing management and maintenance of the pitches. The design for the Sports pitches has also taken into account of new storage containers and a safe space that will be installed by Dennis Law which is currently awaiting planning approval. These will be used to store equipment such as nets and flags and provide a safe space for young women watching the football.

### Entrance Feature

Concerns were also widely expressed by young people that the entrance to the park by Tullos School was not safe and is also not accessible to wheelchair or mobility aid users. This is the main access point used by young people to enter the Tullos playing fields. As a result of this feedback a new accessible entrance has been included in the phase one improvements. This includes an accessible path as well as new steps and seating features. The plans have been shared with young people using the playing fields which have helped to inform the designs.

### Path Network


There was a widespread desire for improvements to the path network within the park. There is a fairly extensive path network at the eastern edge of the park but no paths to the west. The path network has been designed to extend the existing network to the east of the park and uses existing desire lines as its basis. The quality of the paths will be in line with those previously

installed and seek to ensure that there are continuous circular routes within the park linking to the main entrances.

## Additional Seating


A desire has also been expressed for additional seats within the park. Additional seating has been included as part of the extended path network. Seating is also proposed within the sports area to enable people to sit and watch games. These have been developed in discussion with Dennis Law as to the nature and scale of seating that would be appropriate. A new safe space for girls is also included within the phase 1 designs. This is in response to feedback from young women who enjoy spending time at the Cruyff courts when there is activity there. The proposed safe space design includes direct feedback from young women requesting the space.

## Appendix 1 - Initial flyer used to promote survey



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**What is happening?**

ETZ Ltd is progressing plans to develop a site opposite the Aberdeen South Harbour and within the South-Eastern area of St Fittick's park. The site will only be developed for a company working in offshore renewable energy that requires direct access to the Aberdeen South Harbour, supporting Aberdeen's ability to attract investment and create jobs.

**Who is Energy Transition Zone Ltd?**

Energy Transition Zone Ltd (ETZ Ltd) is a not-for-profit company based in Aberdeen to enable the North East of Scotland to transition from oil and gas to low carbon and renewable energy. Our overriding goal is to protect and create as many jobs as possible, deliver a just transition and vibrant future for the North East and the people who live and work here.





**Our Commitment.**

We recognise the local community's concern about the loss of a portion of land within St Fittick's park. We are committed to making impactful investments to significantly enhance remaining greenspace in collaboration with local people to meet their needs and ambitions.

**Have your say.**







Get involved in making a more vibrant and accessible greenspace in your community by participating in the St Fitticks/Tullos Wood (the Gramps) use survey.

Online	In Person
<p>Take the survey online or download a printable version on our website (return to ETZ Ltd office postal address).</p> <p><a href="http://bit.ly/4ho49cV">http://bit.ly/4ho49cV</a></p>	<p>We will hold a series of events with local citizens and community groups. Email us at the address below for more information.</p>

**What happens next?**

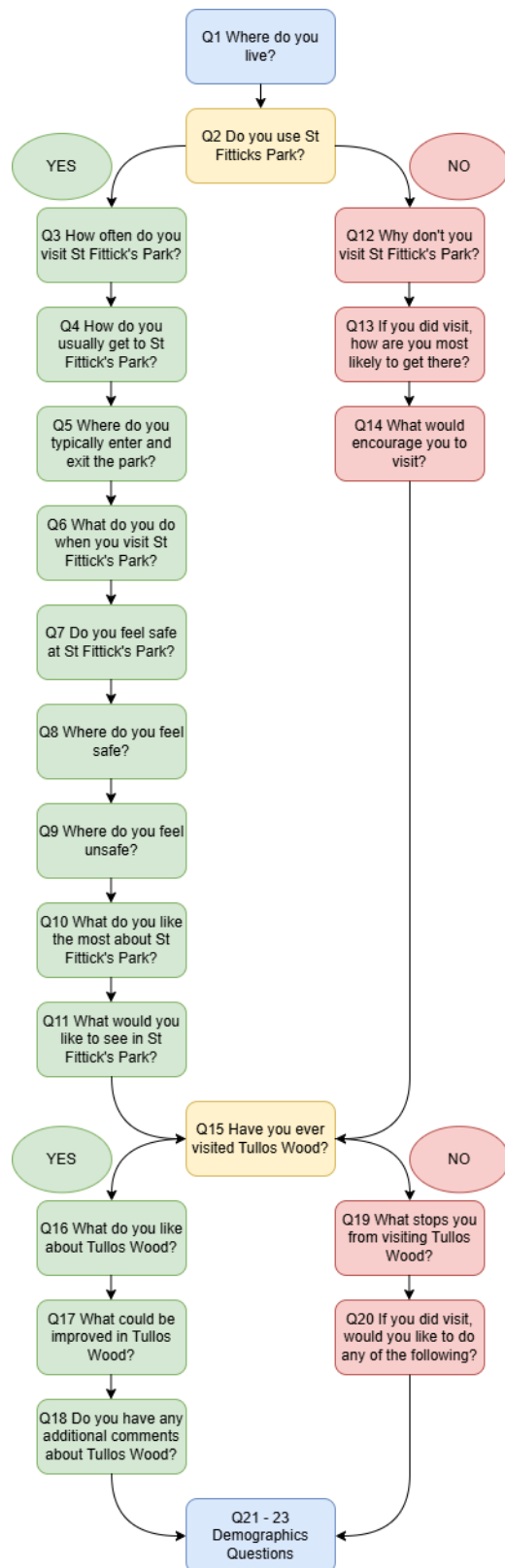
Following initial survey results, we will co-develop project ideas more widely with the local community and these will be delivered in a phased manner over the next few years. Please get in touch with us through the email address below to receive updates and information about how to get involved.

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## Appendix 2 - Online Survey



## Appendix 3 - Poster and second flyer promoting survey and greenspace events



# Have your say



## ST FITTICK'S PARK & TULLOS WOOD GREENSPACE

### SURVEY & EVENTS



ETZ Ltd are progressing plans to develop a site opposite the Aberdeen South Harbour and are committed to making impactful investment to significantly enhance remaining green space.

We are currently seeking feedback on how people use St Fittick's Park and Tullos Wood (The Gramps) and how local people would like to see these greenspaces improved. In November 2024 we launched an online survey to obtain feedback. Our upcoming public events aim to continue this engagement across the community.

**Complete the Survey**



**Scan Here**

<http://bit.ly/4ho49cV>  
(The above link is case sensitive)

### Upcoming Public Events

Please take the opportunity to participate in the survey in-person, share ideas and speak directly to the ETZ Ltd team. There will be information available about our plans for improving the wetlands and biodiversity in the park.

Monday 3rd February	Thursday 13th February
<b>Location:</b> Tullos Community Centre Girdleness Rd, Aberdeen AB11 8FJ	<b>Location:</b> Games Hall Greyhope School, Tullos Cir, Aberdeen, AB11 8HD
<b>Time:</b> 15.30-19.30	<b>Time:</b> 16.00-19.30

## What we have heard so far

Summary of early survey responses:





People visit the park mostly on foot, passing through for leisure or for a walk.



Wildlife and wetland areas are highly valued, with a desire for greater accessibility and interpretation.



Better lighting and seating are sought with more planting, improved access and footpaths.



Younger respondents have highlighted the Cruyff Courts and sports facilities as highly valued with a desire to see more places to socialise.



There is a desire for additional play opportunities such as football pitches, a new bike and scooter track with improved access from Tullos School.

### Complete the survey here

The online survey is open until 31 January and can be accessed via the QR code to the right or by visiting:

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We recognise the local community's concern about the loss of a portion of land within St Fittick's park and are committed to making impactful investments to significantly enhance remaining greenspace in collaboration with local people to meet their needs and ambitions.

To help shape our plans we would like to know how you use these green spaces and how you would like to see them improved. Based on your feedback we will co-develop project ideas with the community which will be delivered in a phased manner over the next few years.



## What do you like about St Fittick's Park?

Put a **sticky-dot** on the things that encourage you to go and visit the park.



A diagram of St Fittick's Park featuring 12 circular icons arranged in a circular pattern around three central empty circles for sticky notes. The icons represent various park features:

- The skate park
- The woodland areas
- The children's play facilities
- The open grass spaces
- The wetland
- The footpaths to go for a walk
- The wildlife and nature
- Cruyff Court and Sports Facilities
- St Fittick's Church

Three empty circles are placed at the top, middle, and bottom of the diagram, each with the text "Write your own sticky note..." curved around its top edge.



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## What would make the park better?

Put a **sticky-dot** on the ways you think the park could be improved.



A diagram for suggesting park improvements featuring 12 circular icons arranged in a circular pattern around three central empty circles for sticky notes. The icons represent various improvement suggestions:

- Better footpaths
- Better play facilities
- Clear entrances
- More buggy/wheel chair friendly access and routes
- More seating areas
- More facilities
- Better weather protection/shelters
- Improved maintenance and management
- Additional seasonal interest
- Greater plant diversity
- More lighting

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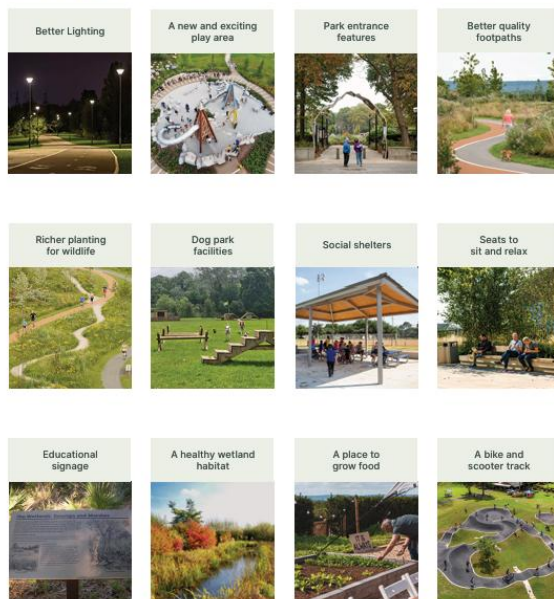


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## What would you like to see in St Fittick's Park?

Put a **sticky-dot** under the images that best represent what you would like to see.



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## What do you do, or would you like to do in the park?

Put a **sticky-dot** on the activities you do, or would like to do in the park



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## Have you been to Tullos Wood?

Yes:

No:



Put a **sticky-dot** on the things you do in Tullos Wood.



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## What would encourage you to visit Tullos Wood?

Put a **sticky-dot** on the ways you think Tullos Wood could be improved.



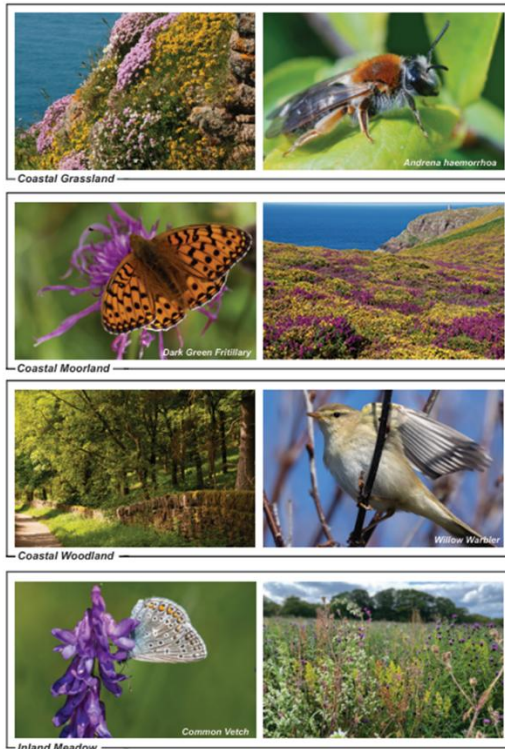
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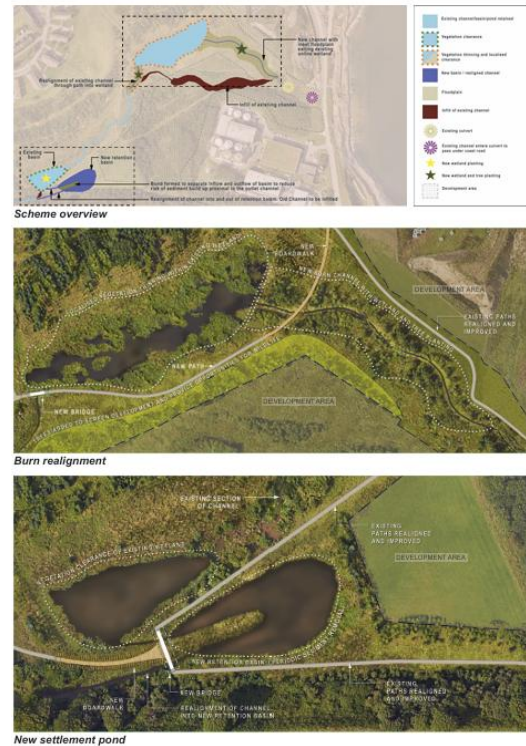


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## Biodiversity Opportunities St Fittick's Park and Tullos Wood



## East Tullos Burn Realignment and Wetland Restoration



Is there anything else you want  
to tell us about St Fittick's Park  
or Tullos Wood?

Write on a **green sticky-note** to describe any positive things  
Write on a **red sticky-note** to describe any negative things.

