

## St Mary's Churchyard Consultation

### Consultation Sessions held at:

- St Paul's C of E Primary School - 29/01/2014
- Crampton Primary School - 07/02/2014

### Participants

Pupils from St Paul's School council and Year 4 at Crampton Primary School participated in classroom consultations. The school council at St Paul's has representatives from all years including reception class (4 – 11yrs), whilst the Crampton classes were 8 – 9 year olds.

The session comprised of the following:

- Introduction, background and description of planned improvement project
- Q & A on favourite places to play
- Group discussion on things to consider when creating a playground
- Rating the play equipment activity using colour-coded stickers.
- Evaluation sheet on St Mary's Playground design.

49 children aged between 4 – 11 years attended the sessions.

### Summary of responses

#### 1. Information about the park

Both schools are located within 15 minute walk from St Mary's Park.

All the Crampton School pupils knew the park well and 15 of the 26 pupils said they regularly used the playground.

At St Paul's school, whilst most children knew the park only 7 of the 23 pupils said they played there regularly.

#### 2. Favourite places to play.

When asked about their favourite places to play 38% of children said they liked playing at home. 43% preferred to play in local parks and 11% enjoyed playing around estates and nearby streets.

When asked about their favourite parks, pupils at both schools agreed Burgess Park and Myatts Field.

#### 3. Things for adults to consider when creating a playground

The groups suggested

- Use materials that are weather proof and strong
- Make sure it appeals to different age groups
- Create different areas for older and younger and ensure that older children do not play in areas meant for younger children
- Include equipment that is exciting
- Equipment that lasts
- Make sure that it is clean and has bins to stop litter
- Include seating.

#### 4. Rating the proposed play equipment

Using colour-coded stickers the pupils reviewed 16 photographs of play equipment included in the playground design. Each pupil was asked to place stickers on their favourites rating them from 1 – 3.

Rating codes:       Green       (1<sup>st</sup>)  
                          Yellow      (2<sup>nd</sup>)  
                          Red         (3<sup>rd</sup>)

#### 5. St Paul's School results:

Most popular equipment overall (no. of stickers of any colour):

1. Roller coaster climbing frame       (13)
2. Trampoline                               (10)
3. Zip Wire                                   (10)
4. Climbing Net                             (7)
5. Table tennis tables                    (4)
6. Disk merry-go round                  (3)
7. Perimeter fence with play           (3)
8. Rocky play                               (3)
9. Side by side swing                    (2)

Equipment not selected by any pupil

1. Shop
2. Bell tower
3. High rotator

Most popular 1<sup>st</sup> choice:

1. Trampoline                               (6)
2. Roller coaster climbing frame       (5)
3. Zip Wire                                   (3)

#### 6. Crampton School Results

Most popular equipment overall (no. of stickers of any colour)

1. Zip Wire                                   (14)
2. Trampoline                               (12)
3. Climbing Net                             (11)
4. Roller coaster climbing frame       (8)
5. Disk merry-go round                  (5)
6. Table tennis tables                    (4)
7. Rocky play                               (3)
8. Orbit                                       (2)
9. Mini roundabout                       (2)

Equipment not selected by any pupil

1. Shop
2. Bell tower
3. High rotator

Most popular 1<sup>st</sup> choice:

1. Zip Wire                                   (8)
2. Roller coaster climbing frame       (6)
3. Trampoline                               (6)

## **5. Evaluation of whole design**

Pupils completed an evaluation form asking for to give their opinion of the playground design.

- The majority (26 out of 49) thought that the playground design was 'Brilliant'
- 36 pupils described the equipment shown as 'exciting'
- The most common age range participants felt would enjoy the play ground was given as 6-10 year olds.

## **6. Comments / suggestions:**

**"The playground is beautifully laid out and the equipment is very fun especially the trampoline"** Zainab, 11 yrs

**"For the orbit you should add a handle. Also for the zip wire you should add a seat because the zip wire and orbit can be dangerous."** Floria, 8yrs

**"Can we have a basket swing?"** Etoile, 8yrs

**"The best thing is the trampoline but I wish it could be bigger."** Jatou, 7yrs

**"I would like a very big slide like at Burgess Park"** Ibrahim, 8yrs

**"Make it be bigger so you can fit more in"** Trinity, 9yrs

**"It is really fun"** James, 5 years