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12 –27 April 2012



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Dacorum Borough Council consulted about improvements to Gadebridge Skate Park from Thursday 12 to Friday 27 April 2012. Face to face consultation took place at Gadebridge Skate Park and the Adventure Playgrounds on Thursday 12 April. The survey was online for the remainder of the two week period and publicised via press release, email, facebook and twitter.

Headline data

138 people responded to the survey; 65 paper surveys and 73 online surveys were filled out. 122 respondents were male and 16 were female. The majority (82) were under 18, 42 were between 18 and 34 and the remainder (13) were over 34 (1 respondent did not answer). The majority of people (56) used the skate park 1-2 times per week, 33 people use it 5+ times per week and 24 people used it 3-4 times per week. 22 of the 25 people who said they 'never' used the skate park explained why. The most popular response was 'not happy with the facilities' (4) or 'wrong age group' (4).

The majority of respondents (56) would prefer the skate park to be made from concrete, closely followed by skate light (39) or metal (35). Stairs, Hubba, Ledge, Euro gap and Manual pad were the most popular equipment. 30 people also gave literal responses to the question about preferred equipment – most of which proposed more than one idea equating to 53 proposals. The most common responses were 'bowl' (11), 'spine' (5), 'hip' (5) and 'quarter pipe' (5). A small number of people (4) identified that they were not happy with the proposals and three people proposed that additional funding should be raised by the community so better improvements can be made.

Next steps

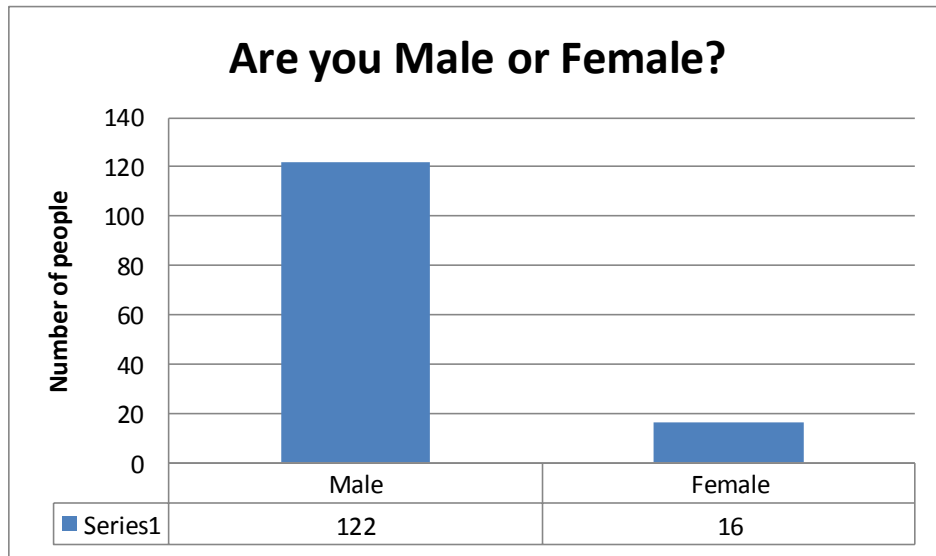
The results from this survey will be investigated further with the volunteers that have joined the working group; this is a mixture of skaters and BMXers. The results from this survey will be used to inform the decisions that are made by this group during the design process and will be facilitated by Parks and Open Spaces, and the Neighbourhood Action Team.

Further information;

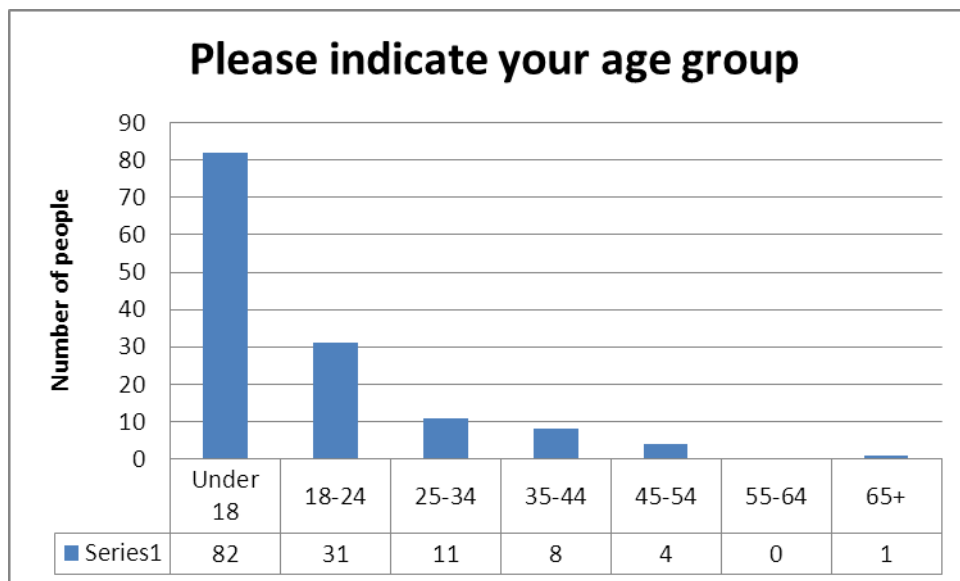
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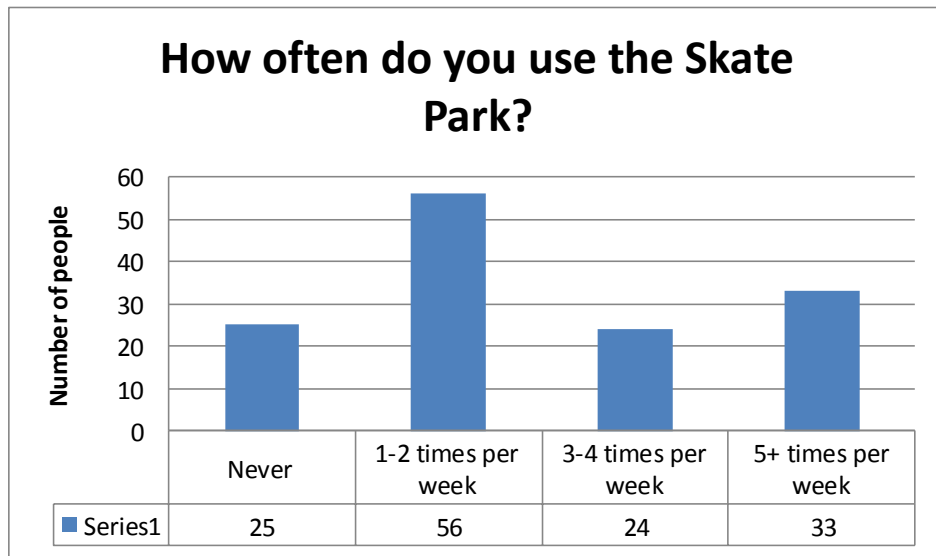
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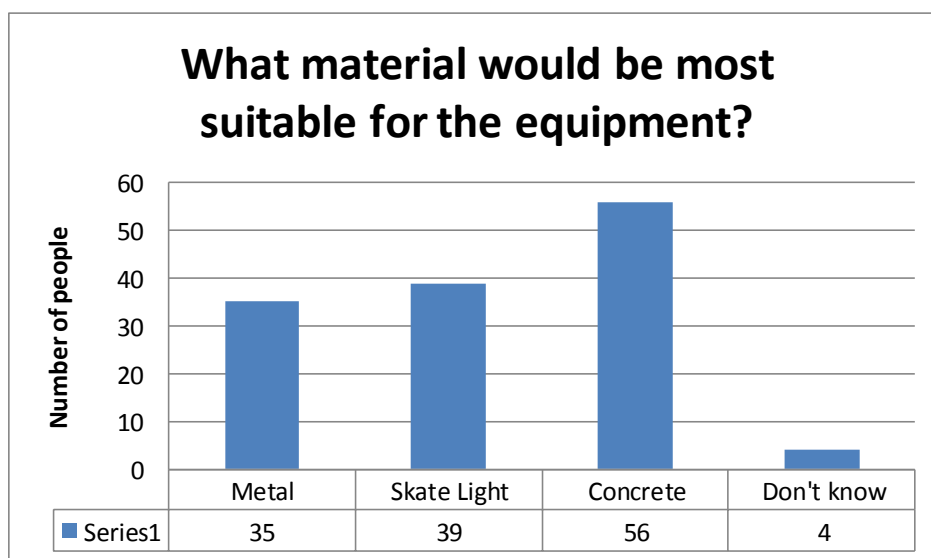


4. 22 of the 25 people that answered 'never' explained why they do not use the Skate Park.

Literal Responses	No. of people
Not happy with the facilities	4
Wrong age group (either too young or too old)	4
Unable to go there (either not allowed or no transport)	3
Don't know or like BMXing or skating	3
Too dangerous	2
Too crowded	2
Use other facilities in the area	2
Afraid of 'nasty' older kids	1
It's a 'boys things'	1
Total	22

View full literal responses for question 4 in Appendix 1 (Page 7).

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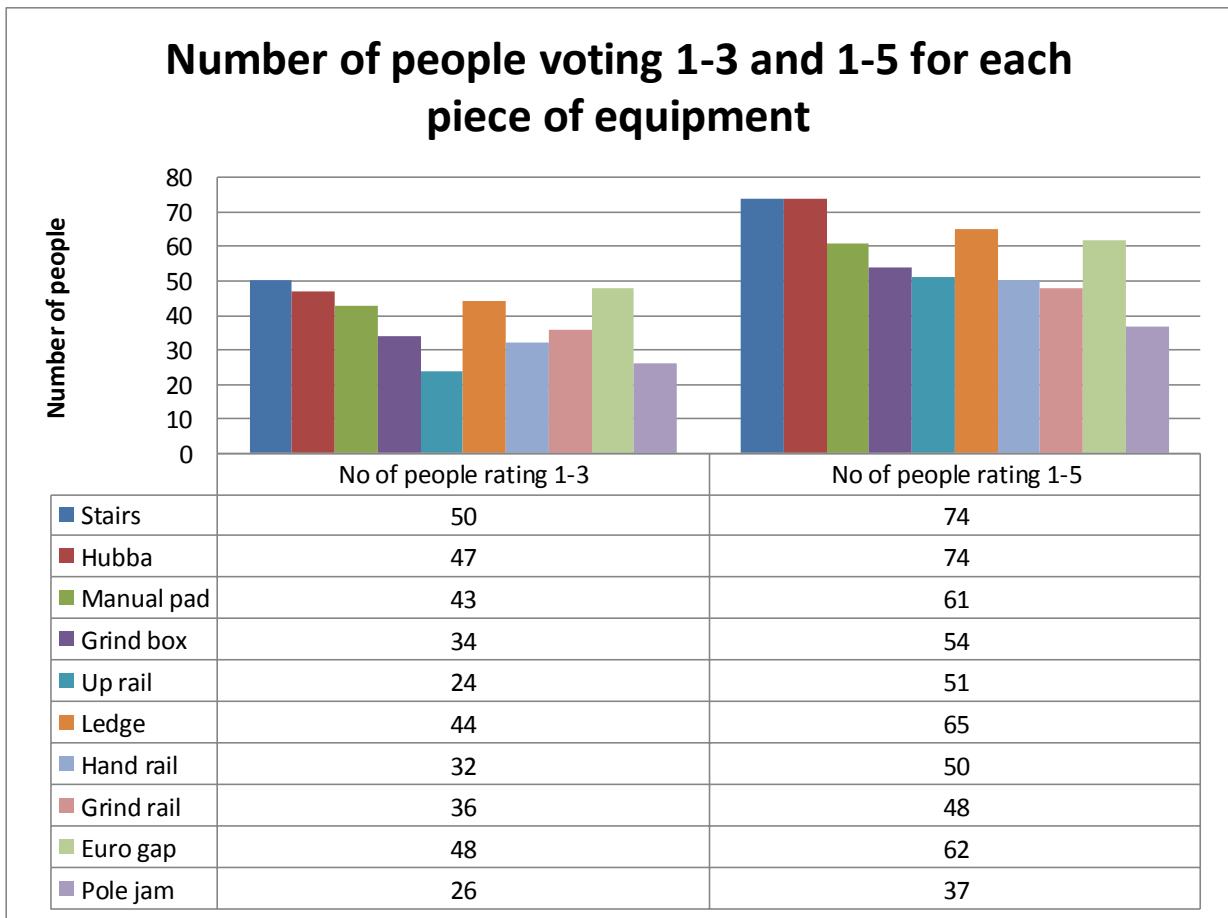


6. Please rate the equipment in order of preference. 1 representing your favourite, 2 as your second choice through to 10.

The table below highlights the equipment in order of preference – Stairs, Hubba, Ledge, Euro gap and Manual pad were the most popular.

	Number of people rating 1-5	Number of people rating 1-3
Stairs	74	50
Hubba	74	47
Ledge	65	44
Euro gap	62	48
Manual pad	61	43
Grind box	54	34
Up rail	51	24
Hand rail	50	32
Grind rail	48	36
Pole jam	37	26

The table below demonstrates the top 3 and top 5 priorities as identified by respondents.



View full analysis of the response for question 6 in appendix 2 (Page 8-10).

There was an option to write a literal response to question 6 under ‘**other – please explain**’.

30 people wrote a literal response most of which proposed more than one idea equating to 53 proposals. These are categorised below.

Proposals for equipment seen at another location	3
Unhappy with proposals	4
Raise more funds	3
Examples of equipment	43
The equipment identified is listed overleaf;	

Equipment identified in literal responses	
Bowl	11
Spine	5
Hip	5
Quarter pipe	5
Dish	3
Vertical Ramp	3
Banks	2
Half pipe	2
Jump box	2
Kicker	1
Fun box	1
Over hanging rail	1
Lights	1
Total	53

View full literal responses for question 6 in Appendix 3 (Page 11-12).

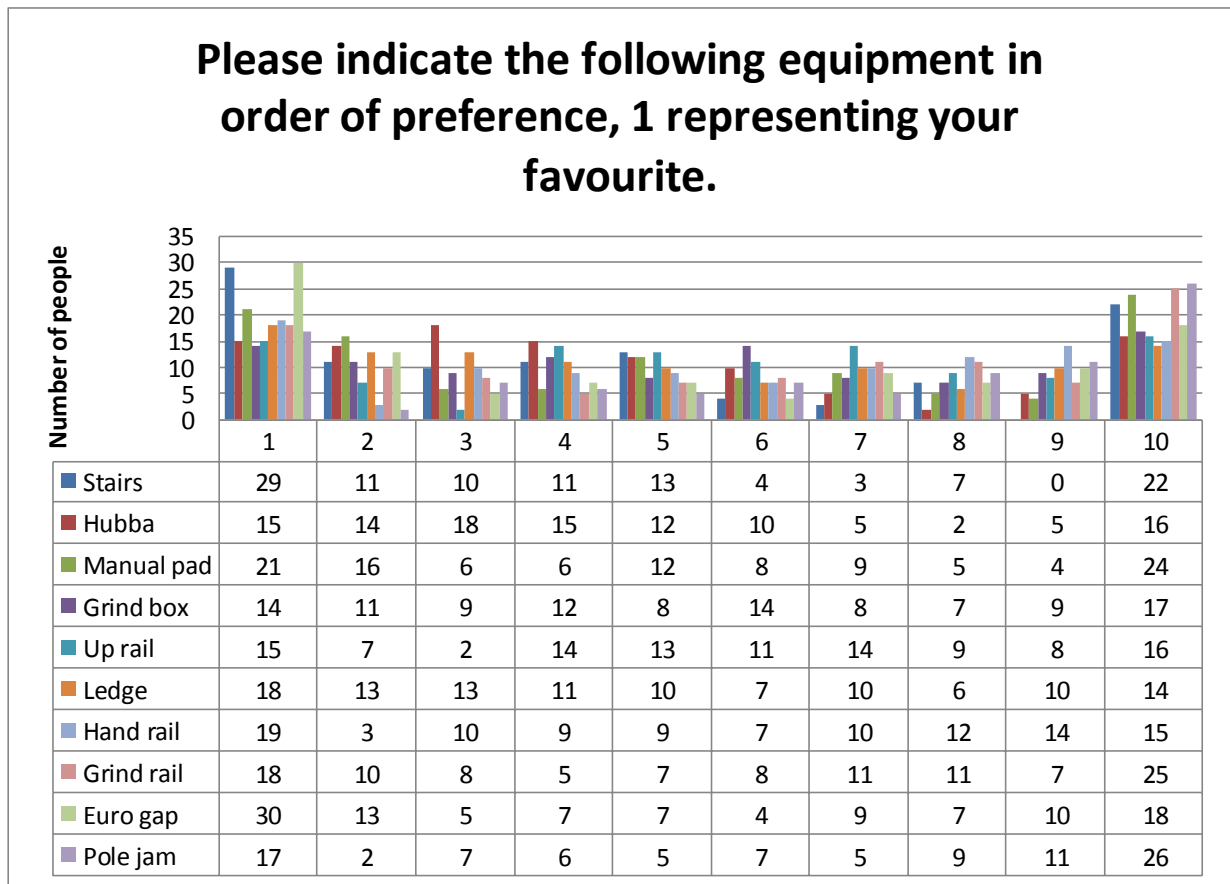
Appendix 1

Literal responses for question 4 - please explain why you do not use the skate park.

1. "Because the council dug out trenches in front of the ramps and filled them with tarmac and did a poor job of it, making it unrideable for skateboarders!"
2. "The skate park needs to be improved maybe made from concrete like Watford's?"
3. "Too old but my younger family use it"
4. "We used to go with my son every couple of weeks, but with the skate park being full of BMX and scooters, it became too dangerous."
5. "Used to go early morning at weekends but found glass lying around park and litter. For young children like me (10 years old) its not safe that's why i go to the xc now. I would use if it was cleaner and a good example like xc."
6. "live far away"
7. "Everything about this park is awful. from the layout of the ramps to the rough flooring from a skateboarders point of view i would rather have nothing"
8. "1st time we have been as kids are young"
9. "Too crowded"
10. "Gets boring and cant BMX or skate"
11. "Don't like skate boarding - need an outdoor gym"
12. "because i go to the adventure playground instead"
13. "cant get down there, busy else where"
14. "its a boys thing"
15. "mum doesn't allow down there"
16. "children come now and again - kids too young"
17. "use other sports facilities in Hemel"
18. "There are nasty older kids there and I go to Adeyfield AP half pipe. Can you give them some things like a ledge and grind box please"
19. "to many people"
20. "Not my age group - normally has younger age range using - 17"
21. "needs more things to do to make it cooler"
22. "I don't know how to skate"

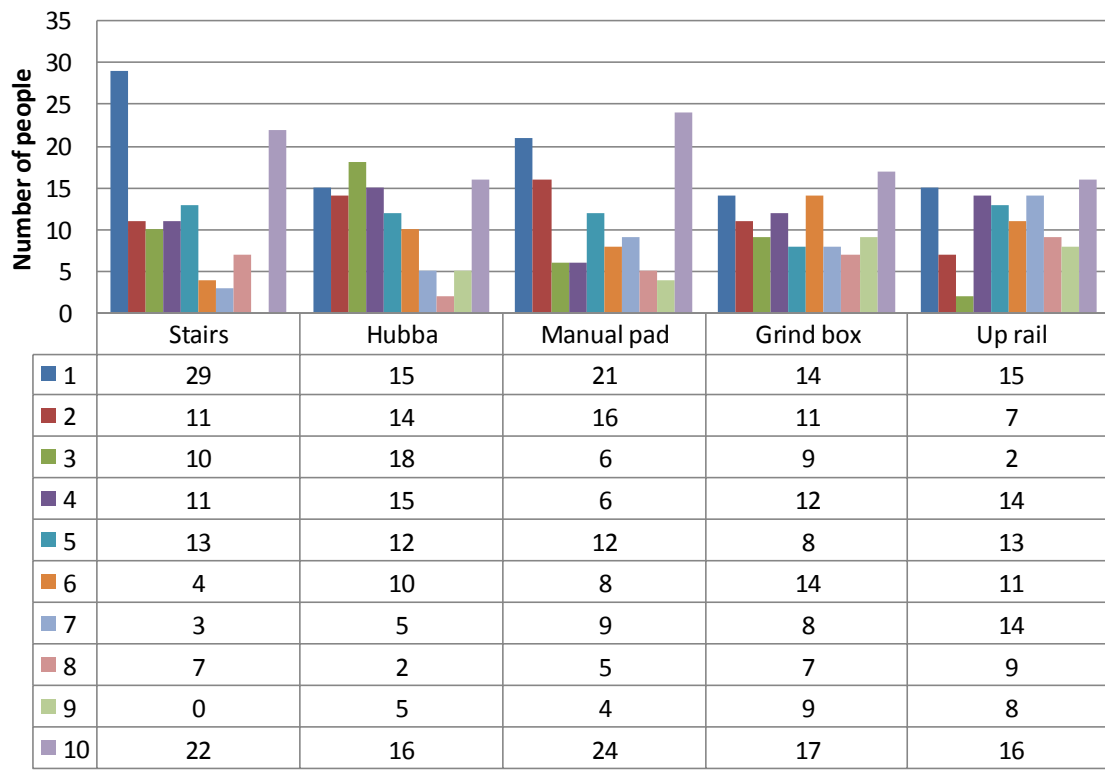
Appendix 2

Breakdown of responses from question 6 – please rate the following equipment in order of preference. 1 representing your favourite, 2 as your second choice through to 10.



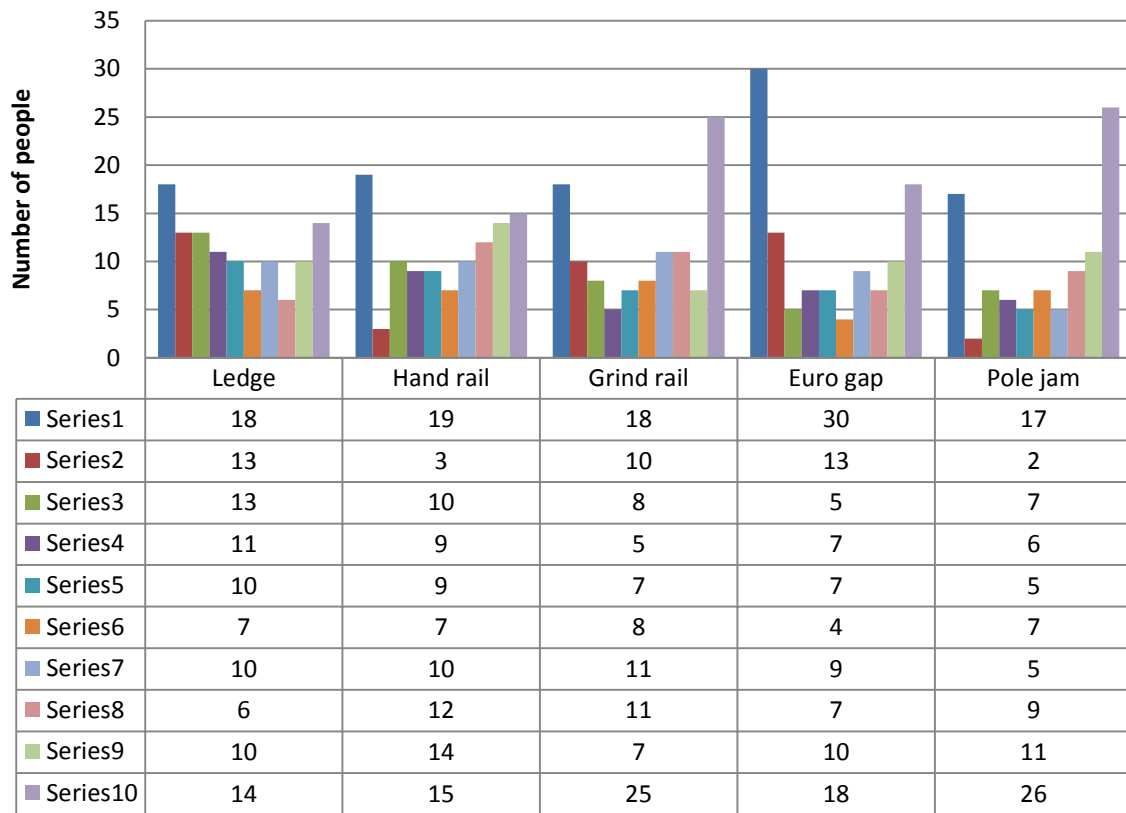
- The name of the equipment can be seen on the vertical column on the left with the colour that it is represented by in the graph.
- The numbers 1-10 across the top of the table/ bottom of the graph is representative of the preference in equipment. 1 representing the respondent's favourite, 2 as the second choice through to 10.
- The coloured bars show how many people chose that piece of equipment.
- Stairs, Hubba, Ledge, Euro gap and Manual pad were the most popular.
- More reader friendly tables can be viewed on pages 9 and 10.

Please rate the following equipment in order of preference.



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- The name of the equipment can be found across the top of the table/ bottom of the graph.
- The coloured bars show how many people chose that piece of equipment.
- The remainder of the equipment is in the chart overleaf.

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Appendix 3

Literal responses for question 6

Please rate the equipment in order of preference. 1 representing your favourite, 2 as your second choice through to 10. There was also an option to write a literal response to this question under '**other – please explain**'.

1. "Hip, spine, dish, kicker."
2. "DISH / HIP / MINI SPINE / FUN BOX /"
3. "Concrete bowl!! 4ft quarter pipes with 5ft extensions!"
4. "bowl, 8 foot vert ramp"
5. "Is this a joke?"
6. "Any skater friendly object as the park is too much bmx concentrated"
7. "this is all 'street' equipment and holds no interest at all to me or many other riders. I would not use any of this. There are already grind boxes, ledges, rails etc. at the park."
8. "the park would really benefit from some quirky obstacles, using the lay of the land some roll overs + euro gaps with a quarter pipe at the other end to give the park some flow"
9. "Dish, spine"
10. "Concrete Bowl 4ft 6""
11. "Mini Half pipe"
12. "Make it like the DC Embassy"
13. "BOWL"
14. "Why have you not got any proper ramps in this list? I know you only have 25k but if you cant afford to extend the mini or put some thing new in like hips then why not save the cash and work with the locals that are willing to raise more funds for it like they did to get the park in the first place?"
15. "what about Vert ramp?"
16. "A saucer on it's edge in a bowl."
17. "4 bowl clover combination like at Harrow n Romford"
18. "a vert ramp with a over hang rail"
19. "bowl"
20. "Bowl"
21. "ramps"
22. "Spine! Quarter Pipes! Banks!"
23. "big jump box"
24. "Hips and bowls, I like being able to flow around the park from ramp to ramp."
25. "smaller volcano + hip + lights so that in winter at darker times you can ride"
26. "large half pipe 6-9ft and good size jump box and good size quarter pipes 6ft +"
27. "All the suggestions already exist round the streets of Hemel, this part of Bmx is known as street!!!! Adding to a park is a waste of money n time and will not improve Hemel park, it needs to continue with the flow of the park tha already exists. I feel the budget is not enough to do this n so suggest some time for fund raising n get a proper job done n not some cheap rushed job!!!!!!"
28. "Is this a joke? It's a skate park not a street plaza! Spine & Quarter sets, Quarters, Banks, Quarter Pipe Hips in addition to the above would make a worthwhile skate park"

29. "Bowl"

30. "This is a poor selection of ""ramps"" in fact most of this is just filler if you don't have the money to get anything worthwhile then why not help the locals raise more money like they did to get the park? Isn't that the whole idea of "big society"?"

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