



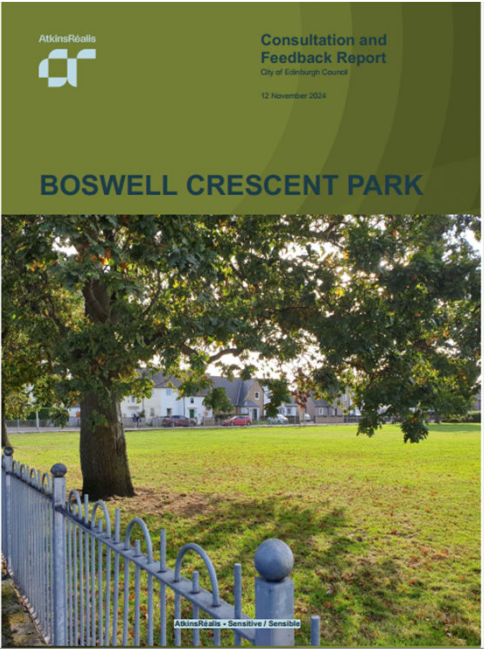
Boswall Crescent Park Improvements

Community Council Meeting 30th June

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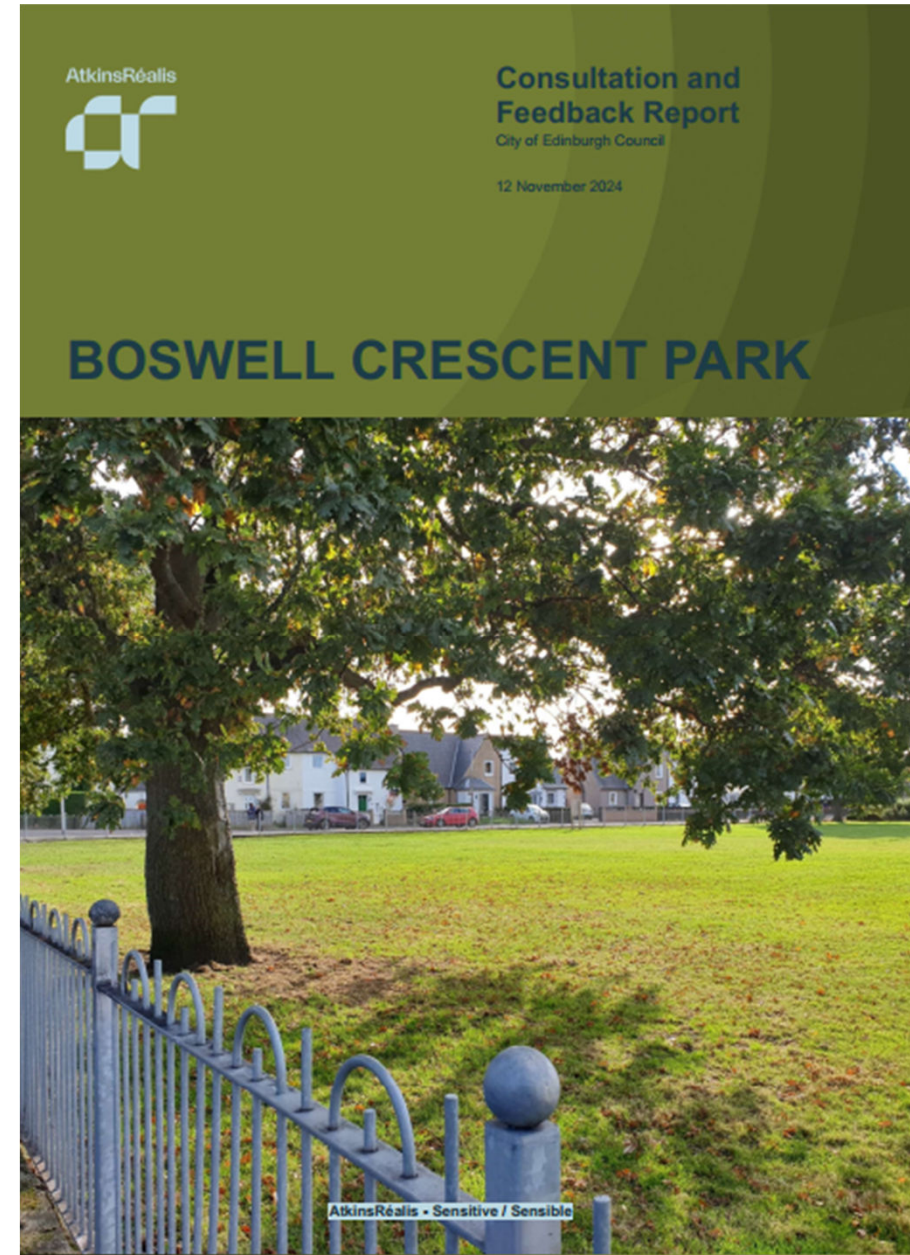
The Consultation and Feedback Report

Issued December 2024

A record of the consultation that was carried out, recording the No of events, and key feedback.

Purpose of the Consultation events where to:

- To hear what residents would like to see in the park.
- Provide he chance to raise issues and discuss community ideas
- Based on ideas put forward by the community present options for park improvements to allow residents an opportunity to vote and comment
- To collate feedback for review by City of Edinburgh Council in order to inform the development of an outline design for potential park improvements.



Consultation and Community Engagement

- **11th February 2024 First community Drop In event**
Introduce project and seek local resident options
- **6th June 2024 Community Council Meeting**
To discuss best way to proceed with consultation and agreed next steps:
 1. Police Walkover with targeted residents and households around the park.
 2. Second Community consultation showing different levels of change based on ideas put forward by the community
 3. Online Survey
- **10th October 2024 Police Walkover and targeted community engagement**
- **8th November Second Community Drop In event and online Survey 4-14th November**
Shared the potential options for the park and sought feedback on each type of improvement.



Key Findings

- The overwhelming majority of 151 survey respondents would like to see **park improvements**.
- **Seasonal planting and biodiversity** were popular across the spectrum of opinions.
- There is a strong desire for **play facilities** in the area as there are a large number of young families.
- A large majority of respondents said that they would like to see **seating and gates** in the park.
- **Dogs were the most sensitive subject** with many people raising issues about dog fouling.

Recommendations have been made based on the extensive feedback to restore gates, provide a dog free area, planting and play facilities, with some furniture and community provision with scope for further improvements in the future.

of 151 survey respondents

118 were in favour of new play facilities

127 people in favour of more biodiversity

97 people in favour of a path.

125 would like to see new seating.

90 said YES to an open grass area and 48 said dogs and play should be separate

112 people in favour of gates.

106 said YES to a community area

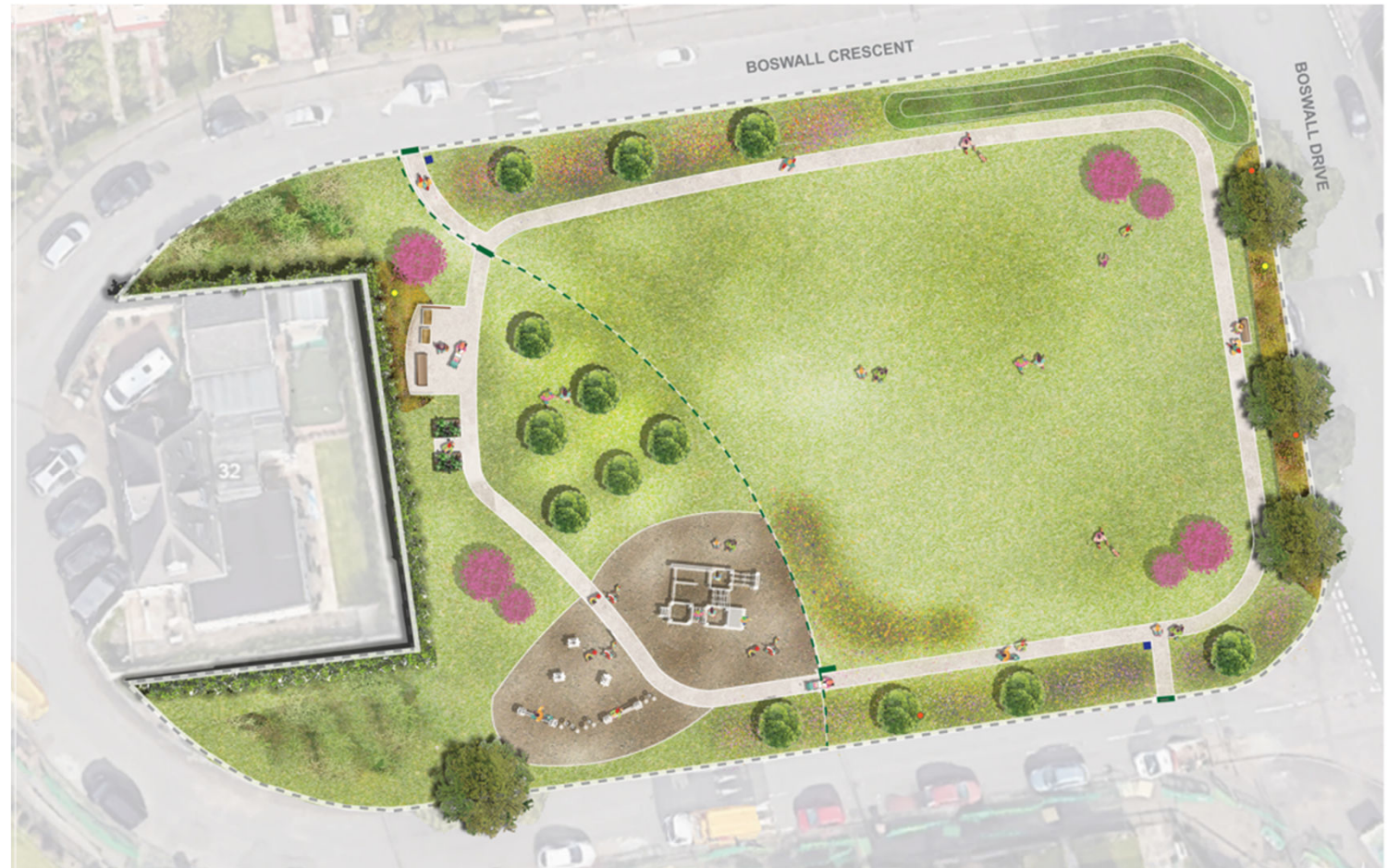
91 people would like to see more seasonal planting

94 asked for more trees including 84 who would like a community orchard.

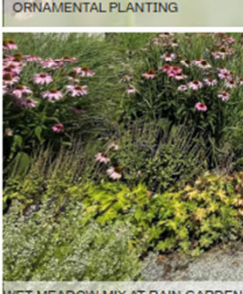
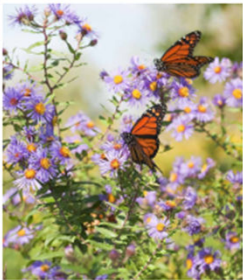
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The design based on the feedback includes:

- Gates and a separation between a dog free play/ community area and a grass area
- Large multi use play equipment
- Protecting the privacy of the adjacent house
- Making the park more accessible by providing a path
- Providing attractive low maintenance planting and more biodiversity and community orchard
- Providing benches
- Providing bins to encourage people to pick up after their dog
- Improving drainage



The Proposals



Progress and the Next Steps

Further progress dependant on

- CEC Approval of Proposals and Cost Plan
- Funding approved through Forth Neighbourhood Network

